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MCHA to start over, make financial amends to HUD

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The once restive and perhaps controversial Midland County Housing Authority (MCHA) may be on a regenerative path similar to its benefactor — the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Like HUD, MCHA is undergoing reinvention.

"We have a lot of work to do," said Sharon Nieto, the new MCHA executive director, who administers a \$2.2 million HUD-funded budget to provide subsidized housing for 427 low-income Midland families living in houses and apartments across town.

She is starting anew virtually from scratch — hiring a new and reduced staff — to rebuild the agency under scrutiny of HUD and the MCHA five-member board of directors headed up by its chairman, Midland lawyer Medford Owen.

"I'll put the team together much as a football coach would," Ms. Nieto said on Tuesday. "The new hires will start on July 14 and go through three days of training."

Today, she is to start interviews to fill five positions — four fewer than before. HUD had ordered the downsizing following a 1998 audit which criticized the agency for its management style and over-budgeting.

"Sure, sure," Ms. Nieto said of her and her new staff being up for scrutiny and accountability. "Every problem that we identify tightens down on me" and the staff.

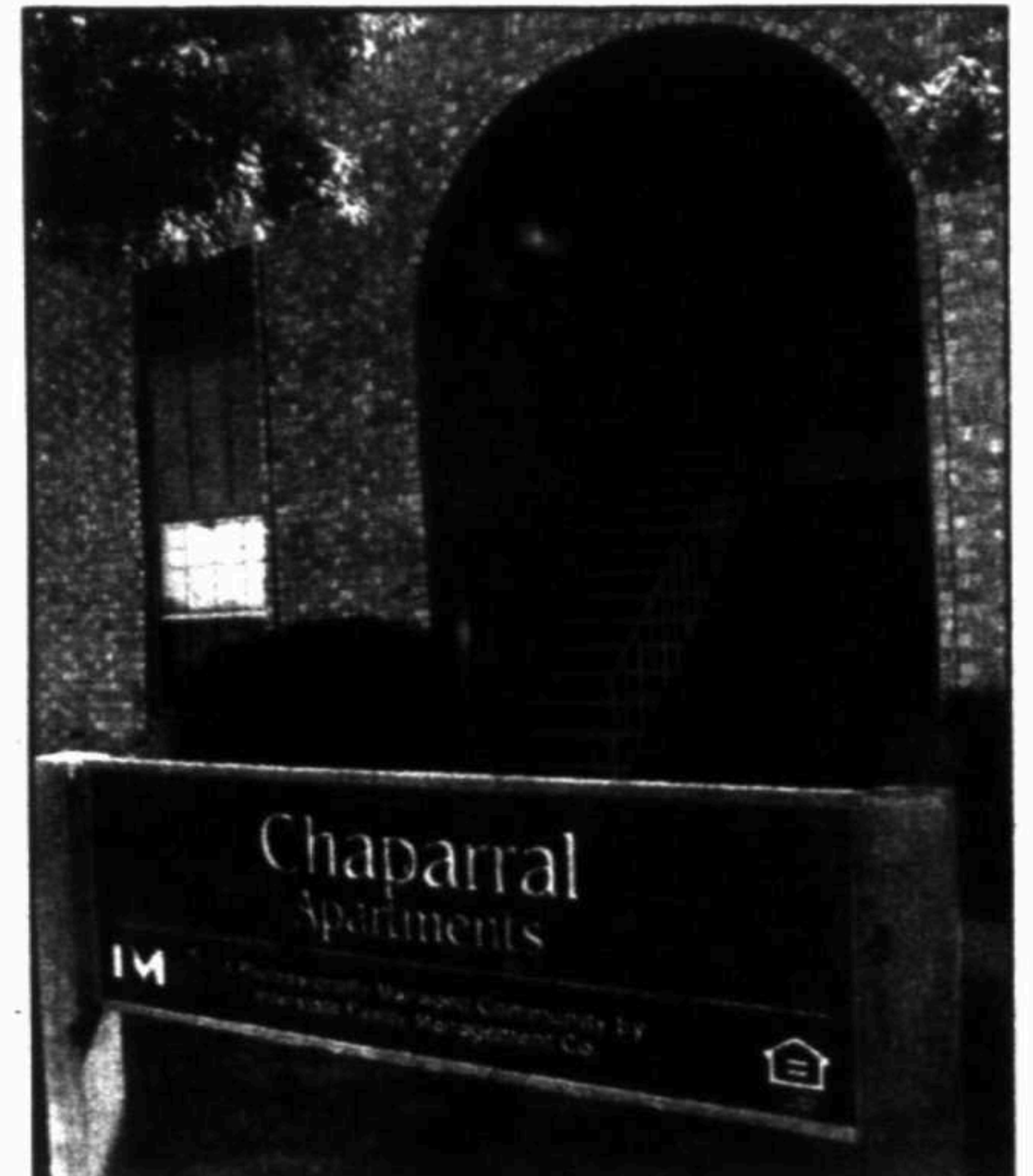
But Ms. Nieto suggested that the new staff members are going to be "willing to go through that in order to straighten out the (Midland County) Housing Authority."

"Every day our goal is to remember that we have 400 (427) tenants who need 100 percent from us everyday," she said. "They can't do 80 percent one day. They need 100 percent Please see NEW/2A



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—Sharon Nieto, new director of the Midland County Housing Authority



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The Midland County Housing Authority operates a housing-assistance program at Chaparral Apartments.

Gone (from the agenda), but not forgotten



City Councilman Juluis L. Brooks holds up two street signs on Fairgrounds Road, where a name change to Martin Luther King Drive has been proposed.

It could be long road ahead for MLK renaming initiative

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

At a May City Council meeting, councilman Juluis Brooks deferred an issue that would have renamed Fairgrounds Road Martin Luther King Jr. Road.

Brooks made that decision because of staunch opposition, with opponents claiming Fairgrounds had a rich historical significance. That opposition, in turn, prompted Brooks, the District 2 councilman, to say the issue needed more study.

But more than a month later, nothing has been seen of the idea on a City Council agenda, possibly lending credence to a statement by a supporter of the change.

When the item was initially deferred Billy Ashley, pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, said he was disappointed by the decision. "When you defer an issue, it gets lost in the shuffle," Ashley said at the time.

The issue has not, however, been forgotten.

Last week, Brooks said that the Please see RENAME/2A

Tom Brown, Inc. closes acquisition to strengthen position in Paradox Basin

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Tom Brown, Inc., with offices in Midland, has dramatically strengthened its position in the Paradox Basin with the closing Tuesday of the acquisition of most of the Rocky Mountain oil and gas assets of Spirit Energy 76, Unocal Corporation's lower 48 exploration and production unit.

The acquisition, which was effective Jan. 1, 1999, included 5.8 million shares of Tom Brown, Inc. common stock and \$5 million for the properties. Because the effective date of the transaction was Jan. 1, 1999, it resulted in a net cash payment to Tom Brown, Inc. reflecting the net operating results of the Unocal properties, since the effective date.

"This acquisition is a strategic fit, in an area where we already control a lot of acreage," said Jack Harper, vice president for investor

relations for Tom Brown. "We controlled 165,000 acres in the Paradox Basin, now we control 200,000 acres."

Included in the acquisition is the Lisbon Plant, a modern sophisticated cryogenic (60 million cubic feet per day capacity) natural gas processing plant that extracts natural gas liquids and merchantable helium; and separates carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide and nitrogen from the raw gas stream.

"This is a very unusual plant," Harper said. "It extracts everything from the gas stream, including helium. There are only seven like it in nation." The plant now operates at 90 percent capacity, but will be able to accommodate Tom Brown properties as they decline, Harper said.

He said there were two factors that made the Paradox Basin very favorable. One was the Lisbon gas plant and the other was the Trans Colorado pipeline. "Both are marketing factors that will allow us to logically develop our assets for the market," Harper said.

In addition to adding significantly to the Tom Brown land base, the acquisition also increases its production base by 35-40 million cubic feet daily of production. Added to Tom Brown first quarter production of 119 million cubic feet, the increase will be significant.

The average net sales from the Unocal properties in 1998 was approximately 18 million cubic feet per day of natural gas, 290 barrels of oil per day and 92,000 gallons of gas plant liquids per day, or approximately 33 million cubic feet equivalent per day (assuming gas plant liquids and oil converted at 6:1).

The net proved reserves of those Unocal properties are estimated to be 89 billion cubic feet equivalent of gas as of the acquisition effective date. Approximately 65,000 net undeveloped acres were also acquired.

Tom Brown Inc. moved its corporate office and 10 people to Colorado last year, but still maintains an accounting office and approximately 40 employees in Midland.

Statistics support view of Realtors' that housing market remains strong

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Statistics are beginning to bear out Realtors' assertion that the Midland housing market remains active.

June housing sales, according to the Permian Basin Board of Realtors, rose to 171, up from 131 in May.

And, notes Skeet Doss, president of the board, "we sold 100 more than in January."

Active listings of 859 are higher than the 690 reported last year, but Doss said that last year, "inventory was low and we didn't have much to show. This is a good, healthy market with a nice inventory."

Mark Dotzour, chief economist with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, said that the number of houses sold in April this year are close to the number sold in April 1995, with the years in between, 1996-98 "red hot years. The difference is there are more properties for sale than there were in 1995."

"Another thing to think about is when sales are so hot like they were in 1996-98, when you have a decline, it looks like bad news, but when you're declining off such high levels, the news is not that bad."

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A sold sign stands in the yard of a home in Midland, a familiar sight lately as housing sales are up.

Tim Flecken
Reporter-Telegram

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TODAY
Partly cloudy with
high in lower 90s.
Weather on 2A



Republican presidential hopeful Texas Gov. George W. Bush, left, signs his autograph for supporters at a rally in Denver on Tuesday./2B

Off the wire

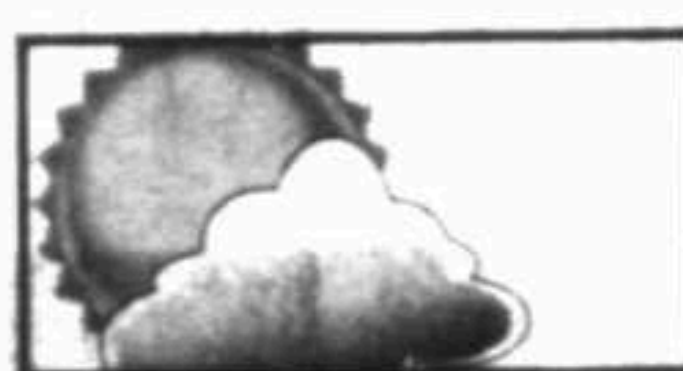
Whether it's local or long distance, home phone or pay phone, it's understood: A call starts with "hello." With mobile phones, the situation can be altogether different./5C



WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 91
Low 68



Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 94
Low 69



Friday
Partly cloudy
High 95
Low 69

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the lower 90s. Winds will be from the southeast at 10 to 20 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy with a low in the upper 60s.

Thursday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 94.

After an overnight low of 71, Tuesday's high was 92, compared with a record high of 107 set in 1994. The all-time low was 57 set in 1931.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesdaytrace
Total for monthtrace
Total for year5.71 in.
Normal total
(year to date)6.16 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High92
Low71
Normal high95
Normal low68

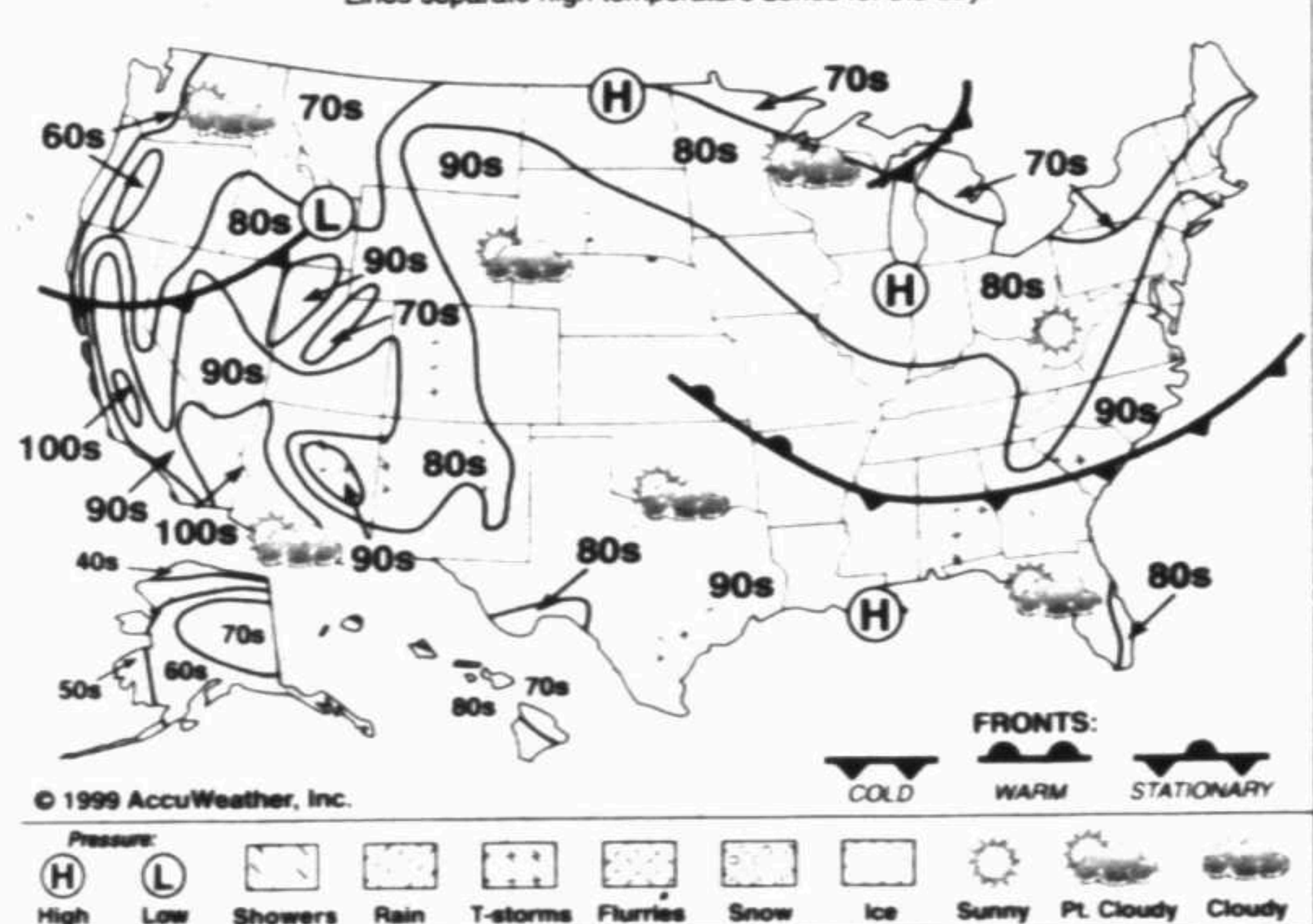
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National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, July 7.

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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:00 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Obs		Hi	Lo	Prc	Obs
Atlanta	91	74	22	city	Little Rock	93	75	03	city
Baltimore	101	74	84	city	Los Angeles	73	64	cr	
Birmingham	90	50	m		Memphis	95	78	02	city
Boston	82	68	cr		Miami Beach	86	76	02	city
Charleston, S.C.	86	76	32	city	Milwaukee	84	74	02	city
Charleston, W.Va.	96	72	cr		Minneapolis	82	62	cr	
Charlotte, N.C.	95	71	142	city	Mo-Si St Paul	82	62	cr	
Cheney	84	57	city		Nashville	93	74	02	city
Chicago	87	78	cr		New Orleans	89	76	01	city
Cincinnati	84	71	cr		New York City	101	86	cr	
Cleveland	95	75	1.54	city	Oakland	95	71	cr	
Columbus, Ohio	96	77	04	city	Omaha	84	66	05	city
Denver	88	56	city		Orlando	90	73	01	city
Detroit	87	76	cr		Philadelphia	98	79	cr	
Grand Rapids	82	72	cr		Phoenix	107	88	02	city
Honolulu	87	76	city		Pittsburgh	91	73	27	cr
Indianapolis	94	72	76	city	Portland, Ore.	77	57	city	
Jacksonville	96	73	city		Sacramento	89	57	cr	
Kansas City	92	72	city		St. Louis	93	78	65	cr
Las Vegas	106	82	city		San Diego	89	63	cr	
					San Francisco	85	52	city	
					Seattle	81	57	city	
					Tampa-St. Petersburg	89	74	09	city
					Tempe	86	76	cr	
					Tulsa	94	76	cr	
					Washington, D.C.	103	83	cr	

Correction

Due to typographical errors, a story regarding Cox Communications Tuesday, gave incorrect information. A quote from a city audit report read, "... underpaid the city of Midland (including 6 percent through February 22) approximately \$111,098.61." The parenthetical portion of the quote should have read "6 percent interest through February 22." Another quote in the story referred to the money in question as "additional franchise fee on fee of 25 cents." It should have read, "additional franchise fee on fee of .25 percent."

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

NEW: Housing Authority to start over with reduced staff

(From 1A)

every day.

HUD spokesman Miguel C. Rincon Jr., who is the Lubbock-based HUD senior community builder for West Texas, said that "one of the things that HUD is requesting from the Midland County Housing Authority is an improvement plan as to how they are going to correct the situation. There was some overstaffing."

Rincon noted the HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo, who heads up the \$25 billion department, is "credited with the reinvention of HUD." Cuomo created the HUD community-builder positions to "make contact with tenants, homeowners, industry, and the media" in helping to better build communities.

Gaining Public Trust

"To gain the public's trust again, we have to be on our toes," Rincon said. "And wherever we see a problem, then we need to address it and be up front with it. If there is a problem out there, we want them to be open," Rincon said. "That's the best way to keep from being criticized. Of course, being government and giving money away, we are going to have our critics... always. There may be problems that we can catch and do something about it."

Rincon said that HUD wants "to make sure that there are sufficient funds to operate (MCHA)" and to determine how MCHA plans to make up for lost HUD funding. "I guess we will know when we get the improvement plan."

Ms. Nieto, who is salaried at

\$40,000 a year, said her staff, which essentially is terminated, will have to reapply for positions just as new candidates would apply for new jobs.

"We are reducing the staff to get everything within the budget," noted Owen, "so that we can be in complete compliance."

MCHA was "over-budgeted in excess of over \$300,000," Owen said. "We are paying that back" through reduced funding from HUD.

"The way that the government works is when you are overpaid, they just take it back" by not funding the amount of overpayment in a subsequent budget year, Owen said. "We are having to deal without those funds right now... through the remainder of the fiscal year (until the \$300,000 plus is paid). We had to come up with funds to make our payments... to landlords every month. We don't actually pay money back to HUD."

The over-budgeted funds were identified in 1998 audits. Despite the setback, Owen said, "the (MCHA) board is in good shape." Serving with him on the board are Lola Nunn, a retired schoolteacher who is vice chairman; Paul Benavides, a stockbroker; Brenda Wallace, executive director of the Midland Neighborhood Housing Service, and Dr. John Martinez, a management and education consultant.

The MCHA job offerings, including deputy director, finance manager, two housing counselors and inspectors, and a receptionist-waiting-list manager,

will be earning from \$16,500 to \$28,000 in salaries. Applications are being taken at the MCHA headquarters at 600 N. Baird St. in near downtown Midland.

"The administrative staff in-house will also help them (the counselors and inspectors) do their briefing, help them do some of their paperwork, return some phone calls," Ms. Nieto said.

Over-budgeting

In a 24-page 1998 report, Fort Worth-based HUD Director of Public and Indian Housing Affairs Eileen Rogers said that "MCHA grossly over-requisitioned... funds" for subsidized housing.

"Sometimes your fair-market rent is higher than what you can really accommodate," Ms. Nieto said of the over-budgeting. "We sometimes, with HUD approval, can go over the fair-market rate. And if we do that, then we actually use funds that we need to house another family. A combination of many things led to" the overage.

"Like any federal program, we do have pretty tight budget constraints," Ms. Nieto said.

At mid-year, Ms. Nieto succeeded Thelma Gibbs as MCHA executive director. Ms. Gibbs, who now heads up Midland Visions 2000 in overseeing the management of Ranchland Apartments for low-income housing, last May was commended by the Midland County Commissioners' Court "for making Midland a better place to live" during her tenure as MCHA

executive director. MCHA operates a housing-assistance program at Chaparral Apartments.

"More of the clients (tenants) are more responsible now," Ms. Gibbs said in May before Ms. Nieto succeeded her. "We instituted the criminal-background check, and we started to look at people who were abusing the system. And we really want to help people that want to be helped instead of people who are abusing the system. And then we recruited some people, employees, who are compassionate. We also professional and were able to give Midland County Housing Authority a new face."

Don Hellinghausen, a former member of the MCHA board of directors, said on Tuesday that he has been "disappointed that the Midland County Housing Authority had not enforced the regulations about safe, decent, and sanitary housing" for a former MCHA client, a disabled mother who has foregone HUD subsidy to a share a house with her former husband.

"She didn't have any heat all winter long," Hellinghausen said, "and the thermostat was hanging from the wall." There were gas leaks in the house, Hellinghausen said, and carbon monoxide emanated from the kitchen

Pick 3 Texas

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

4-5-6

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

8-26-27-28-33

RENAME: Brooks planning town hall meeting

(From 1A)

renaming, "will be on the agenda July 13th."

But, as it turns out, that's not the case. The item won't be on Tuesday's agenda and when it will appear is not immediately known.

"It's not going to make it, I've got some shaky ground," Brooks said. "I've got to really know that I have the support of my constituency before I bring it before the council."

To ensure he has that support, Brooks is planning a town hall meeting sometime this week.

"I've got to have the majority support of my district to decide if it's worth putting on the agenda right now," Brooks said.

He added that he still supports Fairgrounds Road as the site for Martin Luther King Jr. Road.

Brooks' concern about rushing the matter may have to do with uncertainty about which direction his fellow council members will lean.

When the issue was first presented, most council members seemed to be in support. However, several vocal dissenters at the initial meeting may have swayed that support.

Of the council members, one supports the issue as it stands, one is opposed and at least three are undecided. Such conflicting opinions, if the issue were brought to the table now, could make for an unusually turbulent meeting among a council that most often sees eye to eye.

Even more unusual is how the council is lining up. Councilman Jose Cuevas supported

renaming Fairgrounds when Brooks first presented the subject.

Tuesday afternoon, however, the most senior councilman had changed his mind.

"I personally called him last week and told him I couldn't support it," said Cuevas.

Cuevas had asked Brooks what the issue behind the renaming represented.

"He told me it was to honor the civil rights leader and that Midland was the only city without a Martin Luther King road," Cuevas said.

Cuevas suggested that with YMCA closing its Northeast facility, perhaps a more fitting honor would be to use community development block grants to rescue the facility and renaming it Martin Luther King Jr. Health and Study Center.

"I told him I believe Martin Luther King was about opportunity and empowering people of all races to succeed. I feel like a youth and health center is far more powerful than a road," Cuevas said.

According to Cuevas, Brooks felt his constituency wanted a road named after King instead of a youth center.

"I said if the leadership thinks a road is more important, I'm sorry I can't support it," Cuevas said.

Should Brooks force the issue back into the public realm, he won't necessarily be standing alone in his defense.

Councilman Berry Simpson said he could support renaming Fairgrounds Road.

"Yeah I can. I'm not putting it to a vote yet because there are a lot of things that have to come together and it's not an

easy decision," Simpson said, adding, "I'm interested in supporting it."

One justification Simpson cited for his support despite the public opposition is the lack of precedence involving Fairgrounds' "historical significance."

"I was surprised last time at the references to the historical nature (of Fairgrounds Road)," Simpson said.

The Midland County Historical Society published a book last year titled Historic Midland. That book did not indicate that Fairgrounds Road was considered high on the society's list of prominent Midland historical sites.

The road wasn't even mentioned, although early day fairs and rodeos — purported to have been held on Fairgrounds Road — were written about.

The road also is devoid of any historical markers denoting its heritage. However, at the public hearing critics of the proposed name change claimed renaming Fairgrounds would be an affront to the road's historical standing.

"It just seems like if it had that historical importance, we would have known about it before now," Brooks said.

The rest of the council remains undecided.

Lee Wood, Don Washburn and Dale Brown all said they had not yet made up their minds.

Wood said, "I know a lot of the constituency from my district were there to voice disapproval of renaming Fairgrounds, but not necessarily against naming a road after Martin Luther King."

He added that he isn't

against naming a street after Martin Luther King Jr., and that he would give it strong consideration out of courtesy to Brooks.

Brown also voiced support of honoring King in some way. "I'd be in favor of honoring King's work on behalf of our culture," Brown said.

Washburn, who was out of time when the issue first sparked public debate, said, "I'm going to have to listen to both sides and look at it with an open mind."

He did say, however, that reading the transcript from the meeting was the first he had heard of any historical significance surrounding the road.

"Since I've been in Midland (Washburn is a native Midlander) there's never been a celebration or recognition of that road that I've been aware of," Washburn said, adding that he would have to give serious consideration to supporting the issue if for no other reason than his respect for Brooks and Brooks' commitment to his district and the community.

Mayor Bobby Burns summed up the matter with similar comments.

"I've always been supportive of Julius Brooks and I think the world of Julius and for that reason I'd be very receptive to what he brings to the council," Burns said.

Burns added that if Fairgrounds is to be the chosen site, it bears more study.

"It's going to take some more work and more study to see what this community wants. Once that's done, we will take a look at it then."

ACTIVE: Realtor says agency had biggest June ever

(From 1A)

The average sales price in June was \$110,713, up from \$95,592 in May. For the first six months of 1999, 682 homes have been sold, down from 837 in the first half of 1998. Average sales price year-to-date is \$96,523, up from \$92,134 for year-to-date 1998.

Realtor Marilyn Jo Smith, owner-broker of Re/Max of Midland, said her agency had its biggest June ever and credited low interest rates.

"Continued low interest rates have been a stimulant and a buffer for local buyers and incoming buyers," she said, observing that "there was a flurry of activity on (Fed Reserve Chairman Alan) Greenspan's announcement regarding interest rates. People who were on the sidelines were moved to make a decision."

Mortgage rates, which have climbed to just below 8 percent, have not impacted housing sales the way the economic slump has, said Paul McCord, owner of Basin Mortgage Services.

"Most people understand rates are increasing, but higher rates aren't deterring purchases," he said. "More people are waiting to see what happens with the economy than what happens with mortgage rates."

Current rates in the 7 percent range are still excellent, he said,

observing that "historically, anything below 8 percent is excellent."

The higher rates have caused the number of refinances to slow considerably, he said, and his office is seeing a number of buyers who are moving up in price range.

"It seems like a lot of local people are moving up," agreed Realtor Dene Kelly, who said her office is also seeing people move in who work in fields as varied as retail, restaurants and the medical field.

"I think we have a more stable economy," and the addition of workers in new fields "will make for a more stable economy," she said.

Yet to share in the housing market are contractors, who have seen housing starts fall 54 percent over year-over levels. The city of Midland issued 13 housing permits in June, compared with 24 in June 1998. For the first half of 1999, the city has issued 67 permits, compared with 144 for the same period last year.

"I think the Realtors are correct when they say that new housing has been the hardest hit," said Tom Woodruff, president of the Permian Basin Homebuilders Association. He attributed a large part of the slowdown to a drastic reduction in "spec" houses being built by contractors and in some part to incentives offered for corporate listings that enticed

buyers who may otherwise have purchased a new home.

There will always be buyers who want new homes, he said. "There are still people moving in and people buying new homes, but not as many," he said, adding that builders are seeing a lot of buyers moving up in size.

He predicted that a recovery in housing starts won't happen until next spring, because what he called "building season" ends next month.

Doss said that the economy has impacted the sale of high-end homes, left by the major oil company executives who have transferred out of Midland as part of corporate restructurings.

"But they'll sell," he said. "We have lawyers and doctors looking at them, and the quicker we can sell them, the quicker the builders can start building again."

Dotzour said that "I see a market still responding to the problems in the oil and gas industry. I think Midland is in the process of economic development and diversifying the economy to have other industries besides oil and gas, so the area's moving to attract retirees and other industries."

He pointed out that among Wall Street corporations in the first quarter, the major losers were major oil companies, smaller oil companies and those involved in pipelines and drilling.

"The bottom line is you're not going to see a major turnaround in employment or activity until major corporations get their bottom line turned around and headed in the right direction," he said.

His center watches metropolitan statistical areas all over the state, he said, "and Odessa-Midland is like the point man on patrol in Vietnam, you're right there on the edge of the oil and gas economy. But there are smart people out there who see the need for economic diversification and will work on it. We're pulling for you."

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Hundreds of ethnic Albanian families await word of the missing

DJAKOVICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — His family clings to hope. But there's little reason to believe Kastriot Zherka wasn't shot down by Serb police like so many others, then dumped in a mass grave or a river, or burned to unidentifiable ash.

Zherka's wife, daughters, parents and sisters have no body to bury, and they are not alone. Community leaders say at least 1,200 men, women and children are missing from Djakovica, more than has been reported from any other part of Kosovo.

This city on the Albanian border has been a wellspring of Albanian nationalism, and was brutally targeted during the Serb crackdown on Kosovo Albanians.

"We really need to know, if only to bury him properly," said Zherka's sister Arta.

Many are likely dead, but some of the missing may be in Yugoslav prisons. Daloni Carlisle, the Red Cross spokeswoman in Kosovo, says at least 2,000 "security detainees" from the Kosovo war are being held, according to lists Yugoslav federal justice authorities reportedly shared with local officials.

Those lists have not been given to the Red Cross, and few Albanians have been able to approach officials in Serb-dominated Yugoslavia for information about their missing loved ones.

Last month, Yugoslavia released 166 prisoners to the Red Cross, and this week it passed on the names of 481 others that Red Cross officials will be able to visit and put in contact

Mothers carry photographs of their missing sons. The march ends at KLA offices, where a list of the missing grows day by day.

Arta Zherka hitched a ride to the Kosovo capital, Pristina, for a fruitless search of the Red Cross list. She has spoken to everyone she can find in

Djakovica who might know something about her brother. He was last seen being herded with other Albanians to a neighborhood alley, then shots were heard.

She has searched the alley and found identification cards belonging to other missing men, but nothing pointing to her brother. She rarely discusses her search with her parents.

"We're trying to give each other

hope," Arta Zherka said, sitting on a porch shaded and sweetly scented by an old pine.

"Hope is the only thing that keeps me alive," said her mother,

Desanka, a thin woman with heart problems.

Several mass graves have been discovered in and around Djakovica. More bodies are

found every day — buried in gardens or under the rubble of burned houses, or resting in one of the rivers or streams that crisscross the city.

'We really need to know, if only to bury him properly.'

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with their families. The organization also has received complaints that nearly 300 Serbs were abducted by the Albanian separatist Kosovo Liberation Army; the KLA denies holding anyone.

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"It's a very, very difficult situation for the families," Carlisle said. "They are living with absolute anguish. We see them day after day ... and all we can do is listen to them."

