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Midlander Rebecca Kriethe is to receive the Warren McCain Community Service Volunteer Award, the highest honor presented to an Albertson's employee. /1B



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Big Spring tennis

Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li rise to prominence was a little out of the ordinary. The senior will make his fourth trip to Austin for the Class 4A state tournament. /1C

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Mideast summit

JERUSALEM — U.S. envoy Dennis Ross called off a Mideast summit Washington had offered to hold Monday, and the collapse of the American diplomatic effort touched off a round of finger-pointing. Palestinians blamed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for digging in his heels and not compromising on the scope of an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

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Railey's renewal

DALLAS — Walker Railey sure doesn't look like someone who declared bankruptcy less than two months ago. The former Dallas minister and his new bride share a spacious apartment in a luxurious high-rise on Los Angeles' west side, where rents reach \$3,000 a month. Railey and Donna Turner, his second wife, married last month before 300 people, to whom they had sent embossed invitations. The ceremony took place nine days before the divorce was final from his first wife, who lies in a vegetative state in a Tyler nursing home.

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FAA grounds older Boeing 737s

■ Southwest Airlines has an all-737 fleet, but only 35 were of the type covered by the grounding.

By Glen Johnson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government on Sunday grounded older models of the Boeing 737, the world's most popular jet, after mandatory inspections of some aircraft found extensive wear in power lines running through their wing fuel tanks.

The order affected 15 percent of the 737s operating domestically, causing flight cancellations as the business week began.

The emergency inspection, the broadest FAA order for commercial aircraft since McDonnell-Douglas DC-10s were grounded in 1979, came three days after the Federal Aviation Administration gave airlines up to a week to inspect their oldest 737s for signs of wear in the wiring or the

pipes that carry the wires through the fuel tanks.

A recent inspection of a Continental Airlines 737 found both exposed wires and holes in the piping believed to have been caused by electrical sparks. Officials feared the mixture of fuel, air and electricity could spark an explosion such as that which downed TWA Flight 800.

By Saturday afternoon, 13 more aircraft had been inspected and mechanics found chafing in half of the bundles examined. One wiring bundle in a United Airlines 737 showed signs of sparking in one spot and a second area where the wires had been worn bare, most likely from vibration over the plane's 50,000 hours in flight.

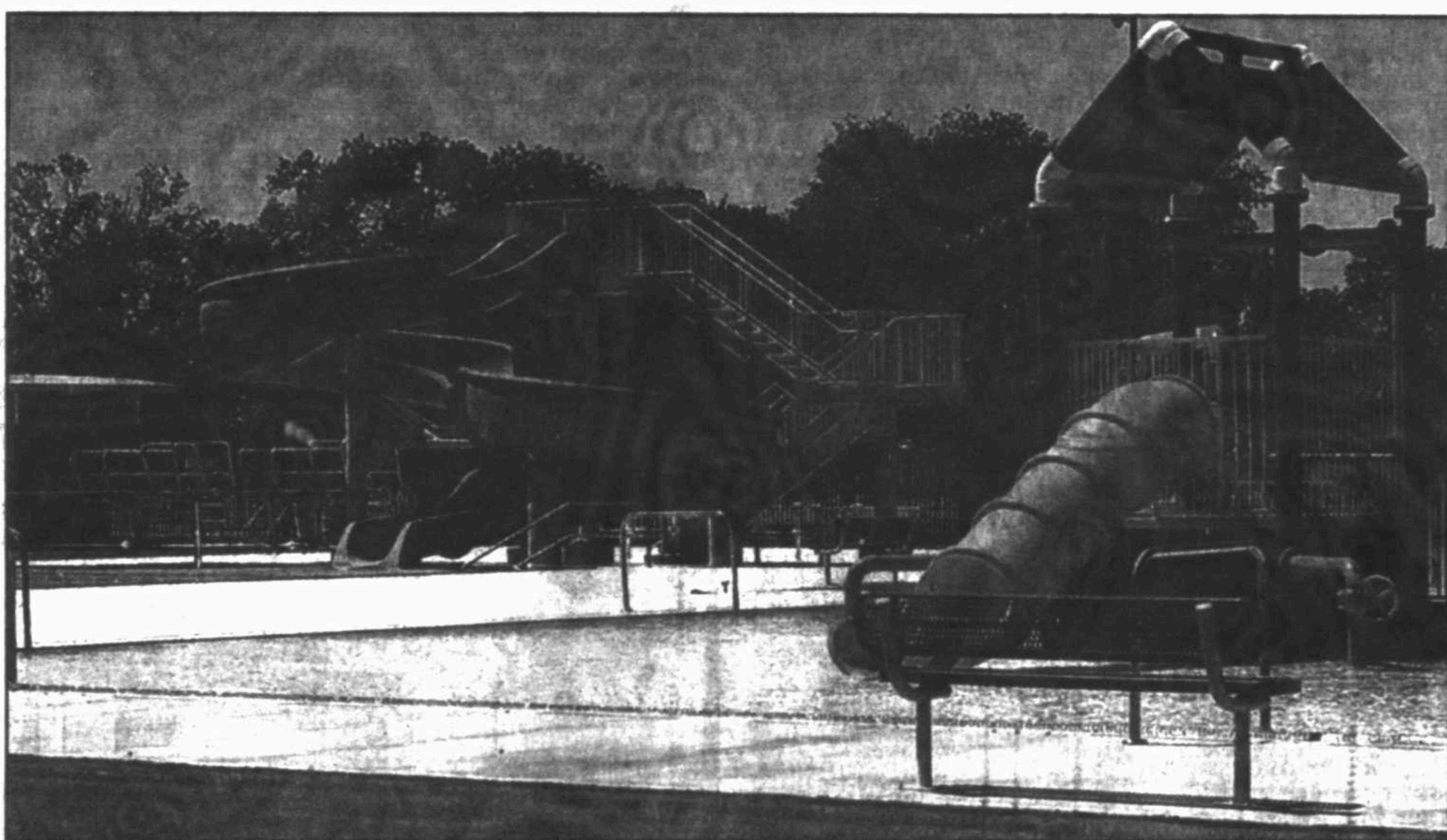
That prompted the FAA to revise its original order, ordering all Boeing 737-100 and -200 series aircraft immediately out of passenger service until they could be inspected and repaired. The planes have cigar-shaped engines mounted directly under their wings. There are 179 such aircraft operated by U.S. carriers.

The FAA also ordered inspections over the

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A Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 lands at Love Field in Dallas on May 27, 1997. The government grounded older models of the world's most popular jet Sunday after inspections of some older 737s found extensive wear in power lines running through their wing fuel tanks.



From blight to beautiful

Citywide efforts rewarded in Washington Park area makeover

What began as a monetary investment by the city of Midland grew into a community-wide effort that has made a startling turnaround in the formerly blighted Washington Park area of the city.

Washington Park itself includes 8.5 acres at 1803 E. Indiana Ave. The park's new \$1.22 million water amusement area, which was completed at the end of last year's swimming season, is to be officially dedicated at noon Saturday.

The park has a shallow, 50-foot by 50-foot children's pool and play area that is adjacent to the main pool, which is roughly 100-feet by 75 feet, according to Chuck Swallow, community services director for the city.

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Story by Gary Shanks Photos by Tim Fischer



The city has invested more than \$50,000 to renovate the Washington Park neighborhood. Above, city parks department employees David Navarro, left, and Blue Gomez install playground equipment at Washington Park. The new pools, top, at Washington Park are to be dedicated Saturday.

Dems push for Burton's committee resignation

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats said Sunday they'll cooperate in the House campaign finance investigation but only if the GOP removes Rep. Dan Burton as head of the probe.

Democrats argue Burton has turned the investigation into a partisan attack on the president, while Burton accuses Democrats of trying to keep the truth from the American people.

Rep. Henry Waxman, the top Democrat on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, said Sunday that Democrats would end their opposition to immunity for some witnesses if another Republican on the committee replaced Burton.

"For the investigation to have any legitimacy, this must happen," Waxman, D-Calif., said in a letter sent Sunday to House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

That's unlikely, although the Republican leadership has suggested that the investigation into alleged Democratic fund-raising violations in the 1996 presidential campaign could be moved to another committee where the Republicans have the two-thirds majority needed to grant immunity to witnesses.

Burton, R-Ind., made that point himself on "Fox News Sunday," saying that if Democrats continue to "try to keep the truth from the American people," the stalled investigation might move to another committee.

Republicans are seeking immunity for four witnesses who may be able to provide more information on the alleged campaign abuses.

Burton became the focus of Democratic complaints over the direction of the probe 10 days ago when his staff released excerpts of phone conversations between

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Bus crash put spotlight on safety, drunken driving

■ 10 years after the crash that killed 27 people, a ceremony is to be held Thursday in hopes of curbing rising drunken driving deaths.

By Charles Wolfe
Associated Press

RADCLIFF, Ky. — The worst U.S. highway catastrophe ever attributed to alcohol killed 24 children and three adults when a drunken driver crashed almost head-on into an aging school bus taking them home from a church outing at an amusement park.

It put drunken driving and bus safety in a national spotlight, which victims' families and crash survivors hope to recapture Thursday with a ceremony on the 10th anniversary.

The event, organized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and billed as a Reunion of Hope, will not be in Radcliff, an Army town outside Fort Knox where the victims lived, or in Carrollton, 100 miles to the northeast, where the crash occurred.

It will be in Louisville instead, 30 miles north of Radcliff, where survivors, many with amputated limbs and horrific burns, received extended treatment.

"It's a way for the victims of this crash to once again show

our gratitude and appreciation for those who were there, that went above and beyond the call of duty," said Carolyn Nunnallee, national president of MADD and mother of a 10-year-old girl, Patty, who was the youngest killed.

Besides, "some of the Radcliff people ... don't like attention being drawn back to the crash," Mrs. Nunnallee, of Fort Meade, Fla., said in a telephone interview.

Lawrence and Janey Fair also lost a daughter, 14-year-old Shannon Rae, and still live in Radcliff. At first, they said, they felt ambivalent about the 10-year observance.

"I guess, working with drunken driving victims, it bothers me that we get more attention than people who are killed individually," said Mrs. Fair, a national vice president and former Kentucky chairwoman of MADD.

But drunken-driving deaths, which declined for a few years after the Carrollton crash, turned upward again last year — to 17,126 nationwide, she said.

"People seem to be complacent. We wanted to be able to call attention to the fact that they were easing back up again," she said.

The bus was owned by a Radcliff church, the First Assembly of God, which had bought it the year before as surplus property from an area school district. It had a Ford chassis manufactured in 1977, before school bus frames had to incorporate heavy-duty cages to hold fuel tanks in place.

Just before 11 p.m. EDT on May 14, 1988, the bus was car-

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Lawrence and Janey Fair sit in their home in Radcliff, Ky., Thursday afternoon. The Fairs have become activists against drinking and driving since their daughter Shannon Rae, 14, died in the worst U.S. highway catastrophe ever attributed to alcohol when a drunken driver crashed into a school bus in May 1988, killing 24 children and three adults. Janey is the national vice president of MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving) and Lawrence retired from the army to take up the school bus safety issue.



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Adams leads Sinn Fein to accept Northern Ireland government

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams led his IRA-allied party down the road from revolution to reform Sunday, winning full backing for the Northern Ireland peace accord against the odds of history.

In a fundamental reversal of decades-old policy, 331 out of 350 Sinn Fein activists voted to let their leaders participate in a new compromise administration for Northern Ireland. The verdict followed several hours of public debate at the Royal Dublin Society hall.

Sinn Fein's warm, if belated, embrace of the accord won't make ratification of the deal any easier in May 22 public referendums. Although Northern Ireland's main Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, approved it last month, many Protestants will oppose any deal deemed acceptable to Sinn Fein.

Still, the decisive outcome marked a personal triumph for Adams, who since taking charge of Sinn Fein in 1983 has inched the party slowly out of isolation while averting potentially deadly splits in the Sinn Fein-Irish Republican Army movement.

"Today we cleared the way for the future. Tomorrow we start to build the future," Adams told 1,000 cheering delegates.

Adams emphasized that the decision doesn't mean Sinn Fein accepted the right of Northern



Balcombe Street siege prisoner Hugh Doherty, left, Portlaoise prisoner Michael O'Brien, center, and Maze prisoner Patrick Wilson receive a standing ovation at Sinn Fein's special conference in Dublin Sunday. Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams won full backing for the Northern Ireland peace accord Sunday.

Ireland to exist, even though he is now free to help govern it.

That key issue has driven the

past 30 years of bloodshed — and is spurring dissidents to try to wreck the IRA cease-fire of July

1997. During the conference, IRA dissidents claimed responsibility for

firing two mortar shells at a police barracks in the Northern Ireland border town of Belleek, injuring no one. On Saturday, in their first public statement, they called the truce "over" and accused Adams of taking Sinn Fein down the road of accepting Ireland's partition.

Because of the potential for such splits, Adams had delayed formally accepting the compromise accord reached April 10 with the British and Irish governments and seven other Northern Ireland parties.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair welcomed Sinn Fein's decision. "It means Sinn Fein has signed up to a process in which there is no place whatsoever for violence or the threat of violence," his office said in a statement.

Adams and Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, offered polite applause to about a dozen speakers who bluntly opposed changing Sinn Fein's policy of boycotting government institutions in Northern Ireland, a Protestant-majority state founded in 1920.

"Your beliefs are born in your heart, your strategies in your head. When the two collide, something has to give," said John Murphy, a Sinn Fein activist in his mid-20s from the Irish Republic border town of Monaghan who wanted to reject the agreement.

But for most IRA supporters, the head prevailed. Sinn Fein leaders

argued that Sinn Fein had to sit on the proposed 108-seat Assembly in Belfast, which would be overseen by a 12-strong Executive from several parties including Sinn Fein.

"Going into the Assembly is the right tactic at this time," said Gerry Kelly, legendary former IRA mastermind of London car bombs and prison breaks, who is now a Sinn Fein negotiator.

Comparing the peace process to playing chess with the north's pro-British Protestant politicians, Kelly said Irish republicans shouldn't cede a single square on the board to their opponents.

He said Protestants had pushed hard in the 22 months of negotiations to create a new Northern Ireland government on the assumption that Sinn Fein would choose to boycott it.

"We need to put as many rebels as we can in amongst our opponents and to take them on in every way," Kelly said.

The British and Irish governments backed Adams' sales pitch with action.

Late Saturday, the British temporarily freed four influential IRA prisoners from Northern Ireland prisons to permit them to attend the debate.

And the Irish government surprised virtually everyone by temporarily freeing the IRA's four longest-serving prisoners to attend the conference too.

Auto makers aren't the only Germans buying American as corporations join in

BERLIN (AP) — The Germans have their wallets out, and American companies eager for global partners are welcoming them with open arms.

Daimler-Benz's agreement to acquire Chrysler Corp. was but the biggest splash in a swelling tide of German marks flowing to North America.

Direct investment by German companies in the United States totaled \$7 billion in 1997 — eight times the level of just five years ago — and the strong American economy is expected to keep the money coming.

"Clearly, German companies recognize that in order for them to compete on the international market, they have to have a foothold in the U.S.," said Peter Dixon, senior economist at Commerzbank in Frankfurt. "It's difficult to do that from this side of the Atlantic."

While U.S. corporate giants like General Motors, Ford and IBM have had European plants for decades, German companies traditionally kept their factories at home and exported the cars, electronics, chemicals and machinery that rolled off their assembly lines.

That stay-at-home strategy is falling out of favor, however, both because of high production costs in Germany and, more important, the development of a global market.

Corporate leaders realize that while they may be giants in Europe, their competitors in other parts of the world are growing even bigger and could end up squeezing them off the rest of the world stage.

"The new generation of German managers has a more outward-looking view," Dixon said. "They only have to look at the U.S. mod-

el to see that increasing the presence abroad is certainly good for business."

Daimler-Benz already made the leap, having opened its first American factory last year to build a Mercedes sport-utility vehicle. Its German rival, BMW, opened a U.S. car plant in 1994 and has seen U.S. sales increase.

Volkswagen is making an American comeback with the "New Beetle," built in Mexico, and is considering opening another production line in North America. Porsche and Audi also have said they are thinking of building factories in the United States.

It's not just the German auto industry that is buying American.

The media company Bertelsmann AG is reportedly spending more than \$1 billion for Random House, the biggest U.S. book pub-

lisher. Bertelsmann already owns Bantam Books, Doubleday, Dell, Delacorte and Broadway Books, the BMG music club, the RCA and Arista record labels, and McCall's and Family Circle magazines in the United States.

Electronics giant Siemens agreed last year to buy Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s non-nuclear power generation business for \$1.53 billion.

Chemical concern Hoechst AG last year completed its \$7.26 billion takeover of the pharmaceutical company Marion Merrell Dow Inc., maker of the Nicoderm anti-smoking patch and Seldane, an allergy drug.

Deutsche Telekom has a 10 percent stake in Sprint Corp. and owns one-third of American Personal Communications, the first company in the United States to offer a new, all-digital mobile

phone service.

More Americans work for companies at least partly owned by Germans than for those of any other foreign nation — about 230,000 in all, said Oliver Wieck, regional director of the Federation of German Industry. Daimler's purchase of Chrysler is expected to add 94,300 to that.

Daimler-Benz's chairman, Juergen Schrempp, said he expects the new DaimlerChrysler to create more jobs on both sides of the Atlantic.

That would be good news for the 4.4 million Germans out of work in April — 11.4 percent of the country's work force.

But analysts say foreign investment by German companies is not likely to create many new jobs in Germany — at least in manufacturing. At the most, by helping companies stay competitive, it

could secure the jobs still here, they say.

"Without that, you have to be afraid that sooner or later things will turn around and you'll be swallowed up yourself," Wieck said.

The strong U.S. economy and boom on Wall Street have been magnets for foreign investment, analysts say.

But Harald Trabold, international economist at the German Institute for Economic Research, doesn't expect the German shopping spree to stop in the United States.

"The people who want to become or remain global players are forced to have a leg in every major market," he said. "Now they're doing it mainly in the U.S.A., but I think the next wave will come in Asia."

Socialists head for runoff vote in strong position

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Hungarian voters, grudgingly supportive of painful reforms that have steadied their once-reeling economy, gave Gyula Horn's ruling Socialists a nudge Sunday toward four more years in power.

Despite a strong challenge by the center-right Young Democrats-Civic Party in the first round of parliamentary elections, the Socialists were in a good position to win a majority of seats in a May 24 runoff. That would allow them to lead the government.

Austerity measures have turned the Hungarian economy into Eastern Europe's star performer, surpassing the Czech Republic in recent months. But the improvements have yet to trickle down to ordinary citizens' lives.

Nationwide turnout on the hot, sunny election day was 55 percent, far short of the 69 percent in the last election.

Initial results showed the Socialists leading the Young Democrats 32 percent to 28 percent with 71 percent of the ballots counted — a lead that pollsters said the opposition party was unlikely to overcome as the final votes were tallied. Official final results were expected Wednesday.

The balance of power won't be known for two more weeks, when runoffs are held in races that either didn't produce majority winners Sunday or where turnout was below 50 percent. All 386 seats in Parliament are at stake in the two rounds of voting.

The Socialists boast the strongest base of supporters. They are typically older and more loyal than backers of newer parties, and are more likely to turn out in the runoff, when turnout traditionally drops.

"I am not at all worried," said the Socialists' vice chairman,

Imre Szekeres. "Everything will be decided in the runoffs."

The Young Democrats, founded a decade ago as Hungary's first opposition party, remained optimistic.

"What we know at this point shows that the alternative we have offered voters has broad appeal," said Tamas Deutsch, the vice chairman under party leader Viktor Orban.

The early vote count showed three other parties topping the 5 percent minimum required to qualify for parliament in party-list balloting: the Independent Smallholders Party, the Alliance of Free Democrats and the extreme rightist Truth and Life Party.

A total of 210 seats will be filled through party-slate voting, with the other 176 selected in individual races.

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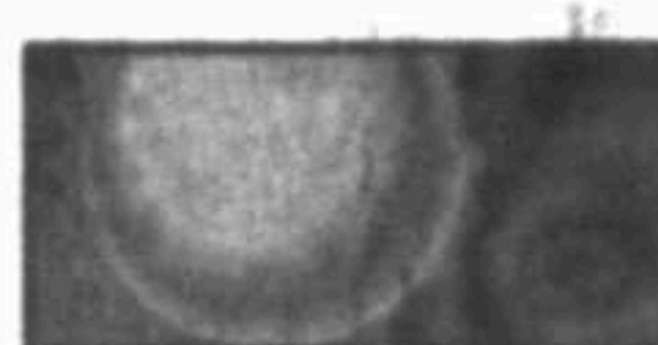
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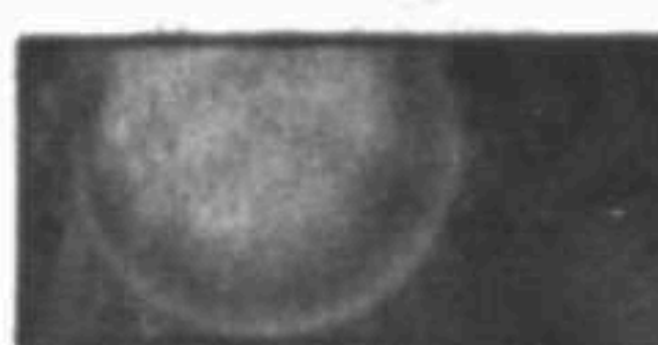
3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 93
Low 57



Tuesday
Sunny
High 95
Low 56



Wednesday
Sunny
High 94
Low 55

Today is expected to be mostly sunny and breezy, according to the National Weather Service. The high should be between 90 and 95 with south to southwest winds at 15 to 25 mph and gusty.

Tonight will be mostly clear with the low between 55 and 60. Tuesday and Wednesday are expected to be sunny with highs in the mid-90s.

Sunday's high was 89 degrees, compared with a record high of 99 set in 1963. The low was 52, compared with a record low of 40 set in 1981.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall .00 in.
Rainfall .00 in.
Total for month .00 in.
Total for year 1.16 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

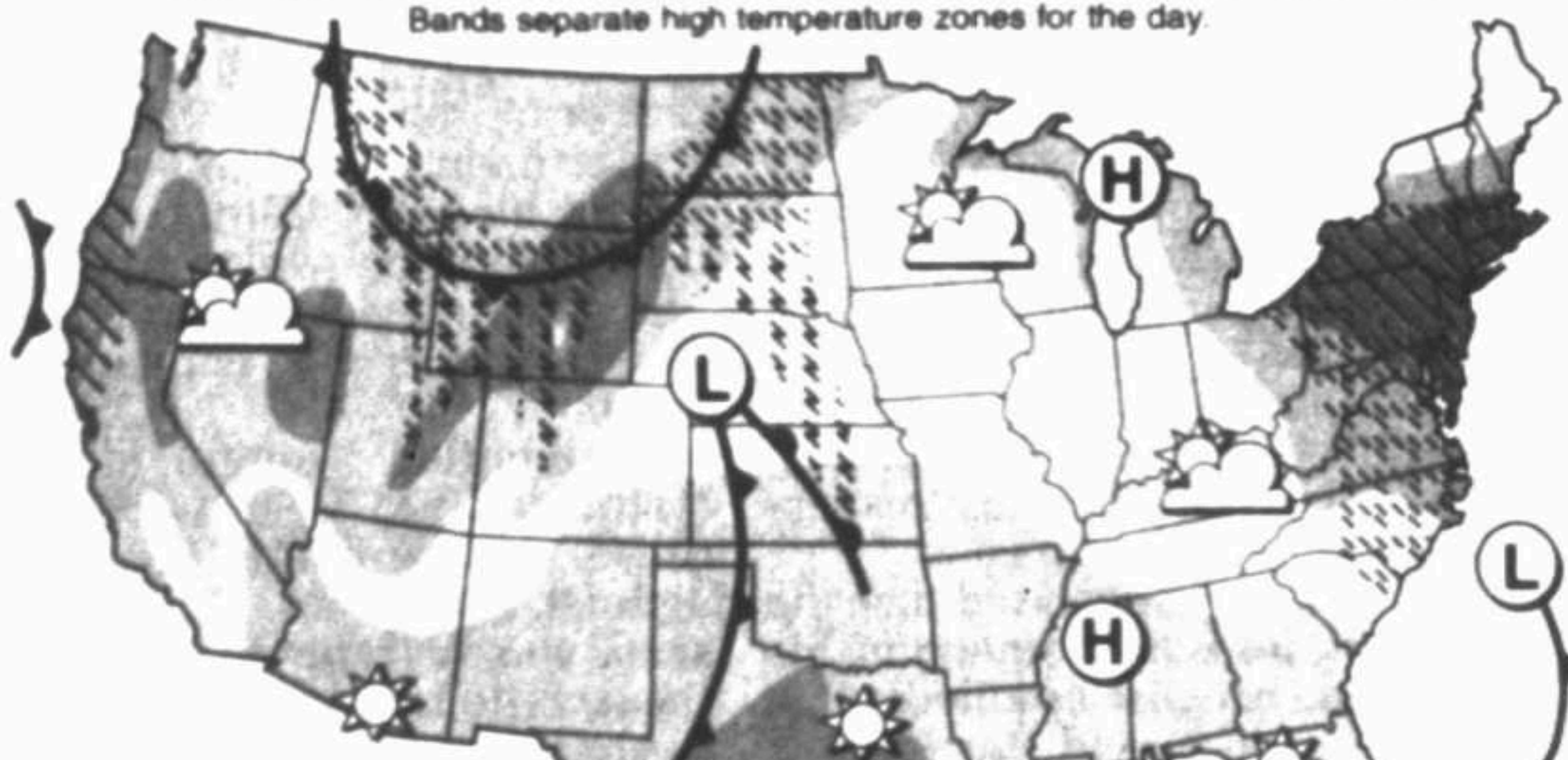
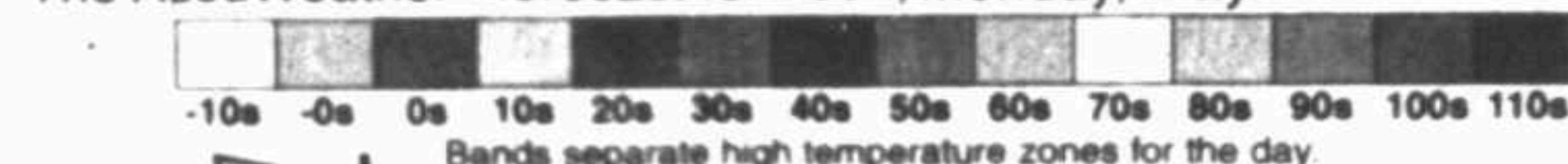
High 89
Low 52
Normal high 86
Normal low 56

Sunrise 6:55 a.m.

Sunset 8:36 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, May 11.



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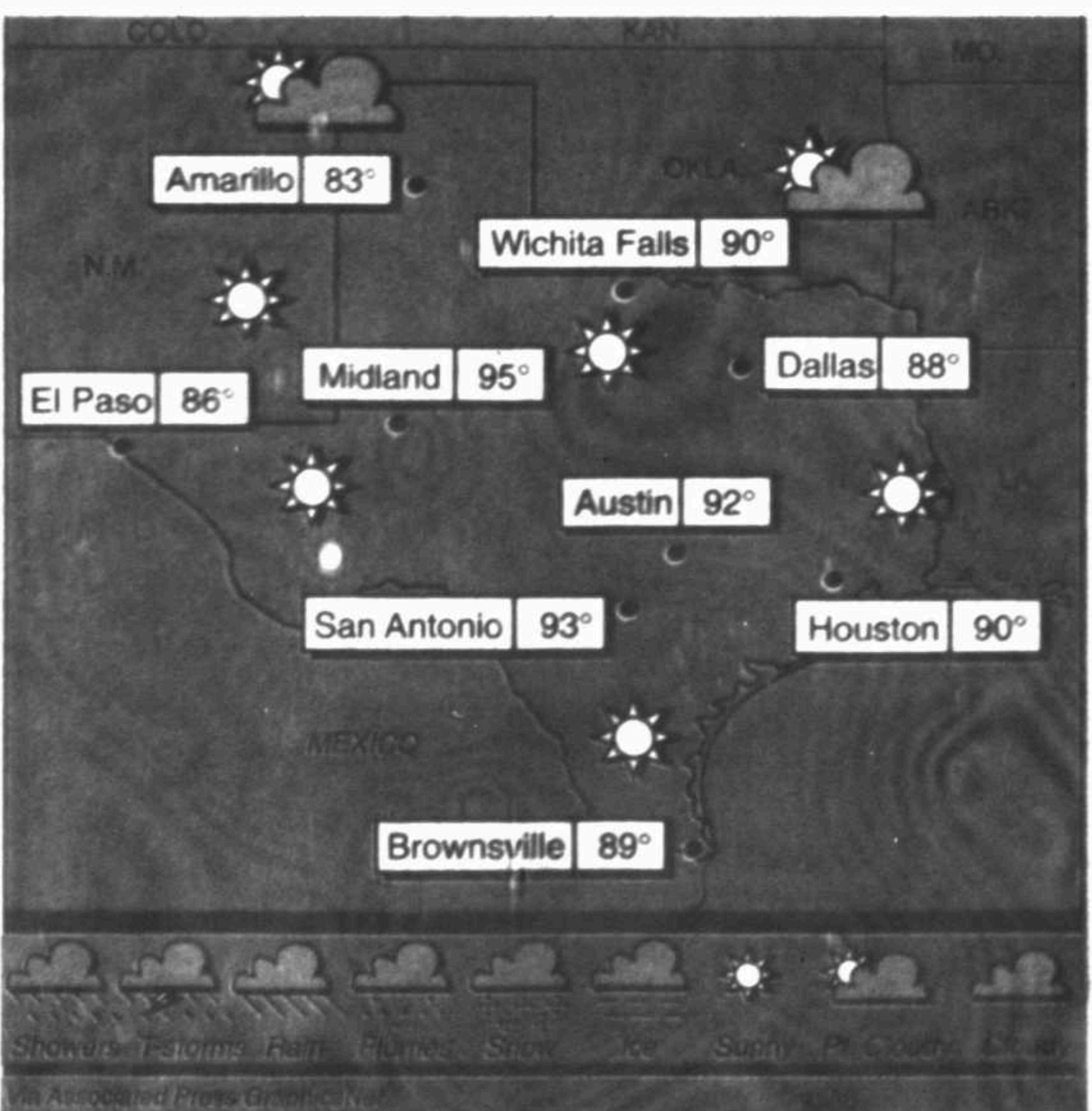
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:32 p.m. EDT

City	High	Low	Prev	Outk
Albuquerque	82	51	cl	
Anchorage	51	38	cl	
Atlanta	78	65	cl	
Atlanta City	55	53	cl	
Baltimore	64	58	cl	
Baton Rouge	81	67	cl	
Boston	58	49	cl	
Buffalo	52	49	cl	
Casper	55	53	cl	
Cheyenne	61	43	cl	
Chicago	68	42	cl	
Cincinnati	68	48	cl	
Cleveland	74	60	cl	
Colorado Springs	64	51	cl	
Columbia, S.C.	71	44	cl	
Columbus, Ga.	77	64	cl	
Columbus, Ohio	85	69	cl	
Daytona Beach	74	60	cl	
Denver	91	69	cl	
Des Moines	74	42	cl	
Detroit	76	53	cl	
El Paso	86	50	cl	
Fargo	69	50	cl	
Grand Junction	71	47	cl	
Grand Rapids	74	52	cl	
Great Falls	59	37	cl	
Green Bay	69	59	cl	
Greensboro, N.C.	64	58	cl	
Hartford	62	51	cl	
Havana	83	72	cl	
Houston	90	64	cl	
Indianapolis	74	56	cl	
Jacksonville	78	66	cl	
Jacksonville	87	70	cl	
Juniata	56	45	cl	
Kansas City	78	55	cl	
Knoxville	70	51	cl	
Las Vegas	77	57	cl	
Little Rock	82	61	cl	
Los Angeles	70	59	cl	
Louisville	76	61	cl	
Memphis	78	64	cl	
Miami Beach	93	73	cl	
Milwaukee	61	45	cl	
Minneapolis	74	48	cl	
Mobile	83	72	cl	
Montgomery	82	73	cl	
Nashville	75	61	cl	
New Orleans	83	70	cl	
New York City	57	57	cl	
Oakland	79	54	cl	
Omaha	77	50	cl	
Orlando	91	67	cl	
Philadelphia	61	58	cl	
Phoenix	88	65	cl	
Pittsburgh	68	58	cl	
Portland, Maine	56	51	cl	
Portland, Ore.	55	50	cl	
Providence	50	49	cl	
Raleigh, Durham	71	58	cl	
Rapid City	63	44	cl	
Reno	57	39	cl	
Richmond	70	60	cl	
Sacramento	70	45	cl	
St. Louis	77	57	cl	
St. Thomas	95	80	cl	
Salmon, Ore.	55	51	cl	
Salt Lake City	66	55	cl	
San Diego	64	58	cl	
San Francisco	64	51	cl	
Santa Fe	75	42	cl	
Seattle	56	51	cl	
Sioux Falls	74	49	cl	
South Bend	72	50	cl	
Springfield, Mo.	75	54	cl	
Tallahassee	92	72	cl	
Tampa, St. Petersburg	86	76	cl	
Tucson	76	52	cl	
Tulsa	89	56	cl	
Tupelo	76	63	cl	
Washington, D.C.	65	58	cl	
W Palm Beach	94	69	cl	
Wichita	76	53	cl	
Wilkes-Barre	59	54	cl	
Wilmington, Del.	60	58	cl	
Yakima	71	63	cl	
Youngstown	68	52	cl	
Yuma	84	64	cl	

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT

City	High	Low	Pop
Abilene	87	50	
Amarillo	78	40	
Arlington	83	59	
Austin	89	58	
Austin Bergstrom	90	65	
Beaumont	88	62	
Brownsville	84	58	
College Station	88	58	
Corpus Christi	87	57	
Conroe	81	57	
Dallas	83	61	
Del Rio	97	61	
Denton	81	56	
El Paso	80	53	
Fort Worth	97	53	
Galveston	81	57	
Houston	93	59	
Hondo	93	60	
Houston Hobby	91	68	
Houston Intercontinental	86	64	
Huntsville	86	59	
Junction	95	52	
Laredo	96	66	
Lubbock	86	64	
Lufkin	85	60	
Marta	M	M	
McAllen	87	63	
McKinney	81	56	
Mineral Wells	84	55	
Navy Corps	M	66	
New Braunfels	91	57	
Palacios	91	63	
Paris	81	57	
Rockport	86	63	
San Angelo	94	48	
San Antonio	93	63	
Tarleton	82	60	
Victoria	M	M	
Waco	87	58	
Wichita Falls	81	53	
Wink	94	60	

CRASH: Pickup driver sentenced to 10 years

(From 1A)

rying 67 people home from King's Island, an amusement park near Cincinnati.

