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Board to evaluate Richmond in wake of cell phone reports

By Jeff Stevens
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Just two days after a Reporter-Telegram article linking Midland High School Principal Neil Richmond to a single MHS teacher, with whom he's been rumored to be involved, the Midland Independent School District has called a special board meeting to discuss the principal's employment.

The board will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday in executive session to discuss, "Attorney client conference re: MHS principal, employment and evaluation issues," the posting reads. The posting also includes an action item to allow the board to vote on any conclusions made during the executive session.

That is the revised version. MISD sent out a posting at 3:06 p.m. Monday that said the discussion would revolve around "allegations concerning MHS

principal."

The Reporter-Telegram published an article Saturday that pointed out Richmond had made several personal calls on his taxpayer-supported, district-issued cellular phone. The bulk of those calls were made to the home of the teacher at the center of the Casey Riggan lawsuit.

On Monday, Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said the district is in the process of investigating the cell phone calls, and he plans to present the results of that investigation to the board Thursday.

Baressi added that the meeting will serve to provide the board with legal advice on how to proceed. "I felt the necessity of providing the board with legal advice and information as quickly as we could," said Baressi.

The board will not, however, be getting that legal advice from the traditional source. Baressi has asked Walsh, Anderson, a firm from Austin, to come in

and advise the board. Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe and Dawson, which usually represents MISD, currently defends MISD and Richmond in the Riggan suit. Baressi said that negates their availability to advise the board regarding Richmond's evaluation.

Also to be presented to the board is the district's procedure for auditing such items as the cell phone bills.

"The exceptional bills should have been noted and shared with the appropriate people," Baressi said.

He said no mention was ever made to him about any concerns over Richmond's cell phone. Retired Executive Director of Computer Services Larry Lusby had been the person responsible for overseeing the cell phones.

"My understanding is that he spot-checked the bills," Baressi said.

As for the school board itself, trustees had very little to say Monday. In fact, trustee George Lara

summed up his feelings in a word.

"Disappointed," said Lara, in response to the cell phone revelation. Lara was hesitant to make any comment because he doesn't, "want to back myself into a corner when the time comes to make a decision."

"I found it disconcerting," said trustee Pat Hodges.

She added that, if a district employee is using a district cell phone for personal use, it could be a misappropriation of funds. At the least, she said, the cell phones are a low priority for funds.

"If teachers are having to use their own money to buy school supplies, I would be hard-pressed to

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Richmond

Starting young



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Top, Jimmy Smith, a Republican candidate for Precinct 1 county commissioner, talks with students at Alamo Junior High School Monday morning, following a forum at the school. Above, Segun Brown, 13, an eighth-grader at Alamo, asks the panel of candidates a question during the forum.

Commissioner candidates bring politics to students

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

What this country needs more than ever is for more people "to get into the thick of things, ... fewer to sit on the sidelines ... and more to point out what's right in the world."

And, as if following that perennial James Keller advice quoted by Midland County political candidate Rob Van Stavern, about 120 Alamo Junior High School history, social-studies and study-skills students gathered on Monday to hear five Midland County Precinct 1 commissioner candidates share their insights into government and politics.

"And this nation was founded on an informed public making informed decisions on politics," Alamo history teacher Mark LaCroix said of the basis of the school-sponsored Candidates Forum 2000 at the 921-student school. "I'm very big on civic responsibility."

Though the Alamo teen-age students can't yet vote, "They can get their parents to vote," LaCroix said. And in their excitement, perhaps the students can "get their parents involved" in government and in the community.

Four Republican candidates and one Democrat, all running for their parties' nomination for the \$31,500-salaried commissioner's post in the March 14 primary elections, outlined their platforms and concerns and then took questions from the students.

Views ranged from bolstering Midland's economic base and diver-

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Menchaca plans to propose panel to review salaries

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

At today's City Council meeting City Manager Rick Menchaca will recommend the formation of a salary review committee. The committee, to be comprised of individuals from the council, City Hall and the private sector, will meet three to four times between now and June 1 to research salaries and benefits packages of all city employee positions.

The committee will compare Midland employee salaries with other West Texas municipal employees as well as private sector employees. The study will compare salary and other benefits, such as longevity pay, education pay and certification pay, Menchaca said. "It just depends on the position and the demand for the position," said Menchaca of doing salary comparisons.

Councilman Jose Cuevas, who will serve on the committee, said it is important to compare salaries to cities in West Texas. "The cost of living is different than the metroplex," said Cuevas. "The quality of life is different than the metroplex. We want to compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges."

In his interview to become city manager last month, Menchaca said the city's compensation system was one of the issues discussed with council members, and he now hopes the formation of a salary review committee will adequately address the needs of the city's employees.

"The purpose is to review the compensation system citywide," Menchaca said.

This will be the first salary review committee since 1992. That committee opted to give all city personnel a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 1-2 percent.

This time employees may be hoping for more than just a COLA. "Of course, the police have come up with their issue. I had plans to put together some kind of review system, citywide," said Menchaca.

Representatives from the Midland Municipal Police Officers Association were hoping for a 24-percent raise over the next two years and alluded to as much in a Police Department memo after meeting early this month with Mayor Bobby Burns and Menchaca. The MMPOA recently published a study showing the Midland Police Department to be deficient in base salaries in comparison to Texas cities of similar size and cities with the same accreditation as Midland's Police Department.

Menchaca has maintained that no salary negotiations took place and that the meeting was held only to hear the concerns of the officers.

After the police salary issue surfaced, Cuevas recommended the formation of the committee. He said the study will provide valuable information in planning the budget over the next 5 years. He felt the need for a salary review committee because he suspects there are other individuals not being paid what they're worth.

"When you promote from within, it holds down salaries," said Cuevas. "When you start to open to the outside, people begin to find we're way below market. It's a good time to keep close to market demands. It gives us a good road map and ability to budget for the future."



Cuevas

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Gore, Bradley clash over racial profiling

NEW YORK (AP) — In an angry Harlem debate, Al Gore accused Bill Bradley of attack tactics that "divide us as Democrats," while the challenger described the vice president as a sometime conservative with a suspect record on affirmative action.

In the ninth of their presidential campaign debates, Gore said he was an advocate of affirmative steps to open opportunities for black Americans, and to improve education as well, calling those steps "the best reparation" for slavery.

Bradley argued Gore was a closet conservative. "Calling attention to the fact that he was a conservative Democrat before he was Bill Clinton's vice president is simply truth-telling," Bradley said.

He said Gore wants to increase Pentagon spending more than education spending.

"That's not true, either," Gore shot back.

The tone of the argument on the stage of the historic Apollo Theater was set at the start, when the presidential rivals agreed that they'd both take steps against racial profiling — and



AP Photo

Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore, left, looks down as Bill Bradley, right, answers a question during their debate at the Apollo Theater Monday night. For more political coverage, see 8A.

immediately tried to turn the question against each other.

The 90-minute debate was televised by CNN. The largely black audience cheered,

applauded, jeered, sometimes booed. Neither candidate was spared the raucous reactions.

Bradley demanded to know why the vice president hadn't gone down the hall to get President Clinton to issue an executive order outlawing racial profiling. Gore shot back that racial profiling practically began in Bradley's New Jersey.

The exchange was prompted by the leadoff question, accorded to The Rev. Al Sharpton. "Many in our community have to live in fear of both the cops and the robbers," the black activist said, asking how they would deal with police brutality and racial profiling while avoiding an increase in crime.

Bradley said he would issue an order against racial profiling and would declare "quite clearly" that white Americans can no longer deny the plight of black Americans.

"If you elect me to the presidency, the first civil rights act of the 21st century will be a federal law outlawing racial profiling," Gore said.

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Six skiers killed in Alpine avalanches

BOLZANO, Italy (AP) — Avalanches swept down Alpine slopes at the height of the ski season Monday, killing three skiers in Italy and three in Switzerland.

In Italy, back-to-back avalanches in the northern Venosta Valley trapped a group of seven Germans and one Italian skier on an unauthorized route, alpine rescue official Luigi Weger said.

Searchers recovered the bodies of two women and one man and accounted for the remaining five skiers, Weger said. At least one was hospitalized with severe hypothermia. The valley is about 90 miles from the northern Italian city of Bolzano.

In Switzerland, police blamed an avalanche near the popular Davos ski resort on a German man and his son who skied into an area of deep snow despite avalanche warnings.

The two set off a snowslide that covered the father and two Swiss men skiing farther down the

mountain on a prepared course, police said. Only the son survived.

Recent heavy snowfall followed by blue skies and sunshine Monday had prompted avalanche alerts in Switzerland and Italy.

In central Switzerland, an avalanche next to a children's ski area caught an adult and three children at the Lasenberg ski area near Erlenbach.

The adult and two of the children managed to climb out of the snow by themselves and pulled a 6-year-old girl to safety.

Italian schools are out this week for what is known as "white week," freeing pupils for family ski trips.

Many Swiss youngsters also are given weeklong school vacations during the winter — most frequently in February — to go skiing.

In 1999, alpine avalanches killed 12 people in Italy and 36 in Switzerland, according to an Italian avalanche center.



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Rescuers carry a recovered skier to a helicopter after several skiers and snowboarders were buried alive Monday by an avalanche in the skiing area 'Parsenn' near Davos, Switzerland.

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Puerto Ricans protest Navy bombing accord

By Manuel Ernesto Rivera
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Summoned by Puerto Rico's top religious leaders, more than 80,000 people staged one of the biggest demonstrations in years here Monday to protest the planned resumption of U.S. Navy training on the island of Vieques.

Carrying banners bearing the portrait of Jesus and reading, "We Want Peace," along with red, white and blue Puerto Rican flags, the protesters staged a silent march along a one-mile stretch of San Juan's Las Americas Expressway, cordoned off by hundreds of police officers.

Called by top religious leaders, including the heads of Puerto Rico's Catholic and Methodist churches, the "Peace for Vieques" march repudiated an agreement between Gov. Pedro Rossello and President Clinton to resume limited training on Vieques, the Navy's prize Atlantic fleet bombing range. Police Chief Pedro Toledo estimated the crowd at 85,000.

"We are showing the consensus in Puerto Rico's heart in favor of peace and justice," said San Juan Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves. "It is a signal of hope and confidence."

Organizers depicted the protest as nonpolitical, though many members of this U.S. territory's tiny Independence Party participated.

Church leaders' increasing involvement in anti-Navy protests has angered many pro-statehood politicians here. They fear the protests could harm efforts to make Puerto Rico — recipient of \$11 billion in federal funds annually — the 51st U.S. state.

"It is anti-American, anti-Navy and does not contribute to the serious work that Gov. Rossello has done to obtain the Navy's exit," said House speaker Edison Mislal Aldarondo.

Clinton and Rossello agreed last month to allow the Navy to resume limited training using inert bombs. The pact calls for a referendum, likely to be held in 2001, that will give Vieques residents two choices:

■ Allowing the Navy to

resume use of the range on its own terms — including the use of live bombs.

■ Requiring the Navy to cease all training by May 1, 2003. Until then, however, the Navy could use the dummy bombs.

Rossello's opponents — joined by an unusually united front of religious leaders — attacked him for abandoning a pledge to stop all bombings.

Carlos Romero Barcelo, Puerto Rico's nonvoting delegate to Congress, last week called religious leaders "separatists." Gonzalez Nieves last year blessed a protest camp erected by Catholic activists inside the bombing range.

Many marchers Monday bristled at the politicians' criticism. "I'm here because it's important to keep the peace in Vieques, and there doesn't have to be any other reason," insisted 52-year-old Marta Figueroa, of the southern town of Juncos.

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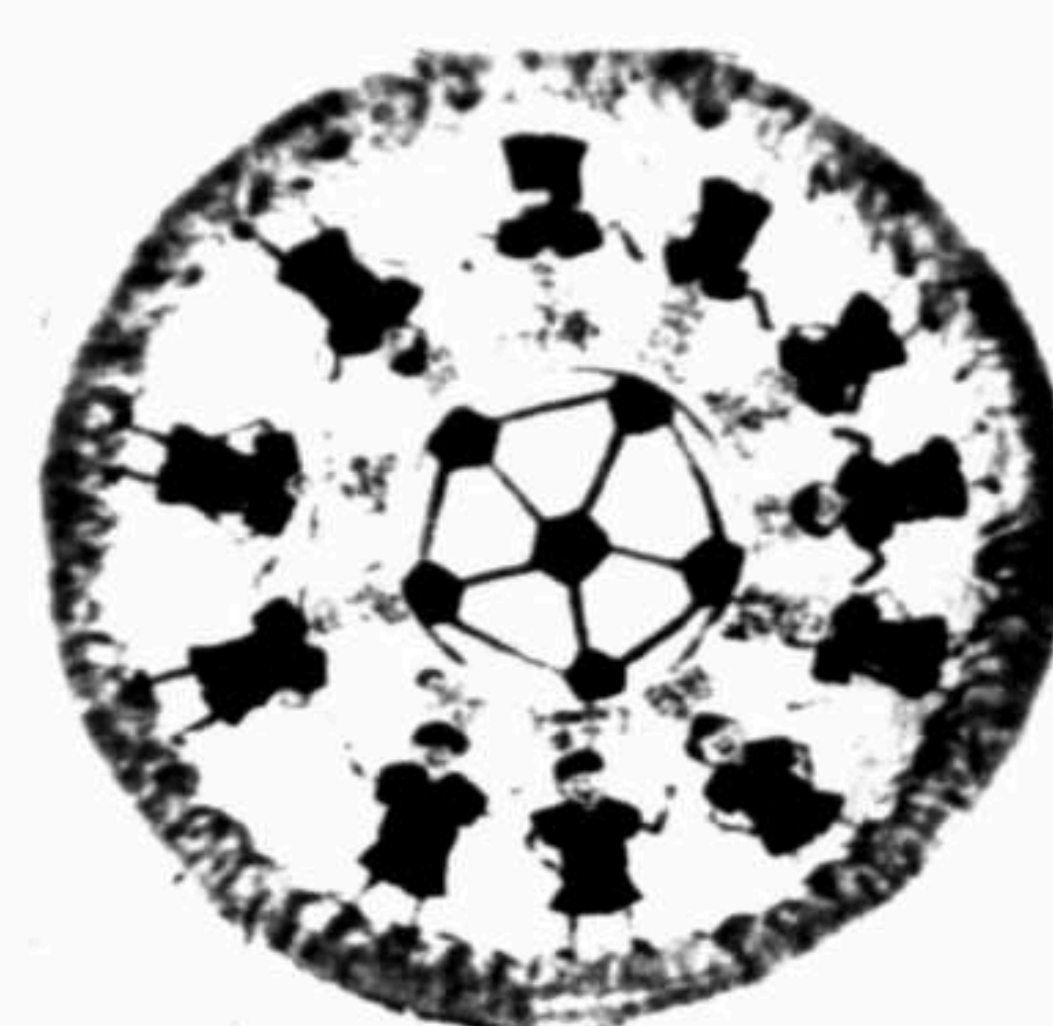
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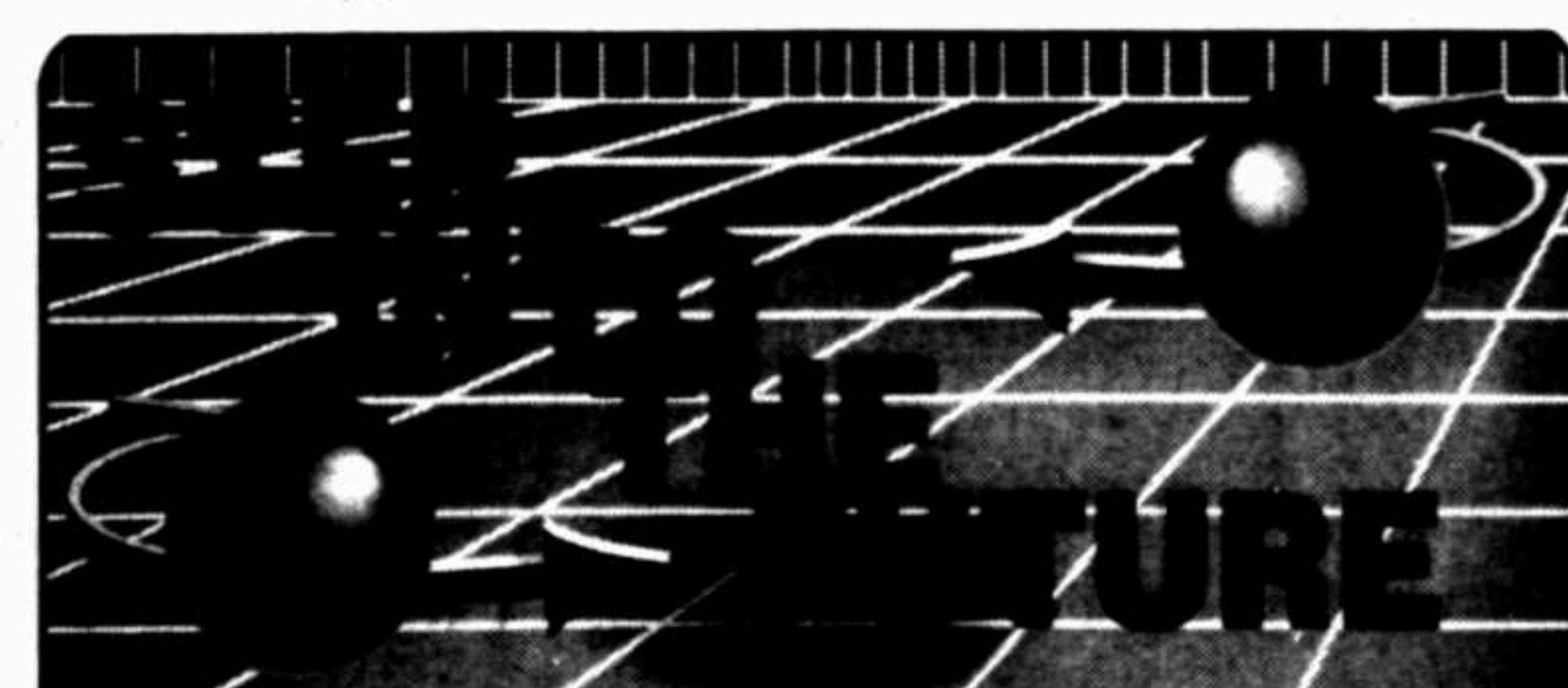
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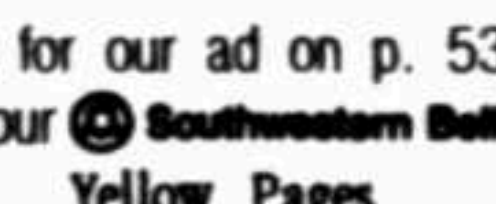
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NATO troops fire tear gas during Albanian-Serb clash

By Elena Becatoros
Associated Press

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more French troops rushed to the bridge and began firing volleys of tear gas in five-minute intervals. British troops blocked the bridge with armored vehicles and pushed away ethnic Albanian men who tried to climb over the vehicles.

By the 6 p.m. start of a daily 12-hour curfew, crowds on both sides were dispersing.

In a sign that the Serbs were prepared for a showdown, some Serb women and children began evacuating the city, and a local Serb leader, Nikola Kabasic, told a Belgrade radio station that the Serbs were bringing in reinforcements from neighboring villages to defend their part of the city if NATO cannot control the

Albanians.

No American troops were involved in the scuffles at the bridge. On Sunday, U.S. troops taking part in a weapons search in the Serb part of the city withdrew to the ethnic Albanian south bank after Serbs pelted them with stones.

The commander of the embattled, NATO-led Kosovo Force, German Gen. Klaus Reinhardt, congratulated the troops for showing restraint in the face of escalating tensions, which threaten to engulf this city and perhaps the entire province in a new round of bloodletting.

"The key thing really was to prevent an escalation in which somebody fired on the other one," Reinhardt said. "It would have been a disaster. My soldiers were very reasonable. They used just the amount of power needed and did not overreact."

Kosovska Mitrovica is the most ethnically tense city in Kosovo because it contains the largest Serb community remaining in the province. Most Kosovo Serbs fled following the withdrawal of Yugoslav troops in June and the arrival of NATO-led peacekeepers.

In New York, the American ambassador to the United Nations, Richard Holbrooke, blamed the Yugoslav government for fomenting trouble in Kosovska Mitrovica.

Pope's visit to Egypt raises political issues

By Donna Bryson
Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Pope John Paul II's visit to Egypt is in many ways a personal pilgrimage, but it will also focus attention on sectarian tensions in a country where politics and religion often mix in volatile ways.

"We cannot deny that there will be a political aspect," Egyptian Catholic Bishop Youhanna Koltia said Monday at a news conference called to outline the pope's three-day visit.

"His holiness is aiming to make his visit to Egypt a spiritual journey, a pilgrimage," the bishop said. "The political side is to strengthen relations with the Egyptians here, with the Coptic Orthodox Church and with the Muslims."

On Thursday, his first day in

Egypt, John Paul will pay separate courtesy calls to Sheik Mohammed Sayed Tantawi, one of Egypt's top Muslim clerics, and Coptic Orthodox Pope Shenouda III. The visits will likely shine a light on the tense relations between Egypt's Muslim majority and Copts, the largest religious minority at an estimated 10 percent of the 64 million population.

Deadly clashes broke out at the start of the year between Copts and Muslims. Copts often complain they are unfairly treated by Muslims but Bishop Koltia said such outbreaks are isolated and stem from ignorance.

"Egyptians do not discriminate and there is no persecution," he said. "I can't deny that there are some problems. But I can say that all the people of Egypt, Muslims and Christians, they feel they are

one." Tantawi told an Arabic television station last week that he welcomed John Paul's visit as an attempt "to bring people closer and encourage them to do good, and as a call for cooperation between people."

Tantawi is chief cleric of Al-Azhar University, a venerable seat of Muslim learning that has been engaged in interfaith dialogue with the Vatican for nearly a quarter-century.

John Paul also will be reaching out to other Christian sects during his visit, with Saturday prayers at a Greek Orthodox monastery on Mount Sinai, where the bible says Moses received the 10 Commandments.

