



MONDAY MORNING

In exchange

As 16 foreign-exchange students prepare to leave for their homelands, they recall their time in West Texas./1B



SPORTS

Fotbol finale

It was so hot the uninitiated at the third annual futbol festival may have thought Cinco de Mayo was Spanish for heat wave./1C

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Israeli, PLO talks

Israeli and Palestinian teams begin talks to try to resolve issues that have bedeviled peace talks for nearly five years, including Jewish settlements and the future of the holy city of Jerusalem. The questions to be settled have been fought over since Israel was established in 1948 and hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fled or were driven from their land to become refugees./3A

Clinton for sale

Would you spend \$76,000 to play golf with the president of the United States? Somebody did, at a benefit auction for the school that first daughter Chelsea Clinton attends. President Clinton downplayed the issue at a White House correspondents' dinner — "Brought in a few dollars," he said — and feigned disappointment that the golf game did not rake in more./6A

Potency pill

WASHINGTON — A pill that restores full function to impotent men is now in the final phases of clinical testing and could be offered for U.S. marketing late next year, a British scientist says./7A

Marine suspect

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Five years after a 15-year-old girl and her 20-year-old friend were raped and stabbed to death, raw nerves remain in this Mojave desert military town. There's been no trial yet for the Marine who was charged. That, compared to the comparatively swift response by the U.S. military to a rape overseas in Okinawa, disturbs some townspeople and the mother of the slain teen-ager./6A

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Major crimes down fourth straight year

■ Experts warn that new figures, while heartening, mask continued rapid rise in violence among young people.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Violent crime dropped 4 percent last year as overall serious offenses reported to police declined for the fourth straight year. But one expert said a slight increase in larceny foreshadows a surge in youth crime.

Reporting Sunday on preliminary data for 1995, the FBI said the overall total for seven major crimes was

down 2 percent from 1994. Overall reported crime was down in every region, led by a 4 percent decline in the Northeast.

Scholars, law enforcement officers and Democratic and Republican members of Congress hailed the data but unanimously warned that the large national trends mask an alarming rise in teen-age violence. "We shouldn't be lulled into a

false sense of security," said Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., chairman of the House crime subcommittee.

Attorney General Janet Reno pledged to "continue to put more cops on the beat, get guns off the street and put violent criminals behind bars."

In cities of more than 1 million residents, overall reported crime fell by 6 percent. Suburban counties and most mid-sized cities also reported declines, but rural counties showed a 3 percent increase.

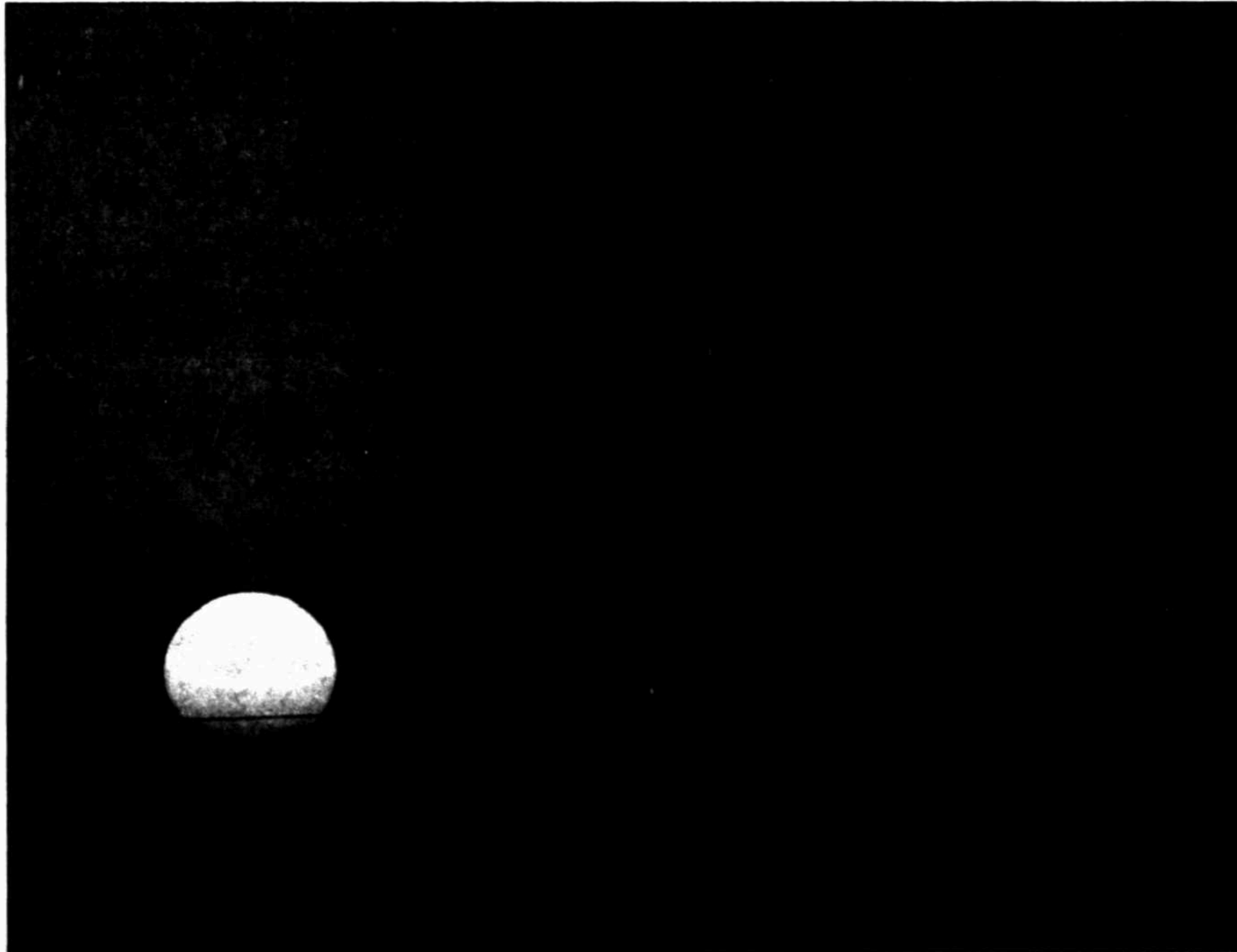
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Monrovia burns

Thousands of Liberian refugees stand on the deck of a freighter, waving farewell as the ship departs the burning capital./3A



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Picture-perfect

Sunrises over Midland and the Permian Basin have been spectacular recently.

Girl, 7, hit by car during downtown walk-a-thon, dies

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff writer

A Midland girl died Sunday in a Midland hospital from injuries suffered when she was struck by a car during a walk for charity a week ago.

Kassandra Crites, 7, was pronounced dead at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

She suffered severe head injuries with a broken shoulder blade and broken leg during the walk for Multiple Sclerosis on April 27.

She was riding her bicycle northbound on J Street when she entered the intersection at Wall Street, police said.

The vehicle, driven by William Smith, 71, was eastbound in the inside lane of Wall Street when he struck the girl, reports indicated.

A volunteer with the walk-a-thon said people were yelling to the girl to stop and get out of the intersection just before the accident occurred.

In the six years of the fund-raiser, this walk route was considered the safest, an organizer said.

The five-mile walk started at 9 a.m. at the Midland Center at the corner of Wall and Main streets and circled downtown. This was the first year organizers didn't use barricades to block streets.

Organizers have said they talked to city officials when planning the walk and because of the safety of the route were advised that the use of barricades was not needed.

Police have indicated a walk at that time of morning in that part of town would mean barricading off most of downtown for three hours.

Walk officials said they believed every

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Dole's first foe: tattered GOP image

By John King
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As Bob Dole deals with complaints from fellow Republicans that he is doing a poor job framing a campaign against President Clinton, he must endeavor to repair what many aides consider a bigger immediate problem: the tattered image of his own party.

While the Republican Party's woes have been clearly detailed in public opinion research dating back to last year's budget fights, many top Dole and GOP strategists were stunned at the depth of the dissatisfaction discovered at more than a dozen recent focus groups commissioned by the Repu-

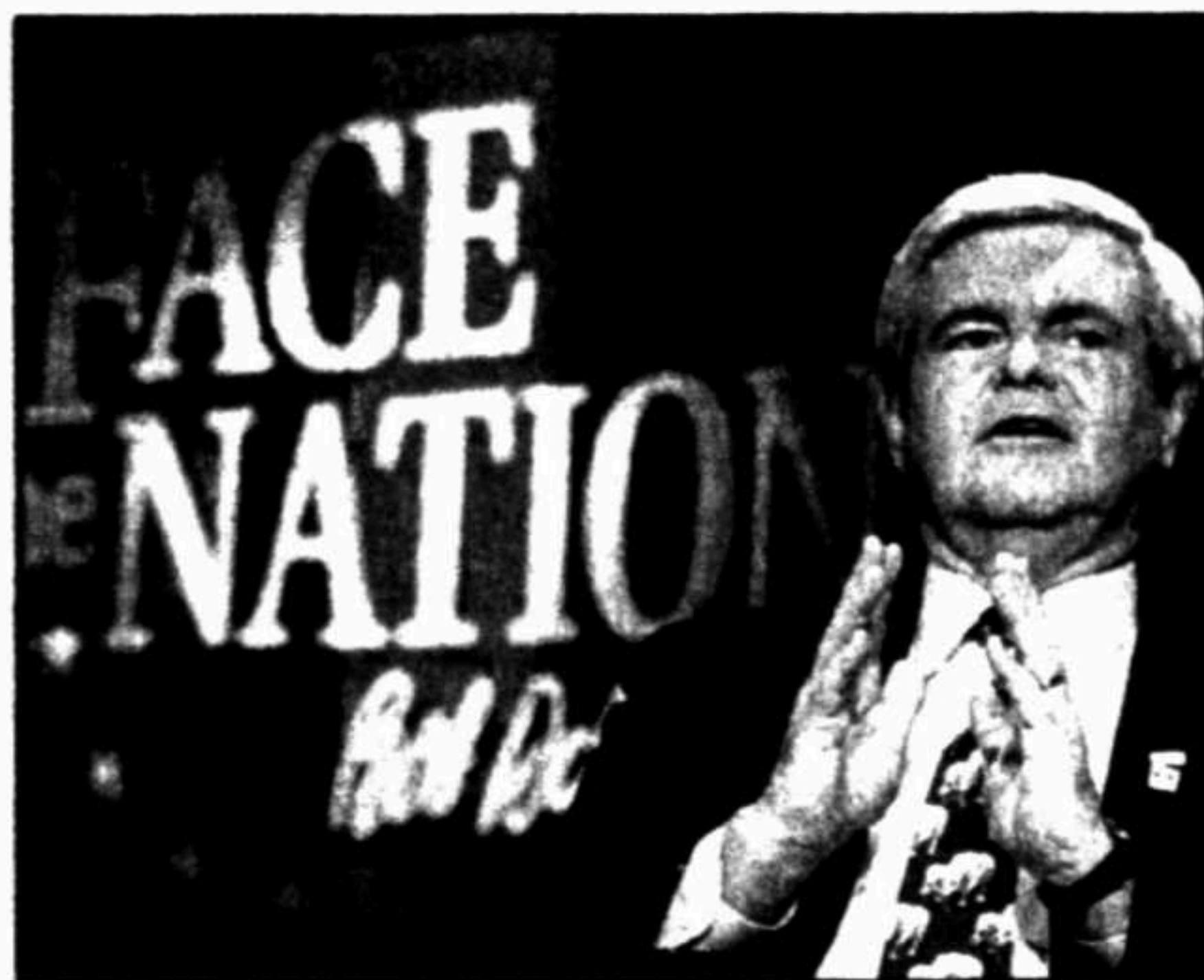
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can National Committee.

