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State: Drivers pay fines or lose license

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

There's a sure-fire way to lose your Texas driver's license.

Don't show up for court. Don't respond to a traffic ticket. And don't respond to any other Class C misdemeanor citation.

The promise of Texas law via Senate Bill 1504 is a motorist's license will not be renewed if the violator has not responded to the citation or citations.

A Texas driver's license is renewed every six years on the motorist's birthday.

The enforcement is through the Failure-To-Appear (FTA) program operated by the Texas Department of Public Safety and only recently adopted by the Midland County Commissioners' Court.

It applies to counties and cities that enter into the FTA contract with the DPS. The DPS in turn contracts with a third party, the Austin-based OmniBase Services Inc. This company keeps track of offenders reported to OmniBase by the county justice courts and the city municipal courts that are enrolled in the FTA program.

So far, Midland County is one of about 500 political subdivisions to buy into the optional FTA program.

"The bottom line, it is in their (the motorists') best interest when they get a ticket to make arrangements with the court," said Midland County Constable Charles Hall, who had introduced the program to the Commissioners' Court.

"They could end up with an invalid driver's license somewhere down the road," Hall said of offending motorists. Midland County Commissioner Randy Prude has encouraged the county to be inventive in generating funds other than through raising property taxes.

"We need to collect whatever debts are owed to the county to avoid a tax increase," Prude said. "We need to live within our means."

"I made the proposal that we increase the revenues for the county in every way that we could," Prude said. "There's a lot of people who are not paying their fines. One of the efforts that our constables have come up with — that already exists statewide — is that you can require them (misdemeanor offenders) to pay their fines before they get their driver's license renewed. They cannot be relicensed if they do not pay it" upon



Cobos



Hall



Prude

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MISD to review redistricting report

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

Before presenting it to the public, the Midland Independent School District board of trustees will hear an assessment and a report of the district's potential redistricting plan.

The agenda for Tuesday night's board meeting held an unusual disclaimer regarding the redistricting, stating forums would be held for public comment at a later date. Board President Dale Strauss said a public forum before the board

makes preliminary decisions is like putting the cart before the horse.

"The report will first let us know if we need to redistrict, and I'm going on the assumption that we will," he said. "Then, we need to agree on criteria and rules, and factors we will consider, like trying not to move a boundary to where a board member will be moved into another district."

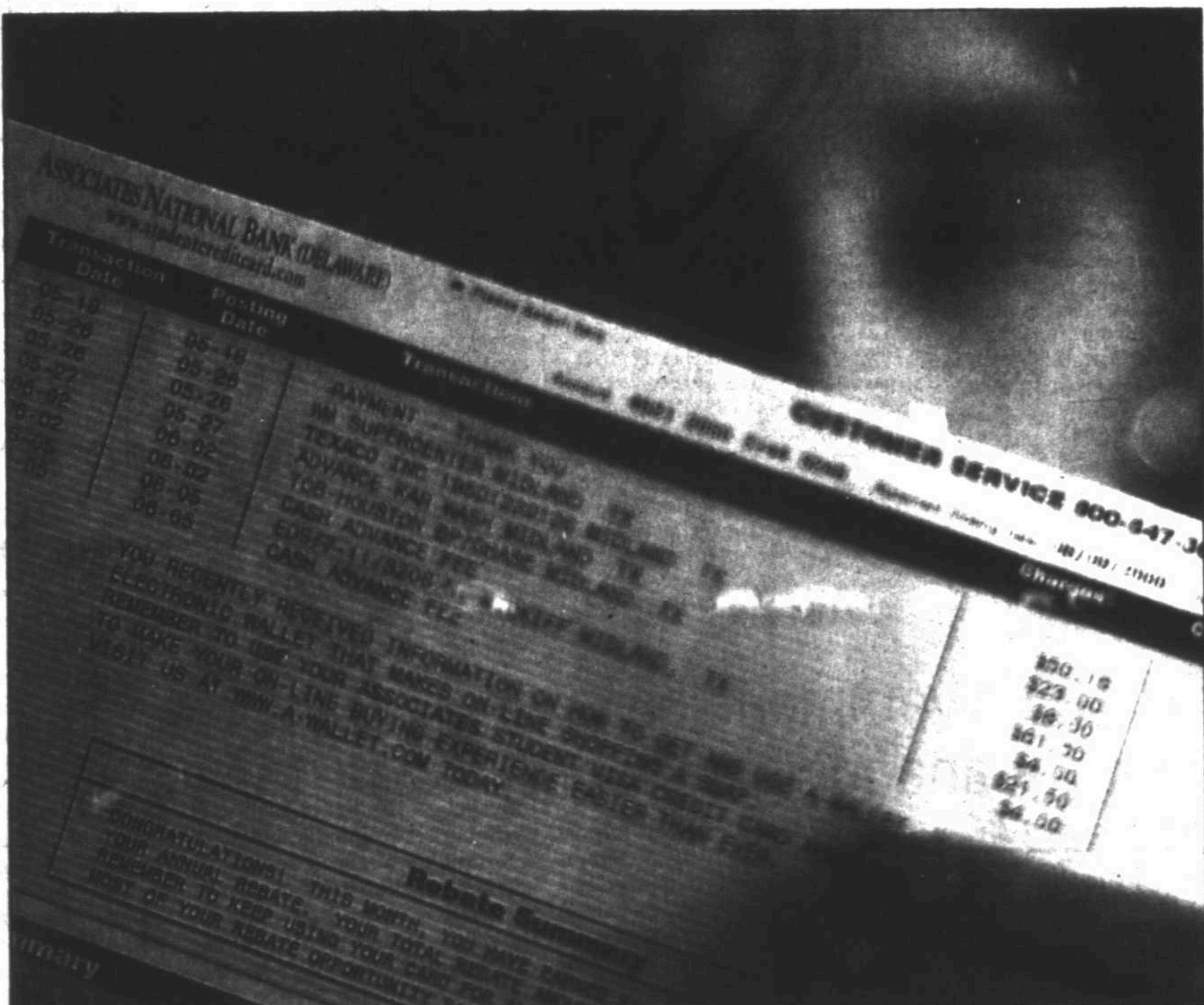


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Dealing with debt



Selina Richardson, in background, holds up a statement of activity from one of her former credit card companies. She canceled this particular credit card in November last year after experiencing extremely erratic annual percentage rates. In this particular statement, the APR was 42.92 percent. In the previous month, the APR was 29.11 percent.

Tengku Bahar/Reporter-Telegram

Getting into debt is easier than getting out

By Kristine Aleman
MRT Correspondent

Debt.

Debt was the furthest thing from Selina Richardson's mind when she applied for her first credit card three years ago. A third-year college student, Ms. Richardson said the card was intended for college students, and offered them really good introductory rates.

"If nothing else, I tried to make it for emergencies only — for times when I had been driving on empty for two days and wasn't getting my next paycheck for another week," Ms. Richardson said. "But it became so convenient."

Soon, Ms. Richardson found herself with a \$400 balance on a \$500 limit, a 50 percent APR rate and another credit card.

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If debt has you down, break out the scissors

By Andrea Fryrear
MRT Correspondent

A fool and his money are soon parted, but is it possible for him to retrieve his wandering funds?

National consumer debt has reached an all-time high of more than \$1 trillion, and bankruptcy declarations have skyrocketed 63 percent over the past 10 years, according to AmeriDebt. The non-profit agency also reports their clients often carry a balance as high as \$200,000. The numbers are staggering, but one local counselor and a member of the debt-owing population have words of wisdom to help reunite the cash-impaired with their lost cash.

"Cut up your credit cards," said American Express Financial Advisor Doug Mee without hesitation. "I would say the No. 1 way for people to get out of debt is to pay off their credit cards, starting with the smallest." This gives people a

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Smith making progress after car accident

By Kasey Kelly
MRT Correspondent

Derek Smith, the 24-year-old former Greenwood High School quarterback who suffered a major head injury during a January car accident, is on the road to recovery.

"He's probably at least 90 percent back," said Kellea Smith, the wife of the injured man.

Smith suffered from a subdural hematoma. A section of his skull was removed following the accident to allow his swollen brain time to shrink back to normal size.

The removed section of his skull was frozen and preserved until it could be replaced. Due to an insurance mix-up, his surgery was delayed for several months, leaving nothing but a piece of skin between his injured brain and the outside world.

Approximately, one month ago, cranioplasty was performed where the preserved skull-piece was reattached to Smith's head. Although the family is hopeful, there is the possibility Smith's body will reject the segment of bone that covers the right side of his brain.

Smith suffered from nerve damage that caused permanent hearing loss on his left side. He also suffers

from balancing and short-term memory problems.

His brain bounced around inside his skull during the accident, causing bruising on the left side of his brain. This bruising has caused weakness on the right side of his body.

Smith is still receiving therapy at Health South Rehabilitation Facility. He hopes to improve his balancing skills and work on his short term memory problems.

Smith claims he remembers nothing about the Jan. 20 accident where he and plumber-friend Richard "Bo" Giles, who was driving the Mr. Rooter van, collided with a pickup truck driven by Jack Burcham at County Roads 60 East and 1140 North.

Throughout his recovery period Smith has had various hallucinations. One of his hallucinations led him to believe he had been attacked by an animal, which is what he believed put him in the hospital.

Just before the accident Smith received his journeyman-plumbing license for Bosworth Company in Midland. He hopes he can return to work around the first of August.

"I think I remember how to do my job," said Smith. He was in the new construction area at Bosworth. "I just want to get back to normal."

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Derek Smith shows the scar on his head from surgery performed on him after he was seriously injured in a car accident several months back. Before his recovery, Smith was waiting on insurance to pay up so he could complete the treatment program.

WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 100	High 99	High 97
Low 75	Low 73	Low 70

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 100 and a south wind from 10 to 20 mph. For Monday night, expect mostly clear skies and a low in the mid-70s.

For Tuesday and Wednesday, expect partly cloudy skies and lows in the lower to mid-70s with highs from 95 to 100.

The high on Saturday reached a new record at 103, while the low dropped to 70. The former record high for July 15 was 102 set in 1998. The record low is 60 set in 1987.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday . . . 0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday . . . 0.00 in.
Total for month . . . trace
Total for year . . . 3.86 in.
Normal total (year to date) . . . 6.73 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High . . . 103
Low . . . 70
Normal high . . . 95
Normal low . . . 68
Sunrise . . . 6:54 a.m.
Sunset . . . 8:55 p.m.

Texas temperatures

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

City	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	101	74	
Albany	101	74	
Amarillo	101	86	
Arlington	98	79	
Austin	99	75	
Beaumont	88	78	0.25
Brownsville	95	75	
Burnet	99	77	
Childress	99	73	
College Station	97	77	
Conroe	94	75	
Corpus Christi	95	74	
Corpus Christi	95	74	
Cotulla	106	76	
Dallas	96	64	m
Dalhart	96	74	
Dallas	98	79	
Del Rio	105	79	
Denton	98	75	0.15
Dryden	105	75	
El Paso	102	75	
Fort Stockton	105	m	
Fort Worth	101	79	
Galveston	87	76	1.24
Georgetown	99	75	
Guadalupe Pass	99	72	
Hartlingen	100	74	
Hondo	102	73	
Houston	92	77	
Huntsville	94	77	0.03
Junction	103	70	
Kingville	99	75	
Laredo	93	77	
Longview	88	74	
Lubbock	105	71	
Lufkin	91	77	
Marfa	95	63	
McAllen	99	76	
McKinney	98	75	
Mineral Wells	105	77	
Navy Corps	90	77	
New Braunfels	100	73	
Palacios	90	82	m
Palo Verde	91	77	
Rockport	91	78	
San Antonio	105	79	
San Marcos	99	74	
Terrell	97	76	
Tyler	91	76	
Victoria	99	79	
Waco	102	79	
Wichita Falls	104	74	
Wink	107	76	

DOWN: Government loans better for financing school

(From 1A)

sense of accomplishment that allows them to move on to the more daunting figures, Mee said.

In order to begin this sometimes arduous process of becoming debt free, Mee recommends a simple tool many people neglect — a budget. By revealing what purchases people can actually afford and where money can be saved, Mee said a budget will help people manage their money effectively, allowing them to use the leftover cash to pay off credit cards and other debts.

Once all the credit cards are paid off, Mee recommends a cease and desist policy. He cites credit cards as the No. 1 cause of bankruptcy and also an extremely unsafe way to manage funds. "Credit cards are not a very secure way to manage money. You have to give out very noisy information when you apply for them, and that can give hackers and thieves lots of information that they wouldn't have otherwise."

AmeriDebt reports the average American receives 32 credit card offers, regardless of their credit history. "They hope that your past poor credit habits will force you to spend more money with their card — and rack up plenty of interest and late charges," according to the AmeriDebt Web site.

However, unsafe as they may be, Melanie Robertson, a second-year college student, feels most young people don't use credit cards simply because they are unable or unwilling to take responsibility for their credit line and simply leave it up to their parents.

"Most kids don't want to spend that kind of money (credit card money) because they don't want to spend the time to look into it," she said. But not having a credit card doesn't eliminate the possibility of debt for young people. Many of them have taken out loans to help them finish college.

Ms. Robertson has a government loan and will have a sizable debt when she graduates from Texas Tech. She's not worried, however, and feels anyone can get out of debt if they use common sense.

"Use the money only for what you need," she said matter-of-factly. "Be sensible and save as much of it as you can."

Saving also is a critical point in Mee's opinion. Rather than rely on a credit card as insurance in an emergency, he recommends simply opening a bank account that will serve as an emergency fund. He said the equivalent of one month's salary is the bare minimum that should be kept in the account, but an amount closer to three months' salary is preferable.

"Then you can draw it right out in an emergency. There's no interest and no debt involved," he said.

For students who are entering

college, Mee stresses the importance of not relying on credit cards and loans. If it becomes absolutely necessary for a loan to be taken out, "pay it off as soon as you can and don't rely on credit cards," he said.

Ms. Robertson was much less leery of taking out loans to finance school. She uses government loans to help her through school, but feels her debt is "not too terribly overwhelming." Unlike most students in her position, Ms. Robertson said she went online and "read up on everything about my new financial situation."

She has a much more positive attitude toward school loans. To her they represent opportunities that allow people who would be unable to attend school on their own funds to get an education.

Once they leave school and start paying off their loans, Mee feels students should not try to buy the grand house and brand new car immediately using a credit card. Instead they should "start small and then they will be sitting pretty when they're in their 40s instead of trying to get out of all their debt," Mee said.

Most educational loans give a grace period after graduation and then allow a 10 year period for the graduate to pay off the loan. Mee warns against the temptation of using one of the many student credit cards that are available to pay off college loans immediately, and Ms. Robertson calmly advocates responsible long-term planning.

Ms. Robertson said she has already made her calculations and plans to have her loans paid off as soon after graduation as possible. The minimum monthly payment on her loan is \$60, but she plans to pay \$350 each month.

"That way it will be just like a car payment, and by then I should have my car paid off," she said.

Mee said he does not recommend debt consolidation services. They give people a mind set that "once they've got their debt taken care of, they can use their credit card first thing," and Mee stresses debt cannot be paid off by creating new debt through another loan.

Along with credit card use, Mee adds, simple over-spending and living beyond one's means to the list of bank breakers.

The average U.S. household carries a credit card balance of nearly \$8,000, up from \$3,000 in 1990. And more than half those households are having problems making the minimum payments, according to cardweb.com. But there are plenty of resources available for these cardholders who are reminding about the time before they had to continually part with their money.

When it comes to the bottom line, Mee and Ms. Robertson both wisely recommend a healthy dose of a very abundant resource — common sense — to facilitate a possible reunion with lost cash.

PROGRAM: Law covers any Class C violation

(From 1A)

being deemed guilty.

"I think that would be a good policy for people who do not pay child support," Prude said. "But that has nothing to do with our (Commissioners') court."

Charles Brothers, OmniBase president, estimated that Midland County in the first year of the FTA program would recover \$70,000 in additional fines and by the fifth or sixth year, the county would realize up to \$250,000 in added revenue.

Brothers based the estimate on the 12,000 yearly Class C misdemeanor fines in Midland County's Justice of the Peace (JP) Court and the observation "about a third of violators don't show up for their court appearances."

The Class C misdemeanor citation is the low-end of state-law crime charges and may exact a maximum \$500 fine. However, traffic fines often are less than \$200.

The program is to ensure political state subdivisions — including county and municipal governments — cash in on fines that often go uncollected.

"That's another resource to us," said Midland County Justice of the Peace (JP) David Cobos, "because we are charged by law to use every available resource to collect fines and fees."

The FTA program "doesn't preclude that we could issue a

warrant" for the offender and thereby collect the fine, Cobos said. "It's just another mechanism. If (FTA) disallows renewal of their driver's license" if the violator, does not appear in court to answer the charges.

Cobos estimated that JP Court brings in up to \$1.5 million in fines and fees yearly. However, that includes the share of fines paid both to state and county governments.

According to the current Midland County Auditor's Report, the county is estimated to realize more than \$1 million in revenue from misdemeanor and felony fines and fees.

The law enacted by Senate Bill 1504 was passed by the Texas Legislature in 1995 and then applied only to traffic tickets. Subsequently, it was modified in 1999 to include "any Class C violations" from speeding to disorderly conduct and applicable hot checks, according to a OmniBase's Brothers.

The law authorizes local units of government in Texas to contract with the DPS to deny driver's license renewal to persons who have outstanding traffic tickets or have failed to appear in court on those and other Class C misdemeanor charges.

Lt. Judy Altom, DPS Midland-based safety-education officer, noted the FTA program exists "more or less for the fines (collections). At least they (alleged violators) would be

taking care of their citations whether it would be to exonerate themselves or to pay the tickets."

DPS would mail notices of the violators as their license renewal date approaches. However, OmniBase, under DPS letterhead, issues the "Notice of Denial for Renewal of Texas Driver License" after being notified by participating units of government that the offender has not responded to a citation.

The notice tells the person driving without a valid license would be punishable by a \$500 fine and/or confinement in jail for up to six months or 180 days.

Since 1997, OmniBase has entered more than 1.18 million citations into its FTA database, Brothers noted. And the average FTA offenders has two outstanding citations. The initial response is about 62 percent, he said.

"There could be as many as three letters" to the FTA offender, Brothers said. "We double check to make sure that the driver's license number, last name and date of birth match. If that occurs, we put a flag on the license, and send out a letter to the violator."

In addition to the original fine and court cost, the violators by law must pay a \$30 administrative fee "on top of anything else they owe," Brothers said. Of that fee, \$20 goes to the state of

Texas, \$6 to OmniBase, and \$4 to court of jurisdiction.

West Texas counties participating in the FTA program include Mitchell, Sterling, Glasscock, Martin, Dawson, Brewster and now, Midland.

The city of Odessa is in the FTA program but Midland is not, Brothers said.

"It's been awesome ... fantastic," said Rick Subia, Odessa's director of Municipal Court.

The average fine is about \$180.

In Fiscal Year 1999-2000, Odessa police issued 28,800 traffic tickets and 5,900 state-law violations, among others, he said.

"I'd give it a thumbs up," Subia said of the FTA program, which Subia said he is trying to use more and more.

"We usually send them (violators) a courtesy letter," Subia said. "If there is no response ... then, it's up to the judge to decide whether he's going to enter them in a warrants database or enter them in the FTA program."

DPS-FTA spokesman Larry Glick of Austin noted that the DPS will send notices to FTA violators "60 days prior to the expiration of their license."

They will be notified again. "And if they don't take care of it," Glick said, "renewal of their license will be denied."

MISD: Board to review district's budget in meeting

(From 1A)

er and McDaniel law firm in Austin represents MISD in their redistricting plans, and will present the plan to the board.

After the initial approval, Strauss said, the real work begins. The board also will develop a time line for the process on Tuesday, then legal counsel will interview board members individually and start preliminary work on designing plans in each district.

Lastly there will be community forums and then additional readings to submit to the Department of Justice for approval.

"This is not the public forum," Strauss said. "The unusual disclaimer is just there so that people don't think we're coming with a plan yet. There will be plenty of time for that, and it will be held in the community, not downtown. We're not taking comments. We're just getting the process started and getting timetables set."

Another important report to be delivered Tuesday will come from Superintendent Robert Nicks, who will present another preliminary review to the board, but this time, it will be a review of the upcoming budgeting process.

"Generally, I'm going to give a verbal overview to the board

about fixed costs and the percentage of a typical budget that is fixed in nature, which tends to be about 95-96 percent," Nicks said. "It's all inclusive of the total budget. For example, once the state says there must be a teacher for every 22 students, that's not negotiable. Then, certain special education services, busses, food, utility costs, fuel for vehicles, debt service costs ... once you add all these up, it's a very small portion of the total budget that you can actually control through the local budget."

Strauss said this is the first time the school board has organized these proceedings through the concept of zero-based budgeting.

"We're starting at the bottom and building," he said. "They have to explain to us what each project is, what costs are, and what the reasoning behind it is."

Then, like the redistricting, the real fun begins.

After Tuesday's presentation, the board will meet in open session for a Saturday workshop where they can go into more details.

"We'll be working pretty heavily on budget issues, salary schedules, expenditures by major program groups," Strauss said. And the zero-based strategy, he said, will change little.

"It's a modified approach, but

some programs are just fundamental," he said.

Board member Charles Tighe, the chair of the board's finance committee, said Nicks's strategy will bring a fresh eye to the task.

"I think that it's a good approach," he said. "...It's a reasonable way to remedy the financial strains we have right now ... to go back to zero, and reanalyze everything to see if we've allowed something to get ingrained in our budget that might not need to be there."

The board also will revisit the proposal for changes to MISD's administrative intern program. At the last meeting, the board heard a report from Nicks about the program, where he suggested many administrative interns who actually serve as assistant principals should be allowed to ascend to that position — and that salary. He is also considering reducing the number of interns on each campus.

However, he has not yet decided which campuses may be affected, and said that will not be part of his presentation.

"I've purposely not done that because that will be an administrative decision," he said. "I'll be looking for the board to make a program change, but details are an administrative decision."

Strauss agreed.

"He's asking us to approve his

proposal," he said. "The superintendent's job is to run the ship based on what we want to accomplish. If he says he wants to make changes, and we agree with his approach, it's his to decide. He's the operating officer. We approve his policy, then it's his job to implement it."

The board also will hear a variety of legal policies and requests for action on Tuesday, including a parental request to waive tuition for an interdistrict transfer, and personnel and legal matters relating to personnel contracts.

The board meeting will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at MISD downtown administrative offices on Missouri Ave.

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Administrative residence

By Scott Lindley
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Immigration administration is granting legal residence to undocumented immigrants living in the United States.

Such amnesty would mean permanent reprieve to immigrants living under the country, largely states. It also could be a boon to the Republic as he seeks Hispanic voters.

There are 3 million born people living in the United States, according to last week's National Population

Immigration and Naturalization Service officials planned to report today on a report that outlines of U.S.-Mexico issues. It will recommend that the United States take steps to address illegal immigration, a Justice official said Sunday.

The task force offered several options, including the possibility of granting permanent status to immigrants, said the official, who declined to say what Mexican President

Manure spread

By Scott Charney
Associated Press

LA BELLE, La. — A youngster at a troubled children's center from being manured in a punishment in a punishment leaders' appreciation day.

But the local school abuse, saying kids at Christian school were forced to stand to two hours.

Corday Thomas, the youngsters' manure for breakfast against being disrespectful or unruly.

"Yeah, it smells," I am thankful they to make me do right me," said Corday's mother sent him from Kansas City violent and using

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Administration weighs American residency for illegal immigrants

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is considering granting legal residency to millions of undocumented Mexican immigrants living in the United States.

Such amnesty would give a permanent reprieve to certain Mexicans living undercover in this country, largely in the border states. It also could be a political boon to the Republican president as he seeks Hispanic support.

There are 3 million Mexican-born people living illegally in the United States, according to a report last week by Mexico's National Population Council.

An immigration task force of top Justice and State Department officials planned to send President Bush a report today on the broad outlines of U.S.-Mexico border issues. It will recommend that the United States take action to address illegal immigration, but will stop short of offering concrete proposals, a Justice Department official said Sunday.