John Paul's trip, the first to Egypt by a Roman Catholic pope, kicks off his 2000 Holy Year pilgrimages to ancient biblical sites.

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Hecht, Gonzales are best choices for high court

Two positions on the Texas Supreme Court bench will be filled by voters in the March Primary Election — Place 1 Justice now held by Nathan L. Hecht and Place 3 Justice now held by Alberto R. Gonzales.

Hecht is opposed for the GOP nomination by Valorie W. Davenport while Rod E. Gorman is opposing Gonzales.

Justice Hecht, first elected to the high court in 1988 and re-elected in 1994, is the senior justice and a distinguished legal scholar who says he is interested in "writing clear, persuasive opinions that keep Texas law in the mainstream of American jurisprudence."

That is certainly a worthwhile goal since the court has been criticized in some years past for leaning too severely to either the left or right.

Hecht's credentials as the leader of conservatives on the court and his tenure put him in the forefront for leadership. The Dallas Morning News said as much when it noted, "As the intellectual leader of the court's conservative wing, Justice Hecht has been instrumental in restoring integrity to the Texas Supreme Court. History will show him one of the state's most conscientious jurists."

His judicial rulings and demeanor have also received favorable comment from the Wall Street Journal, Houston Post, Austin American-Statesman, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and a number of other publications.

Appointed to the bench by Gov. Bush in November 1998, Justice Gonzales describes himself as a strict constructionist of the Texas Constitution. "My job as judge," he says, "is to determine whether a statute is constitutional."

In an article in the Texas Lawyer of May 10, 1999, it was noted that "the brilliance of the governor's appointments is that he is purposely avoiding ideologues who might bring agendas to the bench." From all indications, Gonzales is just such an appointee and is serving the people of Texas in good fashion.

We strongly recommend that voters in the Republican primary election cast their ballots for Nathan L. Hecht and Alberto R. Gonzales.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2000. There are 313 days left in the year.

On this date:
 In 1732, the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born at his parents' plantation in the Virginia Colony.

In 1819, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.
 In 1865, Tennessee adopted a new constitution abolishing slavery.

In 1879, Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a five-cent store in Utica, N.Y.

In 1889, President Cleveland signed a bill to admit the Dakotas, Montana and Washington state to the Union.

In 1892, "Lady Windermere's Fan," by Oscar Wilde, was first performed at London's St. James's Theatre.
 In 1924, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.

In 1934, the romantic comedy "It Happened One Night," starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert, opened at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

In 1973, the United States and Communist China agreed to establish liaison offices.

In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol died at a New York City hospital at age 58.
 Ten years ago: Former President Reagan's videotaped testimony for the trial of former national security adviser John Poindexter was released in Washington; in his deposition, Reagan said he never had "any inkling" his aides were secretly arming the Nicaraguan Contras.

Five years ago: France accused four American diplomats and a fifth U.S. citizen of spying, and asked them to leave the country. Security forces in Algiers crushed a prison uprising by Islamic extremists, resulting in 96 deaths by official count.

One year ago: Levi Strauss, falling victim to a fashion generation gap, announced it was closing 11 plants.

CAL THOMAS

Presidential debates are a waste of time

Last Tuesday's Republican presidential debate in South Carolina was held in a banquet hall. It was the proper location for a food fight. Normally people rent such places for wedding receptions, bar mitzvahs and fund-raising events. Maybe George Bush, John McCain and Alan Keyes should have been given cream pies to throw in each other's faces. Those other Three Stooges made a career out of it.

It was a waste of time and a turn-off for Bush and McCain to argue over their campaign ads and who had broken his promise first not to "go negative." Fortunately, Keyes stepped in like a stern parent tired of the children's squabbling.

"Can I make a substantive remark?" he asked. That seemed to shock them back to the realization that they are running for president of the United States, not chief pettiness officer.

On social issues, if presidential candidates are going to criticize universities for their policies, there is far more serious damage being done at many schools than whatever perceived harm may be caused by the interracial-dating ban at Bob Jones University. Coed dorms and unisex bathrooms, leftist curricula and the feminist-



Thomas

promoted "Vagina-Days" -- which U.S. News and World Report columnist John Leo discovered are being celebrated at 154 U.S. campuses during the Valentine season -- are having a far greater impact on the intellectual, moral and social development of young people than a policy against interracial dating at an independent, tax-paying school where presumably only those who accept such beliefs wish to attend.

When financial issues were discussed, it was Bush who landed the most substantial blow. On taxes, Bush noted that it isn't the government's money. It's the people's money. McCain sounded like Clinton-Gore-Gephardt when he said, "Working families need tax cuts." He betrays the fundamental arrogance of central planners. They think government should decide who "needs" to keep more of our money, not the people who earn it. Government will also decide what is a legitimate need and what is pure greed. To use the phrase "working families" sounds as if there are some families that don't work and that their day consists of clipping bond coupons.

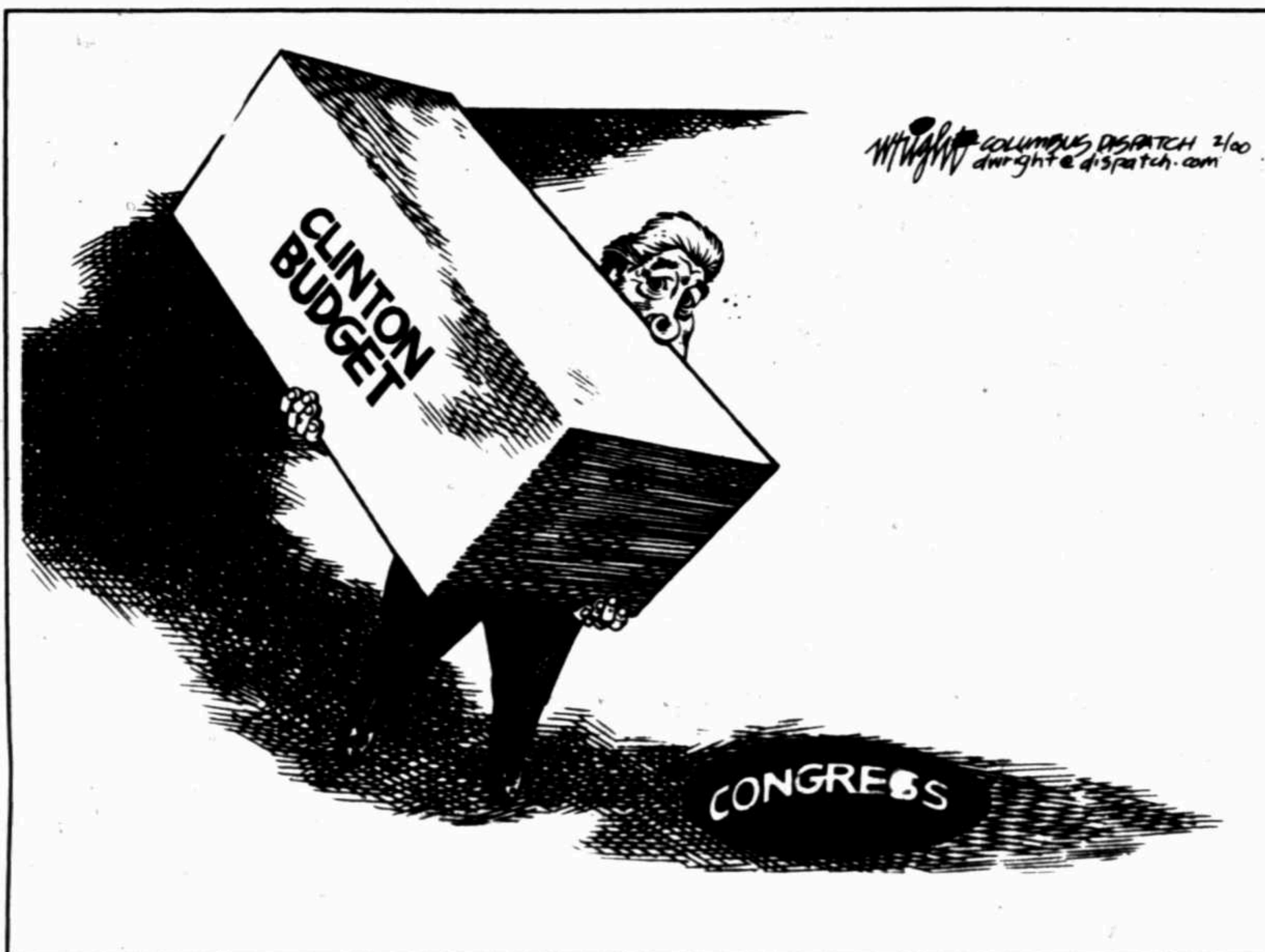
Bush is right about the ownership of money. It is a theme he needs to continue to hammer home. Who are politicians to judge the "needy" when it comes to tax cuts? One size doesn't fit all. The American peo-

ple should be telling government how much of our money we think it needs to do the job the people want done and how much of our money we intend to let government have. Government should not be telling us how much of our money it intends to let us keep. That's why Bush could begin immediately highlighting the Republican equivalent of what Democrats did during the Reagan years. Remember those \$600 toilet seats and costly hammers the Pentagon was buying at the time? Republicans need to start focusing on such waste and find a similarly provocative metaphor. They should ask taxpayers whether they want to continue to pour their hard-earned dollars down the rat hole of fraud and abuse, putting Democrats on the defensive.

Are we for the Socialist redistribution economic policies of the Clinton-Gore-Gephardt era, or are we for individual initiative and responsibility, with properly defined compassion for the truly needy, the era that Bush says he wants to usher in? With the media and other elites on the side of the redistributionists, Bush must repeat his message thousands of times until Election Day to be heard.

Food fighting just takes away time and energy from this paramount task.

Cal Thomas' column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dr. P.V. Patel is caring, professional physician

My mother, Mary Louise Russell, was a registered nurse for more than 35 years. During her career, she was employed in a variety of nursing positions including as a hospital surgical nurse and a school nurse. Several years before her retirement, she worked for the Midland County Health Department. In her last position, she directed a neighborhood clinic that used to exist on Florida Street.

Mother suffered from diabetes and related complications the last years of her life. Although she was treated by several physicians in Midland, her last doctor was P.V. Patel. I remember mother telling me once that Dr. Patel would never accept payment from her. Dr. Patel told her "you gave your life to the nursing profession and this is my way of saying thank you."

When mother finally passed away, Dr. Patel was with her in the emergency room. I can still remember the sadness in his eyes when he came out of the treatment room to tell the family that mother was gone.

Thank God I am in good health. But if I ever need a cardiologist, I know the doctor I will go to.

Richard V. Russell

Spend tax money on employees, not stadium

Reference is made to "Readers' Views" on the city giving raises to law enforcement officers in the Feb.

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County employees have received three cost-of-living adjustments in 16 years. Those 2 to 3 percent "adjustments" were offset by the reduction in retirement benefits and/or increases in medical insurance premiums. Based on the value of today's dollar, they make considerably less than they did 16 years ago. And yet, they are still out there, putting their lives on the line to protect us.

We continue to have faith in Midland and its leadership. After all, what's a few hundred thousand dollars annually for parity between county employees and city employees (and select county employees), compared to spending \$50-plus million for a monument to West Texas football?

Where are our priorities?

Jared Davis

Officers deserve a raise for their risks

One of the recent issues of ongoing injustices in Midland covered by the Reporter-Telegram involves that of police compensation. Unlike, some of the other trivial matters where one group thinks another maligns them over, this matter should concern all Midland citizens. Well, at least the law-abiding portion.

The very nature of law enforcement work means that peace officers will never be paid enough for the situations they encounter. I seriously doubt most law enforcement officers pursue their career with the goal of

achieving great financial reward, although folks in some parts of South Texas may argue otherwise. If Midland police are as underpaid as they have documented themselves to be, then the mayor and City Council had better pull their heads out of the mesquite brush that still covers the site of the new sports complex.

I had the privilege to ride along with one of Midland's finest on Christmas night. I wasn't naive going into the experience, but nothing reinforced my perceptions like witnessing things our police face each day and night. I challenge our mayor, current city councilmen, and council candidates to spend a Friday or Saturday night riding with a police officer. Perhaps then they might make a connection between why police recruiting is a struggle and current officers take on second jobs or look into other areas of law enforcement that pay better.

A question each Midland citizen should be concerned about is whether a police officer will eventually ask himself, "Is this call for help by this citizen worth the risk I take for the pay I receive?" Think about it.

By the way, what will the new sports complex cost next week? Has the 4B corporation remembered to budget for event security?

Phil Miller

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Alan G. Moravcik

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Report: Nicotine shows promise against brain diseases

By Daniel Q. Haney
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite its evil image, new research suggests that nicotine is a surprisingly potent drug for a variety of diseases that afflict the brain, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Tourette's syndrome.

Many small studies over the past decade have explored the possible benefits of this ubiquitous drug. But the field appears to be taking on fresh life as doctors test nicotine patches for neurological diseases in both children and the elderly, and drug companies race to concoct nicotine substitutes that carry fewer side effects.

At a conference Monday, doctors said the field's first gold-standard study — one in which dummy treatments are rigorously compared with the real thing — suggests the patch shows real

promise in children with Tourette's syndrome, a strange affliction in which victims are beset by spasms of tics, shouted obscenities and violent urges.

Still, nicotine has many drawbacks, including its unsavory reputation as the addictive grabber in cigarettes. Some experts believe nicotine's real future is in fake forms of the drug.

"The problem with nicotine is that it is nicotine. You're asking parents to put their kids on nicotine," said Dr. Paul R. Sanberg of the University of South Florida, who has tested the drug on more than 100 young Tourette's patients.

Typically, doctors treat Tourette's with Haldol, a powerful tranquilizer that is also used against schizophrenia. In the latest study, Sanberg and colleagues combined nicotine patches and Haldol in 70 children, half of whom got dummy patches.

The study found those on nicotine did better and were able to control their symptoms with lower than usual doses of Haldol. "The data suggest that a low-dose nicotine patch may be useful in Tourette's syndrome," said Sanberg.

He and others experimenting with nicotine described their research at a conference in Washington sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Nicotine patches and gum are available in drugstores without prescriptions. They are intended to help smokers wean themselves off cigarettes.

The researchers cautioned that smoking is a bad way to get medical nicotine. Besides the obvious cancer risk, drug levels spike much higher in cigarettes.

They also say more research is needed before nicotine patches become routine to treat diseases.

However, Sanberg said that if Tourette's patients cannot control their symptoms with standard drugs, a low-dose patch might be worth trying.

Nicotine has been tested for many years in small-scale experiments against Alzheimer's disease and more recently against Parkinson's disease. Parkinson's causes tremors, rigid limbs and a shuffling walk, and like Alzheimer's, it may also result in problems with memory and thinking.

Dr. Paul Newhouse of the University of Vermont tried nicotine patches on 15 Parkinson's patients. Although there was no comparison group, his pilot study suggested that nicotine substantially improved their movement and relieved their mental difficulties.

Newhouse also tested a synthetic form of nicotine, Abbott Laboratories' ABT-418, on six

Alzheimer's patients. Despite its small size, Newhouse said patients showed "a significant improvement in verbal learning and memory" on standardized tests.

Since no drug firms have exclusive rights to nicotine, researchers say companies have little interest in paying for studies to prove its health benefits. However, several are working on nicotine substitutes that can be patented. These drugs could be more precisely targeted against specific disorders, carry fewer side effects and be available as pills rather than patches.

Nicotine is thought to work by regulating the brain's levels of message-carrying chemicals, such as dopamine and acetylcholine. Researchers say they see no sign that patients get hooked on the patch. The main side effects are nausea and itching around the patch.

Another drawback of the patch is the possibility it might trigger heart attacks, as the much higher nicotine in cigarettes can. Sanberg said that in his studies, children's heart rates rise about 10 percent, but they show no other obvious heart effects.

Schulz honored in his adopted hometown

By Mary Ann Lickteig
Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Tennis great Billie Jean King, cartoonist Cathy Guisewite and other fans of Charles Schulz remembered the "Peanuts" creator Monday as a humble genius who never realized until his dying days how much the world loved him.

The timing of Schulz's death from colon cancer nine days ago, just as his final strip was being published, was no coincidence, said Meredith Hodges, the oldest of his five children.

"He was taken from this world to the next at the most sacred of moments for him because he earned it," she told the audience of more than 2,000, which filled an arts center in the town where Schulz lived for more than half of his 77 years.

Schulz's widow, Jeanne, said the world's most widely syndicated cartoonist was a humble artist who never realized how beloved his creations were until after he decided in November that he was too ill to continue the strip.

"He could not know the extent of the impact he had made. I believe that's what these last months have been about," she said. "My comfort comes from knowing that he fully received the love and appreciation that poured out to him."

Schulz, who made more than \$30 million a year from the "Peanuts" strip and the many products, videos and licensing deals it generated, is better

known in town for giving than receiving, both publicly and anonymously.

His money founded or fostered a symphony, community foundation, library, housing development, dogs-for-the-disabled training center and many other projects in the area, as well as the Redwood Empire Ice Arena where Schulz played hockey.

"He was just a good man," said Doug Lightfoot, a retired pharmacist who recalled how Schulz let his wife's troop of campfire girls skate for free. "He was always very supportive of the community."

Guisewite, who draws the comic strip "Cathy," said Schulz

sought her out from time to time. One day, he called her when he couldn't think of anything to draw.

"I said 'What are you talking about, you're Charles Schulz!'" she said, recalling how reassuring it felt to know that even the greatest struggle sometimes.

After the ceremony, the crowd was fed chocolate chip cookies and root beer — standard fare for the "Peanuts" gang. British World War Two-era fighter planes flew over in a missing man formation, the middle plane trailing smoke from its wings.

Schulz was buried in nearby Sebastopol after a private funeral last week.

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McCain attacks Bush in bid to win Michigan

By Stewart M. Powell
Hearst News Service

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Sen. John McCain unleashed a fiery bid Sunday to rebound from his defeat in South Carolina's Republican presidential primary, peppering Gov. George W. Bush with fresh attacks in the critical Michigan primary — the first industrial-state showdown of the campaign.

McCain vowed to "get up off the floor" from his loss Saturday and relentlessly attack the Texan over the next 48 hours.

Sending the message that he is "the reformer and Governor Bush is not," McCain told several thousand students at Michigan State University here that he is more determined than ever to carry on with his uphill fight to wrest the nomination from Bush.

McCain said popular support for his "great crusade" to reform politics is "what makes me get off the floor after taking a punch and going right back at 'em."

The former Navy pilot, who endured torture for more than five years in a North Vietnamese prison, told the enthusiastic crowd, "My friends, I lived in a hotel once where there were no mints on the pillow. I know how

take a punch and I know how to fight back. I'm going to be fighting for you because you deserve a better government than the one you have today."

McCain launched his most sustained ridicule of Bush's claims to be a reformer. He accused the governor of tolerating a no-holds-barred campaign-finance system in Texas and suggested that Bush would permit special interests to seize control of the GOP.

For the first time, McCain accused Bush of boosting state spending in Texas by more than 36 percent during his tenure — exceeding the 20 percent increase in federal spending recorded by the Clinton administration.

"Now who do you want — a big-spender non-reformer or do you want the guy who has a record?" McCain asked the university audience.

"If George Bush is reformer, I am an astronaut."

Later he told reporters on his campaign bus that "anyone who believes that George Bush is a reformer believes in the tooth fairy."

Bush flew to Michigan early Sunday morning and headed for GOP strongholds around Grand

Rapids.

"Obviously, last night lifted my spirits, and my spirits are still high," he said after attending Sunday morning church services. He added, "I'm going to continue to talk about how to bring our country together. I'm going to talk about a better tomorrow."

Bush also underscored a familiar theme — that Democrats shouldn't choose the Republican nominee. He referred to a Michigan lawyer, Geoffrey

Fieger, who represented suicide advocate Jack Kervorkian. Fieger, Bush said, has been "making noises" about voting in Tuesday's Republican primary. But

Republicans should tell him, "You're not going to pick the Republican nominee," Bush said.

Bush seemed relaxed after his 53 percent to 42 percent victory over McCain in South Carolina, a victory that was crucial to the governor since McCain beat him by 19 percentage points in the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary.

In Michigan Bush and McCain are in a statistical tie in the polls. The Detroit News, which showed McCain ahead of Bush 49 percent to 42 percent last week, released a new poll Sunday showing that McCain's lead had narrowed to 40 percent to Bush's 38 percent. Michigan, a swing state in pres-

idential elections, has voted Republican in 8 of the 13 presidential elections since 1948.

Bush is hoping his "reformer with results" theme will connect with voters here, as it did in South Carolina and that voters here will see McCain, not Bush, as the purveyor of negative attacks.

Some Michigan voters said they were watching the contest closely before making their final decision. Bob Anderson, 42, attending a McCain rally in Livonia, a Detroit suburb, said he wanted to see how the two candidates "stand the heat" and added, "What they're doing to each other is nothing compared to what Al Gore will do to them in

the fall campaign."

Tony Noga, 60, a franchise development specialist living in Sterling Heights, Mich., said, "I'd hate to see Michigan sit back and act like a big sister to little South Carolina." Noga added, "I'd rather see us do something to help the McCain — a candidate who can inspire us to have that feeling about America that we've lost."

McCain said he would win Tuesday's primary in his home state of Arizona but needed a victory in Michigan to sustain his hard-pressed challenge. Asked if Michigan was a "must-win state," McCain replied: "It's very important."

Hillary calls Giuliani's campaign hypocritical

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign accused Republican rival Rudolph Giuliani on Monday of having "cornered the market on hypocrisy" after records showed his Senate campaign took money from a source he criticized the first lady for tapping.

A political action committee linked to the Loral Space and Communications company donated \$750 in September to the New York City mayor's campaign committee.

After a reporter questioned the donation, Giuliani campaign spokeswoman Kim Serafin said the money would be returned.

Earlier this month, the Giuliani campaign issued a news release complaining about "the Clinton campaign's funny-money machine" and "the re-emergence of the same cast of characters at the center of the worst financial abuses that marred the 1996 presidential campaign."