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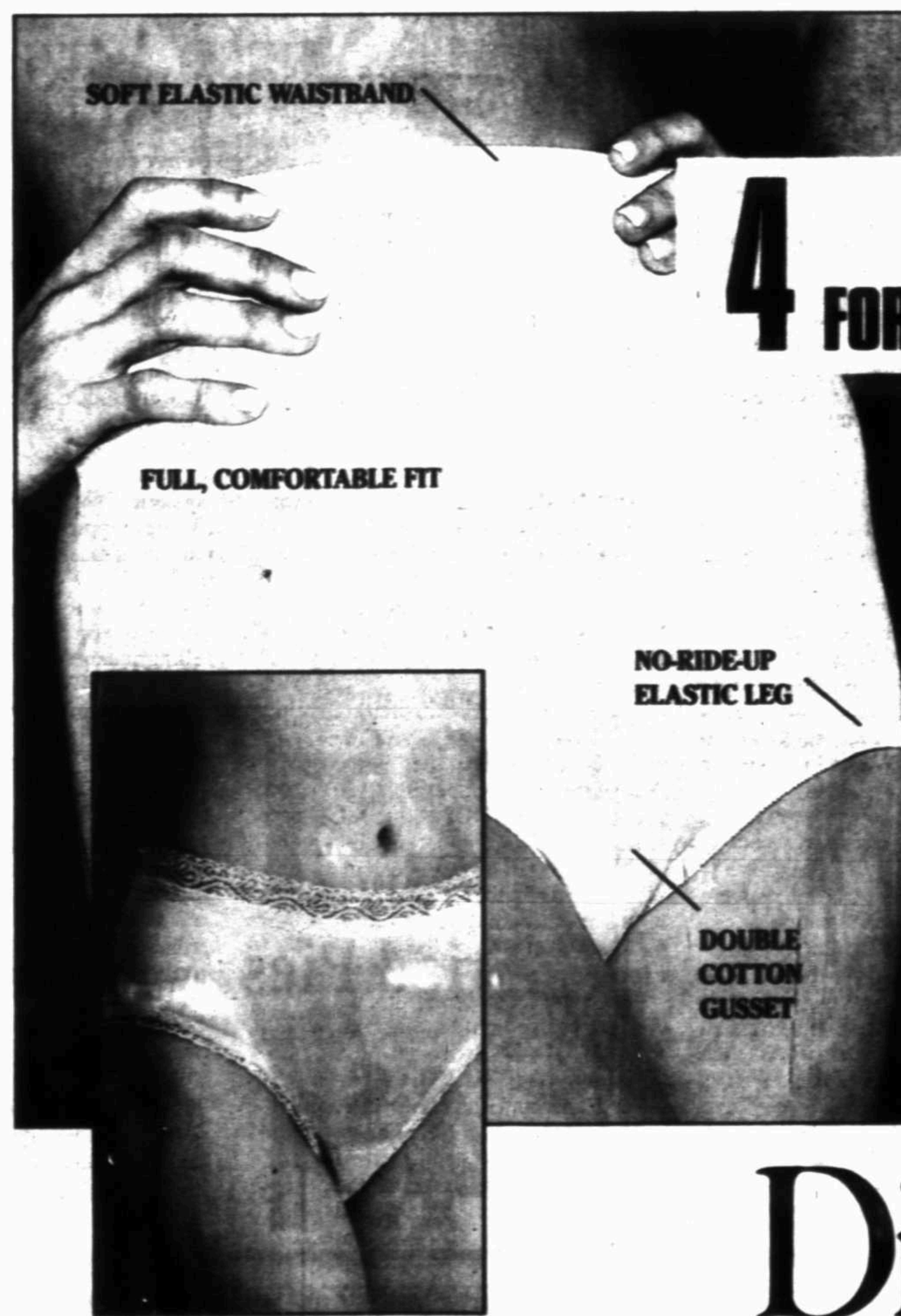
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Prime Minister Barak's new Cabinet puzzles many Israelis

JERUSALEM (AP) — A foreign minister who speaks little English, a police minister who quotes de Tocqueville, a justice minister who never studied law, a rabbi to plan roads and a finance minister whose appointment sent stocks plummeting.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak's new government, sworn in Tuesday, is a puzzle to many Israelis, who wonder whether it has what it takes to make the hard choices Israel faces in its negotiations with the Arabs.

Others said the ex-military chief's selections reflect his determination to make fateful decisions alone.

"Judging by the composition of his government, it seems he expects to carry out all these tasks — alone, with a commando knife between his teeth," analyst Nahum Barnea wrote in Yediot Ahronot.

Presenting his government to parliament on Tuesday, Barak promised sweeping changes: a revival of peace talks frozen by the hard-line government he ousted, the creation of 300,000 jobs, the rescue of Israel's ailing education system.

"Today, a new government sets out on its way," he said. "This day, I believe, will be marked as a moment of change, a moment of reconciliation, a moment of brotherhood; a moment of peace."

Still, "brotherhood" was not a word many legislators of Barak's One Israel Party used to describe his 18-member Cabinet.

Of the nine Cabinet slots allotted Barak's One Israel party, the most powerful were awarded to his loyalists. Rivals were ignored or, at best, shunted to posts that seemed inappropriate.

The nine seats allocated to

coalition partners similarly seemed to make more political than practical sense. Barak won the support of the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party by promising them important financial ministries — including the road-planning Infrastructure Ministry, awarded to a rabbi, Eli Suissa.

In his inaugural speech, Barak did little to shake his reputation as someone who hasn't quite shed his military uniform.

"We, the gray soldiers with hands black from war, whose success was death, whose tongues are pure, we shout love into the depths of your souls," he began.

Some found the militant tone a bit hard to take.

In his own inaugural speech as parliament speaker, Avraham Burg — Barak's rival within One Israel — excoriated those "elected officials who think sometimes that they know how to

decide better than anyone."

Barak loyalists awarded jobs include David Levy, winning his third try at the Foreign Ministry. Levy's two previous turns earned him derision: Diplomats said he seemed more interested in the job's pomp than in the work of negotiating peace.

In addition, Levy speaks little English — an anomaly for a nation that counts the United States as its closest ally.

Another loyalist, Avraham Shochat, got his 1992-96 job as finance minister back. Shochat's disputes with the Bank of Israel over his tendency to overspend were legendary during his first stint on the job, and Tel Aviv's stock exchange plummeted when the choice was announced Monday.

Markets recovered by Tuesday, after Shochat blitzed Israeli business media with reassuring inter-

views.

Barak rivals fared less well. Shimon Peres, foreign minister when Israel negotiated the breakthrough peace accords with the Palestinians, got a newly created, ill-defined and un-budgeted "Ministry of Regional Development."

Shlomo Ben-Ami, an articulate, multilingual historian who enjoys support among both Israelis and Arabs, was named police minister, although he has no security background.

In his first interview with police reporters, he quoted Alexis de Tocqueville on democracy — and sent them scurrying for their encyclopedias to read about the French writer who defined early 19th-century America for Europeans.

Yossi Beilin, an Oslo accords architect, wanted a foreign policy post; instead, he became the

first justice minister who never went to law school.

Beilin said his disappointment was tempered by lingering relief at Barak's victory on May 17, when hard-line Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was ousted on a campaign of reversing the freeze on the peace process.

"The test will be the result of our work," he told The Associated Press. "I think the fact that (Netanyahu's) Likud is not there is a very, very important message."

Others who had backed Barak's election were bitterly disappointed. Women's groups led demonstrations after discovering he had appointed only one woman to his Cabinet. Arab legislators, furious at the absence of Arabs on the Cabinet, heckled Barak when he said he represented "the whole nation."

U.S.

BERLIN (AP) — U.S. Ambassador John K. Riffe, who has resided in Berlin since 1995, was ousted Wednesday, just as a procession of German ministers and world's embassies arrived in Berlin.

The return of the U.S. ambassador to Berlin, which had been vacant since the fall of the Berlin Wall, was a symbolic gesture of reconciliation with the West.

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U.S. ambassador joins move of capital from Bonn to Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — U.S. Ambassador John Kornblum takes up residence in Germany's refurbished, prewar capital on Wednesday, joining the eastward procession of the German government and the rest of the world's embassies from Bonn to Berlin.

The return of the first U.S. envoy to the city since World War II became possible only after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the merging of communist East Germany with the West and the growth of unified Germany into a thriving, confident democracy — events in which the United States claims a pivotal role.

True, the new U.S. Embassy has not been built yet, thanks to a small scandal over U.S. security demands. But while Kornblum begins his Berlin stint in temporary offices, he still views his

arrival as a momentous event in the success of U.S.-German relations.

"We have achieved something that I think no other nation has ever achieved: taken a continent ravaged by war and helped it become whole and free and democratic," the ambassador reflected last Friday during Fourth of July celebrations in the lush, enormous backyard of his residence in the old capital, Bonn.

The mood was joyful, sentimental and just a little bit sad at Kornblum's last official celebration before his departure.

As a U.S. Marine band played Motown and the crowd lunched on McDonald's, movers were busy inside the ambassador's mansion packing up his family's belongings for the 375-mile journey east to Berlin.

Packing at the U.S. Embassy

offices in Bonn started about a month ago. By the first week in September, 140 truckloads of furniture and files — along with photos of former ambassadors and a cowboy statue by 19th-century American artist Frederic Remington — should be in place.

"To have to pick up and move is not a comfortable thing to do," the ambassador acknowledged. "But it should be seen by the United States in particular with a great deal of satisfaction."

The U.S. Embassy in Bonn was boxy and bland, like the rest of the 1950s architecture built to reflect the benign image of a humbled West German capital.

Bonn always was conceived as temporary, a waiting zone for the end of communism and the recovery of a unified, self-sufficient Germany. During the days

of the Berlin Wall, the United States clung to its ownership of the old embassy site in Berlin, an empty plot after World War II bombings, hoping one day to return.

And now it will — just not right away.

In a city heavy with history, the U.S. Embassy site is especially historic.

It sits on Pariser Platz, next to the Brandenburg Gate at the western end of the grand boulevard Unter den Linden. It used to be in the middle of the no-man's land of the Berlin Wall.

"People were shot for trying to go into where the U.S. Embassy was," Kornblum noted.

And right behind the U.S. Embassy, Germany plans next year to start building its national Holocaust memorial.

Largely because of its unique location, construction has yet to start on the new embassy.

After the bombings of its embassies in Nairobi and Tanzania, the United States installed strict regulations requiring, among other things, a 100-foot security zone around all embassies.

The United States wants Berlin to alter the flow of vehicles and pedestrians around Pariser Platz, a big tourism area because of the Brandenburg Gate and a main traffic intersection.

Berlin officials are reluctant to redraw their streets, and a city delegation is to visit Washington later this month to try to settle the matter, said Michael-Andreas Butz, a city government spokesman.

So while building is under way on the new French and

British embassies — also located on Pariser Platz — the U.S. Embassy site remains a 7,800-square-yard plot covered with grass, purple heather and visited by the occasional picnicker.

"We have the money," Kornblum said. "We have the plans, we have the people to start with the preparations tomorrow — if we were able to. But we can't start until we're sure we can build a secure embassy."

For the time being, the ambassador and his staff of 400 will work out of a stone building a few blocks away from Pariser Platz. It was the old U.S. Embassy to East Germany — a symbolic site in its own right of the enormous upheaval that paved the way for the Berlin move.

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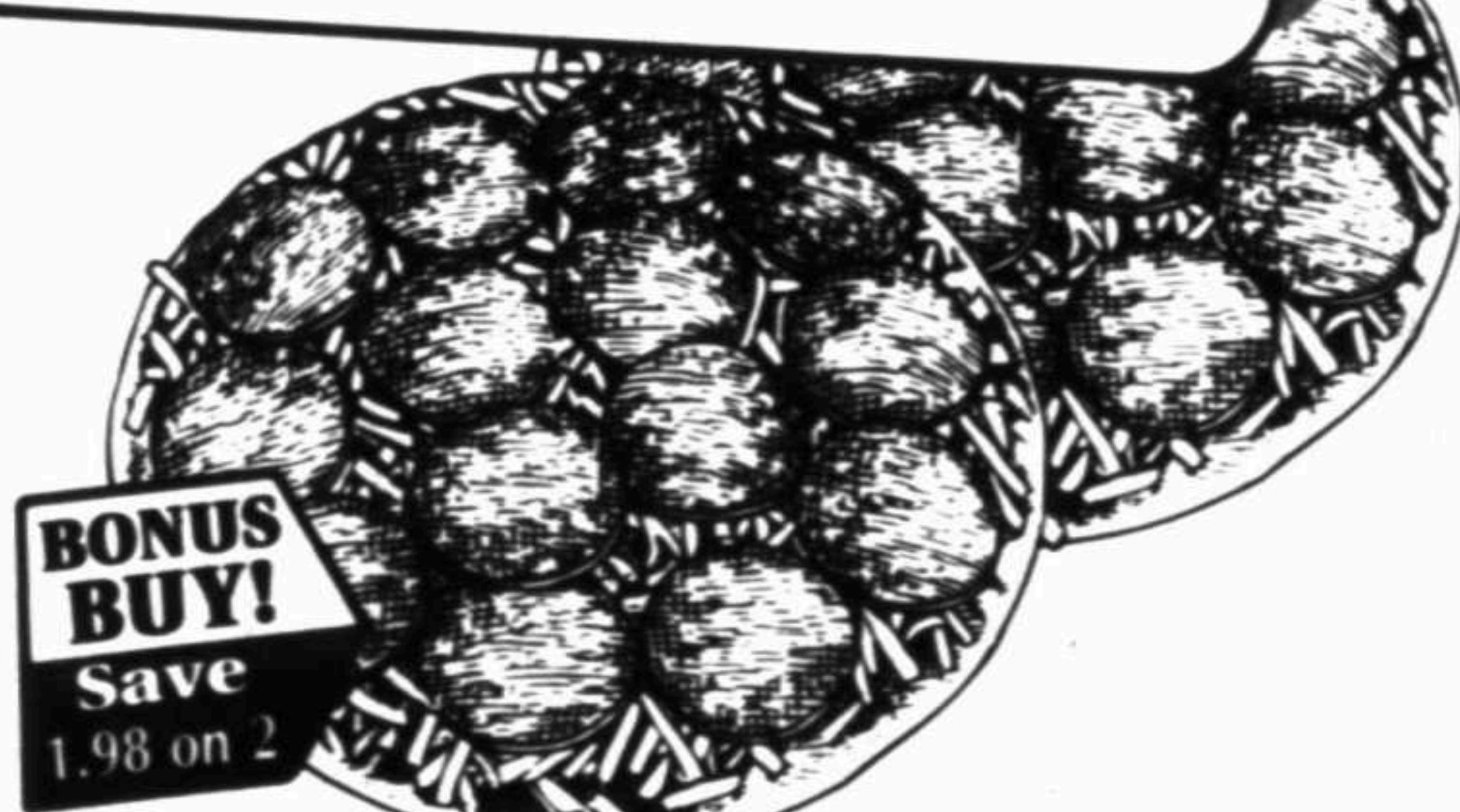
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Kashmir fighting escalates with no withdrawal in sight

KARGIL, India (AP) — Indian army troops captured more peaks Tuesday and Pakistani shells blew up an oil tanker as battles in Kashmir raged despite a pact made by President Clinton and Pakistan's prime minister to push for peace.

In Pakistan, a hostile opposition and defiant militant groups waited for Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's return from a summit in Washington, where he agreed to take concrete steps to restore the 1972 cease-fire line that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

Both nations tested nuclear weapons last year, raising fears of a wider war.

Sharif said he would ask the Islamic guerrillas to abandon their positions, but the rebels balked Tuesday, pledging to die rather than withdraw from the craggy Himalayan Mountains around Kargil, inside the Indian-controlled Kashmir region.

For the past two months, Indian forces have waged a blistering campaign to dis-

lodge hundreds of Islamic guerrillas who crossed the cease-fire line in May and entrenched themselves in stone-and-concrete bunkers overlooking India's only highway in northern Kashmir.

There has been no slackening of nearly ceaseless shelling from both sides. The Indian military, reporting some of the bloodiest fighting yet, said 55 mercenaries and nine Indian soldiers were killed in the all-night battle that ended Tuesday.

Indian army spokesman Col. Bikram Singh said India destroyed 43 bunkers that had been used as guerrilla hideouts and found the bodies of 11 Muslim fighters dumped in a shallow pit in the area.

From the Pakistani side, dozens of shells soared over the jagged hilltops, aiming at 12 Indian 105 mm guns but hitting one oil tanker truck and damaging another.

The resulting ball of fire lit up the mountainside and emitted swirling

'The faces of many of the mujahedeen have been burned by the snow ... one can even see the nose bone ... but still none of them want to stop fighting.'

— Muslim rebel Mohammad Shoaib

plumes of black smoke, trapping 30 Indian army trucks on the road.

Pakistan acknowledges its forces are trading constant artillery shelling and targeting the highway, but says the fighters on the peaks are Muslim militants over whom it has no control.

Muslim insurgents said Tuesday they would rather die than give up the fight.

"There is no question of a retreat. ... If we don't fight now, Indians will push forward in our area," said Mohammad Shoaib, a Muslim rebel fresh from three weeks of fighting.

Conditions on the mountain peaks are horrific, Shoaib said. The bitter cold, snow, and lack of oxygen at 17,000 feet is the soldiers' greatest enemy — not the Indian soldiers, he said.

"The faces of many of the mujahedeen have been burned by the snow ... one can even see their nose bone ... but still none of them want to stop fighting," he said.

Raminder Singh Jassal, India's Foreign Ministry spokesman, said India did not plan to provide a safe passage for the Pakistani intruders or to call a cease-fire until all infiltrators were gone.

Pakistan Army Chief Gen. Pervez said that, although it was ultimately up to the insurgents to put down their weapons, the military and the government were in "complete harmony" over Sharif's

agreement with Clinton to push for resolution.

The right-wing Jamaat-e-Islami religious party, however, accused Sharif of "treason," but failed to attract much support for nationwide protests Tuesday.

Pakistan's lower house of parliament also berated the government for launching diplomatic initiatives without consulting lawmakers.

Pakistan has pushed for allowing Kashmiris to vote on whether to join India or Pakistan. However, many Kashmiris say they want full independence, and India flatly rejects the idea of a referendum.

The fighting has killed about 700 people on the rebels' side and 283 Indian soldiers, Indian military officials say. Those numbers cannot be independently confirmed.

Bin Laden reportedly received millions in donations

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Saudi and Gulf businessmen have donated tens of millions to help Osama bin Laden, the man hunted for masterminding the bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa, to rebuild his campaign against the United States, sources said Tuesday.

Donations from sympathetic businessmen — in the form of religious alms — began to flow in faster after Washington offered a \$5 million reward for bin Laden's capture in January, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The sources, who included Saudi businessmen, told The Associated Press in Cairo that bin Laden may have received more than \$50 million before Saudi authorities uncovered the donations and stopped the transfers recently.

In an effort to further squeeze bin Laden, President Clinton ordered financial sanctions Monday against the Taliban religious militia that rules most of Afghanistan, where bin Laden has been based for the past four years.

The United States accuses bin Laden of masterminding the deadly Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of its embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed 224 people and injured thousands.

Last week, Washington warned that bin Laden may be preparing another attack as the anniversary of the embassy bombings approaches. It briefly closed six of its African embassies in late June.

Bin Laden — the son of a wealthy Saudi tycoon, now

stripped of his citizenship and shunned by his family — is believed to have received funds from Gulf businessmen in the 1980s, when he fought alongside Mujahedeen guerrillas against Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

But he is reportedly suffering from cash problems because of the recent U.S. crackdown, which included the freezing of his accounts abroad. In June, the FBI put bin Laden on its 10 Most Wanted list.

New contributions would most likely help bin Laden gather activists and accelerate any plans for attacks against American targets.

The sources said most of the donations were given in the form of religious alms that Muslims are required to give to the poor — but radical clerics say alms can also be paid for promoting "Islamic" causes.

Many in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf see bin Laden as a larger-than-life icon fighting the world's most powerful nation on behalf of Islam.

Bin Laden has denied any role

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Clinton talks up jobs, investment that can help in Mississippi

CLARKSDALE, Miss. (AP) — With boarded-up buildings all around him, President Clinton walked down a main street here Tuesday, talking up jobs and investment that can breathe new life into this virtually forgotten town on the Mississippi Delta.

But the promise of jobs and a blossoming economy meant little to Flora Bell Clay, 61, disabled after a heart attack and needing help to keep her home inhabitable. Her income is too low to get loans, and local organizations didn't help.

"I can't pay nothing when I ain't got nothing," Mrs. Clay said, waiting under a blazing sun to talk to Clinton.

The president said he hoped private money he is trying to leverage for places like Clarksdale can ultimately solve problems like Mrs. Clay's, from dilapidated housing to inferior schools.

"It's not just that there's not enough money in this area for good investment. Somebody has to decide it's a good investment," Clinton told about 600 people gathered in Waterfield Cabinets' hot, tin-roofed warehouse.

The president was announcing \$46.5 million in community development grants, including \$15 million for the Mississippi Delta, where, he said, the poverty and unemployment rates far exceed national averages. Later Tuesday, he was joining a Bank of America executive in East St. Louis, Ill., to outline a new \$500 million capital investment fund.

The announcements were part of Clinton's four-day tour through poor communities from Appalachia to Los Angeles, highlighting what the administration is touting as the "untapped markets" in America's inner cities and rural areas.

The tour also was calling attention to successful local projects. Waterfield Cabinets, for example, was opened with a secured loan from the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta, which provides capital and credit to small businesses that wouldn't qualify for conventional loans.

The president, accompanied by Rep. Benny Thompson, D-Miss., and Mayor Richard Webster, walked past the abandoned



AP Photo
President Clinton is joined by, left to right, Mississippi Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, Clarksdale, Miss. Mayor Richard Webster, Rep. Benny Thompson, D-Miss., and Wayne Loenard during a walk down Issaquena Avenue in Clarksdale, Miss. Tuesday.

New Roxy Theater and the Pac Man game room to the corner of Issaquena Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. A crowd cheered and chanted, "Welcome, Bill," and "Don't mess with Bill." A large nightclub across the street, Club Champagne, sat shuttered and closed.

For an empowerment zone area, there was little economic activity. Some residents said \$40 million in empowerment funds is not finding its way here, and wanted Clinton to know that.

"We need a sit-down meeting, not in this hot sun, so we can tell him the real issues that face the people in the Mississippi Delta," said Henry Bonner, 41, of nearby Mound Bayou. "The playing field needs to be leveled. And the lending institutions are so racist it's a crying shame."

Civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, accompanying the president along with some corporate leaders and Cabinet secretaries, said: "When you look at the market, it's not just race. These areas have been denied access to capital. Now it's the resources gap."

"To a great extent, this is a money problem," Clinton said. "There is not an even distribution

of access to capital. That is something we want to fix."

Greg Calhoun, 47, from Montgomery, Ala., whose Calhoun Enterprises owns the 14-store Calhoun Foods-Bigbear Supermarket chain in Alabama and Georgia, said his company had \$81 million in revenue last year but only a \$300,000 line of credit.

To continue growing, opening stores in places like Clarksdale, he needs a \$2 million line of credit, said Calhoun, who was part of Clinton's entourage in Mississippi.

"I'm back at a time where I need it just as bad as I did when I first started," Calhoun said, when he had to pay 22 percent interest to borrow money. "I keep having to prove myself and I've been out here 15 years."

Cathy Bessant, a Bank of America vice president, committed \$100 million to the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, which provided the grants Clinton announced Tuesday. Later in the day, she was announcing formation of a \$500 million capital investment fund targeted at often-overlooked communities.

"There is real money to be made in these markets," Bessant said. "We think we can be even more successful when we create markets that work in inner cities."

Andrew Cuomo, secretary of housing and urban development, was presenting a study that estimates inner-city residents possess \$331 billion in purchasing power.

"This is not about charity," Cuomo said. "It's about investment."

In Clarksdale, Clinton ducked into a flower shop and talked with owner Shirley Fair and three other small-business owners. Then he greeted the crowd outside, eventually reaching Mrs.

Clay. Although she did grasp his hand and told him her dilemma, she didn't get her house fixed. "I told him I need help bad. He never did say I could get help."

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Effort needed to keep assets in Permian Basin

In a recent article in the Midland Reporter-Telegram oilman Jim Henry and banker Wayne Merritt, commenting on the Baytech-Parallel purchase of Fina assets called it the "beginning of a new era" in which assets are transferred from majors to independents.

Henry predicted this shift in oil and gas assets into the hands of independent oil companies could mean more to the Permian Basin than anything that has happened in the past 20 years. We agree.

The fact that Fina assets and jobs will remain in control of a Midland-based company is good for Midland and the Basin. "This will be good for the community. I guarantee it," said Larry Oldham, president of Parallel Petroleum.

Oldham is correct. It is almost a cinch that Midland-based oil companies with a focus on Permian Basin assets will invariably produce more value and jobs than an absentee owners. That's why it is important, as Jim Henry pointed out, that every effort be made to keep asset ownership and jobs in the Permian Basin. If we are to thrive as an oil and gas-producing region, local focus, ownership and loyalty are key factors.

As majors put more and more assets on the market, the entire leadership of Midland must work together, to do everything possible to ensure, when possible, that the sale of these assets do not become just another ploy to export Permian Basin jobs to Houston.

It will take the best efforts of all local oil companies, the Midland Chamber of Commerce, bankers, oil and gas associations and others to keep jobs from slipping away to the Bayou City. To this end we feel a Permian Basin-wide task force should be organized to identify and offer a full catalog of incentives, to those making acquisitions, to keep jobs in the Permian Basin. Moreover, we feel such a task force should not only be aggressive in retaining Basin jobs, but aggressive in bringing oil and gas companies and jobs to the Basin.

The stakes are simply too high to do nothing. If we don't look out for ourselves, nobody else will.

ANOTHER VIEW

Scandal taints some close to Jeb Bush

Just seven months into his administration, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush finds himself embroiled in yet another scandal involving the ethics of those close to him.

U.S. Customs officials in Atlanta detained his wife of 25 years, Columba, after she failed to declare \$19,000 in clothing and jewelry she had bought during a shopping spree in Paris.

Mr. Bush's appointee to head the Department of Business and Professional Regulation also had to apologize recently for an ethical lapse.

Cynthia Henderson, caught accepting tickets and transportation to the Kentucky Derby from one business seeking a contract with DBPR and another regulated by her agency, admitted that she "didn't use my best judgment."

And then there was Sandra Mortham, the former Secretary of State whom Mr. Bush originally had tapped as his running mate in the 1998 election.

Mrs. Mortham withdrew from the ticket amid allegations that she had misused her public office to promote her own personal agenda.

But "bad judgment" starts to ring a little hollow when used repeatedly as an excuse for ethical lapses.

— **The Orlando Sentinel**
Orlando, Fla.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, July 7, the 188th day of 1999. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On July 7, 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

On this date:
 In 1754, King's College in New York City opened. (The school was later renamed Columbia College.)

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

One year ago: A jury in Santa Monica, Calif., convicted Mikhail Markhasev of murdering Ennis Cosby, Bill Cosby's only son, during a roadside robbery. Imprisoned Nigerian opposition leader Moshood Abiola died of what the government said was a heart attack. The American League defeated the National League 13-8 in baseball's All-Star Game, played in Denver.

JACK ANDERSON

Medicare proposal recalls catastrophic '88

There was good reason for the understated, almost lethargic nature of President Bill Clinton's performance last week at the White House, announcing a push for a new prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program.

From his vantage point in a front-row seat, our associate Dale Van Atta observed a palpably diminished excitement for this attempt to make the most sweeping changes to Medicare in the program's three-decade history — and it had more to do with the event's delayed start.

One good reason for the conservative applause and polite body language from key Democratic leaders a couple seats over — like Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., and Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. — could well have been their memory of an infamous effort that went down in flames a decade ago, the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988.

The bill had first been proposed by President Reagan's Health and Human Services Secretary, Otis Bowen. His idea was simple: cover a Medicare patient's catastrophic illnesses or accidents by slightly raising the premium, and matching it with government funds.

Seeing a chink in Reagan's small-government armor, Democrats stampeded the opening to add

other benefits for seniors, whose voting clout was (and is) formidable. Prescription drug coverage was at the top of their wish list.

Committees produced an acceptable House bill. It had been greatly expanded by Democrats and now included not only a drug benefit, but also limited nursing, hospice, mental health and other benefits.

An exasperated Bowen wrote a last-ditch letter to House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, on July 21, predicting that costs would soon exceed revenues, with a shortfall of about \$8 billion by 2000.

The Democrats were in a steamroller mood, however, guessing they had overwhelming support. They weren't even apologetic when the Democrat-controlled Rules Committee parried Republican attempts at amendment — at one point leaving a Republican panel member, Rep. Trent Lott, R-Miss., sputtering that "this rule is more restrictive than the strictures at a seventh-grade mixer — only here the fear is not that we'll make improper passes but that a proper amendment might just pass!"

Majority Leader Thomas Foley, D-Wash., relished the moment, responding to scattered Republican complaints and the presidential veto threat with "Make my day!" — the Clint Eastwood dare that Reagan was fond of using at the time. Foley's confidence was rightly placed: The House bill passed July 22 by a veto-proof 302-127 vote. The Senate followed suit on Oct. 27 with a similar bill, which passed 86-11.

On May 25, 1988, many more closed door con-

ferences later, the joint House-Senate legislation was produced. It was a Medicare catastrophic coverage bill that more than tripled both the benefits and costs in the original Bowen plan. The congressional bill, with the new drug and other benefits added in, would cost more than \$32 billion over the next five years, while Bowen's had been estimated to price out at less than \$10 billion over the same period.

The House handily passed the bill on June 2 by a vote of 328 to 72. Six days later, the Senate joined the landslide by voting for it 86 to 11.

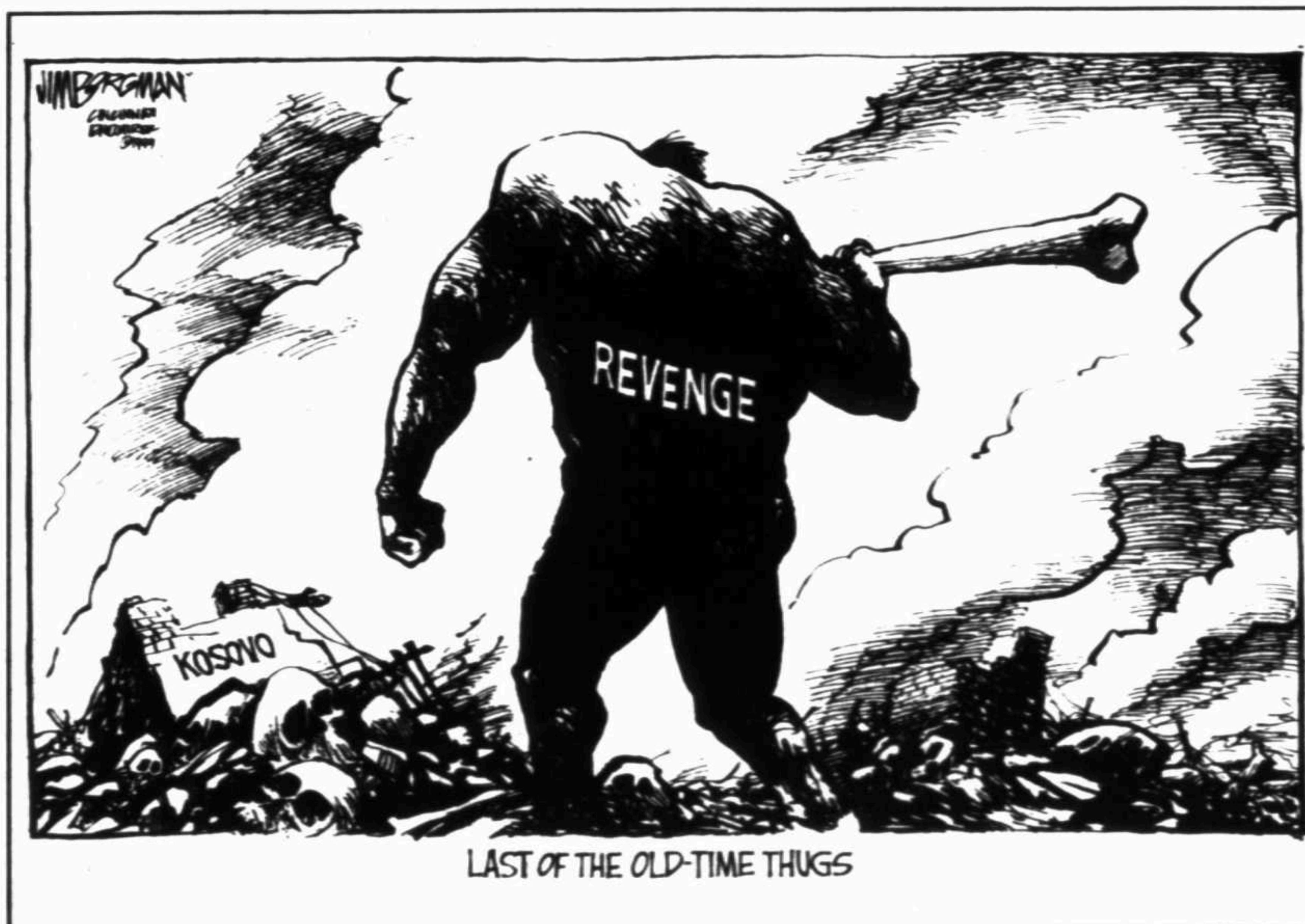
For all the effort, though, when many taxpaying seniors found out about the cost of the new "benefit," including their own out-of-pocket premium hikes, they revolted en masse and got the entire package repealed the next year, 1989.