Larry Mahoney, a chemical-plant worker from Worthville, was driving north in the southbound lanes of Interstate 71. Testimony would later show he'd spent the better part of the day drinking — at a tavern, from beers in his truck, at a friend's place. Two hours after the crash, his blood alcohol content was 0.24, more than twice the level of intoxication in Kentucky.

Mahoney's Toyota pickup rammied the bus, jolting the fuel tank loose. It was punctured by a spring from the bus' suspension system. The source of ignition was never pinpointed, but flames exploded up into the front of the bus, blocking the main exit.

Forty people managed to get out windows or the rear exit before fire consumed the bus. The dead, found piled atop one another, had been trying to get to the back.

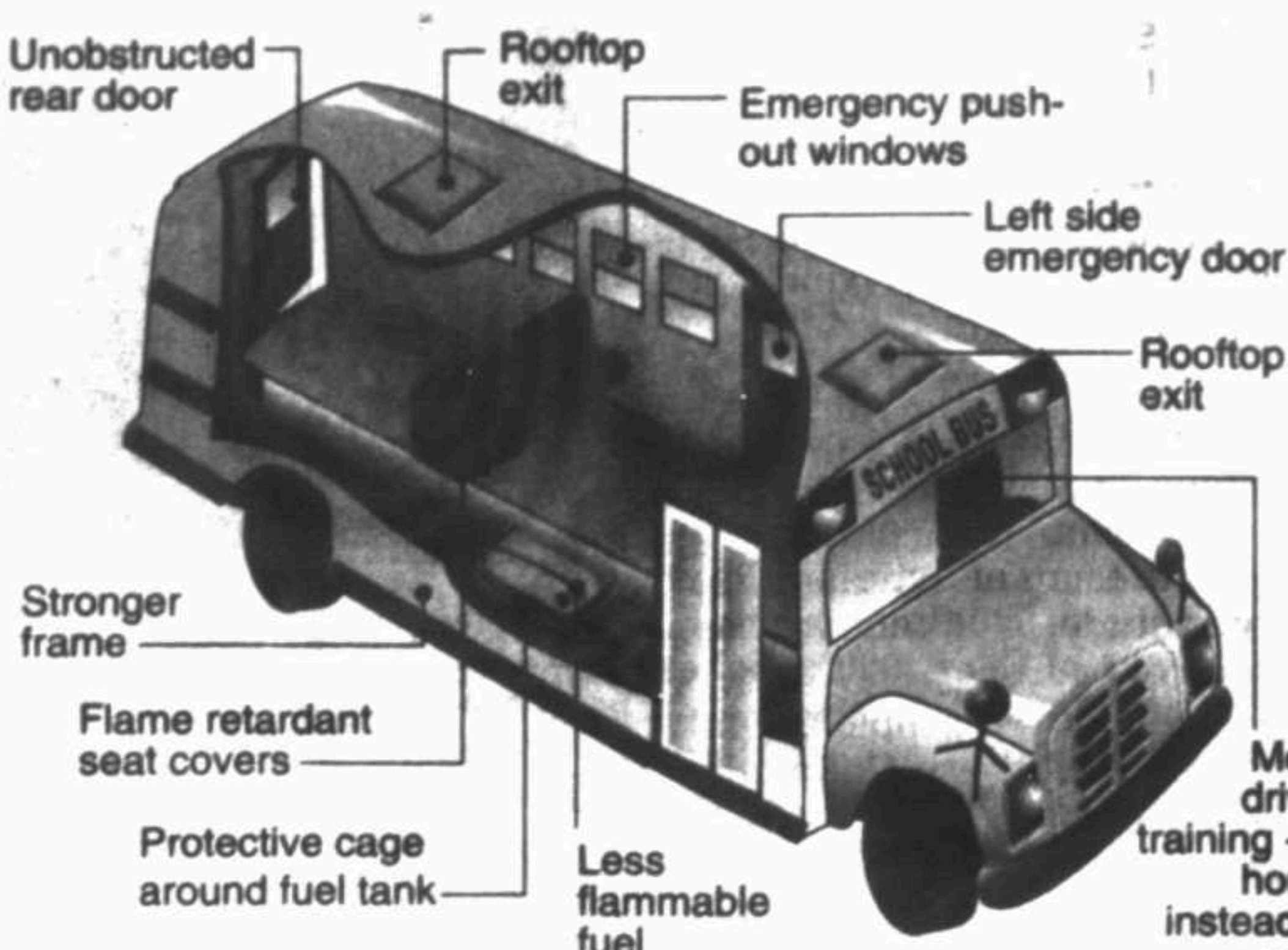
"I can see the victims today, 10 years later, like it was yesterday," State Police Lt. Henry "Sonny" Cease said.

Cease, a trooper with two years' experience at the time, was appointed lead investigator because he was trained to reconstruct accidents. But "no training could have prepared you for that," he said.

School bus safety

Ten years ago, 24 children and six adults were killed when the school bus they were riding in exploded in a fireball after a drunk driver crashed into it in Carrollton, Ky.

Here's a look at new school bus design since then:



Source: The Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal; Kentucky Department of Education

AP/J. Axamethy

Mahoney, the pickup driver, survived with broken ribs, cuts and bruises but no life-threatening injuries. The state charged him with murder. At his trial a year

and a half later, a jury convicted him of assault, manslaughter and wanton endangerment.

He was sentenced to 16 years in prison but will have spent less than

10 — the rest deducted for good behavior — when he is released from the medium-security Kentucky State Reformatory in late October 1999.

Mahoney, who turns 45 on June 10, works as a janitor in prison and has earned a high school equivalency diploma. He declined requests for anniversary interviews but told a questioner six years ago that he was haunted by what he had done, even though he remembers nothing of the crash.

"I woke up in the hospital and they told me," Mahoney said then. "It was like a nightmare. It took at least a month for it to sink in."

Ford settled swiftly with 65 of the 67 families affected by the crash, reportedly for at least \$36 million. The Fairs, along with Jim and Carolyn Nunnallee, sued Ford instead. The couples later accepted settlements as their case was going to trial. Terms were kept secret.

In the aftermath of the crash, Kentucky changed its specifications for school buses to require flame-retardant seats, fuel tank cages, push-out windows, left-side emergency exits and escape hatches in the roof.

Federal law had already required fuel tank cages on buses manufactured after 1977. In 1994, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ordered more exits on school buses, based on their occupancy.

737: United cancels 54 flights due to grounding

(From 1A)

next two weeks for 737s with between 40,000 and 50,000 flight hours, generally the newer generation Boeing 737-300, -400 and -500 aircraft. Those models have oval-shaped engines mounted on pylons that extend in front of the wings. There are 118 such planes in the United States and 282 worldwide.

Based on the early inspections, the FAA also ordered airlines to discontinue inspections of another set of pipes and wires leading to the aircraft's center fuel tank. In all 13 aircraft inspected, there were no signs of chafing found in that wiring.

"While we are concerned about (the inspections) and the disruption it may have on the system, the No. 1 concern of the FAA is safety," said Thomas McSweeney, the FAA's director of aircraft certification.

Boeing supported the action, which followed its own service bulletin to aircraft owners on April 24. The manufacturer said it was rushing repair kits to the airlines.

The National Transportation Safety Board, which investigates airline accidents, commended the FAA for taking "aggressive" action to identify and eliminate one of the dangers identified during the investigation into TWA Flight 800 —

potential ignition sources that could spark a fuel tank explosion.

"The FAA is to be congratulated for its swift action," NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said in a statement Sunday.

Southwest Airlines, United and US Airways were most affected. Southwest has an all-737 fleet, though only about 35 of its aircraft were the type covered by the grounding. The inspections took three-person teams about six hours for each plane, a spokeswoman said.

"Basically, from a customer standpoint, the inspections have been seamless," Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Kristie Kerr said. "In anticipation of the FAA accelerating the program, we stepped up our inspection program."

Kerr said the inspection of all 35 planes (all 737-200s) was finished at 3 p.m.

Delays were minimal, Kerr said. The inspections required 16 man-hours, but took about six hours using three-man teams, she said. All of the work was done at maintenance hangars in Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix and Houston, Kerr said.

United had to cancel 54 flights on Sunday as its 18 older-model planes



were inspected, but the airline said it would have all the planes back in the air by Monday.

"This is not impeding our opera-

tion anywhere near the level a severe weather condition would at Denver or O'Hare," said United spokeswoman Mary Jo Holland.

PARK: City not through investing in area

From 1A

The main pool includes a zero-depth entry feature, so that swimmers can simply walk into the water from the shallow end. "It's like a beach," Swallow said.

This pool also has a "raindrop umbrella play feature," that sprays water into the pool and a 110-foot water slide.

There are six swimming lanes and two diving boards at the pool's 12-foot deep end.

This is the first public pool to be built since 1963, he said.

Since this investment, major cleanup and improvement projects were launched in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The city's Code Enforcement division has removed 43 abandoned buildings in the Washington and Carver neighborhoods, explained building official David Wayland. These buildings were either demolished and removed, or were spared when the owners agreed to renovate them for subsequent occupation.

In September, shortly after the pool's completion, Habitat for Humanity had a "blitz build" when volunteers completed six new three- and four-bedroom homes in a 10-day period, according to Alynda Best, new executive director for the local Habitat office.

"These are very nice homes, built totally by volunteers. It's very impressive," Ms. Best said.

All of these homes were built in the immediate neighborhood of Washington Park.

The city is not through investing



Volunteers with Habitat for Humanity built six new homes in the Washington Park area during a 10-day period last September.

in the area, Swallow explained. Crews are removing an old water tank and pump house, a vestige of the city's old water treatment system that was used in the late 1940s or early '50s.

This summer, city workers will be placing soil, sod and an irrigation system to expand the park into this area, Swallow said.

A new, 6-foot-wide walkway has been built around the entire park, connecting the pool, softball field and senior citizen center with about 2,000 feet of new concrete walk.

In addition, new playground equipment has been installed, including a new modular play area for toddlers and small children,

which should be a great benefit to the new families moving into the area, Swallow said.

So far the city has invested about \$50,000, in addition to the cost of the new pool.

The pool was open for two weeks at the end of last year's swimming season and city officials were amazed at the "highly successful" debut of the pool. At times there were more than 400 people using the pool area at once, Swallow said.

"During those two weeks, there were more people using the pool than during the last six years the old pool was open, combined," Swallow said.

BURTON: Gephardt may take grievance to House floor

(From 1A)

President Clinton's Arkansas friend, Web Hubbell and his wife, Suzy, made Hubbell was in prison.

Burton's chief investigator, David Bossie, was forced to resign last week after it was revealed that his staff omitted Hubbell's comments that were favorable to the president — that Mrs. Clinton did nothing wrong in the Whitewater land deal and that Hubbell did not take hush money from presidential friends to protect the Clintons.

Bossie, who appeared on ABC's "This Week With Sam Donaldson

and Cokie Roberts" and CNN's "Late Edition," acknowledged he made an error in not originally releasing all the tapes. He said he and Burton agreed he should step aside to deprive the White House of an issue and "put the focus back onto the tapes."

He said under their rules, it was legitimate to give Starr information from the tapes and other sources, but he denied that the committee ever got information from Starr's office in return.

Waxman, in his letter, said Burton "has disavowed himself" from the probe by stating that he was out to get the president, using derogatory language toward Clinton and releasing "doctored" Hubbell tapes.

If Attorney General Janet Reno had put out such tapes, said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt on NBC's "Meet the Press," "she would be in jail for doing it."

Gephardt said that if Burton doesn't step aside, he and other Democrats will go to the House floor to demand a vote seeking his ouster.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said Burton's position as chairman of the committee is secure and Democrats are attacking him only as a way to disrupt the investigation. "I think this is pretty sad," he told NBC.

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Anger heightened in Indonesian unrest as hundreds bury dead man

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Attitudes hardened on both sides of Indonesia's increasingly violent unrest Sunday, as hundreds of people buried the first person killed in campus protests against President Suharto's strict rule and the economic crisis.

Anger mounted among students and police after months of fairly benign demonstrations turned bloody and caused two fatalities: a businessman caught in clashes Friday and an undercover intelligence officer beaten to death Saturday.

The government is under pressure to stem the protests, which are beginning to seep off campus. The demonstrators are increasingly calling for an end to Suharto's 32-year reign.

Asia's economic crisis has hit Indonesia harder than any other country. The International Monetary Fund has demanded strict economic reforms in exchange for a \$43 billion bailout.

Cuts this week in fuel subsidies, one of the IMF's demands, sent gasoline prices up 71 percent, triggering street riots and looting that left two people dead in the northern city of Medan.

Agung Laksono, the youth and sports minister, struck a conciliatory tone Sunday, saying the demonstrations were generally an acceptable form of activism. But he urged students to refrain from destructive behavior.

Several hundred people attended the funeral of Moses Gatutkaca, a 41-year-old businessman who was meeting friends for dinner Friday when they were trapped between police and students in

'The government is very cruel. ... We hope he can be the martyr for all the people.'

— Ida Sukarjo, mother of a friend of Moses Gatutkaca, the first to die in the unrest against Indonesian President Suharto



AP Photo
Hundreds take part in the funeral of Moses Gatutkaca, the first fatality from increasingly violent nationwide protests against Indonesian President Suharto Sunday. Gatutkaca, a 41-year-old businessman, was caught up in a melee between police and students resulting in his fatal beating by Indonesian police.

Yogyakarta, 260 miles east of Jakarta. Though he was apparently a luckless bystander, his death was quickly politicized. Student mourners raised their

fists and sang a protest song, "Let Us Spill Our Blood." Riot police kept a low profile.

"The government is very cruel. ... We hope he can be the martyr for all the people," said Ida Sukarjo, mother of one of Gatutkaca's friends. She said police killed him with blows to the head with rifle butts.

His coffin, carried by opposition supporters in paramilitary uniforms, was paraded through the streets of Yogyakarta, littered with glass and rocks from three days of protests.

A wreath was sent on behalf of Megawati Sukarnoputri, a prominent dissident and daughter of Indonesia's founding president, Sukarno. Several mourners wore Sukarno T-shirts, a form of protest against the man who deposed him, Suharto.

On Saturday, an undercover military intelligence officer, Lt. Dadang Rusmana, was struck in the head with a rock and killed while trying to help a fellow officer in Bogor, 40 miles south of Jakarta.

Students had discovered the second officer during evening prayers at a mosque, then dragged him outside, beat him and displayed him before a stone-throwing crowd. Rusmana tried to stop them.

Nine students were arrested in the attack, the Antara news agency reported.

Undercover police routinely infiltrate protests, but student hostility is building. Last week in Jakarta, students grabbed an undercover officer, seized his pistol, radio and notes, beat him and forced him to apologize to the crowd.

Suharto, meanwhile, went to Egypt on Saturday for a conference of developing countries. The trip — the first time he has left Indonesia in half a year — indicates he believes his nation of 200 million people remains under control.

Before leaving, Suharto appealed to Indonesians to respect national stability — and threatened to call out the army if they did not.

American diplomats make no progress in meeting with Milosevic as fronts harden

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — While Serbia faced fresh sanctions for refusing to talk peace in its Kosovo province, top American envoys apparently failed to budge Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

The meeting between Milosevic, envoy Robert Gelbard and Richard Holbrooke, who brokered the 1995 peace accord for Bosnia, ended late Saturday after more than 4 1/2 hours.

Holbrooke, who has warned that unrest in Kosovo could lead to a wider Balkan war, declined to comment.

He said only that he would meet with ethnic Albanian leaders Sunday in Kosovo and then travel to neighboring Albania for talks before returning to Belgrade on Monday to meet again with Milosevic.

Yugoslavia has accused Albania of arming, training and otherwise supporting ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people and want independence from Serbia, the largest of two remaining Yugoslav republics.

Holbrooke said he would shuttle to Tirana "because that's very much part of the problem and therefore part of the solution, I hope."

More than 150 people have died since Feb. 28, when Serbian police began a crackdown on ethnic Albanian militants who are waging an increasingly bloody fight against Serbian rule in Kosovo. At least 11 have been reported killed since Friday.

Milosevic has so far refused independence and rejected foreign mediation for any talks with Kosovo's Albanians, who have smarted under police and army rule since being stripped of broad autonomy in 1989.

There was no comment from Milosevic after the meeting ended, but the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported that his message to Holbrooke was that the nation "does not accept the policy of pressure to which it has been exposed."

Milosevic "expressed the unanimous attitude of our leadership and people that these are Serbia's internal affairs, which are being solved in Serbia, through political means," Tanjug reported.

The previously unannounced

visit by the American envoys showed that pressure is mounting on Milosevic to start negotiations. Holbrooke said the violence led President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to abruptly send him to Belgrade, Yugoslavia's capital.

The United States and four European nations imposed an investment ban Saturday on Serbia to try to persuade Belgrade to open negotiations.

In London, foreign ministers from the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Italy — all the members of the so-called Contact Group on the Balkans except Russia — also announced a freezing of assets held abroad by the Yugoslav and Serb governments.

Meanwhile, up to 20,000 Albani-

ans demonstrated for independence in Pristina, Kosovo's capital. It was the 30th straight day of demonstrations, and the largest yet.

The crowd packed Pristina's main street, chanting for independence, waving two fingers in the victory sign and singing, "I will

give my life for Kosovo!"

For the first time, they cheered support for the Kosovo Liberation Army, a militant group waging an increasingly violent struggle against Serbian rule. It surfaced in 1996 and now enjoys growing support and control of large swaths of Kosovo's rugged countryside.

Film team says Cousteau faked scenes in underwater films

LONDON (AP) — Members of Jacques Cousteau's underwater film team claim the renowned French oceanographer faked some scenes in his documentaries, The Sunday Times reported.

In one case, footage of an octopus scrambling out of a tank and hopping overboard was obtained by pouring bleach in the tank, the

newspaper said, reporting on a BBC documentary on Cousteau to be broadcast next week.

For the filmed story of two sea lions that were caught and trained to walk on the deck of Cousteau's research vessel Calypso before returning to the sea, the crew actually used four sea lions because the first two died during filming, the newspaper said.

"We kept them out of the sea too long to make the film," Calypso crewman Albert Falco was quoted as saying.

The Cousteau Foundation has denied such accusations in the past but was not available for comment Sunday.

Diving team member Andre Laban said he once was told to pretend to have symptoms of the

"bends," or narcosis, a dangerous ailment caused by sudden changes in pressure when divers return to the surface.

In "The Silent World," which won an Academy Award for best documentary in 1957, Laban was told to spend three hours in a decompression chamber because Cousteau was worried he had the ailment.

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Literacy plan can help inmates improve lives

Texas prison officials appear excited over a new literacy program that has been showing remarkable results in the state's prisons and could potentially serve as a model for prisons throughout the nation.

The program, called HOPE which stands for Helping Others Pursue Education, was started last fall by language therapist Lucy Smith of Hurst.

It involves literate inmates helping teach those who are illiterate to learn to read or improve their reading skills.

In Hutchins State Jail where the illiteracy rate of prisoners is 85 to 90 percent, the program is already helping prisoners improve their educations and lives. Said

senior warden Elvis Hightower, "We're seeing it already; in just these past few months, the self-esteem they get is just amazing. I think we're going to see a direct correlation between the people who take part in this and the ones who end up making it on the outside."

Of course, that is the hope. If the program proves to be as good as Hightower and others believe it will be, released prisoners will be able to function better once outside prison walls and will be able to re-establish their lives in society free of crime.

It has been known for years that rehabilitation programs do not work, and that prisoners once released from jail typically end up in trouble again and back in prison in a short time. But those programs typically do not offer real basic education to the inmates and illiteracy breeds crime.

By teaching literacy to the inmates, it is possible that a real change can be made in the lives of many prisoners. That should be the goal of the Texas prison system.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, May 11, the 131st day of 1998. There are 234 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 11, 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

On this date:

In 1647, Peter Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam to become governor.

In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In 1888, songwriter Irving Berlin was born Israel Baline in Temun, Russia.

In 1894, workers at the Pullman Palace Car Company in Illinois went on strike. (The American Railway Union, led by Eugene Debs, subsequently began a boycott of Pullman that blocked freight traffic in and out of Chicago.)

In 1910, Glacier National Park in Montana was established.

In 1944, Allied forces launched a major offensive in central Italy.

In 1946, the first packages from the relief agency CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) arrived in Europe, at Le Havre, France.

In 1947, the B.F. Goodrich Co. of Akron, Ohio, announced the development of a tubeless tire.

In 1949, Israel was admitted to the United Nations as the world body's 59th member.

In 1949, Siam changed its name to Thailand.

In 1973, charges against Daniel Ellsberg for his role in the Pentagon Papers case were dismissed by Judge William M. Byrne, who cited government misconduct.

In 1981, reggae artist Bob Marley, 36, died in a Miami hospital.

In 1985, more than 50 people died when a flash fire swept a packed soccer stadium in Bradford, England.

Ten years ago: Master spy Harold "Kim" Philby, the notorious "Third Man" of a British espionage ring, died in the Soviet Union at age 76. Fans of Irving Berlin paid tribute on his 100th birthday with celebrations that included a gala at New York's Carnegie Hall.

JACK ANDERSON

What 'crimes' does GOP think they will expose?

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., is back to his old ways. The definitive proof came last week at a closed-door meeting to dress down wayward Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., for his decision to release the private prison conversations of felon Webb Hubbell.

While Gingrich, like many Republicans, worries that Burton has lost control of his probe, he still encouraged his fellow House Republicans to ratchet up the rhetoric. At the meeting of the GOP caucus, he counseled his colleagues to "focus on the crimes that are being committed at the White House...to forget the word 'scandals,' and start using the word 'crimes.'"

Too bad the House Republicans refuse to focus on the crimes that have been committed in their own ranks.

We bring you today one Jay Kim, a California Republican who in 1992 became the first Korean-American ever elected to Congress. He was quickly hailed as a harbinger of a more diverse and inclusive GOP. With his conservative philosophy and impressive business background, Kim seemed headed for political stardom.

That was then. Today, Mr. Kim wears an electronic monitoring bracelet around his ankle. The kind criminals who are under house arrest wear. Kim is serving a two-month sentence after pleading guilty to accepting more than \$250,000 in illegal foreign and corporate contributions to his campaigns. He is allowed to travel between his home in North-

ern Virginia and his office on Capitol Hill. But that's all.

Sound bad? It turns out Kim got off rather easy, judging from the government's Feb. 6 sentencing memorandum.

"These criminal violations were substantial, prolonged, deceptive and varied," the government writes. "Defendants' (Kim and his wife, June) crimes also became more sophisticated once the press inquiries and criminal investigation began. Not only did this delay detection of defendants' crimes, it also enabled defendants to continue to conceal the illegal fund raising from the voters in subsequent elections."

While Kim ended up pleading to misdemeanors, prosecutors in Los Angeles lobbied unsuccessfully with their Justice Department overseers to indict the Kims on felony charges, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Kim's supporters — like President Clinton's supporters in the Democratic campaign imbroglio — have since tried to characterize his misdeeds as a series of technical snafus and oversights, not some sinister plot to subvert the law. The record suggests otherwise.

Prosecutors took special note of Kim's handling of an illegal \$12,000 corporate contribution from Nikko Enterprises Inc. — both of which were deposited in Kim's personal bank account.

When investigators found out about the check, Kim called the president of Nikko Enterprises and urged him to say that the check was a personal loan and not a campaign contribution. "Because this was untrue, the president of Nikko adamantly refused," the prosecutors note.

"After this conversation, an elaborate scheme to conceal and cover-up ensued," the memo continues. Instead of returning the money, Kim issued a

\$2,000 check to the Nikko president with a note, signed by Mrs. Kim, claiming the check was partial payment of the "loan."

One might think that such actions — documented in detail by the Justice Department — would spur the Republican Party to cut Kim loose. But not in the Gingrich GOP. The Speaker who's vowed to make the Clinton "crimes" an issue in every speech he gives this year has responded with a deafening silence to the news of Kim's transgressions.

So, in an incredible show ofchutzpah, Kim has decided to take his case to the voters. He is running as a candidate in the June 2 primary, even though he's not allowed to visit his own district thanks to the ankle bracelet.

In fact, it took Rep. John Linder, R-Ga., the chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee, to convince Gingrich that the party shouldn't endorse Kim in his primary. Although the party normally endorses incumbents when they face a primary challenger, the party is staying neutral in the race between Kim and state Rep. Gary Miller.

Fortunately, state Republican officials haven't been quite as gutless — most of them have come out against Kim and endorsed Miller.

"There is no question that Jay Kim deserves no place in the House of Representatives," said Gary Rusk of the Congressional Accountability Project. "Both parties ought to come out and say so."

Politically speaking, the best thing that could happen to the Republicans is for Kim to lose in the primary. And according to private polls, that's probably what will happen. If not, Democrats will have a perfect comeback each time the newly combative speaker lashes out against the Clinton "crimes."

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DAN RATHER

Dolly Parton — like a good reporter — tells it like it is

BLACKBERRY HILL, Tenn. — I grew up listening to something called "hillbilly music." In my lifetime those sounds metamorphosed to "cowboy music" and then to "country" or "country and western." What's never changed is the honesty.

Other kinds of music don't have to be honest, or even realistic. Americans who listen to country music also live it, and they demand the same of the musicians.

Real-life American love stories aren't fairy tales, and you won't find many princes of the blood royal driving 18-wheelers cross-country at three o'clock in the morning (the optimum way to listen to country music).

The best country musicians are like good reporters: They tell it like it is. The late Tammy Wynette was one of the breed. Her ex-husband George Jones is another. So are Johnny Cash and Loretta Lynn, as were Hank Williams and Patsy Cline before them.

And then there's Dolly Parton. Her voice is so sweet, sometimes you forget she's telling you the truth. She's so glamorous, sometimes you forget she's a sharecropper's daughter, granddaughter of a Pentecostal preacher, from Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Dolly hasn't forgotten. "I've never left the Smoky Mountains," she says. "I've taken them with me wherever I go."

She believes she grew up at one with the earth, watched over by God. "We had a great love for nature," she recalls, "which meant we had a great love for God." That's why, although she could live anywhere in the world, she comes back to the hills and hollows where she grew up, and where she met me this misty spring morning.

"How can you just walk around and see these birds and see this grass, these hills — and if you believe in anything, you have to see God right here. I just see Him, I feel Him, I just feel I can touch Him, and I know He touches me through all this."

From childhood, everything seemed to make music for Dolly. She tells me that the first time she heard Hank Williams' classic "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry," she could hear the call of whippoorwills in the song. Naturally, she would up singing along.

"My grandpa believed that you could make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and whatever you was banging on was all right with God," she recalls. She demonstrates by playing her hit "9 to 5" anthem of the working woman, on her fingernails. "It sounded like a typewriter, so it inspired me," she grins. "When you love music, you can make it out of anything."

She's heard the tired complaint that country songs are too sad. "What do you get when you play a country song backwards?" she says, quoting the old joke. "You get your wife back, and you get your dog back, that whole thing." She rolls her eyes.

She sings from the heart because she doesn't know any other way. If she's sad, she isn't going to deny it as a part of life, any more than she's going to deny beauty or love. It's natural.

"The way I grew up, I remember all the sadness, not just my own but my parents' sadness when people would die, or when crops would fail, when things were really hard and somebody was sick," she says. "I took all that to heart, and I made a living out of it, too, by putting it into songs."

Looking out over Dolly Parton's "Tennessee Home," to borrow from the title of another of her hit songs, it's easy to understand why, for her, music and nature and God are all one thing — and a song runs through it.

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Teasers



CHARLEY REESE

Charges against Microsoft show fear

You should take note of something. The Clinton administration is attacking one of America's greatest entrepreneurial successes, Microsoft, on the patently specious grounds that it has a monopoly.

Yet, the same administration has said nothing as giant banks and giant communications corporations have merged. These mergers eliminate competition in two fields where there is practically no real competition left anyway. Why the different approaches?

Well, look at who the president hangs out with. You don't find him hanging out at a computer club. He hangs out with the people — the very rich people — in the communications, entertainment and banking industries. The central government, like the old monarchies, no longer deals in justice; it deals in favors and influence. Fairness or even the welfare of the people of the United States is the least of its concerns.

Microsoft doesn't have a monopoly and will never be able to establish one because it competes in a knowledge business. It takes a huge amount of capital to start a newspaper or an automobile manufacturing business. It takes capital and political pull to start a bank. But some bright person working part-time in his garage can write a software program that could knock Microsoft for a loop. And Bill Gates knows it. That's why he's the most worried-looking billionaire I've ever seen. He knows his field, and he knows Microsoft can't afford to become complacent.

People buy Microsoft's Windows system because it works and it sells at a fair price, not because they have to. There are other operating systems, including Apple's. If someone "pulls a Bill Gates" and creates a better system, people will buy it in a nanosec-

ond. This claim is nonsense: Because Microsoft bundles its Web browser with its operating system, it hurts competitors.

Furthermore, Netscape, which is one of the complainants, has more of the market than Microsoft's Explorer and cuts deals to bundle its browser with other software products.

Well, as insignificant as my business is, I deleted Netscape from my computer and switched to Explorer. I will not do business with people who want the central government to beat up their competitors.

Americans who value a free market should be alarmed at the growing tendency of government to attack successful, law-abiding businesses. After all, what prosperity we have is entirely the result of the private economy, not government.

Now 15 state attorneys general want to get into the act and prevent consumers from buying Windows 98. That makes me mad. I don't need some grandstanding, cheap (expletive) lawyer-politician telling me what software I can or cannot buy. That is my business.

If we don't clean house from the courthouse to the White House, these bozos in public office are going to run this country right into the ground. I never dreamed I would ever see an American government so opposed to the free market, and to freedom in general, and so corrupt.

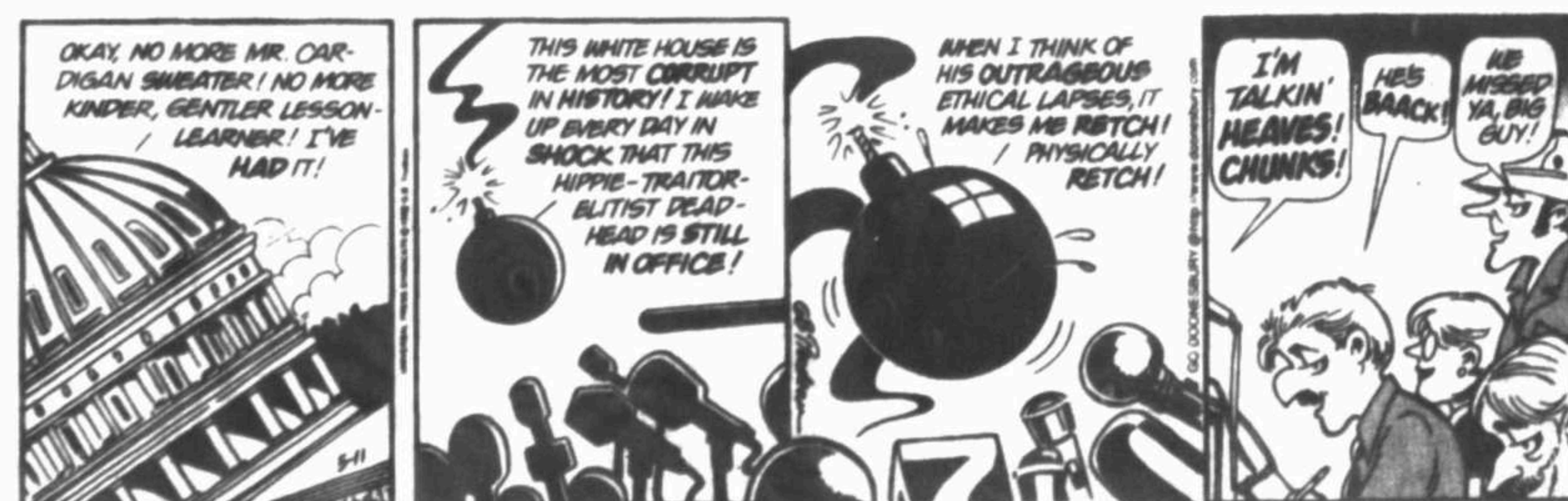
Politicians seem to be intent on reproducing the Soviet Union in the United States — with an oppressive, intrusive federal police presence, with centralized planning and with the party-mandated orthodoxy in political beliefs.

Old Gen. Robert E. Lee was right when he said, "The consolidation of the states into one vast republic, sure to be aggressive abroad and despotic at home, will be the certain precursor of...ruin."

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Researchers rethink origins of human mind

ATLANTA (AP) — Bill Hopkins put 10 different species of monkeys and apes into an MRI scanner and came to a startling conclusion: Apes share a brain feature thought to make humans unique.

Fellow scientist Frans de Waal sees the roots of cognition in a bonobo named Kakowet, who spotted zookeepers turning on water valves and realized they would flood a nearby moat where infant apes were playing. Kakowet warned the zookeeper and helped rescue the babies.

The nation's largest primate research center is bringing together neuroscientists, geneticists and behavior experts to shed new light on human evolution: Using our closest living relatives — the apes — to explain how human cognition and behavior evolved.

"By understanding chimps, maybe we'll understand ourselves a wee bit better," explained Tom Insel, chief of the Yerkes Regional Primate Center, which is setting up the Living Links project on human evolution. Scientists once largely excluded research on mental traits from the study of evolution, instead emphasizing fossils that showed how human anatomy had developed over millions of years.

But now so-called evolutionary psychology is hot — and if early work is any indication, human mental traits may not be so unique.

