



BUSINESS

Top performer

Southwest was tops in airline performance in 1995, taking over the spot from American Airlines, according to an analysis./8C



SPORTS

Bulls go for 70th

The Chicago Bulls, Michael Jordan go for a league-record 70th win tonight in Milwaukee./1C

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A.M. BRIEFING



Kylie Williams holds a photo button of her father Scott as her mother Nicole discusses anti-terrorism legislation.

Anti-terrorism bill

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders, flanked by the families of victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, unveiled compromise legislation Monday to bolster federal powers to fight terrorism and limit appeals by death-row inmates. The House and Senate are expected to give final approval to the plan this week so that it can be on President Clinton's desk for signing by Friday, the first anniversary of the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building that killed 168 people./2D

Clinton on Koreans

CHEJU-DO, South Korea — President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam jointly proposed unconditional peace talks involving the two Koreas as well as the United States and China. "North Korea has said it wants peace. This is our proposal to achieve it," Clinton asserted. The unexpected proposal for four-way talks was revealed early today./3A

Muscle builder

WASHINGTON — A dietary supplement developed for use in cattle feed appears to help athletes build twice as much muscle as exercise alone when taken in large doses. In this Olympic year, swim teams already are clamoring for the supplement, but experts caution it's too soon to know all its effects./4A

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Efforts ease tax on late-filers' patience

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

On one day a year Midland Internal Revenue Service workers are the most popular people in town. People were lining up just for the privilege of asking a question of IRS volunteers Monday afternoon and evening at the main downtown Midland Post Office, 100 E. Wall St.

Several citizens decided to use the "one-stop shopping" method of getting a tax form, filling it out, putting it in an envelope, and

watching it get stamped with that all important April 15 postmark. "Just like the holiday season, you get it here and we will get it there," said Postmaster Stan Sartain. He said a special cancellation window would remain open until midnight Monday for people in need of getting their returns marked with an April 15 postmark.

Speaking of the holiday season, the post office was somewhat festive with lines of cars trying to park, homemade cookies and soft drinks being handed out, and folks

greeting people as they arrived to send them to the proper section of the post office.

"I didn't wait until the last minute to do this," said secretary Leslie Hooper. "The last minute would come just before midnight."

"No," said Henry McIntosh, a business building custodian, standing in line behind Ms. Hooper. "The last minute is what I'm going for — an extension. Then the last minute is Aug. 15."

And sure enough, plenty of Mid-

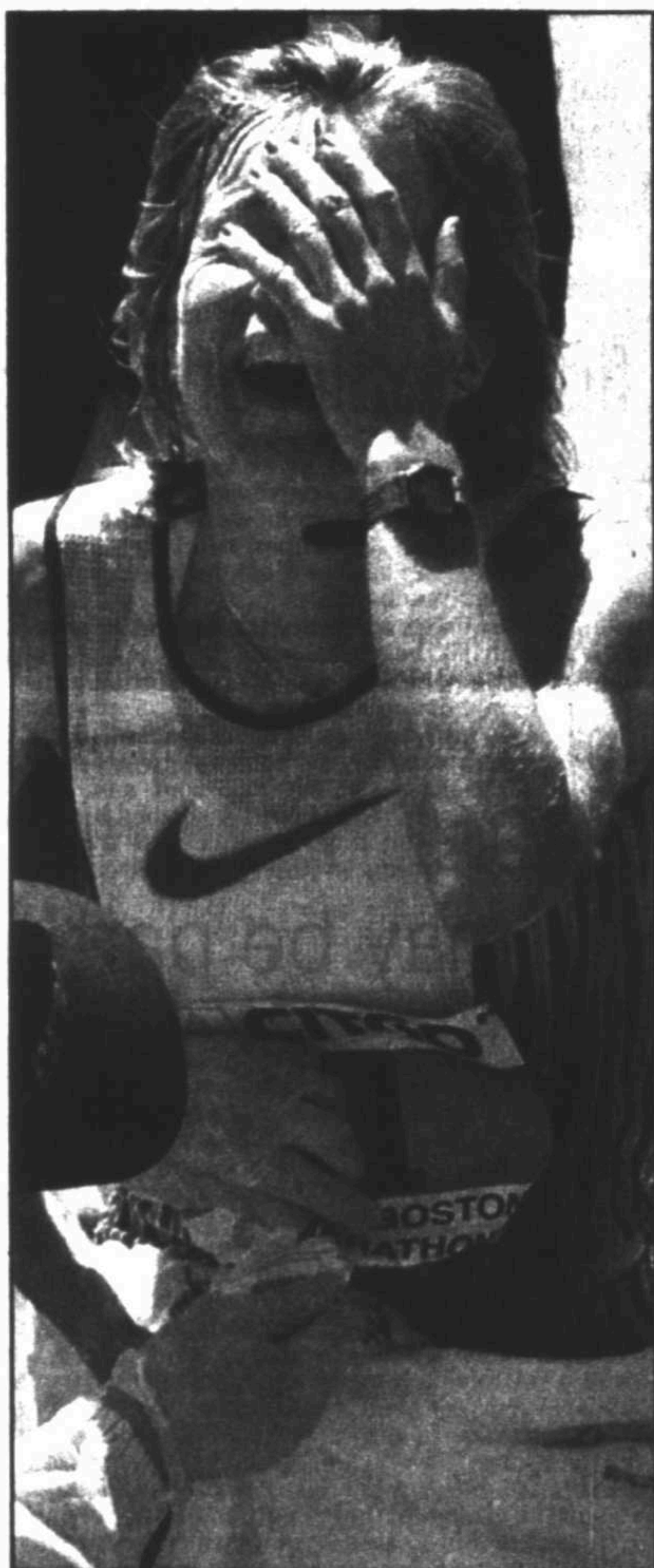
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IRS volunteers Peggy Holdridge, left, and Norman Gould help Xochitl Meraz with her return at the downtown post office Monday evening.

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Reporter-Telegram

100th Boston Marathon



Germany's Uta Pippig reacts after winning the women's division of the Boston Marathon for the third consecutive time. Story, photo/1C

MISD sets June 1 for bond election

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland voters will determine on June 1 if local public schools receive \$110 million for upgrading, remodeling and expansion.

In a special Monday meeting, board members for the Midland Independent School District voted unanimously to set this amount in a bond election to be presented for voter approval.

The bond includes a "contract with the voters" for the issuance of \$110,000,000 schoolhouse bonds for the construction and equipment of school buildings in the district — including the rehabilitation, renovation, improvement and

repair thereof — and the purchase of the necessary sites therefore," according to a Houston specialist who help word the document.

Following the unanimous vote, supporters in attendance applauded the move.

"We thank you for coming here and supporting this," said Board President Robin Hightower. "Now please go out and support this," she said.

The current total tax rate for the Midland Independent School District is \$1.3873 tax on each \$100 property valuation, according to MISD Communications Specialist Susan Webb.

Of this, \$1.2573 is used for maintenance and operation of the school

district and 13 cents is used for the repayment of existing debts.

This debt repayment portion of the tax rate would jump 13 cents if the bond is passed on June 1.

The \$110 million proposed bond, if passed, would not affect the taxpayer all at once. Rather, there would be an initial issue of about \$50 million in bonds that would up the current tax rate by an additional 13 cents, Ms. Webb said.

This would bring the debt-service portion of the school district's tax rate to 26 cents instead of 13 cents.

This will raise total property taxes for the school district to \$1.5173. These figures do not

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Israel-Hezbollah battles claim more lives

Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli aircraft and artillery bombarded Hezbollah targets in Beirut and southern Lebanon on Monday in an effort to ratchet up pressure on Lebanon and Syria to cripple the guerrillas.

Israel said it was ready to negotiate an end to its 5-day-old offensive, but would not initiate talks. Hezbollah, however, sent more rockets crashing down on northern Israel and claimed to have dozens of suicide bombers ready to attack.

"Our human bomb brigade is going to concentrate vengeance on Israel. We'll strike at the United States when it directly intervenes against us," said Hezbollah's second-in-command, Sheik Naim Qassem.

"We have deployed a shield of suicide bombers in the south ready to devastate any enemy ground force that dares to attempt a thrust into south Lebanon. We'll have them annihilated," Qassem told the Lebanese Broadcasting Corp. in a televised interview.

Hamas, the Palestinian group whose suicide bombings have Israel reeling, said it has joined the rocketing of northern Israel from Lebanon. A spokesman called on Hamas activists in the West Bank and Gaza Strip "to carry out their assigned missions."



Plumes of smoke stretch across Beirut from a power station rocketed by Israeli warplanes on Monday.

Seven Lebanese civilians were killed and 20 people were wounded in the Israeli attacks Monday, Lebanese police reported. Eight Israelis were slightly wounded by Hezbollah rockets.

All told, 35 people have been killed and 133 wounded since skirmishes between Hezbollah and Israel ignited into a major Israeli offensive last week. Apart

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Ancient campsite near Lubbock may be key to Coronado's route

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recovery of metal crossbow bolt tips was the crucial evidence linking a Texas Panhandle canyon to the lost trail of 16th-century Spanish explorer Francisco Coronado, a Kansas archaeologist said Monday.

"Only the Coronado expedition in the Southwest was determined to have had crossbow bolts," said Donald Blakeslee, an associate professor of anthropology at Wichita State University.

"This is the clincher."

Finding the campsite may

bring scientists a step closer to determining exactly where Coronado went from 1540-42 in the first major Spanish exploration of what is now northern Mexico, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

It is known that members of Coronado's group were the first Europeans to view the Grand Canyon, but most records of the 4,000-mile trip, which was begun in a futile search for gold or a wealthy nation to conquer, are

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FBI agents release list of findings at Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski's cabin.

Agents find executives' names, maps, guns at Kaczynski cabin

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — FBI agents searching Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski's cabin found addresses of corporate executives, maps of San Francisco, bus schedules, guns and a bottle of anti-depressant medicine, according to an inventory released Monday.

In a filing released in federal court, the FBI also confirmed published reports of three typewriters found in the cabin, as well as several unspecified documents and notes.

However, none of the documents were identified as the original text of the Unabomber manifesto, the 35,000-word tract published in The Washington Post last year. A source told The Associated Press last week that agents found what appeared to be the original of the diatribe against modern technology.

Kaczynski, 53, was arrested at the cabin near Lincoln two weeks ago and is being held on charges of possessing bomb components.

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Rebates mirror economic strength

From Staff Reports

Midland's economy, particularly in the retail sector, continues to show major strength, according to this month's sales tax rebate check the city has received from the State Comptroller's Office.

April's check was for \$790,688, a hefty 12.11 percent increase over the \$705,218 the city received in April of last year. In addition, the latest check brings Midland 1996 total to date to \$3,789,725, or 8.73 percent better than the \$3,485,441 received in the first four months of 1995.

This month's sales tax rebates include local taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax

returns in March.

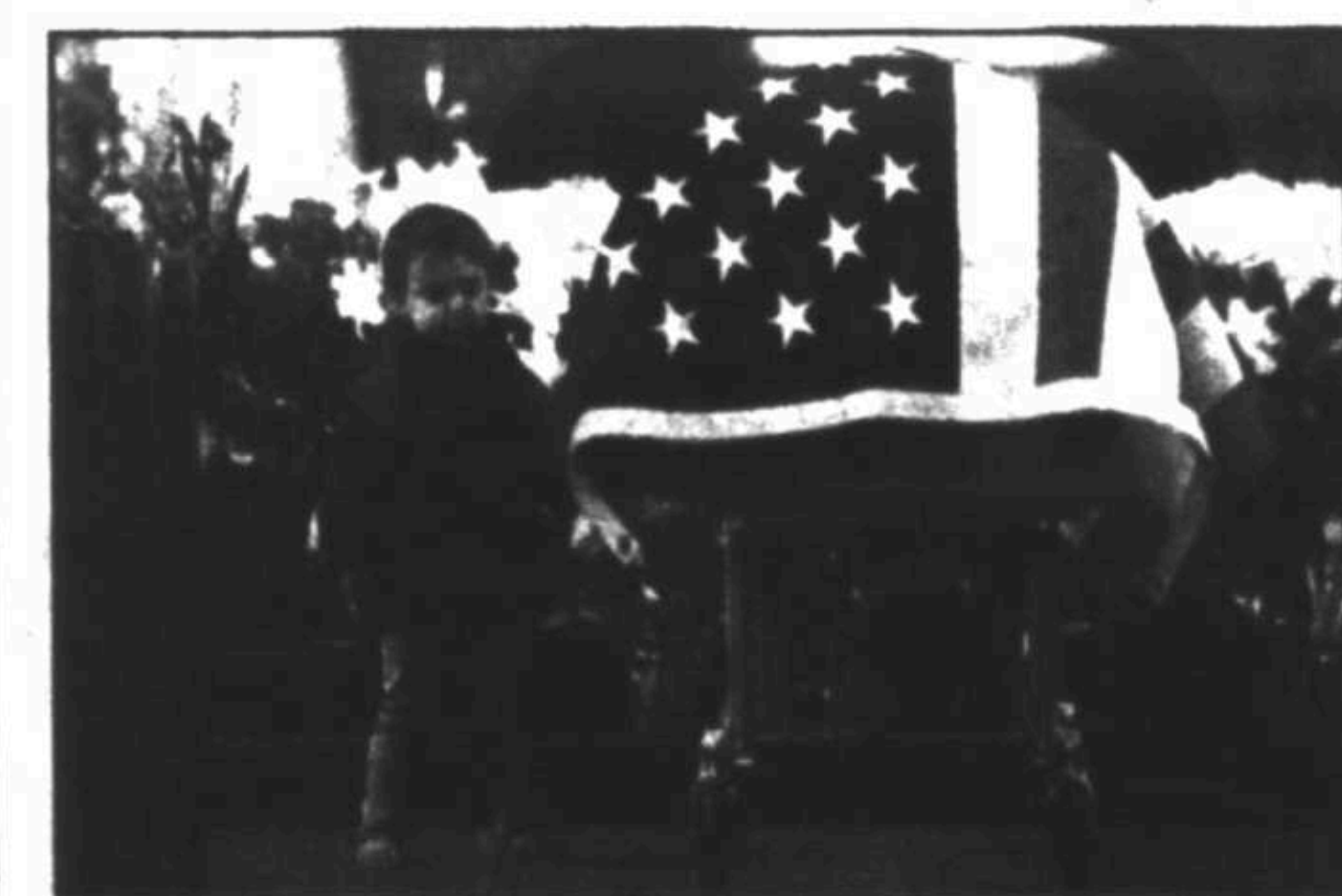
Meanwhile, Midland County also received good news.

Its April check was for \$471,729, a 6.43 percent increase over the \$443,202 it received in April of 1995. The county's year-to-date total is \$2,203,330, or 6.82 percent more than the \$2,062,607 received during the first four months of last year.

Totals from area communities are as follows:

■ Andrews: \$54,853 for this month; \$56,333 for April of last year; down 2.62 percent; \$239,545 for this year to date; \$242,379 for last year to date; down 1.16

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Jessica's funeral

Strangers gathered with family and friends under gloomy skies Monday to remember Jessica Dubroff, the 7-year-old girl whose pursuit of a flying record brought tragedy and misgivings./4A

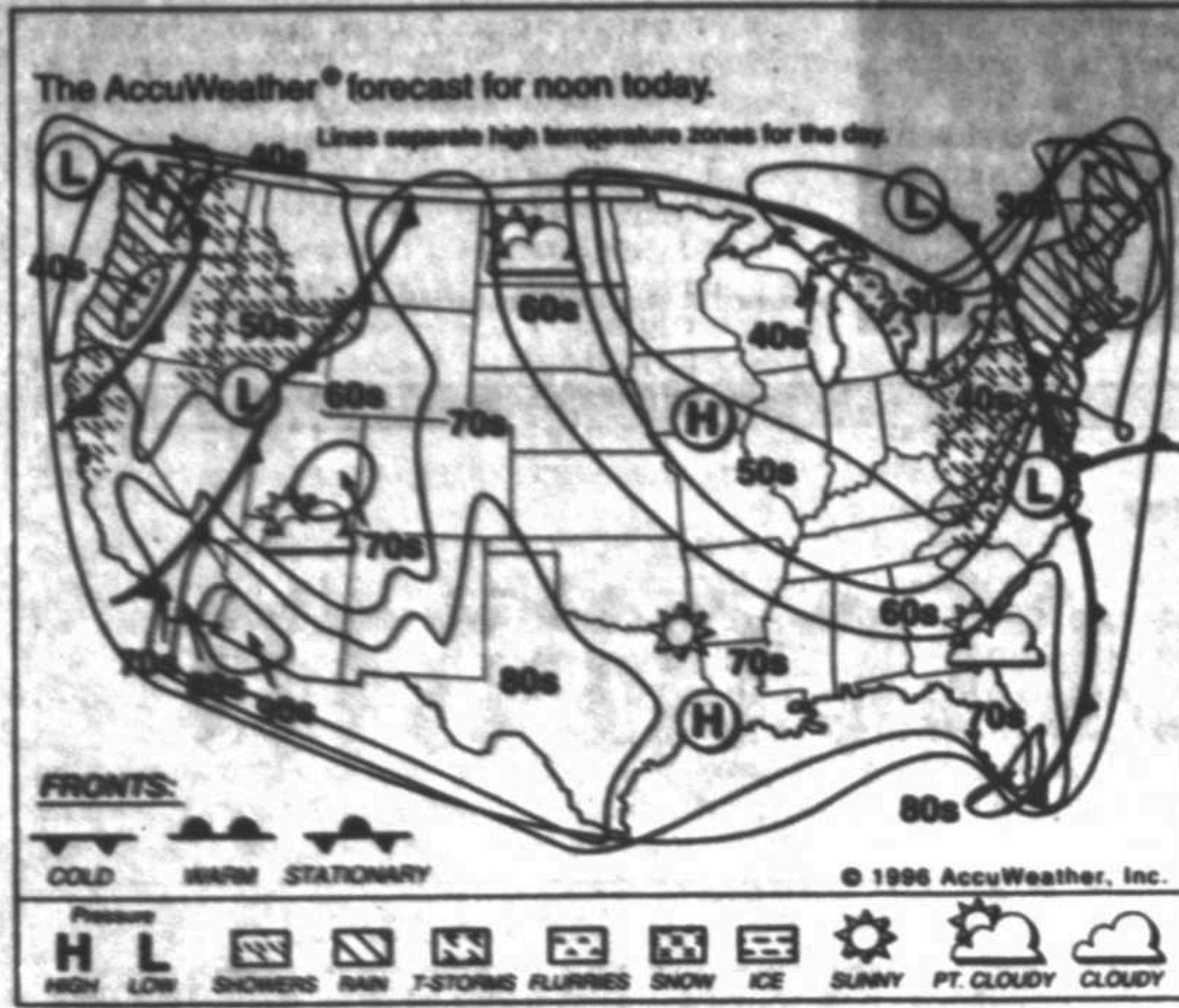
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WEATHER WATCH



Hang onto those cowboy hats

Staff Report

Hang onto those cowboy hats. It's warmer, but winds are picking up speed.

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high near 80 and winds south to southeast 10-20 mph and gusty by late afternoon, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

Tonight's forecast is fair with a low near 50.

Wednesday's forecast is mostly sunny with a high in the mid 80s, the NWS said.

Yesterday's high was 68, compared to the record high of 96, set in 1937. The overnight low was 38, compared to the record low of 34, set in 1947.

STATE

It was sunny, windy and mild to cool across Texas on Monday.

Winds were from the northwest at 20 to 30 miles an hour with gusts. The only clouds in sight were a few feathery cirrus clouds.

High temperatures were mostly in the 60s and 70s.

The North Texas forecast is for today to be mostly sunny and windy again. Highs in the upper 70s and lower 80s. A few clouds tracking into the region on Tuesday night will result in partly cloudy skies. Lows in the 50s.

South Texas is to be sunny with highs around 80 degrees. Lows in the 50s.

Forecasters said West Texas will be sunny at day and fair at night. Highs will be in the 70s and 80s with 90s in Big Bend valleys. Lows will be in the 40s.

NATION

Thunderstorms spread across parts of the Southeast on Monday, with funnel clouds reported in North Carolina, and snow was scattered around the Great Lakes.

Funnel clouds were reported in several North Carolina counties, and high wind damaged power lines, roofs and windows at the town of Acme-Delco, in the southeastern part of the state about 20 miles west of Wilmington.

Students at one school took cover after spotting rotating clouds headed their way.

"The tops of pump houses had lifted off and were in those spinning winds ... there were several cars with the windows out, the gym had windows blown out and our greenhouse was demolished," said Dean Peterson, principal of Acme-Delco Middle School.

Strong storms also developed during the afternoon over northern and central Florida, with locally heavy rain. Panama City received more than 2 inches of rain by midday.

In Arkansas on Sunday, a tornado killed seven people and injured more than 30. Damage was estimated to reach as high as \$5 million.

Sunday's storms also produced heavy rain in parts of the South, with up to 6 inches in parts of Mississippi. The Pearl River along the Louisiana-Mississippi state line was forecast to crest 2 feet to 3 feet above flood stage by Wednesday morning.

Farther north, light snow fell around Lake Superior in northern sections of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Up to 8 inches of snow was possible by Tuesday morning.

Light to moderate rain fell elsewhere across the western Great Lakes.

In the West, light rain began moving into the Pacific Northwest as the latest Pacific storm edged toward land. On Tuesday, rain was likely across most of the Northwest.

A winter storm watch also was in effect for Tuesday for California's northern Sierra Nevada, where a foot of snow could fall, and a snow advisory was issued for the northeastern corner of the state, the National Weather Service said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 80, south to southeast winds 10-20 mph, becoming gusty by late afternoon.

Tonight: Fair with a low near 50.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high in the mid 80s, south to southeast winds 10-20 mph, becoming gusty by late afternoon.

Yesterday's high: 68 degrees

Overnight low: 38 degrees

Sunrise today: 6:10 a.m.

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:17 a.m.

Precipitation: Last 24 hours: zero inches

This month to date: 1.22 inches

Year to date: 1.35 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

7 p.m. 68 7 a.m. 38

8 p.m. 64 8 a.m. 36

9 p.m. 61 9 a.m. 34

10 p.m. 57 10 a.m. 31

11 p.m. 53 11 a.m. 28

midnight 51 12 a.m. 26

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3 a.m. 44 3 p.m. 67

4 a.m. 41 4 p.m. 67

5 a.m. 39 5 p.m. 68

6 p.m. 68

Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos —

Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 80. Tonight, fair.

Lows around 50. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-80s. Wednesday night, fair. Lows in the 50s.

Extended forecast: Thursday, fair. Highs near 80. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 80s. Saturday, fair. Lows near 50. Highs around 80.

Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Today, mostly sunny. Highs 80-85. Tonight, fair. Lows 50-55. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-80s. Wednesday night, fair. Lows 50-55. Extended forecast: Thursday and Friday, fair. Lows in the 50s. Highs 80-90. Saturday, fair. Lows around 50. Highs 80-85.

Far West Texas — Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Tonight, fair. Lows 50-55. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-80s. Wednesday night, fair. Lows 50-55. Extended forecast: Thursday and Friday, fair. Lows in the 50s. Highs 80-90. Saturday, fair. Lows around 50. Highs 80-85.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO — Today, partly cloudy northwest, with variable high cloudiness elsewhere. Breezy most areas in the afternoon. Highs 60s to low 70s mountains, 70s to low 80s elsewhere. Tonight, a few showers far northwest, otherwise partly cloudy and mild. Lows mid-20s to 30s mountains, 40s to low 50s lower elevations. Wednesday and Wednesday night, partly cloudy northwest with mostly fair skies southeast. A slight chance of showers northwest. Breezy again Wednesday afternoon. Highs 60s to low 70s mountains, mostly 70s and 80s lower elevations. Lows mid-20s to 30s mountains, 40s to low 50s lower elevations. Extended forecast: Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy, seasonal temperatures with breezy to windy afternoons. A slight chance of showers over the northwest. Lows mostly 20s and 30s mountains and north with 40s to lower 50s elsewhere. Highs upper 50s to 60s mountains and northwest with 70s and 80s lower elevations east and south.

OKLAHOMA — Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the low- to mid-70s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Wednesday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 70s to mid-80s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers over southeast Oklahoma. Lows in the 50s. Extended forecast: Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs from the lower 80s northwest to near 90 southeast. Highs, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows from the mid-40s to lower 50s. Highs in the mid-70s to lower 80s. Saturday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers southeast Oklahoma. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 70s.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

5-4-2

TAX: IRS, post office make it easier on late filers

(From 1A)

land business professionals were running into the post office, cellular telephones in hand, to snap up the extension forms, and dash back out.

IRS specialist Armando Alferes, an Office Collections Representative and Taxpayer Service Representative was on hand to answer complex questions. "We're here to help everyone. People who can't

afford to get help with their taxes are taking advantage of this," he said.

IRS volunteers sat at tables, calculators humming as they helped people fill out their tax forms.

"I wouldn't know what to do without them," said Sylvia Garza. She arrived at the Post Office with her W-2 receipt in hand. "I don't even know which form to get or where to start."

"We've just been lambasted with people needing help," said IRS employee Sarah Brewster. "People walk in with nothing but a W-2 form and say: 'Here it is.'"

She said some savvy citizens took advantage of "Telefile," using a toll-free 800 number to call in their returns. Many people received their refunds in a couple of weeks. "We also began direct deposit for tax returns this year," Ms. Brewster said.

"A lot of people here tonight are like me," said a man who declined to give his name. "I waited to the last minute because I owe and it hurts to pay up."

Ms. Brewster said taxpayers can check and see if their returns were received and when their refunds are forthcoming by calling 1 (800) 991-7207, the number for Telefile.

BATTLES: Prospects seem dim for a cease-fire

(From 1A)

from one Israeli soldier, the dead have all been Lebanese civilians.

Despite a rush of diplomatic activity, prospects seemed dim for a cease-fire.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher sought ways to end the bloodshed in talks with Lebanese leaders and the foreign ministers of Israel and Syria, which has 40,000 troops in Lebanon and controls its government.

Israel hopes the air raids and the hundreds of thousands of fleeing refugees will pressure Lebanon and Syria to disarm the Iranian-backed Hezbollah. For years, the Shiite Muslim guerrillas have attacked Israeli troops and fired rockets at Israel to drive Israeli troops from southern Lebanon.

Apache helicopter gunships fired rockets Monday at the Hezbollah strongholds of Mraje and Bir Hassan in Beirut's southern slums. Minutes later, Israeli fighter-bombers hit the Baaleem power station on the hills overlooking the city, sending flames and black smoke billowing into the sky.

In southern Lebanon on Monday, Israeli jets, helicopter gunships and artillery battered suspected guerrilla hideouts in communities that have been largely abandoned by residents.

Guerrillas have fired rockets on Israel from the market town of Nabatiyeh and the southern port city of Tyre, and those districts have been heavily hit.

Pillars of black smoke shrouded Nabatiyeh, largely deserted by its 50,000 inhabitants, as buildings burned Monday. A Hezbollah-run hospital was also hit.

Israel urged the few people still in Nabatiyeh and 10 villages around it to flee. Fourteen other villages near Tyre received similar warnings.

The Israeli offensive has driven some 400,000 residents of the south — 10 percent of Lebanon's population — from their homes.

Hezbollah claims it has suffered no casualties in the Israeli onslaught. There was no way to verify that claim. It was clear that the offensive had failed to curb the attack on northern Israel: Hezbollah fired 90 Katyusha rockets Sunday and unleashed intermittent salvos Monday.

The Israeli army said several Katyusha barages hit Galilee on Monday, slightly wounding eight people. One rocket fell outside a synagogue in the border town of Kiryat Shemona.

Schools and businesses in towns within Katyusha range were closed, and dozens of children were bused from Nahariya, an Israeli

resort town on the Mediterranean Sea, to central Israel on Monday. Other children had been evacuated earlier.

In Nahariya, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Israel was prepared to talk peace, but would not set talks in motion: Truces with Hezbollah that Israel has initiated have proven fragile, he said.

"We didn't turn and will not turn to anyone," Peres said. "On the other hand, if requests are being made to us, we will respond to such requests and consider them."

Asked what kind of agreement would satisfy Israel, Peres replied: "Anything that will guarantee security in the northern part of Israel... provided it will really bring back the security."

The intensity of the campaign against Hezbollah, while not unprecedented, has been colored in part by Peres' desire to prove to Israeli voters before May 29 elections that he is not soft on security.

Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of Lebanon, who has visited Syria and Egypt in an attempt to end the bloodshed, warned in Paris: "If Israel continues its attacks on Lebanon, we can say goodbye to the peace process."

