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In addition to laboring his way to a complete game victory over Midland High, Lee's Jon Rogers also led the offensive attack against the Bulldogs, driving in four runs./1C



LOCAL

Shaken baby syndrome

"...doctors have identified 'shaken baby syndrome' in infants and young children as one cause of irreversible brain damage, blindness, cerebral palsy, hearing loss, spinal cord injury and death," Pam Golden said./1B

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Painter wins GOP nomination

■ Sheriff wins without runoff, will face independent candidate Joe Lozano in general election.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter won the Republican Party nomination for sheriff on Tuesday in pursuing his fifth four-year term of office by polling 52.68 percent of the vote in a three-way race and the right to be in the Nov. 7 general election.

"The citizens know that we are honest, that we stand up for what's right," Painter, 52, said Tuesday in a celebration party at Midland's Holiday Inn. "We will stand up for their rights. We will do whatever it takes to protect them."

He took 9,464 of the 17,964 votes cast in the race and held the lead against contenders

'It's very clear that the citizens of Midland County will not sell the Sheriff's Office.'

—Sheriff Gary Painter

Mike Hall and Patrick "Pat" Bostick across the board from the early-voting count to the final vote on Tuesday night.

In winning the nomination, Painter defeated the 53-year-old Hall, who polled 6,654 votes or 37.04 percent of the vote, and 42-year-old Bostick, who attracted 1,846 votes or 10.27 percent.

Painter is basically assured of remaining in office because he will face only token third-party opposition in the November general election.

Bostick, a district attorney's investigator and former deputy sheriff, said the campaign has been "a wonderful opportunity," that the Midland people are "absolutely wonderful," and that he in 2004 would campaign once more for sheriff.

"I've run a very clean campaign, plan to keep it that way from here on," Bostick said. "The people have picked Gary Painter, and I wish him all the best. And if he needs anything from me, I'm still in the same place, the District Attorney's Office."

Hall indicated that he would not again campaign for sheriff.

"They (the people) voted for whom they wanted," said Hall, a sheriff's patrol sergeant on leave to campaign and who, now into other work, will not be returning to Painter's fold. "It's their privilege" to elect the sheriff, he said. "It's the American way."

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More than 20,300 Midlanders voted

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Midlanders made a strong effort to get out the early vote during the 12 days of voting before the Tuesday primary election, casting 10,329 ballots, according to informal early voting figures from Pat Eastup, administrator of the Midland County Elections Administration Office.

That was more than the 9,902 who turned out Tuesday to vote. According to Ms. Eastup, the total unofficial vote tally was 20,335 ballots.

The early vote accounts for about 15 percent of the 68,737 eligible Midland County voters, while the total of 20,335 accounts for 29.6 percent of the electorate, Ms. Eastup noted.

"It was pretty good, but I was a little disappointed. More voted early than voted on election day. But it's a good turnout, the best since 1996 when we had 18,825," said Ms. Eastup.

She noted there were 22,561 who voted in 1992. That was the year President Bush ran for re-election. "This (year) was not our best."

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Photos by U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
At top, Gary Painter hugs his mother, Beth Painter after his victory Tuesday. Above, Pat Bostick, right, takes a videotape from his daughter, Juliet Bostick, 10, at JoJo's. At left, Ann Irvin hugs Mike Hall at his headquarters.

Brooks to face Ramirez in Dem runoff for Precinct 3

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Julius Brooks and Josie Ramirez will face each other in the April 11 runoff for the Democratic nomination for the Midland County Commissioner Precinct 3 seat after none of the five Democratic candidates received 50 percent of the vote.

The winner of that contest will face Republican Lynn Yarbrough in the November general election.

For the Democrats, the top vote-getter, Brooks, garnered 37.94 percent of the ballots with a total of 414 votes. In second place, Mrs. Ramirez carried 31.98 percent with 349.

In third place, Carolyn Palmer had 18.69 percent of the balloting with 204 votes, followed by Max Cuelar Jr. with 8.52 percent and 93 votes.

Mariano Rendon, who had 2.84 percent and 31 votes, earlier had dropped out of the race, although his name remained on the ballot.

On the GOP side, Yarbrough won with 57.95 percent. Please see PRECINCT 3/4A



At left, Julius Brooks at his restaurant. At right, Josie Ramirez, center, checks the latest returns with her husband, Emilio, and daughter, Lisa Garces.



Smith



Van Stavern

Runoff to decide GOP nominee for Precinct 1

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Jimmy Smith and Rob Van Stavern, the two top vote-getters in the Republican primary for the Precinct 1 county commissioner's seat, will have a runoff vote after both finished with less than 50 percent of total votes cast on Tuesday.

Smith received 34.13 percent of the vote, or 1,257 total votes, while Van Stavern received 33.07 percent, or 1,218 votes.

With five candidates in the field — Smith, Van Stavern, Melvin "Mac" McEwen, Jim Daniels and Franklin "Lin" Rice — both Smith and Van Stavern said a runoff had to be expected.

According to Pat Eastup, Midland County elections administrator, the runoff election will be held April 11.

"Gimme Jimmy!" has been Smith's campaign

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Malm wins GOP primary, to run unopposed in November

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland County voters Tuesday decided to return Russell Malm to a second term as county attorney as he defeated opponent Bobby Sanders 54.9 percent to 45 percent in the Republican primary.

Malm, now the Republican candidate for county attorney, will be unopposed in November's general election.

He received 8,700 votes while Sanders received 7,137 votes.

"I'm very pleased," Malm said. "I had no idea what the vote total would be."

Malm said.

Sanders said, "I think the public has spoken."

He said he believed the campaign was "a good, high-level campaign. We both kept it on a higher level. He ran a good campaign. I ran a good campaign."

Malm agreed, saying he made it a point of keeping the campaign positive.

"My wife and I decided four years ago before I decided to run that if I ever ran for office, I wouldn't run a negative campaign. I've seen it too much in presidential campaigns and people are tired of it. Regardless of the results, I wanted to be proud of my campaign."

He said he believes voters appreciated the upbeat campaign and the fact that he has worked hard and done a good job.

"My point during the campaign was that I was experienced in the duties of a county attorney. While in office, I've substantially reduced my budget. Most county attorneys in similar counties like Midland County that just do civil cases either

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Russell and Denise Malm check returns at election headquarters Tuesday night.

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Cloudy with high in mid-70s.
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The company that cloned Dolly the sheep has produced the first cloned pigs, five little piggies named Millie, Christa, Alexis, Carrel and Dotcom that raise hopes for a new source of transplants for humans./9A

Off the wire

■ The Clinton administration on Tuesday unveiled a new royalty collection system for crude oil pumped from the Gulf of Mexico and other federal lands./8C



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An ecological agenda

Ecological security did not become a U.N. concern until the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment in 1972. The Earth Charter is the first worldwide campaign addressing the interrelated problems of poverty, conflict, social injustice and environmental degradation.

EARTH CHARTER TIMELINE

- ▶ 1987 The World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Commission) recommends the creation of a universal declaration on environmental protection and sustainable development.
- ▶ 1992 An Earth Charter is placed on the agenda for the Earth Summit, but governments fail to reach agreement. Instead, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development is adopted.
- ▶ 1992 Creation of the Earth Council to promote and advance the implementation of the Earth Summit agreements.
- ▶ 1994 A new Earth Charter initiative is launched under the leadership of Maurice Strong, the Secretary General of the UNCED, and Mikhail Gorbachev, the president of Green Cross International.
- ▶ 1995 The Earth Council and Green Cross International, with support from the Dutch government, begin the task of developing a people's Earth Charter to be presented to the United Nations by 2000.
- ▶ 1996 The Earth Council initiates the Earth Charter Consultation in preparation for the Rio-5 Forum.
- ▶ 1997 The Earth Charter Commission is formed and convenes at the Rio-5 Forum. A Benchmark Draft is released as a "document in progress."
- ▶ 1998-1999 Groups from some 45 countries join the Earth Charter initiative.
- ▶ 1999 Benchmark Draft II of the Earth Charter is released in April.
- ▶ 2000 The Earth Charter Commissioners convene in France to ratify the latest version of the document and to endorse The Earth Charter Campaign.
- ▶ 2000 The official launch of The Earth Charter Dialogues and Media Campaign is scheduled for June at The Hague Peace Palace.

Source: The Earth Charter Commission

Earth Charter is launched to focus on environment and human rights

By Clarni Chronghale
Associated Press

PARIS — Decrying a moral and ethical breakdown in society, activists and former heads of state on Tuesday launched the Earth Charter, a collection of global guidelines they hoped would be a blueprint for a better world.

The charter, which has been eight years in the making, touches on subjects as diverse as democracy, recycling and education. Proponents said it provides global ethical guidelines based on the idea that problems such as poverty and environmental degradation are interdependent.

"It is a human document. It has its limits. We hope it will provide a third pillar after the International Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Charter to help govern people's relations with each other and the environment," said Algeria's Mohamed Sahnoun, special U.N. envoy for Africa, who helped draft the project.

Among the project's backers are former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who was unable to attend Tuesday's launch, and U.N. Undersecretary-General Maurice Strong.

"Nothing is more important to the future of our planet than the moral and ethical balance by which we shape that future," Strong, co-chair of the Earth Charter Commission, told a news conference in Paris.

Some 100,000 people in 51 countries contributed to the final text. Governments had failed to reach agreement on a text at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The central principles of the new text urge people to respect and care for the Earth and life, build fair and sustainable democratic societies and secure the Earth's bounty for future generations.

tions.

Strong recognized that skeptics might find the charter "soft and insignificant," but the authors refused to be relegated to the ranks of idealistic do-gooders.

"We are not a group of idealists who are going to fight some imaginary things," said Alexander Likhotal, vice president of Green Cross International, an organization founded by Gorbachev in 1993 to spearhead the Earth Charter campaign.

The Earth Charter Commission said it would seek U.N. endorsement for the charter in 2002.

Study: London taxi drivers' brains are larger

LONDON (AP) — Anyone who's ever taken a taxi in London must have wondered how the city's cabbies know how to reach even the most obscure destination without a street map or a hint from their passengers.

A new study indicates cabbies are working their brains so hard they become enlarged in the zone associated with navigation — the rear hippocampus.

It seemed that the drivers' brains adapted to help them store a detailed mental map of the city, shrinking in one area to allow growth in another, according to the study, published Tuesday in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Evidence that the brain is physically able to change according to the way it is used could have important implications for people with brain damage or brain diseases such as Alzheimer's, experts say.

Changes in size of parts of the brain have previously been linked to brain exercises in monkeys and rats. Scientists also have reported differences in the structure of the brain between musicians and non-musicians.

In the latest study, researchers at University College, London University compared the brains of 16 male taxi drivers with those of 50 other men of a similar age. They found that among the cabbies, the back of the hippocampus, the part of the brain associated with spatial memory, was larger than it was in the comparison group.

It seemed the expansion came at the expense of the front of the hippocampus, which was smaller than normal. Scientists do not know exactly what that part of the brain does.

London taxi drivers are renowned for their encyclopedic knowledge of the capital's streets. They spend an average of two years learning the layout of

the city's roads by heart before taking a test to get their licenses.

The study tried to determine whether the drivers' brains were different because they had to tap

their navigation ability more than other people, thereby causing their brain to change, or whether they are good at remembering streets because that part of their brain is enlarged.

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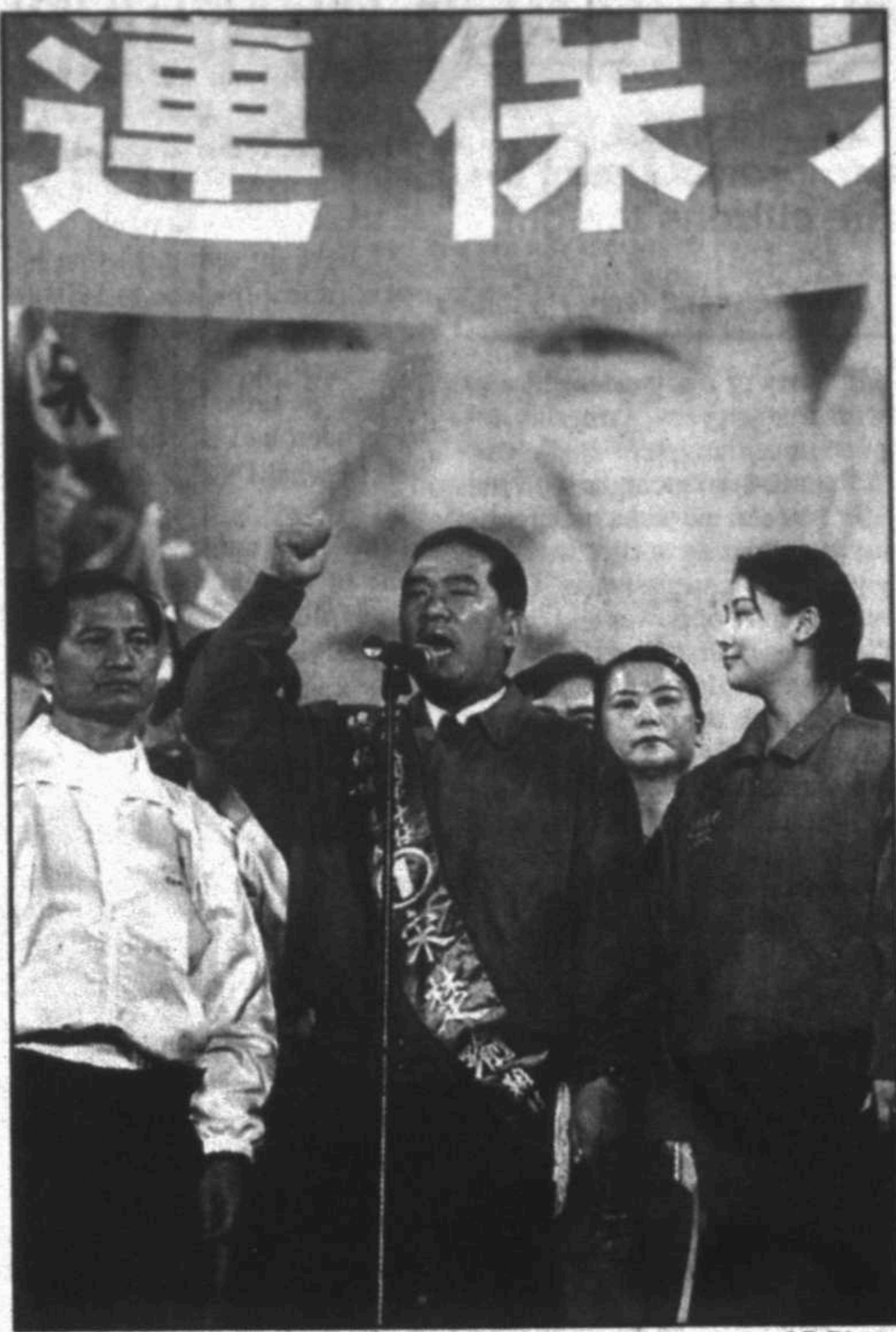
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AP Photo
Independent presidential candidate James Soong speaks to supporters at a rally in the central Taiwan city Chiayi on Tuesday. Taiwan will hold its second ever presidential elections on Saturday.

Candidates try to appear more Taiwanese than the other guy

By Annie Huang
Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Although he grew up in Taiwan and is one of three main candidates in Saturday's presidential election, James Soong still feels the need to assure voters, "I am Taiwanese."

The savvy politician, who was born in China and moved here when he was 7, knows that no one can claim to be a mainland and win.

Taiwan was once dominated by mainlanders like Soong who fled to Taiwan with Gen. Chiang Kai-shek after the communists took over China in 1949. The refugees, 15 percent of the population, got the best jobs in banks, universities, the military and the government.

But now, as China and Taiwan drift farther apart, being Taiwanese is what counts. More voters are insisting that their leaders have their roots on the island. The days of privilege for mainlanders are quickly ending.

"Taiwanese have the mentality of the besieged," said Lee Hsi-kun, political science professor at the elite National Taiwan University. "They fear they may be sold out to China so they demand absolute loyalty from their leader."

Recent threats from China to attack Taiwan if it indefinitely delays talks about reunification sparked a battle in the tight election race over which candidates loves Taiwan more and who is most ready to protect it.

The 58-year-old Soong claimed he has consumed "more Taiwanese water and rice" than his

younger, native rivals. "Why am I not a Taiwanese?" he asked at campaign stops.

Lien Chan of the ruling Nationalist Party was born on the mainland, but he comes from a wealthy family with deep ties to Taiwan. His links to the island haven't been challenged.

On Tuesday, Lien won the endorsement of Chiang's 102-year-old widow, Madame Chiang, once a force in Taiwanese politics, made her appeal in a letter from her home in New York, where she has spent most of her time since her husband died in 1975.

"Once we stumble, it will lead our country and people into a disaster that there is no way for a comeback," she warned in the rare public statement.

Perhaps the most Taiwanese candidate is Chen Shui-bian, born in a poor town in southern Tainan County. He's more comfortable speaking in the Taiwanese dialect, which is a completely different language from the mainlanders' Mandarin.

Chen's Democratic Progressive Party has questioned Soong's loyalties and have suggested he would be most likely to cave in to China's demands.

His party has also paid for full-page newspaper ads, accusing Soong and his running mate, Chang Chao-hsiung, of having family members who hold foreign passports. Seven of the two families' 10 members have U.S. passports, the ad says.

In commercials showing his family and friends in his hometown, Chen says, "They don't have foreign passports and never thought about depositing their savings abroad."



AP Photo
Supporters of Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party cheer Tuesday during an election rally in central Miaoli, Taiwan.

THE QUIZ

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2) Jörg Haider, leader of the Freedom Party in (CHOOSE ONE) Germany, Austria) who has made pro-Nazi statements in the past, resigned his post in an attempt to take heat off his country's government.

3) The Food and Drug Administration has approved the sale of irradiated (CHOOSE ONE) red meat, green vegetables, saying it will reduce the number of E. coli cases in the U.S.

4) China said it might take military action if the island of (CHOOSE ONE) Macao, Taiwan) declared its independence rather than reunify with China.

5) The Mayon volcano in (CHOOSE ONE) Japan, the Philippines) has been erupting for three weeks, forcing thousands of people to flee their homes.

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer or answers)



The U.S. secretary of state, I said I would not run for president of the Czech Republic. Who am I?

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Answers To The Quiz

WORLDSCOPE: 1-Africa, 2-Australia, 3-red meat, 4-Taiwan, 5-the Philippines
NEWSNAME: Madeleine Albright
MATCHWORDS: 1-d, 2-a, 3-b, 4-d, 5-c
PEOPLE & SPORTS: 1-Garry Shandling, 2-Atlanta Braves, 3-Ridick Bower, 4-Italy, 5-Free Willy

MATCHWORDS

(2 points for each correct match)

1-enamor a-bewitch
2-encham b-memorial
3-encomium c-intrude
4-encounter d-attract
5-encroach e-meet

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) Comedian ... has made his debut as a leading man in films by playing in an alien in the Mike Nichols production of "What Planet Are You From?"

2) John Rocker, suspended for remarks he made in a magazine interview, was allowed to start training with the ... after an arbitrator reduced baseball's suspension.

3) Former heavyweight champion ... in court for abducting his estranged wife and children two years ago, received a reduced sentence after testimony that he had sustained brain damage during his boxing career.

4) New Zealand's yacht team defeated the team from ... in five straight races, winning the America's Cup.

5) Keiko, the killer whale star of the ... movies, swam out of his pen into the enclosed waters of a remote bay in Iceland, delighting a nature group preparing him for a return to the wild.

Cohen holds out prospect of close alliance with Vietnam

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — Defense Secretary William Cohen said Tuesday his historic trip to Vietnam has sown the seeds for a relationship that one day may bloom as bright as America's ties to many other nations in Asia.

Cohen said communist Vietnam — the victor in a war that cost 58,000 American lives and still haunts the U.S. military — can look to the examples of U.S. relations with Japan, Australia, Thailand, the Philippines and other Asia-Pacific nations that form the foundation of stability in the region.

"By building confidence over a period of time, hopefully one day we'll have the same kind of relationship" with Vietnam, Cohen said, while stressing that progress will necessarily be gradual and uncertain.

Cohen is the first U.S. defense secretary to visit Vietnam since the war ended in 1975.

In a policy speech at the National Defense Academy in Hanoi, Cohen said the United States is ready to "step cautiously forward" in a relationship that has grown since Washington renewed diplomatic ties in 1995.

Elaborating later in remarks to reporters flying with him to Ho Chi Minh City — the former Saigon — Cohen said his two days in Hanoi convinced him that Vietnamese leaders are ready to put the Vietnam War behind them and move toward closer ties — not just economically and politically but also on the military front.

"Not one individual I met with during this entire time said anything about looking back into the past," Cohen said. "They're looking to the United States in a very positive way," not as former enemy.

President Tran Duc Luong offered encouraging words to Cohen at a reception in the presidential palace.

identical palace.

"I think that your visit to Vietnam will be a further contribution to the development of the relationship between the two countries," the president said. Above him loomed an enormous bust of Ho Chi Minh, the Vietnamese revolutionary who led the war against French colonial rule beginning in 1946.

There were reminders aplenty, however, of the American military's ignominious withdrawal from Vietnam in 1973, an event followed two years later by the North Vietnamese army's capture of Saigon, the surrender of South Vietnam to the North and the unification of the country under communist control.

The last thing Cohen did before flying to Ho Chi Minh City was visit the 921st Fighter Regiment, which has the distinction of shooting down the most American aircraft during the war.

Cohen, accompanied by U.S. Ambassador Pete Peterson and aides, was given a guided tour of the regiment's war museum and its grisly photographs of American soldiers beside Vietnamese corpses, war artifacts and pictures of North Vietnamese aviation heroes and warplanes in action.

Among the photographs was a shot of an American helicopter lifting the last evacuees from the U.S. Embassy in Saigon.

Asked his feelings about seeing reminders of Vietnam's success against the technologically superior U.S. forces, Cohen said, "This shows their determination and what they were able to work with during the course of that war."

Peterson, who was shot down in an Air Force jet and held prisoner for years in North Vietnam, said the war experience is not an obstacle for him personally or for the U.S. government in dealing with today's Vietnam.

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Report: 87 journalists killed last year

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Last year proved to be one of the deadliest yet for reporters around the world, with 87 journalists and media staff killed while working, a media group said Monday.

In its annual report on global press freedom, the Vienna-based International Press Institute deplored 1999 as one of the worst years on record for violations of press freedom and urged governments to respect international conventions on freedom of expression.

"Developments in the conflicts in Serbia, Sierra Leone and East Timor were particularly distressing ... journalists were considered legitimate targets and killed ... because people did not like what they were saying," Johann P. Fritz, director of IPI, said in a statement.

Yugoslavia topped the list for the deadliest place to work, with 25 journalists and media employees killed last year.

Columbia topped the year as the most violent assignment in Latin America, claiming the lives of seven journalists, according to the report. Reporters also were killed in

Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Peru. Governments in the region also used legal and economic pressure on journalists, the report said.

In addition to armed conflicts, many reporters and editors were victims of unexplained slayings, as well as assaults, imprisonment, harassment and censorship, the report said.

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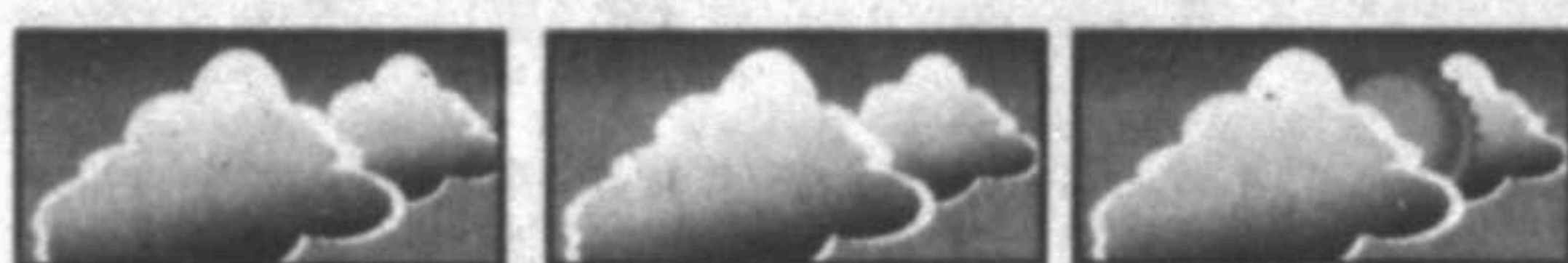


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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Cloudy
High 75
Low 48

Thursday
Cloudy
High 68
Low 38

Friday
Partly cloudy
High 69
Low 36

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies during the morning, becoming partly cloudy by afternoon with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. The high will be in the mid-70s with winds from the south to southwest wind 10-15 mph. The chance of rain is about 20 percent.

Tonight will see increasing cloudiness with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and a low in the upper 40s.

Thursday will be mostly cloudy and cooler with a 20 percent chance of showers and a high in the upper 60s. Thursday night will see decreasing cloudiness with a low in the upper 30s.

Friday will be partly cloudy with a high near 70.

After an overnight low of 53, Saturday's high was 73, compared to the record high for that date of 88, set in 1974. The record low of 22 was set in 1962.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday0.00 in.
Total for month0.34 in.
Total for year0.95 in.
Normal total
(year to date)1.30 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High73
Low53
Normal high71
Normal low40

Sunrise ... 6:59 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:57 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 15.

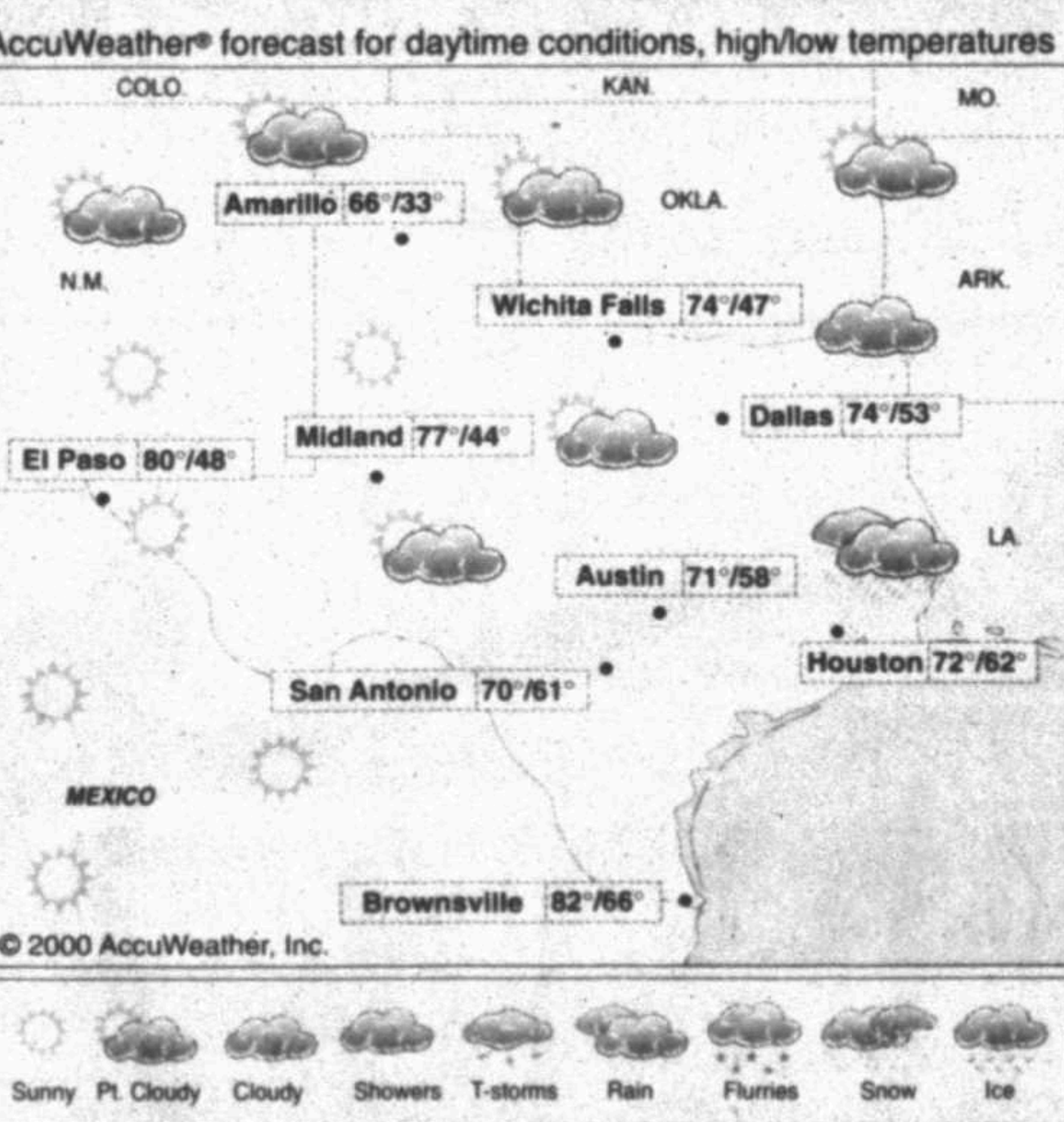


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Tuesday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

City	High	Low	Precip.
Albany, N.Y.	53	25	cdy
Albuquerque	68	42	cdy
Anchorage	37	33	cdy
Ashville	61	24	cdy
Atlanta	65	39	cdy
Atlantic City	51	34	cdy
Baltimore	58	29	cdy
Bilings	58	28	cdy
Birmingham	69	39	cdy
Bismarck	31	21	cdy
Boston	56	43	cdy
Butte	58	28	cdy
Buffalo	43	33	cdy
Burlington, Vt.	45	15	m
Casper	56	21	sno
Charleston, S.C.	65	36	cdy
Charleston, W.Va.	62	27	cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	63	27	cdy
Cheyenne	56	20	cdy
Chicago	58	32	cdy
Cincinnati	58	35	cdy
Cleveland	51	37	cdy
Columbia, S.C.	65	31	cdy
Columbus, Ohio	54	35	cdy
Concord, N.H.	49	13	m
Dayton	54	34	cdy
Denver	59	26	m
Des Moines	58	31	m
Detroit	54	33	m
Duluth	32	22	sno
Evansville	62	31	cdy
Fairbanks	36	0	cdy
Fargo	29	23	cdy
Flagstaff	59	22	cdy
Grand Rapids	53	33	m
Great Falls	50	26	cdy
Greensboro, N.C.	63	28	cdy
Hartford	55	24	cdy
Helena	50	26	cdy
Honolulu	80	72	cdy
Indianapolis	57	42	cdy
Jackson, Miss.	70	40	m
Jacksonville	69	43	cdy
Kansas City	52	43	cdy
Las Vegas	78	51	cdy
Little Rock	69	40	cdy
Los Angeles	74	52	cdy
Louisville	64	40	cdy
Memphis	70	44	cdy
Miami Beach	77	69	cdy
Minneapolis	54	30	cdy
Mobile	51	27	sno
Mpls-St. Paul	51	27	sno
Nashville	67	34	cdy
New Orleans	71	54	cdy
New York City	52	37	cdy
Norfolk, Va.	58	33	cdy
Oakland	64	50	cdy
Omaha	61	34	cdy
Orlando	79	54	cdy
Pendleton	51	43	cdy
Philadelphia	55	36	cdy
Phoenix	84	58	cdy
Pittsburgh	57	32	cdy
Portland, Me.	43	15	m
Portland, Ore.	54	44	cdy
Providence	51	24	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	63	28	cdy
Rapid City	56	23	cdy
Reino	62	48	cdy
Richmond	62	31	cdy
Sacramento	73	50	cdy
St. Louis	58	36	cdy
Salt Lake City	56	35	cdy
San Diego	68	53	cdy
San Francisco	67	53	cdy
San Juan, P.R.	84	71	cdy
Santa Fe	65	27	cdy
Seattle	49	45	cdy
Shreveport	70	44	m
Sioux Falls	57	24	cdy
Spokane	49	40	cdy
Syracuse	50	30	m
Tampa-St. Petersburg	81	53	cdy
Topeka	59	40	cdy
Tucson	81	47	cdy
Tulsa	70	49	cdy
Washington, D.C.	60	36	cdy

State forecast



Texas temperatures

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

City	High	Low	Pcp.
Ableton	73	57	
Alice	71	61	1.30
Amarillo	71	32	
Austin	65	58	
Beaumont	68	51	0.20
Brownsville	85	72	0.02
Burnet	61	56	0.06
Childress	76	42	
College Station	64	54	0.17
Conroe	66	50	0.01
Corpus Christi	71	61	3.66
Constance	66	53	1
Cotulla	m	m	0.98
Dalhart	67	30	
Del Rio	74	62	0.01
Dallas	65	58	0.02
Dryden	70	58	
El Paso	76	45	
Fort Stockton	75	53	
Fort Worth	64	56	0.05
Galveston	67	64	1.21
Georgetown	63	55	
Guadalupe Pass	72	48	
Haltom City	64	66	m
Houston	65	54	0.38
Huntsville	66	49	m
Junction	65	59	1
Kingsville	74	m	m
Laredo	70	60	
Longview	68	55	1
Lubbock	68	55	
Lufkin	68	44	
Marta	73	43	
McAllen	84	63	1.12
McKinney	62	54	1
Midland	73	53	
Mineral Wells	69	55	1
Navy Corps	71	68	2.69
New Braunfels	62	57	0.28
Odessa	76	56	
Palacios	66	61	2.04
Paris	61	48	0.28
Rockport	68	61	4.31
San Angelo	73	60	1
San Antonio	64	58	0.31
San Marcos	64	59	0.19
Tyler	68	50	
Victoria	65	60	1.95
Waco	67	56	1
Wichita Falls	70	55	1

SHERIFF: Painter to seek 5th term in November

(From 1A)

Hall said that his campaign "did what we set out to do."