Take Hopkins' finding that apes are left-brained like humans, or de Waal's experiments that suggest certain primates developed frameworks for morality.

It's a controversial field, but one that should help generate new insights into "why the mind was organized the way it was," said Marc Hauser, who researches evolutionary neurobiology at Harvard University.

"Animals enter the debate in a way that's very important. It's not just that they're cute and fun to watch on the evening news," but that they help define theories about the human mind, he said. "And that's critical."

The idea behind Living Links is to use Yerkes' 200 chimpanzees and more than 2,500 other primates to help move these theories from speculation to science.

One chief project will be identifying apes genes to match with the neurologic and behavioral findings. Human DNA is 98.4 percent identical to the DNA of chimps and bonobos, a lesser-known chimp-like ape.

"What is it in that other 1.6 percent that makes us different from them? That's the critical question," said de Waal, a renowned primatologist who will direct Living Links.

Language is one critical difference. Humans are "left brained" — the planum temporale that controls language is much larger on the left. (Laymen may know the term because the left brain also controls right-handedness.)

Hopkins' brain scans found that orangutans, gorillas, chimps and bonobos all were left-brained, too. Monkeys, lower on the evolutionary scale, were not.

"We were able to pinpoint in evolutionary time when this evolved," explained Hopkins.

Of course, apes don't speak. So Hopkins' excited colleagues immediately began testing what the discovery means. They gave language-related tasks to chimps trained to communicate via computer, monitoring them with PET scans that light up the brain cells being used. They're now comparing results with human PET scans to see if the chimps used the same brain region as people doing the same task.

In addition, bonobos gesture almost exclusively with their right hands — harking back to that right-hand, left-brain connection in humans. "Maybe language came from gestulation," de Waal suggested.

De Waal's own research is more controversial: He sees roots of complex cognition and even morality in the behavior of both apes and monkeys.

Remember Kakowet, who stopped zookeepers from accidentally drowning baby bonobos? The ability to look at the world through someone else's perspective — in this case, to realize the babies would be in the path of rushing water and cannot swim — is incredibly advanced thinking once thought unique to humans, he explained.

And human morality arose from the simple need to get along in order to survive, theorizes de Waal. Already well-known for extensive research on how monkeys and apes reconcile after conflict, de Waal now is studying morality in their system of tit-for-tat sharing.

De Waal puts two capuchins, the crewcut monkeys of organ grinder fame, into side-by-side cages. They can see a tasty cup of apples and carrots nearby. But only if the two monkeys cooperate, pulling together on a heavy pole, will one be able to reach the treats. Will he pass some through the bars to his helper, or get a reputation as greedy and be ostracized?

"Cooperative hunting may be a secret to a lot of things humans do," de Waal says with a grin. "Corporate life is not so different, eh?"



Capuchin monkeys watch from their compound at the Living Links Center on the campus of the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center at Emory University in Atlanta.

Woman gets four years in prison for hiring hit man to kill husband; 'killer' was police officer

Associated Press

Jennifer Gambill wanted a killer. She wound up with a cop.

Faced with a \$25,000 credit card debt and an angry husband, Mrs. Gambill had some decisions to make — and she decided to kill her spouse. The 31-year-old Virginia housewife even had a plan: A hit man would shoot him during a fake robbery, then smack her around to cover their tracks.

There was just one problem: The killer she hired was an undercover police officer, and she was sentenced to four years behind bars in March.

Mrs. Gambill is not alone. Defendants who have hired an undercover agent posing as a hit man are quite diverse. Their common denominator is a singular inability to spot a gun-toting sheep in wolf's clothing.

Among recent arrestees: a prominent Maryland politician. A Florida religious broadcaster. An ex-Dallas cop. An Illinois newlywed. An Albany nurse. Two Kansas lovers who wanted two different spouses killed. Two fathers intent on avoiding parenthood. A Long Island college student.

The suspects are not enormous in number, but their cases tend to

be memorable. They make strange offers of payment: Mrs. Gambill offered her wedding ring as a symbol of good faith. One man offered his ex-girlfriend's engagement ring.

Death is forever. Love, alas, is fleeting.

The buyers sometimes haggle over prices, or offer advice to their hired help. They may have strange requests: 38-year-old Darcey Lindenmier, married just 3 1/2 months, wanted to watch her 60-year-old husband die, Illinois authorities alleged. Her case is pending.

If no two suspects are the same, how did each end up making the same mistake? For one thing, the undercover officers are quite convincing, law enforcement officials say.

"People aren't looking for some Hollywood version of a killer," explains Terry Parham, a veteran Drug Enforcement Administration special agent who once worked undercover. "It could be anybody. There is no set description for someone who does this kind of work."

The most recent high-profile case, against a former Maryland candidate for the U.S. Senate, ended in late March with a jury hung

11-1 in favor of her conviction. Ruthann Aron allegedly plotted to kill her husband of 32 years — and, for good measure, a lawyer who was her longtime nemesis.

Her lawyer says she is considering a plea bargain rather than tempting fate at trial again.

When arrested last year, Mrs. Aron looked like something out of a made-for-TV movie, sporting a wig, floppy hat and a trenchcoat. She had allegedly just dropped off a \$500 down payment on a \$10,000-per-head contract against the two men.

The case pointed up a major reason for such hiring gaffes: Unlike a mobster or a gang member, a politician living in a \$700,000 suburban home has little experience in contacting hit men.

Mrs. Aron reached out to a political contact, who went to the police. She was soon speaking with an undercover officer posing as a contract killer.

The suspect wanted more than a murder; she wanted a bargain. When the "hit man" pressed her for a \$1,000 down payment, she made a counteroffer of \$500.

Asked whom she wanted killed, Mrs. Aron patiently spelled out her husband's name: "A like apple, R-O-N. First name, B like boy, A-R-

R-Y."

In Maryland, state police have actually trained a trooper to pose as a hitman. George Forsythe has made 20 arrests in eight years as a decoy killer for hire, dealing with an assortment of characters while simultaneously keeping a low public profile.

The 14-year veteran has fielded murder-for-hire offers from wealthy Maryland professionals, and from a man who offered just \$75. He rejected the latter, saying that would only buy a baseball-bat beating.

Pat Clark, spokesman for Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes since 1990, recalls only three such cases coming through their office. In each instance, the adage that there's no honor among thieves applied.

"Somebody goes shopping for a hit man," Clark relates. "But they're on the fringes of the underworld, dealing with lowlifes who usually have their own problems. Those people then make a deal to better their own situation."

That's what happened to Martha Garcia of Freeport, N.Y., in 1996, when she handed a stack of 30 \$100 bills to an undercover investigator. Her boyfriend, a New York City police officer, had a baby daughter

from a previous relationship.

Miss Garcia, a psychology student at a Long Island college, became convinced the 14-month-old girl was coming between her and the boyfriend. Unable to locate a suburban hit man, she put the word out in Brooklyn.

An informant quickly turned her name over to the DA's office. A sting was arranged, with Miss Garcia suggesting the murder could look like crib death.

"Do you want me to sneak in and smother the baby?" the undercover asked.

"Yeah, that would be great," agreed Miss Garcia, who was later convicted and given a 7-to-21-year jail term. "As long as it looks clean."

Defense attorneys have suggested there's an element of

entrapment, but the cases are tough for defendants to beat because of the often graphic, taped conversation recorded by the undercover cops.

After his Florida conviction for hiring a federal agent to kill his lover's estranged husband — local televangelist the Rev. George Crossley accepted his four-year prison term philosophically.

"Prison is a great place to witness for Christ," Crossley said after his February sentencing. "I'm going to witness for Christ. I'm going to share my faith."

Amen.

After years of decay, control center for first manned U.S. orbital flight back in use

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After crumbling and rusting away for decades, the historic control center that launched John Glenn on America's first manned orbital flight is back in business.

The newly refurbished blockhouse at Complex 14 at Cape Canaveral Air Station, once a mildewed storage place for old furniture, was dedicated Sunday as an Air Force conference center.

The ceremony brought back memories for two of the Mercury astronauts who rocketed into space from the complex.

"It's a noble cause because this place is historic," said Scott Carpenter, the fourth American in space. "A lot of historic things have not been preserved down here, but this has been and that's good."

"A lot of good memories," said

Gordon Cooper, who became the sixth and final astronaut to fly in NASA's Mercury program 35 years ago this week. "It's a very nice thing, this blockhouse dedicated as a memorial to all our early efforts."

Several hundred people joined Carpenter and Cooper for the dedication of the domed blockhouse, whose 10-foot-thick, reinforced concrete walls protected launch controllers from possible explosions of the Atlas rockets blasting off a mere 1,000 feet away.

Periscopes through the concrete provided safe views of launches.

Glenn and the fourth Mercury astronaut launched from Complex 14, Wally Schirra, did not attend Sunday's dedication.

The complex also launched the United States' first intercontinental ballistic missile in 1957.

It was deactivated in 1967. The launch tower was blown up with dynamite, and the blockhouse was left to languish in the Florida sun and rain. The concrete roof began to crumble, and the signs and fences rusted. Mildew ravaged the interior. Old furniture was stored inside and at one point it served as a fallout shelter.

"Quite frankly, it was an ugly sight," said Brig. Gen. F. Randall Starbuck, commander of the 45th Space Wing, the Air Force equivalent of NASA.

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Donating dollars still popular way to pave path to plum jobs

By Laura Myers
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John O'Leary's road to Santiago began nearly 30 years ago when he met a couple of fellow Yale law students who wound up in the White House, Hillary Rodham and Bill Clinton.

A "logistics whiz," the former Portland, Maine, mayor is also a Democratic activist and donor.

Last month, Clinton nominated him to be ambassador to Chile.

Two-thirds of Clinton's ambassadorial appointments are career foreign service officers; the remainder are political appointees.

The practice of giving plum assignments to political donors is not new. President Nixon once pegged the price of an ambassadorship at \$250,000.

But it does raise questions about whether people are buying their way into prestigious posts and whether they are qualified to represent the United States overseas.

"The idea of selling public service is fundamentally repugnant,"

said Charles Lewis, executive director of the Center for Public Integrity. "There are still a lot of fat cats."

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said political appointees, who often are rewarded for loyalty to the president and the party, "bring different areas of expertise to the job" than career diplomats.

"People from around the country, from the legal, business and political communities, can very well serve American interests abroad," Lockhart said.

About 30 percent of the more than 160 ambassadorial posts filled by Clinton have gone to political appointees, about average over the last three decades.

Richard Murphy, a career diplomat and former ambassador to Mauritania, Syria, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia, said most political envoys do a good job, but some "are real dodos."

"The best ones match the best that career service can produce," he said. "And the worst ones are far worse than the foreign service can produce."

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"It's sort of touching," Murphy added wryly, "that ambassadorships are still worth real money."

O'Leary's nomination came after he donated \$6,200 to Democratic candidates, the party or Clinton since he took office in 1993 and helped raise much more. He also managed the hall of the Democratic Party Convention in 1994.

The same day O'Leary was nominated last month, Clinton put forward three other ambassador nominations, all attorneys and political appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate.

■ Arthur Schechter of Houston, for the Bahamas. A top fund-raiser, he has donated \$235,000 to Democratic groups and candidates, including \$1,000 to Clinton, since 1993. His family, including

his wife and two daughters, contributed \$42,500 during the same period.

■ E. William Crotty of Daytona Beach, Fla., for Barbados. A top Democratic Party fund-raiser, he has contributed \$120,000 to the party or to candidates, including \$2,000 for Clinton, in the past five years.

■ Mari Carmen Aponte of Washington, for the Dominican Republic. A leading member of the Hispanic community, she has donated \$21,400 to the party or candidates, including \$1,000 to Clinton, since 1993.

What do the latest political nominees bring to the job?

O'Leary, 51, has done legal work on environmental and trade issues, which could come in handy

in Chile. He also has law experience in Venezuela and Bolivia and with the Inter-American Bar Association.

He was on the Portland City Council from 1975 to 1982, serving as mayor in 1980-81. He lost a Democratic primary for Congress in 1982.

Schechter, 58, has a resume of civic activity that goes on for four pages, showing deep involvement in his community — from fighting homelessness to promoting volunteerism — and in national organizations. He has served as a presidentially appointed member of the United States Holocaust Museum Council since 1994. He and his wife, Joyce, often host charity events and dinners — something ambassadors must do all the time.

Schechter was one of more than two dozen Texans, many generous donors, who attended White House coffees with Clinton in 1996. Five have been nominated to become ambassadors.

"It's a working job," Schechter said, suggesting that community leaders know how to get things

done. "I'm anxious to go."

Crotty, 66, is a behind-the-scenes legal and political dealmaker who has hosted \$1 million fund-raisers. Since May 1996, he has served on the presidentially appointed Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad. He won Senate approval to sit on the Judicial Foundation Board and National Skill Standards Board.

Born in Puerto Rico, Aponte, 51, is bilingual in Spanish and English. A leader in the minority legal community, she's president of the board of directors of the Hispanic National Bar Fund.

Harold Pacios, a former head of the Maine Democratic Party and a friend of O'Leary's, says politicians make perfect diplomats.

"Politicians by definition are experts in public diplomacy," he said. "They are good speech makers. They know how to win friends. They know how to establish relationships. And most of all they understand the importance of public opinion and how to influence it."

NBC not only network to cash in on 'Seinfeld'

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC isn't the only television network trying to cash in on this week's final "Seinfeld" episode.

Yada-yada elsewhere on the dial will give viewers their fill of Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer even before the much-anticipated two-hour sendoff Thursday.

A&E turns over "Biography" to Seinfeld on Monday, a night after profiles of Seinfeld and co-star Jason Alexander premier on E! Entertainment Television.

"Dharma and Greg" pays a Randy tribute Wednesday.

Even Court TV is getting into the act, hauling out tapes of the "Seinfeld" sexual harassment trial.

Nick at Nite's TV Land pays the only tribute that requires viewers to change channels. The cable network goes dark Thursday at 8 p.m. EDT and urges its fans to watch "Seinfeld" instead.

Television networks used to ignore competitors' big events. Not anymore.

On ABC, Dharma and Greg look to spice up their sex life by making love in a public place. To lessen their chances of being caught, they time their exhibitionism for when people are home watching the final "Seinfeld."

"We're all fans of the show and the last episode has gone beyond a television show; it's a social phenomenon. Ignoring it is like ignoring a major earthquake," said Chuck Lorre, executive producer of "Dharma and Greg."

Besides, he said, "we're not above trying to slip into 'Seinfeld's' slipstream."

ABC knew better than to believe viewers would be watching "Unforgiven," the Clint Eastwood

movie the network is airing opposite "Seinfeld." The network was thrilled by the story line and thought it was funny, Lorre said.

"You can't stick your head in the sand," he said. "Rather than be jealous about it, the television industry should be proud of it."

For two hours Thursday, Nick at Nite's TV Land will post an image that ostensibly shows the door to the network's office. Taped to it is a sign that says, "We're watching the last episode of 'Seinfeld.' Will return at 10 p.m."

"It's such a great show and it has truly defined a generation," said Larry Jones, the network's president. "It's such a monumental moment in television history that we didn't want our viewers to accidentally miss it."

Court TV will air a documentary Tuesday on the Miller Brewing Co. employee who was fired for sexual harassment when he discussed a "Seinfeld" episode with a female co-worker. In that famous episode, Seinfeld forgets the name of his girlfriend, remembering only that it rhymed with a female body part.

The worker sued for back wages and won.

The A&E "Biography" profile features interviews with show creator Larry David; actors Jerry Stiller, who played George Costanza's father, and Wayne Knight, who played Newman, the neurotic postal worker; and Seinfeld's real sister. The star is reserving his words for NBC's Katie Couric, in a "Dateline NBC" interview airing Tuesday night.

Other "Seinfeld" tie-ins are, shall we say, more tangential.

The Sci-Fi Channel invited

George Costanza's TV mom, actress Estelle Harris, to be host of a Mother's Day double feature of "Psycho II" and "Psycho IV: The Beginning."

The channel readily admitted to "hopping on the 'Seinfeld' bandwagon."

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No. 1 black-owned business lags in sales; others gain

NEW YORK (AP) — The aggregate value of Black Enterprise's top black-owned businesses fell last year for the first time in the magazine's listing, from 1996's record high of \$14.1 billion to \$13.19 billion in 1997.

That's because TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc., far and away the No. 1 entrant on the list, sold off part of itself and its sales fell from \$2.23 billion in 1996 to \$1.40 billion in 1997.

Although that was the first falloff since Black Enterprise combined its BE Industrial/Service 100 with the BE Auto Dealer 100 in 1988, the bottom 99 last year exceeded 1996's bottom 99 in total sales.

"What you are seeing is not a loss in black business. There's been a growth in black business," said Earl "Butch" Graves Jr., president and chief executive of Black Enterprise magazine, noting that the American economy is on a tear.

Black Enterprise spent the past week assessing the recent past, leading entrepreneurs in seminars designed to help them grow at its third annual convention in Orlando.

Concurrently, BE led the CEOs in strategic planning designed to maximize what they have through estate and succession planning and acquisitions and mergers. Earl Graves Sr., chairman, editor and publisher, has been pushing his fellow CEOs to think in bigger terms.

"A lot of times we are hampered because we are not large enough to compete," said Graves Jr., one of the seminar-leading BE 100 heirs who noted that newcomers to the BE 100 lists got there by acquiring competitors.

Alfred A. Edmond Jr., a BE vice president and executive editor of the magazine, said when the Citicorp and Travelers and Chrysler and Daimler-Benz mergers were examined it's "obvious they are not doing it for the fun of it."

"They want the size and breadth of technology and services in order to compete on a global level. All black-owned companies shouldn't do that but some black-owned companies must do that," Edmond said.

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costs more than a picture show did
when you were growing up.
Your childhood toys are now in a
museum.
Many of your co-workers were
born the same year that you got
your last promotion.
The clothes you've put away until
they come back in style... come
back in style.
All of your favorite movies are
now revised in color.
You keep repeating yourself.
You find this list tasteless and
insensitive.

Dave's Top 10

- "Ways The Wizard of Oz' Would
Be Different If It Were Made
Today"
10. Grisly scene in which Dorothy
blasts flying monkeys out of the sky
with an uzi.
 9. Katie bar the door! There's a
giant asteroid headed straight for
Oz!
 8. Dorothy steps outside and
says, "Like, this is so not Kansas!"
 7. Instead of "oil," tin man moans,
"Viagra."
 6. Kathie Lee Gifford plays
Dorothy -- audience roots for witch.
 5. It would be named "Twister II."
 3. To prepare for his role as the
Scarecrow, DeNiro would have his
brain removed.
 2. Lovable dog Toto replaced by
lovable droid T.O.T.O.
 1. New title -- "Wiz Got Game"
(From the Internet and wire services)

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

'Promised Land' builds 'miracle' home for family

By Robert Gehrke
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Last year, Ralph and Socorro Martinez and their five children owned little more than the clothes on their backs. Today they are talking about their life-changing "miracle."
"You don't know how exciting it is. We can't even explain it in words," says Ralph Martinez.
Just two months ago, the Martinez family was on a list of candidates to obtain a home through Habitat for Humanity. But the Salt Lake chapter had simply run out of money and the family's prospects were bleak.
"We had nothing but our prayers," said Yasamina Roque, the chapter's director.
Then, without typical Hollywood fanfare, "Promised Land," a television

show about a family crisscrossing the country in a mobile home doing good deeds, did one for the Martinez family. The program donated \$65,000 to Habitat for Humanity and volunteered to work on the home.
In exchange, the home and the organization will be featured in a two-part, season finale on CBS. The first of a two-part series aired last week; the season finale will air this Thursday at 7 p.m. CDT.
"It's a great organization and I figured what show besides 'Promised Land' ... could do it?" said Bill Schwartz, supervising producer of the series. "Our whole purpose on the air is to be an example."
"This is the biggest break in our life," said Socorro Martinez. It means her children won't have to worry about

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Seven members of the Martinez family join the cast of the CBS show "Promised Land" on the set in Salt Lake City. The Martinez family was on a list of candidates to obtain a home through Habitat for Humanity, but the Salt Lake chapter ran out of money. Then, without typical Hollywood fanfare, the CBS program donated \$65,000 to the Habitat and volunteered to work on the home. AP Laserphoto

Midlander one of 15 to receive Albertson's top award for volunteerism

By Rick López
Staff Writer

After putting in an eight-hour shift at the checkout stand, Midlander Rebecca Kriethe folds away her Albertson's apron, rushes out the automatic door and moves along to one of her many secondary duties.
Depending on the day of the week, Ms. Kriethe's after work activities could be calling bingo at Terrace West Nursing Home, hosting barbecue lunches for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or attending meetings of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.
Ms. Kriethe is one of 15 people across the nation to receive the Warren McCain Community Service Volunteer Award, the highest honor presented to an Albertson's employee. Two other Texans, one from Corpus Christi and another from the Woodlands, were also honored.
The recipients were chosen from a pool of 15,000 employees at 258 stores nationwide.
Warren McCain was chief executive officer of Albertson's from 1976 to 1991. Recipients are rewarded with a framed certificate signed by McCain, a \$500 donation to a favorite charity and a paid day off.
"She's an excellent employee," said Bill Higgenbotham, store director of the North Park Plaza location. "She works with those who are often referred to as the forgotten people. I'm envious of her because of her ability to manage her time. She makes herself available to a community that needs her."
Ms. Kriethe also helps with the Salvation Army's Dress A Live Doll program, serves as chairwoman for the Mental Health and Retardation Center's Valentine's Day Party and participated with fund-raisers for the local food bank, blood bank, Easter Seals, Muscular Dystrophy Association and Children's Miracle Network.
She also helps make blankets for newborns of needy families. She became involved in this activity after learning that

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Midlander Rebecca Kriethe is one of 15 Albertson's employees to receive the Warren McCain Community Service Volunteer Award. Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

At 85, she can finally tell long-lost son, 'Call me Mom'

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press Writer



Gladys Nurdyke, 85, waves to her postman as she and her son, Don Pieper, 67, walk through her Sioux City, Iowa. AP Laserphoto

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Gladys Nurdyke stood nervously in the doorway of her tidy frame house, watching the stranger walk up her path. She had seen his face only once before. It was 67 years ago.
After a lifetime apart, they were about to come together.
Six months of searching court records, tracking leads and unearthing secrets of days long ago had delivered Donald Pieper to this door. Six decades of wondering — and now the answer was just a knock away.
Finally, they were about to meet: mother and son.
It would be the first time since she gave birth to him in January 1931.
By now, Don was a grandfather himself, his hair was receding, his waistline expanding.
But to Gladys, a spry 85, he still was the baby she had given up for adoption as an unwed 18-year-old, the child she

thought about every night before she went to bed.
The reunion itself was surprising enough. But something else was even more startling: For nearly 30 years, mother and son had lived just five miles apart. They had friends in common and had even crossed paths at social events.
All those coincidences were put aside that day as the two stood in the portal, melting into each other's arms. First came hugs and kisses. Then words.
"I'm so glad," Gladys murmured as they clung to one another. "I'm so glad."
"This," Don said, "is the day that we've been waiting for for quite awhile."
Don Pieper knew long ago that he wanted to find his mother. It was just a matter of timing.
"I always had it in my mind — I

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Thank You Note ...

To an anonymous Good Samaritan:
On Sunday, April 19, I was at the Albertson's on Midland Drive. When I came out, I found that you had left under my windshield wiper, warning me that one of my tires was about to go flat. Without your warning, I doubt that I would have noticed it in time to get it repaired that afternoon, and I would have been in real trouble when I got ready to leave the house early Monday morning of a very busy week.
Thank you for your concern and for taking the time to help.
— Patti Mitchell

JIMMY PATTERSON

Most husbands are sentimentally challenged

It first dawned on me when I was standing in a flower shop, trying to decide what to buy Mrs. P for our 14th anniversary. What's worse, I heard myself actually ask the woman behind the counter, "Do you have anything that says, 'Anniversary'?"
She did, and as a result, I left the shop with an ivy. Not a memorable, special occasion gift, but not the worst ever. So I bought her an ivy because I figured it was high time Mrs. P (the Dr. Kevorkian of potted plants) needed a little something to brighten up her desk at work.
But as I bought the ivy, I remembered what a friend had told me just a week earlier: A lot of husbands don't have Clue No. 1 about how to buy gifts with meaning.
We mean well, but when you get right down to it, a lot of us are sentimentally challenged.
I consult frequently with this female friend of mine on matters relating to marriage. She is married to a



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lawyer and she is quite sharp-witted. I am told being married to a lawyer necessitates being sharp-witted because, as she so eloquently says, "It helps to have a sense of humor when he stays at home and works on his briefs in his briefs."
Which is a frightening thought: Right here in our little town, there is a tiny corner of the American legal system being run by a man in his underwear.
Anyway, this woman and I have kids that go to the same school. She has a boy and I a girl. Just for grins, our families often car pool so we can look in the rear view mirror and wonder if it's humanly possible for a male sixth-grader and a female sixth-grader to ignore each other any more and to sit any further apart than these two do.
My friend told me the other day that while the ivy was somewhat of a thoughtless gift, it clearly indicated the length of our union. But, she said it wasn't as bad as what a friend of hers had opened for her birthday just last month.
"Her husband gave her a card and inside it was a picture of the dishwasher he had bought for her," my friend told me.

Apparently, the man was saved because the card was a romantic one. Imagine the ambience of that evening: wife reads card about how husband's world begins and ends with her and ... SURPRISE, a Polaroid of a Kenmore falls out.
"The only thing I can say positive about this man," my friend said, "was that it was the deluxe, three-cycle model."
"What a fool I've been," I told my friend, "All these years I thought Mrs. P always wanted something romantic, when it's clear that if I do give her an appliance as a gift, it need only be a recognized name brand with a heavy-duty pot scrubber."
The low point of gift-giving in our marriage had to come about 10 years ago when for Christmas, I gave Mrs. P a brown, corduroy pillow with arms on it. The kind you can prop yourself up on in bed and read on every night. I really considered it a thoughtful gift. It was the only gift my wife has ever taken back because she simply hated it.
Wives don't want practical on special occasions.

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DAVE BARRY

Working class dog show has some real winners

Recently it was my great honor to serve as a judge in the Key West Kritter Patrol Dog Show, which is considered one of the most prestigious dog shows held in the entire Key West area on that particular weekend.

This is not one of those dog shows in which serious, highly competitive dog snobs enter professional dogs that can trace their lineage back 153 generations and basically spend their entire lives sitting around being groomed and fed, like Zsa Zsa Gabor. The Key West show — it benefits the Kritter Patrol, a local group that finds people to adopt stray dogs and cats — reflects the relaxed attitude of Key West, where the term "business attire" means "wearing some kind of clothing." This is a show for regular civilian dogs, most of whom, if you had to identify them, technically,



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by breed, would fall under the category of: "probably some kind of dog."

These are not pampered show animals, but hard-working, highly productive dogs that spend their days industriously carrying out the vital ongoing dog mission of sniffing every object in the world, and then, depending on how it smells, either (a) barking at it; (b) eating it; (c) attempting to mate with it; (d) making weewee on it; or, in the case of small, excitable dogs, (e) all of the above.

When I arrived at the show, the last-minute preparations were proceeding with the smooth efficiency of a soccer riot. There were dozens of dogs on hand, ranging in size from what appeared to be cotton swabs with eyeballs, all the way up to Hound of the Baskervilles. Naturally every single one of these dogs, in accordance with the strict rules of dog etiquette, was dragging its owner around by the leash, trying to get a whiff of every other dog's personal region. This process was complicated by the fact that many of the dogs were wearing costumes, so they could compete in the Dog and Owner Look-Alike category. (There are a number of cate-

gories in this show, and most of the dogs compete in most of them.) Many owners were also wearing costumes, including one man with an extremely old, totally motionless, sleeping Chihuahua; the man had very elaborately dressed both the dog and himself as (Why not?) butterflies. The man wore a sequined pantsuit, antennae, and a huge pair of wings.

"Look at that!" I said to the other judges, pointing to the butterfly man.

"Oh, that's Frank," several judges answered, as if this explained everything.

Perhaps you are concerned that I, a humor columnist with no formal training or expertise in the field of dogs, was on the judging panel. You will be relieved to know that there were also two professional cartoonists, Mike ("Mother Goose and Grimm") Peters and Jeff ("Shoe") MacNelly, both of whom have drawn many expert cartoons involving dogs. Another judge, named Edith, actually did seem to know a few things about dogs, but I believe she was not totally 100 percent objective, inasmuch as her own dog, Peggy, was entered in most of the events. Edith

consistently gave Peggy very high ratings despite the fact that Peggy is — and I say this with great affection and respect — the ugliest dog in world history. I think she might actually be some kind of highly experimental sheep. Nevertheless, thanks in part to Edith's high marks, Peggy did very well in several categories, and actually WON the Trick Dog category, even though her trick consisted of — I swear this was the whole trick — trying to kick off her underpants.

Actually, that was a pretty good trick, considering the competition. The majority of the dogs entered in the Trick Dog event did not actually perform a trick per se. Generally, the owner would bring the dog up onto the stage and wave a dog biscuit at it, or play a harmonica, or gesture, or babble ("C'mon, Ralph! C'mon boy! Sing! C'mon! Woowee! C'mon! Woowoooooeeee! C'mon!") in an increasingly frantic but generally futile effort to get the dog to do whatever trick it was supposed to do, while the dog either looked on with mild interest, or attempted to get off the stage and mate with the next contestant. My personal favorite in the Trick

Dog category went to a very small, very excited poodle named Bunny whose trick, as far as I could tell, consisted entirely of jumping up and down and making weewee on a towel.

As you can imagine, it was not easy serving as a judge with so many strong contestants, both on the stage and hiding under the judges' table. Nevertheless, when it was all over, approximately 43 hours after it started, we had to pick one dog as Best in Show. It was a big decision, and although there was a strong and objective push for Peggy, we decided, after agonizing for close to three-tenths of a second, to give the top prize to Sam, the old, totally motionless, sleeping Chihuahua dressed as a butterfly to match his owner, Frank. Frank got quite emotional when he accepted the trophy, and we judges were touched, although we did ask Frank to make Sam move his paw so we could see that he was, in fact, sleeping, and not actually deceased. Because you have to have standards.

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VOLUNTEER: Midlander one of 15 to earn top award from corporation

(From 1B)

an Odessa hospital had a shortage of blankets and as a result, was releasing babies from there wrapped in newspapers.

"It's very rewarding," Ms. Kriethe said. "You get a good feeling when you provide for a child that didn't have clothes from Christmas, get thanked by a mother who didn't have food for her family or hugged by nursing home residents when you come in and call their bingo game."

Sometimes, Ms. Kriethe's sorority has 30 projects to work in one year, but planning and fulfilling them is not a problem with a boss that works with your schedule, she said.

"It's not easy, but it helps to have a company that will help you," Ms. Kriethe said. "If you really want to help out the community, you find time in your schedule."

In addition her dedication to helping others, Ms. Kriethe is also one of the store's most popular workers.

"She works one of the most grueling jobs at this store, but she does a great job. She seems to know everyone in town," Higgenbotham said.

Ms. Kriethe is known as the Butterfly Lady to her customers because of her fondness for the tranquil insect. Since 1985, when she started with the company, customers have given her more than 175 pins, earrings, or tapestries with butterflies on them. Her collection now exceeds 500 pieces. Some come from as far as Japan and Las Vegas, she said.

"It's sweet. I get them from people who I'd never expect would do something like that," she said.

Ms. Kriethe and her husband, Ted Kriethe, have a daughter and two sons.

PATTERSON: Guys don't know how to buy good gifts

(From 1B)

they want frilly. Or fru-fru, as Mrs. P calls it. Fru-fru is one of those words that only women understand the meaning of. Fru-fru must mean frilly.

As I talked to my friend more and more, it was apparent that she had not been entirely happy with all the gifts she had received from her husband over the years either.

"One year for Christmas, my husband got me a tank of helium. Some women get a nice tennis bracelet, some a cruise. Me? I get helium. For a while, it was

kinda nice, because all my friends would come over when they needed to blow up balloons for their kid's birthday party."

I suddenly felt very sorry for this friend of mine. Sadly, she wasn't finished.

"One year, my husband got me San Francisco 49er gear, head to toe. Shirt, socks, shorts, a headband. I looked like I was in a gang."

"Another time, he got me LaCrosse equipment. Just what every woman needs."

"But, every year he makes me a cake. He can't cook, but it's special that he would take the

time to make me a cake every year. So he does. And he always takes me out to a nice restaurant to eat. Every year. Ya know, since you got Mrs. P an ivy for your anniversary, you could always make it up to her by taking her to a nice place to eat."

"Oh, I did already. We had lunch. Barbeque."

My friend winced.

"Boy, that's special. Nothing more romantic than a big slab of shave-your-own Longhorn cheese, a plate full of finger-lickin'-good ribs, onions and a side of baked beans."

"It was romantic," I told her. She rolled her eyes and told me she'd drive the kids to school the next day.

"But it's our turn," I told her as she hurried away.

"I've got to keep my son away from you before he gets any bad gift ideas. He's got enough coming from his dad."

One thing's for sure: Her boy will never marry my kid. Between his dad and me, my daughter would never get any decent gifts.

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MIRACLE: TV show donates funds for Habitat home

(From 1B)

moving or changing schools.

The family came to Salt Lake from California in 1996 after a short stay in Denver. Shortly after Christmas that year their Salt Lake landlord refused to renew their lease, giving the family a week to move.

The couple's 6-month-old son, Ralph II, had been out of the hospital for only three months after being diagnosed with kidney failure.

"My son was in such a fragile state at the time," Mrs. Martinez said. "That basically left us nowhere. Basically we had nothing except the clothes on our back and some money for food."

They stayed in a homeless shelter for two nights, sharing a room with two other families, before finding transitional hous-

ing through the Salt Lake Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Three weeks later they found an apartment where they have lived since.

Since moving to Utah, Ralph Martinez has been doing volunteer work on several homes for Habitat for Humanity, hoping that some day one might be his own.

Habitat requires prospective homeowners to put in 500 hours of "sweat equity" working on homes for themselves or others, so they can qualify for the no-interest home loans.

In early April, Martinez was working on the home as a program extra, driving nails with the show's star, Gerald McRaney.