BOND: School board sets election date of June 1

(From 1A)

include city, county, hospital and college taxes and does not affect Greenwood school district residents.

In two years, an additional \$0 million to \$0 million dollars will be issued in bonds, but this will not affect the overall tax rate, because

part of the existing debt will be retired at that time.

This dip in the existing debt service payments will allow the district to issue bonds to compensate for the dip, so that taxpayers will maintain the same tax rate for four years.

At the end of that four years, the remainder of the bond will be

issued, with taxes jumping an additional six to eight cents — depending on property values at the time.

In the year 2011, there should be a drop in the tax rate, because this is the date the 13-cents debt payment now in the tax rate will be completely retired.

This initial 13-cent increase will

raise taxes on the average Midland homestead of \$58,470 by \$5.16 per month or \$61.91 per year.

For a standard \$100,000 homestead, the increase would amount to \$9.21 per month or \$110.50 per year.

CABIN: Agents find bottle of anti-depressant drug

(From 1A)

He has not been charged with any of the Unabomber attacks, which killed three people and injured 23.

In its list, the FBI did not specifically link any of the more than 600 items to the Unabomber, or his crimes and did not even use the word "Unabomber."

One item simply read: "One 'Calumet Baking Powder' can containing soldering wire." Another specified a pair of brown and green hiking boots with a brand name, Northwest Territory. One entry said "letters"; another read simply "documents."

Dozens of the entries were for chemicals. A

pipe bomb was found, as was an "improvised explosive device" in a cardboard box, and five guns. Among the weapons were a .25-caliber gun, bolt-action .22-caliber rifle, Remington model .30-06, .22 caliber black-handle revolver and a hand-made gun.

The list doesn't identify the corporate executives or list the addresses.

A bottle of Trazadone, a prescription anti-depressant drug, was found.

The list also described a hooded jacket, a blue zippered sweatshirt and hood and two pairs of plastic glasses. A witness who saw the Unabomber plant one bomb described him as wearing a hooded sweatshirt and aviator glasses, resulting in the widely circulated

composite sketch.

The references to San Francisco and to corporate executives were cryptic. The item was listed as: "One 'Aldrich' box containing misc. papers, newspaper clippings, bus schedule, addresses of corporate officials and maps of San Francisco."

However, the references may be significant because the Unabomber, who raged against modern technology, targeted executives.

Three of the bombings occurred in the San Francisco Bay area and two in Sacramento. Five of the bombs were mailed from Northern California, including two from Oakland and one from San Francisco.

CORONADO: Site may be part of explorer's trail

(From 1A)

fragmentary and were not meant to provide later generations with a map of the route.

"The Texas portion has been one of the critical problems. There has been a steady stream of speculation about the route," Blakeslee said.

The site, in Blanco Canyon east of Lubbock, Texas, was found after a local resident read about the search for Coronado's trail in a newspaper and remembered someone who had discovered an old chain mail gauntlet there in the 1950s.

The gauntlet's owner was tracked down at a retirement home and the item purchased for

the local historical society.

That led Blakeslee in 1994 to the canyon, where a local man named Jimmy Owens used a metal detector to turn up more than a dozen metal crossbow bolt tips.

Only a dozen similar bolt tips have been found in the Southwest, all related to Coronado's documented travels, and no other European explorers were known to use crossbows in the area. More than 30 tips have been found in Blanco Canyon, where an expedition of some 1,500 people and 5,000 head of livestock is believed to have camped for the winter.

"If Blakeslee is able to show even with a shadow of a doubt that this was a campsite, it is a significant find," said Joseph Sanchez,

director of the National Park Service's Spanish Colonial Records Office in Albuquerque, N.M. "We need to be able to say, 'Coronado slept here.'"

Pieces of Pueblo Indian pots, horseshoes, a sword scabbard tip, buckles and nails have also been recovered, further indicating the campsite is genuine.

"It's probably the best candidate anybody's been able to come up with," said acting Texas state archaeologist Patricia Mercado-Allinger. "We're very hopeful and excited that it is one of the campsites."

Because of the vague route, the National Park Service in 1991 said there was no way to map out a recognized historic trail of the expe-

dition. Blakeslee said he hopes to change that through further research, including the hoped-for discovery of a second Texas campsite.

"We're pretty confident our excavations will tell us which one we have," Blakeslee said. "That will enable us to predict the site of the other camp."

Coronado explored the Arkansas River in Kansas with a band of about 30 select men, leaving the bulk of his force behind to hunt buffalo. After searching in vain for gold in Wichita Indian country — as far north as what is now Lyons, Kan. — the group rejoined the main army in New Mexico.

REBATES: Midland economy shows major strength

(From 1A)

percent.

■ Big Spring: \$260,729 for this month; \$269,424 for April of last year; down 3.22 percent; \$1,165,356 for this year to date; \$1,157,019 for last year to date; up .72 percent.

■ Lamesa: \$50,324 for this month; \$49,966 for April of last year; up 18.73 percent; \$279,602 for

this year to date; \$281,644 for last year to date; down 0.72 percent.

■ McCreary: \$7,896 for this month; \$8,190 for April of last year; down 3.58 percent; \$31,500 for this year to date; \$32,477 for last year to date; down 3.00 percent.

■ Odessa: \$782,807 for this month; \$574,428 for April of last year; up 36.27 percent; \$3,172,427 for this year to date; \$2,919,587 for last

year to date; up 8.66 percent.

■ Rankin: \$2,067 for this month; \$1,716 for April of last year; up 20.45 percent; \$9,013 for this year to date; \$8,763 for last year to date; up 2.85 percent.

■ Stanton: \$6,111 for this month; \$4,870 for April of last year; up 25.49 percent; \$28,336 for this year to date; \$22,889 for last year to date; up 23.79 percent.

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Japan, U.S. agree on bases pact

TOKYO — The United States and Japan agreed on Monday on a far-reaching plan that may reduce dramatically the aggravation of the American bases in Okinawa. But the plan also raises new questions about the Japan-American relationship in the years ahead.

The package of steps announced on Monday, just a day before President Clinton arrives for a state visit, will lead to the return of an air base, two communications centers, a port, and other major military properties to their owners on Okinawa, the southern Japanese island. The U.S. military, which now controls one-fifth of Okinawa, is scheduled to hand back 20 percent of its holdings in the coming years.

'Truth Commission' begins its work

EAST LONDON, South Africa — In the ornate Victorian city hall here, South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission began its work on Monday, inviting a half dozen victims of apartheid's brutality to come forward and tell their stories. Most were widows whose husbands disappeared in police custody. They told of their ever more frantic searches and of their own spells in detention because they were seen as collaborators. One woman was not allowed water to wash for more than a month. Another was falsely told that her youngest child had died, and if she confessed, she could attend the funeral.

Late snow surprises Eastern Europe

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Unseasonable snow brought a rare white Easter to Orthodox Christians in the Balkans and snarled traffic for weekend skiers coming home from Czech mountain slopes.

Millions of Bulgarians woke up Monday to find snow blanketing the country except for the Black Sea coast and the southeast, the Meteorological Institute reported. The snowfall measured 4 inches in the capital Sofia and over 9 inches in the north.

Snow and near-freezing temperatures also spread as far north as the Czech Republic and west into the Balkans.

Skiers returning from the Czech Republic's Krkonose and Jizerske Mountains on Sunday faced delays because of the weather.

In Romania, police said eight people were killed in traffic accidents Sunday and early Monday, about twice the average. They blamed drivers going too fast in bad weather conditions.

Fabled Trojan gold goes on exhibit

MOSCOW — Russia unveiled a stunning collection of gold from ancient Troy on Monday — the most dramatic volley yet in its battle with Germany over World War II "trophy" art that had been shrouded in secrecy for a half-century.

"This show should have been opened long ago," museum director Irina Antonova told a news conference. "These are remarkable treasures of the past."

The Trojan Gold, also known as King Priam's Treasure, was excavated by a German amateur archeologist, Heinrich Schliemann, in 1873 and sent to Berlin. He was convinced at the time that it belonged to Priam, king of the city that was featured in Homer's epic, The Iliad. However, the hoard — discovered in what is now northwestern Turkey — was later determined to date to the Bronze Age and about 2500 B.C., long before Homer.

The treasure, which begins a year-long public showing on Tuesday, had lain in Moscow's Pushkin Museum vaults since the victorious Red Army scooped it up in Berlin in 1945.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Clinton to propose North, South Korea peace talks

CHEJU-DO, South Korea (AP) — President Clinton is expected to announce a proposal for unconditional peace talks between North and South Korea with the United States and China as direct participants, U.S. officials said.

The unexpected initiative was the centerpiece of discussions between Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam on this resort island. It has been in the works quietly for about two months after being raised by South Korea, officials said.

Clinton and Kim were to announce the proposal for four-way talks at a news conference this morning, Korean time.

China and North Korea are reviewing the idea but have not given a formal response, an official said, adding, "They certainly didn't reject it categorically." North Korea accepted a letter recently outlining the proposal, the official said.

The goal is a dialogue to lead to a reconciliation between North and South Korea, replacing the 43-year-old armistice to the long-settled war with a permanent peace settlement. In the

short term, the United States hopes to get both sides to take "confidence-building" measures to reduce tensions along the border.

Until now, the United States has insisted that North and South Korea negotiate directly with each other on a permanent peace accord.

North Korea has tried to force the United States into direct negotiations, which would put South Korea into a secondary role. Clinton's initiative is a new diplomatic formula for a peace process.

Some U.S. officials believe that North Korea staged military incursions into the Demilitarized Zone earlier this month after learning about the initiative. That way, North Korea could claim the United States was reacting to its move, in a form of concession.

Clinton has tried to make peacemaking a hallmark of his presidency, boasting of efforts in the Mideast, Haiti, Bosnia and Northern Ireland. Any movement in the long Korean stalemate would be an election-year plus for the president.

After a 20-hour flight from Washington,

Clinton arrived here before dawn. Accompanied by his wife, Hillary, the president was greeted by Kim and his wife at a seaside hotel. "We're glad to be here," the president said, complimenting Kim on the beauty of the island in the early morning hours.

Kim said he hoped Clinton would be able to see more of the island attractions and the president replied, "Time will take care of that."

Shortly after arriving here, the president and his wife changed into running suits and strolled along the beach of the East China Sea as the rising sun burned away an early-morning mist.

In their talks, Clinton also was expected to reaffirm to Kim that the United States is committed to defending the South while urging the North to stop violating the border area.

About 37,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea.

During a refueling stop in Alaska en route from Washington, Clinton told reporters he was optimistic about maintaining peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Young guns rule Monrovia streets

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Grinding the gears of stolen cars they don't know how to drive, waving their weapons in the air, the young thugs wreaking havoc on Monrovia's streets are untrained teen-agers. They're often too drunk to shoot straight and they flee in the face of real opposition.

That's little comfort to the hundreds of thousands of unarmed Liberians left to survive as their capital descends into anarchy, or to Americans and other foreigners being evacuated on U.S. military helicopters.

But to the elite U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force special forces taking part in rescue operations in Liberia, these gunmen are a far cry from the militiamen who were united behind Somali warlord Mohammed Farrah Aidid during the deadly 1993-94 U.S. mission in Mogadishu.

In Monrovia, there are several different factions at war but much of the looting and shooting appears to be more the work of thugs taking advantage of the chaos than of serious rebels.

"We really don't see a threat from the warring factions right now. The biggest threat has been from the little hoodlums," said U.S. Army Maj. Taylor Beattie, 37, of New Castle, Del., standing on an embassy balcony on Saturday.

To many U.S. soldiers, the young thugs are comical, inspiring nicknames and wisecracks. "Hey, here comes the wig man!" joked one U.S. Army Ranger as a skinny, wild-haired kid in a bubble-gum pink T-shirt sauntered past the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy.

One night last week, two teen-age gunmen tried to push their way past the embassy gate. The minute two U.S. soldiers showed up, the hoodlums "threw down their guns,

threw up their hands and ran," said U.S. Ambassador William Milan.

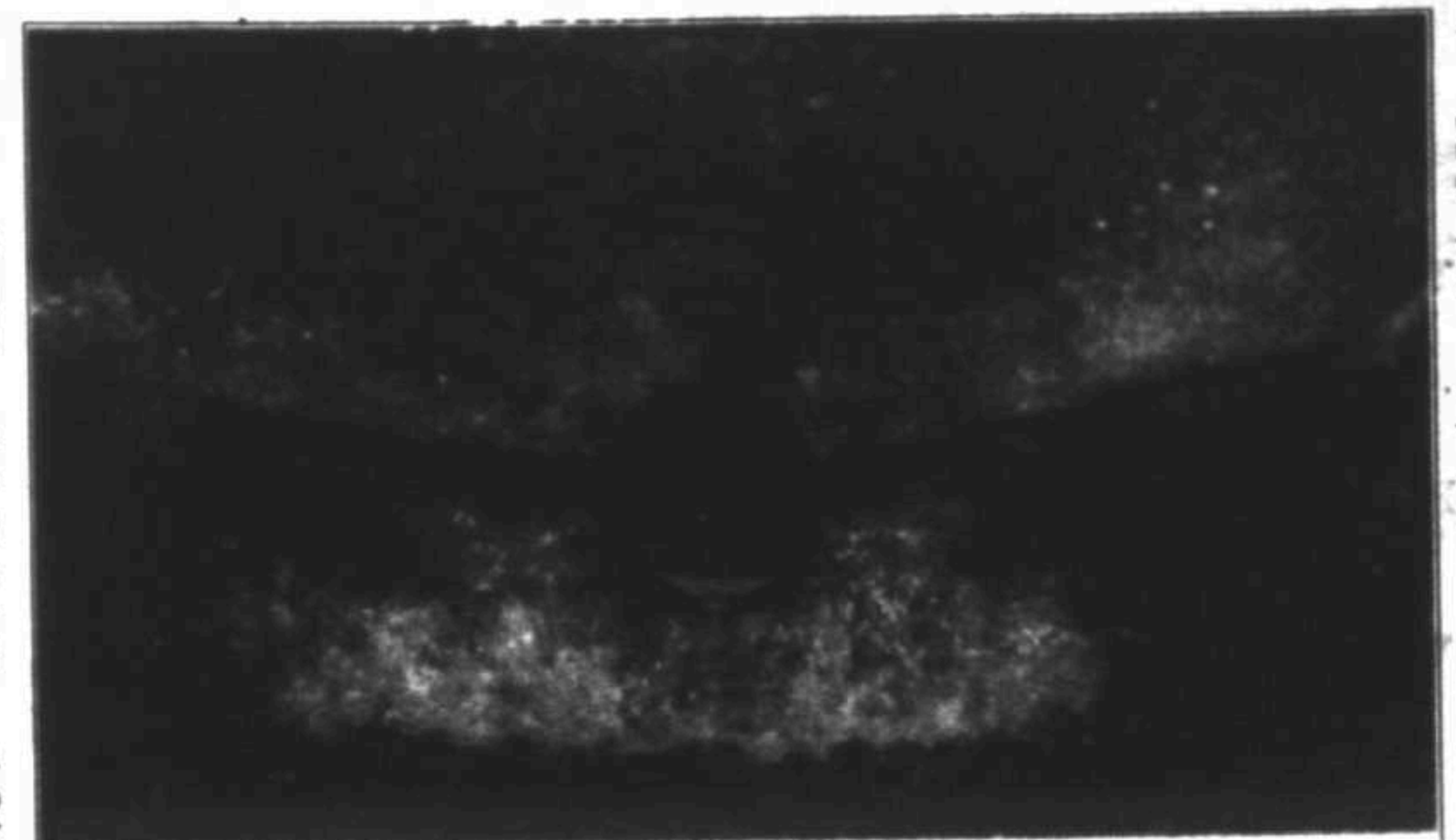
But while Monrovia's punks are evidently no match for American soldiers, they are a very real threat to their own people.

"They're careful not to point the guns at us, but the same little darlings go up the street and fire them around Graystone," said Beattie, referring to the embassy's residential compound that has become a camp for 20,000 Liberians.

At least 13 Liberians have been shot at Graystone since the camp sprang up there April 7, and two of them have died.

Virtually all of the bullets have been stray rounds, underscoring what appears to be the greatest threat so far to civilians and U.S. troops: the wild shots of gunmen who often are drunk on stolen booze.

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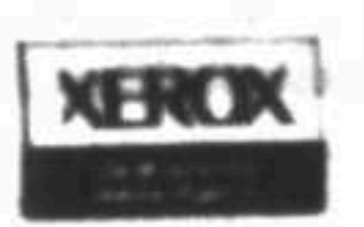
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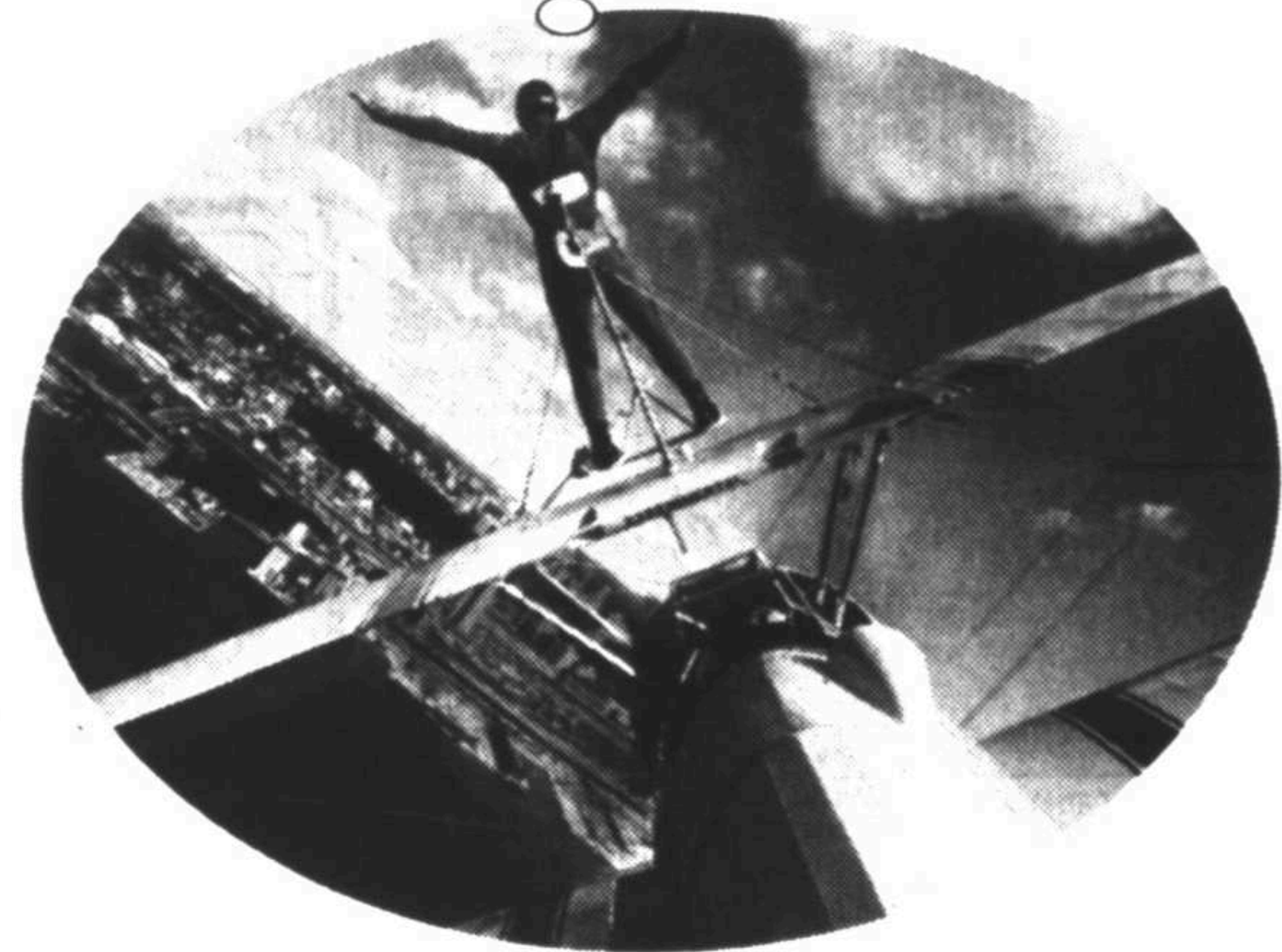
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Seven dead, 30 wounded after tornado hits Ozark town

By Chuck Bartels
Associated Press Writer

SYLAMORE, Ark. (AP) — The smell of sap from freshly splintered trees hung over the Ozark Mountains on Monday after a tornado ripped through during the first big tourist weekend of spring, killing seven people.

Three of the victims were tourists staying at a campground.

At least 30 people were injured. Buddy Marsalis struggled to hold back tears as he waited for sheriff's deputies to let him look for any belongings that remained from the destroyed home of friends who were killed outside Sylamore.

His friends, Larry Carney, 52, and his wife, Jenny, 50, "were supposed to be baptized at the church last night," Marsalis said. "If they'd have gone, they'd be alive."

Near the town of Fox, about 15 miles southwest of Sylamore, uprooted pine trees leaned against the roof of Skyland Baptist Church, which remained standing. The tornado struck while about 30 people were in the hilltop church for Sunday night services.

"I looked out the window and I saw a building go by," said the Rev. Ron Ivie as he helped church members clear away the trees.

The tornado hopped along hilly terrain in north-central Arkansas for some 45 miles.

Hardest hit was the Holiday Mountain Resort, a campground at Sylamore with hookups for recreational vehicles and easy access to fishing spots.

"It's a pretty nice place," Reggie Harrell said, then paused. "It was."

Monday, Gov. Jim Guy Tucker declared Stone and Izard counties disaster areas, making residents eligible for financial aid. Preliminary damage estimates ranged from \$4.5 million to \$5 million, according to the state Office of Emergency Services.

Campground employees said four people were killed there: Carl and Eleanor Allen of Memphis, Tenn.; Howard Smith of Germantown, Tenn.; and Juanita Belcher of Cabot, Ark.

The Carneys' home near Sylamore was obliterated. Even the garage slab appeared to have been uprooted. The seventh victim, Patsy Dargess, also lived near Sylamore.

The twister caught Izard County Sheriff Donnie Joe Yancey on the road.

"It threw me out of the Jeep and into a ditch. I was going across the road and I wasn't touching the



Employees waded through debris that once made up the car dealership in Sylamore, Arkansas, Monday. The tornado tore up this small Ozark town and left seven dead in its wake.

ground," he said. He landed in a ditch and said he was "digging like an armadillo," clutching grass to stay put.

Several hundred yards from the Skyland Baptist Church, Burl Gammill said he saw his cows trot into a protected hollow Sunday

night and he knew the weather was going to get rough. The tornado came two minutes later. The cows survived.

"Cows are smart about things like that," Gammill said as he and his son worked to repair damage to their well.

Young pilot laid to rest in California service

PESCADERO, Calif. (AP) — Strangers gathered with family and friends under gloomy skies Monday to remember Jessica Dubroff, the 7-year-old girl whose pursuit of a flying record brought tragedy and misgivings.

Jessica's funeral was expected to draw hundreds of people and possibly include a flyover by her 9-year-old brother, Joshua. Joshua takes flying lessons, and it was not clear whether he or his flight instructor would be piloting the plane that his mother, Lisa Hathaway, indicated would make the flyover.

The service was to be held in the child's hometown on the California coast nearly 40 miles south of San Francisco. Burial was planned in a nearby cemetery where she used to ride her bike.

Jessica was attempting to become the youngest pilot to cross the continent when her small plane crashed in Wyoming on Thursday. Her father and flight instructor also were killed.

Criticism of the flight has been mounting since the crash, with many people saying children shouldn't be allowed to fly. Others have wondered whether the dream of flying across the country was Jessica's or her parents'.

A funeral Mass was said Monday morning for the flight instructor, Joe Reid, and more than 500 people attended a vigil for him Sunday evening. Lloyd Dubroff's funeral was planned for Tuesday.

Jessica took off on Wednesday from Half Moon Bay, Calif., and was headed to Falmouth, Mass. Her single-engine plane went down

in Cheyenne shortly after she took off from that stopover in an icy rainstorm. Investigators have said the plane was overloaded.

The attempt at the record apparently had already failed on the first leg, when Reid took the controls several times, according to Jessica's mother.

She said on Sunday that Reid had flown the plane once while Jessica took a nap. He also landed the plane in Cheyenne, and government investigators said his injuries suggest he was flying when the plane crashed.

"Jessica would have done the entire 7,000 miles even if she knew she wouldn't break the world record," Hathaway said. "She thoroughly enjoyed flying."

In Cheyenne, hundreds of people

carrying teddy bears, balloons and flowers remembered Jessica at a memorial service on Sunday.

While the child's death was a tragedy, "an even greater tragedy would be never to dream at all," the Rev. David Rockwood told mourners. "Even though her dream ended in tragedy, it touched our hearts, our souls."

Some who attended the memorial in Cheyenne defended the girl's quest.

"I would ask those people if children have to wait until a certain age to dream," said James Steven Smith, reading from a poem he wrote. "Jessica said to herself, 'I don't care about the rules. I want to fly across the United States.'"

Dietary supplement for cattle may build muscle in humans

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dietary supplement developed for use in cattle feed appears to help male athletes build twice as much muscle as exercise alone, Iowa State University scientists reported Monday.

It's too soon to know all the effects of HMB, which the body naturally produces every time a person eats protein. But clinical trials involving large supplements of HMB are generating excitement among fitness buffs. The supplement's distributor even claims to have sold it to some Olympians and professional football players.

"If you take HMB and a bag of potato chips and sit on a couch, you're not going to see any effects," cautioned Iowa State veterinarian Steven Nissen, who presented his research to biologists meeting here Monday.

But combined with exercise, 3 grams of HMB a day — the amount derived if anyone could stand eating 500 grams of meat — helped men develop more muscle and lose more fat, he said.

Is HMB more than just another dietary supplement fad? Time will tell, said Elizabeth Applegate, an expert on such fads at the University of California, Davis, who had not yet seen Nissen's results.

But she noted that researchers have long touted high-protein diets for athletes, and specifically a protein amino acid called leucine. HMB is a metabolite of leucine.

"We're becoming more sophisticated" in searching for muscle-building aids, she said. "First we eat meat, then we take amino acids, now we're taking metabolites of amino acids."

HMB appears safe, but needs some more research to prove how it affects muscle, added Rick Sharp, sports medicine director for the U.S. Olympic swimming team, who is following Nissen's research to determine whether to recommend that his athletes take HMB.

Nissen discovered HMB, known chemically as beta-hydroxy methylbutyrate, in 1988 while searching for ways to grow leaner cattle. Too much leucine was required to make supplements

feasible, so he looked at leucine's byproducts. HMB apparently is the metabolite responsible for leucine's muscle-building effects, he said.

A colleague at Vanderbilt University, who was interested in the human metabolism of protein, in 1991 tested HMB in 20 regular exercisers. The half who took HMB built more muscle than those who took dummy pills, so Nissen began proving the results weren't a fluke.

He unveiled his fifth and largest clinical trial Monday. Forty men ate 3 grams of HMB a day or a placebo while undergoing strenuous exercise for four weeks. The HMB takers increased muscle by 3.1 percent and lost 7.3 percent of body fat, while those on placebo built only 1.9 percent muscle and lost 2.2 percent fat.

He's now studying HMB in women. Nissen isn't sure how HMB works, but it may affect an oddity of exercise: Exercise builds new muscle but simultaneously can break down existing muscle.

Getting the benefit and not the

breakdown is "a very fine balance," said the Olympic swim team's Sharp, who wants to study whether HMB could help swimmers and other Olympic athletes during their intensive training.

Meanwhile, Iowa State has formed a company to produce HMB supplements. Since October, some 30,000 people have ordered HMB, including Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos football players and members of the Canadian Olympic bobsled team, said Bill Phillips, president of EAS Experimental and Applied Sciences in Denver, which markets HMB.

Human dietary supplements are not federally regulated before their sale, but Nissen hopes to seek Food and Drug Administration approval within 18 months to sell HMB as a nutritional aid for cattle — as soon as he produces enough to drop the \$100 per pound price to one farmers can afford.

And he's about to study HMB as a medicine, giving it to people in nursing homes to see if it counters the loss of muscle that comes with age.

NATION IN BRIEF

■ Vitamin C dosage may be too low

WASHINGTON — Some 200 milligrams of Vitamin C a day, about three times the current recommended daily allowance, seems to be the most healthful dose for men, says new research by National Institutes of Health.

The study, reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Tuesday, looked at just seven patients. But it was the first that measured the body's absorption, distribution and excretion of multiple doses of Vitamin C in healthy people who were hospitalized so doctors could control everything they ate.