Anxious to help Dole — and congressional Republicans — develop an aggressive election-year agenda, the party research included sessions with an array of critical constituencies, from Ross Perot voters, Roman Catholics and suburban women to Democrats who said their support for Clinton was weak and Republicans who defected to support Clinton against George Bush four years ago.

The findings suggested that, despite his 20-point lead in national polls, there is consid-

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Newt Gingrich returned from his self-imposed exile from TV interviews Sunday and showed that his aim for the political jugular is as sure as always, accusing President Clinton of taking an extremist position on abortion, making false statements about GOP Medicare plans.

AP Laserphoto

Can Big Spring friendship survive winning lottery ticket? Fat chance

HOUSTON (AP) — Lottery tickets and friendship don't mix. That's been proven by a waitress at a West Texas restaurant and a regular customer of hers. Waitress Carol Rains of Big Spring had a Lotto Texas ticket that won \$12.9 million last year. R.C. Mills said he bought the ticket for her and wanted half of the money.

Now, the two aren't speaking to each other.

Their relationship began eight years ago at Herman's Restaurant in Big Spring. Mills, a retired Fina Oil worker, was sit-



ting at his usual table on the afternoon Ms. Rains began waiting tables there. They hit it off right away because both lived in Coahoma, a small town about 10 miles east of Big Spring, and had grandsons who were best friends.

They chatted at the restaurant and visited each other's homes. Mills fed Ms. Rains' dogs when she was out of town. When Mills was hospitalized with a stroke, she stopped by almost daily.

After Ms. Rains' husband was sent to prison, she was strapped

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Teen who insists she didn't intend to fatally poison father stands trial

By Mike Cochran
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A teen-age girl whom prosecutors say committed "the perfect crime" insists she did not intend to fatally poison her father, only to sicken him.

A daughter of divorced parents, Marie Robards, 19, said she loved her father "very, very much" but desperately wanted to live with her mother.

"I never thought anything through," she told a reporter on the eve of her murder trial for

the 1993 slaying of Steven Robards, 38, a postal worker.

"I didn't realize what I was doing," she said.

Her father, although "manic-depressive," was kind and loving and never abused her, she insisted.

Prosecutor Mitch Poe dismissed the teen-ager's story as illogical, pointing out that she could have told emergency medical personnel about the poison the night she fed it to him. She didn't.

"In my opinion, she gave him

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WEATHER WATCH

Skies might cloud a mid-90s day

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for a mostly cloudy skies in the morning turning partly cloudy by afternoon with a high in the mid-90s and south winds 10-20 mph, according to a forecaster at the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight looks to be fair with mostly cloudy skies and a low in the mid-60s. Tuesday should be mostly cloudy in the morning turning partly cloudy by afternoon and a high in the mid-90s.

After a high of 99, compared to the record high for the date of 103 in 1947, temperatures dipped down to only 62. The record low for the date was 37 set in 1935.

STATE

Thunderstorms rumbled Sunday across West Texas near a cool front that stretched from Wichita Falls in the north to near Abilene to Wink.

Skies were mostly cloudy statewide, temperatures were warm and winds ahead of the front were southerly at 15 to 25 mph. Winds behind the front were northerly at 15 to 25 mph.

Temperatures across the state at 3 p.m. ranged from 63 degrees at Borger to 98 degrees at Wink.

The North Texas forecast is for today to be partly cloudy, windy and warm with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the north and east. Highs will be 85 to 90. Tonight will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the east. Lows will be 66 to 70 degrees.

South Texas is to be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers in the east. Temperatures today will range from the 90s over the Rio Grande plains to the upper 70s along the upper coast. Lows near 70.

Forecasters said West Texas will be fair to partly cloudy through Tuesday with highs in the 80s and 90s, but readings of 100 to 105 along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande. Lows in the 50s and 60s.

NATION

Thunderstorms were scattered across the Midwest from the Mississippi Valley to the Appalachians on Sunday, while the northern Rockies had temperatures dipping to record lows.

One group of severe thunderstorms moved across eastern Kansas and southern Missouri with hail and strong wind.

During the late morning, a tornado warning was posted for parts of southwestern Missouri. And wind gusts to 91 mph at Fort Leonard Wood, in the south-central part of the state.

Farther east, another cluster of thunderstorms dropped hail up to three-quarters of an inch in diameter around the area of Newtown, Ill. By afternoon, these storms had moved eastward to the area of Indianapolis.

Elsewhere, scattered thundershowers developed across southern Ohio and West Virginia.

Late Saturday, stronger thunderstorms had poured up to 3 inches of rain on southern Ohio, and a flood watch remained in effect Sunday. About 25 families were evacuated in Meigs County because of a threat of flash floods, but most had been allowed to return to their homes Sunday.

To the north of the storm belt, showers were scattered across the Great Lakes, with a possibility of rain mixing with snow in parts of northern Michigan.

In the West, cold air pushing southward across the northern Rockies dropped temperatures to record lows in Montana, including 20 at Helena, 22 at Missoula and 18 at Butte.

In the desert Southwest, however, temperatures rose through the 90s. Sunday's temperatures around the Lower 48 states ranged from a morning low of 11 in Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., to an early afternoon reading of 90 at Gila Bend, Ariz., and Palm Springs, Calif.

Also see our expanded area weather report and map, 4B

New Mexico evacuates 2,000 as fire spreads out of control

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — A forest fire in northern New Mexico burned out of control Sunday, forcing 2,000 residents to evacuate and later engulfing several homes. No injuries were reported.

The blaze erupted about 1:30 p.m. and had burned 4,000 acres of the Carson National Forest. The fire was ignited by burning trash, a U.S. Forest Service dispatcher said.

The Forest Service ordered 2,000 residents in the communities of Red River, La Loma and Questa to evacuate. The fire later engulfed a half dozen homes in La Loma, an unincorporated community of 75 about 20 miles north of Taos.

Firefighters battled the blaze from the air because it was moving too quickly for ground crews. "We're packing like crazy," said Questa resident Karyl Kuykendall. "It looked like the entire community of La Loma was engulfed in flames."

Firefighters also worked Sunday to contain a forest fire that briefly forced the evacuation of a dozen homes in northern Arizona.

No homes were damaged but some fences and yards were burned, said Sonya Tena, a spokeswoman for the Coconino National Forest.

The 300-acre "Side" fire started Saturday in ponderosa pines on the northeastern outskirts of Flagstaff.

By Sunday, the fire was 30 percent contained by fire lines, made

by scraping away flammable vegetation with bulldozers and hand tools.

Although the fire was relatively small, "we were aggressive because it was threatening homes and it was very close to town," Tena said.

The blaze also forced officials to reroute traffic on nearby U.S. 89 to a 20-mile detour. U.S. 89 is a major north-south route for traffic to the Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

In east-central Arizona, meanwhile, a fire that charred 61,000 acres of forest and desert brush in the Tonto National Forest was contained late Saturday.

In southeastern Arizona, reduced wind allowed firefighters to complete containment lines around 85 percent of a 6,000-acre blaze on heavily timbered Mount Graham, home of an endangered species of squirrel and an astronomical observatory complex, officials said Sunday.

Elsewhere in the Southwest, Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico was reopened for tourists after crews contained the 16,680-acre "Dome" fire in and around the Santa Fe National Forest. The fire burned about 4,000 acres in the monument and got to within about two miles of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, an active nuclear weapons laboratory where the first atomic bomb was created in 1945.

GIRL: 7-year-old dies from her injuries

(From 1A)

precaution available was taken to ensure the safety of the walkers in the event. Kassandra's parents also were walking in the event.

Police officials said they thought the intersection would have been one of the safer along the route, expecting more problems on Big Spring Street.

The March of Dimes annual WalkAmerica set for May 18 has a preliminary route of going down Big Spring Street.

However, walk organizers said they are reconsidering their route because of construction on Big Spring Street and the accident that resulted in the child's death.

The Traffic Reconstruction team of the Midland Police Department are investigating the accident.

Ellis Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements for Kassandra.

CRIMES: Some experts say cause of dropoff unclear

(From 1A)

Among violent crimes, murder dropped the most — 8 percent. Robbery was down 7 percent; rape 6 percent and aggravated assault 3 percent.

Total property crimes dropped 1 percent, with auto theft down by 6 percent and burglary 5 percent.

The only increase was in larceny-theft — up 1 percent.

"This is the first glimmer of the impact of the next generation," said Professor Alfred Blumstein of Carnegie-Mellon University, "because larceny — such as bicycle theft, stealing auto parts and shoplifting — is the crime with the youngest criminals. The peak age for larcenists is 15 or 16." Most burglars and robbers are older.

"In the other crimes, what's going on among teen-agers is being swamped by much larger numbers of older folks who are growing out of the high crime ages and giving up crime," Blumstein added.

James Alan Fox, dean of criminal justice at Northeastern University, explained that "this calm before the crime storm won't last much longer."

The murder rate for teen-agers

grew by 22 percent between 1990-94, Fox said. "Over the next 10 years, the teen population will expand by 17 percent, because there are now 39 million children under age 10, more than we've had since the 1950s when the Baby Boomers were in grade school."

In addition to citing the aging of Baby Boomers, experts and officials attributed the four-year crime decline to closer police work with citizens, longer prison sentences for violent criminals, crack-downs on illegal guns, declining unemployment and rising public intolerance for crime.

"For five straight years before I took office, violent crime increased in America," President Clinton said. "Our tough and smart decisions to put more cops on the street and get kids, guns and drugs off the street ... are now beginning to reverse the trend."

Crime subcommittee chairman McCollum said a major reason is "because we've put deterrence back into criminal justice again. States are forcing more violent criminals to serve longer sentences." He said Republicans in Congress just won increased federal prison-building aid for states that require or move toward

requiring violent felons to serve 85 percent of their sentences.

"Bill McCollum only has half the picture," said Rep. Charles Schumer of New York, ranking Democrat on the crime subcommittee. "We are getting deterrence back, but you have to have both deterrence and prevention. We've got to get guns out of the hands of kids and give them constructive places to go."

Northeastern's Fox said, "Teens are not deterred by increased incarceration; they usually aren't locked up and most don't think they will be." He suggested increased after-school programs because "the prime time for juvenile crime is after school — 40 percent occurs between 3 and 8 p.m."

While acknowledging national trends in aging and unemployment, Police Chief Darrell W. Stephens of St. Petersburg, Fla., said chiefs around the country also see improvements in specific neighborhoods where their officers have adopted "community policing that builds a partnership with citizens."

Overall crime in St. Petersburg is "26 percent below what we had in 1989," said Stephens, who headed during 1986-92 the Police Exec-

utive Research Forum, an organization of chiefs who encourage new techniques.

In neighborhoods with drug dealing, St. Petersburg has "citizens supported by police on the street night after night confronting the dealers and telling them to move on," Stephens said, citing a technique borrowed from Philadelphia.

"We close rental properties for up to a year if they are used as a crack or drug house," Stephens said. Using an idea from Portland, Ore., St. Petersburg police "help landlords set up systems to screen and monitor tenants and train community residents to train other landlords."

Other results:

■ Arson declined 5 percent but isn't in the totals because only some cities keep data.

■ Overall crime dropped 2 percent in the Midwest and 1 percent in the South and West.

The complete preliminary crime report is available on the FBI's World Wide Web site at <http://www.fbi.gov>.

IMAGE: Findings detail toll debate took on GOP

(From 1A)

erable discomfort with Clinton among swing voters who question the Democratic incumbent's honesty, commitment to principle and leadership skills. But the findings also detailed the toll last year's congressional debate took on the Republican Party's image, on issues from protecting Medicare and the environment, and the price Dole, the Senate majority leader, is paying for the GOP's poor standing.

"There is a huge anti-Washington feeling across all groups and geographical lines," said a senior Dole adviser who reviewed the focus group reports late last week. "And a huge feeling that Newt Gingrich is the king of Washington. Dole personally rates better but is wearing the label of Republican Congress extremism around his neck right now."