The task force is considering several options, including a proposal to give the illegal Mexican immigrants permanent residency, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. That is what Mexican President Vicente

Fox has been pressing Bush for.

Major questions remain unanswered about how the administration would administer such a program. The official said issues under consideration include how quickly the immigrants could earn legal status, and whether they would gain such status based on date of entry into the United States, or by occupation, such as farm worker.

The working group was formed after Bush and Fox met in February. Attorney General John Ashcroft and Secretary of State Colin Powell head the task force, which hopes to have recommendations for the two presidents by September, when Fox visits Bush in Washington.

Ashcroft is meeting with Mexican officials in California and Arizona later this month to discuss border issues. He and Powell also will meet with their Mexican counterparts in early August.

The preliminary report will be presented to Bush as Fox completes a five-day visit to the United States this week. Today, Fox planned to meet in Detroit with auto executives and union officials.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said he would back the kind of amnesty move now under consideration.

Depressed dot-commers try to celebrate at Webby Awards

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Internet economy may be nursing a hangover, but the industry still intends to party this week at the Webby Awards — the dot-com version of the Oscars.

A sense of melancholy hangs over the off-the-wall ceremony, which started at a small nightclub in 1996 and evolved into a glitzy extravaganza that showcases the Internet community's innovation, irreverence, hucksterism and hubris.

The organizers of Wednesday's awards show are trying hard to keep the spotlight on the achievements of the 150 nominees in 30 categories, but all the dead and decaying Web sites that have stacked up in the past year make it tough.

Since the last Webbys were handed out 14 months ago near the height of the dot-com boom, 534 Web sites have shut down, according to Webmatters.com, which tracks the industry's ups and downs.

The list of casualties includes at least 25 of last year's 135 nominees. Among them is Webvan, the online grocer that failed earlier this month. And Napster, winner of last year's music award, is shut down under court order until it perfects a song-swapping system that doesn't infringe music copyrights.

Popularpower.com's demise notwithstanding, most of this year's nominees are alive if not all doing well. Salon.com, Marketwatch.com, Motley Fool, Sonnet.com and Chickclick.com are just a few of the more well-known nominees that have had to fire workers this year.

Despite the downturn, many nominees still feel like celebrating this week. Google.com co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin, who roller-skated to the stage last year to pick up an award for technical innovation, "are as excited about this year's awards as they were last year," said Google spokeswoman Cindy McCaffrey. "It's quite an honor."

Google, one of the Web's most popular search engines, is nominated for a new all-around award, called "best practices."

This year's judges include rock star David Bowie, movie director Francis Ford Coppola and actress Gillian Anderson who all seem better suited to vote on the Grammys, Oscars and Emmys than the Webbys.

U.S. DEA: Violent drug cartel may be moving to Arizona/Mexico border

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The leaders of Mexico's most notoriously brutal drug cartel might be considering moving their operations to the border with Arizona, several U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents said.

"We have information from various sources that this in fact is taking place," Jay Woolley, assistant special agent in charge of Tucson's DEA office, told the Arizona Daily Star.

The Arellano Felix brothers have ruled the gang from its base in Tijuana, Mexico, eluding Mexican and U.S. authorities for more than five years.

Police crackdowns are beginning to take their toll on the organization, however, especially after the recent extradition to the United States of Arturo "Kitty" Paez, who's accused of being a lieutenant in the drug trafficking group.

So the gang might be considering a move to the Arizona border, though re-establishing the organization would take a while, Woolley said.

That stretch of the border would be good territory for the gang because there is no dominating cartel but rather a series of small smuggling groups, said Ral Rodriguez, who heads the Santa Cruz County Metro Task force in Nogales, Ariz.

The Arellano Felix gang would simply need to make the smaller groups pay for each load of drugs hauled through its territory, which gang members are known to do with death threats.

"They will talk you into betraying your current business, and if you don't do it, they will kill you,"

"These people are not only crooks, but they're sociopaths."

— Donald Thornhill Jr.,
DEA spokesman
in San Diego

said Phil Jordan, a retired DEA agent who headed the El Paso Intelligence Center.

In Baja California, the organization is accused of ordering murders of disobedient cartel members, competitors, suspected informants, journalists and police investigators, according to a federal indictment issued in San Diego in 1999.

"These people are not only crooks, but they're sociopaths," said Special Agent Donald Thornhill Jr., a DEA spokesman in San Diego.

Some agents fear that the group would bring that kind of violence to the Mexican state of Sonora and increased corruption across the border in Arizona.

"We didn't see a whole lot of violence or anything on our side of the border. It was all south, and that's where it stayed," said retired FBI agent Vincent delaMontaigne, who led a San Diego-based task force investigating the organization until last year. "On this side, what I saw was the corruption of (U.S. law enforcement) officers."

Manure shoveling leads to child abuse charges on Christian school

By Scott Charton
Associated Press

LA BELLE, Mo. — One youngster at a community for troubled children says he benefited from being made to shovel cow manure in a punishment community leaders nicknamed "school appreciation day."

But the local sheriff calls it child abuse, saying kids at the Heartland Christian school and community were forced to stand in filth for up to two hours.

Corday Thomas, 13, was one of the youngsters who shoveled manure for breaking strict rules against being disobedient, disrespectful or unruly.

"Yeah, it smelled pretty bad, but I am thankful they cared about me to make me do right. It didn't hurt me," said Corday, who said his mother sent him to Heartland from Kansas City because he was violent and using drugs.

Since his experience shoveling manure, Corday said he made all A's and one B on his last report card.

Lewis County Sheriff David Parrish says the youngsters were

forced to stand for up to two hours in manure, urine and cattle afterbirths brimming with bacteria.

Parrish filed felony abuse charges against five adult workers at the tax-exempt religious community, founded by multimillionaire Kansas City insurance executive and spiritual leader Charles N. Sharpe. Heartland is about 200 miles northeast of Kansas City.

Sharpe pledges to use "every dime" of his fortune, estimated in the tens of millions of dollars, "and every drop of blood in my body" to fight the allegations. He says \$20 million, mostly his own money, was spent building Heartland, which includes a Christian school for about 200 students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Heartland has filed a lawsuit in federal court at St. Louis alleging harassment by Lewis County officials.

Parrish had signed an affidavit saying witnesses told him children were forced to stand in manure up to chest deep, but he acknowledged in an interview that he also was told the children only used shovels to move manure from one pile to another, a make-work assignment

on the large dairy and beef farm where manure removal is largely done with machinery.

The sheriff's affidavit also said witnesses described one boy as being covered head to toe with manure. Thomas said in an interview that that probably was him, and that his clothes were streaked with manure because he had slipped.

Sharpe, known at Heartland as "Pastor Charlie," acknowledges that the manure shoveling was smelly, dirty work, but said none of the children had to do it for longer than 40 minutes.

"If shoveling manure is abuse, then I was abused and every kid raised on a farm with livestock was abused. No, they are absolutely wrong. This is about discipline," declared Sharpe, 74.

He said the manure shoveling discipline was discontinued more

than one month before the charges were filed in June because "it presented poor public relations" and wasn't effective.

Sharpe, who is not among those charged, said he didn't know at the time about the manure discipline that was enforced for about two months last spring.

But he defended the practice, claiming authorities want to shut down Heartland's programs, including its use of discipline such as paddling.

"Why? I'll just say this: Religion," Sharpe said in an interview. Parrish said religion had nothing to do with the charges.

"The law says I must report and act on child abuse and that's what I did. It would be a misdemeanor if I failed to do it," said Parrish, a father of two who said he shoveled pig manure as a boyhood summer job.

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Successful test is boost for Bush's hope for missile defense

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's successful missile defense test bolsters President Bush's hopes for building at least a rudimentary defense against ballistic missile attack on the United States and its allies by 2004.

The destruction of a mock warhead in space by a missile interceptor launched from Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands was an important step for the Pentagon's missile defense effort, but must be followed by more successes in more frequent and more realistic tests, officials said.

The success late Saturday night followed two dramatic test failures during the Clinton administration.

"This test is just one on a journey, one stop on a journey," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, head of the Pentagon's missile defense programs. He held a news conference at the Pentagon less than an hour after the collision of the interceptor and its target created a huge white flash in space.

"We will press on to the next test," he said.

That test, scheduled for October, may include some additional complexities, such as extra decoys aboard the target missile. In Saturday's test, just one decoy was used.

A White House spokeswoman said the president was pleased with the result.

Russia, however, renewed its warning that Bush's missile defense plans will hurt global security rather than boosting it by threatening the structure of nuclear disarmament treaties.

Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin are expected to discuss missile defense and existing arms control pacts when they meet this coming weekend in Italy at a gathering of leaders of the world's industrial powers.

The successful intercept provides



AP Photo
Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish stands next to an actual-size mock-up of an exoatmospheric kill vehicle (EKV) in a Pentagon briefing room during a news conference early Sunday, in Arlington, Va. The actual 120-pound device with its own propulsion, communications, infrared seeker and guidance and control systems, separated from a rocket booster as planned Saturday and brought down a mock nuclear warhead over a tiny Pacific isle.

a political boost for a project that some congressional Democrats believe risks upsetting relations with Russia and China, and has the potential to create a new arms race.

"They hit a bullet with a bullet, and it does work. We can develop that capability," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., on "Fox News Sunday."

One skeptic, Sen. Joseph Biden,

chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, congratulated the military while cautioning that "it's not a real world test

yet. And we have a long way to go, and we should continue to pursue it."

Bush has asked Congress for \$8.3 billion to finance missile defense research and testing in 2002, a \$3 billion increase over this year. Saturday's test cost about \$100 million, Kadish said.

"We should put this right at the top of the agenda," Lott said.

Biden, D-Del., was more cautious. "We don't know what his program is yet," he said on Fox. Asked if the spending request was worthwhile, Biden responded: "It depends on what he's going to use it for. The answer is maybe."

The intercept was the Bush administration's first test of the "hit-to-kill" technology it hopes will become a key element of a missile defense network. Of three previous tests in 1999 and 2000, two failed and one succeeded.

The administration also is exploring the feasibility of other missile defense weaponry, including an airborne laser, ship-based missile interceptors and space-based weapons. The system tested Saturday, using a land-based interceptor to hit the target during the midcourse of its flight, is the most technically advanced.

The failure of the most recent previous test, in July 2000, sealed a decision by President Clinton not to move forward with deployment of a national missile defense. Clinton said the failure showed that the technology was not yet sufficiently proven.

Since then, the Pentagon's missile defense contractors, including Boeing Co., which has the lead contract, have improved their test preparations, Kadish said.

Doctor: No apparent brain damage for 8-year-old boy attacked by shark

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Doctors treating an 8-year-old boy nearly killed by a shark say he may not have suffered brain damage despite a severe loss of blood.

Jessie Arbogast sometimes appears to understand what's going on around him, according to the medical team that reattached his arm after the attack by a 200-pound bull shark.

"We're proceeding with the lovely words of cautious optimism. Every day we seem to progress a little bit further," said Dr. Ian Rogers, the boy's chief surgeon, in an interview Sunday morning on NBC's "Today" show.

Dr. Juliet DeCampos said the boy, from Ocean Springs, Miss., appears to be responding to family and doctors after days of being in a light coma.

"Yesterday was the first time that one of the family members told us that he squeezed his hand in response to being asked, so that was very good news," she said.

Jessie was attacked at the Gulf Islands National Seashore July 6 as he played in knee-deep water at dusk. Along with losing his right arm, he suffered a deep wound to his right thigh and lost nearly all his blood, which damaged his organs.

He remained in critical condition Sunday at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital.



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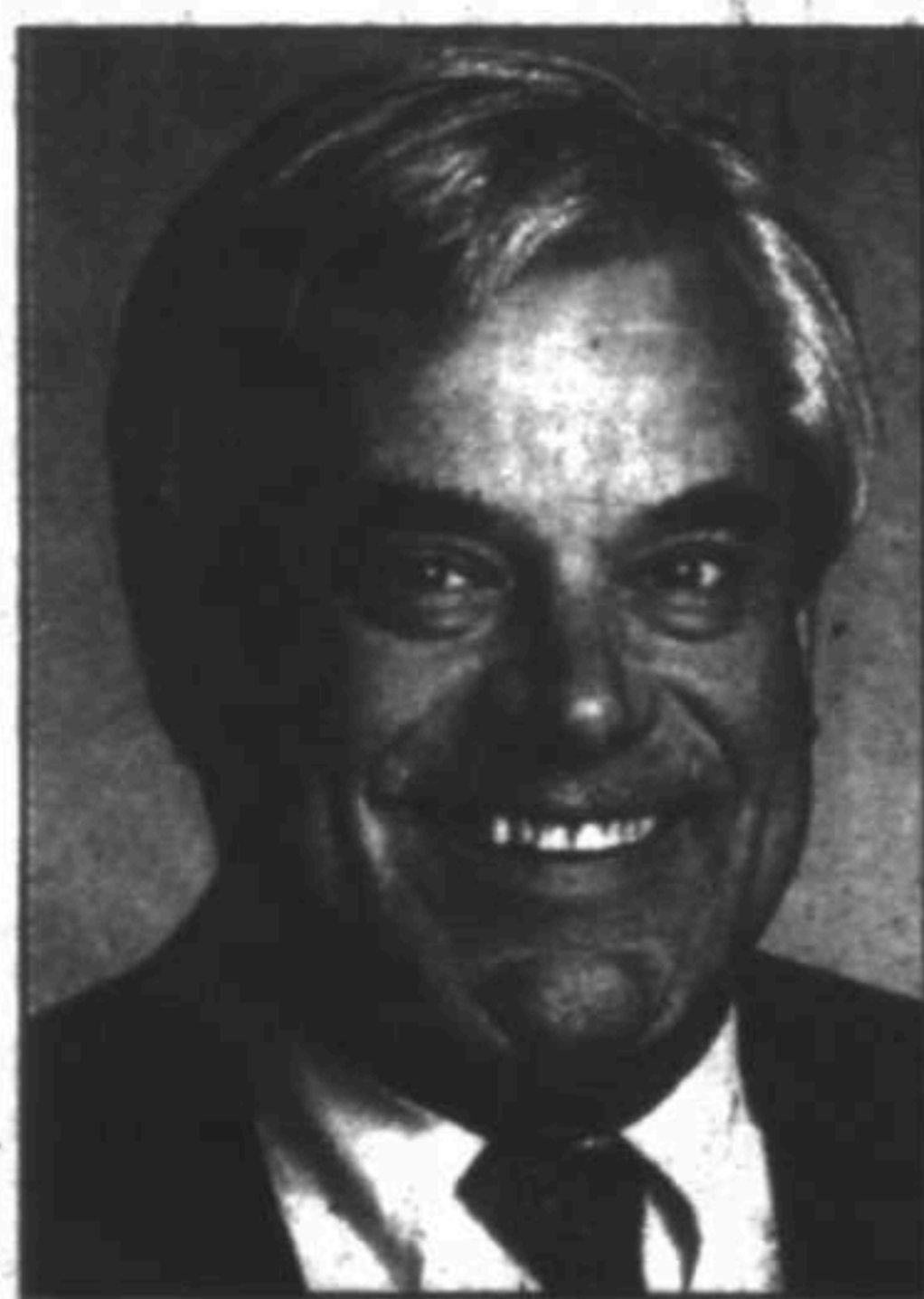
Childhood intervention may prevent TMD problems later

Parents, do you suffer from jaw, neck or face pain—or have you been treated for a TMD-related (temporomandibular joint disorder) condition? If so, you are aware of its painful consequences, and wouldn't wish that on your worst enemy.

TMD problems can be caused by an injury or by stress, but many times those tendencies may be inherited—meaning TMD-treated parents could pass TMD on to, not their worst enemy, but their own children.

Dr. Grant E. Giles of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates says this need not be so—that a little early intervention, before the age of 12, may decrease your child's chances of inheriting TMD. It may also reduce the need for braces during teenage years.

Since the inheriting of TMD is anything but automatic, Dr. Giles lists some symptoms you can look for in your child that could lead to TMD later: tossing and turning during sleep, thumb sucking, speech disor-



Early intervention by Dr. Grant E. Giles may help prevent TMD in later life.

ders, chronic ear infections or ear pain, chronic fatigue, grinding teeth, tongue thrust (pushing the tongue against the front teeth as a habit or when swallowing, causing the front teeth to become crooked), difficulty breathing through the nose, previous orthodontic treatment or even a diagnosis of attention deficit disorder.

The presence of any two or more of these symptoms could indicate a facial development disorder in your child—making it a good idea to schedule an appointment with Dr. Giles for further evaluation.

Dr. Giles states, "We can influence correct cranial bone development as early as the pre-teen years." Incorrect development can lead to tooth crowding, out-of-sequence tooth eruption and other such problems that can result in a misaligned jaw—one root cause of TMD.

Tooth and jaw problems can begin to appear as early as age six, although few children at that age are mature enough to accept the responsibility of maintaining their treatment.

Typical treatment involves using a removable appliance to stimulate proper growth of the cranial bones to allow teeth more room to come in without being crowded. Treatment usually lasts six months to a year, at which time Dr. Giles will re-evaluate your child to see if further treatment is needed.

There is an extra benefit to wearing the appliance. It prevents most activities that can interfere with proper tooth and bone growth such as thumb sucking, grinding of teeth and tongue thrusting.

This type of early intervention is growing in acceptance in the United States, and has been done in Europe for over 80 years, with great success.

"I treat many adults with TMD who might have avoided these

problems with some early intervention," Dr. Giles reports.

Of course, your child could exhibit early signs of jaw development problems even if you, the parent, do not have TMD. Whatever your own situation, if your child exhibits two or more of the symptoms listed above, make that call to Dr. Giles today. You could save your child a lot of pain!

Dr. Grant E. Giles, DDS, FAES, FAGD, FICCMO, DAAPM is director of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates of Midland. He has lectured internationally on TMD diagnoses and treatments. His office is located in the Westwood Medical Building at 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite 201. For an appointment, call 522-1450 or 1-888-263-2631 toll free.

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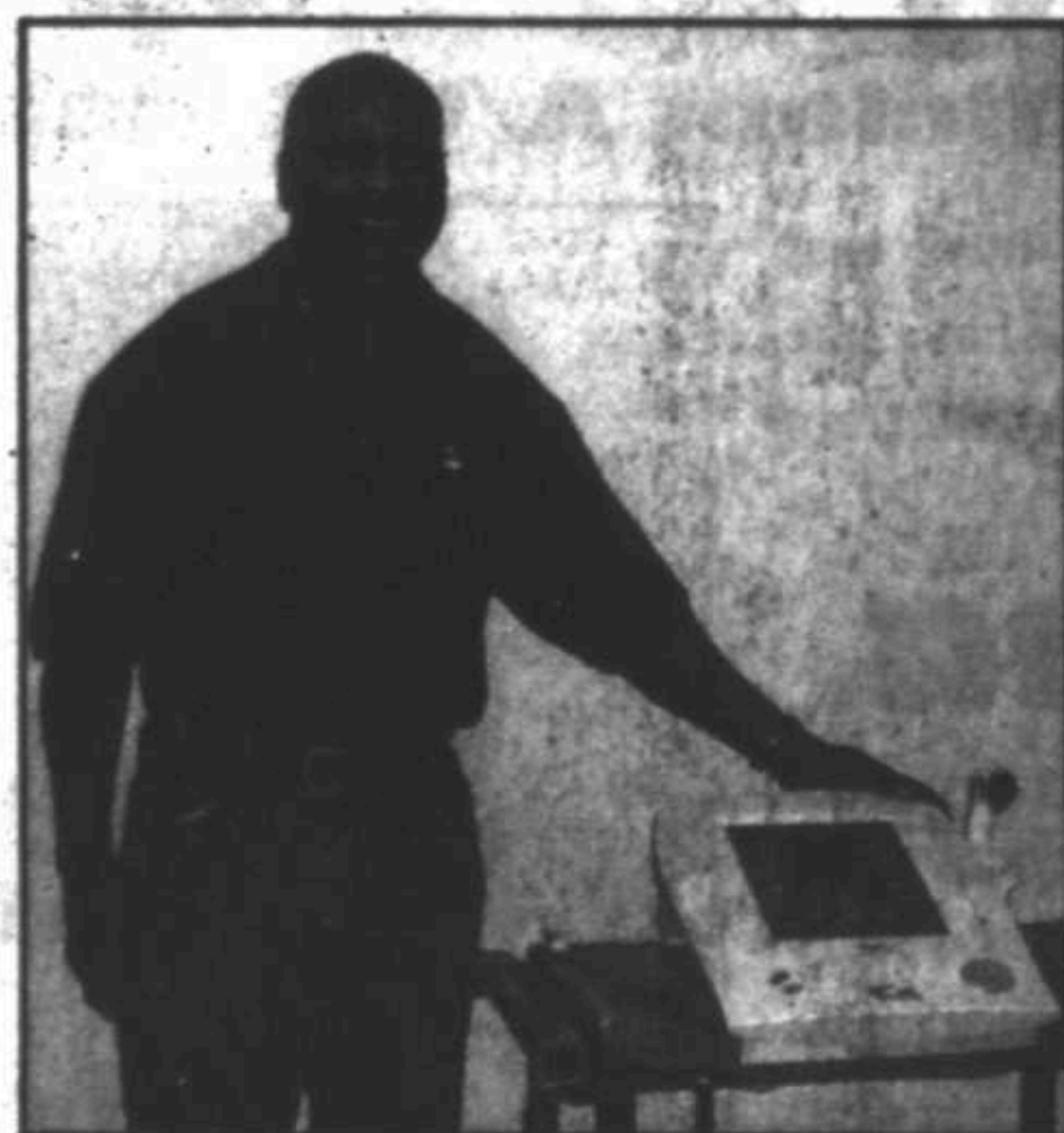
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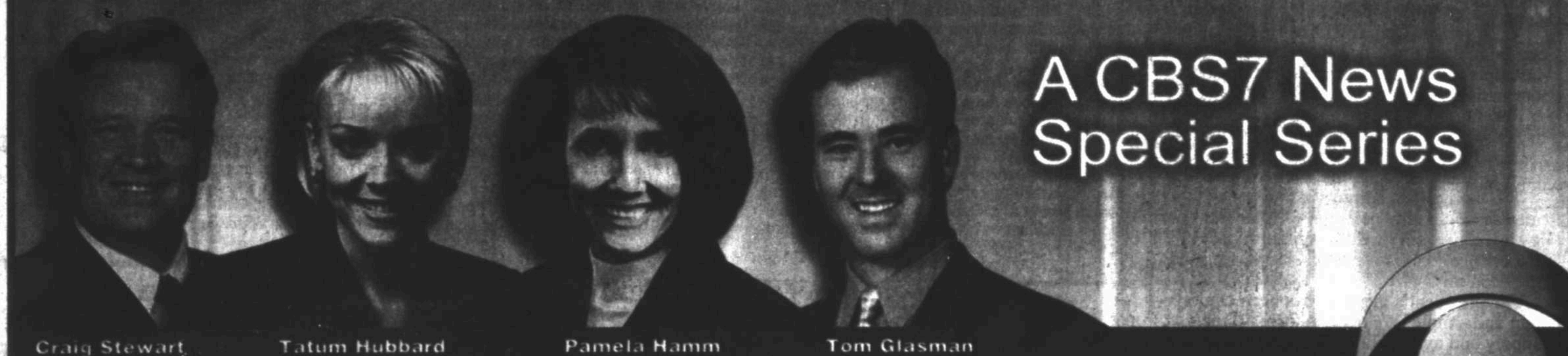
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America needs serious dialogue on energy policy

While Americans all across the country cope with higher energy costs, Congressional Democrats are busy trying to kill White House attempts to find sources and solutions to our nation's long-term energy needs. Recent polls have castigated President Bush, with a growing number of Americans complaining he doesn't appear to be concerned with protecting the environment. Too many Bush administration opponents are focused on the potential for political gain and are ignoring the painful impact of the energy crisis on families, businesses and the economy.

The president's message has been consistent and simple: We need to increase the supply and availability of energy.