"We brought the message about cooperation with the Commissioners' Court," Hall said in alluding to what he had termed Painter's alleged lack of cooperation with the governing Commissioners' Court. Hall said he emphasized "inclusive communication with other (law enforcement) agencies in this county."

"We brought about the message of staying in this county," Hall said. Painter has "no business in being out of this county," Hall said in referring to the controversial Sheriffs of Texas Agreed Response (STAR) team, a mutual aid, tactical response team joined by about 60 Texas sheriffs and commanded by Painter's chief deputy, Clayton McKinney, 59.

"That's the message we brought, and if we got it out, that's good. If we didn't, then they are in the same boat we were in to start with," Hall said.

Susie Hitchcock-Hall, Hall's wife and campaign treasurer, said, "I do not feel badly about the race. I feel good about it."

"We had really good volun-

'The citizens know ... we are there for them, and we are there to protect them, to work for the citizens. The citizens tonight have spoken.'

— Sheriff Gary Painter

teers. We ran a good race, a hard race," Ms. Hitchcock-Hall said. "We felt like it was a professional campaign. We gave our word: It was going to be a clean race, and it was that way all down the line. Mike never broke his word. He's man of his word, always. We gave it our best shot."

In winning the race, Painter will be pitted in the Nov. 7 general election against independent candidate Joe Lozano, a 44-year-old Midland businessman who is a former 10-year sheriff's informer.

Painter's 52.68 percent of the vote was his lowest percentage in five primary campaigns. In his first primary election in 1984 against Sheriff Dallas Smith, Painter won about 60 percent of the vote to Smith's 40 percent.

While unopposed four years later in 1988, Painter drew three opponents in the 1992 Republi-

can Party primary elections and won that race by garnering 63 percent of the vote.

Painter convincingly won the 1992 race in the wake of a Texas court-resolved conflict with the governing Commissioners' Court on his realm of power and on the Commissioners' Court's control of the sheriff. In brief, Painter was court-ordered not to conduct stings and reverse sting operations and other investigations outside of his Midland County jurisdiction. And the Commissioners' Court was ordered not to interfere in the sheriff's day-to-day operations.

In his 1996 re-election bid, Painter won 57 percent of the vote to defeat Mike Kaufman, a retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot.

In reviewing his 2000 victory, Painter said that "It's very clear that the citizens of Midland

County will not sell the Sheriff's Office."

Painter referred to Hall's spending more than double what he spent on his campaign.

"I have an opponent that has spent probably close to \$60,000 or more in this campaign. And I have spent \$25,000 or \$26,000. I think the same outcome would have been had if I hadn't spent half of what I've spent," Painter said.

The 2000 campaign has been "one of the most positive campaigns that we have ever had," Painter said. "So many people have congratulated us, told us they were going to vote for us. It has been absolutely tremendous."

"The citizens know ... we are there for them," Painter said. "And we are there to protect them, to work for the citizens. The citizens tonight have spoken."

Painter said that his opponents, Hall and Bostick, "did what they felt like they had to do in their campaign. You can't run a negative campaign ... and expect to win it. The citizens in this community won't put up with that."

Judge rules against Florida's school voucher program

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A judge on Tuesday threw out nation's first statewide school voucher system, ruling the Florida's Constitution bars public money from being spent on private education.

Fifty-two children attending private schools in Pensacola under the program can finish the year, but the state can't implement the law in any other way, Circuit Judge L. Ralph Smith Jr. said.

"Tax dollars may not be used to send the children of this state to private schools," Smith said.

Gov. Jeb Bush, who championed the program, promised to find the money to keep it going despite what happens in court. An appeal is certain.

"We'll raise the money," Bush said. "This is the first inning of a long drawn out legal battle."

Ron Meyer, an attorney challenging vouchers for a coalition that includes a teachers union, the NAACP, the Florida PTA, the League of Women Voters and a handful of families and educators, claimed victory.

"We won it lock, stock and barrel," he said. "School vouchers are likely to surface in the presidential race, with Bush's brother, GOP contender George W. Bush, in support of vouchers but Democrat Al Gore flatly opposed."

Students at Florida schools rated badly by the state can seek the vouchers for private school tuition at taxpayer expense. Voucher values vary based on how much a failing school spends per student but are generally worth \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Only two of Florida's 2,500 public schools — both elementary schools in Pensacola — qualified this year. Both religious and non-religious private schools are eligible.

Mary E. Smith is using vouchers to send her niece and nephew to St. John the Evangelist School. Smith, who has custody of 11-year-old Angela Atwood and 7-year-old Antonio Held, called the judge's ruling "very unfair."

She said she has seen a major difference in the children since they started at the parochial school but she can't afford to keep them there without vouchers.

"They knew there was a chance that they might stop the program from the beginning," she said. "I'm just going to tell them like it is. I'll tell them we're going to pray about it and appeal."

Voucher opponents argued the program violated the state constitution by spending public dollars on private schools and violated the separation of church and state clause when used for parochial schools.

But Smith didn't take up the religion issue,

concluding without hearing evidence that the law violated the constitution's mandate of a free education through a system of "public schools."

Maine and Vermont have narrow programs to assist students in rural areas while Milwaukee and Cleveland have citywide plans.

Matthew Berry, a staff attorney for the Institute for Justice, a nonprofit Washington law firm that has defended vouchers around the country, said high courts in other states have dealt with similar provisions.

"This issue the judge ruled on today we dealt with both in Milwaukee and Cleveland and won in both those state's Supreme Courts," Berry said. "So eventually we're going to win this issue."

On the Web:

Smith's ruling: www.clerk.leon.fl.us
Citizens' Committee for Public Information: stopvouchers.org
Gov. Jeb Bush's web page: <http://fcn.state.fl.us/eog/>
Florida Education Association/National Education Association: www.feaunited.org
Institute for Justice: www.ij.org
ACLU of Florida: www.aclufl.org
Heritage Foundation: www.heritage.org

WIN: Malm unopposed in November

(From 1A)

have more than one attorney or farm out a lot of their cases. I'm the only attorney and I do all the work. That saves the county

money."

He added that the advice he has given county officials and employees on the legalities of their jobs has kept legal troubles to a minimum.

Sanders said the theme of his campaign was, "I had the experience to do a better job. As I see it, the main function of the job is being legal counsel and to have an opinion on the issues."

PRECINCT 3: Yarbrough wins GOP nod

(From 1A)

cent and 619 votes, compared to his opponent, Fred M. Machna, who had 42.04 percent and 449 votes.

"I was hoping it would be better, but we're definitely looking at a runoff between myself and Mrs. Ramirez," Brooks said as the votes were being counted.

Brooks said he will continue through the runoff period to run his campaign the way he has to date. "It's gotten me this far," he said. "I want people to know I am going to be a community leader, not just someone collecting a paycheck, but a leader of the people."

Brooks added that he will be seeking the support of other candidates, especially Mrs. Palmer. "That is a most important thing right now."

Mrs. Ramirez said she was pleased. "So far, so good. I would have preferred a straight-out victory, but if there is going to be a runoff, I would prefer it to be me and someone else."

Her campaign also will continue in the same manner. "My

'I want people to know I am going to be a community leader, not just someone collecting a paycheck, but a leader of the people.'

— Julius Brooks, Precinct 3 candidate

family and friends have been working and we will continue to do the same," Mrs. Ramirez said.

"I want to say that action speaks louder than words," she said of her record. She noted her 5 1/2 years on the hospital board, and noted her emphasis on not raising taxes and concern for jail overcrowding.

Mrs. Ramirez had been supported by the outgoing commissioner for Precinct 3, Louisa Valencia, who said she fully expected a runoff because of the number of people running. Further, she expected the runoff to be between Mrs. Ramirez and

Brooks. "Josie is really going to have to work to get elected in November," she observed, "but I think Josie has the credentials to be the best candidate."

Mrs. Palmer and Cuellar could not be reached Tuesday night for comment.

On the GOP side, Yarbrough said, "It's looking pretty good. I'm tickled to death. It's what I wanted, to get the GOP nomination and go from there to November."

Yarbrough said that if he wins in November, it will be his job "to take care of the taxpayers and go through the budget with a fine tooth comb, take out what you can, and see if reducing taxes makes any sense to anybody."

Yarbrough said he will "be a problem solver."

His opponent, Michna, said the loss "doesn't bother me one way or the other. I wish Mr. Yarbrough good luck. He is going to have his work cut out for him, because this is a heavily Democratic district. There has never been a Republican commissioner in Precinct 3, although I think there needs to be one."

PRECINCT 1: Runoff winner to face Trost

(From 1A)

slogan and he said it will be the battle cry come April 11.

Smith is a 52-year-old real estate broker, certified peace officer and former member of the Midland Central Appraisal District's Appraisal Review Board.

Smith, who has lived in Midland 47 years, said he visited members of District 1 by going door to door and assured them he had the depth of experience and love for Midland County to do a good job.

"I've lived here a long time," Smith said. "I want to give back to Midland. I have experience in a lot of areas and I want to use it. I'd be a real good contributor to the Commissioner's Court."

Van Stavern, the 55-year old principal of Fannin Elementary School, said he focused his cam-

paign efforts on the weekends and will continue to do so until April 11. Before Tuesday's vote, Van Stavern said he dedicated his weekends to campaigning and said he walked through 95 percent of the precinct from Garfield to the Ector County line establishing contact with the voters.

"Maybe I'll use some of those contacts to get the vote out in April," Van Stavern said.

Van Stavern, who is a decorated Vietnam War veteran, said the key to selecting the right candidate is by looking at what the

person has achieved in his life to date. Van Stavern said issues are important but many times politicians make a lot of promises to get elected only to fall short of their word once they're in office.

The winner of the April 11 runoff vote will face the lone candidate in this year's Democrat primary, Michael

Strike in Jesus' boyhood town casts pall on papal visit

By Laura King
Associated Press

NAZARETH, Israel — Only days before Pope John Paul II begins his Holy Land pilgrimage, a municipal workers' strike — and mounds of reeking garbage — cast a smelly pall over his planned visit to Jesus' boyhood town.

"The whole world will be watching us, and it's a disgrace for us to be seen this way!" Nazareth's mayor, Ramez Jeraisi, fumed Tuesday.

Just down the hill from City Hall, a knot of striking workers, including trash collectors, waved signs protesting two months of missed paychecks. Pope or no pope, they vowed to stay off the job until they're paid.

In Nazareth, like nearly all the stops on the papal itinerary, a dizzying variety of political disputes threaten to overshadow the historic visit — the first to the Holy Land by a pontiff in 36 years. Many of the grievances being aired have little or nothing to do with John Paul's journey, but the glare of attention surrounding the visit has thrust them messily into the spotlight.

Which is why the mayor of Nazareth, a town of 70,000 people nestled in rocky hills just north

of the West Bank, was speaking — in all seriousness — of the need to personally explain to the Vatican the complexities of this local labor dispute.

There's much more than uncollected trash at stake here. Nazareth is the largest Arab city in Israel. Like other Arab municipalities, it claims its money woes stem from discriminatory fiscal policies on the part of the Israeli government against its Arab citizens, who make up 20 percent of the country's population.

"If a similar situation took place in a Jewish town prior to the pope's visit, they would solve it immediately," the mayor told reporters. The government of Prime Minister Ehud Barak was sending an envoy, Cabinet minister Haim Ramon, to try to

resolve the dispute before the pope's arrival Monday.

In Nazareth, the garbage wars are only one of several ongoing quarrels laid bare by the pope's pilgrimage.

Last year, Muslims — who make up nearly three-quarters of Nazareth's population — laid the cornerstone for a large mosque to be built in the shadow of the Basilica of the Annunciation, revered by many Christians as the site where the Angel Gabriel revealed to the Virgin Mary that she would bear the son of God. During his March 25 visit to the town, the pope is to celebrate Mass at the basilica and hold private prayers in its dimly lit depths.

The planned mosque construction drew sharp objections from the Vatican, and just before

Christmas, churches throughout the Holy Land were shuttered for two days to protest the project.

Islamic activists say the pope's visit is a good time to remind Christians they will continue to assert their rights to a larger share of the city's land. Today, the building site is covered with Muslim prayer rugs and afluster with green Islamic flags.

"The pope is welcome here — he is an important visitor for Nazareth," Sheik Nazim Abu Sleim, clad in a long tunic and white cap, said sternly. "But we have a message for the pope, and that is the message of Islam."

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Dominatrix wants court to decide if S&M house is legal

By Tom Cohen
Associated Press

TORONTO — A Canadian woman convicted of running a house of prostitution wants a court to rule once and for all whether the sadomasochistic services she provided were sex or not.

When police raided Terri-Jean Bedford's north Toronto home in 1994, they confiscated whips, restraints and even a coffin the dominatrix used in her professional life as Madame de Sade.

Throughout the long legal process since, she has insisted the service she sells involves helping men express their feminine side, not sex. She was eventually fined \$2,050 for running a house of prostitution.

Her lawyer, Alan Young, argued before an appeals court Monday that though sexual arousal occurred in her profession, that fell far short of prostitution.

"Country fairs and kissing booths — why is that not an act of prostitution?" Young asked. "It's not a sexual service because it's too far removed from the sexual act."

He said the court that convicted her had failed to determine what constitutes a sexual service and was "overwhelmed" by a case that was "graphic and quite frankly disgusting at times."

But prosecutor Scott Hutchison said sexual acts took place at Bedford's business.

"It's all saturated with sex," he said. "Everything speaks of sex."

At the end of Monday's hearing, the appeals court indicated it would pass judgment later.

The original judge in Bedford's case threw out the charges, calling them too vague. That decision was overturned by the Ontario Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada backed that ruling in 1997. Bedford was then convicted on the original charge.

Bedford, 40, argues that most clients come for fantasy role-playing that often involves punishment from spanking to dungeon-style torture such as being tied up or put in a coffin.

"I'm not selling sex," she said recently. "I'm not selling my body."



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On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
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Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than April 7, 2000.

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Midland Republicans say education issues are key to Bush win

By Gary Ott
City Editor

Tuesday's results in the presidential primaries were a foregone conclusion, of course, but even as voters were casting their ballots for the two "unofficial" nominees — Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore — Midland supporters of each were watching with interest as the two candidates moved toward the political center in hopes of luring the undecided voter.

"It's obvious that's what we're already seeing," said longtime Republican leader Frank Cahoon. "I think you'll see both candidates talking more and more about economics, and how it relates to Medicare and their tax cut plans."

In addition, Cahoon said he anticipates that Bush, a former Midland oilman, will continue with his two-pronged campaign theme ... education reform and a large tax cut. "He clearly understands that education is a huge issue in the U.S."

Throughout the early stages of the GOP primary season, Bush repeatedly touted his record on education as governor of Texas. He said student test scores climbed significantly in the state's public schools, especially among Hispanics and African-Americans, during his time in office.

But not everyone agreed. Ironically, one of his earliest critics was a Midland woman, Donna Ballard, a former member of the State Board of Education who traveled to New Hampshire as an unpaid volunteer for Steve Forbes, a Bush opponent at the time.

Keith Appell, a Forbes spokesman, said Ms. Ballard's role was to "explain the real truth about the Bush record on education." He added, "It's a record of broken promises. When elected,



Above: After marking his absentee voting ballot Tuesday, March 7, for the Texas primary election at the Travis County Courthouse, in Austin, Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush looks toward his wife Laura to see if she has finished also. Left: Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore leaves the voting booth at Forks River Elementary School in Elmwood, Tenn. on Tuesday after voting in the Tennessee primary election.

AP Photos

he promised to get rid of the TEA (Texas Education Agency). It's still there."

Still, another Midlander, Ernest Angelo, said Bush is perfectly positioned on the education theme, primarily because it is seen as neither a conservative nor liberal issue.

"I think this talk of moving to the center is more semantics than anything," Angelo said. "What a presidential candidate must do is attract new voters without alienating the base of his party."

And for Republicans, conservatives make up that base. Education reform — getting it out of Washington and back to the local level — appeals to a broad range of voters, but it is still a Republican issue."

In addition, Angelo said Bush's position on tax cuts will also help woo new voters.

"Lower taxes appeal to anyone who pays taxes," he said. And like with education reform, Angelo said it is an issue that can attract new Republican voters

without alienating the party's core base.

He acknowledged walking that fine line — attracting new voters without alienating the party faithful — can sometimes be difficult for a presidential candidate.

"(President) Reagan was a master at it," Angelo said. "Bob Dole wasn't."

Because of the often negative campaign with fellow Republican presidential candidate John McCain, Angelo suggested many national political analysts are underestimating Bush's appeal, especially within the rank-and-file of the Republican party.

"He (Bush) has energized the

Republican base like no one since Reagan," Angelo said.

But Midland County Democratic chairman Michael Higgins sees an increasingly vulnerable Bush.

"Al Gore is moving to the center and he is targeting those John McCain voters," Higgins said. "He will push hard for campaign finance reform" (which was at the heart of McCain's surprisingly strong showing in the early primaries, especially in New Hampshire and Michigan).

In addition, Higgins predicted Gore would employ another McCain strategy, attempting to tie Bush to religious right, a tac-

it that backfired against McCain in some southern states such as South Carolina and Virginia.

Still, like Higgins, Cahoon said he thinks Gore too will move in that direction. "Unlike the Bush-McCain race," Cahoon said, "Gore will see his support being much more liberal" and therefore more sympathetic to the anti-religious-right strategy.

But in the end, Higgins suggested that Gore will rely heavily on the old "pocketbook issue."

"I suspect he'll be touting the U.S. economy under President Clinton, of which he has played a major role."

Final tally in Midland County: How local Republicans, Democrats voted

Following are complete, but unofficial results from Tuesday's Republican Primary:

President
Alan Keyes 868
John McCain 1,414
George W. Bush 15,482
Steve Forbes 43
Gary Bauer 17
Orrin Hatch 14
Charles Urban 2
Uncommitted 215

U.S. Senator:
Kay Bailey Hutchison 16,085

U.S. Rep., District 19
Larry Combest 8,450

U.S. Rep., District 21
Lamar Smith 6,727

U.S. Rep., District 23
Henry Bonilla 625

Railroad Commissioner
Charles R. Matthews .13,158

Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired term
Andy Draughn 2,567
Michael Williams 12,745

Supreme Court, Place 1
Nathan Hecht 10,124
Valerie Davenport 4,609

Supreme Court, Place 2
Priscilla Owen 12,082

Supreme Court, Place 3
Al Gonzales 7,304
Rod Gorman 6,968

Presiding Judge Criminal Appeals
Tom Price 4,902
Connie Kelley 2,235
Gary Trichter 1,578
Sharon Keller 4,225

Criminal Appeals, Place 1
Tom Greenwell 2,456
John Boston 1,036
Alan Curry 2,476
Guy Williams 2,804
Charles Holcomb 3,474

Criminal Appeals, Place 2
Barbara Hervey 3,631
W.B. House 1,657
Jim Wallace 3,334
Pat Barber 2,310
Sally Ray 1,362

State Rep., District 82
Tom Craddock 14,935

142nd District Judge
George Gilles 14,402

District Attorney
Al Schorre 14,367

County Attorney
Bobby Sanders 7,137
Russell Malm 8,700

Sheriff
Gary Painter 9,464
Mike Hall 6,654
Pat Bostick 1,846

Tax Assessor-Collector
Kathy Reeves 14,916

Commissioner, Precinct 1
Melvin McEwen 835
Jimmy Smith 1,257

Rob Van Stavern 1,218
Jim Daniels 210
Lin Rice 163

Commissioner, Precinct 3
Fred Michna 449
Lynn Yarbrough 619

Constable, Precinct 1
Mitch Swan 1,408
Gene Smith 1,773

Constable, Precinct 2
Charles Harris 2,402
Mayford Mathes 2,253

Constable, Precinct 3
Johnny Holt 1,139

Constable, Precinct 4
Charles Hall 2,447
Jack Swan 2,103

County Chairman
Sue Brannon 12,603

Proposition 1
Yes 16,806
No 821

Following are complete, but unofficial results from Tuesday's Democratic Primary:

President
Lyndon LaRouche 33
Bill Bradley 193
Al Gore 1,690

U.S. Senator
Charles Gandy 332
H. Gerald Bintliff 122
Gene Kelly 484
Don Clark 330
Bobby Wightman 230

U.S. Rep., District 21
Jim Green 264

U.S. Rep., District 23
Joseph Sullivan 267
Isidro Garza Jr. 576

Presiding Judge, Criminal Appeals
Bill Vance 1,448

Criminal Appeals, Place 2

William Barr 1,440

State Rep., District 82
Gilberto Garcia 1,569

8th Appeals Court, Place 1
Ann Crawford McClure 1,470

8th Appeals Court, Place 2
David Wellington Chew 1,353

Commissioner, Precinct 1
Michael Trost 303

Commissioner, Precinct 3:
Josie Ramirez 349
Carolyn Palmer 204
Mariano Rendon 31
Julius Brooks Sr. 414
Max Cuellar Jr. 93

Constable, Precinct 3
Angel Hernandez 730

County Chairman
Michael Higgins 1,358

Bush celebrates Texas-sized victory

By Connie Mabin
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush and hundreds of cheering supporters partied Tuesday night after the voters who put him in the Statehouse sealed his nomination in the Republican bid for the White House.

Bush won the presidential nomination after polls closed in his native Texas, which will allot 124 delegates to the GOP National Convention.

"I'm honored by all of these victories. It's especially great to win at home," Bush told about 1,000 people who frequently interrupted his speech with applause and chants of "We love you George" and "Viva Bush."

The festive event was only slightly tainted by a small group of anti-death penalty protesters who slipped past security before quietly being escorted out.

"Tonight we are halfway to our goal. But only halfway," Bush said. "Halfway to ending the Clinton-Gore era in Washington, D.C. To get there we must face one more Clinton-Gore campaign."

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams were among several candidates onstage with Bush. Men and women in business suits were about as plentiful as men in cowboy hats and boots and children playing inside the Dell Jewish Community Center.

"He's really caring and he likes kids," 9-year-old Tyler Wiggin said while passing out



Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush and wife Laura react to cheering supporters during a victory rally in Austin Tuesday.

red, white and blue balloons. "He spends a lot of his time helping people. Besides, he's already got a head start. He's governor so he'll be used to it."

The Texas primary is the largest of the "Southern Tuesday" primaries. But its impact dropped dramatically last week when Arizona Sen. John McCain and former Sen. Bill Bradley ended their presidential bids, leaving Bush and Democratic Vice President Al Gore as the presumptive nominees of their parties.

Hutchison, who was unopposed on the GOP ballot, said Tuesday night marked the beginning of a great fight for Republicans aiming for Washington.

"We will be working all the way. There's not going to be a

lull in this campaign," Hutchison said. "We know we have a tough race. We know that Vice President Al Gore is a tough campaigner, so we're not going to rest on any laurels."

Li. Gov. Rick Perry, who becomes governor if Bush is elected president, said the fact that Texans made Bush's nomination official is special for the state.

"Obviously, it's a message nationally that we're proud of our governor. We want him to be the next president of the United States," Perry said.

Before leaving the party, Bush signed autographs and posed for photographs. He also promised victory in November.

"This time we will prevail and they will fail," Bush said.

Midland County to get two new constables

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

At least two new constables will begin serving Midland County following the November elections.

Voters Tuesday gave James "Gene" Smith the Republican nomination for Constable, Precinct 1, over Mitchell Swan and Charles Hall won the nomination in Precinct 4 over Jack Swan. Mitchell Swan is Jack Swan's son.

In addition, voters also nominated Charles "Choc" Harris to a full four-year term in Precinct 2. None of the three faces Democratic opponents in November.

Democrat Angel Hernandez, the incumbent, and Republican Johnny Holt will face each other in November for constable, Precinct 3.

Harris, who defeated Mayford Mathes Jr. 51.6 percent to 48.4 percent or 2,402 votes to 2,253 votes, said he was pleased to be put back in office for a full four-year term.

"I appreciate all the people who voted for me and I'll try to do a good job as constable," Harris said. Mathes was unavailable for comment.

Smith, who defeated Mitchell Swan 55.7 percent to 44.2 percent or 1,773 votes to 1,408 votes, said, "I know Mitch wanted this as bad as I did. We both ran good, clean campaigns."

He said he was proud of the way the two ran their campaigns, without name-calling or mud-slinging.

"I ran on a platform of being a working constable and serving the citizens of Precinct 1. We provide security for the justice of the peace, but I also want to do patrolling, serving papers and investigations," Smith said.

Mitchell Swan said, "I decided to run because I had a desire to serve the public and a desire to do a good job. I feel I ran a good race."

Jack Swan, meanwhile, said, "The voters will get what they voted for."

— Jack Swan, who was defeated by Charles Hall for the Precinct 4 nomination

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Jack Swan, meanwhile, said, "The voters will get what they voted for."

He received 46.2 percent of the vote, or 2,103 votes, to Hall's 53.8 percent or 2,447 votes.

Hall said, "I'm pleased to win. Jack's a good man and I believe it all came down to the qualifications."

He cited his qualifications as a licensed peace officer with basic, intermediate and advanced licenses, teaching certification and 20 years experience as a police officer.

"For a number of years, the constable's office has been neglected," Harris said of his goal for the office. "Hopefully we'll get in there and work with the commissioners and see what we can make of the position. There's a lot more to the job than being a bailiff."

Report filed over removal of Senate candidate sign

ATHENS — In the hours before the state's primary got underway, Republican Party infighting appeared to go beyond the realm of name-calling in East Texas.

A brother of Senate District 3 candidate Les Tarrance — who faced Todd Staples, winner of the Republican race — filed a police report Monday after a Tarrance campaign sign was taken down from a plot of land in Athens.

The sign later was found in a pickup truck that belongs to the husband of Henderson County Republican Party chairwoman Nancy Perryman. The 4-foot-by-8-foot banner turned up in the bed of Kris Perryman's white Ford pickup, the Athens Daily Review reported.

The was no indication, however, that the party's chairwoman was involved in the sign removal.

Tarrance campaign spokesman Steve Pier said the campaign received permission from landowner Mary Ann Perryman, mother of Kris Perryman, to put the Tarrance

sign on the lot.

Kris Perryman told the newspaper he had only removed Tarrance's sign after deciding to remove all banners from the lot.

The Henderson County Republican Party endorsed Staples early in the race to replace Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carroll, who is stepping down.

With 18 percent of the precincts reporting, Staples was declared the winner with 68 percent to Tarrance's 18 percent.

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By Charles
Associated

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Williams captures GOP primary nod for Railroad Commission

By Charles Richards
Associated Press

Michael Williams, longtime personal friend of Gov. George W. Bush, handily won the GOP nomination Tuesday for two more years on the Railroad Commission, cashing in on endorsements he received from every major Republican official in Texas.

Williams took a 3-to-1 lead over Austin oil field investor Andy Draughn in early returns and the margin grew as the night wore on. With about 21 percent of the votes counted, Williams had 78 percent of the vote to Draughn's 22 percent.

Williams, a Midland native, easily carried his hometown, taking more than 83 percent of the Midland County vote.

In actual numbers, Williams received 12,745 votes in Midland County compared to just 2,567 for Draughn. Midland oilman Frank Cahoon served as campaign treasurer for Draughn, who made several campaign visits to Midland in an unsuccessful attempt to offset Williams' obvious strength here.

"I'm thrilled and extremely honored. I have a lot to be grateful for," Williams said as a victory celebration swirled around him in Austin. "I'm extremely appreciative to all the Republicans around the state for supporting me."

Williams, who managed Bush's unsuccessful 1978 congressional bid when both lived in Midland, was appointed by the governor to fill the term Carole Keeton Rylander vacated when she was elected state comptroller in 1998.

That made Williams the first black to hold a statewide office in a non-judicial post in Texas. Williams, 47, will face Libertarian Anthony Garcia, 31, of Houston in November for the right to serve the remainder of a term that expires in 2002.

Rylander, an honorary chair of Williams' campaign, said the solidarity of GOP leaders behind him was unusual in a contested primary race, but called him an "exemplary officeholder ... and we want to see him succeed for a long, long time."

Draughn, 41, fought an uphill battle in trying to upend Williams for the nomination.

Although Draughn had no major endorsements, he had

argued that his more than 20 years' experience in the oil business would matter to voters.

"Experience really, really matters to people, and that is what my candidacy is all about. It's not about endorsements," Draughn said.

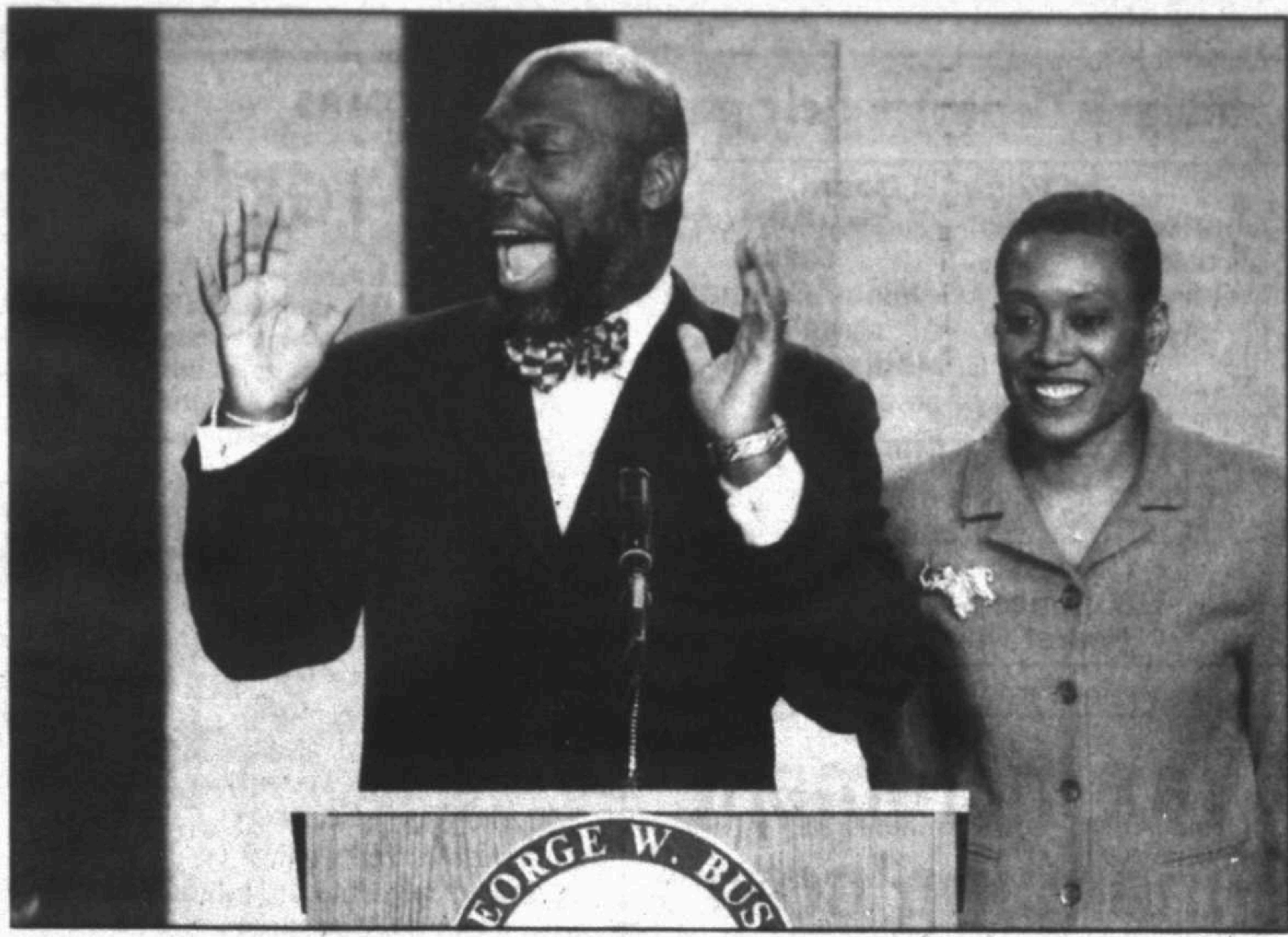
A second seat on the Railroad Commission also was on the ballot. Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews won without opposition and will face Libertarian Carolyn Fields, 35, of Helotes in the General Election.

Democrats did not field a candidate for either spot.