As evidence, the Giuliani camp cited \$40,000 in donations to Clinton's Senate campaign and related committees from Bernard Schwartz, chairman of Loral, and his wife. Loral is under Justice Department investigation for allegedly providing China with information that could help make its nuclear missiles more reliable.

Schwartz has been one of the Democratic Party's biggest donors in recent years, but Giuliani has also benefitted. In addition to uncovering the recent \$750 donation from the Loral Space-com Civic Responsibility Fund, the Clinton campaign also found that Giuliani's mayoral campaign committee received \$750 from Schwartz in 1993.

"Rudy Giuliani has cornered the market on hypocrisy," Clinton campaign spokeswoman Howard Wolfson said. "Soon the mayor will accuse us of arresting

the homeless and cutting \$7 billion from city schools."

The Clinton camp has criticized the mayor's push to have homeless people who refuse to leave the streets arrested and his handling of the New York City school system.

Each campaign is intensively reviewing the other's voluminous fund-raising reports filed with the Federal Election Commission last month.

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Churches to pray over MISD boundary issue

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Leaders from several Midland churches have decided to come together for a communitywide prayer over Midland Independent School District boundary issues.

"We believe that a spirit of cooperation and courtesy should mark our discussion of difficult educational issues, including which school our children and grandchildren attend. We believe we should pray for our elected officials and refrain from impugning their motives," said Fane Downs, president of the Midland Association of Churches.

The prayer meeting is for the entire community and will be held at Mount Caramel Baptist Church at 6:45 p.m. today, preceding the public hearing to discuss the issue. The church is located at 1308 E. Pecan just a few blocks down the street from Lee Freshman High School, where the district will hold the public meeting. Ms. Downs added that the prayer time will end by 7:15 to allow parents time to attend the public hearing.

Ms. Downs, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, said several events in the community have led the group of churches, along with the Midland Ministerial Alliance, to pray for the decisions that need to be made regarding reassigning

elementary students in Midland.

"We were concerned about the general difficulties in Midland right now, of which educational issues are one," she said.

She added that parishioners had also called asking different pastors to pray over the matter.

"We're gathering to ask God to help this be a peaceful meeting Tuesday and a productive meeting," said Lane Boyd, president of the Midland Ministerial Alliance and pastor of First United Methodist Church.

The Midland Ministerial Alliance has about 40 members and the Midland Association of Churches represents

about 40 churches and organizations.

Both pastors emphasized they aren't picking sides on the issue.

"We are looking for a way, as an organization of lay and clergy people, that we can make a positive contribution to the community," said Ms. Downs. "I think the important thing is that people understand that we don't have an agenda, except to pray and work for community harmony."

Boyd added, "We're just hoping and praying for the school board and the issue of the school boundaries and praying for mutual respect and trust and forbearance. We're not defending any position."

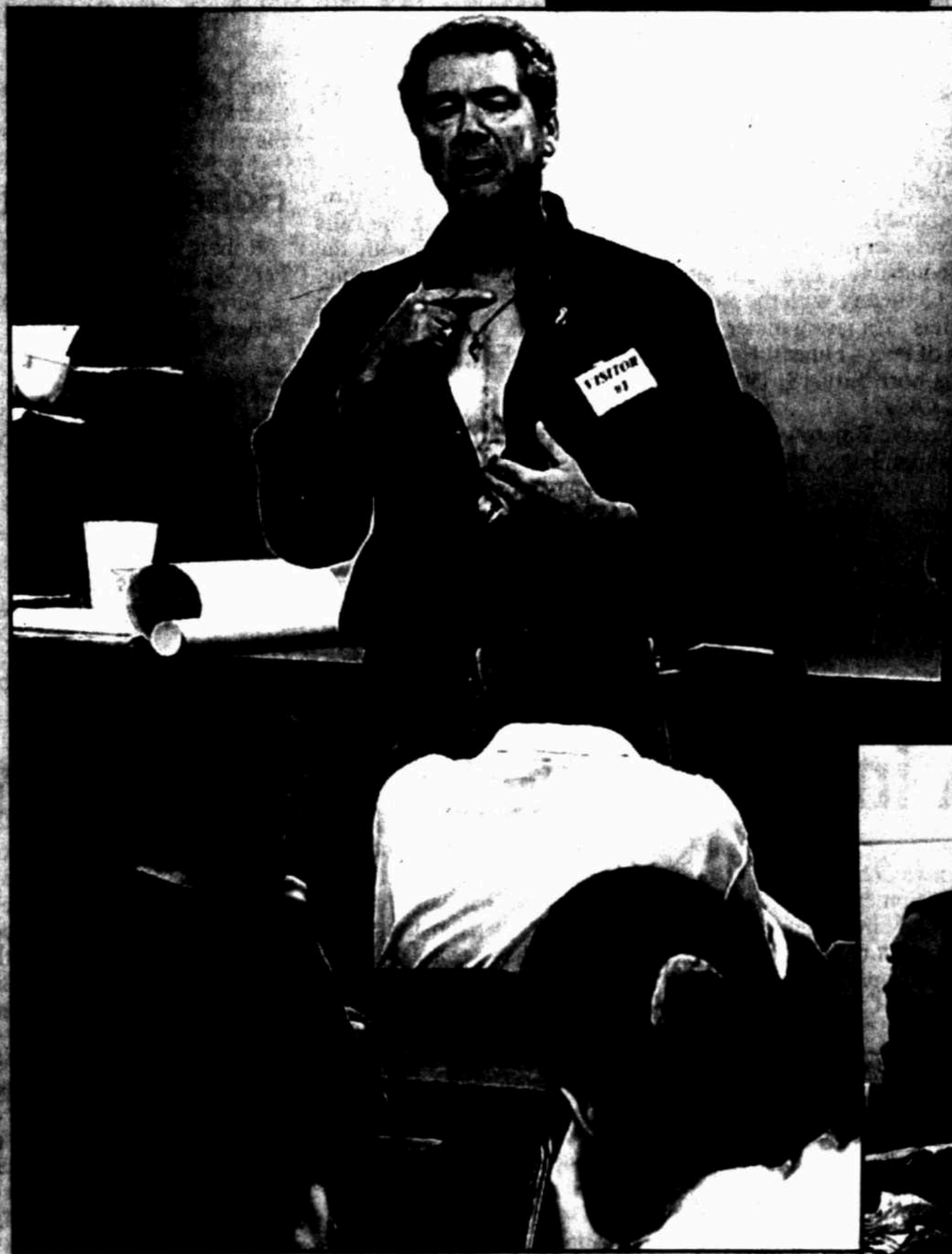
Under its agreed judgment settlement

plan, MISD is required to redraw some of its boundaries to achieve racial integration in 14 of its 23 elementary campuses.

The district's Anglo student population is 45 percent, according to Milton Evitt, executive director of computer and pupil services. To meet with the settlement agreement, the district needs six schools with an Anglo population between 35 and 55 percent and eight schools with an Anglo population between 30 and 60 percent.

MISD will give parents their second chance to comment on the boundary plans tonight at 7:15 p.m. at Lee Freshman High School at 1400 E. Oak.

Heart matters



Photos by Tim Fletcher
Reporter-Telegram

LEFT: Gary Calloway, OHS football and track coach, shows his surgery scar from his heart transplant.

BELOW: Amanda Edmon, 14, a ninth-grader at Nimitz Junior High in Odessa, looks at pictures of Calloway taken just before his surgery.



Recipients put face on organ donation

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

ODESSA — A recent study unit on organ transplants and donations was brought to life Monday for students at Nimitz Junior High with the visit of two Odessa men, Larry Norman and Gary Calloway, who have received heart transplants. A Midland man, Don Labombard, will speak to students today.

"Any time we do a presentation like this, but especially at the schools, is so the students can meet someone and put a face on organ donation," said Pam Silvestri, community education manager with Southwest Transplant Alliance.

Sharon Bishop, a Nimitz science teacher, said the men's presentation was the highlight of two days of studying the subject and that the students who participated had received permission from their parents.

"Our primary goal is to further awareness of organ and tissue donation and transplants," she said, adding that the subject was approached in a very positive manner.

"What's important is that the students can take the information home and visit with their families, where decisions can be made as far as organ donation. At the very least, it initi-

ates a beginning as far as transplant awareness is concerned."

Nimitz student Lauren Stewart said "I think it's very neat that they can do this" and added, "I've decided now to go ahead and be an organ donor when I apply for my driver's license. My parents are both also going to be donors."

Ms. Silvestri said such family awareness is vital to the program.

"You can be in the hospital with a driver's license in one hand and an organ donor card in the other, but unless your family is aware of your wishes, chances are, if they're asked, they'll say no," she said.

She said such presentations were also important so the students could see that the transplant recipient is not a sick person but a well person.

Calloway, until recently a football and track coach at Odessa High School, agreed that he feels better than he has in years since receiving his new heart last September, shortly after Labor Day. In fact, he told the students, he doesn't even have a cardiologist; instead, he travels to Dallas to his transplant surgeon every two weeks to be tested for rejection.

He said that he had frequently thought of being an organ donor but never imagined he would be a recipient.

"I ran six miles every day and there was no history of heart disease in my family," he said. But a virus caused his heart to fail and eventually put him on a transplant waiting list, where he remained for six months until receiving his new heart.

Now, he said, he's not sure he'll return to coaching, planning instead to spend his time promoting transplant awareness.

"I feel like I owe that to the people who are waiting for transplants," he said. "Some won't make it; they'll wait so long they get too sick. And chances of being an organ donor are so slim. Most people live to be too old or they die of a disease. If they die in an accident, their organs might be bruised. You have to die on a ventilator and your organs have to match up."

That is why, he said, it's so important for as many people as possible to volunteer to be donors.

Becoming a recipient is just as difficult, he said, noting that "you have to go through extensive testing just to get on the waiting list."

To receive his new heart, he said, he had to match the donor's blood type; the new organ had to match in size so it would fit in his chest

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Midland Hispanic Chamber begins small business lending program

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

With final approval from the City Council expected today, the city of Midland will contribute \$30,000 to The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the creation of the Midland Community Development Corp. which will oversee micro-loans to businesses in disadvantaged areas.

"Small business is the backbone of America," said David Diaz, executive director of the MHCC. "It's certainly true in our community. Oil and gas have been the driving force for a number of years. We're trying to diversify local economies by getting everyone to participate, including small businesses."

The primary aim of the program is to assist aspiring businesses to get loans they wouldn't typically qualify for. Sixty percent of those funds will be used in the Community Development Block Grant area, while the other 40 percent will be available for all areas of the city, Diaz said.

The funding has been provided by eight area banks, the city of Midland and local credit unions. Diaz said the chamber's hope is that those funds will be matched by a U.S. Treasury Department grant in September. Total funding thus far has amounted to \$142,000.

Diaz said the maximum loan would be for \$10,000. "We will have flexibility to go beyond that," he said, adding, "We'll be dealing with a lot of businesses that may want to expand a service."

Diaz said the MHCC will administer the loan program, with the average loan being between three and five years. All interest accrued will go back into the loan fund. "We're still working on the policy and procedure manual at this point," said Diaz. "What we've seen is a number of businesses that typically don't qualify for micro-loans under conventional lending criteria."

Madeline Garcia, chairwoman of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said she could not overstate the need of the micro-lending program. She said the program will provide businesses with advice before and after the lending. "We work with them prior to the loan and afterwards," she said. "We assist them, get a business plan together, financials. We're going to use existing services. We assist them in putting together their loan review package. We'll walk them through that. Afterwards, we help as far as marketing and budgeting."

Ms. Garcia said she was grateful for those banks that contributed funds. "The banking community was very receptive to the idea because the Hispanic Chamber has been successful in projects that they've originated in the past," she said. "In December we had a bankers meeting at the Petroleum Club. We had significant attendance from most local banks."



Garcia

'The banking community was very receptive to the idea because the Hispanic Chamber has been successful in projects that they've originated in the past.'

— Madeline Garcia, chairwoman, Hispanic Chamber

GARY OTT

There are only 305 shopping days until Christmas!

More rambling thoughts ...

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once said, "Know thyself? If I knew myself, I'd run away."

— Wouldn't we all?

— Hard to believe, but Brian Wilson, the head Beach Boy who wrote all of those great surfing songs, is deathly afraid of the water and has never surfed in his entire life.

— It was 20 years ago today that the United States hockey team upset the Soviets in Lake Placid, N.Y., 4-3. If the



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ending of that game, with announcer Al Michaels exclaiming "Do you believe in miracles?" didn't send a chill up your spine, then you don't have a patriotic bone in your body.

— Overheard: "I can resist everything except temptation."

— This item, believe it or not, ran in a church bulletin: "For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."

— And so did this one: "The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning."

— Let me see if I have this straight, two weeks ago, after he was crushed in the New Hampshire primary, everyone was writing off George W. Bush's

chances of winning the Republican nomination for president. Now, after his solid victory in South Carolina, those same people are saying Bush's chief opponent, John McCain, must win in Michigan or it's all over for him. Don't you just love it?

— Speaking of politics, who was the first candidate to kiss a baby?

— And what prompted him to do that?

— A quick reminder: There are a mere 305 shopping days until Christmas.

— It might be wise to remember this thought first put forth by Gina L. Keel: "While enjoying your freedom of expression, it is wise to remember that the toes you step on today may be connected to the rump that must kiss tomorrow."

— In other words, always be careful what you say about others. It might come back to haunt you.

— Just wondering: If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

— It is always a bit amusing when you realize you are doing something just like your parents did when they were your age ... especially since you swore up and down that would never happen to you.

— One man's opinion: You don't hear as much about Ralph Nader as you used to, although that could change since he just announced he will again seek the presidential nomination of the environmentalist Green Party.

— It doesn't take long for most Americans to forget about an international crisis, especially one that takes place in an

obscure place halfway around the world. For example, when was the last time you heard a heated argument about Kosovo?

— It is certainly understandable to be proud of past accomplishments, but sometimes it is possible for a person to hang too many plaques and awards on his office wall.

— What makes a kid decide to become a bully?

— I've always been leery of people who travel with a large entourage.

— And today's final quote comes from La Rochefoucauld, who once said, "Quarrels would not last long if the fault was only on one side."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

ORGANS: Students learn lessons

(From 1B)

cavity and pump blood through his body; then surgeons look at who is in the most need of a new organ, then who has been on the waiting list the longest and then who might have a problem with travel time.

He was perfectly matched with a 20-year-old native of Little Rock who was working in Dallas and attending art school, a man named Jesse who died in a drive-by shooting.

When he woke up after the surgery and his surgeon told him the donor was 20, he thought of his own 20-year-old son, he

said.

"I thought about how this could happen to my own 20-year-old son, how grief-stricken I would be. It would be easy for me to donate my organs, but how hard it would be to donate my son's organs. They had such love in their hearts to do this, I felt so humbled."

He said he is one of those recipients who has established a relationship with the donor's family. When in Dallas, he has dinner with Jesse's aunt and uncle and when another aunt in Memphis had surgery, he was there to lend support. From Jesse's mother, Sandra, he

learned of his basketball skills and his desire to be an artist, painting church murals.

He has become part of Jesse's extended family, and that relationship illustrates his contention that "The heart doesn't know race; my donor was black. I've seen black patients receive hearts from white donors."

He also pointed out that "The heart also doesn't know if you're a man or woman," joking that "we had a woman on the floor receive a man's heart. We didn't know what to get her so we chipped in and got her a subscription to 'Field and Stream.'"

Fishermen oppose changes to Sam Rayburn Reservoir

By Amy Strahan
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lowering water quality standards for a paper mill on Sam Rayburn Reservoir near Lufkin would hurt the sport fishing industry, anglers and environmentalists said Monday.

"It's already a sick reservoir," said Sparky Anderson, Texas program director of Clean Water Action. "The last thing we need is for the state to prescribe more illness for the lake."

Representatives of Donohue Industries, which owns the mill, and state officials say emissions from the plant into a stream north of the reservoir won't affect the bass fishing.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is considering a request from Donohue to allow the plant to continue dumping water and other byproducts into the stream.

The TNRC has scheduled a public hearing on the request in Austin March 21. People interested in the issue have until March 31 to comment.

Seth Kursman, vice president of governmental affairs and communication for Donohue Industries, denied emissions from the mill are killing fish.

"That is a blanket mischaracterization of the facts," he said. "Donohue is taking an old mill in desperate need of serious capital and upgrading the facilities."

Kursman said the mill, which employs 830 workers, can't operate without the rule change. The mill plans to spend \$125 million to decrease its wastewater emissions by 2001, he said.

Patrick Crimmins, a TNRC spokesman, said scientific studies of the lake ecology show the emissions from the plant do not reduce the number of fish in the lake.

"We don't have any reason to believe it would affect any fish," he said.

Anglers disagreed. They blamed the mill for a 1998 fish kill that decimated the bass population. Kursman said unusually high temperatures, not the mill, killed the fish.

"As anglers, we want to fish in good clean water, and we want our grandchildren to do the same," said Randi Wayland, president of the Texas Association of Bass Clubs.

Wayland said her group had planned to hold a tournament on the lake this year, but due to a decline in the size and numbers of bass, the association will hold the event in Del Rio instead.

"Six billion dollars is spent for bass fishing alone in Texas," Anderson said. "We can't allow lowering the standards simply so a polluter can pollute more."

OBITUARIES



Timothy Bryant

Funeral services for Timothy Bryant will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church with Doctor G.B. Williams officiating. Burial will be in Laurel Land Cemetery in Dallas Thursday at 3 p.m.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 21, 1985 in Dallas. He died at his home Friday, Feb. 18, 2000.

He was a 7th grade student at Alamo Junior High.

Survivors include his mother, Deborah McAfee of Midland; his father, Thomas Charles Bryant of

Dallas; grandparents, James and Lillian McAfee of Midland, and Beatrice Walker of Dallas; brothers, Tacallo and Daniel McAfee of Midland, Jermaine, James Mathew, Thomas, Terry and Sam Bryant, all of Dallas; a sister, Yvonne Vinson of Dallas; and two other sisters in Dallas.

DEATH NOTICES

James Daniels

BARSTOW — James A. Daniels, 64, father of three Midlanders, died Monday, Feb. 21 at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Barstow Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Daniels officiating under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

He was born July 18, 1935 in Norman, Okla.

He moved to Barstow in 1967. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Verma Daniels of Barstow; and three sons, Jim Daniels, Jerry Daniels and Mike W. Daniels, all of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Barstow Baptist Church.

Joseph Thornton

Joseph Thornton died Monday, Feb. 21, in a local hospital.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Doug Lamb officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was born Nov. 27, 1913 in Drew, Miss. He married Lucile Toler in Laurel, Miss. on Sept. 22, 1935. They moved to Midland in 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Lucile Thornton of Midland; two daughters, Carol Swain and Marty Temple, both of Midland; six grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Gary Wil-

son, Lou Swain, Euel Blocker, Charlie Grissam, Olando Temple and Andy Hope.

Robert Charlton

Robert Charlton died Sunday, Feb. 20, at his home.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Elma Carter

Elma Mae Carter died Monday, Feb. 21, at her home.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Vera Venator

Vera Venator died Monday, Feb. 21, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Today's Agenda

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

Sack Lunch/Parent Education Mtg. for answers and information, Alamo library, 12-1 p.m.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furr's Cafeteria.

Midland Chapter No. 253, OES, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Licensed Vocational Nurses Assoc., 7:30 a.m., Trinity Towers.

Ranchland Hills Ladies Association, 7 p.m., Couples Bridge, RHCC.

Toastmistress Club 7:30 p.m., Memorial Christian

Church, 45-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-8442.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, Dot, 683-3775 and Kathy, 580-HELP.

Midland County Young Democrats, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 3802 Avondale Dr., 684-5548 or 694-4152.

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, #9215, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, Cherry Lane & Tyler St.

Bellydancing classes 7-8 p.m., Hawaiian/Tahitian classes 8-9 p.m., 520-4852 or 694-2250.

Study Club, 7:30 p.m., Unity Church of West Texas, 210 E. 12th St., Odessa, 332-5890.

Healthy Alternatives: ADD, 7 p.m., 711 W. Indiana Ave., 570-0272.

Downtown Bible Study, noon, 312 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 6, 682-6748.

Alcoholics Anonymous closed step-study, 8 p.m., 111 E. Michigan Ave., 684-9430 or 687-3427.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program Parent Group, 7 p.m., second floor First Baptist Church, 685-3645.

Accused DEA informant was paid millions

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has suspended an informant it has paid \$2.2 million over 16 years, during which time he is accused of lying about his own criminal record, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday.

The agency took the action this month on Andrew Chambers, pending a background review, the newspaper reported. The DEA also is reviewing its own procedures regarding the issue.

"In our review thus far, Chambers has been arrested on about six occasions, not including traffic offenses," said DEA spokesman Terry Parham. "He has not been convicted of a felony or any offense involving honesty."

His arrests include two for solicitation of prostitution, one for forgery, one for theft, one for a domestic assault and one for impersonating a police officer, the

newspaper reported. His only known conviction came in a Denver solicitation case.

"In certain circumstances, the prosecutors and (DEA) case agents were apparently unaware of the fact that Chambers had an arrest record," Parham said. "Chambers provided false testimony on the witness stand about his arrest record on at least three occasions."

Defense attorneys whose clients have faced cases involving testimony by Chambers have complained for years about Chambers. Chambers' newly discovered arrest record might open the door to appeals, they say.

U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler in Washington, D.C., ordered the DEA to disclose Chambers' full criminal history, specific criminal cases he worked and how much he was paid. She cited evidence "suggesting mas-

sive government misconduct."

The DEA responded Jan. 7, but did not report Chambers' solicitation arrest in Houston. The agency also has yet to produce details of the cases Chambers worked, according to attorney H. Dean Steward.

Steward, a Santa Ana, Calif., federal public defender who represents the plaintiff in the suit that led to Kessler's order, contended in court papers filed last week that the DEA response was insufficient.

"It appears to have been prepared to reveal only information plaintiff already has," Steward wrote.

Steward asserts a wiretap crucial to a homicide case against his client never would have been authorized if Chambers' record had been disclosed.

DEA agents and prosecutors, however, praise Chambers for his

work in more than 20 cities, including Houston, Los Angeles and Miami — which they say has led to the arrests of 445 defendants, and seizure of more than a ton of cocaine, \$6 million in assets and numerous weapons and motor vehicles.