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- Build more power plants and transmission lines. Cut government red tape that impedes this process.

- Develop oil and gas reserves in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Arctic wildlife refuge, thereby lessening our nation's economic dependence on OPEC. There is an abundance of coal yet to be mined in this country and today we have the technology to build cleaner-burning coal plants.

- Provide tax incentives to automakers and businesses that embrace energy efficiency.

If Democrats, the national media and the American public would take the time to study the White House energy plan, they'd come to see that it makes sense.

As we have said many times, the reality in America in 2001 is that we are a nation unwilling to surrender our SUVs, power-hungry computers and big appliances.

While many of us cry out for conservation how many Americans are ready to change their lifestyles for the sake of conservation?

Solving our nation's energy woes is about developing a comprehensive, long-term strategy. It isn't about slick, quick-hit political maneuvers that drop pump prices and push up poll numbers. Thankfully, we have a president who understands this.

The Bush administration has signaled it is willing to compromise on portions of its bold energy plan, yet Democratic leaders don't appear willing to engage in a constructive, honest dialogue with the White House. Democrats are busy talking to the TV cameras and employing their well-honed scare tactics with the American people.

We're suffering through a long hot summer and it appears average Americans are paying the price for politicians' unwillingness to tackle this issue in a fair, productive manner.

We deserve better from these public servants.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, July 16, the 197th day of 2001. There are 168 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
 On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb, in the desert of Alamogordo, N.M.

On this date:
 In 1790, the District of Columbia was established as the seat of the United States government.

In 1862, David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the United States Navy.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II, his empress and their five children were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1951, the novel "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger was first published.

In 1964, in accepting the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry M. Goldwater said "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" and that "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

In 1969, Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first manned mission to the surface of the moon.

In 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, former White House aide Alexander P. Butterfield publicly revealed the existence of President Nixon's secret taping system.

In 1980, former California Governor Ronald Reagan won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Detroit.

In 1981, singer Harry Chapin was killed when his car was struck by a tractor-trailer on New York's Long Island Expressway.

In 1999, John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, died when their single-engine plane plunged into the ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Ten years ago: Leaders of the Group of Seven nations holding their economic summit in London issued a communique calling for a "new spirit of cooperation" in the international community.

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Faith-based initiative is fading fast

WASHINGTON — Although President Bush still says his faith-based initiative is one of his top three priorities, as a viable legislative concept it is fading fast.

This is one of the most constitutionally dangerous proposals ever put forth by a president. Yet there is little evidence the president has given much serious thought to its structure and ramifications. He likes the idea of encouraging church-based community service. Fine, so do most people.

But demanding that taxpayers subsidize expanded social programs run by religious organizations tears down the wall between church and state that has traditionally preserved the integrity of both institutions.

In the middle of his presidential campaign, it must have seemed brilliant to peddle a provocative new proposal designed to appeal directly to religious groups, particularly Roman Catholics and evangelical Christians. Bush already had endorsed the concept of funneling taxpayer funds to private and parochial schools through student vouchers. It was no great leap to propose that federal money also be spent to increase the community services that religious groups can provide.

The basic difficulty, however, is that money is fungible; taxpayer funds given for secular purposes like soup kitchens can free private donations to promote a theological viewpoint. And monitoring church groups to guarantee they do not mingle religious teachings with government-funded programs would be next to impossible.

In fact, many church groups are objecting to the plan because they do not want to give up trying to convert those they help.

One inherent danger of the Bush plan was in full view last week when a leaked Salvation Army document disclosed that in return for the group's lobbying efforts, the White House had promised to issue a regulation allowing charities to discriminate against gays in hiring and job benefits in violation of local anti-bias laws. Religious groups are normally not subject to such laws but they might be if they received vast sums of federal money for social projects.

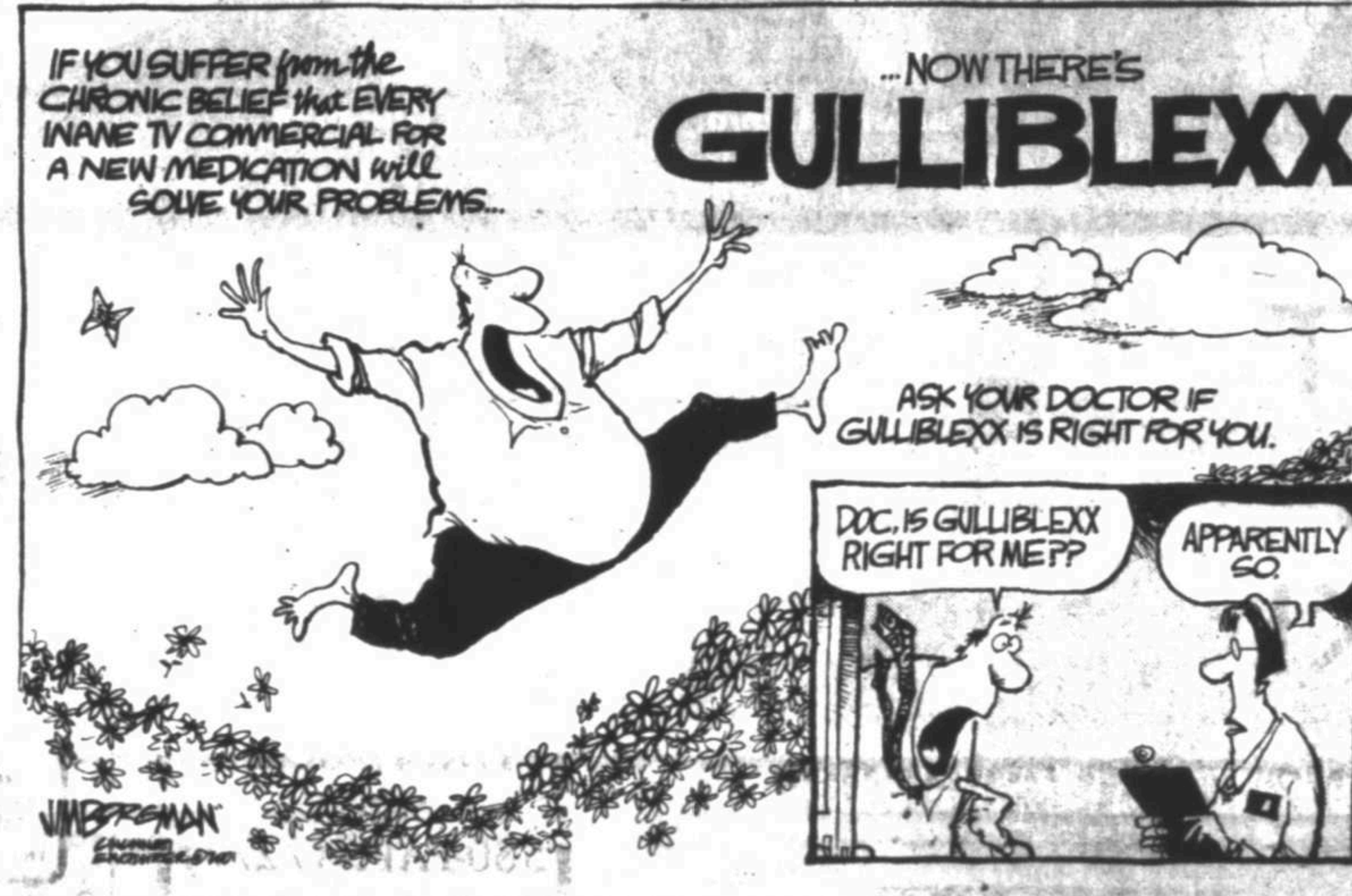
The Salvation Army, the nation's largest charity, was so pleased with the White House promise that it budgeted approximately \$100,000 a month to campaign on behalf of the president's initiative.

But the White House panicked at the political furor provoked by this revelation and abruptly declared that such a regulation was no longer being considered.

The Salvation Army, a Christian organization, already gets \$280 million a year in federal funds for child care and hospital health care programs. But the notion that the White House was willing to use Bush's initiative to get around anti-discrimination laws promptly undercut the prospect of beefing up federal funds for the Salvation Army or any other religious charity. Civil rights groups and Democratic members of Congress were outraged. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) voted at its national convention to oppose the Bush initiative. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., who has been sympathetic toward the idea, predicted the Salvation Army incident might "terminally wound" the plan.



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CAL THOMAS

Fox News offers alternative to 'big media'

Entering the "green room" at the Fox News Channel (where I occasionally appear), there are former National Organization for Women President, Eleanor Smeal; radio talk show host, Ellen Rattner; and Alexis Herman, secretary of labor during the Clinton administration. All are political liberals and each can be expected to oppose virtually all of the Bush administration's policies.

In spite of such guests, the "big media" regularly criticize Fox for being "right-wing," manned by toadies for the Bush administration. You could have fooled me.

Recently, Fox News, the upstart network founded by Rupert Murdoch and run by Roger Ailes, has been getting a considerable amount of attention from the big media. The New York Times Sunday magazine did a pretty fair cover story on Ailes. The August issue of Vanity Fair has a lengthy article titled "Fox Populi," which says "angry white males" have flocked to Fox and are responsible for its sizable ratings boost. FNN now regularly beats CNN in some time slots, although Fox reaches fewer homes.

The Vanity Fair piece is typical of the liberal response to any success by those perceived as conservative. That's because liberals regard the media as their property and verbally prosecute and persecute any trespassers. They have denounced Rush Limbaugh for years but have failed to acknowledge the true reason for his appeal, which is that he presents a point of view rarely heard on other networks. It is the same with radio talk show host, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, who critics lambaste as "mean" simply because she won't play the political correctness game.

Compared to other networks, Fox looks conservative only because the rest are so far to the left. Big network anchors and reporters cheer stories and public figures they like and skewer stories and public figures they dislike. Typical of this approach was Bob Schieffer's comment on the June 21 "CBS Evening News." Speaking of the "patients' bill of rights," Schieffer said: "Reformers want to give patients who are denied coverage the right to sue their HMO in state courts, and that's the hang-up. Most Republicans believe that would just drive up costs. They want to cap damages and try the cases in federal court. Reformers say that would take too long since federal dockets are already so crowded." Reformers (good people) vs. Republicans (bad people). Get it?

The examples are legion. NBC's Andrea Mitchell goes to Cuba for an "exclusive" report on how Elian Gonzalez is doing, one year after his forcible return to Havana. Mitchell reports that Elian, "according to his father, is a normal 7-year-old." She says that Juan Miguel Gonzalez, who works two miles from Havana, where Elian goes to "school," says his son is "doing well at school and at home." There's nothing about how often Elian gets to see his father, since the last time we saw him he lived at the school, where he is indoctrinated in the supposed virtues of communism and the evils of America.

There is left-wing cheerleading, most notably from CNBC's Geraldo Rivera, all over cable channels, but let Fox give a "fair and balanced" report or even suggest that a Republican idea has merit, and the media elites condemn the network as GOP-TV.

The other networks are nervous because they know Fox has discovered the key to winning viewers they are losing. Once, conservatives had to endure the news from a single perspective because that was all that was offered. Now, with the availability of talk radio, the Internet and Fox News Channel, they and others interested in balance can find it.

Most businesses, when they start to lose customers, want to know why. For the big networks, maintaining ideological purity is more important than ratings. They bash Fox instead of coming to their senses. Meanwhile, Fox's "we report, you decide" approach is catching on.

CNN has hired Time magazine's No. 2 executive, Walter Isaacson, to resuscitate the network. Will he simply re-arrange the deck chairs on the Titanic, or will he bring in different thinkers? If he changes only faces and does nothing about ideological diversity, CNN will continue to decline as Fox surges.

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Federal Reserve at foundation of currency crises

In the late 1960s, you could buy four or five heavy bags of groceries at a supermarket for about \$17. Today, you can carry \$17 worth of groceries in a plastic sack hooked around your little finger.

Ever wondered why the change?

It's simple. Our currency has been devalued. When a nation's currency is devalued, businesses and professions can raise prices and fees to compensate for the loss of value. It's the working men and women who get the shaft. Unlike businesses and professionals, the working folks don't control their own income.

Sure, income has risen somewhat to compensate for the loss of value, but it is the paycheck that always lags behind devaluation, not prices and fees.

America's money and credit system is deliberately confusing. The people who designed it were logically afraid that if people understood it, they would never put up with it.

Let's start with the money in your pocket. You will notice that it is a Federal Reserve Note. It is redeemable in nothing. It is backed up by nothing. Its exchange value, or purchasing power, is determined by the volume in circulation in comparison with the goods and services available at any given time. What makes the scam possible are those 11 little words tucked away in small type: "This note is legal tender for all debts, public and private."

Without a legal-tender law, people could defend themselves against devaluation by simply switching to gold or silver or even to a more stable foreign currency, such as the Swiss Franc. In the early days of the republic, there were many different kinds of money in use. You can't afford to do that now because anybody who owes you money can pay you in FRNs, and by law you have to accept them.

The next step in figuring all this out is to realize that the Federal Reserve System is a privately owned central bank. It deliberately was made confusing. There are 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks, each one private and owned by commercial banks. As in George Orwell's "Animal Farm," all the Federal Reserve Banks are equal, but the New York Federal Reserve Bank is more equal than the others. It handles the government bonds, and its president has a permanent seat on the Federal Open Market Committee. This board, whose members are appointed by the president, is a quasi-governmental organization. More quasi than governmental, I assure you.

So, here is how your money is devalued. When Congress wants to spend \$50 billion more than it collects in taxes, it goes to the Federal Reserve. The government gives the Federal Reserve \$50 billion in government bonds, and the Federal Reserve adds \$50 billion to the government's checking account.

Sounds reasonable. But there is a catch. Where does the Federal Reserve get the \$50 billion to put in the government's checking account? It creates it out of nothing with a keystroke. The bonds and the interest due on them are paid for with taxes, which is to say the sweat and labor of the American people.

In the meantime, to stay with our example, \$50 billion in new money has been put into the system. In addition to that, the Federal Reserve can manipulate the economy. To put more money into the system, always in the form of debt at interest, it lowers interest rates; to take money out of the system, it raises interest rates.

Ah, well, as another American hero has said, "Stupid is as stupid does."

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Nuclear rivals talk for first time in years, despite firing across border

By Beth Duff-Brown
Associated Press

AGRA, India — Despite more cross-border firing by their soldiers in Kashmir, the leaders of bitter rivals India and Pakistan pursued peace and nuclear security during their first formal talks in more than two years on Sunday.

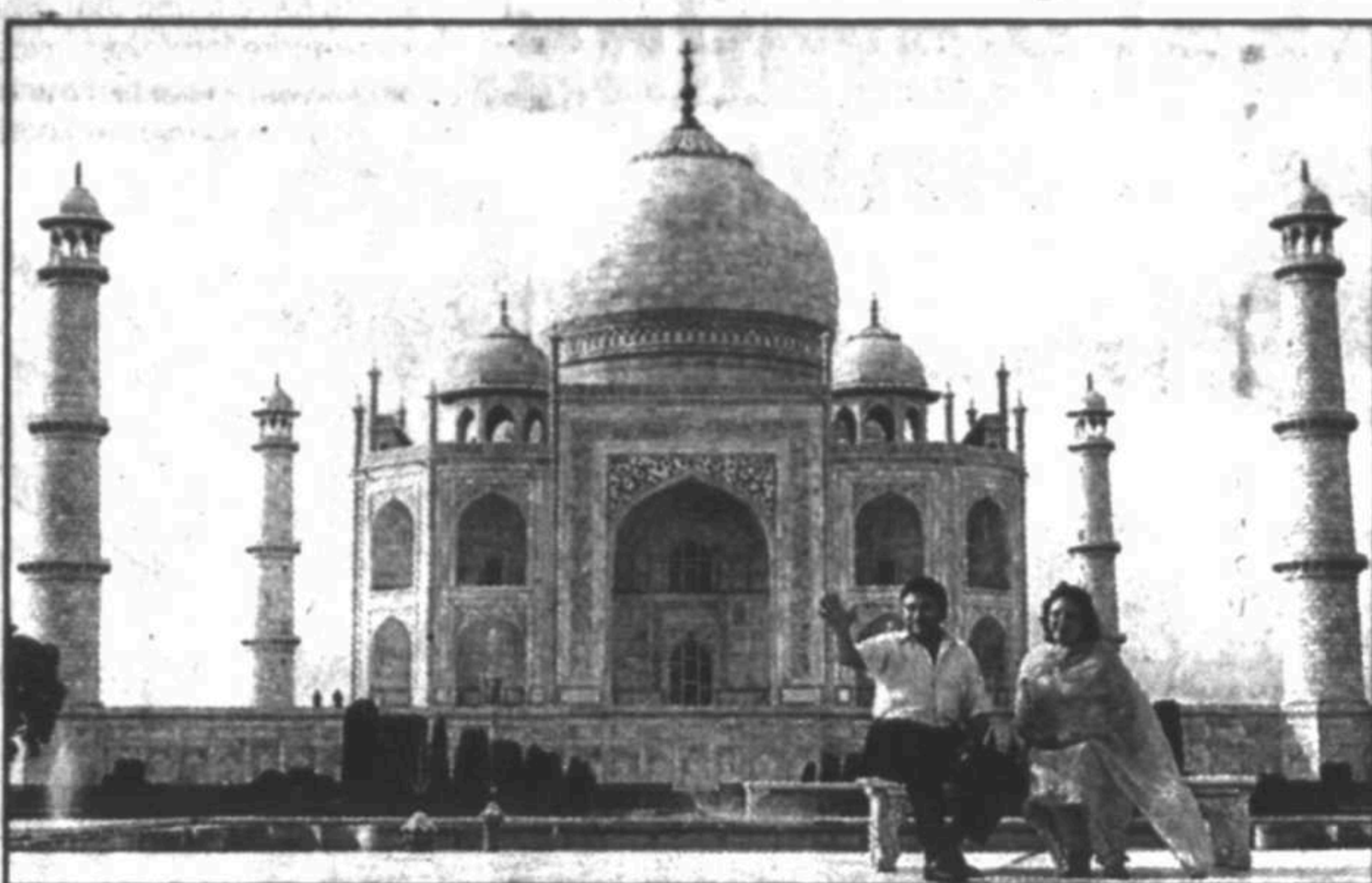
They also agreed to meet again soon. With the white marble domes of the Taj Mahal a symbolic backdrop to their landmark summit, Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee met for talks that appeared to have gone better than anyone had expected.

Even as they discussed peace, their forces exchanged gun fire across the border dividing disputed Kashmir for a second straight day, the first such flare-up this year. Fighting between soldiers and Islamic separatists left 20 people dead, officials said, raising the weekend toll to 49.

The dispute over the Himalayan region has ignited two of the nations' three wars — the last in 1971. With India and Pakistan now touting nuclear weapons, it is widely feared Kashmir could become the focus of a wider conflict.

One highlight of the leaders' meeting was agreement to keep talking. Vajpayee accepted an invitation from Musharraf to visit Islamabad, officials said. They also decided to meet on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in September.

"This reflects the mood from both sides to resolve the issues," said Pakistan's



AP Photo
Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, left, and his wife Sehba pose before the Taj Mahal, in Agra, Sunday. Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee held talks about nuclear safeguards, the fighting in Kashmir and freer trade during their first formal talks in two years Sunday.

information secretary, Anwar Mahmood.

Though only 20 minutes of private talks had been planned, they spoke one-on-one for nearly two hours at the Jaypee Palace hotel in Agra, 110 miles southeast of the Indian capital.

They talked through a working lunch of soups, kebabs and Indian dishes, and again for several hours before a performance of Indian classical music and a dinner banquet. Delegates and Cabinet ministers sat in on some of the sessions.

Musharraf also took a break to visit the Taj Mahal with his wife, Sehba. Erected by Muslim Moguls who once ruled most of the subcontinent, the Taj is symbolic of the common history shared by Pakistan and India. Musharraf is in India for three days.

"A number of issues were thrashed out. These included the issue of nuclear risk reduction," said Sushma Swaraj, India's information minister. She said the two touched on trade, cross-border terrorism

and Indian war prisoners. Pakistan denies holding any Indian war prisoners.

A Vajpayee aide who attended the talks said the leaders were cordial and chatty. He said they also discussed a proposed natural gas pipeline from Iran to India via Pakistan.

But Pakistan said the focus was Kashmir.

"President Musharraf had made it plain to his host that no progress could be made toward normalization of relations between the two countries unless the issue of Kashmir was resolved, and according to the wishes of the people of Kashmir," a government statement said.

The statement said Musharraf agreed to listen to other matters brought up by Vajpayee, "but no other issue could be addressed until the core issue of Kashmir is resolved."

Neither leader can appear in the eyes of hard-liners at home as giving away too much, particularly over Kashmir. Vajpayee heads a powerful Hindu nationalist party that is part of his governing coalition, while Musharraf needs the backing of the Pakistan army to retain power.

"The signals emerging from the talks are that the discussions were successful," said defense analyst C. Raja Mohan. "What this would mean is that the two sides have found some way of addressing their main concerns: Pakistan's demand for serious negotiations on Kashmir and India's concerns about an end to cross-border terrorism."

Still, Mohan cautioned it was too early for either side to celebrate.

In a possible show of goodwill, India

pulled out 20,000 troops from Kashmir ahead of the summit, according to media reports. A defense ministry spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report in the Indian Express daily newspaper Sunday.

India has between 300,000 and 600,000 forces in the northern state of Jammu-Kashmir along the Pakistan border.

Since Muslim Pakistan was carved out of Hindu-majority India following independence from Britain, both have claimed the entire Jammu-Kashmir region. A cease-fire line from the 1971 war divides it between them, with two-thirds in India and the remainder under Pakistan's control.

India accuses Pakistan of arming and aiding Islamic militants who have fought since 1989 for an independent Kashmir or merger with Pakistan. Islamabad says it gives only moral support. Human rights activists say more than 60,000 people have died.

Vajpayee had sworn never to speak to Musharraf, whom he blamed for an 11-week conflict in 1999 that cost hundreds of lives. But it is likely the 76-year-old Vajpayee, approaching the end of his long career, wants to leave a legacy as the first Indian leader to promote peace with his country's longtime foe.

When India and Pakistan conducted underground nuclear tests in 1998, they provoked worldwide condemnation and U.S. sanctions. Both impoverished nations are eager to show they are improving security in the region to get the sanctions lifted.

Peres holds surprise talks with Arafat in Cairo to discuss shaky cease-fire

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres held unscheduled talks with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat here Sunday after assuring the Egyptian president that his government planned no major assault on the Palestinians.

After meeting for more than an hour with Arafat in the presidential palace, Peres said they talked about the shaky cease-fire declared June 13 and "ways and means to make it a reality. None of us wants fire or blood or victims."

Peres refused to reveal any details of their discussions, but said "I'm leaving Cairo with the sense that there is hope."

Arafat left to return to the Palestinian territories without speaking to reporters. Earlier he had a separate meeting with Mubarak.

Speaking earlier after his own talks with Mubarak, Peres told reporters: "I told the president from the outset that we do not have any interest to attack the Palestinians."

The Israeli press has reported the Israeli government is planning a large military operation against the Palestinian Authority that would include striking Arafat.

"We don't have any intention whatsoever, neither to have a ground attack or to attack Arafat

or expel Arafat. It is all nonsense. Arafat in our eyes is the elected leader of the Palestinians and he represents them," Peres said.

Peres said he saw the recommendations by an international panel, led by former U.S. Senator George Mitchell, as the basis for quelling the violence.

More than 500 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and more than 100 on the Israeli side since the fighting began in September. U.S. envoys negotiated a truce four weeks ago, but the clashes and killings have resumed.