"Just the act of getting out and swinging a hammer and putting a few nails in is some-

thing I consider as important as just doing the show," said McRaney, who did framing with his father as a child.

Since Habitat for Humanity was founded by Linda and Millard Fuller in 1976, volunteers for the ecumenical, Christian housing ministry have built more than 60,000 homes sheltering some 300,000 people in 50 countries.

"This is so emotional for me," Roque said with tears in her eyes. "It's this family's ticket to financial security and if it wasn't for the generosity of the 'Promised Land' cast and crew, it never would've happened."

In addition, Roque said, "Promised Land" will heighten awareness of Habitat's mission. That's fine with McRaney.

"Our primary objective is to entertain," he said. "If we can

do that and cause people to think about Habitat for Humanity, that's great."

But if all that happens is a home for the Martinez family, McRaney said, "that's great, too."

Elsewhere in television ...

HELEN TIMES TWO: British actress Helen Baxendale is working overtime on Thursday. On the "Friends" season finale, at 8 p.m. EDT on NBC, she plays Ross' fiancée, Emily. The big question: Will they or won't they wed in London? At 9 p.m. EDT on PBS, Baxendale is pondering "whodunit as private detective Cordelia Gray on 'Mystery!'"

Only half of viewers will miss 'Seinfeld'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fans may shed some tears, but don't expect a deluge when the cast of "Seinfeld" signs off this Thursday.

A new survey by the Pew Research Center finds that only half the people who watch the popular sitcom will miss it when it ends its run.

Of the 1,009 adults interviewed by phone for the survey, 62 percent said they watch the program and 14 percent named the show as their favorite. But only 19 percent said they will miss the show a great deal and 51 percent of viewers say

they won't miss the show much.

Other findings of the survey: ■ Of those who watch the show, 44 percent picked Kramer as their favorite character.

■ Fifty-four percent of viewers say they would not want friends like the sitcom characters.

■ Twenty-seven percent of those interviewed could name all four characters.

The telephone survey, conducted between May 1-5, has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

FIND: Mother never told anyone of baby she gave up for adoption

(From 1B)

wonder where she is. I wonder what she looks like," he says now, his beefy arm draped around his beaming mother as they share her living room couch.

Don knew by age 14 that he was adopted — he had overheard an uncle refer to it — but the subject was never broached, not even once, as he grew up the only child of Roosevelt and Dena Pieper.

The Piepers farmed in Minnesota and Iowa, and young Don rose at 5 a.m., braving the raw Midwestern chill to milk the cows and tend the soil. His parents were outgoing and hard-working. Don loved them and they him. He always called them Mom and Dad.

Don married, had four children and divorced. He farmed his parents' homestead for a time, became a truck driver, moved to South Dakota, then back to Iowa. He now has his own trucking business, hitting the road four days a week.

Long ago, he decided he wouldn't search for his biological mother until his adoptive parents died because he didn't want to hurt them.

In May 1996, his adoptive mother, a widow, died at age 95. By then, Don was 65 and it seemed unlikely he would find his biological mother alive. But many in the Pieper clan had lived into their 90s, so maybe, just maybe, he thought, longevity might run in his bloodline, too.

Don put off his search more than a year, and then last summer, he asked his longtime friend, Madeline Sullivan-Flaugh to help him out. She drafted a letter in Don's name explaining his interest in locating his mother.

She had just one lead: a birth certificate that identified Don as

the Piepers' child and the town of Rushmore, Minn.

Considering the circumstances and the era, Madeline suspected, and rightly so, that Don was born to a single mother. So she called a home for unwed mothers in Sioux City. A search of dusty files stored in the attic turned up nothing for the year 1931.

Her next stop was the Department of Human Services in Des Moines. No luck there. So Madeline returned to her nugget of information, the town of Rushmore. She wrote to the county clerk.

She was referred to state officials in St. Paul who, in turn, told her she'd need a judge's approval to unseal adoption records.

On Feb. 9, after 15 registered letters, \$36 in court costs and six months of scouring 66-year-old files, she received a packet from Minnesota officials that included 20 pages of documents, the name of a town — Fertile, Minn. — and the name of a woman, Gladys Ellegard.

"I think we've got the answers," Madeline eagerly told Don, who came over and examined the papers.

Madeline then called directory assistance in Fertile, asking for anyone named Ellegard.

There was one. Ella Ellegard. "It was electric," Madeline says of the discovery. "We knew we were almost there."

Madeline dialed the number and identified herself as representing a man, now 67, looking for his birth mother.

"Do you know Gladys Ellegard?" Madeline asked.

"Oh my God, that's my niece!" replied Ella, who, as it turns out, is a sharp-minded 101 years old. "I raised her from the age of four. I just can't believe this. Just two days ago, (Gladys' 90-year-old) sister remarked, 'Whatever happened to that little

baby?'"

"He's no baby!" Madeline declared. "He's sitting right here. He's 67 years old."

Then Madeline had one more question. This one was about Gladys.

"Is she alive or dead?" she asked tentatively.

She was very much alive. Her name was now Gladys Nordyke. Ella provided her niece's phone number and address. It was in Sioux City, Iowa — the same town her son had lived in for nearly three decades.

"All these years," Don says, shaking his head, "and here she is, a 10-minute drive away."

Don was one call away from his mother.

But he and Madeline decided she should approach Gladys because it might be less intimidating for a woman to deliver such shattering, life-changing news.

Madeline identified herself when she called Gladys, and calm as she could be, considering the question, asked: "Did you have a baby by the name of Donald Leroy and adopt him out?"

There was dead silence. To Madeline, it seemed like lightning jolting the phone lines.

"Oh my God, oh my God. Why now?" Gladys asked, her voice quavering. "It's so many years ago and it's a secret. I don't want to have that brought up now. It's all in the past."

Madeline worried she had upset Gladys too much, so she told her to relax, think it over and when — and if — she was ready, call her back.

Two hours later, a calmer Gladys called. She quickly realized Madeline was related to her neighbor and that broke the ice. Their conversation continued for two hours.

"We talked and talked and talked," Gladys says. "I cried

and cried and cried. You don't think you're ever going to find your baby after 67 years, but it was a wonderful thing."

"I never went to bed at night that I didn't say my prayer," she says, "and wonder where he was and what he was doing, and that's the honest to God truth."

That night, Gladys called her aunt in Minnesota. Both women, unknown to each other, had kept the same secret.

Gladys had told no one, not Kenny, her husband of 37 years who died in 1976, nor her son, Bernard, now 65, of the baby she had given up for adoption.

Gladys had gotten pregnant during the depths of the Depression, a time when unwed mothers were hidden away. As a teen she was a ninth-grade education depending on her divorced father, she says she wasn't prepared to raise a child.

So she named him Donald Leroy, saw him when she gave birth, and then he was taken away to be adopted. Gladys says she never told the baby's father.

Her aunt, however, had been told of the out-of-wedlock baby but never let on when talking with Gladys.

Nearly seven decades later, after Gladys had received her surprising call, she phoned her. "Yes, honey, I've known all these years," the 101-year-old woman gently told her. "I've held it in my heart. I've got this taken care of, now God can take me anytime."

By then, Don was ready to make his call. He was on his weekly route, cruising in his 18-wheeler, 30 miles west of Des Moines, when he nervously punched in her number on his cellular phone.

Neither remembers exactly what was said in that first 10-minute chat, but Don was relieved it went smoothly. "I knew things would be good," he says.

He promised to call Gladys that weekend when he returned home so they could arrange a meeting.

They began the conversation as strangers. They ended it as family.

"Well, you don't have to call me Gladys anymore," she said as Don prepared to hang up. "You might just as well call me Mother."

That Sunday in February, they met at Gladys' house and chatted for three hours.

Gladys' first concern was whether Don's adoptive parents had treated him well. He assured her they had.

Slowly they are getting to know one another, but their happiness is tempered by the bitter-sweet reality they found each other so late in life.

"You're never going to make up for lost time," Don says, "but we're hoping our health is good enough, so we can be together for several more years."

Already they're discovering each other's habits. Both like pickled herring. And when Don visits, he brings Gladys' favorites — Kentucky Fried Chicken or Casey's donuts — and they share it on the orange table in her breakfast nook.

Some folks say there's also a family resemblance; both have gray-green eyes that crinkle when they smile.

One of the most unusual revelations from their against-all-odds reunion was that in this city of nearly 83,000, they've traveled in overlapping circles and have even shared some friends.

When Gladys' neighbor Rose married several years ago, Gladys was at the Eagles Club for the celebration. So was Don.

And when Rose's husband died, Gladys stood next to her as she received condolences at the funeral. And one of those who came by was Don.

There's more. Don has known his mother's former hairdresser for 25 years. One friend just happens to be a cousin of Gladys' husband.

And he also was a frequent customer and malted milk drinker at Zortman's, the drug-store-fountain where Gladys worked for 30 years.

"It was just unbelievable," says Madeline, who has since become close friends with Gladys. "They had crossed paths socially, businesswise, and did not know they belonged to each other."

But when mother and son met they did not recognize one another.

These days when they're together, they act like young sweethearts; they call each other honey, they giggle at each other's jokes.

They spent Easter together — Don brought her silk flowers — and will go out for lunch for Mother's Day. Gladys has bought two outfits at J.C. Penney's but hasn't decided which one she'll wear.

"I just love to have him around," she says. "I never dreamed in a million years that I'd ever see him again."

Don has given her a childhood picture, and it's now part of the photo collection on her living room table.

When he's in town, he calls before 10 p.m., when she settles in to watch the news before going to bed.

And when Gladys goes to sleep, she no longer wonders what happened to the baby she gave up. She thinks about the new son in her life.

As always, she says her prayers. Now, there's a special one.

"I thank God," she says softly, "that he was brought back to me."

University Interscholastic League building \$1.25 million over budget

AUSTIN (AP) — The University Interscholastic League, which governs extracurricular activities at Texas' public high schools, is finally moving into a home of its own.

In late June, the UIL will move into a newly constructed, three-story, brick building in East Austin, just a few blocks from the University of Texas' Disch-Falk Field baseball stadium.

But the effort to centralize UIL divisions that oversee athletic, academic and drama competitions — scattered at separate locations around Austin for many years — into a single building has been a costly one: about \$1.25 million more than originally budgeted in 1993.

The increased costs were due, in part, to unforeseen adjustments that often come up in building projects: inflation, reworking ducts for air conditioning and heating, increasing the water pressure and meeting new building codes for disabled citizens.

But the primary reason the original budget of \$3.2 million surged to \$4.45 million was because the University of Texas, which provided land for the site as overseer of the UIL, decided in 1994 to put a softball stadium on the location originally planned for the UIL headquarters.

The softball stadium, built across the street from Disch-Falk Field, became a top priority after UT lost a ruling under Title IX, the federal law that requires colleges and universities to offer equal opportunities for men and women.

Softball and soccer were added as women's sports at UT because of the ruling.

"The siting of the softball stadium was complicated, and there really only turned out to be one location that it would fit within existing land," said Ed Sharpe, vice president for administration at UT.

"Some work had already gone into siting that land for the UIL building. But the university, under the mediation of a Title IX case, was obligated to get the softball

stadium started and completed. That was the reason the original UIL site had to be changed."

Bill Farney, executive director of the UIL, said the change resulted in additional costs of roughly \$600,000 and about a one-year delay.

"The university, in good faith, picked that site for us and didn't anticipate having to build a softball stadium," Farney said. "Our members understood that. Of course, our members would love to have had the building for \$3.2 million. But they understood UT's predicament. There was never any animosity."

The UIL has been able to absorb the cost overruns thanks to two earlier decisions, Farney said.

In 1991, the UIL began transferring funds from a surplus it kept on hand in case of emergency into an interest-bearing "new building" account.

In 1993, the UIL's Legislative Council — comprised of superintendents from its

member schools — approved a budget of \$3.2 million for a new building as well as an increase in annual assessments to 1,162 member schools by \$200 to take effect beginning in 1994.

The increase in dues, which are based on student population and currently range from roughly \$400 for Class A schools to \$700 for Class 5A schools, was done before the location switch.

But the transfer of funds and increased dues have helped the UIL generate \$4.413 million — including \$750,761 in interest — through March. That is less than 1 percent short of the total building cost of \$4.45 million.

Farney said this is the most cost-efficient way to pay for the building, rather than a mortgage that would've created a debt to be paid over decades.

He noted that the shortfall will be made up as an expense in the 1998-99 budget and will not result in any additional costs to member schools. The overruns have,

however, left the UIL with no surplus funds.

The UIL has an annual budget about \$1.4 million on income derived from membership fees, gate receipts from football and basketball playoff games, radio and television revenue and publication sales. It gets no funds from the University of Texas or the Legislature.

Farney said the new headquarters will save the UIL money over time through the added space at the new headquarters.

For example, new conference rooms will allow the UIL to host large meetings that in the past had to be held in rented space at a hotel.

For years, the UIL's athletic and academic departments have been located at one location in Central Austin, while the drama department has been located on the UT campus. They will now all be consolidated.

Youth Commission plans to make juvenile justice counseling coed

FORT WORTH (AP) — With six counts of aggravated robbery on her record and a troubled family life, it's understandable why a 16-year-old girl in the Texas Youth Commission's Capital Offender Program might be a little uneasy discussing her life with counselors.

Soon, TYC officials will expect her to talk about her experiences in front of a bunch of boys, and she says she's more than nervous.

"I don't think the guys should be there for that," the freckle-faced teen-ager said.

National juvenile justice experts, who condemn the notion of coed group therapy also say that the program is making a big mistake, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday. They say it will discourage girls from discussing their problems and hamper their rehabilitation.

"It's just so stupid," said Joanne Belknap, a professor at the University of Cincinnati who specializes in women and crime. "It's never occurred to me that anyone would even try that."

Although only four girls now participate in the Capital Offender Program, which treats youths who have committed capital murder and a host of crimes involving weapons, they exemplify the problems faced by the state of Texas as it scrambles to provide services to a growing population of female offenders.

The TYC, which houses juvenile offenders ages 10 to 17, has yet to develop programs specifically for girls, and vocational training other than trade skills, such as auto mechanics and welding, is virtually nonexistent.

More than 120 girls have been placed in TYC facilities dominated by males. And although Texas is not the only state that puts girls and boys together, experts say it is somewhat unusual to allow boys and girls

to share classrooms and meal times.

TYC Executive Director Steve Robinson makes no excuses for assigning some of the state's 430 female juvenile offenders to specialized programs.

"It's really easy for the so-called experts to sit on the outside and criticize how we do things," Robinson said. "They need to get their butts down here and run it."

Most states are moving in the opposite direction, developing "gender-specific programming" for the increasing number of female offenders.

Although they represent only about 10 percent of all juvenile offenders in Texas, girls are quietly emerging as the latest type of offender to fear. Since 1993, there has been a 32 percent increase in the arrests of juvenile female offenders, while the arrests of juvenile male offenders increased 16 percent. And although arrests for juvenile males declined 2 percent from 1996 to 1997, arrests for juvenile females increased 2 percent. National numbers show increases as well.

The rise in female crimes has forced juvenile justice officials to keep a watchful eye on female offenders, and many states are responding by developing programs for girls.

At least 27 states have applied for federal grant money to assess the needs of female offenders and develop programs for them. Several others have developed girls-only programs with state money, federal officials said.

"For years, we have ignored some of the special needs of girls," said Shay Bilchik, administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, an arm of the U.S. Department of Justice. "A lot of communities have realized they need to focus on this issue."

Walker Railey remarries, returns to lavish lifestyle

DALLAS (AP) — Walker Railey sure doesn't look like someone who declared bankruptcy less than two months ago.

The former Dallas minister and his new bride share a spacious apartment in a luxurious high-rise on Los Angeles' west side, where rents reach \$3,000 a month.

Railey and Donna Turner, his second wife, married last month before 300 people, to whom they had sent embossed invitations. The ceremony took place nine days before the divorce was final from his first wife, who lies in a vegetative state in a Tyler nursing home.

But just weeks before the nuptials, Railey said he could barely afford the \$337 monthly alimony payment.

It may be fitting that the 50-year-old Railey chose a Hollywood-area address: The latest sequel in his story is as intriguing as anything the studios can dream up. The tale includes his sudden and mysterious reversal of fortunes, a divorce decree with a movie-deal clause, broken families, lost jobs, and a tragedy-haunted woman

who buried two husbands in their 30s.

And this is 11 years after Railey's life first began to mimic pulp fiction — when his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Railey, was choked into a near-comatose state at their Lake Highlands home.

A civil court held the former senior minister at Dallas' First United Methodist Church liable for the attack after he failed to contest a lawsuit filed on her behalf. He was acquitted of attempted murder in criminal court; some jurors said they thought he was guilty — but not beyond a reasonable doubt.

Railey and his new wife had little to say recently when reporters from The Dallas Morning News knocked on the door of their apartment, which features oaken floors and carved moldings. As piano music tinkled from inside, the balding, white-haired Railey answered the door in a T-shirt and honeymoon-quality tan.

"Hi," he said with an icy stare, before slamming the door and summoning a building manager, who called police.

Neighbors and even some allies

of the Raileys said they did not know how the newlyweds were making a living these days. Nothing suggests great wealth in the background of Mrs. Railey, a high school graduate and executive secretary.

Mrs. Railey's first husband, her high school sweetheart from St. Louis with whom she had moved to San Diego, died in 1988 at age 36. He suffered a seizure at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, records show, while on his way to St. Louis for alcohol rehabilitation.

Within a few months, the future Mrs. Railey married again, this time to a member of Walker Railey's new Los Angeles congregation. Her second husband died in 1995 — also at age 36 — of a bleeding disorder after surgery. Railey presided at the funeral.

A year later, in June 1996, Donna Railey's father died of lung cancer in St. Louis. Neighbors recalled the powerful funeral conducted by "Donna's boyfriend," whom they later recognized as Walker Railey after a television news magazine profiled him.

When Railey married Donna

Turner, he did not invite his son, daughter, mother or brother, or even tell them about it.

One of the children's guardians said they learned of their father's marriage through news accounts. The kids considered the wedding irrelevant to their lives, she said, since they now use their guardians' last name and consider them their parents.

The guardian said the children broke off contact with their father in 1993, although each child did get a Christmas card with a \$5 bill in it last year.

In the past few years, Railey has had brief stints selling phone books, as a telemarketer and as a security guard. He has made sporadic appearances at the pulpit, but a friend and Methodist pastor says they probably won't lead to a comeback.

"That's a dead issue," said the Rev. Kenneth Heaton of the Norwalk United Methodist Church. "These events will never get away from him — what happened 11 years ago in Dallas."

"It's tragic."

Harley-riding grandmothers roar along North Texas highways

FORT WORTH (AP) — They wear black leather jackets, jeans and bandanas. Fifteen strong, they made a thunderous roar when they stormed into the quiet North Texas town of Weatherford.

But this group of bikers was more lovable than intimidating.

They are the Biker Grannies, a group of women who share a love of Harley-Davidsons and grandmotherhood.

This weekend, they caused quite a stir when they rode into Weatherford for a shopping trip and parked near the Parker County Courthouse.

"People are fascinated to see women on motorcycles, especially mature women in motorcyles," Joyce Martinez of Irving, whose friends call her "Road Queen," told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Ms. Martinez, 46, is a spokes-

woman for the group, whose full name is Nostalgia Good TV Biker Grannies. The women, all of whom are older than 45, represent Nostalgia TV cable programs, which have no sex or violence and are suitable for children.

Ms. Martinez said a woman with the television station contacted her last year through the Internet.

"She said the TV station was looking for a group that would personify the 45-and-older age group, women who are still active, still very much involved in life and having fun," she said. "I told her she'd tapped into a gold mine."

Martinez called other women who ride Harleys, and they got together to tool around as the Biker Grannies.

Among them is 49-year-old Lana Fraley of Dallas, who had to have her Harley frame lowered to accommodate her petite body. Nancy Rupard, 49, of Plano is an

American Airlines flight attendant whose grandchild is "still in the oven."

Since the group's inception, the women have appeared in Times Square and Central Park and been guests on NBC's Today show and Entertainment Tonight.

Store owners like Sherri Watters were happy to see the grannies on their Mother's Day shopping spree.

"This is so exciting. All these women came to shop," Ms. Watters said. "Some collect antiques, some jewelry."

Male members of the Harley-

Davidson Dallas club rode with the group to "help carry the loot home," Ms. Martinez said.

DEAR ABBY

Hot, steamy bathroom not the best place for medicines

DEAR ABBY: When I had my medications refilled, I received a printout that advised, "Store at room temperature away from moisture and sunlight." When I questioned the pharmacist, she told me that the moisture in a bathroom may lessen the effectiveness of medications. She said this is true for both prescription and nonprescription drugs.

This was news to me! I have always kept my medications in the medicine cabinet in my bathroom. Isn't that what the cabinet is for?

— QUESTIONING OLD HABITS, MONROE, N.C.

DEAR QUESTIONING: Most pharmacists agree that the bathroom "medicine" cabinet is NOT the best place to store medications, because the varying temperature and steam can adversely affect them. Since most prescription drugs are taken around mealtime, a wiser choice would be to keep your medications in the kitchen — away from direct sunlight, heat and children — and reserve the medicine cabinet for toiletries.

DEAR ABBY: As a passport acceptance agent, I would like to inform the public of a beneficial aid for distressed parents who are concerned that the other parent might steal their child out of the country.

A parent may file a Denial of Passport by notifying The Office of Passport and Advisory Services, 111 19th St. NW, Suite 260, Washington, D.C. 20524-1705. The written request must be accompanied with required information, including the appropriate court order docu-

ment. Further information may be obtained by calling (202) 736-7000. If there is a possibility that the child has dual nationality, that country's embassy or consulate should be contacted to inquire about denial of that country's passport.

— GERRI BROOKS, THURSTON COUNTY CLERK, OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR GERRI: Thank you for volunteering this helpful, possibly vital information. It's heart-breaking that anyone should need it, but I hope it will bring readers with custody issues some peace of mind.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to correct a statement made by a reader in one of your recent columns. The writer was Thomas E. Smith, Ph.D.

It is not "many" medical professionals who deny that chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome (CFIDS) is a real disease, but MOST of us who hold this view — and for good reason. There is no evidence whatsoever for the misguided belief that these unfortunate patients have a problem with their immune systems. All the reliable evidence indicates that they suffer from depression.

However, many people still do not accept the idea that the body may be affected by the mind, and the mind by the body. Depression untreated surely causes as much suffering as any other disease. Fortunately, we now have medications that more effectively treat symptoms of depression — one of which is fatigue. Even those few physicians who do believe in the existence of CFIDS treat such patients with anti-depression medications. — EUGENE SCHOENFELD, M.D., PSYCHIATRIST, AUTHOR AND COLUMNIST, SAUSALITO, CALIF.

DEAR DR. SCHOENFELD: Other physicians have written to

echo your sentiments on this subject. However, whatever the cause of CFIDS, it is a real disease to those who suffer from it, and whatever method is used to treat CFIDS, if it works, then I am for it.

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POLICE REPORTS

Injury accident

A seven-year-old boy was slightly injured when he was hit by a car Sunday afternoon at Midkiff Road and Andrews Highway.

The accident occurred at 1:55 p.m. a block north of Andrews Highway at Midkiff as the two boys crossed Midkiff Road from west to east. The seven-year-old was transported to Memorial Hospital's emergency room, where he was treated for some abrasions and released.

Midland Police Department

Thursday

Graffiti: Graffiti was reported painted on the fence at 1613 Humble Ave. by Wesley May at 11:30 a.m.

Theft: Sheri VanDerZanden reported at 7 p.m. that the license plate had been stolen from her vehicle while parked at La Mission restaurant, 1008 S. Big Spring St.

Friday

Burglary of a vehicle: The burglary of a vehicle was reported at Midland Truck & Equipment, 2214 Carter Ave., by Michelle Miller. The report was made at 7:30 a.m.

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 3615 Anetta Dr. by Brenda Engelson at 10 a.m.

Theft: Property was reported taken from 1601 N. "B" St. by a known suspect. The report was made at 2 a.m.

Theft: Donna Dawson reported a theft at 516 N. Loop 250 W. at 7 a.m.

Theft: Edward Black reported at 2 p.m. that property was taken from 101 Holly Dr. by a possible known suspect.

Vandalism: The passenger side window was shattered on a Ford pickup belonging to Energas at Midkiff Road and Bankhead Highway. It was reported at 7:30 a.m. by Chester Massengill.

Saturday

Assault: An assault was reported at 3421 W. Wall Ave. at 1:54 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: The interior of the residence at 2200 Princeton Ave. was reported damaged at 3 p.m. by Camal Charles Dakil.

Burglary of a vehicle: A telephone was reported taken from a vehicle at 2307-A Haynes Dr. at 6 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Rachel Jimenez reported that the front passenger window of her vehicle was shot out while driving in the 500 block of Humble Ave. The report was made at 6:12 p.m.

Indecent exposure: A woman reported at 8:42 p.m. that she was subjected to indecent exposure while entering the apartment complex at 2613 N. Midland Dr.

Theft: A bicycle was reported taken from 2601 N. "A" St. by Delma Reyes at noon.

Theft: Vernell Burnett reported that two juveniles stole his black pit bull puppy from 108 W. Shandon Ave. at 12:56 p.m.

Theft: A shoplifting incident was reported at Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave., by Thomas Breslin at 5:02 p.m. A subject was taken into custody.

Theft: James Cloyd reported a shoplifting incident at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Rd., at 5:40 p.m. A suspect was cited.

Theft: A shoplifter was apprehended at Mervyn's, 3001 W. Loop 250, at 6:13 p.m.

Theft: Vanessa Rodriguez reported at 8 a.m. that groceries, a videocassette recorder, batteries and movies were reported taken from 4700 Boulder Dr. by a friend of the family.

Theft: Three females were cited for theft under \$50 at Wal-Mart, 4517 N. Midland Dr., at 7:36 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Saturday

Criminal mischief: Courtney Lea Crain reported that sugar was put in the gas tank of one vehicle and in the motor of another at 4309 W. County Road 118. The report was made at 8 p.m.

Criminal Mischief: Lori Ramos, 1502 W. County Rd. 134, reported at 9:32 p.m. that her residence had been ransacked and curse words spray painted on the residence.

Theft: A mailbox was reported taken from 5809 E. County Road 60 by Johnny Thorpe at 11:06 a.m.

Sunday
Criminal mischief: Graffiti was reported painted on the Ranchland Heights Baptist Church, 3203 W. County Road 1211, at 1:08 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Emiliana Olivas

Funeral services for Emiliana Perez Olivas will be Wednesday, May 13, at 10 a.m. at Saint James Catholic Church in Sanderson. A Rosary Prayer Vigil will be Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at Saint James. Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Born August 11, 1908 in Ojinaga, Mexico, she was preceded in death by her husband, Manuel Olivas Sr., and a daughter, Manuela Castro.

She passed away peacefully at her son's home in Midland Saturday, May 9, after a sudden illness.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Olivas Jr. of Midland, and a daughter, Pauline Jones of Midland, 20 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Tony Olivas, Pepper Castro, Gabriel Castro, Joe Daniel, Johnny Daniel and Darren Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be all remaining grandsons and great-grandsons.

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.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Former addict hooked on sacking rattlesnakes

WHEATLAND — Rattlesnakes. Most people either love 'em or hate 'em. Jackie Bibby loves 'em. He also likes the attention that he gets for being a champion rattlesnake sacker.

He holds the world's record for sacking rattlers: 10 in 17.2 seconds. He did it in 1991 at the National Rattlesnake Sacking Championship, held each spring in Taylor.

The record still stands. He's got hundreds of trophies for sacking rattlers and other assorted snake-related feats, such as bagging one with the most rattles (18) or lying very still while his partner, Ken Garrett, places a coiled rattler on his head.

They hit all of the big roundups each spring in Taylor, Oglesby, Freer, Brownwood, Sweetwater and a few others.

Bibby also has something called a Rattlesnake Roundup Safety Award.

"That's for not getting bit," he said.

At least not too much.

"It's really ugly when you get bit," he said.

"You swell up and your skin turns black and you feel real sick."

Most rattlesnake bites don't kill, but he said the victim feels "so powerful sick" that for a time he wishes he was dead.

Bibby says he's been bitten about as many times as he's been married. There've been three or four bad ones — marriages and bites. Marriage is something he's pretty much given up.

"I think going with the same woman all the time is like scratching an itch that ain't there no more," he said.

A native of Rising Star, he lives in Wheatland, a little community on U.S. 377 southwest of Benbrook, along with his two sons, ages 6 and 2, and his sons' mother. They're just best friends.

Marriage he can live without, but he's not about to give up snakes.

He's got a box of rattlesnakes in his living room. His sons don't play with them yet, but they like to look at them before he takes them to school.

Some people handle snakes as part of their religion. Bibby does it for fun. It's his hobby, and he likes the attention that it attracts.

"Do I want the attention? You bet! It's well worth it. I've been a daredevil and thrill-seeker all my life," Bibby said. "I was a skydiver, a scuba diver, I raced cars and motorcycles, rode bulls and hang gliders."

"I had a bull stomp my face. I broke a knee pole-vaulting. I think I've survived almost



Jackie Bibby of Fort Worth, displays one of the rattlesnakes he uses in shows and exhibitions. Bibby holds the world record for sacking rattlers: 10 in 17.2 seconds.

intact, except one thumb doesn't work too good due to a snake bite and my index finger has some loss of mobility where I was bit.

"It's a strange hobby. Therein lies the attraction," he said. "If rattlesnakes and cobras weren't dangerous, thousands of people wouldn't come to see us handle them."

People have a fascination for things that make their skin crawl. They like to be scared, Bibby said.

A few weeks ago, he returned from England, where he was featured on a TV show called "Don't Do This At Home." He usually does things few people would want to do anywhere; things like crawling into a sleeping bag full of snakes. He's off to the Netherlands in a few weeks for another TV show.

"When I'm at a show, be it on TV or a live show, all the pretty girls want to have their picture taken with me; all the reporters want to talk to me; all the TV cameras want me."

"I do it for the attention and the adrenalin," he said.

And it's legal.

"I used to use drugs and sell drugs," Bibby

said, "mostly speed and cocaine, a little heroin and a lot of alcohol. I was a dope fiend for many, many years. About 15 years I guess."

"It's primarily why I lost those wives. They were good women. I had good intentions. I just couldn't make my actions and intentions match."

He was in and out of jails, prisons, state hospitals and treatment centers, but then about 11 years ago he said something clicked and he decided to get clean. For most of the past 10 years he's been a drug intervention specialist, traveling around North Texas helping people to get off and stay off drugs and alcohol.

He said snake-handling helps in his job.

"It opens doors. Everybody I meet thinks it's interesting. They want to talk to me and be my buddy."

"Look," he said, "I've got the best job in the world and the best hobby in the world. I'm 47 years old, fat and bald, and my life is the best it's ever been. It's good."

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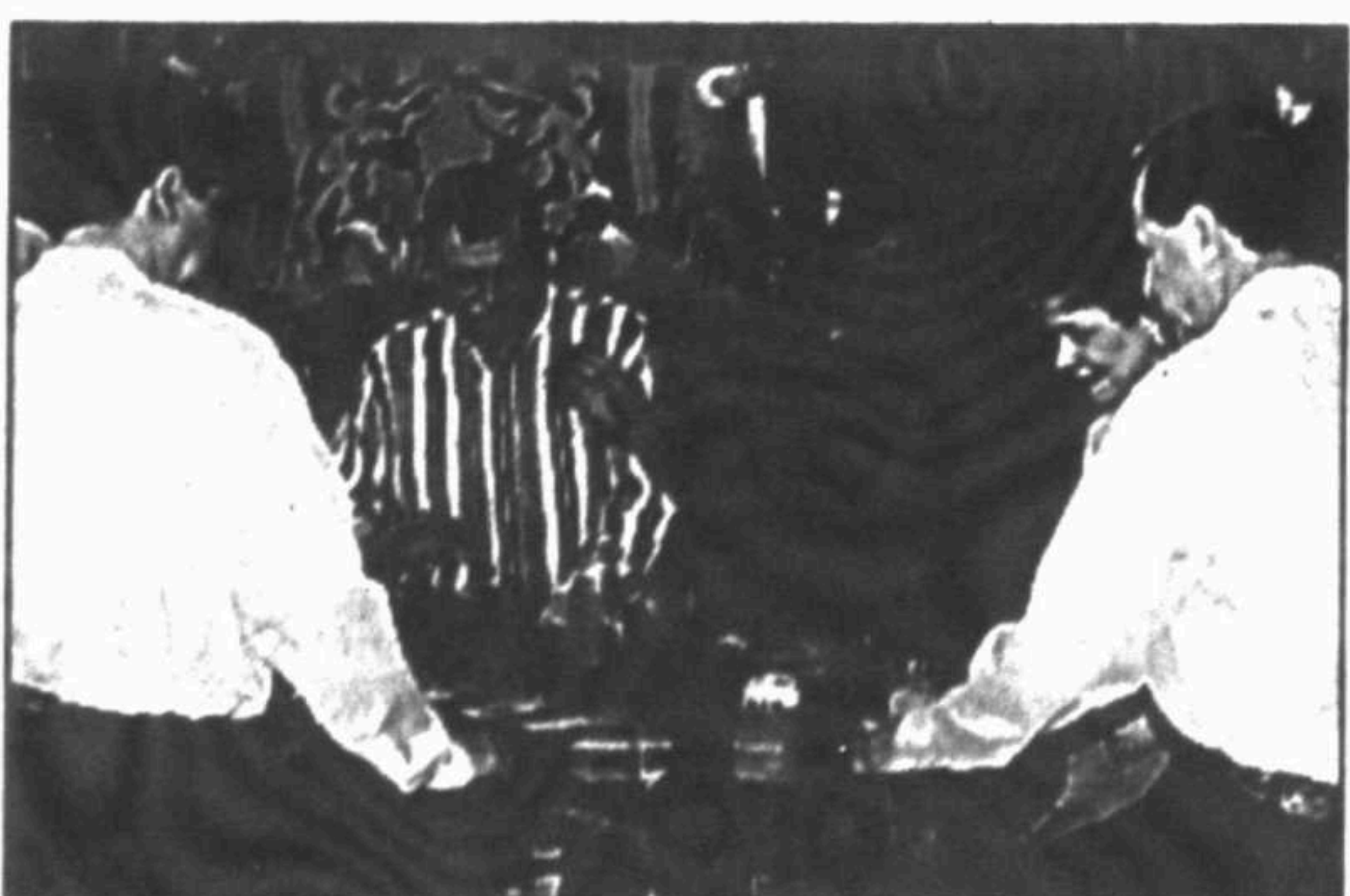
American Cancer Society's "Round-Up '98," Saturday night at the Confederate Air Force hanger, featured an "Under the Big Top" theme. Activities included live and silent auctions, midway games, pig races, a prime rib dinner and entertainment by Dixie Chicks, Jack Ingram and the Wild West Band.

