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Millions of consumers are using credit cards more, industry analysts say, fueling a new boom

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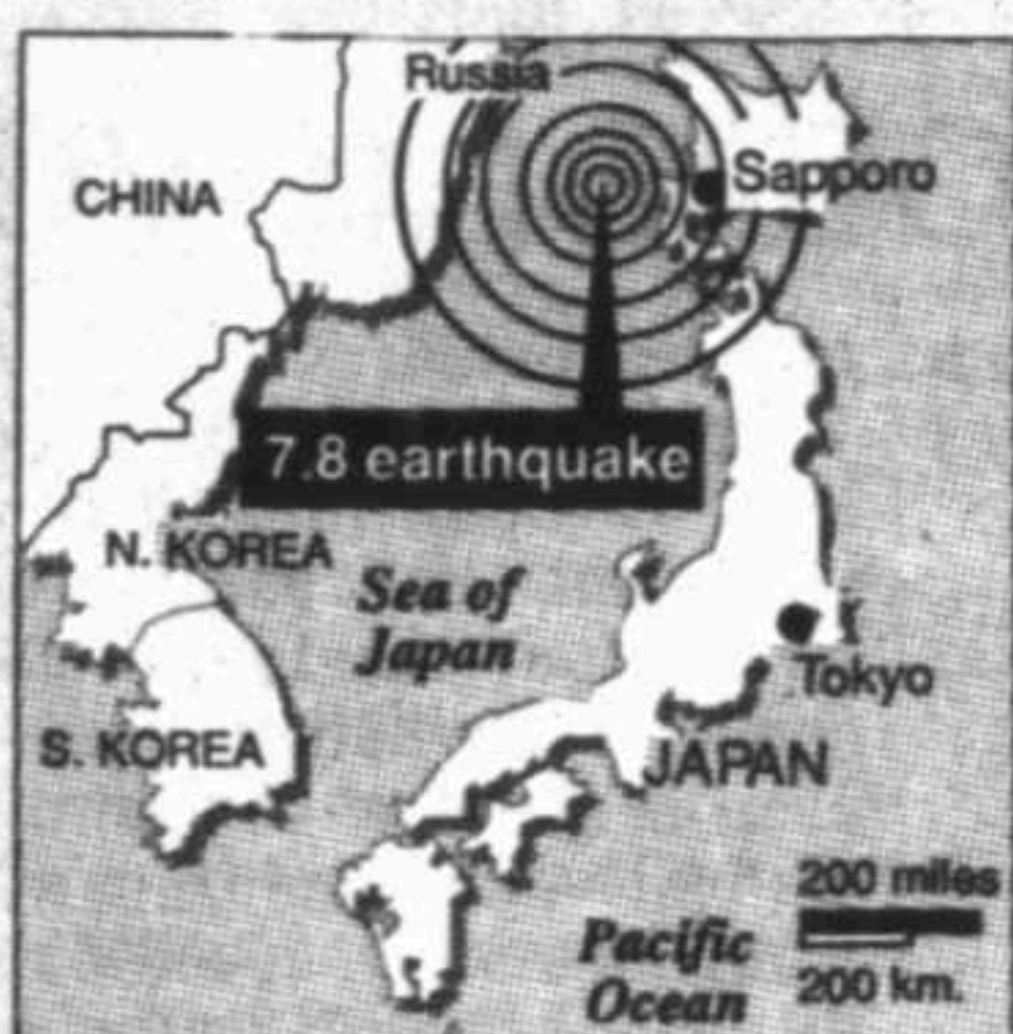
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Richter scale

The Richter scale is a gauge of the energy released by an earthquake, as measured by the ground motion recorded on a seismograph.

MAGNITUDE & QUAKE DESCRIPTION

8.0 Considered a "great" earthquake, capable of tremendous damage in populated areas

7.8 Today's earthquake off the coast of northern Japan

Quake hits Japan

HAKODATE, Japan — A major earthquake struck northern Japan Monday, setting hundreds of houses ablaze and triggering tidal waves that destroyed homes and boats as far away as South Korea. At least 36 people were killed and 100 were reported missing./3A

TU Electric deal

AUSTIN — Texas Utilities Electric Co. customers wouldn't have to pay for \$250 million out of about \$4.5 billion in Comanche Peak nuclear power plant costs under an agreement announced Monday. The deal was reached by TU Electric, state officials and cities served by the utility. It must be approved by the Public Utility Commission before it can take effect in a pending rate case. TU Electric is based in Dallas and provides electric service to more than 2.2 million customers./6D

Prison population

WASHINGTON — Texas posted a dramatic increase in its prison population last year, accounting for 16 percent of the U.S. increase in inmates behind bars in federal or state correctional institutions. The Justice Department's Bureau of Prison Statistics said Texas' prison population jumped 18.4 percent in 1992 — the largest gain for any single jurisdiction in the United States.

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U.N. blasts warlord's lair

Enraged Somali mob kills at least 2 journalists

■ Aided backers claim 73 dead, 200 wounded; U.N. counts 13, 11.

Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A Somali mob turned on journalists and killed an Associated Press photographer and a Reuters photographer on Monday, after U.N. helicopters fired cannon and missiles at a renegade warlord's command center.

Another Reuters photographer and a television soundman were missing and feared dead

in the mob attack. Two other journalists suffered stab and bullet wounds.

It was the most deadly single attack by Somalis on foreign civilians since the country collapsed amid anarchy and famine nearly three years ago. Foreign aid workers have repeatedly been assaulted by bandits, disgruntled employees, militiamen and others. At least six have died in separate incidents.

Supporters of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid claimed 73 Somalis died and 200 were wounded in the U.N. assault. But U.N. officials said their troops counted 13 dead Somalis and

11 wounded after the 17-minute attack by U.S. helicopters and soldiers.

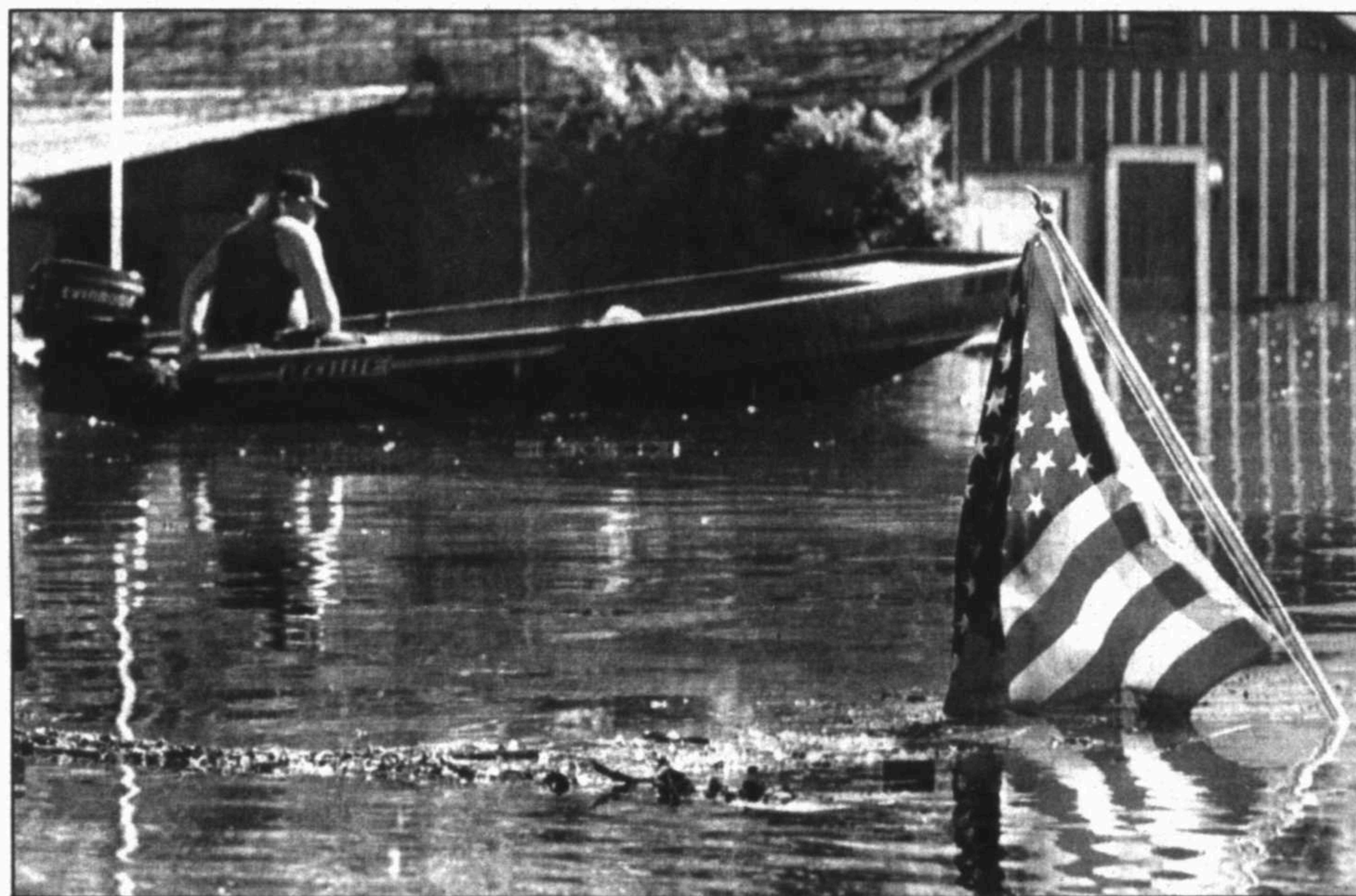
A U.N. spokeswoman, Maj. Leann Swieczkowski, said damage was confined to a villa being used as a command center.

Aidid's gunmen have been blamed for attacks that killed 35 U.N. soldiers and wounded 137 in the last five weeks, plunging Mogadishu back into the chaos that prevailed before a U.S.-led military force intervened in December. U.N. troops began trying to reassert control in early June, after gunmen believed to be

Please see **BLASTS/2A**



U.N. forces recover Dan Eldon's body.



Mike Boyle drives by an oil-stained flag in his boat in Niota, Ill., Monday. The flooded town now has the extra

problem of contending with an oil spill after a pipeline ruptured.

Bulging rivers swallow towns; water shortage immobilizes Iowa city

Associated Press

The bulging Mississippi claimed another levee in Illinois on Monday, allowing water to gush over thousands of acres, and workers tried to strengthen a levee keeping the Mississippi and Missouri rivers from joining forces.

Related story/5A

As people continued to battle against raging flood waters, or to wade through them to salvage possessions from homes, officials in Iowa and Missouri offered shots to ward off tetanus and diphtheria.

Nurses from Cameron Community Hospital and the Harrison County Health Department in Missouri gave more than 800 inoculations for diphtheria and tetanus

"It just happened. The river had a reason. Maybe this is the time it needed to change its bed. I always say the good Lord does not give you more than you can handle."

— Georgia Roberts, Alexandria, Mo., flood victim

from Friday to Monday, said Mary Tripolino, the hospital's nursing director.

Missouri health officials warned those working around the flood waters, which have been contaminated with raw sewage, fertilizer and other contaminants, Please see **RIVERS/2A**

River flooding



Source: Accu-Weather

AP/Wm. J. Castello

County's 2nd rabies case stirs concern

By Darren J. Waggoner
Staff writer

State health officials believe the second known Midland County rabies case this year should serve as a warning to pet owners to inoculate their animals.

Last week, officials were forced to euthanize a Greenwood woman's tiny dog after a rabid skunk entered the home and attacked it. The woman and her son are undergoing a series of shots to guard against the onset of the disease.

"It was horrible. That skunk jumped out and right on top of my little dog. He was a Chihuahua," said Geraldine Padgett. "I think someone should know that there are rabid animals out there. People shouldn't let their pets or children run wild."

Everett Newman, a veterinarian for the Texas Department of Health in El Paso, confirmed the rabies case but said it shouldn't cause a county-wide panic.

"This is a tragedy to the family, it's certainly rough to lose a pet like that," he said. "But ensuring the health of those family members should always win out over a pet. We advised them to get the necessary shots. If they do, they will be fine."

In March, a local veterinarian was exposed to rabies while treating an in-

Please see **RABIES/2A**

Jail administrator wants to air story on inmate's death

By Tonie Miller-Uzzell
Staff writer

Although Midland County Detention Center officials have been placed under a "gag order from the sheriff" regarding the recent death of a jail inmate who collapsed in the jail on July 5, Capt. Richard Sexton, the jail's administrator, said he would "love to have our story out" regarding the details that led to the death.

Tomas Gonzales, 41, of Stanton died at 6:45 p.m. Friday at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. A nursing supervisor declined to release the cause of death or any other information.

Please see **AIR/2A**

Council faces northwest parcel retail development issue today

By Darren J. Waggoner
Staff writer

Midland City Council members are expected to decide today whether to allow retail development to break up a northwest residential neighborhood.

Wisconsin-based developer David Shea — a majority general partner in several pending real estate deals near the Loop 250/Garfield Street intersection — is attempting to bring a Best Buy consumer electronics store to the corner of Ward Street and Whitmire Boulevard.

Shea said the store would be the lead retailer and would be followed

by a series of smaller stores.

But to have the store built and ready to open by Christmas, Shea will have to convince council members to reverse a 5-4 planning and zoning commission vote opposing the request.

Richard Hennessy, director of planning and development, believes retail development at the site would cause major traffic problems.

"There are no good access streets anywhere near the site," Hennessy said. "And if Midland College continues to expand as anticipated, there is the potential for

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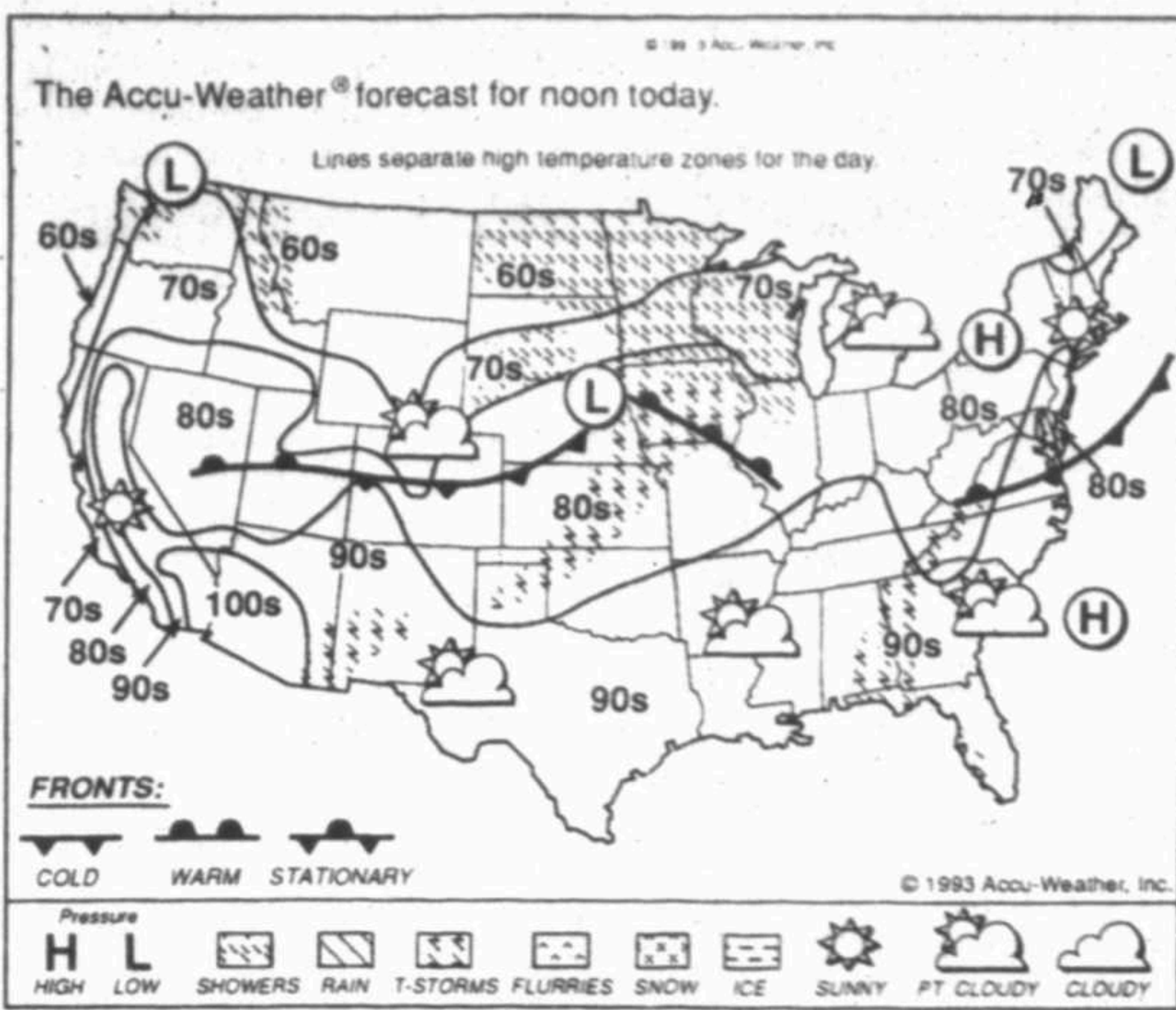
Troops arrive

American U.N. soldiers of Charlie Company 6th Infantry Regiment of the Berlin Brigade stand during a ceremony marking their arrival at the Skopje, Macedonia, airport Monday. Infantrymen begin peacekeeping duties. Story/4A

AP Laserphoto

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WEATHER WATCH



NATIONAL SUMMARY:
The Northeast will receive a break from the heat and humidity today as slightly cooler, drier air slips into the region. Steamy weather will continue from North Carolina to the Gulf Coast with highs in the 90s. Showers and thunderstorms will stretch from the western Great Lakes to Kansas, marking yet another surge of cooler air.

Plenty of heat, chance of rain

Staff report

Although the Permian Basin will see an increased chance of rain over the next several days, none of it is associated with the system that has caused the Mississippi River to jump its banks, according to the National Weather Service spokesman.

There is a 20 percent chance of rain today, with skies remaining partly cloudy during the day. The high will be in the mid-90s and winds will be south at 10-20 mph. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and a low in the lower 70s.

Wednesday should be partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a high in the mid-90s.

After an overnight low of 73, Monday's high reached 93, compared to the record high for that date of 104 set in 1933. The record low was 49 set in 1936.

STATE

It's typical summertime weather, Texas-style: lots of heat, with chances of rain in plenty of places and some clouds sneaking in to block some of the strong sunshine.

Low pressure continued to dominate the western portion of South Texas on Monday afternoon. On the other side of the region, along the Gulf of Mexico, a high pressure system continued its rage.

Some scattered showers and thunderstorms were located, but only along the upper Rio Grande Plains. Elsewhere, skies were mostly cloudy and partly cloudy with highs reaching the upper 90s along the lower Rio Grande Plains.

The region can expect partly cloudy skies through today with isolated showers along the coastal plains and in the southeast. Overnight lows will be in the mid- to upper 70s, with highs in the mid and upper 90s. Around West Texas, some patches of light rain spritzed the South Plains, but skies were otherwise partly to mostly cloudy across the region.

Afternoon temperatures across the region ranged from 76 at Guadalupe Pass to 93 at San Angelo.

NATION

Stormy weather developed from the northern Rockies across the Plains into the Southeast on Monday, while chilly weather in the Northwest contrasted with record heat in the East.

Showers and thunderstorms were scattered across the Rockies, the Plains, the Ohio Valley, the southern Atlantic and Gulf coasts, and across New England.

A strong southerly flow of air, traveling ahead of a developing storm system moving across the northern Rockies, carried increasing amounts of moisture through the Plains. That created unstable air primed for severe thunderstorm development, the National Weather Service said.

Tornado watches were issued for parts of eastern Wyoming, western South Dakota and the Nebraska Panhandle. A flash flood watch was posted across southeastern New Mexico.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

FORECAST:

Today: partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, high in the mid-90s, south winds at 10-20 mph.
Tonight: mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain, low in the lower 70s.
Wednesday: partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, high in the mid-90s.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High: 93 degrees
Overnight Low: 73 degrees
Sunset today: 6:56 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:53 a.m.
Precipitation: Last 24 hours: trace inches
This month to date: trace inches
Year to date: 07.49 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

Time	High	Low	Precip
6 a.m.	93	75	
7 a.m.	79	75	
8 a.m.	78	75	
9 a.m.	78	75	
10 a.m.	79	75	
11 a.m.	78	75	
12 noon	78	75	
1 p.m.	77	75	
2 a.m.	76	75	
3 a.m.	75	75	
4 a.m.	75	75	
5 a.m.	75	75	
6 p.m.	91		

Texas temperatures

City	High	Low	Precip
Amarillo	90	66	
Austin	94	74	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	94	74	
Bryan-College Station	93	74	
Corpus Christi	90	76	
Dallas	96	77	
El Paso	93	72	
Fort Worth	96	77	
Galveston	87	72	
Houston	96	75	
Lubbock	102	78	
Laredo	101	76	
Marfa	96	68	
Merid	83	63	MM
Presidio	100	76	
San Angelo	97	75	
San Antonio	94	77	
Victoria	93	75	
Waco	94	75	
Wink	91	69	

Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin, today, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower to mid-90s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Wednesday, considerable cloudiness with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower to mid-90s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy with isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-90s. Friday through Saturday, sunny days and fair nights. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid- to upper 90s.

Weather elsewhere

City	High	Low	Precip
Albuquerque	88	67	0.01
Atlanta	96	72	0.01
Atlantic City	93	70	0.08
Baltimore	93	75	0.01
Boston	85	77	0.01
Chicago	79	65	0.01
Cleveland	84	67	0.35
Denver	91	53	0.01
Detroit	83	66	0.01
Flagstaff	79	55	0.01
Indianapolis	88	67	0.01
Kansas City	83	68	0.01
Las Vegas	102	80	0.01
Los Angeles	90	67	0.01
Louisville	90	70	0.01
Memphis	96	78	0.01
Minneapolis	80	63	0.01
Nashville	91	74	0.01
New Orleans	87	73	0.01
New York City	94	78	0.01
Oklahoma City	92	70	0.01
Orlando	93	73	0.01
Philadelphia	94	76	0.01
Phoenix	100	77	0.01
Reno	86	65	0.01
Sacramento	92	74	0.01
St. Louis	86	74	0.01
San Francisco	70	55	0.01
Seattle	70	52	0.01
Shreveport	94	74	0.01
Spokane	59	47	0.01
Tulsa	84	67	0.01
Wichita	84	67	0.01

BLASTS: Somali mob turns on journalists

(From 1A)

under Aidid's control killed 24 U.N. Pakistani peacekeepers.

In London, a group loyal to Aidid issued a statement saying his militiamen would continue fighting until all U.N. troops leave Somalia. Aidid has accused U.N. officials of favoring his rivals in the civil war that ravaged this impoverished country.

After the U.N. attack, people claiming to be Aidid supporters escorted journalists in cars to the scene to inspect the damage.

Suddenly, the journalists were shot at and then swarmed over by more than 100 angry Somalis armed with guns and knives. Some journalists sped away under fire, but several were cut off.

Somali interpreters employed by The Associated Press returned to the area and reported seeing the body of Hansi Krauss, a 30-year-old AP photographer from Germany. The body of photographer Dan Eldon, a U.S.-British citizen who worked for Reuters out of Kenya, was recovered by U.N. forces. He appeared to have been beaten with stones and rifle butts.

Somali employees for foreign

news agencies said they saw the bodies of two other foreigners outside the villa. Two other Kenya-based Reuters employees, photographer Hosea D. Maina and soundman Anthony Macharia, were missing, but the agency said it had not confirmed the bodies were theirs.

Mohamed Shaffi, a Reuters television cameraman, was stabbed, shot in the leg and stoned but was able to reach a U.S. Army field hospital.

Shaffi told his agency that "I thought... I'm not gonna die on the ground." So I got up and ran. I just kept running. I saw a pickup truck in front of me so I dived into the back."

Stone-throwing men prevented the truck from reaching the hospital, so it dumped him in front of the hotel used by foreign journalists, and colleagues took him to the hospital, he said.

Scott Peterson, an American reporter for The Daily Telegraph of London, was treated for a machete cut on his head in an earlier mob attack.

Eric Cabanis, an Agence France-Presse photographer, said that as the media convoy ap-

proached the villa "the crowd was thick and hostile. People hit the car. I saw gunmen."

The car carrying the Aidid supporters escorting the journalists got through the villa's gates, "but the first journalists' car wasn't able to follow..." Cabanis said in a first-person story for his agency.

Krauss "got out, he tried to fend off the crowd and slip through. I got out too. After a few meters (yards), I was being hit with all kinds of projectiles, rocks on the head and a sandal," Cabanis said, adding that he was able to return to his car and leave. "That's when I lost sight of my colleagues."

The U.N. special envoy to Somalia, retired U.S. Adm. Jonathan Howe, described the deaths of the journalists as "an outrageous and barbaric attack on innocent people doing their work honestly and professionally" to bring Somalia's problems to world attention.

Howe, who has ordered Aidid's arrest, stepped up the hunt Saturday by announcing a \$25,000 reward for information on his whereabouts.

Krauss was the second AP journalist to die on the job in three months. Sharon Herbaugh, chief

of the AP bureau in Islamabad, Pakistan, died April 16 in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

"We weep again for one of our own," Louis D. Boccardi, the AP's president and chief executive officer, said in New York. "Like Sharon Herbaugh's death in April, the loss of Hansi Krauss reminds us all of the great sacrifices they and their brave counterparts make so that the world can know what is going on in even the most dangerous places."

A Somali interpreter for The AP, Ali Ibrahim Mursal, was shot to death Jan. 5 while trying to protect a reporter in Mogadishu's main market. Jean-Claude Jumel, a French sound technician, was killed June 18 when gunmen ambushed a news crew from France's TF1 network.

U.N. military spokeswoman Swieczkowski described the attacked villa as a command and staging center for gunmen of Aidid's Somali National Alliance faction in the United Somali Congress party. She said American infantrymen found radios, documents and small arms in the compound.

RIVERS: Mississippi claims another levee

(From 1A)

to get inoculated.

Health officials in Des Moines said Monday they had opened a clinic offering free tetanus shots.

"You don't need it," said Iowa Health Department Spokesman Kevin Teale. "It's merely for peace of mind."

Damage from flooding along the Mississippi and many of its tributaries across the upper Midwest will far exceed the \$1.2 billion aid package announced by President Clinton, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad said Monday.

"I know of no area that has been totally spared," Branstad said at a news conference, adding that he will ask the federal government to declare all 99 Iowa counties disaster areas. Twelve counties have been designated so far.

Even Nebraska, which has had

less river flooding than other states, could see \$100 million in damage from floods and storms this summer, Gov. Ben Nelson said.

Vice President Al Gore visited Lemay, Mo., and Grafton, Ill., where the water was so high he had to duck when his boat passed under power lines.

He also took a helicopter tour, and said in wonder, "You can't even tell where the Mississippi begins and the farmland ends."

Gore talked to President Clinton late in the day by telephone and then assured local residents there would be a "forceful, coordinated response."

It couldn't come soon enough for some.

"I haven't even had time to go to the unemployment office," said Pam Bick, whose house Gore visit-

ed afterward. She lost her job when the local restaurant was closed by the flood.

The American Red Cross estimated that more than 7,600 homes were damaged or destroyed by flooding in Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois. It said it had 52 shelters open Monday.

Millions of sandbags were shipped into the region, along with water for the quarter-million residents of central Iowa who lost service when dirty flood water overwhelmed and contaminated their water treatment plant.

Water poured through a quarter-mile-long break in a levee 10 miles north of Quincy, Ill., threatening 9,000 acres of farmland and some rural homes. Residents already

had evacuated.

Floating oil added to the problems at Niota, Ill., where an embankment collapsed Saturday, forcing out the town's 150 residents. Water had reached 15 feet deep in parts of the town. Thick oil, believed spilled from a nearby pumping station, covered many of the town's 70 or so houses and other buildings.

Iowa National Guard helicopters were used Monday to lift pumps out of the flooded Des Moines water treatment plant, taking them to high ground to be dried and cleaned after the Raccoon River flooded during the weekend, knocking out supplies to 250,000 people.

Some of the drinking water being trucked into Des Moines came from Nebraska.