"Eating five fruits and vegetables a day will easily provide 200 mg," said study author Dr. Mark Levine. And the message for doctors: "They should ask patients who complain of fatigue or irritability what they eat. If their diet is all fast food, they may be deficient in Vitamin C."

Levine hospitalized seven healthy men ages 20 to 26 for up to six months, restricting the Vitamin C in their diets but providing different doses in pills.

■ Bank accused of loan discrimination

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department filed suit Monday accusing a small Nebraska bank of charging American Indians higher interest rates on loans.

The complaint, filed in U.S. District Court in Rapid City, S.D., accuses the First National Bank of Gordon of violating the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Fair Housing Act by charging Indians more to borrow money than it charged similarly qualified whites.

An investigation revealed "no nonracial business explanation to justify the price differences we found," Justice lawyers said in a written statement.

Interest rates charged for consumer loans ranged from 9 percent to 18 percent during an investigation by the Comptroller of the Currency, the suit said.

"It's unfair and illegal to make Native Americans pay more," said Deval Patrick, assistant attorney general for civil rights.

■ Balloon crash kills one, injures seven

PHOENIX — A hot air balloon carrying tourists attending a car dealers conference crashed and burned in the desert Monday, killing one woman and injuring seven other people.

Eight passengers and the balloon pilot were aboard when the craft went down while trying to land near busy Interstate 17.

"It was attempting to land in the open desert when for unknown reasons it began to roll as it struck the ground," said Detective Mike McCullough, a police spokesman. A propane tank aboard the gondola caught fire, he said.

The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating. A 38-year-old man was hospitalized in critical condition with burns over 65 percent of his body, and a 26-year-old woman was in fair condition with burns.

Two men, ages 72 and 43, were in stable condition, and three other people were being treated at a second hospital for mostly minor injuries.

One person was not injured seriously enough to require hospitalization. None of the victims' names was immediately released.

■ Sheriff fires guards for mock hanging

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Two white guards were fired from the county jail Monday after staging the mock hanging of a black inmate.

Sgt. Gary Lambert and Officer Steve Rickman had already been suspended with pay and charged with misdemeanor battery after the March 24 incident.

The guards placed a hangman's noose around inmate Kenneth Ziegler's neck, tied it to a pole and handcuffed Ziegler's hands behind his back, police said.

The guards told police they were joking and that their action was not racially motivated. The FBI is investigating.

"They crossed the line, a very serious line," said Mike Thomas, president of the Huntington chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "It's a situation where they hung themselves."

A board of inquiry of the guards' peers recommended the firings, said Sheriff Otis Adkins.

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Bridge

By Amy Sano
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — George Burns, a baby boomer probably playing afternoon golf, invaded the online leagues own home page.

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By Matt Kelley
Associated Press

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Bridge now on Internet

By Amy Sancetta
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — George Burns loved it. If you're a baby boomer, your mother probably played it in ritual afternoon gatherings. It's invaded the Internet, with online leagues, clubs, and its own home page.

And though the card game faded in popularity in the late '70s and '80s, it's on the comeback trail.

It's bridge. And as many of the 5,000 people gathered for a national competition in Philadelphia recently will tell you, bridge is back.

"Worldwide, bridge is skyrocketing," says Henry Francis, editor of the American Contract Bridge League's monthly magazine, *The Bulletin*.

"It's huge in France, The Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, Norway. And there seems to now be a resurgence in the United States as well."

The game has made the big move out of senior citizen centers and suburban living rooms. An enthusiast can take a bridge holiday to Barbados, or participate in a regional tournament at the Bridge Fiesta in Trinidad. Or for those wanting to stay a little closer to home, there's always the July 4th festivities at the Omaha Regionals in Nebraska.

In the spring championship held in Philadelphia, 60,000 hands of bridge were played daily over 10 days of the event, by housewives and businessmen, professionals and profes-

sional gamblers, seniors and students.

"We hold hundreds of events," Francis explains. "Hands for absolute beginners to the absolute best in the world."

For enthusiasts of the game, it's far from the slow-paced, tea-sipping, yawn-inducing game many might imagine.

"It's not relaxing," says Harry Tudor, who came to the championships from Miami to play in the Vanderbilt Tournament, the week's premier event. "It's very strenuous. It's a very tough thing."

A game played in teams of two where the taking of tricks determines each hand's winners, bridge requires concentration, determination and a little luck.

"You gotta be a machine," says Billy Miller, a bridge columnist from Las Vegas after finishing what seemed like his 100th hand of the day. "The game's 90 percent skill and 10 percent luck."

"It's an extremely logical game," explains Francis. "It should be taught in schools, because it teaches logic and simple mathematics."

"And for older people, it keeps them mentally and socially active."

Richard Pavlicek Jr., 26, a college student from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., has played bridge for 17 years. An amateur champion himself, Pavlicek learned the game from his father, Richard Sr., a national champion several times over.

Lawyer finds reward

By Elliott Minor
Associated Press

ALBANY, Ga. — Eighteen years of bankruptcies, divorce work and criminal cases left attorney H. Stewart Brown feeling burned out.

So he switched to the small but growing specialty of elder law. As the staff attorney for the Southwest Georgia Council on Aging, the lanky lawyer travels 14 counties to help senior citizens with legal problems ranging from landlord-tenant disputes to bankruptcies and fraud.

"I went home before feeling stressed out and depressed," he said. "I go home now and I have a feeling that I'm doing something worthwhile — that I'm fulfilling a need for people who appreciate it."

He was shocked to learn how many older people are ripped off by scam artists and loved ones — often while the victims are ill, feeble or otherwise unable to think clearly.

"I think it's a breakdown in the morality of our society," said Brown, 53. "Targeting the elderly for fraud and abuse is an epidemic, not just in southwestern Georgia, but nationwide. People say, 'They're old. What do they need that money for? I'll get that money.'"

Mary Bagwell, a 73-year old Albany widow, sought Brown's help because another attorney told her she'd have to pay \$947 for a will. Brown provides the service free.

Mrs. Bagwell's husband died in October, leaving her with bills and only \$4,000 in life insurance. "I was just delighted to find out

about this service," she said.

The council, Brown's employer, operates more than 20 programs such as meals and homemaker services for about 8,000 older people a year.

Phil Gresham, coordinator of the elder legal services program, said his office refers 15 to 20 people a month to Brown or 64 other attorneys who volunteer their services. Gresham's office assists another 20 to 40 per month who need help on routine matters such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public assistance and food stamps.

Among Brown's clients was an elderly victim of the 1994 flood. A close relative took federal disaster funds the man needed for furniture. When repairs to the man's house were complete, he returned to a home that was virtually empty.

"We couldn't get the furniture money back," Brown said. "It left him emotionally devastated."

Another case involved a woman who conned her father into granting a power of attorney while he was on his deathbed, then stole thousands of dollars from him and her mother.

In a third case, a woman wheedled her way into the good graces of an elderly woman. While the woman was in a coma, the "friend" sold her car and put her house up for sale. When the woman recovered, she returned to an empty house and found that her car was gone.

Brown is not always able to help. Sometimes the con artists are too slick or the victims die before their cases go to court.

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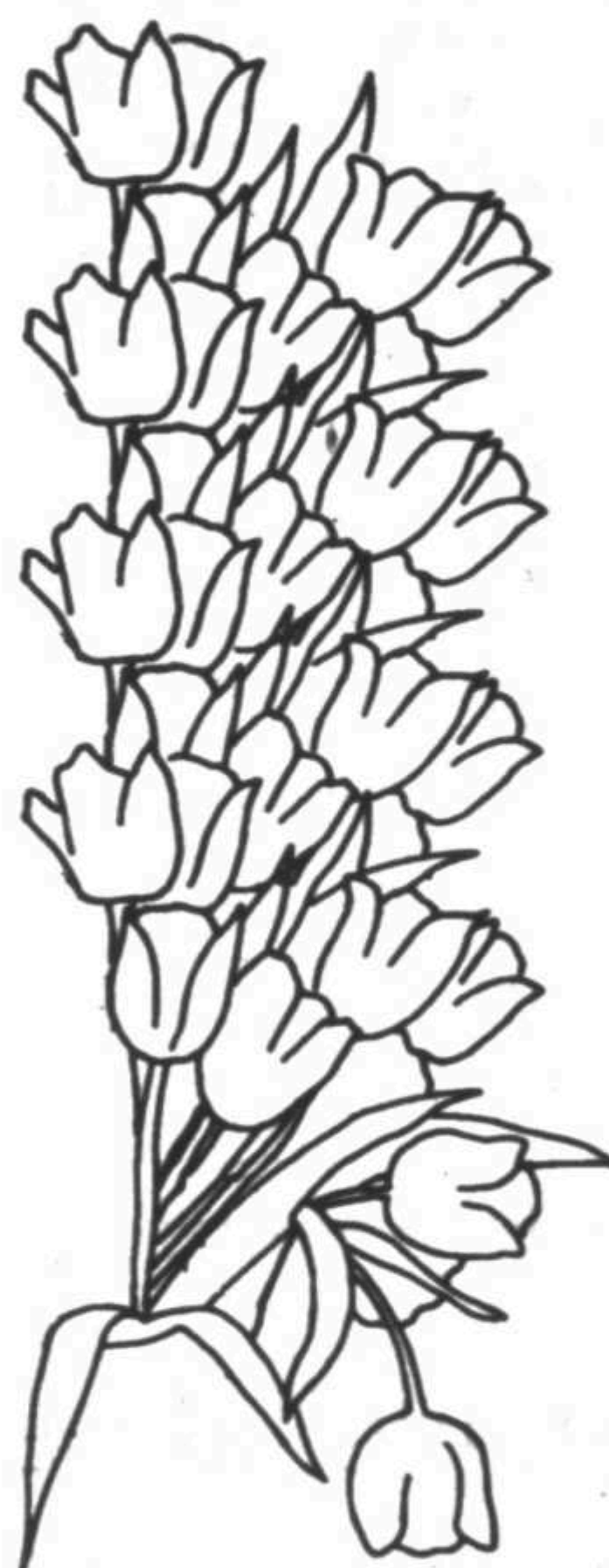
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Genetically engineered pigs: farming's biotechnology frontier

By Matt Kelley
Associated Press

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — A knot of young pigs sniffs eagerly at Matt Wheeler's shoes as the University of Illinois researcher shows off the results of five years of genetic engineering.

These pink-skinned, curly tailed porkers are bearing cattle genes which Wheeler hopes will eventually help boost pork production in the United States.

"As you can see, they don't look any different from any of the other ones," Wheeler says as he stands in a pen surrounded by the brave new pigs. "That's the point of this technology. Unless you do a DNA analysis, you won't know they're any different."

The nine young pigs at a University of Illinois research farm are the second and most crucial generation of a genetic engineering project designed to create strains of livestock "better than the average pig," as Wheeler puts it.

Wheeler's research team took a gene that increases milk production in dairy cattle and injected it into hundreds of pig embryos, only one of which survived with the new gene intact. That boar — nicknamed "Al" after the a-lactalbumin gene he carried — sired 19 piglets, nine of which have the cattle gene.

When Al's daughters have their own litters this fall, Wheeler will get the first indication of whether they will produce more milk than the average pig. If they do, the resulting breeding line could nurse larger litters which gain weight faster before weaning.

For producers, that would mean more pigs and more profits.

"These are real tentative figures, but if that is true you're talking about probably an extra \$25 million per year in the pockets of Illinois pork producers," Wheeler says. "If you take that over the U.S., it's probably in the neighborhood of \$250 million or more in improved efficiency."

The University of Illinois pigs are just a small part of a recent explosion of biotechnology in the agricultural industry. Genetically engineered farm products already available include tomatoes altered to have a longer shelf life, soy-

beans engineered to be resistant to certain herbicides and a hormone injected into dairy cattle to boost milk production.

Surveys, however, show that many people are uneasy about the prospect of manipulating the genes of the food we eat, experts in bioethics say.

"Because biotechnology is new and associated with religious concerns it's right at the forefront of the public's skepticism with science," said Paul Thompson, director of the Center for Biotechnology Policy and Ethics at Texas A&M University.

Genetic engineering of agricultural products raises a number of moral questions which agriculture and academia are just beginning to address, bioethicists say. Those ethical issues include whether the genetic engineering will cause more suffering among the newly created animals and

what effects the new organisms will have on the environment.

Agriculture is years behind professions like law and medicine in addressing such ethical concerns, said Gary Comstock, coordinator of Iowa State University's agricultural bioethics program.

"I think it's because agriculture has done a wonderful job of fulfilling its mission for us. In this century we've seen massive gains in productivity and efficiency in the industry," Comstock said.

At the University of Illinois, such issues are addressed by a committee which ensures the humane treatment of laboratory animals and oversees the ethical implications of research projects. Before any of the pigs with cow genes could be released for general use, they would have to be approved by both the U.S. Agriculture Department and the Food and Drug Administration, Wheel-

er said.

The University of Illinois team also plans years of intensive studies of the genetically engineered pigs to make sure they are healthy and truly offer advantages to pork producers, Wheeler said.

Humans have genetically manipulated farm animals for centuries through breeding for certain traits, Wheeler said. Genetic engineering is a quicker and more precise way to do that, he said.

"You can change the genetics in one generation, rather than 20 generations," Wheeler said.

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Cleanup effort turns into valuable lesson

During the springtime, there are a couple of truths Midlanders can feel confident about. One is that the wind (and dust) are going to blow. The second is that when the dust isn't filling the skies over Midland, any paper, trash or debris littering the city's streets or lots will be.

Thanks to the efforts of one Midland woman, however, there will be less trash and debris for the incessant spring winds to blow around this year.

She is Teresa Howery, who works for the Midland Judicial District Community Supervision & Corrections Department, and along with probationers under her supervision, she has performed over 50,851 hours

of community service to Midland since Sept. 1.

What that diligent service means to Midlanders is a cleaner, less trashy, and safer community. And what it means to the probationers is a valuable lesson about providing service to the community through such a worthwhile project. That experience can change their perception of what the term "community" really means and what their role in the community can mean to them and others. In fact, it can help them gain respect for themselves and others in the community.

This is a worthwhile project and Midlanders owe Teresa Howery a hearty "thank you" for literally helping to clean up Midland!

WILLIAM MURCHISON

Candidate is good sign of party's condition

Over the past half century, the Democratic nominees for U.S. senator from Texas have included Tom Connally, Lyndon Johnson, Lloyd Bentsen and Ralph Yarborough. This year's nominee, the man solemnly commissioned to go forth and knock off Sen. Phil Gramm, is ... Victor Morales? The truth can be improbable. Victor Morales teaches school in one Dallas suburb and serves as councilman for another. Few Texans, probably including some who voted for him, know him from Adam's off ox. His candidacy says more about the condition of the Democratic Party in Texas than about anything else. That condition is less than inspiring.

Who would have thought it could come to this? Half a century ago, the Texas Democratic Party was prime pasture for the state's biggest political bulls. Nowhere was where you got in Texas unless you were a Democrat. This was so because the party was conservative in a business-oriented, limited-government, stay-out-of-my-hair kind of way. Do-gooders who hoped to finance their aspirations out of the public treasury did poorly by and large. Even Lyndon Johnson, whose wild and woolly Great Society we're still paying for, posed as the essence of fiscal rectitude while he was senator from Texas.

Once the Democratic Party started biting instead of nurturing the great middle class — culturally as well as economically — the picture began changing. John Tower won election to Johnson's Senate seat. Texas today is at least as Republican as it is Democratic — maybe more so. The '96 elections will provide evidence. The current congressional breakdown is 18 Democrats and 12 Republicans. However, two of those Democrats, Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs and John Bryant of Dallas, in vying for Gramm's job, lost to Victor Morales. Both of their now-vacant seats, especially Bryant's, are exceedingly likely to fall to Republicans.

What is it about Morales? Anything? Not really, apart from a pleasant demeanor and a commendable earnestness about his self-assigned mission. He roamed as much of the

state as he could cover in his white Nissan pickup truck, cadging gasoline money in the form of campaign contributions. He wound up the run-off primary campaign with \$9,000 in the bank. Morales has something better, perhaps, than money — the same surname as the state's attorney general, who, within the last couple of weeks, gained enormous publicity by filing a multi-billion dollar lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

When pressed for his views on current issues, Morales sometimes had to punt. He didn't know what to say. He promises now to bone up. Call him an outsider, all right — one positioned so far outside he needs binoculars to see what's happening in the halls of power.

It is desperately hard to envision Morales surviving an encounter with Gramm, even when you factor in party backing and ethnic identity (Hispanics now outnumber blacks in Texas). Ciphers sometimes get elected to the House of Representatives but rarely to the more visible Senate.

Is this what the Texas Democratic Party has come to — Victor Morales? There is no more

reliable poll than the polling places. The votes say that the Democratic establishment doesn't exactly have Texans standing on their chairs, cheering.

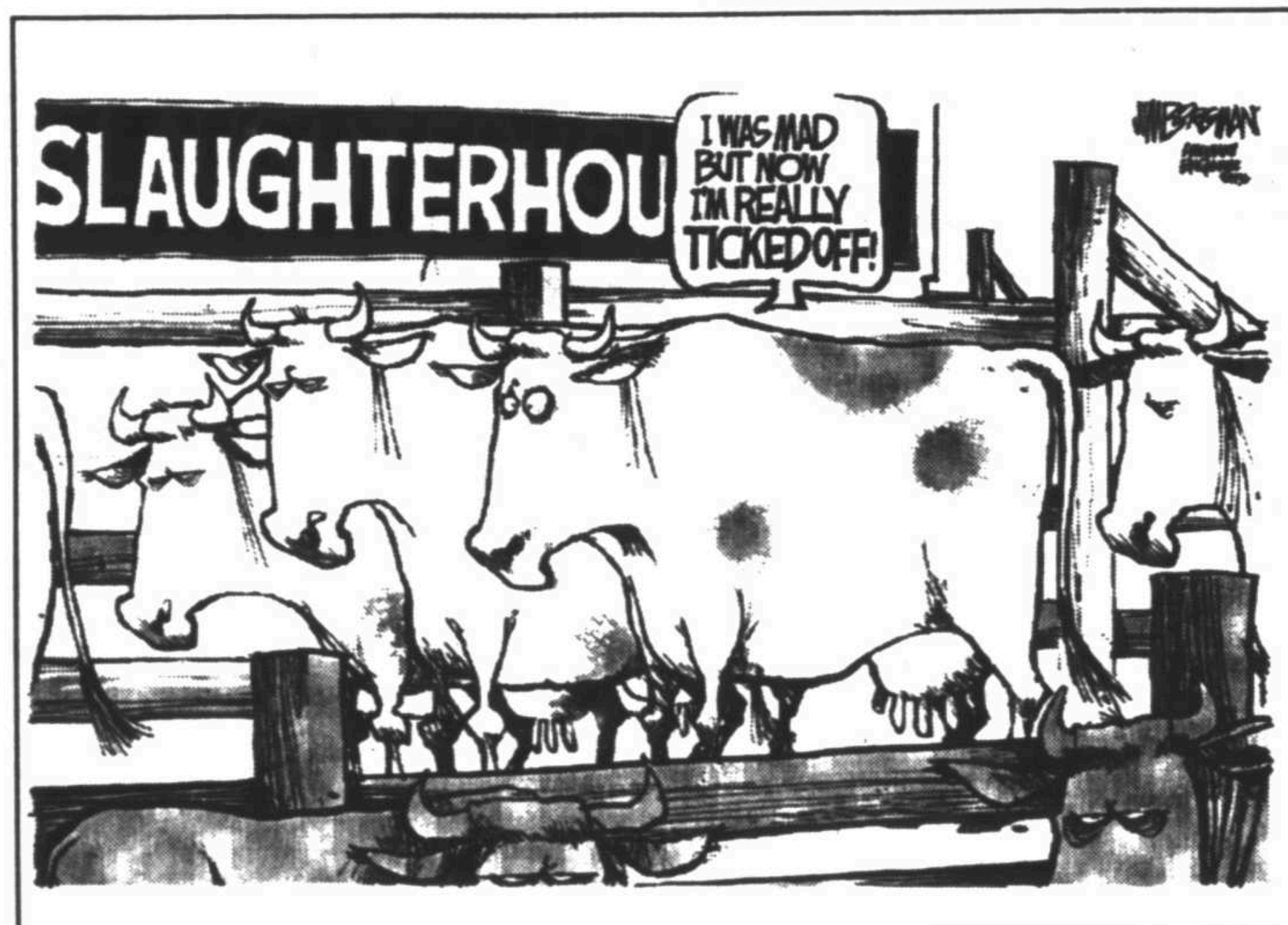
The last Democratic governor, Ann Richards, endorsed Bryant; it didn't help, which is no vast surprise, given Richards' failure to get herself re-elected in 1994. Nor have the Democrats a plausible candidate to take on the well-liked Republican governor, George W. Bush, in two more years.

Up in Washington, the Clintonites rub their hands gleefully — or would like us to think they do — over the coming match between Grumpy Bob and Charming Billy. That ducks the question: What is it the Democrats are selling this year in terms of policy and prescription? Whatever it was in Texas, it sold so poorly that two Democratic insiders lie sprawled in the political dust, knocked over by a Nissan pickup truck. The old order changeth — and how!

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ANOTHER VIEW

Education is not just about getting the high-paying jobs

On the surface, it sounded like a good idea: Toughen up academic standards across the nation.

And by the end of the recent two-day summit, the nation's governors had pledged to do just that.

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson was optimistic. "By setting standards for our schools, our students will graduate with the skills they need to succeed," he said. "They will be able to command good jobs, good wages."

We wish that Gov. Thompson's optimism were justified.

Unfortunately, it's not. We know of too many cases of well-educated, competent people being edged out of their high-paying jobs through corporate downsizing to believe that the key to job and income security rests only — or even primarily — with having to clear tough academic hurdles in the first 12 grades.

Why do adults feel it necessary

to push our young into academia if they have no aptitude for it?

Whatever happened to the idea of working at something you love, no matter what the wages? Whatever happened to the idea of service?

Lest it appear that we are opposed to tightening up academic standards in our public schools, that is not the case.

High academic standards are necessary to the survival of our democracy.

But we firmly believe it is foolish to equate success with a big bank account.

Let's give our children the right message: Education is necessary to make one into a well-rounded and well-grounded individual. Period.

— The Daily Times Farmington, N.M.

CHARLEY REESE

You can only change morals with persuasion

Abortion is a moral, not a legal, issue and therefore cannot be compromised.

If you believe that human life begins with conception, as I do, then the taking of innocent human life under any circumstance except self-defense, is morally wrong. We can't split the difference on moral issues or you end up with situational morality, which is no morality.

But there are important differences among moral, policy and legal issues. As citizens, we are bound by duty to obey the laws, including those we don't agree with, until we can change them by lawful means. Logically, the only alternatives to that course of action are to become outlaws or to stage a rebellion. In both cases that means going to war with the government and with those who support it. And, war, of course, should never be undertaken lightly or for less than mighty serious reasons.

Furthermore, laws apply to everyone in the civic unit, but morality is a matter of individual conscience. The laws of any country may or may not coincide with our own moral code. In cases where they don't, then we have no right



Reese

to attempt by force or threat of force to coerce another individual to adopt our moral code.

Others in our civic unit have the same duty as we do to obey laws, but they have no obligation to adopt our moral code. The only legitimate means of getting other people to share our beliefs about morality is persuasion. Morality in our society, where there are no matching laws, is like religion — a matter of individual conscience.

So, on a practical level, where does that leave us on the question of abortion? It is currently legal. Until that legal status can be changed, then we must respect the law and not physically interfere with anyone who wishes to have an abortion or with those who provide them. If we do interfere, then we are outlaws and will be treated like outlaws.

Notice that I did not say "respect" someone's right to have an abortion. A right that involves the loss of someone else's rights is a contradiction in terms. There is no right to take the innocent life of a child. It is simply, at this time, legally permissible.

On the other hand, we are free to attempt to dissuade a woman from taking the life of her child. We are free to lobby government not to fund abortion. We are free to lobby government to place restrictions on the practice and to regulate, from a public-health point of view, the operation of abortion clinics.

It is stupid, when you think about it, to say that minors cannot buy a bottle of beer or a pack of cigarettes, but they can abort their babies. It is stupid to say that a school nurse

cannot give a child an aspirin without permission of the parents, but an abortionist can perform a surgical procedure on the same minor without the parents' permission.

Here is another difference between moral codes and legal codes. Morality is usually brief and internally consistent. Laws on the other hand tend to be voluminous, often vague, frequently contradictory and illogical. Ditto case law, which is established by judicial decisions.

We are also free to seek a constitutional amendment that would overturn the decision of the Supreme Court, which legalized abortion. Better yet, I hasten to add, we should amend the Constitution to severely restrict the jurisdiction of all federal courts as well as to require that federal judges be reconfirmed every six years.

Politicians of no firm convictions often say, in an attempt to please both sides, that they personally do not approve of abortion but respect "the right" of women to make that decision. That's like saying, I personally don't approve of child abuse, but I respect others' right to abuse their children. As I pointed out earlier, there is no such right.

An honest man will say either I approve of abortion or I disapprove of it — period. There's no middle on moral grounds.

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HOWARD KLIENBERG

'Little girls' gymnastics needs to be examined

How cute they appear on TV, those 80-pound little girls of 13 and 14 swinging on the parallel bars, making those graceful flips to conclude a performance.

How cute, indeed! Behind those braided pigtails and tiny arms and legs are youngsters burned out before their time, suffering from anorexia or bulimia, physically debilitated, prohibited from the natural act of growing up.

The beauty and athletic daintiness of women's gymnastics masks a storm — one anticipated by anyone with a grain of sense, one exposed in all its ugliness a year ago by a reporter for the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, one certain to be highlighted when the athletes of the world convene in Atlanta in July for the Summer Olympics.

As a precursor, the parents of a teen-aged French gymnast, burned out at age 16, have brought suit against her national federation for what they felt was the "sacrificing" of their daughter in its quest for gold-medal glory.

Recently, the Council of Europe, in a separate action, has called for its 39 member governments to create laws to protect youngster-athletes.

It's something we're all aware of, yet seem to ignore — or rather choose to see only the alluring part of the performance. After all, there really are some Olympic events as dramatic and as beautiful as gymnastics, particu-

larly women's gymnastics.

Actually "women's gymnastics" is a misnomer. It should be "little girls' gymnastics."

At this time last year, reporter Joe Drape was unleashing a shocking flood of information about little girls' gymnastics in a series of articles for the Atlanta newspapers. His research and interviews revealed that some girls, beginning at age 9, work between 30 and 45 hours a week in gymnastics under the demanding rules of coaches and parents.

He quoted a university sports psychologist: "We've taken our best kids, and to make them our best athletes, we have taken away their childhood. For what? So six of them can go to the Olympics every four years?"

The articles also revealed that menstruation and puberty among these girls can be delayed by an average of two years as a result of their rigid regimens, and reported that Olympic bronze medalist Kathy Johnson did not begin menstruating until she was 25 years old.

Young athletes often sustain injuries they have to carry with them the rest of their lives. In Europe this spring, the president of Legisport, a French organization that favors sports reform, lashed out at the use of too-young children in pursuit of Olympic glory.

"Children's health is at stake," he was quoted in a European newspaper. "Their coaches want to make them champions at the age of 10 rather than at 20, when their bodies would be

better able to cope."

In the past 20 years, according to reporter Drape, the average size of an American Olympic gymnast has shrunk from 5 feet 3 inches and 106 pounds to 4 feet 9 inches and 83 pounds, and their average age has dropped from 17 1/2 to 16.

"If the trend continues," wrote Drape, "these girls will be washed up by 18. Their budding breasts and rounded hips won't appeal to the judges."

Clearly, reform is necessary, and it should start with the International Olympic Committee. If that group creates new, uncompromising guidelines to protect very young people, then the abuse of the children will decline.

There's no sense in prepping a tiny little thing for the Olympics if she won't be eligible.

The IOC has tough rules in other areas, such as what kind of medicine you can and cannot put into your body, about who is a professional and who isn't, and it even has tests to make certain that women are women and not men.

It is time for them to do something about the juveniles being forced to be adults before their bodies and minds are ready for it.

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Young ships to

By HUGH A. MULLIN

AP Special Correspondent

ABOARD THE VIKING SUN — Like sailors in the old days, young people today ship to see the world. And what do they see?

More than that, a awful lot of the galley room or long corridor waiting to be cleaned that view seems to more hours a day, week, interrupted not a free morning or port.

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OpdeBeeck is in charge of morale below decks where most of the 427 crew attend the 780 passengers keep the 38,000-ton ship.