The Railroad Commission oversees oil and gas production, with emphasis on pipeline safety, protection of the environment and waste prevention. It also regulates more than 300 gas utilities and the surface mining of iron ore, uranium and coal.

Williams has a 20-year resume of public service starting at the district attorney's office in Midland and ending as an assistant secretary of education in President Bush's administration. He is a former general counsel of the state Republican Party.

Draughn worked as a scout and landman with oilman Clayton Williams, and has worked as



AP Photo
Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams, with his wife Donna standing at his side, speaks at a rally in Austin Tuesday. Williams, a Gov. George W. Bush appointee from Midland, ran against Austin oil field investor Andy Draughn in the statewide Railroad Commissioner race.

an independent oil and gas industry consultant on acquisitions, negotiations, land management and conflict resolution.

Michael Williams said he proved himself on the Railroad Commission by updating technology and cutting expenses.

The agency added \$6 million to the cleanup fund and increased its efforts to cap abandoned wells, he said.

Divine choice?



AP Photo
A sign outside the Living Word Worship Center in Bryan Tuesday offers a candidate of impeccable character as an option in Tuesday's primary elections.

Texas Republicans support voluntary prayer

By Chris Williams
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Republicans overwhelmingly approved a nonbinding resolution Tuesday supporting voluntary student-led prayer at sporting events, which have been banned in a small town near Houston.

"It's not about God. It's about people's freedoms to worship or not worship God without the government's encroachment on that," Texas GOP chair Susan Weddington said of the referendum.

The question was approved 94 percent to 6 percent in early returns. It was sparked by Sante Fe, a community 40 miles southeast of Houston, where recent court rulings in a 5-year-old case have prohibited student-led prayer before football games.

A year ago, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that school officials must keep students from offering sectarian prayers or prayers intended to convert the audience. The court also ruled that football games are not solemn enough to warrant

such prayers.

The case is scheduled to be argued before the Supreme Court later this month. Gov. George W. Bush and Attorney General John Cornyn support student-led prayer. Cornyn is scheduled to argue for prayer on the state's behalf.

Weddington said her party put the referendum on the ballot to give Republicans a chance to send a message to an overzealous judiciary.

"This issue that is addressed here is the freedom of religious expression under the U.S. Constitution," she said. "It's just another example of the erosion of those freedoms by activists judges."

Although it lacked any legal weight, a lawyer opposing the prayers said the referendum could become part of the case now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jay Jacobson, executive director of the Texas American Civil Liberties Union, which will argue against the prayers, said he fears the results of the referendum will be misrepresented.

"What people do with this is going to be significant," he said before the vote. "The statement itself is insignificant."

Gene Kapp, a spokesman for the American Center for Law and Justice, which will argue for the prayers, said the referendum won't be part of their case. "That is not part of our strategy at all," he said.

Linda Edwards, a spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor gave his support to student's efforts to pray before football games before he began running for president.

"The reason is, of course, because Governor Bush supports the rights of students and freedom of speech and the free exercise of religion," she said.

Molly Beth Malcolm, state Democratic chair, called the referendum a "cheap advertising ploy" intended to distract voters from more important issues.

The question on the ballot was: "Shall student-initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?"

Gore, Bush clinch presidential nominations

Associated Press

Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush clinched their presidential nominations in a sweep of Southern primaries Tuesday night, ensuring a bare-knuckles November matchup that quickly turned contentious.

With both candidates securing delegate majorities needed to lead their parties' tickets, Bush predicted victory in the fall and tried to chain Gore to President Clinton's scandals. "He can't distance himself from the president when, for eight years, he's served as cheerleader-in-chief," the Texas governor told supporters, American and Texas flags serving as a colorful backdrop.

Gore told The Associated Press that voters will soon get "a choice between keeping prosperity going or going back to the Bush-Quayle days of gigantic budget deficits and paralyzed democracy."

Their chief rivals vanquished less than a week ago, the Southern sons of political patriarchy racked up huge victories in Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas and Louisiana. Exit polls exposed weaknesses of both general election candidates: Gore supporters were not as moti-

vated as Bush's, while Texas Republicans reported little progress on education under Bush.

Saying Americans have "caught on" to Gore's political tactics, including questionable fund-raising in 1996, Bush said, "Al Gore can't solve campaign finance problems when he symbolizes them. He can't talk about rebuilding the military when his administration has dismantled our military."

Gore rattled off a laundry list of issues he would address, including education, health care, Social Security, Medicare and the national debt. And he suggested that Bush is beholden to his party's right wing, warning that the Texas would give anti-abortion evangelical leaders Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell a "working majority" on the Supreme court.

"This election is a fork in the road. I represent one direction. He represents another," Gore told the AP.

Gore addressed supporters in Florida, a general election battleground and home of Bush's brother, Gov. Jeb Bush. Bounding on stage to Tina Turner's "Simply the Best," the vice president said, "We've got to move into the fall election strong and united and

ready for what's going to be a very tough fight."

Gore, who once claimed to have invented the Internet, e-mailed Bush and said Democrats won't air TV ads purchased with unlimited, unregulated donations called "soft money" unless Republicans do so first. After expensive primary fights, both parties are planning ad campaigns to help their nominees.

An AP analysis showed that Bush's delegate count would reach 1,090, and Gore's would reach at least 2,540 by the end of the night — far more than required.

"I'm humbled by the knowledge that I am a step closer to assuming the highest office in the land," Bush told the AP in a telephone interview from Texas. He is the son of former President Bush. Gore's father was a longtime Tennessee senator with unfulfilled White House ambitions.

Republican John McCain and Democrat Bill Bradley abandoned their campaigns Thursday, ending an exciting primary season that tested the front-runners and spurred record-breaking voter turnout. Former ambassador Alan Keyes remained on GOP ballots, but was not a threat to Bush.

With suspense drained from the race, turnout was low Tuesday.

"I guess I'm just going to have to vote for Gore, though I'm not really happy about it," said Dennis McHale, a Democrat from New Orleans.

In a hopeful sign for the Republican candidate, exit polls suggested that Bush ran stronger among Democratic voters than Gore did among GOP voters. Just 6 percent of voters in Republican primaries said they would vote for Gore in November; twice as many Democrats said they would defect to Bush.

In Gore's home state of Tennessee, Republicans showed an intense dislike of their native son: only 4 percent of the GOP voters said they would vote for the vice president in November, and more than 80 percent had an unfavorable opinion of their one-time senator.

In Texas, half the Republicans as well as half the Democrats said Bush was more conservative as presidential candidate than he was in 1998, when he won a landslide re-election as governor. As Bush tries to campaign on his education record, nearly half of Texas Republicans said the governor had produced no meaningful school reforms.

Delegate breakdown

By The Associated Press

The current breakdown of the presidential preferences of delegates to the Democratic and Republican national conventions. The numbers are based on party and state rules, delegate interviews and analysis of election results by The Associated Press. The first column shows the delegate total for each candidate; the others show delegates gained or lost during the last day, week and month.

DEMOCRATIC	Total	Tue/Wed	7days	30days
Gore	2,534	+596	+1110	+2492
Bradley	358	+ 45	- 54	+ 331
Uncommitted	0	-2	-2	0

Needed to nominate 2,170
Total Delegate Votes 4,339

Chosen thus far 2,892
Yet to be chosen 1,447

REPUBLICAN	Total	Tue/Wed	7days	30days
Bush	1,093	+392	+476	+1066
McCain	239	-8	+8	+228
Keyes	2	-13	-10	-2
Uncommitted	1	-22	-11	-9

Needed to nominate 1,034
Total Delegate Votes 2,066

Chosen thus far 1,335
Yet to be chosen 731

Gore hopes to beat Bush on his brother's turf in Florida

ORLANDO, Fla. (KRT) — Democrat Al Gore watched from Tallahassee as voters in Florida and five other states Tuesday gave him and Republican George W. Bush more than enough delegates to win their presidential nominations.

But Gore wasn't concentrating so much on Tuesday night's returns, which never were in doubt. His focus was on November, which is why his overnight stay in Florida was so significant.

It was a clear message to Bush: Don't put Florida in the win column yet.

"I wanted to symbolize by my presence here, Florida is a key battleground state in November," Gore told a packed gymnasium at Leon

High School.

Six months ago it was unthinkable that Gore could win the state where Bush's brother, Jeb, is governor. But that was before George W. became mired in a bruising primary battle with U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

Gore breezed through the primaries against former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey. Now, eight months from the November election, most opinion surveys show the race in Florida is a toss-up.

Gore is banking on wins in New York and California, expecting Bush will win easily in his home state of Texas.

So Florida looms large as a big state with a lot of undecided voters.

Culberson emerges as GOP nominee to Archer seat

By Michelle Mittlstedt
Associated Press

Texas Rep. John Culberson emerged from a crowded field of eight Republican candidates in the state primary Tuesday to advance to a runoff for a chance to replace retiring House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer.

With nearly half the vote counted, it seemed likely that Culberson would be joined by businessman Peter Wareing in the April 11 runoff in the solidly Republican 7th District centered in Houston. The runoff is required because no candidate secured a majority of the votes.

The eventual GOP nominee is considered a shoo-in this November against Jeff Sell, the lone Democrat.

In East Texas, actor Noble Willingham of "Walker, Texas Ranger" fame won the GOP nomination to take on Democratic Rep. Max Sandlin, who defeated a primary challenge from a plumber.

Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was unopposed in her primary as she bids for a second full term. The five little-known Democrats vying to oppose her included a Dallas lawyer serving a 90-day jail sentence for contempt of

court, and a retired airline worker who wants to shift Mercury's orbit to make it habitable.

Party leaders pinned what little hope they had on Charles Gandy, who served one term in the Legislature in the early 1980s. But Gene Kelly, a retired Air Force lawyer who has lost six previous statewide bids, snared the top berth in the April runoff.

The most crowded primaries were for three seats on the Court of Criminal Appeals. Republicans were contesting all three slots, while lone Democrats entered the race for presiding judge and for Place 2.

Judge Sharon Keller and Tom Price were slated to meet in the runoff for the GOP's presiding judge nomination. Barbara Parker Hervey and Jim Wallace will meet in the Place 2 runoff.

In races for Congress, only one incumbent decided to retire. That decision by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer put eight Republicans in the primary for his 7th District seat that represents west Houston. State Rep. John Culberson advanced to a runoff in that race, and early returns suggested he would be joined by businessman Peter Wareing.

Both parties were picking nominees for the Legislature as well, and those races are the main focus of the Democratic Party this year, said

chairman Molly Beth Malcolm.

That's because the Legislature will draw new congressional and legislative district lines next year after the Census, decisions that will be felt for the next 10 years.

Elsewhere:

■ In Mississippi, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who is seeking his third term, escaped a primary challenge. Five Democrats in the race included Troy D. Brown Sr., an unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor last year. In the 4th Congressional District, District Attorney Dunn Lampton beat off a primary challenge to face freshman Democratic Rep. Ronnie Shows.

■ In Florida, two-term Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood easily won re-election over City Commissioner Bruce Gordy in a hotly contested race where the city's clogged streets had become the central issue. In tiny Briny Breezes, an ocean-side mobile home park near Boca Raton, voters re-elected 77-year-old Mayor Robert Conkey, who spent \$11 in his campaign. His 83-year-old opponent, Herbert Kessman, didn't spend a cent. No elected official in the town has had any competition since 1977. And in Wilton Manors, John Fiore, an openly gay city council member, was elected mayor.

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Tax Increment Financing could help downtown

A new downtown financing plan the Midland City Council may consider implementing in the near future has performed well in another West Texas community.

Tax Increment Financing — known by the acronym TIF — has been used to revitalize the Abilene downtown area and in other West Texas communities with good results, according to Ken Burgess, a board member of Downtown Midland Inc., who served on the TIF board in Abilene between 1993 and 1998.

According to Burgess, "It was a very key piece of the tool set in Abilene to make a lot of that revitalization happen. We had a foundation that was very instrumental in revitalization."

Burgess also noted that using a TIF would be in the best interest of all the taxing entities in Midland — the City of Midland, Midland College, Midland Independent School District, Midland County and Midland Memorial Hospital.

If the Midland City Council decides to implement a TIF, any additional downtown property tax revenues would be reinvested downtown, and as downtown property values increased because of the improvements, those additional property tax dollars would be reinvested downtown.

Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler observed, "It's a major piece of the puzzle in that it would provide a downtown funding mechanism for incentives and improvements without costing taxpayers any additional money."

That certainly is an attractive element of the financing for communities such as Midland, where the taxpayers have expressed opposition to further increases in taxes.

Tax Increment Financing certainly appears to hold promise for communities like Midland. Officials with the City of Midland and Downtown Midland Inc. would explore the prospects for such financing as a means of boosting the downtown revitalization effort here.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 17, the 77th day of 2000. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On March 17, A.D. 461, according to tradition, St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul.

On this date:
 In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt used the term "muckraker" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. (It was formally presented to the public on this day two years later.)

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1942, General Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

In 1970, the United States cast its first veto in the U.N. Security Council. (The U.S. killed a resolution that would have condemned Britain for failure to use force to overthrow the white-ruled government of Rhodesia.)

Ten years ago: The president of Lithuania, Vytautas Landsbergis, rejected a deadline set by Moscow for renouncing the republic's independence.

Five years ago: The White House hosted a St. Patrick's Day reception for Irish Prime Minister John Bruton which was attended by Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams. The federal government approved the nation's first chicken pox vaccine, Varivax. Flor Contemplacion, a Filipino maid, was hanged in Singapore for murder, despite international pleas to spare her.

One year ago: A panel of medical experts concluded that marijuana has medical benefits for people suffering from cancer and AIDS. The International Olympic Committee expelled six of its members in the wake of a bribery scandal, but backed president Juan Antonio Samaranch. Instant replay was voted back in the NFL for the 1999 season.

CAL THOMAS

Find real action at the White House's upstairs

For once I agree with President Clinton's defenders. From career Clinton apologist Lanny Davis to White House spokesman Joe Lockhart, they are right in calling "old news" the latest revelations that Al Gore was deeply involved in possibly illegal fund-raising activities during the 1996 reelection campaign.

It is old news. It's the same old trail of sleaze that has characterized "the most ethical administration in history" — Clinton's words — from the beginning.

The New York Times editorial page is starting to resemble "right-wing" radio and the derided (among liberals) Wall Street Journal. The Journal has cataloged and critiqued this administration's multiplied legal and moral lapses, which now encompass several volumes of purchasable material.

Consider the language from the New York Times' lead editorial last Saturday as it commented on several memos by Charles LaBella, Attorney General Janet Reno's personal choice to head the department's investigation into campaign finance abuses by Clinton-Gore.

The memos are not small potatoes, but "extraordinary," said the Times, and sug-

gest "the lengths to which Janet Reno and her top aides went to protect Vice President Al Gore and of her dedication to protecting the Democratic Party interests from start to finish." What a statement from a newspaper that twice editorially endorsed Clinton-Gore and regularly attacked Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr for his efforts to get to the bottom of epidemic wrongdoing and lawbreaking in this administration.

But there's more: "Given her record, it is unlikely that these revelations will now shame her into appointing another strong prosecutor to reinvigorate her department's languishing campaign finance investigation."

What kind of record might that be? It is clear from reading excerpts of the edited memos obtained and published by the Los Angeles Times that what appears to have been a widespread conspiracy and cover-up among top administration officials warranted an investigation to determine whether criminal activity had occurred.

One former task-force attorney wrote of the "unprecedented hostility" directed at the task force by senior Justice officials. LaBella charged that Reno's top advisors engaged in "intellectually dishonest" double standards by first endorsing independent counsels to investigate Cabinet-level officials, but then opposing them for similar or stronger cases involving senior White

House figures. Defenders of Clinton-Gore use the same double standard when they defend Reno, citing the number of independent counsels she did name, which they say proves her integrity against charges of malfeasance in refusing to name independent counsels to investigate Clinton-Gore when evidence showed they may have violated the law.

LaBella accused senior Justice officials of engaging in "gamesmanship" and legal "contortions" to avoid an inquiry of the highest-ups.

Don't forget that FBI Director Louis Freeh agreed with LaBella and told Reno that the law legally obligated her to name an independent counsel to investigate Clinton-Gore.

Congress will investigate, but it is unclear whether it will be able to overcome the stonewalling, the flight of witnesses and the selective amnesia of those who do appear. It will be faced with an experienced collection of serial liars, cover-up artists and political flimflammers who have kept this most unethical of administrations in office with the help of some of the very same press that now wants us to believe they knew these guys were crooks all along.

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SPEAKING OUT

Have we lost our ability to reason?

By R.C. Holley

We seem to have lost our ability to reason. Politicians tell us they are going to reform campaign financing, or they are going to lower our taxes. And we seem to believe them. Has education so failed us that we cannot look at circumstances and see through their attempts to get our vote by promising what they cannot deliver?

It takes a lot of money to run — and win — an office. How many of you believe politicians will stop raising the money they need just because we pass a law that changes the way they raise it?

It takes a great deal of money to win an election: money that will be raised in some manner. How it is raised is not the problem. If we have to manacle politicians with laws to keep them honest while running for office, what will keep them honest when they are writing the law?

We do need one change in our campaign laws: a full disclosure law, with harsh penalties for failure to disclose "fully" who donated to your campaign, and what company they represent — and with no hidden donors. We need huge fines and prison sentences for breakers of that law because elected offices are so lucrative. We don't need to reform campaign financing as much as we need to include politicians with that group who are held responsible for what they say under the "truth in advertising" law, because it seems like the best liar always gets elected.

If they are successfully prosecuted for lying or spinning the truth, they should be barred from politics and all other connections to government. If that idea sounds harsh, think of the potential that politicians have to damage the nation.

Concerning taxes, we can't lower taxes without reducing what we spend. We can only change the name by which we call collecting the needed money. Al Gore broke trail for collecting taxes to buy school computers, by adding them to telephone bills. They now know that we will allow them to do whatever they want to.



Holley

Though politicians have little spines and guts, we have even less.

Professor Alexander Tyler, well over 200 years ago, wrote about the fall of the Athenian Republic 2,000 years earlier, "A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidate that promises the most benefits from the public treasury. The result: a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy always followed by dictatorship. The average of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years."

Our Founding Fathers knew this and rejected a democracy in favor of a republic. But politicians are trying to get votes to change our society into a democracy by making the position of senator an elected position, instead of an appointed position.

Politicians learned that Professor Alexander Tyler was right: Every time a politician speaks, they promise more programs. Clinton broke trail by promising the citizens anything that will appeal to our greed. That's why he remains popular, regardless of what he did.

The Republicans figured out Clinton's appeal to the masses and they are doing the same thing. Politicians promise us anything we want, using the cliché "make the rich pay for it." It's not the politicians' fault that people are greedy. We have weeded out the patriotic politician/statemen, most of us won't vote for one who promises us less.

Nothing we can do to lower taxes will help. We want lower taxes, but we don't want to give up our government perks. Politicians will come up with a way to get the needed money, so they will come up with a way to disguise taxes or mandates.

The only hope we have now is to organize another Boston Tea Party, but throw professional politicians into the ocean instead of tea. Then, in a newly organized government, make the death penalty mandatory for any politician who sabotages the Constitution: from President and Congress or Judge, to dogcatcher and street sweeper.

R.C. Holley is a retired rancher who lives in Midland.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Clintons, beware not the Ides of March — but watch for July 4

WASHINGTON — Robert W. Ray, the independent counsel who succeeded Ken Starr, will issue the first of his four final reports this week. The document of about 25,000 words will deal primarily with "Filegate," the snooping into FBI files of over 900 Americans by the Clinton White House.

Good news for the Clintons: The first IC report concludes that this was caused by gross incompetence of the mid-level White House staff and the laxity of eager-to-please FBI officials — but was not a conspiracy prosecutable under the Privacy Act.

Ray's Round Two is scheduled to be submitted to a three-judge panel in early summer. That will deal with "Travelgate," the alleged abuses of power by Hillary and presidential aides in the prosecution of innocent (and quickly acquitted) longtime White House employees to make way for Clinton patronage.

Because active investigation continues, which Reno Justice cannot obstruct, I presume Hillary Clinton faces far greater problems with Travelgate than with Filegate.

Round Three has to do with Whitewater and the missing Rose Law Firm files; its wrap-up was long sidetracked by the Lewinsky scandal.

Though planned for transmittal before Labor Day, the "full description" of the investigation called for in the law — which I sense will detail tawdry corner-cutting and egregious evasiveness but not prosecutable crime — is unlikely to have great impact on elections.

That's because the details of each of Ray's reports are to be sealed for three months, until every person named has a chance to include comments in an appendix. (In Travelgate and Whitewater, hundreds will be named.) But the truth will out.

The above planning is newsworthy, but here's the stunner: There will be a fourth round early next year about Bill Clinton's conduct in sexual harassment cases. It will take the form of a "full description" in lieu of prosecution or be a grand jury indictment.

What triggers that unthinkable thought is Ray's hiring of two new prosecutors last week. Logic suggests that their purpose is to position the independent counsel for a prosecutorial decision next January.

Note that U.S. Judge Susan Webber Wright refrained from citing Clinton for criminal contempt, but left behind a sealed indictment; those are usually done to prevent flight and Clinton won't flee.

Before trial or in the unlikely event of conviction, the Constitution permits the next president to intervene.

For some months in this space, I have been pressing the new, and perhaps last, independent counsel to fish or cut bait on his Filegate-Travelgate-Whitewater reporting.

Perhaps for that reason, he agreed to talk to me in his office about his procedures and timetable. "It's not enough to say 'we've issued a report,'" Ray says, mindful of an error of his predecessor's. "Part of my responsibility is to explain our judgments so the country can evaluate them."

Tight-lipped about report content and stone-faced about impeding another grand jury, the next target of Carvillian vilification expressed his determination not to issue condemnations of wrongdoing he does not bring to trial, but to lay out the sometimes ugly facts to the court and make public his prosecutorial reasoning.

Thus, Clintons, beware not the Ides of March — but watch the Fourth of July and the afternoon of Inauguration Day.

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Company announces successful pig-cloning attempt

By Kla Shant'e Breaux
Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — The company that cloned Dolly the sheep has produced the first cloned pigs, five little piggies named Millie, Christa, Alexis, Carrel and Dotcom that raise hopes for a new source of transplants for humans.

"I think this is a big step forward they've made. I applaud it," said Dr. Fritz Bach of Harvard Medical School, who studies genetic and immunological aspects of transplants from animals to people and was not involved in the cloning.

The piglets, delivered by Caesarean section March 5 at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, were produced by a subsidiary of PPL Therapeutics of Edinburgh, Scotland, which nearly four years ago created Dolly, the world's first clone of an adult mammal.

"The birth of these pigs is a very significant accomplishment," Dave Ayares, PPL's vice president of research, said at a news conference Tuesday. "It has the potential to essentially revolutionize the transplantation field."

The five female pigs were cloned from an adult sow named Destiny using a slightly different technique than the one that produced Dolly.

Independent tests of the DNA of the piglets confirmed they were clones of the sow, the company said.

The identical baby pigs playfully wrestled and nibbled on each other's ears inside a wooden pen at the news conference.

Their mother was not present. PPL touted the clones as a

major step toward achieving its xenograft objectives, which would create genetically altered pigs whose organs and cells could be successfully transplanted in humans. Pigs are physiologically one of the closest animals to humans.

Imutran, a Cambridge, England-based company pursuing similar research, called PPL's announcement "interesting news."

"It is potentially a useful technology to develop new lines of pigs for (transplant)," the company said. "However, the next step is to see if the technology can be applied to developing genetically modified animals whose organs can be transplanted into humans without being rejected."

The idea of using animal organs for transplant, known as xenotransplantation, is controversial because some believe illnesses could cross from pigs to humans.

PPL scientists plan to try to eliminate a gene responsible for incorporating in pig cells a sugar group recognized by the human immune system as foreign. The gene triggers an immune response in the human body, prompting it to reject the organ.

PPL said transplantation of genetically altered pig organs could be tested on humans in four years and that analysts believe the market for them could be worth \$6 billion for solid organs alone. Other uses include cellular therapies such as transplantable cells that produce insulin for treatment of diabetes.

"We hope in the very near term to overcome the shortage of human organs," said Ayares,

who noted ultrasounds performed Tuesday confirmed additional pig cloning pregnancies at the company's farm in Blacksburg.

The only connection the births have to the veterinary school at Virginia Tech is that the university provided the clinical services for the delivery. All of the research was conducted and funded by PPL.

Despite the potential solution for organ shortages, the pig cloning drew criticism from animal rights activists.

"There's always a reason given to validate these Frankenstein-like experiments," said Lisa Lange, a spokeswoman for Norfolk-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. "Animals are not test tubes with tails and they are not commodities to be marketed."

Ayares countered that pigs for years have been raised and slaughtered for food.

"I don't think our pigs are being mistreated," Ayares said. "They live better than any other pigs."

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Three convicted in death involving date-rape drug

DETROIT (AP) — One of the nation's first trials involving a death linked to the date-rape drug ended Tuesday with the convictions of three young men accused of spiking a 15-year-old girl's soft drink.

Joshua Cole, 19, Daniel Brayman, 18, and Nicholas Holtschlag, 18, were found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and lesser poisoning charges.

A fourth defendant, Erick Limmer, 26, was convicted of one count each of being an accessory to manslaughter, poisoning, delivery of marijuana and possession of the date-rape drug GHB, or gamma-hydroxybutyrate. Earlier this month, the judge threw out a manslaughter count against Limmer.

"This can kill you. It's a highly dangerous substance, and (users) are risking a lot. Hopefully this jury has sent that message," Assistant Prosecutor Doug Baker said.

Prosecutors alleged the men gave Samantha Reid a soft drink secretly spiked with GHB during a Jan. 16, 1999, party at Limmer's Grosse Ile apartment. She died the next day. Her friend Melanie Sindone, now 16, also ingested the drug and was briefly in a coma, but survived.

"We've been waiting for this for over a year, and we finally got what we wanted," said Melanie's father, Peter Sindone.

The defendants sat impassively as the verdicts were read, but Cole's mother wept softly.

The manslaughter convictions carry a sentence of up to 15 years in prison. The penalty for the lesser poisoning conviction is up to five years. Sentencing for all four was set for March 30.

GHB has been linked to at least 58 deaths since 1990 and more than 5,700 recorded overdoses, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Treasury buys back another \$1 billion of debt this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Flush with cash from a booming economy, Treasury will buy back another \$1 billion of the national debt Thursday, one week after the first such repurchase in 70 years.

That means Treasury will ask investors who hold certain older, higher-yielding 30-year Treasury bonds to consider selling them back to the government. No one would be forced to surrender bonds to the Treasury.

Specifically, the Treasury Department said Tuesday that it wants to buy back 11 outstanding issues of 30-year bonds sold between May 1988 and November 1991. The bonds carry coupon interest rates ranging from 7.875 percent to 9.125 percent. Those rates are higher than the 6.16 percent yield 30-year Treasury's fetched on Monday.

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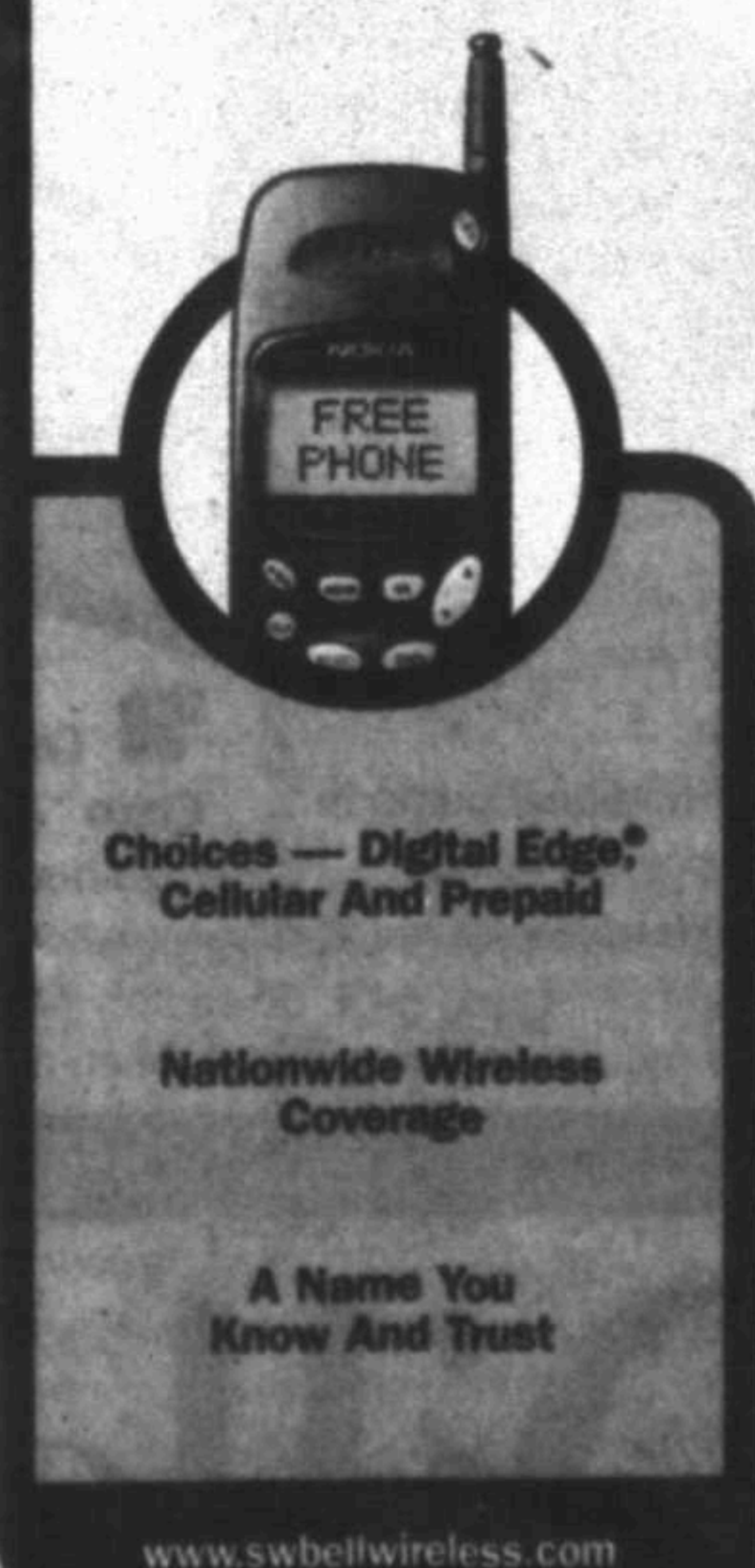
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Republicans want to stem tide of asbestos suits

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lester Skramstad was diagnosed with asbestosis, a deadly lung disease, in 1995, 34 years after he quit working at a Libby, Mont., mine that produced asbestos-tainted vermiculite, a material used in insulation and construction.

Since then his wife and two of his children have come down with the disease, possibly from secondhand exposure.

"It's going to kill me, I've accepted that," Skramstad, 63, said at a recent Capitol Hill news conference. "But I hope my wife and children get their day in court. That's what the American justice system is all about."

Skramstad and the people of

Libby, a town ravaged by asbestos-related diseases, are the faces behind a debate raging in Congress over efforts to streamline the claims process for hundreds of thousands of asbestos victims.

On one side are business groups and Republicans; on the other, trial lawyers and Democrats. And the first battleground is the House Judiciary Committee, where Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., is pushing a bill this week to channel all asbestos claims through a new Justice Department office that would establish medical eligibility and encourage quick settlements.

But not one Democrat on Hyde's committee has indicated support. The committee's top

Democrat, John Conyers of Michigan, calls it a "mean-spirited" attempt to "literally shut the door on many who will eventually die from what was often, in my judgment, reckless if not intentional misconduct."

Committee action on the bill scheduled for Tuesday was delayed as six states were holding primary elections, keeping lawmakers away from Washington.

Supporters of the bill point to the Supreme Court decision last year that rejected a \$1.5 billion asbestos settlement with Fibreboard Corp. of Dallas.

At issue was the huge size and unwieldy nature of the class action pool, which ranged from the deathly sick to those not yet suffering from health problems.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist said the situation "cries out for a legislative solution."

Under the proposed legislation, the new Justice Department office would determine if a person is eligible for payment. The defendant company would make a settlement offer, and the office would propose its own figure. If the claimant was unhappy with the offer, he could appeal to an administrative court for action within 90 days or to a state or federal court.

The Coalition for Asbestos Resolution, the industry-backed group lobbying for Hyde's bill, said more than 500,000 asbestos cases have been filed in the past three decades and more than 200,000 are still pending.

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Study: Viagra not causing deaths or cardiac problems

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Reassuring new data released Tuesday suggest that heart problems triggered by Viagra are extremely rare.

Doctors from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston analyzed 82 separate studies of Viagra, the widely used impotence medicine. They said deaths and heart attacks among Viagra users were about what would be expected in middle-aged and older men in similar physical condition.

Many men with erectile dysfunction also often have heart trouble, since both conditions can have the same underlying causes, such as diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure.