The Mitchell report called for an end to violence in the region, a crackdown on Palestinian militants by the Palestinian Authority and a freeze on building in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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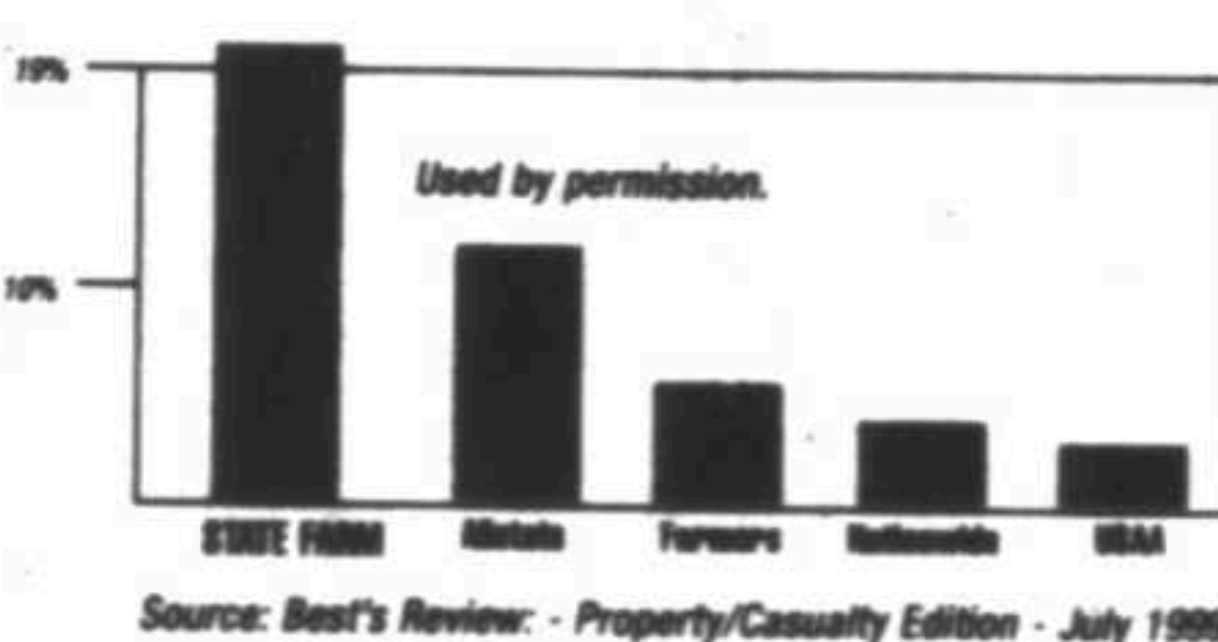
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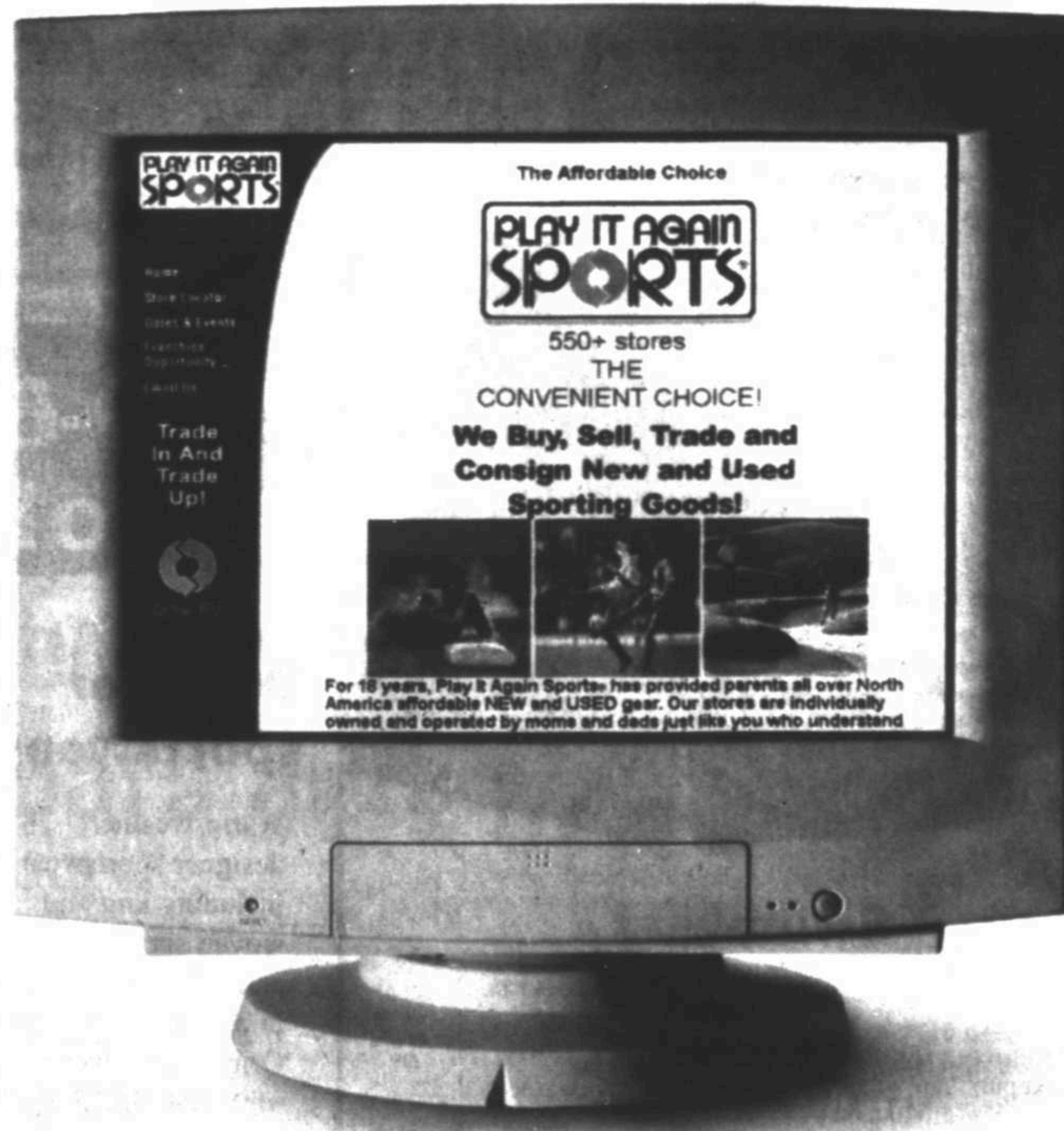


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Scientists grappling with new data about global warming woes

By Arthur Max
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Ever since global warming became an issue, scientists have been grappling with a blizzard of new data, feeding them into computer models, trying to frame the planet's present course and to project its future.

New facts — and new questions — will be at hand for politicians and policy-makers gathering today in Bonn, Germany, for a new round of negotiations on controlling the greenhouse gases blamed for the gradual warming of the Earth.

Among the research: Measurements collected since Cold War submarines prowled under the Arctic ice show the ice cap is getting thinner year by year. Is it global warming or a natural cycle — or both?

In the Himalayas, the Andes and other middle latitude mountains, glaciers are receding, while others in high latitudes like Scandinavia are expanding.

In the coming decades, parts of the Earth will get less rain, while some will get more. What does this mean for food production, fresh water supplies, population shifts? As temperatures climb, the Earth's cloud cover will grow and reflect more sunlight, cooling in some places but perhaps warming others. No one is sure what effect this will have on the ground.

Last week, at a conference of 1,500 scientists in Amsterdam,

only a few basic assumptions were universally accepted: The Earth is indeed getting warmer because of human activity; the warming already has begun to change our lives and the trend will increase; we ought to do something about it.

"The problem of global change is real, and it is more serious than is currently perceived politically," said Berrien Moore III, a key member of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

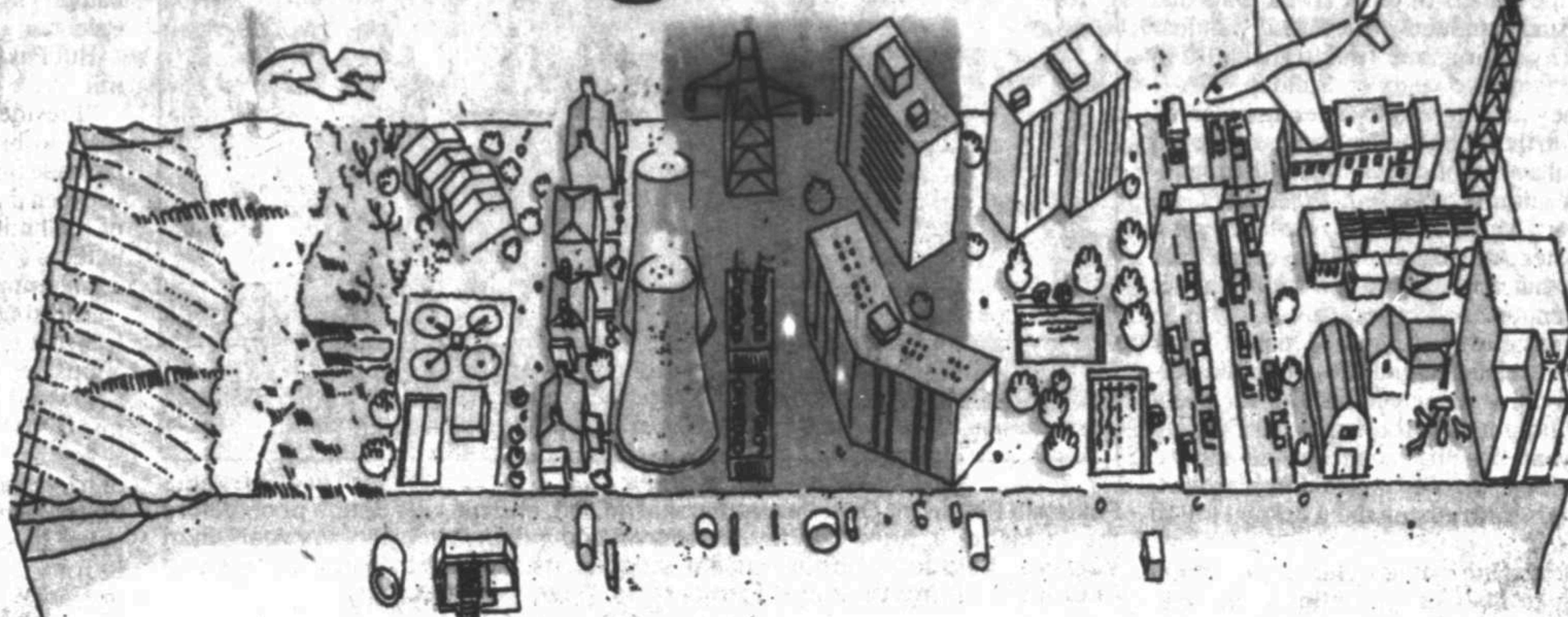
The Amsterdam conference coincided with the publication of the panel's full 3,000-page report documenting evidence that the Earth is warming faster now than at any time in the previous 1,000 years and that the concentration of carbon dioxide in the air is higher than it has been in the last 400,000 years.

The primary manmade factor in global warming, scientists say, is greenhouse gases — especially carbon dioxide from cars, factories and power stations. That thickening blanket of heat-trapping gases has already raised ground temperatures by 1.1 degree over the last 100 years, they say, and in the next 100, the global thermometer could rise 6 more degrees.

Four years ago at a U.N. conference in Japan, governments agreed on a document called the Kyoto Protocol outlining targets and timetables for industrialized countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It required an average 5.2 percent reduction from 1990

Greenhouse effect

Global warming, local warning



Beach burden
Beach lost to wind and waves is reconstituted with sand brought in. Replacing sand lost by erosion will be increasingly difficult, becoming prohibitively expensive for some communities.

Waning wetlands
Wetlands check pollution, buffer flooding and shelter wildlife. The anticipated losses in this century due to erosion and flooding would have negative consequences on land and water resources.

Urban flooding
Expected rise in sea level would raise the frequency of flooding with economic losses that could be catastrophic in some areas, amounting to as much as 10 percent of the annual gross regional product.

Blackout
The use of air conditioning to mitigate rising temperatures would strain energy supplies. The rise in temperatures will also affect water supplies, exacerbating water shortages.

The heat's on
An increase in hot weather would cause an increase in illness and death from heat stress, particularly among the poor and elderly. Temperatures are expected to increase 5 degrees to 9 degrees in this century.

Up in smog
Projected rise in heat-associated pollutants such as ground-level ozone will increase the incidence of respiratory illness. Presence of water and insect-borne diseases may change as well.

SOURCE: C. Rosenzweig, NASA GISS, and W.D. Solecki, Montclair State Univ. Eds. "Climate Change and a Global City: The Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change." Columbia Earth Institute. F. Duckett/AP

levels, to be achieved over a five-year period ending in 2012.

Further negotiations on how to reach those targets have become embroiled in contention, pitting the United States against its European allies, and poor nations against the rich.

Talks in the Hague, Netherlands,

in November broke down over how to credit countries for managing forests and farms that absorb carbon dioxide from the air, in so-called "sinks." The U.S. delegation wanted broad leeway, while the Europeans saw sinks as ploy to avoid forcing American industry to clean up its act.

Since then, the change of administrations in Washington has made prospects for an agreement in Bonn even dimmer. In March, President Bush renounced the U.S. commitment to Kyoto Protocol, calling it a flawed plan that would harm the U.S. economy.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi — whose country has come under European pressure not to back out of the deal as well — said Sunday that because of U.S. opposition "there'll be no agreement" at Copenhagen.

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DAVE BARRY

It's criminal: So many lawmakers, so little brainpower

Our educational system is failing. Our schools are producing students who are — to quote from the conclusion of an 858-page report recently issued by a distinguished blue-ribbon Presidential Task Force On Educational Quality — “stupid.”



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The drop in our national IQ has caused many problems, including Limp Bizkit, feng shui, the U.S. Department of Education and the cancerous growth of “reality-based” TV shows (“Tonight on ‘Passion Farm’: Nine complete strangers churn butter!”).

But the most serious problem is that, as our population gets dumber, it becomes harder and harder to find qualified workers. Nowhere is this disturbing trend more evident than in the field of crime. Not so long ago, American criminals ranked among the best in the world. Foreigners were terrified to come here because our criminals were so good at making our streets unsafe. Today, however, we are producing incompetent criminals who not only have allowed the crime rate to drop alarmingly, but who also, when they DO attempt to break the law, commit crimes of a quality that is, frankly, embarrassing.

Consider a story from the March 10 issue of *The (Annapolis, Md.) Capital*, written by Brian Schleter and sent in by many alert readers. According to this article, an alleged parole violator was about to be taken into custody in the county courthouse in Annapolis when he suddenly ran from the courtroom. So far, so good; criminals are supposed to flee. The suspect, pursued by sheriff's deputies, ran into the nearby Maryland Inn, where he hid in a closet. This is still acceptably competent criminal behavior.

But then, according to *The Capital*, the man decided to disguise himself by “putting on a bunny suit”. I am not making this up. For some reason, which is not explained in *The Capital* article, the closet contained a full-size bunny suit, with large pink ears, and the suspect climbed into it. Maybe he thought this would fool the deputies.

FIRST DEPUTY: He ran into that closet!

SECOND DEPUTY (opening closet door): Nope! There's nobody in here but a giant bunny!

FIRST DEPUTY: Darn!

But the deputies were not deceived, and they apprehended the suspect after a struggle. *The Capital* quotes an inn employee as saying: “It looked like they were attacking the Easter Bunny.”

As pathetic as that criminal was, he was Albert Einstein compared to our next example, whose story is told in a March 10 *Albuquerque (N.M.) Journal* article written by Jeff Jones and sent in by several alert readers. This article states that a man armed with a knife held up a Taco Bell and got \$2,300. The robber wore a ski mask to disguise his identity. This plan would have worked flawlessly, except that, during the robbery, the robber made one teensy mistake: He pulled one of the Taco Bell workers aside, lifted his mask, and said, quote, “It's me, Tim.”

Yes. It turns out that the robber used to work at this Taco Bell, and he chose that particular moment to say hi to a former co-worker. This meant that the police had a pretty good clue as to the identity of the robber — namely, his name — and thus were able to apprehend him, which is good, inasmuch as a person of his apparent mental caliber should not be walking around with a sharp object.

Speaking of weapons, another excellent example of the modern criminal mind is reported in a 1999 article from the *Billings (Mont.) Gazette* sent in by alert reader John Hauxwell, M.D. This article concerns a man who attempted to hold up a Billings gas station by pointing his finger at the clerk. According to a police spokesperson, the would-be robber “took off running when the clerk said ‘no’.”

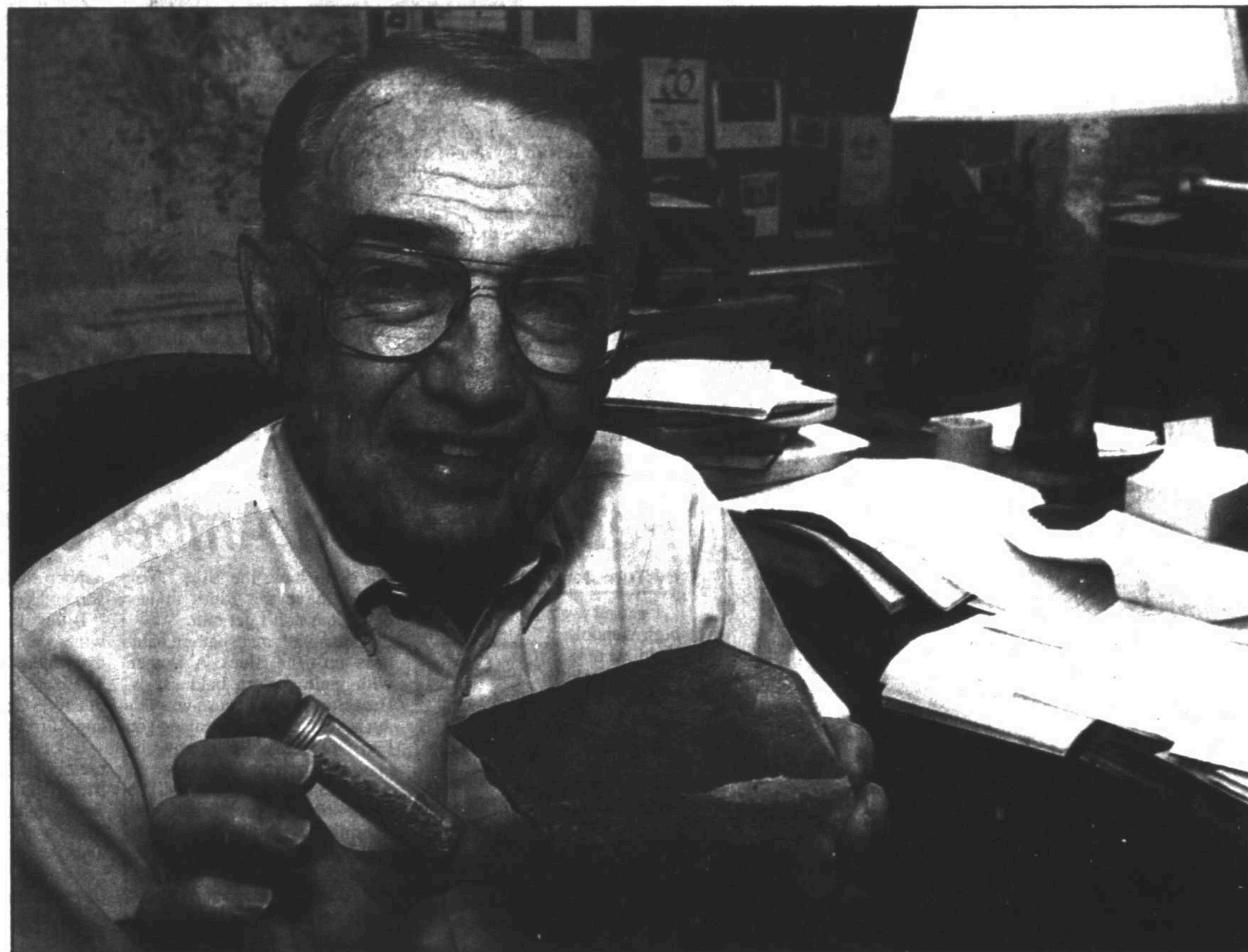
What a moron! You'd think our educational system would at LEAST have taught this man that, if he's going to scare people with his finger, he must demonstrate its menace by pointing it at the ceiling and going, “Bang! Bang!”

I could give more examples, but you get my point: The once-proud American crime industry has become a joke. To turn the situation around, we need better-educated criminals; to produce them, we must give our schools more resources, in the form of money. That is why I want you to put cash in an envelope and mail it to me, so I can give it to the schools. I'm talking about ALL your cash. Do it RIGHT NOW. Or else. Because this finger is loaded.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery



Garner Wilde shows off samples of rock containing fusulinids, small single celled organisms from the Protistid family, at his home office in Midland.

Fusulinids specialist

Garner Wilde

Accustomed as we are to seeing geologists in our midst in the Permian Basin, we tend to forget just what we have.

A prophet with the glass turned backward, the geologist can look at rocks brought up from underground and tell what is and was, and therefore what will be with such dependability that we have been able to build an industry, create an empire, change the world and along the way, to put money in the bank, based on what they say.

Garner Wilde, although he calls himself a geologist, takes his art one step further. Garner's field is paleontology. He studies fusulinids, those tiny one-celled organisms that started out with a microscopic central chamber and secreted calcium carbonate gel that later became calcareous shales as they crept through the ooze at the bottom of the Permian Sea between 248 million and 320 million years ago — give or take 10 million.

“Fusulinids provide us with age recognition, and coordinated with seismic work and well logs, they can give us valuable information about an area from well to well,” he said.

He has published more than 100 papers on the subject, and his work has been recognized throughout the petroleum industry.

Texas Christian University awarded him an honorary doctorate in recognition of his contributions in 1972.

As a child growing up in Graham, in north Central Texas, roaming with other boys through the hills there, Garner said he probably encountered many fusulinids, although at the time he was unaware of their importance.

“When I was a little boy, my brothers and I used to play all over the hills around Graham, and we saw all kinds of fossils, but I don't remember them.”

“In my later work, though, I went back there, because that was a specific locality for some famous fusulinids that had been described years before.”

Garner said as a kid growing up, he didn't plan to be a paleontologist.

“I didn't even know what a geologist was, let alone a paleontologist,” he said, grinning. “I grew up and went overseas during World War II, and

then when I came back, I went to school at TCU with my younger brother.”

He said his going into geology is almost certainly the indirect result of his having gone to high school at Graham.

“We had grown up poor, and nobody in my family had ever gone to college,” he said. “I was determined to get a college education.”

“I was fresh out of the Air Force, and didn't have any civilian clothes, so I went to Fort Worth, and I ran into my old high school football coach. He told me that he could take me to some stores where I could buy some clothes at a reasonable price. We were in a store in downtown Fort Worth, when we got into the elevator, and in that elevator was the head of the geology department at TCU, Gail Scott, known worldwide for his work with ammonites.”

“My old coach knew this man, and he introduced me to him,” said Garner. “He said, ‘Dr. Scott, I want you to meet Garner Wilde. He wants to go to TCU, and he's thinking about going into geology.’”

Garner said he had worked for nine months before entering TCU, and Scott died before he could get into the geology department, but he never forgot the conversation they had in the elevator.

In the fall, Garner and his brother entered TCU, and Garner started studying geology. He became particularly interested in paleontology, and one of his professors, seeing his interest, took Garner to the Glass Mountains at Marathon as his assistant, where much of his work was with fusulinids.

Much later, for his master's degree, he did the stratigraphy of an area in Parker County, near Weatherford where the rocks were exposed. He also worked for Texaco making thin sections of fusulinids in their lab, long before the company moved from Fort Worth to Midland.

Upon his graduation from TCU, he was offered a job with Humble Oil & Refining Co., which later became Exxon.

Garner took the job, and he moved to Midland, but he didn't come alone.

Garner and his wife, Lula, moved to Midland

in 1952, and Garner began a life-long association with paleontologist John Skinner, who was known throughout the world for his work with fusulinids. Starting about 1955 he began collecting rocks with specimens gathered by R.A. Zeller, from the Big Hatchet Mountains in the little notch of New Mexico that extends down along the Rio Grande west of Texas until just before it reaches El Paso and connects with Mexico.

“There were two or three of us who were also collecting, and we would bring in sacks of rocks for the lab technicians, who would get as many species as they could from each rock, and make thin sections,” Garner said.