Now, a decade later, comes President Clinton with a promise of "a drug benefit our seniors can afford, at a price America can afford."

The initial estimate for this benefit — undoubtedly too low — is that that cost will be an extra \$12 billion a year from taxpayers, and about \$11 billion more a year in premium costs for Medicare beneficiaries.

No wonder veterans of the previous debate like Kennedy are not doing any rousing cheerleading for Clinton's initiative yet. It will be a change older Americans and younger taxpayers don't want, and won't pay for.

Jack Anderson and Jan Moller's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.



LAST OF THE OLD-TIME THUGS

LETTERS

Sales tax should belong to city where money is spent

Do you know to what city your sales tax goes? Recently I questioned an 8 percent sales tax charge on a lawn service statement, when Midland's tax is 7.75 percent. I was amazed to learn that since the company is based in Odessa we are charged Odessa's 8 percent tax!

When I called the city attorney I was equally amazed to learn that the money also goes back to Odessa! A service performed in Midland, with a Midland Post Office box to which I mailed my check, but the sales tax money actually goes to Odessa?

How many other companies are doing business in Midland, collecting sales tax from Midland people, based in different cities, with the sales tax money going out of Midland?

When my husband was a salesman, he accounted for the sales made in different towns and the money was sent back to these towns from the Comptroller. Something is wrong — how do we correct this?

Perhaps we should all check where the sales tax money is going and limit our business to the local merchants and service companies so that our tax money stays in Midland.

Or write our representatives in Austin to get this law, or procedure, changed.

Brittie Holster

Let's send mayor to buy the Brooklyn Bridge

The publication Sunday, June 20, of that wonderful wish list of tremendously important, absolutely essential and critically necessary items for Midland in the future was very comprehensive. However, there was one very glaring omission.

The items listed are all absolutely vital and all seem to be the type of things that we cannot survive without. I wish to suggest that we add a little bit of pure pleasure just for pleasure's sake. Life is too short to miss out on the few opportunities for enjoyment that seldom come along.

There is this beautiful bridge in New York City. It spans the East River from Manhattan to Brooklyn. I have heard that a stranger in New York cannot be there very long before some kind hearted soul will make an offer to sell him the Brooklyn Bridge.

Let's send Mayor Bobby Burns to New York and instruct him to respond to any offer he receives by

writing out a check instantly. We can make arrangements to float a bond issue when he gets back.

We could then move the bridge to the Rio Wadley, not across Wadley Avenue but lengthwise along it. That way whenever it rains, Midland motorists can remain high and dry. Just think of the thrill of driving along Wadley and looking down on the twinkling lights of Midland reflected in the floodwaters far below.

Let's do it!

John P. Hammett

Why should taxpayer foot the bill for dry holes?

I was saddened to read that a portion of our local leadership has turned to man — Sen. Phil Gramm — rather than to God to solve our problems in the oil industry, by petitioning for money taken from individual taxpayers to pay for what may be dry holes — for those who helped him get elected.

Sen. Gramm, and all of Congress, should be working to remove the taxes that are taxing us to poverty. The average taxpayer has just celebrated (at mid-year) the date when they are now working for their own benefit rather than our massive state and federal bureaucracies leading us into international "One World Government."

We are entering world government without the consent of this minority Constitutional, who wants to preserve our Constitutional republic, granting us the right to go broke if we make bad investments by our choice, not at the expense of my government.

Wanda H. Skees

Thanks for those who helped during the flood

I want to address this letter particularly to the two men who on June 19 during the flash flood helped me and my daughter and I in our car out of a perilous situation with high water at the corner of "T" Street and Humble. My daughter and I thank you for the risk and the effort it took to help travelers in need.

Our friends and I consider you to be special "guardian angels" the way you seemed to appear out of nowhere, help and then with a "Take care," disappeared into the night. I pray that your lives will be blessed in a special way as you have blessed ours.

Pamela and Elizabeth Howell



WILLIAM SAFIRE

Reform Party has cards for election Independents' Day

MAGANSETT, N.Y. — Ready for a little political mischief? Let us consider what could upset the seemingly preordained Bush and Gore nominations.

An unremarked time bomb called the Reform Party is on the ballot in all 50 states. Based on its vote total in 1996, its presidential candidate will receive \$12.6 million in federal funds in 2000. If Ross Perot runs again, his vote will again dwindle; if the party chooses an ex-senator like David Boren or Sam Nunn, it would draw equally from both major parties and have little impact.

But what if the Reform Party, in convention assembled next year, chose to embrace the nominee of the Republican or Democratic Party? It would never endorse the Establishment candidates, Bush or Gore — but what about a genuine maverick with appeal to independents, like Republican John McCain or Democrat Bill Bradley?

In the course of the next 12 months, the 25-point lead that Bush now holds over Gore will surely shrink. The major parties will look at the pull of that crucial third line, plus its federal money and stretch-drive call on prime-time ad slots, and wonder — wouldn't it be great to have that independent segment count for our man?

In New York state campaigns, it is routine for the major parties to dicker heavily for Independence, Liberal and Conservative Party lines on the ballot. In the Rudy-Hillary senatorial race, national Republicans will beg Conservatives not to split New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's vote, and national Democrats will try to snatch his Liberal line away for Hillary.

What would be in it for Ross Perot? (1) A maverick-major party name at the top would build his Reform Party in 50 states, strengthening its lower-level independent candidacies; (2) Reform's aim to end the corporate pork barrel and shake up the corrupting, out-of-control politics of money is the essence of McCain's message now and will be Bradley's later; (3) becoming a real player would change the debate-denied Perot from a Stassen-esque joke into a claimant to the role of Warwick, the king-maker.

What would it take to transform this amusing academic notion into an unforeseen political development?

Fear of losing. If George W., in some gaffe during an interview or primacy toe-stubbing or weakness in debate, loses his aura of inevitability; or if Al Gore is too slow to close the poll gap and cannot dispel that "can't win" miasma — loyalties would vanish. Dichards are now die-casies; nobody wants to go down with the Gore or Bush ship. Vast campaign treasuries won't stop a run on the bank of confidence.

Next February, the candidate within each major party running second for the nomination may say to party leaders: Polls show that our likely nominee will lead us down the road to defeat. Here's how we can win: I can deliver the third line on ballots that can tip the balance almost everywhere.

Pshaw, say boxed-in thinkers; unless Ross runs himself, the Reform line won't have big money. But if Perot goes on that third line for vice president, and Reform endorses the slate to the Electoral College chosen by the major party candidate, then billionaire Ross could contribute as much as he wanted to the campaign — and nobody need fear he would become vice president.

"Something creative has to happen to American politics," says Russell Verney in Dallas, chairman of the Reform Party.

William Safire's column is distributed by the N.Y. Times News Service.

Supporters for nuclear test ban treaty step up efforts for ratification

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been nearly three years since President Clinton became the first world leader to sign a treaty calling for a global ban on nuclear test explosions. The Senate has yet to even hold a hearing on it.

The Senate is not alone: So far, only 18 of the 44 nations with nuclear capabilities that must ratify the wide-ranging Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty have taken action. Now, with a September ratification deadline approaching, treaty activists are stepping up their campaign to bring the measure to the Senate floor.

In Washington, the treaty remains bottled up in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, whose chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is locked in a dispute with the Clinton administration over two other treaties.

"The Senate is dragging its feet on this issue and it's unforgivable," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., a leader in the effort bringing the treaty to a vote. He said he and other test-ban supporters will get "more aggressive" in the coming weeks.

Dorgan declined to say what that meant, but there's no question that a handful of determined senators can bring havoc to the Senate's schedule.

"Russia is waiting for us, China is waiting for Russia," said Thomas Graham, president of the Lawyers Alliance for World Security and a former director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. "The delay in ratification is exclusively that there haven't been hearings. There is no other reason."

The 1996 pact includes a pledge against all testing of nuclear devices and sets up a global system of sensors to monitor compliance. It was signed by 152 nations, but ratification is moving slowly.

The approaching deadline is Sept. 23, the third anniversary of the treaty's opening for signature. After that, a conference will be held to convene to consider what measures might be taken to get non-ratifying members to join.

At the core of the dispute: the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty.

Conservatives don't like it because it prohibits development of a national missile defense system. Some consider the ABM treaty defunct since the Soviet Union no longer exists.

including possibly economic steps. Only nations that ratified the treaty could participate in the conference — leaving the United States without direct influence.

Under the treaty, all 44 states with some nuclear capacity must sign for it to take effect. Even one holdout — by, say, North Korea — could keep the treaty from taking effect.

Supporters of the test-ban treaty say it would lock in U.S. superiority gained in over 1,000 nuclear tests during the Cold War, while failing to ratify the pact could open the door to additional nuclear tests by India and Pakistan — now caught up in another military dust-up over Kashmir — or other nations.

Opponents argue it could threaten America's ability to deliver an effective nuclear strike, if one is ever needed.

Supporters are encouraged by Russian President Boris Yeltsin's expressed willingness last month to renegotiate a landmark 1972 arms-reduction treaty and signs that the Russian parliament may soon take up the START II treaty, a later nuclear-reduction pact.

Politically, the test-ban treaty has become linked with Russian action

on those earlier treaties.

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Last week, Congress sent President Clinton a bill to commit the United States to such an anti-missile system, regardless of the ABM treaty.

In another concession, the administration's top arms-control official, John Holum, told a Senate hearing the United States should go ahead with plans to build the system despite ABM prohibitions, suggesting it was in the national interest.

But Helms has shown little interest in such overtures, at least publicly.

Before moving on the test-ban treaty, Helms wants the administration to first submit to the Senate modifications in the ABM treaty agreed to three years ago by Clinton and Yeltsin.

The administration says it will submit the modifications, but only after Russia ratifies START II.

Helms also wants the administration to submit the climate treaty negotiated in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997, even though it would likely be defeated.

Helms hasn't changed his mind, spokesman Marc Theissen said.

"They've got to submit the ABM treaty (modifications) and Kyoto," he said.

With Helms refusing to schedule hearings, the only way the treaty could be pried from the committee would be for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., to bring it directly to the floor.

But Republican Senate sources said Lott was not inclined to do so,

particularly after criticism from conservatives two years ago for helping to win ratification of an also-controversial chemical weapons ban treaty.

Dorgan conceded that getting Helms to change his mind, or persuading Lott to put the treaty on the Senate agenda, is no easy task. Furthermore, there's no guarantee the treaty — which requires 67

votes — will be ratified. But it's still worth the effort, he said.

The United States has not conducted a full-fledged nuclear test since 1992, although it conducted tests on two nuclear devices in 1997 using chemical, rather than nuclear, explosions.

India and Pakistan conducted tests last year, China in 1996 and France in 1995-1996.

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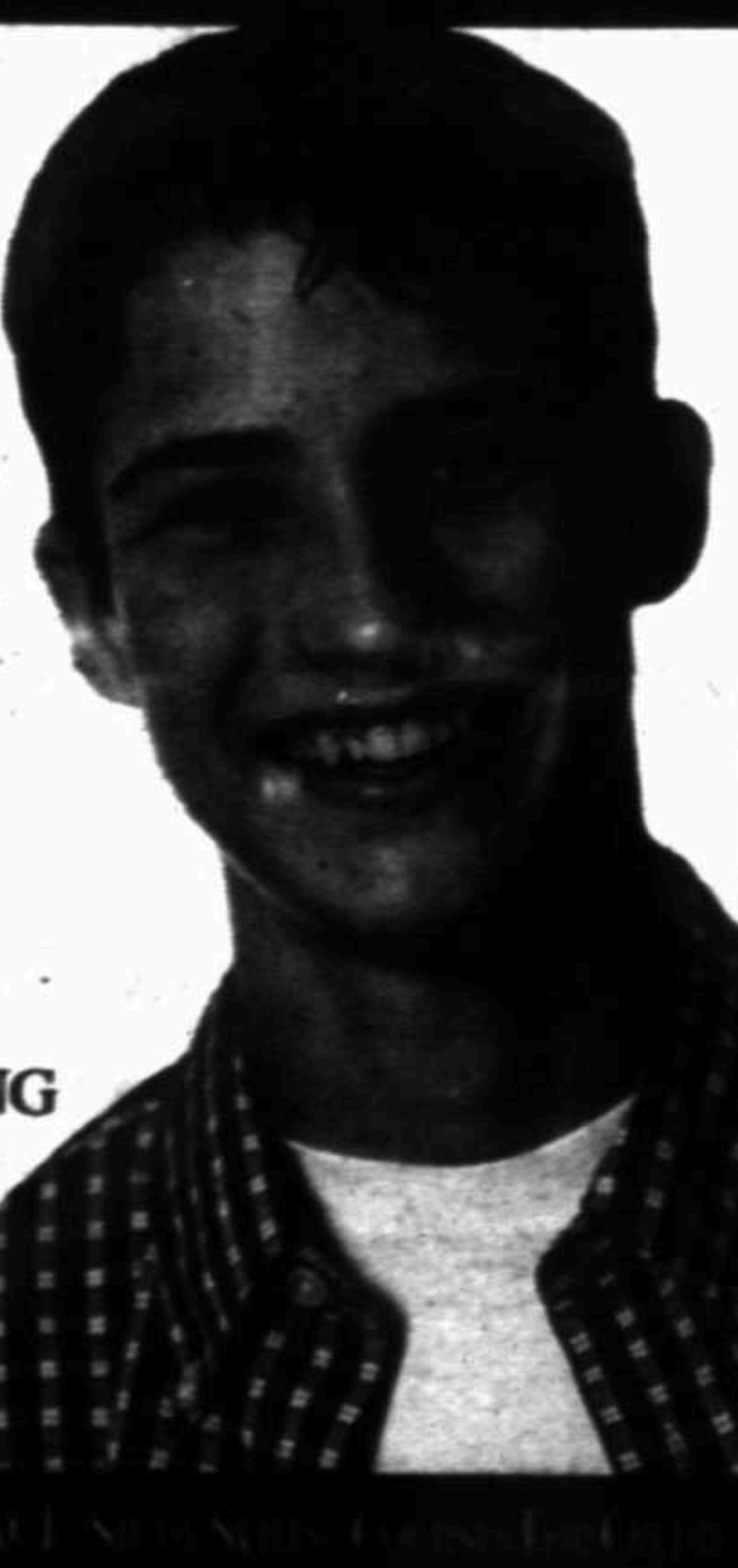


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Upstate New York is waiting for its share of promised prosperity

BUFFALO, NY (AP) — Politicians who swing through upstate like to talk about New York's growing prosperity and the Wall Street boom. But on her campaign tour this week, Hillary Rodham Clinton will find that many upstate New Yorkers believe they haven't been invited to the party.

The truth is many upstate New Yorkers live closer to West Virginia than Manhattan — and have more in common with the former. So, if it's upstate points that Mrs. Clinton wants in her race for the Senate, she'll have to remember there's more to a New York state of mind than skyscrapers and subways.

Some people are calling Mrs. Clinton a carpetbagger. Arkansas, Washington, New York City —

it's all the same to upstate New Yorkers. Plenty of "carpetbaggers" have been elected from right within the state's borders — downstaters who never ventured north until election season.

A few upstate basics: No. 1, it has more people than downstate — 11 million in all. And a lot more land — more than 40,000 square miles north of Westchester County up to the Canadian border and west to the biggest city, Buffalo.

Some upstaters live in concrete apartment blocks, but many more make their homes on mountain foothills and more than 30,000 farms.

The farmers don't see many politicians. But if they did, they'd have a lot to say about such things as dairy compacts and the con-

centrated animal feeding operation regulations, topics that don't ordinarily arise in Manhattan.

That's not to say upstaters don't like to visit New York and its smorgasbord of shopping, restaurants and theater. Everyone's heard about the city's dropping crime rate and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's crackdowns on panhandlers and strip clubs and the like.

But upstaters still don't feel comfortable in a place where the mayor has to practically legislate human kindness. That's taken for granted upstate.

Downstate could learn a lot from upstate, were they to bother to look. (When the Buffalo Bills played the New York — really New Jersey — Giants in the Super Bowl in 1991, a random

sampling of New Yorkers was asked to point to Buffalo on a map. Most couldn't. What's worse, it didn't bother them in the least.)

Upstate's cities have seen better days. Now, there seem to be as many boarded stores as open ones.

Industrial giants like Bethlehem Steel, Kodak, General Motors, Fisher-Price and IBM have scaled back to the tune of 59,100 manufacturing jobs during this decade alone.

General Electric once employed 40,000 people in Schenectady. That's down to 4,000.

Of course, when jobs go, people go. Buffalo had 580,132 people in 1950. Today, there are 300,000. People are moving out so fast that some towns, like Troy

and Utica, have needed help from the state to avoid bankruptcy.

Upstaters are generally conservative and Republican, and tend to view the more liberal south with caution. Last year state Republican Committee ads depicted the New York City-based Democratic nominees for statewide office as sharks swimming out of the city to feast in upstate waters.

It's true that Sen. Alfonse D'Amato lost to Democrat Charles Schumer during the state's last Senate election. But upstate, the incumbent Republican won in 47 of 52 counties.

A final thought, Mrs. Clinton may be a step ahead if she can spell "Niagara." Rudolph Giuliani's campaign schedule misspelled it to rhyme with "Viagra."

New focus on uninsured springs from patients' rights fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The images hark back to 1994's universal health-care debate: Families can't afford health insurance; workers worry the boss will drop their coverage.

But this time it's businesses and insurance companies, not advocates for the poor, trying to sway the health-care discussion by championing the uninsured.

Their chief goal is to stop the so-called patients' bill of rights, which would give Americans without insurance new power in dealing with HMOs. They argue that the new rights, while wildly popular, will raise the cost of insurance and force some employers to eliminate their employees' coverage.

The argument gains potency as the number of uninsured Americans grows. Despite prosperous economic times, it stood at 43.4 million in 1997 — up by close to 4 million since President Clinton proposed his universal health insurance plan in 1994.

That only partially explains business and insurance interests' new focus on the uninsured, said Robert Blendon, who studies health policy and public opinion at Harvard University.

"In the middle of the debate over the patients' bill of rights, a lot of groups rediscovered the uninsured," he said. "They said, 'Let's stop talking about the patients' bill of rights; let's start talking about the uninsured.'"

They are the same groups, along with Republican allies in Congress, who helped defeat universal health care five years ago. In that debate, a central argument against Clinton's plan to help the uninsured was that

the insured would lose their ability to choose their own doctors.

Now that the debate is about the limited choice of doctors and other complaints involving HMOs, the argument is that new rules will result in more people without insurance.

Advocates for the uninsured — mostly consumer groups — are skeptical.

"All of a sudden the people who gave us the fire — the arsonists — are going to come up with a solution," said Dr. Quentin Young of Physicians for a National Health Program. "It's disingenuous, if not dishonest."

The new interest in the uninsured also shows up in GOP proposals to change the tax code and in a pitch by the insurance association for the government to create a new \$60 billion annual subsidy. Both would help people without insurance buy coverage.

Just before the July Fourth holiday, Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, promised that his tax plan would include new incentives — credits or deductions,

— to buy coverage.

Both parties' strategy on health care can be traced to the 1994 health debate, said GOP pollster Frank Luntz.

"It forced the Democrats to scale back," he said. "And it forced the Republicans to offer proposals."

This week, business and insur-

ance groups are running \$750,000 worth of television and radio ads in five states, homes of Republican senators up for re-election next year. The goal is to ward off temptations for the five to vote for some of the more popular Democratic amendments that will be offered in a Senate debate on the issue next week.



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Jack Swallow, executive director of the Permian Basin Area Foundation, addresses the crowd at Tuesday's press conference. The foundation has awarded 10 grants to area non-profit organizations. Next to him is Beverly Pevehouse, who is on the Board of Governors for the foundation.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-
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Foundation grants benefit ten area non-profit groups

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Ten area non-profit organizations involved in activities from education to arts and culture, recreation to community planning, have received grants from the Permian Basin Area Foundation during its spring grant cycle.

Jack Swallow, executive director of the foundation, said it was the generosity of West Texans in contributing to the foundation that added to the quality of life in the area.

"We encourage people to consider making gifts to the foundation. We feel the foun-

ation is a great place to carry out charitable giving. The foundation is perpetual and gifts made to it will fund grants from here ever after."

Foundation Board of Governors member Beverly Pevehouse said that "We just wish we had millions to give so people would have everything they want, but we can't so we did the best we could."

Among the grants given was a \$3,500 grant to Citizens for Midland Skaters, a group trying to raise funds for a skate park at the new Beal Park in southwest Midland to be used for skating of all types.

"We're thrilled with the grant," said coalition member Lisa Sutton, who said the group is trying to raise \$100,000 to help construct the park. To date the group has raised \$13,000.

"The children have no place to go and we want to give them a safe place to go," she said.

Among those accompanying Ms. Sutton to the announcement of the grants was Tammy Wooten, whose son William was killed with his friend Samuel Geer last October. Please see **GRANTS/2B**

Got milk?

Best part of Youth Center summer camp? Getting messy

By Matt Josefy

The kids are getting nasty and dirty ... and loving every minute of it during the Lee-Midland Youth Center Kids Super Summer Day Camp.

Lee Youth Center is hosting week-long camps for young people entering first through sixth grades. Each morning from 8 a.m. until noon, supervisor Barbara Phillip and her 10 high school counselors have planned activities, ranging from participating in sports like tennis to playing around with flour. Thursday is Olympic Day and a variety of relay races are conducted. On Fridays, field trips are taken to places such as Mr. Gatti's.

In between activities, the kids hang out at the center, eating snacks or playing pool.

But, for the youngsters themselves, they have definite favorites.

"The best part is the days we get messy," according to participant Justin Biles, 11.

Meghan Tuffe agreed, "It's fun when we get to get counselors with whipped cream and cherries."

Robert Hoelscher enjoyed his recent week at the camp because "A lot of your friends are here, and you make new friends." He planned on returning for another session.

Camper Courtney Rowley said the only bad thing was "I had to take down my ponytail to get the whipped cream out, but this would still be one of the best things she will do all summer."

Bryson Mitchell, while aiding two

Please see **CAMP/2B**



Trent Baca adds milk to the other cake ingredients on Courtney Stasny's head Thursday morning during 'get back at counselors' activities at Lee Youth Center Day camp.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Accused senior swindler trial gets under way

■ Michael Arlan Sprick faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Eighty-three-year-old Maurita Johnson got her first job in the Depression, which paid her 12 and 1/2 cents an hour to operate a jewelry counter.

In the 1940s, she married a banker and moved to Midland, where for the next 47 years, the couple would settle in a simple house they bought for \$10,000 and live on a tight budget.

By the time the couple reached their 80s, they had more than \$1 million in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and savings accounts, but continued their frugal ways.

But in recent years, Ms. Johnson's husband died, and a hereditary disease she has called macular degeneration has taken all her sight except for her peripheral vision. She was helpless and didn't have living relatives to help her.

So in 1993, Ms. Johnson began seeking a financial advisor who would invest her money wisely and pay her bills. Her accountant at the time recommended that she find herself a qualified investment consultant to meet her needs.

By coincidence, Ms. Johnson ended up crossing paths with Michael Arlan Sprick, a 42-year-old Odessa man she's known for many years. In fact, she knew Sprick's grandmother since their teen-age years and knew that Sprick was once a band instructor at Permian High School.

Sprick told Ms. Johnson that he'd quit teaching music and started up his own business as a stock broker.

"I knew him since he was a baby. I knew he'd grown up, got an education and was smarter than me," Ms. Johnson testified Tuesday. "I asked (my accountant) to look into Michael for me. He said he couldn't find anything filed against him."

In 1993, Sprick took over Ms. Johnson's \$1.09 million account after she gave him power of attorney over her finances.

"I wanted to invest my money in good. Please see **FRAUD/2B**

Local gymnasts to compete at Junior Olympics National Championships

By Matt Josefy

Midland gymnasts have tumbled their way towards Olympic opportunities. More than two dozen gymnasts are representing Midland in Anaheim, Calif. this week at the Junior Olympic National Championships.

And it has taken a lot of hard work to get there.

The trampoline and floor competing gymnasts spend numerous hours each day practicing in an effort to reach their dream of competing in the Olympics as well as the World Championships. Heather Hooper, Amanda Galloway, Kim Detlaff and Jordan Johnson top the list, each having jumped to the heights of level 10, a peak point in teen-age gymnastics, indicating that they have mastered their event. Even then, however, judges rarely award a perfect 10.0 at a competition.

The other Midland competitors vary from levels 5-9.

Emily Grissom of Andrews is also competing in the higher category.

Miss Hooper, 17, and Miss Galloway, 11, each paused recently to provide a glimpse into the life of a young gymnast.

Because of the demands placed on them, the two have opted to home school for their respective senior and 6th grade years.

Amanda first got into gymnastics at age 8 when a friend brought her to a practice session. Her friend later quit, but Amanda hung with the sport and now has received numerous medals since she started.

Ever since the beginning, she has expressed a desire to participate in the Olympics. The trampoline was just recently added as an Olympic event. Often times, Amanda refuses to quit practicing until she gets each maneuver done perfectly.

Teresa Galloway, her mother, says of the Olympics, "That would be the greatest honor for any of your children. She pushes herself, but we are definitely sup-

portive."

Heather, on the other hand, started at age 11. She has battled with the conditioning that is involved as well as several injuries ranging from a torn ligament in the left ankle to pulled muscles that have sidelined her for several weeks.

It is not unusual for gymnasts at this level to attend as many as 10 competitions each year that can last as little as two days or as much as a week.

Regularly, Heather gets up before 6 a.m. in order to get an early start on practice. "I enjoy competing and meeting different people," she said.

With this year's World Championships in South Africa on her mind, she has little time to look back. She currently sits in 2nd place with one more qualifying meet remaining. The top three seeds will represent the United States in South Africa.

"The main thing is the competition, and then we can sightsee afterwards," she said. Down the road, she plans to work in phys-

ical therapy.

"This is the only sport I haven't quit," she said of gymnastics.

Amanda agreed, "This is the most enjoyable. It's just more fun than the other sports I've played."

Sometimes they have friends who say "I wish I could do that."

Coach Mike Hooper of Midland Trampoline determines "When they meet their goal, it gives you a feeling you aren't able to describe."

"Having world class competition in Midland should help Midland's name," he said.

"It's not just a girls' sport," his wife Mary Ann Hooper pointed out. She generally works with younger children.

Mrs. Hooper starts with children as young as 18 months. "It gets them ready for any sport by teaching them coordination."

Sherry Johnson of West Texas Tumbling-Trampoline Academy coaches her

son Jordan Johnson and Kim Detlaff, the other two level ten Midland competitors at the meet.

With more than 100 kids on their team, last year the group received an award for being the largest competitive team in the United States. This year, they are state champs of the Texas district, with 17 individual state champs.

Her son Jordan's presence refutes the notion that gymnastics is a girl's sport.

"We are very hopeful that we will place our Jordan and Kim in the top six. This could be Jordan's year (to win a national championship)." She also explained that Texas is generally one of the toughest regions, so doing well at area meets often translates to national success.

At the recreational level, the sport is fairly inexpensive. Many local cheerleaders are involved in the programs.

The competitors will return to Midland on Monday.

Achtung! Summer in the City presents a German theme

From Staff Reports

Downtown Midland will experience a taste of Europe Thursday with the unveiling of German/Czech Heritage Night.

It is all part of the "Summer in the City" series, which resumes its usual Thursday night schedule at Centennial Plaza between 7:30 and 9 p.m.

The Havlak-Batla Polka Band claims to be the only Polka band from West Texas and will be arriving from St. Lawrence to provide entertainment.

Texas Tech University professor William Hartwell will be the emcee and special soloist and Susie Hitchcock will aid those wishing to brush up on their dancing skills in the plaza.

Dinner will be served prior to the baking contest, which will include both American and German categories. Prizes, including a \$50 gift certificate to the Wild Scallion, will be awarded for the best recipes.

To provide extra atmosphere, a special table will provide authentic German beer and wine.

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In contrast, a special children's area will be set up with activities varying from making a polka dot quilt or paper dolls to listening to fairy tale storytellers. In addition, there will be traditional games of strength.

Another sight to see will be the beard contest beginning at 8 p.m., divided into various categories. Traditional costumes are strongly encouraged.

There will be a raffle for a cash prize of \$250, as well.

Susan Buck, chairwoman of the event, said she "wanted to do an international night because of her past overseas experience, and an interest in Europe."

A contact at Texas Tech had a wealth of information and items to borrow that allowed Ms. Buck to establish the focus for the evening.

"There is something for everyone, especially great music and German food," she remarks.

Virginia Rachal will provide the week's artwork, demonstrating metal embossing. She will have examples on hand, and will discuss how that type of art is put together.

Cultural groups, individuals, and organizations are invited to participate in the activities. Summer in the City is weekly community events that are free to the public and will continue next week with Gospel night.



Rachel

Today's Agenda

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Mariefeld, third floor conference room
Midland Articulators Chapter of International Training in Communication, 4400 N. Big Spring St., 689-7875 or 682-8820
Singles Group, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m., parlor
Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760
Al-Anon, Wednesday night Step Study, 8 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana
Uptown Chapter of Business & Professional Women, luncheon program, Petroleum Club, Lynne Clark, 682-0291
Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clahessey)
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Company D, Texas State Guard 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory
Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room
Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G St., 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 699-5563
Seniors Over 50 Dance, 8 p.m. American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5511
Midland Health & Welfare Association, noon, Westwood Medical Center
Downtown Lions Club, noon, club activity building, 200 Plaza St.
Midland Country Club Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m.
Eagles Permian Aerie No. 2982, 8 p.m., Brinson Lane
Midland Genealogical Society Volunteers available 1-4 p.m., Midland County Library.

FRAUD: Prosecutor says Sprick spent money on vacations, home

(From 1B)

solid blue-chip stock. I wanted to be well-invested to have a reasonable income to supplement my Social Security check," Ms. Johnson said.

Instead, her balance has dwindled to \$160,000, and the only income that Ms. Johnson has left is a \$1,100 monthly Social Security check, she said. She had planned for the million-dollar fund to go to St. Jude Children's Hospital after she died.

"I wanted it to help crippled children," she said.

Prosecutor's allegations

Sprick is on trial this week on more than 12 counts of money laundering, bank fraud and mail fraud. His charges stem from an indictment that accuses him of swindling three elderly women out of their life savings between 1993 and 1998.

"The defendant preyed upon elderly women. He wanted a better life for himself by taking money from them," Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Roomberg said in opening statements Tuesday.

Roomberg alleges that the defendant siphoned money from the victims' savings account and transferred them into his own, which operated under Southwest Senior Services.

Roomberg told the jury that he will introduce evidence indicating that Sprick spent this clients' money on vacations to the Bahamas and Niagara Falls and also splurged on a new house on Amethyst Cove in Odessa.

At one point, he tapped into Ms. Johnson's account to pay another client who became suspicious of Sprick and demanded her money back, Roomberg said.

Defense team Thomas Hirsch and Jason Leach postponed their opening statements until it is their turn to start calling witnesses.

If convicted, Sprick faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

First witness testifies

Ms. Johnson is the first witness to testify in Sprick's case.

She said she gave Sprick the power of attorney over her finances only because he was one of the few finance-savvy people close to her.

"It was hard to trust someone with that much money, but I had no choice," Ms. Johnson said. "I was blind, and someone had to have the power of attorney to sign my papers and manage my stock."

"You never told (Sprick) he could spend your money on himself?" Roomberg asked.

"Heavens, no!" Ms. Johnson

replied.

"How did he get paid?"
"... He said he got paid 2 percent from the company that he invested with. He told me not to worry. I didn't pay him."

At one point, he told Ms. Johnson that he'd made her a \$234,000 profit with his investments. The two bonded over time, and Ms. Johnson trusted Sprick.