A combination of camp counselor, their quarters are their off-duty hours with sports, parties wherever possible, outings.

Thousands of you sea these days as washers, cabin stewards, deckhands, machine mechanics, more than 250 cruise ships, including the Atlantic Ocean. They come nationality and society.

"They like to see they like to make Capt. Ola Harshe, who went to same reasons as most left their homes countries. "At sea is are."

Avast and ahoy! Growing at the rate of a year, the \$12.7-billion market is one of the fastest growing in the world. For the alone, 27 new ships are under construction, some of them carrying 2,000 passengers.

P & O has just put new flagship, the 6,000-ton Costa Concordia, built at a cost of \$400 million. Cruises with rival a million passengers.

In the next five years, the industry is expected to employ more employees, would have shivered old salts Melville, disc jockey, concierge, sommelier, expert (not navigators) and contract masseuse, governor.

Like well-heeled experienced hand, ships with ex-Recruiters stressing the hours work out figuring in

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Young people join cruise ships to see the world

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

ABOARD THE ROYAL VIKING SUN — Like those singing sailors in the old MGM musical, young people today join cruise ships to see the world.

And what do they see? They see the sea.

More than that, they see an awful lot of the galley, the dining room or long corridors of cabins waiting to be cleaned. Sometimes that view seems endless: 10 or more hours a day, seven days a week, interrupted now and then by a free morning or afternoon in port.

Anki, 28, from Vaxjo, Sweden, joined the ship six months ago. Her first job at sea entails making up 10 cabins twice a day. "Seeing different places is exciting," she agreed, "but this is NOT something I want to do all my life. Maybe one more contract."

Which is what a lot of the crew keeps telling themselves 10, 15 years later.

"Old hands tell you seven years at sea and you're hooked," mused deck steward Mariano Zuniga from Manila, who shipped out eight years ago to save money to study architectural engineering. "I'm 29 now, too old for such dreams. The sea is my university."

"Travel is the compensation for long hours, lack of privacy in cramped quarters and intense effort and sacrifice," observed Crew Steward Tom OpdeBeek of Brugge, Belgium. "We try to get everyone ashore for a few hours in every port."

OpdeBeek is the officer in charge of morale and discipline below decks where are billeted most of the 427 crew members who attend the 780 passengers and keep the 38,000-ton ship shipshape.

A combination local sheriff and camp counselor, he sees to it that their quarters are kept tidy and their off-duty hours are brightened with sports, parties, dances and, wherever possible, low-cost crew outings.

Thousands of young people go to sea these days as waiters, dishwashers, cabin stewards, hairdressers, deckhands, even slot machine mechanics, on the more than 250 cruise ships that ply the seven seas, including the Antarctic Ocean. They come from every nationality and every strata of society.

"They like to see the world and they like to make money," said Capt. Ola Harsheim, a Norwegian who went to sea at 15 for the same reasons as most of his crew left their homes in 32 different countries. "At sea is where the jobs are."

Avast and ahoy, indeed it is. Growing at the rate of 10 percent a year, the \$12.7 billion cruise market is one of the few growth industries in a sluggish global economy. For the American trade alone, 27 new ships are under construction, some of them floating resorts carrying 2,500 passengers.

P & O has just put in service its new flagship, the 69,000-ton Oriana, built at a cost of \$435 million. Carnival Cruises with nine ships carries a million passengers a year.

In the next five years the cruise industry is expected to add 40,000 more employees, doing jobs that would have shivered the timbers of old salts Melville and Conrad: disc jockey, casino dealer, concierge, sommelier, bridge expert (not navigation, but duplicate and contract), linen keeper, masseuse, governess, golf pro.

Like well-heeled passengers, experienced hands seek out luxury ships with exotic itineraries. Recruiters stress that disregarding the hours worked — and without figuring in free room and

board — pay at sea is generally higher than for the same job ashore.

"The pay, with tips, is better than I would make in the best restaurant in Lisbon," agreed 23-year-old dining room waiter Nilton Diaz, now on his third ship since leaving his native Portugal two years ago.

Diaz' secondary interest, playing soccer, is also pleasingly far-flung. "I play midfield, left side, on the ship's team. Our last match was in Barbados against the Vistafjord. Our next victim, since we always win, will be the Crystal Symphony when we reach Sabu in the Philippines."

Missing the boat can be a firing offense. Those signing aboard for the first time soon learn that Masters rules are in effect: no pets or plants in your cabin, no smoking or chewing gum on the job, no fishing from the decks, no trespassing in passenger areas except in the line of duty, when a smile is obligatory.

Drug possession is worse than a firing offense: The culprit is put ashore at the next port, even where the death penalty is mandatory. Drunk on duty, surliness to any authority figure, unkempt uniform and similar offenses bring a written warning. Three warnings and you're out.

Several application forms warn that "long hair, beards, earrings, gaudy makeup, exaggerated sideburns and mustaches are not permitted."

But some sign on because the crowded lifestyle and strict regimen help bury the past at sea: a busted romance, a bitter divorce, failure at school or business, a brush with the law.

"The ocean is deeper than most problems," the Rev. Joseph Topping, the ship's Catholic chaplain, counsels them.

The secret life below decks is so unobtrusive that one day staff Capt. Birger Vorland, on his daily inspection rounds, was asked by a little old lady on the shuffleboard court, "Does the crew live on board?"

Way below the waterline on Deck Two, 10 Chinese laundrymen wash, iron or dry-clean a ton of passenger and ship laundry a day.

Out on the rope deck, Richard Leney, a member of the ship's jazz quartet, was practicing his trumpet.

Almost every night in the disco bar, different crew members get to preside over a theme party of their own choosing. The best-attended party, although some of the top brass discreetly miss it, comes near the end of every world cruise when a crew variety show mimics the passengers: the most boring, most obnoxious, balmiest, the biggest pest, etc.

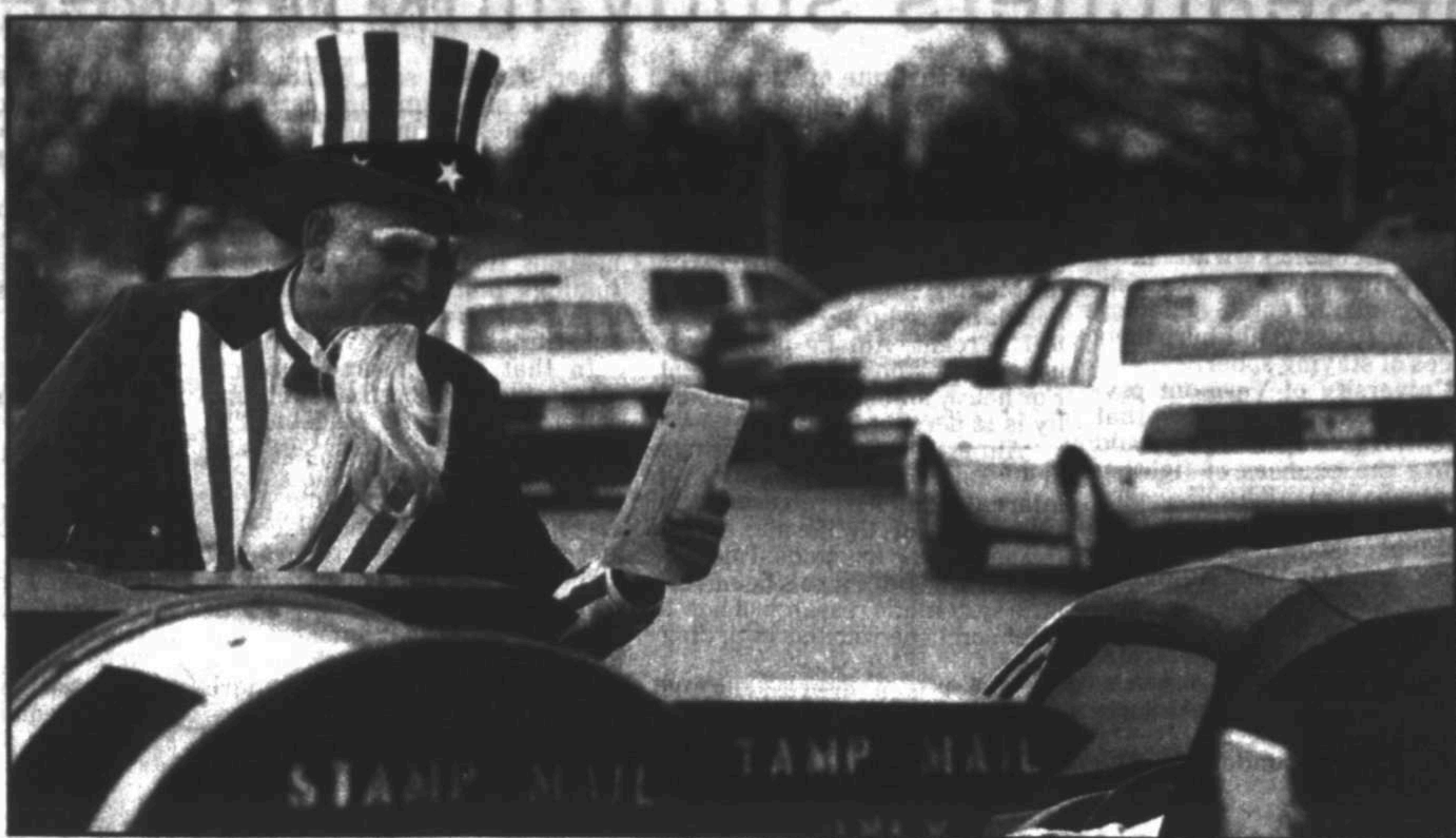
And some days the seas can be rough indeed. "The microphones and the cymbals topple over, but you keep playing," said jazzman Leney.

Then there are those sun-gilded days and moonlit nights, right out of the travel folders, when all cruise ships at sea become love boats. Tim DeJarlais, the ship's golf pro from Minneapolis, has set the date for his wedding to a Swedish stewardess aboard.

But romance is contractually forbidden to Dave Winter, a retired post office supervisor from Chicago, and the ship's five other unpaid "guest hosts." They travel free, with a generous liquor and laundry allowance, in exchange for dancing the night away with female passengers who usually outnumber males 2 to 1.

"At sea you make friends for life," she says. "So we never say, 'Goodbye.' Just, 'See you later.'"

Your civic duty



U.S. Postal Service employee Gene Jackson lends motorists a hand at the drive through in Columbus, Ohio. Monday was the last day to file your taxes, and as always quite a few wait till the last minute to get theirs in the mail.

Tobacco companies may have to pay for medical bills

By Lisa Holewa
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — He hasn't admitted this to his doctor, but Art Nelson sometimes smoked four packs of cigarettes a day as a young man.

"Just one after another. The only time I didn't smoke was when I was in the shower or asleep," he says now, 41 years after his first puff and nine years after his last.

A clear plastic tube attached to his nostrils trails Nelson when he showers, as he struggles down his short driveway to check the mail, or more commonly, while he sits in his easy chair watching TV and dozing.

Nelson, 55, suffers from emphysema and congestive heart failure, and is tethered to his oxygen machine 24 hours a day.

Because Nelson is on the government's Medicaid insurance program, the machine that feeds him oxygen costs taxpayers about \$150 a month. Tank refills are \$20 each. And his respiratory therapist estimates Nelson's eight prescription medications add up to at least \$500 monthly.

"Then there's doctor visits, probably once a month," said Carol Knapik, who handles patient services for the American Lung Association of the Gulf Coast. "And he's lucky in that he has been fairly well. He does take pretty good care of himself."

The state is trying to recoup the

costs of caring for patients such as Nelson by using a 1994 tobacco liability law to sue cigarette makers for \$1.4 billion.

The law, sneaked through the Legislature in the session's final hours, is a critical part of Florida's effort to make tobacco companies pay \$420 million a year toward the cost of treating Medicaid patients who suffer smoking-related illnesses.

It allows the state to combine thousands of cases such as Nelson's into one lawsuit, then use statistical analysis to try to prove tobacco was to blame for some of the patients' health problems and costs.

Unlike other states that have filed similar lawsuits, Florida has tried to remove the industry's primary legal defenses. The law invalidates the tobacco industry's argument that smokers such as Nelson share responsibility for their own health problems.

The nation's fifth-largest cigarette maker, the Liggett group, agreed last month to pay about \$10 million to Florida, West Virginia, Mississippi, Massachusetts and Minnesota to pay past Medicaid bills for patients such as Nelson. The lawsuit against the other companies is still pending.

Last month, the Legislature refused attempts to overturn the law. The state Supreme Court heard oral arguments in November on a challenge to the law by the

tobacco industry, but has not ruled.

Nelson, who sneaked his first cigarettes at a local restaurant when he was 14 and began smoking regularly when he joined the Army at 17, said the state is right to sue the tobacco companies.

"I believe they should," he said. "When you were a smoker and saw that little caution they put on the packs, it put a little bit of fear in your head," Nelson said. "But in the old days, they didn't even have any of that. You'd just smoke and smoke and smoke and didn't know it would hurt you."

Nelson also acknowledged that he knew smoking was bad for him long before he quit, six years before being diagnosed with emphysema.

If the state were forced to prove individual cases such as Nelson's, there's little doubt its task to recover medical costs would be more difficult.

Nelson worked 26 years as a truck driver for a paving company, usually in a truck with no air-conditioning. That means he kept the windows open all the time, even while loading and unloading asphalt.

"Breathing all those fumes all those years," he said. "That stuff had to get into my lungs. That could have done this to me, too."

He also is obese. He weighed 480 pounds when he was diagnosed with emphysema and weighs

about 310 pounds today.

Knapik said obesity is not unusual in emphysema patients, often because their breathing difficulties make them extremely inactive.

For Nelson, the irony is he had quit smoking long before he was diagnosed with emphysema.

One morning in 1987, as he soaped his face in the shower, he felt like he couldn't breathe. It wasn't the first time that happened — it had been happening just about every day lately — but it was the scariest.

At work that day, he smoked just six cigarettes. At home that evening, he tried to smoke a butt in an ashtray. That was his last puff of nicotine.

Six years later, constantly out of breath and his feet swelling, Nelson's wife persuaded him to go see a doctor. He was diagnosed with emphysema, congestive heart failure, diabetes, obesity, hypertension and other illnesses.

He was hospitalized for nine days and declared permanently disabled. He hasn't been able to work since.

Now, he spends most of his days watching TV, a chair in front of him to help pull himself up when he wants to stand.

His 50-foot oxygen tube trails him wherever he goes, sometimes tangling or kinking, setting off an alarm that lets him know he's not getting enough oxygen.

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Researchers study link between alcoholism, smoking

By Anne Wallace
Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Smoking and drinking: Statistics show that people who have one addiction often have the other.

Many alcoholics who have stopped drinking hesitate to tackle their smoking habit, believing the added stress could hurt their chances of staying sober.

A University of Vermont psychiatrist, however, believes that people who give up smoking could improve the chances of fighting their alcoholism.

"It's a myth that stopping (smoking) will make you relapse," said Dr. John Hughes, a professor at University of Vermont's College of Medicine who has been studying smokers and their efforts to quit for 20 years. "We've got the scientific evidence that shows this is not true."

For a study funded by the

National Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse, Hughes is recruiting volunteers from the Burlington area who have successfully battled alcoholism and now want freedom from smoking.

Studies show people who smoke are more likely to have drinking problems, Hughes said. In the population at large, the likelihood is 7 percent. Among people who have never smoked, it's 2 percent. For heavy smokers, the probability is 18 percent.

"Almost all alcoholics are smokers," said Dr. Neil Benowitz, an internal medicine professor at the University of California in San Francisco who has studied nicotine addiction. "But there's been very little systematic research of how to treat someone who has both diagnoses."

Alcohol is a depressant and smoking is a stimulant; one might be used to balance the effects of the

other, Hughes said. Studies on animals show smoking can mitigate some of drinking's negative effects, like nausea or sedation.

With his study, which is being carried out concurrently at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, Hughes hopes to replicate findings that he stumbled upon during earlier research on nicotine substitutes.

In that study, some subjects were given a nicotine patch and some were given a placebo. The patch helped both drinkers and nondrinkers to quit smoking more than the placebo did. What interested Hughes was the placebo's effect: None of the recovering alcoholics given the placebo managed to quit smoking.

"They found that smokers that did have a history of alcohol dependency were much more dependent on nicotine," Hughes said of that study.

In the current study, 75 recovering alcoholics will receive group behavior therapy and counseling to help them quit smoking. Then the earlier study will be repeated: Half the group will receive a nicotine substitute, and half a placebo.

"Now we want to know: Do they have more physical withdrawal symptoms?" Hughes said. The study will also shed more light on whether quitting smoking does threaten sobriety. Hughes thinks giving up cigarettes might actually help recovering alcoholics stay sober.

Research on the connections between nicotine and alcoholics is badly needed, said Dr. Jack Henningfield, a researcher in drug addiction at the National Institutes of Health.

"The sad thing is that this population just hasn't been studied much," Henningfield said. "That's sad because the chances are a lot

of those people may kick their so-called primary drug and die a miserable tobacco-related death."

Vermont funds cocaine and alcohol abuse hotlines and helps support treatment programs for many different types of addictions. But there is no state support for fighting smoking, Hughes said,

because tobacco doesn't appear as dangerous to society as other drugs. But it should, he said.

"These (smokers) who have worked all their lives ... when it's time for retirement, they come down with heart attack or emphysema," Hughes said. "That's the tragic part."

Biodiversity essential to our lives, future

By James E. Walters
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Our lives — and those of future generations — depend on biological diversity, experts at the University of California say.

"What is it and why do we care?" it asks in a special edition of the magazine California Agriculture, devoted entirely to the subject.

"Scientists have described 1.4 million species on Earth but they estimate the true total is up to 100 times greater. All contribute to the healthy functioning of the planet. Today the extinction rate is among the highest on record ... (and) by far the greatest threat to biological diversity is human population," the magazine says.

Bob Vice, president of the California Farm Bureau Federation, says that "the furor concerning the federal Endangered Species Act has unfortunately been characterized as a declaration of war on endangered species themselves."

Farmers and ranchers support the act's basic goals, he says, but propose two major changes: "We would redefine critical habitat, restricting it to that land occupied by the species at the time of listing. We also propose that species be

redefined so as to include only populations so distinct genetically that they cannot interbreed to produce fertile young."

W.R. Irvin, deputy vice president of the federal Marine Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Center, calls the Endangered Species Act perhaps the most threatened by congressional proposals to "roll back laws protecting America's air, water and wildlife."

The debate, he suggests, "offers an opportunity to improve its provisions."

"For example, the ESA could provide greater incentives for conservation on private lands, through innovations such as estate tax reform, tax credits for habitat restoration efforts and technical assistance to landowners in making use of their land in a manner that is compatible with endangered species conservation," he writes.

California is the nation's top agricultural producer and its population is projected to double to 63 million by 2040.

"In the past, population did not reduce farmland acres because there was always more land to convert to agriculture. That scenario no longer exists," say A.G. Menovitz, a Solano County rancher, and A. D. Solkow of the California

Cooperative Extension. They call California farmland a limited resource because of urban development.

Biology professor B.M. Pavlik of Oakland's Mills College says "preserving the diversity of the California flora is in our own best interests. With diversity will come long-term economic gain."

Once lost, diversity of gene pools cannot be restored, says Professor M.T. Clegg, acting dean of the College of Natural and Agriculture

Sciences at the University of California, Riverside.

W.R. Gomes, University of California vice president, says "we need to increase public understanding of how agricultural and urban systems can be managed to harmonize with natural ecosystems, and thereby foster interactions among the people who will develop management plans: growers, ranchers, environmentalists, public officials and urban dwellers."

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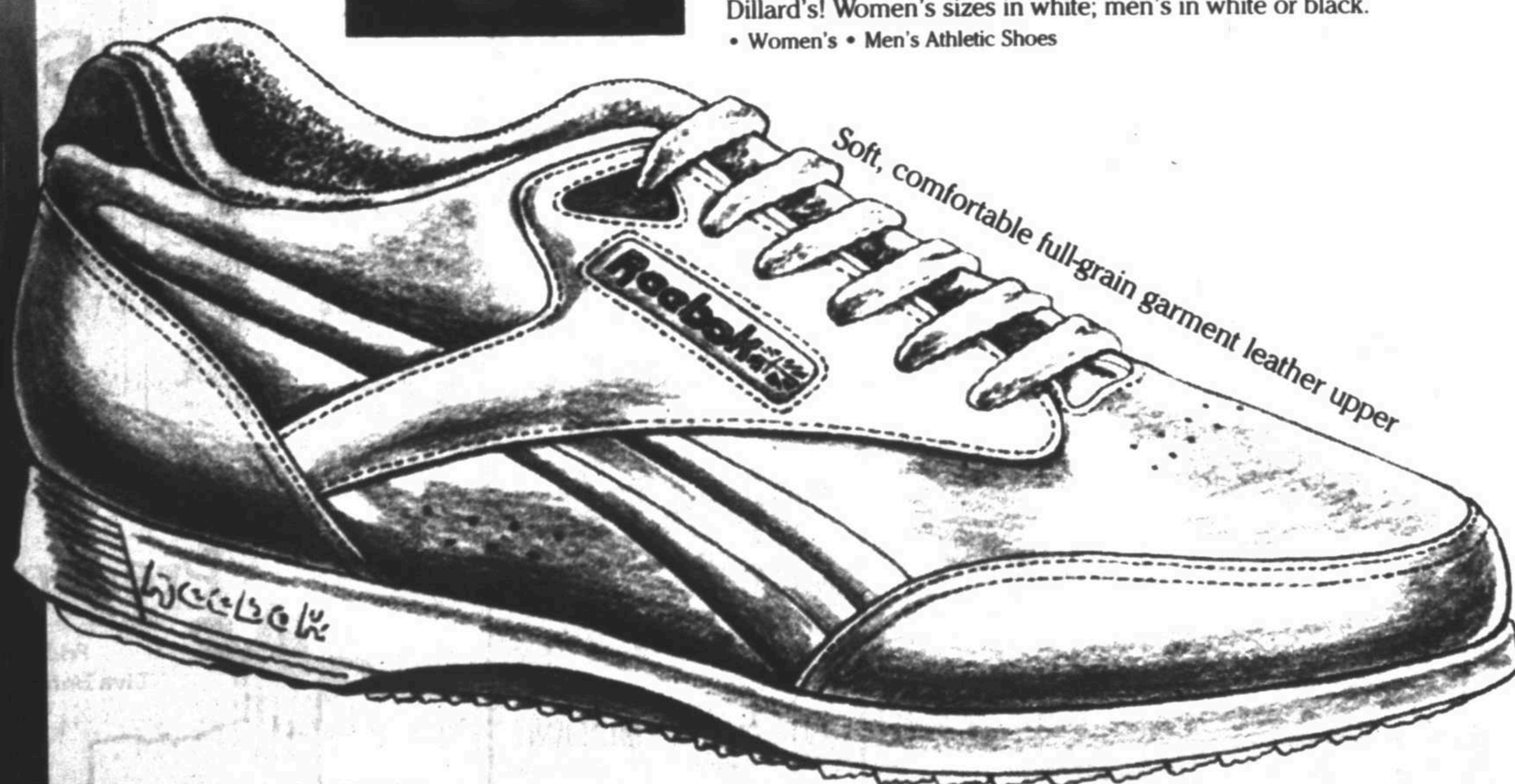
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BASIN BRIEFING

Guest speaker

Physician's assistant Hilda Basa is to be the guest speaker at the Arthritis and Lupus Support Group meeting set for 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center, 2301 W. Michigan Ave. For more information call Chellye Tanberg at 686-9882 or Katie Clark at 682-5822.

Waste disposal

STANTON — West Texas farmers and ranchers may safely and at no cost to them dispose of their waste pesticides, insecticides, and other chemicals, tires, batteries, and used oil and filters from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 19, at Decker's Farm Supply & Nursery just north of Stanton off Texas Highway 137.

The waste-pesticide-collection program for agricultural pesticide users is being promoted by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"There will be no fees charged, no questions asked, and no signatures required from any participant in this program," said Doug Paxton, TAEX entomologist for Midland and Martin counties.

The Stanton collection site is for use by agricultural producers in a 29-county area, said Paxton, who noted that the "collection will be conducted rain or shine."

For those who wish additional information on the program, Paxton may be contacted by telephone at 687-1351 in Midland or at 756-2251 in Stanton.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library fairs and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.
Divorce Support Group, 7 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., Timothy Center, 683-0609.

Dialogue Breast Cancer support programs, 7 p.m., Allison Cancer Center, 2200 W. Illinois Ave., 685-1562.

Battered Anonymous Support Group, 6:30 p.m., 689-8428.
Permian Basin Depressive & Manic-Depressive Association, information, 366-7317 or Tammy, 362-7521.

Permian Basin Road Runners, 6:30 p.m., 687-2961.
Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

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

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrow's Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

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

55-Plus Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m., Eagles Club, 697-3131.

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

Norman Reed Chapter No. 1010, Order Eastern Star, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple.

American Legion Auxiliary, Woods W. Lynch Post No. 19, 8 p.m., American Legion Hall.

Permian Basin Solar Society, 7:30 p.m., Plaza Cafe, Odessa.

Midland Road Runners Club, 7 p.m., Student Center, Midland College.

Tall City Chapter, Young Home-makers of Texas, 7 p.m., Room 116, Midland High School, 682-7367.

Golden Park Independent Retirement Community, 3100 W. Kansas Ave., senior citizens' brunch, 10:30 a.m., 689-0914.

Native Plant Society, 7:30 p.m., Sibley Environmental Center, 684-5185.

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

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Health commissioner visits area

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland and Odessa are slightly behind the state average in getting their children properly immunized, and the Texas Commissioner of Health David Smith came out Monday to help with the education of new parents in the area.

With the new childhood diseases that can be prevented through vaccinations, "the schedule is getting more and more complex," David told area healthcare workers at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification.

"And the fact is, that we're all too busy," Smith said.

Adequate immunizations for small children, however, can be a matter of life and death, and parents need to know how to protect their child, Smith explained.

"We are still seeing whooping cough in parts of Texas," Smith said. "And whooping cough can kill young babies," he added.

Smith's interest is part of the program "Shots Across Texas," which has raised the immunization level of two-year olds across the state from 34 to 35 percent to nearly 75 percent.

The Permian Basin, however, comes in at just under 60 percent, substantially below the state average.

Shots across Texas is working to achieve a 90 percent immunization rate for children ages two and under.

Public education about immunizations is an ongoing process that is never finished, he said.

"We have 326,000 kids born every year," Smith said. "So this is really a marathon and not a sprint," he added.

The Midland/Odessa Immunization Coalition has been working to improve the level of immunizations locally since

its inception in 1993.

Many families have their young ones vaccinated at the pediatrician's office or the family doctor's office, but many families cannot afford this kind of private care, so the Texas Department of Health provides the immunizations for \$5 at local health departments.

Even this amount, however, can be a strain on some families, so the Texas Department of Health and Midland/Odessa Immunization Coalition member agencies are providing a series of free immunization clinics this

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A Day in the Life of ...



Trudie Thomason, an assistant principal through MISD's administrative intern program, sits amongst youngsters at Greathouse Elementary School. The school administrator and local comedic actor exhibits a level of confidence that works equally well on the stage or in the classroom.

Midland administrator enjoys theatrical life

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

"Hello! Come in. Come right on in," Gertrude "Trudie" Thomason says to visitors to Greathouse Elementary School in her engaging Texas drawl. Her Texas friendly mannerisms and bold-as-brass voice are well-known to Midland theatergoers who have seen her portray sassy (but big-hearted) Texas waitresses on more than one occasion. "I afraid I'm getting typecast," she allows.

Her take-the-stage confidence works just as well in the elementary school

setting with youngsters flocking around her in need of a kind word or a firm directive.

A cartoonish drawing of a woman with a small head and colossal hands hangs in the assistant principal's office. Nevermind the odd proportions of the child's drawing of a woman in a polka-dotted dress, Ms. Thomason waxes enthusiastically about her "portrait" and the accompanying biography that goes with it.

"My second graders made this for me last year," said Ms. Thomason, who serves as an assistant principal through Midland Independent School

District's administrative intern program. The youngsters pointed out her job duties including, "She makes sure kids get on the bus and she encourages students to behave responsibly."

She also serves as a cheerful voice reading the school announcements in the morning, a disciplinarian, educator, teacher evaluator, supervisor, and consultant, counselor and as the keeper of the campus' fixed asset inventory, what she describes as "the most hated job among interns."

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Featured homes catch people's eye

Staff Reports

If you were driving around Midland Sunday, you may have noticed lines of people standing outside homes in the dust and wind. While on most Sundays, that might seem unusual, this Sunday was the 27th annual Parade of Homes presented by the Midland Junior Woman's Club.