AIR: Official wants story out on inmate death

(From 1A)

Sexton said he was under the orders of Sheriff Gary Painter not to release any information regarding the case. But, he said he is anxious to let the public know what happened.

"As soon as I can speak with the sheriff I will" let the public know about the incident, Sexton said.

Sheriff Gary Painter was not available for comment.

The only information jail officials have released about the incident is that Gonzales was serving a sentence for a driving-while-intoxicated offense when he collapsed in his cell about 11 a.m. July 5. He was given cardiopulmonary resuscitation by jail personnel and transported to the hospital, the jail officials indicated.

Gonzales officially was released from jail custody July 6 after his sentence was served.

Felipa Lara, president of the

Permian Basin League of Latin American Citizens, indicated that "concerned citizens" in the area have contacted LULAC about the "things going on in the detention center."

She declined to elaborate on the reports, but said the family of Gonzales had not contacted her at this point.

However, Ms. Lara said she heard different stories about what happened to Gonzales in the jail, but she had no evidence to indicate any wrongdoing.

Ms. Lara said she has contacted the LULAC district 5 director, who in turn spoke with legal counsel. Representatives of both will meet with the local LULAC council about an investigation into the conditions at the jail sometime today.

Berta Linton, legal advisor for LULAC, said District 5 Director Willie Serna and other LULAC representatives will meet to discuss

"the death of an inmate while under the custody of officers."

Ms. Linton said the death of Gonzales "causes lots of concerns" that will be addressed in the meeting. She did not know the time and location of the meeting.

Attempts to contact Serna were unsuccessful.

Ms. Linton said she believed the family members of Gonzales would be present at the meeting.

Ms. Lara said she was unsure what the results of the meeting would be, but said an investigation of jail conditions is likely.

Midland County Judge Charles "Bro" Seltzer said although the Midland County Commissioners did not discuss or take action on the situation Monday, they are concerned about the death.

"Are we worried? The answer is yes," the judge said. "But there is nothing we can do about it until someone takes some action and

presents it to us."

Neither the sheriff nor anyone at the jail has "volunteered any information whatsoever," Seltzer said. "All the information we have on the death has been from reports in the media."

Seltzer said the investigation by the Texas Rangers and the sheriff's office are both internal and, as far as he knows, have been done properly and in the correct sequence.

"We do have a concern in particular to the jail... but there is nothing more we can do unless some litigation or some other action is taken," Seltzer concluded.

No information surrounding the death has been made public, including the results of the autopsy performed Saturday by the Ector County Medical Examiner's Office.

The Texas Rangers will continue their investigation of the incident.

RABIES: Officials warn owners to inoculate

(From 1A)

fectured horse. Health officials euthanized the horse and removed its head to verify that the animal was rabid.

"We're still waiting for results on that case but I am almost certain that the horse was bitten by a skunk," Newman said. "Skunks are particularly dangerous. They can transmit rabies very easily in the saliva. Rabies has to be injected into the skin."

The veterinarian, who requested anonymity, had received pre-exposure shots and was not seriously

hurt. Before the case involving the horse, the last documented rabies case in Midland was found in a skunk in June 1990.

Rabies is always fatal if not treated before the onset of symptoms.

In Texas, vaccinating dogs and cats against rabies is a state law. "Keeping your pets up-to-date on their shots, once a year, is a real cheap form of life insurance," Newman said. "If your dog or cat is out a lot, there is always the potential of running into a rabid skunk or another rabid animal."

Rabies can lie dormant in animals for as long as 18 months. The disease often is detected by a drastic change in behavior or an unexplained paralysis of some part of the body.

"Rabies causes the brain to swell and there is no place for it to go. It makes animals do strange things," he said. "If you see a skunk out at daytime, that skunk could likely have rabies because they normally come out at night."

Although signs of rabies often reveal the presence of the disease, it can only be positively detected fol-

lowing a laboratory analysis.

Newman said that rabies cases among humans are rare. In the United States, an average of less than one person a year contracts rabies. The last case in Texas was found in a woman from the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1991.

"It's a major problem down there... found in the foxes and dogs primarily," he said. "Luckily rabies in not that common in the Permian Basin."

Among 12 rabies cases in Ector County since 1988, nine were found in skunks, two in foxes and one in a bat.

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■ Ruler again orders new presidential elections

LAGOS, Nigeria — Nigeria's military ruler on Monday ordered new presidential elections to replace the ballot he annulled last month, another twist in this nation's attempts to move to democracy.

Gen. Ibrahim Babangida issued the decree ordering July 31 elections after the country's two political parties failed to agree on his proposals for a transfer of power to a civilian president. It was the second time he ordered new elections since voiding the June 12 ballot, and it is not likely to be the last word in the leadership crisis that has caused widespread unrest in Africa's most populous nation.

The announcement is yet another repudiation of wealthy industrialist Moshood K.O. Abiola.

■ Korean president orders raid on wealthy teens

SEOUL — Korea's new president, Kim Young Sam, has begun putting his populist campaign into action.

Until recently, it was a mix of tough talk, cold noodles at state dinners instead of steak, and sport coats instead of expensive dinner jackets at official functions.

But now, Kim is taking out after the teenage sons and daughters of this city's wealthiest classes. For the last several nights, he has ordered police raids on the favorite hangouts of Seoul's Orange Tribe, as the well-heeled young people are called.

These spots are located in the posh Kang-nam area of the city, where BMW showrooms, Pierre Cardin boutiques and Turkish and Swedish massage parlors dot the streets, catering to those who have prospered most in Korea's recent economic explosion.

Kim's aides said Monday that since Saturday night 140 Seoul police officers have arrested 106 members of the Orange Tribe on drug and underage drinking charges.

■ Britain's tabloids try their luck at price wars

LONDON — Britain's tabloids, normally fighting a daily battle to outdo one another with screaming headlines about the royal family and color photos of topless women, tried their luck with another tactic on Monday — a price war.

The newspapers lured hundreds of thousands of readers and prompted immediate exchanges of insults among rival editors. The sale began when Britain's biggest-selling daily, The Sun, cut its price by 5 pence, to 20 pence, or about 30 U.S. cents, for the rest of the summer.

"THE BIGGEST PRICE CUT IN HISTORY OF NEWSPAPERS," The Sun trumpeted in a front-page headline.

But on Monday the rival Daily Mirror sold for 10 pence, down from the normal 27 pence. It said the sale was for one day only, so readers could try a "decent" newspaper, with more pages and no nudes.

The tabloid Daily Star stuck with its regular price, "only 25p." "Even at 20 pence the old-fashioned Sun could hardly be described as a bargain," editor Brian Hitchen said.

Mirror editor David Banks said, "It is no surprise that The Sun can cut its price. That's because it's a cut-price comic."

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Quake shakes Japan; kills at least 36

HAKODATE, Japan (AP) — A major earthquake struck northern Japan Monday, setting hundreds of houses ablaze and triggering tidal waves that destroyed homes and boats as far away as South Korea. At least 36 people were killed and 100 were reported missing.

The quake measured 7.8 on the Richter scale, the same as a temblor on Jan. 18 that was the strongest to hit Japan in 15 years, the Central Meteorological Agency said. Two people died in the January earthquake.

Japan, on the Pacific "Rim of Fire," is constantly rocked by earthquakes, most of which do little damage but add to fears of a catastrophic temblor in a major city.

The quake on Monday was centered 30 miles under the Sea of Japan and about 50 miles west of Hokkaido, the nation's third most populous island with 5.65 million people. Several strong aftershocks followed in the same area.

Police confirmed 36 dead and 16 missing, basing their information on incomplete reports from villages along the coast. They said the number of casualties was expected to rise.

Kyodo News Service reported that at least 104 people were missing — most buried in land-

slides or swept away by tidal waves.

Tidal waves reported to be 16 feet high lashed wide areas of the Japan Sea coast, sweeping away scores of small wooden houses and destroying small fishing boats moored at ports along the coasts of both Japan and South Korea.

Worst hit by the quake was Okushiri, a small island just 30 miles south of the epicenter. Kyodo News Service said the island's two-story wooden Yoyoso Hotel collapsed, killing at least five people and leaving about 20 missing.

The public television network NHK reported that six or seven people were rescued from the burning hotel.

About 300 houses were ablaze on another part of the island of 4,600 people. A number of houses also were washed away by tidal waves, they said.

Television footage showed pandemonium on the island, with pajama-clad people trying to rig hoses to fight blazes while other residents prayed and cried as they gathered on a hillside and watched their town burn.

By morning, the town of Okushiri was reduced to smoking rubble. A few roofs sat above

the still-smoldering ashes of the wooden houses destroyed by fires and waves. The island was without running water or electricity, and its small airport was closed because of damaged runways.

Three hundred Japanese troops joined in rescue efforts on Okushiri, NHK said.

Tidal waves wrecked about 60 small fishing boats along South Korea's east coast, more than 600 miles from the quake's epicenter, said South Korea's Central Anti-Disaster Headquarters. Newspaper reports said the waves were about 15 feet tall.

Elsewhere in Hokkaido, houses were knocked off their foundations, their weak wooden walls reduced to splinters. Roads were cracked and buckled, and store shelves emptied of their contents. At a port in southwestern Hokkaido, parked cars were thrown into piles by the waves.

In northern Japan, Kyodo said, two people were killed in landslides, a woman was killed by a tidal wave and a town official was killed when his car overturned in an aftershock.

Convention approves Yeltsin's draft constitution

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin's constitutional convention approved a draft charter Monday that would give Russia a stronger presidency and unseat the hard-line parliament that has resisted his market reforms.

Since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, Russia's government has been hobbled by a constitution that does not clearly delineate executive and legislative powers — a problem that Yeltsin's convention sought to rectify.

"No country in the world can

pursue radical economic reforms without political stability," Yeltsin told the convention delegates in the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses. "The new constitution guarantees political stability."

But the 700-member convention still has to decide how the constitution should be ratified. It may face stiff opposition in regional legislatures, many of which are demanding greater economic and political independence from Moscow.

The issue of how much power to give them was one of the most divi-

sive at the convention. The draft leaves some key issues to future legislation, including whether regions can levy taxes.

Yeltsin formally sent the draft Monday to regional lawmakers for debate, and the convention is to reconvene in August to consider amendments. What happens after that is not known.

Yeltsin has been campaigning

for a new constitution since he won a national referendum of confidence in his presidency in April. He hand-picked many of the convention delegates and chaired their meetings.

The president's chief rival, parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, has boycotted the convention, which began June 5.

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General warns U.S. army unit to respect culture in Macedonia

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — The first U.S. Army combat unit to wear the blue helmets of U.N. peacekeepers arrived in Macedonia on Monday and got orders from their commander to respect the culture in the former Yugoslav republic.

"You are here as guests and representatives of your own country. Many eyes will be upon you," Brig. Gen. Finn-Saemark Thomsen, a Danish general, told 156 Berlin Brigade soldiers. Their arrival brought the U.S. Army contingent in the U.N. force in Macedonia up to full strength of 300.

The peacekeepers had no immediate contact with the local people, but were taken directly from the tarmac to an isolated former Yugoslav army camp near the airport. Around their base, in a valley ringed by mountains, shepherds tended goats and farmers baled hay in 100-degree heat.

The troops were sent to Macedonia by President Clinton to help stop war spreading from Bosnia-Herzegovina, and join 700 Scandinavian troops who have patrolled the Serbia-Macedonia border since January. American troops participating in the multinational operation in Somalia have served under U.S. rather than U.N. command.

With the carnage of Bosnia 120 miles away, the U.S. presence is symbolic. But there are concerns that Serbia, where nationalists look at Macedonia as "South Serbia," might move on Macedonia if fighting ends in Bosnia.

Macedonia seceded without bloodshed from Yugoslavia in September 1991. But it accepted the GIs over the objections of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic. Macedonian officials claim the Serbs have stationed two army corps of some 60,000 men and 200 tanks in neighboring Kosovo and southern Serbia.

With only 2 million people, impoverished Macedonia has a small army of 14,000 and limited weaponry. A United Nations embargo covering all of former Yugoslavia prevents it buying more arms.

"The situation in Macedonia is calm, and we do not expect hostilities," the Danish general told the U.S. troops after they unloaded from two Air Force C-141 transports.

Thomsen used the arrival ceremony at Skopje airport, 12 miles outside Macedonia's capital, to warn the troops that Macedonian culture differs from of cosmopolitan Berlin. Macedonia is a Slavic-speaking country with a significant Muslim minority of ethnic Albanians, and vestiges of Turkish culture from its 500 years under Ottoman rule.

"I expect you to give proper respect to Macedonian culture," he said. "A good relationship with local people is very important."

Thomsen did not elaborate on what he meant. But the troops are entering an ethnically mixed country where many fear the same types of conflicts that have torn other former Yugoslav republics apart. The warning to the troops was to avoid doing anything that could inadvertently stir up trouble, rather than help promote peace.

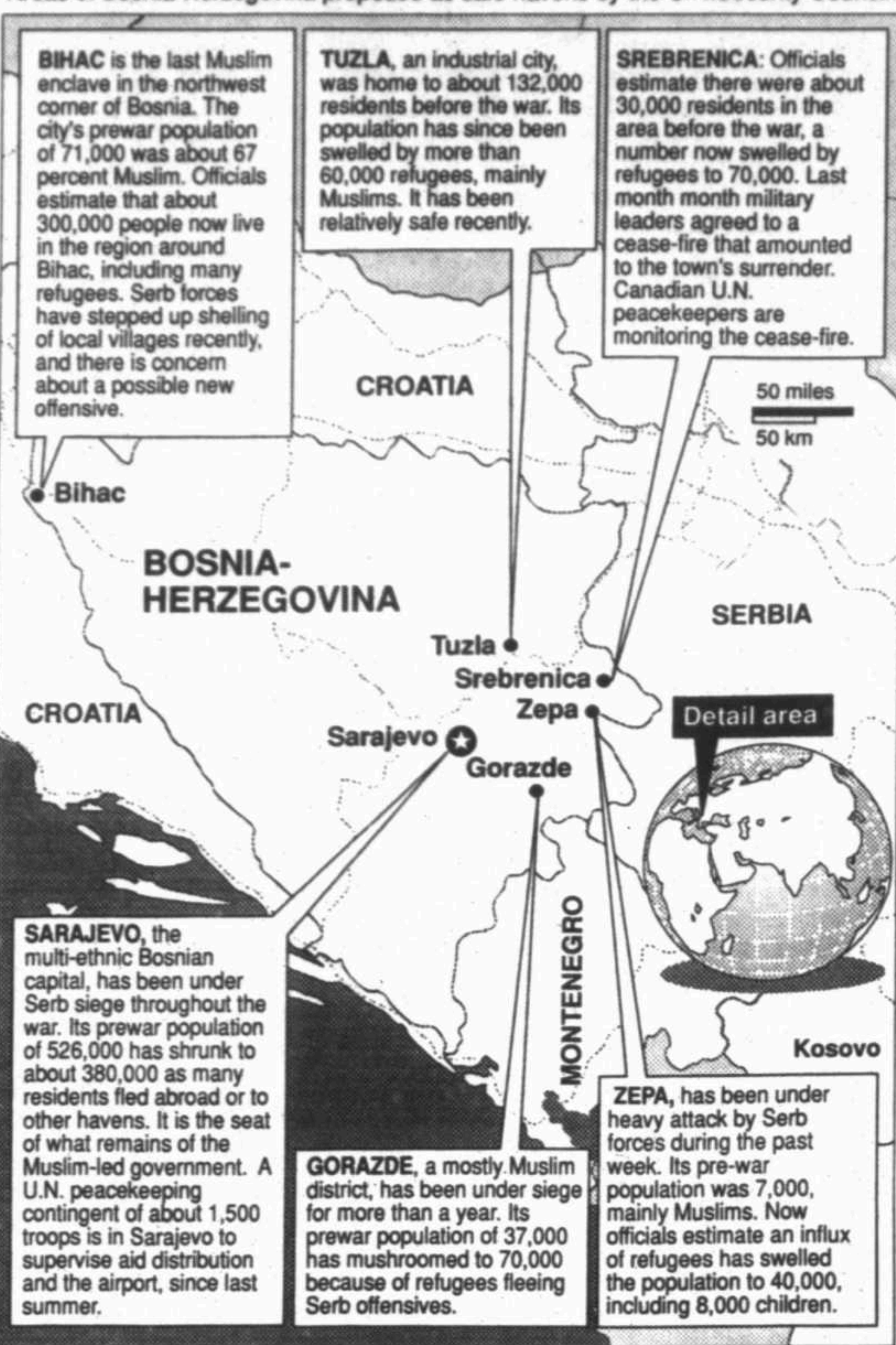
The troops were unlikely to have much contact with locals, at least initially. They are expected to train for a month before observing the 260-mile border with Serbia.

A huge garage with cots about two feet apart will be their first home. Despite advance work, there are not enough showers for the troops.

"Hygiene is my biggest concern," said the unit's medical officer.

U.N. proposes safe havens for Muslims

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cer, Chief Warrant Officer Gary Brosier, a 21-year Army veteran originally from Oxford, Ohio.

"We're all living on top of each other."

Most officers also are housed for now in the garage. "It's like going on maneuvers," Brosier said cheerfully. "I live like my men."

Like many others, Brosier left his family — his wife and three children — behind in Berlin for the

six-month tour.

Tears flowed early Monday as the soldiers embraced loved ones at a Berlin farewell. A brass band played the U.S. and German national anthems, and two generals gave speeches.

Thomsen said the U.S. troops would first patrol between the Scandinavian units — Swedes, Norwegians, Finns and Danes — along the border, then fill in for Swedish units rotating home.

Saddam continues quarrel with U.N.; Iraqis fear attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (NYT) — A mixture of panic, anger, and defiance gripped this city on Monday as Iraqis woke to find themselves back in an all-too-familiar world in which President Saddam Hussein is quarreling with the United Nations and their country faces the threat of another American-led air attack.

Only three weeks ago, spirits here were lifted after the government unexpectedly announced that it was reopening the talks it had broken off with the United Nations last year on partly lifting the embargo on Iraq's oil sales so it could buy more essential goods.

But hopes that the rigors of daily life might ease after three years of economic blockade have faded under the impact of two more recent crises pitting Saddam against President Clinton, who came to office saying he wanted to "depersonalize" America's quarrel with the Iraqi leader.

First came the June 27 cruise missile strike on an intelligence base here in an American retaliation for Iraq's alleged involvement in a plot to assassinate George Bush during the former president's visit to Kuwait in April. Iraq said the retaliatory raid left 285,556 people have died unnecessarily as a result of the trade embargo imposed on Iraq after its defeat in the Persian Gulf war.

Now Iraqis find their government involved in a new standoff with the United Nations over carrying out the Persian Gulf war cease-fire, which includes monitoring of Iraq's weapons industry. A weapons inspection team left Iraq on July 5 after being denied permission to install cameras at two missile testing sites, and another inspection team left the country on Sunday when it was refused permission to seal equipment at the sites.

"I listened to Voice of America this morning," said a worried Iraqi woman working in a reception center for foreign businessmen who gave her name only as Mary. "They are not really going to attack us again, are they?"

Sipping tea in a cafe near Baghdad's souk, a retired civil servant calling himself Abu Hussein, said: "It's the uncertainty I don't like. It's like Russian roulette. You don't know where the attack will come. You don't know where you are safe."

Deputy Health Minister Chawky Sabri Morcos, who described himself in an interview on Monday as "a doctor, not a politician," asked angrily: "Haven't they killed enough people already with their embargo, without any more attacks?"

His ministry calculates that 285,556 people have died unnecessarily as a result of the trade embargo imposed on Iraq after its defeat in the Persian Gulf war.

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Travel office fiasco needs more study

When the White House was getting ready to fire all seven employees of its travel office, why was notice sent to Hillary Rodham Clinton and not her husband the president? And why, even after the public had learned how Clinton friends engineered the travel office fiasco, did the staff feed President Clinton the discredited line that the firings were simply economy measures?

These are among many questions that remain unanswered after the White House release of what it styles as a "management review" of the travel office fiasco that unraveled in May. Thomas McLarty, the chief of staff, hoping to contain the scandal, calls his report "complete and thorough."

But his accounting is replete with the "mistakes were made" format of White House dodges of the past. The mistakes, the report insists, were simply bad judgment and inexperience, nothing venal. The report's confessions were delivered almost by stealth on July 2, presumably in hopes that anyone interested in its contents would be safely at the beach. In any event, more than mistakes were made: misstatements were made and wrongs were committed.

The report commendably concludes that the travel office employees were cashiered without "sensitivity and decency," that assigning a Clinton cousin to replace them "fed the appearance of favoritism" in dishing out a White House perk, and that it was "not a good practice" to give Clinton friend Harry Thomason roaming privileges in the White House and not cut off his interventions for his business associates. But surely more than appearances were involved here. Clinton's friends and relatives abused their White House access to gain advan-

tages for themselves or for their cronies.

The White House also acquits itself of anything much worse than bad appearances in the abuse of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The staff summoned an FBI official to bolster insinuations that the travel office, instead of being reshuffled for friends, was under investigation for possible criminality. That maneuver, along with suggestions that the Internal Revenue Service might be called in, didn't just look bad. It was bad.

The White House management study says the first lady inquired about the travel office and was sent a copy of a memo about the impending firings. No one seems to have asked the nature of her interest. The study also says that Bernard Nussbaum, the White House counsel, and two members of his legal staff attended that key meeting with the FBI official. No one asked why Nussbaum, the in-house ethical watchdog, didn't intervene to stop the obvious pressure on the bureau to make the travel office look crooked as well as inefficient.

The management study concludes that it was wrong to tell reporters that the FBI was probing for criminality but doesn't repent the rest of the White House tale: that the probe of the travel office began as a routine part of Vice President Al Gore's efficiency survey. Clinton's staff kept giving him that line to sell to the public long after the public had rejected it.

Attorney General Janet Reno may not find criminal abuse of office when she reads this management review. But the Senate Republican leader, Bob Dole, however partisan his impulses, is on the right track to call for a congressional look at this catalogue of mistakes and deception.

CHARLEY REESE

U.S. needs to stop immigration now

Congress ought to pass emergency legislation imposing a five-year moratorium on all immigration — legal or otherwise — into the United States. The moratorium should include repeal of asylum laws for political refugees.

Otherwise that suicide formula of increasing unemployment, immigration, and bankrupt governments will collapse the social safety net and produce a poisonous explosion of violence and rancor.

Better to curb immigration now, while we can do it calmly, than later when there is blood in the streets and there will be political over-

reaction, the outcome of which no one can predict.

I am not suddenly seized with a fit of xenophobia — hatred of foreigners. I'm just offering you a cold-blooded analysis of our present situation.

We aren't coping with our present population. The economy is not getting better and it is not likely to get appreciably better for some time. But if you think it's bad here, it's horrible in many places. We're the lifeboat. You can't blame people who are drowning for climbing into a lifeboat, but their blamelessness doesn't keep the lifeboat from sinking and causing the deaths of everyone.

Total immigration for 1981 to 1990 was 9.87 million — 1.07 million more than were admitted in the decade of 1961 to 1970. But in that early decade, we had a small population and lots of opportunities. Today, we are 250 million

people with shrinking opportunities. We're a deficit-ridden, debt-laden state with chronic unemployment, bulging prisons, a stressed environment, and an infrastructure in need of repairs.

The Center for Immigration Studies says in 1990 the level of immigration was the equivalent of adding the population of Miami-Hialeah to the United States. What do you think is going to happen if we keep adding one major metropolitan area per year, year after year, when there is not now one city in America that doesn't have unemployment, high welfare costs, and a shaky government budget?

Conflict, that's what's going to happen. I once told a friend of mine that his brand of liberalism — the standard, open your borders, open your purse variety — depended entirely on prosperity. When people have enough for themselves and their families, they don't mind sharing. But when their families start to suffer, competition takes on a hard edge.

It's my hypothesis that problems produce politics, not the other way around. Whether it was Lenin peddling his claptrap in Moscow or Hitler peddling his in Munich, there would have been no sale if the conditions in both countries had been politically just and economically prosperous. Instead, both countries were in terrible shape and people were desperate. They bought the snake oil.

Americans will buy it, too, if they get desperate. The most decent people can be made bitter. We were lucky in the 1930s; we might not be so lucky in the 1990s.

Today, Cubans and Soviet Jews get a wave through because they have powerful domestic lobbies to fight for them while Haitians get a wave off. In the meantime, thousands of people who can't get immigration visas just show up at airports and claim asylum for political persecution. Because of dumb decisions by federal judges, they can't be sent back until they have a hearing. In the meantime, they vanish into the population.

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

Which side will Perot voters support?

Alienated and antagonistic toward government, Perot voters won't move Bill Clinton's way until he addresses their concerns. So anyway the Democratic Leadership Council advises, on the basis of a new survey.

The president's acceptance of this splendid piece of advice is likely to coincide with the public exhibition of hell's first snowball.

The American people have watched Bill Clinton closely for a year now, all the more carefully since the inauguration. It's painfully clear our president doesn't believe in all this stuff the Perot voters say they want — reforming government, spending taxpayer money responsibly, creating new jobs, affirming and promoting traditional values.

The president, were he standing at my elbow, would flare at this assertion. He would claim testily to have supported the entirety of the governing approach his old allies at the DLC urge upon him. He'd be right — up to a point. He's given lip service to the whole Perot agenda, lip service and little else. The agenda he's pursued since Day One has hardly anything to do with reforming a bloated government, creating jobs or building up traditional values.

The Clinton program, instead of controlling government, expands it. The Clinton tax policies, by punishing workers and investors, will

undermine business' ability to create jobs. On social policy, the administration's major obsession is gay rights in the military. The Clinton regime is monolithically committed to big government — big, nosy, intrusive. And wait 'til we're hit with health care, a la Hillary. Clearly the president and the Perot people aren't singing out of the same hymnal.

But the same goes for the Republicans, who should at this juncture be warned to wipe the smirks off their faces. The DLC survey confirms that Perot voters are alienated from both political parties — the jackasses and the lumbering, lethargic elephants. With the Republicans, the feeling probably isn't just disillusionment but rather betrayal.

After all, here were the Republicans, doing most of the right things during the '80s — expanding jobs (19 million of them), cutting taxes, arm-wrestling the bureaucrats, laboring to get a handle on government. A lot wasn't done that needed doing, but clearly there was progress. You didn't see the Perotistas arming themselves to overthrow Ronald Reagan.

No, you saw them coalescing only when it became clear that George Bush was, in political terms, an old stick in the mud: less a leader and visionary than a custodian. Bush broke his word and raised taxes, presided over a vast increase in spending and regulation, and, when it came to social questions, sounded more like an actor than the ex-actor who preceded him in office.

The DLC is right: The Perot vote isn't going to flow automatically back to the Republicans. It has to be earned (assuming Ross himself

doesn't run next time).

Earned by whom? Clinton? Not likely. Professor Gergen may clean up the anti-capitalist rhetoric and add some nice talk about The Virtues I Learned at My Mother's Knee. But, as the old saying goes, talk is cheap. The Perot voters aren't a bunch of yokels standing with mouths agape while the Barker describes the tattooed lady. They are sophisticated enough to be furious at how government is treating them.

If Republicans have the sense God gave a goose — which it isn't clear they do — they will get back to '80s basics: job expansion and popular control of government, as opposed to government control of the populace. This means no cozy elitism, no Eastern bankers running the economy; rather, aggressive policies to make life more rewarding for workers and taxpayers.

Reward people, and they reward you back. Clinton for some reason can't figure this out. He's the guy in the Roman galley, whipping the slaves while telling himself what a kick they must get out of sailing with him. Ronald Reagan did infinitely better than this. Look where it got him — and us. He's still the model, Uncle Ron, for the successful democratic leader: the man who knows where he's going, and where he wants to go is better than where we are now.

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ANOTHER VIEW

U.S. should not resume nuclear testing program

A group of 22 Democratic senators is attempting to persuade the Clinton administration from engaging in any more nuclear testing.

The United States had been under a test-ban moratorium since the summer of 1992. That ban is about to expire and, before a planned global test ban takes effect in 1996, the Clinton administration is about to proceed with nine underground explosions in the Nevada desert.

Supporters of the tests, which include the Departments of State and Defense, contend they are necessary in order to insure that the existing nuclear stockpile is safe and reliable. In addition, Britain, which will conduct some of the tests jointly with the U.S., wished to test a new Trident warhead and a bomb that could be dropped from aircraft.