Dole himself has been careful not to blame Gingrich and his conservative House Republican caucus for his own plight in the polls. But many allies are less reluctant to hide their dismay, particularly at the House GOP insistence on shutting down the government last year as part of the budget standoff.

"It is the fruit of the excesses of the revolution," said Arizona GOP Sen. John McCain.

"There is no question the image of the par-

ty needs some repairing, especially with swing voters," said GOP pollster Ed Goetz. "We do have to question our strategy of labeling this a Republican revolution. It put our opponents in a position to label us as radicals."

Indeed, at one of the Republican Party focus groups in Knoxville, Tenn., one man made clear he was not a fan of Clinton. But when talk turned to the Republicans, he summed up his feelings this way: "Gingrich ought to be shot."

In group after group, words like "extreme," "radical" and "gone too far" were used to describe the GOP Congress.

Gingrich, concerned that he has become a political problem for Dole and the entire Republican Party, is focusing more on fundraising these days and more carefully picking times to appear as a Republican spokesman. Just Sunday, he appeared on a live news show for the first time in months.

The troubling data from the focus groups also has had other ramifications.

The Republican National Committee plans a major television advertising effort at mid-month, and had planned to assail Clinton as a liberal hiding behind conservative rhetoric on such issues as taxes, welfare reform and crime.

But, after reviewing the data, top GOP strategists decided the urgent task was boosting the Republican Party's standing. So new ads were ordered, focusing less on Clinton and more on promoting GOP values.

The data also are being used as fresh evidence by those in the party, and within the Dole campaign, who believe it is essential for Dole to surrender day-to-day management of the Senate so that he can spend more time focusing on Clinton — and broader themes to help the GOP improve its image.

Several Senate colleagues have made this case to Dole in recent days, as have some top campaign aides and GOP Chairman Haley Barbour, according to Senate Republican sources. Gingrich said Sunday that Dole should turn over more authority to the GOP whip, Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi.

Dole has at times indicated he will step back, but at other times has resisted doing so. In the next week, he will take the lead on two issues Republicans believe offer him a chance to use his Senate perch to his advantage: an effort to repeal the 1993 gas tax increase and to pass a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget.

TICKET: Friendship caves in over \$12.9 million

(From 1A)

for cash. Mills started buying lottery tickets for her.

"Whenever I'd get one for myself, I'd buy another for Carol and drop it off for her up at Herman's," he told the Houston Chronicle. "She'd keep one and I'd keep the other and we'd split the winnings if they amounted to anything, or just buy more tickets with them if they were small."

Last May, as the Lotto Texas jackpot grew to \$55 million, Mills decided to buy four tickets. He gave two to Ms. Rains and kept the others.

"I said I'd get two more on the way home," he said.

The next day, Mills said he gave Ms. Rains one of the tickets and they discussed the numbers, 1-18-21-29-38-50.

The ticket won. It was one of four that would claim a portion of the jackpot. The conversation between Mills and Ms. Rains the following

day was oddly strained.

"She said, 'That's not the ticket you bought, R.C. My daughter bought it,'" Mills said.

He went to her house and her daughter told him Ms. Rains went to Austin to pick up the money.

Ms. Rains declined to be interviewed, but her relatives accused Mills of using profanities after her refusal to split the money.

Eventually, both Mills and Ms. Rains hired lawyers.

Mills' attorney found a clerk at

the convenience store where Mills had said he had bought the ticket. The clerk had reviewed the security videotape from the evening the winning ticket was purchased and was willing to testify that Mills was shown buying a ticket at the time the winner was bought.

Under a settlement reached in March, Mills received half of the winnings. Ms. Rains made no admission that Mills bought the ticket.

Miss High would later tell police, "I jokingly asked, 'Did you kill someone?' She nodded her head yes."

Eight months later, Marie was arrested.

"This was coldblooded murder," Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Mullen said at the time. He told reporters the poisoning death was "the perfect crime," uncovered only because Marie confided in a friend.

Asked if she ever felt she committed the perfect crime, Miss Robards replied: "No, not at all."

She insists also that she feels no animosity over her friend's betrayal.

"That wasn't my concern ... and to this day I don't think about it," she said.

She said she had some "very bad moments" before and after her arrest, and that she was "scared" and "numb" and "really in shock" after her father's death.

"I think for a long time I did a good job of pretending it didn't happen," she said. "For a long time I tried not to think about it."

Freed on bail, she said she was, and is, constantly depressed.

"I feel so guilty about what happened ... I know I hurt a lot of people."

Although dreading the trial, Miss Robards said: "I do look forward to the end of this thing. I've been pretty much in limbo the last year and a half."

They were reading a scene from "Hamlet," Shakespeare's classic tragedy in which a monarch is fatally poisoned, and Miss Robards was "really upset."

"Tell me what's wrong?" she recalled Miss High saying repeatedly. "You can talk to me."

TRIAL: Teen faces murder charge in father's death

(From 1A)

a death sentence, and I fully believe she intended to do what she did," he said. "I think we're going to prove a lot more intent than a lot of people believe ... We're going for all of it."

"We believe she deserves maximum punishment."

If convicted, Miss Robards faces a wide range of penalties, including probation to life in prison. Jury selection is scheduled to begin Tuesday in a Tarrant County state district court.

Medical examiners originally ruled that Robards died of natural causes. But almost a year later, Miss Robards told a friend of the poisoning and the friend notified police.

After additional tests, examiners attributed death to barium acetate poisoning and changed their ruling to homicide.

A 16-year-old high school student at the time of her father's death, Miss Robards was 18 and attending the University of Texas at Austin when arrested.

In an interview with attorneys Bill Magnussen and Ward Casey present, she spoke out for the first time since her October 1994 arrest, when investigators led her from the UT campus in handcuffs.

"I was in shock," the pale, thin, soft-spoken teen-ager said in a disjointed interview interrupted frequently by tears. "My whole body

just heated up ...

"I knew I had done something very, very wrong. But I did not think of myself as a criminal."

In statements given to police, Miss Robards said she got the barium acetate from a chemistry lab at Fort Worth's Eastern Hills High School a week before her father's death.

"I took this chemical because I knew it would make him sick," she said. "The teacher said it was harmful."

At another point, she said: "I just wanted to be with my mom so bad that I would do anything to be with her."

Her mother, Beth Burroughs, had remarried and lived in Granbury, south of Fort Worth. Attorneys say Marie was living with her father at her mother's request.

Marie said she stirred the poison into beans her father had bought from a Mexican fast-food restaurant. He died that night in a hospital.

Nearly a year later, Miss Robards told a girlfriend, Stacey High, of her involvement. The two then were high school seniors at nearby Mansfield, where Marie was living with her paternal grandparents.

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Israeli-Palestinian peace talks enter final phase

TABA, Egypt (AP) — Peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians entered their final phase Sunday, with both sides set to face their toughest conflicts: the future of Jerusalem and Jewish settlement on the West Bank.

Those issues, which date back to the founding of the Jewish state, have been put off through five years of historic talks — talks that have so far produced two peace accords and a Nobel Peace Prize shared among PLO leader Yasser Arafat, Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres and his slain predecessor Yitzhak Rabin.

Palestinian delegate Saeb Erakat said the talks that started Sunday are "the beginning of a new era in our peace process ... the real negotiations between the Israelis and Palestinians."

"Let's say that for the past five years we've been having appetizers," he said. This final phase of talks is expected to last at least three years.

Israeli chief negotiator Uri Savir and top Palestinian delegate Mahmoud Abbas opened the session by warning violent extremists on both sides that they cannot stop the process.

Top Israeli security officials cautioned on Sunday of impending suicide attacks by militants who oppose the peace process.

"You belong to the past," Abbas said during his speech. "You will lose for we are determined to win."

The opening session was largely symbolic, scheduled to meet a deadline for starting "final status" talks. Serious negotiations are not expected to begin until after Israel's May 29 national elections.

But the agenda, which includes discussion of the possibility of a state of Palestine, demonstrates how far the two sides have come since peace talks started in 1991. Before that Israel would not even talk to the PLO, let alone discuss a Palestinian state.

Still, Savir has recommended a go-slow approach, starting with easier issues and leaving tougher questions, like the status of Jerusalem, for later.

Israel insists that the city — which is holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims — remain its undivided capital. The Palestinians, while not urging division of the city, demand their cap-

ital be the eastern Arab sector of Jerusalem captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

Palestinians are eager to build on the two agreements already in place, as well as to force Israel to make good on promises that have gone unfulfilled, such as the withdrawal of Israeli soldiers from the West Bank town of Hebron.

Another key conflict is Jewish settlers. The Palestinians demand the more than 140,000 Jewish settlers leave the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. But Israel has shied away from the subject for fear of alienating the settlers, who believe they have a biblical mission to occupy the land.

Talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization of Yasser Arafat began in earnest in October 1991 after the Gulf War. They signed a "declaration of principles" on the White House lawn in 1993, and went on to complete two pacts.

The first pact, known as the Cairo Accord, was signed May 4, 1994. It gave the Palestinians autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.



Two Palestinian women walk down a street guarded by an Israeli soldier in the West Bank town of Hebron. Israel and Palestine entered the final stages of peace talks Sunday in Egypt.

Thousands flee Liberian capital as violence spreads

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Clouds of dark smoke billowed over the city Sunday as 2,500 Liberian refugees stood on the deck of a freighter, sadly singing a patriotic hymn and waving farewell as the ship inched away from the burning capital.

They were the lucky ones.

Back on the streets, Monrovia was consumed by violence. Young fighters set dozens of homes and buildings on fire Sunday. Rocket-propelled grenades slammed into Monrovia's besieged military barracks, the flash point of a month of bloodshed that has ruined the city and killed hundreds, if not thousands, of residents.

At the port, hundreds of Liberians desperately tried to climb up the sides of the Nigerian freighter Bulk Challenge as it chugged out to sea. Fighting erupted among those who had paid \$75 for the five-day trip to Ghana but were left behind even after their luggage was packed on the ship.

"It was unbelievable — an exodus. It was pathetic," said Peter Sebok, the Dutch owner of West Coast Fisheries, whose offices are at the port.

The Liberians who made it aboard sailed away singing "Lone Star Forever," a national hymn of Africa's first independent republic, founded by freed American slaves in 1847.

Not far from the port, the two main bridges into the city that run parallel across the Mesurado River were being held by rival enemy camps, making it difficult for anyone to move in and out of downtown.

Rebel leader Charles Taylor had vowed that the battle for the Barclay military barracks held by his enemies would be won by the weekend. But Ulmo-J supporters of his archrival Roosevelt Johnson fought fiercely as Taylor's National Patriotic Front of Liberia resumed shelling the barracks.

The clashes shattered hopes that Johnson's evacuation from the country Friday — carried out by

American troops — would spur moves toward ending the violence. Instead, the fighting became even more brutal.

Hundreds of the 10,000 Liberians

who have sought shelter at the U.S. Embassy residential compound stood watching in horror Sunday as five of Taylor's fighters were executed down the hill below.