The fund-raising event grossed \$26,665, with the proceeds going to The Kelsey Logan Angel Fund, D.A.R.E., and A.D.D.A.P.T.

The four homes featured on the 1996 tour belong to Scott and Beth Dufford, Dr. Robert and Janice Henry, Paul and Tammy West and Mark and Mary Lou Wilson. Tickets were \$10 per person.

The traditional candlelight tour for members of the Midland Junior Woman's Club was Saturday. The homes were open for visitors 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Approximately 1,100 people viewed the homes with over 1,200 tickets sold.

Approximately 60 members of the Midland Junior Woman's Club worked at the four homes during the Parade informing guests of interesting facts about each home and watching for the

safety of the visitors and the homes. Midland D.A.R.E. officers volunteered their time to see each home was secured during the Candlelight Tour and Parade of Homes.

Members of the 1996 Parade of Homes committee were Suzanne Cates, chairman; Sheila Vineyard and Cindy Wallace, co-chairmen; Beverly Martin, sponsorship chairman; Laura Herricks, sponsorship co-chairman; Janie Dyer, ticket chairman, and Linda Freeman, ticket co-chairman. Home chairmen were Terye Robertson, Becky Neiman, Robbie Rader, Adrienne Shepherd, JoAnne Friensen, Kim Hatchett, Gaye Glasscock and Carrie Usrey.

Sponsors for the event were Joel and Norma Castello, Discovery Operating Inc., Victor J. and Sharla K. Sirgo.

Patrons were Randall and Karen Capps; Chesapeake Interiors; Donald W. Floyd, M.D.; Henry Petroleum Corp.; Drew and Laura Ingram; Carla McLane/Kim Bunsen; Modern Appliance; Paul West Construction; Scurlock Permian Corp.; Smith Brothers Pipe

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10th annual Polo on the Prairie benefit set for Saturday

By Tonie Miller-Uzzell
Staff writer

For baseball, they said "build it and they will come." For polo in West Texas, the same thing is true.

The 10th annual Polo on the Prairie polo match successfully has combined the blue-blood sport of polo and West Texas hospitality to benefit cancer patient care and research, said Dallas Rowden, communication specialist for development programs at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

The match, barbecue and dance are set to begin at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Musselman Brothers Lazy 3 Ranch in Albany.

This fund-raiser for M.D. Anderson was conceived by Midlander Henry Musselman.

In the early 1970s, Musselman's mother was treated for cancer at M.D. Anderson. An amateur polo player himself, he came up with the idea and shared it with his mother-in-law, Mary Anne McCloud of Eastland.

The pair, along with numerous volunteers, have made the event unique by turning prairie land into a regulation polo field.

Both Ms. McCloud and Musselman are members of The University Cancer Foundation Board of Visitors, a group of community leaders who assisted Anderson with private fund-raising and community awareness programs.

"We have two goals for polo proceeds," Ms. McCloud said. "One is to fuel cancer research projects that lead to greater understanding of how this disease develops. The second is to nurture community outreach programs that bring cancer education to cities without access to such information."

"Since the event began in 1987, we have seen an increase in cancer awareness throughout communities touched by polo funds," she added.

In April 1986, friends from the West Texas area were invited to observe a polo match for fun and a good cause. When the first year raised \$25,000, the spectators, play-

ers and volunteers had such a good time that everyone wanted to do it again; thus, the tradition began.

Many of the Polo on the Prairie competitors are professionals. But, whether a novice or an experienced polo spectator, the event offers something for everyone, said Ms. Rowden. In addition to the competition and camaraderie, barbecue and toe-tapping music will be on hand.

This year also will mark the goal of more than \$1 million raised.

Over the years, polo proceeds have supported 33 different programs, including the Anderson Network patient support group and Mobile Nurse Education Program, designed to give patient care training to nurses in rural communities. Polo proceeds launched this program in 1991 and continue to fund it every year.

Other projects supported by polo include research programs for cancers of the prostate, brain, breast, ovaries and skin, as well as programs in reconstructive surgery and cancer prevention through nutrition.

City takes steps to remedy water basin's condition

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Steps to reduce delinquency and health hazards at a northwest Midland water basin are expected to be completed this spring, city officials said.

The Midkiff Plaza and Hill Park drainage basin — located just east of where Tealwood Place dead ends and south of Mervyn's — has attracted delinquent youngsters and is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Last month, city representatives visited with residents who complained about juveniles frequenting the basin.

The enclosed basin was described as a "haven of illicit activity" by Assistant City Manager Glen Hackler. The basin has become a hideout for juveniles and drug users and subject to vandalism and graffiti, officials said.

In an attempt to combat the problem, the city plans to have a 7-foot chain link fence erected around the property. The 1,100 linear feet of fence will replace a wooden fence that currently surrounds the basin.

City officials said a chain link fence will better help keep people out and make any activity within the basin visible from the outside. Barbed wire at the top of the fence may be an option in the future if needed, officials said.

The City Council recently advertised for contractor bids and appropriated funding for the new fence.

The council has also recently appropriated dollars to pay for two sump pump systems to be installed at the basin.

When collected water reaches a certain level, the bottom water will be pumped off.

"It drains it out of the basin and sends it through our storm sewer system to alleviate any vector problems," Assistant City Manager Rick Menchaca said.

The drainage will also allow better access for mowing vegetation growing around the pond, officials said.

"We hope to have all the improvements in by the latter part of May," Menchaca said.

The two projects will cost the city an estimated \$35,000 to \$40,000.

In addition, the city plans to better maintain the property — such as more frequent mowing — in the future, Menchaca said.



Police find missing girl

A 15-year-old boy who said he saw two men kidnap the toddler next door Monday morning was charged hours later with her murder after she was found in a nearby storm cellar. Story / 2B

POLICE REPORTS

Sunday

Vandalism of a vehicle: Nicholas Lawrence reported at 4:38 p.m. that a vehicle had been vandalized at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Sexual Assault: Someone at 2311 N. Main reported an indecency with a child at 6:52 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: Debra Henry reported at 9 p.m. a checkbook and credit card had been taken from 516 N. Loop 250 W.

Monday

Vandalism: Gretchen Long reported at 12:44 a.m. that the south bedroom window at 4700 Boulder had been broken.

Burglary of a business:

Dennis Venters reported at 2:15 p.m. guns, office equipment, office furniture and telephones were taken from Talon Industrial, 2115 E. 120.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Sunday

Burglary of a business: All American Travels, 10615 W. County Road 127, reported a burglary at 11:01 p.m.

Monday

Theft: Premiere Video, 3323 N. Midland Drive reported at 12:20 a.m. that a Toshiba four-head video cassette recorder and three assorted videotapes had been taken. Approximate value of the items is \$250.

HOMES: Parade attracts attention

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Inc., Jay and Sara Solansky; Larry Stewart; Stubbman, MacRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder; Walsh Petroleum Inc., and Weigh of Live Clinic. There also were 79 contributors.

Others were assisted with the Parade of Homes included Judy

SHOT: Health commissioner visits

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month.

At the Midland Health & Senior Services building, which includes the Midland Health Department, free immunizations are available beginning Monday of next week. The immunizations will be available April 22 from 8 a.m. to 11 and 1 p.m. to 6.

On April 23-26, free immunizations will be given from 8 a.m. to 11 and 1 p.m. to 4.

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Midland Health and Senior Services is located at 3303 W. Illinois, Space No. 22, in the Kingsway Mall near Dunlaps.

Prior to these times, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center is hosting a free immunization clinic on April 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

These free immunizations will be given at the Community Health Care Clinic at 2700 Delano.

Group takes aim at Army Corps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmentalists took aim Monday at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, charging that it funds costly, unnecessary and environmentally destructive inland navigation projects, particularly in Gulf states.

In a new report, the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund and the Gulf Restoration Network heaped criticism upon the Corps, contending that the agency is driven more by economic interests than water resource concerns.

Corps officials declined specific comment pending review of the study, but noted that the analysis doesn't consider the economic benefits derived from waterway transportation.

"Any report should not overlook the fact that the commerce which moves on our waterways is vital to the health of our nation's economy," said Corps spokesman David Hewitt.

Congress approves roughly a half billion dollars each year for inland waterways, some \$230 million of which is earmarked for operation and maintenance.

Taxpayers also get hit with the hidden costs resulting from some Corps projects' destruction of natural resources such as wetlands, river habitats and water quality, the analysis said.

For example, the groups said, dredging, channeling and wetlands losses in the Gulf region threaten marine life and the commercial fishing industry in the Gulf of Mexico, which accounts for nearly 40 percent of the domestic fishing yield.

Hewitt said that much of the dredged material is "put to beneficial uses such as preserving wetlands, protecting shorelines, reducing flood damages, and providing nesting habitat for migratory birds."

Commercial users of the waterways rose to the Corps' defense.

"The fact is that at state and fed-

eral direction, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spends millions of our tax dollars to replenish and restore America's natural resources," said Doug Svendsen Jr., executive director of the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association.

The environmentalists singled out 10 waterway projects, including three in Texas, for particular criticism.

"Federal and local taxpayers dole out millions of dollars to construct bad projects, and then must pay millions more each year to operate and maintain them," the study said.

Two of the three Texas cases blasted in the report are proposed expansions still on the drawing board because the Corps has determined they aren't economically feasible. But in the case of a little-used channel from Lavaca Bay to Jackson County, the environmentalists say that a \$2.2 million dredging in 1993 was unnecessary.

Dredging's economic and environmental costs are a big focus of the study.

Dredging in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway threatens the delicate Laguna Madre ecosystem, the groups said, arguing that there is no need to dredge along the 120-mile Laguna Madre stretch of the 1,100-mile intracoastal waterway running from Brownsville to Florida.

The waterway's southernmost tip provides less navigation benefits, they said, citing studies showing that less than 3 percent of the waterway's traffic passes through that section.

Disposal of dredge spoil in the bay also harms the seagrasses needed to keep the laguna's ecosystem healthy, environmentalists contend.

After being sued by South Texas environmentalists, the Corps agreed in February to prepare an environmental impact statement on the effects of dumping dredged sediment in Laguna Madre.

good look at it and release it," he said.

The names of the dead and the injured were being withheld pending notification of family, although Collins did confirm that all four were paratroopers assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

The injured crewman was treated at Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso and allowed to return to his unit early Monday, said hospital spokesman Ron Joy.

Collins said the two-person scout helicopters were the only aircraft flying Sunday in the rugged desert area, which is on a part of Fort Bliss that extends into southern New Mexico. No ground troops were present.

Collins said he did not know how long the helicopters had been in the air before the crash.

McGregor Range, which covers 950 square miles of desert around the White Sands-Orogrande, N.M., area, frequently is used for training from soldiers throughout the United States.

DEATHS

Robert Snead

ODESSA — Private graveside services for Robert "Bob" Snead, 74, of Odessa were 2 p.m. Monday, April 15, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Jimmy Braswell officiated.

Snead died Friday, April 12, in an Odessa hospital.

He was born March 22, 1922, in Abingdon, Va. He married the former Marguerite Sanford on Nov. 14, 1941. He was an owner of R.B. Snead Construction, Inc. He was a marine in World War II in two Jima, where he received a Purple Heart. He was a member of the Brick Layers Union for 50 years. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a grandson.

Survivors include his wife of Odessa; his son, Bobby Snead of Odessa; his daughter, Sheron Snead Williams of Odessa; two half-brothers, three half-sisters, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Misty Thompson

Services for Misty Thompson have been set for 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Lowell Cessna will officiate with Jim Hayes and Wyatt Earp assisting. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Miss Thompson died Saturday,

April 13, in an Odessa hospital.

She was born Dec. 5, 1973, in Hobbs, N.M. She moved to Midland in 1984 and attended Midland schools. She worked as a hostess at the Midland Hilton and joined Variety Steakhouse. She was a member of First Apostolic Church.

Survivors include her parents, Carolyn and Danny Cessna of Midland and Jim Belcher of Odessa; her brothers, Michael Curry and Jim Belcher Jr., both of Midland; her grandmother, Margie Thompson of Midland; and her nephew, Michael Anthony Curry of Midland.

Graveside services for Monta Edgerton have been set for 10 a.m. today, April 16, at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. The Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist Church will officiate.

Ms. Edgerton died Friday, April 12.

She was born July 15, 1907, in Wilcox, Wash. She married James Curtis Edgerton in 1924 in Washington. The couple lived in California for 50 years. Ms. Edgerton moved to Midland in 1984.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1960, and by eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her daughter, Alice Smith of Midland; two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to a favorite charity.

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April 15, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Bill Simpson of Tall City Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Poitevint died Sunday, April 14, in a Big Spring hospital.

Pallbearers are James Diamond, Bob Norwood, David Bennett, Louis "Buddy" Phelps, Russell Neal, and Jesse Gutierrez.

Honorary pallbearers are Lonnie Husbands and Murlen Chisum.

Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Robertson died Friday, April 12, in a local hospital.

He was born June 9, 1912, in Denton County. His family moved to Midland on Christmas Eve 1924. His family farmed with his help until he married Margie Jo Mann on Nov. 1, 1940. In 1948, he and his wife purchased a farm.

In 1950, he took up locksmithing at which he worked 25 years for the Midland Independent School District until his retirement in 1976. He also had continued farming during that time along with some ranching and quarterhorse raising.

Robertson was a deacon at Cotton Flat Baptist Church and was an active deacon at Valley View Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife; two brothers, Audie Robertson and Ray Robertson; and one sister, Emma Fain.

He is survived by two sons, Danny Robertson and James Robertson of Midland; one brother, Bill Robertson of Midland; two sisters, Oneada Mitchell and Ora Lankford of Midland; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Curtis Robertson, Dan Stafford, Brad Robertson, Mike Robertson, Mike Edwards and Curtis Condon.

Honorary pallbearers were the Deacon Body of the Cotton Flat Baptist Church and the Deacon Body of Valley View Baptist Church.

Geneva O'Neal

Services for Geneva O'Neal are pending with Ellis Funeral Home. Mrs. O'Neal died Monday, April 15, at a local care center.

But there are strains of the mysterious virus that seem less deadly. The one that struck the Reston importer of Filipino monkeys in 1989, killing dozens of primates, is one such strain. Four people were known to have been exposed to the Reston virus, but none became ill.

A few months later, the Reston facility had a second monkey outbreak, and a Philadelphia importer found sick monkeys in early 1990. Again, no people were sick.

In Texas, doctors sought a CDC diagnosis immediately when one monkey died with bloody diarrhea. A second monkey with similar symptoms was killed, and the CDC now is diagnosing it.

The Texas strain is slightly different from the Ebola that killed the Reston monkeys, but the differences are those normally found in viral evolution, Howard explained.

However, the sick Texas monkeys apparently came from the same Filipino exporter as the Reston monkeys did, and CDC officials will investigate that connection this week, he said.

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nesses Monday as similar — although not an exact match — to the Ebola strain that decimated a Reston, Va., monkey facility in 1989.

That's good news because the Reston strain appears less deadly to people than the killer Ebola found in the wild, explained Centers for Disease Control and Prevention spokesman Bob Howard.

In Reston, four people were exposed to the bloody virus but never got sick. However, federal disease fighters protected by airtight suits had to kill every monkey and destroy the remains.

This strain "is clearly less pathogenic to humans ... but we can't say it's completely innocuous," Howard said.

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Health officials confirm Ebola virus in Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deadly Ebola virus has struck several monkeys imported into Texas from the Philippines, public health officials confirmed Monday as they worked to contain the outbreak at a primate quarantine facility.

Doctors have no reports of bites or scratches to monkey handlers at HRP Inc., in Alice, Texas, but are watching the employees carefully as a precaution, said state epidemiologist Dr. Diane Simpson in Austin.

"There were two monkeys out of a shipment of 100 that have become ill," she said. "The first one died the second was euthanized."

She said the virus is "not identical but very, very close" to the one that affected monkeys previously in the U.S.

"These monkeys have been in quarantine and are still in quarantine. They are being contained and we're watching very carefully. We're watching any people who may have come in contact with them."

Asked if there's any danger to the public, she said, "We don't think so. We're watching anybody who may have been in contact with them."

Federal experts diagnosed the Texas ill-

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Police arrest eight suspects in border murders

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Police raided several night clubs during the weekend to arrest eight people for questioning in the slayings of 17 women whose bodies have been dumped around the city, authorities said Monday.

The seven men and one woman taken into custody early Sunday are all believed to have been part of a gang that was kidnapping, raping and then killing young women encountered at the bars, officials said.

"So far, we believe these people are responsible," Chihuahua Gov. Francisco Barrio said during a news conference to announce the arrests.

Several have confessed, said Jorge Lopez, assistant state attorney general. But he declined to identify them.

Authorities would not comment on a possible motive for the killings, nor would they say whether investigators believe the group may have been responsible in all of them, some of which never have previously been linked.

Lopez did say, however, that the eight have admitted to having some relationship to the only previous suspect, Sharif Sharif, an Egyptian chemist who has been jailed in Ciudad Juarez since last October on a rape charge.

"They do know each other. There has been contact between them," Barrio said without offering any further details.

Most of the victims were believed to have been girls in their teens or early 20s who had been strangled by one or more assailants. At least one other was stabbed. Some also were raped.

In general, Lopez and Barrio declined to discuss any specifics, saying it might jeopardize the nearly 9-month-old probe.

The investigation began last August when authorities found the first of nine bodies in an area known as the Lote Bravo on the outskirts of Juarez, which is across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas.

Eight more were found in recent weeks, all but one in Lomas de Poleo, a remote community in the rugged hills on the northwest side of the city.

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The most recent discoveries, which began last month, led to a stepped-up investigation by

the State Judicial Police, including an undercover operation that culminated in Sunday's raids, Lopez said.

Authorities identified the suspects as Sergio Armendariz, Juan Jorge Contreras, Gerardo Fernandez, Carlos Hernandez Molina, Carlos Barrios, Hector Olivares, Romel Cenicerio and Erika Fierro. All are Mexican citizens younger than age 30, authorities said, declining to be more specific.

All eight were in custody Monday on suspicion of rape, kidnapping and homicide. Authorities could not say when or if they will be charged.

Barrios said authorities had identified the suspects about two weeks ago, but had to wait until this weekend to conduct the raids, which took about three hours.

During a prison interview Monday, Sharif denied knowing any of the eight and said he had no knowledge of the crimes of which they had been accused. But he did acknowledge he frequented some of the bars where the eight were arrested.

Sharif, who has long proclaimed his innocence, suggested police were trying to link him to the most recent arrests because they were embarrassed that their lone suspect had been imprisoned when the new killings began.

"Give me a break," Sharif said. "This is garbage."

UIL panel recommends survey on home schooling questions

AUSTIN (AP) — To Joanne Puryear, mother of seven, a proposal to allow home-schooled children to participate in University Interscholastic League extracurricular competition amounts to a lesson in economic fairness.

"In the past 14 years of home schooling, we have paid approximately \$12,000 in school taxes alone. We have spent an additional — and this is a modest guess — \$14,000 to educate our children at home," Mrs. Puryear, who lives north of Angleton in Brazoria County, told a UIL panel Monday.

"That is a grand total of \$26,000 toward the education of our children without any benefit from the public school," she said. "All of these expenses ... caused an unnecessary hardship on our family."

The \$26,000 doesn't include \$2,000 annually that Mrs. Puryear and her husband estimate they've spent for competition in such events as non-UIL

swim meets. Their children range in age from three to 20, with the two oldest in college.

But the UIL's Ad Hoc Committee on Eligibility said important questions remain about the home-school proposal. The UIL governs academic, music and athletic competitions for public schools.

Among issues to be addressed are the fact that public schools don't get state funds for students who aren't enrolled, and questions about how home schoolers would prove compliance with state law's no pass, no play requirement. That rule bars students who fail from extracurricular competition.

The eligibility panel recommended further study of the proposal, including a survey of school superintendents, parents and other interested parties.

The panel's recommendation goes to the UIL's policy committee, which is scheduled to meet in June.

Controversial doctor wins in court

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals panel has backed a lower court's decision to make a controversial cancer treatment available only to patients included in FDA clinical trials.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed U.S. District Judge Simeon Lake's ruling that Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski of Houston can only treat patients enrolled in a clinical trial.

The appeals court decision was made public Monday.

Burzynski, who faces 75 counts of insurance fraud and FDA rule violations, is scheduled for trial in October.

His attorney, Richard Jaffe said most patients have been included in clinical trials. Just a month ago, 160 were enrolled in the trials, but another 140 were able to meet the criteria for participating, he said.

That leaves about a dozen out in the cold, because this ruling essentially cuts off any treatment for them, Jaffe said.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's Office was not available for comment Monday afternoon.

At issue is the use of Burzynski's experimental "antineoplastons" drug treatment. He and his patients say it offers a last chance for those with incurable cancer.

The FDA has said he has flouted regulations regarding unapproved drugs crossing state lines.

The doctor has been snarled in controversy since he opened his Houston clinic in 1983, finding himself under scrutiny by state and federal courts, the FDA and the Texas Board of Medical Examiners.

His quarrel with the FDA goes back to the early 1980s.

Small South Texas town has minimal government

RANGERVILLE (AP) — The city commission in this rural town doesn't haggle over city budgets, compete for All America City titles or worry about repairing its streets.

Rangerville has no budget, no elections, no taxes, no attorney and as far as most can tell — no problems.

But the tiny town of 280 people, located south of Harlingen, does have a mayor, two commissioners and a city secretary. They were appointed years ago when the original mayor and commission insisted on handing down their responsibilities to the next generation.

Wayne Halbert had recently graduated from college when he became the city's second mayor 25 years ago.

"When I came back from school in the late '60s or early '70s they had a town meeting," Halbert said. "I showed up and I was

elected mayor. I've been mayor ever since."

The current commission meets less than an average of once a year. "When you don't do anything you don't have to meet that often," said Halbert, who works as manager of the Harlingen Irrigation District.

The city was incorporated in 1958 to keep Harlingen and San Benito from annexing and taxing the small farming community, back in the days when cities weren't required to provide services to areas it taxed.

An elementary school, two churches and a cotton gin constitute most of the city's development. The gin provides fresh coffee, shade and conversation for those residents who need a place to gather.

"This is downtown Rangerville," resident Arnold De Los Santos said while taking an afternoon break at the Rangerville

Co-op Gin, Grain & Supply. "You know everybody."

The farming of cotton, milo, corn, sugar cane and onions seems to be the city's biggest industry because of ideal growing conditions.

"We have good agriculture soil here," farmer Jack Garrett said as he sipped his coffee at the cotton gin. Once, though, "there was a spider web railroad yard and a tomato packing shed," he remembered.

Rangerville lost its only income when Valley Greyhound Park closed because the park paid area cities a stipend depending on attendance of races and population of the cities. Rangerville has more than \$200 in a savings account from the park's \$2-\$6 a month donation.

The city adopts Cameron County rules and regulations and expects residents to handle some of their own problems.

"We don't have any services at

all," Halbert said. Residents "do everything for themselves and don't depend on city government. If you've got a pot hole, get a shovel and fill it up."

So how did Rangerville get its name?

Two stories generally pop up when the topic is broached: One claims the area was named at the turn of the century after a Texas Ranger station. Another suggests the town got its name when early settlers moved there from the city of Ranger, about 60 miles east of Abilene.

Although it has a name, the city doesn't have a sign except for the one the state placed on Expressway 77/83 notifying passers-by that Rangerville is within five miles.

Signs "cost money," Halbert said. "Everybody that lives there knows where Rangerville is and those who don't — what difference does it make?"

Poll shows most agree children should read by age 8

AUSTIN (AP) — Most Texans agree that students should not be promoted from third to fourth grade without being able to read, the Texas Federation of Teachers announced Monday.

But deciding what to do with those students and getting support for new ideas in education could be difficult, the head of the association acknowledged.

The state's second largest educators' group released opinion poll data Monday showing 93 percent of Texans agree that students should be able to read before passing the third grade. The poll also shows that:

— 66 percent of Texans believe students should not be advanced from one grade to the

next without learning skills required at the lower level, a practice called social promotion.

— 79 percent say school districts should step in with special programs to help failing students.

But determining what those special programs should be and how students in those programs would be classified will take time and cooperation between teachers, parents and community leaders, said TFFT President John Cole.

The poll, which surveyed 1,001 Texans between Feb. 21 and March 1, did not ask about holding students at a grade level until they learned the required material. The results have a plus or minus 3 percent margin of error.

Cole said some 23 percent of third graders can not pass third grade reading requirements.

"Simply retaining a student at grade level is not going to solve the problem," he said. "If the student didn't learn the material in the regular classroom setting the way it was presented the first time, simply doing more of that is not likely to work, either."

Cole said one thing that could help would be to redirect money spent on remedial education at Texas high schools to basic teaching at first- and second-grade levels.

"The key here is early intervention," he said. "When the students reach the high school level, then they are unable to pass the TAAS test required for high school graduation."

Photos of dead eagles net killer

HOUSTON (AP) — Like most proud hunters, James Edward Tyson wanted to capture his prized trophy on film.

So with quarry in hand, he quickly found friend Donald Edwin Gladden Jr., and asked him to take pictures.

But one look at the negatives spurred a quick-thinking film processor to contact authorities.

The reason? There — in 10 color photographs — was the body of a dead American Bald Eagle.

On Monday, Tyson and Gladden pleaded guilty to violating the Golden and Bald Eagle Act in the Jan. 2 shooting and dismemberment of the bird.

Their arrests came after an employee at a Huntsville film processing shop called authorities, said Karen Broussard, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Tyson, a 27-year-old state corrections officer, was sentenced to four months of home confinement and 200 hours of community service for pleading guilty to shooting and killing the eagle. He must also pay \$19,000 in fines, restitution and probation expenses.