But it wasn't until 1997 when she became suspicious of him, she testified.

Sprick's wife, which he was in the process of divorcing, called Ms. Johnson and asked if she'd ever given Sprick a \$118,000 loan, which Sprick had listed in his divorce papers.

"It was news to me. I never loaned him any money. His wife thought I was lying," Ms. Johnson testified.

In December, a few days before Christmas, Ms. Johnson's gas company called her and threatened to cut off their service because they never received a \$29 payment that Sprick was supposed to have mailed. When she went to the bank to inquire about the check, Ms. Johnson discovered a few discrepancies in the accounts he was supposed to manage, she said.

"I (confronted) him, and said, 'Mike, what have you done? You had no right to do this. Put it all right out here so we can work something out,'" Ms. Johnson said. "He said he didn't want to talk about it."

During a brief cross examination by Hirsch, Ms. Johnson testified that Sprick had made her a profit on her stock, which paid her \$2,000 a month over five years.

She also admitted that she voluntarily gave Sprick power of attorney and even had a chance to read a written agreement he drafted, but chose not to do so. Ms. Johnson said she had enough trust in Sprick that she didn't need to read the agreement. The agreement gave Sprick the liberty to decide how to invest her money in ways that he thought would be beneficial, according to testimony.

Then Hirsch introduced a sworn deposition from Sprick's divorce proceeding, in which Ms. Johnson told the court that she had given the man a loan. Hirsch told Ms. Johnson that her deposition contradicts her testimony Tuesday, but she denied ever making that statement.

She also denied the defense team's claim that Sprick persuaded Ms. Johnson to leave her riches to charity. The defense contends that Ms. Johnson hadn't planned on leaving her money to anyone.

Trial will resume at 9 a.m. today in the courtroom of U.S. District Court Judge Royal Furgerson.

CAMP: Two remaining sessions still registering

(From 1A)

children attempting to do a team walk, said that the activities emphasize teamwork.

"Not only that, this is a lot more fun for the kids than sitting at home. They actually get to get out and do something," he said.

The relays continued with apple-bobbing, the traditional sack races, and the egg race.

Ms. Phillip has been directing the camp for the past seven years. "This is just a chance for the kids to take a break and have some fun. They learn motivational skills, teamwork, and how to get along with each other," she said.

"My purpose here is just to see them have a great time," she said.

Most of her counselors were campers when they were in elementary school, and enjoy the camp just as much as the kids they work with.

Jessica Thomas noted "I love kids; it's great working with them." The theme is "messiness and fun," in her opinion.

Counselor Barb Woodruff has learned patience working with the young people. "I was a camper in first grade, and I've been coming ever since," she said.

Another benefit of the program, according to Ms. Phillip, is that parents will become aware of the mission of the local youth centers.

The centers were formed in 1944 in response to F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover's challenge to build community centers to combat juvenile delinquency.

The centers are intended to be preventative with a mission of "Providing the youth of Midland with a place they can call their own."

The Youth Centers are open all year long with on-campus lunch, chaperoned dances, an after-school supervised environment, computer labs and workshops.

Interested persons may still register for the remaining two summer day camp sessions (July 12-16; July 19-23) by calling Ms. Phillip at 689-1175.

OBITUARIES

Sydney Hover

Mrs. William A. Hover II passed away Monday, July 5, 1999. Mrs. Hover, the former Sydney Monaghan of Denver, Colorado, was the last remaining survivor of her family, having been preceded in death by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel George Monaghan; her twin sister, Anne Monaghan Tanner, another sister, Mary Julia Monaghan; and her three brothers, Dr. Daniel G. Monaghan Jr., Stephen John Monaghan, and Dr. James E. Monaghan.

Mrs. Hover grew up in Denver and resided there until she and her husband moved to Midland, Texas in 1947. In 1967 they moved to Houston, Texas where Mr. Hover was an executive with Pennzoil Company.

Mrs. Hover is survived by her husband, William A. Hover II; her children, William A. Hover III and wife, Tis, of Houston, Texas; George M. Hover and wife, Anne, of Midland, Texas; Tracy Stevens and husband, Greg, of Edmond, Oklahoma; Suzy Perrino and husband,

Robert, of Clinton, Montana; Heidi Kelsey and husband, Bob, of Houston; Mary McCarthy and husband, Edmond McCarthy Jr. of Austin, Texas; and Holly Baffert and husband, P.A., of Laguna Hills, California.

She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, Courtney, Will and Jennie Stevens; Sully and Lucy Perrino; Gage and Roger Kelsey; William A. Hover IV, James Rawlings and Hollister Hover; Garen, Daniel, Hillary Hover; Edmond McCarthy III, Claire and Sydney McCarthy; and Blair and Bailey Baffert.

A memorial mass, will be said at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1801 Sage Road, Houston, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7th. Graveside services will be at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8th, with Father Tom Kelly of San Juan Catholic Church officiating.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

Vollie Burton

Vollie Jean Wanoreck Burton, 62, of Rising Star, died Friday, July 2, 1999 in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside services were 10 a.m. Monday, July 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rowena with Father Stephen Kennelly officiating. Visitation was 7 p.m. Sunday, July 4, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger.

She was born August 27, 1936 in Wall, Texas to Victor Wanoreck and Hilda Henkhaus Wanoreck.

Vollie married Robert Burton April 22, 1966 in Christoval, Texas. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Burton of Rising Star; three sons, Richard Collins and Tim S. Burton, both of Rising Star, and Bobby Collins of Midland; and three sisters, Joyce Knott of Rising Star, Pauline Northcutt of Snyder, and Caroline Blackwood of Midland.

DEATH NOTICES

Bertha Wooten

ODESSA — Bertha Wooten, 68, sister of Midlander Velia Gutierrez, died Monday, July 5, at an Odessa hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Temple Baptist Church with the Rev. Griffin Jones officiating. Burial will follow at the Leakey, Texas Cemetery under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home, Inc.

She was born May 5, 1931, in Chihuahua, Mexico.

She moved from Grandfalls to Odessa in 1979. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church. She was a cashier before retiring.

Other survivors include her daughter, Grace Mickle of Sherman; two brothers, George Camargo and Raul Camargo, both of Juarez, Mexico; another sister, Librada Talavera of Chihuahua; and a grandson.

Rae Clift

LAMESA — Rae Clift, 77, mother of Mid-

lander Sharon Wheeler, died Monday, July 5, at a medical center.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 8, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gerald Parsons officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park, under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 29, 1921, in Dawson County.

She married G.C. Clift Jr. on July 4, 1946. She was a homemaker and life-long resident of Dawson County. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Other survivors include her husband, G.C. Clift Jr. of Lamesa; a son, Grover Clift III of Lamesa; a brother, Rex Dunn of Dallas; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

John Shanks

BLUE SAGE WEST COMMUNITY — John W. Shanks, 61, died Sunday, July 4, at

his residence.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Robert Rachuig officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 12, 1938, in Proctor. He was a Baptist. He had been a mechanical maintenance superintendent for Phillips Petroleum Corp. for 38 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Burrows of Lubbock and Staci Bobbitt of Okarche, Okla.; one granddaughter; seven brothers, Yotov Shanks of the Blue Sage Community on the Devil's River north of Del Rio, Charlie Shanks, Wade Shanks, Clim Shanks and Howard Shanks, all of Big Spring, Grover Shanks of Lake Brownwood and Doyle Shanks of Proctor Lake; and two sisters, Jimmie Burks and Mae Shanks, both of Big Spring.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Therapy and Research Center, 7979 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78229.

GRANTS: Hispanic veterans of World War II to be honored

(From 1B)

while inline skating down a Midland Drive near Greentree Country Club.

"We've had any and every project we can think of to publicize this," Ms. Wooten said.

Ms. Sutton said the group has received a lot of support from the community but needs more financial commitments, especially as they work to win a matching grant offered by the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

Also on hand at the announcement were Dr. Joe Baressi, Midland Independent School District superintendent, and Barbara Bingham with MISD. The foundation awarded \$5,000 to "Children of the World" to train 20 MISD teachers to teach character development as part of the North American School Project.

The program, Baressi explained, is a coalition of local support for character training, and

he noted that First Presbyterian Church has been active in spearheading the training for the program.

He said the program is working to raise \$33,000 to train 130 MISD teachers and staff to teach character development and the present grant is for the second round of training in the project.

"There's certainly been heightened interest in character education after the shootings in Colorado," he commented, adding that the program is well-written and international in scope, having first been tried in Russia following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

A grant of \$2,500 has given to the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to erect a memorial recognizing Hispanic veterans of World War II at the intersection of Lamesa and South Street.

MHCC member Cirio Sanchez, himself a World War II veteran, said the chamber is working to

raise \$25,000 for the memorial and currently has about half the amount raised. The memorial will consist of plaques naming the veterans and will be decorated with landscaping. The goal, he said, is to have the memorial completed by Veterans Day, November 11, and then have a dedication ceremony attended by veterans, their families or survivors and city officials.

Other grants given:

■ Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Midland received \$2,500 to produce a volunteer recruitment video, which was matched by a special grant from Vicki J. Wilson of Ingram, Texas.

■ Bynum School was given \$2,400 to fund a new sign to make the school more visible. The sign will be dedicated in memory of longtime supporter Elizabeth Davidson.

■ Odessa's Ellen Noel Art Museum received \$2,000 to fund the Art Express Project, which

teaches elementary students art appreciation and history and circulates through West Texas urban and rural schools.

■ High Sky Children's Ranch received \$3,990 to build backyard fences at the Eagles Home and Herd Home on the ranch's campus.

■ Midland Chamber of Commerce was granted \$2,500 to fund the Midland Vision 2000 and Beyond strategic planning process.

■ Midland Opera Theater got \$2,500 to fund grand opera performances.

■ West Texas Boys Ranch of San Angelo was granted \$2,000 to fund the upgrade of educational software for 10 computers and the purchase of calculators for number sense training and homework for Boys Ranch residents.

Bush visits Colorado as favorite of top GOP local leaders

DENVER (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who already has the endorsement of top Colorado Republicans and a strong lead in national polls, made a fund-raising stop Tuesday to add to an already overflowing presidential campaign chest.

A crowd of about 300 greeted him as he landed in the afternoon at Centennial Airport, southeast of Denver.

Bush, who spoke in English and Spanish, told the crowd, "My vision of America includes everybody."

The Republican, noting he is from the West, said: "We don't want the government telling us what to do, but there is a role for government."

He stressed his message of "compassionate conservatism," saying all children should get the best education possible. "We must never give up on any child ... prosperity must have a purpose."

Bush also stressed protecting senior citizens' income and health coverage and rebuilding the military.

About 25 prominent Colorado

Hispanics, including some Democrats, attended the rally for Bush. One of the Democratic supporters was Larry Trujillo, a former state senator and now state personnel director for GOP Gov. Bill Owens.

Graham Smith, 25, of Silverthorne was among the Democrats in the crowd. He said Bush "touched on a lot of issues that are important to me."

"But I won't say I'm decided 18 months before an election, especially since I'm a Democrat," Smith added. "He certainly is worth listening to, though."

After the rally, Bush headed to a downtown fund-raiser before flying to Salt Lake City. The Republican front-runner already has collected \$36.3 million in campaign contributions.

Bush's Colorado supporters already include Owens, who endorsed the candidate in April.

Owens praised the candidate then for following the same agenda popular with Colorado Republicans, cutting taxes and reducing welfare rolls. He said the party was uniting around Bush so quickly because of his success as governor

in a large state.

"He was re-elected with 69 percent of the vote," including balanced support from women and minorities, "because of his ability to unite."

Owens, originally from Fort Worth, acknowledged his own Texas background is a factor in his support for Bush, whom he first met in 1970.

"I want to share his vision of where to take this great nation," Owens said of Bush.

U.S. Rep. Scott McInnis, R-Colo., co-chair with Owens of Bush's finance committee, predicts Bush will win the GOP nomination and become the next president.

Bush's father lost Colorado to President Clinton in 1992. Bob Dole narrowly carried the state in 1996.

Both Colorado senators, Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Wayne Allard, also have endorsed Bush.

"I told him, 'Whatever you want me to do — just name it,'" said Campbell last month. Earlier this year he became the first senator to publicly endorse Bush. "He really wants to

instill integrity and honor in the White House — as compared to what's happened in the White House over the last few years," Campbell said.

Campbell, who met with Bush in Texas two weeks ago to advise him on public land-use issues, said Bush expects a tough battle from his Republican challengers and the eventual Democratic nominee.

"There's a long way to go and everyone's going to gang up on him," Campbell said. "But he's a strong guy and he knows he's going to have to take those shots and he's ready for it."

Allard, in declaring his support last month for Bush, said the candidate underscored plans to conduct a "positive campaign" for president.

"He said he felt the Republicans could win if they just focused on the positive," Allard said.

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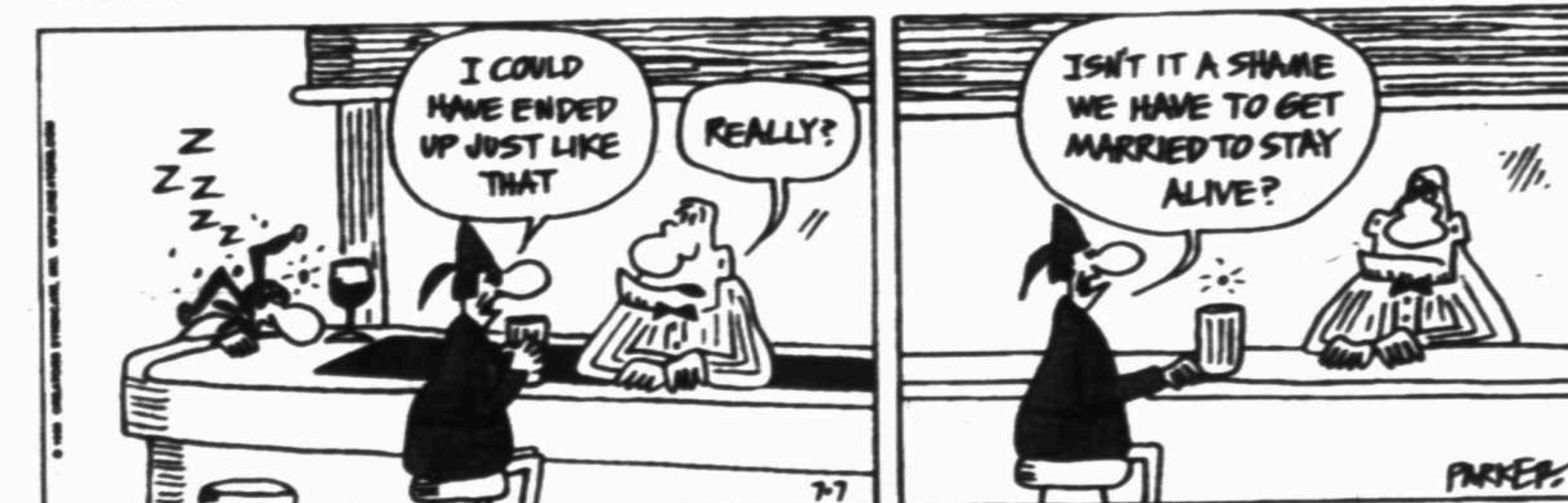
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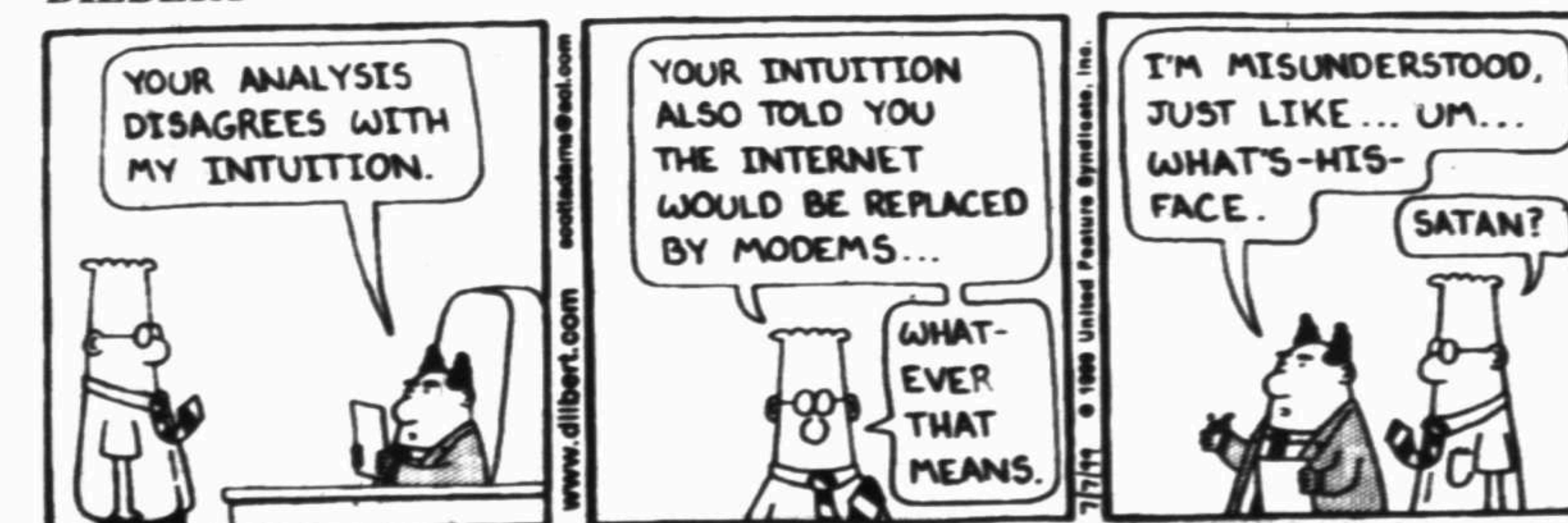
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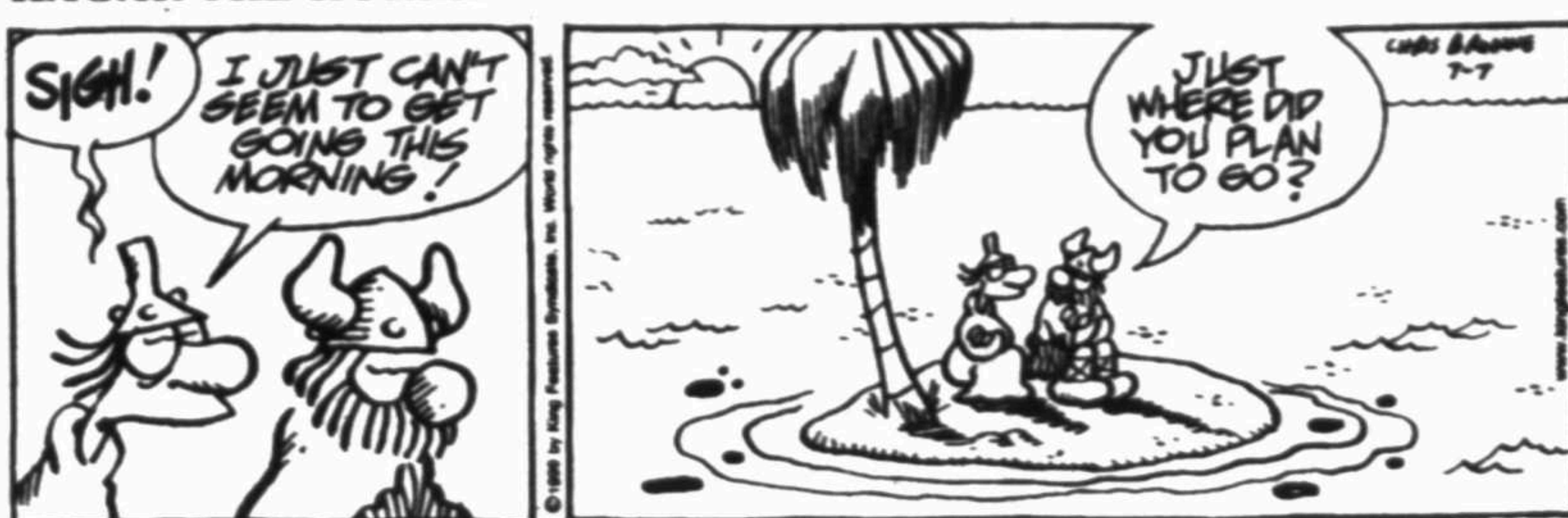
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 7, 1999: Opportunity strikes! Hard work brings many rewards. Doors open, one after another. Be open to change and dynamic growth. Break past self-imposed limitations and restrictions. Use special care with finances; you or an associate could easily make mistakes. Socially, you're in demand; you make friends left and right. The world is your oyster. If you are single, love is intense and passionate. Build a friendship as well as a romance. If attached, you're living your life with such zest that you could become confused about your relationship at times. Become more grounded and think long-term. **TAURUS** is a pal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You wake up on the right side of the bed and breeze into work. Problems with your hot temper still need tending, however. Others seem bent on irritating you. Seize the day; clear the air. Make new resolutions, rather than becoming self-destructive. Tonight: Balance your budget. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your smile and charisma speak volumes. Another's tantrum could actually come from feelings of neglect or jealousy. Be indulgent. Let a loved one know how much you care. You're in a rare position to pick and choose from many possibilities. Tonight: Shop for art, clothes, jewelry. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Pull back and determine what you want. Though you have the best intentions and another clearly hears you, a misunderstanding may pop up out of the blue. Carefully evaluate what is going on. Make sure you know what you want. You land on your feet. Tonight: Take a break. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Build on the status quo. A boss finally agrees with your logic. You make headway financially and come out on top. Be careful with an important relationship. You could feel pressured by another. Focus on your ideals. You have many choices. Tonight: Where the gang is. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Take your feelings about others into account. Be direct when dealing with bosses. Your ability to read between the lines adds to your desirability. Juggling your home and professional lives could leave you overwhelmed. Tonight: Listen to another's feedback — you may not have a choice! **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ One-to-one relating breaks a pattern this morning, allowing more caring into a key relationship. You may not always have the right idea, but you do care. Tempers flare when you least expect. Confirm plans and meetings. Detach. Don't be triggered by events. Tonight: Play on the Internet. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Others do their share to let you know how much they care. You walk into work feeling like a winner. Be careful about spending; it could get way out of hand before you realize. Keep an even, steady hand with partners and co-workers. Tonight: Another surprises you! **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might not understand what another is trying to tell you. Don't let frustration get to you. Keep asking questions. Your good will and positive nature come out; others appreciate your good intentions. An offer seems too good to believe, so check it out. Tonight: Let others entertain you! **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Use your creativity to come up with decisions that work. You might feel that another is not contributing his share of time and energy. Watch how you challenge this person. Be positive and find ways to charge his interest. Cut out of work early. Tonight: Take time for yourself. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You wake up beaming. You could feel challenged by another and pulled in two separate directions simultaneously. Juggle different demands in your life. Tap into your ingenuity. Let another encourage you. A risk just might work. Tonight: Take a midweek break. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Determine what works with a child or loved one. Your caring means a lot to another. You feel that you are making headway with a key project. Your sense of humor comes out with a family member. He might need you far more than you realize. Tonight: Let confusion prevail, and try to enjoy it. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Make that important call or buy that special card. Though another might challenge you, you know exactly what you want. Remain upbeat. Keep communication flowing. Others respond to your gestures. Tonight: You don't have to know what or where, just go with the moment.

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Actress Shelley Duvall (1949), musician Ringo Starr (1940), fashion designer Pierre Cardin (1922)

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There is more than one way to take a finesse. That kernel will produce a game bonus on this hand.

As the card lie, three no-trump is a simple contract. Indeed, after a neutral lead East can be endplayed for an overtrick. But there is no question that four spades is the right contract to reach. Give South the king of diamonds and East the king of spades, and 10 tricks at spades are easy while three no-trump will probably go down.

West led the six of clubs, won with the 10, and East continued with two more rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing the third club high. Obviously, the contract depends on losing no more than

one diamond trick, and the only way to avoid that is with a diamond finesse. But how you take that finesse is crucial to the outcome.

If you draw trumps and finesse the queen of diamonds, East wins and exits with a diamond, and in the fullness of time you will have to surrender another trick in the suit. However, suppose that after drawing trumps you cash the ace of diamonds and three rounds of

hearts, ending in the closed hand. Now lead a diamond and, if West follows low, insert the queen.

If West holds the king, you are home. But when East has the king of diamonds and the cards are as in the diagram, the defenders are helpless. Since East does not have another diamond, the forced club return allows you to ruff in one hand while discarding a losing diamond from the other.

CLOSE TO HOME



Birthday gifts for grandmothers.

One year later, Border Patrol mourns two slain agents

By Madeline Baro Diaz
Associated Press

HARLINGEN — Border Patrol agents in South Texas don't need a ceremony to mark the anniversary of the shootings that killed colleagues Susan Lynn Rodriguez and Ricardo Guillermo Salinas.

The Harlingen-based agents died a year ago Wednesday while helping local law enforcement track a murder suspect.

"We'll never forget it and I don't know if we'll ever really recover from it," said John Brinning, agent in charge of the Border Patrol's Harlingen station. "We remember it every shift, every day."

"There'll be a moment of silence and I'll guarantee you every Border Patrol agent in the Harlingen station knows what day it is and knows what time it is."

Last July 7, Ms. Rodriguez and Salinas were among Border Patrol agents assisting Cameron County deputies in the hunt for Ernest Moore. Officers had tracked Moore, a suspect in two murders, to his parents' home near San Benito.

While the agents waited outside the home, Moore emerged from a cornfield and opened fire, killing the agents. The gunman also was wounded and later died.

Earlier the same day, Moore killed Margarita Flores, 53, and her daughter, Delia Morin, 31, apparently in a jealous rage involving an ex-girlfriend, who was not injured.

The slayings brought questions about why border agents were helping local police in such an investigation. Border Patrol officials said it is standard practice to assist fellow officers in need.

Cisneros judge says tapes may not violate wiretapping statutes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros appeared to suffer a setback Tuesday in their full-court press to quash the use of his upcoming conspiracy trial of tapes secretly recorded by his ex-lover.

In the eighth day of a pivotal pre-trial hearing on the tapes' admissibility, U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin indicated he tentatively has decided the recordings Linda Jones made don't violate federal wiretapping statutes.

Under federal law, tapes of intercepted phone communications may not be admitted into evidence if the person doing the taping has an unlawful intent in making them.

Cisneros' attorneys are challenging use of the recordings on two grounds: Because they contend Ms. Jones was extorting Cisneros for "hush money" during the period she was taping her phone conversations with him; and because the tapes are copies,



AP Photo
Border Patrol Agent Ana Tamez pays her final respects to fellow agent Susan Rodriguez during a memorial service for the fallen agent July 10, 1998, in Harlingen. Rodriguez and fellow Border Patrol Agent Ricardo Salinas were killed July 7, 1998, while helping local law enforcement track murder suspect Ernest Moore.

There also was criticism for police because Moore took the weapons he used in the attack from his father, Harlingen officer R.D. Moore. One gun, an AR-15 rifle turned over by someone who wanted it destroyed, had been assigned to the elder Moore by the department.

That revelation spurred separate \$10 million lawsuits filed against the city and officials by the agents' families.

Last fall, the Harlingen Police Officers Association alleged that police administrators tried to cover up how Ernest Moore got his weapons. Assistant City Manager Joe LaBeau, the target of much criticism, denied that.

"Everybody I've spoken with or worked with regarding this tragedy has been a caring, responsible, and ethical human being," said LaBeau, who conducted a

in some cases altered, or since destroyed originals.

In recent days, Sporkin has indicated growing skepticism over the defense's argument that the tapes should be rejected wholesale because they bear some signs of editing. Instead, he repeatedly has demanded that Cisneros' legal team show the snippets of conversation the government seeks to use at trial don't represent what Cisneros actually said.

Cisneros' lawyers have not charged that Ms. Jones manufactured conversations by pasting together different sections, and the government's tape expert testified he found no evidence of splicing. The defense asserts, however, that she deleted some passages that would show Cisneros in a positive light and eliminated sections unfavorable to herself.

The 1992 tape reflects several spots where pauses in recording occurred, the government's tape expert acknowledged Tuesday.

in the line of duty, was four days shy of her 29th birthday. The six-year veteran was married to INS agent Gilbert Rodriguez and the couple had an infant daughter.

As one of the more experienced agents at the station, Ms. Rodriguez trained new recruits.

"I was proud to be her boss," Brinning said. "I could see the way she was going on up the ladder."

Salinas, 24, had been out of the academy only six months. He was a disciplined young agent with a promising future, Brinning said.

Harlingen police also are still recovering from the tragedy.

The resulting controversy caused Police Chief Jim Scheopner to ask that he be reassigned to a lower-level job. He's being replaced next week by former Brownsville police chief and recent Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles chairman Victor Rodriguez. City leaders are banking on his reputation to restore faith in police.

Meanwhile, the shootings have not deterred the Border Patrol from helping local law enforcement agencies, Brinning said.

"It's never affected our call of duty as far as assisting another agency or anything like that," he said. "I think everybody's just a little more cautious. That, I'm thankful for."

Doctor bought one-way ticket, carefully planned to kill ex-wife

DALLAS (AP) — It seems Dr. Scott Stone had a fairly clear plan when he bought a one-way plane ticket from North Carolina to Texas and packed his will and a .40-caliber handgun in his suitcase.

When Stone arrived at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in the darkness early Monday morning, he promptly rented a car, drove around until dawn and then gunned down his ex-wife in a quiet subdivision north of the airport, police said.

Marisa Deneen Jackson, also a doctor, was shot four times around 8 a.m. after Stone confronted her as she jogged on a path in Southlake.

Stone, 35, of Tarboro, N.C., then put the gun under his own

chin and pulled the trigger. He had been hiding in a wooded area waiting for his ex-wife to approach.

"Obviously, he probably knew (the morning jog) was a regular thing for her," said Robert Finn, a police spokesman in Southlake, a Fort Worth suburb.

The killings leave two daughters, ages 6 and 8, without parents. A divorce court in North Carolina last week awarded the mother custody of the girls, whose names were being withheld.

The family had lived in North Carolina until the divorce, after which Dr. Jackson moved to Ypsilanti, Mich., with the girls.

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Frustrated Christian right tests its faith in politics nationwide

By David M. Shribman
N.Y. Times News Service

DES MOINES — Bobbie Gobel, the irrepressible face of religious conservatives in the grain belt, fought for the top position in the Iowa Christian Coalition because she wanted a political pulpit to work against abortion, to fight for prayer in public schools, and to mobilize for next winter's Republican presidential caucuses here.

She didn't count on fighting a rear-guard action against some of her former allies who, in influential books and articles, are arguing that the place of religious conservatives is in the church pew, not in the public square.

But right now, as candidates crisscross Iowa and New Hampshire, as the debate over values flares on Capitol Hill, and as efforts nationwide to post the Ten Commandments in public places continue, the religious-conservative movement is in upheaval and consumed by self-doubt. As sure as they are that their arguments should carry the day in public debate, religious conservatives are increasingly unsure about taking part in the political debate at all.

"This is the aftermath of Ronald Reagan's victory in 1980 and the Republican congressional victory of 1994," says Ralph E. Reed Jr., the onetime executive director of the Christian Coalition who is now an independent political consultant. "People are developing a sense of frustration, even despair, that 20 or 25 years of political engagement has not really reversed some of the things we most wanted to put to an end, like abortion on demand."

And so this summer, as the political season heats up, religious fundamentalists are taking part in a millennial debate on political fundamentals that could shape the political world as deeply as the influx of religious conservatives upended politics in the Reagan years.

On one side are Cal Thomas, a prominent commentator, and Paul Weyrich, a prominent conservative theorist, both founding fathers of the modern religious-conservative movement. They're now arguing that religious goals and political goals are irreconcilable and that political involvement compromises people of faith.

"When the church takes up the ballot," says Thomas, a former aide to the Rev. Jerry Falwell and his Moral Majority, "it leaves behind the greater power for the

lesser power."

On the other side are activists such as Gobel who believe their political battles are a mission from God, an echo of God's will, not a choice.

"Shame on Cal Thomas," says Gobel, who is quick to add: "But I forgive him and I love him."