Dr. Murray A. Mittleman combined study data on 4,497 men who got Viagra and 3,136 who took dummy pills. There were 21 heart attacks or deaths among the Viagra users and 12 in the comparison group. But the Viagra users were followed up longer, and when this was factored into the results, the risk of heart attacks or death was virtually the same for the two groups.

Mittleman presented the results Tuesday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology. The research was financed by Pfizer Inc., which makes Viagra.

Web sites struggling to meet demand for Stephen King e-book

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen King became an e-author Tuesday with his latest work, a short story titled "Riding the Bullet." But the real horror was trying to download the piece.

Web sites including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com became swamped by high demand for the 66-page ghost story.

"All the servers have reached 100 percent capacity and gone over several times today," said Pat Eisemann, a spokeswoman for Scribner, the co-publisher with King's Philtrum Press. "Everybody is pretty much crashing and you can't get through."

The story went online at several book-related Web sites at 12:01 a.m. at a cost of \$2.50, although Barnes & Noble made it available for free on Tuesday and Amazon has no plans to charge for the download at all, according to company spokeswoman Kristin Schaefer.

An Associated Press reporter began trying to download "Riding the Bullet" via Barnes & Noble and Amazon at 10 a.m. and had not succeeded by 5 p.m. Attempts to read the story using Glassbook Reader, software that had to be downloaded first, were met with "We're sorry. Due to overwhelming demand, we are experiencing much greater load on our servers than normal. Please try your download again later."

An excerpt posted on the Simon & Schuster Web site begins with a college student learning that his mother has suffered a stroke. The story is told in the first person and is set in King's home state of Maine.

King wrote the story while recuperating from near-fatal injuries he suffered when he was hit by a van in June.

In a statement released by his secretary, the best-selling author of more than 30 books said he was "very excited at the possibility of a new market opening up."

He added, "and as a dedicated and long-term Mac user, I am surprised and a little unhappy at how hard it is for Mac users to access the story but thank God for the Palm Pilot which is making it accessible."

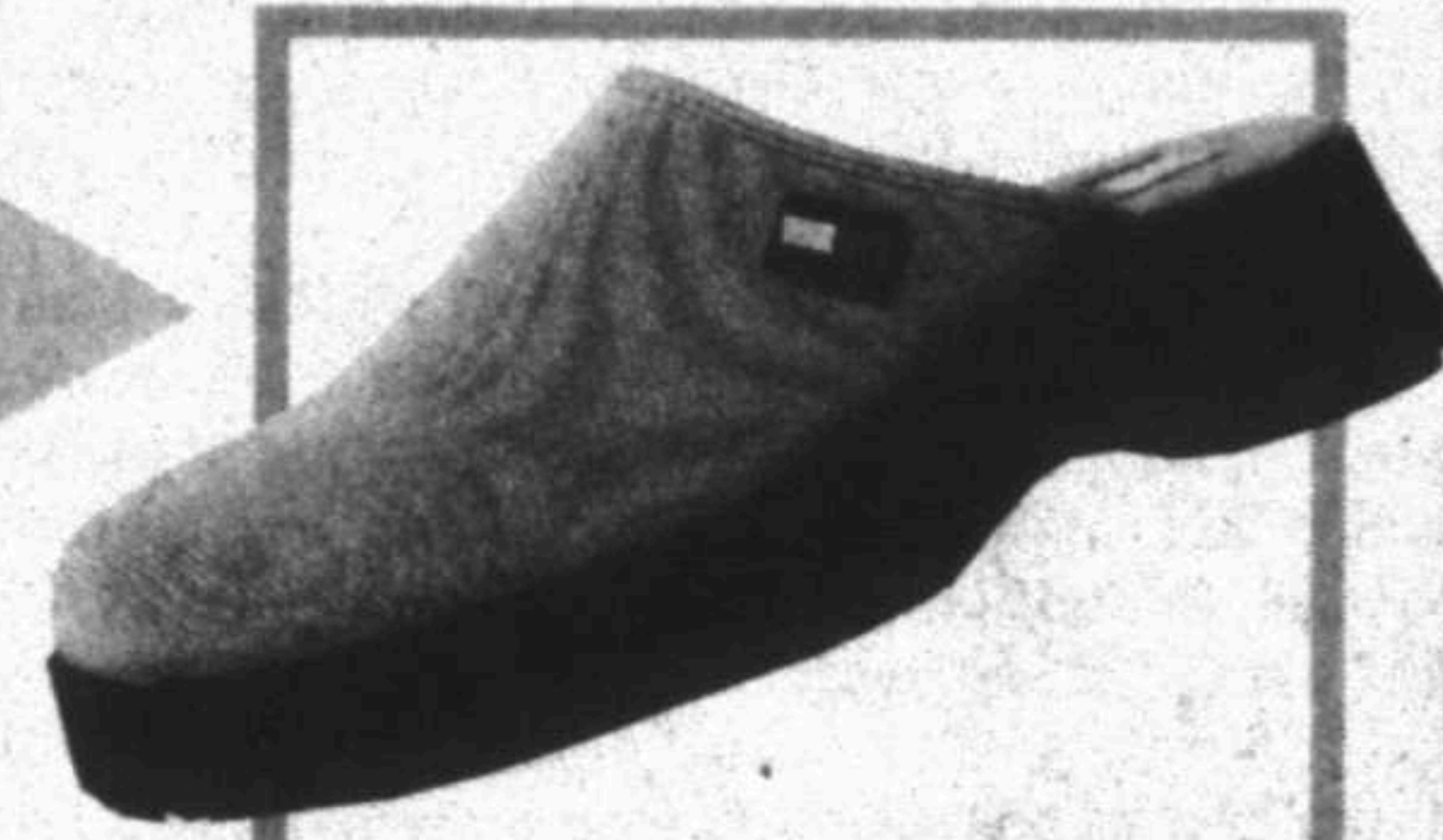
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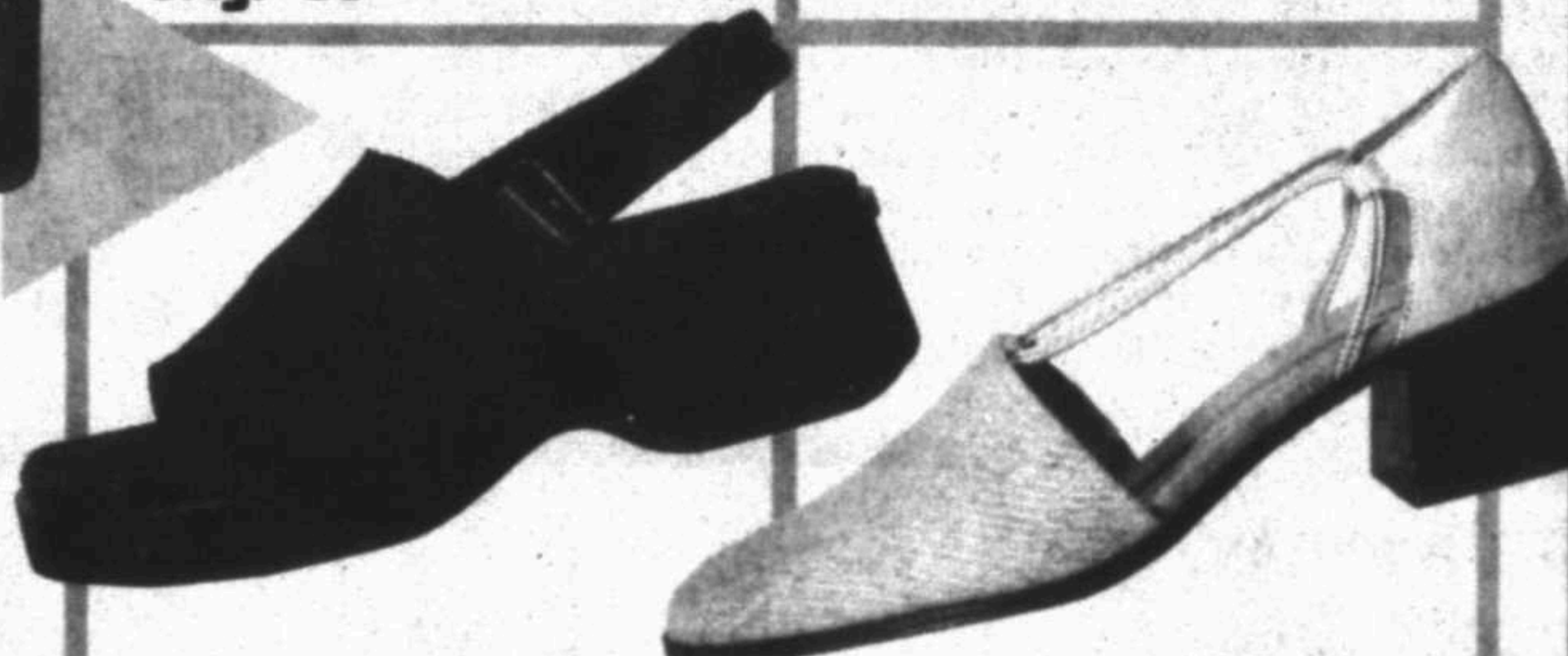
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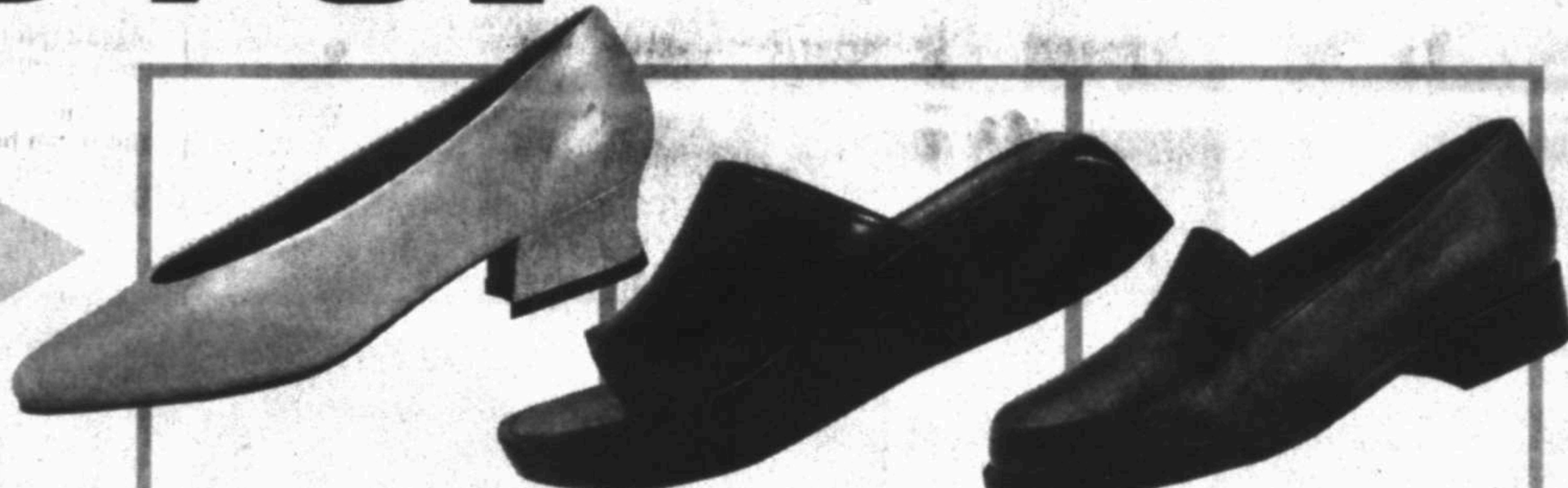
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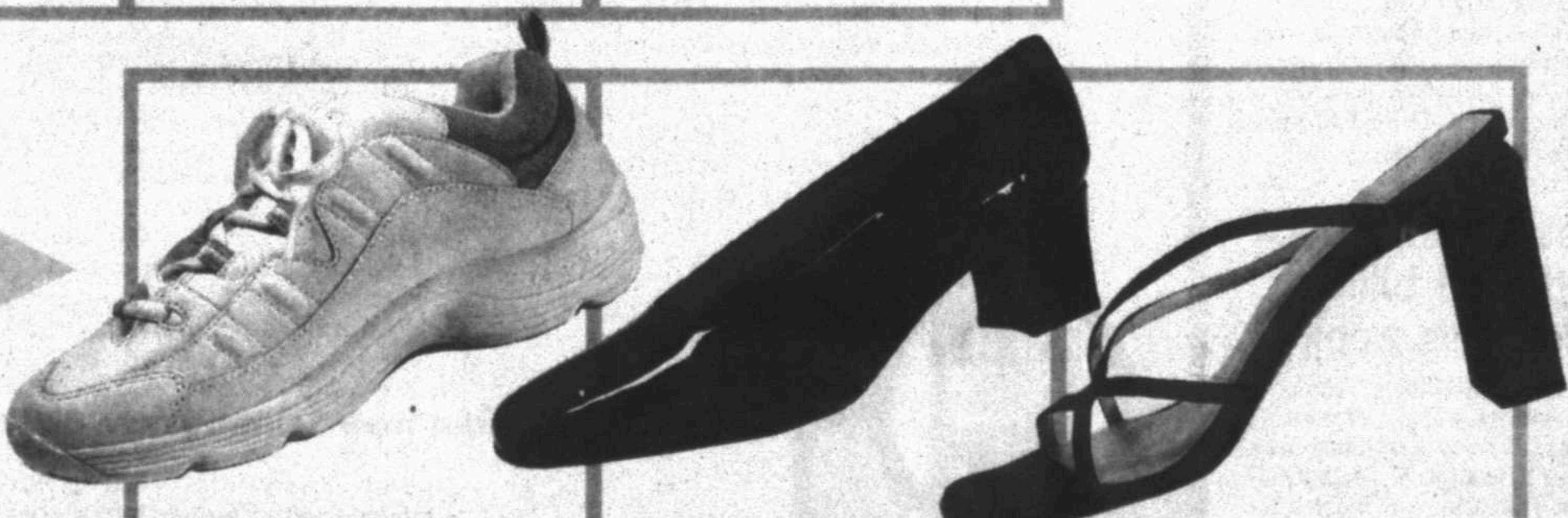
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Stage of city's efficiency test completed

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

The first stage in the city of Midland's organizational efficiency study has been completed but results of the study won't be presented to City Council until its annual retreat in June, according to Assistant City Manager Tommy Hudson.

Hudson began the study in November with the goal to compare Midland's expenditures per employee with the cities of Odessa, Lubbock, Tyler, Abilene and Wichita Falls. He said that part has been completed. The second phase will be to find strategies that will increase efficiency where necessary.

The study is an internal one, being con-

ducted by Hudson. City Councilman Dale Brown said he originated the idea last year at the City Council's annual retreat. He said he thought it would be appropriate to ensure that city government wasn't "fat."

Hudson said he's comparing Midland with other cities on a cost per employee basis. He said this process produces more accurate and reliable statistics. Some cities have larger property tax bases, others have different departments and expenditures or a different number of employees.

Once the study is complete the city will:

- have a detailed job analysis of the most time-consuming activities,

- shorten and simplify those activities, and
- improve awareness between co-workers of each other's responsibilities.

While Midland is conducting its own study, cities like Odessa and Lubbock are members of the ongoing efficiency study by the International City Management Association (ICMA).

Through ICMA, cities compile detailed information on various programs such as parks and recreation, waste management and police departments. Information is compiled and compared in an apples to apples manner so that cities of similar size can compare their expenses for programs relevant to their city.

Louise Snyder, assistant director of

ICMA, said the program started with 40 to 45 large cities and counties but now has grown to more than 120. Midland is currently not a member. Initiation and educational fees for joining the program run at between \$2,800 and \$3,900 in addition to a \$5,000 annual fee.

Odessa's Assistant City Manager Richard Morton said the city was entering its third year under the ICMA program. Donna Carrasco, budget manager for the city of Odessa and the city's contact for ICMA, was unavailable for comment.

Anna Mosqueda, director of management services for Lubbock, said Lubbock has been part of ICMA since 1997.

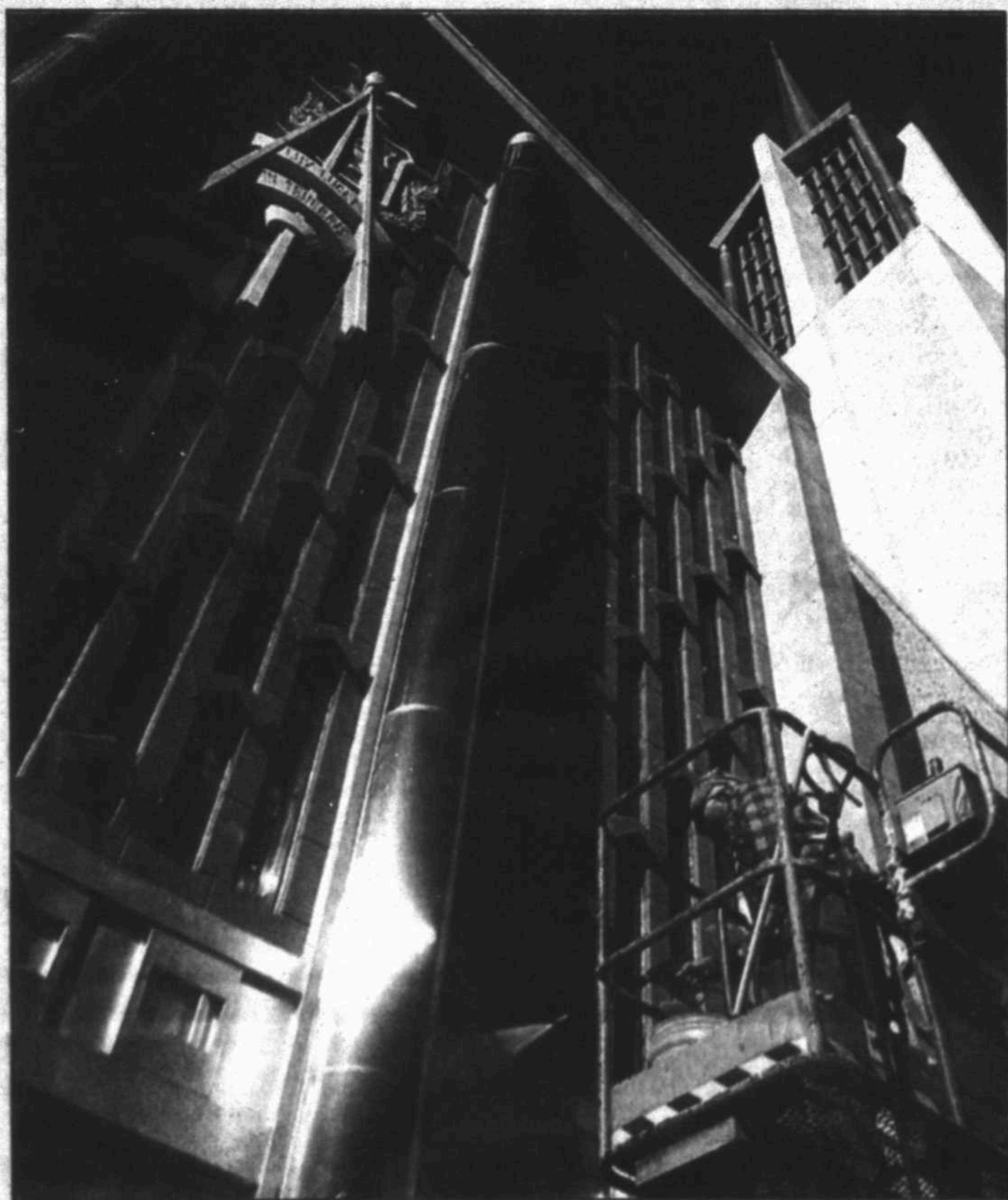
"We've been collecting data for that

project," Ms. Mosqueda said. "It's a continuous process. You get more valuable information as you're able to look at trends in comparisons with other cities. Cities can compare themselves so cities know how to calculate information. The comparability can be very difficult."

Hudson said Midland has considered joining an organization like ICMA in the future to help in gathering comparative information.

"We really haven't spent a lot of time on that," Hudson said of joining ICMA. "We've contacted them and explored the opportunities."

Spring cleaning



Brian Adamcik/
Reporter-Telegram
Richard Granger
hoses down the
gleaming facade of
the First Presbyterian
Church with a high
pressure hose.

State Forest Service warns of dry weather hazards for local area

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Because Midland's brief rainstorm last week did nothing to remedy the county's dangerously dry conditions, the Texas Forest Service is warning West Texans to be cautious with flammable materials.

Shelley E. Huguley, of the Panhandle Fire Prevention Team, said she could not overemphasize the importance of fire prevention in West Texas — especially during these drought conditions.

"As far as listing basic fire precautions, we're asking people to postpone all outdoor burning right now," Ms. Huguley said. "It's too risky and all you need is one spark. I think the biggest (problem) is we won't see relief until significant rainfall and spring green up. Dormant vegetation is dead and it can burn."

Ms. Huguley said a woman near Hereford recently pulled off the road with a flat tire. She hitched a ride to town for help. When she returned the car and a nearby field were in flames.

Ms. Huguley said the flat tire had lowered the car, allowing the hot catalytic converter to spark the dry grass and start the fire.

Midland Fire Chief Andy Mehl reiterated Ms. Huguley's warnings by asking smokers to put cigarette butts in an ashtray and to not throw them out the window.

"We've been pretty lucky lately, we've had nothing major for quite a while," Mehl said. "Obviously, any outdoor fires should be avoided. Rubbish near the home needs to be cleaned up, not left lying around because the fire could spread up

'We typically might see rain in April and May, but now they're (weather service) saying it could be below normal precipitation. People may need to hold on. This could last a while.'

— Shelley E. Huguley
Panhandle Fire Prevention Team

into the home." Ms. Huguley added that welders should be sure to wet down their work area and have a fire extinguisher with them at all times.

"We typically might see rain in April and May, but now they're saying it could be below normal precipitation," Ms. Huguley said. "People may need to hold on. This could last a while."

Any other questions regarding adverse fire conditions can be addressed to Shelley E. Huguley at (409) 635-2965.

Shaken baby syndrome addressed in classes intended for parents

By Johnnye Montgomery

Fitness trainers guide us step by minute step to a stronger, more sculpted body; computer support personnel talk us through Word or Excel or installing a new memory chip; we even pay manners gurus to teach us which fork to use.

Yet, when we become parents, we think that when the baby cries, our hearts will tell us what to do.

Not so, says Pam Golden, director of Midland's Barbara Yarbrough Parenting Center, whose biggest frustration is the reluctance of young parents to ask for help.

"They buy into the myth of the perfect parent, and then when they're tired and the child is sick or crying, the stress builds and they're unable to ask for help. They feel desperately unprepared for dealing with an infant, yet to take child care classes would be admitting that they don't know how."

She added that although there are more and more couples signing up for parenting classes all the time, many young parents still face a social stigma among their friends and families.

"We're working to get the word out that it's perfectly acceptable to ask an expert, in the same way that you'd ask an expert to teach you to use a new computer program, or to bake bread, or mix cement," she said.

Ms. Golden, a licensed social worker, mother and child advocate who teaches parenting and childcare classes for parents and for childcare providers, said the classes are provided through the FamilyPRIDE.

Please see **BABY/3B**



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Pam Golden cradles a baby in the nursery of the Barbara Yarbrough Parenting Center where she is the director. The center is offering classes to parents of children of any age.

Classes offered to benefit new parents

By Johnnye Montgomery

Midland's parenting classes are taught in the Asbury Resource Center, through grants given by the Children's Trust Fund of Texas.

The program is a collaborative effort overseen by Pam Golden of the Barbara Yarbrough Parenting Center, with Midland Independent School District acting as fiscal agent for the CTF monies, Midland College providing office space in its Cogdell South Facility and classrooms provided by Asbury Resource Center and Coleman High School. A part of every marriage license fee goes to the children's fund for parenting classes.

The classes started in 1998 with the EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) curriculum. Next came a program developed in Plano called Practical Parent Education which addresses everyday issues parents face in raising children, such as how to help with homework, building resilience in children, teaching kindness and respect and others important issues.

Last September, another program, Parents as Teachers, was added to teach parents and family members the steps to early brain development in cognitive, language, gross and fine motor and self-help skills. The program uses recyclable materials commonly found in the home, such as plastic bags filled with hair gel or toilet paper rolls filled with pebbles, which both teach children developmental skills and can be used to assess development and spot potential developmental problems.

Parents as Teachers is a home-based program, but parents meet formally every month under the guidance of teachers Pam Golden, Terry Luer and Coleman High teacher Isabel Ray.

For more information about any of the parenting classes, call Pam Golden at 689-5112.

PTA will host Project Graduation for 12th straight year

■ Organizers are seeking volunteers and donations to help with the celebration business.

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

After students return from spring break, only 10 weeks will remain until seniors reach the culmination of 12 years of education.

With graduation comes celebration. And the PTA has a winding planned.

Saturday, May 27, after the caps have been thrown, the gowns put away and the diplomas placed prominently on the mantles, Midland seniors will head to the Midland Center for Project Graduation.

"This is the 12th year we have had Project Graduation and it's a drug-free, alcohol-free, all-night party for all

graduating seniors of Midland," said Barbara Koch, the Midland Council of PTA's chairman for the project. Ms. Koch is the organizer for Midland High School and Mickey Long, from Lee High School, also is assisting in the planning.

The party is open to all Midland graduates, whether from Midland High School, Lee High School, Coleman High School, Trinity or Midland Christian.

"It's a fabulous effort celebrating a fabulous event, which is our high school graduation, that includes everyone in a really safe, really fun and extravagant party," said Becky Ferguson, president of the Midland Council of PTAs.

The celebration will begin at 10 p.m. May 27 and will feature games, prizes, music and a live disc jockey. Ms. Koch said a company from California has been hired to provide games ranging

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from sumo wrestling to blackjack. "We'll have bungee basketball, sumo wrestling, arm wrestling, mechanical calf roping, music with a deejay and we'll be giving prizes throughout. They can actually win money," Ms. Koch said.

Students also can win dorm refrig-

erators, computers, telephones, microwaves or \$1,000 cash. There's a catch, however. Upon winning a prize, students are given a claim slip that can't be redeemed until 4:30 a.m.

"The goal is to keep them at the party, drug and alcohol free," said Ms. Koch.

The party is designed as an all-nighter to keep kids there and not out drinking or using drugs. They can leave the party, but if they leave they can't come back for any reason. They can't leave even for a few minutes and expect to return.

"It keeps them from going out to their cars or going out to another party and coming back," Ms. Koch said.

And since the prizes aren't distributed until 4:30 a.m., kids have a motivation to stay. The games will last all night and the seniors will be supplied with continuous food and drink as additional motivation.

She added that, although PTA doesn't have any data showing how the celebration has made children safer, "I know the last couple of years that graduation night has been a safe night. I'd like to think we are a contribution to that."

Ms. Koch said they expect as many 1,300 seniors to attend the party and those students can invite one guest, bringing the expected attendance close to 2,000.

Entertaining, feeding and rewarding 2,000 students is an expensive task and Ms. Koch said the party is going to cost about \$42,000. The party is free for students and each one will receive a prize of some sort.

Ms. Koch said that if community members are worried about that \$42,000 price tag, they can put their worry to rest by chipping in on the bill.

Please see **PARTY/2B**

Area briefs

University Women

The Midland Society of University Women will meet at the Haley Library Friday at 10 a.m. The program will be "Texas History," by Pat McDaniel. Lunch will be served at the library by Back Door Catering.

For more information, call 687-1037.

Race car viewed

Scott Pruitt's Tide race car will be on display Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Sam's Club, 1500 N. Tradewinds, in Midland. Chances to win an autographed Tide Racing jacket will be available for a one dollar donation, with proceeds to benefit Children's Miracle network.

Today's Agenda

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marienfeld, third floor conference room.

Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Al-Anon, Wednesday night Step Study, 8 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clohessey).

Helping Hands, board meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at 1301 Brinson (former Eagles Building, behind Rogers Ford). Anyone interested in volunteering as a caseworker or to work in the thrift store, is invited to attend. Call 520-8900 for more information.

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard, 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.

Seniors Over 50 Dance, 7:30 p.m. American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5511.

Midland County Child Welfare Board, noon, Department of Human Services, 901 W. Wall St.

Sex Addicts Anonymous-Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Monday

Criminal Mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 5:53 p.m. at 4401 Crockett when a 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass was allegedly struck by an unknown subject who left the scene.

Assault: Assault was reported at 4:03 N. Midkiff at 9:40 a.m. when a suspect allegedly assaulted three former co-workers.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

OBITUARIES

Terry Valadez

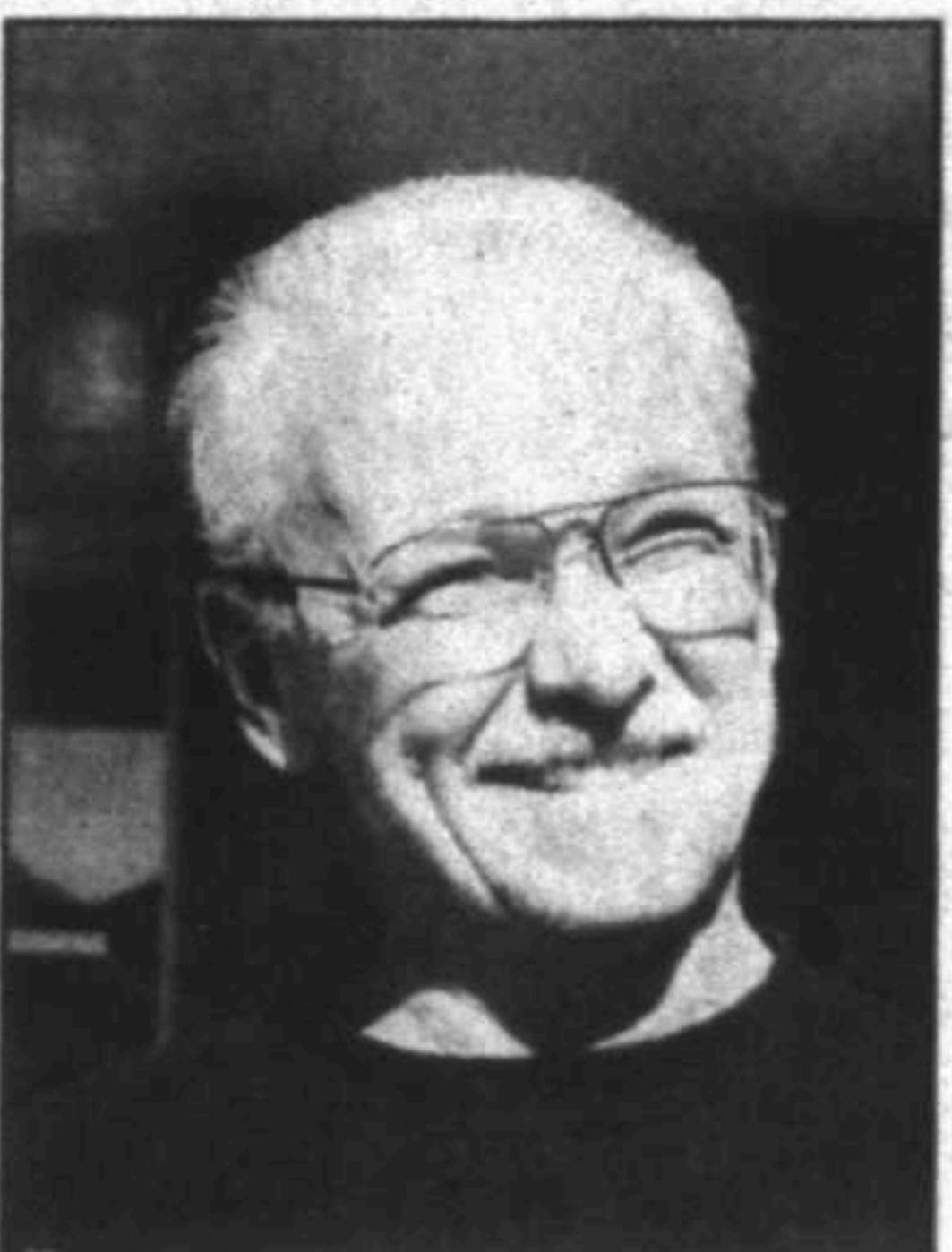
Terry Long Valadez, 19, of San Angelo, died Monday, March 13, 2000, at her residence.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2000, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Todd Nelson of Christian Faith Center officiating.

Terry was born January 5, 1981 in Hobbs, New Mexico to Richard Terry Long and Bonnie Elless Long. She married Robert Valadez June 26, 1998 in San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Valadez of San Angelo; one son, Arrin Valadez of the home; her mother, Bonnie Long of San Angelo; one sister, Sherry Ledford of Grape Creek; one brother, Rubin Long of San Angelo; grandmother, Jerry Elless of Midland; niece, Calilee Ledford of Grape Creek; and an aunt, Marilyn Elless of Midland.



Dale Eggleston

Dale Michael Eggleston, age 56, of Dallas, Texas, passed away Monday, March 13, 2000.