Dan and Janice Hogan, at left, look over auction items.

Round-Up '98

At right, Jim Piwetz and Jerry Watson, center, wave off additional cards from the dealer as Herb and Melissa Cartwright check their hands at the blackjack table.

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iMac: Jobs predicts Apple will 'springboard ahead'

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ture from everybody else in the computer space — head and shoulders above everybody else there," said independent industry analyst Pieter Hartsook.

Jobs, Apple's interim chief executive officer, unveiled iMac at the same community college auditorium where he presented the original Macintosh in 1984. That machine advanced computing with the first mouse and graphical window displays for computers. It also was an all-in-one box.

"Longtime Apple watcher Tim Bajarin said Jobs clearly was evoking Apple's history."

"More importantly, he's using this to say, 'Look, I can be competitive with anybody else,'" said Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies Research International in San Jose. "Now he's not far off from price, performance and value with anybody else."

Apple, based in Cupertino, also introduced new, redesigned PowerBook portables aimed at business users. They follow the high-end G3 Macintosh desktop machines introduced in November. The company has promised consumer-oriented portables next year.

Jobs, speaking to reporters, analysts and enthusiastic Apple employees, said iMac is intended primarily for Internet use — hence the "i" in its name — because that's what consumers want most.

But iMac also compares well with other low-cost computers, boasting a 233-megahertz microprocessor. Jobs

"I think Apple is back on track and I hope that what we've shown you shows you how we are going to springboard ahead."

— Steve Jobs, Apple's interim chief executive officer.

gleefully presided over a demonstration in which iMac ran faster than a high-end personal computer with a 400-MHz Pentium II chip from Intel Corp.

"It's faster than any Pentium II you can buy," Jobs said.

The new machine will come with 32 megabytes of memory, expandable to 128 MB, a four-gigabyte hard drive, a CD-ROM drive, 33.6 kilobits-per-second modem, stereo surround sound and plugs for peripherals, such as scanners, joysticks and printers.

But it lacks an internal floppy-disk drive and cannot be upgraded except for the addition of more memory.

Jobs said the new machines were additional evidence that Apple is coming back from persistent losses, sliding sales and a stagnant, bloated product line.

"I think Apple is back on track, and I hope what we've shown you today shows you how we're going to springboard ahead," he said.

SUIT: Windows 98 expands practice of including software as part of program

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worry that Microsoft could use its industry dominance to dictate which other companies have access to this launching pad.

"My concern is that there is in fact very active competition, the possibility of entry by other companies, in this very important area," said South Carolina Attorney General Charlie Condon.

A senior aide in another attorney general's office said "the problem we want to address is the exclusionary activities that involve tying and leveraging Microsoft's monopolistic position in operating systems to unreasonably restrain competition in other areas."

A Microsoft spokesman, Mark Murray said Wednesday: "At this point the states haven't given us any specific information on their concerns. I would hope they would tell us before there is any legal action so we can respond and try to resolve their concerns."

With Windows 98, Microsoft significantly expands its practice of including other software products as part of the program. For example, in addition to Internet Explorer — which competes head-on with Netscape Corp.'s Navigator Web-browser software — Microsoft has embedded in Windows 98 its Web TV software.

Web TV is a Microsoft-owned service that enables people watching television to also surf the Web. As part of its licensing arrangements for Windows 98, Microsoft is said to be planning to offer PC makers discounts on the software if they agree to install circuitry into the computers that would enable them to receive television signals.

Microsoft has long said that its practice of integrating other software products was key to the company's future. After last week's federal appeals court hearing on the Justice Department suit against Microsoft, William Neukom, Microsoft's vice president for law and corporate affairs, said:

"This case involves a fundamental principal for us, the freedom of high-technology companies to continue to innovate on behalf of our customers. Part of innovation has to be integration. We are going to continue to integrate products."

The attorneys general and their aides all say they hope to act in concert with the Justice Department. But several attorneys general said it was important to act before Windows 98 goes on sale because any law suit will become significantly more complicated once computer manufacturers begin buying the new program and installing it on customers' machines.

Some of them suggested they are acting in part because they are afraid Washington will not act soon enough. A joint suit would probably be filed in federal court, meaning that any judg-

ment or injunction would have force nationwide.

"There are significant advantages to coordinating a federal-state action," said Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger. "But state attorneys general often have different time frames, and I think as attorneys general we are prepared to move on our own. And we're very close. The time is getting to be right now."

If the states, or Washington, waited to file suit after the release of Windows 98, "the action then would have to include another large set of defendants, the manufacturers," one attorney general said, speaking on condition that he not be quoted by name.

Although Microsoft intends to begin shipping Windows 98 to computer makers in mid-May, the company says it has not yet begun pressing the CD-ROM disks on which the software would be sold as a stand-alone product. An early, or "beta," version of the program is already being tested on thousands of computers nationwide.

Murray, the Microsoft spokesman, said that blocking the release of Windows 98 "would be costly, disruptive to consumers, destructive to the high-technology industry, and it would undermine the strength and health of the U.S. economy."

Told of those comments, Condon, the South Carolina attorney general, replied: "That's a valid concern. But if you let it be released, speaking hypothetically, then it's so much harder to put the toothpaste back in the tube."

JOGGERS: Internet will be a major conduit for audio programming

(From 8B)

sette player and a cradle, which must be connected to AC power and a serial port to transfer data from a computer to the device. An accompanying CD-ROM supplies the requisite plumbing software as well as several hours of audio programming, including poetry by Robert Frost, humor by Dave Barry and selections from Frank Herbert's "Dune." The Harvard Business Review and Car Talk.

Those trial programs are also available free at www.audible.com in exchange for information about yourself. You do not need the stand-alone player to listen to this or any of Audible's other programming; player software that works on Windows 95 and NT computers is free for the downloading.

The site offers more than 4,000 programs, from Sue Grafton's "A is for Alibi" to Zora Neal Hurston's stories, at prices as low as 95 cents for some short subjects and as much as \$12.95 for a few business titles. Because Audible delivers digital bits rather than a physical package, Frank McCourt's 4 1/2-hour abridgment of "Angela's Ashes" costs just \$8.95; the same reading on CD-ROM from Amazon.com goes for \$21 plus shipping. An unabridged version of George Orwell's "Animal Farm" costs \$6.95 from Audible; at Amazon, the cassette is \$11.87 plus shipping.

These bargains have their drawbacks. Audio clips played directly on my 90-megahertz Pentium machine stammered to the point of uselessness whenever other programs were doing anything of consequence; things worked without a hitch on a 400-megahertz machine, so the cutoff point presumably lies between. Even at its best, though, Audible's compression scheme reduces audio quality to the point where

some "programs with substantial musical portions are currently unavailable."

Buying programs over the Web is simple enough, but downloading can easily take half an hour for a 4-megabyte, 2-hour program, which is as much as the player can hold. And the site needs work. When I tried downloading the 2-hour April 3 edition of National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation Science Friday" for \$2.95, the excerpt I received was only an hour long and the wrong show. Programs in that series are available free at NPR's site anyway.

The player has a volume knob plus five buttons that serve multiple functions and take getting used to. The buttons let you jump from section to section of a program, bookmark favorite passages and skip forward or backward seconds or minutes at a time. But you cannot sample the audio at fast forward, and aside from an LED that flashes puzzling colored patterns, all feedback is audible. That means you cannot really tell where you are in a program, and you cannot tell by looking what programs are stored in the device. The unit cries out for an alphanumeric display.

For cars and other places where more than one person might want to listen, the player can transmit an FM radio signal that can be picked up by a standard radio. First you tune the radio to an unused channel, which is not always easy in urban areas. Then you set the player to generate a steady tone, slowly turn an unmarked dial on the back until you hear the tone through the radio speakers, and switch to programming from the device.

Getting all that to work is neither easy nor worth the bother, because the signal tends to break up at the slightest provocation. I finally gave up and switched to the cassette-player adapter. It did not deliver particularly good sound, but at least it worked. Air

travelers take note: According to the manual, the player's FM radiation makes it a potential navigational hazard if it is turned on while the headphones are unplugged.

Because the unit lacks removable memory and can hold only about two hours of content, you must return it to the cradle often for refills. Uploads from the computer take about 10 minutes and are usually smart enough to avoid erasing what you have not listened to already. But recharging the battery takes 60 to 90 minutes. A full charge is supposed to last at least three hours, but not necessarily long enough for two full programs. An extra battery costs \$25 and can be recharged separately in a well on the back of the cradle.

The device can also accept a downloadable format called Mobile RealAudio, not to be confused with the popular standard RealAudio. It may conceivably catch on, but only one site, www.dailybriefing.com, offers programming that uses it.

The player is hardly a work of art. The volume control on the one I tried moved jerkily, and the case nearly came apart when I inadvertently inserted the battery the wrong way. The button on the cradle does not match the one that appears in on-screen instructional messages, and tends to make the cradle slide across the desk whenever you push it. Though there is a 30-day unconditional refund policy, the warranty against defects lasts just 90 days.

The Internet will undoubtedly be a major conduit for audio programming in the coming years, and the Audible Player is probably worthy of a minor footnote in the annals of Internet commerce despite its many limitations. But the next Walkman this is not.

EXCITE: Several other companies bid for right to share Netscape's audience

(From 8B)

Excite has sold Netscape a license to its search software. Each is already among the five most heavily trafficked sites on the Web. Excite said the additional traffic produced by Netscape would help it overtake Yahoo, which runs the most popular service on the Internet.

Several other directory companies, including Cnet, Infoseek and Lycos, have been bidding for the right to a share of Netscape's huge audience.

"Excite paid a lot of money to a competitor that at the end of the day doesn't have its best interests at heart," said Harry Motro, the president of Infoseek.

George Bell, the chief executive of Excite, argued that it was

better to deal with a rival that can provide access to a big audience than to have a friendly deal with a smaller player.

Netscape, the first prominent Internet company, has fallen on hard times since competition from Microsoft forced it to give away its major product, the Navigator browser. Netscape still sells software that enables companies to run Web sites, but increasingly it is positioning itself as a media company, earning money from advertising on its own site.

Netscape has a great head start simply because about half of the 70 million copies of its browser default to Netscape's home page.

Until now the Netscape page has been confusing, and many

users quickly surfed off to one of the "search engine" sites like Excite and Yahoo to find what they were looking for. Indeed, the Netscape browser's "search" button last year earned a reported \$20 million by steering visitors to a search engine.

Yahoo and Excite have been trying to expand beyond simple searches into services like stock quotes, classified advertising and e-mail. And Netscape hopes its site, recently redesigned and renamed Netcenter, will do much the same.

In the deal announced Monday, Excite will provide the results for a Netscape-branded search service as well as its own service. The Navigator search button will send users to

Netscape's search engine 25 percent of the time and to Excite's search 25 percent of the time. The remaining 50 percent will be divided among other directory services that pay Netscape for the traffic. After a year, the Netscape search will take 50 percent of the traffic.

In a second component of the deal, Excite will provide information for a series of "channels," special sections focusing on topics like arts, automobiles, real estate and shopping. But Netscape is hoping to make similar deals — and get large payments — from other companies that will operate the most popular channel topics: investing, computers, news and so on.

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BITS & BYTES

Small shops big deals

By Bill Husted

N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — Nowadays it seems as if there are computer stores on every corner. And, if you're a bargain hunter, you are almost certain to run into machines with screwy brand names like a Pink Cloud No. 44 PC.

There's a thriving business these days from tiny storefront shops that assemble PCs from components and sell them at rock bottom prices. The market has become so price competitive that if all the corners being cut were made of stone, you could build a pretty good pyramid.

The truth is, some of these places are great. Quality components are used and, since most of these small stores are run by the owner, you'll usually get personal attention if you have a problem or need help. But, just as is true with car dealers, furniture stores, reporters and lawyers, there are some crooks and incompetents, too.

But since some of these stores can be real finds, especially if you know enough about computers to ask a few intelligent questions, here are some ways to recognize the difference between a questionable joint and a good computer store.

The first thing to do is to find out how long the store has been in business. Some of these places, because they're run on a shoestring, have the life span of a grasshopper. And, if the store goes out of business, there goes any guarantee you have as well as any hope for technical help or customer service. It seems unfair to the many new stores that are run by nice people, but I recommend you shop with a store that has been in business for two years or more. That's no guarantee it won't go out of business tomorrow, but it does make that possibility less likely.

Next, you need to find out what kind of components such as hard disks, motherboards, video cards and CD-ROM drives are used to assemble the computer. Since there are so many possible combinations of components that would be perfectly acceptable, I can't list them here. This is a case where you either have to know enough yourself or find a knowledgeable friend who can help. This is an important step and if you can't answer this question, you would be smarter to stick with stores that sell brand name computers.

If you can pass that test, you're almost home. Now, if you really want to be sure, ask for three or four references — names of people who have bought machines from that store.

Besides asking the customers about the quality of the computer, ask how helpful the store has been in resolving problems or providing technical support. I know you'd never dream of doing this with a big store and brand name computers, but that's precisely the point. One of the things you are paying for with a brand name PC is the reassurance it will be of reasonably high quality and the company will be around to honor the guarantee.

When a store passes all these tests and the prices are right — and right means at least \$100 less than what you'd pay for a brand name machine, otherwise, why buy the no-name computer? — you can move into the final step.

Try bargaining. Since the owner of the store is probably right there in the shop and may be the person selling you the computer, you'll find he or she has a lot more power to make on-the-spot deals.

Local User Groups

- The Macintosh Periman User Group will meet this month at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 23 at Barnes and Noble. A representative from Corel Inc. will answer questions about software.
- The Periman Basin User Group, an open platform user group, meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at Barnes & Noble.
- The Internet Users Group meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble.
- The MMUA is one of the oldest computer user groups in Midland. MMUA meets the third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m., at the Periman Basin Graduate Center, 221 No. Main, in Midland.
- The Periman Basin Small Business Computer User's Group meets the 3rd Thursday of most months (no meetings during summer months) from 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Taste of China Restaurant, Loop 250 & Big Spring.

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State attorneys general plan antitrust suit

By Joel Brinkley

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Attorneys general from 13 states, apparently intent on blocking the imminent release of Microsoft Corp.'s next version of its Windows software, are in the final stages of preparing a joint antitrust action against the company.

"The decision on our action is imminent, and in my opinion some action is likely," said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal. "I think

it will be in the next couple of weeks."

While several of the state officials said in interviews that they would rather act in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice, which has been pressing its own antitrust suit against Microsoft, they are prepared to proceed without the federal agency.

The states intend to act quickly because Microsoft plans to begin shipping the next version of the software, the Windows 98 operating system, to personal computer makers in mid-May and to release it to the general public

by late June.

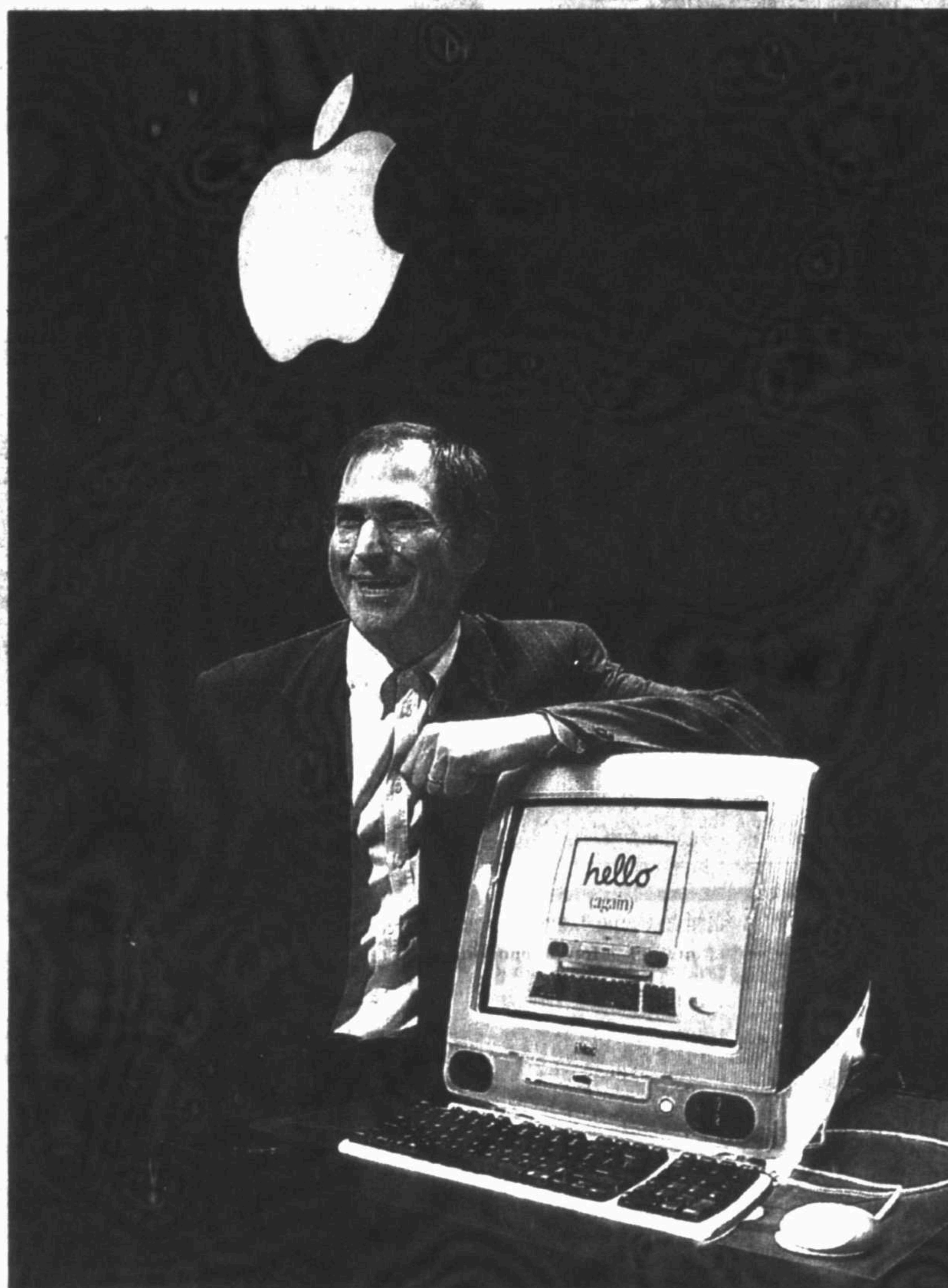
The attorneys general refused to say exactly what their suit would charge because the matter is still under investigation. But interviews with officials in all 13 states, as well as three other states that are monitoring the discussions, showed a common interest in preventing Microsoft from using its dominance in personal-computer operating systems to promote the sale of other software products.

And the states' concerns go beyond the integration into Windows 98 of

Microsoft's Internet Explorer software for navigating on the World Wide Web — which has been one of the issues for the Justice Department.

Microsoft's operating system software provides the basic instructions on nearly nine of every 10 PCs sold. And these days, the PC operating system is not only the control mechanism for an individual computer but also a launching pad into the expanding world of Internet commerce. And the states

Please see **SUIT/5B**



Steve Jobs introduces iMac, a new low-cost consumer's market box.

AP Laserphoto

Apple enters low-cost consumer market with cute box

By Catalina Ortiz

AP Business Writer

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple Computer Inc. is returning to its roots, once again laying claim to the consumer market with an innovative machine unlike anyone else's.

The company unveiled its latest Macintosh on Wednesday, an all-in-one box with a \$1,299 price tag to compete with low-price rival computers.

"This is iMac," Apple co-founder Steve Jobs said as he pulled a drape off the new desktop machine.

He called iMac, which encloses monitor, fast processor and hard disk in a translucent teal-and-white case, "a totally new take on what a consumer computer should be."

The new box, to be available by mid-August, makes Apple a player in the low-cost market — the hottest segment of the per-

sonal computer industry — where it has been conspicuously absent.

Industry analysts praised iMac's features, price and innovative spirit. They predicted consumers and schools currently using Macs would eagerly buy the new machines and that even people with rival PCs would be intrigued.

"The iMac clearly is a depar-

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Excite enters two-year deal with Netscape

By Saul Hansell

N.Y. Times News Service

Underscoring how cut-throat the competition for Internet users has become, the online directory service Excite agreed Monday to pay Netscape Communications \$70 million for the right to provide just a fraction of the search services and other information that Netscape will make available to users of its browser software and home page on the World Wide Web.

Excite hopes to recoup the money by selling advertising on the pages it delivers to people who use its search service. Excite expects that the deal will initially increase the 40 million pages it currently serves each day by about 8 million to 10 million.

After the \$70 million payment is covered, the companies will share further ad revenue. Netscape expects to take in \$93 million to \$100 million over the two-year life of the deal.

Netscape will also receive warrants to buy less than 5 percent of Excite's stock. One of the more precarious aspects of the complicated deal is that both Netscape and Excite compete as "portals" — jumping-off points people use to enter the Internet — and the advertising revenues that such sites attract. Last year, \$95 million of Netscape's \$534 million in revenues and most of Excite's \$50 million in revenues came from sales of advertising.

At the end of the two-year deal, the companies could become full-fledged competitors. Indeed,

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Gadgeteers now can listen to the web while jogging, but there's a price to pay

By Stephen Manes

N.Y. Times News Service

If you are willing to pay a premium up front and put up with plenty of annoyance in exchange for bargain prices on spoken-word programming, the digital world has a gadget for you. The Audible Player is a pocket-sized 3.5-ounce plastic device shaped like a child's mitten without the thumb. It costs about \$200 and is designed to play audio books and other programs that you buy and download in digital form from the Web.

In other words, it is a lot like a standard Walkman-style cassette or CD player, except that the Walkman is cheaper, has high enough fidelity for music as well as words, takes just seconds to swap material, plays in stereo, runs quite awhile on standard batteries and does not require Windows 95 or NT. But the Audible Player weighs less and has fewer moving parts.

The Audible Player, made by Audible Inc., of Wayne, N.J., comes with headphones, a carrying pouch, an adapter that slips into a standard cas-

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When you know the answers to these questions, go to <http://www.4kids.org/detectives/>. When did full-scale cultivation of olives begin in Greece? What are the two ways students can contribute to "on2"? What color will the planet Neptune be at 6 p.m. 5/10/99?

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AskAmy@4Kids.org

Dear Amy: Where can I get some cool graphics on the Web?—Arnold, St. Paul, MN

Dear Arnold: Check out Bill Kendrick's WebFX at <http://zipgy.sonomas.edu/kendrick/webfx/>. It's a busy site because it's so awesome. WebFX allows visitors to create online images with dozens of cool graphic filters. You just enter the URL of an image that is already on the Web and then choose one of the special effects, such as "wavy" and "swirl," are animated gifs that will move. You can even e-mail the image to yourself after you look at it. If it's busy, check out the examples or some of the other stuff Bill has done.

Dear Amy: Can a teacher ask you where's a good place to start using the Web?—Mrs. Vespestad, Lawrence, KS

Dear Mrs. Vespestad: It's OK; teachers have questions, too. There are lots of Web sites for teachers and most of them have a list of links that are great for learning. I think a good place to start is at The Busy Teacher's Website, <http://www.ceismc.gatesch.edu/busy/ios.html>. The links are in categories such as archaeology, history and ecology, just to name a few. Also, there is a Teacher Reference Section that has links to things such as Teacher Talk and a Virtual Reference Desk.

Send your comments or questions about the WWW to Amy at: Ask Amy, 3001 Dole Center, Lawrence, KS 66045 or AskAmy@4Kids.org

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Texas Scores

TEXAS LEAGUE — Arkansas Travelers 10, Midland Angels 5.
BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 5, Cleveland Indians 3.
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NBA — Utah Jazz 82, San Antonio Spurs 73.

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UIL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS — Golf, Class 4A boys and girls golf, Roy Kizer Golf Course.
Tennis, Class 4A and 5A boys and girls, Penick-Alison Tennis Center.
TEXAS LEAGUE — Arkansas Travelers vs. Midland Angels, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium. RADIO: KCRS (AM 550).

New UIL Home

AUSTIN — The University Interscholastic League, which governs extracurricular activities at Texas' public high schools, is finally moving into a home of its own.
In late June, the UIL will move into a newly constructed, three-story, brick building in East Austin, just a few blocks from the University of Texas' Disch-Falk Field baseball stadium.
But the effort to centralize UIL divisions that oversee athletic, academic and drama competitions — scattered at separate locations around Austin for many years — into a single building has been a costly one: about \$1.25 million more than originally budgeted in 1993.

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Big 12 Baseball

When it comes to baseball, the Big 12 might as well be the Big Six.
The same collection of teams that christened last year's postseason tournament will head to the sparkling new Southwestern Bell Ballpark in Oklahoma City on Thursday for the league's second championship.
Leading the way is Texas A&M (40-16, 21-9), which wrapped up the Big 12 championship a week ago by taking 2-of-3 from runner-up Baylor (39-16, 18-10).

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OU downs Texas

NORMAN, Okla. — Pitcher Jared Hoerman struck out nine and four Sooners drove in at least two runs as Oklahoma best Texas 10-2 in the third game of a Big 12 Conference series.
Richard Park led OU (38-16, 17-11, Big 12) at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs. Corey Hart and Jose Montenegro drove in two runs each. Justin Elsay added three more RBIs.
Shawn Schumacher had the Longhorns' only multiple-hit game, going 2-for-3 with two doubles and an RBI.
Rad Weaver (3-4) allowed six runs on seven hits in 4 1/3 innings to take the loss.

Tech beats K-State

LUBBOCK — Keith Ginter went 3-for-4 with a homer and 4 RBIs Sunday as Texas Tech pounded out 22 hits in an 18-10 victory over Kansas State.
Ryan Ruiz went 4-for-6 with 3 RBIs and also had a homer for the Red Raiders (39-17, 18-11).
After the Wildcats (20-32, 9-19) took a 3-0 lead in the first, Texas Tech scored nine runs in the bottom of the inning.
The Raiders added a run in the third, four in the fifth and two in each the sixth and eighth, chasing four Kansas State pitchers along the way.
Seven Texas Tech players had multiple-hit games.
Michael Colosimo had a homer for the Wildcats.
Jesse Cornejo (9-4) got the victory for Texas Tech.

Streak ends

LAREDO — Grounded by a closed airport, the "Cal Ripken of Mexico" lost his iron-man record.
Infielder-outfielder Gerardo Sanchez didn't make it to the game on time Friday bringing to an end his streak of consecutive games played at 1,415, the Laredo Times reported.
The streak stopped after his team, the Laredo Owls, played Thursday in Tabasco, Mexico.
While the rest of the team left by bus for games in Laredo and bordering Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Sanchez and four others chose to fly in the following morning.
But Villahermosa Airport in Tabasco was shut down due to visibility problems caused by smoke from nearby forest fires.



Arkansas' Mike Hardge is forced out at second base, but Midland's Chuck Abbott isn't able to throw for a double play. Arkansas won the game, 10-5.

Travelers rack up another road win, double up Halos

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

After a sort of quick turnaround from Saturday night's 26-run game, the Arkansas Travelers didn't seem to miss a beat Sunday afternoon.

The Travelers picked up where they left off after Saturday's 15-11 loss to Midland Angels in Sunday's 10-5 win. This time there was no rally by the Angels as they were pretty much kept off the base paths by

for the Angels came from a Randy Betten's two-run double in the third inning. Hutchins also had a double in the third.

Traveler starter Kris Detmers (2-3) was solid through six innings as the only runs he allowed was in the Angels' three-run third inning. Detmers struck out four and walked four.

"I thought it was a nice way to come back," said Arkansas manager Chris Maloney about Sunday's win. "I thought we played pretty well and we've been hitting the ball pretty well."

"Detmers is starting to come around, and if we can get him and (Marcus) Logan to come around, we'll be in good shape."

The Travelers tallied 14 hits in the ballgame and broke the game wide open with a five-run third inning.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Malone delivers 3-1 lead

Mailman comes through with 34 points in Game 4

By Kelley Shannon
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Karl Malone is back. In a big way.

The Mailman recovered from a sub-par performance in Game 3 to score 34 points and lead the Utah Jazz to an 82-73 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in the fourth game of their Western Conference semifinal series Sunday night.

Utah holds a 3-1 lead in the best-of-7 series, which returns to Salt Lake City for Game 5 on Tuesday.

Malone, after shooting 6-for-21 on Saturday, was 17-for-28 from the field Sunday. He didn't attempt a free throw the entire game.

The Jazz fended off a late comeback attempt by the Spurs, thanks mostly to Malone. The Spurs cut Utah's lead to 75-72 on a tip-in by Tim Duncan with 2:53 left in the game.

Greg Ostertag responded with two free throws to give the Jazz a 77-72 edge with 2:34 left.

Duncan had a chance to move the Spurs to within three points after a foul by Antoine Carr, but he missed one of two free throws with 1:07 remaining, leaving the Spurs trailing 77-73.

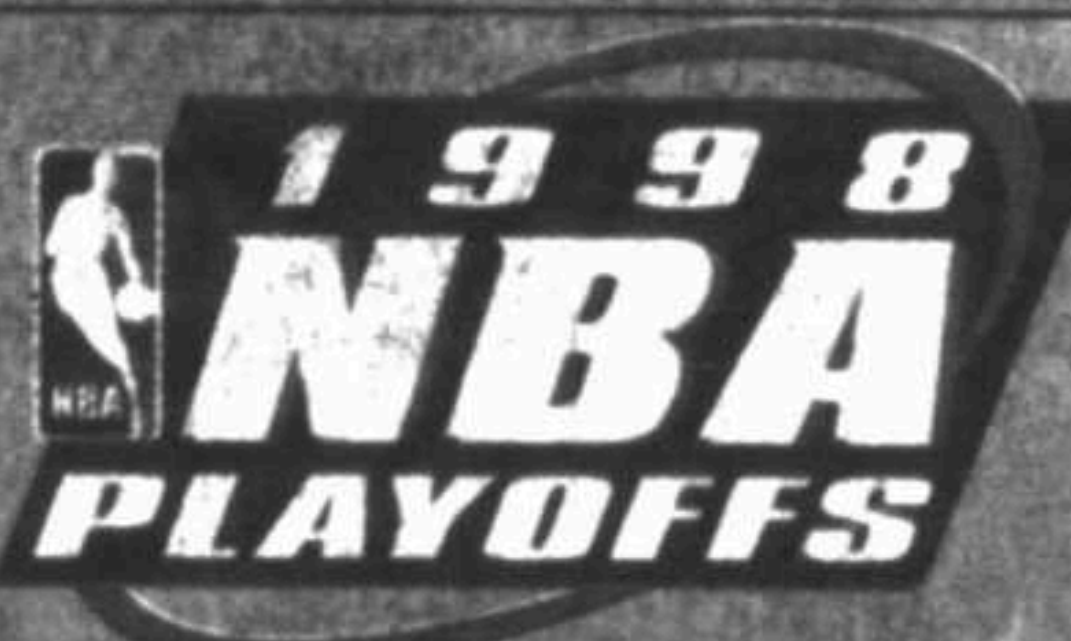
Malone followed up with a 14-foot jumper to give the Jazz a 79-73 advantage. The Spurs didn't score again.

Malone scored 10 of his points in the fourth, answering with a basket almost every time the Spurs inched closer.

The Jazz led 43-39 at halftime then built a 12-point lead by the end of the third, outscoring San Antonio 21-13 in the quarter.

Then Duncan ignited a 10-3 Spurs run to open the fourth and put San Antonio back in contention.

Duncan, who sprained his ankle in overtime of Game 2 and appeared hob-



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bled in Game 3, led the Spurs with 22 points, on 8-for-18 shooting. David Robinson added 15 points, shooting 5-for-13 from the field, and had 11 rebounds and four blocks.

The Spurs trounced the Jazz 86-64 in Game 3, when Utah tied the NBA record for fewest points in a playoff game.

But the aggressiveness the Jazz were missing Saturday was there in Game 4.