It is, thus far, a quiet civil struggle, but one that could prove as consequential, as divisive, and as bitter as the struggles with liberals on abortion, school prayer, and creationism.

"There is a big strain in the evangelical movement to save one soul at a time and reform society through individual conversion," says James Guth of Furman University, an expert on religious conservatives. "That is the classic evangelical theology, and it has always been the core social approach of evangelical Protestants. The idea of reforming institutions and changing laws — the ideas of Falwell and Pat Robertson — is the new idea."

This period of introspection among religious conservatives was prompted in large measure by the school shootings in Littleton, Colo.

"When Columbine hit, it really became very clear that it is the heart of man that needs to be changed, and that's our work," says the Rev. Richard L. Hardy, associate pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Des Moines. "Political legislation can't change a heart."

But the Rev. Charles L. Austin, associate pastor of Southtown Pentecostal Assembly in Des Moines, said the shootings made him think "we have to rekindle the political fire and make it even hotter," adding: "We have withdrawn into our own little cells too many times. We have forgotten who the enemy is. The enemy is the devil, Satan."

Some religious conservatives regard the views of Thomas and Weyrich as the weariness of an old guard — and proof that the first generation of modern religious conservatives probably ought to move to the sidelines.

"If the Cal Thomas generation is tired, give me the baton," says Craig Bergman, 34, executive director of the Iowa Christian Coalition. "I'm not tired. I have not yet begun to fight."

Indeed, the power of the Christian right came from Americans who hadn't voted, hadn't attended political caucuses, hadn't manned phone booths, and hadn't canvassed their neighbors before. By swarming into the political sys-

tem, they pushed the Republican Party to the right, made the antiabortion creed part of the GOP platform, and even forced Democratic politicians to learn to talk about their faith and relationship with God, as Vice President Al Gore did just last month.

"They've won," says Jeffrey Hadden, a University of Virginia political scientist who specializes in religious conservatives. "They've changed the shape of America. And now they are saying that they shouldn't do it?"

Gary Bauer, the founder of the Family Research Council and a Republican candidate for president, rejects the call for retreat. "It's ludicrous — and it's odd," he says. "The whole country's concerned about declining voter turnout and citizen involvement. Why would we flail around trying to get people involved in politics but say to religious conservatives, 'We don't mean you?'"

Bauer's campaign is fueled in large measure by religious conservatives. Just last week, for example, he gained the support of the Rev. Olan Adams, who heads the Iowa Association of Christian Schools; Ruth Beyer, president of Iowa Right to Life; Sandy DeLong, treasurer of Iowa Right to Life; the Rev. Larry Johnson, who heads the Iowa American Family Association; and Dave Karwoski, a former board member of the Iowa Christian Coalition.

Many newcomers from the religious right took to politics immediately, won important seats on state party committees in places like Iowa and Kansas, captured school boards and even, in the case of Bauer, mounted presidential campaigns of their own. Now they are as much a part of the political scene as the old-time fiscal conservatives of Midwestern Republicanism, the old-time social liberals of the Northeast, and the old-time populists of the prairies.

And many of them are just as unwilling to relinquish the place they won at the political table. "If people can meet at a bowling alley and roll a black ball down a lane,"

says Gobel, the Iowa Christian Coalition chairwoman, "then I can gather once a week at a church and tell people who should be sitting in the White House."

In public appearances and in the book "Blinded by Might," written with the Rev. Edward Dobson, Thomas argues that ministers, with eyes on a higher kingdom, demean themselves and their message when they get down in the trenches of partisan politics.

"If you come into the political arena," Thomas says, "truth is never advanced. It becomes a power game of a temporal kingdom. It's the ultimate seduction and the ultimate temptation."

He argues, moreover, that the political arena is less persuasive and less powerful than the spiritual world. "The greater power is the power of the church to transform men's hearts and minds."

When it overly relies on politics, it changes neither hearts nor minds."

Weyrich, meanwhile, is calling for what he described in an essay in The Washington Post as "a change in strategy," away from the effort to elect conservatives to existing political institutions and toward building "new institutions for ourselves: schools, universities, media, entertainment, everything — a complete, separate, parallel structure."

Gobel, who speaks with passion about her commitment to the country and to children, dismisses those notions. "We've come so far," she says. "We should be in the political arena. God wants us there because He trusts us, and we're there because we trust Him."

But she acknowledges that the

Thomas and Weyrich theses have shaken the confidence of religious conservatives, and she says Thomas especially has made some of her allies unsure and uneasy about their role, even as their convictions grow stronger.

"He has scared some pastors with his books," she says. "People see Cal as a godly man, and they think that if Cal can back out of all this, maybe they should, too. They wonder if he has some wisdom that they don't."

This is a war of conscience among people of conscience, and the first battle may come when the Christian Coalition distributes its voter guides for next year's elections. Some pastors, including Hardy, say they will not place the guides in church bulletins, but will make them available on a counter top.

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Federal agent says Smith got guns from illegal street dealer

CHICAGO (AP) — Benjamin Nathaniel Smith bought the guns he used in his racist shooting spree from an illegal street dealer after he was turned away by a gun shop that did the required background check, investigators said Tuesday.

The background check showed that an ex-girlfriend of Smith's had taken out a protective order against him because of abuse.

Gun control activists said the case demonstrates the inadequacy of the nation's gun laws, while the gun lobby said the problem is lax enforcement.

Smith, 21, killed himself during a struggle with police Sunday night after a series of drive-by shootings of Jews, blacks and Asians in Illinois and Indiana that left two people dead and nine wounded.

The white supremacist had tried to buy

two 9 mm handguns and a shotgun on June 23 at a licensed gun shop in Peoria Heights, said Jerry Singer, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

After being rejected, Smith bought a Bryco .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun on June 26 and .22-caliber pistol on June 29 from an illegal dealer who already was being investigated by the ATF, Singer said.

Both guns were found with Smith's body after he killed himself near the southern Illinois town of Salem. Tests showed that weapons of those calibers were used in the spree.

The name of the unlicensed dealer who sold Smith the guns has been turned over to federal prosecutors for possible charges, Singer said. The dealer's name and other information about the purchases were not disclosed.

Tony Schneider, owner of the Heights Gun and Hunter Supplies shop in Peoria Heights, confirmed in an interview that Smith had been at his store. He said Smith was calm when told he couldn't have the guns and several boxes of ammunition.

"He just said he'd check it out and left," Schneider said.

The denial was based on a two-year order for protection filed by former girlfriend Elizabeth Sahr that took effect in April 1998. Ms. Sahr had accused him of severely beating her and said she feared for her life because of his white supremacist connections.

Convicted felons and people with orders of protection against them are prohibited under state and federal law from buying guns.

Lt. Dave Sanders, a spokesman for the Illinois State Police, said the state issued

Smith a firearm owner's ID card on June 18 because of errors in the order for protection, which — among other things — listed Smith's middle initial as "A." His eye color and weight also didn't match, Sanders said.

He said the card was revoked June 30 after Smith was rejected by the gun shop. "The system did work and prevented him from actually getting the guns," Sanders said.

But that apparently didn't prevent Smith from going to a street dealer.

A search Monday of an apartment Smith rented in Morton, just outside Peoria, turned up receipts for ammunition, boxes for two guns and stacks of hate literature, said Skokie police Sgt. Michael Ruth, a spokesman for the task force overseeing the case.

Smith had been a member of the World Church of the Creator, a white suprema-

cist organization based in East Peoria. He had regularly distributed hate literature while he was a student at the University of Illinois and, most recently, at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Activists on both sides of the gun control debate said the story of how Smith got his guns supported their positions.

Lisa Morel Las, director of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, said the case shows a need for more oversight in the secondary gun market — including gun shows, street dealers and Internet sales.

"For all the people who argue gun control doesn't work, it actually did because it kept him from purchasing a gun through legal methods," she said. "However, it pushed him right into the unlicensed gun market."

Republicans to gather, plot strategies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For the first time since they chose Philadelphia for their 2000 national convention, Republicans from across the country will gather here this week to plot strategy for next year's presidential and congressional elections.

The 165-member Republican National Committee will identify the issues they believe can lead them to victory and craft ways to deliver the party's message state by state, Republican spokesman Mark Pfeifle said.

"We're working to make sure that when our candidate has been nominated by Republican voters, the RNC has the infrastructure set up and ready to take that candidate to the White House, whoever he or she may be," Pfeifle said.

The four-day meeting begins Wednesday with gatherings of Republican women and the RNC's Committee on Arrangements, the group planning the presidential convention, followed by a reception and dinner.

On Thursday, the RNC rules committee will discuss a trend among states to hold presidential primaries earlier and earlier. RNC Chairman Jim Nicholson expressed concern last week that the "front-loading" of the campaign calendar means "not enough people get involved in this process of choosing who the nominees will be for the most important job on Earth."

Learning to communicate effectively will be the topic of a media seminar Thursday called "Making News and Moving the Republican Message in your State." Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, who has been mentioned as a possible vice presidential candidate, will speak on the topic that night, a spokeswoman said.

Nicholson, co-chair Pat Harrison and Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., will address committee members Friday, after which the party will also hold a seminar on targeting women voters.

All 12 Republican presidential candidates were invited to address the RNC. As of Tuesday, only Gary Bauer and Alan Keyes had said they would attend.

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — Former Connecticut Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. is again considering a third-party run for the White House.

Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura encouraged Weicker to offer himself as a Reform Party nominee. Weicker, who also considered running in 1996, said Tuesday he is interested in the idea.

"All of us who are independents have a common bond, in that we feel that the Republicans and the Democrats have had a monopoly for too long and it's beginning to wear rather thin," Weicker told The Associated Press.

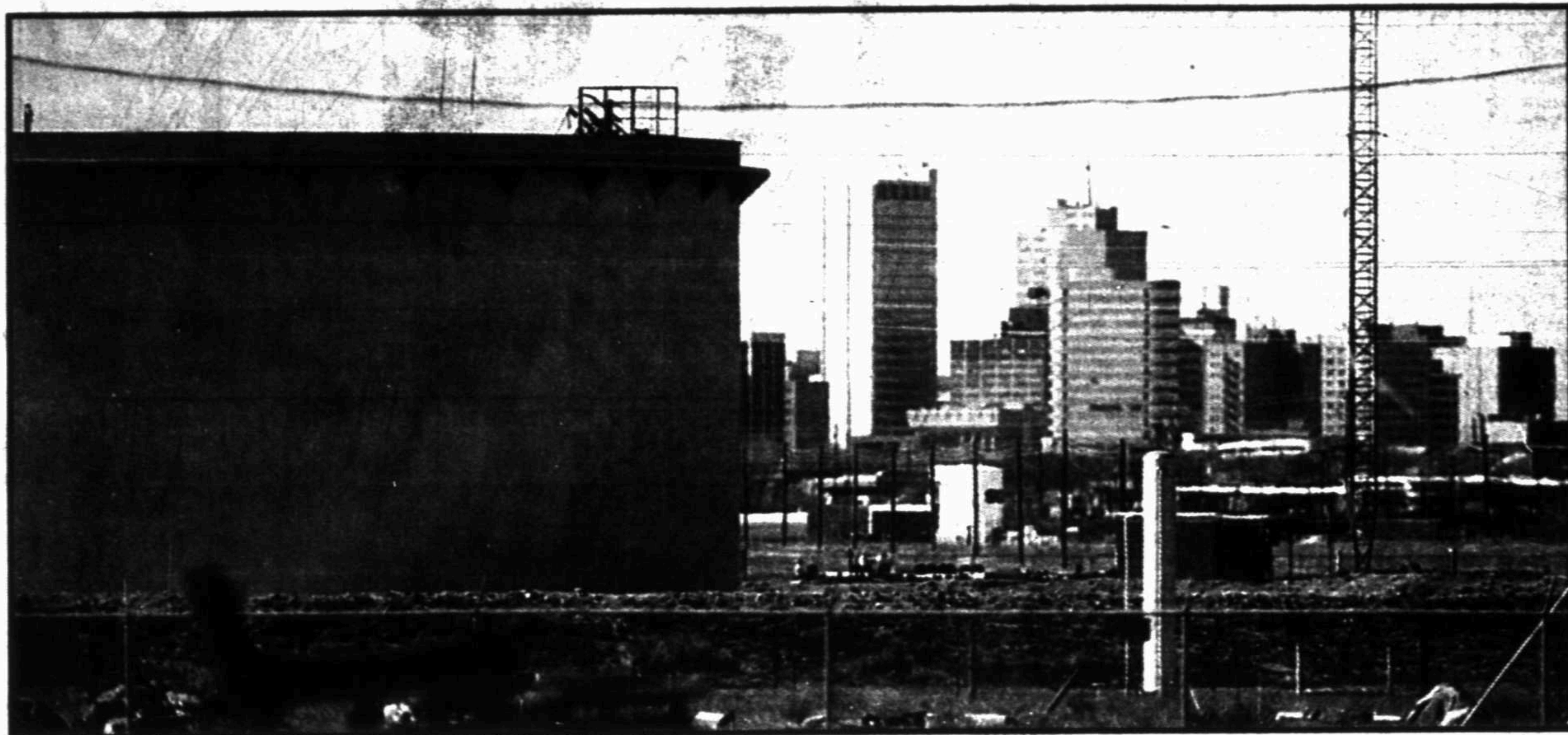
"It's important to have competition in anything, and you had no political competition for decades," Weicker said.

Weicker, 68, said he expects to make a decision within the next few months, after considering the effect on his family. He has four children ranging in age from 16 to 21, three older children from a previous marriage and seven grandchildren.

"Whether it's sailing together ... or being together at a family picnic, those are the things that go out the window, and I'm not so sure I want to revert to that," he said.

John Wodele, a spokesman for Ventura, said the governor encouraged Weicker to run during a three-hour meeting in New York last month.

Weicker left the Connecticut governor's office five years ago after a long career in politics.



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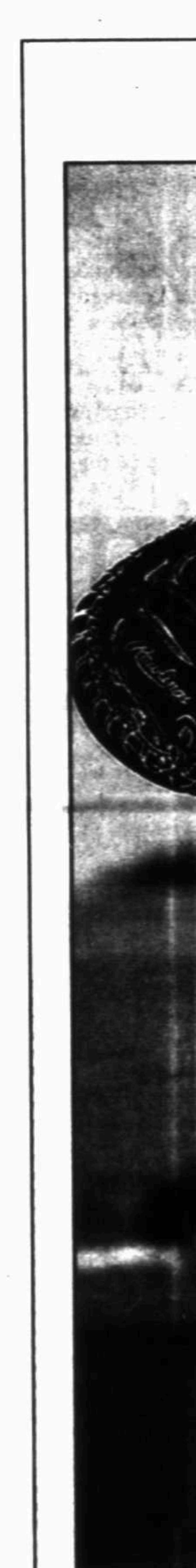
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McGwire, Sosa get NL starting spots; Bell passes Biggio

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, who led baseball's resurgence with their home-run race last summer, will be starting together in the All-Star game for the first time.

McGwire, who hit a record 70 home runs last year, and Sosa, who leads the major leagues with 32, were elected Tuesday to start for the National League at Boston's Fenway Park on July 13.

It will be the 11th appearance and seventh start for McGwire, and the third appearance and first start for Sosa, whose first career home run came at

Fenway against Roger Clemens on June 21, 1989.

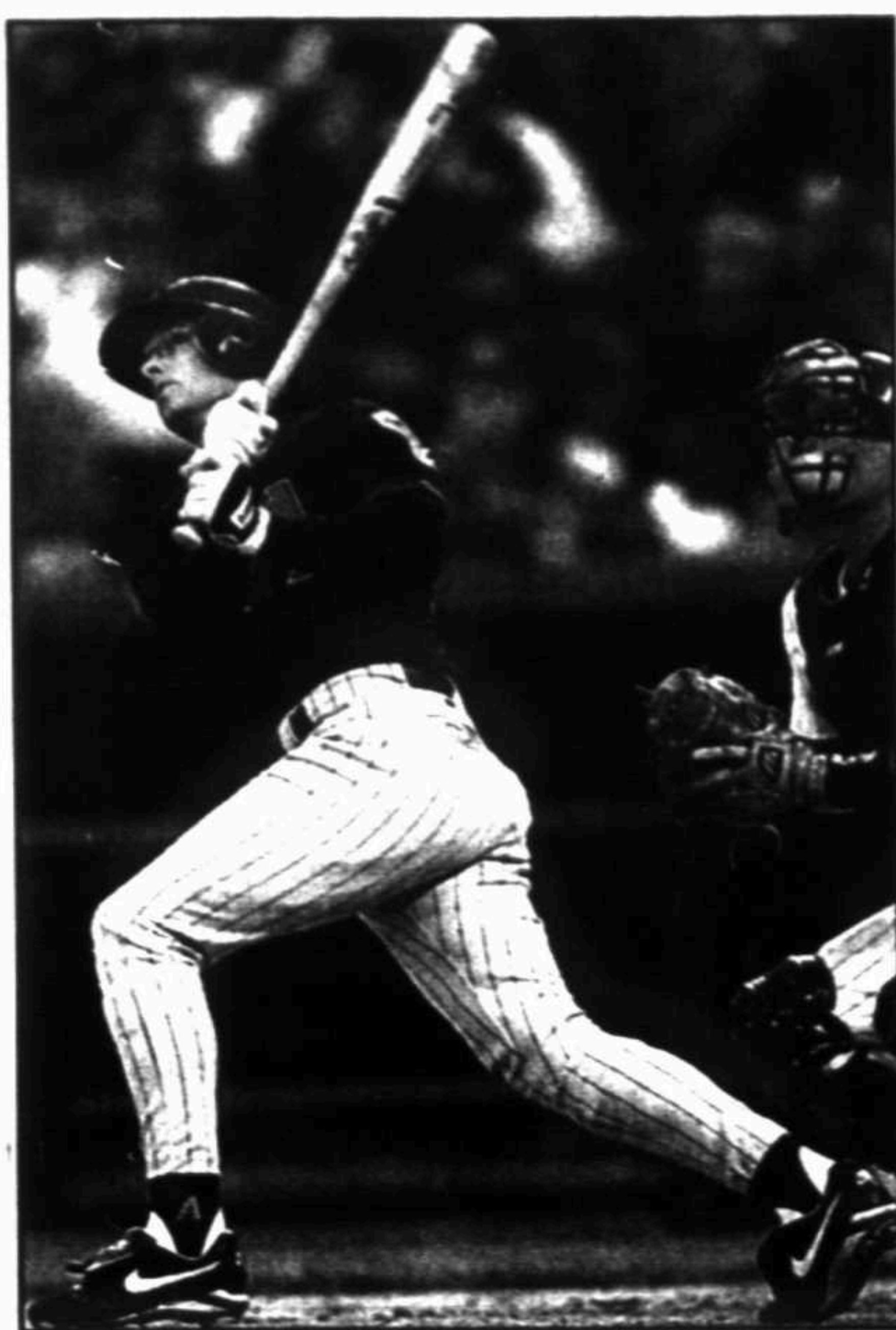
"I have to say thank you to all the people who voted for me," Sosa said. "I feel pretty proud of myself."

The second-year Arizona Diamondbacks were the only team to place two players in the starting lineup: Matt Williams won at third base and Jay Bell overtook Houston's Craig Biggio in the final week to win at second.

"I'm extremely, extremely surprised," Bell said. "Craig has been the fair-haired second baseman in the National League. He's deserved it. He's been a great player over the years. For me to be elected over him is a great honor and truly unexpected."

Mike Piazza of the New York Mets will start at catcher for the sixth straight season and make his seventh appearance overall.

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Arizona's Jay Bell overtook Houston's Craig Biggio and joined Diamondback teammate Matt Williams in the National League's starting lineup for this month's All-Star Game.

JAY PEDEN

Thanks to Canseco, fans' All-Star picks turn out well enough

Baseball fans can thank God for Jose Canseco. He's somewhat kept intact the credibility of a contro-

versial institution: the fans voting for starters in the All-Star Game.

Sure, the former Bash Brother now gets bashed by many critics, and yes, he did once let a fly ball bounce off his head and over a fence for a home run. But if it weren't for Canseco and his 30 homers this year, Cleveland's Wil Cordero would be start-

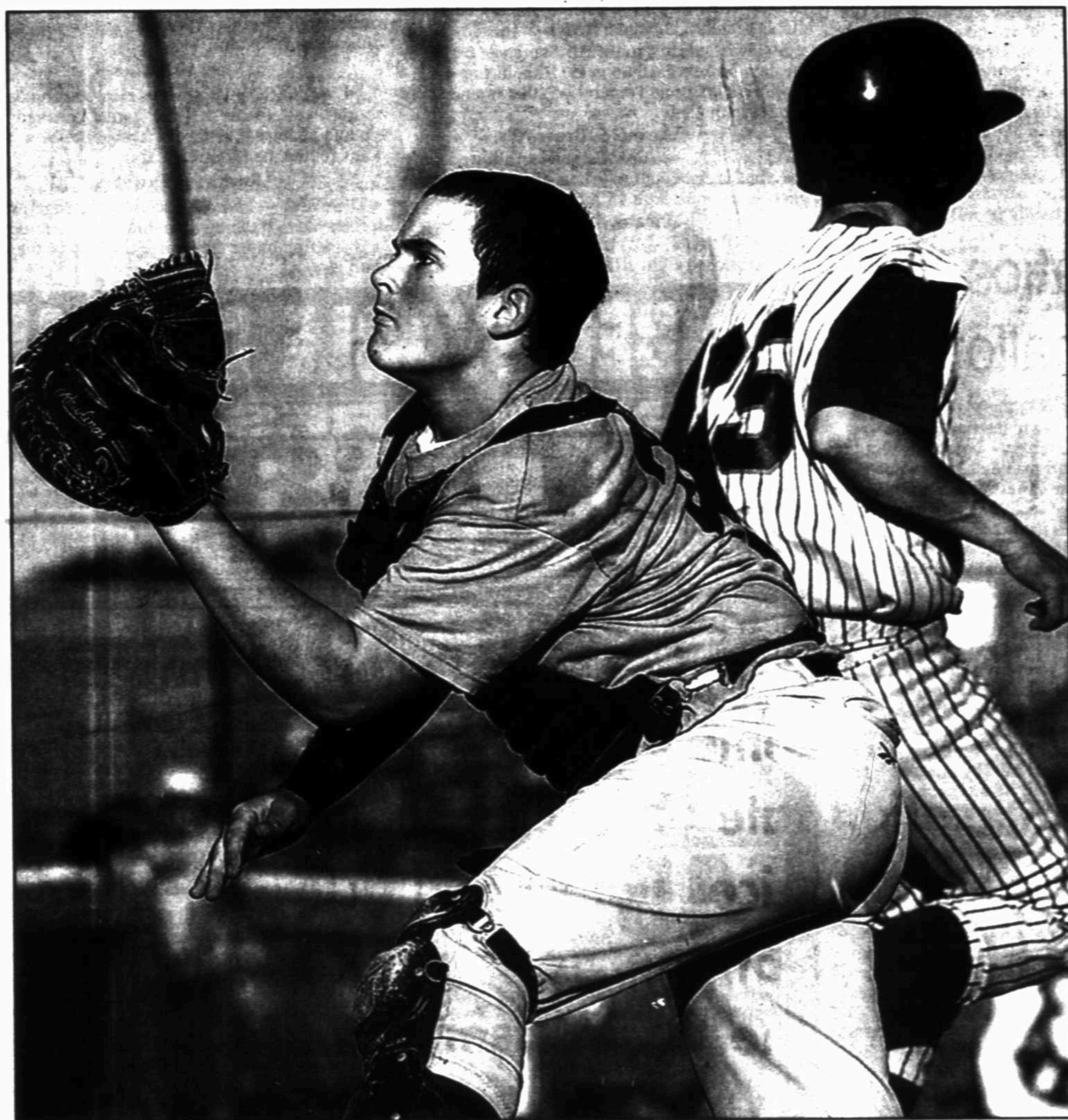
ing in the All-Star Game. Wil Cordero. It was a close call: he finished second only to Canseco in the voting for the American League DH.

Scientifically speaking, the 994,336 votes cast for Cordero give a fairly accurate count of the number of "fans" who punched out every hole on the ballot with a "Cleveland" next to it, regardless of the player. Let's say that 990,000 Wahoo-worshippers voted a straight Cleveland ticket, and the other 4,336 votes can be chalked up to the fact that beer is available in every Major League stadium.

Those nasty Cleveland voters are causing controversy all around the country, or at least in the Metrolplex, if an hour listening to

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Midland Christian's Cameron Phillips (right) crosses the plate in plenty of time during a Junior League Tournament game between MC and Big Spring American. Midland Christian crossed the plate many times as a team Tuesday night at Christensen Stadium in the 11-2 win over Big Spring.

Anderson pitches 'Hounds to 3-2 win

Staff Report

SAN ANTONIO — The time Jason Anderson spent in Class A Visalia seems to have done his game a world of good.

Anderson started the season pitching for the Midland RockHounds but struggled to a 1-6 record and 9.72 ERA. He was demoted to Visalia, but he pitched well in four starts there, earning the call back up to Midland.

On Tuesday, he showed what he had learned, shutting down the San Antonio Missions in a 3-2 win. In seven innings of work, Anderson (2-6) allowed only a sacrifice fly by Winter Phoenix in the second inning. Midland reliever Benito Baez worked the

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Platt Homers

Through 81 games, RockHound third baseman Adam Platt is among the best to hit the long ball in Midland. Here is the list of single-season home run hitters in Midland's Double-A baseball history.

Note: Every Midland player who finished with 29 or 30 homers thus far has led or tied for the Texas League season lead in homers.

Player	Year	Hrs
George Arias	1995	30
Stan Holmes	1987	30
Doug Jennings	1987	30
Joe Redfield	1987	30
Kevin King	1988	30
Adam Platt	1999	29
Jerry Tabb	1974	29
Wayne Tyrone	1974	29
Karl Pagal	1977	28
Carmelo Martinez	1982	27
Todd Greene	1985	26
Joe Carter	1982	25

Golf makes turn on great season

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

David Duval already has \$3 million in the bank and a 59 in the record books.

Jose Maria Olazabal put his best foot forward at Augusta National and his right fist through a hotel wall at Pinehurst. Payne Stewart debunked the myth about Olympic Club being a "graveyard of champions" by winning perhaps the most dramatic U.S. Open.

What could top Mark O'Meara's double major feat of 1998? Juli Inkster winning two major championships in 21 days to complete a career Grand Slam that was 16 years in the making.

And just last week, golf got another glimpse of its future. Tiger Woods was on the prowl

in Chicago, winning for the third time in four tournaments. Se Ri Pak's vocabulary apparently doesn't contain the words "sophomore slump" — she won a six-way playoff, her second victory in three weeks. Another blast of El Nino ripped through Ireland when 19-year-old Sergio Garcia won in only his sixth professional start.

Just think, the year is only half over. With the British Open, PGA Championship and Ryder Cup still on the horizon, this already is shaping up as one of the most fascinating years in golf.

By way of review, the mid-season awards, highlights and lowlights:

PGA Tour player of the year: Duval. More than four vic-

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American women enjoying soccermania, Cup success

By Barry Wilner
AP Sports Writer

CLAREMONT, Calif. — Soccermania has hit the United States.

In the midst of one of its countless bus rides during the Women's World Cup, the U.S. team was told that Saturday's final against China was sold out. The Rose Bowl will be filled, just as it was for the men's championship five years ago. And this time, President Clinton will attend.

"We all kind of jumped out of our seats and were pumping our fists and yelling and cheering," Brandi Chastain said Tuesday after the team learned of the sellout.

"What a great tribute," Cindy Parlow added. "I think the fans appreciate how much we appreciate their coming to the games and coming out to see us."

The Women's World Cup has become a phenomenon in this country. Sure, soccer isn't a high-visibility sport in Ameri-



ca and the MLS is struggling to draw fans and television ratings.

But the American women have captured the imagination of the nation with their forthrightness, friendliness and accessibility.

"It's something we want to do," Tiffany Milbrett said. "We'll stay and sign autographs and we'll talk to the fans because we want to do it, not because someone tells us we should. It's important to them and it's important to us."

Clinton, who attended the quarterfinal win over Germany at Landover, Md., decided Tuesday to extend his seven-state trip across the country through the weekend so he can attend the final. In 1994, Clinton went to the World Cup opener in

Chicago and Vice President Gore went to the final.

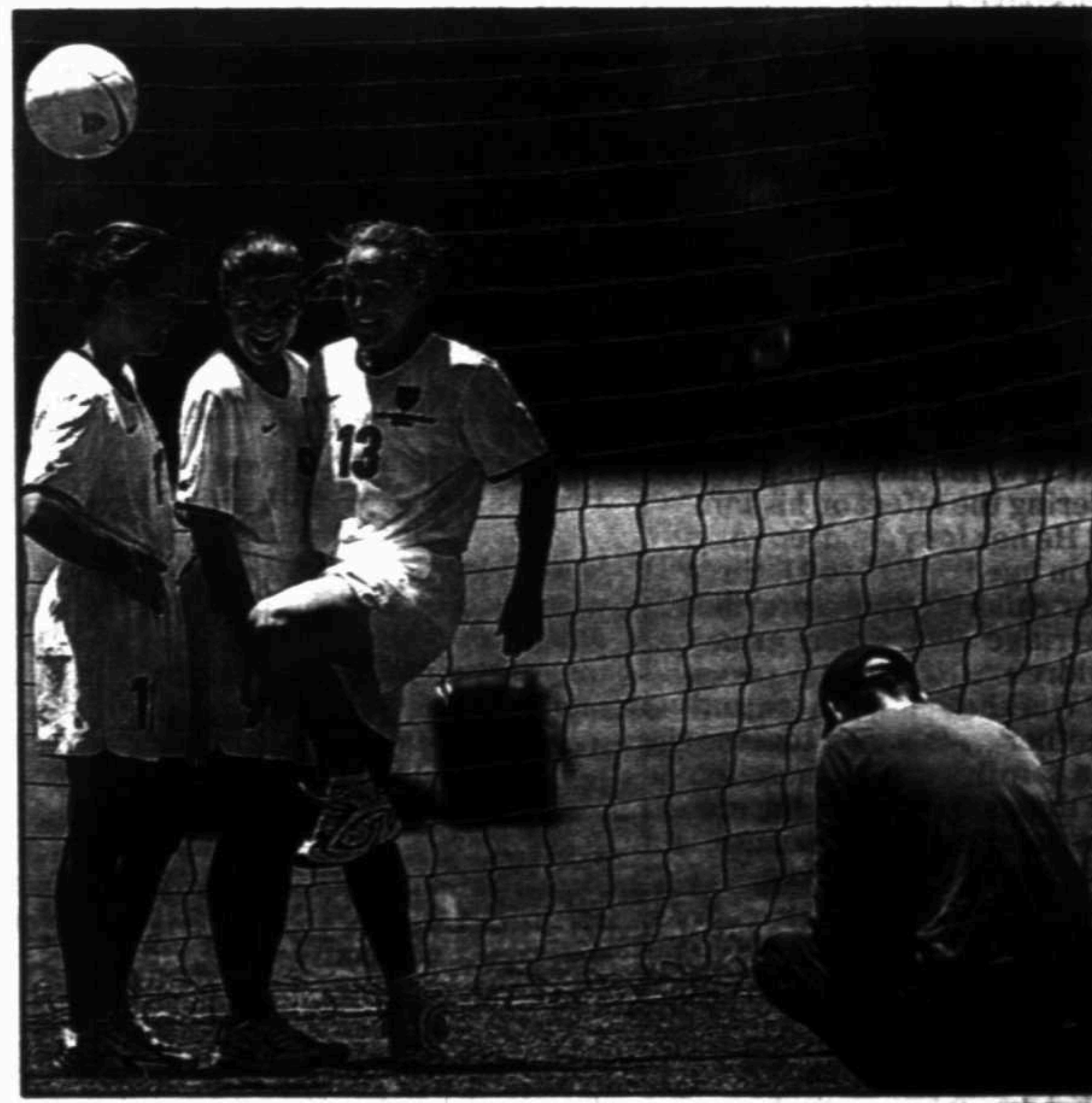
On Tuesday, after the Americans' first practice in preparation for the final, the players were interviewed by reporters from television networks and national news magazines. "CBS Evening News" was on hand. So was Newsweek.