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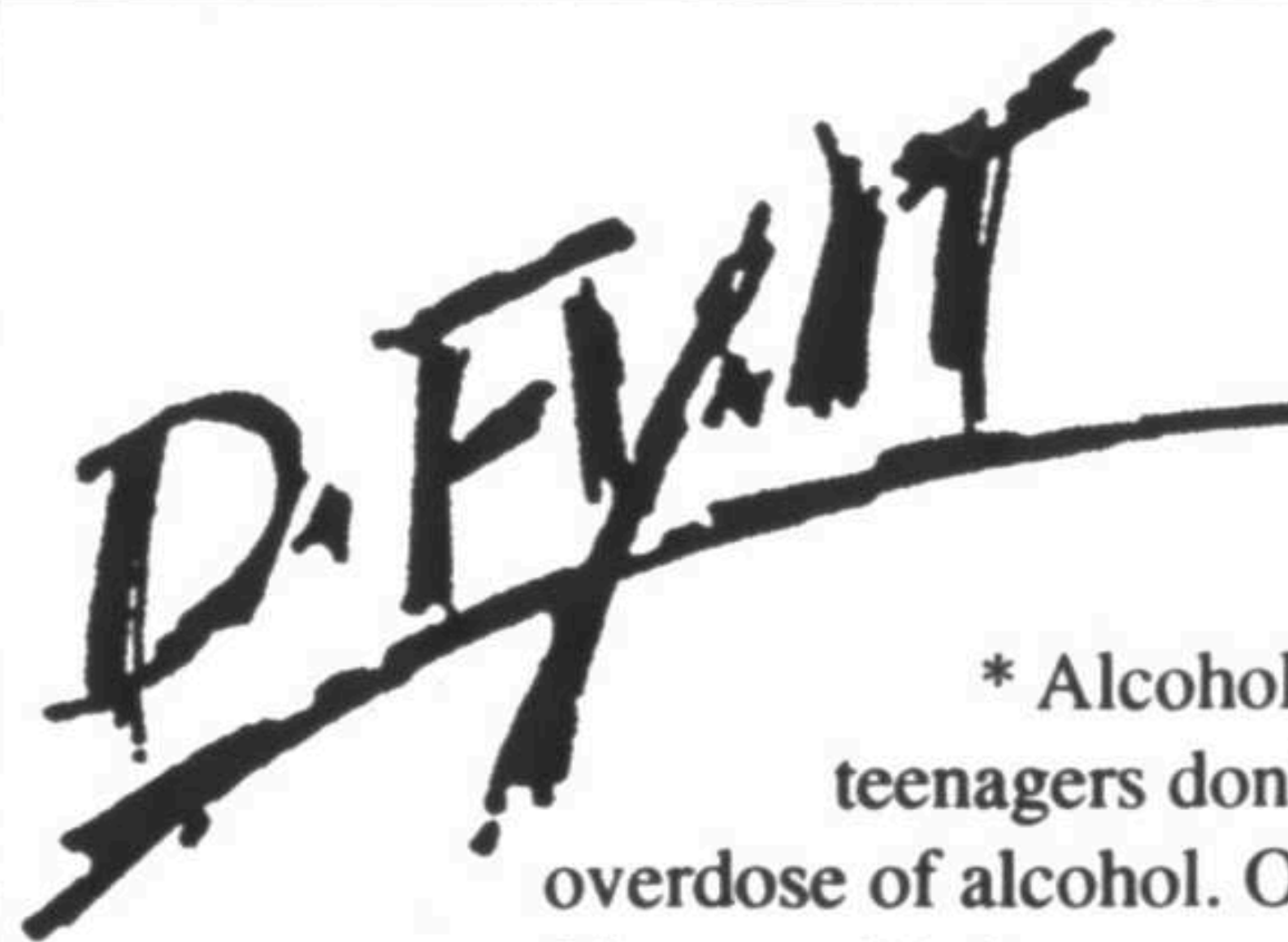
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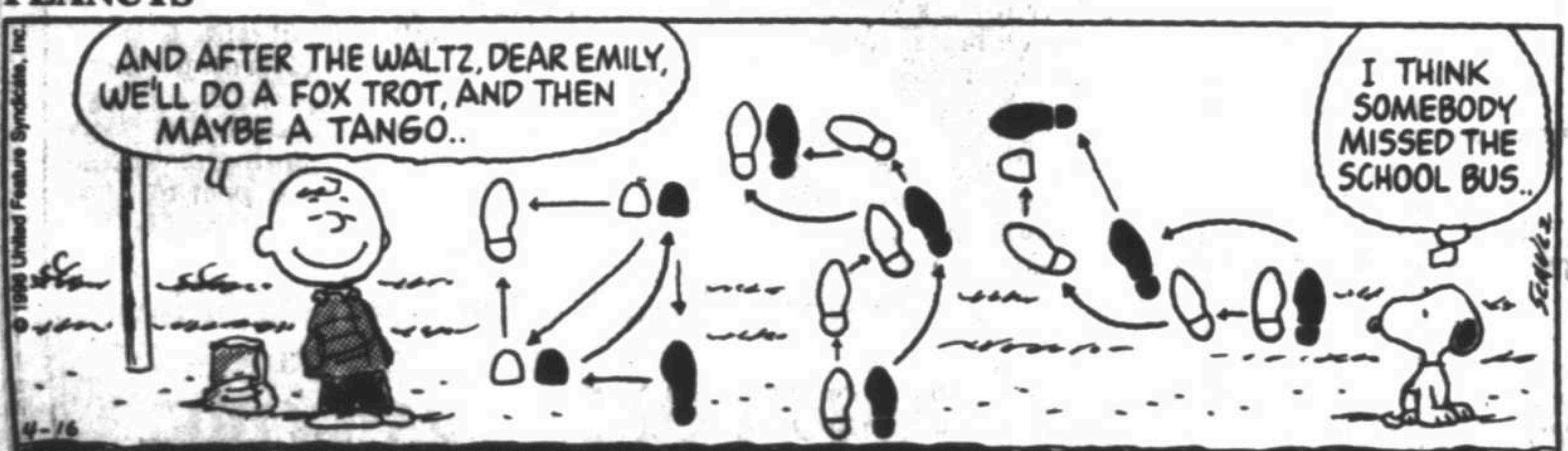
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TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1996

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Curb a tendency to make snap decisions. A quickly-rejected opportunity could haunt your thoughts for years to come. Go slowly when meeting new people and choosing business projects. Romance is more eventful than in the recent past. Next fall, surrender to a desire to travel. Good luck crowns a special financial venture, bolstering your bank account. An old and valuable friendship can be renewed if you make the first move.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, actress Ellen Barkin, dancer Merce Cunningham, aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be cautious in money matters. Avoid making loans or carrying a lot of cash. A social event could be sublime if you meet someone special. Do not come on too strong with a reserved individual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It may be time to make a big change. Ship out if job conditions drive you bonkers. Pay attention to what the people close to you are saying. An older person may need immediate attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Have a specific plan for both work and leisure hours. You will be setting a good example for someone who is too inclined to drift! Dress your best for a special date this evening.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone independent and generous wins your good will. A long-lasting and meaningful alliance could develop. Making overdue changes on the home front will reduce stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Work slowly and accurately. Painstaking attention to detail is essential. Be truthful and understanding with a family member who is going through difficult times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Avoid making business promises you may not be able to keep. If you get a chance, take time out from your busy day to phone someone who cares. Avoid discussing sensitive subjects with touchy people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take well-intentioned advice with good grace. Show that you are willing to change tactics if doing so will bring better results. Be patient with off-spring.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

(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 99 cents a minute.)

Your work can take a lot out of you. If married, guard against neglecting domestic responsibilities. The surprises may come thick and fast this afternoon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid exchanging confidence with people you cannot trust. Halt a relationship with anyone who talks out of turn about your activities. A complex task is time-consuming but will ultimately bring profit and praise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A financial transaction works out well. You are proud of your ability to help others. A neighbor may be a better friend than you realize. Reward someone who helps out in a family emergency.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be firm if you are not interested in someone's overtures. Otherwise, this person may not get the message. Work and family obligations must come before pleasure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Resist renegeing on a promise to go out with someone. Meeting new people will be good for you professionally and personally. A phone call boosts your spirits.

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East-West vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
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 ♥ Q 4
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 ♣ Q 6 3 2

WEST
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in the middle game, you usually have a pretty shrewd idea of how the cards lie. When you try it on opening lead, you need a large slice of luck and a specific lie of the cards. On this hand from the recent Spring North American Championships in Philadelphia, West struck gold.

The auction was straightforward. South showed a good minimum by rebidding two no trump (since North was a passed hand, two clubs, by partnership agreement, inquired about South's strength) and, with 11 points, North had an easy raise to game.

Sitting West was Jonathon Levine of New York. He was reluctant to lead away from one of his doubletons, and a lead into South's announced five-card suit didn't rate to be productive. Instead, West decided on the deceptive lead of the ten of clubs.

West hit upon the perfect time for funny business — dummy held queen fourth and declarer did not have the jack. As it was, had the game been played with glass cards declarer would have called for dummy's queen, then set up a ninth trick by forcing out the ace of diamonds.

As the cards lay, however, the right play was certainly to play low from the table on the ten, and duck again when West continued with the nine. There followed in rapid succession the ace and king of clubs and ace of diamonds, and East-West wrapped up 11 of 12 match-points for down one.

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'They can't fire you if they can't find you,' Kuralt says of 'On Road' series

LAS VEGAS — Retired CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt, who for nearly three decades took viewers on trips around America with his "On the Road" series, shared a secret.

His real motivation for the series, he said jokingly, was to stay out of the office.

"They can't fire you if they can't find you," he said, accepting an award for distinguished service at the National Association of Broadcasters convention here on Monday.

Kuralt, who calls himself a "retired old geezer," became CBS' youngest newsmen at the age of 24 in 1959. The longtime host of "Sunday Morning" on CBS retired in 1994.

HONG KONG — Monday brought many Asian TV viewers their first chance to get to know Jay Leno and "As the World Turns," and puzzle over whether "Tonight" is really today half a world away.

Leno's show and the soap opera are part of the daily fare NBC is airing via cable in China, Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines. Because of time differences, Tom Brokaw turns up on each morning on the "NBC Nightly News."

S.K. Fung, president of NBC Asia Ltd., said 1 million households receive the programming, and he hopes deals will be announced in a few weeks to add India, Malaysia, Indonesia and others.

Among other programs offered on the 24-hour-a-day channel are "Later With Greg Kinnear," "The McLaughlin Group" and "Meet the Press."

Only entertainment programs are airing in China, where the government regulates the media.

MILAN, Italy — The other woman in Luciano Pavarotti's life says she prefers rock to opera.

"At the beginning we had a lot of problems because I was bored to death by listening to opera," 26-year-old Nicoletta Mantovani told the newspaper Corriere della Sera in an interview published Monday.

Ms. Mantovani, Pavarotti's secretary, also said she feels much better since her relationship with the tenor has come out in the open.

"The last year was hell ... because I don't like to tell lies," she said. "Since the truth has been revealed, I'm happy."

Last month, Pavarotti and his manager-wife, Adua, agreed to a separation after 35 years of marriage. They have three daughters.

They acted after an Italian gossip magazine published photos of the tenor and his secretary walking arm-in-arm and kissing on a Caribbean beach.

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Austrian

tennis star Thomas Muster denies he is having an affair with the Duchess of York and says he hopes Fergie gets back with her estranged husband, Prince Andrew.

"I know her well and sometimes we talk on the phone, but it's purely platonic and nothing more than a friendship," Muster said after winning the Estoril Open on Sunday.

Three weeks ago, Muster's former girlfriend Mariella Thelner told a British tabloid the Austrian had left her for the duchess.

Muster, one of the world's top-ranked tennis players, joked that the news reports have spread his fame: "Now I'm even known at the hairdressers."

CARMEL, Ind. — The life of a retiree in suburban Indianapolis is getting pretty hectic for Dave Letterman's mother, who says she was badgered into sharing her recipes in a new cookbook.

For the next two weeks, Letterman's 75-year-old mother, Dorothy, will be traveling to promote "Home Cookin' with Dave's Mom," written with Dave's Mom.

The appearance she's most nervous about: CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman" on April 29.

"It's the first time I'll actually sit in the chair next to him and be a guest on David's show," she said. "I expect to be really self-conscious."

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DEAR ABBY

Man of letters feels lost in modern communication

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: What has happened to communication in America? When I write to someone, I discuss what is going on in my life, inquire about the health, happiness, and what is going on in the lives of mutual friends. I generally try to carry on a written conversation that will delight the reader.



Van Buren

If I receive a reply, it is usually on a scrap of paper, or written to be mailed to 20 other people, and starts out, "Hi, just a short note to keep in touch..."

Maybe they should just say, "Hi, just a short note to say I can't be bothered to formulate a real letter. I am too lazy, illiterate, insensitive, or all of the above."

Abby, are people's lives so shallow they have nothing to say? Or

are they so busy that they have nothing to give of themselves in simple written language?

Is it possible in this modern age that communication has been disconnected or is no longer in service? — KYLE

DEAR KYLE: The sample letter you offered is better than nothing (almost). The most I can say for it is: The recipient will know that the writer is still among the living.

In my view, it's not a matter of communication "no longer in service"; it's just different. Times have changed and people are busier now. Short notes, form letters, faxes or quick phone calls are time-savers. And for those into computers, electronic communication is the "in" thing.

DEAR ABBY: I am having a disagreement with a friend and we have decided to let you be the judge. If a couple is engaged to be married, and the woman decides to end the engagement, should she return the engagement ring? — B.A. HEITKAMP, CINCINNATI

DEAR B.A.: The ring goes back.

When a woman accepts an engagement ring, she is also making a promise to marry the man who gave it to her. If she changes her mind, the ring should be returned. Occasionally, when the man breaks the engagement, he may offer to let the woman keep the ring, but he is not obligated to do so. Easy rule: The ring belongs to the person who paid for it, until the marriage has taken place.

DEAR ABBY: I had to chuckle when I heard your comment about "sex" on the first date. (You had misheard the question on the "Larry King Live" show.)

I had an experience in my younger days with a girl I wasn't particularly enamored with.

When I asked her for a kiss on our first date, she said, "No, not on our first date!"

I answered quickly, "Well, how about on the last date?" — PHIL FROM JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter you had some time ago about sleeping in the nude:

In the late '40s, I worked for Dr. Karl Menninger at the well-known

clinic in Topeka, Kan.

He always recommended sleeping in an extra-large gown or nothing. His theory was that tight nightwear (pajamas included) tends to nudge one's nerves, making for a restless night.

My husband always said, "Nightgowns should be on the floor near the bed in case of fire." We have been married for 46 years. — MRS. ROSE SPICER, REELSVILLE, IND.

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At Wit's End

Face you get should be one you deserve

By Erma Bombeck

Well, Betty Crocker has had her eighth face-lift, and I'm sitting here looking like a car backed over my face.

I'm not alone. There's an army of women like me who talk about cosmetic surgery, but our philosophy prevails: No guts — live with the ruts.

They shouldn't call it "elective surgery." That makes it too easy for women to get out of it. If they labeled it "Body 911," it would put another spin on it.

Frankly, I didn't think Betty was all that shallow. She's not a model on a runway, for crying out loud. She's selling cake mix. Did Uncle Ben hit 45 and go out and buy a rug? Did Colonel Sanders lose the glasses and get contacts? Did Ben Franklin feel the need for an ear-ring in his ear?

Someone observed Betty looks like a working woman. Is that redundant or what? Besides, what

does a working woman look like? Can you tell she's wearing damp pantyhose just by looking?

I can look on my shelves and figure out how old my pancake flour is by the shape of Aunt Jemima's face. She gets younger every year.

Why is there a need for these mythical characters to have cosmetic surgery? It's like putting Mickey Mouse through puberty when he doesn't have to.

It's bad enough when real people keep going back for repairs. When "The Thorn Birds" miniseries first aired on television, Richard Chamberlain was believable as a young, handsome priest, although his face was as smooth as a baby's behind. Several years later in "Thorn Birds II," his skin was as glassy as a frozen pond at midnight. If repairs continue, by "Thorn Birds III" he will not be able to frown, laugh, cry, or make the sign of the cross without pulling something.

Realistically, everyone grows old, but some characters don't have to mess with the aging process. Miss Piggy doesn't need a nose job. Barbie doesn't need liposuction.

I belong to the Mother Teresa school of skin care. So I didn't moisturize enough. My deeds will

be measured not by my youthful appearance, but by the concern lines on my forehead, the laugh lines around my mouth, and the chins from seeing what can be done for those smaller than me or who have fallen.

As for Betty Crocker, she is fooling no one with that collarless blouse and youthful smile. She's pushing 106!

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Pool shark nabs \$1 million in tourney

DALLAS (AP) — Earl Strickland knows a million ways to describe the color of money.

The veteran of 26 years of playing billiards, 16 of them as a touring professional, ran through 10 straight racks Thursday without missing a shot in a nine-ball tournament.

That won him a cool prize of \$1 million.

"It ain't all skill all the time. When you're playing well, you make things happen," he said.

Strickland said he last made a perfect run like that 15 years ago, and likened it to "a hole-in-one at 200 yards."

Strickland, 34, of Greensboro, N.C., was playing in the first Professional CueSports Association

'It ain't all skill all the time. When you're playing well, you make things happen.'

— Earl Strickland
veteran billiards player

tournament at C.J.'s Billiards Palace.

He will be paid \$50,000 a year for the next 20 years by the unlucky company that insured the event against anyone making such a performance.

He wrapped up the 10th rack with a combination shot, sinking the nine ball with the one. Then, he ran one more rack.

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4-5A BASEBALL — San Angelo Central vs. Midland Lee, Ernie Johnson Field, 4:30 p.m.
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Johnson fined

NEW YORK — Magic Johnson was suspended for three games and fined \$10,000 by the NBA today for a bumping incident with referee Scott Foster during the Los Angeles Lakers' game against Phoenix on Sunday.

Johnson made contact with Foster after Johnson was whistled for a technical when he complained about a non-call with 4:13 to play in the second quarter of a game won by the Lakers, 118-114.

Foster immediately ejected Johnson from the game. The ejection also carries an automatic \$1,000 fine.

Attendance Up

NEW YORK — Baseball attendance increased during the second week of the season and is 6.9 percent above last season's average.

Attendance averaged 27,281 for the first 159 days, up from 25,532 for the similar period at the start of last season. The average had been up 4.5 percent in this season's first week.

When compared with last season's final average of 25,257, attendance is up 8 percent.

Following the 232-day strike, average attendance dropped 20 percent last year from the 1994 average of 31,257.

NHL playoffs begin

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Flyers pick up where they left off — sort of — when the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs begin on today.

The Flyers ended the season as Eastern Conference champions with a 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning in St. Petersburg, Fla., Sunday night. They begin the playoffs Tuesday night against the Lightning, only this time it's in Philadelphia.

"It will be especially tough to open in their building," Lightning captain Paul Ysebaert said. "If you can last the first 10 minutes of the game, you can stay in it. I look for it to be a physical series."

The other best-of-7 first-round playoffs starting today have Montreal at the New York Rangers, Vancouver at Colorado and St. Louis at Toronto. The other four series begin Wednesday night with Washington at Pittsburgh, Boston at Florida, Winnipeg at Detroit and Calgary at Chicago.

Lightning center John Cullen agrees it will be a physical series, and that's a problem, especially since the Flyers' average height and weight is 7-foot and about 300 pounds.

"We had an inkling we might play those guys. You can't intimidate a team like that," Cullen said. "It's the team that plays the smartest that wins in the playoffs."

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Lee softball team nails Cooper for fourth time this year

■ Lady Rebels win district's second playoff seed in tie-breaker playoff with Cooper, a team that has never beaten Lee.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

COAHOMA — Might as well give the Midland Lee softball team the ownership papers because it owns Abilene Cooper. The Lady Rebels continued what has been a two-year advantage over the Lady Cougars with a 5-1 win Monday in the District 4-5A playoff for the second and third seeds in the upcoming UIL play-

offs. Lee moved its record to 6-0 over Cooper (4-0 this year) over the last two years and secured the No. 2 spot in the Region 1 playoffs. The Lady Rebels, 23-7 for the season, will play Lubbock High Friday at 6 p.m. in Lubbock at the Berl Huffman Complex.

For Midland Lee coach Perry Young, playing as well as his team does against Cooper is obviously a bonus, but is also typical of 4-5A. He points to Lee's record against Cooper, Midland High's record (3-1) this season against Lee and Cooper's record versus Midland High (4-0 over the last two years).

"It is funny how this district works,"

said Young, who is in his first season at Lee. "We do seem to play well against Cooper."

Cooper coach Connie Finn, however, is miffed by what happens to her team when it takes the field against Lee.

"I wish we could figure it out," said Abilene Cooper coach Connie Finn. "It is some sort of mental block. Defensively, we played a great game."

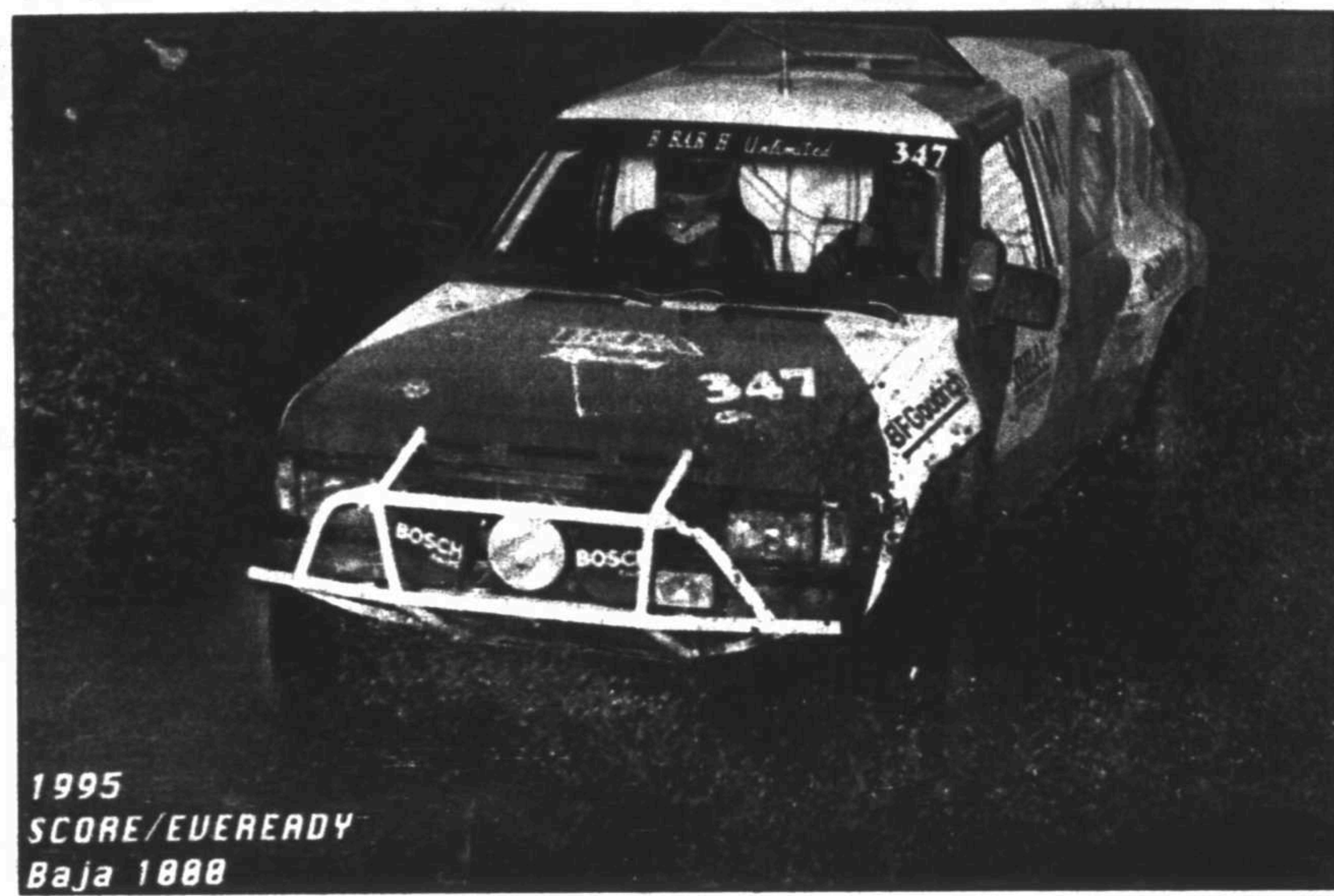
One reason Lee is having success against Cooper this season is that the Lady Rebels have scored in bunches. This game was no different, but what maybe makes it worse is that Lee's four runs and three hits in the first inning off Cooper's Beth Hurley (13-6) came with two outs.

Down 1-0 going into the bottom of the first, Lee got single from Susanna Reed and walk from Jennifer Aman. Chrystal Smith then hit a shot to left center to drive in Reed. Following a Cooper error that scored Aman, Lee's Marcie Villa knocked a single to center to score Smith and Kim Murphy.

"Our bats came around in the first," said Villa, who was 2-for-2 with two RBIs. "We knew we had to get a jump on them. We started off well and were determined to win."

For Hurley, it was to get worse. With an out in the second, Lee's Adrian Nobles hit a bomb over the centerfield fence to

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1995 SCORE/EUEREDY Baja 1888
Midlander Spencer Beal, right, and Bryant Hibbs win Class C of the 1995 Baja 1,000 with their 1991 modified Nissan Pathfinder. Spencer, along with his brother and son, won their class in last month's Las Vegas to Reno off-road race.

Beals love to ride on the wild side

■ Off-road racing is full of chills, thrills and medals for Beal family members.

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

Bryant Hibbs isn't given to reprimands, but he couldn't contain himself. The truck Hibbs and Kelly Beal rode in had just put eight feet of nothingness between it and the Nevada desert. And the Nissan Pathfinder seemed unwilling to relinquish its new-found ability to fly.

"Hey, don't do that!" Hibbs screamed at Beal. "You'll wreck the truck!"

Now, Beal is a reasonable enough man. The 40-year-old Midlander owns part of the family oil business. He's a tennis-playing geophysicist with a wife and three daughters.

So why was he obliterating Michael Jordan hang time standards at the wheel of a 4,500-pound vehicle somewhere between Reno and Las Vegas last month?

Beal, his brother Spencer, 48, and

Spencer's son Spence, 20, drive their modified Pathfinder over some of the nastiest terrain in North America. Kelly and Spencer have raced off-road since the early 1990s, winning the Class C pro division of the Baja 1,000 twice.

But Kelly, who laughs through his descriptions of races that can take a man's life, and Spencer, who wears glasses and talks of the sport in awe-struck tones, didn't know what to expect when they entered the first Las Vegas to Reno 506-mile race, the longest-ever U.S. off-road competition. What they got was first place in the Pro-Class 3 division and even more stories to spin about the high-flying, dusty domain of racing off-road.

Kelly drove the first portion of the March 29 race. Not long into it he hit a four-foot bump at 75 mph that sent the '91 Nissan hurtling into the air.

For Kelly, it was the most exhilarating moment of his six-hour leg. "I hit that one big bump and just launched," Kelly said. "It was unbelievable. The navigator was talking to me, saying, 'Hey, don't do that! You're going to break the truck!'"

Didn't you see that coming? and we're still in the air. We had time to have a conversation (before coming down)."

Kelly guesses the truck left the ground for about 30 feet.

"I don't know how far it was. It could have been farther," Kelly said. "That is something that will stick in my mind a long time. That feeling of why aren't we on the ground yet?"

Some would say the Beals are never quite totally grounded. At least not when they're off-road racing. The threeosome strap themselves into the modified Nissan with five-way seat belts and drive over "whoop-de-dos" (long series of bumps) and through deep silt and sand draws — all for the thrill of it.

"Everything else is pretty much fun," Kelly said, "but those whoop-de-dos forever just wear you out."

As does everything else. Six hours or more of off-road racing leaves drivers feeling like they've run a marathon.

And vehicles break down, get stuck or just plain break. Injuries

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Kenyan stages Boston Marathon upset

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — Kenyan Moses Tanui won the 100th Boston Marathon, finishing in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 16 seconds Monday to upset countryman and three-time defending champion Cosmas Ndeti.

Ndeti led much of the race but fell behind at the 21-mile mark, just as the racers came out of the Newton climb known as Heartbreak Hill. Of the six Kenyans breaking away, led by 1995 runner-up Tanui, Ndeti was sixth.

At 24 miles, Ndeti had dropped 90 yards behind Tanui and Sammy Bitok, who was running his first marathon. It was the sixth consecutive victory for Kenya, which uses the event for its Olympic trials.

American Jean Driscoll won an unprecedented seventh consecutive wheelchair race today and Heinz Frei of Switzerland took the men's wheelchair division, leading a record field across the finish line.

Driscoll, of Champaign, Ill., finished well ahead of her closest pursuer with a time of 1:52:54. Only Clarence DeMar, who won seven non-consecutive races, has won as many Boston titles.

Frei, who won the 1994 race in record pace, finished in 1:30:11 and was the first to be crowned with the laurel wreath at the 100th staging of the longest-running long run in the world.

An official total of 38,706 runners — four-times the previous record — left Hopkinton at noon and headed for the Back Bay finish line, where race officials prepared for an unprecedented

influx of fatigued feet.

After snow last week and rain over the weekend, the skies cleared and the temperatures warmed to the 50s for race day. Only a slight head wind was expected to slow the runners in their 26.2-mile commute of cuts, callouses and cramps.

The forecast was good news for race officials concerned that warm weather could lead to unparalleled problems in the massive field. Just in case, there were 2,500 medics, 190 massage therapists, 160 podiatrists and rows of cots and wheelchairs waiting in Copley Square.

As the leaders crossed the five-mile mark, some of the runners at the back of the pack hadn't started yet. For those near the back of the pack, it took 28 minutes to reach the starting line.



Kenya's Moses Tanui ...Boston Marathon winner

Another swimmer headed for Division I college ranks

■ Midland Lee's Susie Carnett signs swimming pact with the University of Houston.

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

Brad Swendig can't remember if two female swimmers from the same Midland school ever signed Division I letters of intent in the same year.

They have now, which is what happens when you have a girls swim team that wins region twice and finishes third in the state.

Midland Lee senior Susie Carnett Monday was signed to a full scholarship with the University of Houston. Carnett joins Monica Stroman as the other Lady Rebel to acquire a full ride to a Division I school

this year. Swendig, the City of Midland Aquatics coach, said Carnett's scholarship will pay "95 percent" of her way to the school that joins Conference USA next season.

"The number one thing that is real unique about Susie is that she's a senior in high school and that she's still improving at the rate she is," Swendig said. "Her times are still dropping. Girls are notorious for getting their fastest times at 15 or 16. I think she's going to make a real good college swimmer because she's still going in the right direction."

Carnett had full scholarship offers from Eastern Michigan and Northern Illinois. But after visits to those schools, she felt it would be best to stay closer to home. She also likes the fact she'll be only

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Midland Lee's Susie Carnett ...headed for Houston

Rebels face crucial game

By Sean Wallace
Sports Writer

With only two weeks left in the District 4-5A baseball race, only one of the seven teams — Odessa High — has been eliminated from playoff contention. But this week could spell doom for a few more teams, including Midland Lee and Midland High.