Those are no doubt good argu-

ments for testing. On the other hand, opponents point out that if the U.S. goes ahead, then China and France would almost certainly follow.

Moreover, the U.S. would then be in no position to instruct Third World countries who might be wishing to join the nuclear club.

Perhaps the stronger argument is that since no country is now testing nuclear bombs — existing or new — how could the U.S. possibly be at a disadvantage if it doesn't test? If some other country were to decide to break the ban and conduct nuclear tests, the United States could always resume its program.

In short, the urgency in testing nuclear weapons is not self-evident. Indeed, we would seem to gain much more — in national security terms — by not testing.

— Times Union Albany, N.Y.

ART BUCHWALD

'8 killed by gunman' is no longer news

A gunman shot and killed eight people in San Francisco the other day. It was a news story, but not a big story because it seems that every week a gunman is killing eight victims somewhere in the U.S.A.

For a story to qualify as BIG news, it has to be exceptional. Since killing people with guns is now the norm in this country, an editor is hard put to know whether to put it anywhere near the front page.

Because incidents of gun violence are not big news, it follows that trying to get legislation passed to prevent gun ownership is also not newsworthy. Nor is the hysteria of the anti-gun people considered news. Readers are bored with talk of banning automatic and semiautomatic weapons. The National Rifle Association's statement that the gunman was not a member of the NRA is not news either because no one cares. The gun lobby is very strong when they say, "We don't like it when a person uses a gun for criminal

purposes — but you don't throw out the baby with the semiautomatic assault weapons."

It appears that almost every time someone shoots more than six people, the handgun supporters pay politicians millions of dollars to make sure that nobody calls for anti-gun measures. It's done so often that you can't even call these payoffs news.

When children have been shot in school it used to be big news, but now it's a big yawn.

Years ago gangs who killed members of other gangs made the front page of the papers, particularly if photographs of the victims were available. These days, however, it has to be a real slow day in the newsroom before you'll find a story about 20 members of one gang wiping out all the kids down the block.

Since mass shootings are now so commonplace, Americans don't get as upset as they used to about them.

For one thing readers tend not to study their newspapers on the Fourth of July weekend. Even if they saw the story, it's doubtful that they even wondered how the gunman amassed such a large arsenal.

When I called my local paper to get more information on the story I was told that most of the editors were away and, besides, as long as



Buchwald

Congress considers it legal for citizens to own semiautomatic weapons, the possession of the guns did not merit a Page One story.

"How many people have to be killed before it is headline news?" I asked.

"I believe our guidelines indicate between 15 and 20."

I asked him, "Why is killing eight people not a big story but the hoax of syringes in Pepsi-Cola cans is?"

"The Pepsi-Cola hoax captured the imaginations of news editors all over the world. It was different, it was frightening, it had mystery. The shooting in San Francisco has happened before in other locations. When readers see it, their eyes glaze over."

He admitted that as time went on more and more people, including children, would be shot. But except for those who thrive on sensation, the reader's attention span on these incidents is now down to 10 seconds.

"That should make the NRA happy," I said.

"It has."

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Man pleads guilty to slaying 5 outdoorsmen

CALDWELL, Ohio — A man who once said he had a compulsion to kill pleaded guilty Monday to murdering five outdoorsmen and was sentenced to life in prison.

Thomas Lee Dillon, 43, entered his plea to aggravated murder as part of deal in which he avoided the death penalty.

He admitted shooting the men while they hunted, fished or jogged in rural Ohio between April 1989 and April 1992.

Under the plea agreement, Common Pleas Court John Nau issued the maximum sentence: life in prison with no chance of parole for 165 years.

"Today is the beginning of the end for Thomas Dillon," said Jean Paxton, whose 21-year-old son, Jaimie, was among the victims.

"We were given a life sentence the day he decided to kill our son," she said. "I think he's a pathetic coward. He has taken the coward's way out of everything."

Victim shot to death while phoning police

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — An elderly newspaper carrier calling police to report a robbery was shot to death as he spoke.

"The dispatcher heard shots fired. When the cars arrived, they found him beside the phone booth," police Lt. Paul Gahagan said.

William Jennings, 71, a carrier for The Commercial Appeal of Memphis, was killed early Sunday while delivering papers.

The victim, who was robbed of \$15 and his truck, had a gun of his own and fired a couple of shots as the robbers fled, said Fred Warner, a deputy police chief.

Two juveniles were arrested shortly after the killing and were being held for questioning. One had suffered a minor gunshot wound, Warner said.

Jury convicts teen of 9 counts of murder

PHOENIX — A jury convicted a 19-year-old military enthusiast Monday of robbing and killing nine people at a Buddhist temple in what a prosecutor said was the biggest murder case in Arizona history.

Johnathan Doody was convicted of nine counts of murder, nine counts of armed robbery and one count each of burglary and conspiracy to commit armed burglary in the Aug. 9, 1991, massacre.

Doody could receive the death penalty. A sentencing hearing was scheduled Oct. 28.

Authorities said six monks, an elderly nun and two male followers were shot in the head one by one after being ordered onto the floor of the Wat Promkunaram temple's living quarters.

In his closing argument, prosecutor K.C. Scull said that Doody, then 17, systematically killed each victim because he feared one of them might recognize him. His younger brother had been active at the temple.

Co-defendant Alessandro "Alex" Garcia, who pleaded guilty to first-degree murder charges in a deal to avoid the death penalty, testified against Doody.

Clinton shrinks inner cities, rural loan plan

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will unveil a scaled-back loan program for credit-starved inner cities and rural areas this week, administration and industry officials said Monday.

The \$382 million to foster housing, small business and development over four years is not nearly as ambitious as the plan he spoke of during the campaign. It is less than half the \$850 million over five years that aides had proposed just before the inauguration.

The White House has tentatively scheduled a ceremony to propose the program formally on Thursday, the day after Clinton returns from the economic summit in Japan and vacation in Hawaii, according to government officials, bankers and consumer advocates invited to attend.

Later in the day, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros and Comptroller of the Currency Eugene Ludwig are scheduled to appear before the Senate Banking Committee to answer questions about the proposal.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Fire destroys house where child rapist was to live

LYNNWOOD, Wash. (AP) — Coffee cups in hand, children in tow, people in the neighborhood gathered Monday outside the burned-out house where the child rapist had planned to live.

The arson a few hours earlier capped a long weekend that included leafleting, picketing, a rally and much anger. The target: a man sheriff's officers called "an extremely dangerous untreated sex offender" who was about to be released into the quiet suburban neighborhood north of Seattle.

Standing by the side of Manor Road, toddlers circling their knees, residents from up and down the street tried to sort out some feelings.

"I'm not saying any crime was right," said Kevin McMahon. But he also said the fire "makes a statement."

"There's a lot of mothers going down the road with smiles on their faces," he said.

"I don't think anybody is real sorry about this," said Darryl Fritz. "But on the other hand, I would have preferred they not burn the house down."

Joseph P. Gallardo, 35, was released Monday from state prison after serving 18 months of a four-year sentence for first-degree statutory rape of a 10-year-old girl.

State law allows law enforcement agencies to notify people when sex offenders are to be released in their area, and last week the Snohomish County sheriff's office distributed fliers warning that Gallardo had a "very high probability for re-offense."

The fliers said Gallardo "has sadistic and deviant sexual fantasies which include torture, sexual assault, human sacrifice, bondage and the murder of young children."

That was too much for many residents, whose modest homes are scattered in this peaceful, wooded enclave not yet touched by strip malls, fast-food outlets and apartment developments.

"It was a community that felt safe," said Doni Levesque, who lives a few hundred yards down Manor Road. It was a good neighborhood for families, she said, where chil-

dren could play in the woods and let their imaginations soar.

"That has to stop now," she said.

Fritz and Levesque's husband, Brian, organized a Sunday rally that included child psychologists and state representatives as speakers. It drew at least 300 people, who were encouraged to form neighborhood watches, pressure legislators to toughen sex predator

laws, and help keep an eye on Gallardo.

But others in the crowd talked of castration, or burning the dilapidated house where Gallardo had lived for nearly 20 years before he was sent to prison.

On Monday, sheriff's spokesman Elliot Woodall said there was no evidence the fire was an act of vigilantism.

Fire District 1 Chief Tom Foster

wasn't so sure. Although there are no suspects and no proof of vigilante justice, "you have to look at the obvious, where there's opportunity and where there's motive," Foster said.

A passer-by reported the fire at 2:05 a.m., about 30 minutes after it was set in debris at the rear of the house, Foster said.

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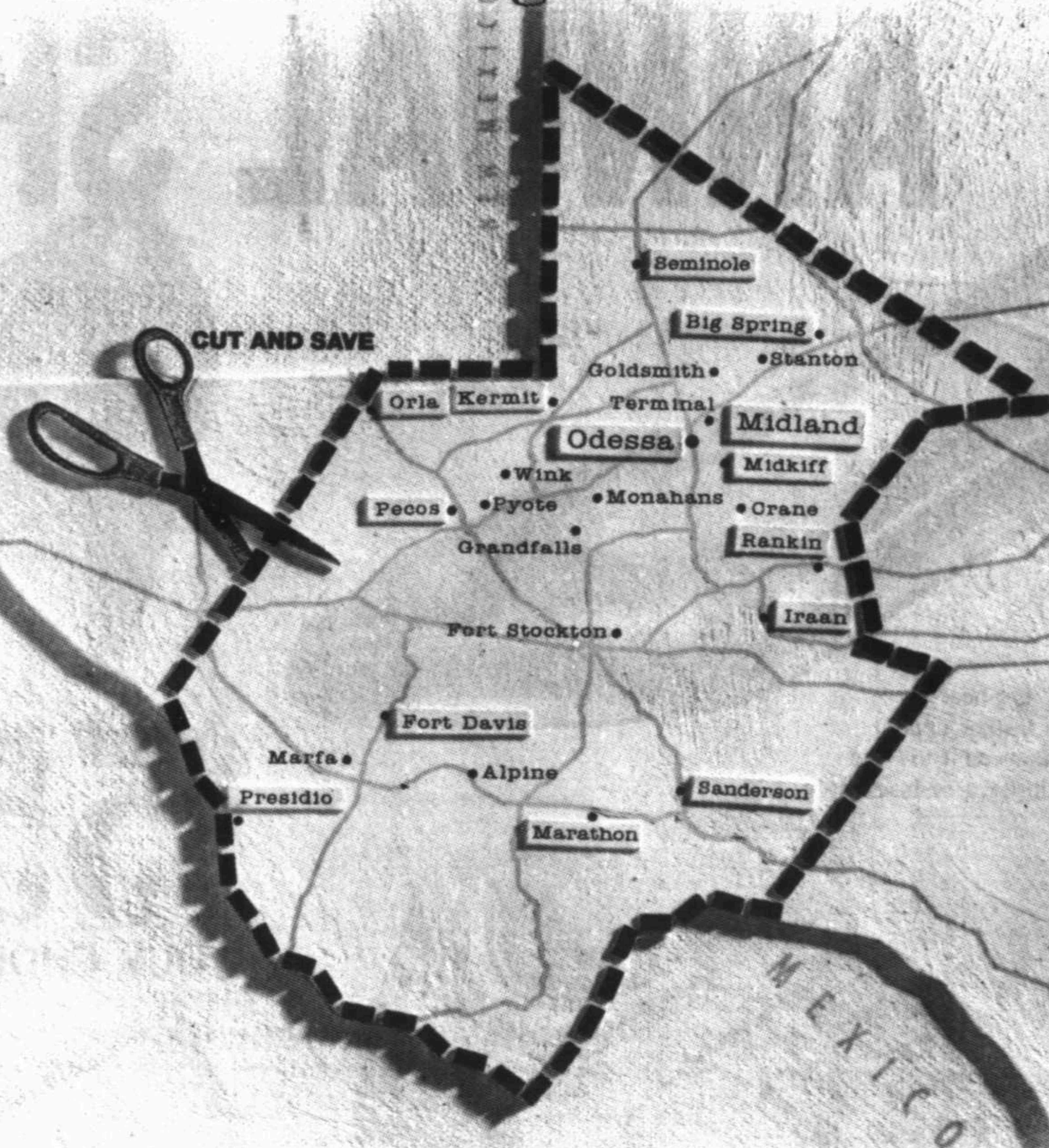
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Report: EMS often not equipped for children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emergency medical services designed for adults are often ill-prepared to deal with sick and injured children, according to a report released Wednesday.

About American 20,000 children die annually from injury and up to 10 percent of them could be saved by emergency medical care equipped to deal with small patients, said Dr. Donald N. Medearis Jr., a Harvard Medical School professor and chairman of an Institute of Medicine committee that issued the report.

"There is a desperate need in this country to focus on the importance of emergency medical care for children to give them the best medical service possible in life-threatening circumstances," said Medearis.

The report found a need to improve care for hurt children at each step of emergency medicine — from the first phone call for help, to the ambulance and emergency medical technicians, to the staff in hospitals.

Children should not be treated as if they were just small adults but rather as patients with unique needs far different than those of full-grown humans, the report said.

"Many people, including some in the medical profession don't understand that children are different from adults, both anatomically and emotionally, and require specialized emergency care," said Dr. Martin Eichelberger, a doctor at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington and a member of a committee that wrote the report.

"Well-meaning emergency care designed for adults can actually result in more serious injury, or even death, for some children," Eichelberger said.

Treating children requires special training because they have injuries seldom seen in adults and often respond to injury and to treatment differently

from adults.

For instance, normal breathing and heart beat rates are higher in children than in adults, but a youngster's blood pressure is lower.

"These differences in normal rates must be understood in order to distinguish normal and abnormal states in children," the report said.

Vital signs like respiration and blood pressure quickly signal deterioration of an adult patient but often fail to provide the same warning in children.

"Impending shock from loss of blood or dehydration can be hard to detect in children because their generally healthier cardiovascular systems can maintain normal blood pressures far longer than adult systems can," said the report. As a result, an injured child's heart can stop without warning, and it may not be possible to restart it, the report said.

Much adult-sized medical equipment is too large or too powerful or shaped wrong for children.

For instance, adult breathing tubes, slipped down the throat to supply emergency oxygen to the lungs, are too large for small children. Adult-size needles used to inject emergency fluids often are too large for the small veins of children, the report said. When adult equipment is used, there is a risk it will deliver too much, too fast.

Breathing masks used to push oxygen into adult lungs can be too powerful for children; they risk forcing air into the chest cavity outside the lungs, a condition which can kill a patient.

Children's heads are proportionately larger than adult heads. As a result, a standard backboard used to immobilize adults with neck or back injuries can aggravate such an injury in children. A special board, with a recess for the head, is needed for children.

New group of agents feminize Secret Service

WASHINGTON (NYT) — It is an image made famous by countless photographs and movies: The large, steely man with dark sunglasses and dark suit who talks into his watch and stares unrelentingly into the crowd, a tell-tale cord curling from his ear and down his collar.

And, even in a town that has become accustomed to male bastions crumbling, it is still a bit startling to see a 5-foot-3-inch woman with a revolver and automatic weapon guarding the 6-foot-2-inch president of the United States.

But like most of the rest of American society, the Secret Service is becoming feminized. It's a strange new world for this historically male culture, steeped in machismo and stoicism.

Some male agents are certainly trying to combine the old and the new. "It used to be that samurai warriors were taught flower arrangements to enhance their feminine side," said one male Secret Service agent stationed in Washington. "I'm not making any degrading comparisons, but I think we've always known that women bring more sensitivity to interpersonal relationships."

The Secret Service, traditionally a tight-knit and closed community, has been training women since 1970, but only in last three to

four years have women agents risen in significant numbers to the agency's presidential protective duties. In fact, there are now few precedents left for women agents to set, as presidential teams have recently been assigned that are half women and half men.

Of the Service's 2,000 agents, about 190 are women, many of whom are married, some with children. Both female and male agents have always performed every assignment in the agency, including the presidential protective detail, said Carl Myer, assistant special agent in charge of government liaison and public affairs.

No one disputes that the agency is beginning to put a dent in its masculine image. But most women agents who agreed to be interviewed — all on condition of anonymity — admit that they still brace themselves for discrimination and feel they continually have to fight the agency's male heritage.

"It's not an easy thing," said one female agent. "Any woman who comes in here and thinks it's going to be easy has another thing coming. You've got to be confident, hold your ground."

But nearly every agent says such strains fade under the excruciating tension of follow-

ing a president into a crowd. A male agent in the Northeast who protected George Bush when he was vice president said, "Those women are going to have at least as hard a criterion as the men, because they want to make sure they're not going to let anyone down and ruin the dynamics of that inner perimeter."

He stressed the importance of the last line of defense, those agents directly surrounding the president. "The inner perimeter has to stay fresh."

A female agent who has protected two presidents described the experience as an ordeal of concentration.

"On the president's detail, the helicopter would land, and you would escort him to the helipad and into the chopper. You were by his side, and when the helicopter door shut you were mentally and physically exhausted."

"We don't do anything differently than the men," she said. All agents pride themselves on professionalism, which helps them block out fear.

"It's not thinking that you might take a bullet," the female agent said. "Everything you're taught is to 'Cover and evacuate your protectee. Get him out of the death zone.'"

Camper escapes with minor injury from bear's swat

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — The witness David Semenero felt on his neck when he awoke in a Shasta Lake campground in the middle of the night wasn't rain. It was bear saliva.

Standing over his sleeping bag was a 500-pound black bear.

"It was drooling on me," he said. "I could feel its breath."

Semenero, a 32-year-old carpenter, remained motionless for a tense 15 seconds, staring at four furry legs he described as "so huge they looked like huge tree trunks growing out of the ground."

Then the bear swatted him in the head, leaving a deep gash. "I put my head back down and tried not to move but he nailed me," he said.

Semenero sat upright, his face only inches from the bear's, and the two "looked at each other for a moment or two while I wondered if he was going to attack me," he said.

The bear suddenly ran away. Semenero in turn dashed to his truck and shut himself in. He later drove to a hospital to have the 2-inch gash sewn up.

State authorities said it was the

seventh reported encounter between bears and people in Shasta and Trinity county forests in northern California in the past week. No one else was hurt.

State Department of Fish and Game researcher Paul Wertz said housing subdivisions are encroaching into bear habitat and drought and fire may be causing a shortage of natural foods, such as man-

zanita berries.

For part of the year in Shasta and Trinity counties, campers "mingle their human habitat" with that of the bears and accustom the animals to human food, Wertz said.

Bears may be unusually hungry this year because a June snowstorm that struck the northern part of the state prolonged bear hi-

bernation in the Trinity Alps, said state wildlife biologist Terri Weist.

Wertz said his department has no plans to hunt down the bear that clawed Semenero.

"This is not a mad bear on the loose," he said. "The animal was probably as startled as the camper was."

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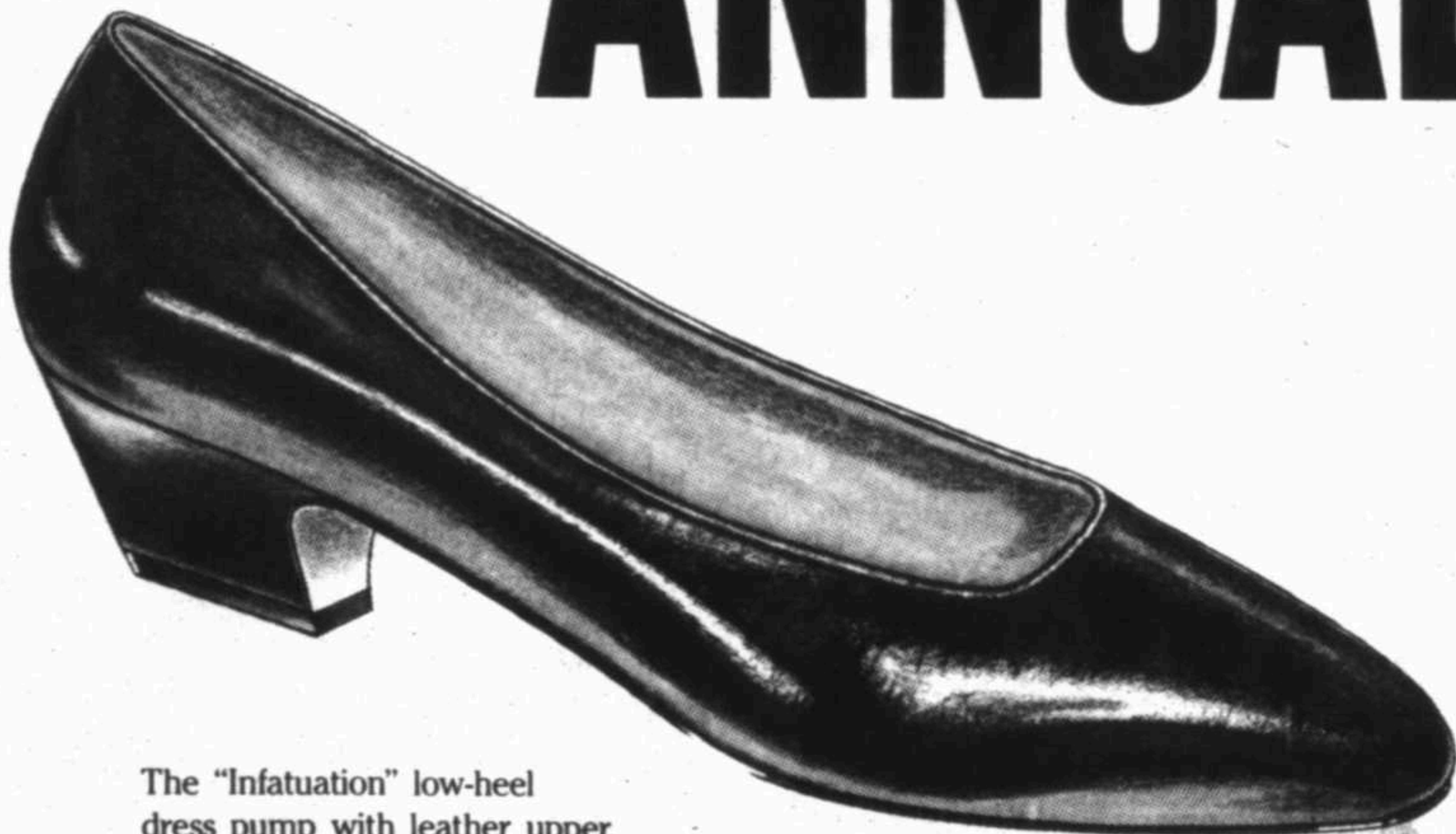
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Sales rebate jumps in July

■ Midland's latest check represents 5.33 percent increase over July 1992.
Staff report

The City of Midland received a sales rebate check for \$641,592 in July, representing a 5.33 percent increase over the amount earned in July of 1992.

This month's sales tax rebate includes taxes collected on May sales and reported to the state comptroller in June by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

Midland's latest check brings its 1993 total to \$5,421,528, a 4.22 percent increase over the 1992 total at this date of \$5,202,195.

Meanwhile, Midland County also showed a slight improvement over July of 1992. This month's check was for \$381,372, or 4.85 percent more than the \$363,732 received in July of last year. The county's year-to-date total is \$3,134,327, or 6.11 percent more than the \$2,953,945 received through July of 1992.

Statewide, Texas cities received \$100.3 million in July, up 7.7 percent over the \$93.1 million they received last July.

Traditionally, the figures have been used a gauge of the state's economy, and State Comptroller John Sharp was upbeat over the latest figures. "Employment across the state has continued to expand since May

1992," Sharp said. "The service sector led all other industries, adding 63,000 jobs over the last year. The government, wholesale and retail industries also increased by 43,000 and 31,900, respectively."

The latest check was continued good news for Midland officials. Just last week City Manager Mike McGregor said that a higher-than-expected tally for last year's local sales tax receipts had allowed the city to add five employees to the payroll without raising taxes.

The five new positions — all at the Midland Police Department — include four uniformed officers and a

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DAY WATCH

Funny people

"America's Funniest People" is returning to West Texas to find more funny people to put on television. The show's producers want to give the locals another chance at fame and fortune Friday through Sunday. The camera crew will be at Water Wonderland, next to the Wave Pool, with KNFM's Dave Love broadcasting live from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday; at Permian Mall in the JC Penny Court from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday; and at Midland Park Mall in Sears Court with KNFM's Julie Rich and Woody Roberts from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Field producer Brady Connell is looking for family humor, father and son jokes, mother and daughter skits and funny costumed hi-jinks, in addition to the show's search for unique impressions, sound effects, lip-synching, unusual physical comedy, novel singing and dance routines, original rap songs, fun with props and just wacky stuff. Connell and his television crew will be working with KMD TV, Channel 2, and KNFM. Anyone with that bit of unusual talent is invited to audition. For more information call 1-213-662-5100 or send a tape to "America's Funniest People," P.O. Box 1881, Hollywood, Calif., 90078.

TODAY'S AGENDA

Permian Basin Road Runners Club, 697-1066.
Search for God, study group, 7 p.m., 2311 Elizabeth, 684-8448.
Success Motivation Institute, 4305 N. Garfield, Suite 228F, 7 p.m., Entry B, 570-4533.
Divorce Support Group, 7:30 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana, Timothy Center, First Baptist Church, 682-1646.
Native Plant Society, 7:30 p.m., Sibley Environmental Center, 684-5185.
Dialogue Support Programs, noon & 7 p.m., Allison Cancer Center, 2200 W. Illinois.
Batterers Anonymous Support Group, 6:30 p.m., 689-8428.
Midland Pecan Growers Association, 7 p.m., Midland County Extension Building, 682-9342.
Texas TOPS, morning chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.
Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G St., 570-8612.
Midland Chapter No. 253, Order of Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.
Midland Palette Club, 9:30 a.m., 907 W. Wadley, 697-1590.
National Quilters Association, Permian Basin Chapter 373TX#6, 7 p.m., First Christian Church, 685-0008.
Permian Chapter PSI, noon, Plaza Club, 697-4181.
Optimist Club, noon, Hilton Hotel.
Midland Quilters Guild, 7 p.m., Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Room 100, 694-2604.
Support Group For Battered Women, 6:30 p.m., 563-0800.
Tuesday Duplicate Bridge Club, 12:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center.
Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, 8 p.m., Aerie Home, 697-3131.
Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrow's Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall.
Pop-Up Toastmasters, 6:30 a.m., Ramada Hotel, 694-1447.
55-Plus Dance Club, 8 p.m., Eagles Club, 697-3131.
Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Golden Corral.

WEDNESDAY

Survivors of Incest Anonymous, 7 p.m., 408 S. G St., 699-7814.
Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marienfeld, third floor conference room.
Gamblers Anonymous, 4601 Neely, 24-hour hotline 563-8836.
Midland Articulators Chapter of International Training in Communication, 4400 N. Big Spring, 689-7875 or 682-8820.
Singles Group, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m., parlor.
Uptown Chapter of Business & Professional Women, luncheon program, Petroleum Club, 682-7356.
Midland Rape Crisis support for incest survivors, 11:30 a.m., call 682-7273 for confidential location.
Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard 7:30 p.m., Texas Nat'l Guard Armory.
Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters club room.
Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G St., 570-8612.
Midland Hispanic Chamber monthly board meeting, 6 p.m., monthly general meeting, 7 p.m., NationsBank, 2nd floor, 682-2960.

Doctor gives quality care to his patients

■ Community Health Clinic's physician treats unfunded patients with humor, care.

By Tonie Miller-Uzzell

Staff writer

Dr. W. Francis Ballesteros stands out in the community as a physician dedicated to providing quality health care for the children of parents who could not afford it on their own.

Ballesteros is the director of pediatrics for the Community Health Clinic, which is operated by the Midland County Hospital District.

The clinic opened in September 1991 and has continued to meet the medical needs of unfunded and underfunded patients in its location at 2500 Delano Ave., according to Laurie Johnson, director of public relations for Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

Originally housed in the Midland City-County Health Department, the clinic offered pre-natal and pediatric care to Midland County residents. As the number receiving care increased, the need for additional space grew, Ms. Johnson said.

The city of Midland gave MHMC an unused building that was then renovated by the hospital. MHMC then recruited Ballesteros to head the clinic, which he has done since its inception.

"I started here to take care of the indigent patients ... and to keep people from going to the emergency room for minor illnesses," Ballesteros said. "The clinic is designed to unload the burden of the emergency room."