He was born September 22, 1943 in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of North Texas in 1974. He was a Marine Corps Veteran. He was a police officer, most recently with Celina, Texas; and was co-owner of Texas Proforce Protective Services.

He is survived by his parents, Delwin and Dorothy Eggleston of Midland, Texas; a son, Michael, and wife, Elissa Eggleston, of Fort Worth, Texas; two grandchildren, Sean and Kristen Eggleston; a

brother, Ron Eggleston of Grand Prairie; five sisters, Becky Pounds of Temple, Texas, Virginia Escue of Bastrop, Texas, Nancy Slay of Tyler, Texas, and Kathee Johnston and Dana Roepke of Midland, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 17, at Sparkman-Dickey Funeral Home in Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in memory of Mike Eggleston to the American Cancer Society.



Maria Valadez

Maria Corrales Valadez, 63, died Monday, March 13, 2000, at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 25, 1936 in San Antonio, Chihuahua, Mexico.

She was raised in Presidio, Texas, and later moved to Morton, Texas, where she met and later married Oscar Valadez in 1937. The couple would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. The couple worked in farming for many years. Prior to moving to Midland in 1979, the couple lived in Lamesa for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by a son, Frank Valadez; and a brother, Torribio Corrales.

The funeral mass will be at 1:00 p.m. today, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Jerome Burnett officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. The funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar Valadez of Midland; eight

sons, Benito Valadez and David Valadez, both of Kerrville, Texas, Joe Valadez, Gilbert Valadez and Oscar Valadez Jr., all of Odessa, Richard Valadez and Mario Garcia Valadez, both of Midland, and Ramon Ortega Valadez of Hobbs, N.M.; five daughters, Erma Flores of Midland, Rosa Quintero of Artesia, N.M., Elena Valadez of Hobbs, N.M., Estella Valadez of Indianapolis, Ind., and Ester Valadez of Greeley, Colo.; one brother, Juan Corrales, and one sister, Cecilia Ortega, both of Hobbs, N.M.; 23 grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Jessie Allen

Jessie Allen was born August 19, 1917 in Mills County, New Mexico to Homer Clyde and Onie (Nichols) Adams. She was reared in Mitchell County in the Seven Wells Community. She met George W. "Woodie" Allen in Eastland County and they were married on April 15, 1939 in Sweetwater, Texas. They lived in Trent for a short time prior to moving to Midland in 1946. She worked at Grace Presbyterian Church in the child care center. Mrs. Allen was a charter member of Asbury United Methodist Church and for over 20 years she helped with the noon meal for the Southside Lions Club meetings at the church.

Mrs. Allen died at a local hospital Sunday, March 12, 2000.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Homer A. Adams and Lloyd Adams. She is survived by her husband, George W. "Woodie" Allen of Midland; her sons, Clyde Allen and his wife, Mary, of San Angelo and G.W. "Corky" Allen, Jr. and his wife, Gina, of Midland; her daughters, Jo Lancaster and her husband, Larry, of Austin, Mary Ann Chase and her husband, Jon, of Manchester, Conn. and Linda Scoggin and her husband, Mike, of Midland; two brothers; five sisters; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. today, March 15, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Jerry Don Cheshire officiating and Reverend Chip

Allen will be assisting. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bob Chalker, Ronnie Adams, Terry Manning, Ricky Eads, Doyle Caulder, and Bob Rymal, nephews of Mrs. Allen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702, or a charity of one's choice.

Zella Williams

Zella May Williams, 88, of Stanton, died on Monday, March 13, 2000, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor of First United Methodist Church and John Viertel, grandson-in-law, officiating.

She was born on April 4, 1911 in Comanche County, Texas; and married Otis Williams on September 24, 1927 in Howard County, Texas.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker and loved her family very much.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Otis Williams of Stanton; three daughters, Gean Cauble of Stanton, Ann Grantham of Knott and Barbara Shortes of Big Spring; two sons, Otis Neal Williams of Ocala, Florida and Bobby Weldon Williams of Albany; fourteen grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Zella Faye Hiniker; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Terry Grantham, Bobby Williams, Larry Williams, Tony Luxton, Mike Peterson and Gentry Shortes. Honorary pallbearers will be Wesley Sparks and Wes Dixon.

The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1193, Stanton, Texas 79782; or American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Hwy., Suite 111, Midland, Texas 79703.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Minnie Taylor

Minnie Bell Taylor, 79, died Monday, March 13.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 16, at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. with the Rev. W.C. Kenan officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 19, 1920 in Dallas.

She moved to Midland in 1967. She was a member of Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C.

Survivors include her son, James A. Taylor, Jr.; a sister, Freda Trimble of Dallas; three grandsons, and two great-grandchildren.

Artrelle Dodson

ARLINGTON — Former Midlander Artrelle W. Dodson, 77, died Monday, March 13, in an Arlington hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. today, March 15, at the Walters Funeral Home Chapel in Centerville with the Rev. Dr. Charles White officiating. Burial will follow at the Gum Springs Cemetery near Flynn. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to service time.

He was born Aug. 25, 1922 in Brinkman, Okla.

He was a salesman in the grocery industry before retiring. He lived in Midland for 40 years, before moving to Centerville, then Arlington. He was a member of First United Methodist

Church in Centerville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Bassham Dodson in April 1998.

Survivors include a son, David Dodson of Centerville; a daughter, Sue Lyons of Lake Forest, Calif.; a brother, Claude Dodson of Arlington; two sisters, Dorothy Bradshaw of Amarillo and Claudine Richardson of Altus, Okla.; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Antonia Flores

FRISCO — Antonia C. Flores, 63, mother of Midlander Emelia Guzman, died Tuesday, March 14, at a Dallas hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will

be 1 p.m. Friday, March 17, in the Cantrell Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Leon Duesman officiating. Burial will be at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born Nov. 12, 1936 in Robstown.

She was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, where she was active with the choir and church bells.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ramon F. Flores Sr. on Oct. 23, 1991; her parents, Hijinio and Antonia Moreno Caballero; and two sisters.

Other survivors include four daughters, Dora Hernandez,

Dalia Anzualda and Christina Anzualda, all of Frisco; and Ida Perez of Prosper; three sons, Ramon Flores Jr., Lorenzo Flores and Robert Flores, all of Frisco; two brothers, Felipe

Caballero and Luis Caballero, both of Corpus Christi; a sister, Felipa Doria of Houston; 22 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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PARTY: Volunteers and donations needed

(From 1B)

All money and prizes for Project Graduation come from community support, private donations, businesses and foundation grants. PTA has raised only \$18,000 and Ms. Koch is currently seeking donations of money and prizes.

Operation of a party on such a grand scale takes lots of volunteers (more than 300), as well, and Ms. Koch said volunteers also would be appreciated.

"These kids have put in 12 years of hard work to get where they are and it's a celebration to celebrate their accomplishments of getting through school and achieving that. And it's one of the last times to get with all their friends and have a really special evening in a safe environment."

Ms. Koch said. "We're really proud of these kids. They've done a really good job and we want to help them celebrate."

"I'm impressed that so much time, money and effort is invested to make sure our children have a safe celebration," said Ms. Ferguson. "It keeps every-

body in the light, sober and celebrating."

Donations to Project Graduation can be mailed to Project Graduation, P.O. Box 80881, Midland, TX, 79708. Volunteers or those interested in making a donation also can call Barbara Koch at 683-9551.

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(From 1B)

Initiative under Trust Fund of Texas to provide funding for ty-based program of child neglect. The C Fund also under education program into the results of child abuse.

Midland is on sites funded by PRIDE initiative of an unders abuse and neglect through community and decision making. An acronym for Responsibility, Discipline and Education sites are chosen to be the incidence of child neglect, child pregnancy, juvenile school dropouts, geographic current availability also considered.

Ms. Golden said

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BABY: Classes will help parents learn to better deal with stress

(From 1B)

Initiative under the Children's Trust Fund of Texas, established by the Texas Legislature in 1985 to provide funding to community-based programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The Children's Trust Fund also underwrites public education programs and research into the results of various kinds of child abuse.

Midland is one of 48 council sites funded by the Family PRIDE initiative for the promotion of an understanding of child abuse and neglect prevention through community involvement and decision making. PRIDE is an acronym for Principles, Responsibility, Integrity, Discipline and Education. PRIDE sites are chosen based in part on the incidence of child abuse and neglect, child poverty, teenage pregnancy, juvenile crime and school dropouts. Child population, geographic location and current availability of services are also considered.

Ms. Golden said among the

most important lessons the classes teach is the recognition that babies are fragile.

"In recent years, doctors have identified 'shaken baby syndrome' in infants and young children as one cause of irreversible brain damage, blindness, cerebral palsy, hearing loss, spinal cord injury and death," she said.

She went on to say that while there are other causes for such symptoms, parents, grandparents, siblings, and anyone else who cares for children should know how dangerous it is to shake a baby.

In a story she wrote for a community parenting magazine last year, Ms. Golden stated that shaking a baby is a form of child abuse. She described it as "the act of vigorous shaking of an infant or child by the arms, legs or shoulders — a violent act done out of anger, frustration or ignorance by a parent or caregiver."

"The whiplash motion causes injury to the brain with little or no outward signs of abuse. This tragic act occurs in a matter of seconds, taking a healthy intelli-

gent infant and leaving a child with lifelong challenges."

She said that research suggests that crying is the most frequent trigger pushing caregivers to shake a child.

"The most frequently reported response is, 'I just wanted him/her to stop crying,'" she said. "Babies cannot protect themselves from the force of shaking. Their heads are larger in proportion to their bodies, and their neck muscles are relatively weak. Since a baby's brain is not fully developed, a whiplash motion causes the brain to hit the front and back of the skull. Blood vessels are torn which results in bruising, bleeding and swelling. The retina of the eye can also be damaged."

"It's also tragic that many people aren't aware how dangerous shaking can be," she said.

Ms. Golden said parents and caregivers in the classes are taught a simple method to aid in prevention of violence when a baby keeps crying.

"First, take three simple steps

that take less than a minute: One: Stop. Two: Sit down. Three: Calm down. Notice when you are getting mad. Get a grip on yourself before you get a grip on your child."

"How does your body feel? Walk away from the baby. Sit down and take deep breaths. Talk to yourself about how you can calm down."

"Take a break. Put the baby in his crib or a safe place and call someone who can help, or just listen. It's okay to ask for help. If you can, have someone watch the baby for a few minutes and do something for yourself. Have a cup of tea or coffee, take a bath or shower, listen to music, read, take a walk."

She offered these tips to parents and caregivers on what to do before the crying begins to reach a crisis stage:

"Holding babies when they are little will make them cry less when they are older. Pick up the baby when she cries. You won't spoil your baby; you will teach him to love and trust people."

"Some babies cry because

they are sick or have colic. If your baby cries more than three hours a day, every day, or has a high (pitched) cry that sounds like pain, take him/her to a doctor or a clinic."

"Remember that it's not your fault if your baby cries. Some babies cry more than others. Try not to get upset, because that will make the baby more upset. Try rocking or walking the baby. Rub its tummy or back. Feed it more often and see if that helps. Carry the baby a lot, even when he or she isn't crying. Use a baby

swing. Hold the baby up to a mirror so he or she can look. Take the baby for a car or stroller ride. Give the baby a warm bath. Let the baby hear calming sounds such as a fan, soft music, a ticking clock, or a vacuum cleaner."

Ms. Golden said that licensed childcare providers must now by law receive training in the recognition and prevention of shaken baby syndrome, along with training in the prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and the understanding of early childhood brain development.

Ed Todd

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Death row escape artist heads to death house

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A defiant condemned killer who tried to break out of death row at least twice and held a guard hostage during a 13-hour standoff last month headed to the death chamber Tuesday night for fatally shooting a Houston jeweler during a 1990 robbery.

Ponchai Wilkerson, 28, would be the 11th convicted murderer to be executed in Texas this year and the first of two this week.

Timothy Lane Gribble, 36, convicted of the rape, abduction and strangling of a Galveston County woman in 1987, was set to die Wednesday evening.

Wilkerson was convicted of the murder of Chung Myong Yi, 43, whose slaying capped a month-long crime spree that included numerous auto thefts, robberies and burglaries — including one in which guns worth \$40,000 were stolen — and drive-by shootings that left at least one person dead and three others wounded.

More recently, Wilkerson, armed with a sharpened piece of metal fashioned from a typewriter part, slipped from his death row cell Feb. 21 and with another inmate held a female prison guard hostage before surrendering. The guard was not harmed.

"Ponchai is the perfect example of how a person can be a continuing threat to everyone around him and society needs to be protected from him," Roberto Gutierrez, the Harris County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Wilkerson, said. "When I think of Ponchai today,

I think of how correct the jury was in realizing he was going to be a continuing threat to society."

On Thanksgiving night 1998, Wilkerson and six other condemned prisoners fled their cells in another escape attempt. One of the convicts drowned after scaling a pair of tall fences that surrounded the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Ellis Unit north-east of Huntsville. Wilkerson and five others gave up after guards began shooting at them.

After Wilkerson appeared before a Harris County judge last month to receive his execution date, he fell to the courtroom floor, refused to move and had to be dragged away by deputies.

TDCJ spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said Tuesday that

Wilkerson declined to select a final meal and refused to tell prison officials how they should dispose of his body.

It's uncertain what triggered Wilkerson's 1990 crime spree. At the time, the son of a retired sheriff's deputy was on probation after

pleading guilty to auto theft three months earlier.

Wilkerson never denied the shooting but said he fired after the victim's movements alarmed him. A Harris County jury deliberated about four hours before deciding on the death sentence.

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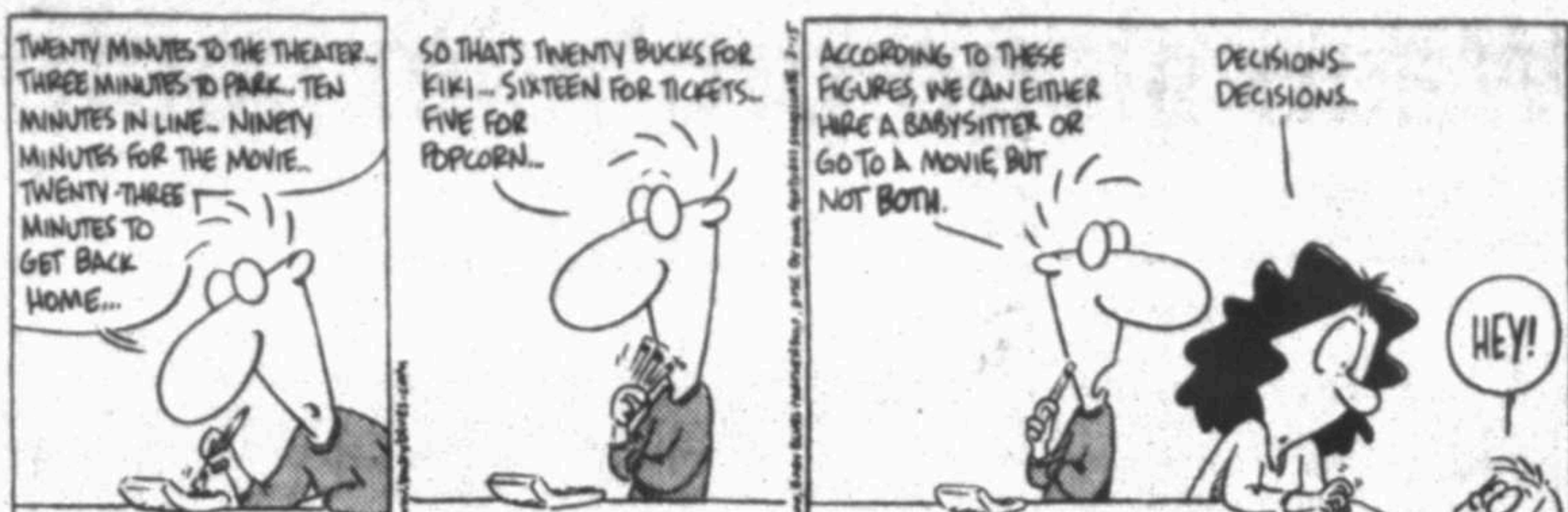


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TV TONIGHT

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5	KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 8776	Beverly Hills, 90210 77486	Get Real: Saved 68134	Mad About You 45399	The Nanny 63370	Jerry Springer 76757	News 250668	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)	Late With Craig Kilborn															
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9	KWES	9	9	9	News 5660	Satfield 6912 (TVPG)	The Light of the Southwest 37080	Great Performances: Alida's Brothers and Sisters: Black Voices In Opera 674370	UTPB Distinguished Lecture Series 728467	Telecourse 827641					Kenneth Hagin Jr.														
12	KMLM	42	19	19	News 86196	Johnnie Hayes 44496																							
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Student dead in crash involving debate-team vans

THE WOODLANDS (AP) — A Rice University debate team member was killed and five other students and two coaches were hurt when a large pickup truck rammed one of the squad's two minivans, authorities said.

The national champion Rice Forensics Team were returning from a competition in Omaha, Neb., when the crash occurred just before 11 p.m. Monday.

The dead student was identified as Dan Henning, 18, of Vernon Hills, Ill., university spokesman Terry Shepard said. Henning, an individual champion at the national championship

meet in February, was a freshman.

Eleven students and three coaches were in two Rice vans, which were southbound on Interstate 45 when they came to a construction zone near the Hardy Toll Road entrance.

A truck pulling a gooseneck trailer hauling heavy equipment struck one of the rented vans, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

"We know for a fact that the freeway was in the process of being shut down. The two vans were stopped for the construction, and the pickup truck struck the first van from the rear," Sgt.

Darrell Coleman said.

Two students were airlifted to Memorial Hermann Hospital, about 30 miles south of the crash site in Houston, where they were listed in fair condition. One had a broken leg and cuts; the other a back injury, Shepard said.

Three students and two coaches were treated at Memorial Hospital Northwest and released Tuesday morning.

Rice had reviewed its travel policies after the Feb. 10 van crash in northeast Texas that killed four members of the Prairie View A&M men's track team, Shepard said. He added

that if not for that review, Monday's wreck could have been worse.

"I think that was reflected in the fact that we had older drivers, and everyone was wearing seat belts," Shepard said. "Alas, there are some accidents cannot be prevented by being careful. This was one of those."

A private memorial was held at noon Tuesday for Rice students and staff. Grief counselors were on hand at the prestigious central Houston school of about 4,400 students.

The collision remained under investigation.

MIDLAND CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT MIDLAND, TEXAS INFORMATION TO BIDDERS

Section 6.09, Texas Property Code, as amended, requires each appraisal district in the State of Texas to seek bids for depository at least once every two (2) years. All funds of the Appraisal District exceeding the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, must be secured in the manner provided by law for the security of funds of counties.

The average daily balance of the Midland Central Appraisal District during 1998 was approximately \$450,000. Funds deposited in the Appraisal District's tax collections account may exceed \$14,000,000 at different times of the year. These funds however, should be reduced to approximately \$1,000.00 as soon as the collected funds balance allows for distribution to the jurisdiction.

Any additional information required to compile a Depository Bid will be furnished upon request addressed to Ronald Stegall, Chief Appraiser, Midland Central Appraisal District, 4631 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas, 79703, (915) 699-4991.

Jesse James body claimed to be in Granbury

FORT WORTH (AP) — A North Texas grave which historians say contains outlaw Jesse James' remains will be opened within two months after a judge cleared the way for the Granbury Cemetery exhumation and more DNA testing at relatives' request.

Hood County Judge Linda Steen's order comes despite DNA testing of remains exhumed in 1995 from what historians and relatives have identified as Jesse James' grave in Kearney, Mo.

Experts told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the results from that test are consistent with what is known of the 19th century outlaw.

But for many, there's no doubt that the famed outlaw Jesse James is buried in Granbury Cemetery.

Even if history books say he died at the hands of Bob Ford on April 3, 1882, in St. Joseph, Mo., they see the exhumation — and DNA testing — as proof that the accounts from their childhood are true.

"I honestly don't think it's even a possibility that it's not him because I've talked to the grandsons," said Mary Kate Durham, 75, an authority on local history, referring to three retirees who live in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Iowa.

Bud Hardcastle, an Oklahoma used-car salesman who represents the purported grandsons, contends that tests on the body exhumed in Missouri, by George Washington University forensic scientist James Starrs, were inconclusive.

Moreover, he said, a tooth found in a museum — rather than one taken from the grave — was used to determine the DNA match.

James faked his death to elude authorities and moved to Texas under the assumed name of Dalton, Hardcastle said. When Dalton died in 1951, a "visual" autopsy by the Hood County sheriff listed at least 16 bullet wounds, rope burns on the neck, scarred and burned feet, and the tip of the left index finger that was "sawed off."

If all goes as planned, the Granbury grave will be opened in 30 to 60 days, Hardcastle said.

Girl attacked at ATM before being killed

EL PASO (AP) — Police said Tuesday they believe a gunman attacked an 18-year-old woman at a drive-through ATM, forced her to withdraw cash and later shot her to death and left her in an open desert area on the city's northeast side.

No arrests have been made in the death of Sophia Martinez, a high school senior who apparently was on her way to a night-club to meet friends Friday night when she was attacked, El Paso police Sgt. Al Velarde said.

Investigators have enlisted the help of the FBI to enhance surveillance video that captured the assailant, a man who was wearing a black sweatshirt or jacket and black pants.

Martinez entered the drive-through at a Government Employees Credit Union branch near the El Paso airport around 10:20 p.m. Friday, police said. She withdrew money and then was approached by a man who fired a shot into her passenger-side window.

Investigators believe Martinez was shot in the face at that time. The man then got into the car and forced her to withdraw more money. Police did not reveal the amount.

They believe the man then forced Martinez to drive about 10 miles to a desert area near a golf course, where he shot her in the head several times. The attacker is believed to have fled in her 2000 Pontiac Grand Am, which he abandoned several miles away near Chaparral, N.M.



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House seeks help for first-time home buyers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Banking Committee approved sweeping legislation Tuesday designed to make the dream of home ownership more attainable for millions of Americans.

Expected for a House floor vote this spring, "The American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000" would allow for reduced down payments for FHA home loans for teachers, as well as police, fire and other uniformed municipal employees.

"This completes the last piece of the housing agenda," said Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., as the committee unanimously passed H.R. 1776 amid an air of bipartisanship. Democrats and Republicans thanked each other for working through their differences on the proposed legislation.

"We have produced a very good bill," said Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y.

The bill would authorize 1 percent down for FHA mortgage loans and defers the 2.25 percent up-front FHA premium charged for such loans until the loan is repaid.

A first-time borrower purchasing a \$130,000 home would see their down payment reduced from \$6,300 to \$1,300.

"I'm excited about this bill and the homeownership opportunities it will create," said Rep. Darlene Hooley, D-Ore. "In a lot of communities, teachers and police officers can't afford to live where they work."

The bill would also make it eas-

Book critics honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Honoring the young and the old, the living and the dead, the National Book Critics Circle gave awards Monday night to a 30-something novelist, an octogenarian poet and the late Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges.

Honorary awards, including a lifetime achievement prize to retired New Yorker film critic Pauline Kael. In a statement read by humorist Roy Blount, Kael offered a hopeful — and sardonic — future for her beloved art form.

The National Book Critics Circle, founded in 1974, is a not-for-profit organization of book editors and critics with 750 members nationwide.

ier for seniors to purchase long-term care insurance through an FHA reverse mortgage home program by waiving an up-front fee usually charged by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Additionally, the bill would allow public housing authorities to provide low-income housing residents one-time grants for home purchase down payments instead of monthly Section 8 for rental apartments.

While the strong economy is credited with boosting home ownership rates to an all-time high of more than 66 percent, stubborn gaps exist between sectors of the country.

The rate for whites is at 72.5

percent compared with 45 percent for blacks and 44 percent for Hispanics.

"In the African American and Hispanic communities, for example, many working families are priced out of the real estate market," Lazio said.

The bill would also authorize \$25 million in grants for Homeownership Zones, programs targeted to help low and middle income people buy homes in large developments to revitalize poor neighborhoods.

The bill would require the Department of Housing and Urban Development to offer some underutilized properties to local governments or community groups at below market rate prices.

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Champlain Toast: Chap men win first-round contest by 27 points

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — The No. 13 Midland College Chaparrals reached the NJCAA National Tournament with their top-ranked defense. And it was their defense which carried them into the second round on Tuesday.

In a midnight special at the Hutchinson Sports Arena, the Chaps' smothering defense proved too much for the Champlain (Vt.) Beavers in a 71-44 romp. The Chaps advance to play Calhoun (Ala.) Community College at 6 p.m. Thursday in the second round. No. 17 Calhoun advanced with a 92-50 win over Louisburg (N.C.) earlier

in the evening.

"That's been the story all year for us," said MC coach Junsie Cotten after the game. "We take pride in defending and rebounding."

The Chaps made a team, which had beaten No. 3 Allegeny (Md.) and No. 14 Monroe College in the regional playoffs, look offensively inept. Champlain, which came in averaging close to 93 points per game, was held to a season low 44 points.

Champlain shot just 27 percent (15-of-56). "It was Midland who put us in a position we weren't comfortable with," said Champlain's 33rd year coach Robert Tipson. "All of it was Midland's defense. We didn't shoot the ball very well but Midland took our top two shooters out of the game. They played us tough and they contested every shot."

Cotten said his Chaps concentrated on the Beavers' top two shooters in Vohn Hunter and

Lee Guinn. Hunter had 16 points but Guinn was held to just two points and was in foul trouble throughout the game.

Eugene Costello led MC (30-4) with a game-high 21 points. Teohn Conner added 12 and Ricky Duff had 10.

Costello didn't have to say much when asked about team's defense.

"Their (Beavers') point total says it all," Costello said.

The Chaps forced 12 turnovers in the first half and neutralized most of the big guns for Champlain as MC took a 33-20 lead at the half. Champlain shot just 25 percent (13-of-37) in the first half.

Doing the most damage for the Beavers was Hunter, the University of Texas transfer, as he kept Champlain in the game with 12 points in the first half.

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Calhoun gets lopsided win

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Calhoun (Ala.) Community College breezed through the first round with a 92-50 stomping of Louisburg (N.C.) Tuesday evening at the Sports Arena.

The Warhawks (30-4) advanced to play Midland College at 6 p.m. Thursday in the second round of the NJCAA Tournament. Louisburg (16-17) plays Champlain (Vt.) College at 1:45 p.m. Thursday in the consolation bracket.

Calhoun was in control throughout much of the game as it built a 45-27 lead at the half. Jason Pruitt led Calhoun with a game-high 30 points, Danny Anderson had 14, Curtis Dawson 12 and Eric McKinney added 10.

NO REPEATS: For the first time in the 53 years of the tournament there are no repeat qualifiers from the

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BASEBALL: MIDLAND HIGH VS. MIDLAND LEE

Rogers, Rebels rock 5th-ranked Bulldogs



Midland Lee's Jon Rogers burrows in for a run-scoring triple as MHS' Jason South waits for the catch during their District 4-5A opener Tuesday at Zachery Field. Rogers had a huge game for the Rebels, who defeated the fifth-ranked Bulldogs. Rogers, a pitcher, was huge at the plate and on the mound.

Senior pitcher stars as Lee baseball beats Midland High to start loop play

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

What high school baseball rankings mean within the Midland city limits was made insignificant Tuesday at Zachery Field.

More specifically, Jon Rogers and the Midland Lee Rebels are proving that rankings before district action only serve to fire up all the wrong people. Just two days after Rogers pitched Lee past No. 4 Duncanville, he took to the mound again against No. 5 crosstown rival Midland High in the District 4-5A opener for both teams.

If nothing else, Rogers deserves some sort of slingshot award for his performances over a 72-hour span, since he slayed his second Goliath in a row by beating the Bulldogs 9-5. In addition to laboring his way to a complete game victory, Rogers also led the offensive attack against Midland High, driving in four runs, including a two-run double which gave Lee the lead for good.

Lee coach Jesse Benavidez knows what the weight of expectations can do to a team early in the season, and on Tuesday, he was glad that the Bulldogs, and not his own team, were feeling them.

"We don't have any pressure on

us," said Benavidez. "I know when you're ranked it puts lots of pressure on the kids."

If the Rebels (11-5 overall, 1-0 in district) don't watch themselves, though, they might find themselves among the ranked in light of what they did to Duncanville and MHS. And they can thank — or blame, depending on your point of view — Rogers for a good deal of that.

The senior right-hander improved to 5-0 by notching his second straight win over a top five team. What made the victory over MHS particularly impressive is that it came on two days rest after Rogers pitched a complete game to beat Duncanville 3-2, in which he also

hit a two-run home run.

"That never crossed my mind," said Rogers of the lack of rest between starts. "When I go out there, I go to battle every hitter every time until someone takes me out of the game."

For four innings, it shaped up as a classic crosstown matchup should, as it was tied at 3-3 and both Rogers and Midland High's Mark Avila were pitching respectably. Avila started the top of the fifth by striking out Cedric Benson, but after that things fell apart.

Avila gave up a single to Jordan Cooper, then a balk, a wild pitch and a walk to Josh Haney put runners at the corners. Rogers lined the first pitch from Avila down the left field line to give the Rebels a 5-3 lead.

After Joe Frazier doubled to right to drive in Rogers, Avila was pulled for freshman Casey Zachery. Jeff Cramer and Joey Guerrero continued the parade of doubles against Zachery, and by the end of the inning Lee led 8-3.

"I like Mark coming out of the bullpen, but the main reason I started Mark over Casey is it was a league game and Casey is a freshman," said Midland High coach Barry Russell, whose team has lost two in a row after

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Cooper gets historic victory, shocks Lady Rebs in 4-5A softball

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The earth didn't shake and the sky didn't fall, but the District 4-5A softball race did take a dramatic turn Tuesday.

Abilene Cooper stung Midland Lee 4-2 at the Lady Rebel Softball Field. That will turn a few heads across the league.

It was the first softball victory ever by a Cooper team over a Lee team in the six years of University Interscholastic League play. It also moved Cooper (3-2) into a tie with Midland High for second place while Lee fell to fourth place.

"This was the first time in Abilene Cooper softball history that we have beaten Lee," noted Cooper coach Connie Finn. "This was a big step for us."

"It's also so wonderful to see because this is what this team is capable of doing." What a difference a week makes in the life of a 4-5A softball team. Last Tues-

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MHS falls to AHS/5C

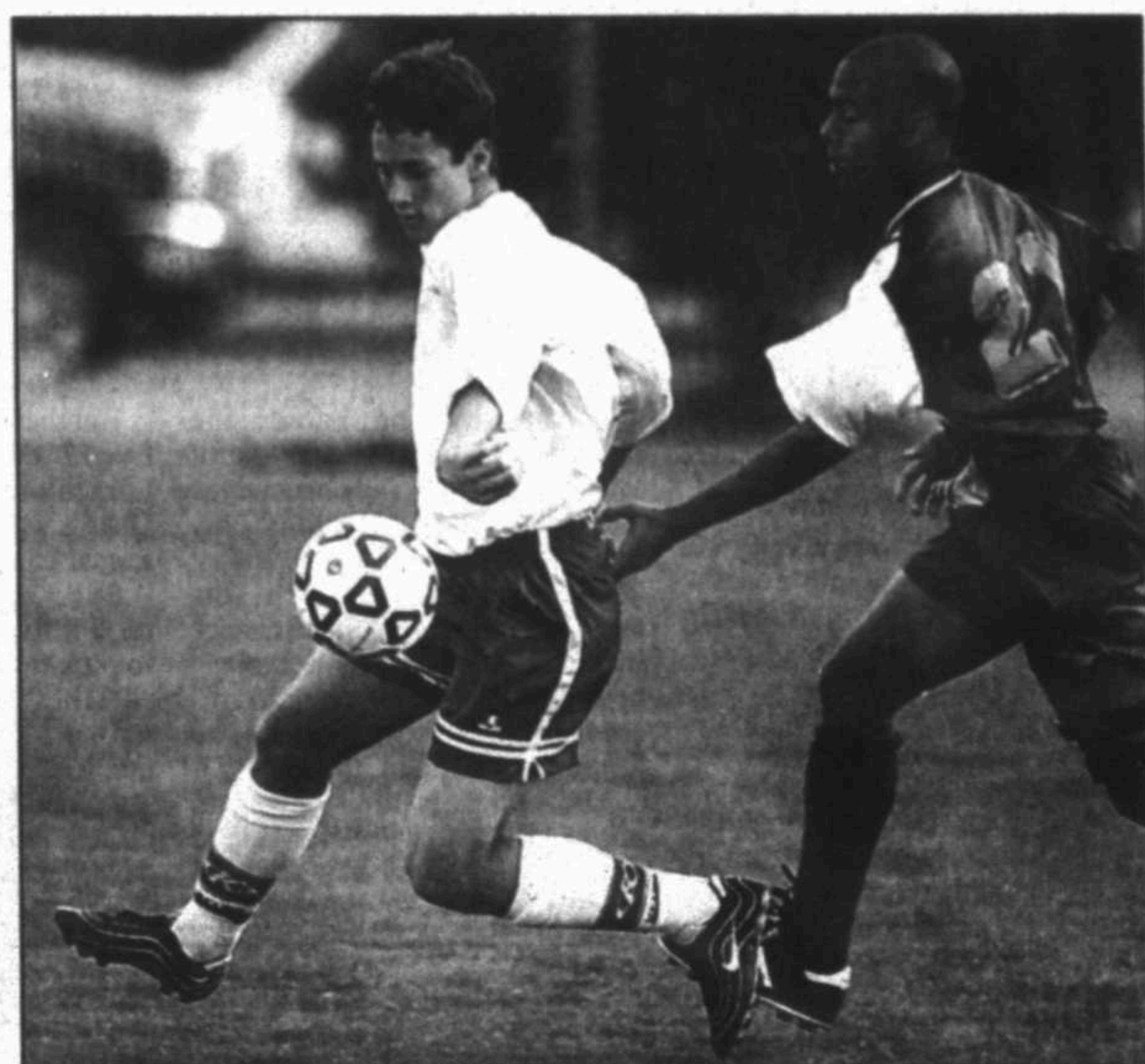
day in Midland, Cooper suffered a 21-3 thrashing at the hands of Midland High. Since then Cooper defeated Odessa Permian 11-10 and then comes to Midland again, producing the 4-2 win over the league's defending champion.