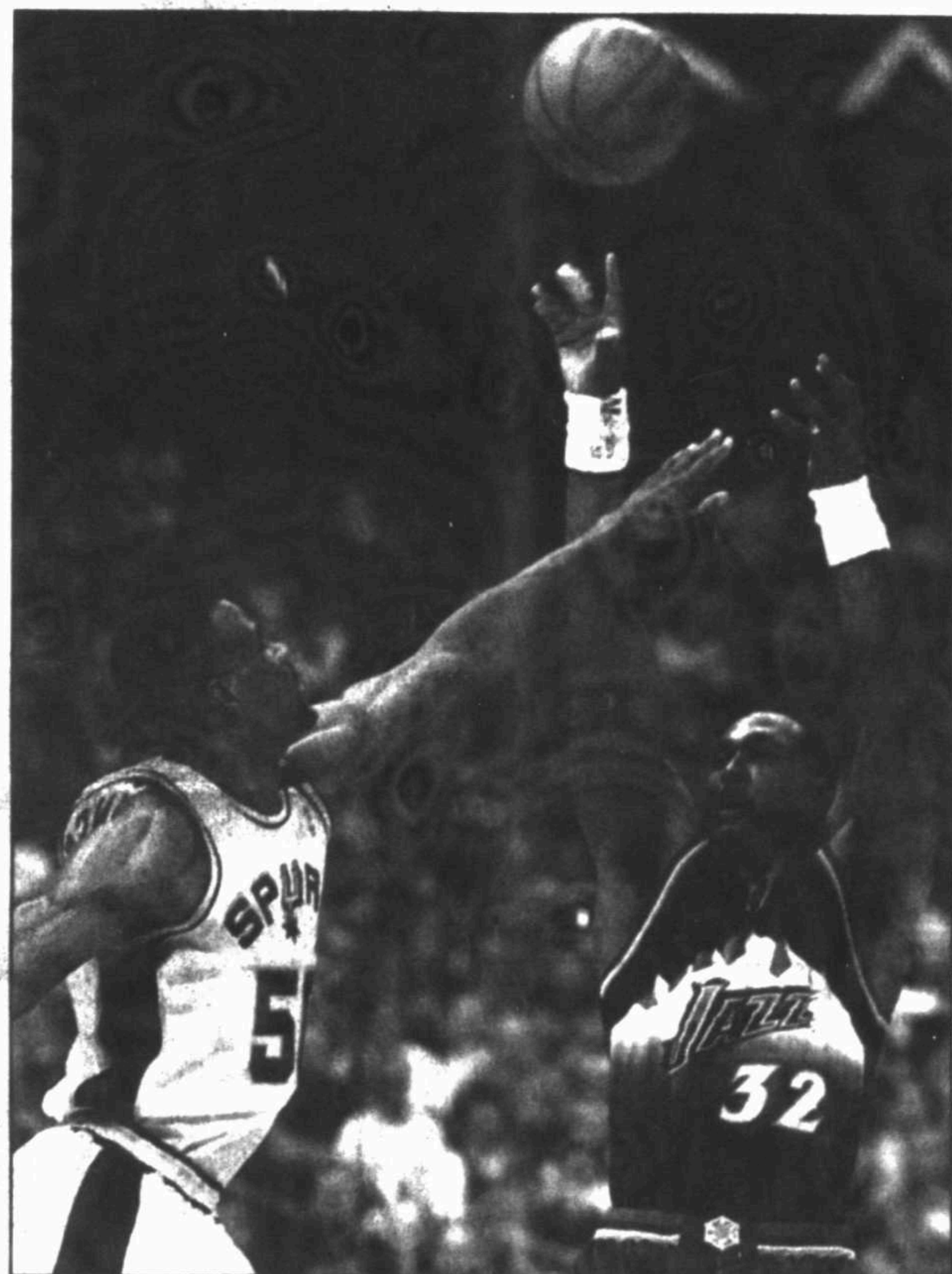
Malone appeared fired up early. He scored 16 of his points in the first half on 8-for-14 shooting.

Robinson lacked the luster he showed in the third game, when he scored 21 points and had nine rebounds and seven blocks. Malone, Greg Foster and Antoine Carr scored regularly over Robinson on Sunday.

Foster added 13 points for Utah, while Bryon Russell scored 12.

Avery Johnson and Vinny Del Negro had 13 and 12 points for San Antonio respectively.

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Utah Jazz's Karl Malone (32) shoots over San Antonio Spurs' David Robinson during the first quarter in Game 4 of their Western Conference semifinal series Sunday in San Antonio. Malone scored 34, and the Jazz also used a great defensive effort to win 82-73 and take a 3-1 lead in the series. Both teams will travel back to Utah for Game 5 of the seven game series.



Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li, seen here at a tournament in Midland this spring, competes today in his fourth state tennis tournament.

Big Spring's Li takes last shot at state title

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

You would figure that the evolution of a four-time state tennis qualifier began surrounded by his own personal coach sometime after the player learned to walk.

For Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li, his rise to prominence was a little more out of the ordinary.

"I was banging a ball against a wall one day and coach (Sarah Corse) said 'come tryout,'" said Li, who at the time was in junior high, not long after Li had moved to Big Spring from Taiwan.

"I didn't know who this strange

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lady was, but I said OK."
The end result years later guaranteed Li a place with the best to play UIL tennis. The senior will make his fourth trip to Austin for the Class 4A state tournament, which begins today at the Penick-Alison Tennis Center on the campus of the University of Texas.

Li joins fellow Big Spring state qualifier Monica Villarreal, who is making her second trip to the state tournament.

The fourth state appearance for

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Woods wins BellSouth Classic, posts 1st tour title in 10 months

By Tom Saladino
AP Sports Writer

DULUTH, Ga. — Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good. Just ask Tiger Woods.

Woods shook off a shaky opening nine holes and held off a steady Jay Don Blake to win the \$1.8 million BellSouth Classic by one stroke Sunday, ending a 10-month winless drought on the PGA Tour.

Woods, who led Blake by three shots entering the final round after a course-record 63 on Saturday, shot an even-par 72 with three bogies and three birdies. All three bogies came on the front nine.

"I didn't play all that great, but I got a couple of lucky breaks, which is what it takes," said Woods. "The only reason I won today is I got lucky breaks."

Woods was referring to two holes in particular, the par-4, 465-yard ninth and the par-3, 189-yard 11th.

On both he thought he had hit his shots in the water.

On No. 9, his second shot rolled into the deep rough, but stayed out of the water about 15 feet below. Woods knocked his third shot 25 feet beyond the cup onto the green and two-putted for bogey.

"If I go in the water, it's a double-bogey," he said.

On 11, his tee shot went over the green and landed on a hill about 30 beyond the green, barely missing the water on the left. He chipped to within four feet from high grass and made par.

"When I got past 11 and nobody was going (shooting) low, I felt I had a chance," said Woods. "The rest of the holes were downwind and I knew I would get a birdie somewhere."

Woods wound up at 271, 17 under par.

Blake, who has won only once in 12 years on

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Hingis rules on clay in Rome

■ Top-ranked Swiss star beats America's Venus Williams in tune-up for this month's French Open.

Associated Press

ROME — Venus Williams is moving up fast. Martina Hingis, however, is still on top.

In a match showcasing the hottest rivalry in women's tennis, Hingis downed Williams 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 Sunday to capture the Italian Open and get a big lift for this month's French Open.

The final between the two 17-year-olds turned after Williams broke serve at love to make it 3-1 in the final set. That seemed to jolt

the top-ranked Swiss star, who ran off three games in a row to end the match.

"At the end, I just started thinking more and tried to be more aggressive," Hingis said. "I was surprised at the way she played. She was fighting. She didn't give up until the end."

Said Williams: "In the end she played more aggressive. She decided to go for it and take more chances."

Hingis, who earned \$150,000, won her fourth title of the season. She is 30-3 this year, with two of the losses to Williams.

Hingis now has good reason to be encouraged about Paris. The French Open, like the Italian

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Miller Time III

Guard again shoots-down Knicks; Indiana leads 3-1

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — This was Act III of "Reggie Miller Kills The Knicks."

In the long-awaited sequel to "Eight Points in the Final 8.9 Seconds" and "25 Points in the Fourth Quarter," Miller had another moment of playoff magic Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

Miller tormented New York one more time, making a game-tying 3-pointer with 5.1 seconds left in regulation and a finishing touch 3-pointer with 1:28 left in overtime as the Indiana Pacers took a 3-1 series lead over the Knicks with a 118-107 victory.

"It ranks right up there, and every time I've had a big moment at the Garden, we've won," said Miller, who scored 38 points to finish one shy of his career playoff-high.

There were co-starring roles this time for Rik Smits and Mark Jackson, and the role of the goat was played by Allan Houston. But when it came time for the leading man to do what superstars do, it was Miller Time.

"I kind of live for those moments," Miller said.

John Starks had made two free throws with 19.3 seconds left to put the Knicks, who led by as many as eight points in the final quarter, ahead 102-99.

Indiana had one more chance to tie, but the Knicks wouldn't allow an open 3-pointer.

So Smits attempted a 5-footer and missed, the rebound was batted out to the 3-point line and Jackson swung it to Miller, who hit nothing but net from one of his favorite spots on the floor.

"They were pretty zapped after I hit that 3," Miller said. "I looked in Houston and Patrick's eyes, and they didn't have the same fire as they had when they built that lead."

This was Miller's seventh career 30-plus point playoff performance against New York, and it may have been as memorable as two of the others.

In Game 5 of the 1994 Eastern Conference Finals, he scored 25 fourth-quarter points, including five 3-pointers, to finish with 39. The Pacers, however, went on to lose that series.

In 1995, Miller scored eight points in the final 8.9 seconds of Game 1 in the second round. He made a 3-pointer, stole an inbound pass and quickly made another 3-pointer before hitting two clinching free throws.

"We've had a history with the Knicks," Dale Davis said, "and there's no better way to end it than with Reggie hitting the big shot."

Smits scored 14 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, almost single-handedly bringing the Pacers back from their late deficit, and Jackson scored five straight points in overtime as Indiana quickly took control.

Miller finished the job with 1:28 left in overtime by making a 3-pointer from the same spot as his earlier one, shooting a stare at Spike Lee after the ball swished through.

Jackson had 16 points and 15 assists, Chris Mullin scored 18 and the Pacers shot 10-for-23 from 3-point range.

The series resumes Wednesday night in Indianapolis, with Game 6 back in New York on Friday night, if necessary.

"It will be a dogfight Wednesday," Miller said. "There's no guarantee that it's over."

"We will be back in the Garden on Friday," Starks predicted.

Houston and Starks led a balanced attack for New York with 19 points apiece, but Houston scored only one point in the second half and missed the final shot of regulation after the Knicks were left stunned by Miller's 3-pointer.

Larry Johnson added 18 points, Patrick Ewing had 17 and Charlie Ward 13.

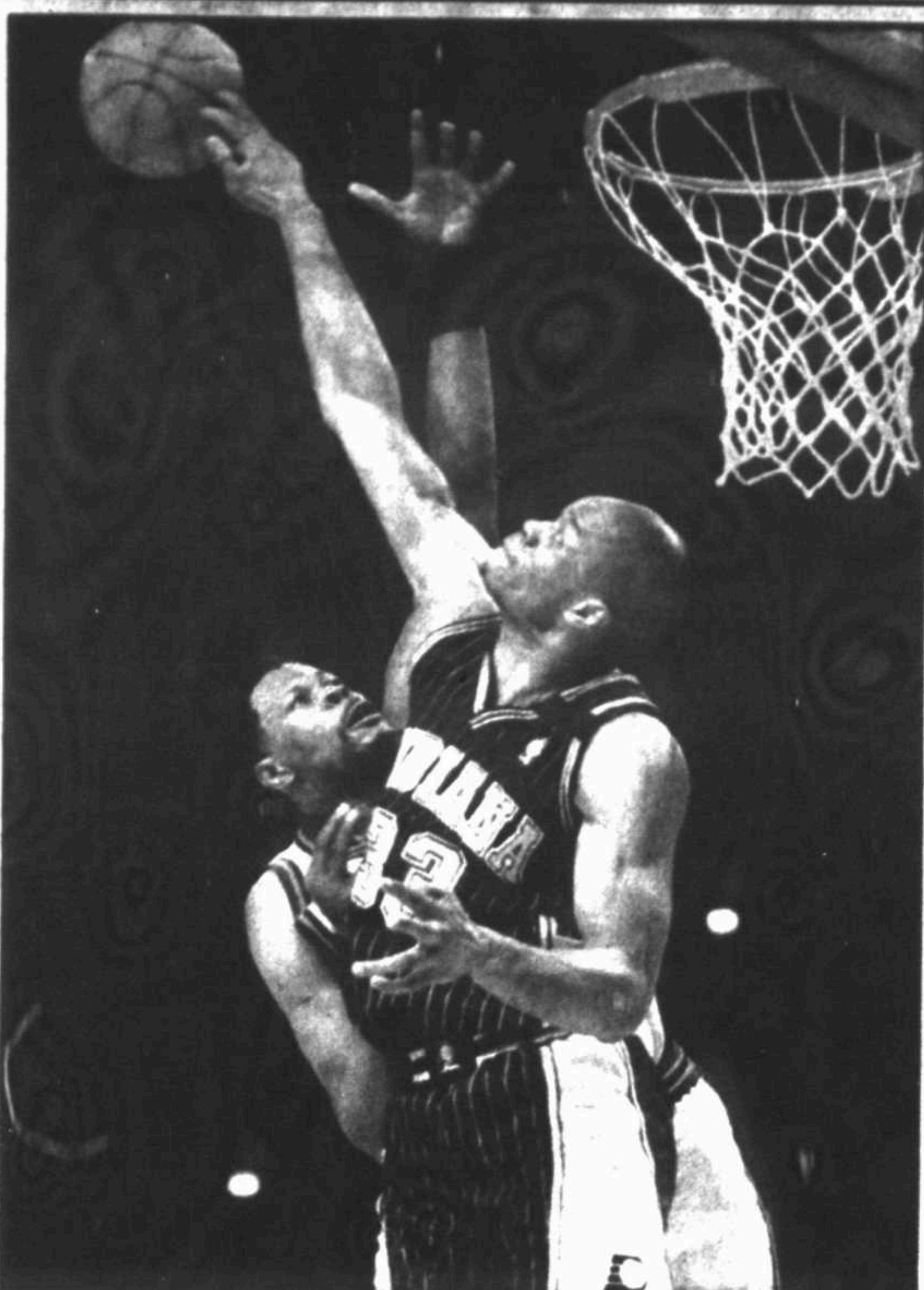
"We had the game won, we just let it slip away," Ewing said.

The Knicks seemed to be in control as they led 100-93 with 3:47 left, but they would miss their next five shots — two of which were blocked by Game 2 hero Antonio Davis.

Davis sank two free throws to make it 100-99 with 58.4 seconds left, then blocked Johnson's shot the next time down. Starks made two free throws with 19.3 seconds left, setting up the sequence that led to Miller's tying 3-pointer.

"It was hard to believe I was so wide open," Miller said. "I've never been that wide open in this series."

Houston attempted a runner



Indiana Pacers' Dale Davis (33) blocks the shot of New York Knicks' Patrick Ewing during the overtime period of Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Sunday at New York's Madison Square Garden.

from the lane just before the final buzzer, but he went off the wrong foot, his shot was short and the game went to overtime.

"I was really thinking about getting to the basket and trying to get a shot," Houston said. "I wanted to make sure I gathered myself first and tried to make a move. I didn't have but five seconds, so I just did what I could do."

Jackson made quick work of the Knicks from there, making a 3-pointer and a driving layup in the first 85 seconds of overtime.

New York then missed three straight shots and committed three turnovers, and Miller ended all doubt by making his final 3-pointer for a 112-102 lead with 1:28 left.

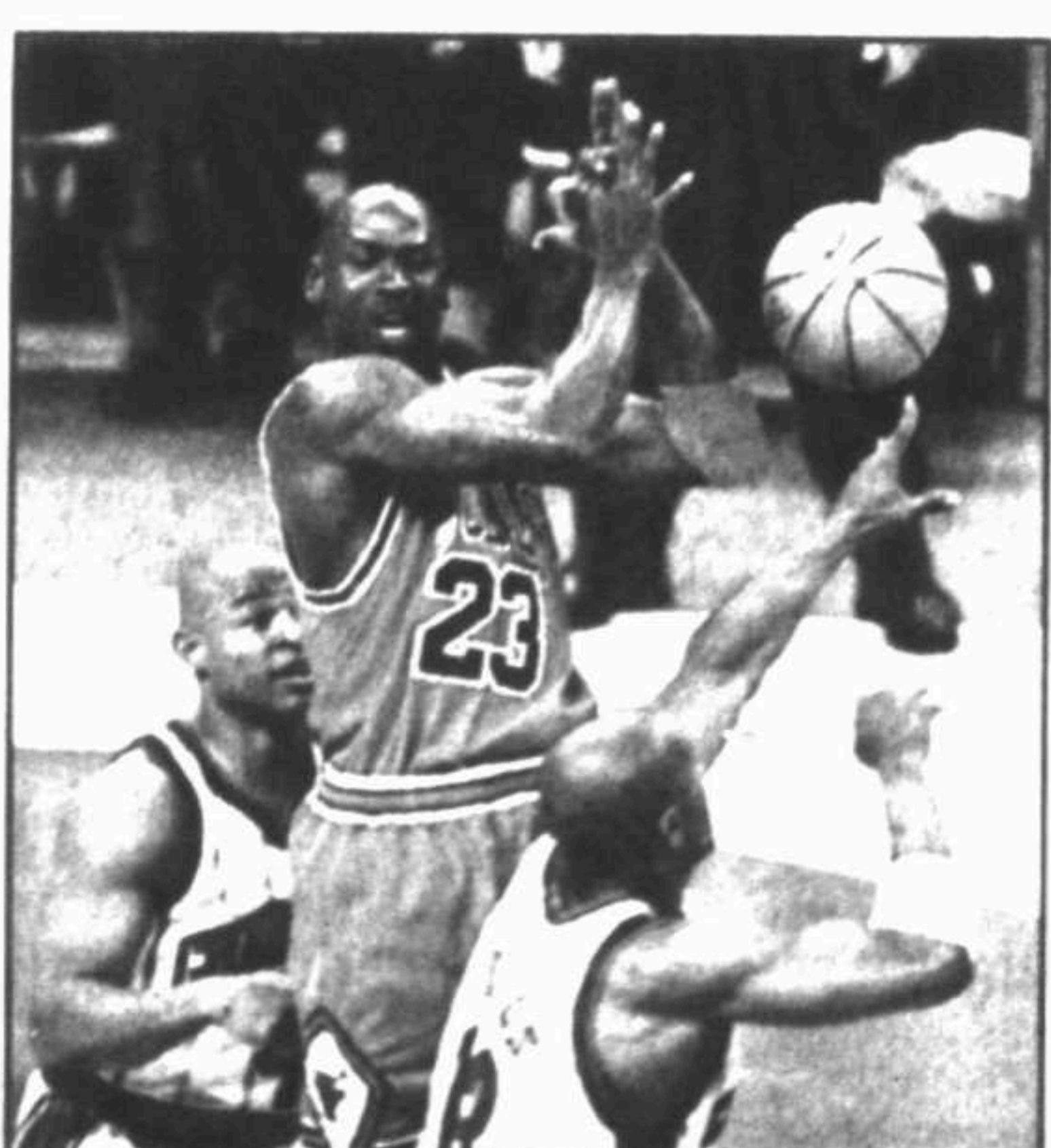
"Qui-et, qui-et," was how Miller described the Garden at that point, which was quite a turnaround from the noise level after Chris Childs scored seven straight points for New York early in the fourth and a 3-pointer by Ward with seven minutes left gave the Knicks a

93-87 lead.

After the teams traded baskets, Childs threw an alley-oop pass to Ewing that he was barely able to reach. But rather than try to score off the pass, Ewing simply redirected it to Johnson for a layup that made it 97-89 with 4:55 left.

That, however, would be the Knicks' final field goal until 1:23 remained in overtime and the outcome was already certain.

Notes: Starks made three 3-pointers, giving him 173 for his playoff career to move into first place on the NBA's career list, one ahead of Danny Ainge. ... Mullin, who led the NBA in free throw shooting at 94 percent, missed two of four attempts. Dale Davis, who went 2-for-10 from the line in Game 2, and Antonio Davis, who went 1-for-4, combined to shoot 2-for-4 at the line Sunday. ... Derrick McKie (strained quadriceps) did not play for Indiana. ... The Knicks had won their five previous home playoff games with Ewing in the lineup.



Chicago Bulls Michael Jordan loses the ball as he goes between Charlotte Hornets David Wesley, left, and Bobby Phillips, right, during the first quarter Sunday.

still feel we can make a difference, but we just have to get the offense back on track. We made a lot of careless turnovers, and that helped them run away with it."

Jordan missed 15 of his first 25 field-goal attempts before heating up in the fourth quarter, after the outcome had been decided. He wound up with 31 points on 14-for-31 shooting.

It was Pippen, however, who fueled the decisive surge after injuring his lower back early in the third quarter. He had six points, three assists and two steals in the quarter as Chicago stretched a four-point lead to 17. Pippen finished with 17 points, eight assists, six rebounds and two steals.

Pippen injured his lower back less than three minutes into the third when he lunged to intercept a long pass from Mason to David Wesley.

Pippen caught the ball and almost immediately grabbed at the area just above his left hip.

Chicago coach Phil Jackson called a 20-second timeout and Pippen massaged the area, then elected to stay in the game.

"I really just went up and came down sort of an awful way. I don't know if I extended too much, but when I came down, I pounded too much on my back," Pippen said. "Phil called a timeout, and I think he thought it was a little worse than it was."

Pippen hit back-to-back baskets to help push Chicago's lead to double figures just past the midway stage of the quarter, then capped the 22-9 run by feeding Luc Longley for an alley-oop dunk that made it 72-55 with 1:32 left in the quarter.

"It looked like it got the best of us," Cowens said. "We just didn't have what it took to withstand that onslaught."

Chicago pushed its lead as high as 23 in the fourth. Charlotte's Glen Rice, guarded much of the game by Pippen, missed his first five shots and wound up with 13 points on 6-for-17 shooting.

"I just tried to limit his touches. I just tried to make him work for the ball," Pippen said. "It's my reach. I have the quickness to get up on him. He knows if he tries to get some distance from me, it's my extension. I can block his shot."

Vlade Divac led Charlotte with 15 points and Mason added 10 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Mason spent much of the afternoon on Jordan, but it wasn't enough as the Bulls got quality contributions from Pippen and others. That list included Toni Kukoc, who had a series-best 15 points, and Longley, who played 28 minutes, his most in the series, and had 10 points, including eight in the third.

The Hornets were unable to sustain the pace after they built leads of 11-2 and 13-4 by converting four Chicago turnovers into eight points. Two of those turnovers were by Jordan, who was being shadowed by Mason.

Lakers' Jones scores another playoff-high; Sonics disappearing

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Accused of disappearing in past playoffs, Eddie Jones is certainly visible these days. It's the Seattle SuperSonics who are about to vanish.

Jones produced a career playoff-high for the third straight game Sunday, scoring 32 points as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Sonics 112-100.

The Lakers have won all three of those games to take a 3-1 lead in the best-of-7 Western Conference semifinal series.

"It's about being more aggressive," said Jones, who was put on the defensive before the playoffs started when Portland's Isaiah Rider said he would get the better of the two in a first-round series, something that didn't happen.

"I'm being more active, I'm attacking the basket, I'm being a little more selfish," Jones said.

More selfish?

"I'm really, really unselfish," he said. "I've always had a point guard my entire career saying, 'Your shot, your shot.' I always try to make the extra play for someone else. Sometimes, it kills my offense."

Right now, the fourth-year pro is killing the Sonics, along with Shaquille O'Neal, who led the Lakers with 39 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and five blocked shots.

"When you double-team Shaq, somebody's going to have a shot," said Seattle's Hersey Hawkins, who had 15 points and seven rebounds. "(Jones) was knocking the 3s down, penetrating the weak side and getting to the hole. They seem to be looking for him on the weak side, and he's making us pay every time."

The Lakers can clinch the series with a win Tuesday night in Seattle, where the teams split the first two games.

A sixth game, if necessary, will be played Thursday night at the Forum, with a seventh game, if needed, Saturday in Seattle.

"We've just got to come back in Game 5 and hopefully change the tide," said Gary Payton, who led the Sonics with 31 points, eight rebounds and 13 assists, but was held to 11 points in the second half.

To come back, the Sonics will have to do a better job containing O'Neal and Jones.

O'Neal, 15-of-20 from the floor and 9-of-12 from the foul line, made a three-point play with 2:14 remaining to make it 106-95, and two foul shots with 58.7 seconds left to make it 108-98.

"If they didn't have (O'Neal) in the middle, it would probably be a

different story right now," Payton said. "We're not matching up well with him right now, so that's something we've got to think about."

Jones made 12 of 21 shots from the field, including 3-of-6 from 3-point range, and had four steals. He averaged 14.8 points in his first three seasons with the Lakers, but just 11.2 points in the playoffs.

He averaged 16.9 points this season and, with Sunday's performance, is averaging 18.0 points in eight playoff games. He had 23 points in his team's 92-88 victory at Seattle in Game 2, and 29 in a 119-103 win in Game 3.

"Eddie's been playing fabulously, shooting the ball well," O'Neal said. "Whatever he's eating, keep eating it."

Robert Horry had 13 points and seven rebounds, and Nick Van Exel had 13 points and seven assists for the Lakers.

Detlef Schrempf added 25 points for the Sonics. Vin Baker had 12 points and six rebounds, but just two points and one rebound after the first quarter.

"I expect better from myself, but it's not happening right now," Baker said. "I'm not going to make any excuses about not having played in the playoffs before. That's an old excuse that I don't want to use."

The win was the 46th straight for the Lakers over the last two seasons when they've shot 50 percent or better from the floor. They were 43-of-80 in this game (53.8 percent).

Notes: The Lakers extended their playoff winning streak against the Sonics at the Forum to 10 games. ... Lakers reserve Kobe Bryant, the highest-scoring substitute in the NBA this season, returned to action after missing two games because of the flu. He played only three minutes — all in the second quarter — and didn't attempt a shot. ... The longest Seattle losing streak during the regular season was two games. ... The Lakers lost three straight twice during the regular season, most recently in mid-February. But they won 22 of their final 25 regular-season games and are 6-2 in the playoffs. ... The Lakers have won just six of 27 previous playoff series without the benefit of home-court advantage since moving to Los Angeles in 1960 — most recently against the Sonics three years ago. ... The Lakers haven't advanced past the second round of the playoffs since 1991, when they reached the NBA Finals before losing to Chicago in five games. That was the first of five championships won by the Bulls in the '90s. ... The Lakers have never lost a playoff series after taking a 3-1 lead.

Pippen carries Bulls on aching back

By Joe Macenka
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The twinges in his back, Scottie Pippen insisted, weren't significant. What he did to the Charlotte Hornets was.

With Michael Jordan struggling much of the game to find his shooting touch, Pippen fought off back pain to spark a third-quarter surge that sent the Chicago Bulls past Charlotte 94-80 on Sunday.

"It was OK once I walked it off," said Pippen, who stayed in the game after hurting himself and led the Bulls to the victory that put them up 3-1 in their best-of-7 Eastern Conference semifinal. Game 5 is Wednesday night in Chicago.

Charlotte coach Dave Cowens, whose team has lost 14 of 17 to the Bulls, didn't try to paint an overly optimistic picture about the Hornets' predicament.

"We've got to win three games in a row, and it's unlikely that we're going to do that," Cowens said. "We're going to have to circle the wagons."

Recent history indicates Chicago isn't likely to have any trouble finishing off the Hornets.

The Bulls have won 23 consecutive playoff series in which they built a lead. The last time Chicago blew a postseason series lead was 1989, when the Detroit Pistons rallied from deficits of 1-0 and 2-1 to defeat the Bulls in six games.

"The Hornets know we're not playing very well on our home court," Pippen said, noting that Charlotte split the first two games of the series in Chicago. "They don't feel this series is over, and neither do we. We have to prove to ourselves that we can play on our home court."

The Bulls, who shot 43 percent in the first three games against the Hornets, increased that figure to 51 percent Sunday, had a 39-37 rebounding edge and converted 15 Charlotte turnovers into 19 points.

"We didn't even give ourselves a chance to win," Charlotte's Anthony Mason said. "I have no clue what happened to our offense. I

LOCAL SPORTS

TAM singles feedin results

The Tennis Association of Midland had singles competition today at Midland College.

K.C. Beal and Kelson Gist won the respective girls and boys 16-under divisions.

Results from the TAM singles feedin competition held this weekend at Midland College. All players are from Midland unless otherwise noted.

Boys 12s
Singles Final: Kramer Schaubert, San Angelo, def. Andy Canera, 6-2 6-1 3-4 Playoff: A.J. Ferguson, def. Guy Ellis, 6-0 6-0 Consolation Final: Andy Castle, def. Chris Compton, 6-3 6-3

Boys 14s
Singles Final: Timothy Gooding, def. Kirk Logan, 6-1 6-2 3-4 Playoff: Matthew Daugherty, def. Vinny Womack, 6-1 6-3 Consolation Final: Brandon Dennis, def. Jake Smiley, Big Spring, 7-5 6-4

Singles Final: Kelson Gist, def. Zac Smiley, Big Spring, 6-1 6-2 3-4 Playoff: Brian Watt, Big Spring

def. Anthony Kent, default Consolation Final: Curtis McDonald, def. Ryan Moody, 7-6 6-3

Girls 12s
Singles Final: Ana Aguilar, def. Kate Beal, 6-3 6-6 1-3 4 Playoff: Kelleigh Drennon, def. Cynthia Beal, 6-3 6-1 Consolation Final: Jordan Schroeder, def. Anna Ramsey, 6-1 6-1

Girls 14s
Singles Final: Alex Langford, Odessa, def. Kristina Maltor, Odessa, 6-0 6-6 3-4 Playoff: Katherine Ramsey, def. Megan Boyd, 6-4 6-3 6-4 Consolation Final: Claire Luedde, def. Marianne Reeves, 6-4 6-4

Girls 16s
Singles Final: K.C. Beal, def. Catherine Cobb, 7-5 6-1 Consolation Final: Ashley Shannon, def. Kristen Buerling, Odessa, 6-3 6-3

Boys 16s
Singles Final: Alex Langford, Odessa, def. Kristina Maltor, Odessa, 6-0 6-6 3-4 Playoff: Katherine Ramsey, def. Megan Boyd, 6-4 6-3 6-4 Consolation Final: Claire Luedde, def. Marianne Reeves, 6-4 6-4

Boys 18s
Singles Final: K.C. Beal, def. Catherine Cobb, 7-5 6-1 Consolation Final: Ashley Shannon, def. Kristen Buerling, Odessa, 6-3 6-3

Boys 19s
Singles Final: Kelson Gist, def. Zac Smiley, Big Spring, 6-1 6-2 3-4 Playoff: Brian Watt, Big Spring

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Singles Final: Kelson Gist, def. Zac Smiley, Big Spring, 6-1 6-2 3-4 Playoff: Brian Watt, Big Spring

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Trevor Newman.

Black Magic '86 wins tournament

Midland's Black Magic '86 under-12 boys soccer team won the Cinco de Mayo Tournament by outscoring its opponents 14-2.

Black Magic defeated the Midland Blasters, El Paso Scorpions and Juarez Dragons in the preliminary rounds of the tournament. In the semifinals, Black Magic defeated the Odessa Pumas 4-0 then in the finals beat the El Paso Santos 3-1.

Members of the Black Magic '86 boys soccer team: Julian Camarillo, Chad Chastain, Charles Clinton, Josh Faller, Tyler Fulton, Brian Groves, Grant Huckabay, Shea Leggett, Matthew Lucas, Brian Michas, Brandon Porter, Ian Reilly, Trenton Wallace, Ryan Warmke, Clayton Winkler and Brandon Wolf. Coach: William Frick.

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Canadian Greg Moore outmaneuvered dominant Alex Zanardi as they contested the lead with five laps remaining Sunday, then hung on to win the Rio 400.

"I knew we had a good shot," said Moore, who with the victory padded his lead in the CART FedEx Championship standings. "Alex was good, but we were quicker."

Defending series champion Zanardi didn't see it that way. Instead, the Italian driver blamed the loss on the lapped car of Arnd Meier.

Zanardi was slightly ahead of Moore as they approached Meier entering the fourth turn on the 1.846-mile Nelson Piquet Raceway. Moore went to the inside and Zanardi to the outside. They ran three abreast with Meier for a few moments before Moore pulled ahead in turn one.

"This guy has cost me two points at Homestead and four points today," Zanardi said of Meier, who he claimed ignored a signal to let the leaders go by. "The blue flag means nothing. People ignore it, and nobody takes action. That's the problem."

Zanardi did not accuse of Arnd of intentionally blocking him, but said the German driver should have been aware of the situation.

Meier, assailed by Zanardi after the race, claimed it wasn't his fault.

The 23-year-old Moore, who beat his Italian rival for the third victory of his career, leads Zanardi by four points in the PPG Cup race after coming in with a one-point advantage.

"What a great way to leave Brazil," said Moore, whose Mercedes-powered Reynard beat Zanardi's Reynard-Honda by nearly a half-second.

Zanardi started on the outside of the front row and hustled by pole-sitter Dario Franchitti on the first lap. Franchitti took the lead when Zanardi pitted after the 77th lap, but an accident ended his day on the 89th.

Mexican Adrian Fernandez finished third in a Reynard-Ford, followed by the Reynard-Ford of Bryan Herta and the Swift-Ford of Michael Andretti.

Jimmy Vasser, who won two weeks earlier at Nazareth, Pa., was sixth in a Reynard-Honda

Auto Racing

Two of the main contenders in the fifth of 19 events on the schedule, defending race champion Paul Tracy and Gil de Ferran — the Brazilian who started fourth and ran second early in the race — took themselves out in an accident on the 40th lap.

Oldest rookie is first to crash in Indy practice
INDIANAPOLIS — It took Jack Hewitt 25 years to get to Indy. Now it may take a little longer to get into the race.

Before he could finish the fourth and final phase of his rookie test on Sunday, the opening day of practice, the 46-year-old former U.S. Auto Club Silver Crown champion crashed coming out of the fourth turn.

He was not injured. "I just entered the corner too high, went through the corner too high and never gave the car a chance to work. It was my fault, just a rookie mistake. Dumb," a disgruntled Hewitt said later in his Gasoline Alley garage.

More than two dozen other drivers practiced on Sunday, with veteran Robbie Buhl turning the quickest early lap at 219.058 mph. Others on the track included defending champion Arie Luyendyk, former winner Buddy Lazier and current Indy Racing League series leader Tony Stewart.

Driving a G Force-Aurora for PDM Racing, Hewitt had a top lap at just over 198 mph, but was going under 100-mph when the car hit the outside wall. He made a half-spin across to the inside of the track, hit the pit wall and bounced back to the outside wall, coming to a stop as flames and smoke enveloped the car.

He climbed out of the car unscathed.

Hakkinen wins Spanish Grand Prix
BARCELONA, Spain — Mika Hakkinen, whose biggest problem Sunday in the Spanish Grand Prix was lapped traffic, drove his McLaren-Mercedes to victory for the third time this season.

The Formula One points leader, who sat on the pole, was in command from start to finish. Second was the Finn's teammate, David Coulthard, giving the McLarens their third 1-2 finish in five races this year.

NBA: Jazz win battle on boards

(From 1C)

Despite the Spurs missing their first seven shots of the game and having Duncan shoot only 3-for-8 and Robinson only 1-for-6 from the field, San Antonio trailed by only four at the half.