The Rebels (14-11-1 overall, 6-3 in District 4-5A) take on San Angelo Central today at 4:30 p.m. at Ernie Johnson field in the first of two home games this week which might give the Rebels an edge in clinching one of the three playoff spots in the district.

The Rebels host Odessa Permian on Saturday and wins in both games would

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Oakland powers East Texas, 8-3

Associated Press

INGTON — Oakland scored with two outs in the seventh Monday night, sending Athletics to an 8-3 victory over the Rangers. The Rangers' first home loss this season.

A's broke open a 3-3 game as straight batters reached five on hits and two via Pedro Munoz ignited the left-center field wall. Jason Kendall hit a two-run single and singled home Munoz and Bordick singled in two more off Gil Heredia (0-1).

Steinbach homered for and, which improved to 6-4 victory. The A's are at .500 first time since last July 14. Indians 6, Red Sox 0.

Blue Jays 5, Tigers 2. Toronto — Carlos Baerga in three runs, two on a doubling Cleveland's three-run inning, and Jack McDowell pitched nine hits as the Indians completed a four-game sweep of Boston.

Reds 3, Cubs 2, 10 innings. Chicago — Barry Larkin homered with one out in the 10th inning to send Cincinnati over Chicago.

Larkin drove a 1-1 pitch from Bob Patterson (1-1) into the left-field bleachers for his third home run.

Cincinnati starter Dave Burba struck out a career-high 11 in seven innings, but left with the game tied 2-2 and did not get a decision.

White Sox 11, Royals 10. Kansas City, Mo. — Chicago 10-run lead before Ozzie

Baseball Roundup

Guillen's RBI double in the ninth inning allowed the White Sox to escape with a victory over Kansas City.

The White Sox scored five runs in the first and second innings before the Royals rallied. Kansas City scored six runs in the second inning and eventually tied it 10-10 with two runs in the eighth.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cardinals 6, Pirates 4. ST. LOUIS — Ron Gant homered, doubled and drove in four runs as St. Louis beat Pittsburgh for its fifth victory in six games.

Gant had an RBI double in the first inning and hit a three-run homer in the third, his fourth, off John Ericks (0-2). The homer staked Cardinals rookie starter Alan Benes (2-0) to a 5-1 lead. But the right-hander struggled, allowing four runs and seven hits with seven strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings.

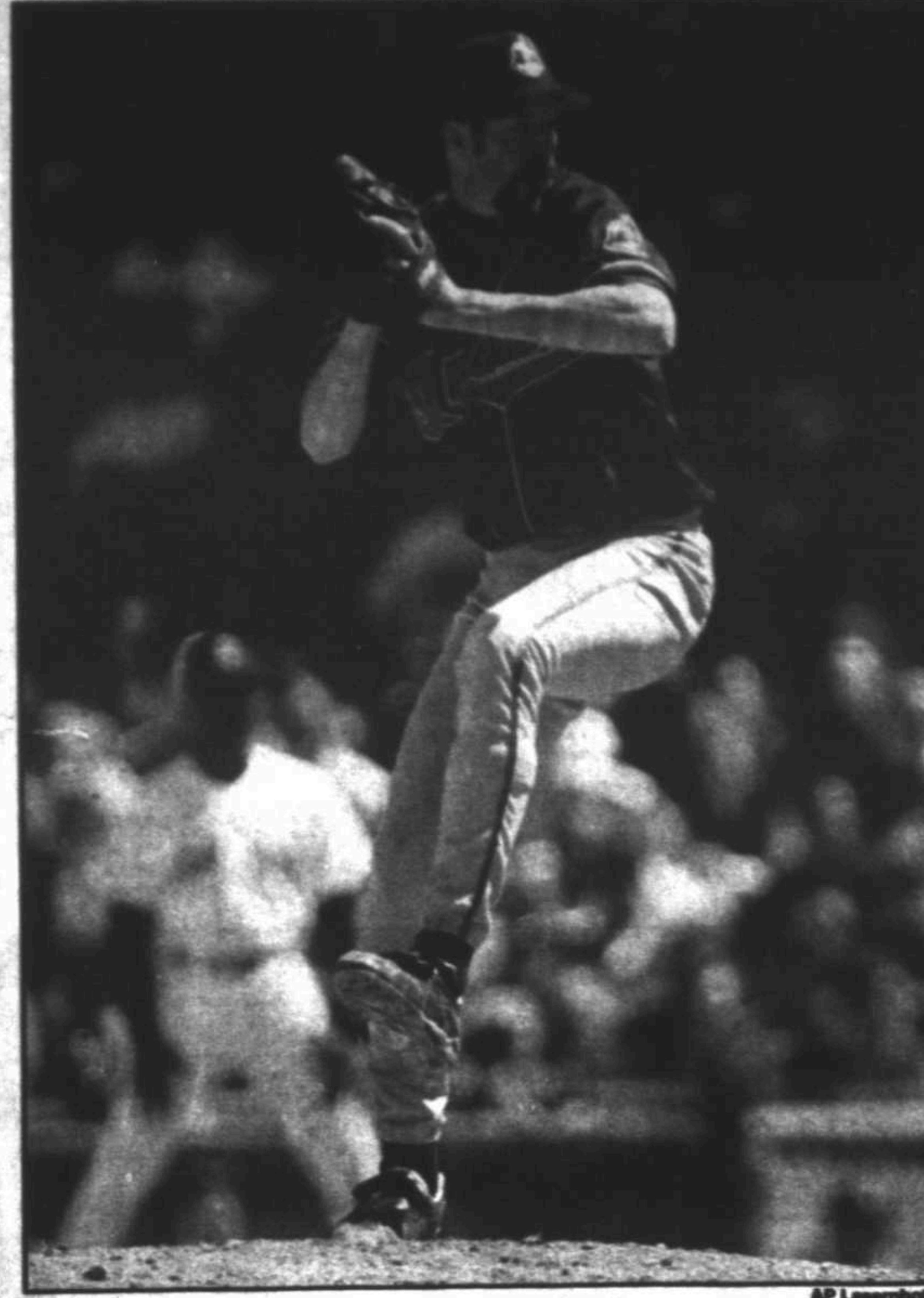
The Pirates made it close with three runs in the sixth to chase Benes, who pitched a four-hitter in his previous start. Rookie Jason Kendall hit a two-run single, pinch hitter Dave Clark had an RBI single and the Pirates got help from a fielding error by third baseman Gary Gaetti in the inning.

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Cleveland pitcher Jack McDowell hurled an 8-0 shutout over Boston Monday as the Indians swept a three-game series from the slumping Red Sox.

hittless inning for the win, and Jeff Brantley worked the 10th for his fifth save.

Rockies 11, Padres 9. DENVER — Dante Bichette hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning, his first this season, as Colorado Rockies rallied from five runs down for a win over San Diego.

Bichette, who led the National League with 40 homers last season, hit the first pitch from former

teammate Willie Blair (0-2) over the center-field wall to give the Rockies a 10-9 lead.

Andres Galarra and Vinny Castilla then hit consecutive doubles to make it 11-9.

Bichette went 4-for-5 with four RBIs as the Rockies, who trailed 9-4 in the fourth inning.

Bruce Ruffin (1-0), the fourth Rockies' reliever, pitched one inning for the win. Curt Leskanic pitched the ninth for his 3rd save.

Antonio McDyess scored 19 points for Denver and Jalen Rose had 16.

With the Kings trailing 81-80, Richmond hit a running, seven-foot jumper in the lane over Dikembe Mutombo and McDyess with 1:10 left.

Two free throws by Brian Grant made it 84-81 with 57 seconds left, and Richmond then hit a 20-footer with 29 seconds to go for an 86-81 advantage.

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Pacers 90, Hornets 87 INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's reserves took the sting out of Reggie Miller's absence and dealt a big blow to Charlotte's playoff hopes.

With Miller resting at home a day after surgery on his fractured eye socket, the Pacers rallied from a 19-point deficit in the second quarter and beat the Hornets.

The victory clinched the third playoff seed in the Eastern Conference for the Pacers.

Ricky Pierce came off the bench and scored 15 points for Indiana, including seven in the final quarter when 14 straight points by the Pacers' reserves helped tie the game at 80.

Charlotte's last lead was 83-81 before a basket by Eddie Johnson tied the game for the final time. A minute later, a three-point play by Pierce put the Pacers ahead for good, and the Hornets managed only four free throws by Larry Johnson the rest of the game.

Charlotte dropped a game behind Miami, which beat New Jersey 110-90, for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

If they finish in a tie, Miami would get the spot because of its better record within the conference.

Derrick McKey led the Pacers with 18 points, while Pierce and Mark Jackson added 15 apiece. Eddie Johnson scored all 8 of his points in the fourth quarter.

Charlotte was led by Glen Rice with 31 points, including 26 in the first half. Larry Johnson and Kenny Anderson each scored 14 for the Hornets.

Midland Lee 5, Abilene Cooper 1. Abilene Cooper 100 0000 — 1 7 3. Midland Lee 410 0000 — 5 7 1.

Both Hurley and Kim Cheek, Chynal Smith and Adrián Holmes, W. Smith (21-7), L. Hurley, H.R. Adrian Nobles (5).

had fallen down." Spencer made a hard left turn to get out of the draw. The other driver saw him turn and came back to follow. But by then the Beal truck had a lead it would not lose.

The Beals won the 14-hour race by six minutes.

"It can come down to seconds, surprisingly," Spencer said. "Over a 14-hour trip to win by six minutes is pretty amazing."

Spencer would rather not "advertise" just how much money his hobby eats up. He did say the Las Vegas to Reno win netted the team a couple of thousand dollars. But expenses are bound to run well over that figure.

Kelly and Spencer must stay physically conditioned to succeed

at their hobby. They both jog, Spencer plays racquet ball and Kelly plays polo. Spence is "just young, he doesn't know what tired is," Kelly said.

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all but secure the Rebels their sixth straight playoff appearance. Lee won the first district meeting on March 26, taking a 7-5 decision in Odessa.

Lee has won six of nine district games this year, but one of those losses came to Central in an eight-inning, 2-1 loss in San Angelo on March 23.

The Bulldogs (15-9, 4-5) got back into the playoff race with a 5-3 win over Odessa Permian on Saturday, sweeping the season series from the Panthers.

"This was a big win for us but we've just got to concentrate on playing one game at a time," MHS coach Lew Kennedy said after the game. "It's been a crazy race all season. You never know what's going to happen."

Midland High has their second off date on the district schedule today then goes to Odessa High on Saturday, Abilene High at home on April 23 and finishes the season against Central in San Angelo on April 26.

"We knew these games were going to be tough and we have to

go out and win the rest of them," MHS shortstop Mike Carrasco said. "We believe we can win the rest of them. If we do that, then anything can happen."

A win over Permian earlier in the year helped kick-start the Bulldogs to three straight wins. A repeat performance is needed to help get the Bulldogs into the playoffs, who will need some help to get in.

Lee and Abilene are tied for second in the district with 6-3 marks while Central is one-half game behind them at 5-3. The Bulldogs, standing two games behind Lee and Abilene at 4-5, must beat Abilene and Central and hope both of them lose another game for Midland High to figure into the district playoff race.

Abilene Cooper (16-8, 6-2) is the only team which can win the district without help from anyone. The Cougars have four games remaining and a sweep would give Cooper the district title with a 10-2 district mark. Lee, the two-time defending league champions, won the district last year with a 10-2 record.

SIGNS: Versatile Carnett Houston bound

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about an hour away from close friend Stroman, who will attend Texas A&M.

Houston does not have a men's swimming program. And the girls program has not been strong recently. But new head coach Ginger Hurley convinced Carnett the Lady Cougars program can get better.

"I think she (Hurley) will do a real good job with the team," Carnett said after she had put her name on the Houston letter at the COM offices. "Everybody on the team seemed like real hard workers and didn't complain. When I went there, they did the stair master for an hour without complaining."

Carnett has competed in Junior Nationals in the 200-yard butterfly and the 400-yard individual medley. She came within seconds of making Seniors times in those events this year.

Carnett helped the Lady Rebels

to their third-place finish at the state UIL championships last month in Austin. Besides being on five winning relay teams, she took first place in three individual events at the regional competition for Lee. She won the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle this year and the 500 freestyle her sophomore year.

At state this year she swam a sixth in the 100 butterfly.

"I think she'll swim the flys and the IMs and the distant free styles at Houston," Swendig said. "She's pretty versatile. Anybody who made the junior nationals in the 400 IM, they can be used in a lot of ways."

Carnett may be as anxious to experience big-city life as she is to start swimming in Conference USA.

"The city is so much different from Midland," Carnett said about Houston. "There's just so much to do. You can do something different every day and never do the same thing twice."

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Miami turning up 'Heat' for furious playoff run

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Heat, scrapping for the playoff berth in the Eastern Conference, New Jersey scoreless during a seven-game stretch and beat the Nets 110-90 Monday.

Victory was the fourth in a row for Miami which began the night tied with Charlotte for the eighth playoff spot in the conference. The Heat held the tiebreaker advantage over the Hornets, who played Monday at Indiana.

Phoenix scored 20 points to lead six-figure scorers for the Heat, who shot 55 percent. The Nets shot 40 percent and were held 16-0 during one stretch in the third quarter.

Miami completed a five-game sweep of its series against New Jersey, which is out of playoff contention. The Nets have lost seven in a row, their longest losing streak of the season.

Miami closed to within one win of the franchise record of 42 victories, set two years ago.

SuperSonics 112, Rockets 106 USTON — Gary Payton scored 31 points and three steals in the final 1:13 as Seattle at Houston for the ninth straight time in regular season.

The loss prevented the Rockets from catching the Los Angeles Lakers for the No. 4 playoff spot in the Western Conference and home advantage in the first round of the playoffs. The Rockets trail the Lakers by 4 1/2 games with three games to play.

The Rockets were behind most of the game and trailed only 106-104 with 1:13 to go when they grabbed an errant pass and went the other way of the court for a layup and a 108-104 lead.

Deflef Schrempf hit two free throws for 104 lead with 30.6 seconds left, Payton got out of his six steals on an inbound pass and passed for Sam Cassell and drove for the basket.

came in the first inning), but the junior was most effective in the middle three innings when she did not allow a hit. She credits her mixing of pitches and the solid Lee defense behind her.

"Everything was working well," said Smith. "Throwing speed and the change (up) kept them off balance."

She also said working with a lead helps out tremendously.

"You never are supposed to get comfortable or relaxed," said Smith. "It is good to know runs are there and you can count on the

defense."

If there was one area of concern for the 1995 state semifinalist, it was that the Lee offense died after the second inning. The Lady Rebels got only two more hits and only Villa had more than one hit for the game. With the playoffs coming up, Young would like his team to put games away.

"I don't like that we shutdown our offense," said Young. "We should have buried them."

For Finn, her second straight-playoff run begins with Lubbock Monterey Friday at 5 p.m. at Red-

bud Park in Abilene. The Lady Cougars made it to the area round of the region playoffs last season before falling to Haltom. With seven seniors in the starting lineup, success should follow.

"The girls have experience," said Finn. "They are all returnees. We just have to put them all together."

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Both Hurley and Kim Cheek, Chynal Smith and Adrián Holmes, W. Smith (21-7), L. Hurley, H.R. Adrian Nobles (5).

had fallen down." Spencer made a hard left turn to get out of the draw. The other driver saw him turn and came back to follow. But by then the Beal truck had a lead it would not lose.

The Beals won the 14-hour race by six minutes.

"It can come down to seconds, surprisingly," Spencer said. "Over a 14-hour trip to win by six minutes is pretty amazing."

Spencer would rather not "advertise" just how much money his hobby eats up. He did say the Las Vegas to Reno win netted the team a couple of thousand dollars. But expenses are bound to run well over that figure.

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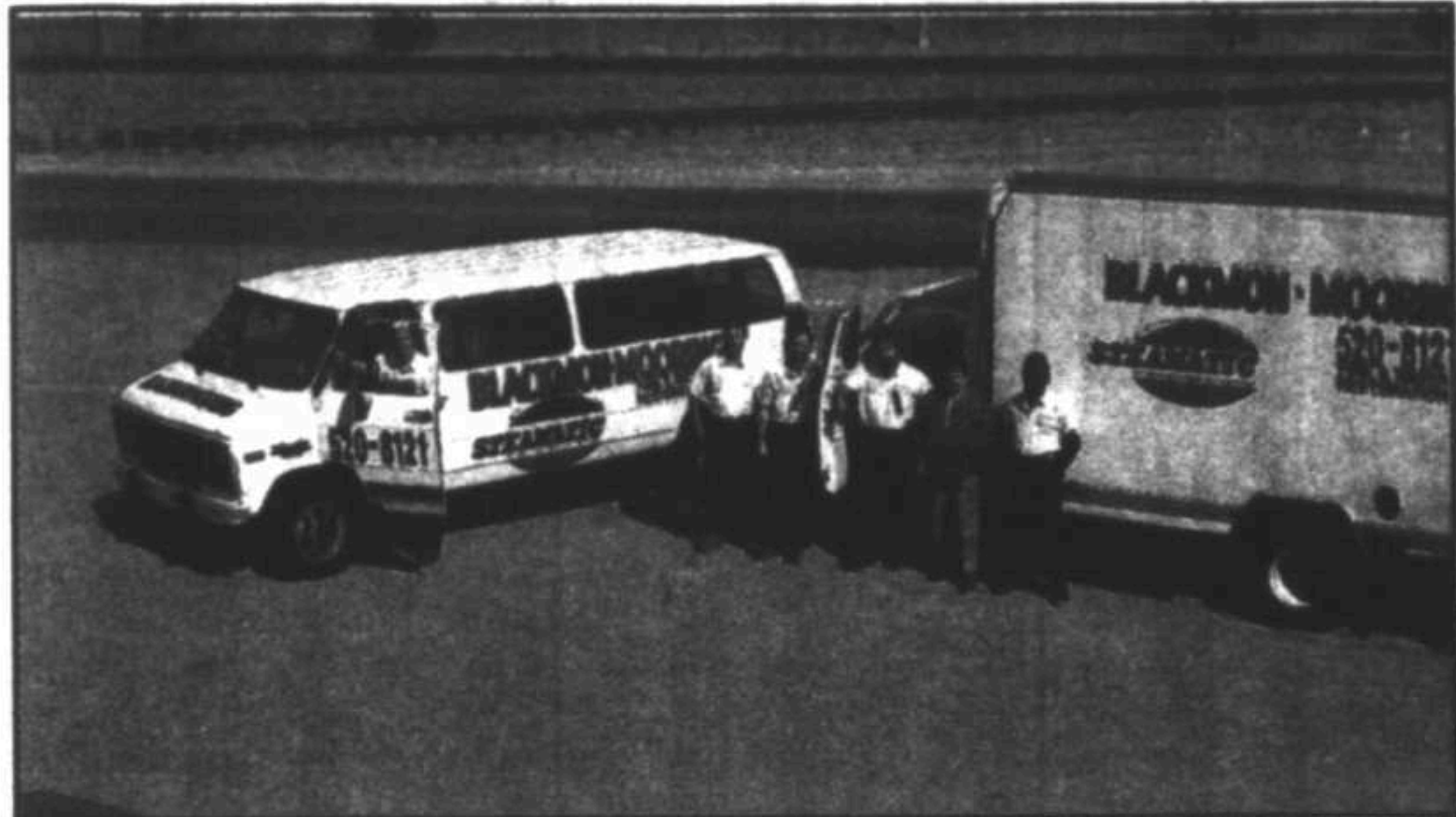
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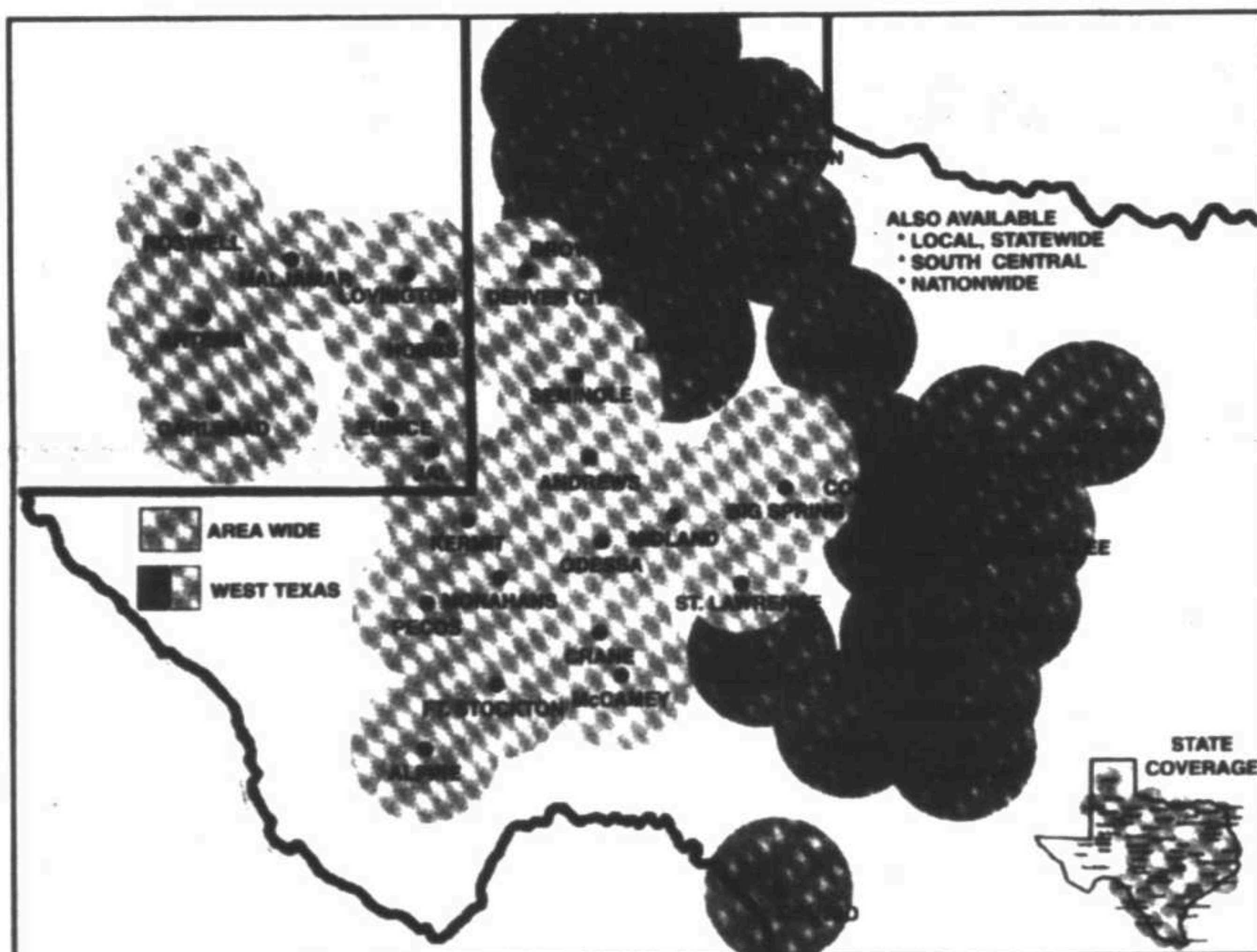
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Prices climb

Crude oil futures prices surged above \$25 a barrel Monday after U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali suggested a deal to allow Iraq to sell a limited amount of oil in exchange for food is not imminent.

Crude for May delivery surged 77 cents to \$25.06 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange and was poised to take on the five-year high of \$25.34 set last week. Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 75 cents to \$23.50 a barrel.

The U.N. chief said after a negotiating session adjourned Monday that "many other steps" remain before Iraq would be allowed to sell \$2 billion in oil over six months.

Meanwhile, Iraq's chief negotiator, Abdul Amir al-Anbani, said American officials had derailed a proposed compromise agreement made during the current third round of talks.

DOA seminar

The Permian Basin Association of Division Order Analysts will host a seminar April 25 at the Petroleum Club. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. with the session held from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m.

The speaker will be Jon Love, director of division orders for Total Petroleum Inc. His topic will be "Mistakes commonly made by Attorneys Writing Division Order Title Opinions and Contracts Affecting the Division Order Analyst."

Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Reservations are available through Wednesday.

AOSC meeting

The Permian Basin chapter, Association of Oilwell Servicing Contractors will meet Thursday at the Odessa Country Club beginning at noon. Guest speaker will be J.J. Tucker of Bridgestone Tire, discussing "Tire Technology and Preventative Maintenance."

Reservations should be made by calling 915/367-8116.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK — The dollar hit a 14-month high against the German mark and a nearly 8-month high against the Swiss franc Monday on growing expectations of a German interest rate cut.

But the greenback ended flat against the Japanese yen after traders took profits on the dollar's recent gains.

In late New York trading, the dollar stood at 1.5127 marks, up from 1.5035 marks on Friday. It rose to 1.2347 Swiss francs, up from 1.2260. Against the yen, the dollar was unchanged at 108.55 yen.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Friday: 5.1310 French francs, up from 5.1030; 1,576 Italian lire, up from 1,568; and 1,355 Canadian dollars, down from 1,350.

The British pound was trading at \$1.5075, down from \$1.5140.

Market climbs

NEW YORK — Stocks posted strong gains Monday, with help from a continued bond market rebound and with an added boost from strong earnings reports and merger activity.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished up 80.33 points at 5,592.92, the biggest rise in four weeks.

The NYSE's composite index gained 2.79 to 346.20. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 5.77 to 642.48.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 8.06 to 1,109.00, while the American Stock Exchange's market value index added 3.85 to 576.11.

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Texas Utilities plans to buy Enserch

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas Utilities Co. agreed Monday to buy natural gas company Enserch Corp., creating a giant power utility serving much of North Texas in a deal that could foreshadow similar mergers across the country.

Pending approval by federal regulators and Enserch stockholders, Texas Utilities will spend \$1.7 billion to acquire most of Enserch, including Lone Star Gas, Texas' biggest gas company which serves the northeast quadrant of the state.

Enserch Exploration will be spun off as an independent company before the merger.

"A combination of these companies is a natural one," said Erle Nye, president and chief executive officer of Texas Utilities. "In addition, the operational efficiencies of the new organization will mean rates for gas and electric service will remain low and competitive."

Under the terms of the agreement, Texas Utilities will buy Enserch common stock for \$50 million and pay \$1.15 billion for its debt and preferred shares.

LuAnn Morgan, district manager in Midland for TU Electric, said the Permian Basin should see little impact from the merger because natural gas in this area is provided by Atmos Energy's Energas subsidiary.

"The impact will be long-term," she said. "TU Electric is the largest consumer of natural gas in the United States. As a result of Enserch being a gas producer and transporter, this will reduce TU' overhead. Right now we'll still be separate entities, but long-term it

will evolve to where it's actually a good combination and will keep rates low and competitive."

The biggest benefit for TU at this time will be Enserch's pipeline transportation system, according to Morgan.

She said employment at both Enserch and TU Electric should not be impacted by the merger except through attrition and retirements.

Morgan noted that the merger has the support of Gov. George W. Bush and while not required, the company will appear before the Public Utility Commission and the Texas Railroad Commission as a formality.

Enserch stock climbed nearly 27 percent on the news, up \$4.37 1/2 to close at \$20.75. Texas Utilities dipped by 25 cents to a \$39.37 1/2 close.

Texas Utilities, the parent of TU Electric and Southwestern Electric Service, will pay each shareholder the equivalent of \$23.68 per share, including \$8 worth of Texas Utilities common stock. Enserch stockholders will retain interest in the soon-to-be independent Enserch Exploration.

The boards of both Dallas-based companies have approved the deal, which has been in the works since January.

"This probably will be held up as an example of where the industry is going," said Janet E. Dzwierzynski, analyst for Phoenix Duff & Phelps in Chicago. "The energy business is becoming more wide open, where customers dictate what energy they want. To be able to do that, companies need to have expertise on all sides of the business."

Unavoidable duplication of effort exists between the companies, especially in the customer service and account-



David Biegler, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Enserch Corp. speaks at a news conference Monday in Dallas as Erle Nye, president and chief executive officer of Texas Utilities Co. listens.

ing departments, Nye said.

"We anticipate handling as many of those as possible through attrition and job retraining," Nye said.

Any job losses involving two of Dallas' largest employers should be absorbed by the area without much difficulty, said Bud Weinstein, director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the University of North Texas.

The idea of merging a huge gas network with the electric utility, combined with an undervalued Enserch stock, makes this the right time for Texas Utilities to make such a move, another analyst said.

Ms. Dzwierzynski said Enserch stock actually has been a little pricey for

short-term investors, but long-term buyers banking on an anticipated exploration payoff by the end of this decade likely thought the price was attractive.