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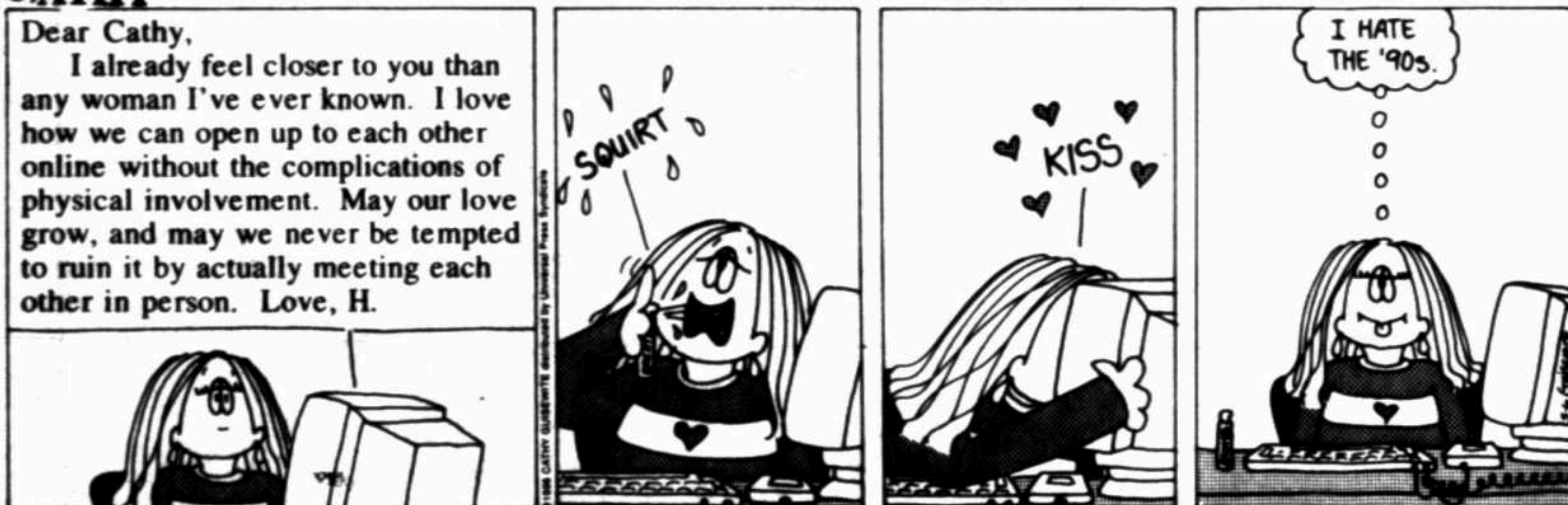
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Your Horoscope

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1996

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Put security first and proceed one step at a time. All that glitters is not gold. Do some research before signing a potentially lucrative contract. A vacation trip could lead you into the arms of true love. Next fall, forge ahead with new business. Loyal chums bring you good luck as 1997 gets underway. The romantic pace quickens. Follow your heart. Large-scale work projects will flourish. Build a strong support system of family and friends.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: baseball legend Willie Mays, psychiatry pioneer Dr. Sigmund Freud, actress Marc Canningham, opera singer Marguerite Piazzza.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): As you ride the crest of popularity, your confidence grows. Do what is best for your offspring. Someone may send you a cryptic message. Read between the lines.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Although self-sufficiency works for you, others expect you to be a team player. Avoid forcing issues. Let any criticism slide off your back. Romance puts you in an upbeat mood. Show your playful side.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Investigate new employment possibilities. Consult college bulletins and attend career clinics. Those who feel tired will soon get a second wind. Meeting new people puts you on your best behavior.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Money-making ideas abound. However, you need a really practical one. A casual approach will keep a new romantic admirer guessing. Let the other person make the first move.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fight off a lethargic mood! You score important points with influential people if you show that you are on top of things. Become a better listener. Doing your own research makes excellent sense now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do not let delays upset you; the passage of time will work to your advantage. Deal with a family problem head-on. Acting too controlling will jeopardize romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stay focused on work that is useful to society. Public support is forthcoming when you share your talents and ideas. Your popularity with family and friends soars to new heights.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A good day for mental pursuits. Study hard, then launch a pet project. Business travel is best postponed until a routine matter has been resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel brings intense pleasure now. Be adventurous. An artwork or other public expression of your talents may get mixed reviews. Do not worry.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Work goes well. A struggle to launch a special project will be rewarded with new profits. Enjoy the happiness created by a loving friendship. A pal has a lot to share.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A search for something at a distance requires persistence. Your work holds a strange fascination. You are developing a special talent. Heed a partner's desire for privacy. Handle your money and other resources carefully.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Approaching a sensitive subject requires courage and tact. Clear communication is vital to your success. Partnerships and friendships are fulfilling. Do not neglect the needs of a young person. Give family life top priority.

(For your personalized daily Jeane Dixon horoscope, based on your own date of birth, call 1-900-988-7788. Your phone company will bill you 99 cents a minute.)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A5 ♠AJ72 ♠AKJ2 ♠865
The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♣ Pass 1♥ 2♠
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What action do you take?
A - Normally, you show a minimum opening bid by passing after enemy interference. However, it never pays to be silent when you have good four-card support for partner's suit. Bid three hearts.

Q. 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠886 ♠QJ ♠J1053 ♠AJ108
The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♠
What action do you take?
A - You should respond to partner's overall as though it were an opening bid. Although your heart honors might not be of any value, you still have three trumps, an ace and a ruffing value in the enemy suit, not to mention potentially useful intermediate cards. Bid two spades.

Q. 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠Q10753 ♠QJ7 ♠AKJ7 ♠8
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?
A - It depends on your methods. If you play that a jump to three spades is forcing, by all means take that action. If you use limit jump raises and do not have a specific understanding about a forcing raise, make awaiting bid of two diamonds before jumping to four spades — an immediate leap to four spades is preemptive. A split bid of four clubs is another choice.

Q. 4 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A9 ♠Q95 ♠AQ109 ♠743
Partner opens the bidding with three clubs. What do you bid now?
A - At this vulnerability, partner promises seven tricks with clubs as trumps. Three no trump may be the winning action, but lack of a secure heart stopper could be fatal. We would essay five clubs. It should not be any worse than on a finesse, and could be laydown.

Q. 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AK5 ♠K108 ♠A75 ♠A1062
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three diamonds. What action do you take?
A - The preempt has taken the auction to a level where you cannot explore for the best spot. Despite the fact that you have only one diamond stopper, three no trump is a better bid than a takeout double, which could land you in a woefully inadequate 4-3 fit.

Q. 6 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K3 ♠AQ86 ♠AKQ65 ♠Q6
The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♣ Pass 1♠ 1♠ Pass
What do you bid now?
A - Make a reverse bid of two hearts. In the modern style that is a one-round force, but even if it is not, you have no other viable action. You need room to locate the best contract, and any other strength-showing rebid both robs you of bidding space and mis-describes this holding.

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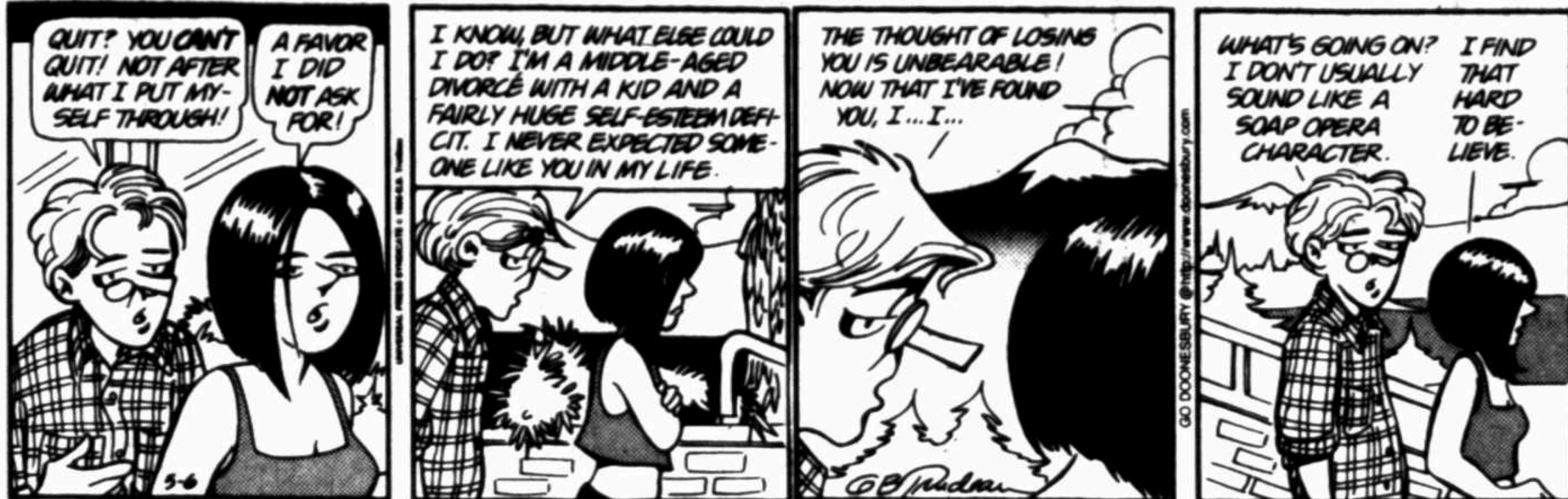
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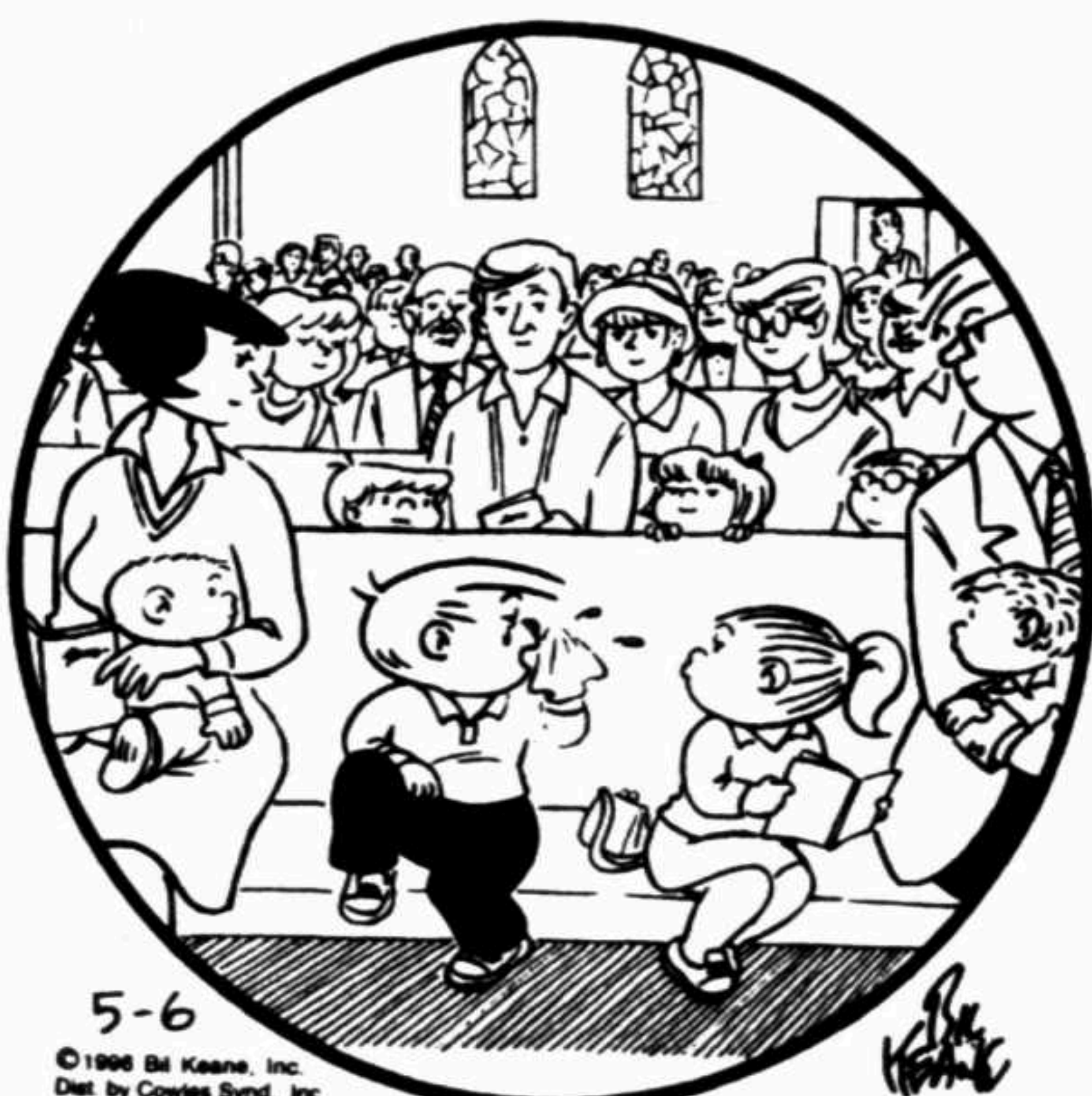
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PEOPLE

NBC anchor Brokaw's home town considers naming street after him

YANKTON, S.D. — Tom Brokaw isn't just a network news anchor to folks in Yankton. He is the news in his home town and that makes him a little uncomfortable.