Robinson's only field goal of the first half came with 27 seconds remaining.

NOTES: Robinson fouled out with 14 seconds remaining. The Jazz outrebounded the Spurs 38-33. In back-to-back games this season, the Jazz were 14-4 entering Sunday's game and the Spurs were 8-8.

Robinson leads the league in the postseason in blocked shots, averaging 3.57 per game. Duncan is third in the league, averaging three per game.

STATE: Villarreal tries for 4A girls crown

AUSTIN (AP) — The Class 5A and Class 4A girls' basketball teams from Villarreal, Texas, are competing for the state championship at the University of Texas at Austin.

Class 3A

Boys Pole Vault
Daughen, Russell, Austin (15:00.00); Kild, Nathan, Eastland (14:00.00); Jones, Cory, Texasland, Pleasant Grove (14:00.00); Hines, Randy, Hitchcock (14:00.00); Hines, Jonathan, Orange (14:00.00); Eshbach, Eric, Orange (14:00.00); Sons, Jeremy, San Antonio (14:00.00); Henderson, T.J., Clinton (15:00.00).

Boys Long Jump
Cassie, Eric, Jacksonville (22:11.50); Davis, Philip, Mont Belvieu (23:08.75); Rashad, Abdul, Halstead (23:10.75); Armstrong, Chris, Atlanta (22:04.75); Hines, Randy, Hitchcock (23:08.00); Flores, Alex, Carrizo Springs (23:07.00); Williams, Nekia, Danglefield (22:07.50); Price, Jason, San Antonio (23:01.00).

Girls Long Jump
Owens, Jackie, Frisco (17:02.75); Trippetta, Melissa, Hitchcock (17:02.00); Landford, Erica, Luling (17:00.00); McCarty, Kara, Groesbeck (18:02.50); McCutcheon, Lindsey, Whitesboro (17:01.00); McWilliams, Heather, San Antonio (17:00.50); Majors, Caprice, Cameron (18:03.00); Jackson, Faleisha, Chisholm (17:00.00).

Girls Discus
Deanda, Kyron, Palacios (12:09.00); Klammer, Kristie, Ingram Moore (13:05.00); Rossier, Rachel, Lufkin (13:06.00); Gordon, Ashley, Gladewater (13:03.00); Mocha, Sarah, Belville (13:10.00); Henson, Peryll, Pecos (13:03.00); Gosselin, Linda, Willis Point (12:02.00); Trout, Heather, Denver City (12:02.00).

Boys High Jump
Beasley, Michael, Austin (6:10.00); Youngblood, Justin, Goliad (6:10.00); Swain, Marcus, Whitney (7:01.00); Oliphant, Darn, Diboll (6:06.00); Jackson, DeMarcus, Malakoff (6:08.00); Jones, Cornell, Mont Belvieu (6:08.00); Grant, Dewayne, Barksdale (6:10.00); Mitchell, Tommy, Longview (6:10.00).

Boys Triple Jump
Flores, Alex, Carrizo Springs (48:05.00); Staples, Tony, Mineola (44:10.00); Wilkins, Ryan, Comanche (45:10.00); Rashad, Abdul, Halstead (50:15.00); Dudley, Cameron, Comanche (48:05.00); Harris, Anthony, Comanche (48:05.00); Hines, Randy, Hitchcock (48:05.00); Garrison, J., Pittsburg (45:03.75).

Girls Triple Jump
Canton, Jacqueline, San Antonio (39:00.00); Jackson, Chantelle, Chisholm (38:00.50); Lincoln, Alesha, Queen City (37:01.50); Zolnier, Shandra, Benders (37:01.50); Bacon, Shalester, Trinity (37:07.75); Edwards, Darrell, Coleman (37:08.50); Owens, Jackie, Frisco (38:05.00).

Girls High Jump
Canton, Jacqueline, San Antonio (5:08.00); Adkins, Ashley, Belville (5:06.00); Bolen, Deana, Giddings (5:06.00); Grundy, Nicole, Queen City (5:05.00); Darrick, Christi, Henrietta (5:04.00); Ryals, Kelly, Henrietta (5:04.00); Bush, Jackie, Pottsville (5:04.00); Barnish, Sheila, San Antonio (5:05.00).

Boys Discus
Cassie, Eric, Carrizo Springs (12:08.00); Barnett, Melvin, Cuero (17:02.00); Campbell, Randy, Winnsboro (16:08.00); Schobel, Bob, Columbus (16:07.00); Trussell, Matt, Teague (16:07.00); Searles, William, Cuero (16:01.00); Curtis, Braughn, Denver City (16:03.00); Carter, Brian, Eustace (15:06.00).

Girls Shot Put
Scott, Beverly, Columbus (43:08.50); Gaines, Schae, Ingram Moore (43:08.50); Melius, Quint, Bronhans (56:00.25); Garza, Henry, Taft (55:09.75); Campbell, Paul, Ingleside (54:10.50); Trussell, Matt, Teague (54:09.00); Lindon, Montrea, Teague (54:08.50); Harrison, Montrea, Teague (54:08.50).

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Girls 3,200 Meter Run
Jones, Casey, Caldwell (11:41.16); Sullivan, Wendy, Colorado City (11:56.20); Richards, Sarah, Chisholm (12:00.00); Kertel, Shelly, Pittsburg (12:20.00); Waters, Kayci, Devine (11:35.86); Ruiz, Sara, Cameron (11:54.51); Hines, Sarah, Atlanta (11:29.62); Zimmerman, Heidi, Port Isabel (11:45.04).

Boys 3,200 Meter Run
St. Clair, James, Liberty Hill (10:06.16); Stone, Gordon, Canton (10:04.90); Perez, Travis, Brownfield (9:50.80); Hoffman, James, Yorkam (10:30.32); Murphy, Mike, Kenedy (9:56.43); Prado, Marc, Santa Rosa (9:52.40); Keen, Tyler, Cameron (10:03.13); Morales, Ramiro, Kermit (19:51.50).

Girls 400 Meter Relay
Edna (49:50); Andel, Julie, O'Neal (49:50); Cella, Tony, Barnes, Shawanna (49:50); Kell, Wintersburg, Lauren (49:50); Giddings (48:60); Cooper, Latonya, Belton (48:60); Jones, Laura, Davis, Ray (48:60).

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Class 2A

Boys 1,600 Meter Run
Burgh, Jay, Lorena (15:28.28); Hernandez, Eric, Danglefield (15:23.28); Acosta, Karl, Palacios (15:28.28); Pender, Keith, Chisholm (15:41.14); Fletcher, John, Gainesville (15:56.91); Williams, Antwan, New Boston (15:55.34); Gouzeaux, Santos, Maribel (15:54.58); Quiza, Candiano, Santa Rosa (15:56.48).

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STATE: Villarreal tries for 4A girls crown

(From 1C)

Li caps an outstanding high school career which includes four district titles, two regional championships and playing No. 1 for the Big Spring team tennis squad, which peaked this year with a No. 4 ranking in 4A.

He leaves Big Spring knowing his record can measure up against anyone's, even though his 5-foot-5-inch frame has left him looking for different ways to succeed.

"They (taller players) have the advantage of the serves," Li said. "Mine isn't as good as theirs but I make it up as far as foot speed. I can get to the ball as fast as anyone."

Turning the tables on what looks to be a bad situation is one factor which has made Li so successful. His determination is another. Li doesn't hold back on the court, using all the effort his 5-5 frame gives him and more. His play would probably remind tennis fans of Michael Chang, who Li said is his idol.

"He's the most dedicated athlete and one of those rare gems you get once in a while who works his butt off," Big Spring high school tennis coach Ralph Davis said. "He is a worker, and that is why he has been so far."

Li has probably had to sweat harder than most to taste success.

Big Spring, which Li said provided a total climate change from the humidity and greenery of Taiwan, is limited in the amount of competition it can offer. Even on the Friday and Saturday before today's state competition, Li was up at West Texas A&M in Canyon getting some last minute work in.

"I have to drive to play," said Li, who is state-ranked in the United States Tennis Association's Super

Champs division. "Big Spring is so small, no one can give me a game."

This week, the drive is to Austin for one last go at state, where Li hasn't had that breakthrough performance. As a freshman and sophomore, Li advanced to the semifinals. Last year, the quarterfinals was the end of the road.

Li's last run this year should be an interesting one. Li and Davis

With the loss, the Angels dropped to 20-17 overall and 3-4 in this current homestand. The Angels shouldn't feel too bad losing to the Travelers as Arkansas has turned into "Road Warriors" on their current road trip.

The Travelers won four of five in El Paso, and now have won one of two from the Angels to improve to a Texas League-leading best 22-14 overall, and clinched at least a .500 record on this road swing through West Texas with three games remaining in the Tall City.

"I think it's good for our guys to come and play in these hitter's ballparks as they've been swinging the bats real well lately," Maloney said. "It's good to be at least .500 on the road, that's what you aim for when you go on a road trip."

The Angels hope to get back on track at 7 p.m. today as they send right-hander Rob Bonanno (3-3,

Tennis Schedule

AUSTIN (AP) — The schedule and pairings for the 1998 State University Interscholastic Tennis Tournament, to be held at the University of Texas at Austin, are as follows:

Monday, May 11 - Penick-Alison Courts

9 a.m. — 5A Boys' and Girls' Doubles; 4A Boys' Doubles; 10:45 a.m. — 4A Girls' Doubles; 5A Boys' and Girls' Singles

2 p.m. — 5A and 4A Boys' and Girls' Doubles

4 p.m. — 5A and 4A Boys' and Girls' Singles

12:30 p.m. — 4A Boys' and Girls' Singles

Tuesday, May 12 - Penick-Alison Courts

9 a.m. — 5A and 4A Doubles, followed by 5A and 4A Singles

4A Pairings

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Red Wings get offense going against Blues

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Red Wings rediscovered their "A" game just in time to hand the St. Louis Blues their first playoff loss and even their Western Conference series at one game apiece Sunday.

"They worked a little harder and were a little more committed today," St. Louis goaltender Grant Fuhr said after the defending Stanley Cup champions took a 6-1 victory. "We've got to go back and regroup now."

Martin Lapointe, Nicklas Lidstrom, Tomas Holmstrom, Steve Yzerman, Larry Murphy and Kirk Maltby scored for the Red Wings, who had a 34-25 edge in shots over St. Louis.

Terry Yake scored for the Blues, who swept the Los Angeles Kings in the first round and defeated Detroit 4-2 in the opener.

"Don't read too much into this score," Yzerman said. "The game was a lot tighter than it would indicate. That was a close game, until the end there."

The best-of-7 semifinal series moves to St. Louis for games Tuesday and Thursday nights, then returns to Detroit for Game 5 next Sunday.

"Naturally, we're happy to get a split," said Fuhr, who was 3-2-1 against Detroit this season. "But we're not happy with the way we lost. We didn't play hard today. When you don't play hard in this game, you lose."

St. Louis played most of the third period without its captain, Chris Pronger, who collapsed moments after being struck hard in the chest by a shot from Detroit's Dmitri Mironov. Pronger, whose heartbeat slowed for a few seconds, was carried off on a stretcher to a waiting ambulance.

Dr. William Birenbaum, the Blues' internist, said Pronger was taken to Henry Ford Hospital for observation and would be held overnight only as a precaution.

"He's fine right now," Birenbaum said during a news conference about an hour after the game ended. "The potential was there for something more serious."

Thankfully, it's not.

Birenbaum said Pronger would be flown back to St. Louis on Monday and could be ready to play in Game 2.

"I've been around hockey for 18 years and I've never seen anything like that," Fuhr said. "This is a fairly loud building. When it goes quiet like that, you know something is serious."

Yake had to be helped off with 5:07 remaining when Anders Eriksson's slap shot caught him in the face, lifting him off the ice.

The Blues, who have high Cup aspirations, were 3-2-1 against Detroit this season. Both sides showed championship qualities in the first period with good checking, hard hits and spectacular goaltending. Fittingly, the period ended in a 1-1 tie.

But the Red Wings, bidding to become the first team since 1992 to repeat as Cup champions, broke it open on goals by Lidstrom, Holmstrom and Yzerman in the second period.

"They responded," St. Louis defenseman Marc Bergevin said. "They met the challenge. They did what they had to do. They put us on our heels a little bit."

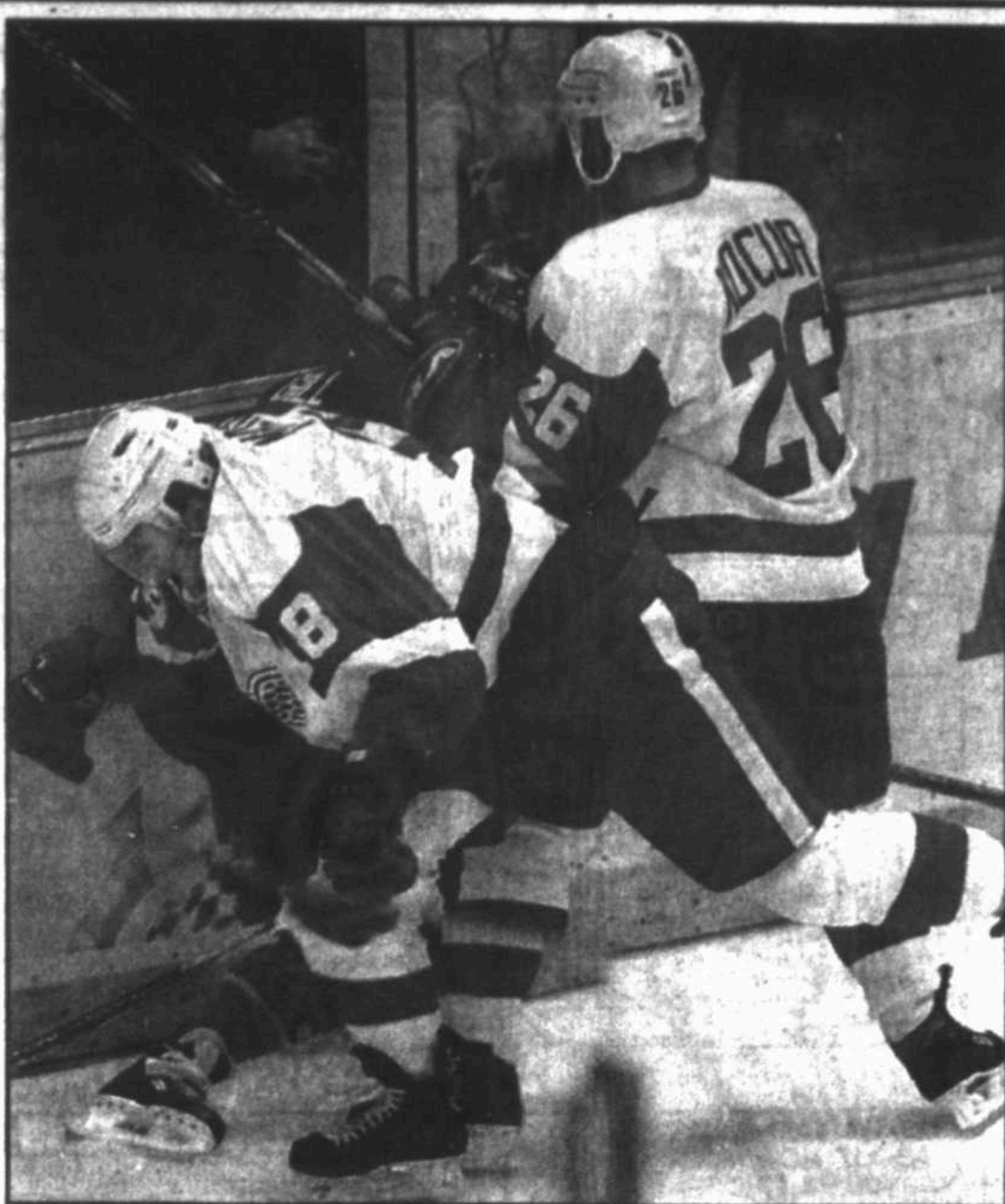
Lidstrom gave Detroit the lead for the first time in the series at 9:01 when he one-timed a feed from Vyacheslav Kozlov past Fuhr's outstretched glove. It was Lidstrom's third goal of the playoffs.

Holmstrom made it 3-1 on a spectacular goal, his third, at 12:29. Holmstrom raced around defenseman Todd Gill, stopped right in front of Fuhr, then made two deft moves that left the goalie flat on the ice. Holmstrom finished it by lifting the puck over Fuhr into the upper right corner of the net.

"Basically, it wasn't because Fuhr guessed wrong," Detroit coach Scotty Bowman said. "Holmstrom is pretty good on that play."

Yzerman's second playoff goal went in just under the crossbar with 1:13 left in the period, giving Detroit a 4-1 lead.

Sabres 6, Canadiens 3
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Matthew Barnaby recorded his first career



AP Photo
Detroit Red Wings' Kirk Maltby (18) and Joe Kocur (26) slam St. Louis Blues' Todd Gill against the boards in the first period Sunday during a NHL Western Conference semifinal game 2.

Hockey Roundup

hat trick to lead the surging Buffalo Sabres to a 6-3 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Sunday.

Barnaby, who also had an assist along with his three goals, broke a 3-3 tie with a goal late in the second period and broke the game open 14 seconds into the third to give the Sabres a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 Eastern Conference semifinal series.

The Sabres have not had a 2-0 series lead in the second round of the playoffs since 1980, which also was the last time they reached the conference finals. Game 3 will be played Tuesday night in Montreal.

The Sabres won their fifth straight playoff game going back to Game 3 against the Philadelphia Flyers in the first round.

Barnaby, known more for being an agitator than a goal scorer, now has four goals in seven playoff games. He would have had four goals against Montreal had he converted a breakthrough in the third period. All this from a guy who scored five goals in 72 games during the regular season.

Michal Grosek had a goal and two assists and set up Barnaby's second goal with a cross-ice pass

that gave the Sabres a 5-3 lead seconds after the third-period faceoff. Barnaby grabbed the puck just outside the blue line and beat Andy Moog with a wrist shot to the short side.

With 1:33 left in the second period, Barnaby caught the Canadiens sleeping in their own end and gave Buffalo the lead for good.

Barnaby had the puck behind the Montreal net before breaking in front and sending a backhand between Moog's legs. His third goal went into an empty net in the final minute.

Sabres goaltender Dominik Hasek, who made 46 saves and led Buffalo to its 3-2 overtime victory in Game 1, allowed three goals on the first 15 shots he faced. Moog allowed four goals on Buffalo's first 20 shots and left early in the third period after Sabres forward Vaclav Varada was tripped up and crashed into the net.

Dixon Ward and Donald Audette had the other Buffalo goals.

Mark Recchi had a goal and an assist for the Canadiens. Montreal defenseman Igor Ulanov and Vladimir Malakhov each scored on slap shots from the point to keep the Canadiens in the game in the first two periods.

More Sports/8C

Game 2 win turns Oilers into carefree, cocky team

By Jennifer Floyd
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Doug Weight, his Edmonton teammates laughing and carousing beside him like children on a playground, struggled to remember a time he had seen a team generate less than the Dallas Stars had in Game 2 against the Oilers.

He decided that college had produced such lopsided hockey games. "There were always mismatches there," Weight said.

Yes, this is a barely-squeaked-into-the-playoffs Edmonton crew spreading a sense that a Presidents' Trophy-toting Stars bunch had been overwhelmed.

A younger and more audacious bunch of Oilers skips euphemisms, instead calling things as they see them.

And the way Weight and his teammates view this series, Edmonton has dominated since the first period of Game 1, and limiting the usually active Stars goal-scorers to four shots through two periods in Game 2 merely provided a good example of that attitude.

"I don't think momentum is the right word to describe the way

we're playing," Oilers winger Bill Guerin said. "That's just a feeling. We know that we're playing well right now."

An already cocky Oilers team heads into Monday's Game 3 armed with a sense that they have taken play to the Stars.

It's a feeling that has gradually infused Edmonton, a team that literally reinvented itself midseries.

Defenseman Roman Hamrlik arrived Dec. 30 for the seemingly small price of Bryan Marchment, Steve Kelly and Jason Bonsignore.

Defenseman Bobby Dollas was brought in next with defenseman Janne Niinimaa being acquired near the trade deadline.

Oilers general manager Glen Sather also added forwards Guerin and Valeri Zelepukin, and suddenly a well below-average Oilers team became a second-half sensation.

The Oilers finished the first half with an 11-21-6 record, and went 24-16-1 in the final 41 games. It was the biggest improvement by an NHL team.

"We think we can win a Stanley Cup," Oilers goalie Curtis Joseph said before Game 1. "We did when we began."

Texas files complaint about behavior of Oklahoma fans

Cox News Service

NORMAN, Okla. — The University of Texas baseball team has lodged a complaint with the University of Oklahoma, claiming its players were verbally and physically abused by Sooners fans Friday night at Mitchell Park.

Several Texas players said they were taunted repeatedly during OU's 9-4 victory. They pointed to a group of about 50 fans seated behind the outfield fence.

Right fielder Mark Cridland said fans threw rocks, ice and coins at him for much of the game. They also yelled profane messages while Cridland was playing defense.

Center fielder Carlos Sepulveda said he was the target of racial epithets.

But the worst incident occurred when Texas players retreated to the team bus about 15 minutes after the game. Many of the fans approached the bus, yelling obscenities and challenging the

players to fight.

"Someone threw a can of beer that nearly hit my mother," Cridland said.

"The potential for serious confrontation was very high," Texas Coach Augie Garrido said.

Garrido later informed Texas associate athletic director Butch Worley.

Texas players and coaches complained there were no security officials in the area. Garrido, who spoke to Oklahoma Coach Larry Coachell about the matter, was assured that security will be beefed up for the rest of the series, which ends with a game at 1 p.m. today.

Garrido saw a beer can nearly strike Susie Cridland. Texas coaches immediately urged their players to get on the bus, which was stationed in a parking lot on the right side of the stadium. Garrido, who had a cellular phone, called the press box to inform OU officials about the matter.

Healthy Living

Dr. Sam Canon with the Eyes of Texas Clinic

Diabetic sight loss can be controlled

The real tragedy of sight loss due to diabetes, known as diabetic retinopathy, is that by the time a patient notices their loss of vision, it is already pretty advanced and is irreversible. That means that, for the diabetic, monitoring and prevention are essential elements in preventing blindness. In some cases sight loss can be slowed with laser surgery, but controlling the diabetes is the first line of defense.

In fact, this is true of many eye problems—the causes arise from elsewhere in the body, so treating the eye itself does little good. Diabetes begins its insidious attack on sight the same way it does on other organs—by interfering with blood flow through the smallest vessels. Bad circulation causes new vessels to form in places where they shouldn't be. These new vessels can allow blood to leak and to cover the retina, which is the part of the eye that does the "seeing" by receiving visual stimuli.

Sight loss usually begins with peripheral vision, or the edges of your sight. Because the loss is gradual and begins with the area where sight is at its weakest anyway, it is almost never noticed until large areas of sight have been lost. After this process has started, however, it tends to snowball unless something is done about it. Once lost, sight can never be regained.

While diabetic retinopathy cannot be prevented, its progress can be greatly slowed by keeping the diabetes itself under control. It is not unusual to see a patient who has been diabetic for 10 to 15

years, yet with little retina damage. On the other hand, recently diagnosed diabetics who have not controlled their condition may quickly develop symptoms of sight loss.

It is recommended that people with diabetes receive an annual retinal exam even if they have no apparent vision problems. Fortunately, the eye is the only place in the body where we can clearly see blood vessels and monitor circulation. We can inject a dye into the bloodstream through the arm, and easily observe its progress through the blood vessels in the eye. Any problems may be quickly diagnosed.

Laser surgery, in some cases, can seal the leaking blood vessels and retard the progress of blindness. However, unless the patient gets and keeps their diabetes under control, circulation problems will cause more blood leakage in the future.

With today's drugs and treatment regimens, there is no reason for most diabetic patients to be deprived of their sight too early. Simply taking care to follow their doctor's treatment regimen is the best way to prevent problems. Many people, however, adopt an "It can't happen to me" philosophy and discover only too late that it not only can happen, it already has.

Eyes of Texas is located at 4410 N. Midkiff in the Courtyard at Midland Park. The phone number is 520-9720.

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Dr. Sam Canon (left) of the Eyes of Texas Clinic says sight loss due to diabetes can best be controlled by treating the diabetes.

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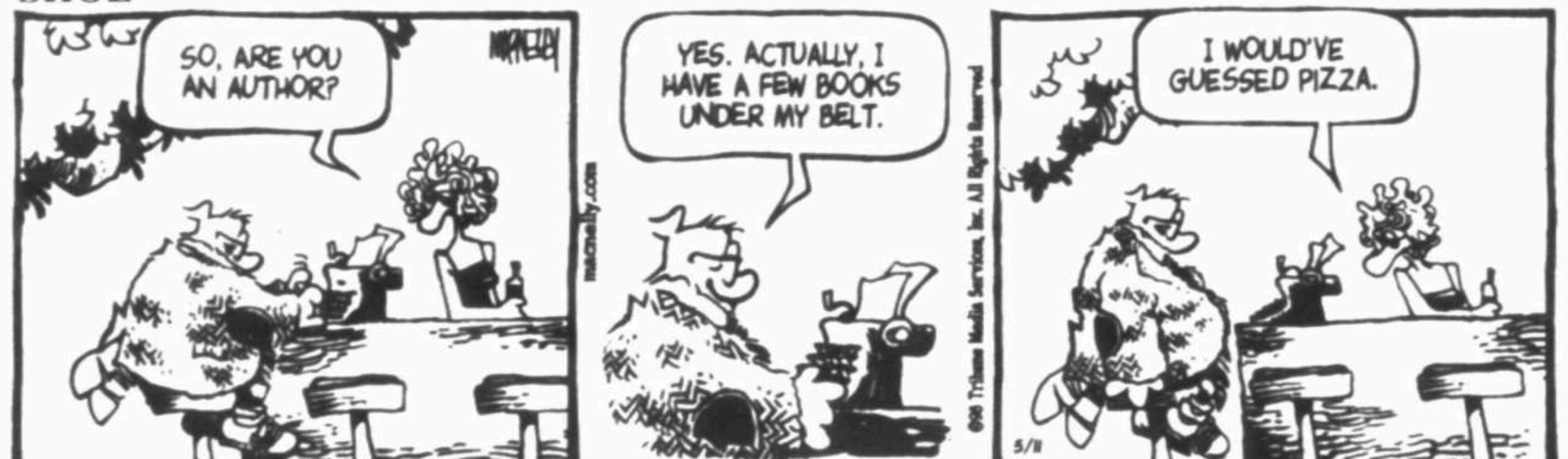
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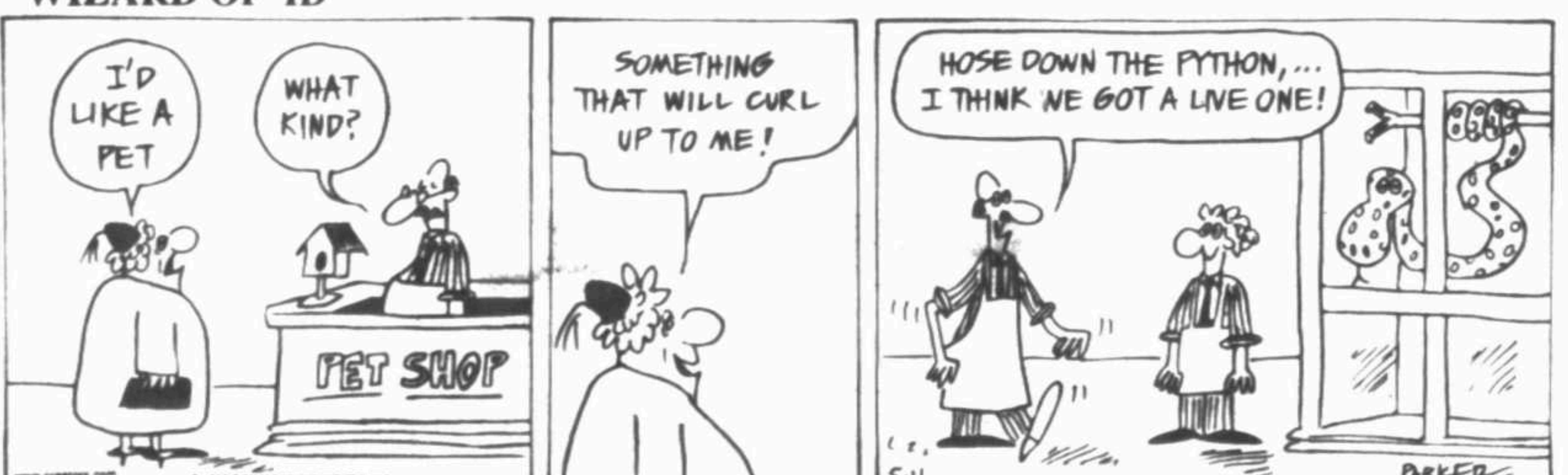
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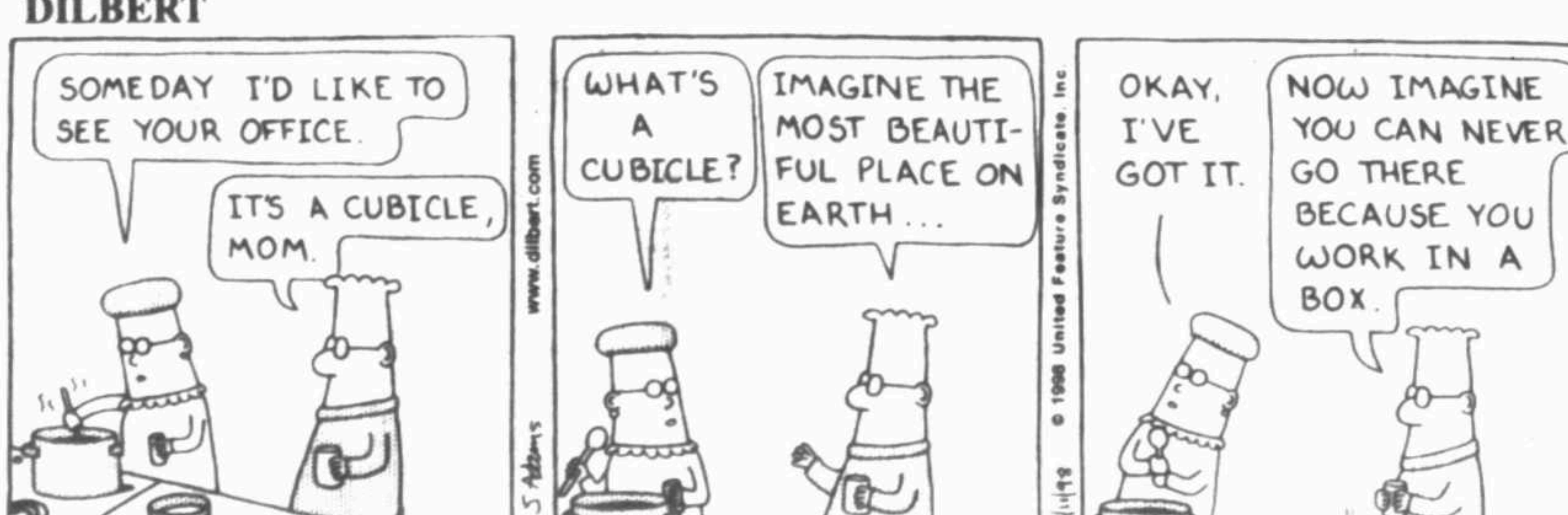
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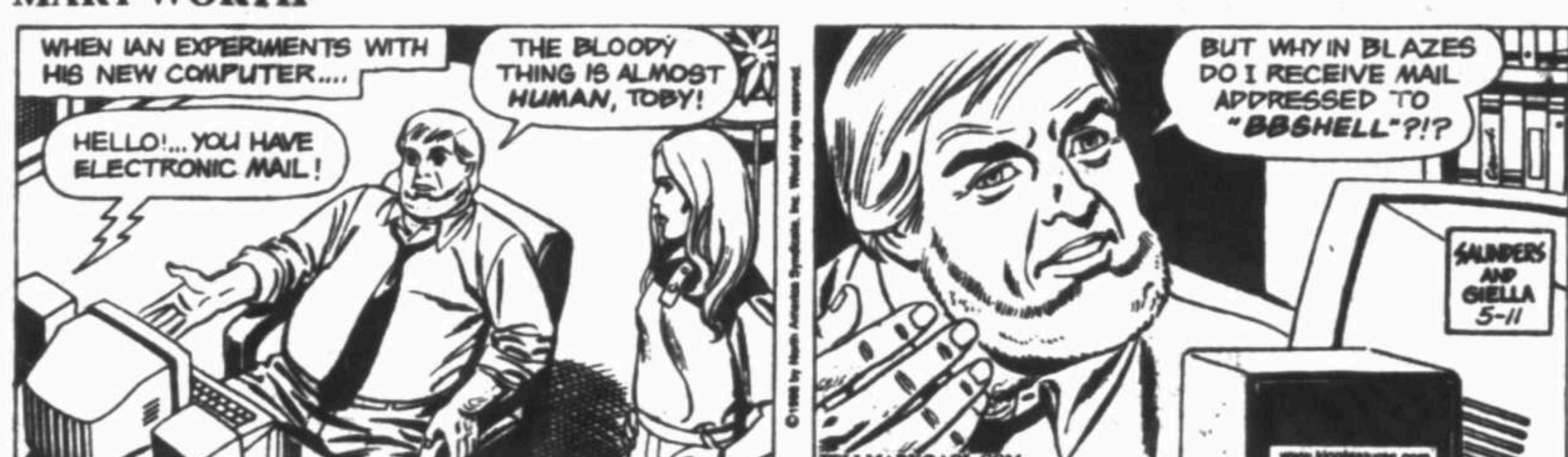
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Hold on to your cash, as everyone makes demands. The good news is that only you can write that check or open that wallet. Be willing but a partner holds out his hand. Take it, and jump over obstacles. Others care about you. Tonight: Play on; let them lead you. Tonight: Quality conversation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others try your patience. Listen, don't negate. Just because someone says so doesn't necessarily make it so. Detach emotionally, and anyone long-term goals. Find your friends, celebrate life and don't get caught in someone's web. Tonight: Let a buddy call the shots.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ State your limits when you get tired of being pushed. Emphasize your needs, and tend to them. Plan what he wants. Maintain perspective on retreating today, so you can get fresh air. Time to think will help you regain your equilibrium. An authority figure is looking for you. Tonight: Early to bed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Understanding helps resolve a conflict. Everyone wants a piece of you. Popularity is high, and romance awaits those who are young at heart. Be realistic about a friend.