He took early retirement from Exxon and went into management with an independent oil company, then went out on his own after a time, but kept up his work on the Big Hatchet, with full concurrence of Exxon and others.

“As I began to transfer around, the company agreed that I should keep the collection, and so I did. Now here I am, with about 9,000 thin sections from the Big Hatchet alone, doing work I started more than 40 years ago.”

The work Garner does is to examine the thin sections, and describe and name each fusulinid not already described. He said there's nothing secret or mysterious about the process.

“I keep a Latin dictionary with me at all times to help me give the specimens descriptive names,” he explained. “Sometimes I give them Greek names, and of course, I give them names of the geologists who worked on them. Lula does the typing and secretarial work, and I'll name one of them for her.”

“One of the largest, and probably my favorite, is a really weird fusulinid that was found in the Guadalupe. John Skinner and I named it *paradoxiella pratti*, for Wallace Pratt, (a geologist famous for his role in the establishment of Guadalupe as a national park).”

“He was tickled to death that we named it for him.”

As the years have passed, Garner has become increasingly in demand for his expertise in dat-

Please see GARNER/2B

Carpenter takes pool cues out of smoky bars and into museums

By Brian Witte
Associated Press

RUGBY, N.D. — Jim Stadum just wanted to get his pool cue fixed.

That simple desire led the former New Hampshire carpenter on a journey from the pool halls of New England to this small community near the geographical center of North America.

It also led him to a new job: These days, he fixes his own pool cues.

Stadum crafts cues from exotic woods, often with a touch of silver, gold, elephant tusks or sparkling gems. He counts royalty among his customers and one cue is in the Smithsonian Institution.

“I was just your average avid pool player who really loved the game and kind of got intrigued by cues,” he said in the shop and office of Samsara Cues, where four people work, sometimes seven days a week.

Stadum got the idea of starting a custom cue brand about 12 years ago, after meeting Dave Doucette in a New Hampshire

pool room. Stadum's cue needed repairs, and he had heard Doucette might be able to fix it.

Doucette, who is now Stadum's master cue maker, offered to make him a new one instead. “I watched over his shoulder, and we just kept building them,” Stadum said.

Their cue won best design in an American Cue-makers Association contest in 1993, and Stadum decided in December to bring the business to Rugby, a town of about 3,000.

Stadum has about 30 different kinds of wood from around the world. In a large corner shelf, he keeps supplies of snake-wood, cocobolo, mahogany and paduak. On top rests an elephant tusk for ivory.

The company specializes in a style of decorative inlay with a mosaic of wood pieces, ivory or metal. Many Samsara cues are decorated with ornate swirls and loops.

“Cues are art, whether people realize that or not,” Stadum said.

Samsara has made about 200 cues a year. It takes about five months on average to make a custom cue, though some can take as long as a year to make. Prices range from about \$850 to \$25,000.



AP Photo

Jim Stadum, left, president of Samsara Cues, and Dave Doucette, the company's master cue maker, stand in front of the wood supply from which they make pool cues in Rugby, N.D. Stadum imports wood from all over the world to get the materials needed to make cues. Samsara has made about 200 cues a year. This year, Stadum is hoping to double that. Prices range from about \$850 to \$25,000, but Stadum wants to start making more cues in the \$400 to \$850 range.

Reel Guide

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Baby Boy (R)	Strong	Strong	Strong	Full
Cats & Dogs (PG)	None	Mild	None	None
Crazy/Beautiful (PG-13)	Strong	Mild	Mild	Partial
Fast and the Furious (PG-13)	Medium	Medium	Mild	Partial
Final Fantasy: Spirits (PG-13)	Mild	Medium	None	None
Kiss of the Dragon (R)	Strong	Strong	Strong	None
Legally Blonde (PG-13)	Strong	Mild	Mild	Partial
Score (R)	Strong	Mild	None	Partial

G All ages admitted

PG All ages admitted, parental guidance suggested

PG-13 Parents strongly cautioned, some material may be inappropriate for children under 13

R Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or guardian

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Video picks

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Movie title/MPAA rating	Reporters	Chicago Tribune	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Los Angeles Times	N.Y. Daily News	Orange County Register	Philadelphia Inquirer	Salt Lake Tribune
Proof of Life (PG-13)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Save the Last Dance (PG-13)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
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State and Main (R)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Thirteen Days (R)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
3000 Miles to Graceland (R)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Unbreakable (PG-13)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Wedding Planner (PG-13)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★

Upcoming releases

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GARNER: Beliefs in evolution don't compromise belief in God

(From 1B)

ing rocks, a fact that he recognizes, but jokes about.

"We're like the fossils we study, we're all dying off," he said. "There's only one other person in town that I know of, who works with fusulinids."

He is not in the least-affected with fusulinid tunnel vision, however. He and Lula have always been active church members and they study biblical archeology. He said his firm beliefs in evolution don't compromise his belief in God.

"I know that the world is much older than 6,000 or 11,000 years, but that doesn't take away from my religion," he said.

The Wildes were among the core group who started Casa de Amigos, where Lula made cookies and lemonade, and Garner coached football and baseball in the early days when Casa had kids' teams.

He loves to play golf, although he said he's not good at it, and he

and Lula are voracious readers. They are the parents of two grown daughters, Laura Greenwood of Houston and Carol Wilde of Oberlin, Ohio.

They have kept up their association with TCU, including the endowment of a scholarship — not in geology, but in fine arts. They're big Horn Frog fans, and go to as many games as they can. "TCU is very important to us," he said. "It brought Lula and me together; it brought me my life's work and it essentially found me the job I had."

Garner said his father, who was for years head of maintenance for the Graham school system, had never gone to college, and was immensely proud of his sons who had.

"When my first paper was published, I was told that he had gone through the schools showing it to everyone, saying, 'Look here, my son published a paper.'"

DEAR ABBY

Faux pas shatters glass during bathroom breakout

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Last night, my wife and I attended a potluck dinner. It was held in an older home that had recently been moved on a truck from its original location.

During the evening, I had to use the bathroom. The door opened inward, and I pushed it closed from the inside. When I was ready to leave, I realized the door knob was missing. I pulled on the towel rack attached to the back of the door, but it came off in my hand. The door was firmly stuck in its frame, and there was no way to open it.

I unlatched the window. Unlike the door, it was loose in its frame and wouldn't stay up. I used the towel rack to prop it open while I climbed out. Unfortunately, as I was making my escape, my foot caught on the towel rack. The window came crashing down. It shattered, attracting the attention of everyone there.

My wife says the proper thing to do would have been to bang on the bathroom door and

wait for someone to let me out. Abby, I am a professional man and to do that would have been undignified.

My wife says I should pay to replace the broken window. I think they are lucky I didn't sprain my ankle when I jumped out.

What is the correct protocol for dealing with this type of unexpected social situation? — LOCKED IN THE LOO

DEAR LOCKED: When someone is locked in a confined space — professional or not — dignity flies out the door and sometimes claustrophobia sets in. It could have been a long time before someone heard you or you were missed.

Your wife is right that you should have pounded on the door so someone had the option of letting you out of the bathroom. You are fortunate that the only injury you suffered was to your pride. Now, be a gentleman and write your hosts a check to cover the damage.

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the letter from "Stacey in St. Petersburg," the Jewish woman who wants to include the breaking of the glass in her nontraditional wedding ceremony, but whose mother feels it wouldn't be appropriate.

I am Catholic; my husband is Jewish. For our interfaith wedding, we took traditions from each faith and incorporated them into the ceremony. Both a priest and a cantor offi-

ciated, and our vows were made under the chuppah.

My husband said his vows in Hebrew, and I said mine in English. At the end, my husband broke the glass. The cantor chose not to attribute a religious meaning to the tradition. He said, "May your marriage and love last as long as it takes to put all the pieces of the glass back together." Both mothers lit the unity candle.

It was a beautiful ceremony, and three years later, we still receive compliments from guests of both faiths.

"Stacey" should include any tradition she wants in their ceremony. Her mother should not stand on propriety, but instead be pleased that her daughter wants to incorporate the breaking of the glass in the ceremony. — HAPPY INTERFAITH COUPLE IN ARIZONA

DEAR HAPPY COUPLE: As long as there is no objection by the clergy performing the ceremony, I see no reason why the bride shouldn't include any tradition that's meaningful to her.

P.S. The cantor at your wedding was sensitive and wise.

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

TALKIN' TEXAS

People named Amber can't sing the Blues

By Tumbleweed Smith

I get all sorts of e-mail from high school buddies, relatives and friends. I usually discard them immediately, since most of them are just pap. Cuz Bill sent me one the other day I think I'll share with you, in case you somehow have been out of the country and missed it.

It's about THE BLUES. Blues cars: Chevys, Fords, Cadillacs and broken-down trucks. Blues don't travel in Volvos, BMW's or Sport Utility Vehicles. Most Blues transportation is a Greyhound bus or a southbound train. Jet aircraft ain't limos ain't even in the running. Walkin' plays a major part in the Blues lifestyle. So does fixin' to die.

Teen-agers can't sing the Blues. They ain't fixin' to die yet. Adults sing the Blues. In Blues, adulthood means being old enough to get the electric chair if you shoot a man in Memphis.

Blues can take place in New York City, but not in Hawaii or any place in Canada. Hard times in Minneapolis or Seattle is probably just clinical depression. Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are still the best places to have the Blues. You cannot have the Blues in any place that don't get rain.

Blues beverages are cheap wine, whiskey or bourbon, muddy water, nasty black coffee. These are NOT Blues beverages: Perrier, Chardonnay, Snapple and Slim Fast.

If death occurs in a cheap motel or a shotgun shack, it's a Blues death. Stabbed in the back by a jealous lover is another Blues way to die. So is substance abuse and dying lonely on a broken down cot. You can't have a Blues death if you die during a tennis match or getting liposuction.

Good places for the Blues: highway, jailhouse, empty bed, bottom of a whiskey glass.

Bad places: Dillard's, gallery openings, Ivy League Institutions. No one will believe it's the Blues if you wear a suit 'less you

happen to be an old ethnic person and you sleep in it.

Some Blues names: Sadie, Big Mama, Bessie, Fat River, Dumpling, Joe, Willie, Little Willie, Big Willie. Persons with

names like Michelle, Amber, Debbie and Heather can't sing the Blues.

Make your own Blues name starter kit: a. Name a physical infirmity (blind, cripple, lame, etc.) b. The second name should be a fruit (lemon, lime, kiwi) 3. The Third name should be the name of a dead president (Jefferson, Johnson, Fillmore.) For instance, Braces Banana Jackson. If you own a computer you cannot sing the Blues.

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller.



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Burglar makes clean getaway

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — A burglar who broke into a home took cash, a truck — and a bath, authorities said.

Robert and Patricia Lokken found their bathtub full of dirty water when they returned home Friday, and their 1983 Chevy S-

10 pickup and about \$200 in cash were gone.

Police said someone entered the home through a window.

The burglar also took a pair of shoes before making a clean getaway.

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Area briefs

Concert

Sweet Spirit, a women's quartet representing Crown College, will be in concert at the Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Dr., at 7 p.m. July 20.

Group members include Nikki Larson from Menomonie, Wis.; Jessica Lubinski from Eagle River, Wis.; Jennifer Mielke from Marion, Wis.; Amy Stumbo from Helena, Mont. and accompanist Tracee Sndahl from Yuma, Ariz.

Sweet Spirit travels throughout the year, singing at churches, schools and youth events. For more information, contact the Rev. Larry Long at 699-6068.

Fund-raiser

Tenn Challenge will be hosting a fund-raising — all-you-can-eat pancake jamboree July 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Midland County Exhibit Building, 2434 E. Business 20. The jamboree will be featuring good food, show bikes,

antique cars, Christian music and dramas. There will be barbecue sold after 10:30 a.m.

Tickets: \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 children. Come and help Tenn Challenge fight the war against drugs and alcohol.

For more information call Rocky Pearson at 687-0348.

'Thunder' concert

"Thunder in the Desert," a drum corps international event, is coming to Midland July 19, 8 p.m. at Midland Memorial Stadium.

The evening will feature more than 1,200 performers from around the country. Performers are between the ages of 14 and 21. The event is a part of the DCI Summer Music Games tour.

Ticket are \$12 preferred, \$8 economy, discount for orders of 25 or more. For more information, call 638-2320 or visit the Web site www.lx.net/dcimidland. Tickets are now on sale at Caldwell Music in Midland and Odessa.

Today's Agenda

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America 7 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, call 697-3579 or 683-5748.

West Texas Songwriters Association, Coors Warehouse, 7 p.m., 689-0213.

Texaco Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Texaco Heritage Center, 688-2932.

Clogging, basic & intermediate levels, 7 p.m., 2800 W. County Rd. 130 (Cotton Flat & S. Midkiff).

Midland Area AIDS Support Group (MAAS), for family & friends of people with AIDS, 7 p.m. 684-6181 or 684-7821.

The 12 Step Group of Al-Anon, 6 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-C, 699-2005.

Course in Miracles, spiritually based self-help support and study 7 p.m., 4500 W. Illinois Ave. 694-8047.

West Texas Singles, dance lessons, 550-6960.

Midland Rape Crisis support for incest survivors. For group information call 682-7273.

Support group for persons with hepatitis, 7 p.m. Immanuel Baptist Church, 4020 E. University Blvd., Odessa, 366-4439.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Midland Chapter, 7:30 p.m., Hollowell United Methodist Church, 400 S. Marshall St., 684-8974.

Survivors of Suicide support friends & family, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital, 685-1566.

POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Criminal mischief:

Daniel Cano, 20, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 9:47 p.m. Friday in the 3200 block of West Wadley Ave. on a charge of criminal mischief. No bond.

Possession of controlled substance:

Jesse Melendez, 24, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 3:45 p.m. Friday in the 3600 block of Anetta on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. No bond.

Burglary of habitation:

Ramsey Mitchell, 18, of Midland was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers at 12 p.m. Friday in the DPS Driver's License office on a charge of burglary of a habitation. No bond.

Engaging in organized crime:

Byron Palier, 21, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the 2500 block of West Loop 250 on a charge of engaging in organized crime. No bond.

Engaging in organized crime:

Daniel Sanchez, 18, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 6:45 p.m. Fri-

day at the corner of Humble and Godfrey on a charge of engaging in organized crime. No bond.

Robbery:

Keith Watson, 29, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 3:55 p.m. Friday in the Ector County Jail on a charge of robbery and violation of parole. No bond.

Aggravated assault with deadly weapon:

Carolyn Wilson, 35, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 9:24 a.m. Friday in the 200 block of East Indiana on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. No bond.

Violation of Parole:

Israel Bonilla, 39, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 1:30 a.m. Saturday in the 1600 Walnut on a charge of violation of parole. No bond.

Assault on a family member:

Willie Mata, 45, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 4:40 a.m. Saturday in the 2900 block of Roosevelt on a charge of assault on a family member. No bond.

Manatee spotted off Texas coast

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A manatee, the endangered mammal thought to have inspired mermaid folklore among sailors, is paying a rare visit to the Texas coast.

Marine watchers have reported seeing the walrus-like manatee three times, said Tony Amos, a research associate with the University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas.

"We believe it's the same one," he said.

Linda May, area coordinator for the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, said the manatee sightings have been in waters off Galveston, Port Aransas and Rockport.

The last confirmed area sightings of a manatee occurred in 1995, when at least one visited Naval Station Ingleside, Rockport, Port Aransas, the Laguna Madre and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, drawing crowds at some spots.

Manatees have a mysterious

quality to them that May believes attracts people.

Early sightings of the manatee or its relative, the dugong, may have produced mermaid folklore.

"They hold their young to their breasts with their pectoral fins," May said. "Of course, if they thought they were mermaids, they must have been drinking a lot of rum. (Manatees) aren't very pretty."

Manatees have stout, tapered bodies ending in a rounded flipper. The friendly mammals eat aquatic vegetation in shallow coastal waters and prefer warm waters to cold. May told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

OBITUARIES



Debbie LeFevre

Debbie LeFevre was born February 6, 1955 in Holden, West Virginia to Virgil Bruce Boggs and Garnet Lorraine Parsons Boggs. She was an active member of Living Way Church, Midland, Texas. She was a prophetess and Bible teacher; ministering in many capacities in the last 25 years in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and California. She served as Director of St. Paul United Methodist Church Mother's Day Out in the late 1980s. She was a frequent speaker at Ladies' Bible Studies, Small Groups and Women's Conferences. Her ministry focused on the equipping of the Saints, the restoration of joy and inner healing. Her "trademark" characteristics were a contagious laughter, positive outlook on life and an undying love for her Lord Jesus Christ.

Survivors include her husband, David Edward LeFevre of Midland; her son, Reverend Joshua David LeFevre of Hamilton, Ohio; her father, Virgil Bruce Boggs of Hobbs, New Mexico; four brothers, Robert L. Boggs of Hobbs, New Mexico, Ronnie Boggs of Ooltewah, Tennessee, Danny R. Boggs of Monahans, Texas and the Reverend James D. Boggs of Red Oak, Texas; two sisters, Sarah Glenn of Gahanna, Ohio and Connie Dew of Hobbs, New Mexico; and a great number

of nephews and nieces.

Mrs. LeFevre died Saturday at her Midland residence.

Funeral services are scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2001 in Living Way Church with Pastor Mark Ballard, officiating. Burial will follow in Prairie Haven Cemetery in Hobbs New Mexico at 11:30 a.m. (MST). Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Living Way Church 415 Alta Avenue, Midland, Texas, 79705.

Jesse Bush

Jesse W. Bush, age 88, of Pecos, Texas Passed away on July 14, 2001 at his residence in Pecos, Texas.

Funeral Services will be held at the First Christian Church in Pecos, TX on July 18, 2001 at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Clark Ford officiating. Burial will be at Mount Evergreen Cemetery. Family will meet friends at Pecos Funeral Home on Tuesday July 17, 2001 from 6 p.m. till 7 p.m.

Mr. Bush was born on August 25, 1912 at his parents' ranch in Saragosa, Texas. He graduated from Pecos High School, and attended Sul Ross University. He served in the United States Coast Guard during WWII.

He married May Jarine Buchanan on November 30, 1939, in El Paso, Texas. After the war, he joined his father, John J. Bush, in the oil and gas business in which he continued until his death.

Mr. Bush was a member and served as a deacon in the First Christian Church in Pecos, TX, a Church which his father helped build. He was active in the Pecos Lions Club for over sixty years, receiving the distinguished service award, and the Bronze Lion. He was active in many civic organizations and several boards in Reeves and Loving Counties.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, May Jarine Bush of Pecos, TX and his two Daughters: Sharon St. Clair of Abilene, TX and Owen Gettemeyer and

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

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

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

son-in-law Jim of Midland, TX; five grandchildren: Chris St. Clair of El Paso, TX; Dr. Abby Gettemeyer of Houston, David Jess and Suzanne St. Clair of Arlington, Dr. Anthony and Carrie Gettemeyer Davis of Lubbock; and Justin Dallas St. Clair of Abilene and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two Brothers and two Sisters.

Family requests memorials be made to the Texas Lions Children Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247.

Arrangements are under the Direction of Pecos Funeral Home

William 'Bill' Adams

A memorial service for William N. Adams, 77, of Midland, Texas will be held Saturday, July 21, 2001 at 10 a.m. at the Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Bob Porterfield of Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating and the Reverend Steve Tims of Wilshire Park Baptist Church assisting.

Burial will be Friday, July 27, 2001 at 10 a.m. at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. The grandson of Mr. Adams, 3rd Class Petty Officer Bradford Dean Searle of NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of

Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Bill went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 2, 2001. He was born on August 15, 1923 in Pittsburgh, PA. to Clyde F. Adams Sr. and Bertha Wagner Adams. He was a graduate of Wilkinsburg, PA. High School and The University of Pittsburgh. He served as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. 8th Air Force 486th Bomber Squadron as a pilot from Nov. 21, 1942 till March 11, 1944. He owned and operated a hardware store in Wilkinsburg, PA. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Monroeville, PA. and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Clyde Adams Jr., one son William Dale Adams, and one granddaughter Leslie Ann Adams.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Winnie Aleene Adams of Midland, Texas, a son Larry Adams and his wife Mary of Alpharetta, Georgia, his daughter Sidney Wristen and husband Lee of Midland, Texas, a sister Shirley Connors of Verona, PA. seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Diabetes Assn. 10 Desta Dr. Suite 220 E. Midland, Texas 79705 or the Parkinson Foundation POB 4372 Midland, Texas 79704.

DEATH NOTICES

Tom 'Buzz' Miller

Tom Miller died Thursday, July 12, in a Midland retirement home.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today, July 16, 2001 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Tom Miller was born Feb. 13, 1936 in Fort Worth to Edgar L. Miller and Zora Belle Reed Miller. He graduated from Texas Christian University in 1955 and moved to Houston, then moved to

Midland in 1967.

Survivors include four sons, Thomas Edward Miller Jr. of Charlottesville, Va., Brian Miller of San Antonio, Charles A. Miller of Lockhart, and Tony Miller of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Aileen Miller and Ann Miller, both of Midland; sisters, Pat Miller of Fort Worth and Wanda Morrison of Virginia Beach, Va.; and three grandchildren, all of Charlottesville, Va.

The family request memorials be directed to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Suite A-8, Midland, 79701.

Pauline Eudaly

Pauline Louise Eudaly, 68,

died Saturday, July 14, in a local hospital.

Grave side services will be held Tuesday, July 17, at 11 a.m. at Tamarisk Cemetery in Grandfalls with Dwaine Smith officiating.

She was born April 26, 1933 in Stamford. She was Methodist.

Survivors include her Aunt, Eleanor Eudaly of Grandfalls and three cousins, James Wright Lyndsey of Midland, Nancy Jean Vaughn and Johnny Lyndsey, both of Abilene.

Billy McEwin

Billy D. McEwin, 65, died Saturday, July 14, in a local nursing home.

Services are pending with Pip-

kin Funeral Home.

Halena Wozencraft

Halena Estelle Wozencraft, 81, died Saturday, July 14, in Tennessee.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Barbara Quernheim

Barbara Jean Quernheim, 35, died Sunday, July 15, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Some say Perry's vetoes will hurt border residents

By Chris Roberts
Associated Press

EL PASO — Advocates for Texas-Mexico border residents say they're angry that Gov. Rick Perry quashed a living-wage bill and separate legislation to make it easier for Mexican immigrants to obtain Texas driver's licenses.

Both bills passed both chambers overwhelmingly, in some cases unanimously. Perry killed them on June 17 along with more than 77 other bills in a move some legislators called the "Father's Day Massacre."

"We don't know who the governor is listening to if he's not listening to the people of Texas," said Adriana Cadena, a political analyst with the Texas Immigrant and Refugee Coalition in Austin.

The living-wage bill would have allowed school districts letting construction contracts to require an hourly wage higher than the minimum wage. Supporters say the bill, offered by Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, would have benefited laborers working for border school districts because they are major employers of contract labor. They say those laborers often are hired at wages that are half or a third of those in other areas in the state, which contributes to border poverty.

The other bill would have allowed Mexican nationals to use documents from their country,

such as birth certificates, to obtain Texas driver's licenses. It was sponsored by Rep. Miguel Wise, D-Westlaco.

Supporters say the bill would have improved the safety of border roads and highways by increasing the number of Mexican nationals who receive Texas driver training and buy insurance. Current law, which usually requires a U.S. Social Security number to obtain a driver's license, gives Mexicans no choice but to drive as uninsured motorists who may not know the rules of the road, Cadena said.

No one should question the governor's commitment to the border, said Secretary of State Henry Cuellar. As lieutenant governor, Perry led the Senate Committee on Border Affairs, he said.

"So many pieces of legislation arose that helped the border," Cuellar said. "No other governor has put the emphasis on the border like Perry has."

Perry's spokeswoman, Kathy Walt, added that the bills in question were flawed or redundant. She noted that Perry approved money to build roads along the border and

bills that improve access to education and health care for low-income border residents.

In May, Perry signed a bill requiring the state minimum wage be at least as high as the federal minimum wage, which boosts it from \$3.35 an hour to \$5.15 an hour. The state minimum wage applies to domestic employees, farm workers and others who aren't covered by the federal Fair Labor Standards.