The city is considering a proposal to rename Broadway Avenue to Tom Brokaw Boulevard.

The "NBC Nightly News" anchor says he initially agreed to the idea but has been surprised that the topic of debate

issue has become a topic of debate around town.

"It kind of puts everybody in an awkward position," Brokaw said last week in a telephone interview.

"I'm very flattered, but I don't want this thing to be some kind of embarrassment. I don't want anything to happen that will divide the Yankton community. Those are still my roots. It's still my hometown."

If the street renaming doesn't work out, Brokaw joked, maybe something else could be arranged:

"They could name the alley behind (a former pool hall) after me; I spent more time there than anything."

LOS ANGELES — Fran Drescher, the stereotypical New Yorker on "The Nanny," will have to go back to the Big Apple to file a lawsuit against TV Guide.

Drescher filed a negligence suit against the magazine in Superior Court claiming she was burned by a cup of coffee while posing for a TV Guide photo in New York.

Drescher is a California resident, her lawyer, Ralph Loeb, said in support of the lawsuit.

That's not good enough, Superior Court Judge Loren Miller Jr. said Friday, ruling the case should be filed in New York City.

"Why should we try a case that hap-

pened in Central Park. Why should I learn New York tort law?" Miller said.

TV Guide lawyer Mary Wirth criticized the lawsuit.

"She had a cup of coffee in her hand, she stood there and she spilled it on herself," Wirth said. "Does TV Guide have a duty ... to have one of their own people dip their hand in the coffee to make sure some sitcom actress doesn't burn herself?"

LOS ANGELES — That's no stunt woman filling in for Pamela Anderson

Lee on a motorcycle in "Barb Wire."

"She took to it like a duck to water," Michael Lock, chief executive officer of the Triumph motorcycle company, said

Friday in describing the "Barb Wire" star's skill on a 900 cc Triumph Thunderbird.

"Pamela had no fear, which was great because it allowed her to do many of the stunts her-

self," Lock said.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. — Ralph Edwards doesn't let anything stand in the way of a good party.

Despite fragile health, the 82-year-old former host of the popular quiz show "Truth or Consequences" returned for the city's annual Fiesta celebration, which he hasn't missed in 47 years.

"If I wasn't here, I'd probably be falling dead somewhere," Edwards said Saturday.

The celebration started after Edwards' quiz show issued a challenge in 1950 for some town to change its name to Truth or Consequences.

Residents of what was then Hot Springs, N.M., voted overwhelmingly for the name change to put the town on the map.

There are 13 incorporated towns and cities in the United States named Hot Springs, but "there's only one Truth or Consequences," said Louise Walls.

Edwards always brings someone along to share the spotlight. Back in the 1960s, there was a 13-year-old Wayne Newton, and a younger Kathie Lee Gifford. This year he brought 20-year-old Angela Watson of TV's "Step by Step."

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.



Brokaw's home city considers naming street after him.



Fran Drescher will have to go back to Big Apple for lawsuit.



Pam Anderson Lee did her own motorcycle scenes.

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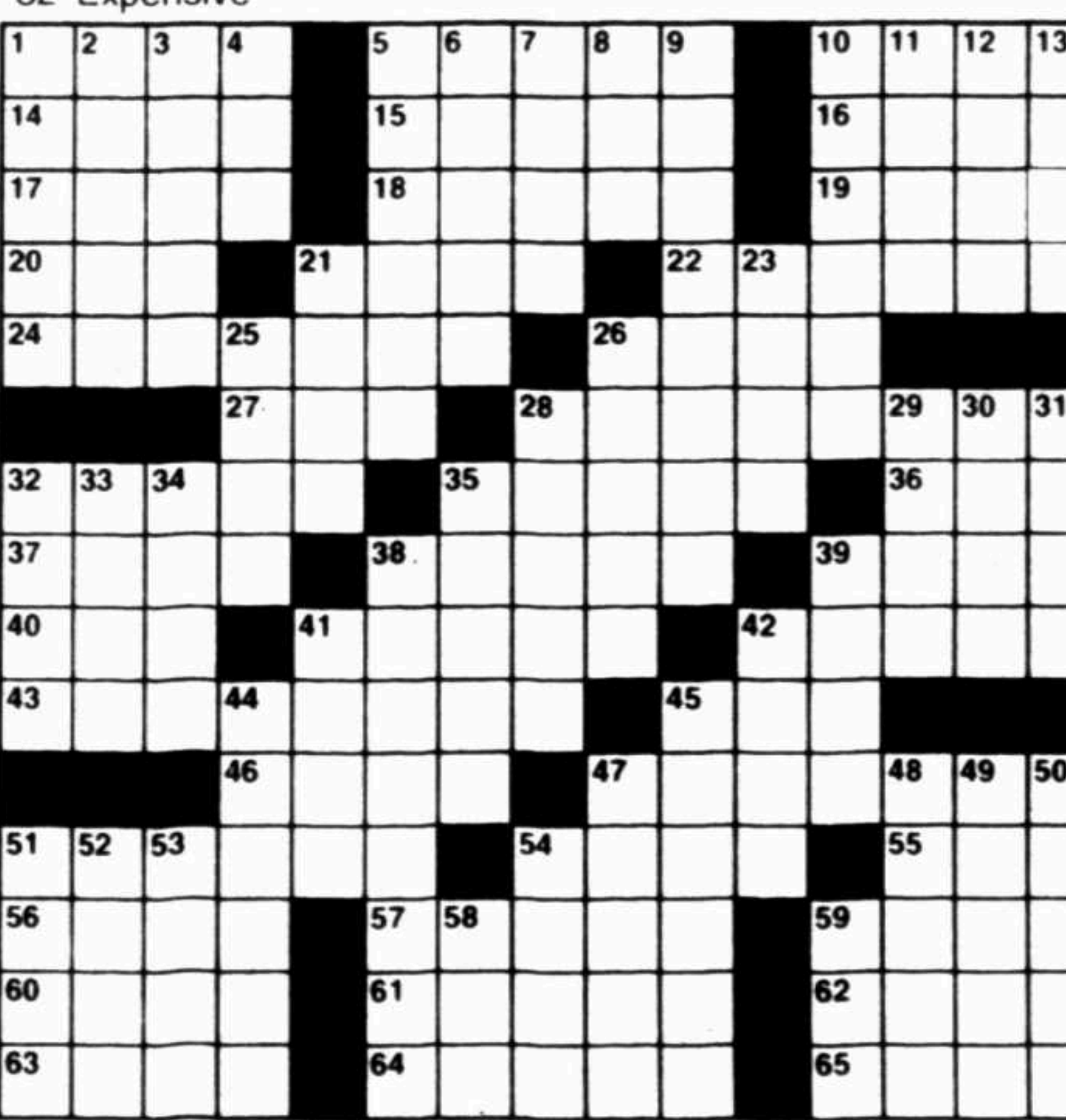
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Desert town unnerved by murders linked to Marine

By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Five years after the rapes and stabbing murders of a 15-year-old girl and her 20-year-old friend, nerves remain raw in this military town in the Mojave Desert.

There's been no trial yet for the Marine Corps soldier who was charged in the crimes.

That, compared with the U.S. government's relatively swift response to charges that two Marines raped a girl overseas on Okinawa, disturbs some townspeople and the mother of the slain teen-ager.

Others are loyal defenders of the nearby Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, which has strong economic ties to the town. "Oh, boy, this place is in an uproar," said resident Nancy Turner, a friend of the teen-ager victim's mother, Debbie McMasters. "Debie stood up to a lot of people in this town, and they didn't like it."

Ms. McMasters' daughter, Mandi Scott, and Mandi's friend Ros-

alie Ortega were each stabbed more than 30 times in Ms. Ortega's apartment. Their bodies were found Aug. 1, 1991.

Several days later, authorities arrested a 34-year-old Marine, Valentine Underwood, who was charged with rape and murder in civilian court. He has pleaded innocent, and remains jailed without bail in Barstow, a two-hour drive across the desert.

His trial has been delayed by pretrial wrangling, and yet another round of hearings is set for this week.

Ms. McMasters, who at the time of the killings tended bar at a club called Oasis, said "finding out he was a Marine upset me very much."

"Twentynine Palms is a very small community. There isn't really a lot for the kids to do. For teenagers, there's nothing. And they are preyed upon by Marines," said Ms. McMasters.

She noted that while a crowd turned out for Mandi's memorial service, not a single Marine was there in uniform. By contrast, she said, Underwood's preliminary

hearing drew a sergeant, a lieutenant and a major.

Ms. McMasters contrasts that with the international outcry that followed the abduction and rape of a girl in Okinawa.

Less than two weeks after that 1995 crime, U.S. Ambassador Walter Mondale and the commander of U.S. forces in Japan, Lt. Gen. Richard B. Myers, apologized for the rape. Two Marines and a Navy seaman were convicted in Japanese court and sentenced to prison.

"They (Marines) haven't said one word to me — no condolences, no sympathy, no nothing," Ms. McMasters said. "I'm hurt and I'm angry."

A base spokesman, Capt. Phillip Thompson, said the Marines do feel for Ms. McMasters but are in a difficult position; they can't apologize for an act that no jury has said a Marine has committed. "This is still a country where you're innocent until proven guilty," Thompson said.

The Okinawa rape briefly drew attention to the 1991 murders, yet the local case had mostly been set aside in local conversation.

Then came an article about the murders last month in Los Angeles Magazine.

The story described Twentynine Palms as "a way station for late-20th Century blackguards and exiles, refugees and parolees, high school dropouts."

The local paper, The Desert Trail, complained in an editorial that the article was "a vicious piece of writing."

Ms. McMasters, who has since moved to the Chicago area, said many people in Twentynine Palms have turned their backs on her, concerned about keeping the town and the base on good terms and protecting the desert tourist trade.

Some residents agree with her. "It infuriates me," said Jeanne Smith, a friend of Ms. McMasters. "How many times does it have to happen? How many rapes, how many murders, before this stops?"

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Clinton fore sale: Golf game nets school \$76,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plenty of golfers would love to play a round with President Clinton, a dream made possible in spirited three-way bidding that raised an eye-popping \$76,000 at a weekend auction for the school attended by the president's daughter.

The winner in the bidding was a mystery Sunday.

The Saturday night auction raised money for student scholarships to the Sidwell Friends School, where Chelsea Clinton is a high school junior.

Parents of students, alumni or others connected with the school were allowed to bid. The golf game for four, one of 35 items offered, had an opening bid of \$1,000, said auctioneer Bob Levey. He said the price accelerated in \$1,000 bursts. "We were up there pretty quickly," said Levey, a Sidwell parent and in his professional life a local columnist for The Washington Post.

One bidder was Robert Johnson, head of Black Entertainment Television and father of two Sidwell students. Johnson bid up to \$75,000 and then gave in. "A man's got to know his limitations," he said Sunday.

"I wanted it and there was another guy who wanted it. We knew the benefit would go to the school no matter who won," Johnson said. "More power to the guy who won. I'll see the president some other place."

The White House would not identify the winning bidder Sunday and there was no answer at the Sidwell Friends auction office.

Clinton left the auction well before the bidding began on his golf game, then attended the \$2nd annual dinner of the White House Correspondents' Association, where he joked that the round of golf was "not bought by the ambassador from Iran."