The greater efficiency created by having a single power provider drew praise from consumer activist Tom Smith, who wants to see similar efficiency in the regulatory process.

"But this could force us to ask for a consolidation of energy regulation functions into one agency," said Smith, Texas director of Public Citizen, a consumer watchdog group.

Enserch Exploration will retain its name but become an entirely separate entity because Texas Utilities wants to keep its focus on Enserch's gas transmission and distribution activities.

Survey names Southwest highest quality airline for 1995

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's airline service got better in 1995, the first improvement in five years, a research group says.

The industry "seems to have turned a minor corner in performance and quality," said researcher Dean Headley of Wichita State University.

Southwest Airlines turned in the best performance, taking over the top spot from American Airlines, according to the analysis released Monday by Headley and Brent Bowen of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The report rates airlines on 19 factors ranging from on-time performance to age of fleet to lost baggage to accidents.

While Southwest and American continued their duel for top spot — they have alternated the last three years — most airlines showed improved performance and there was less difference between the

best and worst, Headley said.

The improved financial picture for the airline industry had permitted more attention to consumer preferences, the researchers said. In addition, competition from new carriers like ValuJet has forced the larger airlines to improve service.

While still ranked last among the nine major airlines, Continental was the "most improved" in the study.

Overall, the rankings were: Southwest, American, United, Delta, America West, Northwest, USAir, TWA and Continental.

"One thing they do very well is show up on time," Headley said of Southwest, which boasts the best on-time record of any major carrier. Northwest was second in on-time performance, followed by USAir.

Southwest was also best at handling baggage, scoring the fewest complaints per 100,000 passengers. Second was Continental followed by USAir.

On the other hand, Southwest had the worst record on denied boardings, overbooking more flights than any other airline. Northwest was the least likely to bump passengers, followed by United and American.

The major airlines had a much safer year in 1995 than the year before. Only three people died in accidents last year, compared with 239 in 1994.

The 1996 Airline Quality Rating run-down for each of the major airlines — those with operating revenues of at least \$1 billion a year:

—Southwest regained the top rating with the best on-time performance and fewest lost bags. Moved up despite having the highest rate of bumping passengers.

—American slipped to second with weaker on-time operations and frequent flyer awards more difficult to get. Did a better job than previously at reuniting passengers with their luggage.

—United held at No. 3 despite a slight

drop in rating due to weaker on-time performance and more restrictive frequent flyer program. Had fewer bumpings and lost bags than in 1994.

—Delta held in fourth spot with relatively consistent performance.

—America West jumped from seventh to fifth place with improved financial stability, fewer bumpings and less lost luggage.

—Northwest held at sixth despite the second-best on-time performance. The airline had the second worst record for losing luggage.

—USAir dropped from fifth to seventh despite an improvement in lost baggage.

—Trans World was steady in eighth spot, posting the worst on-time performance and baggage-handling record.

—Continental is still last, but showed dramatic improvements with fewer denied boardings, better on-time performance, fewer lost bags and a more general frequent flyer program.

Broadcasters focus on digital television

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — To remain a medium viewers will still want to tune into in the 21st century, TV broadcasters must make the switch to higher-quality digital television, three top media executives said Monday.

Direct-broadcast satellite providers are already beaming digital signals to pizza-sized receiving dishes to several million homes. And, other competitors including cable and, eventually, telephone companies, which are making plans to break into the TV business, see digital technology as the wave of the future.

"We really have no choice," News Corp. Chairman and Fox TV owner Rupert Murdoch told the National Association of Broadcasters convention here. Michael Jordan, chairman of Westinghouse Electric Corp., parent of CBS, and NBC President Robert Wright agreed.

"I think the door is sort of open for us now to make the move and step through it," Jordan said.

While competitors can move into the digital world on their own, TV broadcasters must rely on the Federal Communications Commission and other fed-

eral policy makers to pave the way. All three executives urged the FCC to swiftly approve a proposed standard that would permit TV broadcasters to transmit in the new digital format, a vast improvement over analog technology now used by the broadcasting industry.

And, they denounced congressional proposals that would make TV stations pay for extra channels they'll need to provide digital TV and a Clinton administration plan that they said would require the switch to digital to be made too quickly, shortening the life of existing analog TV sets.

"Broadcasters ... are in the fight of our lives just to be allowed to transition to digital at all," Wright said.

Senator Larry Pressler, R-S.D., a key broadcast policy maker who attended the convention, predicted Congress would not decide this year, as had been expected, whether broadcasters would have to pay billions for the extra digital channels.

Pressler said the issue would be resolved next year.

Jordan was optimistic that broadcasters will prevail over congressional attempts to make them pay for the extra channels. "I believe the spectrum issue is just about run out," he said. But Wright cautioned against claiming victory just yet. "That's not the way I see it at all. I think the work is greatly in front of us."

The three media moguls also had different thoughts on the public's appetite for an even higher quality digital format called high definition television and the costs to broadcasters to transmit in this format.

Murdoch called the costs "absolutely terrifying" — citing an industry figure of \$8 million to \$12 million per station. Jordan, who is among the industry's most bullish on HDTV, said that was too high. "I think we'll see the costs coming down."



Michael H. Jordan, chairman and chief executive officer of Westinghouse Electric Corp., announces the first silicon carbide High Definition Television broadcast at the National Association of Broadcasters in Las Vegas.

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By Arthur H. Roberts
Associated Press

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Global 'revolution' deals lesson in job wages

By Charles J. Hanley
AP Special Correspondent

KINGSTREE, S.C. — Addie Brown, like America, had it made. A hardworking husband. A nice little hometown. Her own job, \$8.50 an hour, with Kingstree's biggest employer, Baxter Healthcare. "I thought I was set," she said.

Then came her lesson in the new economics: Baxter closed the South Carolina plant, laid off 800 workers and moved production to far-off Malaysia, where young women turn out the same Baxter latex gloves for barely \$8 a day.

And Addie Brown, like thousands of other American workers in the 1990s, wound up a loser in a global race to the bottom line.

Not long after Baxter shut down last November, billboards sprang up in Iowa with a new campaign cry: "Bring the jobs home!" Pat Buchanan's presidential candidacy faded by winter's end, but his slogan will live on through more seasons of discontent as workers in the United States and other industrial countries watch more of their jobs disappear.

In Washington, where some in Congress want laws to pressure multinational companies to "stay home," Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich dismisses the sloganeering. "It is a myth that international trade has robbed America of its manufacturing industries," he says.

Myth? "What he needs to do is come to Williamsburg County," advises Kingstree Mayor Russell Kellahan.

Economists line up with Reich. Jobs are not a zero-sum game in which one side has to lose, they say. Developing countries that win jobs and prosper will buy products — and create jobs — in the industrial world. Besides, they say, labor-saving technology is probably killing more U.S. jobs than the "export" of work to low-wage countries.

And yet, they acknowledge, something very new is going on out there in the dog-eat-dog world, where suddenly all the dogs are capitalist dogs.

"These are revolutionary times in the global economy," concludes a World Bank report on how a transformed world is affecting ordinary workers.

International trade barriers have dropped. Capital, manufacturing technology, expert managers flow freely across borders. Transportation and communication grow cheaper by the day. Perhaps most significantly, half the global work force — China, India, the former Soviet bloc — is

suddenly entering the free market. Hard-pressed companies in a worldwide market will spot more and more opportunity in wage costs — 50 cents an hour in China, for example, against an average \$18 in the industrialized nations.

Klaus Schwab believes in the "win-win" creed of free trade. But the German economist, leader of the annual World Economic Forum, foresees 20 or 30 years of difficult adjustment, as multinational companies thrive on high-tech, high-productivity but low-wage operations in developing countries.

While those countries catch up on income, Schwab said in an interview in Geneva, millions of workers in today's industrial nations will "stagnate ... will be the losers."

Once they were winners in Kingstree.

Illinois-based Baxter Healthcare established the latex-glove factory among the cotton farms and weathered mansions of east South Carolina because this was where you came for low wages in the 1960s. By the late 1980s, however, Baxter's horizons had widened and it was building the world's biggest such plant in Penang, Malaysia — closer to that country's rubber plantations and to its inexpensive labor.

"Our challenge is to be a global competitor," said Bill Saxelby, who heads Baxter's glove business. "To be competitive in the health-care marketplace, in or out of the U.S., you have to be a low-cost leader."

The medical-products giant is clearly a global competitor, a \$10 billion-a-year company that now sells more of its examination and surgeon's gloves abroad than in the United States.

The Baxter shutdown in Kingstree was just a ripple in a wave of American "downsizing" in which manufacturing has shrunk to just 18 percent of U.S. economic output — while rising to above 20 percent of total Third World production.

For Williamsburg County, however, the ripple was a disaster.

A local Tupperware plant had already begun laying off 550 workers, and Oxford Industries had

recently shut down a garment factory and moved the jobs to Mexico. The countywide unemployment rate now tops 14 percent.

"I went out looking for work, and it was horrible," said Mrs. Brown, 30. "There was nothing out there."

That's when she and more than 200 other ex-Baxter employees, with federal financial help, signed up for vocational training at Williamsburg Technical College. Mrs. Brown is studying word processing, and others are enrolled in courses ranging from floral design to industrial electronics.

Smart move, says Reich. "Business tells me they can't find enough people with the necessary skills," the labor secretary said during an interview in his Washington office.

"Our challenge is to make sure that people are prepared to participate in our new technologically driven global economy."

But where are the technologically driven jobs?

Kenneth Gardner, the local schools superintendent, said his friends at Baxter have taken jobs as janitors or textile workers, at less pay than they made before.

He is trying to prepare Kingstree high schoolers for the job market, "but I need high-tech industry. I'll train them. But if there are no jobs, how long will they listen to me?" Gardner asked.

Norman Scott, Williamsburg Tech's president, said he hopes improved local skills will attract new industry to the area, but he acknowledged, "It's something of a chicken-and-egg problem."

Meanwhile, waiting for eggs to hatch, ex-Baxter employees can't help wondering.

"What we'd like to know," said Mrs. Brown's friend Carrie Riggs, "is whether they're doing a better job in Malaysia than we did."

Over in Penang, the American boss won't get into that, but he does say of his Malaysian workers, "They're 'hungrier.'"

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Springtime games

Briana Covert, seven, spends a day kite-flying with her grandparents at the Zane Grey Museum's KiteFest. Briana has attended the festivities for the past five years.

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Artificial heart company tries moving towards broader use

By Arthur H. Rotstein
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — An artificial heart used to snatch patients from death's door has been brought back from the brink itself by scientists who believe in how well it works.

A researcher says the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will be asked to approve broader use after trials have shown that the device keeps most dying patients alive long enough to have successful heart transplants.

"The numbers speak for themselves," says Richard Smith, biomedical engineer at the University of Arizona's University Heart Center who heads the CardioWest artificial heart program.

Its current FDA-authorized investigational study is designed to prove that the heart replacement device works as a temporary bridge to transplant in dying heart patients whom other heart-assist devices can't save. The study involves medical centers in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, San Antonio and Salt Lake City, two in Paris and one in Ottawa, Canada.

"There's enthusiasm out there. There's need out there," Smith said, adding that he gets inquiries weekly from heart surgeons.

Of 2,000 Americans who get transplants every year, about 25 percent to 35 percent need some mechanical assistance to stay alive beforehand. Most devices in use support only the heart's left ventricle, its main pumping chamber.

When both sides of the heart are in failure, nothing else works as well as a total artificial heart, Smith said.

Since the first CardioWest heart pump was implanted in Sharoy Loughran's chest in January 1993, 69 have been used worldwide, including 25 in the United States.

The device kept Loughran alive for 186 days before she got a transplant. Counting her, 65 patients met all criteria for the study. Of that number, 47 went on to receive transplants, and all but five are still alive. Loughran, 49, thinks the device is great.

"It kept me alive, so I have to appreciate that," she said from her home in Scottsdale. "But if anybody wants to break that record, they're free to."

Of the 25 CardioWest implants in the United States, 19 met all criteria for the study, and 17 of them are alive after subsequent heart transplant.

Smith said that means an artificial heart implant offers transplant candidates with two-sided heart failure "a 90 percent chance that you'll go home with a transplanted heart. And that's good news."

In each study case, he said, medical teams must show why other devices would not suffice.

Dr. Howard Frazier of Houston's Texas Heart Institute, a transplant specialist not involved in the study, has said the CardioWest fills a void, and that "it's good they've made this effort."

The FDA counts only the study's domestic cases but tracks adverse events, from bleeding to death, in the foreign cases, Smith said.

The two-chambered CardioWest plastic pump is a direct descendant and improved version of the Jarvik heart. It replaces a patient's own failing heart, handling the pumping chores of both the left and right ventricles.

As with the Jarvik, the CardioWest patient is tethered to a washing machine-sized, 500-pound air-powered console. Smith hopes to have a purse-sized portable drive unit within two years so patients awaiting transplant can go home.

The once-promising Jarvik heart appeared to reach a disastrous end by 1991. Less than a decade earlier, a University of Utah team riveted the world's attention by implanting it in dentist Dr. Barney Clark as a permanent replacement heart in 1982. Clark died after 112 days.

Starting in 1985, attention focused on using the Jarvik as a temporary bridge to transplant, a technique pioneered by University of Arizona heart surgeon Dr. Jack Copeland.

By late 1990, 198 of the Jarvik hearts, marketed under the name Symbion, were implanted worldwide. Of those, 144 patients, or 73 percent, later received human heart transplants, and 85 survived, or 43 percent.

But the FDA ordered it off the market in 1991 because of record-keeping and quality control problems.

A joint venture between Arizona's University Medical Center and the University of Utah's Medforte Foundation created CardioWest, took over the technology rights and convinced the FDA to approve a new study.

Smith said the ongoing study compared CardioWest patients to 17 in a control group who would have received total artificial hearts had they been available.

Eight of them received transplants, of whom seven were sent home and six are still alive — 35 percent. The rest died.

"We have shown ... that statistically we can do good work," he said. CardioWest probably will apply for premarket approval within six months. If granted, the heart would sell for about \$32,500. A label would list all the possible side effects.

Smith said the heart ultimately would be of use to about 100 centers worldwide — including about 50 in this country, he said.

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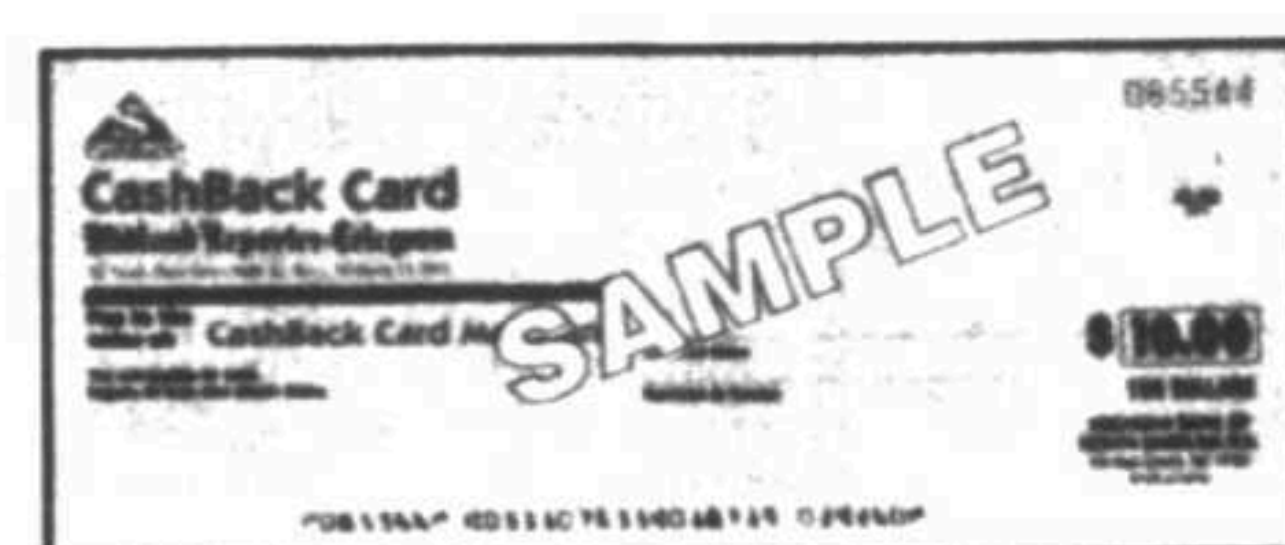
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Congress reaches agreement on bill to counter terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders, flanked by the families of victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, unveiled compromise legislation Monday to bolster federal powers to fight terrorism and limit appeals by death-row inmates.

The House and Senate are expected to give final approval to the plan this week so that it can be on President Clinton's desk for signing by Friday, the first anniversary of the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building that killed 168 people.

Clinton has expressed concern about death penalty appeals restrictions, but Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said Clinton, in a phone conversation Sunday evening, indicated he would not veto the bill over that provision. Hatch said he believed Clinton would sign the bill.

Hatch said the bill "adds important tools to the government's fight against terrorism and does so in a temperate manner that is protective of civil liberties."

The legislation has traveled a long, rocky road since the April 19, 1995, bombing and Clinton's subsequent call for Congress to move rapidly to help federal agents combat terrorism.

Conservatives wary of new federal intrusions on privacy and liberals worried about violations of civil liberties joined in attacking it, and the House version passed last month eliminated key provisions making it easier for federal agents to identify and wiretap suspected terrorists.

The final version worked out by House-Senate negotiators restored several of those provisions, including a ban on fund raising in the United States by terrorist-linked organizations and expedited procedures for deporting aliens convicted of felonies.

It allows courts, for national security reasons, to deport suspected terrorists using classified evidence not disclosed to the alien, and provides \$1 billion over four years for federal and state efforts to fight terrorism.

Rep. Charles Schumer of New York, the ranking Democrat on the House crime subcommittee, said his inclination was to "sadly and reluctantly support" the bill. "When the counter-terrorism bill passed the House three weeks ago, it was toothless. At least this bill has a little bite."

Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia, the Republican freshman who led the House effort to narrow the scope of the bill, said conservatives would support it and praised the limit on "habeas corpus" or death penalty appeals as "a silver bullet that will strike at the heart of terrorism in America."

Left out of the bill, to the chagrin of the administration, is language allowing for "multi-point" wiretapping of terrorist suspects. Attorney General Janet Reno argued that criminals can easily change cellular phones while law enforcement agents must get court orders to wiretap every single phone line.

The bill requires taggants, or markers, on plastic explosives to help identify bombers, but asks for only a study of the need for taggants on powder or chemicals such as the fertilizer used to make the Oklahoma City bomb.

The death penalty appeals restriction is the only part of the bill that could directly affect the Oklahoma City bombing case, and family members of victims of that attack and the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, pleaded for enactment of that provision.

Marines who refused to give DNA sample face court-martial

HONOLULU (AP) — A court-martial opened Monday for two Marines who refused to give blood samples for a DNA registry designed to help the Pentagon identify servicemen's remains.

Cpl. John C. Mayfield III, 21, and Cpl. Joseph Vlacovsky, 25, fear the "genetic dogtags" could be used against them in the future, and say the order is unconstitutional.

Marine Capt. Scott Peterson, the prosecutor, said Monday that the order only related to military duty and any constitutional questions could be addressed separately.

"It is not our burden to prove whether the order is lawful," he said, just whether the men disobeyed a direct order.

The prosecution rested Monday after two witnesses, Lt. Col. Richard Monreal, the two men's commanding officer, and Chief Hospitalman Mark Crippen, an enlisted superior, both testified that the men had several opportunities to obey the order. Both said they never thought to question the constitutionality of the DNA program.

Monreal said he had offered to handle the problem through a nonjudicial process but both Marines told him they preferred to go through a full court-martial.

Defense attorney Eric Seitz has said the order to submit blood samples was unlawful, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii has agreed, citing the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches.

The law is clear that mandatory "taking of blood and bodily fluid constitutes a search, and is therefore subject to scrutiny," said Vanessa Chong, executive director of the ACLU.

The defendants plan to call as an expert witness the co-author of a study that found that many people with genes linked to certain diseases have been discriminated against by insurance companies, employers and others.

The Marines face six months in jail and a dishonorable discharge if convicted of willfully disobeying an order. The non-jury trial got underway before a military judge at Kaneohe Marine Base.

They have also filed a class-action lawsuit to stop the program. That case is pending before a federal appeals court.

The Pentagon has been collecting DNA samples from service members for three years and has stored more than 1 million specimens in Gaithersburg, Md.

The plan was to save the samples for 75 years for use in identifying remains. But because of the legal challenge and congressional pressure, the Pentagon announced last week it will keep the samples for only 50 years, strictly limit the circumstances under which they can be released, and allow personnel to have their specimens destroyed when they leave the service.

Dr. Paul Billings of the Stanford University School of Medicine, who will testify for the defense at the court-martial, said that the Pentagon program still lacks safeguards to protect people's privacy.

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Sealed proposals for 4,331 miles of rehab base and surface on US 385 from Yukon Road to 8th Street covered by STP 96(88)R in Ector County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 pm, May 8, 1996, and then publicly opened and read.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal Laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will ensure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Michael V. Chetty, Area Engineer, Midland, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be received at the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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NOTICE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

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AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL

Un hombre de 38 años de edad fue hallado culpable de delicto de asalto sexual agravado contra una niña y esta se registra para vivir en el Condado de Midland, COUNTY ROAD #128.

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE

The Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby orders and gives notice of an election to be held on May 4, 1996, for the purpose of electing one trustee each for districts 2 and 4. Trustees will be elected by plurality pursuant to the Education Code Section 11.057.

(Por la presente la junta de regentes del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Midland ordena y da aviso que se llevará a cabo una elección el día 4 de Mayo 1996, con el propósito de elegir un regente a cada puesto de término no expirado designado por número 2 y 4. Fideicomisarios serán elegidos por pluralidad de votos en la sección 11.057 del código de educación.)

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LIFEGUARDS-Ranchland Hills Country Club now hiring full time and part time life guards for the summer. Must have current life guard training, CPR and First Aid. Pick up application at 1600 W. Wadley. Applications must be turned in by April 19th.

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RESTAURANT- Venezia Restaurant now hiring Wait staff. Apply in person 10-11:30 & 4:30-6. Plaza Oaks (Wadley & Garfield).

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OIL & LUBE Tech needed for full time position. Experience required. Service Advisor/ Relief Cashier needed for full-time position. Must be able to work well with public. Apply in person. Village Car Wash, 604 Andrews Hwy.

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Licensed Real Estate Agent needed for leasing on weekdays and some week days in Midland/Odessa area. Hourly pay plus commission. Fax resume to 214-644-3810 or mail 8111 LBJ Fwy., #835, Dallas, TX 75251.

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RESTAURANT- host/ hostess and cook needed. Apply in person. Chinese Kitchen, 4316 W. Illinois.

RESTAURANT- Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring cashiers & food prep & full time fry cook. Apply in person only. 723 W. Wadley.

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RETAIL SALES- part time positions available in jewelry. Must be honest, dependable, outgoing and able to deal with public. Call 684-1102 for interview.

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SALES- Rewarding, part time sales position open for honest, dependable person who likes working with youths, organizations, and key merchants. Call Dave at 1-800-932-7235.

SECURITY- Bravo-One Security Needs security officers for Midland & Odessa. Night work. Full time and part time positions open. Call 563-1356 between 10 am-4 pm Monday thru Friday.

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RETAIL- Tuesday Morning, Inc. a unique national retailer is now taking applications for part time assistant manager. Looking for energetic, outgoing people. Retail experience preferred. Benefits included. Apply in person or send resume to: Tuesday Morning, Inc. 4810 N. Garfield, Midland Texas 79705.

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ACCOUNTANT

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Industrial Supervisor II & Inspector IV

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Agriculture Division is hiring an Industrial Supervisor II and Inspector IV. Quality Control for the new beef processing plant in Amarillo, Texas. The Industrial Supervisor II requires a high school diploma and 1 year of full-time work earning experience in meat related or packing plant operations. Salary is \$22,000 per year plus benefits. The Inspector IV requires an Associate Degree in a science or food science related field and four years of wage earning experience in meat related Quality Control or Inspection. Additional experience may substitute for college on a year for year basis. Salary is \$26,800 per year plus benefits. In addition to meat processing these positions will include the supervision of inmates in a production setting. Interested applicants need to send a completed Texas Employment Application to: Andrea Morley, Agriculture Headquarters, P.O. Box 99 or FM 2821 & Hwy. 75 North, Huntsville, Texas, 77342, no later than April 22, 1996. Phone# (409) 291-5152.

310 General Help Wanted

SWIMMING POOL Maintenance helper. Responsible and reliable. Call 697-4040, leave name and number for interview.

TANK WELDERS for shop and field. Good pay. D & R Tank Company, Albuquerque, New Mexico, (505) 873-1101.

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WAITRESS/Waitress and Hosts. Experience required. Pick up applications, Cafe China, 2800 N. Big Spring.

311 Medical Help Wanted

OFFICE-ACTIVE Optometric clinic seeking a dedicated staff member to order and dispense contact lenses. Keyboard and organizational skills a must. Bilingual preferred. Will be accepting resumes from qualified applicants at 4311 W. Wadley, April 15th thru April 20th.

RECEPTIONIST Position available immediately. Must be comfortable with computer use. Reply to: Box A-42, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

REGISTERED DENTAL Hygienist needed part-time for progressive practice of General Dentistry. Send resumes to: James A Edmonson, DDS, 2455 East 11th Street, Odessa, TX 79761.

REGISTERED NURSE. Rapidly growing Home Health Agency, 20 hours/week. Call Lori, 563-0703.

RN-Willing to relocate to Pecos for home health. Excellent benefits. Experience preferred, but not required. Please call Ava or Becky for more info at 1-800-542-4008.

312 Professional Help Wanted

APARTMENT Manager. 114 units. 5 years management experience. To \$1,800 per month, plus medical. Resume: 1907 Tarleton, Midland, Texas 79707, 697-9768, Fax 689-7846.

EXPERIENCED Above Ground Pool Installer needed. Must have own tools. Call between 9:00 and 4:00. 563-1807.

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MERRILL LYNCH
We are looking for individuals who have a high level of personal achievement to fill the position of Financial Consultant in our Midland office. Qualified applicants should send their resume to: 1901 University, Lubbock, TX 79401 Attention: Resident Vice President.

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT Professional: International Oil & Gas Company looking for a Material Management Professional for a short term (6 months to 1 year) contract. Individuals to have a very strong knowledge of material and warehouse operations, good interpersonal skills and proficient computer skills. Position to include supervisory responsibilities of company material support and production warehouse operations and the training of Chinese employees. Please send resumes to: Box A-41, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MEDICAL Courtyard Care Center now taking applications for LVN Charge Nurses. All shifts. Must have 1 year experience with a caring attitude. Apply in person 3203 Sage.

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BILINGUAL SECRETARY needed. Light typing and filing. Must have good phone skills. To set up an appointment for an interview please call 682-0448.

BOOKKEEPER/Secretary part to full time position, \$5.50 per hour. Call 684-1102 for interview.

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SALES
IMMEDIATE OPENING
70 year old Company seeks professional sales person. Base plus commission. Car allowance. Send resume to: P.O. Box 11 Midland, TX 79702.

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National distributor of industrial and specialty chemicals is searching for an outside sales representative for the West Texas and Eastern New Mexico territory. Lucrative compensation and benefit package. A company car and expense account is provided. Please submit a current resume to: Box F-47, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702.

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ENTRY LEVEL SALES
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RECEPTIONIST Independent Oil & Gas Company. Must be personable with neat appearance, have excellent telephone etiquette, and some computer experience is required. Responsibilities include answering multi-line telephone system, greeting guests, light typing, filing and daily deposits. Non-smoking environment. Mail resumes and salary requirements to:
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320 Skilled Trades

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EXPERIENCED ONLY
Vacuum/Pump Truck/Transport Drivers, Class A CDL with X Endorsement, physical and drug screen requirements. Apply in person. Fork Lift Driver, **EXPERIENCED ONLY**, Class A CDL with X Endorsement, physical and drug screen requirements. Apply in person. Trey Trucks, 1 mile east of I-20 on Garden City Hwy.

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PLUMBERS needed. Now hiring Licensed Commercial Construction plumbers and experienced helpers. Applications accepted at Alpine Mechanical Company, 2810 W. Wall, 520-7601.

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ON-SITE MANAGER
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BABYSITTING in my home. Hot meal provided. Anytime, any age. School pickup available. Call 570-6741.

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328 Miscellaneous Sales

125 PLASTER Paris molds, 125. 72 Piece Terra Diases, all 125. After 4 pm, 683-4960.

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To Abbreviations

Bdrm. Bedroom
Ba. Bath

Kl.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar

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