The Rev. Ed Roden-Lucero, pastor of the Blessed Juan Diego church, was upset by Perry's veto of the living wage bill, which he said demonstrated an "apparent insensitivity to the struggling fam-

ilies, where the worker is normally working one or more jobs at minimum wage."

Roden-Lucero, co-chairman of the El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization, said that even \$5.15 an hour cannot support most families. EPISO, which works to improve living conditions in the El Paso area, calculated that a single wage earner in a family of four would have to be paid \$10.50 an hour with benefits to stay off government assistance.

"The only thing that can turn this community around is to abandon the centuries-old concept of seeing our people as cheap labor," Roden-Lucero said.

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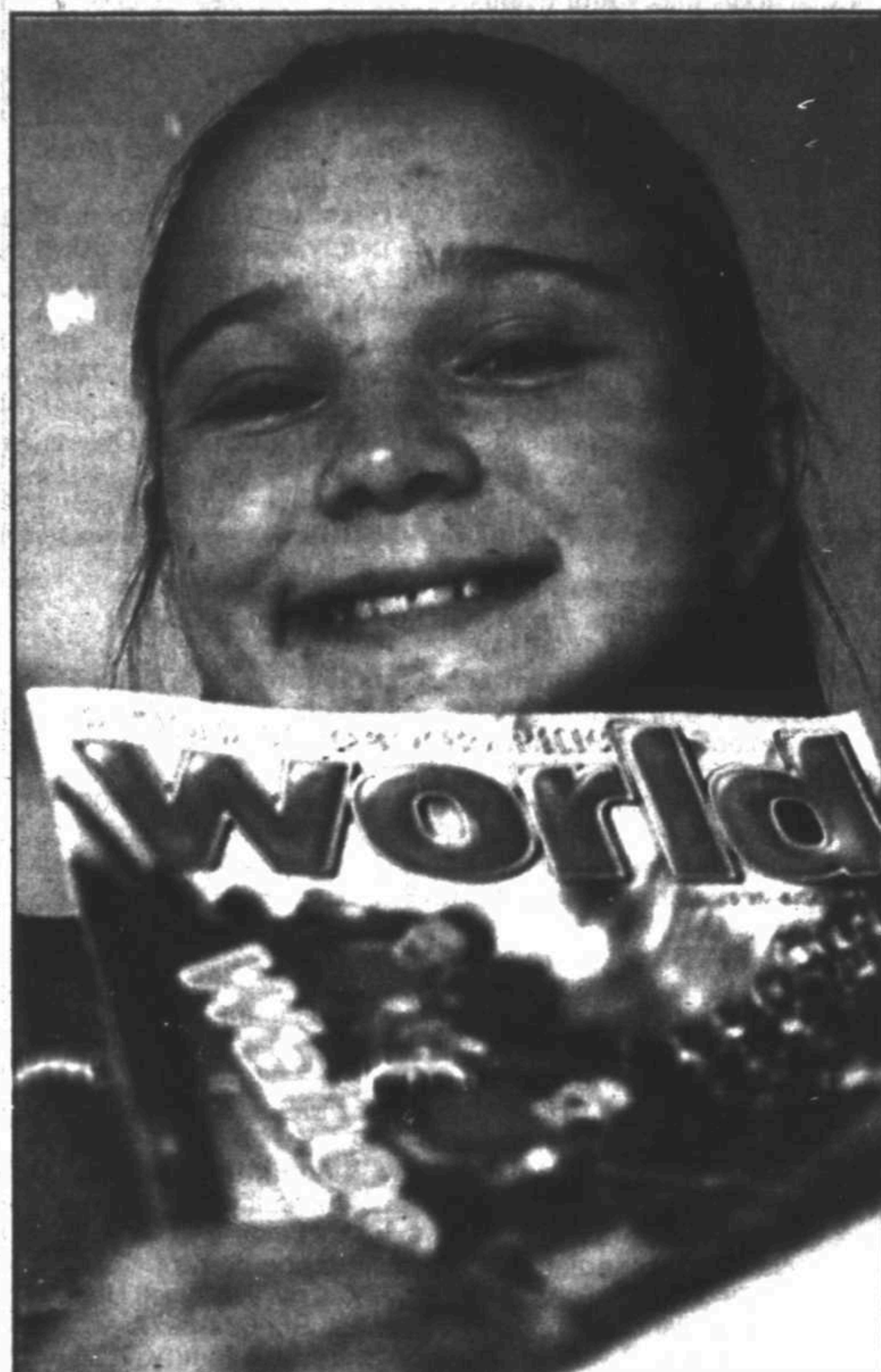
By Summer Creech
MRT Correspondent

Musicians, movie stars and magazines might be on the minds of most young girls, but former Midlander Kelsey McPherson and Midlander Veronica Richter, both 11, will be putting those everyday thoughts to an extraordinary use.

The girls were selected to serve on the National Geographic World Advisory team for 2001-2002 and will be sharing their thoughts on everything from bios about crocodile chasers to what the cover of the magazine should display.

The girls discovered they could serve on the Advisory team when they were reading an issue of World.

"There was an advertisement in one of the magazines, and it said that they needed people to be on the team," said Veronica, a student at St. Ann's Catholic School. "I wanted to be on the team because I really liked some of the stuff that was in the older magazines that they have discontinued. I thought it would be cool if I could tell them that some of the stuff that they quit doing should be



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Veronica Richter is on the advisory team for National Geographic World magazine.



Kelsey McPherson

in the magazine. I could make it something (everyone) would want to read."

Kelsey, who moved to New York recently, just thought "it would be fun" to be a member of the team.

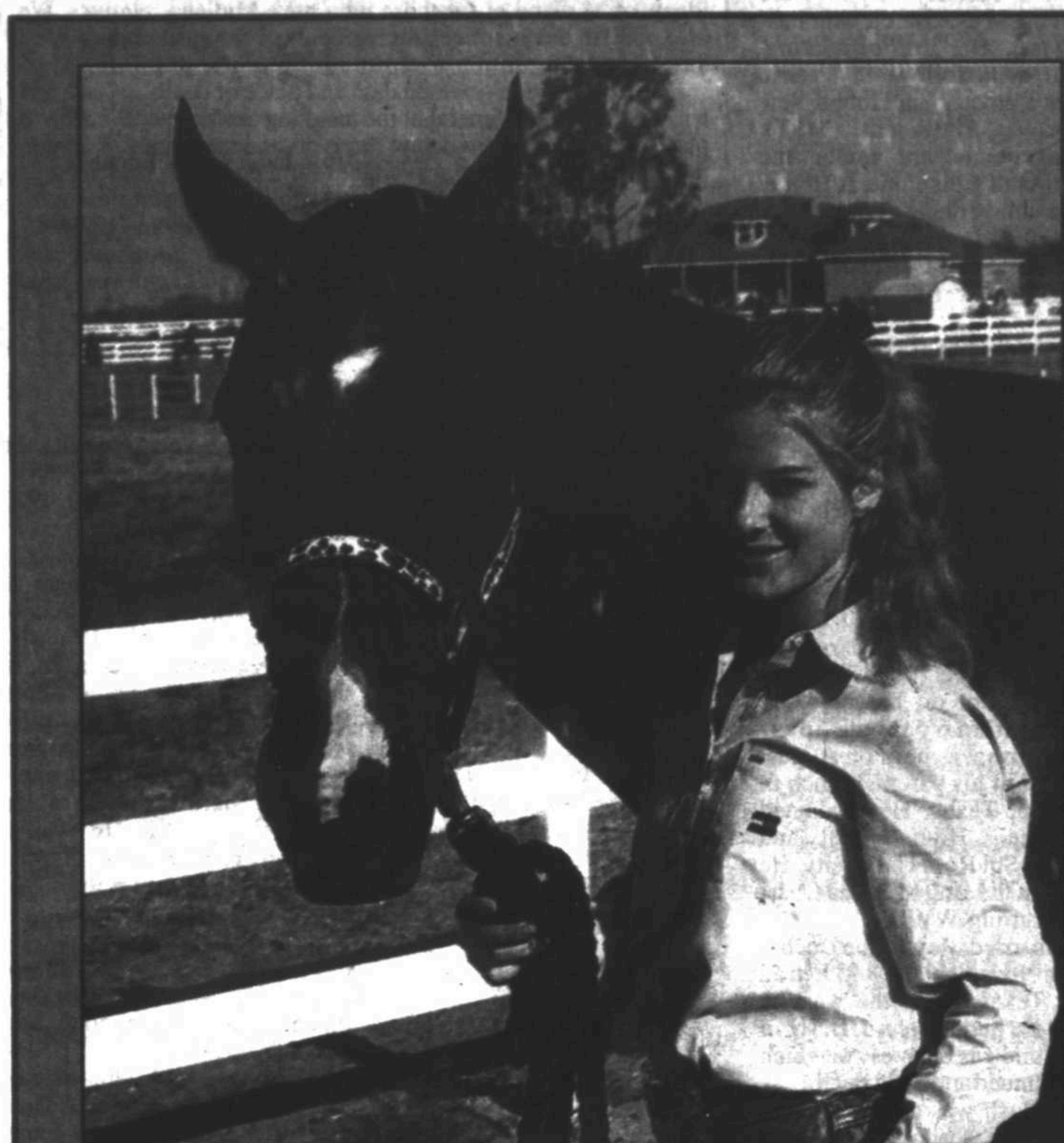
When asked what she would be doing as a member of the team, Kelsey said it would consist of doing a lot of things.

"They ask you questions on music groups you like, what were fun things for kids to do, fun places to go, stuff like that," said Kelsey, former Hillander Elementary School student. "What the team does is tell the magazine what we want to be included (in the magazine)."

Veronica, who recently received a letter announcing she had been chosen, said the packet also included a letter that asked what some of her interests were and who her favorite athletes and celebrities were.

"I think only about 200 people were chosen and it was really neat to be one of them," said Kelsey about being selected.

Veronica said that not only were her friends and family happy but her librarian was excited for her as well.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Cheyenne Gentry and her horse, Jetta, will compete in barrel racing at the National High School Rodeo Association national finals July 23-29.

Barrel racer runs to finals

By Emily Baker
MRT Correspondent

When she was 8 years old, she asked for a horse for her birthday, and she actually got one. Now she is 16, and that same horse will carry her at the National High School Rodeo Association national finals July 23-29 in Springfield, Ill.

Cheyenne Gentry and her horse, Jetta, rode to a second-place finish last month at the Texas High School Rodeo Finals.

"The most fun is the state finals," Miss Gentry said of all of the rodeos in which she participates. "I have heard that nationals are like 10 times more fun than state."

Miss Gentry said that about 30 states participate at nationals and that Texas usually brings home the gold.

"Any of us have a chance to win," she said. "Texas is the toughest state. When they go up there, they normally win it. We have so many participants. Some teams may only have tough roughstock (bull riding and both bronc riding events) or a tough barrel racing team or something. But we are strong in all of it in Texas."

At nationals, each state comprises a team, so all of the participants from Texas are on the same team. Each participant competes for individual titles as well as for team glory.

"I expect to place really high," she said. "I have a really good chance. You get a really nice buck-in for qualifying, and you get money and buckles and saddles when you place high."

More than \$100,000 will be given away at the finals, and \$150,000 will go into college scholarship money.

Miss Gentry trained her own horse.

"She was my grandma's horse," she said. "I just started putting (Jetta) on barrels, and she just clicked with me and got really good."

Miss Gentry plans to train other horses because Jetta will be getting too old for college rodeo by the time she graduates from high school.

The Midland High School student plans to attend Texas Tech University. She plans to buy her pro card when she turns 18. The card will allow her to enter professional rodeos.

During high school, Miss Gentry uses her weekends to travel to rodeos.

"I enjoy it. We are always on the road," she said. "You meet tons of new people. It is always so much fun. I guess just when you get into high school it is a really big deal to be involved in high school rodeo, and it goes really good on your resume to get on a college rodeo team."

Miss Gentry is also on the Midland High School varsity track team.

"That gets really hard," she said. "Track lasts until 5:30 every day or later. I have to ride my horse and do my homework, and I want to eat with my family. It gets hard to get everything done."

There were about three track meets (from which I had to leave early to go to rodeos. My (track) coach (Susan Nix) is real supportive of that. She always called to see how I did and was very proud of me."

Miss Gentry competed at the International Youth Rodeo Association finals July 3-15. Among other accomplishments for the first-generation rodeo athlete are nine youth barrel racing championships, a rookie of the year award, two finals qualifications and a saddle.

Hickory, dickory, dock ... Mother Goose stories are more than just talk

"I think we might have snow today. What do you think?" Ritzie Williford innocently asked five-year old Jacob Irvin. The boy, dressed in a bright orange t-shirt and black shorts, giggled and shook his head. He is already captivated by the fun and nurturing nature of Ms. Williford.

Mother Goose, a charming character of fiction, has stepped out of the pages on which she was created and into the shoes of storyteller Ritzie Williford.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the summer months, Ms. Williford invites children of pre-school ages to attend a Storytime program at the Midland County Library. This free program features "A Mixed Bag of Fun" stories for kids, who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and various crafts.

"I've been storytelling for almost my whole life," she said. "I majored in drama, minored in art and used to be a dancer. I combined all to become Mother Goose."

"This program involves children before they can read for themselves," continued Ms. Williford, who is one of the founding mothers of the West Texas Storytelling Guild. "It makes them excited about coming to the library and checking out books. Storytelling with and for children gives me the most wonderful feeling. They're sitting and

listening in almost a hypnotic state."

Ms. Williford uses a highly interactive technique that encourages her young audience to think, participate and get involved.

"I love my audiences," she exclaimed. "I use puppets and musical stories, which are a nice way to introduce the children to rhythm. There are lots of rap versions of traditional fairy tales. Making the children conscious of rhythm makes them conscious of counting."

Ms. Williford also teaches the children to say hello in different languages.

"Mother Goose time is great because it gives (kids) something to do," said Laura Irvin, mother of Jacob Irvin. "Jacob sometimes goes to Barnes and Noble to hear their storytellers, but he won't miss one of Mother Goose's. He loves it."

Vernon and Lynette Franklin, grandparents of only child Robert Franklin, 6, take Robert to Mother Goose so he can build social skills.

"He lives out in the country where there are no children, and the computer games he has don't allow him to interact," explained Ms. Franklin. "This is great preparation for school as well. He learns to sit still and cooperate with in a group."

"He enjoys it here and comes twice a week," added Franklin. "He likes the crafts. (At home) we're working on drawer number three of his crafts."

"As soon as he gets home he tells mommy and daddy and usually picks up books for mom to read to him," Ms. Franklin said.

To Ms. Williford, each child represents a piece of the future, yet she still remembers her audience members of the past.

"I remember this one boy many years ago, he was very clever," recalled Ms. Williford. "I was telling the Goldilocks and the Three Bears story and was playing with the audience. I said, 'Hmmm...now what was (Mother Bear) cooking? Was it spaghetti, was it fried chicken, was it steak?' And he raised his hand and said, 'Nooo! It was porridge!' I wonder where he is today and what he's doing."

Wherever he is and whatever he is doing, it seems likely the lessons he learned at Mother Goose's Storytime served him well, as they will countless others.

For more information, contact the Midland County Library's Children's Department at 688-8991.



ABOVE: Three-year-old Emily Key and her baby sitter, Jodi Campbell, sing along with other youngsters during storytime at the Midland County Public Library. LEFT: Ritzie Williford, dressed as Mother Goose, gets help from the audience to portray sock-puppet characters for the story of The Three Bears.



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'Hounds look to get back in West race with homestand

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

If the Midland RockHounds want to make some headway in the race for the second half Texas League West Division title, an upcoming 12-game homestand is a good place to start.

Coming into tonight's four-game series opener against Wichita, Midland trails both San Antonio and Round Rock in the West. El Paso, which comes to Christensen Stadium at the tail end of the homestand, appears to have made a complete turnaround from its first half woes by adding some veteran talent. That talent has helped to take the recent series against the RockHounds in El Paso.

For the season, the RockHounds are 25-15 at home, which means they have played well at Christensen Stadium, a ballpark which is conducive to the 'Hounds' offense.

To begin this homestand, the top two teams from the East will be here for the first eight games — Wichita and Tulsa. Wichita had an opportunity to win the first half title but was swept by Midland at Christensen to close the first half of play, spoiling the Wranglers' plans.

Wichita has since been on a tear in the second half, winning 18 out of 23 games going into Sunday's game. Only a few weeks ago, the Wranglers, probably remembering the sweep in Midland, took three out of four games from the RockHounds in Wichita.

The Wranglers have been doing it with both hitting and pitching as Wichita is second in the Texas League in both team categories to Round Rock.

Leading the way offensively for Wichita is Ken Harvey, a 6-foot-2, 240-pound first baseman is hitting an impressive .380 with five home runs and 25 RBIs in 42 games played with the Wranglers. Outfielder Brandon Berger brings some power to go with his .309 average as he has connected for 24 home runs and has driven in 74 runs.

The Wranglers also have some quality starting pitching led by left-hander Jeremy Affeldt (8-3, 3.39).

Tulsa hopes to make up some ground as it trails Wichita by two

games (going into Sunday).

If there is one name that sticks out from the Drillers' lineup is that of third baseman Hank Blalock, who twice in three days hit for the cycle against the 'Hounds late last month. Blalock has been rather impressive since being called up from Class A ball as he's hitting .372 with four home runs and 22 RBIs in just 21 games.

Outfielder Brett Cadiente has also had some success against the 'Hounds this season. Cadiente is coming in with a .303 batting average. First baseman Travis Hafner is another Driller to watch for with a .284 average, five homers and 37 RBIs.

One of the new faces to watch in the El Paso lineup is Derrick Gibson, a former top prospect in the Colorado Rockies organization. Since joining the Diablos a week ago, Gibson has helped turn around things around by hitting .389 and driving in seven runs. Gibson, along with former San Francisco Giants prospect Mike Glendenning, have come along to enforce an El Paso lineup that already had Lyle Overbay (.331 average, 7 HRs, 55 RBIs), Chris Lemonis (.315, 7, 19) and Brian Dallimore (.305, 4, 39).

Chancellor again featured in WNBA All-Star contest

By Mike Branom
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Van Chancellor doesn't believe his three WNBA All-Star coaching appearances have anything to do with his skill with Xs and Os.

Instead, Chancellor insists he's just going where his four-time league champion Houston Comets take him. In this case, it's to the TD Waterhouse Centre for Monday night's All-Star game.

"It's the case of a coach riding the coat-tails of a lot of great players," Chancellor said Sunday, the day before he was to lead the Western Conference. "What got me the All-Star job was Cynthia (Cooper) and Sheryl (Swoopes) and all of them — players."

New York Liberty coach Richie Adubato, who will direct the Eastern squad, said his counterpart is just being modest. Adubato noted that Chancellor is without the retired Cooper and the injured Swoopes, yet Houston's record is 14-4, good for second in the league.

"He's got them right up as a contender, fighting for the Western Conference," Adubato said.

But again, Chancellor was more than willing to deflect the credit. While he acknowledged the loss of two All-Stars, he noted that he has two others in Tina Thompson, a three-time selection, and Janeth Arcain, who will be making her All-Star debut.

"Thompson and Arcain have been playing unbelievable," said Chancellor, who has a career record of 112-28. "I did

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Umpires file grievance regarding pitch count

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Baseball umpires filed a grievance to keep the commissioner's office from pressuring them to call more strikes and reduce pitches, saying management's move "threatens the integrity of the game."

The grievance, filed late Saturday, says the commissioner's office violated the umpires' new labor contract by keeping track of the average number of pitches in games worked behind the plate by each umpire and ranking each umpire in that category.

"If you have good pitchers pitching, there will be fewer pitches thrown, but if the pitchers are struggling, we can't control that," umpire Randy Marsh said. "If the pitch is a strike, it's a strike, and if it's a ball, it's a ball."

Larry Gibson, a lawyer for the umpires, notified baseball of the grievance in a three-page letter he faxed Saturday to the commissioner's office.

"The union has learned that the office of the commissioner believes the average to be around 285 pitches in a nine-inning game," Gibson wrote. "Umpires are being told that this number is too high and to 'bring your pitch count down' ... to 270 pitches a game."

Gibson wrote that umpires have been told to "call more strikes," "be aggressive" and to "hunt for strikes."

"The pitch count, whether or not it is coupled with a direct instruction to call more strikes, interferes with an umpire's duty to exercise independent judgment on each pitch," Gibson wrote.

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Maruyama fulfills dreams with GMO playoff victory

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Early in his career, Shigeki Maruyama made regular appearances on a Japanese variety show called Yume-ga-Mori-Mori, which means "Lots of Dreams."

He fulfilled one of them Sunday when he became the first Japanese player to win a PGA Tour event on the mainland, beating Charles Howell III in a playoff in the Greater Milwaukee Open.

And what's his next vision? Maruyama didn't need his interpreter to answer that one.

"Beat Tiger Woods!" he belted, flashing his ever-present smile a little wider than usual after imitating Tiger's trademark uppercut and jaw-dropping shout.

"Shigeki is a great player," Howell said. "He's probably one of the nicest guys out here. He's always smiling. But now he's obviously got a reason to smile."

Maruyama sank a 4 1/2-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole after Howell missed a 7-footer for par on the 18th at Brown Deer Park.

The only other Japanese winner on the PGA Tour was Isao Aoki, who won the 1983 Hawaiian Open when he holed a fairway shot for eagle on the final hole.

Howell closed with a 7-under 64 and Maruyama had a 66 to finish at 18-under 266 on a hot, humid and windless day. J.P. Hayes (63) and Tim Herron (67) tied for third, three strokes back.

Howell's previous best was a third-place finish in the John Deere Classic last year, and Maruyama's previous best was a second-place tie — with Woods — in the Buick Invitational last year. Maruyama also has won nine international events.

Third-round leader Jeff Sluman tied for 10th place after shooting a 72. Hayes, of Appleton, was trying to become the first native Wisconsin player to win in the GMO's 34-year history.

Howell birdied the last four holes of regulation. Then, he watched from the driving range on a giant TV screen as Maruyama came up short on an 18-foot birdie for the win in regulation.

Maruyama had three birdies and

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AUTO RACING

No flash in the pan

Harvick gets second career win by taking Tropicana 400

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

JOLIET, Ill. — Kevin Harvick's second career victory came as no surprise to team owner Richard Childress, the man who picked the youngster to replace superstar Dale Earnhardt.

"I've been telling people right along that Kevin Harvick is the real deal," Childress said Sunday after the 25-year-old rookie raced to his second career victory in the inaugural Tropicana 400 at the new Chicagoland Speedway.

"I think today answers any questions about his driving ability."

Harvick, elevated to a full-time ride in Winston Cup a year ahead of schedule after Earnhardt's death in the season-opening Daytona 500, was praised to the skies for his emotional victory in Atlanta three races after taking over the car.

But this one was a vindication for Harvick and the rest of his Richard Childress Racing team.

After celebrating for the sellout crowd of 85,000 with some doughnuts and a long, smoky burnout in front of the grandstand, Harvick scrambled from his white No. 29 Chevrolet and began to celebrate with team owner Childress and his crew.