Recalling astronomical prices paid for memorabilia from the estate of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Clinton feigned disappointment that the round of golf didn't raise as much money as he'd hoped.

To make it up, Clinton joked, "I auctioned off the shoes I wore the day I shook hands with President Kennedy" as a teen-ager. "If there is anybody here who would be willing to pay \$500,000 for a presidential humidor, I'll be happy to go out and buy one."

Defense takes over in Whitewater case

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — After 33 government witnesses and more than 1,000 documents were paraded in front of a federal jury, three Whitewater defendants this week have a chance to present their versions of old financial dealings.

But they may not do it. An attorney for James McDougal, President Clinton's former partner in the Whitewater land development, said asking the jury to decide the case on the information it has already received would not be out of the question.

The defense could rest its case quickly because it doesn't believe the special prosecutors proved their case beyond a reasonable doubt, McDougal attorney Sam Heuer hinted.

When the Office of the Independent Counsel wrapped up its case Friday after nine weeks of testimony, broad smiles went up from the defense table.

Heuer muttered "yes" under his breath, loud enough for the jury to hear. Bobby McDaniel, attorney for McDougal's ex-wife Susan McDougal, pumped his fist, ever so slightly.

McDaniel, too, said giving the case to the jury quickly could be an option. W.H. "Buddy" Sutton, representing the third defendant, Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, said he couldn't think of a witness who scored big points for the million-dollar-a-month Whitewater prosecution.

"It's a very expensive, unconnected collection" of stories, Sutton said.

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WASHINGTON — The party, Republican, to public sniping, "agree to disagree." "It doesn't do a thing," said another. "I believe, a right-choice wing. During the widest point."

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Republicans agree to disagree on abortion issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to quiet discord in the party, Republican leaders on Sunday urged an end to public sniping and said party members must "agree to disagree" on the divisive abortion issue.

"It doesn't do any good to say bad things about each other," Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour said on "Fox News Sunday." "It's silly to think everybody's going to agree on every issue."

Instead, he and other leaders said, Republicans should concentrate on tax, welfare and budget issues that can defeat President Clinton and Democrats in Congress.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said that given the difficulties of satisfying both the anti-abortion and pro-abortion rights wings of the party, the debate should wait until the GOP's summer convention.

"The Republican Party is a very broadly based party," Gingrich said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We are, I believe, a right-to-life party but with a very big pro-choice wing. During the platform week they ought to find the widest possible way to bring people together."

In the past couple of weeks, the abortion debate has heated up as moderate GOP members, including Govs. Pete Wilson of California, Christie Whitman of New Jersey, George Pataki of New York and William Weld of Massachusetts, said they wanted to amend the anti-abortion language in the party platform.

At the same time, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, supported the appointment of Illinois Rep. Henry Hyde, who has strong anti-abortion credentials, as chairman of the platform committee.

In addition, the head of the Christian Coalition, Ralph Reed, for the first time suggested the party could

rewrite its platform to remove a specific call for a constitutional amendment banning abortion.

The events involving Dole campaign surrogates on both sides of the issue prompted Pat Buchanan, who remains in the Republican presidential race, to call on Dole to restate his support of the anti-abortion movement.

"If the Republican Party abandons right-to-life and abandons the innocent unborn... and if it walks away from Ronald Reagan's plank, then it's walking away from me," Buchanan said over the weekend, hinting at a third-party run.

Dole's campaign headquarters said Sunday the senator had no immediate response to Buchanan or to the intraparty bickering.

Weld, appearing on the Fox show, called Buchanan a "nuisance" at this point, but warned that "given a chance" he could disrupt the convention over the issue.

Michigan Sen. Spencer Abraham, who opposes abortion, also dismissed Buchanan. "I think he's irrelevant at this point. Bob Dole is the nominee."

"Republicans have to learn to agree to disagree on this issue and concentrate on other issues," Abraham said on Fox.

New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, the outspoken co-chairman of Dole's national campaign steering committee, went further in attacking Buchanan.

In a speech Saturday to the Republican National Committee's Northeast Leadership Conference in Uniondale, N.Y., D'Amato said Buchanan has been a divisive element in the party and has turned off mainstream voters.

Impotence pill proves successful in early testing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A pill that restores full function to impotent men is now in the final phases of clinical testing and could be offered for sale in the United States late next year, a British scientist says.

The drug, called sildenafil, works by blocking the action of an enzyme in the penis that tends to aggravate impotence, said Dr. Ian Osterloh, a researcher with Pfizer Inc. in Britain.

"The pill is taken an hour or so before it is needed," said Osterloh. "It will do nothing, however, in the absence of sexual stimulation."

Reports on clinical studies of the drug will be given Monday at a meeting in Orlando, Fla., of the American Urological Association.

Osterloh said that in studies of hundreds of patients in Europe, the drug helped many men perform who had been impotent for years.

In one study, 42 patients, all with impotence for at least three years, were divided into two groups, with half taking the pill and half taking a placebo. None of the patients knew which they were taking. Later, the two halves switched sides. After 28 days, 92 percent of the men reported significantly improved performance during the days they were on the pill.

A larger study, using 351 patients, with an average age of 53, randomly assigned patients to take the pill, at one of three doses, or a placebo.

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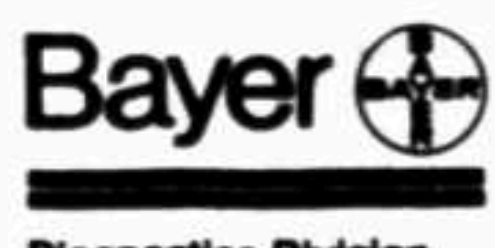
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The questionnaire, first used in January, asks city customers to rank city services, including customer service for water accounts, code administration, health and senior services, personnel, municipal court, ambulance billing, animal control and parks and recreation.

The questionnaire, officials say, is part of ongoing ways city officials hope to hear from the Midland citizenry. We honestly hope Midlanders respond to the questionnaire.

We commend the City of Midland for this tak-

ing this important step to find out how residents perceive its delivery of vital city services.

Not every city has the initiative to seek such input from its citizenry in the interest of improving its services or of keeping the level of its services high. The questionnaire — in the vein of a dialogue such as through Town Hall meetings — offers residents who may have been slighted by city workers at some point or other the opportunity to bring it to the attention of city officials so the problem can be addressed and resolved.

That's the way problems are solved, not through harboring ill feelings because something wasn't handled as it should have been.

The city's customer service questionnaire is a good move that is almost certain to alleviate potential problems with Midlanders.

ANOTHER VIEW

Gas-tax increase repeal faces likely passage

When Bill Clinton and the Democratic Congress rammed through the largest tax increase in history three years ago, it included a 4.3-cent per gallon gasoline tax hike.

At the time, few motorists noticed because pump prices were going down anyway — and continued to go down after the tax was imposed.

Democratic strategists were elated the higher tax was so well "camouflaged" that they virtually got a free ride.

Well, times change. Soaring pump prices all this year are drawing public attention to — and renewed criticism of — the 1993 gas tax boost. Oil commodity inflation is like a large, new regressive tax that takes a heavy toll on all income groups.

Senate Majority Leader and

putative GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole, R-Kan., along with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., are introducing legislation to repeal Clinton's pump-price hike.

Not one Republican in either house of Congress voted for the '93 increase. Now that the GOP is in the majority the legislation should have clear sailing. Even some Democrats who voted for the hike will, in this election year, go along with the repeal.

There could be no "camouflaging" of a presidential veto of a bill that would immediately bring escalating pump prices down more than four cents a gallon.

— The Augusta Chronicle
 Augusta, Ga.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, May 6, the 127th day of 1996. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German dirigible Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 36 of the 97 people on board.

On this date:
 In 1861, Arkansas seceded from the Union.

In 1882, Congress passed, over President Arthur's veto, the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese immigrants from the United States for 10 years.

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1895, legendary silent-screen star Rudolph Valentino was born in Castellana, Italy.

In 1910, Britain's King Edward VII died.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating.

In 1941, dictator Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov.

In 1942, during World War II, some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet at Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.

In 1960, Britain's Princess Margaret married Anthony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner, at Westminster Abbey. (They

divorced in 1978.)

In 1962, in the first test of its kind, the submerged submarine USS Ethan Allen fired a Polaris missile armed with a nuclear warhead that detonated above the Pacific Ocean.

In 1981, Yale architecture student Maya Ying Lin was named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1994, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand formally opened the Channel Tunnel between their countries.

Ten years ago: In the wake of the Chernobyl disaster, Soviet officials revealed that radiation had escaped from the damaged nuclear reactor for 36 hours before area residents were evacuated because the plant staff did not realize the seriousness of the accident.

Five years ago: President Bush returned to work after spending two nights at Bethesda Naval Hospital because of an irregular heartbeat; he met at the White House with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

One year ago: Friends and relatives of the Oklahoma City bombing victims made a somber pilgrimage to the site of the attack to say goodbye to their loved ones. In London, thousands of World War II veterans celebrated the 50th anniversary of V-E Day. Long-shot Thunder Gulch won the 121st Kentucky Derby.

JACK ANDERSON

America's drug dealers mock president

WASHINGTON — In the same week that President Clinton once again tried to highlight his commitment to fighting drugs, Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., showed us another side of the drug war.

In Mica's office is a picture of two bales of marijuana seized by authorities in Volusia County, Fla. The bales represent only a fraction of the drugs that flow through this eastern Florida county each year. But it's not the quantity that interests Mica, it's the inscription on the bales: "C.O.D. Clinton."

Mica believes drug dealers have a good reason to be high on the president this election year. "This is an example of how even the narco-traffickers think the Clinton drug policy is a farce by mocking him," he told our associate Jan Moller.

The picture also highlights the Republicans' commitment to using the drug issue against Clinton in the fall elections. After years of decline, the rate of drug use among teen-agers is once again rising quickly in every statistical category. Cocaine-related incidents are at an all-time high, and high school students are once again seeing little harm from recreational drug use. A 1995 survey showed overall drug use is up 50 percent from the year before among kids aged 12 to 17.

While drug use has risen, federal support for the anti-drug effort has fallen from its peak levels during the Bush administration. Overall funding for drug interdiction has fallen by more than \$200 million since fiscal year 1993.

Mica spent the spring congressional recess with three of his GOP colleagues on a fact-finding trip through Mexico and South America. Judging from a report of the trip, lawmakers found a drug culture that's still thriving despite years of efforts to root it out by local and U.S. authorities.

In South America, where most of the world's cocaine is produced, officials found that drug kingpins are not only holding their own — they're also expanding into heroin production.



Anderson

In Peru, where most of the world's coca is grown, some farmers have switched to planting poppy — which is later synthesized into heroin.

Since taking office, Clinton has taken only a peripheral interest in fighting drug. According to a recent report by the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Clinton mentioned illegal drugs only 11 times in 1,724 presidential statements and utterances in 1994. His record was only slightly better the year before, when drugs received 13 mentions in 1,628 statements.

Clinton also invited criticism when he imposed an 80 percent staff cut on the office of former "drug czar" Lee Brown. Those cuts made up the bulk of the 25 percent cut in White House staff that Clinton had promised during his 1992 campaign.

The White House apparently understands Clinton's exposure on the drug issue. The 1996 budget includes a partial restoration of funds for drug interdiction abroad — a program that's languished in the past few years. He also has tried

to revive the drug czar post by appointing a new director and pushing for higher staffing levels.

Even the president's opponents agree that retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey is the right man to revive the dormant drug war. But unless Clinton is willing to use the presidential bully pulpit more effectively, the gains of the late 1980s will continue to erode.

MAKING FRIENDS — Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner has been receiving some strange phone calls this year.

Her erstwhile enemies in corporate America now want to, politically speaking, kiss and make up. Browner has regaled administration colleagues with tales of how her office phone has been ringing off the hook with corporate chiefs and trade group heads who had previously shunned her, before public opinion turned sharply against Republican efforts to dismantle environmental enforcement.