"We had that bad weather game (against MHS), had an 8-0 lead against Permian and then had to win by coming from behind and then our first win over Lee. We've had it all in a week's time," Finn said.

Lee, now 2-2 in the 4-5A chase, may already be on shaky ground for repeating its title run of a year ago since Abilene High is off and running at 4-0. But Lee coach Wes Overton isn't ready to throw in any towels.

"We just didn't come to play today and Cooper did," Overton said. "I don't know the reason why. Maybe it's because we are on spring break and out of our normal routine, but that shouldn't make any

Please see SOFTBALL/5C



Robbie Martin (left) tries to keep the ball away from San Angelo Central's Chris Smith during the teams' 4-5A boys soccer game at the Lee Soccer Field.

Late penalty kick puts Lee in district playoff

■ Rebel boys convert goal opportunity to beat San Angelo Central 3-2.

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

Needing a win to keep the season going, the Midland Lee boys soccer team responded with a 3-2 win over San Angelo Central Tuesday at the Lee Soccer Field.

"It was basically play for the next 80 minutes or don't play for the rest of the season," Lee senior Chris Oliver said. "San Angelo played a great game. They bounced back after everything. But we played with a lot of heart."

Eric Mora converted a penalty kick in the 70th minute to give the Rebels the win. They finish District 4-5A play at 8-4 — in a three-way tie for second place with Midland High and Odessa Permian. Abilene High won the 4-5A crown by beat-

Lee girls win, lose/5C

ing Permian, 2-0, Tuesday in Odessa.

The winning goal was the result of a non-call followed by a call, the combination of which left the Lee side happy and the Central side unhappy. Lee's George chased a forward pass toward the corner of the box. Central keeper Clinton Schneider came out of goal after the ball and got to it about the same time as George, but Schneider failed to control it.

There was some contact between the two players. Schneider apparently thought a foul should have been called, but while he took the time to protest, George used the time to control the ball and work towards the goal. Schneider then ensured a whistle would be blown by tripping George from behind.

George declined to discuss the middle part of the play, but he said a great pass Please see BOYS/5C

Jackalopes defeat Fort Worth, Pye

By Ted Battles
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — For two periods, it was a walk in the park that almost turned into a back alley mugging in the final period as the Odessa Jackalopes edged the Fort Worth Brahmas, 4-3, in a Western Division WPHL game before 4,343 at the Ector County Coliseum Tuesday night.

The win edged the Brahmas closer to elimination for that wild card playoff

berth. "If they lose one and we win one, it will make it impossible for them to catch us," Coach Don McKee said.

"What's more," McKee added, "They play Corpus Christi (the other team in that wild card scramble) four times next week."

When John Bossio scored his 38th and 39th goals at 3:22 and 7:00 of the open-

ing period and Savo Mitrovic punched in his 16th at 11:04 of the second period, the Jacks were sitting pretty at 3-0.

But hark! Someone spooked the Brahmas and the Cowtown critters stormed back into the game with two goals less than five minutes into the final period.

"I think (Bobby) Pochyly's goal shook us up and then our defense fell asleep on that long pass and goal," McKee analyzed. "But then we got that power play goal."

Please see JACKS/4C

Swingley claims 3rd Iditarod win

By Mary Pemberton
Associated Press Writer

NOME, Alaska — Defending champion Doug Swingley drove his dog team to victory today in the 1,000-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, breaking his previous record and joining an elite group of Alaskans who are three-time winners.

Swingley, of Lincoln, Mont., passed under the buried arch marking the finish line on Front Street in this Gold Rush town at 10:58 a.m.

His team of 11 dogs trotted down the snow-covered street as a light wind blew and cheering fans crowded the finish chute.

"This is a great team, they just kept getting better and better," Swingley said, patting the dogs.

Swingley completed the race in 9 days, 58 minutes. The previous race record, set by Swingley in 1995, was 9 days, 2 hours, 42 minutes.

For his first-place finish, Swingley wins \$60,000 of a record \$525,000 purse and a new pickup truck worth more than \$37,000. Race money was to be awarded to the first 30 finishers.

Swingley is the only non-Alaskan ever to win the race.

As Swingley was planning for this year's race, he calculated that if everything went perfectly, it would take him 8 days, 17 hours to get from Anchorage to Nome.

"The run times were awful close to 'perfect world' stuff," he said.

Mushers had relatively balmy conditions for the entire race, with sunny skies and temperatures

often climbing into the 30s during the day.

Swingley joins Jeff King of Denali Park, Alaska, and Martin Buser of Big Lake, Alaska in the three-time winners circle. Susan Butcher of Manley, Alaska, who last competed in 1994, has won four times. Rick Swenson of Two Rivers, Alaska, is the race's only five-time winner.

His consecutive victory makes him the third musher to successfully defend his title. Butcher had back-to-back victories in 1986, 1987 and 1988. Swenson had consecutive victories in 1981 and 1982.

Eighty-one teams began the race, which had its ceremonial start March 4 in Anchorage. By the time Swingley finished, 70 teams remained on the trail.

Swingley broke out of the pack early in the race, pushing himself far ahead of the other frontrunners before taking his 24-hour break. It's a strategy that helped him win the race in 1995 and 1999.

He was the first musher to arrive in the Interior village of Ruby, the half-way mark on the trail, and he never relinquished his lead for the remainder of the race.

Paul Gebhardt of Kaslof, Alaska, led the race for the first couple of days and tried to remain within striking distance in the second half. But by the time he reached White Mountain, 77 miles from the finish line, he was more than five hours behind Swingley.

"I was trying to catch him but I can't catch someone who's faster than me," Gebhardt said. "I really had thought of winning."



Doug Swingley poses with his lead dogs Cola, left, and Stormy after winning his third Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Swingley's sled crossed the finish line in a record time of 9 days, 58 minutes.

I said at the start of the race the team could win. We just didn't have the speed."

Swingley said good dog breeding and a serious training regimen helped his team win. Near his home in Lincoln, Mont., Swingley has a 150-mile training run to prepare the dogs to go long distances.

"I get them prepared. I don't mess around," he said. "We just start camping out and end up doing lengthy training runs."

He breeds dogs that have super endurance and when he trains, he doesn't hold the dogs back.

"I just let them go wide open,"

he said. "They are really resilient."

Swingley decided to try and break his own record finish time when he reached the Koyuk checkpoint, 171 miles from the finish line. He drove his team for more than 10 hours to reach White Mountain on Monday.

where teams are required to take an eight-hour rest.

Swingley said he never considered Gebhardt a threat.

The ever-confident Swingley didn't have much sympathy for the other mushers he left behind on the Iditarod trail.

Elliott finishes off comeback to NBA

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Sean Elliott completed his comeback to the NBA on Tuesday, returning to play for San Antonio seven months after a kidney transplant as the Spurs defeated Atlanta 94-79.

Elliott, who played 12 minutes and shot 1-for-3 from the field, missed a 22-foot jumper and a layup in the third quarter. Then, with a quick step around defender Roshown McLeod, he brought wildly cheering Alamodome fans to their feet with a dramatic dunk five minutes into the period.

He drove the lane and slammed the ball down with his right hand. Spurs teammate Mario Elie joined in the applause, clapping as he ran back down the court. Hawks center Dikembe Mutombo simply smiled.

Robinson led San Antonio with 26 points and eight rebounds, while Avery Johnson had 22 points and 10 assists and Tim Duncan had 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Jim Jackson scored 22 points for the Hawks, and Mutombo had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

As the final seconds of the game clocked ticked away, the fans shouted, "We want Sean! We want Sean!"

Elliott became the first pro athlete in a major sport to return to competition after a kidney transplant.

Knicks 91, Rockets 85

NEW YORK — Unhindered by a microphone and unburdened from controversy after a late compromise by the commissioner's office, Jeff Van Gundy and the New York Knicks had everything go their way Tuesday — on and off the court.

Latrell Sprewell scored 27 points, reserve John Wallace added 17, and Marcus Camby returned from the injured list and made a big defensive play as the Knicks beat the Houston Rockets 91-85.

About two hours before tipoff,

NBA Roundup

The Knicks learned the league office had temporarily dropped its requirement that coaches wear a microphone for nationally televised games. It was good news to Van Gundy, who had been one of the most outspoken critics of the league's policy.

Mavericks 111, Pacers 90

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points — 13 during a 15-0 run to open the second half — and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Indiana Pacers 111-90 on Tuesday night.

Steve Nash added 21 points and Michael Finley had 16 points and 11 assists to help the Mavericks to their second-largest margin of victory this season.

Rookie Greg Buckner had 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Mavericks, his first career double-double.

Travis Best led Indiana with 26 points and Jalen Rose added 18 points and 13 rebounds. Austin Croshere had 10 points and 13 rebounds for the Eastern Division-leading Pacers.

Reggie Miller had only seven points, 12 under his team-leading average and just one better than his lowest scoring game this season. Miller has been bothered by a bruised right quad and was listed as questionable for the game.

Dallas took a 36-18 first-quarter lead and was in front by as many as 20 in the second quarter. Best scored 15 points in the second quarter to keep the Pacers within range, but Dallas held a 60-46 halftime lead.

The Mavericks maintained first-half momentum by opening the third quarter with 15 straight points, including three 3-pointers by Nowitzki, for a 75-46 lead.

Indiana, which had won four of its previous five games, failed to score over the first four minutes of the third quarter until Croshere's follow.

UConn lands two on All-America team

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

Connecticut, No. 1 in the women's rankings, is No. 1 in All-Americans as well.

Connecticut's Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova became the third pair of teammates to make the first team in The Associated Press All-America selections.

Tennessee had the leading vote getter for the third straight year, this time Tamika Catchings.

The versatile trio was joined on the first team by Georgia's Kelly Miller, who finished second in the voting by a national media panel, and Notre Dame's Ruth Riley. All five first-teamers are juniors.

"The best thing our team has going for us is we have two outstanding players on the wings

who make us very difficult to guard," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said. "Shea and Svet complement each other on the court and bring out the best in each other. Individually, they are brilliant, but together, there is no better combination."

Ralph was the Big East player of the year and leads a balanced UConn offense at 14.4 points a game while also averaging five assists.

Abrosimova, a second-team pick last season, is more fluid and can beat opponents with her shooting, passing, ball handling or rebounding. She averages 13.2 points, 6.2 rebounds and 4.1 assists.

Previous teammates on the first team were Catchings and Chamique Holdsclaw last year and Connecticut's Kara Wolters

and Jennifer Rizzotti in 1996. The AP All-America team started in the 1994-95 season.

Catchings, the only repeater from last year, received 35 first-team votes and 200 total points. On a team as balanced as Connecticut, Catchings averages 15.5 points and 7.5 rebounds.

The right side of the Tennessee box shows Catchings averaging 2.6 assists and 2.8 steals. She has led the Southeastern Conference in steals all season.

Playing alongside her twin, Coco, Miller directs a potent offense at Georgia and leads the Lady Bulldogs in scoring (15.4) and assists (4.7).

Miller and Catchings were the only players named on all 44 ballots.

The 6-5 Riley has developed

into an imposing inside presence. She's fifth nationally in blocks (2.7) and averages 16.2 points while shooting 61 percent.

Cardinals harbor few illusions of defeating No. 1 Blue Devils

Associated Press

BEAUMONT — Signs are cropping up on downtown storefronts. The players are tossing and turning, unable to eat for the excitement. And word of the Big Dance is on everybody's lips.

Pretty heady stuff, especially for a team that's expecting to get bounced right out of the NCAA tournament.

After a mediocre season in the second-tier Southland Conference, Lamar harbors few illusions of beating top-ranked Duke in the NCAA tournament. The teams play Friday night in Winston-Salem, N.C., right in Duke's backyard.

Seeded 16th, Lamar (15-15) is headed for its first tournament game since 1983 while Duke (27-4) is a top seed for the third straight year.

Winning is beside the point for the Cardinals. Despite slim chances, a wave of excitement has washed over the Lamar campus.

"As a senior, there's no other way to go out than to lose to Duke," co-captain Marlene Jackson shrugged before practice Tuesday.

In Beaumont, an hour east of Houston, Lamar basketball games are mainstays of winter entertainment, first-year coach Mike Deane said.

"Congratulations (sic) L.U. NCAA Bound," spell plastic letters on a downtown ice cream shop. "Lamar: Road to the final four!" declare optimistic T-shirts in the student union bookstore.

Deane says he knows the matchup is laughable. For fear of awing his players, he's banned the Cardinals from watching any videos of Duke.

"We're not telling them (the team) we have a legitimate chance if we have a really good game," he said. "We're not trying to create unrealistic expectations. The less we show them, the better."

The coach is no stranger to upsets. Back in 1988, he helped coach 14th-seeded Sienna to an 82-80 shocker over Stanford.

But that was another ball game. Even if the Cardinals' best night miraculously coincides with Duke's worst, Deane doesn't think Lamar can pull it off, he said.

Still, eager Lamar students filed through the arena Tuesday to pick up their tickets.

"They probably will beat us," mused Joel Burns, 21. "But for me, it's all about heart."

"Nobody's sleeping, not barely eating," Jackson said before Tuesday's practice. "Just thinking about it — this is everybody's dream."

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Cowboys accomplish goals by adding Galloway, McNeil; Underwood might be a risk

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — So far this offseason, the Dallas Cowboys have filled their biggest needs by trading for receiver Joey Galloway and signing cornerback Ryan McNeil, and rolled the dice on Dimitrios Underwood.

Eventually, they're going to have to try filling the holes created while they were doing all that.

Free agency has cost the Cowboys two starters and four backups. Another starter was released because of a bloated contract and Deion Sanders is all but gone for the same reason.

New coach Dave Campo isn't worried about the departures. Most were expected, so contingency plans already were in place — such as last year's top pick Ebenezer Ekuban taking over at defensive end from Kavika Pittman, who went to Denver, and last year's second round pick Dat Nguyen taking over middle linebacker from Randall Godfrey, who went to Tennessee.

The third lost starter is offensive lineman Everett McIver. His spot will likely go to another member of the 1999 draft class, Solomon Page. And if defensive end Greg Ellis is slow in returning from a broken leg, yet another 1999 pick, Peppi Zellner, would fill that slot.

"We've got to be ready to have young guys step up when the time comes," Campo said. "It's getting to be like college football — you have a guy four years, then he's gone."

Galloway comes in as the likely heir to Michael Irvin. He'll be expected to be Troy Aikman's primary target, forcing defenses to back off Raghib Ismail and opening running lanes for Emmitt Smith.

McNeil is expected to take over for Sanders at right cornerback. Although he's

had only one interception in the two years since snagging a league-leading nine, McNeil says he'll be a good fit in Dallas' system, which is heavy on one-on-one coverage.

McNeil's job was made easier Monday with the signing of safety George Teague to a four-year deal.

Inking Teague, an intelligent player with big-play capabilities, had been a top priority in the off-season. Teague's signing gives the Cowboys stability in the secondary, with three of four starters returning.

Underwood is the NFL's biggest curiosity. A first-round pick last year by Minnesota, he left there after one day and endured four stormy months in Miami that included a suicide attempt and an escape from a mental health center.

But he's a physical specimen who could be a tremendous defensive end if he handles his mental demons. The Cowboys are counting on their player program department to ease him into the NFL the way they helped Alonzo Spellman revive his career last season.

Spellman, by the way, is now Dallas' top priority. The Cowboys are believed to be done with guys on the market and plan to focus on re-signing their own players.

Spellman is close friends with Sanders and could follow him elsewhere. However, Spellman hasn't forgotten that the Cowboys were there for him last year when he needed a chance.

Spellman was at Valley Ranch last week for the start of offseason workouts, which Campo considered a good sign.

Another key player Dallas hopes to re-sign is Pro Bowl linebacker Dexter Coakley, a restricted free agent. He's been tendered a contract for \$1,027,000, but could still shop for a better deal.

JACKS: Odessa wins again

(From 1C)

That power play goal turned out to be the winner coming at 6:19 when Fort Worth goalie Billy Pye stopped a slap shot from the point, the puck tricked loose and Derek Laxdal, standing on the left edge of the crease, quickly stuffed it home.

That was the cushion the Jacks needed. Ross Harris struck off a face off with 25 seconds left in the game to make it 4-3.

The goal that pulled the Brahmas within one, 3-2, would, in basketball, have been called a snowbird. Ross Harris, the Brahmas' leading scorer, got behind the Jack defense and took Carl Bernard's pass from deep in his own zone, and skated in on Michael Tornquist all alone.

Both of Bossio's goals were beautifully set up, the first by Mitrovic and Vincent, and the second a break away feed from Laxdal left Pye with little chance for a save.

Mitrovic scored on a pass from behind the net from Mark Smith in the second period.

A year ago, Pye and Tornquist alternated in the net for the Jacks and this season, Tornquist, with victory 21, broke Pye's team record for wins in a season. Pye, starting 23 straight games since joining the Brahmas,

was in goal for Fort Worth and stopped 39 shots.

JACK FLAPS: For his unruly behavior in Albuquerque last week, Scorpion coach Tony Martino drew a one-game suspension.

"They caught him on the tape," McKee said. "The thrown tape at my head? I didn't see it, but they warned me. It was a pretty big chunk." ... With the elimination, the Jacks will play either Austin, El Paso or Lubbock.

Paul Vincent is waiting for a call from Kansas City of the IHL, "but he hasn't signed a contract, so it's a game-to-game thing since Kansas City hasn't made the playoffs yet." ... New Mexico will have to play some of its playoff games in Santa Fe. The package tab is \$200 with a \$32 single game tariff. Laxdal has been red hot over the last 11 games with 16 goals and four assists for 20 points while Bossio, for the same period, is 4-11-14.

Odessa 4, Fort Worth 3
Fort Worth (27-32-4) 0 0 3-3
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First Period: 1. O Bossio 38 (Mitrovic 29, Vincent 32) 3:22. 2. O Bossio 39 (Laxdal 22) 7:00.
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Shots on Goal: FW 8-6-8-22. O 20-13-10-43. Goals: FW Pye (11-28-4) 40 saves. O Tornquist (21-15-5) 17 saves. Penalties: FW 14-38. O 8-19. Power Plays: FW 0-3. O 1-10. All-4,343. Ref: Michael Lineberger. O'Neill and Sappo.

UT-Pan Am beats Tech

Associated Press

EDINBURG — Dusty Hart had three hits, including a two-run homer, and drove in four runs as Texas-Pan American extended its win streak to nine games with a 6-5 victory over Texas Tech Tuesday afternoon.

Hart drove in the winning run

with a single in the seventh inning. He also had a run-scoring single in the second inning to tie the game at 1.

Texas 4, Oral Roberts 2
AUSTIN — Beau Hale scattered six hits and struck out 10 in a complete game to lead Texas Tuesday night in a 4-2 victory over Oral Roberts.

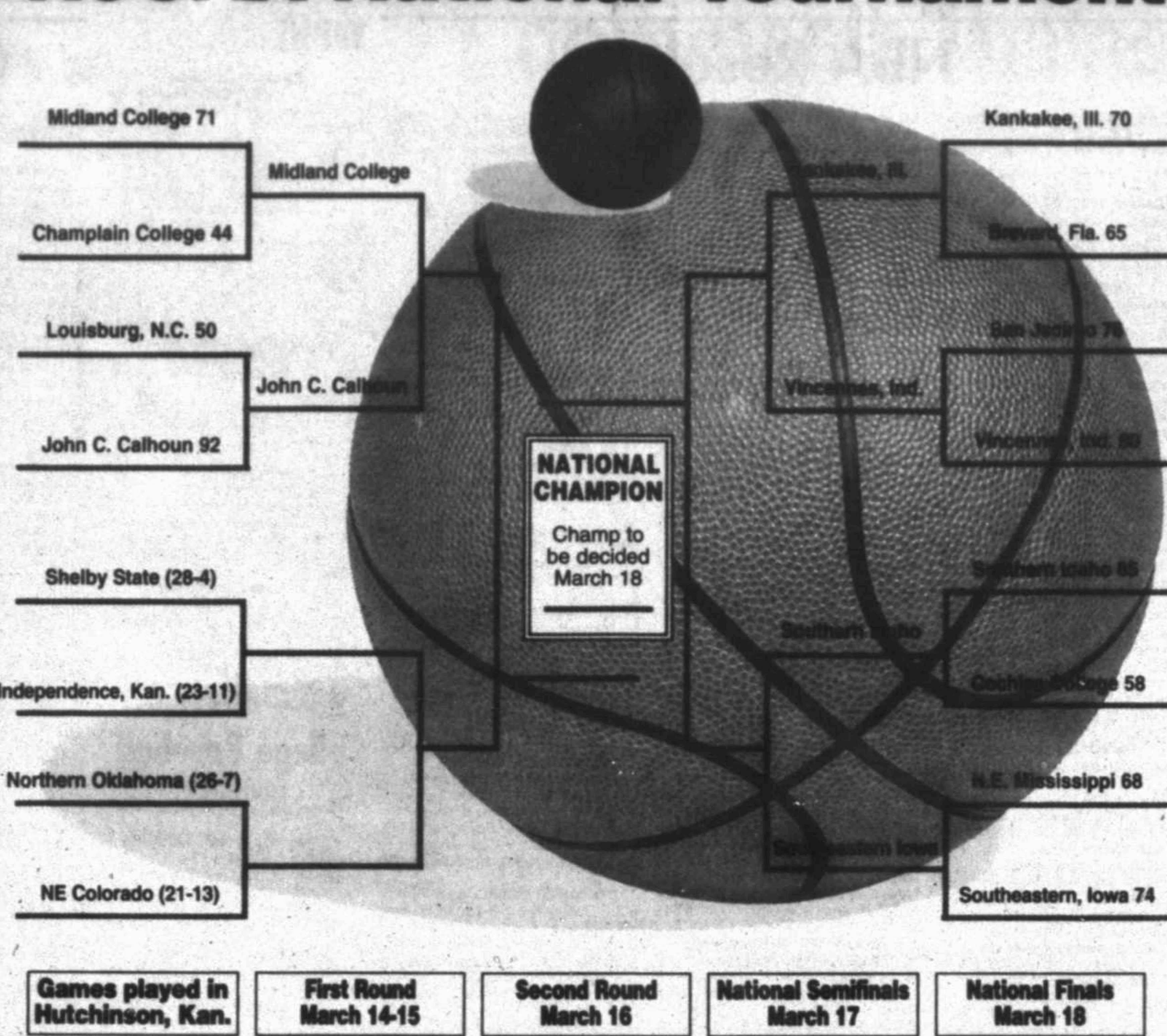
NJCAA: MC moves on

(From 1C)

MC had a tough start in game as the Chaps missed their first five shots, while Champlain jumped out to a 4-0 lead. The Chaps did get their offense going thanks to its defense as they used a 14-2 run to take a 20-9 lead.

Game 2 — Vincennes, Ind. 80, San Jacinto 76
Game 3 — Southern Idaho 85, Cochise Douglas, Ariz. 58
Game 4 — Southeastern, Iowa 74, Northeast Mississippi 68
Game 5 — Calhoun, Ala. 92, Louisville, N.C. 50
Game 6 — Midland, 71, Champlain, Vt. 44
Wednesday, March 15
Game 7 — Shelby, Tenn. vs. Independence, Kan. 11 a.m.
Game 8 — North Oklahoma vs. Northeastern, Colo. 12:45 p.m.
Game 9 — Brevard-Columbia, Fla. vs. San Jacinto, 3:30 p.m.
Game 10 — Kankakee, Ill. vs. Vincennes, Ind. 6:30 p.m.
Game 11 — Southern Idaho vs. Southeastern, Iowa, 8:15 p.m.

NJCAA National Tournament



ROUNDUP: Webb, Blaylock make team

(From 1C)

year before — that includes the 1999 national champion Indian Hills (Iowa) and national runner-up Barton County (Kan.).

FAMILIAR FACE: Former Midland College coach Pat Rafferty was among those watching first-round action Tuesday. Rafferty, now a University of Louisville assistant coach, said he was very happy to see the Chaps make it to the national tournament.

He added, "I hope Midland throws a parade if these guys win a national title. They would deserve it."

Rafferty, who left MC last summer after five years as head coach, said he is working harder than ever and misses being in Midland. His Cardinals face Gonzaga in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

RANKED MATCHUP: Probably the most intriguing matchup of the entire day featured two top 10 teams in No. 5 San Jacinto against No. 10 Vincennes (Ind.).

San Jacinto led most of the way before Vincennes, making its record-setting 24th appearance in the tournament, rode the back of Aaron McGhee, who tied the game at 71-71 on a 3-pointer with more than two minutes to go and then gave his team the lead with a 14-foot jumper with a minute-and-a-half to go.

Vincennes (30-4), behind 40 points from McGhee, outlasted San Jacinto (30-4), 80-76, and will next face Kankakee (Ill.), a 70-65 winner over Brevard (Fla.), at 6:30 p.m. today in the second round.

McGhee, a 6-foot-7, 240-pound forward, came into the tournament as the

third leading scorer in the NJCAA with 25.4 points per game. McGhee, a transfer from Cincinnati, is an Oklahoma commitment.

ALL-CENTURY CHAPS: Former Chaps Spud Webb and Mookie Blaylock are among 25 players selected to the NJCAA Men's All Century Team. Webb and Blaylock are also members of the NJCAA Basketball Hall of Fame. Webb was inducted in 1991, while Blaylock was inducted in 1993.

Also selected to the All-Century team was former Odessa College Wrangler Larry Johnson, a Hall of Fame inductee in 1994.

TEXAS STANDS TALL: Texas leads all states with 13 national championships. Host Kansas comes in second with nine, while Missouri has six.

McGhee paces Vincennes past San Jacinto

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Aaron McGhee scored 40 points as Vincennes (Ind.) came from 10 points behind at halftime to beat San Jacinto (Texas) 80-76 Tuesday in the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament.

The Trailblazers (30-4) stay alive for a shot at the national title, while the Ravens (30-4) will play in the consolation bracket, where the best they

can finish is seventh.

"It's definitely big," McGhee said. "We knew they were one of the best teams in the country. We knew how tough it was going to be."

San Jacinto jumped to a 20-10 lead and led 44-34 at halftime.

That execution was very simple: Get the ball to McGhee. A 6-foot-7 left-hander, McGhee was dominant inside.

"I was able to take my man every

time," said McGhee, who transferred from Cincinnati and has committed to Oklahoma, "and I just wanted to get us close."

The Blazers did that by pounding the boards, outrebounding San Jacinto 51-35.

While getting outrebounded, San Jacinto also stopped hitting outside shots, and Vincennes got back in the game.

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Staff Report

ABILENE — AHS' chance at a title session of first district 4-5A softball Tuesday in 10-0 loss to league leading Abilene High in a run-rule situation.

AHS is now 4-0 in the early softball standings, but now owns victory over Abilene Cooper, Midland Lee and now MHS, the three top contenders for the league championship.

With the loss Midland High moved into a second place. Abilene Cooper, who shocked 4-2 Wednesday in Midland, The Lady Bulldogs 2-0 heading into the inning, but the



Midland High (1) hitting a solo home run versus Midland

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But Rogers had a large enough cushion to play with in the last two innings.

"I didn't really have a plan since I'd never pitched against (the Bulldogs) before," said Rogers, lucky enough to be the fifth but it was the same for most scored any runs.

While Benav Kyle Borello was bullpen in case struck, he says he ly considered despite the heavy pitcher had ended days.

"He's the kind keeps getting goes," said Benav. "He's a competitor up and that's what see."

Zachery showed for the Bulldo cause. After Gu in the fifth, straight batters gave up an une seventh.

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AHS stays perfect, beats Midland High

Staff Report

ABILENE — Midland High's chance at taking over sole possession of first place in the District 4-5A softball race took a turn south here Tuesday in a 10-0 loss to league leading Abilene High in a run-rule six inning game.

AHS is now 4-0 in the early softball standings, but now owns victories over Abilene Cooper, Midland Lee and now MHS, the three top contenders for the league championship.

With the loss, Midland High drops to 3-2 and into a second place tie with Abilene Cooper, which pulled off a shocking 4-2 win over Lee Tuesday in Midland.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed only 2-0 heading into the fourth inning, but the Lady Eagles

erupted with three runs in the fourth and five in the sixth to halt the game.

Collin Lange, who had won three consecutive 4-5A outings, took the loss. She gave up 11 hits but also had seven MHS errors behind her. That was a wall that couldn't be climbed.

Kim Combs and Tiffany Robinson both had doubles for the Lady Bulldogs, but MHS just couldn't put in hits to count runs.

MHS will host Odessa Permian Saturday at 2 p.m. at the MHS softball

complex to finish the first half of the league race.

4-5A Softball

	District		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Abilene High	4	0	15	3
Abilene Cooper	3	2	9	3
Midland High	3	2	11	6
Midland Lee*	2	2	13	6
Odessa High	2	2	6	7
San Angelo	1	3	11	5
Odessa Permian	0	4	6	7

*Record includes a tie.

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Tuesday's Results

Abilene Cooper 4, Midland Lee 2; Abilene High 10, Midland High 0 (6 innings); San Angelo Central 6, Odessa Permian 2 (12 innings); Odessa High was open. All games are at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Odessa Permian at Midland High; Midland Lee at Odessa High; Abilene High at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper at Brownwood (non-conference). All games are at 2 p.m.



Shandi Neatherlin (left) tries to block the plate while Cooper's Sarah Baker (6) crashes in during the fifth inning of their game at the Lee Softball Field. Baker was the first of two Cooper runners to score on the play. That gave Cooper a 3-1 lead.

SOFTBALL: Cooper beats Lee for first time

(From 1C)

difference.

"However, this thing is still in our hands. We win out and we're in (the playoffs). That didn't change with the loss. I don't think it's time to hit the panic button yet."

Cooper broke open a 1-1 game in the fifth inning with three runs. That proved to be the game.

Lady Cougar Jodi Sisco singled and two runs scored in a manner that had the Lee faithful gasping for breath. Cooper's Sarah Baker scored under the tag of Lee catcher Shandi Neatherlin. Neatherlin's left leg was horribly bent. She lay writhing in pain while Sami Graham came in to

score the second run off of Sisco's hit.

Neatherlin shook off the injury on the tender leg and stayed in the game, showing some real moxie. But Cooper went on to get another run-scoring hit by Kim Barrera and it looked for a short time that Neatherlin would have to block the plate again as Sisco scored. However, the throw was to the right of the plate and Neatherlin never had a chance to make a play on that one.

Lee cut the margin to 4-2 in the bottom of the fifth off winning pitcher Kari Merriam, but Merriam stranded three Lee runners on base over the next two innings to salt the victory.

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Cooper scored all four of its runs after two were out and no one on base. In the third, Cooper scored a two-out run when Tracy Garcia doubled and scored on a single by Baker. All three runs by Cooper in the fifth came after the first two batters of the inning made outs.

Lee tied the game at 1-1 in the fourth inning when Cara Brinnistool scored on a single by Jennifer Bryant. Lee's run in the fifth came when Jessica Thompson scored on a single by Crista Hargrove.

Cooper had 11 hits off of Lee pitcher Mandy Hacker, who has now dropped two consecutive 4-5A decisions. She gave up 11 hits to Cooper in this one, but allowed only four runs.

Abilene Cooper 4, Midland Lee 2
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Midland Lee 000 110 0 — 2 9 1
Kari Merriam and Sami Graham, Mandy Hacker and Shandi Neatherlin, W-Merriam, L-Hacker, E-Sarah Murphy (AC), Crista Hargrove (ML), 2B-Tracy Garcia (AC), Multiple Hitters: Garcia 2, Sarah Baker 3, Graham 2, Jodi Sisco 2, Kim Barrera 2 (AC), Hargrove 2, Cara Brinnistool 2 (ML), RBIs: Baker, Sisco 2, Barrera (AC), Jennifer Bryant, Hargrove (ML), Rums: Garcia, Baker, Graham, Sisco (AC), Brinnistool, Jessica Thompson (ML), Sac-Barrera (AC), Marci DiGennaro (ML), Cooper is 9-3, 3-2, Lee is 13-6, 2-2.