Ms. Johnson said the creation of the clinic alleviated an overload of cases from both the emergency room and the health department, as well as saving money.

The clinic sees an average of more than 2,000 patients a month.

The average cost of seeing a patient in the emergency room is \$200 and the average cost of a visit to the clinic is \$40, so the cost of indigent care for the

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INTRODUCING...



Dr. Francis Ballesteros plays key role in medical services for many county residents.



Good form

Nicole Kennerly of Midland practices her soccer form during a recent outing at the Windlands Park.

GARY OTT

Semi-tangled brain produces rambling thoughts

— You know a movie star has hit rock-bottom when you see him (or her) on TV hawking life insurance for veterans or on the Live Psychic Line.

— It always saddens me when one of those movie stars is an old favorite of mine.

— Great song title: "Lead me not into temptation, I can find it on my own."

— Quote of the day: "Nothing ain't worth nothing, but it's free."

— Every winter I long for the heat of summer, but then when it finally gets here, I wipe the sweat from my brow and think, "This is ridiculous. When is it going to cool off?"

— I'm world's worst at not keeping in touch with people after they move away.

— No matter how tempting it might look, guilt

won't allow me to park in a "handicapped" parking space.

— One of life's more interesting situations is watching a man and woman who are obviously at odds with one another attempt to be civil while in a public place, usually in an eating establishment of some sort.

— It's hard to believe professional football teams are already in camp preparing for the upcoming season.

— I still haven't played the lottery. Somehow, whenever I read that my chances of winning are one in 16 million, my enthusiasm wanes.

— "Lust" is a wonderful word. It fits its definition perfectly.

— Do entire families still pile into the car on a Sunday night and just drive around for no reason, "looking at houses?"

— There are few pleasures more satisfying than

an early-morning shower.

— OK, there are more enjoyable pleasures, but, remember, this is a family newspaper.

— A friend and I have a bet over what caused the Burt Reynolds-Loni Anderson split. I say "money," he says "sex." We can't be certain, of course, but if it is like 99 percent of the divorces I've witnessed, it definitely will be related to one of those two words.

— No matter how new a car might be, the minute it gets nicked — be it a tiny scratch or a major accident — it ceases at that very moment to be a "new" car.

— It is always refreshing to hear a person who generally represents a particular point of view suddenly change course and say something totally out of character ... such as a liberal defending big business or a conservative insisting that government should help the poor.

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County commits to 200 new beds for regional jail

By Katherine Poteet

Staff writer

Midland County Commissioners Monday agreed to pay for 200 beds in the Permian Basin Regional Jail.

Commissioners, meeting in regular session, discussed approving from 200-250 beds. A motion for 250 and 225 beds died to a lack of a second, but the motion for 200 beds was approved.

The beds will go into the regional jail, which will be the first privately owned and operated regional jail in the state.

County Judge Charles "Bro" Seltzer said the jail had to be 100 percent subscribed, meaning each participating entity must state how many beds they will pay for, before construction started.

"We (the court) are very careful guardians of the taxpayers' money," Seltzer said. "We went with the amount of money that the majority of the court felt comfortable with."

Seltzer said the Midland County jail currently has 227 TDC (Texas Department of Corrections) paper-ready inmates ready for the regional jail.

In other action, the court approved the hiring of a private attorney to handle the large number of cases against the county by Midland County inmates.

Seltzer said that, in a letter sent to the court in June, Midland County attorney Mark Dettman stated that his office had received numerous cases involving personal lawsuits by Midland County inmates against the sheriff's office and jail. These lawsuits are filed in the U.S. district court, and while many are considered "frivolous in nature," they must be answered.

Dettman said his office was having a difficult time handling caseload and

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Magistrate finds inmate competent

A Midland County jail inmate who is accused of writing a letter threatening both U.S. District

Judge Lucius Bunton and President Bill Clinton was found competent to stand trial in the case.

U.S. Magistrate Louis Guirola found Jimmy Noland Morris, 19, able to face the charges of threatening a federal judge after a psychiatric analysis indicated he was competent.

Morris' attorney requested that a judge, other than Bunton, hear the case when it goes to trial. Guirola said that request would be honored.

Morris was the third local inmate since 1992 accused of sending a death threat to Bunton.

Bunton received the letter, written on a jail inmate grievance form on March 25, officials said. Later that day, Morris

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DEATHS

Raul Mora

Rosary for Raul "El Conejo" Mora, 38, will be recited at 7 p.m. today at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery with Thomas Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mora was born April 3, 1955, in Midland and he had worked in the water department for the City of Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Marina Flores Mora of Midland; one son, Raul Mora Jr., of Midland; one daughter, Melissa Mora of Midland; his parents, Pablo and Delirina Mora of Midland; six sisters, Mary Mora, Delma Castillo and Anita Gonzalez, all of Midland; Yolanda Renteria of Andrews, Rosa Arras and Esmeralda Melendez, both of Odessa; two brothers, Pablo Mora, Jr., and Mike Mora, both of Midland; and numerous aunts and uncles.



Mora

George Ross

Services for George Ross of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Ross died Monday at a local hospital.

Luz Abreo

BIG SPRING — Services for Luz B. Abreo, 85, of Big Spring will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Iglesia Bautista La Fe in Big Spring with the Rev. C. Manon, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home chapel.

Mrs. Abreo died Monday at a Colorado City hospital.

She was born March 13, 1908, in Bay de Piedra, Mexico. She married Domingo "Sunday" Abreo on Nov. 22, 1924, in Stanton. She moved to Big Spring in 1929 and was a homemaker. She was a Gold Star Mother and a member of Iglesia Bautista La Fe.

She was preceded in death by a son, Salvador Abreo, two sisters and seven brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Domingo "Sunday" Abreo of Big Spring; four sons, Efrén Abreo of Austin, Noe Abreo of Lubbock, Jimmy Abreo of Big Spring and David Abreo of Fort Worth; five daughters, Fe Acosta of Ackerly, Gloria Galan and Mary Ann Ficke, both of Big Spring, Mary Elizabeth Rainey of San Antonio and

Hope DaSilva of Houston; a brother, Mike Barraza of Alpine; 38 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Iva Maxson

Services for Iva Noyes Maxson will be at 1 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church Glass Chapel with the Rev. J.B. Stewart officiating.

Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Lillie Johnson

Services for Lillie Johnson, formerly of Midland, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson died Monday in Colorado.

Sarah White

COTTON VALLEY, La. — Services for Sarah Holloway White of Midland will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Cotton Valley, La., with the Rev. Reagan White Jr., of First Baptist Church in Arlington, officiating. Burial will be in Cotton Valley Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Mortuary of Springhill, La. Local arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. White died Sunday at a Midland care center.

She was born Oct. 22, 1912, in Cotton Valley, where she was raised and educated. She married Robert D. White II in 1930 in Cot-

ton Valley. She moved to Snyder in 1951 and back to Cotton Valley in 1965. She moved to Midland in February 1992. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church in Cotton Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert D. White II, in 1966 and a son, Robert David White III, in 1991.

Survivors include a son, Reagan White of Midland; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Maudie Davis

Services for Maudie Davis, 77, of Midland have been set for 10 a.m. today at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Campbell, pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery with Thomas Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Davis died Friday at a local hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born May 10, 1916, in Powell and had lived in Midland since 1975.

Survivors include one daughter, Earline Cole of Midland; one sister, Ethel M. Fair of San Diego, Calif.; and one brother, Willie F. Brown of Corsicana.

Jacqueline Ford

Services for Jacqueline Ford, 82, of Midland are pending with Grace Chapel Funeral Home.

Ms. Ford died Monday at a local hospital.

UP: Sales rebate jumps from July 1992 to 1993

(From 1B)

civilian worker.

Latest figures from other West Texas communities are as follows:

■ Odessa: \$548,290 this month, \$488,433 in July of 1992, up 12.26 percent, \$4,560,081 for '93 to date, \$4,397,041 in '92 to date, up 3.71 percent.

■ Andrews: \$55,175 this month, \$48,641 in July of 1992, up 13.43 percent, \$406,251 for '93 to date, \$413,452 in '92 to date, down 1.74 percent.

■ Lamesa: \$36,175 this month, \$33,595 in July of 1992, up 7.68 percent, \$327,956 for '93 to date, \$301,146 in '92 to date, up 8.90 percent.

■ Big Spring: \$236,860 this

month, \$191,492 in July of 1992, up 23.69 percent, \$1,839,717 in '93 to date, \$1,775,212 in '92 to date, up 3.63 percent.

■ Stanton: \$6,530 this month, \$4,739 in July of 1992, up 37.77 percent, \$43,025 in '93 to date, \$40,304 in '92 to date, 6.75 percent.

■ McCamey: \$7,239 this month, \$5,740 in July of 1992, up 26.13 percent, \$53,719 in '93 to date, \$54,938 in '92 to date, down 2.22 percent.

■ Rankin: \$1,502 this month, \$1,534 in July of 1992, down 2.11 percent, \$15,990 in '93 to date, \$16,782 in '92 to date, down 4.72 percent.

■ Crane: \$11,389 this month, \$9,305 in July of 1992, up 22.39 percent, \$88,172 in '93 to date, \$85,392 in '92 to date, up 3.26 percent.

TRIAL: U.S. magistrate finds inmate competent

(From 1B)

admitted writing and sending the letter, according to the criminal complaint.

The letter stated: "I know about you! The voices have told me about you. They told me you raped my mother and killed my sisters. The voices tell me you killed my Daddy when I was 10. The voices tell me that the only way to get vengeance (sic) is through you."

The threat also details murder, mutilation and cannibalism.

"I'm going to do this cause the voices make my head hurt and

only that will make it stop," the letter continued. "... If I don't get you my friends will."

The letter ends with: "I am going to kill you & then go and kill Pres. Clinton. death to rapist murdering dogs."

If convicted, Morris could face up to three years imprisonment.

Morris has been in the Midland County Detention Center since July 1992 for revocation of probation for which he was sentenced to six years. He was placed on probation in September 1991 for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Leona Barrett

Graveside services for Leona May Barrett will be at 11 a.m. today at Fairview Cemetery with Curt Bezinque, of Midland Christian Fellowship, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Jody Washam, Michael Washam, Ronnie Duley, David Tryson, Chris Pearce and Wes Washam.

CARE: Doctor treats patients with humor

(From 1B)

hospital district is reduced dramatically, Ms. Johnson said.

"A lot of these patients won't go to the doctor until they are really sick, so they are using the emergency room for their primary care," Ms. Johnson said.

She added that the clinic has proven to be beneficial for the community and the hospital district as the savings have offset the expenses of operating it.

Not only does the clinic and Ballesteros provide a money-saving service, but the doctor treats patients with humor and care.

A naturalized citizen, Ballesteros is originally from the Philippines. He received his medical training there and worked for four years treating indigent patients at

a county hospital in Chicago.

"I am accustomed to practicing this kind of medicine," Ballesteros explained. "This kind of set-up is really what practicing medicine is all about."

"This is more enlightening and much more satisfying" than other areas of practice, Ballesteros added.

The doctor's practice is restricted to the clinic, where he is a contract employee of the hospital district.

He said working for the hospital makes his practice a little easier because the hospital provides everything he needs. All he has to do is provide his services.

According to the nurses who work with him at the clinic, his services are much more than just

the medical treatments required.

"He is good with kids and has a sense of humor ... he really understands children," Peggy Noel, registered nurse said.

Karen Childers, another registered nurse, agreed, pointing out that Ballesteros goes to the extent of calling many of his patients by name. She said his easy-going attitude relaxes the children also.

In addition to treating the pediatric patients at the clinic, Ballesteros is called to the hospital for deliveries of high-risk mothers, which includes mothers who had no pre-natal care.

"I'm there in case the baby is in trouble ... if the baby needs it I will try to resuscitate the baby. Hopefully, I don't get to see any bad babies," he said.

The clinic, which is staffed by Ballesteros, Dr. Alma Medina and a number of other medical professionals, treats most of its patients without any compensation from the patient. Most of the patients qualify for some type of assistance.

The Midland County Hospital District financial eligibility office is located next door to the clinic and assists individuals applying for funding from a variety of sources.

Operated by Texas Aries, the eligibility office not only qualifies residents for MCHD funding, but also searches for other federal and state programs, including Medicaid. A patient receives MCHD funding only after all other programs have been examined and exhausted.

Black Chamber names Teacher of the Month

Rosalind Burton was named July Teacher of the Month by the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs on Monday.

Mrs. Burton has taught 16 years at DeZavala Elementary School now teaches sixth grade. She also is involved in the chamber's X-Cel Youth Program this year.

In other business, the chamber announced the formation of its new finance committee, called the Silver Rights Committee, headed by Jennifer Davis.

Ms. Davis told the chamber the

committee was designed to make residents aware of their personal finances.

"You have to have your personal finances in order to be successful in a business," Ms. Davis said. "When you go into to get that loan for a new business, you are going to have to look good personally for that bank."

Ms. Davis said the name of the committee came from the same slogan used by the National Black Chambers of Commerce.

"We have already obtained our

civil rights," she said. "Now, we need our silver rights — our economic empowerment."

The committee will conduct seminars on personal finances each month. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Southeast Senior Citizens Center. The topic will be "Personal Finance: Am I Living Within My Means?"

The rest of the topics include:

■ "Personal Finance: preparing a family budget."

■ "Investment Options Overview: CDs, stocks, bonds, insur-

ance policies, mutual funds and company plans."

■ "Mutual funds: types and purposes."

■ "Mutual funds: A closer look."

■ "Life insurance policies: Is my family adequately covered?"

■ "Tax implications: keeping the IRS at bay. Shelters and annuities."

■ "Overview: revamping that personal budget."

■ "Starting a business: personal capital and business plan."

Officers continue search for suspects in burglary

Staff report

BIG SPRING — Big Spring officers are still looking for two suspects in an aggravated burglary that occurred Monday.

According to a Big Spring police report, at approximately 1:40 p.m. Monday, officers responded to the 1400 block of S. Runnels in reference to a report of a subject having been "maced." When they arrived, officers were told by the family that an aggravated robbery had occurred.

The family, coming home following a brief trip, surprised two burglars, who were inside the house. When confronted, one or both of the offenders sprayed a chemical irritant (Mace) on the homeowners. The suspects

then fled on foot through the backyard, police said.

The first suspect is described as a white male, in his early 20s, 5'8", 170-180 pounds, dark brown eyes, with a small black moustache, wearing a black baseball cap, camouflage fatigue pants and a light blue T-shirt.

The second suspect is described as a white male, in his mid-30s, 5'8", about 250 pounds, with a blond moustache, "bushy" dirty, blond collar-length hair, close set eyes, weather-beaten or ruddy complexion, flat nose, wearing faded blue jeans, light-colored T-shirt and a white baseball cap.

According to reports, the suspects left with an undetermined amount of personal property.

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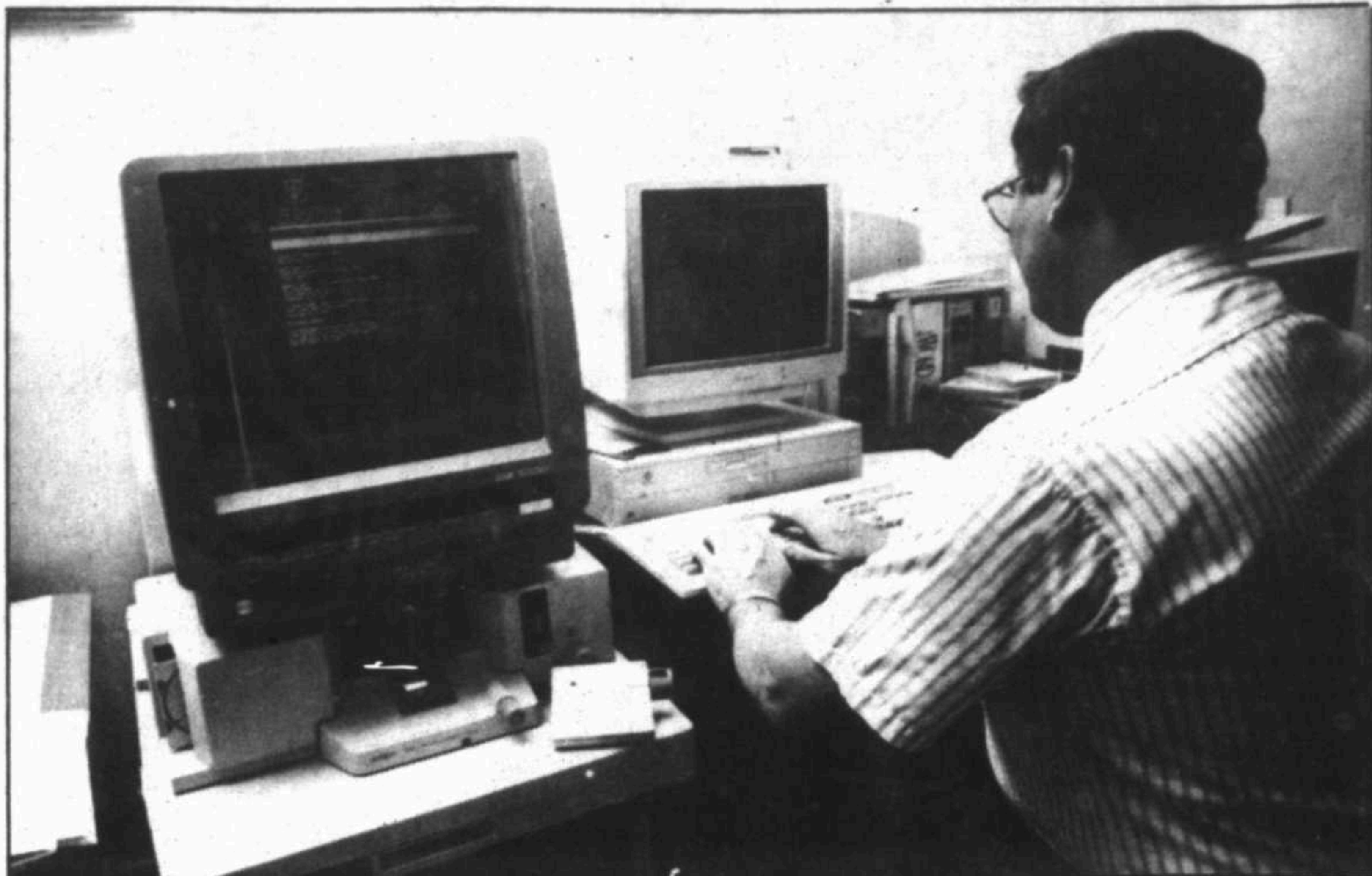
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Unusual Ideas about fitness

from World Gym



Work is under way in order to get the new World Gym ready for its grand opening on September 1st 1993.

The new gym is trying to get away from the stereotyped images of a gym and be accessible to everyone.

On the first of September Midland's rather unhappy record with gyms and health clubs will have come to an end, because that is when the new World Gym is due to open. It promises to be a new type of gymnasium with very different attitudes.

Unlike the gyms that have sprung up (and down) in Midland over the years, and which have not lived up to expectations, World Gym is different because it is being put together by long time Midlander Stephen Withrow.

If the name is familiar that is because his father Russell is a CPA in town, his brother is a local attorney and the family has been in the Midland area for over two decades.

The new World Gym is a franchise from the very large parent company (Chairman Arnold Schwarzenegger), and Withrow and his father have formed a company aptly called Euphoria Inc. to manage it.

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Kevin Pitman is the operations manager; with an MS in Physical Education and masses of experience, (he was one of the strength coaches at Baylor University) he is well qualified for the job of overseeing the gym.

Withrow is very firm about one thing, "this gym is going to be accessible to everyone, it's not just for body building" he said.

Facilities such as child care, fitness

analysis and an emphasis on results, mean that the gym is geared toward those people who care about their health and want to do something about it.

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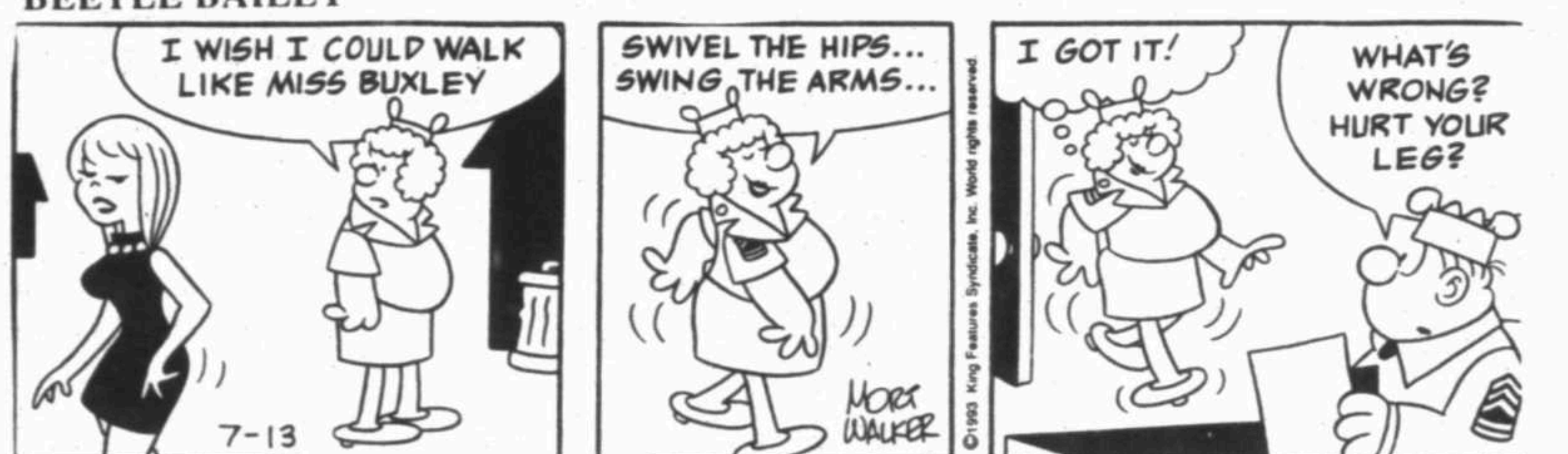
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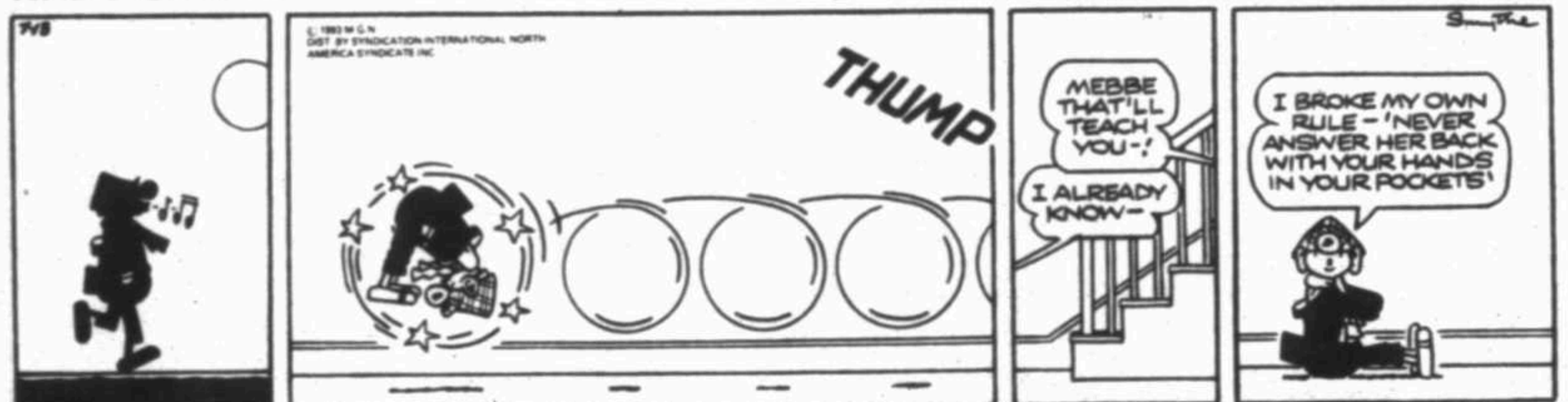
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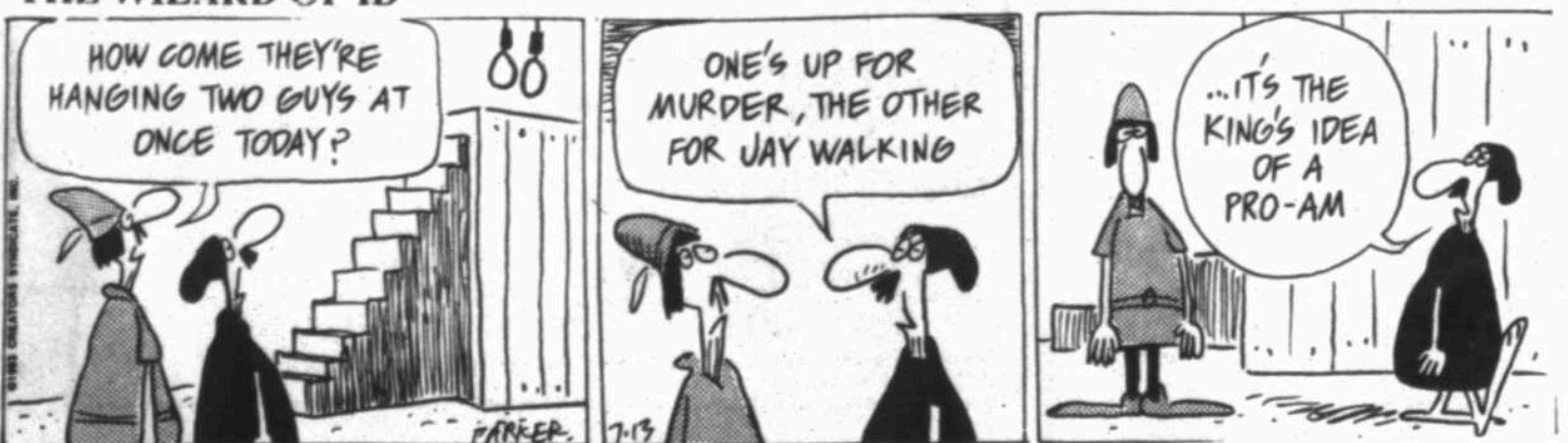
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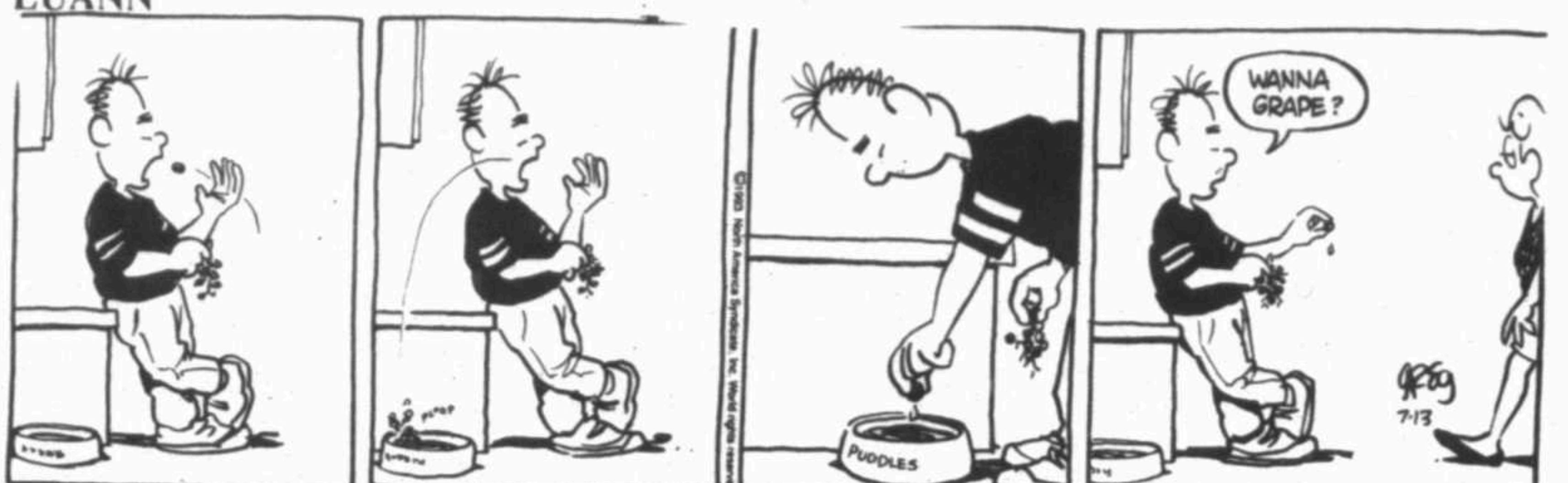
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actor Harrison Ford, chef Paul Prudhomme, guitarist Roger McGuinn, actor Cheech Marin.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plot your moves carefully. Someone may try to terminate a valued relationship. Flexibility will pay off handsomely at your place of work. Play your cards close to your vest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Obtaining legal counsel now could save you time and money in the long run. Detach yourself from a group you no longer support. A personal decision must be yours alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A cooperative attitude helps you put over a complex business or financial

deal. A new romantic interest could lead to some awkward moments. You had better be the soul of discretion!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reduce spending by performing more services for yourself. Your mate or partner will cooperate. A romantic relationship can be strengthened if you make the extra effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do not be afraid to make a positive statement and take decisive action today. You are on the verge of achieving something special. Guard against a summer cold by getting more rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Truth is stranger than fiction and certainly your best weapon in making an important deal. A health concern may be overblown. Seeing a doctor will clear up any fears you may have.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Complete work on a neglected project. An inspired gesture will boost your social-romantic prospects. Count your change when shopping. A love relationship enjoys highly favorable influences.