"I have heard other DEA special agents and law enforcement personnel call him the best at what he does," Parham said. "He put his own life at risk on behalf of the American public to put serious violent criminals in jail."

Chambers did not respond to an interview request by the Chronicle.

Defense attorneys contend that the Chambers story illustrates a "win-at-all-cost" mentality among law officers and prosecutors. Prosecutors also say that greater disclosure of Chambers' past would have had little effect on most case outcomes.

Astronauts reel in mast, make last-minute adjustments

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After scrutinizing three-quarters of the Earth's land area, the crew of space shuttle Endeavour switched off its eye to the planet today and reeled in the radar mast.

The 197-foot mast and its antenna came in smoothly, in just 18 1/2 minutes. But after the mast folded up into a canister in the shuttle cargo bay, the astronauts had to struggle for a couple of hours more to get it to latch properly.

Applause broke out in Mission Control when the problem was finally solved and the mast was latched firmly on the fourth try.

"Thanks for the exciting finish to an exciting mapping portion of the mission," Mission Control said.

Earlier, commander Kevin Kregel offered to have two of his crew go out on a spacewalk to secure all three latches, but Mission Control politely declined.

"The only two sad faces we have in the cockpit" are those of the two designated spacewalkers,

Kregel joked.

At least two of the latches had to be closed in order to keep the mast from coming out of the canister and banging into something during Tuesday's planned landing. All three latches ended up closing. If the latch problem hadn't been fixed, NASA might have been forced to junk the entire mast and canister into space.

In nine days and six hours of mapping, the astronauts surveyed 43.5 million square miles of the Earth's terrain at least twice. Double imaging is needed to create ultraprecise 3-D maps of the planet's peaks and valleys, as far north as Alaska and as far south as the tip of South America.

The astronauts finished their unprecedented Earth mapping mission after passing over Flinders Island, just southeast of Australia in the Tasman Sea.

The mapping gathered enough geographic data to fill 20,600 compact discs.

"We'd like to congratulate you on a flawless operation of

this most sophisticated mapping instrument in the universe," Mission Control told the astronauts after mapping ended, just before 7 a.m. EST. "This topographic database will be a real treasure of the human race for many years."

The mission actually came up about 5 percentage points short of its original goal of mapping 80 percent of the Earth's land masses, because of a problem with a thruster on the end of the mast.

Still, scientists are getting more radar data than they had expected a week ago, since the astronauts squeezed in an extra nine hours of mapping late Sunday and today to make up part of the deficit.

It will take scientists one to two years to go through all the material the shuttle captured. NASA and its partner, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, expect the maps to be the most complete and accurate ever produced.

The Defense Department will use the maps to improve its aim

of missiles and its deployment of troops. Almost everyone else will have to settle for less precise data because of national security issues, but the information still will be far superior to what is currently available.

"There's every reason to be excited," said the mapping agency's Thomas Hennig.

A malfunctioning thruster on the end of the mast, the longest rigid structure ever flown in space, chopped 2.5 million square miles off of the area the shuttle was able to map. The crew managed to conserve enough fuel during the last week to permit mapping on Sunday.

NASA tacked on an extra nine hours and 10 minutes of mapping time. The 10 minutes, added over the weekend, gave the Endeavour one last survey of Australia. But the extra surveying meant the \$35 million mast and its antenna would have had to be dumped overboard if it had not retracted, since there was no time left for an emergency spacewalk to bring it inside.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Friday

Thefts: The recent weekend proved detrimental to maintaining one's outside furniture. From Friday to Sunday, three residents reported the theft of various porch items. A chair and bench were reported taken off a porch at 1700 Community Lane. Rockers were reported stolen off a porch at 2611 Fannin and cedar chairs were reported stolen from a residence at 2800 Dengar.

Saturday

Burglary: A resident of 1310 E. Garden Lane reported that the residence was burglarized sometime between Sunday, Feb. 13 and Saturday.

Sunday

Vandalism: A resident of 2409 Humble reported vandalism to a 1989 Volvo parked at the residence. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200. The crime was reported to have occurred at 3 a.m.

Burglary: A resident of 3329 Wadley, Apt. 7, reported that a burglary occurred at 7 p.m.

Vandalism: A woman

reported that her 1993 Cadillac received \$1,500 in damage, while parked at 2438 Whitmire from 6:45 to 8:45.

Burglary: A resident of 1704 W. Griffin reported that a burglary occurred at the residence between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Theft: A BMX bicycle was reported stolen from a residence at 2610 N. A Street at 9:05 p.m.

Theft: A watch, camera and sunglasses were reported stolen from a home at 6403 Sepida. The burglary reportedly happened at 6:05.

Vandalism: A resident of 4315 Neely reported that a golf cart at the residence was vandalized causing \$150 damage.

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

Galveston residents' water pinch nearing end

GALVESTON (AP) — Residents of the state's largest island city should be able to let their taps flow free for the first time since Thursday if scheduled water supply repairs are successful.

A 36-inch pipeline feeding fresh water from the mainland was to be plugged around 10 p.m. at the north end of the Interstate 45 causeway, officials said.

New pipes were expected to be in place and supplying Galveston Island with plenty of water by Tuesday morning. Until then, mandatory rationing measures implemented last week were to remain in force.

"We'll be OK. We'll be fine," city spokesman Wes Swift said.

"We need to let the public know that, yes, for awhile, the water will be turned off."

The shutoff was scheduled to last no more than six hours, officials said. The island should have enough reserves to handle demand, Swift said, as long as residents continue to abide by usage restrictions.

"People should not notice a difference and we expect everything to go perfectly well. By morning, it should be perfectly fine," Swift said.

The city was satisfied so far by residents' conservation efforts. All nonessential water usage was banned last Thursday after valve failures plagued the switchover to

a new supply line.

Residents in this city of more than 60,000 have been ordered for the last five days not to wash cars, water lawns, fill pools or use water in other ways the city deems unnecessary.

Mandatory rationing was supposed to end Sunday, but there were problems over the weekend in stopping up an old, faulty valve. Workers needed to plug the valve before they could attach the new water lines to the supply source.

The valve failures first occurred last Tuesday, prompting a voluntary rationing program that became mandatory two days later.

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Witnesses tell stories of tragic day at A&M Bonfire collapse

By Megan K. Stack
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Like most of his fellow Aggies, it was the crack Justin Hollingsworth remembered most — like the sound of a tree on the verge of crashing to the forest floor, he told police.

Angelle Villar, on the other hand, couldn't recall anything but the sight of two ropes snapping. Their stories are jumbled, odd, often contradictory — but the voices of the Texas A&M bonfire collapse surfaced Monday when the school released about 200 witness accounts.

While students labored to stack the logs in preparation for the

annual blaze, the bonfire pyre came crashing to the ground in the early morning hours of Nov. 18. Twelve Aggies were killed; 27 more injured.

Witness were interviewed by university police in the following weeks. There in the written, signed recollections, panic and dust and darkness linger on.

It began with a pop of splintering wood. Some witnesses said the center pole began to shake. The lines hemming the logs together peeled thin and snapped, others recalled. The entire stack slipped onto its side.

"As it fell I saw people jumping and trying to get away," Collin Zacek told police. "I saw some crushed to death in less than

a second."

The collapse took about five or six seconds, according to witnesses.

"And then," Hollingsworth said, "it was all over."

The accounts go on to tell of hysterical searches for survivors, trembling head counts.

"Everything was so dark in there," Tarvoris Johnson said. "I hardly remember what was going on."

In thick dust and darkness, they groped for their friends. Those with trucks nearby scrambled into the cabs, veered the vehicles to face into the stack and switched on their high beams.

Wendy Wheeler, aloft on a swing, began to scream just after

the collapse. Somebody freed her leg from the wreckage, and she took off running across the field.

"But then I turned around realizing my friends were still in there," she said.

Emergency crews began to arrive. Supervising students called red pots hollered orders to back away from the stack's perimeter.

It was hours before sun up. The search for survivors — and explanations — began that morning.

"I was in total awe and did not know what to do," Britt Henley said.

Months later, a quest for understanding has continued. The A&M Bonfire Commission,

assembled in the aftermath and charged with investigating the cause of the collapse, is scheduled to meet again Tuesday.

When it comes to the trickier, lingering questions, witness accounts are predictably contradictory.

Was alcohol consumed at the polo fields where the logs were stacked?

"I did not see any at all," Zacek told police. But others told a different tale.

"There is always somebody drinking at stack," Nate Moehring said.

As for what caused the collapse, Aggie theories ran from the center pole to the weight of logs to pure, freak accident.

Some believed ash and dust from past bonfires created soft, faulty pockets in the soil beneath the cumbersome stacks.

Others said a monthlong drought dried the center pole into brittleness.

Some mentioned the cables that were, in the past, bound around each tier to create a unit.

"This year they did not put (them) on," Michael Guerra said. "I did not see them do it."

Still others recalled that a crane veered into the stack a few days earlier, snapping off a chunk of wood and causing the entire structure to sway.

"But we thought that was normal and went back to work," Kevin Jackson.

2 armed death row inmates take female prison guard hostage

LIVINGSTON (AP) — Two armed death row inmates who were part of a botched escape from the Ellis Unit in 1998 were holding a female guard hostage Monday night in a new prison that was supposed to be more secure.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said 57-year-old Jeanette Bledsoe was taking Howard Guidry, 22, back to his cell at about 4:15 p.m. when he and Wilkerson overpowered her.

Wilkerson, 24, who is scheduled to be executed March 15, had somehow jimmied his cell door, Fitzgerald said.

Bledsoe, who was handcuffed with one leg shackled, was seated on the floor in a small cage-like room adjacent to death row with Wilkerson hovering over her.

"They have no place to go. Officers have sealed off the area," Fitzgerald said. "She has not been threatened or harmed in any way, but it is a tense situation."

Bledsoe has been a corrections officer for 39 months. Her son is also a corrections officer at the same prison.

Bledsoe's family has been notified and is at the scene, Fitzgerald said.

Each of the inmates had a weapon, he said. One was a makeshift knife about 12 to 18 inches long. The other weapon is a so-called "bean slot tool," a 2-foot long piece of metal used to open the dinner door on each prison cell.

Officials say they don't know how the inmates got the heavy tool.

Both prisoners have complained about conditions in the unit, Fitzgerald said. In talks with hostage negotiators, they complained it takes six months to make changes in visitation lists. They also want to be allowed out of their cells for longer than one hour a day.

"Basically it's complaints about conditions in the prison," Fitzgerald said.

The situation is the latest in a string of flare-ups at state prisons that correctional officers blame on staff shortages and poor training.

Texas has about 28,000

guards watching over some 151,000 inmates. Guard levels are about 1,700 short of what has been approved by the Legislature.

In January, a Huntsville inmate stabbed a Texas Department of Criminal Justice guard in the stomach with a pencil.

On Dec. 17, guard Danny Nagle was stabbed to death at a prison in Beeville, about 90 miles southeast of San Antonio. Union officials blamed Nagle's death and a riot at the same facility just days later on the staff shortage. He was the first Texas correctional officer killed in 17 years.

Last month, Charles Godwin, the state prison system's training director, sent a letter to Gov. George W. Bush saying prison system officials have repeatedly ignored warnings that the state's training program was inadequate. Without changes, he said, violent attacks on guards would increase.

Since 1995, violent attacks have increased from 720 to 1,649 last year.

Godwin said prison officials first recognized they had a staffing shortage in 1997. In response, they decided to cut back on guards' classroom training to fill the gaps at a faster pace. Prison officials have maintained that the training meets national standards.

Guidry and Wilkerson were among seven inmates who attempted to escape on Thanksgiving 1998 from the Ellis Unit I in Huntsville. Six of the escapees surrendered after guards fired shots at them. The body of the seventh escapee was found a week later in a nearby creek.

Prison officials started relocating death row inmates to the 2,900-bed Terrell unit from the Ellis unit near Huntsville six months ago. The 1998 escape attempt from the older facility prompted officials to move inmates to the more modern and secure Terrell unit.

Wilkerson, who prison authorities said has attempted escape before, has an extensive history of disciplinary problems.

He was condemned for the robbery and shooting of Chung Myong Yi, 43, a Houston jewelry store clerk.

Blacks in Rio Grande Valley evaluate King's dream

HARLINGEN (AP) — Most discussions with Rev. Norman L. Washington are sprinkled with the wisdom of Moses, Jesus and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. When asked to reflect upon the last 50 years living in this South Texas town, he speaks about how high black people have risen.

He came here in the 1940s with the railroad when blacks couldn't eat at the same counter as whites, when he had to use a separate bathroom and drink from a different water fountain.

Today he's a preacher. And though he's never been witness to the violent racism — such as that inflicted June 7, 1998, on a black man in Jasper — he still recognizes the subtle forms of discrimination in South Texas.

"You don't have to throw a rock at me to tell me you don't like me, because I can tell from the way you pass me out on the sidewalk whether you care for me or not," he said. "You don't have to put a cross on my lawn, or throw a fireball, for me to tell."

African-Americans only comprise about 3 percent of the population in Harlingen, compared to about 12 percent nationwide, and they can be looked at with prejudice.

"It still exists, you know," said 21-year-old Jessie Martinez, a Hispanic student at Texas State Technical College. He was skating in a parking lot downtown with one white friend and another Hispanic friend.

"Maybe it's not so much 'Don't talk to them,' maybe (parents) will let you be friends, but they don't want their daughter dating a black guy, stuff like that," he said. "Or even in Hispanic families, against whites, Asians, anything. I guess down here they're more old-fashioned."

Old fashioned may not capture all of it: George McShan has held the dean's position in the department of enrollment management at TSTC for nearly 20 years. He has seen such behavior, especially when he came to Brownsville as a young teacher, fresh from historically black Prairie View A&M.

"People may have called me names, especially when I was young and had an Afro," he said, chuckling dismissively.

McShan had to prepare his three children to deal with discrimination, recalling sitting with his kids and having "the talk."

"I told my kids, 'Don't be surprised when someone mentions vile words to you — like the 'n-word' — or says you're less than them,'" he said. "You're not that person. You know who you are. Don't get in a fight. Tell them it's inappropriate and move on."

The rude awakening for black

children is when they grow up and realize that today's prejudice is rarely easy to spot, McShan said.

"For example," he said, "if I was standing here with someone else and a person approached, they'd extend a hand to the other person, assuming that person was dean."

Five years ago, the NAACP began to sponsor an essay contest for grades three through 12, in conjunction with the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

The review board received a lot of regurgitated historical facts for that first year, in 1995, said NAACP Chapter President Beverly Friddle.

"That told us we had a lot of work to do because anyone can pick up a book or go on the Internet to get that stuff," she said.

The NAACP then toured area schools, trying to show children how King's cause was related to them.

"By the third year, the essays blew us out of the water," Friddle said. "Because by then, the students had heard other essays and had started talking to relatives. It soon came out that Martin Luther King didn't just do it for his own community, he did it for everyone."

In one essay, a student explored the injustices done to his grandfather, an immigrant who couldn't speak English, Friddle said.

"Every child thinks it's a black-and-white issue, but Dr. King represents them, too," Friddle said, noting that Africans, too, had to learn English when they first arrived in America. "The essence is to encourage people to know who they are and where they came from."

Joseph Jacquet is no angel. His behavioral problems have gotten him kicked out of several local schools, beginning with Jefferson Elementary. At 16 years old, he can describe the interior of the juvenile rehab center in down-to-the-filter detail.

"They have buzzing doors with thick, wired glass," he said. "The isolation rooms are a b---h — it's just a square with a little chain"

The first time he was sent there, it was only a brief tour. The second time, he got fifteen days in the hole. He said that has given him a new perspective on life.

"They don't let you outside, so when I came out and the sun hit me, I thought I was blind."

He was sent there after local magistrates got tired of seeing him

in juvenile court, for charges like trespassing (he and his associates jumped a fence to have a game of football on the field of a local high school during the summer) and burglary (last year's foray into Austin Elementary, where one of his "homeys" noticed an open window and led the group to a trove of televisions, computers and a Sony Play Station.)

Of 50 people in the prison, he says he was the only African-American.

The lanky, smooth-skinned boy said that Harlingen is mostly a peaceful town. At least, compared to Fort Worth, where his brother Ricky moved for a fresh start, after a life of too much trouble in Harlingen.

"Some people are OK, but others have a racist attitude. You can sense it in their way of looking at you," said Joseph.

Rev. Washington makes a living from talking to young people like Joseph.

That's the real challenge, Washington said, shaking his head.

"They're listening, quietly, concerning. They don't dispute it, but then they go off and leave you thinking they're going to do better — yet they don't."

The NAACP's Friddle said she moved to Harlingen from Houston for the opportunities available here and the quality of living. She said she has not been discriminated against, and that opportunities

exist in Harlingen that do not exist for African-American business people in the larger cities.

"Here, there is the opportunity to do things at a fast pace," she said. "All the other places are saturated, in the area of health care, technology. Here, we can really make a difference."

Some Hispanic residents have an idea of what it is like to be in the minority in the Valley.

"I bet when black people come down here from Houston, they feel like they're being watched," said Justo Perez, 18, of La Feria. He once lived in Houston.

Perez recalls one summer when he and his mother went with migrant workers to Arkansas.

"And all the white girls would say 'look at the Mexicans.' We would go into the grocery stores and get stares. That's all it is, anyway. Here, people will look at blacks, in Arkansas, white people will look at Mexicans, and when white people go down to Mexico people will look at them ... it all goes around."

Rev. Washington still has this experience, on occasion.

"Sometimes I go to town, shopping, and get close to a child. That child jumps away from me," he said. "Somebody had told that child something about me. There wouldn't be so much meanness in children unless it was put in them by someone."



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Stolen plane suspected in immigrant smuggling

HOUSTON (AP) — A small plane stolen in Oklahoma traveled to the Mexican border before landing near Houston, where authorities said six people — including four illegal immigrants — were arrested early Monday.

Immigration officials and deputies with the Harris County Sheriff's Department arrested the six after U.S. Customs tracked the Cessna aircraft from the Rio Grande Valley to a small airfield northwest of Houston.

They were taken to the Harris County Jail in Houston. The pilot and another U.S. citizen on board could face charges of immigrant smuggling, said Immigration and Naturalization Service spokeswoman Luisa Aquino.

Two of the four suspected illegal immigrants were women, two were men. Details were not immediately available about the pilot, the other passenger or whether the plane ever crossed into Mexico.

The plane is thought to have stopped in the Brownsville, Texas, area, Aquino said. It was tracked to Houston after it was spotted flying suspiciously low.

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Delays prolong sentencing phase for torture slaying case

By Matt Siegle
Associated Press

FORT WORTH (AP) — Jurors deciding the fate of convicted murderer Michael Wayne Hall spent most of Monday outside the courtroom as attorneys haggled over a defense plan to show he is "mentally retarded" and doesn't deserve the death chamber.

Hall, 20, faces either life in prison or death for torturing 19-year-old Amy Robinson, who had a genetic disorder called Turner's Syndrome.

He and co-defendant Robert Neville Jr. were convicted of her murder. Neville was scheduled to die on April 27, but has been granted a stay of execution so he can appeal the sentence.

Defense lawyer Paul Conner on Monday presented the court more than 100 pages of scientific studies and charts to show Hall suffered from a form of "mental retardation" that made him susceptible to bad influences like Neville.

Prosecutors quickly called for a recess to meet with Judge

Sharen Wilson, who dismissed jurors to settle the dispute over whether the studies should be admitted. The judge twice called lawyers into her chambers during the ensuing meeting, which lasted the rest of the day.

She dismissed several documents she considered irrelevant, but admitted others. The forms were not made available to reporters.

Dr. Mark Cunningham, a clinical psychologist who was to provide expert testimony on the documents, said Hall at times had a "tenuous hold on reality."

When the punishment phase of Hall's trial began Saturday, lawyers used testimony from his mother, Karen Hall, to show Hall as a "mentally retarded" man who grew up in an unstable, alcoholic family with little regard for his well-being.

Robinson's family members weren't convinced, and said outside the courtroom that such testimony would only reinforce their belief: that Hall should get the death sentence.

"I think he's just mean, sick and selfish," said Ben Grogan,

"It's just wasting a lot of people's time. I'm not buying it. I just pray that the jury won't."

— Tina Roach, victim's mother

Robinson's father. "He's just trying to save himself."

A bespectacled Hall, who his lawyers said has an IQ of 67, gazed at a leather-bound Bible during the proceedings, thumbing through its pages or rubbing the cover with his hands. He occasionally rested his head on the book like a pillow.

Court records show Hall and Neville repeatedly shot Robinson with a pellet gun and a crossbow before fatally shooting her with a rifle in February 1998. The men were arrested in March 1998 as they tried to enter Mexico at the Eagle Pass border crossing.

After their arrests, they discussed their crimes in separate interviews with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and television station KDFW. The interview was played for jurors during Hall's trial.