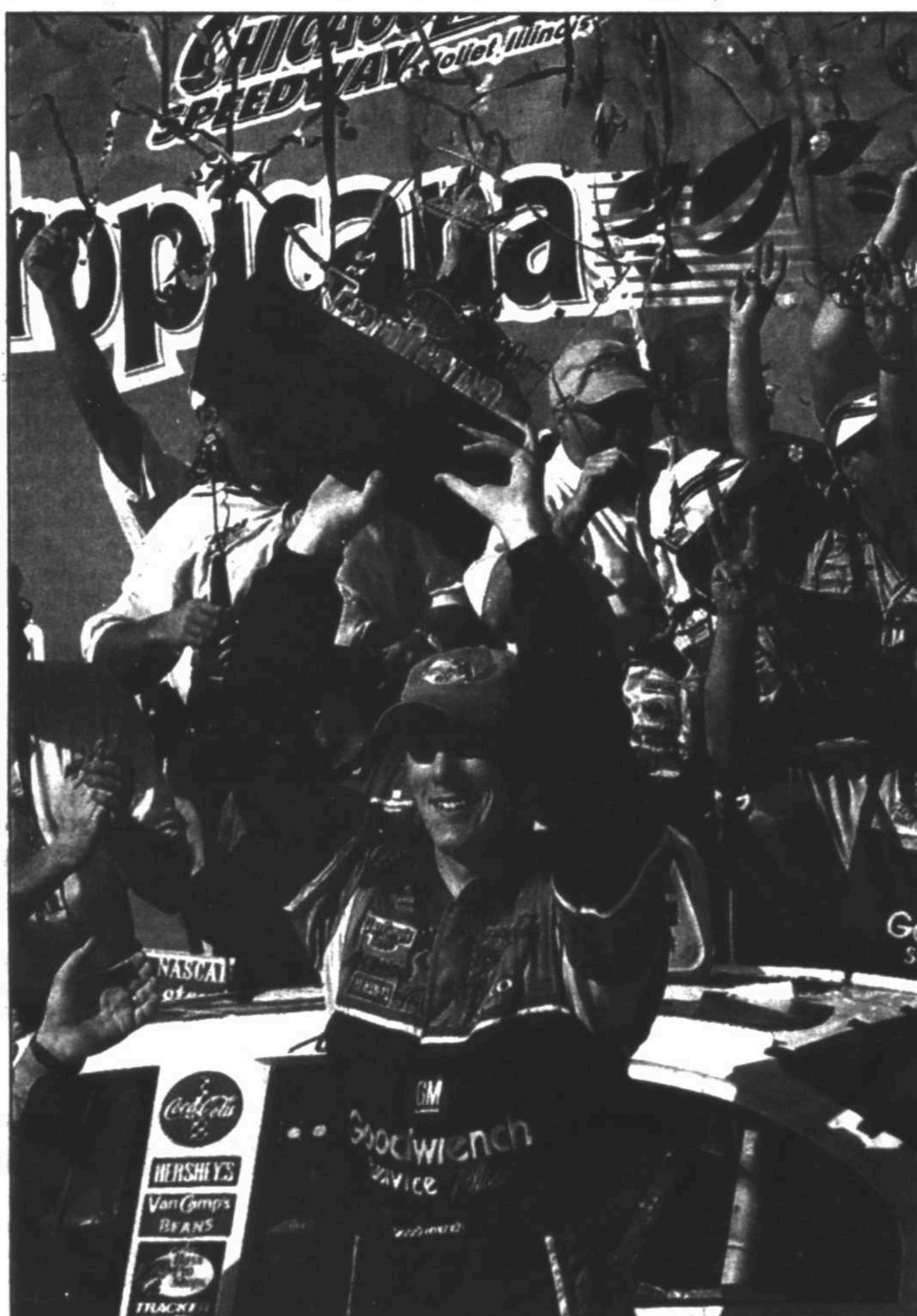
"This means a lot," Harvick said. "When you're stuck on your first win, everybody says 'He's a flash in the pan.' Well, here's our second win now."

This one came in the 18th race of the year and Harvick's 17th and kept him solidly in the top 10 in the season standings.

Harvick, who also is running a full Busch Series schedule and is leading the points in that series, ran strong throughout Sunday's 267-lap race on the new 1 1/2-mile, D-shaped tri-oval. He took the lead for good on lap 242, passing Mark Martin.

The aftermath of the win in Atlanta was almost entirely a tribute to Earnhardt. This one was more about Harvick, crew chief Kevin Hamlin and his crew. Still, The Intimidator wasn't far from anyone's mind Sunday.

"Everything we do this year is in memory of Dale Earnhardt," Harvick said. "He is the reason we're racing in both series and we want



Kevin Harvick, center, and his team celebrate in the winner's circle after taking the Tropicana 400 Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill.

to do everything we can for him. I'm sure Dale Earnhardt would be very proud of us right now."

Typically, the racing groove on the new track was narrow and cars that ventured off that area often paid a price. There were nine caution flags and two drivers were injured.

Mike Skinner, Harvick's teammate, cut a tire and slammed into the wall at close to 180 mph. He was knocked unconscious for a few moments, but was awake and alert when removed from the car.

Skinner, who also crashed Friday in practice, was limping and was helped to the ambulance by two safety workers. He was transported by ambulance to a hospital, where he was diagnosed with a mild concussion and a fractured left ankle before being treated and released.

Later in the race, Jerry Nadeau, who led several times and appeared to have a good shot at his second win, lost an oil line and Roy

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Doyle captures Senior Players Championship

By Larry Lage
AP Sports Writer

DEARBORN, Mich. — Allen Doyle knows he'll never be in the same class as Hale Irwin and Tom Watson on the Senior PGA Tour.

Doyle doesn't really care. Doyle, the former college hockey player who turned pro in 1995 after a successful amateur career, won the Senior Players Championship on Sunday on the first hole of a playoff with Doug Tewell. Doyle forced sudden death with a 35-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole in the final senior major of the year.

"You can't fathom where I've come from," Doyle said. "It still blows my mind that this is my office, here at a golf course. You don't lose touch with that and don't forget that you're one of the luckiest guys in the world. Am I one up on everybody or what?"

Doyle, who shot a 5-under 67 to match Tewell at 15-under 273, won his first major and sixth overall title on the senior tour. The playoff was just the second in tour-

nament history.

Tewell, who shot a 66, saw his chances for victory slip away on the extra hole when his tee shot went wide left and landed in wetlands. Tewell bogeyed the playoff hole, while Doyle parred.

"I kind of felt like I shut the door on Allen, but he birdied," said Tewell of the final hole of regulation. "But I'm happy I'm getting my game back. I wasn't going to play next week, but I've committed to play in Chicago. This really ticks me off that I lost."

Irwin shot 66 to finish third at 12 under.

Irwin and Watson were the 36-hole leaders at 9 under, but Irwin's 75 Saturday after double bogeys on Nos. 15 and 16 proved to be too much to overcome. Watson (73) finished at 8 under.

"If you had told me I would have three rounds of 65, 66 and 70 — I would've been thrilled," Irwin said. "I just wasn't expecting the 75 that killed me."

U.S. Open Champion Bruce Fleisher (68) and Ed Dougherty

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Shigeki Maruyama reacts on the 18th green after making a birdie putt to beat Charles Howell III in a playoff during the final round of the Greater Milwaukee Open.



Baltimore Orioles' Cal Ripken Jr. looks at a photo of his father, Cal Ripken Sr., given to him by the Florida Marlins during a ceremony honoring his baseball achievements prior to the game Sunday in Miami.

Ripken's week setting up memorable farewell

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

If the past week is any indication, Cal Ripken's farewell tour should be quite a treat.

First, the retiring Orioles third baseman hits one out of the park in his final All-Star game and earns the MVP award for good measure. Then, he homers not once — but twice — Saturday night in his last regular-season game at Atlanta's Turner Field.

Even though he was wearing Baltimore's road grays, Ripken was coaxed out of the dugout both times by towel-waving Braves fans, who didn't mind a bit that he personally gave the home team a 4-1 loss Saturday night.

So, Cal, was that the first time you've given a curtain call on the road?

"Does the All-Star game count?" he asked with a grin.

Indeed, the Ripken lovefest began in earnest with his storybook performance Tuesday at Seattle's Safeco Field. He got a final inning at shortstop; was honored along with another retiring great, Tony Gwynn; and hit yet another dramatic home run that helped the American League win 4-1.

Ripken arrived in Atlanta two days later to more accolades. The Braves gave him a plaque and a \$10,000 check for the foundation named in honor of Ripken's late father. The fans gave him a standing ovation each time he bat-

ted, hundreds of flashbulbs accompanying every swing.

Ripken got a hit in all three games, including a double Friday in just the sixth pinch-hitting appearance of his career.

But the Iron Man was saving his best for last.

Before a crowd of more than 50,000 — second-largest of the year at Turner Field — Ripken slammed a two-run homer in the sixth inning against fellow All-Star John Burkett, breaking a 1-1 tie.

Ripken came up again in the eighth against Steve Reed, who got ahead 1-2 in the count before hanging a curve. Ripken knocked it to nearly the same spot in the left-field stands for his sixth homer of the season.

"Ripken's a very good mistake hitter," said Burkett, who didn't get his cut fastball as low as he wanted on the first homer. "You make one and he makes you pay for it."

After both homers, Ripken was called to the top step of the dugout by a crowd that wouldn't stop cheering until he gave a quick wave. Never mind that he cost the home team a chance to move into sole possession of first place in the NL East.

"You almost feel you're doing something wrong in the middle of the game," Ripken said. "It's very strange to get a curtain call in an away ballpark."

The Braves didn't mind a bit.

"A lot of people came out to see him for the last time, and he definitely gave them their money's worth," manager Bobby Cox said. "That was nice of the fans. It didn't hurt our feelings."

Ripken homered for the first time — one that counted, anyway — since June 16, three days before announcing he would retire at the end of the season.

Ripken also extended his hitting streak to 15 games, his longest in nine years. He's hoping manager Mike Hargrove will provide plenty of playing time over the last 2 1/2 months of the season — the most fitting tribute of all to a guy who played in 2,632 consecutive games.

"I'd like to play more. But I understand the situation," Ripken said. "We're rebuilding and making decisions for the future. At the same time, my time is numbered, my games are numbered."

"If I perform well and I hit well, I always think that weighs big with the manager when he makes out his lineup."

From Atlanta, it was off to Florida for another three-game series, more tributes and — knowing Ripken's penchant for knowing the occasion — some new memories.

"You can be humbled at any moment, feel like you can't hit, feel like you can't play," he said. "And then all of a sudden in one game you can feel like you're on top of the world again."

'Hounds snap slide in El Paso

Staff Report

EL PASO — The Midland RockHounds had to feel like justice was finally served Sunday night.

After three straight one-run losses to the El Paso Diablos, the 'Hounds were able to leave town giving the Diablos a taste of their own medicine, as Mike Lockwood's two-out single in the top of the ninth gave the 'Hounds an 8-7 victory. With the win, the 'Hounds return home one game ahead of El Paso to stay out of the Texas League West Division cellar.

It was the second straight wild game to close the series, coming after the 'Hounds had lost a tough 11-10 decision to the Diablos the night before. Sunday's game was equally topsy-turvy, only the outcome was far more satisfying to the 'Hounds.

With the score tied 5-5 in the top of the seventh, the 'Hounds finally chased El Paso starter Joe Crawford as Jay Pecci was hit by a pitch and scored on a triple by

Oscar Salazar for a 6-5 lead. In the bottom of the inning, though, the Diablos took their only lead of the game on a two-run bloop double down the right field line by Tim Olson to make it 7-6.

The 'Hounds tied it in the top of the eighth after Lockwood walked, Ryan Ludwick singled and they both moved over on a sacrifice bunt by Brian Luderer. Lockwood scored on a groundout by Rusty Keith to make it 7-7.

In the bottom of the ninth, Midland reliever Claudio Galva argued a 2-2 pitch to Doug DeVore which was called a ball, then he threw a ball to walk DeVore and load the bases. Galva apparently said something which earned him an ejection from the game, and 'Hounds' manager Tony DeFrancesco was ejected shortly thereafter.

But Kevin Gregg (5-4) relieved and got Brad Cresce to hit into a double play grounder and end the inning.

In the top of the ninth, Pecci was hit by a pitch for the second straight time, and El Paso relief-

er Jason Martinez (1-2) then hit Salazar (who was 4-for-4) to put two runners on. With two outs, Lockwood, who had three hits, drove in Pecci with the winning run.

Gregg then slammed the door shut in the ninth by striking out the side.

Midland 8, El Paso 7									
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German 2b	5	1	2	0	Dalmon 3b	5	0	2	0
Pecci ss	3	1	0	0	Lemmon 2b	5	1	2	1
Salazar 3b	4	2	2	0	Overby 1b	4	0	1	0
Merkle 1b	4	1	0	1	Gibson cf	4	1	3	1
Landy lf	4	0	1	2	Devore c	3	3	2	0
Lockwood rf	4	1	3	2	Cresce c	4	1	1	2
Ludwick cf	4	0	1	0	Gilbrech 1b	4	0	1	1
Luderer c	3	0	1	0	Murphy rf	2	1	0	0
Keith dh	4	0	0	1	Rose ph/cf	2	0	0	0
					Olson ss	5	0	2	2
Totals	35	6	13	8	Totals	38	7	14	7
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Midland	3.1	7	3	3	4	3			
Thompson	1.1	3	2	2	0	2			
Noriega	1.2	2	2	2	1	0			
Snyder	1.0	2	0	0	2	1			
Gelva	1.2	0	0	0	0	3			
Gregg, W 5-4	6.2	0	0	0	0	3			
El Paso	6.2	11	6	8	3	7			
Crawford	2.1	2	2	2	1	3			
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Alou's hit streak at 20 to lead Astros

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Moises Alou homered and extended his hitting streak to 20 games, leading the Houston Astros over the Cleveland Indians 5-3 Sunday.

Alou's hitting streak is the second-longest in the National League this year behind teammate Lance Berkman, who had his 21-game streak snapped Friday.

Houston won for the 10th time in 13 games and remained three games behind the first-place Chicago Cubs in the NL Central.

The Indians, who have lost 10 of 16, are five games back of Minnesota in the AL Central.

Tim Redding (2-0) made the fourth start of his career and lasted five-plus innings. He gave up three

runs on four hits and struck out four.

Giants 7, Rangers 6
ARLINGTON — Jeff Kent had three hits and Livan Hernandez held on with help from the bullpen as the San Francisco Giants came back to beat the Texas Rangers 7-6 Sunday night.

Calvin Murray hit a go-ahead single in the sixth inning on the first pitch thrown by reliever Pat Mahomes. Ramon Martinez, the Giants' No. 9 hitter, had just tied it at 6 with an RBI double off Darren Oliver (7-5).

Barry Bonds finished 0-for-4, including a flyout to the warning track in left-center field to end the sixth with two runners on.

Even with just one homer in 17 games, Bonds has 40 in 92 games and is still ahead of Mark McGwire's record pace set three years ago.

WNBA: Aduabato will coach the East

(From 1C)

n't know where we were going to get our scoring from, but they've been generating enough scoring for us to win."

Thompson, the WNBA's second-leading scorer with a 22.6 average, said much of Chancellor's success stems from his willingness to be a "players' coach."

"Coach Chancellor is very open to change and he'll listen to the opinions of his players," Thompson said. "When you coach to fit your players instead of fitting players into your system, it definitely helps in bringing out

their individuality."

During Sunday's practice sessions, Chancellor brought a loose style to the floor. While Aduabato immediately went to work teaching his team a motion offense, Chancellor's squad was laughing, with centers tossing up 3-pointers.

"I just throw the ball out there and let it roll," Chancellor said. "(Rookie) Jackie Stiles asked me what we were going to do. I said, 'Stiles, play ball.' It's pretty simple."

However, Chancellor made sure to point out that he's in Orlando to collect his third All-

Star victory.

"Don't misunderstand me. I want to play to win," Chancellor said. "But I think you've got to have some fun."

"This is the fourth straight time Chancellor and Aduabato have battled on one of the WNBA's biggest stages. Aduabato also coached the East All-Stars last season, and the Comets and Liberty met in the finals in 1999 and 2000.

"Van always has the height," Aduabato mused. "Every time we play, it seems like I'm giving up 4 or 5 inches, or there's five bigs to my two bigs."

PITCH: Umps say they feel pressure

(From 1C)

son's letter said. "Pitch control pressure threatens the integrity of the game, in that it brings on to the playing field improper influence on umpire performance."

The labor contract calls for the sides to meet on the issue. If they can't resolve it, the case would go to an arbitrator selected from a list provided by the American Arbitration Association.

"This is the first I've heard of it," Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office, said Sunday when told of the grievance by a reporter.

"I'm sure we'll meet with the union to discuss it. I think this has been taken way out of context by the union. I'm surprised they haven't attempted to discuss this matter with us privately and have resorted to this more public approach."

Baseball and its umpires have been at odds for more than two decades and just last month, umpire Al Clark was terminated for charging plane tickets for his wife to a credit card paid for by

the commissioner's office.

Commissioner Bud Selig has been concerned about the lengthening time in takes to play games in recent years and has pushed, with little success, for the pace to speed up. The average time of nine-inning games this year is 2 hours, 55 minutes, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, down just two minutes from last year.

Gibson blamed slow games on the 2:05 allowed between innings for television commercials, a time increased to 2:25 for nationally televised games.

"Is an umpire to catch up on his

average going from one game to the next and is he to keep that average in mind when making a judgment as to whether a particular pitch is a strike or a ball?" Gibson's letter said.

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, declined comment.

"We ought to be able to resolve this," Gibson said Sunday. "We understand there's actually a chart they developed that ranked all the umpires by pitch count over eight games. We want to see it. We hope in the future, it doesn't get created again."

LOCAL SPORTS

Huckabees win Jamboree

The team of Ron and Dub Huckabee held on to their big lead to win the Green Tree Country Club 2001 Jamboree Sunday with a score of 188.

The Huckabees finished 10 strokes ahead of their nearest pursuers, Doug Noah and Steve Whiteside. Following are the top four finishers listed in each flight.

First Flight: 1. Ron Huckabee-Dub Huckabee 62-60-188; 2. Doug Noah-Steve Whiteside 67-66-196; 3. Bobby Welborn-Rolly Hughes 70-66-196; 4. Chris Pasnick-Nathan Foreman 67-66-196.

Third Flight: 1. Ron Alnoworth-Mark Pruitt 68-70-210; 2. Jim Plank-Bob Plank 73-70-211; 3. Pat Dennis-Bobby Zupp 70-69-212; 4. Pete Scherer-Everett Coon 67-74-212.

Fourth Flight: 1. Troy Morris-Les Opperman 68-71-208; 2. Joe O'Hara-Bob Miam 73-67-215; 3. Bob Dure-Bobby Hill 75-70-216; 4. Rick Batten-David Turney 73-72-220.

Fifth Flight: 1. Tim Hodgson-Gene Shumate 73-71-216; 2. Bill Matthews-Scott Huckabay 70-74-217; 3. Kelly Cooke-Lynn Johnson 72-77-221; 4. Chuck Sledge-Paul Wright 75-74-222.

Sixth Flight: 1. Don Bennett-Jeff Davis 70-67-211; 2. Curtis Northcutt-D.V. Edwards 70-72-212; 3. Richard Thompson-Glen Miller 71-75-216; 4. Mark Coats-Danny Gasser 69-72-216.

Seventh Flight: 1. Dave Robbins-John Acton 71-72-221; 2. Randy Watson-Rick Yason 73-74-222; 3. Shaun Gilbert-Jim Gilbert 73-74-222; 4. Kyle Bromley-Jeff Golder 76-72-223.

Eighth Flight: 1. Glenn Winters-Bill Collins 74-76-225; 2. Robert Ochner-David Pitts 75-77-225; 3. Phil Lawson-Doug Goswick 76-75-228; 4. Billy York-Jon Hale 76-77-230.

Ninth Flight: 1. Brian Bare-Andy Price 73-75-221; 2. Todd Handaway-Mark Halter 74-76-226; 3. Tom Harton-David Walker 77-76-232; 4. Clint Richardson-Darrell Hopkins 80-74-232.

Tenth Flight: 1. Ed Wuldrich-Mike Crossland 74-75-231; 2. Jim Elliott-Matt Smith 75-83-237; 3. Gary Lamb-Mike O'Brien 83-80-79; 4. Jeff Longbottom-Gary Murrell 75-79-82.

11th Flight: 1. Keith Frank-Scott Jones 80-80-76-236; 2. Joel Elliott-Matt Smith 75-83-237; 3. Don Durren-Bruce Plumlee 86-75-242; 4. Ronnie Nickel-Frank Hernandez 81-81-82-244.

Rockets win at tourney

AUSTIN — West Texas Rockets, playing in the Super Series Youth 15 Nationals defeated Stony Point Blue, 6-5, in the first game of the tournament. Erik Paulson was the winning pitcher with 10 strikeouts. Paulson also went 2-for-3; Michael Cargile was 2-for-2 with a double; Josh Wilson had a double; and Marc Shatzer had the winning walkoff two-run home run.

Colson aces at Nueva Vista

Naomi Colson scored a hole-in-one Sunday at Nueva Vista Golf Club. Colson aces the 150-yard No. 4 hole with a 5-wood. It was witnessed by Keith Colson.

Stars go to nationals

The West Texas Stars 16 and under girls AAU/BCI basketball team is going to the BCI National Championships in Colorado Springs on July 26-30. The Stars finished with a 20-10 record playing in seven tournaments during the spring and summer.

Members of the West Texas Stars: Shannon Crumner, Lauren Hinesley, Morgan Hobbs, Ashley Riggs, Kia Wallace, Mary Griffin, Rasha Johnson and Kayla Sutherland.

Bulldogs win two

ABILENE — The Midland Bulldogs 18-under baseball team won its first two games on Saturday at the Abilene Classic II tournament at McMurry University.

The Bulldogs beat Converse Judson, 5-4, as James Gripp went 3-for-4, including the game-winning home run. Daniel Stovall pitched for the win.

The Bulldogs also beat the Abilene Bandits, 5-2. Dillon Farish was the winning pitcher, allowing only one hit. James Smith went 2-for-3; Jeff Jones and Stovall both homered; and Jason Russell had a double.

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July 24	El Paso	7 p.m.
July 25	El Paso	7 p.m.

Sports on TV

Today
BASEBALL → Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Atlanta Braves, 6:30 p.m., TBS.
 San Francisco Giants at Texas Rangers, 7:30 p.m., FSN.
WNBA — All-Star game, 7 p.m., ESPN.

Sports Briefs

Armstrong nearly 36 minutes behind stage winner
PONTARLIER, France — Lance Armstrong finished the eighth stage of the Tour de France nearly 36 minutes behind winner Erik Dekker but remained in position to win.

ce for the third straight year.

Riding through heavy rain and cold wind, the Texan crossed the finish line with the main pack 35 minutes, 54 seconds after the Dutchman.

The big margin probably will not have much bearing because Dekker and the 13 riders within 10 minutes of him are not expected to do well in the key mountain stages that start Tuesday.

Dekker, who rides for Rabobank, edged Spain's Altor Gonzalez in the final sprint on a day when another Spanish rider became the Tour's first cyclist to fail a drug test.

Dekker completed the 138-mile stage in 4:59:18. The stretch took riders from Colmar near Germany to Pontarlier, close to the Swiss border.

o In the breakaway group was Au

armstrong's Stuart O'Grady. He reclaimed the overall leader's yellow jersey by finishing 2:32 behind Dekker.

Armstrong was 35:19 behind O'Grady but remained 27 seconds ahead of his main rival, Jan Ullrich of Germany.

Only seven riders trailed O'Grady in the standings by fewer than 30 minutes. Armstrong and Ullrich can easily gain time in the Alps and the Pyrenees, which force many riders to abandon the Tour.

The cyclists rode through fertile pastures and followed a stretch of the Doubs River. Despite the icy rain and strong wind there were no major crashes.

Monday's stage covers 115 miles, from Pontarlier to Aix-les-Bains at the foot of the

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'Voice of Baylor' dies at age 83
WACO — George Stokes, often referred to as the "Voice of Baylor," died Saturday. He was 83.

Stokes announced Bears home football and basketball games for 26 years before turning off his microphone in 1987.

Baylor Chancellor Herbert Reynolds said Stokes was known for his ability to ease the tension of a game by inserting his unique humor.

"Generally he would have some sort of ludicrous remarks about the traffic situation to and from the stadium," Reynolds told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Stokes was born April 12, 1918, in Paduc-

graduated from Plainview High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Stokes then went on to earn a bachelor's degree in voice at what was then West Texas State University in Canyon, a master's degree in speech at Baylor and a doctorate from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

He was drafted in 1941 and served in both the European and African campaigns during World War II.

Stokes joined the Baylor faculty in 1952 as director of broadcasting. He later went on to head the university's alumni association and the department of communication studies' speech division for several years. From 1952 until he retired in 1983, Stokes taught speech communication, receiving Baylor's Outstanding Professor Award in 1977.