What they found is what those following the team for the last month have long known: This is a refreshing group of athletes who understand exactly what is happening. And cherish it.

"We've been excited by the tournament and overwhelmed by the response," Chastain said. "I knew there was a special package we had to offer and now we are getting a chance to present it."

What makes it extra special is that the women are doing it on their own. While they were one of the more popular teams at the 1996 Olympics, they shared the spotlight with the U.S. basketball, soft-

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U.S. women's soccer team players Julie Foudy, left, Mia Hamm, center, and Kristine Lilly pose for the camera during a post-practice photo shoot, Tuesday in Claremont, Calif. The U.S. plays China Saturday at the Rose Bowl.

Gonzalez takes bad stance by pouting

By Ira Berkow
N.Y. Times News Service

If you're going to throw a tantrum, make it a big one. Better to throw your snit at, say, 495,817 people, the population of Cleveland according to the latest census estimate, than to fling a pique at one.

Juan Gonzalez got a real good mad-on at the influx of fans who voted Ken Griffey Jr., Manny Ramirez and Kenny Lofton onto the American League's starting outfield for the All-Star Game, while Gonzalez, the league's reigning most valuable player — an honor he has won two of the last three years — finished fifth in the national popularity contest, behind even David Justice.

Ramirez, Lofton and Justice happen to be the regular outfielders for the Cleveland Indians.

In fact, maybe the high dudgeon Gonzalez found himself in might have been directed at the 1,075,894 citizens of Dallas, or those of the whole state of Texas, pop. 19,759,614. "I respect the fans," Gonzalez said Sunday, "but if they don't vote me, then I don't want to play."

Gonzalez would surely have been picked as a reserve on the team by the AL manager this year, Joe Torre of the Yankees, who now says he won't select him.

If you're going to make a sap head of yourself, as Gonzalez did, then at least do it in style. Preferred would be the statement made by immortal Garry Templeton when he wasn't voted in as the starting shortstop on the National League team a number of years ago. "If I ain't startin'," he said, "then I ain't departin'."

Only a few players in the history of the game have taken such

an attitude, but none of them have been named Ruth, Williams, DiMaggio, Musial, Feller, Mays, Mantle, Robinson (Jackie or Frank), Rose, Koufax, Ryan, nor Maddux, McGwire or Sosa. The list is long.

The AL starting teams for the game to be played on Tuesday at Fenway Park in Boston were announced on Monday, but the final results for many positions, including the one that Gonzalez plays, were fairly well determined, unless, of course, he called in some Chicago aldermen at the last minute to monitor the ballot boxes.

Didn't happen. Actually, times change. Instead of tinkering with a voting machine, Gonzalez might have e-mailed Bill Gates for support, for in a crush of last-minute votes via the Internet, Nomar Garciaparra of the Red Sox nipped the Yankees' Derek Jeter to make the American League's opening lineup at shortstop. Jeter will presumably not veto the voters and crawl under his couch and not come out for the game. Perhaps he agrees with Torre, his manager, and the AL stars' manager.

"It's a shame," Torre said about Gonzalez's pout, and he went on to give his opinion on players being a part of the All-Star Game, saying, "I think it is an honor, and if not honored, they should be obligated."

Torre said he was told by the league office that Gonzalez had asked not to be chosen, so that he would not have to refuse. "He deserved to be there," Torre said.

Gonzalez is 29 years old, old enough to understand that the All-Star Game is a showcase for his sport. It is a chance for the fans to see all of the best play-

ers at one time on one field. Baseball is still making its way back from the odor left from the 1994 strike. It has come a long way, but there remains a sense of fragility about its fan base even yet. The All-Star Game helps perfume the air a bit.

Gonzalez understands this not at all. He doesn't understand that his \$7.25 million salary is dependent on the good will, interest and, it follows, All-Star Game voting of the fans. Gonzalez took the exuberance of Indians fans for their local love boats as a personal insult.

Where, as my mother has asked in a comparable goofball attitude, are his brains?

If anybody should be angry, it's Hank Greenberg. Perhaps the greatest injustice perpetrated on a potential All-Star player was done to Greenberg, the Tigers' first baseman, in 1935. He had 103 runs batted in at the All-Star break. Not only wasn't he chosen to be a starter, he also wasn't chosen to be on the team, period. It's true that Lou Gehrig and Jimmie Foxx, chosen ahead of Greenberg at first base, were having pretty good years, as well. But in those days, the managers of the two teams picked all the players. The manager of the AL team that year was Mickey Cochrane. Of all things, Cochrane was the Tigers' manager.

While Gonzalez may indeed merit a place in the starting outfield, it would surely not be ahead of Griffey or Ramirez. Maybe Lofton, but Lofton has been terrific. So possibly the Cleveland fans in their hometown delirium got it right, anyway.

What should make Gonzalez even madder is that, with the panoply of stars in the game, he will hardly be missed.

PEDEN: Cleveland fanatics do good job of stuffing AL ballot box

(From 1C)

sports-talk radio gives any evidence. On Monday night, Dallas station KRLL, the Texas Rangers' flagship station, was abuzz over the ballot-box stuffing done by fans of the Indians. Their industrious voting landed four Indians in the starting lineup for the Mid-Summer Classic, set for July 13 in Boston's Fenway Park.

Now, Cleveland's Roberto Alomar is the best second baseman in the American League this year — no argument there — but Rangers fans are probably justified in their anger that Cleveland's Jim Thome will start at first base ahead of Rafael Palmeiro, who is having a better year than Thome.

In the outfield, 1998 AL MVP Gonzalez was fifth in the voting behind Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. and three Indians: Manny Ramirez, Kenny Lofton and David Justice. Most Rangers fans probably don't have a problem with Griffey (28 homers) and Ramirez (88 RBI) being voted ahead of him. But you can make a good argument that Juan Gonzalez is more deserving than Lofton. And David Justice, who just missed getting voted into the starting lineup, certainly didn't deserve to beat Gonzalez, much less beat him by more than half a million votes.

Every year when the final totals come out, there are the critics who say the voting should be taken out of the fans' hands.

STAR: Bell finishes ahead of Biggio

(From 1C)

"I never get tired of going there," Piazza said. "As long as I am elected or selected, I will feel honored to go. It is probably the most fun you can have as a player, hanging out with the rest of the guys."

Cincinnati's Barry Larkin held off the Mets' Rey Ordenez at shortstop, and Colorado's Larry Walker and San Diego's Tony Gwynn were elected to join Sosa in the outfield.

Gwynn, elected to his 15th All-Star game and 11th starting spot, won't play because of a calf injury that has put him on the disabled list for the second time this season. But he will make the trip to Boston.

"I really wanted a chance to play in Fenway, but being on the DL, I can't," he said. "It's not right."

Sosa, one of the few bright spots in the Chicago Cubs' dismal season, was the NL's leading vote-getter with 2,315,204, finishing third overall in the voting.

Seattle outfielder Ken Griffey Jr.

(2,918,055) led all players for the fourth straight year and fifth time overall and was followed by Cleveland second baseman Roberto Alomar (2,793,891).

McGwire, second in the NL with 27 homers, received the second-highest NL vote total, leading first basemen with 1,669,066.

He wishes the All-Star break was longer than three days.

"All the other sports have four to five days off," he said, "and I've never understood why baseball doesn't give the guys that play in the All-Star Game and extra day off just to get back to the cities they're going to play their games in."

Bell, who trailed Biggio 697,326 to 658,407 in totals announced last week, finished with 1,203,902, about 32,000 ahead of his Houston rival, who wound up at 1,171,574.

Before this week, none of the votes cast on the Internet had been included in the weekly totals, and Bell benefitted from Arizona's promotional push. Fans were allowed to vote up to 22 times on

the Internet — the average number of home games for each team during the balloting. Sosa gained nearly 1 million votes in the final week of counting.

Larkin, who led Ordenez by fewer than 10,000 votes last week, won by a wide margin, 858,203 to 799,858. Larkin will be making his 10th All-Star appearance, his fourth as a starter.

Walker will be making his fourth appearance, his third straight as a starter. Williams, a five-time All-Star, returns to the game for the first time since 1996 and will make his fourth start. For Bell, it's his second appearance and first start.

"There's some satisfaction for me because I got to see first-hand what they went through last year," Diamondbacks manager Buck Showalter said.

Bell, Gwynn, McGwire, Piazza and Williams get \$50,000 bonuses, and Walker gets \$25,000. Griffey, who earned a \$100,000 bonus for getting elected and leading the AL voting, gets an additional \$25,000 for getting the most votes in the majors.

AL ROUNDUP

Singleton hits for the cycle; White Sox still beat Royals

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago's Chris Singleton became the first rookie to hit for the cycle in the majors since 1985, but Carlos Beltran's arm and bat led the Kansas City Royals over the White Sox 8-7 in 10 innings Tuesday night.

Beltran threw out the potential winning run at the plate in the ninth, then singled home the tiebreaking run in the 10th. Joe Randa homered twice for the Royals.

Mike Sweeney, who had tied an AL record with an RBI in 13 consecutive games, went 1-for-5 for the Royals and failed to break the mark set by Chicago's Taffy Wright in 1941. Sweeney grounded into a double play with two runners on base in the first inning.

Devil Rays 6, Red Sox 4
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Paul Sorrento hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays rallied past the Boston Red Sox.

The Devil Rays won for just the

second time in 42 tries this season when trailing after seven innings.

Yankees 9, Tigers 8, 10 innings

DETROIT — Chili Davis singled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the New York Yankees overcame Mariano Rivera's second blown save to beat the Detroit Tigers.

Bobby Higginson's solo home run with two outs in the ninth off Rivera tied it at 8. But Bernie Williams reached on a one-out infield single off Todd Jones (1-3) in the 10th, went to third on a single by Tino Martinez and scored when Davis slapped a single up the middle.

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 3, 10 innings

BALTIMORE — Rob Butler singled in the tiebreaking run in the 10th inning as the Toronto Blue Jays once again used a late uprising to beat the Baltimore Orioles.

A week ago, the Blue Jays scored in their last at-bat in three

straight victories over the Orioles. This time was eerily familiar.

Homers Bush led off the 10th with a single off Mike Timlin (3-8), making his first appearance since taking the loss in Toronto on July 1. After a popup, Bush stole second and scored on a single to left by Butler, who entered the game as a pinch-runner in the eighth.

Timlin, a former Midland High Bulldog, has a major league-leading eight blown saves, and his eight losses is tied for high on the Orioles, who have lost 11 of 13.

Indians 3, Twins 1
MINNEAPOLIS — Manny Ramirez homered to reach the 90-RBI mark and Jaret Wright pitched six strong innings as the Cleveland Indians defeated the Minnesota Twins.

Ramirez's two-run shot in the first inning was his 23rd this season, giving him 90 RBIs through Cleveland's first 82 games. Hack Wilson holds the major league record with 191 RBIs for the Chicago Cubs in 1930.

NL ROUNDUP

Big Mac hits 27th; Bottenfield wins 13th

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire's 27th home run helped Kent Bottenfield become the National League's first 13-game winner as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-5 Tuesday night.

McGwire, elected to the All-Star game earlier in the day, broke a 3-all tie in the fifth, hitting a 431-foot drive off Brett Tomko (3-5) that bounced off the Stadium Club.

Marlins 5, Braves 2

ATLANTA — Alex Fernandez allowed only three hits in eight innings to beat Tom Glavine, who gave up a career-high 15 hits.

Pirates 6, Cubs 1

PITTSBURGH — Warren Morris homered, Todd Ritchie pitched eight effective innings to continue

his surprising season, and the Pirates spoiled Sammy Sosa Day by beating the Chicago Cubs.

Phillies 1, Brewers 0

PHILADELPHIA — Robert Person had a career-high 10 strikeouts in the sweltering heat to outduel Hideo Nomo.

Mets 10, Expos 0

NEW YORK — Orel Hersher, starting on the shortest rest of his 17-year career, pitched five shutout innings in 99-degree heat as the New York Mets routed the Montreal Expos.

Rockies 5, Dodgers 2

DENVER — Pedro Astacio did it all against his former team, pitching a six-hitter, striking out 10 and singling home the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning.

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Tour de France

LAVAIL, France (AP) — Tuesday of the third Tour de France — a country, team, and with 1. Com Steels; Belgians, 29 minutes, 27 seconds. 2. Erik Zabel, Germany, same time. 3. Stuart O'Grady, Australia, same time. 4. Nicolas Minali, Italy, same time. 5. George Hincapié, U.S. Postal, same time. 6. Jimmy Casper, France, same time. 7. Robbie McEwen, Rabobank, same time. 8. Silvio Martinelli, same time. 9. Elio Aggiano, same time. 10. Mario Cipollini, same time. 11. Francesco Simon, Agnoloni, same time. 12. Christophe Vander Bigg, same time. 13. Christophe Moreau, Festina, same time. 14. Jean Knappe, same time. 15. David Etxebarria, ONCE, same time.

Overall Standings (After Three Stages)
1. Knappe, 13 hours, 59 minutes, 59 seconds. 2. Steels, 17 seconds. 3. O'Grady, 20 seconds. 4. Lance Armstrong, U.S. Postal, 20 seconds. 5. Abraham Olano, 31 seconds.

6. Hincapié, 34 seconds. 7. Moreau, 35 seconds. 8. Zabel, 40 seconds. 9. Alexandre Vinokourov, Astana, 41 seconds. 10. Santos Gonzalez, ONCE, 41 seconds. 11. Andrea Piloni, Italy, 41 seconds. 12. Christian Vandendriessche, States, U.S. Postal, 43 seconds. 13. Laurent Dufaux, Saeco, 43 seconds. 14. Angel Casero, 46 seconds. 15. Pavel Tonkov, 48 seconds.

WNBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
New York 7, 4. Orlando 5, 4. Charlotte 4, 7. Detroit 5, 7. Washington 3, 8. Cleveland 2, 10. **WESTERN CONFERENCE**
Houston 11, 1. Los Angeles 8, 4. Sacramento 8, 5. Minnesota 5, 5. Utah 4, 6. Phoenix 3, 7. **Tuesday's Games**
Washington 71, New York 80. Minnesota 104, Detroit 99. **Wednesday's Games**
Minnesota at Orlando. Cleveland at Charlotte. Los Angeles at Phoenix. **Thursday's Games**
Utah at Washington. New York at Cleveland. Houston at Sacramento.

Transaction

AUTO RACING
HOMESTEAD-MIAWAY — Named Curtis MICHIGAN SPEED Brian Skuzia director of affairs.

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — LHP Josh Carle. CLEVELAND INDIANS — OF Mark Whiten and R. Buffalo of the Indians. **National League**
ATLANTA BRAVES — Clark director of scouting. HOUSTON ASTROS — contract of C Randy Orlans of the PCL. Jose Cabrera to New York Yankees. Placed INF Trapp on disabled list. Activated Grudzenek from the list.

MONTREAL EXPOS
RHP Mel Rojas. Signed Leandro.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES
to terms with RHP Bob Chace the contract. Withdraw from New York. Transferred C Jason to 15 to the 60-day disabled list.

Midwest League
CLINTON LUMBERJACKS — Placed LHP Damien on list, retroactive to July. LHP Casey DeHart from the Gulf Coast League. **South Atlantic League**
CAPE FEAR — Announced the promotion of Sheldon to Jupiter of the League.

BASKETBALL
DETROIT SHOCK — Elena Tomiladova. Acquired Brown from the injured.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK JETS — KR Joe Douglas. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — WR Brian Westbrook to two-year contract. Signed FB Larry Center.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS — F Dan Snyder. F K. Hugo Boqvist. BOSTON BRUINS — the retirement of Tor. president. Signed LW to a one-year contract. DALLAS STARS — Juha Lind to a two-year. RW Blake Sloan to a two-year. DETROIT RED WINGS — LW Kirk Maltby to a two-year. NEW YORK RANGERS — LW Valeri Kamensky. **Quintal**
PHOENIX COYOTES — RW Shawn Waboso. year contract. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — D Sergey Gusev to a two-year contract.

SOCCE
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK-NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed and O. Mohammed to a two-year contract. COLORADO RAPIDS — Randy Denini from Riverhounds.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
TENNESSEE — Added Carter member for the upcoming. MID-CONTINENTAL — Draft assistant coach. **PATRIOT LEAGUE**
the resignation of associate executive relations, to become director for communications. DICKINSON — Named Clements women's basketball coach. GEORGE MASON — is Taylor women's basketball coach. **PACIFIC** — Interim director of sports information. KENTUCKY WILDCATS — LARRY E. Moore director of sports information. **MERRIMACK** — Donaghey men's basketball coach. **WALSH** — Name women's basketball coach.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Tour de France

LAVAL, France (AP) — Results Tuesday of the third stage of the Tour de France, a 121-mile leg from Nantes to Laval with rider country, team, and winner's time:

1. Tom Stiles, Belgium, Mapei, 4:29:29, 29 minutes, 29 seconds.
2. Erik Zabel, Germany, Telekom, same time.
3. Stuart O'Grady, Australia, Cofidis, same time.
4. Nicola Minali, Italy, Cantina, same time.
5. George Hincapi, United States, U.S. Postal, same time.
6. Jimmy Casper, France, France Des Jours, same time.
7. Robbie McEwen, Australia, Rabobank, same time.
8. Silvio Martinello, Italy, Potti, same time.
9. Ego Aghajani, Italy, Vitalso, same time.
10. Marco Cipolletti, Italy, Saeco, same time.
11. Francois Simon, France, Cofidis, same time.
12. Christophe Capelle, France, Bouygues, same time.
13. Christophe Moreau, France, Festina, same time.
14. Jean Kirsipuu, Estonia, Casino, same time.
15. David Etxebarria, Spain, ONCE, same time.

Overall Standings (After Three Stages)

1. Kirsipuu, 13 hours, 18 minutes, 59 seconds.
2. Stiles, 17 seconds behind.
3. O'Grady, 20 behind.
4. Lance Armstrong, United States, U.S. Postal, 20.
5. Abraham Olano, Spain, ONCE, 31.
6. Hincapi, 34.
7. Moreau, 35.
8. Zabel, 40.
9. Alexandre Vinokourov, Kazakhstan, Casino, 41.
10. Santos Gonzalez, Spain, ONCE, 41.
11. Andrea Pisoni, Italy, ONCE, 43.
12. Christian Vandewiele, United States, U.S. Postal, 43.
13. Laurent Fiaux, Switzerland, Saeco, 43.
14. Angel Casero, Spain, Vitalso, 46.
15. Pavel Tonkov, Russia, Mapei, 48.

WNBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	1	.917	0
Orlando	5	4	.556	1
Charlotte	4	5	.444	2
Detroit	5	7	.417	2 1/2
Washington	4	8	.333	3
Cleveland	2	10	.167	5 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	11	1	.917	0
Los Angeles	8	4	.667	3
Sacramento	8	4	.667	3
Minnesota	5	5	.500	5
Utah	4	6	.400	6
Phoenix	3	7	.300	7

Tuesday's Games

Washington 71, New York 63
Houston 80, Minnesota 54
Utah 104, Detroit 94, 20T

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Transactions

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Signed LHP Josh Canale.

Cleveland Indians

Placed RHP White and RHP Jeff Tam to Buffalo of the International League. Recalled OF Jacob deGrom and OF Alex Ramirez from Buffalo.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Released RHP Clark director of scouting.

Houston Astros

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

Montreal Expos

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

Pittsburgh Pirates

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

Philadelphia Phillies

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

St. Louis Cardinals

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

Texas Rangers

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

Toronto Blue Jays

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

Washington Nationals

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

Yankees

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

Major League Soccer

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY METS — Signed M. Sasa Curic and D. Mohammed Khakpour.

Colorado Rapids

Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Jose Cruz on the 15-day disabled list.

College

COLLEGIATE TRACK CONFERENCE — Added Cedric Collier as a member for the upcoming season.

Mid-Continent

MID-CONTINENT — Named Phil Dault assistant commissioner for external affairs.

Patriot League

PATRIOT LEAGUE — Announced the resignation of Todd Newcomb, associate executive director of media relations, to become assistant athletic director for communications at Bucknell.

George Mason

GEORGE MASON — Named Andre Taylor women's track and field and cross country coach.

Kentucky Wesleyan

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN — Named Larry E. Moore director of athletics.

Major League Baseball

Standings

American League

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	51	61	.451	0	26-17	24-14	5-4	27-3	W-1
Boston	48	58	.450	3	25-15	27-16	21-19	27-7	W-1
Toronto	43	56	.435	9	23-19	24-23	14-3	26-3	W-1
Tampa Bay	36	47	.435	15	26-4	W-1	14-22	22-5	1-8
Baltimore	34	45	.435	16	23-18	L-1	17-20	17-28	5-4

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	54	58	.483	0	27-3	W-1	28-17	26-11	6-3
Chicago	39	41	.488	1	19-23	20-18	5-3	20-18	5-3
Kansas City	35	47	.427	19	4-6	W-2	17-23	18-24	3-6
Detroit	34	50	.400	20	2-7	L-1	19-26	15-23	5-4
Minnesota	31	49	.383	22	1-2	L-2	15-25	16-25	5-3

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	46	56	.449	0	25-5	L-3	20-16	26-20	4-5
Seattle	42	40	.512	4	6-4	W-3	20-19	22-21	4-5
Oakland	40	42	.488	6	14-6	W-1	25-14	15-28	5-4
Anaheim	37	44	.457	8	1-2	L-1	17-19	20-25	3-6

National League

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	51	53	.490	0	26-4	L-1	26-17	25-16	5-4
New York	48	56	.459	3	6-4	W-3	24-18	24-18	6-3
Philadelphia	44	58	.433	6	W-1	22-19	22-19	6-3	
Montreal	30	49	.380	18	2-8	L-5	19-25	11-24	6-3
Florida	30	53	.360	20	1-2	L-6	15-30	15-23	6-3

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cincinnati	46	54	.459	0	27-3	L-1	20-23	26-11	4-5
Houston	46	55	.453	1	1-2	L-1	24-18	27-12	4-2
Pittsburgh	41	51	.444	5	6-4	W-1	21-24	24-24	4-2
St. Louis	41	49	.450	6	2-5	W-2	18-22	23-20	4-5
San Diego	40	48	.450	7	2-3	L-1	11-23	29-19	2-3
Chicago	38	42	.475	8	3-7	L-1	17-17	21-25	1-5

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Francisco	48	56	.459	0	27-3	W-1	28-17	19-19	6-3
Anaheim	45	58	.435	3	3-7	L-1	26-15	19-23	4-2
Los Angeles	40	41	.494	6	W-1	27-17	13-24	2-2	
Colorado	37	43	.463	8	1-2	W-1	21-17	16-26	3-6
San Diego	35	45	.438	10	2-3	L-1	19-23	16-22	3-6

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay 6, Boston 4
Cleveland 3, Minnesota 1
New York 7, Detroit 10
Philadelphia 7, Chicago 7

Wednesday's Games

Seattle at Anaheim (n)
Texas at Oakland (n)
Texas (Helling 6-7) at Oakland (Rogers 4-3), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (P. Martinez 15-2) at Tampa Bay (Lincecum 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
New York (Cone 9-3) at Detroit (Mickey 2-1), 6:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hamilton 1-5) at Baltimore (J. J. Lincecum 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 2-0) at Chicago (Parque 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Gibson 7-3) at Minnesota (Mays 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 8-4) at Anaheim (Sparks 5-9), 9:35 p.m.

Phillips 1, Brewers 0

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NL All-Star Voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Final voting for the 1999 National League All-Star game released Tuesday:

Catchers

1. Mike Piazza, New York
1,645,362
2. J. P. Howell, Pittsburgh
1,511,587
3. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
487,022
4. Mike Lieberthal, Philadelphia
397,632
5. Benito Santiago, Chicago
223,211
6. Kelly Stoltz, St. Louis
152,586
7. El Mero, St. Louis
177,250
8. Jim Leyritz, San Diego
164,118
9. Kirt Manwaring, Colorado
282,428
10. Tony Eusebio, Houston
134,285

First Basemen

1. Mark McGwire, St. Louis
1,645,362
2. Jeff Bagwell, Houston
1,511,587
3. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
487,022
4. Mike Lieberthal, Philadelphia
397,632
5. Benito Santiago, Chicago
223,211
6. Kelly Stoltz, St. Louis
152,586
7. El Mero, St. Louis
177,250
8. Jim Leyritz, San Diego
164,118
9. Kirt Manwaring, Colorado
282,428
10. Tony Eusebio, Houston
134,285

Second Basemen

1. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
1,645,362
2. J. P. Howell, Pittsburgh
1,511,587
3. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
487,022
4. Mike Lieberthal, Philadelphia
397,632
5. Benito Santiago, Chicago
223,211
6. Kelly Stoltz, St. Louis
152,586
7. El Mero, St. Louis
177,250
8. Jim Leyritz, San Diego
164,118
9. Kirt Manwaring, Colorado
282,428
10. Tony Eusebio, Houston
134,285

Third Basemen

1. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
1,645,362
2. J. P. Howell, Pittsburgh
1,511,587
3. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
487,022
4. Mike Lieberthal, Philadelphia
397,632
5. Benito Santiago, Chicago
223,211
6. Kelly Stoltz, St. Louis
152,586
7. El Mero, St. Louis
177,250
8. Jim Leyritz, San Diego
164,118
9. Kirt Manwaring, Colorado
282,428
10. Tony Eusebio, Houston
134,285

Outfielders

1. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
1,645,362
2. J. P. Howell, Pittsburgh
1,511,587
3. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
487,022
4. Mike Lieberthal, Philadelphia
397,632
5. Benito Santiago, Chicago
223,211
6. Kelly Stoltz, St. Louis
152,586
7. El Mero, St. Louis
177,250
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9. Kirt Manwaring, Colorado
282,428
10. Tony Eusebio, Houston
134,285

Pitchers

1. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
1,645,362
2. J. P. Howell, Pittsburgh
1,511,587
3. J. V. Martinez, Atlanta
487,022
4. Mike Lieberthal, Philadelphia
397,632
5. Benito Santiago, Chicago
223,211
6. Kelly Stoltz, St. Louis
152,586
7. El Mero, St. Louis
177,250
8. Jim Leyritz, San Diego
164,118
9. Kirt Manwaring, Colorado
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NL All-Star Stats

National League statistics for the starters of the 1999 All-Star game to be played July 13 at Boston (Statistics through July 5):

Starters

AVG AB R HRR BI
Catcher
Piazza, NY 306 252 43 17 16 47
First Base
McGwire, St. 275 270 57 11 26 68
Second Base
Bell, Ar 279 315 70 88 22 56
Third Base
Williams, Ar 321 333 61 107 21 75
Shortstop
Larkin, Ar 321 333 61 107 21 75
Outfield
Sosa, Ch 293 311 65 91 32 72
Walker, Co 377 257 67 92 74 73
Gwynn, SD 338 160 22 54 3 20

Pitchers

BRENTWOOD, Calif. — Standings Tuesday after the second round of the Northern California PGA Senior Classic with 18-game pinfall totals and earnings for places 31 to 35:

1. Pete Couder, Tulsa, Fla., 4,192, 2. Mike Durbin, Boulder City, Nev., 4,191, 3. Dale Eagle, Lewisville, Texas, 4,127, 4. Bob Glass, Lawrence, Kan., 4,038, 5. Bob Chardwick, Auburn Hills, Mich., 3,972, 6. Dave Storer, Bradenton, Fla., 3,957, 7. Dennis Fitzmaurice, San Jose, Calif., 3,944, 8. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,931, 9. Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash., 3,928, 10. John Heisner, Frisco, Texas, 3,928, 11. Mike Pulin, Rockville, Ill., 3,917, 12. Roy Buckley, New Albany, Ohio, 3,916, 13. Dave Ross, St. Louis, 3,916, 14. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 15. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 16. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 17. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 18. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 19. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 20. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 21. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 22. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 23. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 24. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 25. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 26. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 27. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 28. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 29. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 30. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 31. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 32. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 33. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 34. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 35. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 36. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 37. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 38. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 39. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 40. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 41. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 42. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 43. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 44. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 45. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 46. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 47. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 48. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 49. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 50. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 51. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 52. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 53. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 54. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 55. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 56. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 57. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 58. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 59. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 60. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 61. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 62. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 63. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 64. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 65. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 66. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 67. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 68. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 69. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 70. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 71. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 72. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 73. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 74. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 75. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 76. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 77. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 78. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 79. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 80. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 81. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 82. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 83. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 84. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 85. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 86. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 87. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 88. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 89. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 90. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 91. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 92. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 93. Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 3,916, 94

GOLF: Duval gets nod as best player

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stories and \$3 million in earnings is the manner in which he gets it done. Duval nearly lapped the field in the winners-only Mercedes (anyone remember who finished second?), shot 59 to win in Palm Springs and won the Players Championship by making a birdie on the rock-hard island green at No. 17.

LPGA Tour player of the year: Karrie Webb set a modern record with 16 consecutive top 10s, five of those victories. But the vote goes to Inkster, whose four victories include two majors. She also makes great French toast.

Rookie of the year: A hint — he speaks Spanish. Unless Sergio Garcia wins the British Open and goes 5-0 in the Ryder Cup, the sentimental favorite is Carlos Franco. He learned to play barefooted in Paraguay, got through Q-school using his driver as a putter and won the Compaq Classic in New Orleans. Plus, he refuses to hire an agent.

Shot of the year: Davis Love III, whose chip on the 16th at Augusta made a U-turn up the slope and rolled back 20 feet into the cup.

Best moment: Stewart's 15-foot

par putt on the 18th hole at Pinehurst No. 2 to win the U.S. Open. No champion in its 105-year history had ever made a putt that long on the 72nd hole to win by one stroke.

Best consolation prize: Amanda Brynn Mickelson.

Best comeback: Jack Nicklaus, competing 17 weeks after hip replacement surgery.

Worst comeback: Nick Faldo, assuming he's not playing this poorly on purpose.

Best gesture: Olazabal, waiting for Norman to walk up to the 18th green in the Masters.

Worst gesture: Woods having the gallery move a boulder during the final round of the Phoenix Open. To his credit, Woods knew the rules allowed fans to help move the "loose impediment." It might not have caused such an uproar had Woods helped them.

Classiest gesture: Sergio Garcia, removing his cap to shake hands with Byron Nelson and kneeling so Nelson would not have to look up at him as they chatted.

Best career move: Jerry Higinbotham, getting fired by Mark O'Meara and picked up by Garcia.

Worst career move: Fluff Cowan stopping to sign autographs.

Toughest \$1 million: Jeff Maggert went 127 holes over five days and won the Match Play Championship with a chip-in for birdie on the 38th hole.

Easiest \$1 million: Woods' appearance money to play in Germany.

Best eagle: Duval's 6-foot putt for a 59 — the most pressure he has felt all year.

Best birdie: Olazabal's 20-foot putt on No. 13 at Augusta for a share of the lead, with the roar of Norman's eagle still ringing in his ears.

Best par: Inkster's bunker shot on No. 7 in the final round of the U.S. Women's Open. The ball plugged into a crater, and she blasted out to a foot. It may have been tougher than the lie Brian Watts had on the 18th hole at Royal Birkdale last year.

Best bogey: Norman, after losing a ball in the azaleas behind the 12th green at Augusta, hit another tee shot to 25 feet and made the putt.

Best other: John Daly. Take your pick — either the 11 he chalked up at Pinehurst by whacking the ball as it was rolling off the green, or his six-putt from 8 feet on the 18th in the Memorial for a 10.

Games were about something else.

"The Olympics is about the patriotic USA," she said. "It's people going to games because it's the Olympics. If we have success, they will also come. I think that showed in the numbers, when we had 25,000 for an early Olympic game and then sold out the final. But it was not just a soccer crowd."

"But 79,000 at the opener says they knew about our soccer and they wanted to come and watch soccer, watch women's soccer."

It doesn't hurt, either, that the teams generally have given the U.S. public what it craves: wide-open play, lots of scoring, spec-

tacular goalkeeping and passion.

Ah, the passion. "It makes us smile. It's really flattering that the fans see that from us," Tisha Venturini said. "They see how much you can enjoy what you're doing."