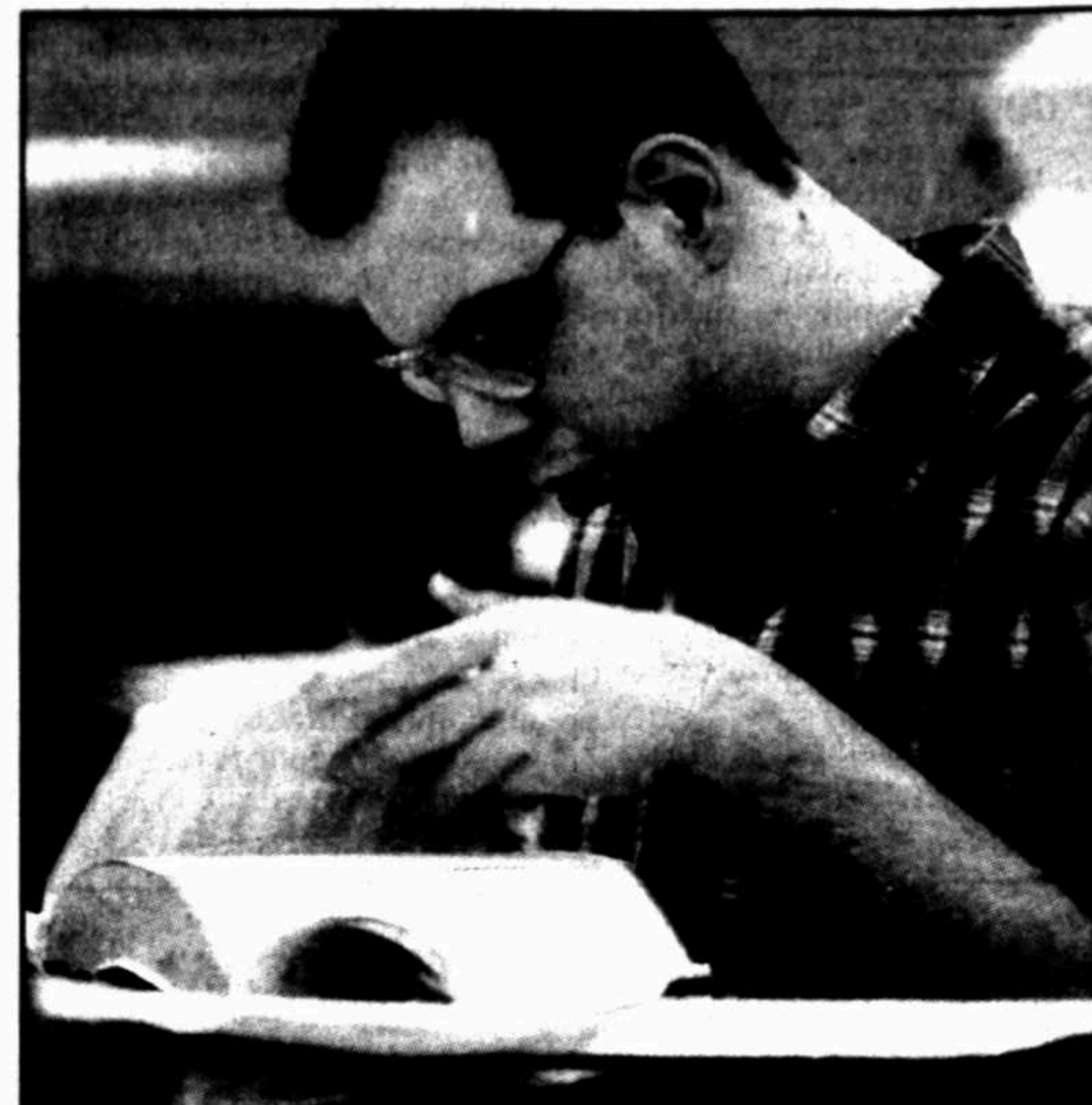
Hall and Neville described how they spotted Robinson riding her bike and offered her a ride to work at a grocery store. Neville and Robinson had worked together at the store.

Instead of taking Robinson to work, the two said they drove her to a remote field in northeast Fort Worth and tortured and killed her.

Neville, 25, told reporters he wished he could go back in time and undo the killing. Hall showed no remorse, saying he wanted the death penalty because he couldn't live in prison.

"It's just wasting a lot of people's time," Robinson's mother Tina Roach said of Hall's mental disability claim. "I'm not buying it. I just pray that the jury won't."

Hall's mother, Karen Hall, declined an interview.



AP Photo/Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Carolyn Mary Bauman
Michael Hall pages through a Bible during the sentencing phase of his death penalty trial Monday, in Fort Worth. Hall, 20, faces either life in prison or death for torturing 19-year-old Amy Robinson, who had a genetic disorder called Turner's Syndrome. He and co-defendant Robert Neville Jr. were convicted of her murder.

DEAR ABBY

Frank talk gives mom peace of mind

DEAR ABBY: Will you please reprint this letter? My wife and I have saved it for many years. If it helps some young ladies, we will be happy.



Van Buren

ROBERT KLIPPEL, S. A. N. FRANCISCO

DEAR ROBERT: The letter you sent appeared in my column on Dec. 11, 1991, and I'm pleased to run it again.

DEAR ABBY: I wrote you in June about my 13-year-old daughter. (I told you she was getting dangerously close to the boyfriend she had been seeing morning, noon and night.)

I took your advice and spoke to her about sex. I purchased at the local drugstore several forms of birth control (condoms, contraceptive sponge and vaginal suppositories). I also bought some-

thing called a "teen pack." It contained several trial-size items introducing young females to such things as tampons, mini-pads, maxi-pads, shaving lotion and razors for shaving legs. When I got home I invited my daughter to join me at the kitchen table. My husband was working late that night, so it was a perfect opportunity for girl talk.

I lined up the contraceptive devices on the table. I gave her the teen pack, telling her that all the items in that package were things that we had previously discussed. Then I pointed to the other items that we needed to talk about.

I carefully explained to her that now she had become a young woman having a monthly period, she could become pregnant if she had sex. I then told her that I was in no way condoning sex in someone as young as she, but that I wanted her to be informed. I then took each product and explained how it was used, and showed her the directions and how to check the expiration date on the product. After that, I opened each package and let her

touch the device, examine it and ask questions.

I made sure that she was aware that even if she was on the birth control pill, it would not prevent sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS. I told her that safe sex with condoms could not guarantee the prevention of pregnancy and disease, and the only way to ensure not getting pregnant or contracting a sexually transmitted disease was not to have sex.

I then took the remaining products and placed them in a box in her bathroom closet. I told her I would not check the box, but if she ever felt a need to experiment, they would be there. I stressed that she could always come to me before making any decisions that would change her life forever.

I made some important points to her that truly hit home: I pointed out that she was too young to obtain a driver's license, too young to drink, too young to get a job, and too young to be responsible for the life of another human being. I reminded her

that if she were to have a child, her education and social life would cease until such time that she could afford a baby sitter.

Abby, I realize this letter is long, but I wanted you to know how I dealt with this issue. After our talk, my daughter has been a different person!

I trust my daughter, and your advice was a big help in dealing with a very difficult situation. I realize that I have a long way to go in completing the journey through her teen years, but I believe that we, as a family, will survive. -- NORTH DAKOTA MOM

DEAR MOM: Thank you for writing. Every daughter should have a mother like you!

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Mexican man accused of leading kidnapping ring arrested in capital

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A man accused of running one of Mexico's most feared kidnapping rings was arrested on Monday, the federal attorney general's office announced.

Nicolas Andres Caletri Lopez was arrested while making a telephone call along a roadside near the Pacific coast city of Pinotepa Nacional, according to Jose Larrieta, head of the attorney general's unit against organized crime. He said Caletri did not resist.

Larrieta said Caletri's gang was behind about 10 kidnappings, often hiring other groups to seize the victim and then "buying" them in order to pressure families for a ransom. He is the highest-profile kidnapping suspect arrested in Mexico since August 1998, when police captured Daniel Arizmendi, known as "the ear lopper."

Larrieta said officials had tapped the telephone of Caletri's girlfriend in the Mexico City suburb of Chalco and found that she had fairly regular phone contact with the man toward the end of each month.

That information led them to watch a string of public telephones near Pinotepa Nacional in hopes Caletri would show up.

Also detained for questioning was his girlfriend, Elena Pina Mendoza.

The attorney general's office said Caletri was being brought to Mexico City for an appearance before a judge.

Caletri had escaped from prisons several times, most recently from a Mexico City facility in 1995.

Wilfredo Robledo, commissioner of the Federal Preventative Police, said Caletri's band had been weakened by recent arrests and Caletri himself was on the run.

Policeman killed, several wounded in protest

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — A state police commander was killed and several people were injured in a clash Monday involving farmers protesting low prices for coffee, the Chiapas state attorney general.

Attorney General Eduardo Montoya said the farmers in Yajalon, about 40 miles north of here, accused local officials of shortchanging them on

the price paid for their coffee crops. Coffee is a major crop in Chiapas, Mexico's southernmost state.

Montoya said a protest march in the town led to a clash at the police headquarters as protesters armed with clubs and rocks fought with agents, who fired bullets and tear gas.

Police Commander Rodrigo Ortega was killed and several people were injured by rocks and clubs.

Truck driver charged in wreck

SPRING (AP) — The driver of an 18-wheeler that jumped a bridge guardrail and killed two drivers in oncoming traffic was charged Monday with two counts of negligent homicide.

Richard Stadt, 40, escaped with minor injuries Jan. 31 after his tractor-trailer went airborne after hitting a concrete barrier, crushed the cab of a pickup truck and sheared off the top off another big rig, authorities said. Pickup driver Dale Turner, 43, was killed instantly. The north-bound trucker, 62-year-old John

Braun, burned to death from fuel coming from Stadt's truck, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Witnesses indicate Stadt was weaving and driving between 70 mph and 75 mph in a 55 mph construction zone, sheriff's investigators said.

The wreck backed up traffic for miles in both directions along the interstate, Houston's primary north-south route on the city's north side.

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Lady Chaps escape Snyder, take outright WJCAC crown

Staff Report

SNYDER — Winning the outright conference title is sometimes easier said than done.

The No. 25 Midland College Lady Chaparrals won the outright Western Junior College Athletic Conference title Monday night but not before a scare by Western Texas.

After leading by as much as 16, the Lady Chaps' lead was cut to two by the Lady Dusters late in the contest. Midland College, however, would convert at the free-throw line for a 65-59 win at Scur-

ry County Coliseum.

With the win, the Lady Chaparrals win their second straight outright title and will have the No. 1 seed in the Region V Tournament at Lubbock's United Spirit Arena. The women start play on Friday, March 3.

The Lady Chaps improve to 24-5 overall and 12-1 in the WJCAC and will close out the regular season back home Thursday against New Mexico Junior College.

Western Texas, which had no chance for a playoff spot coming into tonight's game, fell to 5-23, 3-10.

Considering the Lady Dusters didn't really have much to play for except pride, Western Texas gave the Lady Chaps all they could handle.

"I think Western Texas played about as well as they're capable of playing," said MC coach Ron Jones, who has now won four WJCAC titles in a row. "They (Lady Dusters) hit some big shots. They hit seven 3-pointers in the second half, got the crowd behind them and got a lot of momentum from that."

"(Tonight) It was a difficult time for us. Physically, we played hard, but mentally, we weren't ready to play."

Midland High product Heidi Lange led the Lady Chaps with a game-high 21 points, while Fatime Ndiaye contributed with 11.

The only consolation for Jones on this night was getting the No. 1 seed.

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McCutchen resigns as Tascosa's coach

■ The man, who coached Midland High to its only district football title since 1951, will become the new athletic director in Spring.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

AMARILLO — Former Midland High head football coach Doug McCutchen resigned as the head football coach at Amarillo Tascosa Monday morning.

McCutchen resigned his post to

take the athletic director's job in Spring Independent School District, near Houston. He is expected to report to his new job on March 1.

McCutchen had been the head coach at Tascosa for the past six years, posting a 22-36-1 record over that span. His Rebels were 1-9 this past season.

"Doug told me this morning (Monday) that he has taken the AD's job in Spring," said Amarillo athletic director Tex Nolan. "He had been talking to me over the past one-and-a-half years about making this kind of move. It's a great job for him and we support his decision."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Playoffs begin, end and continue

Buffaloes enter their 2nd season against Sundown

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

One thing the folks in Stanton have become accustomed to is their Buffaloes going beyond the regularly-scheduled season.

It's that way in the fall, when Stanton has had much success in football in recent years, even winning a state title in 1997. There's also success in cross country; the Buff harriers competed at the state meet in 1999.

And it's that way in basketball, too. The Stanton girls' team made the playoffs but lost to Hale Center in a bi-district game last Tuesday. Starting tonight, the Stanton boys will try to make their season last a little longer. They play Sundown in a bi-district game at 7 tonight at Lamesa Middle School.

Stanton coach Doug Gordon hopes experience — both in basketball and other sports — counts for something. The Buffalo basketball program has a rich tradition.

"We've done well," Gordon said. "Last year we got beat in the regional final. Two years ago got beat in the regional semifinals. We've been to the playoffs the last 6 years."

"All these players were with us last year — either they were on the team or they got moved up for the playoffs," he said. "And all of these guys were either in the football playoffs or they ran at the state cross country meet. So they know what postseason competition is like."

That experience will come in handy tonight against Sundown.

"They're an excellent team, coming in with a 16-10 record," Gordon said. "They were third in District 4 to Hale Center and Farwell, and they're two (ranked) teams. In fact, it was a loss to Sundown that knocked Hale Center out of the top 10."

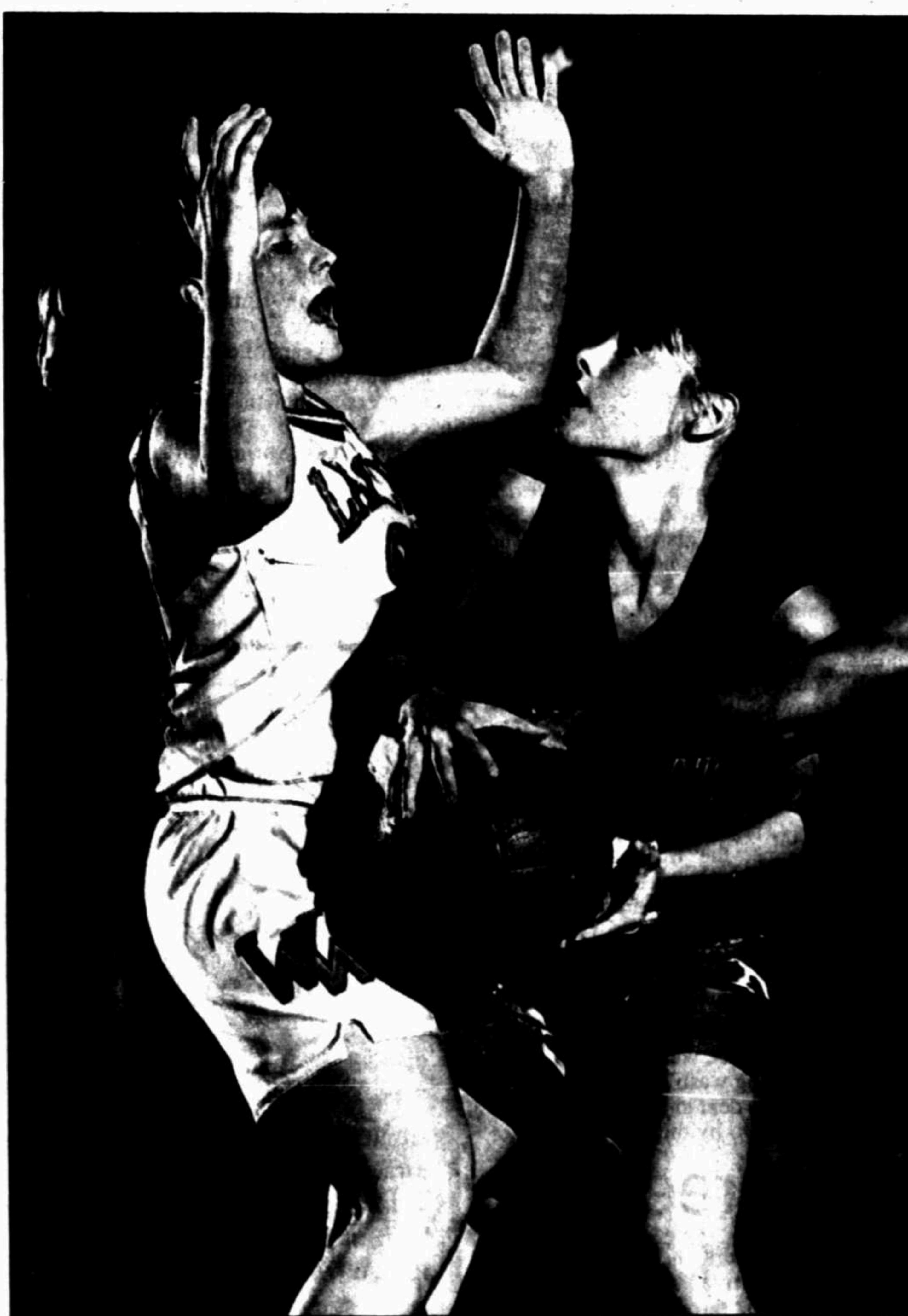
"They're a good argument for having three teams in the playoffs."

Hale Center survived that 48-43 defeat on Feb. 4 to win District 4-2A, and the Owls are currently ranked 13th by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Farwell, the second-place team in 4-2A, is ranked 16th. Sundown is not ranked, but its experience against Top 20 teams is significant against Stanton, which happens to be ranked 18th.

Sundown also has its share of talented players. Willis Hogan especially impresses Gordon.

"He's a 6-foot-11 sophomore, and he's probably the best-looking sophomore athlete I've seen in this region this year — in football or basketball. He's

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Garden City's Deidra Hirt (right) goes up for a shot against Wink's Lindsay Graham in the second half of the teams' area round game last Friday. Tonight, the Lady Bear-kats take on 27-1 Sudan. The winner advances to the regional tournament.

Garden City girls look to keep run going vs. Sudan

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

Garden City girls' basketball coach Mike Wallace has been saying for two playoff rounds how the longer a team goes in the playoffs and the further north it goes, the tougher the playoffs get.

He was talking about Sudan, Garden City's opponent in tonight's regional quarterfinal matchup. They meet at 7 p.m. at Seminole High School.

"This is how you make a name for yourself," Wallace said, referring to Lady Kats' nothing-to-lose opportunity. "You've got to beat somebody like that."

Sudan is good. Some illustrations are in order.

■ Sudan won back-to-back state championships in Class A in 1994 and 1995. More recently, the Hornets were regional finalists in the last two seasons.

■ This year, Sudan is 27-1 and ranked No. 2 in Class A.

■ Sudan blasted through District 8-A with an 8-0 record. That district includes Nazareth, the No. 3 team in Class A, and the Hornets beat Nazareth twice in games that weren't very close. That district also includes Vega, a school that last year beat Garden City by 32 points in the regional quarterfinals on the way to the state championship. Vega won't be able to defend its title, since it couldn't make the playoffs this year.

■ Sudan has won its two playoff games so far by an average margin of 39 points, beating Channing, 77-29, in bi-district, then defeating Booker, 60-30.

Garden City's Lady Kats also take an impressive resumé to Seminole — seven straight district titles, four straight regional quarterfinal appearances and a 25-4 record this year — but still Wallace isn't sure how the Lady Kats will react to facing Sudan.

"I really don't know right now," he said. "It can be intimidating, because we hear how good they are. We just have to get on the court and see how the girls react."

The Lady Kats are playoff-tested now, having mauled Marathon, 57-37, and survived a challenge from Wink, 36-32.

Garden City is led by junior post M'Lynn Niehues, who averages 15 points and 8.5 rebounds a game. Senior

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Andrews falls to Stephenville in bi-district

By Mark Wilson
MRT Correspondent

ABILENE — The Stephenville boys basketball team had the right answers for the questions posed by the Andrews Mustangs Monday night.

Stephenville handled the Mustangs' press and responded to an 8-2 run to start the third quarter with a 12-0 spurt of its own on the way to a 74-56 victory in the Class 4A bi-district playoff at the Wylie High School Gym.

The Yellow Jackets will advance to the area round to play Denton Ryan (25-6) at 7 p.m. Thursday at Wilkerson-Grimes Field House in

Fort Worth.

There were eight lead changes in the opening quarter, but the Yellow Jackets took the lead for good on a 3-point bucket by Jeremy Black that put Stephenville on top 15-13 entering the second stanza.

Stephenville (19-13) held Andrews (15-18) to just three points in the second quarter and grabbed a 13-point halftime lead, 29-16.

Andrews, which got 12 points from Drew Fields, scored the first three baskets of the second half and pulled within seven (31-24) with its 8-2 run after the break.

But Stephenville bounced back with its 12-0

run, starting at the 4:30 mark in the third quarter. The run included four straight field goals inside by T.J. Douglas, who led all scorers with 20 points — including 10 points in the quarter.

That made it a 19-point edge (43-24) for 4which went on to lead by as many as 23 (67-44), at the 3:02 mark in the final quarter.

"To me, that was the ballgame," said Stephenville head coach David Hannebut, whose team buried eight 3-pointers. "We stopped their run, and it got us pumped."

"T.J. is tough to guard one-on-one. He's got good

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Daytona complaints take NASCAR to wind tunnel

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR has heard the complaints and will head to the wind tunnel to test its cars.

The decision comes with General Motors teams griping and the Daytona 500 producing only four on-track passes for the lead in 200 laps.

Even before Dale Jarrett led a top-five

sweep by Ford on Sunday, the Chevrolet and Pontiac teams contended that the aerodynamics leave them at a disadvantage.

Kevin Triplett, NASCAR's operations director, said Monday the sanctioning body is trying to reserve testing time at Lockheed's wind tunnel in Marietta, Ga.

NASCAR measured horsepower on six cars after the race, then impounded three of them. Jarrett's Taurus, the Grand Prix of eighth-place finisher Ward Burton and the Monte

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Coaches select MHS No. 5 in Class 5A poll

Staff Report

The Midland High baseball team hasn't played a game yet this season, but it already has as big a reputation as it has had in the last 27 seasons.

After two straight years of making the post-season and with a strong returning lineup, the Bulldogs have earned a No. 5 ranking in Class 5A in the Texas High School

Baseball Coaches Association poll.

This ranks the highest that an MHS team has been held in regard by the rest of the state since winning the state championship in 1973. The Bulldogs are making their reputation based on their last two seasons in which they advanced to the playoffs out of District 4-5A, including two seasons ago when they shared the district championship with Abilene High.

Last season, Midland High was a strong third place team, finishing district at 8-4 and 26-9 overall. The Bull-

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Nothing is certain for field at Match Play Championships

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

CARLSBAD, Calif. — After a week at Sun Valley, Davis Love III traded in his snowboard for golf clubs Monday to prepare for what he hopes will be a long week in the Match Play Championships. Love is among the 64 top players in the world who will register at La Costa Resort for the \$5 million tournament. By Wednesday, he could be one of 32 players who check out.

That's what happened a year ago, when Love was among five of the top seven — and 12 of the top 20 — in the world ranking who lost in the first round.