BOYS: Rebs beat San Angelo Central in finale

(From 1C)

set up the situation. About Mora's penalty kick, he added, "Eric did a great job under pressure."

Mora had started the scoring early, taking a pass from Oliver and scoring to put Lee up 1-0 in the seventh minute. Central pulled even in the 25th minute on Tommy Vu's penalty kick, following a Central player being taken down in the box.

Lee led 2-1 at halftime after George

scored in the 38th minute. There was a scrum in front of the Central goal as a pile of Central defenders prevented several shots from going in, but the ball bounced out to George, who put it past the defenders.

Cooper evened it in the 57th minute when Ross Harris deflected a crossing pass to Logan Mikeska, who redirected it in for a 2-2 tie.

Instead of that getting the Rebels down, though, George credited it for firing them up. "We came out and played really well," George said. "That goal they scored jump-

started our offense. That got us going."

And now the Rebels are going on — maybe to the playoffs.

NOTE: Ty Morris scored the Rebels' lone goal in a 5-1 loss to Abilene High on Feb. 29.

Midland Lee 3, San Angelo Central 2
San Angelo Central 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Midland Lee 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
First half: 1. Lee, Eric Mora (Chris Oliver), 7th minute; 2. Central, Tommy Vu, pk, 25th minute; 3. Lee, Danny George, 38th minute; Second half: 4. Central, Logan Mikeska (Ross Harris), 57th minute; 5. Mora, pk, 70th minute.
Shots: Central 6, Lee 6. Corners: Central 1, Lee 3. Saves: Central 3 (Clinton Schneider 3), Lee 1 (Trey Lawson 1). Fouls: Central 10, Lee 10. Cards: Yellow — Garrett Merriam, Central

Lady Rebels beat Central, lose coin flip

Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — The Midland Lee girls soccer team ended up tied for second place in District 4-5A after a 3-1 win over San Angelo Central Tuesday.

Since it was Lee and Central which tied for second (at 8-4), the coaches for both teams decided to use a coin flip to determine who would get the district's No. 2 and No. 3 playoff seeds.

Central won that flip and will play Lubbock Monterey — the No. 3 team from District 3-5A — at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Abilene, at a site to be determined.

Lee (14-5) will play Lubbock Coronado, but the details won't be ironed out until today, Lee coach Mike Simpson said.

Simpson and Central coach Jim Bragg didn't want to turn around and play another game to decide the seeds, especially when there is no big difference between

SOCCER STANDINGS

Girls

	District		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
x-Odessa Permian	11	1	19	3
y-S.A. Central	8	4	14	8
z-Midland Lee	8	4	14	8
Abilene High	5	7	12	8
Midland High	4	8	10	11
Abilene Cooper	4	8	8	11
Odessa High	2	10	4	16

x-district champion
y-won coin flip for second playoff seed

x-district champion
y-won coin flip for second playoff seed
z-lost coin flip, gets third playoff seed

Tuesday's Results

Midland Lee 3, San Angelo Central 1; Odessa Permian 1, Abilene High 0, SO (1-0); Abilene Cooper 1, Odessa High 0.

End Regular Season

the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds.

"We didn't want to take a chance of getting someone hurt when you can do that (determine the seeds) with no effort," Simpson said. "Just flip a coin."

Simpson likes one thing about the playoff path of the No. 3 seed: if the Lady Rebels win two play-off rounds, they get another shot

Boys

	District		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
y-Abilene High*	10	2	16	4
Midland High	8	4	15	5
Odessa Permian	8	4	16	6
Midland Lee*	8	4	11	6
S.A. Central	6	6	11	9
Odessa High	1	10	6	13
Abilene Cooper	0	11	4	16

*Overall record includes a tie

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y-clinched district championship

Tuesday's Results

Midland Lee 3, San Angelo Central 2; Abilene High 2, Odessa Permian 0; Odessa High 1, Abilene Cooper, abandoned, fight.

End Regular Season

at Odessa Permian, which beat the Rebels twice in district play.

"It puts us on track to get back towards Permian," Simpson said. "We've got to win them one at a time, but that's where we want to head back to."

On Tuesday, Central took a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute when Stephanie Artnak scored off an

assist from Katie Knight.

Lee came out hot in the second half.

"We came alive," Simpson said. "We came out real quick and scored. We talked about that at the half. We knew if we could be aggressive, we could score. We had the wind at our backs, and we scored in about 24 seconds."

Linsey Johnson scored three goals in the second half — in the 41st, 59th and 78th minutes — getting an assist from Raffi Belzaira on the final one.

The Lady Rebels also got a strong effort from the defense, as Kristie Taylor, Ashleigh Decker, April Rankin and Brandy Mullins all earned praise from Simpson.

Midland Lee 3, San Angelo Central 1

Midland Lee 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

San Angelo Central 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
First half: 1. Central, Stephanie Artnak, (Katie Knight), 29th minute; Second half: 2. Lee, Linsey Johnson, 41st minute; 3. Lee, Johnson, 59th minute; 4. Lee, Johnson (Raffi Belzaira), 78th minute.
Shots: Lee 9, Central 4. Corners: Lee 5, Central 4. Saves: Lee 3 (Hilari Neely 3), Central 4 (Regina Howard). Fouls: Lee 16, Central 7.



Midland High (15) Matt Bose is congratulated by teammates after hitting a solo homer in the second inning of Midland High's game versus Midland Lee on Tuesday.

BASEBALL: MHS' Bose hits solo homer in second

(From 1C)

winning 14 straight to fall to 14-3 and 0-1.

Over the last two innings, it appeared Rogers was starting to run on fumes. He gave up a pair

of unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth thanks in part to three walks, one of which to Jason South brought in a run to cut it to 8-5.

But Rogers had a large enough cushion to play with in the last two innings.

"I didn't really have a plan since I'd never pitched against (the Bulldogs) before," said Rogers. "We were lucky enough to get five runs (in the fifth) but it would have been the same for me if we hadn't scored any runs."

While Benavidez did have Kyle Borello warming up in the bullpen in case true disaster struck, he says he never seriously considered pulling Rogers despite the heavy workload the pitcher had endured over three days.

"He's the kind of kid who just keeps getting stronger as he goes," said Benavidez of Rogers. "He's a competitor. He finished it up and that's what you want to see."

Zachery showed similar signs for the Bulldogs in a losing cause. After Guerrero's double in the fifth, he retired six straight batters, although he gave up an unearned run in the seventh.

Russell has seen enough of

Zachery to convince him that the freshman belongs on the varsity for the rest of the year.

"His slider wasn't breaking quite as much, but he had a great fastball," said Russell. "I think he's earned himself a place on the team."

Rogers drove in two other runs on a triple in the first and a groundout in the third which gave the Rebels a 3-1 lead.

South drove in two runs for the Bulldogs while Matt Bose hit a solo homer in the second to tie it 1-1.

Uncharacteristically, Laynce Nix went 0-for-4, although he

came up only once with a runner on base. Corey-Joe Cswaykus and Bose, the Nos. 4 and five hitters each had two hits while the Bulldogs only managed six for the game.

4-5A Baseball

	District		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Abilene High	1	0	10	2
Midland Lee	1	0	11	5
Odessa High	1	0	3	11
San Angelo	0	0	4	10
Midland High	0	1	14	3
Abilene Cooper	0	1	7	6
Odessa Permian	0	1	6	10
Tuesday's Results				

Tuesday's Results

Midland Lee 9, Midland High 5; Abilene High 11, Abilene Cooper 5; Odessa High 3, Odessa Permian 0, Fredericksburg 11, San Angelo Central 9.

Thursday's Games

San Angelo Lake View at Midland High, 4 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Odessa Permian at Midland Lee; Midland Lee at Odessa High; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High is open. All games start at 2 p.m.

Midland Lee 9, Midland High 5

Lee	ab	r	h	b	i		ab	r	h	b	i
Benson	cf	4	1	1	0	South	dh	3	0	1	2
Cooper	rf	4	2	1	0	Johnston	dh	4	0	0	0
Haney	2b	3	2	1	0	Avila	p	0	0	0	0
Rogers	p	4	1	2	4	Zachery	p	0	0	0	0
Webb	cf	0	0	0	0	Nix	cf	4	0	0	0
Frazier	c	4	0	1	1	Cswaykus	1b	4	1	2	0
Whitehead	co	2	0	0	0	Hathaway	cr	0	1	0	0
Cramer	3b	4	0	2	1	Bose	c	4	1	2	1
Daniels	cr	0	1	0	0	J. Nix	ss	4	1	0	0
Guerrero	lf	3	0	2	2	Brook	lf	2	0	1	1
Miller	dh	3	0	1	0	Edwards	rf	0	1	0	1
Mathews	ss	0	0	0	0	Hambin	2b	1	0	0	0
Cilliam	1b	4	0	0	0						
Totals		33	9	11	8	Totals		26	5	6	5

Lee 102 050 1 — 9

Midland 011 102 0 — 5

E — Cramer, Hambin, Avila, Bose, South 2

DP — Midland 1, LOB — Lee 6, Midland 6, 2B — Haney, Rogers, Cramer, Cswaykus, 3B — Rogers, HR — Bose, SB — Cooper, S — Hambin, SF — Edwards.

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Zachery 2.2 4 2 1 0 3

WP — Rogers 2, Avila, HBP — Guerrero (by Avila), Miller (by Zachery), Edwards (by Rogers), T — 2:10.

Yankees' Hernandez shines versus Astros

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Orlando Hernandez appears to be over his back problems.

"El Duque" pitched four shutout innings, allowing two hits as a New York Yankees' split squad lost to the Houston Astros 6-4 Tuesday.

"He was great," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "His bullpen was just ordinary, but he took better stuff to the mound."

Hernandez struck out four, including three in a row, and walked two, throwing 39 of 60 pitches for strikes.

Hernandez missed his first scheduled start, on March 4, because of back stiffness. Five days later, he allowed one hit in two shutout innings against Philadelphia.

After allowing a one-out walk to Moises Alou and Richard Hidalgo's single in the second, Hernandez struck out Tony Eusebio and Tripp Cramer. Hernandez struck out Dwight Gooden while working a perfect third inning.

Gooden, in camp as a non-roster player, allowed one hit in four shutout innings for the win and struck three.

Rangers 3, Pirates 2

BRANDTONTON, Fla. — Frank Catalanot-

to hit a two-run single in a three-run fifth inning Tuesday, leading the Texas Rangers over the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2.

Winner Rick Helling allowed one run and six hits in four innings, striking out four.

Chuck Smith gave up a run in the ninth on an fielding error by shortstop Kelly Dransfeldt but got his first save. He escaped a first-and-third jam by getting Mike Benjamin to hit a game-ending ground out.

Jason Schmidt, scheduled to be the Pirates' opening-day starter, allowed three hits in four scoreless innings.

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

Tuesday	\$31.69
Previous	\$32.02

POSTED

Tuesday	\$29.00
Previous	\$29.50

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday	\$2.809
Previous	\$2.860

Nasdaq falls

NEW YORK (AP) — The Nasdaq composite index sustained its second-worst point drop in history Tuesday, as losses for pacemaking biotechnology companies spilled over to a broad range of stocks.

The Nasdaq fell 200.61, or 4.1 percent, to close at 4,706.63. With Monday's 141-point loss, the Nasdaq has shed 6.8 percent in two sessions; Tuesday's drop was second only to a 229.46-point slide on Jan. 4.

The Dow Jones industrials followed the Nasdaq, giving up early gains and closing down 135.89 at 9,811.24. Selling pressure accelerated in the final half-hour of trading.

Broader market measures also surrendered early gains to finish lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 24.47 to 1,359.15 and the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies plunged 17.15 to 572.99.

Biotech stocks plunged, pulling the rest of the Nasdaq, after the United States and Britain agreed to openly share data from a project to decode the human genetic pattern. The agreement halts several companies' plans to sell genetic data to drugmakers and researchers. Incyte Pharmaceuticals skidded 53 1/2 to 143 1/2 and Human Genome Sciences fell 29 3/64. PE Corp.'s Celera Genomics tumbled 47 to 142 on the NYSE.

Analysts said that while some companies will struggle to find other sources of revenue, most biotechnology business are involved in a wide range of projects and won't be adversely affected by the decision.

Futures tumble

NEW YORK (AP) — Energy futures tumbled on the New York Mercantile Exchange, with crude slipping more than 1 percent on increasing speculation that OPEC will move to meet rising world demand at its March 27 meeting.

Gasoline futures declined 2 percent as investors tried to position themselves ahead of weekly inventory data released by the American Petroleum Institute after markets closed.

April crude fell 33 cents to \$31.69 a barrel, April heating oil fell 1.77 cent to 73.68 cents a gallon; April unleaded gasoline fell 2.32 cents to 96.79 cents a gallon; April natural gas fell 5.1 cents to \$2.809 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar fell back toward a six-week low against the yen Tuesday despite speculation that Japan's central bank would intervene for the second time in a week to weaken its currency. The dollar also fell against the euro.

In late trading, the dollar was quoted at 105.05 Japanese yen, down from 105.55 at the same point on Monday, but still a shade above Monday's six-week low of 104.83. In dollar-euro trading, the euro was quoted at 96.73 cents, up from Monday's 96.49 cents.

Gold down

LONDON (AP) — Gold closed in London at \$289.00 bid per troy ounce, down from \$290.45 on Monday. In Zurich the bid price was \$288.45, down from \$290.15. Gold rose \$1.20 in Hong Kong to close at \$291.25. Silver closed in London at \$5.09 bid per troy ounce, down from \$5.10.

Administration unveils oil royalty plan

By Michelle Mittelstadt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Capping a four-year battle with the oil industry, the Clinton administration on Tuesday unveiled a new royalty collection system for crude oil pumped from the Gulf of Mexico and other federal lands.

While Interior Department officials described their new oil valuation system as a balanced one that addresses both taxpayer and industry needs, producers complained that the plan will prove too confusing and that it overstates the oil's value.

The new royalty collection system, which Congress barred from taking effect for nearly two years at the behest of disgruntled producers, will be implemented on June 1. It replaces a system that lets oil companies set arbitrary values at the wellhead with one that will peg the value to a fair market indicator.

The government took in \$1.2 billion in 1998 for oil drilled on public lands and offshore tracts. Interior's Minerals and Management Service estimates its new oil valuation system will collect an extra \$67 million annually.

"We believe we have a rule that strikes a responsible balance between the interests of the oil and gas industry

and the government's absolute obligation to assure a fair return for the public's mineral resources," said MMS director Walt Rosenbusch.

That assessment wasn't shared by the industry. "We don't view this as a balanced approach," said Mark Rubin of the American Petroleum Institute. "We are very disappointed."

The industry has had its own problems with the existing system, which has exposed major oil companies to numerous lawsuits charging that they've undervalued their royalty payments. Settlements in just one case, a royalty underpayment lawsuit filed in Lufkin, Texas, exceed \$275 million.

A government watchdog group, the Project on Government Oversight, estimates the industry has underpaid its royalties by more than \$2 billion over two decades.

The industry fears that the new plan may expose oil companies to a flurry of new litigation. "We're very concerned that it's going to lead to more lawsuits in the future because the system is getting more complex, not less complex," Rubin said.

Industry officials now will assess whether to file a lawsuit in federal court seeking to block the new royalty collection system.

MMS began rewriting its oil valuation rules more than four years ago, armed with audits suggesting the government was not receiving its fair share. The process was delayed when energy producers successfully lobbied Congress to delay the final rule for nearly two years. A moratorium barring MMS from issuing its final rule expires Wednesday, and the agency will publish its rule then in the Federal Register.

The author of that moratorium, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, slammed the administration for issuing its plan at a time when gas prices are soaring.

"It's time this administration stopped depending upon the goodwill of foreign oil producers and instead focused on creating the incentives for domestic production that can permanently take Americans off this gas-price roller-coaster," Hutchison said.

But Rep. Carolyn Maloney, who battled the oil companies on Capitol Hill, applauded MMS' action.

"Today's announcement finally brings to an end the decades-old scam that has permitted big oil companies to rip off the American taxpayer," said Maloney, D-N.Y. "This is a tremendous win for the taxpayers, who will now finally get the money they deserve from companies that produce oil on federal land."

Coke, Pepsi juicing up OJ sales with new varieties

By Philip Brasher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The soda wars have come to breakfast. PepsiCo Inc. and the Coca-Cola Co. are using their marketing muscle to revolutionize what used to be a basic beverage — orange juice.

Cans of frozen OJ are out. They've been replaced by an expanding array of refrigerated varieties: With or without pulp. With or without calcium. With or without extra vitamin C. And now, variations like "Orange Passion," "Orange Banana," and "Orange Ruby Red with calcium."

Led by industry giants Tropicana, which PepsiCo acquired in 1998, and Minute Maid, a unit of Coca-Cola, sales of refrigerated OJ have been soaring over the past two to three years, especially the calcium-fortified and high-pulp varieties. Sales of frozen concentrate are down 21 percent since 1997.

"This is ... no longer your grandmother's orange juice," said John Siche, editor of Beverage Digest, an industry publication.

"Tropicana's Pure Premium orange juice last year became the fourth largest-selling brand in the grocery business after Coca-Cola Classic, Pepsi-Cola and Campbell's Soup. In 1993, Tropicana was 16th.

Sales of refrigerated orange juice, which includes varieties that are made from concentrate and those that aren't, rose 7 percent between 1997 and 1999 to 632 million gallons.

Sales in the not-from-concentrate segment, Tropicana's specialty, were up more than 28 percent over the same period to 287 million gallons, according to A.C. Nielsen supermarket data. The growth in the calcium-fortified juices has been even more dramatic — their sales jumped 58 percent from 1998 to 1999 and now represent 20 percent of the refrigerated orange juice market.

Consumption of orange juice overall rose from 5.3 gallons per person in 1997 to 5.7 gallons last year.

"I drink this stuff like it's water," said Cathy Kissel, 57, of Falls Church, Va., as she surveyed the refrigerated juices in a supermarket recently.

There were 15 different varieties of Tropicana and Minute Maid orange juice on display, including Tropicana's high-pulp, calcium-fortified "Grovestand" and Minute Maid's



Cartons of orange juice line a grocery store shelf in Annapolis, Md., Tuesday. The soda wars have come to breakfast. PepsiCo Inc. and the Coca-Cola Co. are using their marketing muscle to revolutionize what used to be a basic beverage, orange juice.

pulp-free "Orange Tangerine." At \$3.39 to \$3.49 a half gallon, the chilled juice costs at least a third more than the frozen concentrate.

Kissel is just the kind of consumer that the industry is targeting — aging baby boomers that are looking for extra calcium and don't want to fuss with frozen concentrate. The 55-to-64-year-old age group is projected to grow by 25 percent over the next five years.

Orange juice and broccoli top the list

of foods that consumers are trying to consume more often for disease prevention, ahead of fish and spinach, according to a survey done in late 1998 by HealthFocus Inc., which tracks consumer trends for the food industry.

The high-pulp juices, which are supposed to seem more like fresh-squeezed OJ, also are supposed to appeal to the adults, as well as the new varieties of grapefruit juice and orange-grapefruit blends.

House Republicans cooling on idea of gas tax suspension

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans are backing away from proposals to suspend a 4.3-cent-a-gallon gas tax to help ease spiraling prices at the pump. Although the GOP labels it the "Gore tax" because of the vice president's tie-breaking vote in 1993, opposition to a suspension from key Republicans, road builders and even truckers is sinking the idea.

"Let's not get bogged down on only one dimension of the problem — a short-term dimension that offers scant relief," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters Tuesday.

There's a political attraction to lifting the tax while consumers fume about gas prices approaching \$2 a gallon. And many Republicans have been eager to criticize Vice President Al Gore, whose 1993 vote broke a Senate tie and passed a budget that included a raise in the federal gas tax to 18.4 cents per gallon.

But transportation projects are favorites on Capitol Hill, and some estimates conclude that temporarily suspending the tax would cost states \$7 billion a year for roads, bridges and mass transportation.

In a memo to Senate staff, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association said the suspension, combined with a separate proposal for a one-year rollback of the 24.4-cent-a-gallon tax on diesel fuel, would cost highway programs an estimated \$10.3 billion. Some truckers agreed that would seriously damage critical road and bridge maintenance and construction plans.

"We think that's going in the wrong direction," said Todd Spencer, executive vice president of the Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association. "Any money that is collected goes to highways, and highways need to be maintained and repaired."

Independent truckers are planning a protest at the Capitol on Thursday — the second this year — to demand action to lower fuel prices. But their top priorities are getting the U.S. government to press harder on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to increase supply, to oversee freight rates to ensure they are fair, and to release fuel from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Many lawmakers also questioned whether suspending the 4.3-cent tax would do any good or would even be noticed by consumers. For example, a motorist who drove 12,000 miles a year at 20 miles per gallon would realize savings of only \$26, assuming oil companies actually passed on the tax cut to customers.

BUSINESS SCENE

Learning center offers software, technical training

By Mella McEwen

NEW HORIZONS LEARNING CENTER has opened its doors in Western Plaza Shopping Center, 1016-A Andrews Highway.

General manager is Jim Royce. New Horizons offers classes in various software applications, including all Microsoft Office 97 applications, Front Page, Lotus 1-2-3, Windows 95 and 98, "The Internet Made Simple" and "Computers Made Easy." Most classes last a day.

Technical training is also available, offered on a "track" basis and lasting three to five days. Courses are designed for beginning computer users or those who want extra computer training for advancement in the workplace or for a new position.

Day, evening and some Saturday courses are available.

Just opened at 3302 W. Illinois next to Jazzercise and Domino's Pizza is

STUDIO MICA

Owned by Mike and Carole Byford, Studio MICA offers portrait photography and Silver Screen makeovers, commercial photography, advertising graphics, both print and Web design, sterling silver jewelry and selected works of art from the Brigg Collection. Hours are generally 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with appointments available. The Byfords can be reached at 699-6644 or at studio.mica@gateway.net.

A group of Midlanders has opened THE BOUTIQUE in the former Driscoll's Gifts location in Plaza Oaks Shopping Center, Garfield and Wadley. Owners Machele Williams, Marla Scott, Dawn Halcom and Linda Schmalz offer contemporary clothing in sizes 2 to 2X by designers, among them Karen Kane, Flax and Michael Simon, shoes from Naked Feet, Donna Karan, Rocket Dog and Yellow Box in sizes 5-1/2 to 10 and accessories that range from hair accessories to jewelry to handbags.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Now open in a larger location and

offering an expanded inventory is ANN MCCANN AT THE COLONNADE

Owner Ann McCann explained that she had leased space inside Julian Gold in the shopping center at Loop 250 and Garfield and has expanded into her own location, adding a junior girls' department and some junior girls shoes.

She now carries clothing for boys and girls in sizes newborn through toddler and 4 through 6X-7, and for girls in sizes 7-14 and sizes 0 to 7/8 for juniors.

Ms. McCann, who begins her sixth year in business in July, said she also carries accessories, gift items and toys, including all Ty products.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Construction has begun on a new LIMITED TOO in MIDLAND PARK MALL, with completion expected in late spring.

The mall will also host KNFM-FM as it holds its third annual radiothon to raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The radio station will broadcast from the J.C. Penney court from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and again Friday, seeking pledges for the hospital, which treats

children with cancer and other serious diseases at no charge.

The big tent is going up in the mall parking lot as BENNIGAN'S prepares for its annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

The restaurant will host a live performance by Clockwork Orange from 8 p.m. to midnight Wednesday. On Thursday, KBAT-FM will have a live remote from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a performance by the Electric Gypsies from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Friday, KFZZ-FM (102.1) will have a live remote from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by the Highland Celtic Brigade out of Lubbock from 7 to 9 p.m. and in the tent, Cadillac Voodoo Choir will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight.

During the celebration, there will be a cover charge, no one under 21 allowed after 7 p.m. and draft and bottle beer will be sold. Inside the restaurant a food stand will sell quick food items like chicken strips, fajitas and sandwiches. Green beer will be sold Friday.

The restaurant is urging customers to think and drink responsibly.

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AROUND TOWN

Poetry contest, a fund-raiser for Recording Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, is accepting entries. Poems may be a maximum of two pages in length, with a limit of two poems per person. Entries must be submitted in triplicate to the Recording Library, located at 2012 W. Cuthbert in Midland.

Entries must be typewritten and include in the upper left-hand corner of each page: the poet's name, address and zip code, and area code and telephone number. On a separate cover page, name the level of competition and a brief statement giving the Recording Library permission to publish the poem in a booklet of winning and honorable mention poems.

The four levels of competition are: (1) students in seventh and eighth grades; (2) students in grades nine through 12; (3) adults; and (4) published writers.

Judges will choose first-, second- and third-place winners and honorable mentions for each level. Winning and honorable mention poems will be published in a booklet that will be available at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Midland. Proceeds from the sale of booklets will benefit the Recording Library.

"Open Mike Night" will be April 28 at Barnes and Noble; winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded.

MIDLAND NEWCOMERS Club will have a luncheon and spring style show by Steinmart 11 a.m. on March 16. For location call 689-5260 or 522-1478.

FIRST RED Poppy Festival is scheduled for 10 a.m. until dark April 15 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 16 in Georgetown, "the Red Poppy Capital of Texas." Formerly known as Mayfair, the Red Poppy Festival will include a parade, a children's area, arts and crafts, entertainment on several stages, local exhibits and food vendors. In addition, a concert starring Jerry Jeff Walker is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 15 at Sun City Texas, located at One Texas Drive in Georgetown. Admission fee of \$5 per person will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Georgetown.

GOURMET GALA, "A Taste of 2000," a benefit for Meals-on-Wheels of Community and Senior Services, will be 7-10 p.m. March 25 at Midland Center. The event will include specialty dishes from many area restaurants, as well as a silent auction, music by Showdown and a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$250 for a reserved table for 10, and may be purchased by calling 689-6693 or at the door.

OSCAR NITE! the second annual viewing of the Academy Awards telecast, is scheduled for March 26 at Midland Community Theatre. Gourmet snacks and dessert buffet will be served at 7 p.m., with showtime at 7:30 p.m. Dress is casual to glamorous. Tickets are \$10 per person. The event, hosted by Act IX, is a benefit for MCT.

MIDLAND PANHELLENIC Association's Rush Forum will be 2 p.m. March 26 at Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. All graduating senior girls and their parents are invited to attend. Sorority rush information packets will be distributed. All interested senior girls who have not received invitations by March 18 may pick up Rush Forum Handbooks from school counselors in order to complete preliminary paperwork for the forum. Call 682-1413.

DENIM AND Diamonds Fiesta, Big Spring State Hospital's annual fund raiser, is scheduled for May 5. A reception will be 7 p.m. at 1001 Scurry St., with a dance featuring music by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys set for 9 p.m. at The Stampede.

The Familia Ramirez Mariachi Band of Odessa will provide music at the reception. Taquitos, chips and salsa, miniature tacos and tamales, and chocolate-covered strawberries will be served.

Dress is casual. Donations are \$200 per couple (benefactors), \$100 per couple (patrons) and \$50 per couple (sponsors). Couples wishing to attend the dance only may contribute \$25. For tickets or information call 268-7833.

Favorite '50s dinner updated

By Linda Gassenheimer
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Roast beef, shiitake mushrooms and fresh thyme transform a '50s-style hash into a sophisticated version that takes only 20 minutes to make.

From down-home diners to the Ritz Carlton, hash is an American favorite. It's usually made with leftovers and gravy. I've shortened the cooking time by using lean roast beef from the deli and making a light gravy with chicken broth that just coats the hash. I've updated the flavor using shiitake mushrooms, pine nuts and fresh thyme. This hash keeps well; make double if you have time.

Supermarkets and manufacturers have made great strides toward helping us get fast, healthy meals on our tables. Tasty lean roast beef, washed, ready-to-eat salad, low-fat dressing and canned, premium small white beans make preparing this dinner a breeze. This meal contains 751 calories per serving with 31 percent of calories from fat.

HELPFUL HINTS:

■ Ask deli to cut roast beef in thick slices. It will be easier to make cubes this way.

■ Any type of canned beans can be used in the salad.

■ I prefer fresh herbs, but dried will work well in the recipe. Make sure the bottle is less than six months old.

COUNTDOWN:

■ Preheat oven to 350 degrees to warm bread.

■ Make hash.

■ While hash cooks, make salad.

SHOPPING LIST

■ To buy: 1/2 pound red potatoes, 3-1/2 ounces shiitake mushrooms, 1 bag ready-to-eat mixed salad, 1 small bunch fresh thyme or jar of dried thyme, 1 small package pine nuts, Three-quarters pound lean roast beef, 1 can sweet pimientos, 1 small can small white beans, 1 bottle low fat oil and vinegar dressing.

■ Staples: Olive oil; red onion; flour; fat-free, low-salt chicken broth; salt; black peppercorns.

UPDATED ROAST BEEF HASH

2 teaspoons olive oil
1/2 pound red potatoes, washed and cut into 1-inch

cubes (don't peel)
1/2 medium red onion, sliced (1 cup)
3-1/2 ounces shiitake mushrooms, diced (1-1/2 cups)
1 tablespoon pine nuts
3/4 pound lean roast beef, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 cup canned sweet pimiento, drained and sliced
2 sprigs fresh thyme or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup fat-free, low-salt chicken broth
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Heat oil in a nonstick skillet on high. Add potatoes. Sauté 5 minutes, tossing potatoes to turn them halfway through. Add onion and mushrooms and sauté 10 minutes. Toss after 5 minutes. Add pine nuts, roast beef, pimientos and thyme and toss for 2 minutes.

Push ingredients to the sides of the skillet leaving a hole in the center. Add the flour and then broth and stir until sauce thickens. Toss with the ingredients. The sauce will lightly bind the hash. Add salt and pepper to taste. Remove thyme sprigs and serve. Makes 2 servings.

Per serving: 592 calories, 56.1 grams protein, 39.7 grams carbohydrate, 21.4 grams fat, 6 grams saturated fat, 32.5 percent of calories as fat, 1.8 grams fiber, 139 milligrams cholesterol, 415 milligrams sodium. Analyses by the author.

WHITE BEAN & GREEN SALAD

1/2 bag ready-to-eat mixed salad
1 cup canned small white beans, rinsed and drained
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon low-fat oil and vinegar salad dressing

Toss salad and beans with dressing and add salt and pepper to taste. Makes 2 servings.

Per serving: 160 calories, 8.6 grams protein, 26.9 grams carbohydrate, 4.8 grams fat, 0.7 g ram saturated fat, 27 percent of calories as fat, 6.8 grams fiber, no cholesterol, 52 milligrams sodium.

Linda Gassenheimer is the author of five cookbooks including her newest, "Vegetarian Dinner in Minutes," published by Chronicle Books. She is featured on America Online's Electronic Gourmet Guide (eGG) and can be reached via e-mail at dinnerlin@aol.com.

DEAR ABBY

Man discovers wife's feelings by tapping own home phone

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for three years. My husband and I have talked about counseling, but I am afraid we are beyond counseling. Please help me!

My husband says that I do not communicate well with him about my feelings. I agree that it is an area in which I could improve. My problem is his method of finding out my true feelings. My husband taps our home telephone line. What upsets me the most is not that he records the conversations — but he keeps the tapes and uses them to hurt other people and ruin my friendships. A friendship of 15 years has just ended because of his "taped sessions."

His most recent escapade has cost me a friend of almost two years, her job and possibly mine. It doesn't even stop there, but you wouldn't have enough time to read about the friends I've lost and the problems we've encountered.

I care for my husband and understand that he feels I don't communicate well enough with him — but I still think that he has gone entirely too far. What should I do? — MRS. H. IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR MRS. H: Taping telephone conversations without the consent of both parties is against

the law in some states, in case your husband doesn't know it. And using what he has heard on the tapes to "hurt" the friends who have confided in you is unconscionable.

Perhaps if your husband were not so overbearing, it would be easier for you to open up to him. And although he thinks you have a problem with communication, I have read your letter and you communicate very well. Do not accept his excuse that your difficulty with communication is the reason for his behavior.

His need to control you, and to drive away anyone who might befriend you, is neither normal nor healthy, and is one of the traits of an abuser. It is far more serious than the problem of which he accused you. Marriage counseling for both of you would be a giant step in the right direction.

DEAR ABBY: I noted with interest your column in which a female pilot recommended learning Morse code for SOS in case of emergencies. As an amateur radio operator (extra-class, requiring a code speed of 20 words per minute), and having gone through the Army's Radio Operators School (25wpm), I heartily agree! Unfortunately, I think that the times are agin' us. I cite the following dates, which rank high in Morse code infamy:

April 1, 1995: U.S. Coast Guard stops monitoring frequencies for Morse distress signals.

Oct. 1, 1996: MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System — essentially, ham radio operators cooperating with the U.S. armed forces) eliminates the use of Morse code.

Feb. 1, 1999: By international

agreement, all commercial ships no longer will use Morse code.