Can they really enjoy the prospect of facing China, which has been the best team in the tournament and routed defending champion Norway 5-0 in the semifinals?

"I remember back in the FIFA All-Star game in February, the Chinese keeper (Gao Hong) saying, 'It will be China and U.S. in the World Cup final,'" Milbrett said. "I really believe that's how it should be. We've earned it."

CUP: USA to play in sold-out Rose Bowl

(From 1C)

ball and gymnastics teams that won gold medals. This time, the Americans and Chinese and Brazilians are selling soccer — and selling out major league stadiums.

"This event has done better than anyone could have expected," Milbrett said. "I'm shocked at how massive it has been."

"We knew it would be huge and we felt it would be OK if we have maybe 40,000 fans at the games. But we never thought of anything like sellouts at every game."

Milbrett said that is a tribute to the sport, whereas the Atlanta

U.S. wins Nations' Cup

STOUFFVILLE, Ontario (AP) — Juli Inkster, the U.S. Women's Open and LPGA Championship winner, beat Gail Graham 3 and 2 as the United States swept the singles matches Tuesday to rout Canada 8-1 in the inaugural Nations' Cup.

Dottie Pepper, Meg Mallon, Kelly Robbins and Rosie Jones added victories for the United States, which took a 3-1 lead Monday in the best-ball and alternate-shot matches.

"These are five phenomenal players," said U.S. captain Judy Rankin, who also directed the United States' winning teams in the 1996 and 1998 Solheim Cup matches against Europe.

"Another big edge they have is that they have a lot of experience at this kind of golf. I can't tell you what that means in this format. Now the Canadians have some experience and if they continue to do it every year, they're only going to get better."

In the other singles matches

ROCK: Piatt hits 29th HR

(From 1C)

final two innings for his third save despite giving up a pinch-hit RBI single to Tony Mota.

San Antonio starter Luke Prokopec gave up only three hits, but two of them were homers and the other had good timing — it was hit just before one of the homers.

Midland's Justin Bowles singled in the fourth inning, and Adam Piatt hit the next pitch out for his 29th home run of the season, leaving him one homer away from tying the all-time single-season record for a Midland player.

RockHound Mario Encarnacion hit one out the opposite way in the seventh inning for what proved to be the winning run.

Despite losing three of the first four games of this series, the 'Hounds can salvage a split of the six-game set with a win tonight. The 'Hounds then come back to Midland to host Shreveport for six games starting Thursday.

Midland	San Antonio
Boyles 4 0 0 0	Boychica 2b 4 0 0 0
Piatt 3b 4 1 1 2	Metcalfe ss 4 0 0 0
Monczal 1b 4 0 0 0	Gil c 3 0 0 0
Encarnacion 3b 1 1 1	Davis 1b 4 1 3 0
McKay c 3 0 0 0	Allen 3b 3 1 0 0
Garrison 2b 3 0 0 0	Saika dh 3 0 1 0
Shroeder 3b 0 0 0 0	Mota ph 1 0 1 1
Castro ss 3 0 0 0	Phoenix rf 3 0 0 1
Totals 30 3 3 3	Totals 32 2 2 2
Midland	San Antonio
E-Marcincay (6), Boychica (20), Allen (39), DP-Midland 1, San Antonio 2; LOB-Midland 1, San Antonio 6; SB-Stout (2), HP-Piatt (29), Encarnacion (14), SB-Piatt (4), Allen (10), CS-Metcalfe 2 (13), SF-Phoenix.	
PH R R BB SO	
Midland	San Antonio
Anderson W, 2-6	7 6 1 1 2 3
Beaz S, 3	2 2 1 1 0 1
San Antonio	
Prokopec L, 3-6	7 3 3 3 0 3
Garratt	2 0 0 0 1 2

LOCAL SPORTS

GTCC Ladies Club Tourney

Trina Albright won the first 10 holes of match play to defeat Tracy Youngs Tuesday in the first round of the Ladies Club Championship at Green Tree Country Club. Albright's score of 10 and 8 (10 holes up with eight left to play) is the most dominating score a player can attain over 18 holes of match play.

Jennie McIlvain, Letitia Collins and Flossie Larch also won first-round matches in the Championship Flight.

Following are first-round results:

Ball switch fuels Irwin

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — For Hale Irwin, it's not the shoes. It's the ball.

Irwin has been a par-busting terror since switching back to the kind of golf ball he used while dominating the Senior PGA Tour in 1998.

After making the change in May, Irwin won three of the five senior tournaments he entered and scored par or better in 16 of 17 rounds. He shot in the 60s in 12 of those rounds.

Irwin will try to keep it going when he begins defense of his title in the U.S. Senior Open on Thursday.

"I have played extremely well, there's no doubt about that," Irwin said. "I think it's in large part due to sort of a recommitment, of focus if you wish, to get myself more back in the frame of mind and the playing mode which I found myself in at this time last year."

Irwin also traces his improved play to his decision to go back to the old-style ball instead of the newer edition he had been using earlier in the year.

After winning seven tourna-

Championship Flight

Trina Albright def. Tracy Youngs, 10 and 8; Jennie McIlvain def. DeDe Plank, 4 and 3; Letitia Collins def. Mary Brown, 5 and 3; Flossie Larch def. Susan Roberts, 3 and 2.

First Flight

Cindi Johnston def. Dore Schults, 8 and 6; Susan Braun def. Kathy Cowan, 1-up, 21; Jo Ann Tassley def. Carol Whitsett, 3 and 2; Barbara McIntosh def. Teresa Shumskis, 3 and 2.

Second Flight

Sheila Brockman def. Jan Taylor, 4 and 3; Evelyn Davis def. Dawn Dearstey, 2 and 1; Jan Tomor def. Pat Dougherty, 1-up; Jean Elton def. Angela Nash, 3 and 1.

Third Flight

Marilyn Richardson def. Ava Jane Fuller, 6 and 5; Joy Stark def. Eileen Guthrie, 1-up; Kathy Thompson def. Linda Maxwell, 5 and 3; Julie Green def. Bobi Lloyd, 6 and 5.

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

Tuesday \$19.78
Previous \$19.69

POSTED

Tuesday \$17.25
Previous \$17.00

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday \$2.191

Dollar over euro

NEW YORK — The euro touched another record low against the dollar Tuesday amid more signs of weakness in the European economy.

The pan-European currency recovered somewhat against the dollar as the day progressed, but remained below its levels reached on Friday. U.S. markets were closed Monday in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

The euro hit a low of \$1.0184 in European trading after Germany released a weak employment report, the latest sign of sluggishness in the European economy. By late afternoon in New York the currency had recovered to \$1.0226, but that was still below its level of \$1.0240 in New York late Friday.

The new European currency has been slipping steadily against the dollar ever since making its debut at the beginning of the year. The conflict in Kosovo, bickering over European interest rates and the relative strength of the U.S. economy have combined to make the euro less attractive to investors than the dollar.

The dollar moved less in trading against the Japanese yen Tuesday. The dollar was changing hands at 122.02 yen in late New York dealings, slightly off from its late Tokyo level of 122.08 Tuesday. On Friday, the dollar was quoted at 121.01 yen in New York.

Stocks lower

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks gave up early gains and closed lower Tuesday as optimism about second-quarter earnings gave way to profit-taking from last week's stunning rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 4.12 to close at 11,135.12. During the session, the blue-chip index rose more than 97 points above Friday's record close of 11,139.24. That record capped an extraordinary week, as the Dow advanced 586.68 points.

Broader stock indicators also ended lower Tuesday after a late selloff. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.10 to 1,388.12, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 4.24 to 2,736.78.

Stocks faltered as weakness in the bond market and a desire to lock in profits outweighed the strong outlook for second-quarter earnings.

The price of the 30-year Treasury bond slipped, pushing the yield to 6.03 percent, up from 6 percent late Friday. Traders consider bond yields above 6 percent a threat to stocks, in part because at that level, they present a more attractive alternative to volatile stocks.

Crude rises

Crude oil futures surged above \$20 a barrel before settling slightly lower on the New York Mercantile Exchange as investor bet world oil producers are making good on promises to slash output.

Members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, which includes some of the world's largest oil producers, continue to keep supplies off the market in coming months to maintain higher prices, according to recent reports.

Crude futures and spot prices have rallied as weekly inventory data continues to show tightening supplies. Analysts say spot shortages could begin to manifest themselves around the world by September if the output cuts hold.

August crude rose 9 cents to \$19.78 a barrel.

80 mile-per-gallon car developed

TOKYO (AP) — Honda Motor Co. said Tuesday that its entry into the low-emission, fuel-efficient vehicle race will get an estimated 80 miles per gallon when it goes on sale later this year.

Japan's third-largest automaker said the aerodynamic two-seat coupe, unveiled in prototype form earlier this year at the Detroit auto show, will be called Insight and will be the world's most fuel-efficient, gasoline-powered, mass-production vehicle.

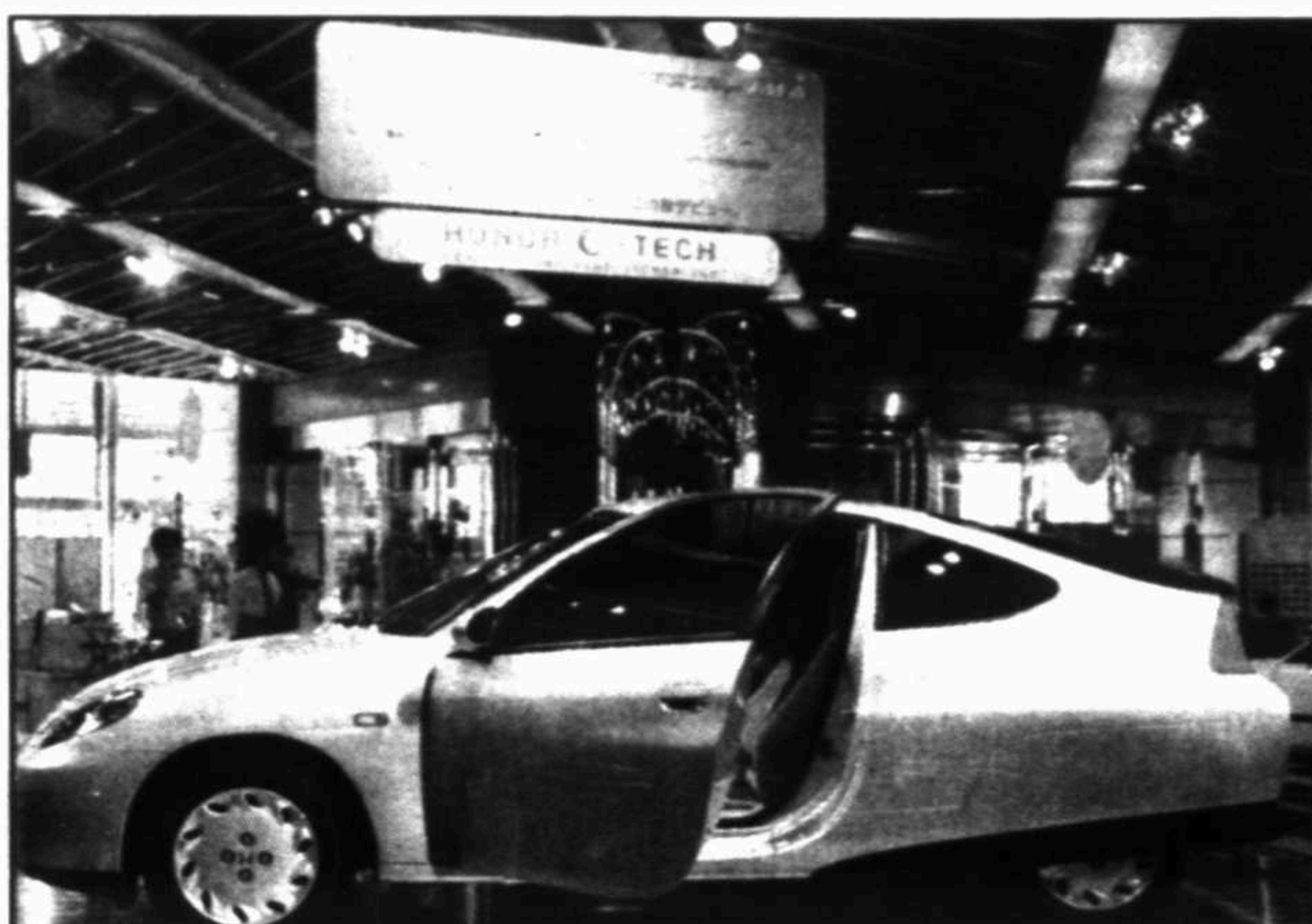
The Insight uses a lightweight, one-liter, three-cylinder gasoline engine assisted by a small electric motor. The highly efficient "hybrid" powertrain, combined with the addition of lightweight plastic and aluminum body panels, results in the high mileage.

According to preliminary U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates released by Honda, the car will get more than 70 mpg in combined city and highway driving and close to 80 mpg on the highway.

Rival Toyota Motor Corp. was the first to sell a hybrid gasoline-electric car in Japan, the Prius, in 1997. It will go on sale in the United States and Europe next year. The Prius gets an estimated 55 mpg in combined city and highway driving.

Honda plans to beat Toyota to the U.S. market by placing the Insight on sale nationwide in December. The car will go on sale in Japan in the fall, in Europe in December and in Canada next spring.

The cars operate differently. While the



AP Photo
A prototype of Honda Motor Co.'s hybrid Insight, which achieved the world's lowest fuel consumption for mass-produced gasoline-powered vehicles of 80 miles per gallon according to Honda, is on display at its Tokyo headquarters Tuesday. Honda Tuesday unveiled the system, a combination of a 1-liter lean burn gasoline engine and an electric motor which provides power during acceleration and serves as a generator during braking.

Prius shifts between gasoline engine and electric motor, the Insight always uses the engine as its primary power source. The electric motor is instead used to boost the engine's power during hard acceleration, spokesman Andy Boyd said.

An advantage of the Insight system is its battery is half the size of the Prius battery, which results in significant weight savings, Boyd said.

Toyota's Prius also uses a conventional steel body, while the Insight makes extensive use of aluminum and plastic.

Honda said that resulted in a 40 percent weight savings over a conventional steel body.

Honda also said it has developed a new catalytic converter that will make vehicle emissions 50 percent cleaner than required by Japanese regulations slated for next year.

Initial sales of the Insight are expected to be modest. At the Detroit show in January, an American Honda executive said the company expected U.S. sales to be fewer than 5,000 a year.

Honda said the Insight will be priced below \$20,000 in the United States, and will include anti-lock brakes, electric power steering, dual air bags and an anti-theft system.

As government pressure to reduce pollution around the world has increased, automakers have sought ways to make their vehicles cleaner. Honda said the Insight's emissions will be much cleaner than required by planned government regulations.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG also are working on hybrid gasoline-electric vehicles, but don't plan to have them ready for sale before 2001.

In April, Toyota and GM announced a five-year deal to jointly research and develop alternative-fuel vehicles. Their research will initially focus on vehicles powered by fuel cells, batteries and hybrid propulsion systems.

Cellular's dirty little secret:

Charges often start before 'Hello'

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether it's local or long distance, home phone or pay phone, it's understood: A call starts with "hello." If there's no answer, there's no charge.

With mobile phones, the situation can be altogether different.

Most mobile phone companies charge from the moment the caller hits the "send" button. One industry leader, Sprint PCS, charges for calls even if there's no answer.

Since companies generally charge for a full minute even when less than a minute is used, those few seconds when the phone is ringing could inflate a monthly bill quite a bit.

This is especially true if the caller is paying extra fees for peak-hour usage, long distance or calls made far away from home that trigger "roaming" charges of 60 cents or more a minute.

Most companies, however, don't charge if there's a busy signal.

These billing policies are spelled out in the contracts signed by today's 76 million cell phone users. But even some experts and careful shoppers were surprised to hear of them.

"I had no idea, and I would consider myself as astute on my telephone charges as anybody," said Rex G. Mitchell, a telecommunications industry analyst with Banc of America Securities in San Francisco and a former executive with the regional phone company U.S. West.

"Occasionally, when I'm out of town, I will make a call and look at the second hand on my watch to keep it under a minute because I'm paying long-distance or roaming charges. But I've been timing it from 'hello' instead of from 'send.' I won't make that mistake now."

The issue of first-minute billing policies caught the public eye in recent

weeks after Cellular One tried to reduce the free "ringing time" it gives its New England customers to 15 seconds from 30. The carrier was bombarded by customer complaints and it quickly scrapped the change.

Many of the million or more people signing up for wireless service each month focus less on when the call begins and more on how many minutes are included in their monthly calling plan or the fees for long-distance and peak-hour calls.

Adam Litwinski, 26, an independent filmmaker from New York, disconnected his home phone and uses his wireless for all calls. He had no idea he could be charged for unanswered calls.

"I never really paid much attention to it, honestly. I just assumed," he said. "It kind of stinks."

The industry's rationale is that every wireless call uses the airwaves regardless of whether the call is successful.

Of course, regular calls also use resources such as space on a fiber-optic cable. But the companies argue that they have far greater capacity in their cables than in their wireless channels, and that the demands of carrying a regular phone signal are negligible compared with those of a wireless signal.

"You're occupying a channel. So when you make a connection, you get charged from the inception of when you seize that channel," explained Jeff Battcher, a BellSouth spokesman. "For the most part, it's always been that way."

Sprint PCS is the only major company that times calls from "send-to-end," and charges for at least a minute regardless of whether there's an answer.

Even among companies that charge only when a call goes through, includ-

With the press of a button...

Leading wireless phone companies begin timing calls when a person hits the "send" button rather than when the call is answered. Some charge even if the call doesn't go through. Here's a look at how major companies charge.

Company	Subscribers	Charge even if no answer	No charge if no answer	No charge for busy signal
AT&T Wireless	10.1 million	✓	✓	✓
AirTouch	8.7 million	✓	✓	✓
SBC Communications Cellular One, Southwestern Bell Wireless, Pacific Bell Wireless, Nevada Bell and Southern New England Telecommunications	7.1 million	✓	✓	✓
Bell Atlantic Mobile	6.4 million	✓	✓	✓
BellSouth Mobility	6.0 million	✓	✓	✓
Alltel	4.5 million	✓	✓	✓
Sprint PCS	3.4 million	✓	✓	✓
Nextel Communications	3.2 million	✓	✓	✓

* Only on calls placed from within home region.
** In some markets, 30-second limit on ringing time before charge.

Source: Companies

AP

ing AirTouch, Bell Atlantic Mobile, Nextel Communications and BellSouth Mobility, the meter usually starts running from "send," not from "hello."

Industry leader AT&T Wireless also starts the clock from "send" but doesn't charge for incomplete calls made from a customer's home region.

Since many calling plans come with hundreds of minutes to burn each month, a lot of mobile phone users rarely reach their limit and don't need to pay additional charges for calls that don't go through.

Litwinski, for example, pays \$100 a month for a Sprint PCS plan with 1,000 minutes of air time so he won't have

to worry about how long he talks or how many calls he makes. "I never go over," he said.

But for those who frequently exceed their monthly allowance or sign up for cheaper plans with smaller time allotments, those first-minute charges can be substantial.

Sheila Adkins, spokeswoman for the Council of Better Business Bureaus and a Cellular One customer, was also surprised to hear about "send-to-end" charges.

"They don't tell you these things. I read my bill. I read all the fliers," she said. "It goes to show, you really have to read your contract."

BUSINESS SCENE

Popeye's eyes ownership change; to reopen soon

By Mella McEwen

A pending change in ownership has prompted the closing of POPEYE'S at 3002 N. Big Spring for several weeks.

Scott Hudler, communications director for the corporation, said that negotiations for the sale of the restaurant are ongoing and the corporation hopes to have the location reopened in three to four weeks.

Remodeling of the former Long John Silver's restaurant at 4509 N. Midkiff, next to Midland Park Mall, into the newest JUM-BURRITO is underway.

Owner Jose Cuevas said the target opening date is September 1 and "we anticipate starting off employing 25 at that location. We'll do some promotion from within and bringing in outside people."

He said the restaurant will continue its main staple of breakfast items and burritos while looking at new breakfast items and "we'll also get aggressive at the dinner hours."

A new grill will help expand the menu to include fajitas, chicken and pork dishes and experiment with different sauces from Central, Northern and Southern Mexico.

"It's exciting. The grill will be very versatile and give us a lot of combinations in what we do. Mexican food is a whole new world we want to experi-

ment with. We know Tex-Mex, but it'll be exciting to tempt palates with dishes from different regions."

The new restaurant will include a drive-through window and small patio. It will be similar to the location at 2101 W. Wadley in color and decor.

Roswell, N.M. resident Larry Kanadle has expanded his MERRY MAIDS franchise into Midland, opening an office at 308 Upland.

Franchise Manager Jay Hickey said the business concentrates primarily on residential cleaning, usually on a weekly or biweekly basis. "We'll do special visits, like during the holidays or before a special occasion," he said.

He said he visits each potential client, making bids on an individual basis to accommodate each home's different articles, furnishings and room sizes.

At present, Hickey said he has four cleaning teams comprised of two women each, enough to handle current demand. Each member is screened thoroughly before being hired and they are insured and bonded, he said.

"I expect to expand quite significantly as we get more regular clients," he said.

Now open at 2301 W. Wadley is AMIGOS. Jerry Smith, president of Fort Stockton-based Rio Grande Distributing, said the new Amigos includes a convenience store with the traditional conveniences — soft drinks, beer, health, beauty and household items, groceries, snack foods, fountain drinks and cappuccino, and an ATM.

Outside are gasoline pumps dispensing Texaco-branded gasoline.

The pumps, with pay-at-the-pump technology, are available 24 hours a day. The convenience store is open from 6 a.m. to midnight daily.

Smith, whose company also has an Amigos at Midkiff and Andrews Highway, said a new Amigos will be opening up at 2520 Garden City Highway in August.

Settling into its new location at 1215 N. Midkiff is DENE KELLY REALTORS, formerly located at 2302 W. Wadley.

Owner Dene Kelly said the new location is larger, allowing her to add more staff. The new location also offers more parking, is more visible and in a central part of town.

She has been in business 26 years, starting at 1400 W. Wall.

Celebrating 45 years in business is ALLEN ORTHOTICS & PROSTHETICS, 2502 W. Ohio.

The business was opened in July 1954 by A.J. Allen as Allen Brace. It is now owned by his son Mike and Mike's mother, Laverne Allen Barker.

Kim Doolan, clinical coordinator, said the business has changed from wooden limbs and metal braces to carbon and plastic materials that are lighter and stronger.

A ribbon cutting and anniversary celebration is planned for later this month.

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AROUND TOWN

Midland County Public Libraries — both the main library at 301 W. Missouri and the branch library at Midland Park Mall — have begun the 1999 Summer Reading/Read-to-Me Club. Children from birth through age 14 are invited to participate.

Special free programs next week include stories, crafts and activities 10:30 a.m. AND 2:30 p.m. July 13 for students in first through seventh grades.

A one-hour movie for all ages will be presented 2:30 p.m. July 14.

On July 15, program on "Indian Totem Poles" with Barbara Davis of the library staff will be presented at 10:30 a.m. for first through seventh-graders, and at 2:30 p.m. for 3-year-olds through kindergartners.

For more information on these programs call the main library at 688-8991 or the branch library at 697-8113.

...UNITED OSTOMY Association. Midland-Odessa chapter #590, will meet 2:30 p.m. July 18 at Westwood Medical Center. Program will be on "Managing Your Ostomy"...

...MIDLAND NEED to Read, an adult literacy organization that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for volunteer tutors 6:30-9 p.m. July 20 and 22 at Midland College. Persons attending are asked to attend both nights. For more information call 685-4572...

...LLANO ESTACADO chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will have a covered-dish supper 6:30 p.m. July 20 at Sibley Learning Center, 1307 E. Wadley. Seed and plant exchange will follow.

Tour of the native plant garden at the Confederate Airpower Museum at Midland International Airport will begin at 9 a.m. July 24. For more information call 699-6298 or 687-2329.

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children at any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. July 12 in the Mediation Room at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2980...

...VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, will meet for bingo 10 a.m. today at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Persons attending may bring sack lunches if they wish; coffee and refreshments will be provided. For information call 694-2648...

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired People, Midland chapter 256, will meet July 19 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Center opens at 6 p.m.; pot luck meal is served at 6:30 p.m. Joan Lucas, organizer from First United Methodist Church, will present a program. Doors close at 9 p.m. For more information call 682-1700 or 694-1447...

...PERMIAN BASIN FMS/CFIDS Alliance will meet 7-9 p.m. July 8 in Room D-103 of First Baptist Church in Midland. Greg Harter, Ph.D., will lead a discussion on "Be-attitudes." For more information call 684-2483.

The Odessa chapter will meet 6:30-7:45 p.m. and 8:15-9:30 p.m. July 12 at Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center, 620 N. Alleghany Ave. in Odessa.

Anyone with FMS/CFIDS and their families are invited.

...GREENWOOD HIGH School cheerleaders will host a cheerleading camp 9 a.m.-noon July 12-14 at the GHS gym.

Students kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to attend. Cost of attending the camp is \$30 per person if paid by June 25; \$40 if paid after that date. Each age group will learn cheers, stunts, chants and dances. Awards program will be 6 p.m. July 15. For more information call 570-6359.



Denis Kelly, left and Bruce Aidells pose with some of the food featured in their cookbook, "The Complete Meat Cookbook." The cookbook authors consider grilling a year-round activity.

Meat masters offer grilling lore

Associated Press

The whole world grills, but only America barbecues. This slow, smoky method of cooking with indirect heat, which strictly speaking should be done in a pit, makes tough cuts of meat tender enough to slice with a fork. In Texas, the meat of choice is beef; in the Carolinas, it's pork, especially pork shoulder. In Kansas City and Memphis, ribs top the charts — slathered with a sweet, tomato-based sauce in the former, sprinkled with a spicy dry rub in the latter.

Meat maven Bruce Aidells considers grilling a year-round activity, but he bows to seasonal backyard chefs and offers some advice to make sure the summer cooking ritual kicks off in high style.

Aidells is co-author of the well-received "The Complete Meat Cookbook" (Houghton Mifflin) published last year, and is founder-owner of the San Francisco-based Aidells Sausage Co. Here are his:

TOP 10 OUTDOOR GRILLING TIPS:

- Best bets for grilling: 1-1/2-inch to 2-inch-thick steaks, pork, lamb or veal chops, as well as burgers, kebabs and sausages.
- Salt beef, pork and lamb BEFORE grilling, not after. It will be much more flavorful and juicy.
- Sauces made with sugar or honey burn easily. Use caution when grilling meats that have been soaked in a sweet marinade, brush on sugary barbecue sauces after cooking or during the last few minutes of grilling.

■ Don't parboil spare ribs before grilling. That only toughens the meat and drains it of flavor.

■ Prepare three temperature zones on your barbecue. High heat (2 to 3 layers of coals), medium (one layer) and an area with no coals around the edge. Sear meat over high area then move to medium area to finish cooking, or to the no-coal zone to keep fully cooked pieces warm while the others finish. Food kept in this area will continue to cook, so don't leave it too long.

■ Use the "hand test" to check for coal readiness. Hold the palm of your hand just above rack level over high-heat zone. If your hand becomes too hot by the time you count to two, it's time to grill.

■ Cover kettle grills during cooking, and use the vents to regulate heat and control flare-ups. Open vents to raise temperature; close vents to reduce it.

■ Use a digital instant-read thermometer to test for doneness. Consult a cookbook for a guide to doneness temperatures for various meats. With the exception of hamburgers, which should be cooked to medium well, grilled meats are at their best when cooked to no more than medium rare.

■ Remove meat from heat when thermometer reads 5 degrees less than the desired temperature. Keep loosely covered on a warm plate. Carryover heat will continue to cook the meat.

■ Allow meat to rest for 5 to 10 minutes before carving or serving to absorb juices and balance the internal temperature.

Trends coming to a store near you?

Associated Press

CHICAGO — You could walk for hours and never get hungry or thirsty at the Food Marketing Institute (FMI) Supermarket Industry Convention and Exhibition.

More than 1.3 million square feet were jam-packed with the booths of 1,500 exhibitors during the recent food fair at McCormick Place. Familiar names like Kraft, General Mills and Del Monte vied with lesser-known brands for the taste buds of the 35,000 attendees.

There were pizzas and pastas, hot dogs and grilled meats, salad kits, meal-starting kits, sauces and dressings. There were snack foods and soft drinks. Health foods. Premium ice creams. European-style butter. Herbal teas. All designed to attract grocery retailers and wholesalers on the lookout for new products and new trends.

So what's hot? No surprises here. People are time-pressed and predisposed to takeout, fast food and other restaurant options. So food manufacturers are focusing on ready-to-eat meals to lure consumers back to the supermarket along with shortcuts to home-cooked meals.

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duce Inc. introduced Seaphire, a vegetable with a distinctive, crunchy texture and salty flavor grown in sea water. Also known as samphire, sea asparagus or pousse pierre, the unusual vegetable is native to the coasts of Brittany and the United Kingdom.

Edamame, soybeans cooked in the pod and eaten as a snack, is gaining a following of Americans who discover them when they dine in Japanese restaurants. Wel-Pac is selling edamame in frozen form, ready to boil in salted water to make the snack. Freida's introduced a dry-roasted version called SoyNuts, salted and unsalted.

Also coming: A self-checkout system allows shoppers to scan, bag and pay for their groceries using cash or credit card.

■ A streamlined, touch-screen computer kiosk offers product information and advice, including recipes for ingredients you plan to buy, or which wine to serve with which food.

■ Temperature-sensitive labels attached to refrigerated food packages verify freshness and proper storage. The labels change from off-white to black over time and darken more rapidly at higher temperatures.

■ Popnots! is half-popped popcorn from Foreman Foods. It's crunchier because it has less of the fluffy white part of traditional popcorn. There are four flavors: Original Salted, White Cheddar, Butter and Spicy Cheese. Until distribution is fully established, Popnots! can be ordered from the company's Web site at www.popnots.com.

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DEAR ABBY

Husband working at home pursues extramarital project

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband was downsized from a large company 16 months ago. He collected unemployment for six months, then began a business that he runs from our home.



Van Buren

I have been the sole support of our family during this period. Recently he began taking a class near his former office. His class began in the morning and ended at 2 p.m. When he returned home one evening, I asked him how his day had gone. He stated that he had gone to lunch with a lady from his old office. (She happened to call him last week for someone's phone number and mentioned that "no one ever takes her to lunch.") My husband generously offered because he was going to be in the area the next week. He never mentioned it during the week prior to what I call "his date."

His class needed to work through lunch, so he called her to tell her. She offered to wait for him and have a late lunch when his class was over. He called her on my cell phone before the end of class to say he'd pick her up. This was at 1:30 p.m. He picked her up at his former office, and they drove to an expensive restaurant because "he didn't want to run into any former co-workers from his old company."

As he told me this story, I started to get angry because he had told me the previous day that we could not go out to eat because money was tight. When he saw I was getting angry, he jokingly said he had just made up the story to see my reaction. I decided to check it out by looking for a receipt from the restaurant that he originally stated he had gone to. I found it in his wallet and saw that his first story had been the correct one.

Looking back, I now realize that he cleaned his car — something he never does — in

preparation for this date, borrowed my cell phone to confirm the date, and was unusually concerned about his appearance before going to this class that day. He thinks I'm out of line for being upset that he took this divorced "friend" to lunch. He says I'm jealous.

I feel used and disrespected since he kept the date a secret, picked her up for the lunch and then lied about it. What do you think? — ANGRY WIFE

DEAR WIFE: I think your marriage could use a clean-up job. I smell a rat — and I think it's your husband.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to share with you our son-in-law's clever and distinctive names for me and my husband. He calls us "MIL" (or "Millie") for mother-in-law, and "FIL" for father-in-law. This nicely solves the multiple "Moms" and "Dads" problem when both families gather for parties.

On another note: His parents were already grandparents with their own special names before he and our daughter gave birth to a son.

When our grandson was close to 2, and we despair of ever having a grandparent name, he began calling me "Mum" — his version of our daughter's "Mom" name for me.