"It felt a lot worse than missing a cut," he said. "You get all excited about the tournament, and the next thing you know you're going home."

The buzz over the Match Play Championship is not as strong as it was last year when the World Golf Championship series made its debut. But the pressure is no less great, and it doesn't wait until Sunday afternoon to make its presence felt.

As the Match Play proved last year, first-round matchups are nothing like Stanford against Coastal Carolina in the NCAA basketball tournament. The line between No. 1 and No. 64 is pretty thin, and it gets even thinner over 18 holes of match play.

Just look at last year — No. 24 Jeff Maggert took home the \$1 million prize with a 38th-hole victory over Andrew Magee, the 50th seed.

"There are no gimmies here," Paul Azinger said. "No. 64 can

beat No. 1, and No. 63 can beat No. 2 on any given day. As a matter of fact, No. 200 can beat No. 1. That's what makes this so intriguing."

Not even Tiger Woods is safe.

The No. 1 player in the world has drawn perhaps the hottest player in the world for the first round. Woods will play Michael Campbell of New Zealand, who has won three of his last four tournaments and became the first player since Greg Norman in 1988 to win four times on the Australasian circuit.

"Obviously, he's playing well right now," Woods said. "It's going to be a nice, tough match."

It could be a sloppy one at that. By the time most of the field arrived Monday, puddles had turned into ponds across the 10th and 18th fairways because of heavy overnight rains. The forecast isn't much better, with showers anticipated Wednesday and perhaps over the weekend.

"I don't think I've ever seen it dry here," Tim Herron said. Herron is one of 15 players who qualified for the Match Play Championship, sponsored by Andersen Consulting, for the first time. For most of the newcomers, this will be their first taste of match play since their amateur days.

The one rookie mistake? Looking past a first-round matchup to who lies ahead, such as Woods. As last year proved, there are no guarantees. That what Love said he did last year, until he lost to Steve Pate in the first round and caught the redeye home to Georgia.

"I play Olin Browne on Wednesday," Love said, "and I

don't know who's after that."

The favorite to win this week is Woods, if only because he is a favorite anywhere he tees it up these days. Woods also has a 7-3 record in match play as a professional, not to mention his three straight U.S. Amateur victories.

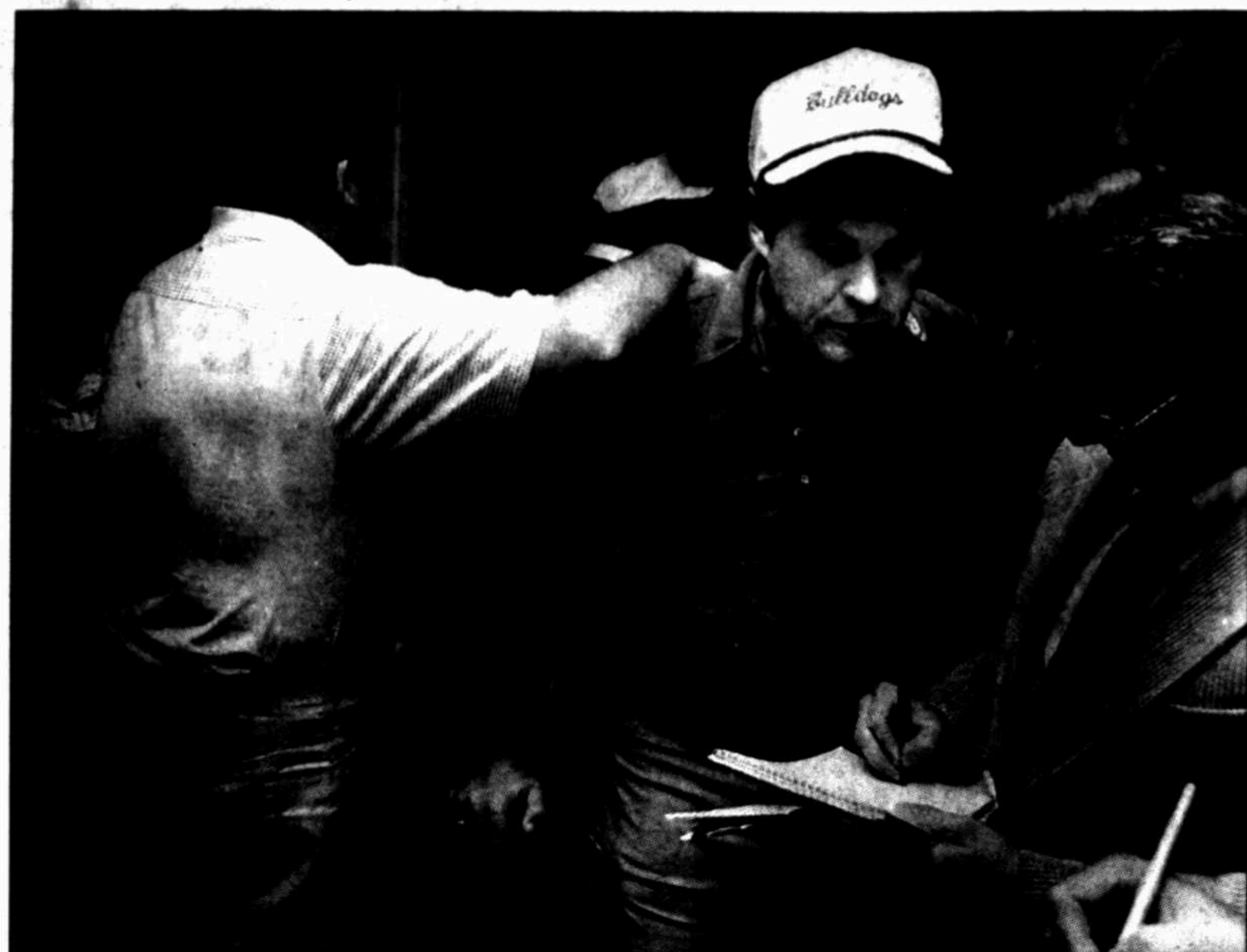
Woods recently completed the second-longest winning streak in PGA Tour, which reached six events until Phil Mickelson ended it in San Diego two weeks ago. A six-match winning streak is what it will take to win at La Costa.

"Every day is like a win, but you have to have a killer instinct throughout the week," Azinger said. "That's why Tiger is so remarkable, to keep that killer instinct. You have to be careful of not letting down. That's the secret. Plus, you have to everything going well. Plus, you have to make sure you don't run into a buzz saw."

Simple enough? It certainly wasn't for Maggert last year. He trailed at some point in all but one of his six matches, and was behind after 48 of the 127 holes he played all week.

Only one of his six matches — against Woods in the quarterfinals — ended before the 18th hole. "You have to play well every day," Maggert said. "You can't afford to slip up any one day. And that's the way I tried to approach it last year. Every day was a new tournament. Either you played well and had a chance to keep going, or you pack your bags and go home."

Unless the weather intervenes, 32 players will be doing just that on Wednesday.



Former Midland High coach Doug McCutchen (center) entertains questions, following the now infamous coin flip of 1988 which decided the two playoff teams from District 4-5A that season. McCutchen, who coached the Bulldogs to a share of the 4-5A title in 1988, resigned as the coach of Amarillo Tascosa on Monday. He will become an athletic director in the Spring Independent School District.

MOVE: McCutchen goes to Spring

(From 1C)

Nolan also said that the Tascosa coaching position is now officially open, adding that he will begin taking applications immediately.

"Due to the time frame of this, we will work to fill the position quickly," Nolan said. "The (Tascosa) coaching job is open to the field at this time. My goal is to fill the position by March 20."

Nolan said that coaches interested in obtaining the Tascosa job should contact him at 1-806-354-4299, or send a resume to Tex Nolan, Amarillo Athletic Director, 7200, I-40 West, Amarillo, 79106.

McCutchen felt it was time to move on to an administration post.

"After 27 years of coaching, I felt it was time to be able to oversee an entire athletic program," McCutchen said. "Spring has two schools (Spring, Spring Westfield) and I think this is a great opportunity for me."

McCutchen said he will miss the X's and O's.

"Instead of on the sideline, I'll be out in the parking lot and selling tickets," McCutchen said. "There is no doubt that I will miss

the coaching part of it. The wins are great and losses are bad, but I'll always remember the relationships with the kids over the years."

McCutchen was a popular coach at Midland High. In 1988, he won the team's only District 4-5A championship since 1951. However, that championship was somewhat tainted since MHS finished with a 9-1 record in 1988, but tied with both Odessa Permian and Midland Lee for the district title.

The now famous three-way coin flip followed at a Midland truck stop with Midland High being the odd man out. That event changed the District 4-5A landscape forever. The league moved the following year to eliminate

coin flips to decide the district's playoff representatives. Now, District 4-5A uses a positive point system to break ties with teams ending with identical district records. If that system were in place in 1988, MHS would have gone to the playoffs.

"I'm still asked about the coin flip all the time," McCutchen said. "I guess that will be part of Texas football lore forever."

"I know one thing, that is the

lowest feeling I've ever had in football. Still is. I still have dreams about losing out on that one. It's not so much because of me, but for the Midland High kids that year who had accomplished so much and deserved to go to the playoffs. I really felt bad about that for those guys."

McCutchen had a 28-20 overall record at Midland High from 1984 through 1988. McCutchen is the only coach at Midland High to have an overall winning record since John Reddell did it (25-11-4) from 1972 through 1975. Thurman "Tugboat" Jones owns the most victories at Midland High with 44 wins. He had a 44-26-1 record from 1949 through 1955.

McCutchen went from Midland High to Duncanville for the 1989 season and six years ago took over the reigns at Tascosa. Prior to coming to Midland High, McCutchen coached at Klein Forest and now he is returning to that familiar area.

"Klein and Spring are right next to each other and Spring is in Klein's district," McCutchen said. "That's part of the reason I got this job because I still know a lot of people in that area."

Crews face a serious cleanup mission at Daytona speedway

By Sandra Pedicini
The Orlando Sentinel

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR fans who attended the race of the year have been replaced by a new group ready for the picnic of the year.

Hundreds of sea gulls and a few buzzards descended on Daytona International Speedway on Monday to feast on leftover pizza, potato chips and doughnuts strewn throughout the infield and the stands.

The place is a mess. Now it's up to Carolyn Dooling to make sure that by the end of the week the speedway is as clean and shiny as a brand new race car.

As the track's head of housekeeping, it's Dooling's job to oversee the hundred or so Speedway employees and temporary laborers who come from as far away as Jacksonville to clean up after the spectators.

And there's some pretty interesting stuff among the several hundred tons of garbage left behind.

Like couches. Some race fans camping in the infield for a few

days will drag a ratty sofa along to watch the races in comfort. Others bring a variety of chairs. A few of these home furnishings disasters are simply abandoned in the infield each year.

"It's doubtful that any of the furniture would garner decent offers at a garage sale or Antiques Roadshow — especially the couch on which fans had painted the numbers of their favorite driver's cars."

One group had left behind an entire living room set — a couch, a wicker chair, end tables, carpeting and lamps. Fans could bring portable generators in but Speedway officials theorize that whoever brought in the lamps put candles in them.

In years past, stranger finds have included lawnmowers and a sink. The most unpleasant thing Speedway employee Steve Mills has found: buckets used as toilets by the occasional infield camper who, for some unknown reason, doesn't use the portable toilets provided there.

"That's the grossest thing I've seen," he said.

In just a couple days, Dooling's

crew will have swept away everything from the couches to the cookie wrappers.

The strategy is to start cleaning the parking lots and the perimeter of the property, so people driving by or visiting Daytona USA won't see lots of garbage. The infield and stands aren't as much of a priority because the general public doesn't have access there after the race.

But Dooling's people have to hustle because next week a new crowd will hit the stands for motorcycle races.

The work generally goes smoothly, but there are obstacles along the way. Like those buzzards. "They will be pests," Dick Hahne, the track's superintendent. "Sometimes they'll pick up a chicken bone and move it to a place you've already cleaned up."

Then there are the glitches, such as Monday's breakdown of a bus carrying about 50 laborers from Orlando. As a result, the work force was cut by a third so Dooling wasn't able to make the serious dent in the infield she had hoped to by the end of the day.

RACE: NASCAR to test three cars

(From 1C)

Carlo of 16th-place Mike Skinner will go to the wind tunnel.

"Availability is the key," Triplett said. "We're not quite sure when it will happen."

Although Sunday's race had good moments, including Jarrett's dramatic pass on Johnny Benson to take the lead four laps from the end, the 190,000 fans spent most of the day sunbathing and yawning.

Whether it was the complaints from competitors or the evidence on the track, NASCAR knew something had to be done.

Asked if the wind tunnel tests could lead to a rule change before Friday, when practice begins for the race in Rockingham, N.C., Triplett said: "I think it would be a little quick to do something before Thursday. I think it's still possible, but I don't think right now it's probable."

The following two races are in Las Vegas and Atlanta and Triplett thinks it's possible changes could be in place by then.

"But Daytona's a different animal than anything else we do, other than Talladega," he said.

Daytona and Talladega, NASCAR's longest and fastest ovals, are the only tracks where a carburetor restrictor plate slows the stock cars. The teams build special engines and cars for those races.

Typically, the restrictor plate races are wild shootouts, with passing from start to finish and, usually, at least one big wreck. With a combination of redesigned cars and a new shock absorber rule that limits what the teams can do to the shocks and springs, Sunday's race was anything but wild.

From a driver's standpoint,

it's a lot easier racing because we're not three-wide, side-by-side all the time," Jarrett said Monday.

"But we understand that these fans pay to see that kind of racing. I think there's some things we can do with these cars to make them better. ... We've got this sport to the highest level right now and we don't need to take away from that."

The defending series champion led a race-high 89 laps. But he said his third Daytona 500 victory wasn't as easy as it looked.

"It was just difficult to pass the leader," Jarrett said. "That was the main thing. You had to kind of stay in line. When I was running second behind Mark (Martin) and even behind Benson I was having a hard time trying to make a move."

Triplett pointed out that behind

the leaders the race was very competitive.

"First through fifth had a difficult time getting around each other," he said. "What the difference was from sixth back we don't know. But once you got further back, there were guys passing all over the place."

Jarrett's car was put into Daytona USA, a display outside the main gate at Daytona International Speedway. The team must give up the winning car for a year in exchange for \$100,000.

But Triplett said the No. 88 car still will be taken to the wind tunnel. The car will be returned to the display in the exact condition as it won the race.

This is the same car that won at Talladega in the fall of 1998, won at Daytona last July and finished second in both Talladega races in 1999.

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Scoring Average

1. Tom Lehman, 68.42; 2. Paul Azinger, 68.54; 3. Tiger Woods, 68.72; 4. John Huston, 68.81; 5. Jesper Parnevik, 69.01; 6. Larry Mize, 69.11; 7. Ernie Els, 69.23; 8. (tie), Jimmy Green and Stuart Appleby, 69.48; 10. Robert Allenby, 69.49.

Driving Distance

1. John Daly, 303.7; 2. Scott McCarron, 286.0; 3. Shigeki Maruyama, 284.9; 4. Casey Martin, 284.3; 5. Robert Allenby, 283.7; 6. Phil Mickelson, 283.6; 7. Davis Love III, 283.1; 8. Harrison Frazar, 282.7; 9. (tie), John Huston and David Peoples, 281.0.

Putting Accuracy

1. Jeff Maggert, 82.6%; 2. Fred Funk, 81.9%; 3. Hal Sutton, 81.6%; 4. Loren Roberts, 79.5%; 5. (tie), Mark Brooks and Justin Leonard, 78.7%; 7. Billy Mayfair, 78.7%; 8. Glen Hovius, 78.1%; 9. John Maguire, 75.9%; 10. 4 tied with 77.0%.

Greens in Regulation

1. Chris Peirce, 78.3%; 2. Davis Love III, 76.7%; 3. David Duval, 75.8%; 4. Justin Leonard, 75.6%; 5. Mark Calcavecchia, 75.2%; 6. Jesper Parnevik, 75.1%; 7. (tie), Tom Lehman, Hal Sutton, David Toms and Tiger Woods, 75.0%.

Total Driving

1. David Duval, 41.2; 2. Tiger Woods, 40.3; 3. Robert Gomez, 39.5; 4. Robert Allenby, 39.5; 5. Ernie Els, 39.3; 6. Phil Mickelson, 39.3; 7. (tie), Hal Sutton and Edward Foyt, 38.9; 9. Casey Martin, 38.7; 10. Fred Funk, 38.7.

Putting Average

1. John Huston, 1.661; 2. Chip Beck, 1.690; 3. Phil Mickelson, 1.694; 4. Matt Gogel, 1.695; 5. Russ Conway, 1.696; 6. Paul Stankowski, 1.708; 7. Jesper Parnevik, 1.715; 8. Kirk Triplett, 1.725; 9. Robert Allenby, 1.726; 10. Craig Stadler, 1.727.

Birdie Average

1. Phil Mickelson, 5.31; 2. Jesper Parnevik, 4.95; 3. John Huston, 4.77; 4. Tiger Woods, 4.69; 5. Davis Love III, 4.59; 6. Rory Sabbatini, 4.52; 7. Fred Couples, 4.41; 8. Paul Stankowski, 4.40; 9. Mark Calcavecchia, 4.33; 10. Brandt Jobe, 4.22.

Eagles (Holes per)

1. Craig Stadler, 60.2; 2. Sean Murphy, 63.0; 3. (tie), Sandy Lyle, Gary Nicklaus and Tiger Woods, 72.0; 6. Jesper Parnevik, 78.5; 7. (tie), Paul Azinger, Brent Bryant and Mike Weir, 81.0; 10. Brent Geiger, 85.5.

Sand Save Percentage

1. Stuart Appleby, 89.9%; 2. Peter Jacobsen, 88.5%; 3. Paul Stankowski, 81.3%; 4. (tie), Jani Karim, 75.6%; 5. Lee Janzen, 75.0%; 6. Mark Brooks, 72.2%; 7. (tie), Neale McLeod and Marco Dawson, 71.4%; 9. (tie), Carlos Franco, 70.6%; 10. Rick Leach, 70.5%.

All-Round Ranking

1. Jesper Parnevik, 139; 2. Tiger Woods, 176; 3. (tie), Robert Allenby, 192; 4. David Duval, 208; 5. Phil Mickelson, 234; 6. Robert Gomez, 240; 7. Kirk Triplett, 282; 8. Ernie Els, 302; 9. Steve Flesch, 306; 10. John Huston, 308.

Money Leaders

PGA TOUR, which ended Feb. 20: 1. Tiger Woods, \$1,543,731; 2. Jesper Parnevik, \$1,158,220; 3. Kirk Triplett, \$877,767; 4. Tom Lehman, \$793,650; 5. Phil Mickelson, \$656,846; 6. Paul Azinger, \$530,360; 7. Vay Singh, \$482,004; 8. Rory Sabbatini, \$440,800; 9. Rocco Mediate, \$440,800; 10. Matt Gogel, \$440,800; 11. Ernie Els, \$435,386.

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Western Conference

1. St. Louis Blues, 26-11; 2. Dallas Stars, 26-11; 3. Colorado Avalanche, 26-11; 4. San Jose Sharks, 26-11; 5. Vancouver Canucks, 26-11; 6. St. Louis Blues, 26-11; 7. Dallas Stars, 26-11; 8. Colorado Avalanche, 26-11; 9. San Jose Sharks, 26-11; 10. Vancouver Canucks, 26-11.

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Griffey's arrival to Reds' camp attracts media

By Joe Kay
AP Sports Writer

SARASOTA, Fla. — Ken Griffey Jr. could have done without the superstar treatment — the dugout news conference, the golf cart ride, the photo shoot on a balcony.

His new team couldn't give him enough of it.

The Cincinnati Reds formally welcomed Griffey to spring training on Monday, a day after he slipped unannounced into the clubhouse to unpack his belongings and report to his new team.

That was more to his liking than the front-and-center treatment he got Monday. About 150 reporters and photographers were on hand, following his every move.

Griffey was nervous, felt out of place and wished he could have been treated like just one of the guys.

"I just figured I'd sneak into the locker room without being noticed and go onto the field and that's it," Griffey said wistfully. "I didn't have any idea there would be this many people and cameras here."

Instead of the Ordinary Joe treatment, he got the Michael Jordan treatment. He sat atop the first base dugout — the very spot where Jordan was seated six years earlier for his introduction to minor league baseball — and pumped his right leg nervously during a half-hour news conference.

"Nervous? Not at all. My legs aren't shaking," he said tongue-in-cheek, prompting everyone to look at his twitching leg.

Later, he put on a complete Reds home uniform for the first time and posed for promotional photos, holding a bat on an out-

side balcony.

While Griffey squirmed, the Reds relearned what it's like to have baseball's spotlight all to themselves for something other than Pete Rose's gambling or Marge Schott's comments.

"Obviously the fans of Cincinnati have fallen in love with the idea of bringing Junior back home," general manager Jim Bowden said. "It's tremendous for baseball, and baseball is finally back in Cincinnati."

Bowden pulled off one of the biggest trades in the history of baseball's first professional franchise by getting Griffey from Seattle in a 4-for-1 swap on Feb. 10. Griffey had told the Mariners he would accept a trade only to his hometown team, and accepted \$116.5 million over nine years — roughly half his market value — to join the small-market Reds, who get to defer \$57.5 million of what they owe him.

"I don't think it's a triumph (for small-market clubs)," Bowden said. "Ken Griffey Jr.'s contract is the highest contract ever given to a player in the history of the sport, so he's being paid a lot of money."

"It's very unique, though, to be able to bring the Michael Jordan of baseball home to where he was raised. I think he'll not only pay for himself, I think we'll probably make more than that over the term of the contract."

Griffey couldn't avoid the Jordan comparisons, even though all he wanted to do was blend in and learn the names of his new teammates.

"I don't consider myself any different than anybody else on our team," he said. "I just want to go



A media contingency surrounds Ken Griffey Jr. as he arrives at the Cincinnati Reds training camp in Sarasota, Fla., Monday.

out there and play and hope this ballclub will win a championship. I'm just one of 25 guys."

Technically, he's one of 69 players in camp. On Monday, he was the only one that seemed to matter. Even his new teammates got caught up in the moment.