Note an undercurrent of jealousy. An exploration or a call brings good luck. Tonight: Play away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You feel like you are sitting on top of a geyser. Every time life seems to calm down, you are taken for another whirl. Pressure is intense, check or open that wallet. Be willing but a partner holds out his hand. Take it, and jump over obstacles. Others care about you. Tonight: Play on; let them lead you. Tonight: Quality conversation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Too many choices, even if they are good, can fray anyone's nerves. The problem is finding a way to squeeze it all in. You can do it, make it so. Detach emotionally, and anyone long-term goals. Find your friends, celebrate life and don't get caught in someone's web. Tonight: Let a buddy call the shots.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Money matters stand your hair on end. A partner doesn't hesitate to throw a tantrum, to let you know your needs, and tend to them. Plan what he wants. Maintain perspective on retreating today, so you can get fresh air. Time to think will help you regain your equilibrium. An authority figure is looking for you. Tonight: Early to bed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are unaware of your impact on others until you hear their angry demands. Know when to give in. You like to be in control, but there is a time to let go; now is that time. Creativity and romance blend, if you are up for it. Tonight: Be intense in

a positive way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Listen to the whispers. Read between the lines, and follow through on a hunch. Pressure to perform is intense. Anger surges everywhere. Touch base with a co-worker who is full of energetic ideas. Projecting positively wins friends. Tonight: A night just for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Reach out for others, and make time to network. You are gregarious; a partner applauds your splendid ways. Listen carefully to a child or loved one who might be jealous or uptight. Be generous with your time. Have a long-overdue chat. Tonight: Visit friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Take the lead, and let others make up their own mind. A partner's challenges could make you feel tired, pressured and irritable. Work needs to be your primary focus. Step back; don't let your emotions get triggered. Play peacemaker, not warrior. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Taking the overview will test your endurance. Consider another choice with a loved one. Putting out ideas, even though some might be rejected, brings new dimension and fire to a stalemate. You can put together two opposing sides. Tonight: Make someone feel special.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q1 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AKQJ3 ♥ 6 ♦ KJ43 ♣ J95

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

A Your fit for partner's suit makes your hand worth a lot more than point-count might suggest. For instance, give partner no more than A-Q fifth of diamonds and the ace of clubs and you are probably laydown for six diamonds. Tell partner about your power by jump shifting to two spades, planning to reveal your strong diamond support next.

Q2 Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AKQ106 ♥ J943 ♦ AK8 ♣ 6

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

A In terms of high cards, this hand is stronger than the one above. However, you do not have a fit for partner and your suit is a card short of being self-sufficient. Since you have no idea where the contract should be played, respond one spade and await developments.

Q3 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 8 ♥ AQ9 ♦ AQ83 ♣ A9763

What is your opening bid?

A There are hands where opening in a four-card diamond suit instead of a five-card club suit is correct to provide for an easy rebid. But this is not one of them. We think this hand is good enough for a reverse even if partner responds one spade. Open one club.

Q4 East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Void ♥ AQJ7652 ♦ 6 ♣ AQJ32

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass 1♥ Dbl

4♥ Pass 6♥ 6♠

Pass Pass ?

What action do you take?

A We have great respect for vulnerable opponents who bid slam on their own, so it is very dangerous to let West buy the hand here. Since a heart trick is not cashing, tell partner what to lead should the opponents press on by bidding seven clubs now.

Q5 Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A98642 ♥ K976 ♦ 73 ♣ 5

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ Dbl ?

What do you bid now?

A You have a flat 12 points and, though partner is a favorite to have a five-card spade suit, you want to do nothing that will encourage further bidding. A rebid of one no trump describes your hand perfectly.

A Our vote goes to four hearts. It is dollars to doughnuts the opponents have a big fit in a minor, so make them guess at the highest level possible. And if they allow you to play four hearts, your distributional assets could make game laydown.

Q6 As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A103 ♥ A762 ♦ 874 ♣ A86

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

? ?

What do you bid now?

A You have a flat 12 points and, though partner is a favorite to have a five-card spade suit, you want to do nothing that will encourage further bidding. A rebid of one no trump describes your hand perfectly.

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"DOES MRS. WILSON KNOW YOU'RE PLAYING IN THE DIRT?"

PEOPLE

Linda McCartney posthumously given award for 'enriching, invigorating society'

NEW YORK — Sonny Bono is gone, but he and longtime partner Cher are still close.

The singer-actress, who gave a moving eulogy for the congressman who died last winter in a skiing accident, says in the May 16-22 issue of TV Guide that she communicates with the entertainer-turned-politician through spiritual medium James Van Praagh.

"He told me things only Sonny could have known," Cher said.

Before the funeral, Cher wrote 100 pages of eulogy preparation, but tore them up.

"I had to write it," she said. "But there were so many things I wanted to say."

Cher brings her memories of her often stormy life with her ex-husband and singing partner to television this month in "Sonny and Me: Cher Remembers," which airs on CBS May 20.

"I thought this would be a really great story to tell because without him I wouldn't be where I am, wherever that is," she said. "Sonny taught me pretty much everything."

NEW YORK — When "Godzilla" co-star Hank Azaria first met the film's director, all he wanted to talk about was Azaria's fiancée, Academy Award winner Helen Hunt.

Told that Roland Emmerich loved Hunt, Azaria deadpanned: "Me too."

Asked how they got together, Azaria quipped: "What can I tell you? I auditioned, like everybody else."

The 34-year-old actor who played the scene-stealing houseboy in "Birdcage" and the dogwalker on Hunt's sitcom, "Mad About You," is also a veteran voice performer who does characters on "The Simpsons" including Moe the bartender, Apu the store clerk and Police Chief Wiggum.

Success has brought a hectic pace the usually easygoing actor admits has made him "irritable at times," a mindset that gave him insight into Godzilla's destructive nature.

"That's how monsters feel inside. I think," he said in the June US magazine. "They just can't handle all the details."

NEW YORK — Humans aren't the

only primates fascinated by Julia Roberts.

Filming a PBS documentary, the actress spent a day in the jungle with a baby orangutan virtually glued to her neck. Then a 400-pound male named Kusasi pulled her in for a hug, and didn't want to let go.

"My head was spinning and my heart — my microphone was in my bra — you can hear my heart going faster and faster. It was sort of sensory overload," Roberts says in the May 16-22 "TV Guide."

about the experience during filming of "In the Wild: Orangutans with Julia Roberts."

The movie star and self-described "Murphy Brown" fan also makes a TV sitcom appearance this month, showing up in the show's final episode for a sizzling moment with Frank Fontana (Joe Regaluto), Murphy's co-worker.

Regaluto "was counting the days until Julia showed up," said Diane English, the show's creator.

NEW YORK — Linda McCartney has been posthumously awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

McCartney, the wife of Paul McCartney and a longtime crusader for vegetarianism, died of cancer last month at age 56. She was one of 120 people honored at a ceremony Saturday on Ellis Island, where immigrants used to be processed before entering New York City.

No one from the family was at the ceremony, so the medal will be delivered to McCartney in England.

Others cited at the 12th annual awards ceremony included Dith Pran, whose story was told in "The Killing Fields," actors Stephen Seagal and John Amos, and the gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic women's hockey team.

The awards given by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations honor a wide variety of efforts to "enrich or invigorate society," said chairman William Denis Fugazy.

Past recipients include President Clinton, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Coretta Scott King, and Muhammad Ali and Elie Wiesel.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.



Cher says she is receiving messages from Sonny Bono through a medium.



Julia Roberts recently spent a day with a baby orangutan virtually glued to her neck.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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Inspired Dent wins Home Depot Invite

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jim Dent found inspiration on TV during a one-hour rain delay and defended his Home Depot Invitational title Sunday with a victory over Bob Charles on the second playoff hole.

Dent, who saw his five-shot lead evaporate and fell behind by one stroke with four holes to play, said watching an NBA playoff game during the delay helped him find his stride again.

"I watched the basketball game and Indiana hit a 3-point shot to force overtime (against New York)," said Dent, who birdied the par-5 16th hole to pull even with Charles and force the playoff. "I said to myself, 'That's what you have to do.'"

Dent fired an even-par 72 Sunday, while Charles surged with a 5-under 67 as both finished the tournament at 9-under-par 206.

During the playoff, Dent and Charles both parred the 18th. On the second hole, Charles bogeyed the par-3 17th, while Dent made an 18-foot putt for par to earn the Senior PGA Tour victory and the first-prize check of \$165,000.

Dent, the first golfer to defend his title in the 18-year history of the event, also needed two playoff holes last year to beat DeWitt Weaver, who lost a four-stroke lead on the back nine.

This year, it was Dent who had a big lead at the ninth hole. He proceeded to play the next six holes at 5-over-par, ending with a double bogey at the par-4 14th. Meanwhile, Charles birdied 16 and 17 to take the lead.

Dent said he lost his concentration while 13-under.

Charles, who also lost in a playoff to Gary Player in the Charlotte event in 1987, sounded frustrated before the tournament with the long Piper Glen course. He said at the time he was "only playing for grocery money this week," but ended up winning \$96,800 for second.

Golf Roundup

Five shots off the lead entering Sunday, Charles missed a chance at extending the playoff to a third hole after missing a 12-foot putt for par on the second extra hole.

Mucha sinks birdie putt on second playoff hole for victory
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Barb Mucha sank an 8-foot putt to birdie the second playoff hole Sunday and beat out Nancy Lopez, Donna Andrews and Jenny Liddback for the Sara Lee Classic title.

All four parred the first playoff hole. Lopez and Liddback then missed long putts for their own for birdie on the second hole before Mucha's putt fell in on the par-3 No. 17.

Andrews had a chance to continue the playoff, but her putt missed just left in the dusk.

For Mucha, she played her way into the playoff with six birdies and three bogeys for a 3-under 69 for a total 205 through three rounds. It was her first victory since 1996 and her fifth overall.

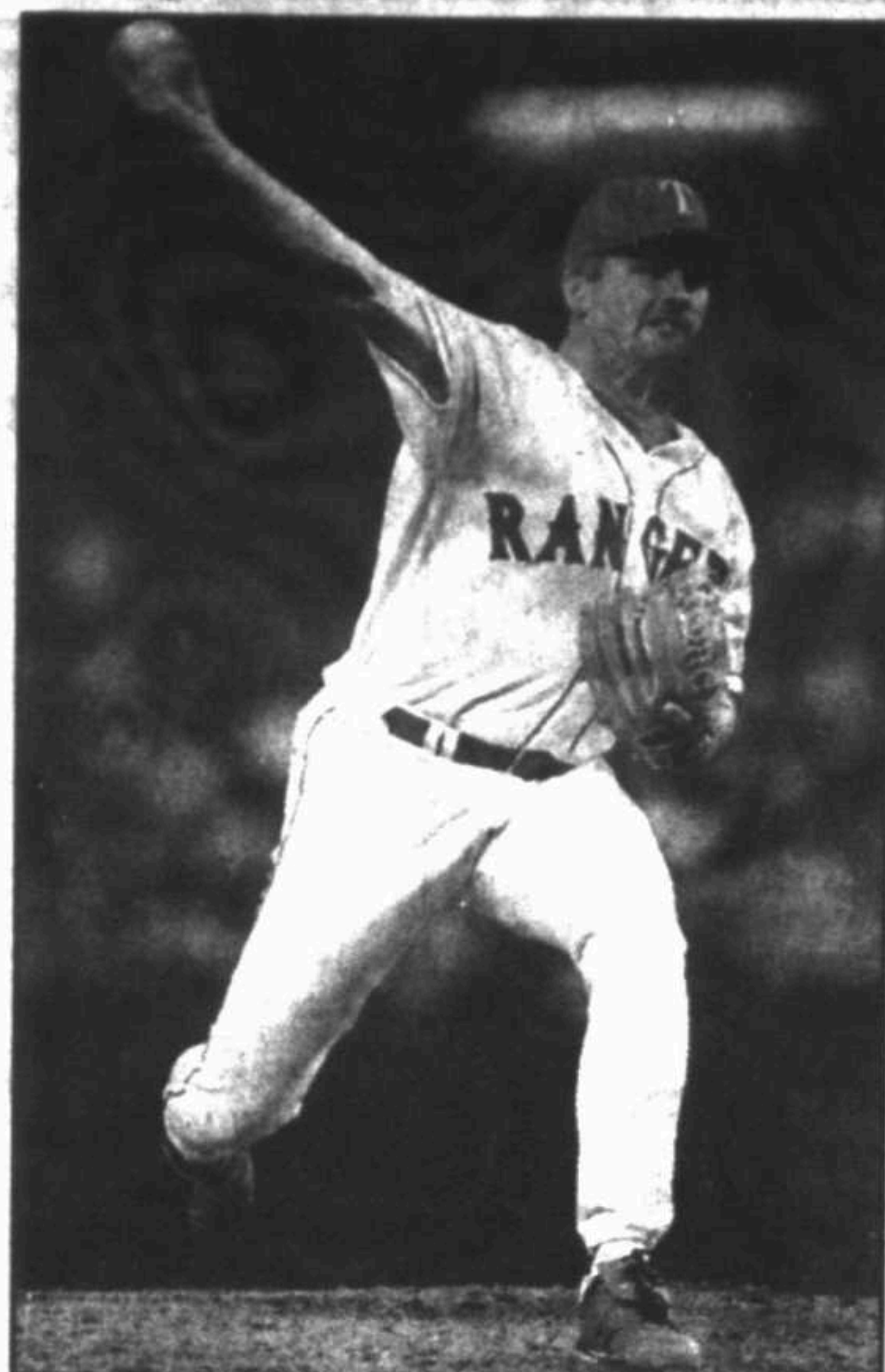
Considering that golfers were bunched on the leaderboard throughout the tournament, it was appropriate that the fifth sudden-death playoff in the Sara Lee Classic's 11 years was needed to settle the winner.

Bateman wins Nike Carolina Classic following 65

RALEIGH, N.C. — Brian Bateman spoiled Jimmy Green's run for a wire-to-wire victory, firing a 6-under-par 65 Sunday to come from four shots back and win the Nike Carolina Classic at the Raleigh Country Club.

Bateman, who started the final round in an eight-way tie for third place, finished with an 18-under-par total of 266, one shot better than Green, who bogeyed the 18th for a round of 70.

Bateman earned \$40,500 in capturing his first Nike Tour title.



Texas Rangers pitcher John Burkett throws against the Cleveland Indians during the fourth inning Sunday night in Arlington. The Rangers are off to their second-best start in history.

Burkett almost perfect; Rangers off to second-best start in history

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — John Burkett has rolled five 300 games as a bowler, but the Texas Rangers right-hander is still looking for his first perfect game as a major league pitcher.

Burkett took a perfect game into the seventh inning Sunday night before Manny Ramirez broke it up with a double, then Burkett and closer John Wetteland survived a ninth-inning rally by the Cleveland Indians as the Rangers took a 5-3 victory.

Burkett said he tried not to think about the perfect game and tried to focus on each hitter.

"I just tried to keep pitching and get outs," Burkett said. "I didn't really try to think of that at all. I was just trying to keep my concentration, keep working hard."

Burkett retired the first 20 batters before Ramirez hit a sinker for a double with two outs in the seventh.

Over his first seven starts, Burkett was happy with only two of his outings. But on Sunday he got ahead of the hitters, had an effective change-up and kept the ball down.

"It seemed like every pitch he threw was on the corner," Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez said.

Burkett ran into trouble in the ninth, loading the bases with no outs before being relieved by Wetteland. Wetteland gave up a two-run single to Ramirez and a sacrifice fly to Jim Thome before recording his ninth save.

Burkett (3-4), who came into the game with an 8.03 ERA, allowed three runs, four hits and one walk in eight-plus innings, striking out five. Indians manager Mike Hargrove was impressed with Burkett's command of all of his pitches.

Juan Gonzalez had an RBI double in the fifth inning for Texas, giving him a major league-leading 46 on the season.

Burkett had an easy time through the first six innings, then Gonzalez made a diving catch on Kenny Lofton's leadoff line drive down the right-field line in the seventh that seemed headed for a double.

Omar Vizquel struck out for the second out, then Ramirez hit a sharp grounder just inside the third base bag for a double.

Texas got to Indians starter Jaret Wright (1-3) for two runs in the first on Rusty Greer's RBI double and Clark's run-scoring single.

Texas made it 3-0 in the fifth when Greer singled and scored on Gonzalez's double.

Notes: Texas has won three straight for the first time since a five-game streak from April 25-29. ... The 20 straight batters were the most retired by a Rangers pitcher since Ken Hill set down the final 26 in a one-hit victory over Detroit on May 3, 1996. ... Wetteland has recorded 21 consecutive save opportunities dating back to last season. ... Texas (22-13) is off to its second-best start in club history. The division-winning 1996 Rangers were 23-12 after 35 games.

Astros' Lima becomes first six-game winner

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jose Lima credits his run support for his success.

After becoming the National League's first six-game winner on Sunday, he got to thank himself.

Lima scattered eight hits in seven innings and sparked a five-run rally with his first major league hit as the Houston Astros beat Milwaukee 7-1 to take a season-high 2 1/2-game lead over the slumping Brewers.

Lima's six victories also are a personal best.

"Six wins, it feels pretty good," Lima said. "My team has been there for me all year. They've been scoring a lot of runs for me. If I keep them in the game, I know we're going to win a lot."

After Lima (6-1) got an infield single in the fifth, Craig Biggio was

NL Roundup

hit by a pitch and Derek Bell doubled them home for a 4-0 lead, snapping his 0-for-8 skid in Milwaukee.

Sean Berry's RBI double made it 5-0 and chased Steve Woodard (2-1), who gave up all seven runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings. Moises Alou greeted reliever Brad Woodall with an RBI single and Carl Everett followed with a fielder's choice grounder that scored another run.

Braves 8, Padres 5

ATLANTA — Javy Lopez, Andres Galarraga, Andrew Jones and Ryan Klesko all homered as the Atlanta Braves tied a franchise record by connecting in their 22nd straight game, beating the San Diego Padres 8-5 Sunday.

The Braves, who overcame a 3-0 deficit, matched the club mark

set in 1953. The NL record is 24 by the 1953 Brooklyn Dodgers, and the major league mark is 25 by the 1941 New York Yankees and the 1994 Detroit Tigers.

Giants 3, Cubs 0

CHICAGO — Orel Hershiser (1-3) won his first game in eight starts for San Francisco, giving up two hits and striking out six in eight innings. It was his first NL victory since Aug. 7, 1994, for Los Angeles.

Jeff Kent hit a two-run double in a three-run ninth for the Giants, who won for the sixth time in eight games.

Dodgers 4, Marlins 2

MIAMI (AP) — Raul Mondesi homered and saved three runs with his glove in support of Ismael Valdes (3-4), who allowed both runs and five hits in eight innings.

Rockies 5, Expos 3

MONTREAL — Dante Bichette broke a 2-all tie in the eighth with

his first homer in 149 at-bats since April 2, and Todd Helton homered twice.

Phillies 7, Diamondbacks 4

PHILADELPHIA — Scott Rolen homered twice for the fifth time, going 3-for-3 with three runs. Philadelphia won its fourth straight, while Arizona has lost five, straight and 11 of 12, dropping to 4-20 on the road.

Rolen, the NL Rookie of the Year in 1997, hit a solo homer off Jeff Suppan for a 6-3 lead in the third, then hit a solo shot off Russ Springer in the seventh. He has six homers this season.

Reds 4, Pirates 3

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh's Al Martin couldn't score from third on an apparent game-winning single into the outfield in the ninth, allowing Cincinnati to go ahead on Reggie Sanders' RBI single in the 12th off Rich Loiselle (1-3).

Yankees beat Twins, win for 23rd time in 26 games

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Ramiro Mendoza pitched a five-hitter for the first complete game of his major league career, and the New York Yankees won for the 23rd time in 26 games, defeating the Minnesota Twins 7-0 Sunday.

Tino Martinez and Scott Brosius each homered, and Derek Jeter had three of the Yankees' 16 hits.

Red Sox 3, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tim Lincecum (4-1) held Kansas City hitless for 6 2/3 innings before Shane Mack singled, and wound up allowing two hits in 8 2/3 innings to win his fourth consecutive decision.

Devil Rays 4, Orioles 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Quinton McCracken's first home run of the season, an eighth-inning drive off Alan Mills (0-1), broke a 3-3 tie in the eighth. Tampa Bay stopped an eight-game home losing

AL Roundup

streak and won for just the fourth time in 18 games.

Angels 4, Tigers 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ken Hill pitched 6 2/3 strong innings to tie for the AL lead with his sixth win. Cecil Fielder's two-run double keyed a three-run fifth as the Angels closed out a 4-5 homestand.

Mariners 3, Blue Jays 1

SEATTLE — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his major league-leading 15th home run and Jeff Fassero got key relief help from Mike Timlin as the Seattle Mariners beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

White Sox 4, Athletics 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Blake Stein shut down Chicago in his major league debut, but shortstop Kurt Abbott made three errors in the seventh as Chicago overcame a 2-1 deficit.

WOODS: Tiger ends streak

(From 1C)

tour, shot a 70 with 16 pars and two birdies over the soggy, 7,259-yard TPC at Sugarloaf course to finish at 272. His birdie attempt at No. 18 from 20 feet to tie was off to the right and about one foot past the hole.

"I got aggressive on the putt and hit it right through the break," said Blake.

"I've been in position before where I had to wait to see if someone made a putt to tie me. I was relieved he missed it," said Woods.

"I'm sure he (Woods) wasn't pleased with the way he played, but I didn't do anything to get him," said Blake, who earned \$194,400 after missing the cut in his two previous tournaments.

"Everytime I thought I had a chance, he would do something to save himself," said Blake.

Esteban Toledo and Steve Flesch were tied for third place three shots back at 274. Toledo had a 67 and Flesch a 69.

Scott Verplank, who shot the day's best round of 65, was among a group of five another shot back at 275.

Woods, who hadn't won since taking the Western Open last July, had a four-shot lead after making birdie on No. 3, but bogeyed Nos. 4, 8 and 9 as Blake made nine straight pars to get within a stroke.

The win ended a string of 16 PGA tournaments without a win for Woods, who won six of his first 21 events. He earned \$324,000 to increase his earnings to just over \$1 million on the year in only nine tournaments. The 22-year-old had two second-place finishes and a third in his previous eight starts in 1998.

It was Woods' seventh PGA win in 37 events since joining the tour

in 1996 and raised his career earnings to \$3.8 million.

Woods equaled the best round of his three-year pro career Saturday, but could never shake Blake on Sunday. After shooting 2-over on the front nine, getting a birdie on No. 3 to take a four-shot lead, Woods steadied on the back nine with two birdies and the seven pars, saving par on 14-15-16 with four-foot putts.

He birdied the par 5, 608-yard 10th hole with an easy tap-in putt, but Blake matched that with a 4-foot birdie putt. Woods then took a two-shot lead at No. 13 with a birdie, but Blake got that back with his only other birdie on No. 15.

Stewart Cink, in the final three-some with Woods and Blake, was four shots back at the start, got within one stroke of Woods on the front nine with a 1-under 35 before going 1-over on the back for a 72 and 275, tied for fourth.

Woods was playing in his first tournament since the Masters last month where he tied for eighth.

Divots: Scott McCarron, who won the inaugural BellSouth played at Sugarloaf last year, was far back at 284 after a 69 Sunday.

The record for the 30-year-old BellSouth tournament is a 23-under 265, set by Andy Bean and tied by Dave Barr when the event was held at Atlanta Country Club.

David Duval, who won last week at Houston and has five victories in the last seven months, shot a final-round 65 to wind up at 278.

Georgia Tech sophomore Matt Kuchar, the U.S. Amateur champion who shot par at the Masters, had a 74 Sunday and wound up at 284.

First-round leader Mark Calcavecchia shot his third straight over-par round Sunday. After a 65 on Thursday, he had rounds of 75-76-73 to close at 289.



Hank the Cowdog

Chapter 6
I Have a Visitor

(In the previous chapter, Hank the Cowdog chases after a mouse at the house where Slim, the ranch hand, lives but has no luck catching it. Slim gives Hank a can of sardines, as promised. Only Hank's luck turns a little bad because the sardines turn out to have turned bad themselves. But Hank wolfs down the slightly spoiled sardines. After his meal, there is a knock on the door.)

I told you you'd never guess who it was.

You guessed Loper, right? Not even close. See, it was a woman's voice, therefore the person was a... well, a woman, of course.

So your next guess was Sally May, right? Wrong again. Sally May was a woman, all right, but not the one at the door.

Give up?

OK. The voice at the door belonged to a woman, and the woman just happened to be one of my alltime true loves. No, not Beulah or Miss Camper or Miss Coyote, the lovely princess, or ...

By George, that's a pretty impressive list, isn't it? You bet it is, and without seeming to brag or boast, I could say that the list goes on and on.

It was Miss Viola, my lady friend ... OK, Slim's and my lady friend who lived down the creek several miles—the very lady about who or whom we had been discussing that very day.

Quite a coincidence, huh?

She liked dogs, but the dog in particular she liked the most was me. I mean, here was a lady who would smile when she saw me, and she would call me over and scratch me behind the ears and pull stickers out of my coat and let me stay inside the house and sleep at her feet.

Yes, she was my kind of lady and here she was, standing at the door of Slim's house. I went straight to her, gave her a big cowdog smile, and accepted a nice scratch behind the ears.

"Well, hello, Hank. Is Slim around?"

Yes, but he was busy cleaning up

garbage off the kitchen floor and we didn't need him hanging around and trying to steal the attention from my lady friend, so, uh, it would be OK with me if ...

Rats. He heard her voice and came into the living room, wiping his hands on his jeans. I gave him a dark scowl but he didn't seem to notice.

"Well, I'll be darned. Morning, Viola, won't you come in and sit?"

She continued to stand in the door, clutching her handbag in both hands. "Well, I didn't want to bother you."

"You ain't, believe me. Will you have a cup of coffee?"

"Oh ... well, I really shouldn't, but if it's already made ..."

"Yes, it's made. It's been made for three years. Here, sit yourself down."

He pointed to the big rocking chair beside the woodstove, but before she could sit, he had to clear out a saddle and a pair of chaps.

She sat down on the edge of the chair and continued to hold her handbag, as though she might run away at any moment. She seemed a bit uneasy about being there. Maybe it was the clutter of the place that made her uncomfortable.

While Slim was banging around in the kitchen, I noticed her eyes moving around the house. She saw the trail of dirty socks leading to the back bedroom. She saw the two holes in the sheetrock, the pile of livestock papers on the floor, the dead flies on the window sill, and the empty Vienna sausage cans scattered around the room.

I happened to be watching her when she peeked into a coffee cup that was sitting on the table. Her eyes widened when she saw that the coffee was covered with a skim of white mold.

I was embarrassed. I mean, Slim was a terrible housekeeper and a lady of her quality had no business wasting her time with him. But me, on the other hand ...

Burp.

Miss Viola wrinkled her nose.

"Hank, have you been eating ... sardines?"

Who me? Oh no, not me. I, uh, never ate such things, or very seldom. In other words, Slim's



house always smelled of sardines.

I slid my head onto her lap and looked up at her with eyes full of adoration.

She reached out a soft rose-petal hand and began scratching me behind the ears.

Ah, sweet and lovely lady. By George, if Slim was too thick-headed to take this fine lady to the dance, I just might do it myself.

He came out of the kitchen with a cup of coffee in each hand. He gave her a cup. "You want anything in your coffee?"

"Oh, if the cream and sugar is handy ..."

"Sure, you bet. Sit right there."

He trotted back into the kitchen.

"Viola, do you mind if there's a few ants in your sugar?"

"No ants, thank you. Cream will be fine."

The ice box door opened and shut. Then we heard Slim say, "I don't know how long this milk's been in here."

"Oh, don't bother. I usually take my coffee black anyway."

He brought the carton out and set it on the coffee table. Then he flopped down in the chair across from Viola. She studied the date stamped on the top of the milk carton and I saw her left eyebrow jump, ever so slightly.

I wondered what she had seen.

Tuesday: Slim Serves Her Green Bean Juice

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Big 12 or Big 6 Ags head list of teams at baseball tournament

Associated Press

When it comes to baseball, the Big 12 might as well be the Big Six. The same collection of teams that christened last year's post-season tournament will head to the spanning new Southwestern Bell Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City on Thursday for the league's second championship.

Leading the way is Texas A&M (40-16, 21-9), which wrapped up the Big 12 championship a week ago by taking 2-of-3 from runner-up Baylor (39-16, 18-10). The Aggies expressed relief after surviving the climactic series against the Bears.

"This is probably one of the top three conferences in baseball," Texas A&M's John Scheschuk said after the Aggies locked up the crown. "To come in, week in and week out and get wins over quality opponents, it's a difficult task, but one we took to heart and we got it done."

Though his Bears couldn't catch the Aggies at the wire, Baylor coach Steve Smith was pleased that his team lived up to expectations this season.

"We have hit with power and gotten the needed pitching in a lot of close games," he said. "I'm really looking forward to the tournament."

Joining the A&M and Baylor in Oklahoma City are 1997 regular-season champion Texas Tech (39-17, 18-11), defending tournament champ Oklahoma (38-16, 17-11), Missouri and Oklahoma State.

Most observers agree the league's best six teams have rightfully earned bids to the NCAA regionals. Yet it's likely one of them will be left out in the numbers

crunch.

"I'm hoping the conference gets six teams in, but realistically we can only hope for five," said Oklahoma coach Larry Cochell, whose Sooners embarrassed once-mighty Texas with a three-game sweep in their season-ending series.

The Big 12 tournament also will be an important audition for the NCAA regionals, the selections for which will be announced next Monday. A sudden tournament slump could mean an NCAA snub for the unlucky school.

Of the five North Division teams, only Missouri excelled in conference play, though Nebraska (24-20, 10-13) did post a winning record for the first time since 1995 under first-year coach Dave Van Horn.

Rounding out the standings were Texas (23-32, 11-18), Iowa State (20-27, 10-18), Kansas State (20-32, 9-19) and Kansas (22-29, 7-20). Colorado does not play baseball.

Texas' young team suffered more losses than any other in the program's long history. It's the second straight year the Longhorns have missed out on the conference tournament, the first time that's happened in two decades.

However, UT coach Augie Garrido received words of encouragement two weeks ago from Anita Dirsch Sponberg, the 81-year-old daughter of revered former Longhorns coach Billy Dirsch. In a letter, she reminded Garrido that her father was often criticized for slumps during his celebrated tenure from 1911-39.

"I showed Augie some old newspaper clippings we saved, showing how Texas suffered through some bad years," Sponberg said. "I told him that things will get better for the Longhorns."



Texas A&M's Craig Kuznick, left, is congratulated at the plate by John Scheschuk after hitting a home run against Baylor.

New UIL building \$1.25 million over its original budget

By Chip Brown
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — The University Interscholastic League, which governs extracurricular activities at Texas' public high schools, is finally moving into a home of its own.

In late June, the UIL will move into a newly constructed, three-story brick building in East Austin, just a few blocks from the University of Texas' Disch-Falk Field baseball stadium.

But the effort to centralize UIL divisions that oversee athletic, academic and drama competitions — scattered at separate locations around Austin for many years — into a single building has been a costly one: about \$1.25 million more than originally budgeted in 1993.

The increased costs were due, in part, to unforeseen adjustments that often come up in building projects: inflation, reworking ducts for air conditioning and heating, increasing the water pressure and meeting new building codes for disabled citizens.

But the primary reason the original budget of \$3.2 million surged to \$4.45 million was because the University of Texas, which provided land for the site as overseer of the UIL, decided in 1994 to put a softball stadium on the location originally planned for the UIL headquarters.

The softball stadium, built across the street from Disch-Falk Field, became a top priority after UT lost a ruling under Title IX, the federal law that requires colleges and universities to offer equal opportunities for men and women.

Softball and soccer were added as women's sports at UT because of the ruling.

"The siting of the softball stadium was complicated, and there really only turned out to be one location that it would fit within existing land," said Ed Sharpe, vice president for administration at UT.

Some work had already gone into siting that land for the UIL building. But the university, under the mediation of a Title IX case, was obligated to get the softball stadium started and completed. That was the reason the original

UIL site had to be changed."

Bill Farney, executive director of the UIL, said the change resulted in additional costs of roughly \$600,000 and about a one-year delay.

"The university, in good faith, picked that site for us and didn't anticipate having to build a softball stadium," Farney said. "Our members understood that. Of course, our members would love to have had the building for \$3.2 million. But they understood UT's predicament. There was never any animosity."

The UIL has been able to absorb the cost overruns thanks to two earlier decisions, Farney said.

In 1991, the UIL began transferring funds from a surplus it kept on hand in case of emergency into an interest-bearing "new building" account.

In 1993, the UIL's Legislative Council — comprised of superintendents from its member schools — approved a budget of \$3.2 million for a new building as well as an increase in annual assessments to 1.162 member schools by \$200 to take effect beginning in 1994.

The increase in dues, which are based on student population and currently range from roughly \$400 for Class A schools to \$700 for Class 5A schools, was done before the location switch.

But the transfer of funds and increased dues have helped the UIL generate \$4.413 million — including \$750,761 in interest — through March. That is less than 1 percent short of the total building cost of \$4.45 million.

Farney said this is the most cost-efficient way to pay for the building, rather than a mortgage that would've created a debt to be paid over decades.

He noted that the shortfall will be made up as an expense in the 1998-99 budget and will not result in any additional costs to member schools. The overruns have, however, left the UIL with no surplus funds.

The UIL has an annual budget about \$1.4 million on income derived from membership fees, gate receipts from football and basketball playoff games, radio and television revenue and publication sales. It gets no funds from the University of Texas or the Legislature.

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