Jack Anderson's and Michael Binstein's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



CHARLEY REESE

Republicans only think Dole can beat Clinton

The Republican Party is beginning to worry that Sen. Bob Dole, their presidential nominee-to-be, can't beat Bill Clinton in November. Dole is currently about 20 points behind Clinton in Dole's strong areas.

Well, golly gee whiz, what a surprise. Kiss my grits. Who would have ever thought such a thing? It couldn't be because Dole somewhat resembles the late Bela Lugosi, the Hungarian actor who used to play Count Dracula? It couldn't be because Dole can't think of any reasons why people should vote for him, other than he thinks he deserves it?

Dole tried the ploy of I'll-appoint-conservative-judges, but that sort of fell flat when someone reminded old Bob that he had voted for 182 out of 185 of Clinton's liberal judicial nominees.

Next, he tried the ploy of I-want-to-be-your-father-figure. Who is advising this guy? Some Martian alcoholics? Do they not realize that Dole gives the impression of a grandfather, and not a very cheerful one at that? Do they not realize that that is one of the corniest, weirdest things any presidential candidate has ever said?



Reese

I don't think very many people are going to vote for a grumpy grandfather figure — or for a substitute dad. Given the record of these campaign geniuses, I wouldn't be surprised if they didn't advise Dole to pick Strom Thurmond as his vice presidential candidate. Then GOP could stand for Grumpy Old Pals.

I know Dole served his country honorably in World War II, but the problem with that, in political terms, is that most voters today are not even sure in what century that war occurred. Dole could probably get away with telling most audiences he was an aide to Alexander the Great, not that even that would impress them. They'd think he was talking about Alexander Haig of Nixon days.

If I were Dole's campaign strategist, I'd get him to resign from the Senate. Then I'd hide him out in a remote cabin in northern Minnesota until after the election. In the meantime, I'd run the most outrageously deceptive campaign ads I could think of. An electronically created, virtual Bob Dole might have a chance. The real one? Well, I think he has about the same chance as Iraq's Saddam Hussein has of winning the Nobel Peace Prize.

I love mysteries, and I will be forever grateful to the Republicans for providing me with the mystery of why they ever thought Dole could beat Clinton in 1996. It's better than the Zen koan. What is the sound of one hand clapping? What is the sound of a Republican brain calculating that an elderly, half-inarticulate Beltway insider with a sour disposition and no firm

convictions about anything can beat a youthful, clever, glib incumbent president?

Haley Barbour, the once-cheerful Republican National Committee chairman, is now sourly admonishing Republicans to think positive.

Hey, Haley, that's what they told the passengers on the Titanic, but it was too late for them and it's too late for you. If you Republicans have a problem with Dole, you should have thought of that before you nominated him. Bon voyage. Don't forget your life jackets. The water is cold in November. And don't blame Pat Buchanan for your impending defeat. He tried to save you, and you tossed him and all the others overboard back at the harbor.

I certainly don't look forward to Clinton's reelection, but, as the religious folks say, sin and mock God and He will cause you big, big problems. I just never thought retribution for our national sins would come in the form of a guy who loves cheeseburgers, has an Arkansas accent, a permanent smile and a Bart Simpson haircut. The ways of heaven are mysterious.

We should leave a message to future historians. We should explain that since no nation could ever defeat the United States, we got bored with our success and decided to do ourselves in. We did it by electing people who know how to bankrupt a government and run a country into the ground.

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MIKE ROYKO

Right to die only applies when you kill yourself

"I don't get it," Slat Grobnik said. "Do I have the right to croak or don't I?"

Which prompted the bartender to say: "Hey, don't do anything drastic until you pay your tab."

"Nah, don't worry. I'm not planning on croaking. I just wondered if it's my right or ain't it?"

I suppose it is your right. I haven't heard of anyone being successfully prosecuted after killing himself.

"That's what I always thought. So why is there such a big flap over people who want to get it over with and dog paddle across the River Jordan?"

Because it is such a complicated legal, moral and social issue. Many people say a physician's duty is to preserve life, not to end it. And they are opposed to any form of doctor-assisted suicide.

"I'm with 100 percent."

But you just expressed concern about your right to do away with yourself.

"Sure, so what?"

Well, I'm confused. If you believe it is your right to end it all, why are you opposed to doctor-assisted suicides?

"Because I'm kind of a 1950s kind of guy."

What do the 1950s have to do with it?

"Because that was the do-it-yourself decade. Don't you remember? We all slapped knotty pine on the basement walls and turned them

into rec rooms. We tuned up our own cars. We made our own high-fi's out of kits. We opened up our TV sets and tested the vacuum tubes. Every real 1950s guy had a workbench and tools in the basement and knew how to use them. So I'm still a real 1950s do-it-yourself kind of guy."

So you're saying that you believe in the right to die, but you don't want a doctor to be involved?

"Sure. If I got a sinus problem or something with my prostate, then I need a doctor. But I don't need a doc to croak me. That's like hiring a chef just to take out the garbage."

A distasteful analogy.

"Yeah, but it's just another example of how people don't want to do things for themselves today. It used to be that the only take-out food you could get was chop suey and maybe pizza. Now you can get gourmet stuff dropped off at your front door."

What does that have to do with doctor-assisted death?

"Because if we make it too easy, you could end up with some kind of Dial-A-Death Delivery Service. A guy has a fight with his wife and she walks out, and he might have a self-pity binge and pick up the phone and call Dial-A-Death. If we had a Dial-A-Death service now, and the Bulls lost, you'd have goofs phoning for an end-the-misery fix. Nah, if they want to do it, that's OK. But let 'em show a little moxie and do it themselves the old-fashioned way."

What do you recommend?

"There's the old garden-hose-to-the-exhaust-pipe trick. The old put-your-head-in-the-oven trick. Of course, not the electric kind. The old swallow-the-pills trick. Or like Ernest Hemingway did it. Hemingway didn't call no doc. He just loaded the gun and kaboom."

But what about those who, for one reason or another, can't do it themselves? Shouldn't they

have the right to seek the assistance of a physician?

"Look, docs already have enough to do. Just try to get an appointment or go to an emergency room. Besides, there are lots of other qualified people who can handle the job as good or better than a doc."

Other people? Who would you hire for that kind of work?

"Are you kidding? Just look at the news. There are all kinds of characters who are already zapping people for what's in their wallets or purses or cash registers. So why not pay 'em to do a hit on the legit?"

A hit on the legit? That's an outrageous suggestion. Are you saying that you favor legalizing homicide?

"Calm down. And tell me why it would be OK to have a doctor-assisted suicide but it wouldn't be OK to have a hit-man-assisted suicide. Why should I have to mess around with an HMO when I can get the job done by Big Moe from Cicero?"

Because Big Moe from Cicero is not a caring, compassionate physician.

"Right. And because Big Moe is a pro, he won't have a guilty conscience like some doctors might. Once I'm croaked, who cares? Except some professor of ethics — and he can butt out."

You don't understand. Ending a human life is too serious a decision to be left to someone who might not be capable of weighing the alternatives.

"Yeah? Tell that to the pro-lifers."

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est rates and sometimes requiring borrowers to purchase special credit insurance in case they can't make their payments. The fees generally are added on to the loan balance and paid off over the life of the loan.

"Any greater credit risk arising out of making loans to these borrowers is compensated by higher fees and interest rates," United Companies said in its 1995 annual report.

Borrowers place a higher priority on a low monthly payment and a quick decision on their loan than on the size of the interest rate or up-front fees, United Companies said. And there's a tax advantage: interest payments on home equity loans can be an income tax deduction.

Delinquency rates for subprime home equity loans were 4.31 percent at United Companies in 1995, about 1 percentage point higher than for credit cards.

John Heffern, a veteran bank analyst with NatWest Securities Corp. in Baltimore, said these home equity lenders and brokers are filling a vital niche in a rapidly changing economy, in which many of the newly created jobs offer a smaller paycheck.

"If the economy is in a long term transition between high paying manufacturing to lower paying service jobs, this gap will not go away," Heffern said.

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"People need to bridge the gap between their spending requirements and spending abilities. Home equity is that bridge," he said.

Home equity loans traditionally were used so homeowners can finance expensive improvements, such as a roof repair or refinishing a basement. The loan brokers now advertise them as a borrowing option with an interest rate lower than a credit card — United Companies' average interest rate is 11.6 percent last year.

Olson, the home equity researcher, said interest rates have come down in recent years as the market becomes more competitive and because more loans are repackaged by Wall Street firms and sold to investors. Generally speaking, sale of the loans to investors reduces risk to the company originating the mortgage, and therefore allows them to charge a lower rate.

Heffern said he's aware of consumer groups' complaints that low-income borrowers are paying much higher fees and interest rates than other borrowers, but he offers a different perspective.

"Anyone who wants to complain about cost of this borrowing, they need to take two aspirins, sit on the couch and think of the alternative. The alternative is the money will not be available," Heffern said.

Getting A Loan

How does a loan with high fees to an elderly widow, a loan so onerous that she almost lost her home, wind up as an attractive investment for a mutual fund?

A little-understood part of the modern mortgage market is how loans to the poor are being transformed by Wall Street firms and finance companies into top-rated investments. The buyers are major banks, mutual funds, pension plans and insurance companies.

The concept isn't new — repackaging of standard home loans into the popular "Fannie Mae" bonds and other mortgage-backed securities has been a major business on Wall Street since the 1970s.

Now, mortgage and finance companies are prospering by repackaging and selling home equity loans to investors. This process, which bankers call securitization, underpins the dramatic growth of the \$400 billion home equity loan market. It also enables lenders to greatly reduce the risk and expand lending to people traditionally considered dubious borrowers.

"All the money funds are holding this stuff," said David Olson, a Columbia, Md.-based analyst. The creators of these investments insist they carefully screen individual loans before including them in home equity securities. But a review of the market by The Associated Press revealed instances where several abusive loans slipped through the cracks and were transformed into legitimate investments.

Consumer activists say loan abuses, while certainly not representative of the entire industry, nonetheless are increasing. "I've seen people whose loans were inflated by as much as 50 percent once you add in credit insurance and brokers fees," said Kevin Byers, a Richmond, Va.-based housing activist. Byers and others warn Wall Street banks and mortgage companies must be more careful in screening out problem loans as the "subprime" loan market continues its rapid growth.

To understand how bad loans can be transformed into top-rate investments — a process Byers calls mortgage laundering — consider Edna Robinson, a widow in Washington, D.C. Robinson, 68, faced foreclosure in February 1995, when she fell behind in her home equity loan payments. Her problem results from when she borrowed \$28,000 in 1990 and was charged

17 points, or fees for originating the loan. That raised her effective yearly interest rate to 29 percent, according to her attorneys, Nina Simon and Jean Constandine-Davis of Elderly Legal Services in Washington.

Robinson's monthly loan payment was \$406, nearly half her monthly income. Shortly after the loan was closed by her broker, First Government Mortgage and Investors Corp., and lender, Colonial National Bank USA of Bethesda, Md., the loan began a transformation into a respectable investment.

Colonial sold the loan to a San Diego, Calif.-based mortgage firm, Advanta Mortgage USA. Advanta pooled Robinson's loan with about 2,300 others and created an investment vehicle called Advanta Home Equity Loan Trust 1991-1.

Advanta registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission to sell shares of the loan pool to investors; the securities were backed by revenue from payments made by Robinson and the other borrowers.

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found that only three or four have saved enough for college," said Raymond D. Loewe, president of College Money, a Malton, N.J., college-planning firm counseling the Lapps.

"It seems as though most parents who have between 1.5- to 2 years (of tuition) can make it without too much of a problem. If they have less, they can make it, but it's going to be hard."

With the clock ticking for grants or scholarships at many colleges, the most viable last-minute solutions are to borrow or appeal for more aid from the schools.