(For your personalized daily Jeane Dixon horoscope, based on your own date of birth, call 1-900-988-7788. Your phone company will bill you 95 cents a minute.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Resolve to play a waiting game. Once others show their hand, you can capitalize on their mistakes. Family support is there. You need never doubt it!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An emotional upset could make you waver between two extremes. Maintain a low profile until you can sort things out. A letter or telephone call brings welcome news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A slipshod approach could cost you dearly. Do your best work and you will leave the competition in the dust. Refuse to be intimidated by someone with better credentials.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your knack for being in the right place at the right time serves you well today. Call ahead if you are going to be late. Other people admire your dependability.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Overseas contacts play a major role in your career or financial success. Be patient when trying to get a point across to a difficult person. Time spent on creative projects proves rewarding.

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MAKE YOUR OPPONENT GUESS

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K 9
♥ K J 4
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A K Q J 9

WEST
♠ 7 5 3 2
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ A J 5
♣ 5 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 6 4
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 10 3 2
♣ 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 8
♥ A Q 10
♦ K Q 9 6
♣ 10 8 7

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass
6 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♥

Believe it or not, even experts when faced with a pure guess will go wrong half the time. Therefore, if you can present your opponent with an option, your stock will rise immeasurably. This hand, from a team match, illustrates our point.

Both North-South pairs reached six no trump in quick time. On the diagrammed auction, South showed the equivalent of a strong one-no-trump opening with 4-3-3-3 distribution and it required only simple arithmetic to come to the conclusion that a small slam should be a good proposition, especially in view

of North's trick-taking strength. At both tables the lead was a heart and declarer could count 11 top tricks—two spades, three hearts, one diamond and five clubs. At one table declarer won the opening lead in dummy and led a diamond to the king, losing to the ace. West led another heart and declarer fiddled around for a while, but eventually had to fall back on the spade finesse for the fulfilling trick. That succeeded and the slam was in the bag.

At the other table the play started in the same way. However, West defended well by refusing to win the

ace of diamonds at trick two. Now declarer had two means of trying for a 12th trick—either with the spade finesse or by leading another diamond to the queen, in the hope that East held the ace.

There was nothing to go by other than that the diamond play had already worked once. So declarer opted to cross to dummy and try it again—down one.

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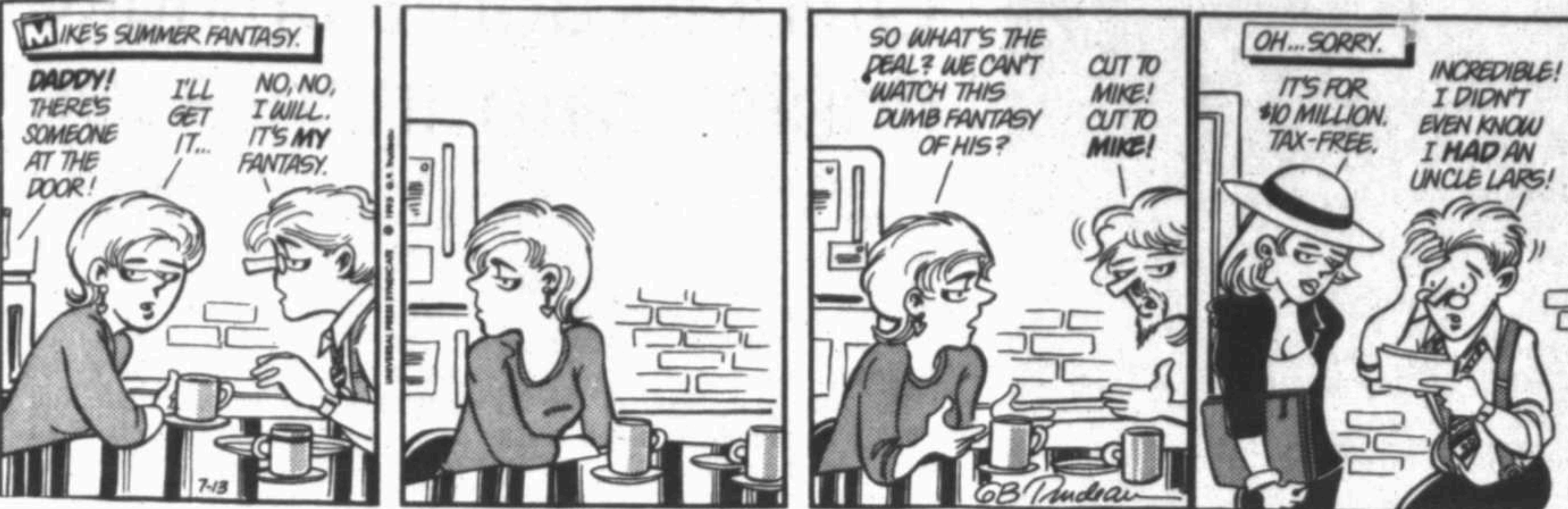
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PEOPLE

Singer Seger ties knot, but his 8-month-old son steals show

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. — Bob Seger tied the knot but his son, 8-month-old Christopher Cole Seger, stole the show. Seger married the child's mother, Juanita Dorricott, during a private ceremony and the red-headed infant made a brief appearance at the nuptials wearing miniature tails.

About 200 people, including members of Seger's Silver Bullet Band, attended the celebration Saturday.

The Texas-based band Duck Soup entertained guests, even belting out Seger's anthem, "Old Time Rock 'n' Roll." The Detroit rocker declined to take the mike.

The wedding was Seger's fourth and Dorricott's first.

LOS ANGELES — Ed McMahon, television's most famous sidekick since Tonto, is returning to NBC's "Tonight Show" for the first time since Johnny Carson's retirement last year. This time, he'll be a guest.

McMahon, who has had a standing invitation from host Jay Leno, is scheduled to appear July 30.

McMahon said he requested that date because that weekend he sets off on a cross-country bus tour for his show "Star Search." McMahon plans to arrive for the "Tonight Show" aboard the tour bus, the same one Paul McCartney used on his recent concert tour.



McMahon

LORENZAGO, Italy — Pope John Paul II, sporting a sunhat and hiking boots, is vacationing in the Alps to get in touch with nature and brush up on his Lithuanian.

"Vacations are always good, above all on account of the contact with nature, which is so rich here — with woods, stupendous woods. I always loved the woods," the pope said, according to ANSA, the Italian news agency.

The pope, 73, chatted with journalists Sunday at this northern Italian resort, where he's spending 10 days.

John Paul said he is looking forward to visiting the Baltics in September — the first time a pope has gone to the former Soviet Union. His spokesman said the pope is learning Lithuanian during his vacation so he can deliver some of his sermons in the local language.

He will be in Denver for a Catholic youth jamboree in August.

Tipper Gore exercises for three hours a day, and that's the same amount of workout time put in by Madonna and Demi Moore, says Time magazine. Have they considered

other possibilities?

It might be helpful in her work as second lady, for example, if Gore studied Czech. According to Jacques Maussenet, district director of the Berlitz Schools, if she spent three hours a day in one-on-one instruction, it would take only eight weeks for Gore to pick up conversational Czech for "social talk, enough for attending a tea" (where she'd be able to just say no to the tortes). If she stuck to her three-hour-a-day regime for 12 weeks, Gore could probably master enough Czech to conduct business affairs.

Madonna, who seems to have some natural knack for music, might consider piano lessons. According to the folks at the Adult Extension program at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, if she spent three hours a day in lessons and practice, she could be playing "Hot Cross Buns" in less than a week.

Six months? She'd be well-equipped to play Beethoven's "Für Elise." If she learned chords and arpeggios, she could accompany her own songs on the piano.

As to Demi Moore, she might well spend the three hours a day reading. The North American Free Trade Agreement is 1,140 pages long. If she read five pages an hour, that's 15 pages a day, or about 2 1/2 months to knock it off.

According to the Bible, God created the world in six days (around the clock, presumably, until the seventh). If the three women together had worked for nine hours — damn the cellulite, full speed ahead — every day, they could have done the job in 16 days.

BALTIMORE — Barry Larkin, the five-time All-Star for the Cincinnati Reds, says his parents instilled in him a desire to be a role model.

"I know some athletes don't want to be role models. That's OK," the 29-year-old Larkin said, presumably referring to basketball star Charles Barkley. "But I think it's important to give something back."

On Monday, the shortstop was given the Roberto Clemente Award, presented annually to a major league baseball player for his charitable work.

Larkin works with the Caring Team of Athletes and the Caring Program for Children. Under those programs, corporate sponsors make donations for each of Larkin's hits. He has raised more than \$400,000 since 1990 to pay health care costs for more than 1,700 children.

Larkin also gives money and time to AIDS victims, the Salvation Army and other charities, but said he is most proud of his work with the Caring Team.

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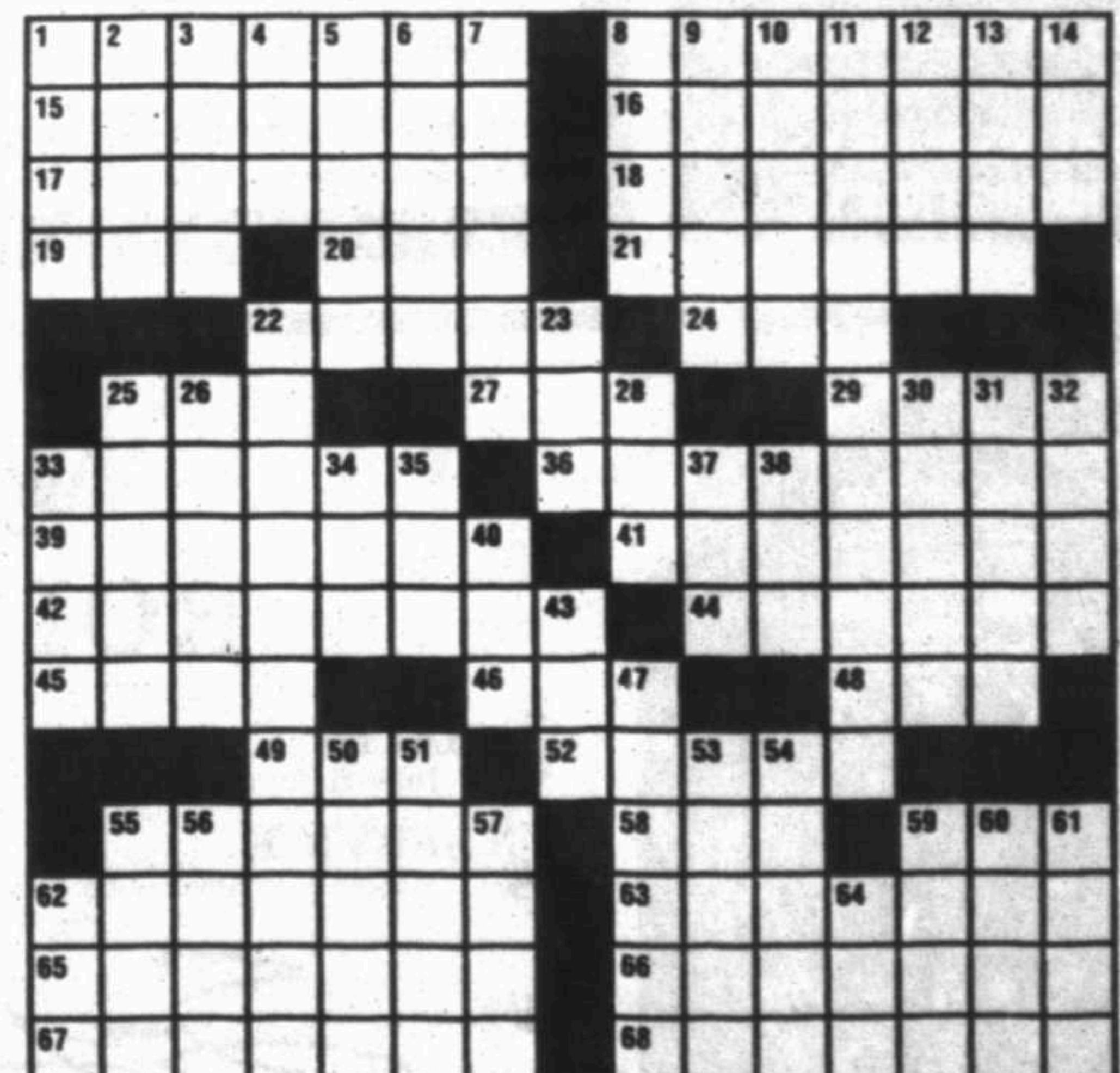
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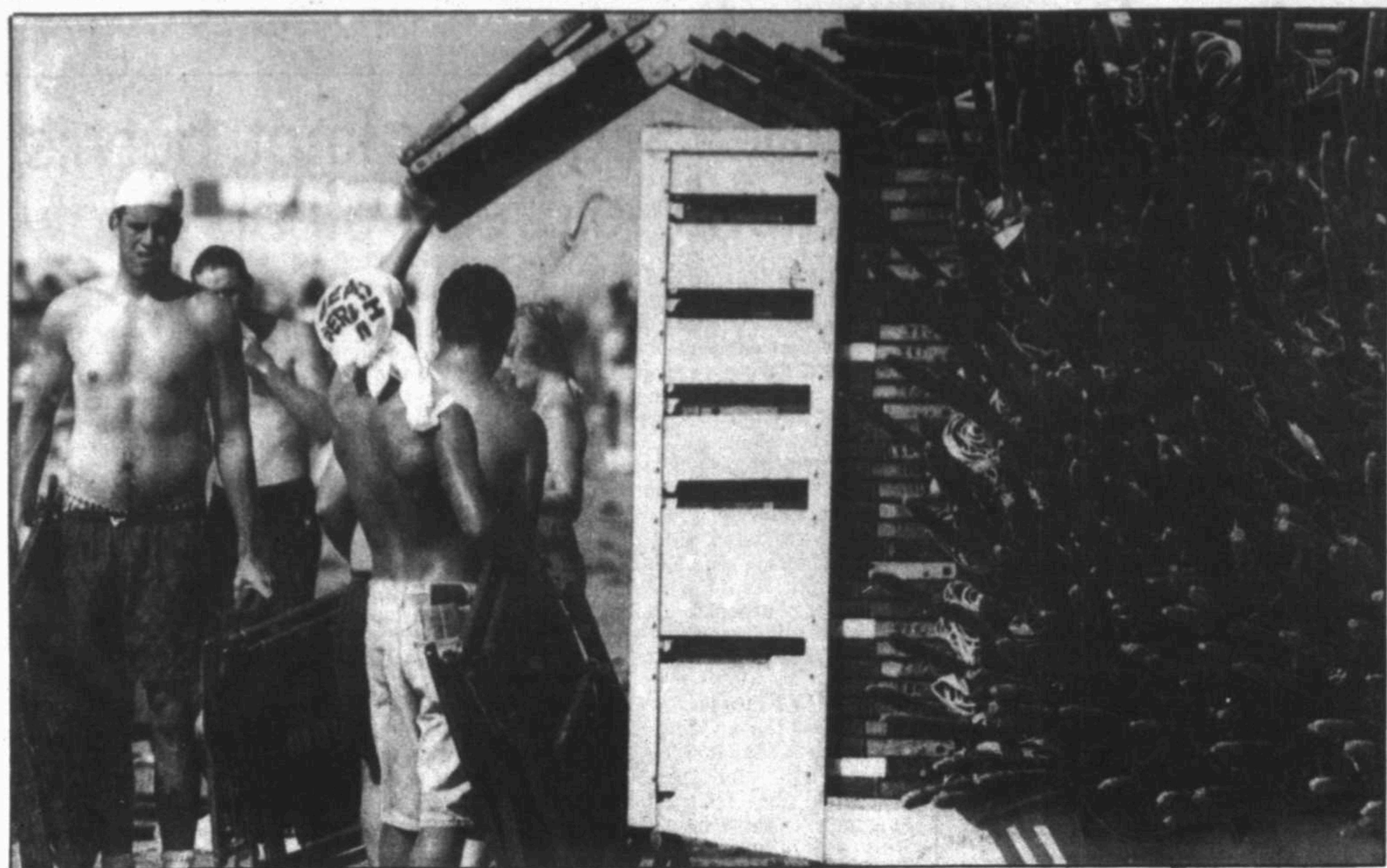


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Prosecutors detail attorney's loans, payments

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A prominent tax collection lawyer helped former congressman Albert Bustamante and his wife borrow money, according to prosecution evidence revealed Monday.

The government attorneys also called witnesses who detailed payments to attorney Rebecca Bustamante from Oliver Heard's law firm, where Mrs. Bustamante works.

Defense attorneys, though, attempted to show there was nothing unusual or illegal about the financial transactions.

Bustamante, who lost his re-election bid last year after eight years in Congress, is charged in a 10-count indictment alleging racketeering and bribery. Mrs. Bustamante is charged in seven counts with aiding and abetting her husband.

Prosecutor Jackie Bennett alleges Bustamante reaped about \$344,000 in illegal schemes involving several well-known San Antonio businessmen. Bennett contends some money was

funneled through Mrs. Bustamante, an attorney.

Groos Bank vice president Neyland Allen testified Monday the Bustamantes in 1985 borrowed \$20,000 for investment in a television station and \$20,000 for payment of income taxes. The loans were guaranteed by Heard, also a partner in the television deal, evidence shows.

Prosecutors also introduced as evidence a check indicating Heard paid Bustamante \$19,467 to pay off a Groos Bank combined loan that included the television station loan.

Bustamante is accused of receiving interest in the television deal at no personal risk because he was in Congress. Another witness previously testified Bustamante was invited into the deal only because he was a friend of Heard's and others involved.

During cross-examination, defense lawyer Tony Canales questioned Allen about a \$50,000 loan from Groos Bank Bustamante paid off over a two-year period with no outside back-

ing. Allen also testified Mrs. Bustamante signed for the two \$20,000 loans in 1985 on behalf of her and her husband, who was not present.

A.L. Hernden, an attorney for Mrs. Bustamante, insisted Heard guaranteed the loans because of his business relationship with Mrs. Bustamante. Hernden also asked about the Bustamantes' credit at Groos Bank.

"They performed beautifully," Allen said. "Their credit is still very good."

Other testimony Monday detailed payments Mrs. Bustamante received from the firm Heard, Goggan, Blair & Williams as percentages of delinquent tax collection contracts. The firm holds a number of tax contracts with public entities throughout Texas.

Mrs. Bustamante received \$43,160 from three tax collection contracts with the South San Antonio School District and \$236,349 from three collection contracts with the city of San Antonio, said Greg Dewinne.

Officials agree on nuke costs, rate increases

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Utilities Electric Co. customers wouldn't have to pay for \$250 million out of about \$4.5 billion in Comanche Peak nuclear power plant costs under an agreement announced Monday.

The deal was reached by TU Electric, state officials and cities served by the utility.

It must be approved by the Public Utility Commission before it can take effect in a pending rate case. TU Electric is based in Dallas and provides electric service to more than 2.2 million customers.

Under the agreement, TU Electric could use \$4.2 billion of Comanche Peak costs in current and future rate increase proposals. This is about \$330 million less than what the utility wanted to use, officials said.

The total cost of the two-unit nuclear plant is in excess of \$12 billion, according to Stephen Fogel of the Office of Public Utility Counsel. Part of the plant's costs were considered in a 1991 rate case.

Currently, TU Electric is seeking a \$760 million, 15.5 percent rate increase.

One of the major issues in deciding a rate case is how much the company can recover for the costs of building the nuclear power plant.

The public counsel's office, which represents consumers, had sought to disallow about \$445 million, citing imprudent costs of Comanche Peak, Fogel said.

But it agreed to the \$250 million reduction, in addition to the utility knocking off \$83 million in disputed accounting costs. In addition, TU Electric has also agreed to refund \$5 million in fuel charges that were previously incurred.

Luis Wilmut, who leads OPUC, said the agreement was fair and should reduce the TU Electric's rate request.

He noted that the agreement does not settle other issues in the rate case, and that his office will continue to challenge the requested rate hike.

Fogel said the agreement may be considered by the Public Utility Commission in late summer. The entire rate case, he said, will be taken up later in the year or in the beginning of next year.

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Texas tops nation in prison population growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas posted a dramatic hike in its prison population last year, accounting for 16 percent of the U.S. increase in inmates behind bars in federal or state correctional institutions.

The Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics said Texas' prison population jumped 18.4 percent in 1992 — the largest gain for any single jurisdiction in the United States. Nationally, the prison population was up 7.2 percent.

State and federal prisons in Texas held 61,178 prisoners last year, up 9,501 from a year earlier.

But the Texas increase doesn't mean thousands of additional people are being sentenced to prison terms, said the executive director of the Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council.

Much of the sudden surge can be attributed to Texas' current push to make prisoners serve more time, council head Tony Fabelo said Monday. "About three years ago, we were releasing 150 people a day. Now, we're releasing 60 to 70 per day," he said. "That cut in half the number of releases, and that by itself explains 85 to 90 percent of the increase."

Fabelo said a second factor be-

hind the rapid hike is that the Bureau of Justice Statistics isn't counting the 22,000 state inmates backlogged in county jails.

Texas is in the middle of a prison building boom and as capacity in the prison system increases, some of the backlogged inmates are being transferred into the state penal system — and then counted by the federal officials, Fabelo said.

"When you restrict paroles and you run prisons at 95 percent of capacity and of course you cannot

crowd them, what is happening is they are staying behind in county jails," said Fabelo, whose agency researches criminal justice issues for the governor and the Legislature.

Gov. Ann Richards last month signed legislation that will double the minimum prison term for violent criminals and creates a new state jail system for non-violent felons. The state jails will free up prison space so that violent offenders can be incarcerated longer,

state officials said.

The Legislature has approved a billion-dollar prison program that will add 55,000 prison, state jail and substance abuse facility beds by 1996.

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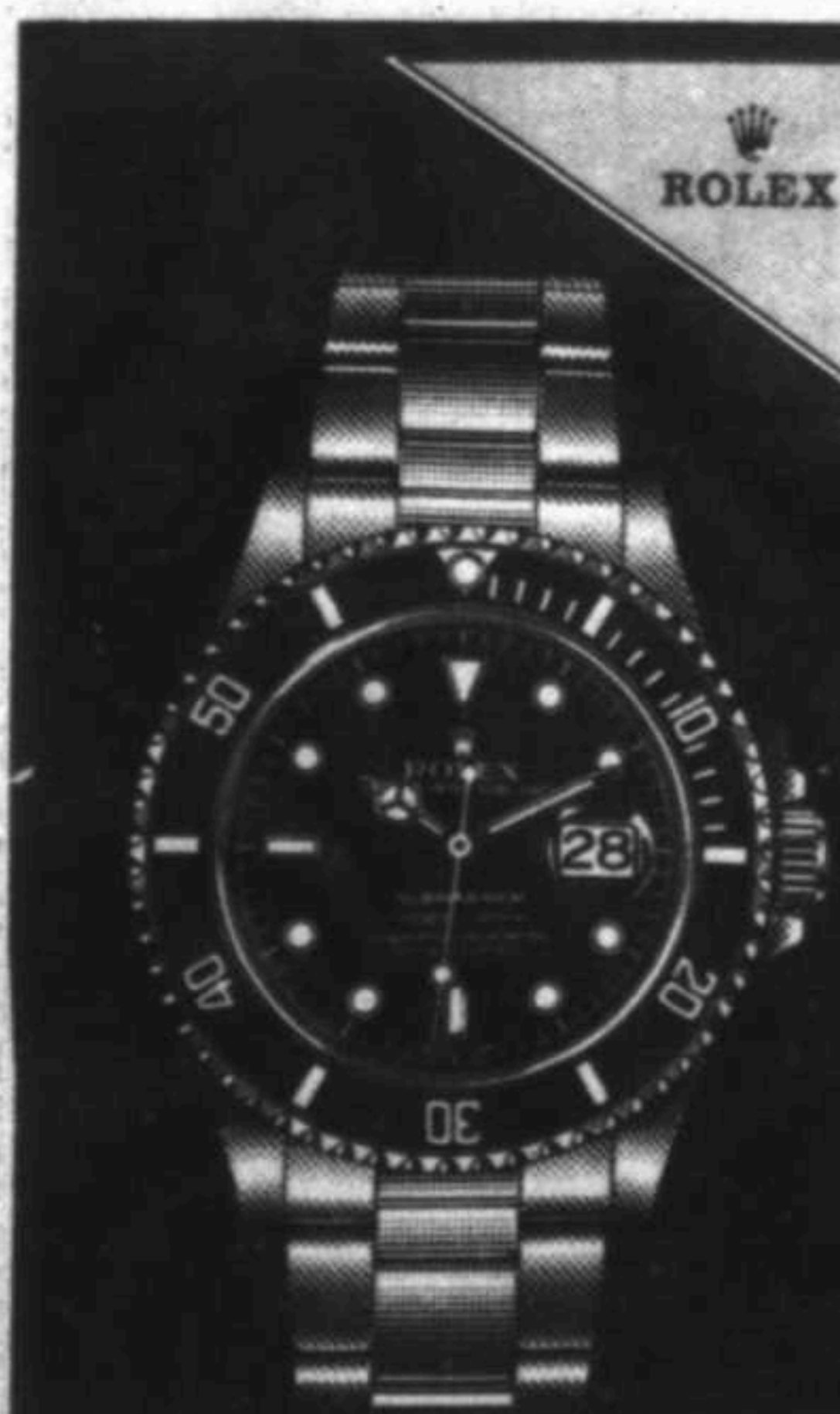
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BASEBALL — Major League
All-Star Game, 7:30 p.m., CBS.

Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland
Angels at Shreveport Captains, 7
p.m., KCRS (550 AM) radio.

BASEBALL — District 3 Senior
League Tournament, games at 5:30
and 8 p.m. at Simon Field and An-
gels Stadium.

District 3 Junior League Tourna-
ment, championship at 5:30 p.m. at
Redfern Field. If necessary game to
follow if needed.

AA NL beats AL

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rondell
White of Harrisburg and Tyler Hou-
ston of Greenville batted in three
runs each and Dwayne Hoesy of
Wichita added two more RBIs to
lead the National League to a 12-7
victory Monday night in the third an-
nual AA All-Star game.

Midland's two American League
stars had mixed results. P.J. Forbes
produced a two-run single in the
eighth inning, but pitcher John Fritz
took the loss, giving up one hit, two
runs — both earned — and walked
two and struck out none in his one
inning of work.

Hoesy's RBI came in the first in-
ning on a two-run home run, to put the
NL All-Stars up 2-0.

But they relinquished the lead in
the bottom of the inning, when the AL
All-Stars came back for four runs.
Manny Ramirez of Canton-Akron hit
an RBI single and Les Norman of
Memphis got another RBI on a field-
er's choice. Two more runs
scored on errors.

British odds

LONDON — Defending champi-
on Nick Faldo was installed as a 6-1 fa-
vorite for the British Open, which
starts Thursday at Royal St. George's
in Sandwich.