...sides said, "He was a real Baylor."

Heinrichs said: "He was a real cowboy at work. You know, he would end every retired professors' association meeting by leading the group in 'That Good Old Baylor Line,' with much aplomb. We have lost a good friend."

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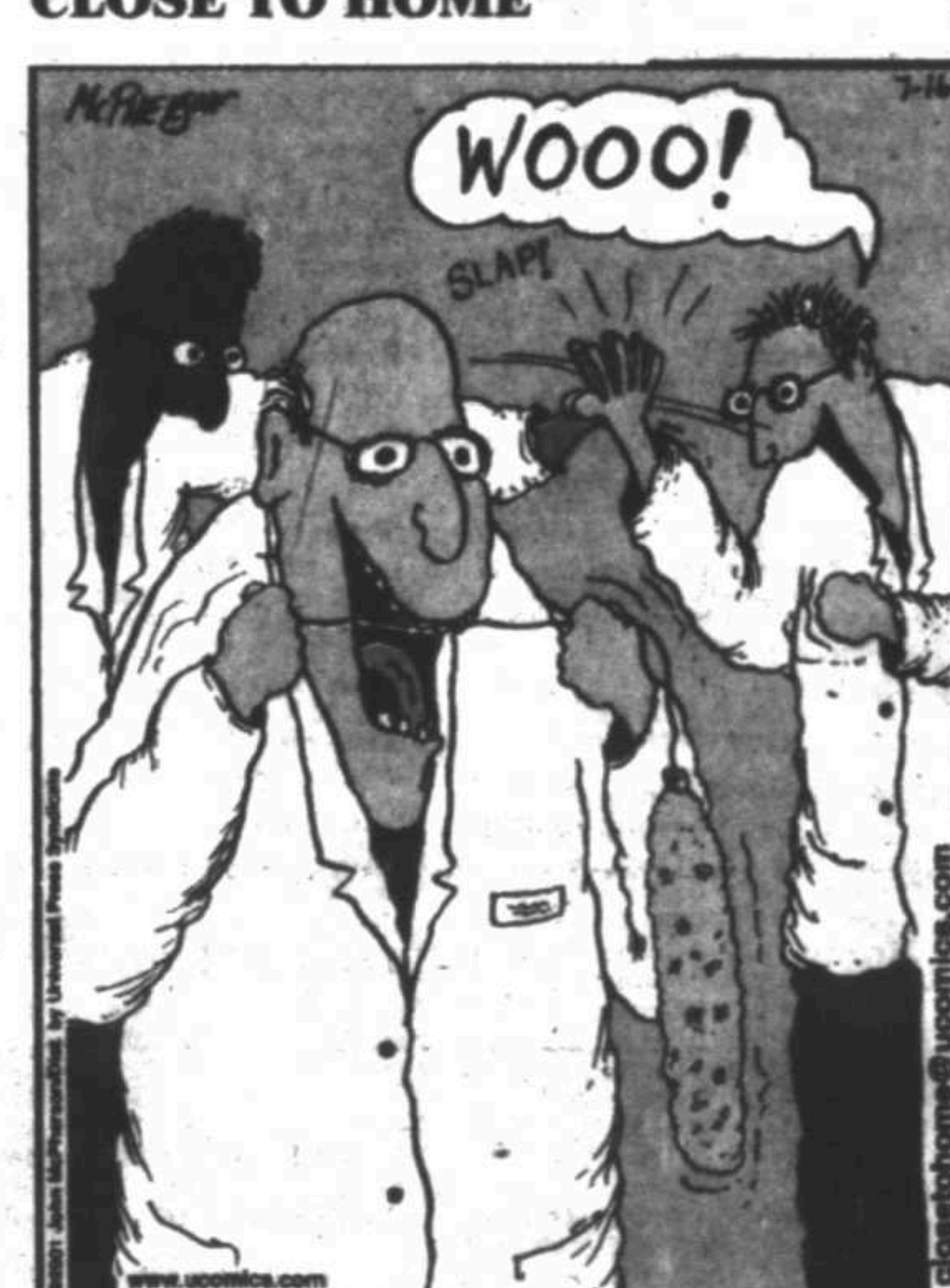
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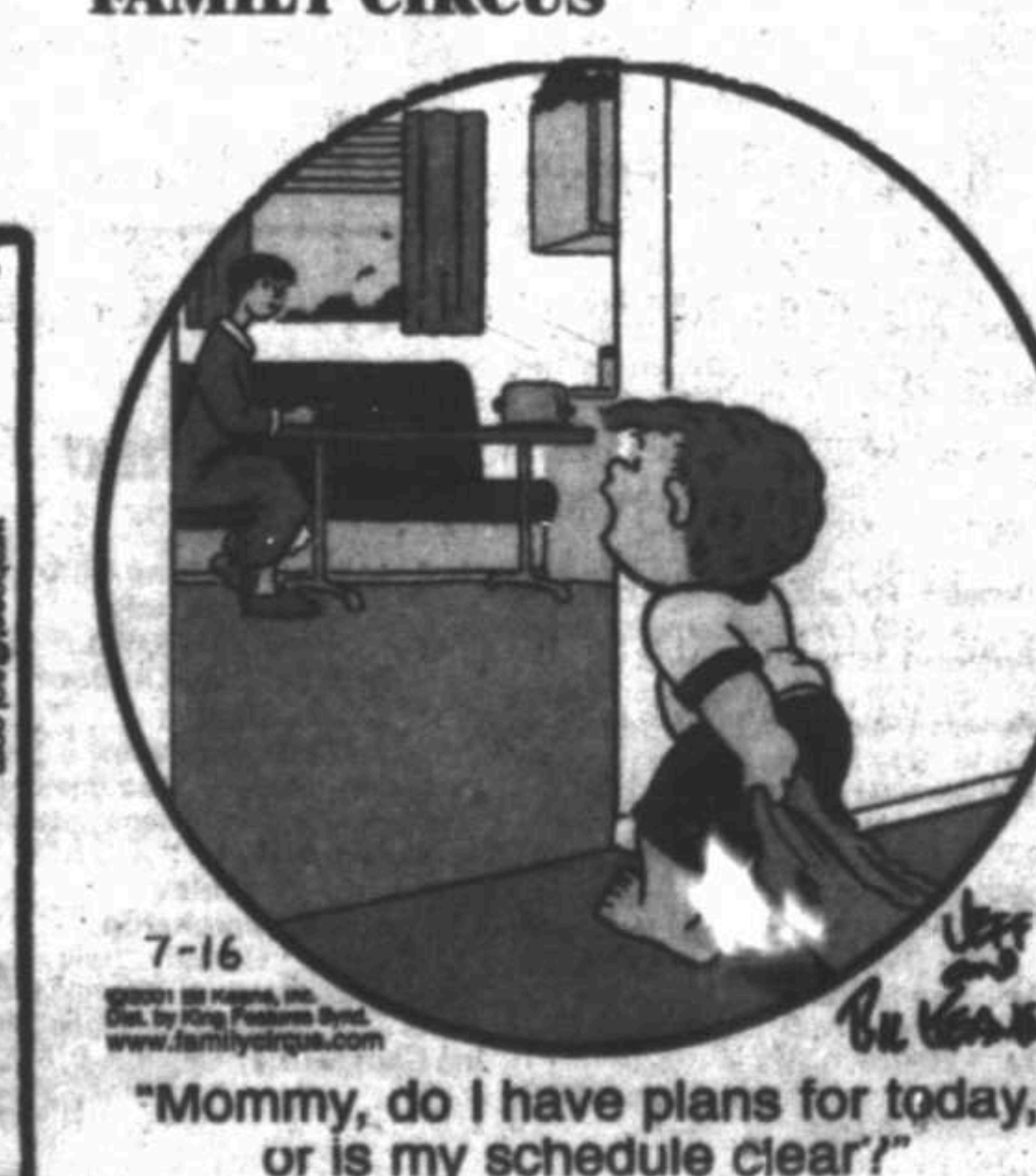
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Though you can't think, you'll find as if you have because you won't. Steer your own way. Financially, financial. Follow it. Tonight for yourself.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your time lining up. Later, you'll find a way to turn. You

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Palm goes after corporate customers



AP Photo
American Airlines gate agent Debbie Benard uses a Palm device connected to a printer to issue a passenger's boarding pass at San Jose Airport in San Jose, Calif. Workers are using handheld computers to change the way they do their jobs. Palm is still the overall market leader in personal digital assistants

By May Wong
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — At Ford Motor Co., handheld computers help assembly line workers to avoid lubricating the wrong machines, saving thousands of dollars in production time by preventing equipment from grinding to a halt.

Doctors at Stanford Medical Center no longer turn their backs on patients while looking up a drug. And at San Jose International Airport, American Airlines clerks issue boarding passes without requiring the disabled and elderly to leave their seats.

A growing number of professionals are using the devices to keep better track of data, get closer to customers and keep vast amounts of information at their fingertips.

Palm Inc. and its rivals are targeting businesses more aggressively than ever before.

Deep-pocketed and less fickle than everyday consumers, corporate customers can be revenue jackpots, purchasing dozens or even thousands of units at a time.

"The consumer market will still be important to drive technology and interest, but it's the enterprise market that will drive the big dollar amounts," said Ken Smiley, senior analyst with the Giga Information Group.

Though Palm is still the overall market leader in so-called personal digital assistants, with more than 16 million Palm-based devices sold since the first Palm Pilot debuted in 1996, rivals are fast encroaching.

Microsoft Corp., which makes the competing Pocket PC operating system used in devices such as Compaq Computer Corp.'s iPAQ or Hewlett-Packard Co.'s Jornada, says more than 1 million Pocket PC units have been sold since its April 2000 release.

"Over a year ago, it was all Palm," observed Richard Owen, chief executive of AvantGo, a handheld service and software provider which saw its own Fortune 100 client accounts grow to 18 from two during the same period. "Now, we see Pocket PCs, and RIM (BlackBerry e-mail pagers) out there."

Palm is well aware that business customers are vital. Citing the slowing economy and some inventory problems, company officials reported a fourth-quarter net loss Tuesday but said they expect to become profitable again in the company's fiscal second quarter ending Nov. 30.

"Enterprise is absolutely critical to our future," chief executive Carl Yankowski said in an interview. "We think there will be a swing toward the enterprise market that will be twice the product growth that we've seen in the consumer market."

Handango, a privately held PDA software company, says corporate customers account for 45 percent of its revenues, up from 15 percent only six months ago. "Now companies are realizing that software applications on handhelds can improve their productivity," said Handango's chief executive, Laura Rippy.

Palm's Yankowski delivered the opening keynote at the Tech X/PC Expo trade show in New York Tuesday, touting market studies that show the popularity of Palms among mobile professionals. He also announced partnerships that could enhance Palm's access to businesses. One deal involves working with the consultants at PricewaterhouseCoopers to develop and market Palm-based software for that company's clients.

Palm has also teamed up with consumer electronics giant Panasonic to jointly market products that use memory cards. On Tuesday, Palm and Panasonic unveiled a giant neon-lit ad in New York's Times Square featuring skydivers taking a picture with a Panasonic digital camera, then pulling the postage stamp-sized memory card from the camera and inserting it in a Palm m505 handheld.

Microsoft, which has committed \$250 million to promote and build its mobile products, is putting on a roadshow of its own. In the past month, the Redmond, Wash.-based tech giant has toured corporate hubs in a dozen U.S. metropolitan areas with two big rigs that doubled as a theater and giant showroom booth for the Pocket PC.

"We're moving to have these devices deployed en masse to business customers," said Ed Suwanjindar, product manager with Microsoft's Mobility Group.

While many users and industry players say that handheld technology needs further development before being widely accepted, all agree that the trend is unstoppable.

Consider cardiologist Judith Swain, chairwoman of the Department of Medicine at Stanford University.

"It's my most important piece of technology. I even carry it in my golf cart on vacation," she said. "Everybody I know has one."

On the Net:

<http://www.palm.com>
<http://www.microsoft.com>

Industrialized nations meet to address global technology gap

By Jim Krane
Associated Press

In a cybercafe in Nairobi, Kenya, on a street thrumming with rap-blaring minibuses, 22-year-old Alex Njau pecks quietly on a keyboard.

A clean-cut man in a crisp white shirt, Njau makes a living designing Web sites in a country where most folks scrape by on 50 cents a day.

"I've been able to get a job in three different places, while the majority of Kenyans are languishing without jobs," Njau said. Without knowledge of computers, "I would be miles behind. Life would be hard."

On Friday, leaders of the Group of Eight industrialized nations will convene their annual summit in Genoa, Italy. A top agenda item is a plan seeking to copy the Nairobi programmer's story billions of times over.

Through his Internet connection, Njau defies the so-called "digital divide," the technology gulf that separates the computer-literate rich from the world's poorer masses.

Njau learned his trade through African Virtual University, a Washington, D.C.-based charity that beams technology classes to 15 African countries.

Although the G-8 leaders are expected to endorse the 23-page plan that endeavors to narrow the global technology gap, the issue isn't free of controversy.

At last year's G-8 summit in Okinawa, the group established the Digital Opportunity Task Force, or DOT Force, to prepare the report. Protesters responded by burning computers, saying, in effect, that the world's poor need breakfast, not PCs.

The critics found an unlikely ally in Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, who said in October that the poor would be better served by technology that brought clean water, electricity and health care.

Backers of the DOT Force report, completed in May, insist that developing countries cannot afford to feed their hungry without adopting information technology and reaping gains in productivity and living standards.

In richer countries, productivity has already pushed living standards so far ahead that a permanent gulf is in danger of forming.

"The global economy is ruthless about selecting winners and losers," said Mark Malloch Brown, head

Highlights of the Dot Force report:

- Foster a competitive environment for investment in poorer countries. Encourage foreign and local investments by deregulating and privatizing state-run telecoms and creating laws letting businesses resolve disputes in court.
- Improve access to Internet and telephone services, enlarge local communications networks and reduce costs for using them.
- Build human capacity through training and education, consultation with Western experts and support for health-related initiatives, especially against HIV and AIDS.
- Use information technology for development by participating in global e-commerce and creating sustainable, poverty-alleviating businesses. Build Web sites that use local languages and culture.

of the United Nations Development Program, one of the report's co-sponsors. "If you want to attract investment, integrating information technology into your economy is critical."

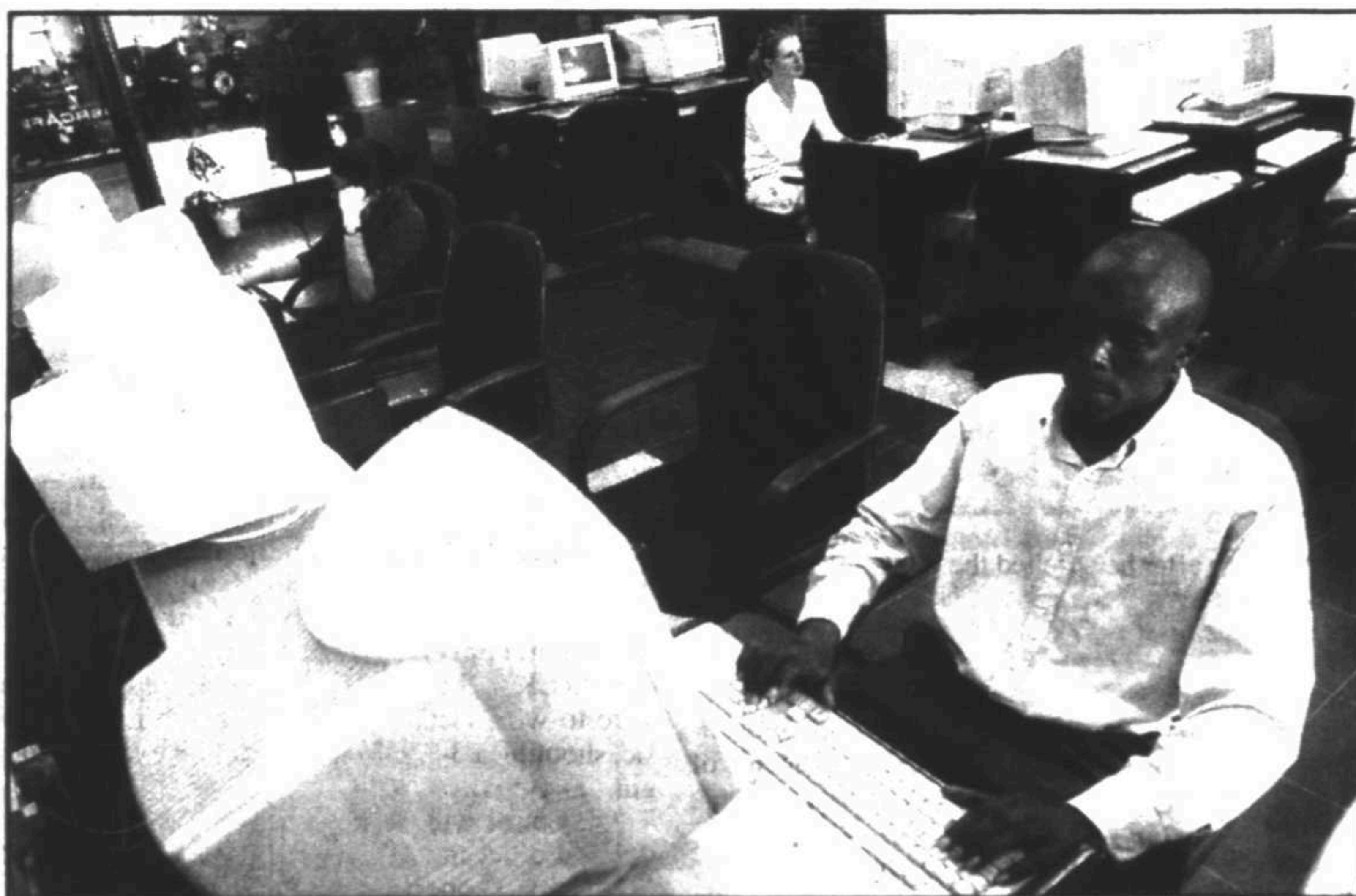
The DOT Force is long on ideas, but short on funding. Thus far, the only significant pledge came from the Japanese government, for \$15 billion. Some analysts doubt other countries will replicate Japan's largesse.

Without identifying a source of capital, the report urges poorer countries to use satellite and wireless technologies to skip the development stages that richer nations went through, when they strung wires along streets and through buildings.

Thus connected, technology proponents say, the poor can improve their lives with Internet access to crop prices, health care and agricultural loans, along with markets for wood carvings and textiles.

The task requires more than simply sending PCs to poor countries.

More than a third of the world's population lives without electricity. A larger percentage has never used a phone. Most people, even if they had proper equip-



AP Photo
Alex Njau, 22, right, works at the Millennium cybercafe in Nairobi July 11. Njau, a 22-year-old Kenyan, makes a living designing Web sites in a country where most folks scrape by on 50 cents a day.

ment, cannot dial an Internet service provider without long-distance tolls.

Furthermore, much of humanity cannot read or write. Given a computer, they couldn't type an e-mail message or read news online.

To get the process rolling, the DOT Force report urges countries to deregulate and privatize their telecoms to spur investments in cheap networks that will reach the world's poorest regions.

The report also recommends computer training for literate people and voice-recognition software for the illiterate. It asks developing countries to change laws to lure foreign investors and local entrepreneurs.

Proponents believe technology will create jobs and ultimately help people live longer — by providing information about preventing AIDS, for example.

By summer's end, the U.N. Development Program will send teams of consultants to Bolivia, Tanzania, South Africa and Romania to assess particular needs in technology, training and legislation.

To implement the recommendations, Malloch Brown said, the UNDP will seek donated equipment and staff from technology firms in the United States and elsewhere.

But poorer countries aren't completely bereft of

Internet technology.

Companies based in countries rich and poor are beginning to see new customers in the world's poor.

Hewlett-Packard Co., whose chief executive sits on the DOT Force board, is building community Internet centers in Senegal and Costa Rica — for profit, not charity.

In India, a group of academics have developed a handheld computer, the Simputer, aimed at village dwellers. At \$200, the machine can be shared by an entire village, with individual accounts accessed by smart cards. It also lets illiterate peasants compute using voice commands.

Across Africa, where few can afford PCs at home, Internet cafes have sprung up. Nairobi counts dozens. In wired countries like Senegal, the cafes have spread beyond cities into villages.

On the Net:

Summit: <http://www.genoa-g8.it/eng/index.html>
African Virtual University: <http://www.avu.org>
Simputer: <http://www.simputer.org>
Markle and Dot Force: <http://www.markle.org/dotforce.html>
Report: <http://www.markle.org/digitalopportunitiesforall.pdf>

Better mousetrap

In the struggle to prevent computer-related injuries, the shoulder sometimes gets short shrift. But moving the arm from the keyboard to the mouse, then moving the mouse, then moving back to the keyboard, can lead to a sore shoulder.

The MouseTrapper, developed in Sweden, is intended to eliminate the need to move the arm by eliminating movement of the mouse. The device fits along the bottom of a keyboard and resembles two wrist pads with an exposed rod between them. When a mouse is placed in a fitting at one end, the rod extends under its trackball in such a way that sliding the rod left or right or spinning it causes the ball, and the cursor, to move. Two hooks attached to keys on the pad operate the mouse buttons, allowing the user to use the mouse without removing the hands from the keyboard.

The MouseTrapper is available from Access Technologies at www.mousetrappers.com. The device, which the company says will work with most mechanical mice (including those used with Apple products), costs about \$129. A version that comes with a Microsoft Intellimouse sells for \$149.

Brightening the Palm m505

With a color screen in a sleek metal case, the Palm m505 sounded like the palmtop of a user's dreams. But for many

palmtop fans, excitement turned to dismay as they discovered that the m505's screen was so dim that it was difficult to read indoors. Palm says the screen was the only one that would fit in a super-slim case without sacrificing battery life; yet the company did not include a brightness control that would have left the brightness/battery tradeoff to the customer.

In the end, many m505 owners, preferring a clear display to longer battery life, started switching on the unit's backlight with each use — an annoying step, to be sure, but one that brightened the screen enough for it to be usable.

Now Palm has removed at least that inconvenience. It has released a free software patch that remembers how you prefer the backlighting. If the backlighting was on when you switched off the palmtop, it will be on the next time you start it up. The patch is available at www.palm.com/support/m505/backlight_utility.html.

100 gigs of storage

A new hard drive from Maxtor Corp. may make digital video storage problems a thing of the past. Maxtor recently released the DiamondMax 536DX, a hard drive that stores a whopping 100 gigabytes of data.

How much stuff can 100 gigabytes hold? Maxtor says the new drive, which is available for \$299 at the company's Web site (www.maxtor.com), can store up to 25,000 four-minute MP3 files or 100 hours of compressed digital video. The drive can also transfer data at an impressive 100 megabytes per second.

With this hard drive, Maxtor broke its own record of 80 gigabytes. Surprisingly, a 25 percent storage jump is below average compared with the 50 percent capacity increases that the industry has made in the last few years. Some manu-

facturers have predicted that storage capacity increases will cease as the physical barriers of hardware are approached, but IBM announced recently that its researchers had extended a fundamental density limit for data. The company says it will soon be able to make a desktop drive capable of storing 400 gigabytes of data. Such a drive could hold the equivalent of 84 DVD's worth of data. Better start downloading.

Is there anything Google can't find? In February the popu-

Quick image search

lar search engine announced that it had started indexing millions of portable document format files (identifiable by the suffix .pdf). Now the company has launched Google Image Search, a nifty new tool that lets you search for the pictures embedded in Web pages.

Scouring more than 150 million images, Image Search (images.google.com) turns up some real gems. For example, it found more than 2,500 images in a search for "Bill Gates," including corporate head shots, the mug shot from a 1977 traffic arrest and an image taken seconds after he was hit in the face with a pie a few years ago.

The service is still in beta while Google hones the technology, but Image Search does an impressive job with some requests. (Altavista offers a similar service.) Both Google and Altavista use filters to limit exposure to pornographic images, although some do slip through.

Google offers some neat ways to refine your search — for

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