Griffey walked through a semicircle of photographers as he left his car and headed for the clubhouse Monday morning. Once inside, heads turned as he walked toward his two dressing cubicles — he's got so much stuff that he needs more than one.

Minor league pitchers sat in a row with their legs crossed, watching the newcomer's every move with wide eyes. Outfielder Dmitri Young walked over, gave Griffey a hug, then retreated to his dressing cubicle and watched with a huge grin as dozens of reporters roamed around.

It reminded the former Cardinal of the day that Mark McGwire reported to the St. Louis clubhouse for the first time.

"Wow," Young said. "This is a great day. There's a media circus, the fans are in a frenzy, it's going to be great for the Cincinnati Reds. There's a lot of adrenalin flowing."

Outside, about 200 fans — a much larger crowd than the day before — watched pitchers and catchers work out on and hoped for a glimpse of the newcomer. A few wore Griffey Seattle or Cincinnati replica jerseys.

He didn't have time to mingle. After the interview and photo sessions, he had to head off to find a place to stay for spring training. He was due back for a physical exam Tuesday and the first full-squad workout a day later.

Griffey was looking forward to that.

"Yeah, I'm nervous," he admitted. "I just want to go out and play. There were some things written and said about me that were not true, and I just want to make people forget about it by going out there and playing."

the veterans near him."

Bates said McGwire has asked for no special setup. In fact, the table tennis set he bought last spring for his teammates still has a prominent place in the clubhouse and is used daily.

Last year, he arrived following his record 70-homer season and held a large news conference. This spring, it will be quieter following a 66-homer season.

Still, off-duty police officers will provide extra security whenever McGwire is at the stadium.

More Sports/1D

Alou seems eager to return to Astros

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Houston Astros outfielder Moises Alou went through batting practice and did some light running Monday as he began his comeback from knee surgery that cost him the 1999 season.

"I'm very glad to be back at spring training," Alou said. "It's been two years now since I've been at spring training, and I am very excited. I felt very good out there today."

"I had no problems. I've worked very hard for a year and hopefully it will pay off in the year 2000."

Alou was coming off a career year in the spring of 1998 when he fell off a treadmill at his home in the Dominican Republic, necessitating the repair of the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

"Moises is here, and he looks like he's in good shape," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "I watched him swing the bat and it

looks like he's been swinging all winter. He looks great."

Alou finished the 1998 season third in the NL MVP voting behind Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire, hitting .312 with 38 home runs and 124 RBIs as the Astros won the NL Central championship.

Dierker plans to use Alou in left field, the position he played so well in 1998. But, if Daryle Ward is hitting well, he might give Alou a few more days rest than he got two seasons ago.

The Astros traded pitcher Mike Hampton and center fielder Carl Everett, keys to last season's Central Division title but Alou thinks the Astros can make it four titles in a row.

"Even though we've made a few trades I think we will have a better team than last year," Alou said. "Just to be in uniform again and play in a week or 10 days, I'm like a kid. Everyone dreams of playing in the big leagues and to me, the dream is here."

Bonds has desire of reaching Mays' mark

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds sat down and figured it all out one day this winter. If he can average a little more than 30 homers for seven more seasons, he can catch his godfather, Willie Mays, on the career homer list.

Though Bonds said winning a World Series ring remains his ultimate goal, the chance to surpass Mays' 660 homers will inspire him. "It's a good motivating factor to keep playing baseball," Bonds said Monday after arriving at the San Francisco Giants' spring training camp. "I just started playing around with it, something to push myself a little harder. It was just something I dreamed about as a child."

Bonds, 35, ranks 22nd on the career list with 445 homers. The three-time NL MVP is the only major league player to surpass 400 homers and 400 stolen bases.

But he's coming off perhaps his toughest season.

Bonds had left elbow surgery,

right knee inflammation and a groin injury that limited him to 102 games, the fewest he's played since breaking into the majors with Pittsburgh in 1986.

He managed 34 homers and 83 RBIs despite the shortened season, but his .262 batting average was his lowest in a decade.

That something was the goal of reaching Mays' homer total, the third-highest in major league history behind Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714). Bonds was just 4 years old when he began to play catch at Candlestick Park with Mays, then a teammate of Bonds' father, Bobby Bonds.

But Bonds said his goal of catching Mays should not be overemphasized.

Bonds has several statistical milestones within reach this season. He needs 108 RBIs to pass Robin Yount for 50th on the career list, 21 homers to pass Dave Winfield for 20th on the career list, 40 stolen bases for 500 and 70 walks for 1,500.

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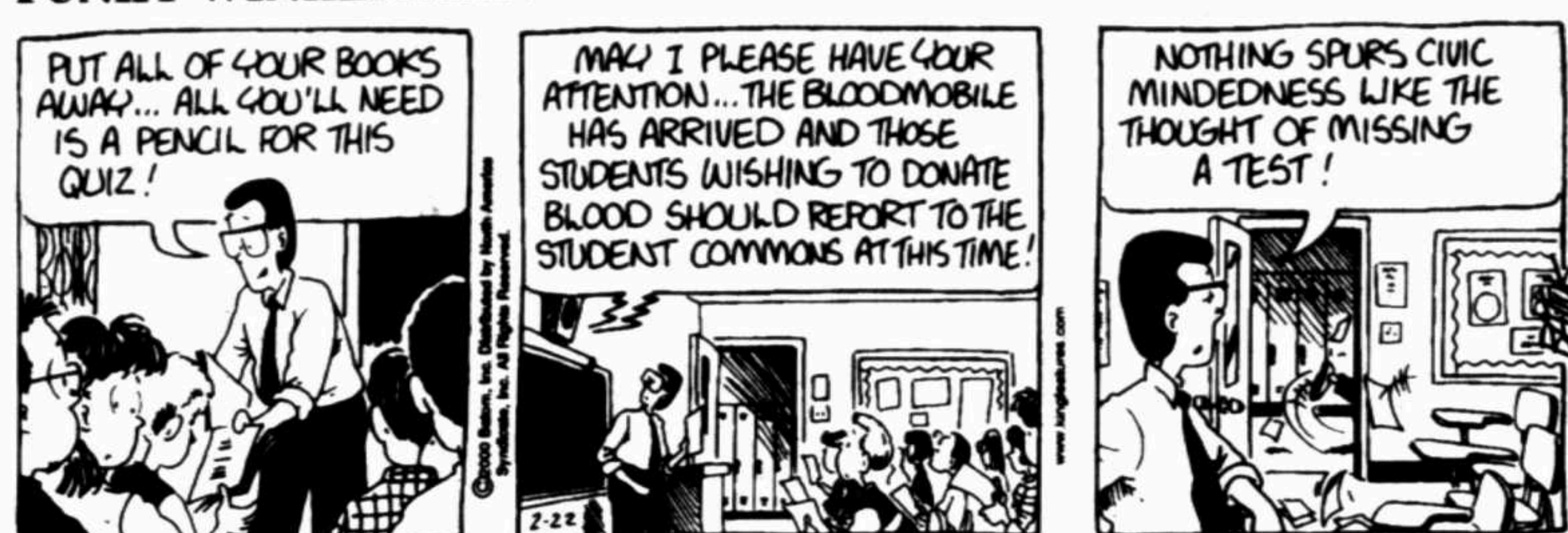
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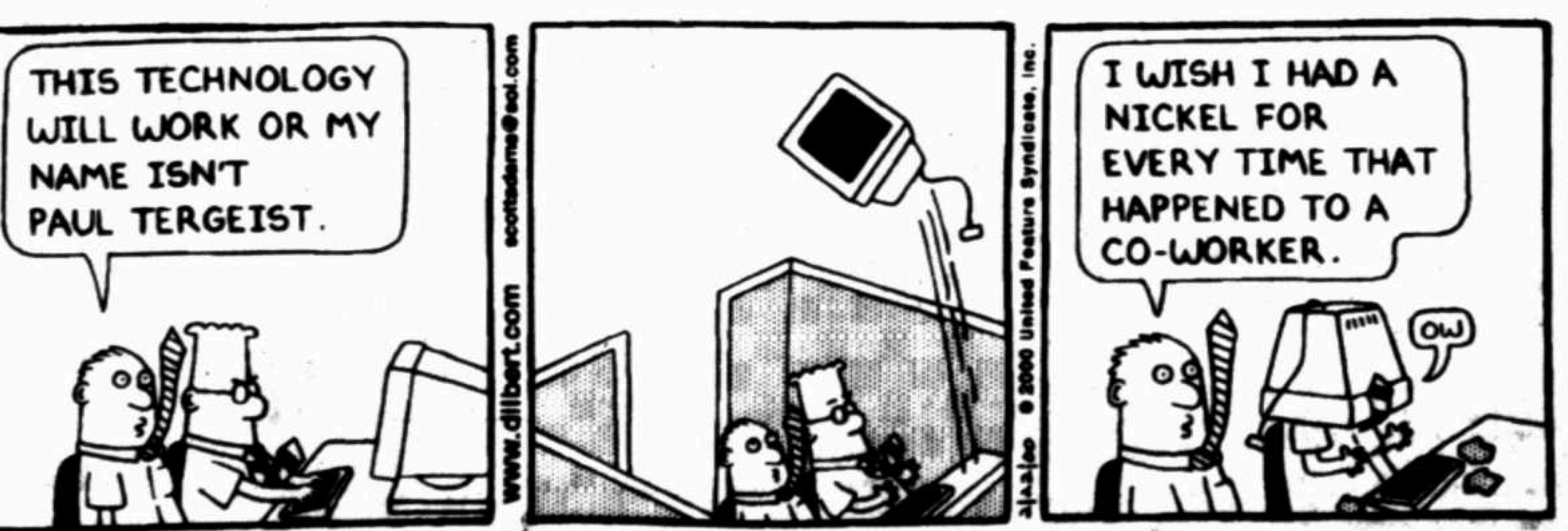
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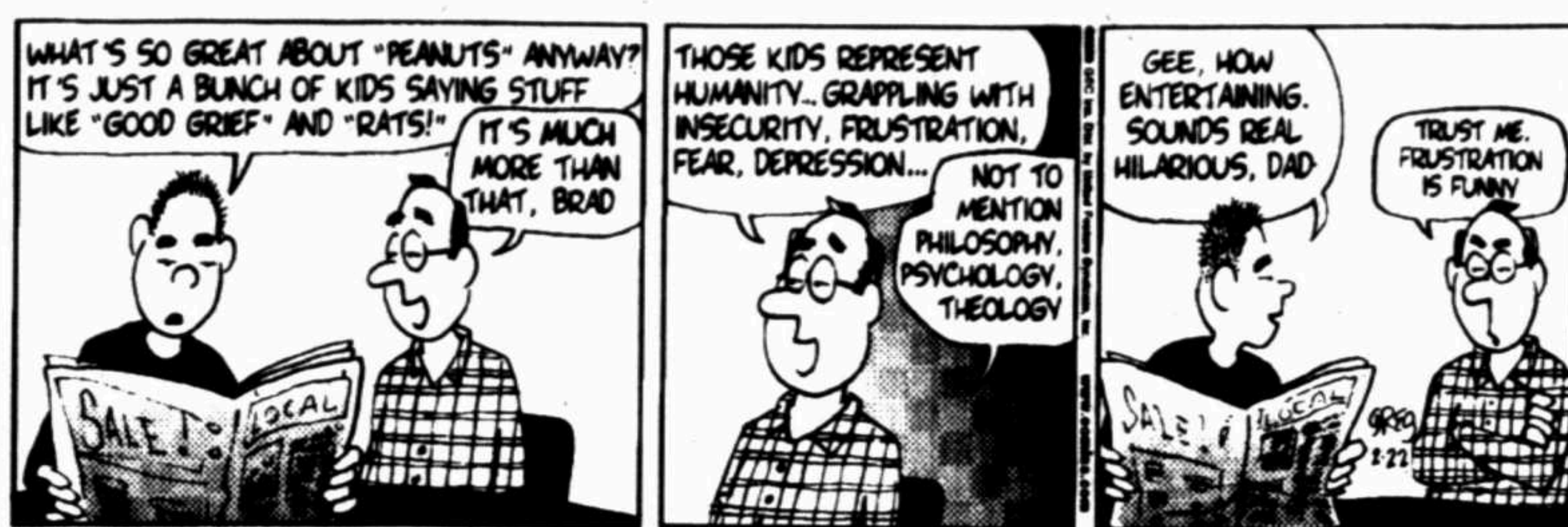
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2000:
A dream becomes possible because of your willingness to revise your thought processes and reasoning. You grow and change a great deal this year, gaining enormous insight into yourself and others. If you aren't happy with your work, you can make improvements there as well. Listen to close associates, who have your best interests in mind. If you are single, romance knocks on your door early in the year. Carefully choose whom you hook up with. You could find yourself in love with someone who isn't what you thought. If attached, your relationship grows because of your openness and tender treatment of your mate. **LIBRA** reads you cold.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Tempers flare — especially yours — as you deal with a lot of confusion and moodiness. Take an overview; you'll feel better and regain needed control. Unexpected developments put a new slant on what has gone down.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Dig into work and put your best foot forward. Frustration eases as you focus on clearing your desk. Concentration helps you forget a problem. Resolution might not come overnight. Be creative when handling responsibilities. As a result, you gain.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your creativity meets a challenge head-on. A friendship is tested, as you deal with different points of view. Another sees the

whole situation, but differently. His input helps you work past a problem. Partners work with you — finally!
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Build bridges with a boss who can be demanding, but who gives you a strong sense of direction. Be open to a change of pace and plans. You demonstrate flexibility, as does another. Solutions come easily. Listen to your instincts about a partner.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Communication sizzles, and not always in a manner that pleases you. Evaluate what you are hearing, and choose not to react. Explore the possibility of revamping your thinking. Perhaps you made a faulty assumption!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Financial responsibility remains a question. Another clearly doesn't agree with you. Try to find a middle point, but don't hurt yourself making a compromise. Work requires innovative thinking and actions. Learning new technologies helps.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Watch what is going on with others before jumping to a conclusion. Another's reaction could simply be a good defense. Read between the lines. Make inquiries and calls. Be willing to see the other side. Attend to a child or loved one.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Take a break if you are having a difficult time dealing with others, especially co-workers. Be realistic about just how much anger you can

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

absorb. Pull back and regroup. Take a hard look at your health and dietary patterns.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Focus on what is important. Remember what you want and expect from a key situation. Though you might not be able to realize it today, you could in the near future. Work with the unpredictable and let go of any rigidity, and you'll succeed.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ All eyes turn to you. Go within for answers; an external approach doesn't work. Finances remain key to an important decision. Don't let anyone or anything pressure you. A family member is out of sorts; count on his lack of support.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Make calls; do your own sleuthing. The answers you find could surprise you, but they will bring insights nevertheless. Don't get caught up in an argument or disagreement. Take the high road. Friends reverse course.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Withdraw into yourself. Make decisions involving a partnership and finances. Do not take another for granted — listen carefully to his opinions. You could reverse an important decision as a result. Show your willingness to break patterns. ***
BORN TODAY
Actress Drew Barrymore (1975), actor Kyle MacLachlan (1959), U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy (1932)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

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♦ A K Q 9 5
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♥ Q 9 6 4
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♣ 10 8 4

EAST
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♣ K 6 2

SOUTH
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♥ J 10 5
♦ J 4
♣ Q J 7 3

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

More and more, top-level bridge is becoming a multinational pastime, with tournaments in the United States attracting an increasing number of foreign stars and U.S. experts crossing to Europe and Asia to compete. Among the most successful is a young English player, Andrew Robson. Watch his technique on this deal.

Except for South's decision to respond one no-trump rather than one spade, the auction was straightforward. With a super-maximum one-no-trump response, the raise to game was automatic.

West led a low spade to East's king, and Robson allowed it to hold. The spade

Hands Across the Ocean

return was covered by the jack, losing to the queen as declarer parted with a club from dummy. West shifted to a club, ducked on the 'table and won by East's king, and the defender returned his last spade, won by declarer's ace.

A club to the ace and a diamond back to the jack allowed declarer to cash two more clubs, reducing the board to the king of hearts and four diamonds. East was forced to hold the ace of hearts and four

diamonds to guard against dummy's threats in the red suits.

When a diamond to the ace revealed the suit was not breaking, Robson simply exited with the king of hearts. In with the ace, East was forced to lead a diamond away from the 10 into the table's K-Q-9 tenace. Declarer raked up the contract, scoring one spade, three clubs and five diamond tricks.

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TV TONIGHT

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PEOPLE TODAY

Zeta-Jones' pregnancy won't hurt next role

NEW YORK — Despite being pregnant, Catherine Zeta-Jones will still be able to work on a new film. After finding out she was pregnant, Michael Douglas' fiancée had to drop out of Oliver Stone's movie "Beyond Borders," in which she was to play a war-zone relief worker who has an affair with a doctor played by Kevin Costner.

But director Steven Soderbergh has figured out a way to keep the mother-to-be working — have her character be pregnant, the New York Daily News reported Monday. Zeta-Jones is now due to co-star with Harrison Ford in the drug-war drama "Traffic," which has not yet started filming, the paper said.

Zeta-Jones, 30, and Douglas disclosed last month that they are expecting their first child together. Douglas, 55, has a 20-year-old son, Cameron, from a previous marriage.

The couple became engaged New Year's Eve. Their wedding plans have not been announced.

DENVER — Denver Broncos linebacker Bill Romanowski and his wife are baring some skin in the new Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue.

The Romanowskis posed together for a one-page spread, which features the football player bare-chested and in white football pants, with his first Broncos Super Bowl ring prominently displayed on a finger. Wife Julie is wearing a silver bikini.

"I'm saving this bikini and showing it to my grandkids when I'm 80 because I trained my fanny off for this picture," Julie Romanowski said in a photo caption for the spread. "It was like I was training for my Super Bowl."

The issue goes on sale Wednesday.

MADISON, Wis. — Gov. Tommy Thompson, whose annual Harley ride around Wisconsin is well-known, says he wasn't always such an easy rider.

One of Thompson's first experiences with a motorcy-

cle was when he joined a ride from Superior to Madison, a journey of more than 300 miles.

With TV cameras ready to roll, the Republican governor forgot one thing — he didn't know how to start the bike, he recalled in a weekend interview with WTDY-AM.

That's when he whispered to the secretary of the Department of Revenue: "I'll go give an interview. You start the motorcycle."

But the plan faltered as soon as Thompson hopped on the bike.

"I killed the engine and had to admit I didn't know how to start it," Thompson recalled.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Andie MacDowell says the best part of being an actress is trying to understand what motivates people.

That's what she told fans Sunday at the Cathedral of All Souls, a historic Asheville church where she is a parishioner and is known by her real name, Rose Qualley.

"The fun part is you get to study people. You understand why people act the way they do, and you have compassion for them," said MacDowell, who starred in "Groundhog Day" and "Four Weddings and a Funeral."

MacDowell grew up in Gaffney, S.C., and has a home in the Asheville area.

The Duchess of York, flaunting the most liberated of relationships, threw her ex, Prince Andrew, a 40th birthday party Saturday at the English country mansion they share and invited his old girlfriends. Koo Stark, Catrina Skepper, Heather Mann, Cazy Neville and Aurelia Cecil all came to wish the prince well.

Earlier that day, Fergie and Andrew took their girls to London and became the first royals to ride the 450-foot Millennium Ferris wheel.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

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Edited by Fran & Lou Sabin

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■ All markets were closed Monday in observation of Presidents' Day.

Reliant Energy

HOUSTON (AP) — Reliant Energy announced Monday it will pay \$2.1 billion to buy 21 power plants from a privately held electricity producer whose generators dot the Middle Atlantic region.

Sixteen of the plants Reliant is acquiring from Sithe Energies are in Pennsylvania, with four in New Jersey and one in Maryland.

The deal gives Houston-based Reliant a major foothold in one of five regions the company is targeting as it expands its unregulated power generating capacity.

The sale is expected to be finalized by midyear.

Pond petroleum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hydrogen may be an ideal fuel when the supply of oil and natural gas runs out, but the problem has been finding a way to produce it cheaply. Scientists now say the answer may be an ordinary pond scum.

Green algae, a simple plant that grows all over the world, has the unique ability to convert water and sunlight into hydrogen gas, researchers said Monday at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Now scientists have found a new way to force the algae to make hydrogen gas on demand, a process that could lead to an almost limitless supply of fuel that burns without pollution and produces only water as a waste product.

Microsoft trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for Microsoft and the government return to the courtroom Tuesday for a last round of arguments before a final ruling in the antitrust trial that could fundamentally change the way consumers buy and use the software needed for computers to operate.

Even as the oratory wanes in Washington, secret settlement talks continue in Chicago, though sources indicate little progress. Negotiations are aimed at averting an agonizingly slow appeals battle that could wind through the federal courts for years longer.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who limited witnesses and otherwise engineered the trial to progress relatively quickly, has strongly urged the sides to settle. The Microsoft Corp., whose software runs most of the world's personal computers, is accused of using its influence in the technology industry to illegally undermine rivals.

Better beef

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ground beef that's been zapped to kill deadly bacteria could start showing up in supermarkets next month.

New rules that allow the irradiation of raw beef, pork and lamb take effect Tuesday. To its advocates, irradiation could be one of the biggest advancements in food safety since the pasteurization of milk.

Most meatpackers intend to start small, testing irradiated ground beef in select markets to see how it sells. A Florida processor, Colorado Boxed Beef Co., is expected to be the first to test the market, through grocery chains in the Southeast.

EU extends probe into MCI WorldCom takeover

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — European Union regulators have extended their probe into MCI WorldCom Inc.'s \$130 billion bid for Sprint Corp. by an additional four months, the European Commission said Monday.

The EU regulators are concerned about the giant U.S. telecommunications merger's impact on access to the so-called Internet backbone; the trans-Atlantic telephone market and services to multinational businesses, said Michael Tscherny, the commission spokesman on antitrust issues.

In a statement, the commission said it has serious doubts about the companies' control of the Internet backbone. According to the commission's figures, the Clinton, Miss.-based MCI WorldCom has between 30 percent and 40 percent of that market while the Westwood, Kan.-based Sprint has around 10 percent.