British bookmakers William Hill's
listed Nick Price behind Faldo at 10-1,
followed by Bernhard Langer and
Payne Stewart at 12-1.

Stewart, runner-up to Sandy
Lyle in the 1985 Open at Sandwich,
had his odds cut from 16-1 after
his strong second-place finish at the
Scottish Open Saturday.

Greg Norman was listed at 14-1,
Fred Couples and Jose Maria Olaza-
bal at 16-1 and Paul Azinger at 20-1.

Jack Nicklaus, who won the U.S.
Senior Open at Denver Sunday, was
listed at 150-1 in his bid for a fourth
British Open title.

Cheaney signs

LANDOVER, Md. — The Wash-
ington Bullets on Monday signed their
top draft choice, Calbert Cheaney of
Indiana, to a six-year contract.

Terms of the agreement were
not disclosed.

The Bullets used the sixth pick
overall in the NBA draft to select
Cheaney, who was named 1992-
93 college player of the year by The
Associated Press and Sports Illus-
trated. He also won the Wooden and
Naismith awards as the nation's
top player.

Cheaney, a 6-foot-7 forward, is
the all-time leading scorer in Indiana
and Big 10 history.

Cubans defect

MIAMI — A Cuban pitcher who
fled his team during the World Univer-
sity Games surfaced Monday at a
Spanish-language radio station in Mi-
ami, saying he had considered de-
fecting for some time and thought
about it nightly.

"For months before in training,
every night I was thinking about it,"
Edilberto Oropesa, 23, said
through a translator.

A second Cuban baseball play-
er, Reynaldo Ortones, defected over
the weekend and was expected at a
radio station in Miami on Tuesday,
television station WSVN reported
Monday night. No details were avail-
able on how Ortones left his team
at the University Games.

Cuban officials at the Games re-
fused to comment on Ortones'
whereabouts.

TOMORROW...

Complete coverage of the 1993
All-Star game from Baltimore.

NL takes on Blue Jays

■ Toronto has seven American League
All-Stars to throw at the National League
tonight.

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

BALTIMORE — Cito Gaston pulled out his lineup
card and read out loud:

Leading off, Roberto Alomar of the Blue Jays.
Batting second, Paul Molitor of the Blue Jays.

Batting fourth, Joe Carter of the Blue Jays.
Batting fifth, John Olerud of the Blue Jays.

Then he paused.

"So I guess I have some questions to answer," the
Toronto manager said.

Welcome to this year's All-Star game. Best of the
Blue Jays vs. the rest of the National League.

In all, Gaston is taking seven of his Toronto players to
Tuesday night's game. That's one-quarter of the Ameri-
can League roster which, by the way, does not include
more than two members from any other team.

"One thing about this job you will learn," Gaston said
of managing in the All-Star game, "people will criticize
you."

He heard it from the sellout crowd at Camden Yards,
too, when he was booed by the fans who had come to
watch batting practice.

"It doesn't bother me. I'm used to it," he said. "Like
I've said, six of those guys are world champions and the
other guy (Molitor) is a Hall of Famer."

Another future Hall of Famer — known for fast-
breaks, not fastballs — highlighted Monday's workouts.

Michael Jordan hit one ball into the left-field seats at
a morning batting practice, but did not come close in 20
swings during a celebrity home run contest. Tom Sel-
leck, however, cleared the 25-foot high scoreboard in
right field.

"It's hard. I'm used to seeing the ball on the tee,"
Jordan said.

One slugger who was missing was Detroit's Mickey
Tettleton, who leads with the AL with 24 homers and is
second with 73 RBIs. He was off while Molitor (.307, 10
homers, 55 RBIs) made it.

"Tettleton is a catcher and Molitor is a designated
hitter and a first baseman," Gaston said Monday.

Or perhaps Baltimore reliever Gregg Olson (23 saves,
1.24 ERA) instead of Toronto's Duane Ward (22 saves,
2.17 ERA). Or maybe Oakland outfielder Rickey Hen-
derson (.307, 28 stolen bases) rather than Toronto's De-
von White (.289, 19 SB).

Alomar, Olerud and Carter were elected starters by
the fans. Gaston added the other four Toronto players.

At least Gaston did not pick Blue Jays pitcher Pat
Hentgen to start as the AL tries to extend a five-game
winning streak, its longest in a series it trails 37-25-1.
Instead, California's Mark Langston will face Phila-
delphia's Terry Mulholland.

"The manager, each year, has the final selection, and
all I try to do is make sure he doesn't forget to think
about everybody," AL president Bobby Brown said. "I
just try to remind him of all the players I think should
be considered."

"He knew, obviously, when he picked seven Blue Jays
there's going to be a lot of comment on that," Brown
said. "But there isn't any Blue Jay on there that's not
playing awfully well."

True, the Blue Jays won the World Series last year.

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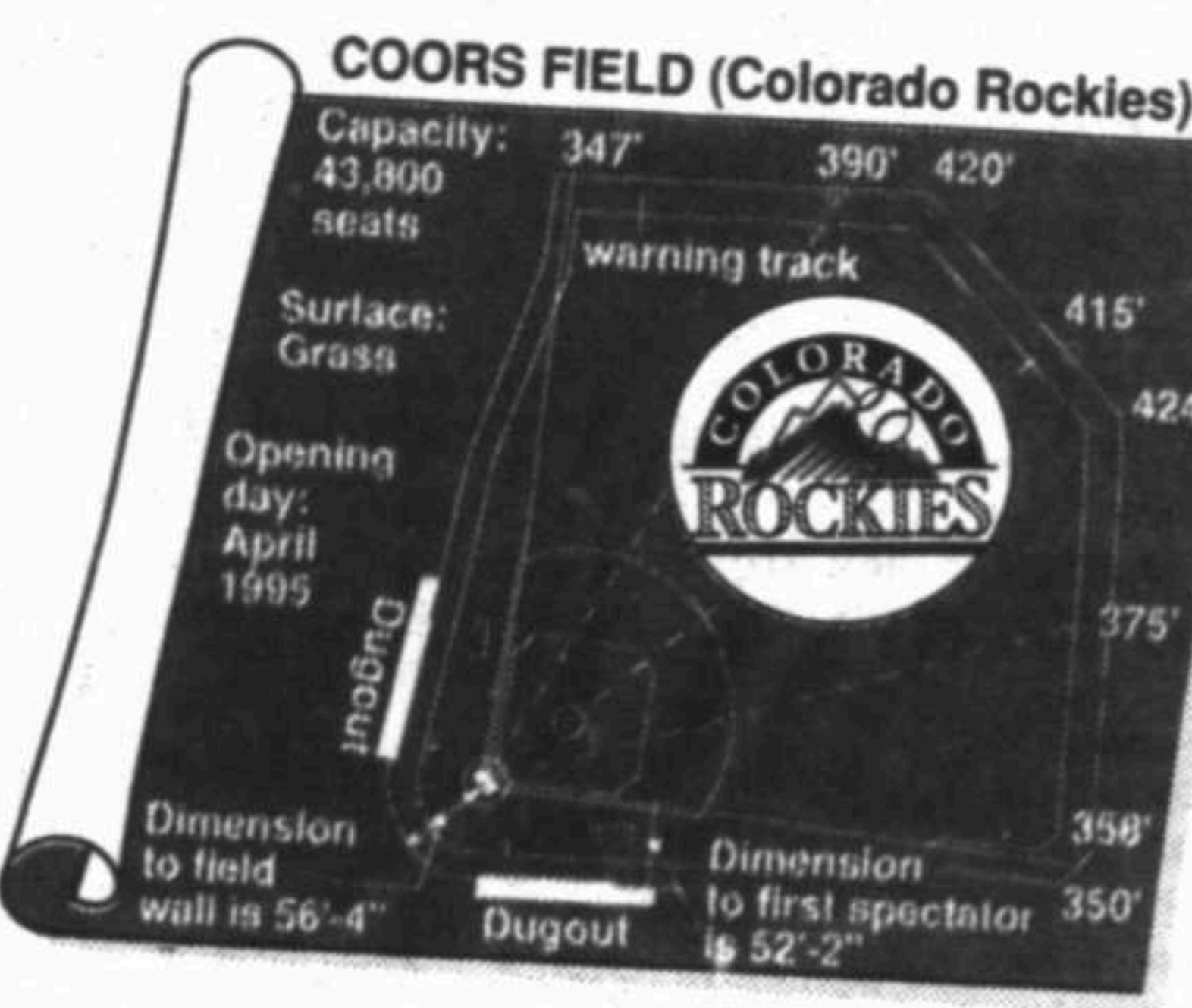
ORIOLE PARK AT CAMDEN YARDS

Site of the 1993 All-Star
game in Baltimore, Maryland.

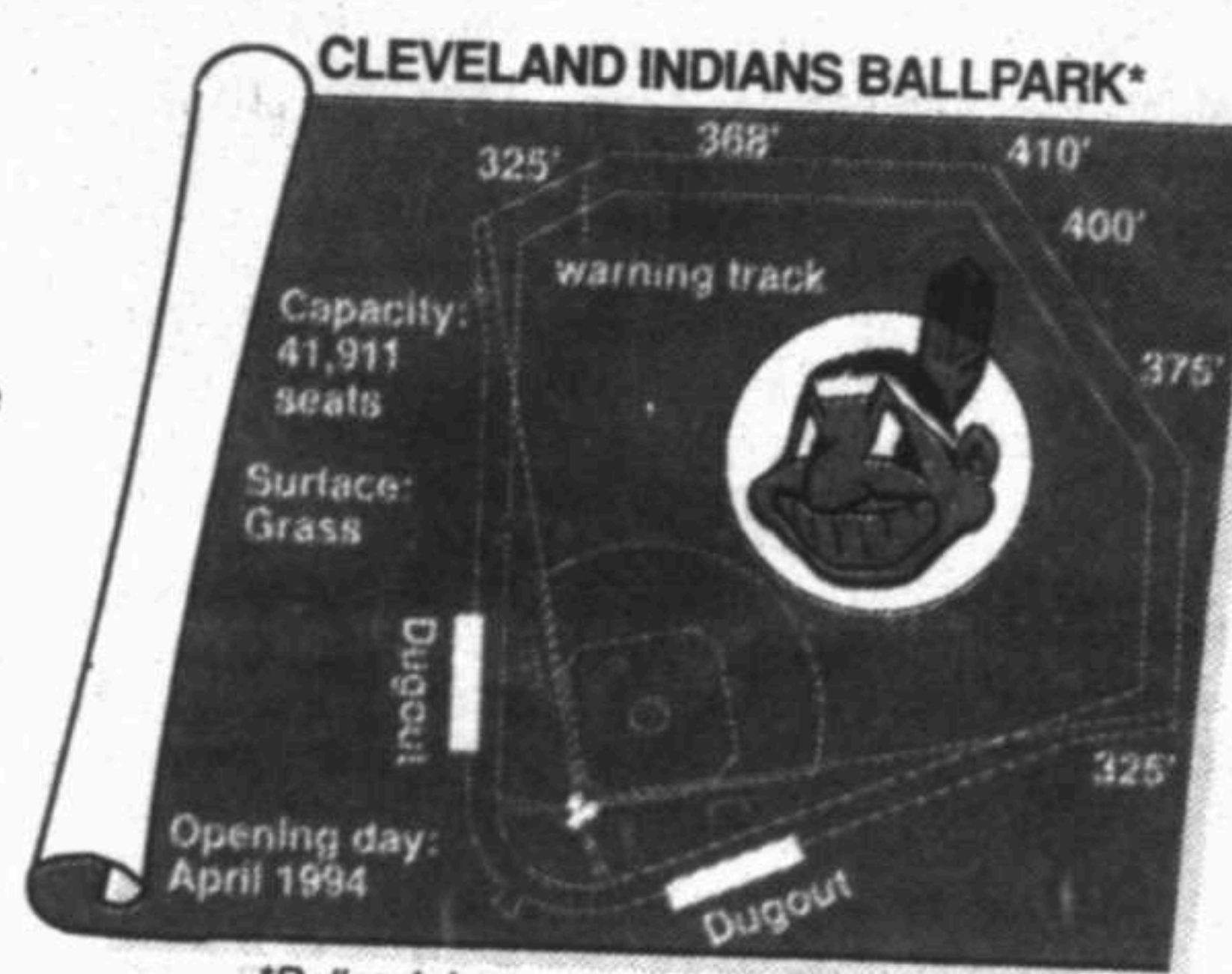


Play ball!

Some teams, looking to return to the old
charm and flavor of yesteryear, are
designing their new ballparks after Baltimore
Orioles' Camden Yards. The new creative
design combines the best of historic, urban
ballparks with today's technology.
Here are the new major league ballparks
under construction.



Sources: HOK Sports Facilities Group, Baltimore Orioles,
Cleveland Indians, Colorado Rockies, Texas Rangers



AP/Ed De Gasero



Former Buc Manny Sanguillen
...still catching with aid

Old-timers send Jackson to the dirt

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — Even old-timers are
throwing at each other these days.

Reggie Jackson, who hit a grand
slam in the All-Star old-timers' game
last year, was sent to the dirt Tuesday.
It was in jest, but the old stars admitted
that beanball wars are no laughing mat-
ter this season.

"It seems that there's an unwritten
rule that you don't hit anyone or throw
inside because you don't hurt their fi-
nancial security," Al Kaline said.

Fines and suspensions have not
stopped the charge of batters to the
mound. As recently as the '70s, players
sent their messages with their bats and
spikes, rather than their fists.

"I used to get brushed back a lot,"
Jackson said. "Players should expect
that if they're home-run hitters. They
don't now."

Bob Gibson and Gaylord Perry threw
pitches over Jackson's head in Tues-
day's game, won 4-2 by the AL on Joe
Rudi's three-run homer off Perry. Jack-
son, who charged Perry and faked

some shoving, didn't get anything good
to hit against Gibson, who gave up
Jackson's drive in last year's game.

"We were just having fun, of course,"
Jackson said. "I think that he still holds
it against me because of last year."

Gibson, the NL's honorary captain
for Tuesday night's game, was known
for backing batters off the plate.

"I think the problem today is that the
hitters think the pitcher doesn't have
the right to throw at all parts of the pla-
te," he said. "It's almost like it's
against the law to throw inside. What
I'd do, if I was the commissioner or the
league president, is fine a hitter \$6 mil-
lion each time he went to the mound."

Many old-timers said brawls were
caused by the rule that allows automa-
tic ejections of pitchers and managers
once they've been warned by umpires.
Now, good pitchers can't afford to dust
batters.

"Twenty years ago, if the pitch was
up and in, the guy spit at it because he
knew his pitcher would protect him,"
Lou Brock said. "They've got to give
the opportunity to retaliate."

Yogi Berra said he was used to get-

ting hit and came to expect it after
home runs.

"I had two pitchers who said they
were going to hit me — Gary Bell and
Dizzy Trout. They told me, 'I had
enough of you. I'm going to get you.'"

"And we used to fish together,"
Berra said with a laugh.

Dave Parker, who homered off Rollie
Fingers and hit a sacrifice fly to ac-
count for the NL runs, said he noticed
the change in attitude during his ca-
reer, which began in the '70s and ended
in the '90s.

"Back in the '70s, guys respected
each other," he said. "If you hit a home
run off a respected pitcher, you expect-
ed him to come back and say, 'The
plate is mine.'"

Frank Robinson, the only player to
win Most Valuable Player awards in
both leagues, said players of his era ex-
pected aggressive retaliation without
brawls.

"I was hit 198 times in my career,"
he said. "I never went out to the mound
once. As long as a guy wasn't throwing
above my shoulders, I could accept it."

DALLAS MERRICK

All-star outing is really mind game

Tonight, another all-star game.

The '80s came in with the likes of Johnny Bench,

Steve Carlton and Reggie Jack-
son, and went out with Kevin Mitch-
ell, Tony Gwynn, Jose Canseco.

Now, we've got Ken Griffey, Barry
Bonds, Bobby Bonilla.

Same game, new faces. Still,
Nolan Ryan.

This year, the fans voted Cal
Ripken Jr. a starting slot even
though he's having a sub-par
year. Ozzie Smith is out for the first
time in years. Last year, Cecil
Fielder was snubbed. And a few
years ago, Mike Schmidt was voted a starting po-
sition even though he had retired earlier in the season.

But we understand the votes. Baseball is part col-
lective memory, part sentiment. An ultimate game of
imagination.

The way we feel about baseball says something
about our capacity to dream. For a fan, the game
stands outside time, inside the heart.

Why else would steamed, soggy ballpark franks
taste good? Stale warm beer be a delight?

By some mystical osmosis, we've absorbed base-
ball plays, games and emotions. Like old songs that
take you back to special times and places, perma-
nently etched in memory.

We visit them regularly. Matching up all-time he-
roes, we set up our own game, choose our own players.
And play out the ultimate all-star game.

Kicking back our recliners, we're in our prime.
Settling into familiar scenes, old comfortable feelings.
Our field of dreams, with no pine tar.

Choosing lineups isn't easy. The American
League might feature Al Kaline in right, Joe DiMaggio
in center, Ted Williams in left. Or, pull Kaline for

Mickey Mantle. Substitute Ty Cobb for DiMaggio, with
Carl Yastrzemski on the bench.

The infield might feature Lou Gehrig on first,
Brooks Robinson at third. Who's at first? Who's on
first?

At short, Phil Rizzuto or Alan Trammell. Nellie
Fox at second.

Behind the plate, Yogi Berra, Bill Dickey, Mickey
Cochrane.

On the mound, Satchel Paige, Bob Feller, Catfish
Hunter, Nolan Ryan.

In fact, pencil in Ryan to pitch for both sides.

The Nationals might boast Stan Musial in left,
Willie Mays in center, Roberto Clemente in right. Or
Hank Aaron, Mel Ott — take your pick.

If Mike Schmidt's on third, where's Jackie
Robinson?

Ernie Banks or Pee Wee Reese at short.

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Basketball's Jordan steals baseball's show

BALTIMORE (AP) — Al Kaline sheepishly asked for a souvenir picture. Ken Griffey Jr. came over to rub shoulders. Reggie Jackson whispered hitting tips in his ear. Fans and cameramen followed his every step.

At the showcase for baseball stars past and present, the center of attention was a 6-foot-5 right-hander who gave up baseball in high school.

His Chicago White Sox uniform had No. 23 and the name Jordan on the back. His tongue shot out after every swing, carefully licking his top lip. Sweat trickled down his forehead.

Even on a field loaded with Hall of Famers and All-Stars, the loudest cheers were for Michael Jordan. Fresh off a weekend golf tournament, Jordan tried his luck in a celebrity home run derby and added some luster to Monday's festivities on the eve of the All-Star Game.

If baseball was worried that Jordan would steal the limelight from its own stars, those fears were un-

founded. He did, however, turn some of the sport's legends into star-struck fans.

"I wanted to have a picture taken with him," said Kaline, the Hall of Fame outfielder. "He's maybe the greatest athlete that's ever lived. He's bigger than life."

Wearing blue shorts, a white golf shirt and black baseball spikes, Jordan took batting practice with actors Bill Murray, Jim Belushi and Tom Selleck and former wide receiver and current NBC commentator Ahmad Rashad in the morning. He swung a black Reggie Jackson model bat.

After 25 liners and grounders and foul balls, he hit one into the third row of the left-field seats.

"Just getting warmed up now," he yelled at Jackson, his personal tutor for the day. "I need some golf pitches to tee it up."

Batting practice pitcher Bill Swaggerty, an Oriole hurler in the 1980s, happily gave up Jordan's first

homer at Camden Yards.

"He took me out of Camden Yards, now I want to take him 1-on-1," Swaggerty said with a laugh. "Between (Dave) Winfield and Jordan, those are the biggest strike zones I've ever faced."

Jordan, who pitched in high school in Wilmington, N.C., and was recruited to play baseball at Clemson and South Carolina, kept his feet together and his hands back — a style more suitable for softball than baseball.

"Widen his stance about a foot or a foot and a half, and he'll slam dunk the ball," said Steve Garvey, mixing his sports metaphors with gusto.

Jordan moved to second base and took a few ground balls from Jackson, yelling insults at Rashad as he scooped up grounders. Wherever he went, microphones were shoved in his face.

Then back to the batting cage for 36 more swings and another homer. And then — DON'T READ THIS, PHIL JACKSON — Jordan took the mound and

pitched to Belushi. The tongue jumped out every after pitch.

Selleck, who starred in the movie "Mr. Baseball" and batted once in spring training with the Detroit Tigers, was the favorite heading into the celebrity home run derby that also included the NBA's Patrick Ewing and former Olympic sprint champion Florence Griffith Joyner.

But when the game's on the line, don't underestimate Jordan. Selleck hit the only homer, but Jordan hit enough long fly balls to earn \$3,600 for charity to top the celebs. He fared much better than Ewing, who has perhaps the biggest strike zone in baseball history and barely got the ball out of the infield.

His accomplishment was heralded on the scoreboard with a misspelled message praising Michael J-O-R-D-O-N, proving at least one person in the ballpark was unclear about the exact identity of the lanky slugger.

Camden a treat for NL stars

BALTIMORE (AP) — To National League stars more accustomed to sterile synchronicity, Oriole Park at Camden Yards is a wondrous new treat. And they love it. They've played baseball for years, yet Ryne Sandberg, Barry Bonds and the other NL players couldn't stop talking Monday about Camden Yards, the site of Tuesday's All-Star game. It's a nearly new yet old-style stadium that's re-energized baseball in Baltimore more than a string of pennant winners ever did.

Oriole Park's cozy setting, intimate sight lines and endless character are remarkable revelations to players accustomed to, and sometimes disgusted by, the endless NL circuit of character-less concrete shells — Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis.

"It's unbelievable, this place is two years old and already it should be considered a shrine," the Cubs' Mark Grace said. "The fans are right there on top of you, and it's so perfect. It's great that baseball is getting back to parks that the players and fans can really enjoy."

Grace and teammate Sandberg play in one of baseball's most storied ballparks, Wrigley Field, yet even they appreciate Baltimore's exciting new toy.

"We see so many round, concrete stadiums, it's great to play in a ballpark with a lot of character like Wrigley Field," Sandberg said. "It's high tech, cement and steel, yet it's got such an old time feel to it. It's got a lot of good, fun things about it."

To the Pirates' Andy Van Slyke, himself a student and not just a player of the game, Camden Yards is what baseball was like in the 1920s — and what it should be like in 2020.

"This is the future of baseball and this should be the future," he said. "This game is so different than football ... all of the stadiums shouldn't be the same. A stadium like this is an amazing example of what can happen when a city does something right."

What Van Slyke sees is a downtown stadium filled with modern amenities — spacious aisles, abundant concession stands, exciting architecture — but old-time feel and charm. There's so much character in Camden Yards, one almost expects to see Babe Ruth, whose father once ran a saloon on these very grounds, waddle up to the plate.

"It's beautiful, it's really beautiful. You're not supposed to think of a ballpark as being beautiful, but this is," the Giants' Robby Thompson said. "When I was driving through town, I started looking for it and I almost missed it, it blends in so well with the rest of the downtown. Some ballparks stick out like a sore thumb, but not this place."



Texas Rangers' slugger Juan Gonzalez gets a high five from Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. after

ter Gonzalez won the home run contest Monday as part of the All-Star festivities.

Gonzalez wins homer title

BALTIMORE (AP) — Forget that Juan Gonzalez won the home run title. Ken Griffey Jr. hit the warehouse!

In the 1½ seasons since Camden Yards opened, no one had hit the red brick B&O Warehouse, starting at batters from right field. Just 432 feet from home plate, the building dares batters to go for it.

Griffey whacked a pitch across Eutaw Street during Monday's All-Star home-run contest, and the ball bounced off the 94-year-old warehouse. "They started talking about it earlier today," Griffey said, "but I thought there's no way I hit it."

Camden Yards has been celebrated as a tribute to baseball's golden era, a time when players were common folk, not multimillion-dollar corporations. It has corners and quirks, three decks to aim for in left, a back wall with ivy in center, bleachers in right-center and a scoreboard that's in play down the right-field line. But the warehouse is the crowning glory, a signature as notable as the Green Monster in Fenway Park or the ivy in Wrigley Field.

"It doesn't count," said Griffey, the Seattle Mariners' brightest star. "It wasn't in a game." The closest anyone has come in a regular-season game is Detroit's Mickey Tettleton, who's put drives into the street the last two seasons.

Gonzalez, being a right-handed hitter, had the third deck in left field as his target. He won the home run contest in the second extra inning, so to speak, after tying Griffey 7-all and then 3-all. The winning shot was a 445-foot drive into the second deck. But more impressive was a drive off the back wall in center. The best of all was the second home run he hit, a 473-foot parabola off the facing of the third deck.

"I am not denigrating Ken Griffey Jr. in any

way," Gonzalez said, "... but the real power is here."

Gonzalez has 23 home runs this season after a league-leading 43 last year. He said he felt pressure at the start of the home-run contest, then began to loosen up when he started clubbing the pitches like ping-pong balls.

"It was a great thrill for the Puerto Rican people, for the people of Latin American and the Texas Rangers," he said. "It showed the people that we Latin Americans can hit, too."

The American League won the home-run contest for the third straight year 21-12. Detroit's Cecil Fielder hit four and Cleveland's Albert Belle hit three. The former B's Brothers, Barry Bonds and Bobby Bonilla, hit five apiece for the National League. David Justice hit two, missing the wall by 5 feet but banging into a beverage dispenser at a Coke stand. Mike Piazza was the only player to be shut out.

Standing in Eutaw Street watching all this was Mark Pallack, a 17-year-old from Westminster, Md., who attended the workout with a friend. He came up with Griffey's warehouse shot.

"I kind of waited for it to bounce off the wall," Pallack said. "Everyone was on me. I just stayed down. I thought if I got up, someone would take it."

A few minutes later, Pallack was standing wide-eyed in the AL clubhouse, ushered in by an alert Orioles employee. The ball was in the kid's right hand — "1993 All-Star Game — Off the Wall — Ken Griffey Jr." — was written across it.

Griffey, just six years older, was still standing a few feet away. On a hot summer afternoon, this was a perfect as baseball gets.

Now Pallack has to figure out what to do with the ball.

"I'd like to give it to a museum," he said.

Still puzzled over first half

By Michael Ventre
N.Y. Times News Service

Things I don't understand about the first half of the baseball season:

Why we haven't heard nearly as much about Jim Leyland being the best manager in the majors so far this year as we did when he had Bobby Bonilla, Barry Bonds, Doug Drabek ...

Why Steve Howe went from a terrific reliever with a drug problem to a lousy reliever with no drug problem ...

Why the Colorado Rockies haven't had a "Turn Back the Clock Night" yet ...

Why Jose Canseco regularly risks catastrophe by driving sports cars in excess of 100 mph, yet he throws a few pitches and ends his season with an elbow injury ...

Why the Padres haven't announced a red-tag sale ...

Why the Phillies aren't quite as wacky and zany with a five-game lead as they were when they were coasting ...

Why you don't hear a peep out of Schottzie anymore ...

Why you don't hear much speculation about who the next commissioner will be ...

Why the top five teams in the AL East have a shot at the division title, just as the top five in the AL West are in contention, yet the AL West is maligned far more often ...

Why I don't miss being in a rotisserie league ...

Why Bonds can mean so much to his team while Bonilla can mean so little to his ...

Why the Dodgers were hit with two crushing emotional blows in the deaths of Don Drysdale and Roy Campanella ...

Why Brett Butler hasn't slowed down ...

Why Anthony Young isn't in the minors. Or the booby hatch ...

Why, after Hal McRae's tantrum seemed to stimulate the Kansas City Royals, you don't see every manager do it at least once a week ...

Why the Rockies could boast of a possible .400 hitter in Andres Galarraga when their team winning percentage is only .379 ...

Why Bonds could downplay his club's first-half performance by saying, "There is nothing important 'til October," when he's never done anything important in October ...

Why the Braves are nine games back ...

Why it took Gregg Jefferies this long to reach his potential ...

Why Fernando Valenzuela is suddenly dominating batters again after years of showing no signs that that was possible ...

Why baseball's various plans for new TV deals with the networks seem to alienate the purists and the progressives and everyone in between ...

Why Vin Scully never seems to make a mistake ...

Why there isn't anyone pitching today who is as brilliant and ornery on the mound as Drysdale was ...