April 15, 2000: The FCC lowers the code requirement for general and advanced (13 wpm) and extra-class (20 wpm) licenses to 5 wpm.

So, Abby, it looks like only pilots and ham operators will be able to send and receive Morse code from now on. — DAVE SHER, W9LYA, SKOKIE, ILL.

DEAR DAVE: Believe me, your letter was news to me. If Morse code has gone the way of the automobile crank, the powdered wig and Emerson television sets, I suppose we'll just have to accept it, and accept with good faith the more advanced technology that has replaced it.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Old-fashioned chicken pot pie is still a winner

By Carolyn Jung
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Oh, that buttery crust. Oh, that creamy center hiding all manner of warm, wonderful things. Few dishes spark a smile quite like a pot pie does.

In "Pot Pies," cooking teacher and author Diane Phillips offers 85 soothing recipes. Pot pies aren't just topped with a flaky crust here. They also get crowned with such toppings as corn bread, noodle pancakes, mashed potatoes, sage Parmesan biscuits and onion-sage dressing.

OLD-FASHIONED CHICKEN POT PIE WITH CHIVE MASHED POTATO CRUST

FOR FILLING:

4 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
5 tablespoons flour
3 cups chicken broth
1 cup carrots, cut into 1/2-inch dice
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon chopped fresh sage or 1/2 teaspoon dried
1 cup milk
1 cup fresh, or frozen, defrosted corn kernels
1 cup fresh or frozen and defrosted petite peas
2 cups cooked chicken

FOR POTATO CRUST:

2-1/2 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut in 1-inch cubes
5 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
1/4 cup heavy cream

For filling: In 4-quart saucepan, melt butter and sauté onion for 2 minutes, until it begins to soften. Add flour and whisk until it bubbles. Gradually whisk in broth, stirring until sauce is thick and smooth, about 3-5 minutes. Add carrots, salt, pepper and sage, stirring until sauce begins to simmer. Simmer 5 minutes. Add milk, corn, peas and chicken; simmer 3 minutes more. Pour filling into 3-quart casserole. Refrigerate until ready to bake.

For crust: Place potatoes in 4-quart saucepan with water to cover. Boil potatoes 15 to 20 minutes, until they are tender when pierced with knife. Drain potatoes and return them to hot pan. Shake pan over medium heat to dry potatoes. Add 4 tablespoons of the butter, salt, pepper and chives, mashing potatoes to desired degree of smoothness. Blend in cream, and stir to combine. Spread potatoes over chicken filling and dot with remaining 1 tablespoon butter.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bake pot pie for 30 to 40 minutes, until potatoes are golden.

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CONSUMING INTERESTS

Strange but true...

By Linda Anderson

This may be the strangest taste-test we've ever conducted.

Let me explain:

Several weeks ago, a package arrived here at the office that contained a 6-1/2-ounce can of Pringles Original Fat Free Potato Crisps. That's

right. Pringles has introduced a line of potato crisps (you can't really call them potato

chips since they are made with dried potatoes and formed into the chip-shape) using olestra, which is commonly called "fake fat."

I have to tell you, I'm really not much of a Pringles fan. Sure, I like their salt and vinegar potato crisps, but that's about it. I prefer real potato chips (in all kinds of flavors) to potato crisps any day.

Anyway, I brought the can of fat-free Pringles back to my desk and set it down.

While it was sitting there, I couldn't help but notice the nutrition label, which claims that a 1-ounce serving (about 15 crisps) of the fat-free Pringles contains 70 calories with none of them from fat. I had to compare that to my can of salt and vinegar Pringles (regular fat), which shows that a 1-ounce serving (about 14 crisps) of that kind of crisp contains 160 calories with 100 of them from fat.

I didn't pay for the can of fat-free Pringles, so I can only assume it costs the same as ordinary Pringles, or somewhere in the neighborhood of 99 cents to \$1.29 a can. (Pringles come in can-shaped packages instead of bags like regular potato chips do.)

La bel advertising on the fat-free Pringles goes like this: "While many factors affect heart disease and cancer, diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease, and diets low in total fat may reduce the risk of some cancers. When eating salty snacks, olestra provides one option to reduce dietary fat."

And it goes on: "This Product Contains Olestra. Olestra may cause abdominal cramping and loose stools. Olestra inhibits the absorption of some vitamins and other nutrients. Vitamins A, D, E and K have been added."

Whoa! Health warnings on a snack food!

The unusual part of this taste-test was that very few of my co-workers would even taste the fat free Pringles. The tube of Pringles stayed on my desk for about two weeks before someone opened it and sampled the crisps. And these were journalists, who will eat anything, especially when it's free.

As one of my co-workers said: "I don't want to eat any food that carries a warning label!" That just proved to me that many people still have questions about "fake fat." I'm sure the same kinds of questions came up when artificial sweeteners were introduced, and we use them daily now and don't think anything about it.

In the end, the potato crisps were sampled by three brave souls who agreed that the crisps don't taste that much different from regular Pringles, except for a slightly greasy-feeling aftertaste on the back of the tongue. And none of them reported any ... well ... shall we say, discomfort, from eating the product.

So there you have it. The fat-free Pringles were sampled and declared tasty.

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Tax time's coming

'Knead' more dough?



Tax day — April 15 — is looming on the horizon. This year, make this trying time a little easier to swallow by indulging in homemade bread. Not only is bread a comfort food for many, but nothing has a better aroma than bread baking. Breads shown, from left, are Cloverleaf and Poppy Seed Rolls, Whole Wheat Bread, and Pumpkin Nut Muffins.

Photo courtesy Luby's Inc.

Staff Reports

Need some extra dough? Consider this: Bread — the edible kind — is a staple in almost every diet around the world. And making bread can be very stress-relieving, especially during tax season, when many people are worried about a different kind of "bread."

The following bread recipes are from Luby's Inc. Enjoy while you're filling out those tax forms:

JALAPEÑO CORN BREAD

1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 extra-large egg
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup cornmeal
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons diced red bell pepper or pimento
2 tablespoons minced jalapeños
2 tablespoons whole kernel corn

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Generously grease 8-inch cast iron skillet or round baking pan.

In medium bowl, whisk together milk, buttermilk, egg, oil, sugar, baking powder and salt until well blended. Add cornmeal and flour; mix just until dry ingredients are moistened. Fold in red pepper, jalapeños and corn. Pour into skillet.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until light golden brown and wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

PUMPKIN NUT MUFFINS

MUFFINS:
1 can (16 ounces) pumpkin
2 cups granulated sugar
1-1/4 cups vegetable oil
3 extra-large eggs
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon salt
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup pecan pieces
1/2 cup raisins

TOPPING:
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, softened
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

3/4 cup all-purpose flour
Heat oven to 325 degrees. Line 12 medium muffin cups with paper baking cups or lightly grease.

To make muffins: In large bowl beat together pumpkin, sugar, oil and eggs until well blended. Add cinnamon, baking powder, nutmeg, cloves and salt. Mix until well blended. Add flour and mix just until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not overmix. Fold in pecans and raisins.

To make topping: In small bowl, combine sugar, butter, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix well with a fork. Add flour and mix well.

Spoon batter into muffin cups. Top each with 1 tablespoon topping mixture. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand a few minutes before removing from pan.

TIP: Pureed cooked pumpkin may be substituted for canned pumpkin.

POPPY SEED ROLLS

1 ounce active dry yeast
1-1/3 cups warm water (110 degrees)
4 extra-large eggs
1/4 cup plus 1-1/2 teaspoons butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup nonfat dry milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
5 cups all-purpose flour
Vegetable oil

1 tablespoon plus 1-1/2 teaspoon poppy seeds
In large mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add 3 eggs and butter. Using dough hook of electric mixer, beat on medium speed until well blended. Add sugar, dry milk and salt. Mix well. Add flour, 1 cup at a time, mixing until dough begins to pull away from side of bowl.

Lightly grease top of dough with oil. Cover loosely and let rise in warm place 1 hour or until doubled in size. Lightly grease baking sheet. Punch dough down. Divide evenly into 8 pieces. Roll each piece into a 4-inch log and tie loosely into double knot. Place on baking sheet.

Lightly beat remaining egg. Brush rolls with egg and sprinkle with poppy seeds. Let rise in warm place for 1 hour.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake 13 to 16 minutes or until golden brown.

CLOVERLEAF ROLLS

1 ounce active dry yeast
1-1/3 cups warm water (110 degrees)
3 extra-large eggs
1/4 cup plus 1-1/2 teaspoons butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup nonfat dry milk

1/2 teaspoon salt
5 cups all-purpose flour
Vegetable oil

In large mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add eggs and butter. Using dough hook of electric mixer, beat on medium speed until well blended. Add sugar, dry milk and salt; mix well. Add flour, 1 cup at a time, mixing until dough begins to pull away from side of bowl.

Lightly grease top of dough with oil. Cover loosely and let rise in warm place 1 hour or until doubled in size. Lightly grease 12 medium muffin cups. Punch dough down. Divide dough evenly into 12 pieces. Divide each piece into 3 balls and place in muffin cup. Let rise in warm place 1 hour.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown.

WHOLE WHEAT BREAD

6 tablespoons plus 1-1/2 teaspoons warm distilled water (110 degrees)
1 ounce active dry yeast
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
1-1/4 cups distilled water
2/3 cups cracked wheat
5 tablespoons butter or margarine
5 tablespoons honey
1-1/4 teaspoons salt
1 extra-large egg, lightly beaten
2 cups whole wheat flour
2 cups all-purpose flour
Vegetable oil

In small bowl, mix warm water, yeast and sugar. Set aside.

In medium saucepan, combine remaining 1-1/4 cups water and cracked wheat; bring to boil. Reduce heat and add butter, honey and salt, stirring until butter melts. Remove from heat and let stand until completely cooled.

In large mixing bowl, mix egg and reserved yeast mixture. Stir in cracked wheat mixture. Add flours. Using dough hook of electric mixer, beat on medium speed until dough begins to pull away from side of bowl.

Lightly grease top of dough with oil. Cover loosely and let rise in warm place 30 minutes or until double in size. Lightly grease 8-1/2x4-1/2-inch loaf pan. Punch down dough and shape to form loaf. Place in pan; let rise in warm place 1 hour.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake 25 minutes or until top is golden brown and loaf sounds hollow when tapped.

TIP: Cracked wheat is made from whole wheat berries that have been cracked to a medium coarseness. You can find it at most health food stores and at many supermarkets. Store cracked wheat in freezer.

BREAD BAKING TIPS (From "Luby's 50th Anniversary Recipe Collection")

■ When baking muffins, breads or cakes, start with ingredients at room temperature unless the recipe says to do otherwise. The ingredients will blend faster and more evenly.

■ For banana muffins, use very ripe or even over-ripe bananas, which have the richest flavor and mash most easily.

■ Yeast dough should be covered with a clean cloth or waxed paper and placed in a warm place to rise.

■ To test whether dough has doubled in size, press fingertip 1/2-inch into dough. If it has doubled, an indentation will remain.

■ To freeze leftover muffins, place in freezer bag or wrap in foil. To warm and serve, heat oven to 350 degrees and bake foil-wrapped muffins for 15 to 20 minutes.

BREAD BASICS

■ In 1266, English bakers were ordered to mark each loaf of bread they baked so that if a faulty one turned up, "it will be known in who the fault lies." The bakers' marks were among the first trademarks.

■ Packaged yeast first became available around 1868, making it easier for families to bake bread in the home.

■ San Francisco's famous sourdough bread claimed its place in history after it was revived during the California Gold Rush in 1849.

■ During the Civil War, a wing of the Senate Building in Washington, D.C., was turned into an oven large enough to produce 16,000 loaves of bread a day for the Union troops.

■ Until the 15th century, it was customary to eat meals on a thick slice of stale bread, called a "trencher," that soaked up the juice. No additional "plate" was used.

■ During World War II, bakers in the U.S. were ordered — on Jan. 18, 1943 — to stop selling sliced bread for the duration of the war. Only whole loaves were made available to the public. It was never explained how this action helped the war effort.

■ The term "upper crust" gets its meaning from baking bread. In a fire-heated oven, the base of the loaf could be very dark and overcooked while the top of the loaf would be just right. The bottom on the loaf was for servants; the upper crust, the master of the house.

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Amid big changes, MLS brings in big names for 2000 campaign

Associated Press

Major League Soccer is going international — and not just with its newest players.

In an effort to attract more of the sport's core fans, the league has adopted traditional rules, changed schedules and uniforms, and even added more stars from overseas.

German Lothar Matthaeus and Adolfo Valencia of Colombia joined the New York/New Jersey MetroStars. Hristo Stoichkov of Bulgaria might wind up with the Chicago Fire.

But this is 2000, not 1990 or '94, when these players were at their prime. Matthaeus just turned 39, Stoichkov is 34 and Valencia is 31.

In its fifth season, which starts Saturday, the MLS is starting to look a bit like the North American Soccer League, which brought Pele, Franz Beckenbauer and Carlos Alberto to the United States near the ends of their careers.

"This is a guy who is an ultimate professional," MetroStars defender Mike Petke said after Matthaeus' first practice this week. "This is not someone coming over to New York to mess around. But it's going to be crazy."

The MetroStars can use crazy — anything really — after going

a league-worst 7-25 last year.

And the teams aren't the only ones with new looks.

Under new commissioner Don Garber, the league is junking the shootout and even scoreboard clocks, adopting the international standard, where games can end in ties and time is kept on the field by the referee while fans wonder how much injury time has been added to each 45-minute half.

The only departure is 10 minutes of sudden-death overtime if games are tied after regulation.

"It's getting back to the way the game was meant to be played," MetroStars coach Octavio Zambrano said. "It gives us credibility with international community as well as the local fans, that we can play 90 minutes without gimmicks or gadgets."

The MLS thinks it must draw more fans after attendance dropped from 17,406 in 1996 to 14,619 to 14,312, and then to 14,282 last year.

"We have to regain their credibility," said Garber, who replaced Doug Logan last summer. "We have to respect the game they have come to embrace over the years. The league has to play the game the way they know it."

To emphasize its point, the league has adopted the marketing phrase "It's Your Game."

Other, more subtle, changes are on tap. The league's 12 teams have been split into three divisions from two. Seventy percent of games are scheduled for Saturday and 20 percent for Wednesday (as leagues do in Europe), and a revamped TV package will feature a "Game of the Week" on Saturday and a Monday night show on ESPN2.

Even the uniforms are changing. Eleven of the 12 teams will get one new shirt this season.

The remodeled MLS gets its first test Saturday with four games: Columbus at Tampa Bay, New England at Miami, Chicago at Dallas and Colorado at Los Angeles.

Six more games are set for the following weekend, including a rematch of the 1999 championship game between Los Angeles and D.C. United.

United, which has won three of the four MLS titles, still is seen as the class of the league.

Even the departure of Roy Lassiter, who tied for the league scoring lead, has done little to dull United's image. Lassiter was sent to Miami.

"They're definitely the team to beat," Columbus forward Brian McBride said. "I don't think anybody will tell you different."

The Los Angeles Galaxy lost Mexican forward Carlos Her-

mosillo, who had eight goals last year and returned to play in his homeland.

Chicago retooled somewhat by releasing two of the Eastern European contingent that helped it win the 1998 title: Roman Kosecki and Jerzy Podbrozny. But the Fire think they're close to acquiring Stoichkov, a star during Bulgaria's run to the 1994 World Cup semifinals.

Most other teams have restructured heavily.

San Jose is banking heavily on new forward Khodadad Azizi of Iran; New England has changed its entire front line; and Colorado has added Colombian Henry Zambrano in the front and draft choice Adin Brown in goal.

But no team has changed more than the MetroStars, which got rid of their general manager to start the shakeup, then hired Octavio Zambrano to coach and brought in Matthaeus and Valencia.

But despite all the changes for the new season, the MLS knows it's still growing. Popularity will increase in increments.

"All changes take time to be accepted," Galaxy midfielder Cobi Jones said. "There are no particular goals we have to achieve. We're doing fine right now."

SKI REPORT

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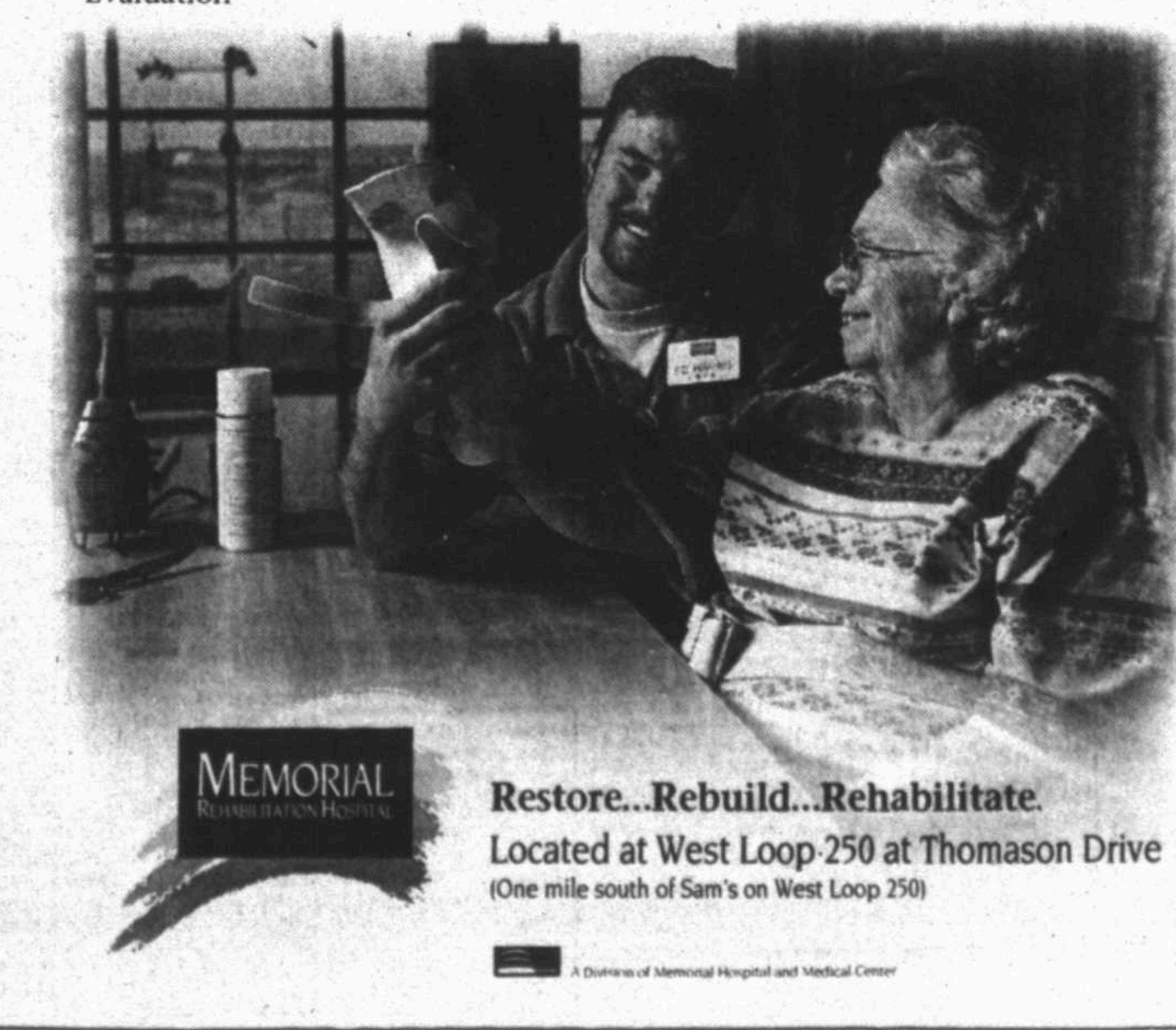
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CONCHO RESOURCES INC., 110 W. LOUISIANA, STE 410, MIDLAND, TX 79701 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the drill permit for Well No. 6, E.C. Books Lease, 320 Acres, Sec. 16, Bk. 35, T-4-S, T&P RR Co./G.R. Everett Survey A-980, Patterson Lake (Wolfcamp), Sperryburg (Trend Area) Field(s), Glasscock County, being 9 miles from west of Garden City, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

860' from the north line and 540' from the east line of lease
 860' from the north line and 2,100' from the west line of survey

Field rules for the Sperryburg (Trend Area) field are 600/933, 80 acres. Field rules for the Patterson Lake (Wolfcamp) field are 467/933, 80 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximately depth of 8,975 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h) (2)(A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross examination of presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Greg Wilkes, Sr. Op. Engineer, at 915-683-7443. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY March 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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Value Storage Ltd.
 1010 N. Loop 250 W.
 Midland, Texas 79703
 915-697-5932

Dated April 14th, 2000
 Time 1:30 PM

Pamela Kheue - Misc boxes
 Annie Cordero - Household misc boxes
 Terri Turner - Waterbed, baby car seats
 Javier Estrella - Clothes, speakers, bicycle, boxes
 Benny Hernandez - Mattress set, nite stand, boxes
 Ralph Mungia - Coke machine, body shop equipment
 Kim Bettes - Dresser, bed, boxes
 Cory Haynes - Mattress, desk ends, table
 Horace Brown - Household furniture
 Rene Varela - Stove, refrigerator, couch

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that if requested in writing by April 10, 2000, a public hearing will be held by West Texas Opportunities, Inc., 603 North 4th Street, Lamesa, Texas on April 18, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. to accept comments on a proposed continuation of rural public transportation services within Lamesa and Dawson County, Stanton and Martin County, McCamey/Rankin and Upton County, Seminole/Seagraves and Gaines County, Andrews and Andrews County, Big Spring and Howard County, Crane and Crane County, Garden City and Glasscock County, Kermit and Winkler County, Sanderson and Terrell County, Mentone and Loving County and Gail and Borden County. Financial assistance to provide this service is being sought from the Texas Department of

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF MIDLAND

WHEREAS by virtue of Writ of Execution issued out of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 2nd day of February, 2000 in Cause No. 21-853-B, where Associated Publishing Company was Plaintiff, and Louisa Galindo, Individually DBA Louisa's Bail Bond was Defendant, and in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY NINE & 95/100 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of 18 per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 28th day of February, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Midland County, Texas, as the property of Louisa Galindo to-wit:

The NW/4 of Section 6, Block 36, T-3-S, T & P RR Co. Survey located North of State Hwy 158. Save and except there is excepted from this conveyance all oil, gas, and other minerals in, under, and that may be produced from the above described land, and further, this conveyance is made subject to all valid oil and gas leases and all valid easements and rights of way of record, visible and on the ground. Being 235 Acres recorded in Vol 1137, Page 410, Midland County Deed of Records, Midland County, Texas.

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150 Lost & Found

FOUND FEMALE: Poodle type dog, apricot color. Vicinity of MISD bus barn. Call 620-8862.

FOUND SMALL Male dog: Vicinity of Thomson Drive and Bentwood. Call 522-1304.

REWARD: small male Poodle, weighs 4-5 pounds. Please return no questions asked. Missing about two weeks. Ridge heights area. Please call 683-5479.

LOST: BLUE Adidas sports bag and Coleman sleeping bag. Vicinity of Michigan and Garfield. Call 697-3888.

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Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr. 689-7003
Reg. Meeting
3rd Thurs.
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If your pet is lost even if you live in the county, please check with MIDLAND ANIMAL CONTROL (on Fairgrounds Road) every three days.

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LOST: GOLD Anchor with chain. Vicinity of the Northwest region of Midland. Please call 689-4609.

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Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house? Don't want to spend a lot of cash?

*Marty's Weekday Special

3 Line Ad
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410 Miscellaneous Sales

WATER SOFTNER. Works fine. \$125 Call 682-9804

NEW TODAY! FREE STANDING Gazebo with bar and stools \$39 a month. 915-563-3108.

20' REGULATION SHUFFLEBOARD. Excellent condition. Extra pucks and sand. \$250. 683-2425.

WANTED DSS Single or dual unit. Will pay \$100/200. 684-7183 after 5.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airport Road, Fr. nights, games start at 8 Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

FOR SALE: Adult three-wheel bicycle. \$100. Call 686-7103.

NEW TODAY! 12x20' RED Barn. Must sell this week! Will deliver. 915-563-3108.

AIRLINE TICKETS (2). 1 Way/round trip anywhere in the US. \$129 each way. 877-359-1929.

DOG HOUSES- \$35-\$45. Porch Swings- \$40. Book Case- \$40. 6 doors- \$10 each. 563-0452.

MURRAY RIDING Lawn mower with rear bagger. \$650. Call 520-4657.

BIBLE TALK. What is the Nature of the Church? We Read about in the Bible #37. 915-520-0381. Free recorded message.

COMMERCIAL Refrigerator 2'6"X6'2". Kenmore upright freezer. Telecom telephone system, 1977 executive motor home. 563-0306/ dkel@apex2000.net

HOT SPRINGS Portable Spa. Redwood siding, like new, excellent condition. Includes benches. \$4,750. Negotiable. 694-1815

CLUB LINE- 4200 Semi-recumbent exercycle. magnetic tension control. resistance drive. New condition. \$200. 697-2357.

LOT At North Resthaven Memorial Park. Mausoleum. Section- Sanctuary of Love. At heart level. 682-9146/ 915-784-6069 after 6:00 p.m.

TWO RESTHAVEN Lots for sale in garden of prayer section. Contact at 684-0030.

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TWO WOODEN Desk with drawers. Very good condition. Great for students. \$35 & \$25. 685-1361.

GOLDS OLYMPIC weight bench with leg extensions. 250 pounds. \$100. AB and Back Machine- \$25. AB Crunch Bench- \$25. 25' 10 speed with extras- \$50. Call 520-9527.

PROM DRESSES: Both size 5/8 (Black/ Eggplant). Worn once! Purchased at Janie's. \$70 each. 682-5553

SELF PROPELLED Kirby vacuum cleaner, reconditioned, one year guarantee- \$150. Wrightway Vacuum Cleaner. 520-6464

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CONTEMPORARY DINING Table with 4 chairs \$400 negotiable. Oak three piece Queen bedroom set \$600 negotiable. Call 694-2780.

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FULL SIZE Oak bed frame with headboard. \$75. Please call 694-4942 for more information.

FRESH VINE Ripened tomatoes. Picked daily. \$1.50 per pound. Please call 697-5264 afternoons & weekends.

430 Household Goods

COUNTRY COTTAGE dinnerware for 12, extra serving pieces. Excellent condition. \$250. 682-5672 after 5 weekdays.

432 Household Furniture. COUCH, Hunter green, new in 95, good condition. \$125. Call 697-6415.

LITTLE TYKES Toddler Race Car bed, blue. \$60. Call 570-7410.

BLACK HIDE A bed couch- \$100. Please call 699-6211 for more information.

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435 Household Appliances

A & B APPLIANCE. Buy, sale, repair, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers. \$100 Each. Free delivery. 90 Day delivery. 550-6540.

FREE REMOVAL- Of unwanted Appliances. Evaporative Coolers. Will pick-up 45 minutes or less. 311-3920 anytime.

RECONDITIONED APPLIANCES. Washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves and freezers. Warranty and delivery available. Call 683-7040

WASHER/ DRYER, great condition. \$100 for both. Please call 685-6096 for more information.

GENERAL ELECTRIC Dish Washer- \$100. Please call 687-1468 or Page 567-6720

FOR SALE: ALMOND side-by-side refrigerator, ice maker. \$300. Please call 685-6096 for information.

WASHER/ DRYER \$250. Refrigerator \$200. \$400. Takes all. Great condition (in Midland.) Call 915-263-8106.

440 Firewood. DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver 1-(915) 453-2151. Fax 1-(915) 453-4322.

EAGER BEAVER Firewood- Oak, Pine, mesquite. Delivery. Stacked. Small quantities available also. 685-3521, mobile 664-0577.

PIANOS: new and used- buy, sell trade. Financing available. Tuning, repair, moving. Caldwell Music. 697-0852.

450 Sporting Goods

TREADMILL For Sale. Good condition \$149. Call 684-4072

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS. Adams "Tight-Lie" woods \$60. Big Bertha X-12 irons, \$184 set. (clones). Reshaft, Regrip, lowest prices. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

LIKE NEW: King Cobra steel shaft Senior Irons (3-PW) \$400. Call 520-9444.

460 Antiques & Arts. INDIVIDUAL WILL pay fair prices for your antiques and collectibles. No furniture please. 571-3222/ 694-7508.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft. of fine merchandise- buy & sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway. (915)687-2004.

OLD TIME TREASURES- Antique and Craft Mall now leasing spaces. Opening April 1st. 1613C North West County Road, Odessa, 915-335-9889.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

470 Musical Instruments. SPRING CLEANING Sale. Acoustic- Electric guitars. Applause by Ovation-Takamine Dreadnaught Vega. Banjo and mandolin. Select violins plus cases! 40% discount, while sales lasts. Waltrip Music 694-7524.

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TWO TROMBONES. Holton-\$500 and King. Call for pricing. 520-3487.

HAMMOND ORGAN. double keyboard, built in Leslie, nice cabinet. \$500. Call 563-1408.

485 Electronics. FOR SALE: NEC810 Cell phone, Nec 920 (caller I.D. capable.) Cell phone cases, chargers, literature for both. \$150/ both. Mike 522-2578. E-mail: thatsnice@apex2000.net

WANTED DSS Single or dual unit. Will pay \$100/200. 684-7183 after 5.

490 Computers/ Accessories. SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers. 10am- 6pm. 1015-B N Midkiff. 5917 686-8835

495 FOR FREE. FREE: TWO puppies, approximately nine weeks, were dumped need grass home. Call 684-0534.

BLACK LAB- Full blooded, 6 months old. Call 689-2280.

SMALL BLACK Puppies to good home. Sweet. Good with kids. Call 520-7904.

TO APPROVED Homes: adult companion Dachshunds. Spayed/ neutered. 561-8949, leave message.

FREE: Rottweiler mix male puppy, approximately four months. Smart, trained to leash, well behaved. 522-2990.

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500 Pets and Supplies

FOUR MONTH old Miniature Pomeranian, all shots, female. \$175. Call 522-5552, or 556-4477.

FULL BLOODED German Shepherd puppies. Beautiful, 4 weeks old. Call 570-1417.

AKC GOLDEN Retriever puppies, first shots, excellent pedigree, parents on premises. \$250/ each. 687-3677.

WANTED TO Buy- Used Aquarium- 20 gallons or larger preferred. Cracked, beat up okay. 520-9248.

AKC English Bulldog Puppies, seven weeks old, four females, brindle and white. \$800 each. 263-4462.

FOR SALE English Setter Puppies. Good hunting dogs. 5 males, 2 females. Call 570-1234.

AKC MINIATURE Dachshund puppies, red, six weeks, shots. \$150. Call 694-4930.

AKC- Dachshund puppies. Black & tan, one male, two females. Call 552-9066.

CARLOT KENNEL & Training Center. Boarding, puppy, beginner, advanced classes. Board/ train service available. 683-4718.

NEW TODAY! AKITA/ German Shepherd puppies, 9 weeks old. First shots. \$25. 686-0464, pager 567-6129.

AKC REGISTERED Female Sheltie. 7 Months old, has shots. To a loving home. 520-3717/ 664-4313.

505 Livestock & Poultry. MUST SELL: 2.5 year old registered Paint/ Tobiano mare. 661-8575.

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PALM LEAF Hats: Available in 4", 5" & 6" brim with plain or bound edges. Call 683-6530 or 685-4107.

510 Office Furniture & Misc. OFFICE DESK. Large size with built-in shelf (black/ tan). Excellent condition \$150. Call 699-6232.

NEW TODAY! CANON COPIER- Model NP1020, new in 1998, works great. \$350. 553-4599.

540 Building Materials. 2,000 YARDS OF good fill dirt. Will deliver. Ask for Troy Jones. 915-332-0721, 582-0724.

550 Portable Buildings. We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings. MORGAN 915-563-1860

560 Machinery/ Tools. 10' CRAFTSMAN TABLE Saw. New, never assembled. \$250. 552-2815/ 520-4241 after 5.

RIDING LAWN Mower: Sears Craftsman, excellent condition, like new! Call 694-1776

580 Farm Equipment. JOHN DEERE 4240 Cab Air conditioning, long axles, 18.4x38 tires, 5,000 hours. \$15,000. Call 683-2630 or 684-7000.

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Due to a record first 10 days of March, we need 2 salespeople. Our salespeople averaged over \$400 per new car sold in February.

SEE DARREN or JERRY HULLUMS

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3040 W. WALL - MIDLAND
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1-800-422-0874

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GROWING Oilfield Chemical Company seeking Treating Truck Driver. Must have clean driving record with minimum Class B CDL with Hazard Endorsement. Good salary, quick raises for right person. Benefits include insurance, and 401K with employer matching. Applicant must be honest, dependable, drug free and have transportation to and from work. Send resumes to: Endura Products, Corp., P.O. Box 3394, Midland, TX 79702. ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

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WANTED WAUKESHA Mechanic, Kansas City Area. Call 915-563-2768 or fax to: (915)563-1729. Attn: Kevin Burris.

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