The commission fears the merged company's leading role would erode the current system under which companies offering top-level connectivity on the Internet backbone carry other companies' traffic for free in return for the same privilege on other carriers' systems.

In an effort to meet concerns about the business services and trans-Atlantic telephone call side of the merger, Sprint sold its stake in the Global One venture with European carriers Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom in January.

However the EU Commission said it still has concerns.

"The Commission will also look at how the market for international voice telephony on the EU-U.S. route might be affected as the merger may lead to MCI WorldCom/Sprint and AT&T having bottleneck control on the U.S.

end," it said in a statement.

The commission is also concerned about the market for global telecommunications services to multinational companies.

"Together with the Concert alliance, the merged entity would appear to control the majority of the market" for services to multinational companies, it said. Concert is an alliance between British Telecom and AT&T.

The EU Commission said it rejected the companies' argument that the Global One sale would remove its concerns over internet access, multinational business services and trans-Atlantic calls.

"Given the negligible involvement of Global One in the market for top-level internet connectivity this undertaking could not remove the serious doubts raised," the commission said.

Sprint spokesman James Fisher said the ruling was expected. "We assumed

that due to the nature of the proceedings, this would be extended, and we certainly figured that into our plans," he said. "The issues they are looking at we feel can be and will be fully addressed to their satisfaction."

MCI WorldCom said in a statement that it would work with the EU to provide whatever information it needed and that it remained confident that the deal would be approved.

The EU Commission also said it will continue to work closely with the U.S. Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Justice in assessing the deal.

The EU decision comes a few days after the end of the FCC's comment period. The proposed merger has come under criticism in the United States because of concern over the long-distance telephone and Internet access markets.

Muppets take Munich

Jim Henson Co. sold for \$680 million

By Hans Greimel
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — It's not easy being green.

Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy are becoming the latest American icons to go German, following in the footsteps of Chrysler Corp. and Random House.

Munich-based media company EM.TV and Merchandising is buying the Jim Henson Co. for \$680 million in cash and stock, giving it exclusive rights to such fuzzy critters as Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Bert and Ernie, and the scraggly green furball, Oscar the Grouch.

"We are a strong believer in brands," deputy chairman of EM.TV Florian Haffa said Monday. "With the Jim Henson Company, you don't get bigger internationally recognized brands than Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy."

The deal, in the works for several months, also seals ownership of some of the world's best loved children's shows including "Sesame Street," "The Muppet Show," "Jim Henson's Muppet Babies" and "Fraggle Rock," not to mention a string of Muppet films.

"Sesame Street," first broadcast in 1969, is seen in 140 countries alone.

The buyout gives EM.TV rights to more than 5,000 licensed Muppet products that have hit toy stores over the last 10 years. That includes the talking-and-laughing Tickle Me Elmo doll — which triggered buying frenzies at toy stores across the United States — and more than 30 million Muppet books sold in 45 countries.

EM.TV also gets access to the Los Angeles-



Joan Ganz Cooney, founder of Children's Television Workshop, right, stands with Sesame Street characters Big Bird and Elmo during the launch of the 30th season of "Sesame Street" at New York's Tavern on the Green on Oct. 6, 1998.

based company's science-fiction shows, which include "Farscape," a top-rated show on Britain's BBC and the Sci Fi Channel in the United States.

EM.TV is well-established in Europe with television and marketing rights to the popular Japanese animation Pokemon as well as Bugs Bunny in Germany. It said the deal would help it penetrate the American and Asian markets where Jim Henson's Muppets already have deep roots.

Conference seeks alternatives for economic growth

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Avenues for diversifying Midland's economy will be examined by different speakers Wednesday at "The State of Midland's Economy" economic development conference.

A special section about this conference, which starts with a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Midland Center, is included in today's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

Mayor Bobby Burns will open the conference with welcoming remarks, followed by Jack Rathbone, executive vice president of Titan Exploration, who will discuss the state of Midland's oil and gas industry.

Economist M. Ray Perryman will then provide a "Reality Check on the Area Economy" and then turn the conference over to representatives of two towns that, like Midland, were dependent on the energy industry but have managed to diversify and build their economies.

Representatives from Abilene include Tucker Bridwell, a member of the State Economic Development Board, and Bill Wright, an arts enthusiast, founder of Western Marketing and a leader in developing downtown Abilene.

Kevin Elfite, mayor of Tyler, and Tim Brookshire, a Tyler native, will discuss the efforts of their town to diversify and build its economy.

The luncheon speaker will be Dr. David Smith, president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He will be discussing new avenues in medical care that Midland can explore with its existing health facilities and bring new dollars to the community.

Perryman will make the final presentation, on transportation issues, at 1:30 p.m. and the conference will conclude with the speakers participating in a panel discussion and question and answer session, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Guest speakers from surrounding cities will explain how they broke their dependence from the energy industry and diversified their economy.

Large grant helps Samaritan Center expand services

■ Center will get more than \$100,000 from Meadows Foundation.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A three-year grant will give Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas the opportunity to offer services not currently available at the center.

The center has received a grant from the Meadows Foundation of Dallas that will total more than \$100,000 by the end of its third year.

Iris Foster, director of public relations, said "what is so great about this grant is

that it gives us the flexibility to look at the community's needs and not bring in just another therapist, but to look at the different groups and special populations whose needs need to be addressed."

This first year the center received \$64,600 and is using that money to upgrade office equipment but also to hire a professional therapist with a specialized interest in the needs of senior citizens and their families: an important area in light of the growing emphasis on attracting retirees to the area, Ms. Foster said.

"Because transportation can be a problem, this therapist will go to the senior citizens," she said. "He'll visit the nursing homes or the outlying community."

The center is currently advertising for

a therapist with professional organizations, in state newspapers and on the Internet.

The second year, the center will receive two-thirds or \$29,700 of the request and will be talking with area foundations to raise a matching amount. The funds will be used to hire a bilingual therapist and train the current staff to better serve the Hispanic community, Ms. Foster said.

Donna Robertson, president of the center's board of directors, said "The Meadows Foundation is a leader in addressing human needs. We are thrilled to receive this grant that enables the center to reach out to two vital segments of our population — the elderly and their families, and

Spanish-speaking individuals and their families."

In the final year of the grant, the center will receive \$14,850 or one-third of the request and will again be seeking to raise matching funds. Those funds will be used to assess what needs are not adequately being served in the Permian Basin.

"Someone mentioned eating disorders," Ms. Foster noted.

The center received a \$36,000 matching gift in 1998 from the Meadows Foundation to retire its building debt.

Samaritan Center provided 4,662 hours of therapy in 1999 and seeks to expand that number to 5,500 this year.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Artisan International is a rising star for investors

Q: What do you think of the Artisan International fund?

A: I like the fund a lot and recommend it for investors seeking a foreign stock fund that is actively managed (as opposed to an index fund). Artisan International invests in growth stocks in companies of varying sizes in established and emerging overseas economies.

Mark Yockey, who has more than 15 years experience successfully managing money internationally, has managed this fund since its inception in 1996. Including his performance with this fund, Yockey has one of the top track records

among fund managers of diversified foreign stock funds.

Because the fund is actively managed and has done such a superb job buying stocks that appreciate in value, I would not recommend this fund for nonretirement accounts. Investing in Artisan International through a tax-sheltered retirement account protects an investor from a higher tax bill due from the fund's future capital gains distributions.

The fund's operating expense ratio is a little high at 1.3 percent but is declining as fund assets grow. The initial minimum investment is \$1,000 for all types of accounts. To contact the fund company, call (800) 344-1770.

Q: I've examined some socially responsible mutual funds but have been disappointed with the high expense ratios on these stock funds.

Why are the fees so high, and do you know of any with lower fees?

A: Most socially responsible funds have relatively little money under management, so that's certainly one reason these funds have higher operating expense ratios.

High expense ratios are always an invitation for the Vanguard Group to develop a low-cost index fund to meet a fund marketplace need, and you'll be happy to hear that Vanguard has a Social Index fund in the works.

The proposed Vanguard Social Index fund would track the Calvert Social Index that is being developed by the Calvert Group, which has been a long-term player in socially responsible investing.

Companies considered for inclusion in this index are among the 1,000 largest public companies in America.

Q: What is meant by the term "bear market"?

A: A bear market is a period when the market experiences a strong downward swing in prices and is usually accompanied by, and sometimes precedes, an economic recession. Imagine a bear in hibernation, because this is what happens in a bear market -- invests hibernates and the market falters.

During a bear market, the value of the stock market indices, as well as the individual stock of companies, can decrease significantly. Usually the minimal drop is 15 percent to 20 percent to be considered a bear market.

Eric Tyson is author of the best sellers "Investing for Dummies" and "Personal Finance for Dummies." His column is distributed by King Features Syndicate Inc.

With malice

By Randy Knight Riddick

PORT CHARLOTTE — These are strange times for Arsenal in London, England, partly because the club's manager, Arsene Wenger, has a reputation for being a camp commander and a disarmament expert.

Above all else, Wenger is a strategist, a man who bangs theory home with a precision that is almost military. He is a three-run play the bullpen lead.

Now, however, Wenger is a man of mind over matter, a man who happens, and successful, the Oates says the have to begin Charlotte County.

Instead of training, what will be more is a vision of sensitivity. "This, men, bunt."

"The last time, I remember, fielder Rusty Gossage struck out on the first pitch."

Somewhat of this new concept considered other bunters.

Oates: "On games down every player in bunting, and even on his own (only) to find out right bunt, who can't base, who can't on. We are going later on."

The "small" course, will be for the Rangers. ly works, it is a change, a new component in place. When pitching.

Big, hulking Lee Stevens v Greer in the clubhouse after a night Stevens said it was when he last from Oates. "I was, I had before," he added.

"But while it's a given we runs like we are al- tained Steven pitching is bet- staff ERA drop it could? That n- son, we'd give

And that, of the Rangers a 2000 season. Le- ter pitching.

How much well... that's a at least.

But at the sa- two post-season against the Ya- home the oldest Nobody outscor- Leading the every offensive Rangers did in one whole run October. And th- that, there had in 27 innings Yankees.

Frankly, it something else eral manager I Oates planned

Texas Dickey earns

Associated Press

DALLAS — senior forward was named Big Player of the V- panel Monday Feb. 14-20.

Dickerson points and nine ing Texas Tec- Nebraska and homa. She wa- the field and 9- free throw line, and four steals.

Dickerson ha- double of the points and 15 re- utes against Ne- scored a career- 34 minutes aga-

Colorado fr- Sabrina Scott w- Rookie of the ag- 15.5 rebounds and 3- games.

Scott hit 12 of 3-of-4 from 3- had a career-hi- grabbed 13 reb- over Texas.

Without Gonzalez, Rangers make change to small ball

By Randy Galloway
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — These are strange times for that ballclub forever known as the Arsenal in Arlington. Partly by design, partly by surprise, the Rangers have opened this Florida camp committed to a nuclear disarmament program.

Above all else, and generally to the detriment of all else, the big-bang theory had become a franchise trademark. Over the years, and the decades, the game plan was pretty simple: Let somebody hit a three-run homer, and then pray the bullpen could hold an 8-7 lead.

Now, however, baseball in Arlington may have to be a case of mind over muscle. And for that to happen, and if it's going to be successful, then manager Johnny Oates says the transformation will have to begin right here in the Charlotte County swamps.

Instead of six weeks of spring training, what Oates has promised will be more like a baseball version of sensitivity training.

"This, men, is what's called the bunt."

"The last time I saw the bunt sign, I remember it well," left fielder Rusty Greer said Monday. "It was two years ago, and I struck out on three pitches."

Somewhat scary is that under this new concept, Greer will be considered one of the team's better bunters.

Oates: "Once we begin the games down here (March 3), every player in our lineup will be bunting, and every player will be on his own (on the bases). I want to find out right now who can bunt, who can possibly steal a base, who can hit-and-run, and so on. We are going to need all this later on."

The "small ball" game, of course, will be a radical change for the Rangers. But if it actually works, it will also be a positive change, as long as the other component of "small ball" is in place. Which means better pitching.

Big, hulking first baseman-DH Lee Stevens was sitting beside Greer in the clubhouse on Monday after a morning workout. Stevens said it was also two years ago when he last saw a bunt sign from Oates. "The funny thing was, I had homered the bat before," he added.

"But while every one thinks it's a given we won't be scoring runs like we always have," continued Stevens, "what if our pitching is better? What if our staff ERA drops a full run, which it could? That means over the season, we'd give up 162 less runs."

And that, of course, is the way the Rangers are promoting the 2000 season. Less pop, much-better pitching.

How much better pitching, well... that's a promising concept, at least.

But at the same time, the last two postseason offensive disasters against the Yankees hammered home the oldest point in baseball: Nobody outscored good pitching. Leading the world in almost every offensive category, as the Rangers did in 1999, resulted in one whole run in 27 innings last October. And the October before that, there had also been one run in 27 innings against the same Yankees.

Frankly, it was time to try something else, but neither general manager Doug Melvin nor Oates planned it exactly this

Texas Tech's Dickerson earns award

Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas Tech senior forward Keitha Dickerson was named Big 12 Conference Player of the Week by a media panel Monday for games from Feb. 14-20.

Dickerson averaged 17.5 points and nine rebounds in leading Texas Tech to wins over Nebraska and No. 18 Oklahoma. She was 13-of-20 from the field and 9-of-14 from the free throw line, with eight assists and four steals.

Dickerson had her 12th double-double of the season with 12 points and 15 rebounds in 40 minutes against Nebraska. She then scored a career-high 23 points in 34 minutes against Oklahoma.

Colorado freshman forward Sabrina Scott was named Big 12 Rookie of the Week after averaging 15.5 points, eight rebounds and 3.5 blocks in two games.

Scott hit 12 of 20 shots and was 3-of-4 from 3-point range. She had a career-high 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in a win over Texas.

way. In other words, the change is more drastic than they wanted.

Trading Juan Gonzalez was by design. In the name of preventing a long-term salary problem, Melvin moved out Juan last November in a deal with Detroit that has been hailed throughout baseball as shrewd. Actually, it's Melvin himself who is repeatedly advising caution in judging that trade "because you don't give up Juan's run production and his presence in a lineup without a lot of sleepless nights," he warned.

But Melvin wanted the big-bang drain to stop right there. Nothing was on his drawing board about also losing third baseman Todd Zeile. In a shocker to Melvin, he suddenly learned Zeile wouldn't be accepting the contract Melvin thought Zeile had accepted. Instead, Zeile was gone to the Mets.

Between Juan and Todd, that's a combined 63 homers and 226

RBI from 1999 that won't be reporting here this week.

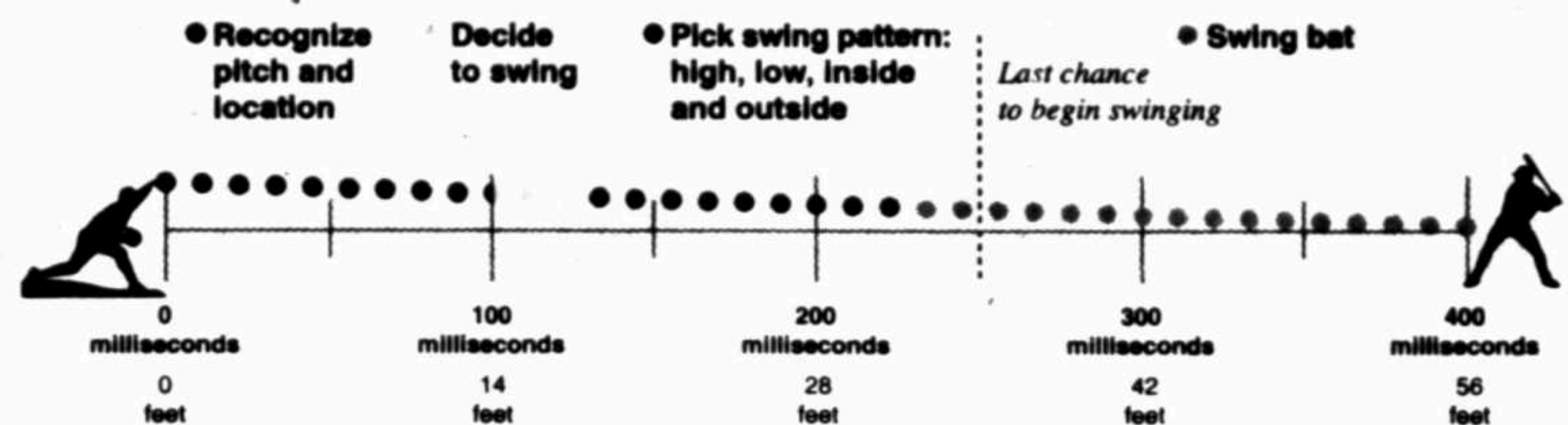
"We have to find ways, and manufacture ways, to make up what we no longer have," said Oates, known as a managerial disciple of the great Earl Weaver. And Weaver lived by the doctrine of "pitching, defense and the three-run homer." In other words, Weaver would have given up smoking before he'd dare bunt.

"You can't make chicken salad if you don't have any chickens," added Oates. "I will never know if Juan could bunt because I never wanted to find out. But I like to think I can adjust to the talent I've been given."

And so, the adjusting starts immediately; from the big bang to the little bunt, the Rangers are very different this spring. Better? Don't know. But definitely different, and two runs in two October says it was time to try another way.

Hitting a fastball

In less than a quarter of a second, a batter must decide to hit a fastball. Here is a look at what a batter must do to hit a 90 mph fastball.



Source: Robert K. Adair, Yale University

AP

Ripken could play some first

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Baltimore Orioles manager Mike Hargrove is considering the possibility of using Cal Ripken at first base.

At 6-foot-4, Ripken would make a pretty nice target. First base would also be less of a strain than third base, which is something to consider given that Ripken is coming off back surgery and turns 40 in August.

"I don't plan on playing Cal there regularly. I really haven't talked to him about it," Hargrove said Monday. "But Cal's a good enough athlete to carry that off without a hitch. ... That's a kind of a bridge we'll cross at some point in time."

Ripken, who has never played a position other than shortstop or third base, briefly manned first base during drills Monday.

And if Ripken can move across the diamond, why not Jeff

Conine?

Because the Orioles are looking to be a bit more versatile this season, Conine has been asked to carry some extra responsibility — and another baseball glove.

Conine, who already has mastered first base and the outfield, will play third base at times during exhibition games this spring. The experiment began last year when he made four appearances at the hot corner for the first time in his lengthy career.

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Note: Please attend sessions although luncheon reservations have expired.

Program Agenda

Morning Session

- 7:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 am Welcome by Mayor Bobby Burns
- 8:10 am Jack Rathbone (Vice-President/Titan Exploration) - Breakfast Speaker
- 8:45 am "Reality Check on Area Economy" by Economist Ray Perryman
- 9:15 am Tucker Bridwell of Abilene (State Economic Development Board Member)
- 9:50 am Bill Wright (Abilene Arts Enthusiast, Downtown Development Leader)
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:55 am Tim Brookshire of Tyler (Officer of Brookshire Groceries-Instrumental in Economic Development in Tyler)
- 11:35 am Kevin Eltife (Mayor of Tyler Texas)
- NOON Lunch Break
- 12:30 pm Lunch Speaker David Smith, (President of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. Opportunities in the medical industry.)
- 1:15 pm Drawing For \$2000 Certificate Of Deposit
- 1:30 pm Ray Perryman - Transportation

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To solicit public input on Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Greenwood High School Auditorium, February 22, 6:00- 8:00 p.m.

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
Sealed proposals for 0.353 mi of rail and headwall replace districtwide on various highways covered by CPM 906-00-88 in Ector County will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M. March 8, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notified all bidders that it will ensure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Douglas W. Eichorst, Area Engineer, Midland, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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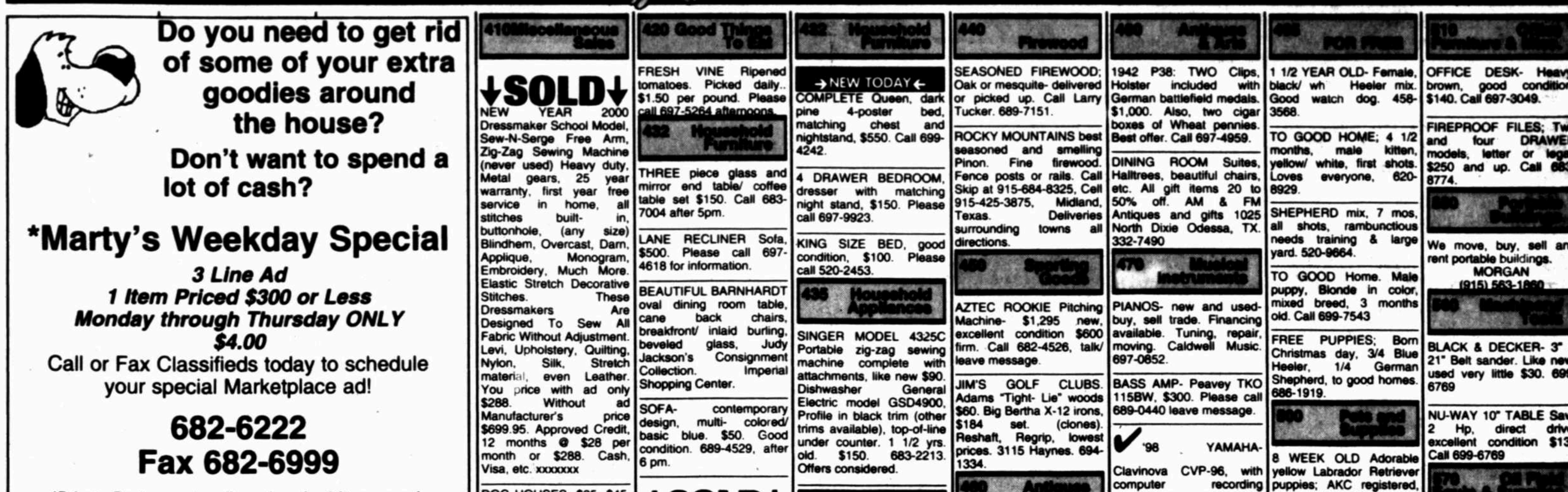
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