Why Jose Offerman is making errors at roughly the same pace as last year. Shouldn't he be calmer, more poised, more mature? ...

Why George Steinbrenner hasn't made one spontaneous move in anger ...

Why the Red Sox didn't collapse when Roger Clemens went down ...

Why the Indians always seem to stink even when they put together a good team ...

Why the National League still allows something like the 4:40 a.m. conclusion to the Phillies-Padres doubleheader to happen ...

Why All-Star voters don't embrace Cecil Fielder, a good guy with a mighty bat ...

Why Gene and Jackie Autry could institute an austerity program and still put a contending team on the field, but Tom Werner can't do the same ...

Why former Padres always seem to be the biggest group represented at the All-Star Game ...

Why the Angels can't come up with a great catcher ...

Why you don't hear much about the fact that even bad pitchers on the East Coast have been throwing heat the past two weeks ...

Why chewing tobacco is still popular ...

Why you don't hear much about what will happen in October if Deion Sanders is needed by the Atlanta Falcons ...

Why the American League is favored in tonight's game ...

Why the Dodgers are higher in the standings than last year, yet they have lower TV ratings ...

Why the New York media doesn't give a good team like the Yankees nearly as much play as a bad team like the Mets ...

Why, if Fred McGriff's nickname is "Crime Dog," he hasn't solved what's going on with his team ...

Why anybody would love the Cubs ...

Astros, Reds produce trade

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros traded minor-league first baseman and outfielder Jack Daugherty to the Cincinnati Reds for Class AAA outfielder Steve Carter.

Daugherty, 33, started the season at Class AAA Tucson and was promoted to the Astros for four games in April. In 42 games for

Tucson, he hit .390 with two homers and 29 RBIs.

Carter, 28, has played the entire season for Indianapolis in the Reds' organization. He hit .264 in 212 at-bats, including three homers and 22 RBIs.

Carter has been assigned to the Astros' club in Tucson.

Reds' Larkin given Roberto Clemente Award

BALTIMORE (AP) — Cincinnati Reds shortstop Barry Larkin today was given the Roberto Clemente Award, presented annually to a major league player for his charitable work.

Larkin gives primarily to groups called Caring Team of Athletes and the Caring Program for Children, in which players join with corporate sponsors to contribute to young people, many of whom are disabled. The sponsors make donations for each of his hits, and he has raised more than \$400,000 since 1990, money that has gone to pay health costs for more than 1,700 children.

"It's just something that comes from within," Larkin said.

Larkin also has given money and time to Multiple Sclerosis Muscular Dystrophy research, AIDS victims, the Salvation Army and other charities, but said he is most proud of his work with the Caring Team.

"One winter, we were playing a celebrity basketball game in Cincinnati, and this frail little girl walked up to me. She said, 'Mr. Larkin, thank you for paying for my doctor's bills.' That was early in the program. That's when I knew it was right."

The five-time All-Star, hitting .319 this season with eight homers and 48 RBIs, is in the second season of a five-year contract worth \$25.6 million.

"I know some athletes don't want to be role models. That's OK," the 29-year-old Larkin said. "But I think it's important to give something back."

Larkin, a Cincinnati native, said his desire to give was instilled from his parents, and that it was important for parents to be role models for their children.

"I think everyone needs role models," he said. "It's unfair to ask anyone to be role models other than the people who bring you into

this world."

Larkin joined Pete Rose (1976) as the only Cincinnati player to win the award. It was established after Clemente, an outfielder with

the Pittsburgh Pirates, died in 1972 when his plane crashed en route to aiding victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua. Clemente later was elected to the Hall of Fame.

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Games — 24, Stan
Louis Cardinals; Willie
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Batting Average — .20,
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Allison injured in copter crash

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — NASCAR driver Davey Allison was in very critical condition Monday night with a head injury after the helicopter he was piloting crashed on the infield at Talladega Superspeedway.

Allison, 32, underwent surgery to relieve pressure on his brain and was to be transferred to the neurological intensive care unit, said David Smitherman, a spokesman at Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham.

Allison also sustained a lung injury and broken pelvis when the helicopter, which also carried veteran driver Red Farmer, went down near the garage area while taking off about 3 p.m. CDT. Farmer's injuries were not life-threatening, according to Smitherman.

"The next 24 to 48 hours are going to be very critical for him," Smitherman said of Allison. Asked whether Allison would recover, Smitherman said that was "something we just can't say at this point."

Smitherman said Allison had an "acute subdural hematoma," a severe, deep bruise of the brain.

Farmer, who won his first race in 1949 and has more than 700 victories on other circuits, sustained a broken rib, collarbone and nose, according to Smitherman. He said Farmer was critical but stable and was expected to recover.

"Red crawled out and they were trying to get Davey out, but they had to get emergency units to cut him out," Carolyn Yates said after talking to her husband Robert, who owns the Ford Thunderbirds driven by Allison on the Winston Cup circuit. "The helicopter hit a fence and it turned upside down."

The Federal Aviation Administration had a team of investigators on the scene trying to determine the cause of the crash. A cousin, Donnie Johnson, said Allison, who has had a pilot's license for several years, purchased the helicopter only three weeks ago. He had flown from Birmingham to the Talladega track.

It was just the latest tragedy to strike Alabama's first family of racing. On July 19, 1992, Allison was involved in a spectacular wreck at Pocono International Raceway in Long Pond, Pa. His



Aeromedical flight crew members wheel Winston Cup stock car driver Davey Allison into the emergency room Monday.

car touched another and began spinning wildly, flipping 12 times and leaving Allison with a broken right arm, broken ribs and a concussion.

After spending five nights in a hospital, he qualified his car for the race the following weekend at Talladega.

His father Bobby was critically injured in a 1988 crash at Pocono and had to retire as a driver after 84 career victories — leaving him tied for third on the Winston Cup list. Last year, Davey's younger

brother Clifford was killed in a wreck at Michigan International Speedway.

Allison finished third in the Slick 50 300 on Sunday at Loudon, N.H., to move up to fifth in the Winston Cup standings, 323 points behind leader Dale Earnhardt. He has finished third overall the last two years.

Johnson said Allison and Farmer flew to Talladega to watch race driver Neil Bonnett's son David, who was testing a Busch Grand National car.

LOCAL SPORTS

Excalibur wins USA Cup match

BLAINE, Minn. — Midland Excalibur's under-17 boys got off to a great start here Monday in the opening round of the USA Cup soccer tournament, producing a 2-1 win over North Shore Soccer Club of Danvers, Mass.

The USA Cup is the largest youth soccer tournament in North America.

Excalibur scored two goals in the second half to erase a 1-0 lead produced by the Danvers team in the first half. Midway through the second half, Excalibur tied the score at 1-1 on a header by Toby Walker on an assist from Sam Reed. Walker was the leading scorer for Midland High this past season and Reed is a pickup player from Wichita Falls, where he earned All-District honors for Rider High School.

The winning goal came with two minutes left in the match on

a goal by Rodney Bates off another assist by Reed. Bates had just come off the bench to record the winning shot.

Excalibur will play at noon today against White Bear Lake, Minn., and will meet Colegio Madrid of Mexico City in Wednesday's feature game of the day.

Every member of Excalibur played in Monday's game.

Slaughter nails double eagle

Midland's Bobby V. Slaughter shot a rare double eagle on the 14th hole at Hogan Park Golf Course Sunday.

Slaughter used a driver on his first shot then made his second shot on the par 5, 510-yard hole with a 5-iron. Witnesses were Mike Clark, Larry Tyson and Bob Potts.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram staff reports.

Aikman throws first football

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman threw a football Monday for the first time since undergoing back surgery, but he downplayed the short tosses as an insignificant step in his rehabilitation.

"Just standing there throwing, I didn't expect to feel any pain or any discomfort ... It really doesn't test the back all that much, at least in my opinion," Aikman said after making several dozen throws.

"I could've thrown a week after surgery if I'd wanted to. It won't be until I actually start getting into some drops and trying to twist and make some throws that I'll have a better idea of where it's come," said Aikman, who had a herniated disk repaired June 19.

Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson was slightly more upbeat about Aikman's progress.

"I'm very pleased with Troy," he said. "He's much further along than what anybody ever anticipated. I really feel optimistic and somewhat realistic that he'll be there for the opening ballgame."

Both Aikman and Johnson said they're still penciling in the Super Bowl MVP's return to practice for the second week of August, after the team returns from an exhibition game in London against the Detroit Lions.

"Obviously, I would like to get out there as soon as I can," Aikman said. "Realistically, it won't be until after London, but optimistically I'd like to get a few days in before they take off."

Aikman plans to spend that week in Los Angeles rehabilitating under doctor supervision, then re-

turn to Austin to begin taking snaps. He said he's not sure whether he'll play in any exhibition games. Dallas plays three games after facing the Lions.

Doctors initially set Aikman's return for about a month into the season, but he has set his own timetable that would put him back for the opener Sept. 6 against Washington.

As Aikman was explaining to reporters why he is astounding doctors with his rapid rehabilitation, wide receiver Michael Irvin chimed in with his support of the star quarterback.

"Let me tell y'all something," Irvin said, his left arm draped over Aikman's shoulders. "You can put a measurement on what's the present answer (for when) most people come back in this amount of time or that amount of time, but you can never put a timetable on the strength of a man's mind and heart. That's what my boy got."

"He'll be there. Don't worry about it."

Aikman said he expects to increase his work load in about a week, including making some of the more difficult-type throws he mentioned. He also expects to begin jogging soon after training camp opens Thursday in Austin.

At the team's Dallas-area training camp Monday, Johnson put the team through timed sprints in searing heat as part of the daily drill. Aikman spent that time watching from the sidelines.

Drysdale lived complete game

GLENDAL, Calif. (AP) — Give Don Drysdale a baseball and he was an intimidator, an intense competitor who gave no quarter. Off the field, he was warm and friendly, a devoted family man who loved to laugh.

That was the portrait painted by those eulogizing Drysdale at memorial services Monday for the Hall of Fame pitcher.

There were solemn tributes, with many, including Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershisser and broadcaster Dick Enberg, unable to fight back tears.

"He was a modern-day hero," said Hershisser, who in 1988 broke Drysdale's 20-year-old major league record for consecutive scoreless innings.

Reading a letter he had written to Drysdale's children in memory of their father, Hershisser, his voice breaking, said: "He not only was a great pitcher, but his very being personified greatness. Everyone in this game needs a mentor, and I've had one of the greatest ones you could ever have."

Drysdale greeted Hershisser as he came off the field

after breaking the record and congratulated him for keeping the mark in the Dodgers family.

Vin Scully, Drysdale's partner in the broadcast booth for the Dodgers, said: "He lived the stuff of dreams. In God's eyes, Don lived a complete game, and it was a victory."

Enberg, who worked with Drysdale after the pitcher retired and moved into the broadcast booth, said: "There was an expression he used over and over — 'If you hurry in and out of the clubhouse, you'll hurry in and out of the game. You have a responsibility to your teammates and to the fans.'"

"To some of us, he may have hurried in and out of life too soon and didn't give us enough time to tell him that we loved him."

Drysdale, 56, who started with the Dodgers in Brooklyn before they moved to Los Angeles, died of a heart attack. Authorities said Drysdale apparently died the night of July 2 in his Montreal hotel room. His body was found the next day.



Ann Meyers Drysdale and kids ...leaving funeral service

Indurain captures lead by winning ninth stage

LAC DE MADINE, France (AP) — Two-time defending champion Miguel Indurain of Spain took the lead in the Tour de France Monday by winning the ninth stage time trial.

Indurain, unbeaten in long individual time trials in nearly three years, toured the 37-mile route in 1 hour, 12 minutes, 50 seconds. Two-time world champion Gianni Bugno of Italy was Indurain's closest competitor, 2:11 behind.

"I did the race I wanted," Indurain said. "Like others, I was bothered by the wind and I was even the victim of a flat tire."

"I don't think that the victory is already mine. There's still two more weeks to suffer before arriving in Paris."

Johan Museeuw of Belgium had the leader's yellow jersey and a 3:17 lead over Indurain entering the time trial. Museeuw lost 6:19 to Indurain and fell to sixth overall.

Eric Breukink of the Netherlands was third in the trial, 2:22 behind Indurain. Starting the day 47 seconds ahead of Indurain, Breukink ended up second overall, 1:35 back.

Johan Bruyneel of Belgium moved into third place overall, 2:30 behind, two seconds ahead of Bugno and four seconds ahead of

Tour de France

Bjarne Riis of Denmark.

The riders have an off day Tuesday before starting two days of competition in the Alps on Wednesday.

"A second Tour begins today and I am expecting attacks in the first two stages in the Alps," Indurain said. "It's important to have the advantage before the hills."

Lance Armstrong of Plano, Texas, winner of Sunday's eighth stage, finished the time trial 6:04 behind Indurain and was 18th overall, 5:19 back.

Late start good call

BALTIMORE (AP) — National League president Bill White said Monday that umpires made the right decision in allowing a game between the Philadelphia Phillies and San Diego Padres to start at 1:28 a.m.

After rain delayed the first game of a doubleheader at Philadelphia on July 2, umpire Dana DeMuth allowed the second game to begin early on the morning on July 3. Just a few thousand people remained in

Veterans Stadium, and the game ended at 4:40 a.m., the latest ending to a game in major league history. Phillies officials criticized DeMuth for not postponing the game.

"I support his call," said White, who didn't return telephone calls last week on the issue. "He did the right thing in starting the game."

"Until we clarify the rules, that's the way," White said.

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Prices recover

Energy futures were higher on the New York Mercantile Exchange Monday on perceptions the impasse between Iraq and the United Nations over the closing of a missile test site could block an oil agreement.

Iraq, which has been under a trade embargo since the Persian Gulf War, is seeking permission from the U.N. to sell \$1.6 billion in crude oil to raise money to buy food and medicines.

West Texas Intermediate for August delivery gained 21 cents to close at \$18.10 per barrel.

Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 25 cents to \$16.50 a barrel.

Contracts for August delivery of natural gas fell 6.8 cents to close at \$2.085 per thousand cubic feet.

T-bills rise

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose in Monday's auction to the highest level in two weeks.

The Treasury Department sold \$12.4 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 3.04 percent, up from 3.01 percent last week. An additional \$12.3 billion was sold in six-month bills at an average discount rate of 3.14 percent, up from 3.10 percent last week.

The rates were the highest since June 28, when the three-month bill sold for 3.05 percent and the six-month bill averaged 3.14 percent.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar was mixed against the major currencies Monday, gaining against the German mark and the French franc following interventions by their central banks.

In New York, the dollar was trading late at 109.45 Japanese yen, down from 109.96 yen late Friday.

In New York, the British pound was trading late at \$1.4774, down from \$1.4808 late Friday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.7290 German marks, up from 1.7220; 1.5290 Swiss francs, down from 1.5316; 5.9030 French francs, up from 5.8545; 1,586.00 Italian lire, up from 1,583.00, and 1.2780 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2788.

Stocks edge up

NEW YORK — Stock prices edged higher in subdued trading Monday, with investors reluctant to make significant commitments ahead of inflation data and corporate earnings reports due out this week.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.32 points to 3,524.38. Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 8 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The NYSE's composite index rose 0.45 to 248.64. The Nasdaq composite index jumped 1.86 to 707.67, while on the American Stock Exchange the market value index rose 3.73 to 438.10.



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Americans rush back to credit cards

While some are reducing debt, industry figures show we still love our plastic

By Bill Eager

Hearst News Service

When Bob Hinman painpers his '83 Mercury Capri, which is often, he pays with a credit card. The same goes for his computers, and sometimes for other expenses he used to cover with cash.

"I'd say I use my card more now. I use it to buy car parts or computer parts, which I get mail order," said Hinman, a 31-year-old computer-aided building designer. I've even used it at grocery stores. It's a lot easier than cash."

Hinman figures he uses credit cards only a few times more each month than he used to, but so are millions of other consumers, industry analysts and financial managers say, fueling a new boom in credit-card purchasing. While some Americans still are reducing debts accrued in the 1980s and throwing out their cards, industry figures show we still love our plastic.

Just look at what consumers owe. From April 1992 until April 1993, revolving debt — one measure of credit-card use — jumped from \$247 million nationally to \$263 million, according to the Federal Reserve. With Visa

cards alone, sales increased by \$33 billion from 1990 to 1992, a company spokesman said.

The increase results from a combination of factors, from steadying buyer confidence, recession-weary consumers struggling to pay bills, lower interest rates, credit-card marketing wars and personal security to more places that accept cards.

"People are feeling just a little more comfortable about the economy in general," said Paul Ruggeri, dean of the business school at Siena College in Albany. "People are thinking about vacations and time off, and they're loosening up a bit."

Individually, people used their cards an average of 32 times a year in 1991, and 36 times in 1992, according to RAM Research Corp. of Maryland, which studies the industry. That meant an average individual credit card debt of \$2,500 in 1992, up more than \$200 from 1991, said director Gerri Detweiler of Bank Card Holders of America, a consumer group.

Wayne Smith of Delmar, a state Department of Transportation worker, said he and his wife use their credit cards more because they're convenient. With interest rates down — the average rates fell from 18.4 to

16.2 in the last year — it's also less costly, he said.

Besides, he added, "I think people find it safer than carrying cash with them."

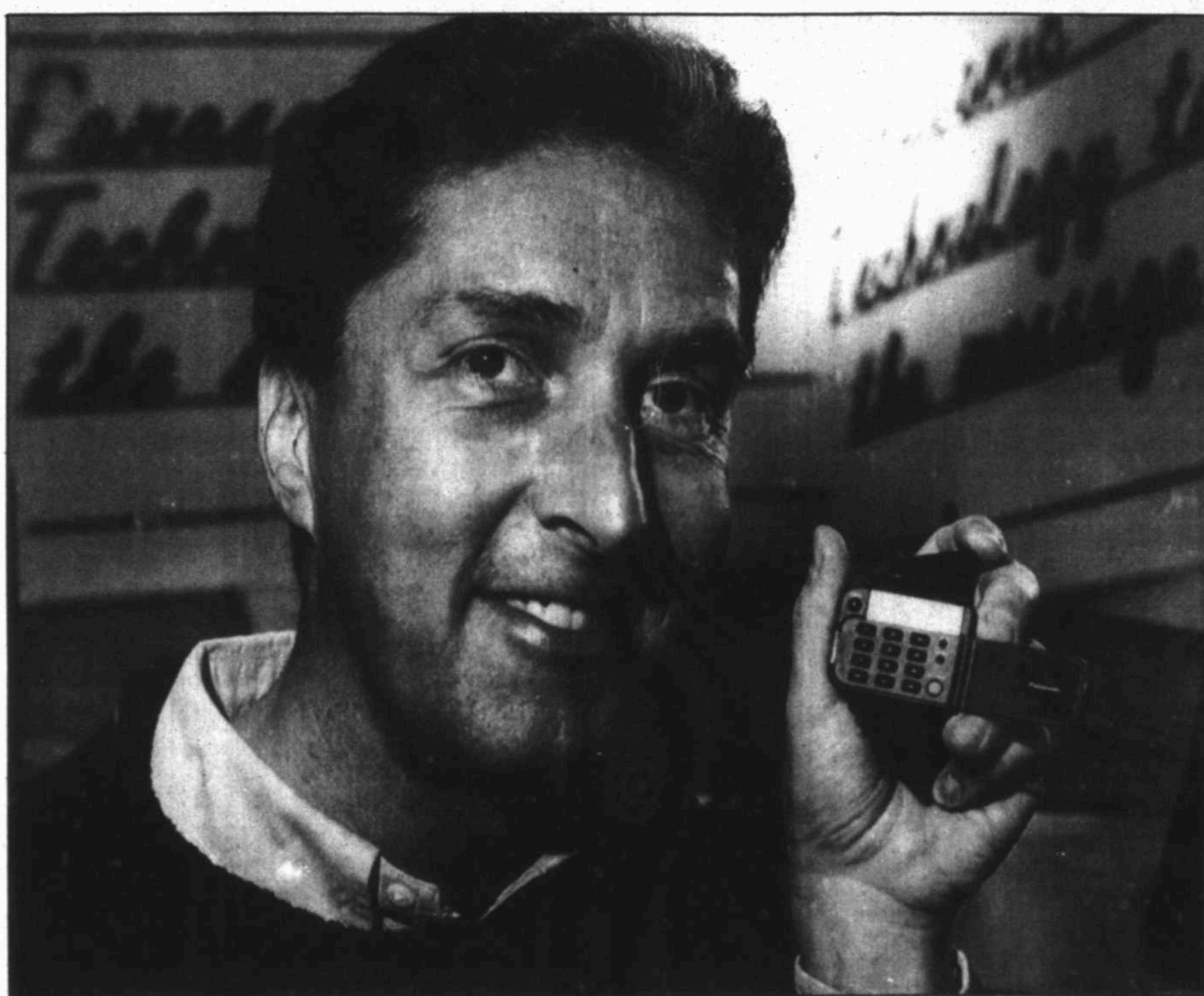
Between major credit cards like Visa and individual store accounts, Smith figures he owns 10 cards — about the national average. But he has replaced high-interest accounts with cards charging closer to 11 percent interest.

"I think we switched them all over," he said.

Lower rates and easy access to credit are the chief enticements of credit-card companies battling for consumers' plastic-happy hearts. Someone with a strong credit rating might qualify for cards with interest rate charges as low as 8 percent, according to Ram Research President Robert McKinley, but cards charging 11 percent are even easier to find.

"Consumers are not only switching cards, but they're taking their balances with them," and borrowing from new cards to pay old debts, McKinley said. In four months last year, General Motors won \$2 billion in transferred debts by offering a low-interest card.

Cards also are accepted at 1.5 million more places than even two years ago.



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Wrist phone

Randal Grote, national marketing manager for Panasonic, shows a mockup of his company's wrist tele-

phone recently in Chicago. The telephone will be available to the public this fall.

Perry touts totally Texas menu, including ostrich, antelope

By Susan Hightower

Associated Press writer

DALLAS — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry on Monday helped tout the new "Totally Texas Menu" a luxurious north Dallas restaurant is serving up, featuring Longhorn beef, ostrich, antelope and quail from state ranchers.

Huntington's restaurant, at The Wes-

tin Hotel, Galleria Dallas, dished out the seared scallopine of antelope, grilled Longhorn beef medallions, pan-seared ostrich with blueberry vinaigrette and chicken-fried quail with cream gravy.

While Huntington's has offered ostrich before, the restaurant just has begun serving its "Totally Texas Menu" — four entrees in a separate section, priced up to \$28 — within the past few

weeks, said Chris LaLonde, the hotel's executive chef.

The quail was substituted for a stuffed pheasant breast, now out of season.

"We have it highlighted so that people know and understand that these are local Texas favorites, things that are not necessarily known out there but they are from Texas and they are the up and coming things," LaLonde said.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

More women keep credit under maiden name

By Bill Doyle

Q: I am getting married soon. My fiancé has very bad credit, having gone through bankruptcy, repossessions, etc.

I, on the other hand, have excellent credit.

If I take his name, will that ruin my credit rating? I would have to change the name on my driver's license, my credit card, etc. If I do all this, are my creditors going to require information on my husband?

Also, will I have to have his name with mine on credit applications? Or can I apply for credit with just my name?

A: Taking your husband's last name and using it on a credit card and credit applications would create problems for you. Credit card issuers and lenders to whom you apply naturally would run credit checks on both of you. When they see what a deadbeat he has been, you might be denied credit.



Doyle

I'll avoid the temptation of recommending you give your fiancé the gate and find a new true love. Instead, I suggest you do what an increasing number of newly wed women are doing — keeping their maiden names for use on credit cards and in other financial matters.

By maintaining your credit card in your maiden name, only that name will be subject to credit checks. Even if you apply for new cards in your name alone, your spouse's horrible record of renegeing on debts won't foul things up for you.

Under no circumstances list him as a joint owner on your credit card. That would be a red flag to the card issuer. You can name him as an authorized user of the card, if you are so inclined. But, given his credit history, I'd advise against that. He might stick you with some huge bills.

Finally, if you apply for a mortgage or other large loan requiring disclosure of total household income, your husband's past performance could sour things. Bankruptcies stay on credit reports for 10 years.

Q: My husband and I filed for bankruptcy two years ago. We haven't any

credit cards now.

Recently, we have received several offers from an out-of-state bank to apply for a MasterCard. Under their program, we would receive the card after opening a savings account with a \$300 minimum deposit.

That savings account, which has Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. coverage, pays much higher interest than we have found at other banks. Would it benefit us to put more than \$300 in that account?

A: Certainly, providing you get that high interest on all the money you deposit. That should be the situation.

But be aware that the high rate might be a "teaser" intended to lure money to the bank and that the rate might be reduced at some future date. Of course if that happens, you can withdraw your money.

That bank is apparently offering you a "secured" credit card, on which you could charge purchases equal to the amount you have on deposit. With that arrangement, the bank has no risk. If you don't pay your credit card bills, the bank takes the money out of your savings account.

Secured credit cards provide a good

way for people with bad credit histories to repair their credit records. By using a secured credit card and meeting your bills promptly, you might convince some other lenders that you are a reasonable credit risk.

Q: Where can I obtain a secured credit card?

A: You can get a list of banks and savings and loan associations offering such cards by sending \$4 to Bankcard Holders of America, 560 Herndon Parkway, Suite 120, Herndon, VA 22070. If you already have a credit card, you can order that list by telephoning 1-800-553-8025.

Besides the list, the Bankcard Holders' literature provides information about secured credit cards, including whether each issuer reports to credit bureaus. That's a key item for people seeking to repair their credit records.

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Farm goods boom reaps cash harvest

By Nelson Antosh

Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — The nation's farmers are starting to purchase more new tractors and grain-harvesting combines after shunning the showrooms for more than a decade.

The buyers at this point are mostly in the Corn Belt — which includes Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas and Wisconsin — and Texas' South Plains, where growers are spending last year's profits. However, the Texas Rice Belt is one of the regions not following the trend.

Manufacturers such as JI Case, owned by Houston-based Tenneco, report that May sales of high-horsepower tractors were more than double what they were for the same month last year.

Case has already sold as many combines, which sell for more than \$100,000 per machine, as it is capable of manufacturing for the rest of the year.

Deere & Co. in Moline, Ill., says retail sales of its agricultural equipment in North America during the first six months of the year were significantly higher than a year ago. The firm does not disclose statistics.

Company Chairman Hans Becherer said sales are strong enough to warrant Deere increasing production in its factories in this country.

Industrywide sales of combines during May were up 104 percent compared with a year earlier, according to the Equipment Manufacturers Institute in Chicago, the trade organization for tractor makers.

The word "combine" is a reference to machines that combine operations that long ago had been done separately, such as cutting off heads of grain crops, like wheat or milo, and threshing out the seeds.

For the first five months of 1993, sales of combines were up 19 percent against a year earlier, said institute President Emmett Barker.

During May, sales of two-wheel-drive tractors with 100 or more horsepower, the workhorses of production agriculture, jumped 56 percent ahead of a year earlier.



AT&T Chairman Robert Allen, right, and Gilbert Williamson, NCR chief executive officer, shake hands before their merger announcement in New York.

After 2 years, AT&T-NCR merger shows indications of shrewdness

By Edmund L. Andrews
N.Y. Times News Service

DAYTON, Ohio — It used to be an article of faith among high-technology strategists that mergers between computer companies were virtually doomed to fail.

The list of high hopes dashed, at least in the short term, was notable — Burroughs and Sperry, IBM and Rolm — and the list of successes was nonexistent.

But in the two years since American Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s bruising hostile takeover of NCR Corp., the deal has begun looking a good deal more shrewd than it did at the time.

While industry titans like IBM are reeling as customers abandon traditional mainframe com-

puters in droves, NCR, based in Dayton, is reaping the fruits of a strategic shift toward inexpensive machines that are linked over sophisticated networks.

NCR has not been flashy, in the manner of Microsoft or Apple, and no single NCR product has set the industry on fire. Indeed, some experts view NCR as a staid and stodgy player whose cultural roots remain those of a company that gained its initial fame for its cash registers.

But alone among the old-line computer companies — IBM, Digital Equipment Corp., Unisys — NCR was alert to the industry sea change created by advances in cheap but powerful computer chips.

Based on a strategy conceived long before AT&T came along, NCR is now rapidly replacing its

older lines of mainframe and minicomputers with a broad family of products, from laptops to huge supercomputers, that are meant to be linked over networks.