Perhaps this will be of help to other families having difficulties with the "name game." — A HAPPY "MIL" IN BONSALE, CALIF.

DEAR HAPPY "MIL": You have an innovative son-in-law. His nicknames for you and your husband are refreshing when one considers what some in-laws are called.

DEAR ABBY:

There are words in English that irk us all.

From me you'll get no quibbling.

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"sibling." — RENEE IN ALABAMA

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Would you believe V-8 with citrus?

By Linda Anderson

OK, I've learned my lessons: (1) You don't always know those you love the most as well as you think you do; and (2) your kids will make a liar out of you every time.

The issues at question here are the various flavors of V8 Splash Citrus Blend juice. My kids have always turned their noses up at anything remotely resembling vegetable juices, and that included tomato juice and V8 (which I, on the other hand, have always loved).

So when Campbell Soup Company, maker of V8 Vegetable Juice Cocktail, introduced a new line of V8 Splash Citrus Blend, I didn't even bother to take a bottle home, thinking that the kids would take one look at it and start gagging (they are so subtle sometimes).

Wrong! In a moment of weakness, I ended up at my favorite supermarket with both of my younger children (and I use the term loosely—both of them are in their upper teens and one is a recent high school graduate). While we were going down the juice aisle, they both spotted the V8 Splash and started asking for me to buy them some.

I was stunned! "But you don't like V8!" I reminded them.

"We don't like V8," they said. "But this isn't V8—look, it's citrus!"

I showed them the label where it said "Beverage of Carrot, Apple and Three Citrus Juices from Concentrate," making sure they saw the part that said "carrot," which, last time I checked, is a vegetable.

Sure, they said, but carrots are sweet. "We want this."

Well, OK. I bought two 16-ounce bottles of V8 Splash and made my children happy.

Each bottle cost 99 cents, which is about twice what a can of soft drink costs. Fortunately, the V8 Splash is more than twice as nutritious as soft drinks, so it works out. According to the label, an 8-ounce serving (each bottle contains two servings) has 120 calories and no fat, plus 100 percent of the daily serving of vitamin A and vitamin C recommended for a healthy diet.

Label advertising says the drink is "Delicious... Refreshing... Nutritious... V8 Splash Citrus Blend combines just enough luscious Grapefruit, Lemon and Lime with sunny sweet Carrot juice to create a thirst quenching beverage that will please everyone in your family."

"A naturally-flavored beverage with Beta Carotene, plus the nutritional goodness of 100 percent Daily Value of vitamins 'A' and 'C.' 'A' is essential for vision and healthy skin and 'C' is needed for healthy bones, gums and teeth."

And there you have it. I gotta tell you, all that citrus juice combined with carrot juice didn't appeal to me at all, but evidently the kids loved it. They both agreed that the juice was tasty and they liked it. And would I please get them some more? Just goes to show you, you never know.

Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram staff writer.

A choice of flavors wrapped in a lighter package is limited only by the cook's imagination



Beggars' Purses with Caviar, tied with chives, offer an interesting take on crepes that will grab a guest's attention. The purses make an elegant appetizer.

Crepe Creativity

By Mary Beth Jung
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Looking for a way to expand your cooking repertoire, have more fun entertaining and perhaps even find a way to bring excitement back to weekday dinners?

Crepes may be a very tasty solution.

For those who need a primer on the subject, a crepe is a very thin, delicate French pancake made of flour, eggs, butter, milk, and sugar if making a dessert crepe. Crepes are cooked in a small skillet (about 7 inches) that has flared sides much like an omelet pan. Crepes traditionally are filled with delicious combinations and served as appetizers, first courses, entrees, side dishes and desserts. Crepes Suzette, a flambeed dessert crepe with an orange sauce, and blintzes, a cheese pillow with a cherry sauce, are probably two of the most classic crepe recipes.

Over the past year, a crepe revival has been heating up, and is due in part to the popularity of "wraps" (tortillas used to encase a variety of savory ingredients). The crepe of the '90s is enhanced with many more vibrant flavors, and the fillings are lighter and quicker to prepare.

According to Lou Seibert Pappas, author of *Crepes* (Chronicle, 1998, \$14.95): "Crepes offer a refreshing change of pace sure to delight everyone who sits down at your table. Crepes are also one of the fastest ideas to consider for quick weekday meals. You can prepare the crepe batter in a blender in a matter of seconds and cook 16 crepes in 16 minutes (once you have the rhythm). The cooked crepes can be used immediately, or stacked, wrapped and chilled or frozen for future use."

Pappas has worked with ricotta cheese as a way to bind fillings made of fresh vegetables and lean meats without having to prepare the "dreaded" white sauce. She also has added fun to the basic crepe batter

through the addition of herbs (fresh or dried), sun-dried tomatoes, blue cornmeal and even garbanzo flour.

Having the right equipment to cook your crepes is important. Although it is not necessary to have a dedicated crepe pan, it sure does make the job easier. What should you look for in a crepe pan?

Christopher Hubbuch, manager of marketing communications for Bemdes Cookware Inc., says it is important to have a perfectly flat bottom pan about 8 inches in diameter with a non-stick coating. Pans without a non-stick finish will require frequent greasing with butter to prevent the crepes from sticking.

The pan should be of a heavy weight for good heat conduction. Lightweight pans are more likely to cook unevenly and cause hot spots and burning. A good handle is important because of the tilting action that is necessary to make a crepe. And as a bonus, a high quality crepe pan can also double as a small skillet to make a grilled cheese sandwich or fry an egg or two.

Making and cooking crepes is easier than it sounds. First, whirl up a batter in the blender or whisk the basic ingredients together in a mixing bowl. Whichever method you use, be careful not to overmix the batter or the crepes will be tough and full of air bubbles. The batter should be of a heavy cream consistency after mixing, free of lumps.

Heat the crepe pan or a 6- to 8-inch skillet over medium heat. Pour the batter into the pan, tilting the pan immediately to allow the batter to run over the entire surface.

Crepes cook quickly. After about 1 minute, check the bottom of the crepe to see if it is lightly browned and speckled. Flip the crepe and cook on the second side about 15 to 30 seconds. Slip the crepe out onto a paper towel-lined plate or a clean tea towel to cool. Continue to cook and stack crepes. Use immediately or wrap and store in the refrigerator for up to 5 days or freeze for up to two months.

Savory Crepes

This basic savory crepe recipe from Lou Seibert Pappas will wrap any appetizer, main dish or vegetable crepe fillings.

See variations below for added interest. Keep a stack on hand in the freezer for quick meals and unexpected guests.

BASIC RECIPE

2 large eggs
1 cup milk
1/3 cup water
1 cup all-purpose flour, preferably bleached
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter, melted, plus 2 or 3 tablespoons butter for coating pan

In blender or food processor, blend eggs, milk, water, flour, salt and 2 tablespoons butter for 5 seconds or until smooth. Stir down and repeat if necessary. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours.

Gently stir batter if it has separated. Heat seasoned crepe pan over medium-high heat until hot.

Coat pan with butter, lift pan from heat and pour 2 or 3 tablespoons of batter for 6- to 7-inch pan or 1/4 cup for 9-

to 10-inch pan, tilting and rotating pan to coat surface. Cook until almost dry on top and lightly browned on edges, about 1 minute.

Loosen edges with metal spatula and flip crepe over using your fingers or spatula, then cook other side for about 15 seconds.

Turn crepe out onto a clean tea towel to cool. Repeat with remaining batter, wiping with butter as needed. Stack crepes as they cool. Makes 16 to 18 (6- to 7-inch) or 10 to 12 (9- to 10-inch) crepes.

Variations:

Herb Crepes: Add 1/4 to 1/2 cup fresh herbs to batter while it is blending.

Sun-Dried Tomato Crepes: Add 1/4 cup oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes to batter while it is blending.

Blue Cornmeal Crepes: Follow recipe for savory crepes, but replace 1 cup all-purpose flour with 2/3 cup all-purpose flour and 2/3 cup blue cornmeal.

Whole Wheat Crepes: Follow savory crepes recipe, but replace 1 cup all-purpose flour with 1 cup whole wheat flour, or 1/2 cup all-purpose flour and 1/2 cup whole wheat flour.

SPINACH BEGGARS' PURSES

2 tablespoons chopped onion
1/2 cup melted butter
1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
1/4 teaspoon red pepper
Salt, to taste
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
Sauté onion in 1 tablespoon melted butter. Add spinach, red pepper, and salt. Remove from heat. Add cream cheese and feta cheese. Fill crepes with spinach mixture. Fold up edges around spinach mixture and pinch to make a purse. Tie with a chive. Serve warm or at room temperature, lightly brushed with butter.

Judge t out part coach's vs. Lub

LUBBOCK (AP) — On Tuesday through a \$30 million civil suit filed against Lubbock by the basketball coach University, her assistant coach.

The suit, filed in federal court, alleges racial bias by the coach against three last November at Wal-Mart. Harbison Lubbock for the game against the coach but the game because of the coach.

U.S. District Judge Cummings left the lawsuit intact. Harbison allegations that she filed against the coach under the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. Cummings said the coach must have evidence from the coach, accusing, and then the coach in this case.

Cummings ruled that Lubbock is immune from claims of sexual harassment and defamation. But the judge said the coach's individual police paramedics suit have no success.

He also dismissed claims that as Vanetta Kelso, Harbison, received medical care at the Medical Center, a third claim.

Ms. Kelso, along with Harbison, Ezell Bibbs, a coach, complained that she was scammed her.

The three, who were cuffed and held for hours, insisted on their innocence. No one filed after a store's security that none of the contact with the coach.

The lawsuit police detained they are black.

The suit alleges police violated constitutional rights of equal protection from unlawful arrests and seizures.

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Judge throws out part of coach's suit vs. Lubbock

LUBBOCK (AP) — A judge on Tuesday threw out part of a \$30 million civil rights lawsuit filed against the city of Lubbock by the women's basketball coach of Hampton University, her husband and an assistant coach.

The suit, filed April 19, alleges racial bias by police in the wrongful arrest of the three last Nov. 16 outside a Wal-Mart. Hampton was in Lubbock for a basketball game against Texas Tech, but the game was canceled because of the incident.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings left much of the lawsuit intact. But he rejected allegations the trio made against the city of Lubbock under the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. Cummings said that, under the act, the plaintiffs must have received services from the entity they are accusing, and that didn't happen in this case.

Cummings ruled the city of Lubbock is immune from the claims of slander, libel, defamation and emotional distress mentioned in the lawsuit. But the judge said individual police officers and paramedics cited in the lawsuit have no such immunity.

He also dismissed two allegations that assistant coach Vanetta Kelso, who was pregnant, received inadequate medical care at University Medical Center, but allowed a third claim to remain.

Ms. Kelso was detained along with head coach Patricia Bibbs and her husband, Ezell Bibbs, after a woman complained that someone had scammed her.

The three, who were handcuffed and held for several hours, insisted upon their innocence. No charges were filed after a review of the store's security tapes showed that none of the three had any contact with the woman.

The lawsuit alleged that police detained them because they are black.

The suit also contends police violated the constitutional rights of due process, equal protection and protection from unreasonable and illegal arrests, searches and seizures.

"National Night Out" Parade

Saturday, July 31, 1999, 9:00 A.M.

Line up Time: 7:30 A.M.

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Parade Entry Deadline: July 26, 1999

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BAMBOO GARDEN, INC., HAS MADE APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT. TO BE LOCATED AT 4400 N. MIDLAND DRIVE, SUITE 100, CITY OF MIDLAND, COUNTY OF MIDLAND. AN WILL OPERATE UNDER THE TRADE NAME OF BAMBOO GARDEN. OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION BEING, PETER C. YEH, PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

NOTICE

Communities in Schools of the Permian Basin, Inc. will receive quotes for student computers addressed to Juanita Silva, Executive Director, 1400 N. FM 1788, Midland, TX 79711 until 2:00 pm, July 15, 1999. Forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915)495-7000 beginning July 7, 1999.

THE PREVIOUSLY Published notice of a public hearing of the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, to be held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 13, 1999, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Great Western Outdoor for a Specific Use Permit with Term for a 5.45-acre tract in the SE/4 of Section 1, Block 39, T-2S, T & P Railroad Company Survey, Midland County, Texas, being more particularly described as changed below HAS BEEN CANCELED AND RESCHEDULED TO 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 27, 1999 at the same location.

FIELD NOTE DESCRIPTION: The survey of a 6.82 Acre (record 5.45 Acre) Tract of land being the Offit Donovan's property out of the SE/4 of Section 1, Block 39, T-2S, T & P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, said 6.82 Acre Tract being described more fully by Metes and Bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a highway concrete monument in the south Right-of-Way Line of Taylor Avenue for the NE corner of said Section 1 bears N. 74° 49' 30" E. 116.12 feet (Rec. 116.60 feet) and S. 15° 06' 00" E. 1,076.80 feet (Rec. 1094.90 feet);

THENCE S. 74° 49' 30" W. 311.1 feet along the south right-of-way of Taylor Avenue to an iron rod for an interior corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 71° 57' 00" W. 713.24 feet (Rec. 713.20 feet) along the south

right-of-way line of Taylor Avenue to an iron rod for the NW corner of this tract, said road is S. 15° 06' 00" E. 71 feet from an iron rod in fence line;

THENCE S. 15° 06' 30" E. 687.50 feet (Rec. 687.55 feet) to an iron rod located in the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20 to the SW corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 69° 37' 30" E. 143.90 feet, along and with the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20, to a Highway concrete monument.

THENCE N. 60° 26' 30" E. 718 feet, along and with the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20 to a Highway concrete monument for a corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 18° 23' 00" E. 126.35 feet, along and with the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20 to the Place of Beginning.

(Generally located near the northwest corner Interstate 20 and Fairgrounds Road.) The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 665-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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NOTICE OF Scheduled Entry Into Fields. Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code Ann., Section 74.117 (Vernon Supp. 1999). Cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, and portions of Borden and Midland Counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning July 14, 1999. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during late season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-687-1212.

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 2000 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Midland-Odessa Region (MOPR), in cooperation with Ector and Midland Counties, the Cities of Midland and Odessa and the Texas Department of Transportation, has developed the draft 2000 Unified Planning Work Program. The draft UPWP presents the planning tasks/sub-tasks proposed for the Midland-Odessa Urbanized Area and the funding available for the local transportation planning process for Fiscal Year 2000.

This draft document will be

available for public review beginning Thursday, July 1, 1999 during normal business hours at the following locations:

The Ector County Library
321 West 5th Street
Odessa

The Midland County Library
301 West Missouri
Midland

The Texas Department of Transportation
3901 E. Highway 80
Odessa

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
2910 LaForce Boulevard
Midland International Airport

Comments concerning the draft 2000 Unified Planning Work Program may be submitted to Mr. Ernie Crawford, Executive Director, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 60660, Midland, Texas 79711-0660 (Fax 915/563-1728 or e-mail to pbprc@basinlink.com). All comments must be received at the PBPRC offices no later than 5:00 pm, Wednesday, July 14, 1999. For additional information, interested persons should contact Gary Law at 915/498-4712 or Jerry Tschauer at 915/563-1061.

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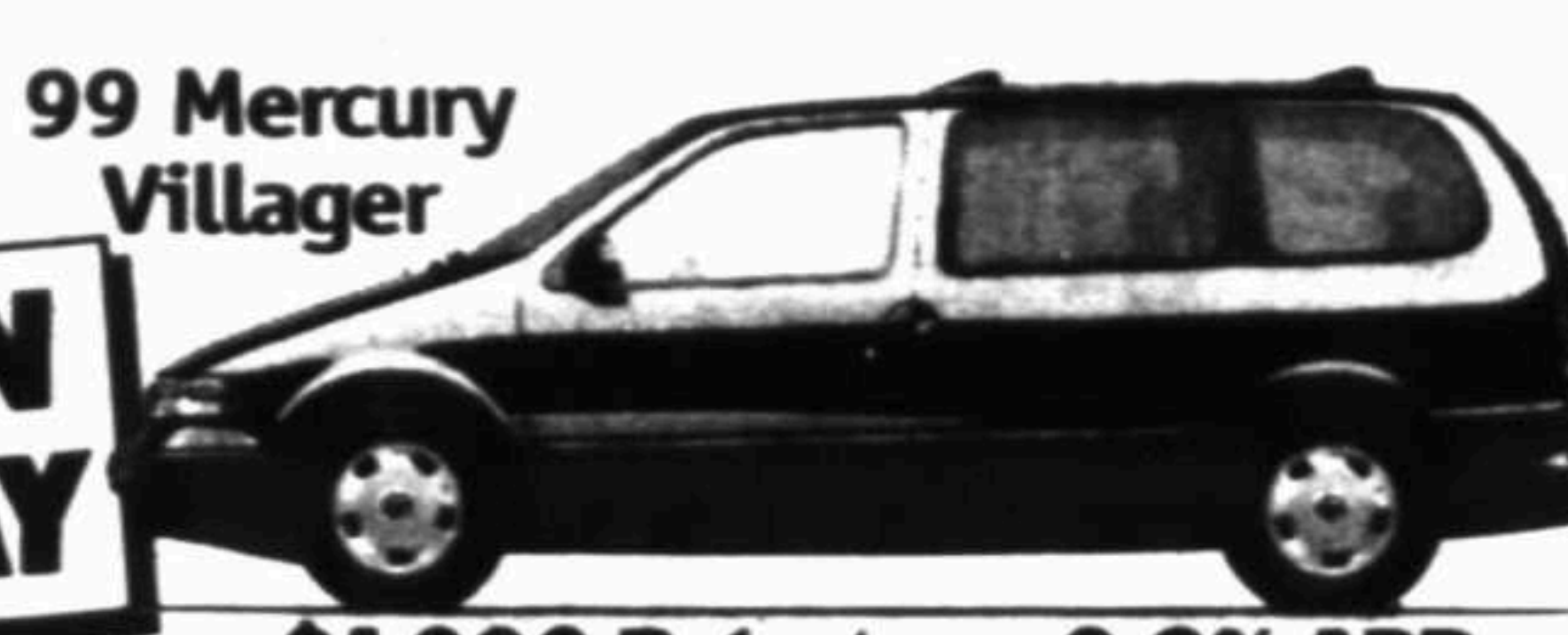
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311 Medical Help Wanted

Looking For Team Players
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DIVISION ORDER
Analyst. Five years experience must be experienced in all phases of Division Orders, Assignments, Oil & Gas Leases. Salary - DOE. Mail or fax resume: Audrey C. Stephens, 110 N. Marfield, Suite 200, Midland, Texas 79701-4412. Attn: Land Department, Fax No. 687-2521.

310 General Help Wanted

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PARTNER NEEDED: Single Mom needs help with general maintenance in exchange for living expenses. Auto/body remodeling experience preferred. 682-6876.

PERSON WANTED to do

yardwork in exchange for apartment, utilities, phone. Retired-older. OK. 694-0254.

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Assistant Support Counselor (primary function - driver). Position effective of July 26, 1999. Salary \$1,360/month. May assist in presenting classes and maintain a small client caseload. Must have high school diploma and good driving record. Knowledge of alcohol/drug abuse field helpful. Apply Midland Court Residential Treatment Center, 215 W. Industrial Ave., Midland, TX, between 8AM-5PM, Monday-Friday. Cutoff 4PM, July 13, 1999.

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NEW TODAY

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Analyst. Five years experience must be experienced in all phases of Division Orders, Assignments, Oil & Gas Leases. Salary - DOE. Mail or fax resume: Audrey C. Stephens, 110 N. Marfield, Suite 200, Midland, Texas 79701-4412. Attn: Land Department, Fax No. 687-2521.

310 General Help Wanted

NEW TODAY
Midland ISD is accepting applications for the position of
SCHOOL BUS DRIVER
Other things being equal, preference will be given to applicants possessing the following qualifications:
• Able to pass a physical exam to determine fitness to drive a bus as required by state law.
• Have a commercial Drivers License, Class B or higher, with air brakes and passenger endorsement.
• Able to read and write English.
• Able to work effectively with people.
• Willingness to assume responsibility for the care of the bus and related equipment.
• Reliable work history.
• MISD is an equal opportunity employer.
• MISD requires Criminal History and Reference Checks be run for all potential employees.
• Complete job description available upon request.
Interest in this position may be expressed by submitting an application for the position to the Office of Auxiliary Personnel, 615 W. Missouri, Suite 201, Midland, TX 79701.

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Foster Parents
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Work together side-by-side parenting 4-6 youth while also raising your own family of up to 2 dependent children. NO EXPERIENCE or COLLEGE DEGREE required. We WILL TRAIN you in proven child-care techniques. We will:
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311 Medical Help Wanted
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312 Professional Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED CPA for successful Arlington CPA Firm. Must have public accounting practice experience. Excellent pay and benefits. Fax resume and salary requirements to: 817-274-4452.

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LEASE/ DIVISION Order

Analyst- Independent oil and gas producer seeking a lease/division order analyst with a minimum of 5 years experience. Position will include and secretary duties for the land manager as well as preparation and maintenance of division orders and records and files. Will require computer knowledge of MicroSoft Office including WordPro and Excel, as well as the ability to input and maintain land records in PetroWare, the mainframe system. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Benefit package applies. Please send resume, salary requirements and references to: Box P-6192, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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- 603 Roommates Wanted
- 604 Want to Rent
- 605 Apts. Furnished
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- 625 Houses Unfurnished
- 630 Houses Furnished
- 635 Condo/Townhome Furnished
- 640 Condo/Townhome Unfurnished
- 650 Mobile Furnished
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- 665 Business Office Property for Rent
- 667 Comm'l Prop
- 670 Warehouse/Storage
- 675 Misc. Reason
- 680 Out of Town
- 685 Hunting Leases
- 690 Oil/Gas Leases
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410 Miscellaneous Sales

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EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, mowers, washers, dryers, refrigerators/ stoves, antiques, dining, furniture, BBQ grill, golf cart. 570-4851.

LARGE METAL office desk, asking \$58. Please call 699-8646.

HOT Spring Spa- Classic Style. Excellent condition. New- \$60. Asking- \$3,280. firm. Includes transportation and setup. 520-4845/ 689-6341.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

***CRUISE COLECTIBLES & MORE**

12700 West I-20 East Odessa, 915-563-1482. Texaco collectibles, Nascar, NHRA jackets, T-shirts, clocks, Furby's Barbie's, NFR shirts- jackets and much, much more. North Service Road on Interstate 20 next to Quality Truck Tires.

NEW TODAY

GENERATOR SETS: Sale 4,000- 6,800 watt. Pent- 20 KW- 1,750 Kw. Call 520-0789, pager 495-7578.

EUREKA UPRIGHT 12 amp vacuum cleaner- \$50. Exercise bike- \$70. Call 694-9877.

GO CART: Two seater, 5 HP Briggs & Stratton- \$650. Please call 694-4122.

BARNSWICK POOL table. Balls, rack, and sticks. \$500. Can seen at 3300 Whitney. 685-0502

410 Miscellaneous Sales

PEPSI Machine, \$500. McClain Reel mower, \$175. Excellent condition, o. b. o. Please call 570-0518.

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17' FORD Wheels and tires. Also Chevrolet wheels. Golf cart with charger. \$595. 694-8666.

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420 Good Things To Eat

PERMIAN BASIN Farmers Market tickets or other air line mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039

430 Household Goods

MCCLAIN REEL mower, 3HP Briggs, 10 blade reel. Like new. \$275. Call 689-3860, leave message.

FOR SALE: 4- 1959 Singer sewing machines, model #188K, commercial machines with table. Contact 685-1542.

430 Household Furniture

LAZY BOY Sofa, love seat and chair in earth tones, \$1,000. Sofa, chair, and table, coffee table and sofa table in country blue, \$800. Call 682-7950.

432 Household Furniture

BUNK BEDS. Black metal frame. Excellent condition. Bedding included. \$200 firm. 520-2734.

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NEW TODAY

BUNK BED or Twin beds. 3 drawer desk with chair, book shelves and chest of drawers. Great condition. 694-0790.

RED METAL bunkbed, double on bottom, single on top, no bedding. \$100. Call 694-4484.

NEW TODAY

ENTERTAINMENT Center, \$75. Desk, \$75. Both excellent condition. Great for home or college. 683-7969 after 1pm

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EXCELLENT- ANTIQUE Table- six chairs- buffet- \$625. Antique iron bed frame- \$125. 697-7175, 683-7728.

DANISH TEAKWOOD dining table, 47 round, (2) 20" leaves, 6 chairs, \$300. 683-0873.

SOFA, TRADITIONAL blue floral, very good condition. \$300. Call 694-5222.

NEW TODAY

BLACK TWIN bunk beds, like new. \$250. Cherry wood computer desk, \$225. 522-5285.

435 Household Appliances

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435 Household Appliances

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WE'VE MOVED!!! Please come see us at our new location. Anna Marie's Gifts, 3312 W. Illinois (across from Dunlap's) 522-2229.

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475 Crafts & Supplies

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490 Computers/ Accessories

XEROX DOCPRINT P8 laser printer with printer cable- \$200. Canon BJC- 610 color bubble jet printer with printer cable- \$100. External SysQuest EZ drive with 6 135 MB cartridges- \$50. 915-520-2063.

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 Thrustworthy, happy-go-lucky Hispanic male, 37, 6', 250lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, then dancing, fishing, dancing and movies. He seeks a good-natured, humorous single Hispanic female, under 38. Ad# 8502

THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
 Educated Single Hispanic male, 45, 5'7", average weight, a non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys watching, swimming, park walks and trips out of town. He would like to meet a single female, 28-48, to enjoy life to the fullest. Ad# 8573

HONESTY IS THE KEY
 Humorous single white male, 21, 6', 200lbs., with blond hair, blue eyes and glasses, enjoys the outdoors, movies, bowling, country music and he seeks a humorous single white female, 18-26, who enjoys life. Ad# 2699

THAT TIT CALL
 He's looking for a sports-minded, fun-loving single white female, 20-30, with an appreciation of life. She should love outdoor activities and is looking for a special, handsome single white male, 29. Ad# 3411

MAKE IT WORK
 Fit, outgoing single Hispanic male, 35, with brown hair/eyes, is looking for a single black female under 40. Ad# 6735

HEART OF GOLD
 Single white professional male, 28, 5'10", 180lbs. with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys cycling, tennis, sports, outdoor activities and more, is seeking a single white female, 24-38, for companionship. Ad# 8555

ALL THAT & MORE
 Outgoing single white male, 26, 5'7", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys playing video, bowling, dancing and sports, is looking to meet an understanding, spontaneous single white female. Ad# 3048

COUNTRY LIVING
 Friendly single white male, 18, 6'4", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys country music, horseback riding and building models, is seeking an understanding single white female, under 21. Ad# 8582

GREAT PERSONALITY
 Outgoing single white male, 18, 6'4", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys rodeo, building models and spending time with friends, is looking for a kind-hearted single white female, under 21. Ad# 8536

RESCUE ME
 Hardworking single Hispanic male, 31, 5'8", 270lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, is seeking a loving, sincere single Hispanic female, 23-33, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 7453

IT COULD HAPPEN
 Fun-loving single Hispanic male, 26, 5'7", who enjoys martial arts, bodybuilding, clubbing and sports, is seeking a fit, pretty single female. Ad# 1585

WALK WITH ME
 Refined single white male, 74, 6'1", 180lbs., with gray hair and brown eyes, who enjoys dancing, listening to music, traveling and more, seeks a single white female, 60-70. Ad# 1772

ON A GOOD NOTE
 Last-back, straightforward single white male, 25, 5'11", 190lbs., with sandy blond hair, who enjoys four-wheeling, hunting, fishing, golf and more, is seeking a single female, 20-35. Ad# 2945

TOGETHERNESS
 Single Hispanic male, 23, 5'8", 140lbs., with light brown hair, who enjoys martial art, would like to meet a funny, outgoing, active single female. Ad# 8508

APPRECIATES HONESTY
 Shy, last-back single white male, 27, 6'7", 270lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys playing tennis, golf, camping, fishing and hunting, seeks an honest, trustworthy single white female. 22-32. Ad# 1480

CONVERSATION & MORE
 Funny, charming single white male, 35, 5'8", 120lbs. with brown hair and green eyes, enjoys sports, roller skating and outdoor activities. He's looking for a sincere, charming single white female, 30-39. Ad# 8630

WALK WITH ME
 Single white male, 19, 6'3", 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys rodeo, reading the Bible and going to church. He's looking for an outgoing single white female, 18-25, who enjoys movies and horseback riding. Ad# 8525

KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS
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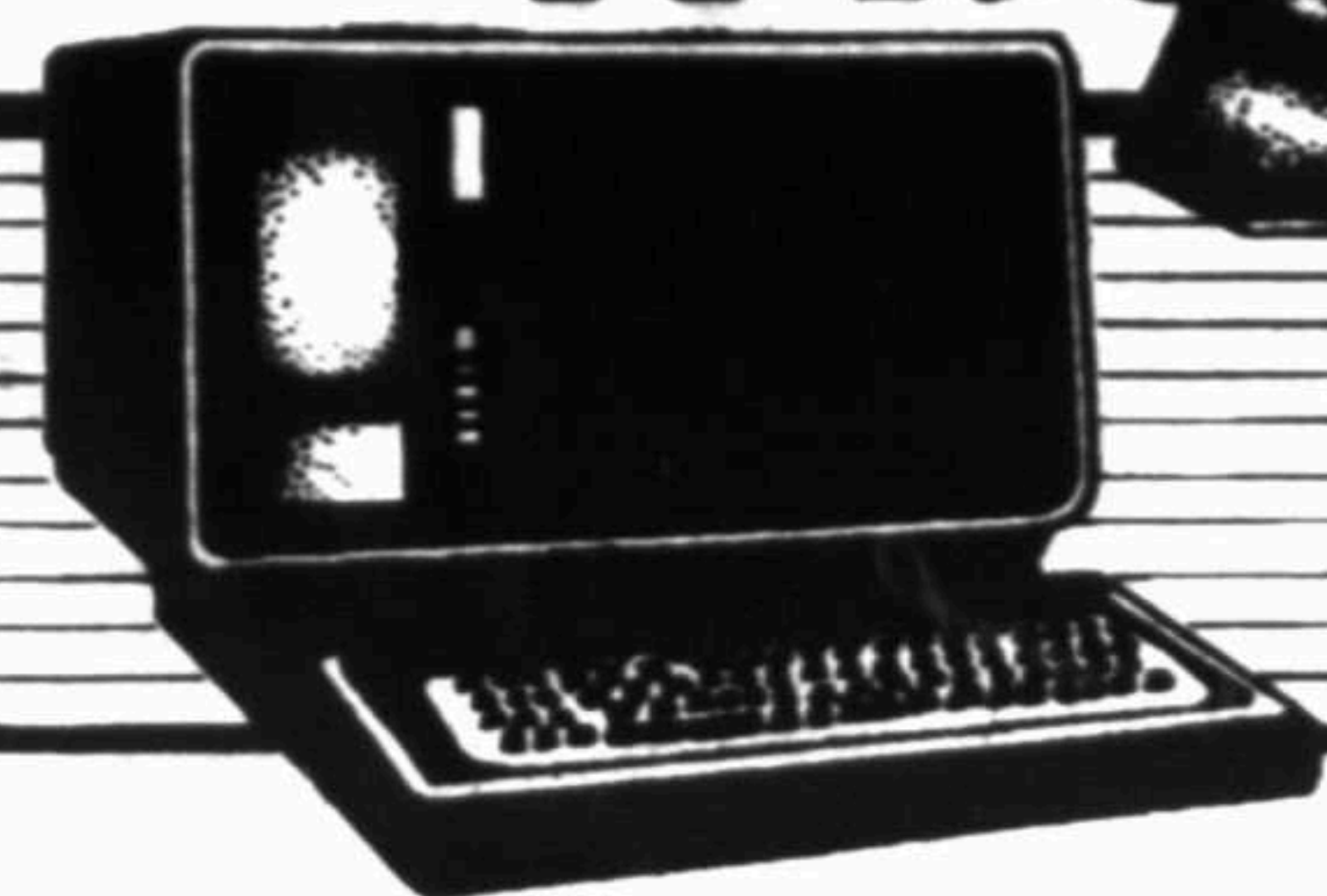
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