This new product line, based on off-the-shelf computer chips from Intel Corp. and "open" operating systems that run software from many vendors, roared from a cold start to \$1 billion in sales in 1992.

"This is one of the great untold secrets of the computer industry," said Peter Kastner, vice president of Aberdeen Group, an industry research firm in Boston. Kastner says that the new family of System 3000 computers will surge another 35 percent this year and that the line is now exceeding sales of more traditional machines.

Spotty economic recovery starts spread across U.S., experts say

By Sylvia Nasar
N.Y. Times News Service

For two years, the fitful economic recovery has been a fact in only half the country. In the heartland — the Midwest, Southeast, Texas and the surrounding states — sales and jobs started to come back after a quarter or two of relatively mild recession.

On the two coasts — the Pacific Southwest, the Middle Atlantic, New England — the worst layoffs and losses since the Great Depression continued for quarter after quarter.

But now, recent signs of weakness notwithstanding, the recovery that began in the nation's center seems to be fanning out to the rest of the country.

Exports to Latin America and tourists from Europe are helping to revive Florida and the rest of the Southeast. Stronger car sales have given a lift to parts of the Midwest, although recent floods could cause a temporary setback.

In Texas and other South-Central states, service businesses and high-technology manufacturing are expanding. A few Western states have been growing so fast that businesses are running out of people to hire.

In deeply depressed California and the rest of the Pacific Southwest, sales and income tax collections have stopped shrinking and business people say the economy may have touched bottom. The northern New England states are

Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, where payroll jobs are 2 percent to 6 percent above levels a year ago, are reaping rewards of expanding trade with Latin America.

growing again, and there are signs of life even in Connecticut, which is still reeling from military cutbacks. And New Jersey has started to regain some of the jobs it lost.

The extent of the spreading recovery is mirrored in a variety of broad economic statistics. Employment — though still shrinking in a few states — is higher this year in all but one region, the South Central states, than it was in the first half of last year.

Help-wanted advertising, a sensitive indicator of changes in the job market, has turned up in seven of the nine regions in the last three months, though it is still far below its pre-recession peak.

And while factory employment, historically a source of good jobs, has dropped to its lowest point since the mid-1960s, in most regions industrial production has recovered to pre-recession levels. This means more profits and wages for manufacturers and workers.

Income has also recovered in

most areas of the country, although many people have been left behind, either with no jobs or lower-paying jobs. New England is the only region where total real personal income (excluding the effects of inflation) has not yet climbed to a record high, though it is only marginally below its previous peak.

"The recovery is finally spreading," said Sara Johnson, who heads a team of regional economists at DRI/McGraw-Hill, a forecasting firm.

In another sign that the recovery is reaching across the country, revenues from state income and sales taxes have grown. Every region reported higher revenues in the first quarter, compared with a year ago, according to the Center for the Study of States in Albany, N.Y.

John Liscio, the editor of a financial newsletter, also notes that the majority of large states have been reaching or exceeding their revenue targets in recent months, even though many have recently raised those targets.

Business people in most parts of the country also say they detect signs of growth, though it is often slow growth.

To be sure, it is difficult to measure with precision how well various regions are doing. The statistical evidence is mixed and sometimes contradictory. State tallies of business payrolls, for example, have shown virtually no growth in recent months.

Apple cuts prices in bid to spur sales

By John Markoff
N.Y. Times News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — In an effort to revive sluggish sales and make its computers more attractive to mainstream business buyers, Apple Computer Inc. cut prices Monday on many of its portables, desktops and departmental computers.

The new round of price reductions is the third in three months.

Apple dropped prices from 7 percent to 34 percent on a range of its products, with the steepest cuts coming on the company's Macintosh Powerbook 160 model, which was reduced in suggested retail price from \$2,429 to \$1,609.

"We've dominated the personal computer market in the past and we want to continue our market growth," said Lisa Byrne, an Apple spokeswoman.

Despite embarking on a strategy to compete with IBM-compatible makers on price as early as 1991,

Apple until now had generally followed rather than led the personal computer industry on price cuts.

In April, Apple lowered the price on one of its Powerbook Duo models by 10 percent to 18 percent. On June 14, just five days after Apple had told analysts that the company would have lower than expected earnings in the second half of the year, it cut prices on a range of its desktop models including the Macintosh Centris 610 and the IIfx as well as the Powerbook Model 180.

Analysts said Monday that the latest round of reductions, coming just weeks after the company's chairman, John Sculley, resigned as chief executive and the company announced plans to lay off 2,500 or 16 percent of its work force, indicates that the Cupertino, Calif., computer maker is preparing to adopt a tougher stance in the PC industry price wars.

"They are going to have to be much more aggressive price cutters than the IBM-compatible makers," said Eugene Glazer, a financial analyst.

Jury selection begins in airlines' price-fixing lawsuit

GALVESTON (AP) — Attorneys for Continental and Northwest airlines on Monday accused American Airlines of attempting to weaken competitors with its failed "value-pricing" plan last summer.

"It's a lesson in greed. A lesson of a bully," Northwest attorney Joe Jamail told jurors as the price-fixing case against American began in federal court.

Continental and Northwest airlines say the nation's largest carrier violated antitrust laws by fixing prices so low that weaker competitors would be driven out of business.

American Airlines value-pricing and subsequent half-off ticket sales cost Continental and Northwest about \$500 million each, attorneys for the plaintiffs said Monday.

Since damages can be tripled in antitrust cases, American stands to lose \$3 billion if jurors find in favor of Northwest and Continental.

Jamail told the nine-man, three-woman jury that American has tried to accelerate consolidation of the airline market since 1990.

He added that American chairman Robert Crandall finally found a way to damage competitors with value-pricing. The pricing plan, introduced in April 1992, broke down fares into four levels, shunning gimmicks and special offers.

On May 29, 1992, Minneapolis-based Northwest offered free tickets for adults traveling with paying children.

The next day American tried to wedge the Northwest promotion into its four-tier structure and wound up cutting the price of all advance purchase tickets by 50 percent. By fall, American ditched the fare structure after competitors failed to copy it.

American says the pricing plan was an attempt to simplify its fare structure and stimulate lagging ticket sales.

But American officials, Jamail alleged, ignored predictions the company would lose \$68 million a month because of the plan and forged ahead in hopes that cash could be recouped when weaker competitors bowed out of the

market.

American's attorneys fired back during opening statements, saying Continental and Northwest simply couldn't take the heat of a free market.

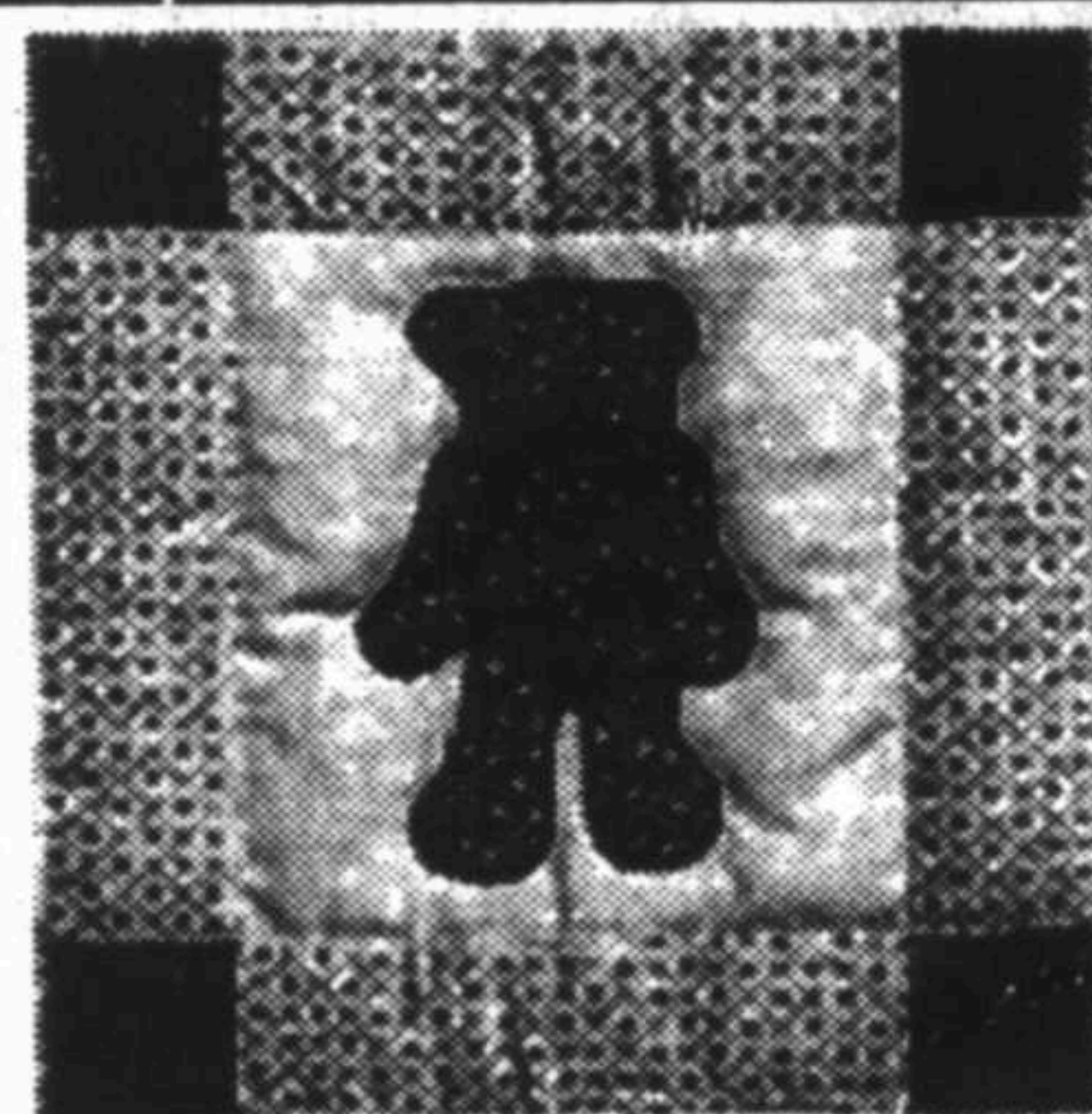
Finas Cowan, lead counsel for American, said the lawsuit attempts to "weave together a bunch of little strands, painting a totally false picture" of the carrier's intent.

"Instead, for many years, American Airlines has been an innovative company and value-pricing was one of these innovations," Cowan said.

He added that evidence would prove American's scheme was a competitive maneuver dictated by a fierce market.

"We were engaging in the type of vigorous competition we were told to engage in," Cowan said.

Further, American attorneys said, plaintiffs would be unable to prove that the carrier would have successfully gained a monopoly in certain markets.



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Memorabilia-makers find profit in Clinton-bashing

WASHINGTON (NYT) — First there were bumper stickers that gushed "Clinton-Gore, The Dream Team" and "Clinton the Comeback Kid." There were also buttons with photographs of the newly elected president cradling his beloved saxophone. "Blow Bill Blow," one said. "Clinton, the Cure for the Blues," said another.

Then there was the travel office debacle, the \$200 airport haircut and Lani Guinier, and before a voter could say "Nannygate," positive buttons were out and negative ones were in. An example: "Don't blame me, I voted for George Bush."

President Clinton's string of late spring fumbles and public relations gaffes has been mirrored not only in falling polls but also in rising sales of anti-Clinton paraphernalia around the country. There are T-shirts, bumper stickers and other doodads that taunt both the president and those who put him in office. "If you voted for Clinton, you must have inhaled" one says. Another concludes, "If Clinton was the answer, it must have been a stupid question."

"It's just phenomenal," said Larry Marsh at the Capitol Coin and Stamp Co., which has been in business since 1979 and is three blocks from the White House. "The stuff has really blossomed."

At Capitol Coin, anti-Clinton T-shirts and bumper stickers and "Republicans in '96" buttons are prominently displayed in the front window. Items that sing Clinton's praises, which used to fill the shelves and glass display cases, are now consigned to an inconspicuous corner or two inside the store.

The operators of Capitol Coin and similar stores say that their motives are profit, not politics, and that right now the money is in the "anti" items.

"Back in December, January and February, it was all Clinton-Gore stuff," Marsh said. "But now they're not selling, and we have a very steady stream of 'anti' sales."

One customer, Kathy Patton, said she had come to the store

for some anti-Clinton items to send to her father in Texas. "Just to tease him," she said. Ms. Patton, 29, is a Republican; her father is a Democrat. Ms. Patton bought four buttons and a T-shirt that read, "I was in the 57 percent majority who didn't vote for Clinton."

At Political Americana in Union Station, the manager, Jason Johnson, said things had started to change "somewhere around the haircut incident time," when Clinton held up air traffic at Los Angeles International Airport so that Cristophe could give him a \$200 trim on Air Force One.

Such soured post-election sentiments are nothing new. As Watergate enveloped President Richard M. Nixon, anti-Nixon bumper stickers blossomed. But Marsh and other purveyors of memorabilia say they've never seen anything like the anti-Clinton mood.

Manufacturers also say that orders for anti-Clinton items have skyrocketed. Tony Baltes, president of Creative Photo Crafts, which has been making political buttons in Toledo, Ohio, for 20 years, said two best sellers were buttons reading "I don't trust President Clinton or her husband" and "Read Bill's Flips."

Mark S. Gilman, a businessman in Shawnee Mission, Kan., who prints and supplies political posters and bumper stickers to retailers, said that after almost every presidential election he makes stickers that say "Don't Blame Me I Voted For..." with the appropriate name filled in. But this time, Gilman said, "we made more of those than we ever have before."

At his Gill Studios business, which has been operating since 1964, Gilman said he had been filling orders for 1,000 to 10,000 anti-Clinton bumper stickers a day.

But that may soon change. The president gained 11 points in the polls last week, his nomination for the Supreme Court seems unassailable, and his public image has had a makeover under David R. Gergen.

Scientists drill deep to study planet's evolution

By Nancy Plevin
Associated Press writer

ABOARD THE JOIDES RESOLUTION OFF ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Drilling thousands of feet into the ocean's floor, an international team of scientists is reaching back tens of millions of years to learn more about the planet's evolution.

The medium is the mud. Aboard this converted oil-drilling vessel stationed at the edge of the continental shelf, researchers are pulling samples of mud from as deep as 4,300 feet below the ocean floor to record the rise and fall of sea level over the past 50 million years.

Breaks in the mud, which signify a change in sea level, also reveal past episodes of global warming when giant ice sheets melted, causing oceans to rise, the researchers say.

"The Jersey shore is a natural laboratory of the Earth's own rhythms," said Gregory Mountain, a Columbia University geologist who directs the project with Ken Miller of Rutgers University.

"If the sediments can tell us how sea levels have changed naturally over the millennia, we'll be better able to understand future changes, both natural and man-made," Mountain said. "We'll be able to deal more intelligently with the complex range of effects that global warming may have on shorelines around the world."

While the international team drills offshore, the United States Geological Survey is drilling at three New Jersey coastal sites — Island Beach State Park, Atlantic City and Cape May — to get a larger picture of "what happened on the New Jersey coastal plain since the dinosaurs died," Rutgers geologist Jim Browning said.

On a recent day at a drilling site about 90 miles east of Atlantic City, scientists were withdrawing samples of sediment from 2,100 feet — and 35 million years — below the bottom of the sea. The ocean floor there is at a depth of 1,452 feet.

The project's 25 scientists and 85 support personnel work around the clock to examine nearly all the grayish muck recovered during the 40 days of drilling time allotted them.

Texas A&M oceanographer Steve Gartner was disappointed with the lack of fossils found in the day's catch. Fossils provide the simplest method of dating the ancient soil, he said.

"It's not going real well today," Gartner said during a rest in the vessel's science lounge.

The high-tech JOIDES Resolution has been sailing the world's seas since 1985 as part of the Ocean Drilling Program run by Texas A&M University. JOIDES stands for Joint Oceanographic Institute for Deep Earth Sampling, an advisory board of scientists from 19 member countries.

Sixty percent of the program's \$42 million yearly cost is paid by U.S. taxpayers through the National Science Foundation. Other countries involved in the projects contribute the other 40 percent.

The \$150 million vessel — 470 feet long and 70 feet wide with a derrick 216 feet above the waterline — has logged 169,415 nautical miles during that time, Capt. Ed Oonk of Enschede, Holland, said.

It also has recovered more than 232,545 feet of sediment and rocks from 903 drilled holes, according to drilling operations supervisor Glenn Foss.

A computer-controlled "dynamic positioning system" uses 12 thrusters to keep the ship nearly stationary without anchoring as drilling tubes bore deep into the earth.

"Few ships in the world have this," Ray Frank, who operates the system, said.

The ship has 12 sophisticated laboratories on seven levels for the study of sedimentology, paleontology, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, paleomagnetism and physical properties.

A machine that looks like an iron lung measures the magnetic direction of the mud to record historic reversals of the Earth's magnetic field.

In the chemistry lab, researchers continually test the sediment for hydrocarbons — gases that if released in large amounts, could thin the ocean water, reduce its buoyancy and risk sinking the vessel.

Before the Resolution leaves the area, the drilled holes will be plugged with concrete to prevent leakage of any damaging hydrocarbons, staff superintendent Pat Thompson said.

Miller hopes to repeat the research in other parts of the world to discover whether the ocean's rise and fall as recorded off the coast of New Jersey reflects global sea level changes.

"The continents and oceans are continually shifting," Miller said. "We need to understand how they have changed in the past to anticipate changes in the future."

When the two-month-long New Jersey project finishes in late July, the ship, with a new team of scientists, will head to the Arctic Ocean to study water currents. After that, another group will sail to the waters off Brazil to study climatic cycles.

"Seventy percent of the world is covered with water," staff scientist Peter Blum of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, said. "You don't understand the Earth without understanding the ocean."

Group members stand tall at annual convention

By Katharine Webster
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Ane Ryan Cohen is walking tall, and with good reason.

She is attending the annual Tall Clubs International convention this week, a federation of 54 groups in the United States and Canada. The only membership requirement is women must be at least 5-foot-10 and men 6-foot-2.

"There's a level of comfort when you all come together like this," said Cohen, 42, a 5-foot-10 resident of Philadelphia. "It's real nice to look someone in the eye when you're wearing 4-inch heels, which I would never give up."

Tall Clubs has a serious side, like raising money for research

into Marfan's disease, a disorder that primarily afflicts tall people. Still, it's mainly a social organization.

"I originally went to meet a tall guy, but the best thing is the friendships I've made," said Jan Bielefeldt, a 6-footer from Dallas.

Several years ago, Bielefeldt's mother saw a newspaper ad for the Towering Texans of Dallas and encouraged her daughter to attend.

"I was too shy to go by myself, so my brother went with me," Bielefeldt said. "Now I have the confidence, through this tall club experience, to walk in anywhere and meet people."

Paul Conley, 42, of Boston, enjoys the club's camaraderie and being around people closer to his

own height of 6 feet 5 inches.

"You don't feel like you're overwhelming a person in a physical way," he said.

Still, he notes, "I enjoy being tall. It's nice having a physical presence and being able to see parades."

"The biggest disadvantage for me is trying to find clothes and shoes that fit."

Tall Clubs International encourages manufacturers to make clothes, shoes, cars and beds for unusually tall people.

"We've worked a lot with J.C. Penney's to improve their catalogue," said Melon LaBonte, 43, of South Weymouth, who's 5 feet 11 inches. "The manufacturers are considering discontinuing the California King bed and we're petition-

ing them so that doesn't happen."

For many of the 400 people attending the convention, hosted by the Boston Beanstalks, it's a week to stand tall without being subjected to comments about their height.

"People ask us if we play basketball," said Larry Heller, 42, of Wayland. "We say, 'Do you play miniature golf?'"

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DEAR ABBY

Mom's mission of education helps spare child's feelings

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from a birth mother whose daughter was adopted shortly after birth. You responded with a beautiful poem titled, "Legacy of an Adopted Child."



Van Buren

I can certainly relate to this poem, being the mother of two children, an 11-year-old son by birth, and an adopted 2-year-old daughter from Korea. This column referred to the "natural" mother vs. "birth" mother, which brings me to my reason for writing.

As an adoptive parent, I feel it is important to educate the public regarding the use of proper terms when speaking about adoption. I consider myself and my daughter to be very "natural" and "real." I have also been asked whether or not I have any children "of my own." My response is: "Are you asking if I have any children by birth?"

I do not wish to discourage these questions, and I am very sympathetic to the fact that most people simply do not know the proper terms to use, but I am concerned about how their questions sound to the adopted child. Imagine how you and your child would feel if

someone asked you point-blank: "Do you know anything about her real mother?" Thanks for helping me educate a few people. — JUST CALL ME "MOM"

DEAR MOM: You have made some excellent points. Thanks for educating the general public concerning adoption terminology.

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended the wedding of a co-worker and was shocked to see another guest (female) handing out her business cards to all the guests. (She was in real estate.)

I noticed that some of the guests politely put the card in purse or pocket, then walked away shaking their heads as if to say, "How tasteless!"

I have been in business a long time, and I carry my business cards with me, but I am very discreet about where and to whom I give them.

In your opinion, Abby, when is it appropriate to give someone your business card? — APPALLED IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR APPALLED: When he or she has asked for it.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is one that many others have these days. I do not enjoy being videotaped. As a matter of fact, I HATE it! I am not photogenic. I absolutely despise the way I look in the playbacks. For some reason or

other, the person doing the recording just assumes that he or she has the right to film anyone who happens to be around. They don't even bother to ask for permission.

What is the best way to handle this invasion of privacy — besides destroying the video camera?

I would assume the host or hostess should be able to control the videotaping, but sometimes, they are the guilty parties. — THEDA PACHECO, BALTIMORE

DEAR THEDA: If you see the "taper" first, you can get out of camera range. You can also let the taper know how you feel about having your picture taken. Whatever you do — do not stick out your tongue and cross your eyes in an effort to "ruin" the tape. It will give the taper an even more unflattering picture to preserve for posterity.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

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AT WIT'S END

Newlyweds face alarming annoyance

By Erma Bombeck

I read a survey where newlywed women were asked what were their biggest complaints in the bedroom.



Bombeck

In the top three was husbands who set the alarm clock to go off before they had to get up and then reset it.

It's a guy thing. Don't ask me why, but there is something in the male anatomy that refuses to face the reality of a new day dawning. I call it the Fight-Back-With-David-Horowitz-Syndrome.

A person can be told when he has to be at work, when he can come home, when he has to eat dinner and when to go to bed, but give him an alarm clock and he has the home court advantage.

All of my husband's frustrations

are wrapped up in that clock. He sits on the edge of the bed each evening fiddling with the mechanism like the mad bomber. Then he smiles his little maniacal smile as he sets it and returns it to the bedside table.

"When are we getting up this time? 4? 5?"

"I told you," he said, "you don't have to get up when the alarm goes off."

"If you had a car backfire in your ear, wouldn't you stir?"

"Just ignore it," he said.

I used to ply him with questions of, "Why do you do that when you know you have two more hours to sleep?" and he would say, "When it goes off, I know that I have to sleep fast."

For 43 years, I have been jarred awake at some ungodly hour to hear him smash the clock with his fist and mumble, "Don't tell me what to do, buddy."

One birthday, I bought him one of those tennis ball clocks that you

throw against the wall to stop it from ringing. Somehow, it wasn't the same thrill for him as choking the clock with his bare hands until the alarm wound down.

The clock is symbolic of something and I'm not sure what. Maybe it goes back to his childhood when his parents didn't heat the bedrooms during an Ohio winter. Maybe it was because he had a morning paper route when he was a kid and had to haul out seven days a week. Who knows?

Newlyweds will adjust not only to husbands who play with their alarm clocks, but to those who engage in the first two complaints: hogging all the covers and falling asleep with the TV on. Is there any relief?

It's a drastic means of solving the problem, but babies help. They have their own alarm system and no one turns them off!

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11-year-old works on recycling

By Leigh Ann Whiddon

Associated Press Writer

SWEETWATER — Scientists have discovered that doing nothing uses more energy than watching TV, implying that children would be better off staring at the wall than staring at the tube.

Not so for 11-year-old George Henry Sweatt.

Sweatt, who will be a sixth-grader at Sweetwater Middle School in the fall, was watching a program on Nickelodeon, the children's television station, and embarked on a cause.

The program was on the environment and recycling and featured Vice President Al Gore with children from across the country. Sweatt thought to himself, "If they can do something, so can I."

So Sweatt began a letter-writing campaign. Armed with some of his dad's business stationary and a home computer, he composed this letter:

"I am sending this letter to the earth. I would like to know why we as people, ever took steam powered vehicles off the market? "And here is a good point, put yourself in the earth's place and see how you like what is going on to you, but when you are the earth long enough you'll stop polluting as much as you did."

"And it's our earth, we call it home, let's take care of our only earth. God didn't put us on this earth for nothing, but to take care of his creations."

"If the animals could do something, they would do something more than we do, because it's their earth too. If you don't reply I will keep writing until something is done."

Sweatt's letter, plus his postscript, "Please write back," has gotten some results. He has received replies from former mayor Rick Rhodes, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, Gov. Ann Richards, and

State Sens. Steve Carriker and Bill Sims.

He is still anticipating letters from past interim U.S. Sen. Bob Krueger, President Bill Clinton and Vice President Gore.

Of those who responded, Sweatt said, "Most of them said they were with me 100 percent, all the way. They wanted to do something about the earth we call our home."

Now that the letter writing is taken care of, Sweatt is ready for the next step. "I would like to become a member of the recycling committee," he said.

Rhodes and Holly Allen, who is Sweatt's Sunday school teacher as well as a member of the Sweetwater Recycling Committee, invited Sweatt to a committee meeting.

"A bunch of people were surprised that a kid would want to be on the committee," Sweatt said, "... because they were all grown-ups and they were surprised that a kid would want to do something about the earth, (they thought a kid) would want to just sit and watch TV all day."

"Some were impressed. Some would like a kid on the committee."

Sweatt spoke enthusiastically about the recycling committee meeting. "There were lots of statements made on how Sweetwater could improve on recycling, but we are short on where we could put dumpsters," he said.

"People aren't going to go all the way to downtown Sweetwater just to recycle."

Sweatt feels that recycling aluminum, paper and plastic would be good for Sweetwater and that recycling in the schools should be expanded. "The least amount of trash bags I have seen go out of Philip Nolan in one day is 14," he said.

What has Sweatt done to help recycling at home?

"By the trash can, we have a paper sack for paper, a plastic sack for plastic, milk jugs and sand-wich bags," he said. Sweatt also reuses his lunch bags rather than throwing them away every day.

His recycling efforts have been contagious.

Adventure awaits island visitors

By Scott Williams
Associated Press Writer

MATAGORDA ISLAND — It isn't easy getting to the last undeveloped barrier island on the Texas coast. This 38-mile-long island stretching from Port O'Connor to the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge is accessible only by boat.

Those who don't have access to a private boat may choose to take a one-hour ferry ride from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department office in Port O'Connor to Matagorda Island State Park on the island's northern end.

On a recent Saturday morning about 30 visitors climbed aboard the 65-foot crew boat hired by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to provide ferry service for the windy 11-mile ride down the Intracoastal Waterway and across Espiritu Santo Bay. They loaded backpacks, ice chests and bicycles onto the deck in anticipation of an afternoon of hiking, beachcombing, bicycling and camping.

A few minutes into the trip about

The state park, comprising 7,325 of the island's almost 57,000 acres, has no electricity, no concessions, no telephone and no drinking water; visitors are required to take back whatever they bring to the island.

a dozen passengers crowded the bow, shrieking at the sights of a dottle-nosed dolphin playing in the water. He entertained his audience for about five minutes before disappearing into the cloudy water.

Capt. Dewayne Lewis guided the ferry into Espiritu Santo Bay, increasing the speed from 9 to 23 miles an hour. He headed into a stiff easterly wind and maneuvered the choppy bay.

His passengers paid \$12 (\$6 for children 12 and under) to visit Matagorda Island, where public accommodations remain primitive at best.

The state park, comprising 7,325 of the island's almost 57,000 acres, has no electricity, no concessions, no telephone and no drinking water; visitors are required to take back whatever they bring to the island.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department says about the island: — At least 17 state and federal endangered species live here, along with 26 species of amphibians and reptiles, including about 30 alligators and 11 varieties of snakes.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

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John Horace Ripley

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