Bob Mahmoudi, president of College Planning Solutions Inc. in Kirkland, Wash., said parents should consider home equity loans since the interest is tax deductible for most people who qualify. If rates are favorable, homeowners might also refinance their mortgages — borrowing a bit more to fill the tuition gap — and receive a tax deduction for the interest and closing costs, he said.

The main drawbacks: It will take longer to get the home paid off, plus you might not have enough equity to tap for the tuition payments, especially if junior plans to attend a six-figure private school.

Annual tuition bills last year averaged \$18,800 for private colleges and \$9,000 for public universities. And there's room, board, clothes and other expenses to consider.

Federal student loans are another option. But applications should be sent in soon since lenders are getting swamped. (Average processing time varies from about three or four days to

three or four weeks.)

"This really is the busiest time of year for folks shopping for student loans," said Josh Dare, a spokesman for the Student Loan Marketing Association, or SallieMae, which administers the program.

As much as \$29 billion is expected to be lent out this year through 1,200 financial institutions and 5,000 schools, up from an estimated \$27 billion last year and \$24 billion in 1994, Dare said. In 1985, student loans totaled \$9 billion.

Parents can borrow up to 100 percent of their children's college expenses, minus any other aid received, through federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students, known as PLUS loans. While the interest isn't tax deductible, annually adjusted rates are competitive — 3.1 percentage points above a one-year Treasury note, with a current 9 percent cap.

The current interest rate is 8.98 percent; the next adjustment is July 1.

Students can apply for federal Stafford loans. There are basically two kinds: subsidized, which means the government pays the interest while the student is still in school based on need, and unsubsidized.

The advantages are that repayment doesn't begin until six months after graduation; for PLUS loans it's 60 days. And the rate is lower — 8.25 percent, also non-deductible.

However, unlike the PLUS program, there are borrowing limits depending on the year in school. For example, freshmen can borrow only up to \$2,625 while juniors and seniors each have a \$5,000 annual limit.

Federal Perkins loans, with a low 5 percent interest rate, also are available through schools and based on financial need. And there are supplementary loans, including work-study programs that allow students to earn a portion of their college expenses.

Besides borrowing, parents might also consider appealing to the school for help, effectively shaving tuition costs by negotiating a sweeter financial aid package.

"Schools won't actually lower your tuition," said Loewe. "They'll give you a scholarship or grant ... or package, which in effect, is a discount."

"The schools most willing to negotiate are those that have empty seats. Of course, it also helps if you have a smart kid."

Such is the case with the Lapps of New Jersey. Their daughter Katie, who is about to graduate class salutatorian and plans to major in business, has offers from the University of Pennsylvania and Lehigh University.

Penn will cost at least \$120,000 for tuition, fees and room and board over four years, Lehigh, at least \$108,000.

In negotiations with both schools, Katie has been offered financial aid, a subsidized Stafford loan, a Perkins loan and work-study that total \$11,450 per year at Penn and \$13,790 per year at Lehigh.

"We're still talking to both schools," said Mrs. Lapp, who has little savings to draw upon. "It's

a difficult decision. We all dream of sending our children to an Ivy League college ... but we can't sacrifice everyone else in the family."

The Lapps say they eventually plan to sell their eight-bedroom colonial and relocate to a smaller home with little or no mortgage to help meet future college costs.

Whatever their options, all parents should keep a cool head when faced with college costs.

"You have to think about financing college like buying a house; it's about the same price tag," said Loewe.

He said parents should be cautious about selling stocks, bonds or mutual funds since the sale, and subsequent additional income, could impact their financial aid the next year.

He also urges parents to refrain from credit card borrowing or from draining all their investments, including retirement savings like 401(k) plans or insurance policies.

"Any money you spend will affect your ability to retire later," he said. "(And) if you use up all your savings, you no longer have emergency funds."

"Remember, everyone will lend you money when you don't need it. When you get poorer no one will lend you money."

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Knowing how to use the Internet is fast becoming an important job qualification, according to a survey commissioned by Robert Half International, an employment firm. In the survey of 150 executives from big U.S. firms, 61 percent said strong knowledge of how to use the Net would make them more marketable in their fields. And 78 percent said Internet abilities will help them advance five years from now.

Sweet success

Calvin Sager's firm has made visiting the elephant house at the Cincinnati zoo and the restrooms in the London Underground more bearable. But, as he puts it, "I'm not saving the world for my grandchildren. It's just something for which the time is ripe." And the air. Sager's firm, Ecolo Odor Control Systems Worldwide, helps get rid of unpleasant odors by atomizing oils into the air. Sager, interviewed in the magazine *Canadian Business*, says his company began by helping businesses with trash compactor odors. The latest project for the Mississauga, Ontario-based firm is the official residence of Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Can it

Recycling centers already inundated with beverage and food cans may need to make room for more. The Freedomia Group, an industrial research firm, says U.S. demand for metal cans will expand 1.8 percent a year through 2000. Sales of nonalcoholic beverages, such as fruit and vegetable juice, are expected to grow along with the health consciousness of the aging Baby Boomers. The alcoholic beverage market won't help can makers much, as beer sales will remain flat and new brands — especially local microbrews — are introduced in glass bottles, Freedomia said. And metal can makers will have increasing competition from plastic containers in the coming years.

Assembly required

Editors at Home Office Computing magazine decided to see how easy it is to put together assemble-it-yourself computer desks and found that, sometimes, it's tough. Of four models tried, the simplest, by Rubbermaid, could be snapped together in 30 minutes. The drawback: The desk is small and has no drawers. The toughest one, made by a company called O'Sullivan, took nearly three hours and five people to figure out and construct because it had 66 parts and 11 kinds of screws. In between those models were a desk by IKEA, which took a little more than two hours to assemble, and a desk by Anitro, which easily came together in an hour.

Home Sweet Home

People love working at home. A survey made for AT&T. The survey queried 1,005 home-based business owners, and found that 80 percent feel more productive working at home. Many also reported some interesting side benefits. Sixty-one percent said they believe they're sick less often than people who work in traditional offices. One-third of the respondents said their dry cleaning and laundry bills are down. Working at home is comfy, too — 79 percent said they wear casual clothes.

Gum Shoes

Depending on what business you're in, your income tax return could list some strange-sounding stuff as deductions. Triple Check Income Tax Service, a tax preparation firm, says you can deduct a portable toilet if you do construction work for a living. Day care providers probably can deduct the sand they put into sandboxes. If you're in law enforcement, you might be able to deduct the karate lessons you took or the payments to the informants you used.

Money Matters Editor
Denny Friesen

Tips for Meeting College Expenses

A few last-minute suggestions for meeting college expenses:

■ **Negotiate a lower tuition.** Some colleges, particularly lesser-known private schools, are clamoring to fill vacant desks and dorms and may effectively lower tuition for certain students through increased financial aid. Keep in mind: The best aid packages usually go to the best students, those with strong academic and outside achievements. It also helps in bargaining if a competing institution has offered more aid.

■ **Take out a college loan.** Students can apply for federal Stafford loans. In some cases, the government will subsidize the loan by paying the interest while the student is still in school. However, there are borrowing limits depending on the

year in school. Parents can borrow up to 100 percent of their children's college expenses, minus other aid, through federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students. The rate is slightly higher than on Stafford loans.

■ **Get a home-equity loan or refinance your mortgage.** The main advantages are that they are tax deductible. The disadvantage is that it will take longer to get the home paid off, and parents might not have enough equity to tap in their homes for the tuition payments.

■ **Try a community college or lower-priced state school first.** There are many good ones available at affordable prices. Students can take all or most of their basic, required courses there, then transfer to another school and concentrate on their major.

'Hey mom and dad, I need \$100,000 for school, OK?'

By Vivian Marino
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Cynthia and Joseph Lapp were delighted when their bright, ambitious daughter Katie was accepted to two prestigious colleges and offered sizable financial aid packages by each. Trouble is, the Wenonah, N.J., couple still can't afford to send the 17-year-old honor student to either school.

The Lapps have to come up with tens of thousands of dollars to meet their share of Katie's tuition over the next four years, while also paying for daughter Amanda, 19, to attend college. Joey, 15, graduates from high school in three years, and they'd like to give their two other children, Anna, 7, and Alexandra, 3, the opportunity of a higher education as well.

"We don't want to run ourselves too far into debt,"

said Mrs. Lapp, a 40-year-old homemaker. (Her husband, also 40, is a seaport engineer.) "We want to be able to retire sometime and not be eating cat food," she said.

Financial planners agree parents should save and invest regularly for college as soon as their children are born. But with education costs exceeding the rate of inflation and many households facing other financial burdens like buying a home or saving for retirement, few heed such advice.

Now, as the deadline for college acceptances comes and goes, many households will be spending the next few weeks scrambling for fall tuition — with limited options.

"I have met 35,000 parents over the years, and

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Pay you now, pay me later

■ Even people with marginal credit can get a loan ... but it most always comes with a high price tag.

By Rob Wells
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — Edna Robinson's retirement check totals about what you'd make flipping hamburgers, but that didn't prevent a new generation of banker from lending her \$28,000.

Robinson, 68, is one of thousands of people nationwide who probably would have been shown the door in years past by a bank loan officer. Today, lenders are actively seeking people with shaky credit, a history of bankruptcy, or in the case of Robinson, a trickle of income coupled with high debt.

With a monthly income of about \$920 and \$9,400 in credit card balances, Robinson, a widow living in the District of Columbia, received a \$28,000 home equity loan in 1990 from Colonial National Bank USA of Bethesda, Md., according to court records.

She sought the loan after hearing a radio advertisement touting home equity loans as a way for financially distressed people to consolidate and lower their monthly payments.

Such loans to troubled borrowers, known as "subprime" loans, are a rapidly growing part of the modern banking business. The market for home equity loans is estimated at more than \$40 billion, according to David Olson, a Columbia, Md.-based analyst.

Lenders made about \$90 billion in subprime home equity loans last year, according to the American

Banker newspaper.

With this growth comes problems — the Consumer Federation of America and Legal Aid Society attorneys across the country warn that abuses in home equity loans are increasing.

"These types of loans can put their home in jeopardy," said Addison Parker, an attorney for the Richmond, Ky.-based Appalachian Research and Defense Fund.

The problem is that subprime loan costs can swell because of added fees and higher interest charges, and borrowers are often caught unaware. Robinson had to seek out attorneys to prevent lenders from foreclosing on her home when she realized she couldn't afford the monthly payments.

Through her attorneys, Robinson declined to comment on the pending case. But attorney Jean Constandine-Davis of Elderly Legal Services in Washington said she's seeing an upswing of lending abuses against older borrowers, many of whom had paid off their mortgages or have substantial equity in their homes.

"Most folks we see are people who are living on Social Security," she said.

While the extent of wrongdoing is unclear, the popularity of the home equity lending business is substantial.

Profits at two leaders in the market rose dramatically in 1995. The Money Store Inc. saw net income rise 56 percent to \$48.7 million in 1995 while profits at United Companies Financial Corp. of Baton Rouge, La. grew by 40 percent to \$69.5 million. Since 1993, United Companies' profits have grown 500 percent.

NationsBank of Charlotte, N.C., one of the nation's biggest banking companies, has announced plans to expand into the subprime market as well.

Such growth is attracting huge interest from Wall Street investors, with many "specialty lenders" launching large stock offerings in recent months. ContiFinancial Corp. recently raised \$130.2 million in an initial public offering.

How can these companies make money by lending to shaky borrowers? By charging the high up-front fees known as points, imposing higher inter-

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Veteran player in hot new game

Scudder International Fund investing in foreign markets

By Chet Currier
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Investing in foreign stock markets is no exotic new idea at the Scudder International Fund.

The \$2.6 billion fund has been operating in Europe, Asia and other points of the compass since 1953, when many nations were still rebuilding from World War II.

But much of its growth has come in the past five or six years, as the concept of foreign investing has caught on in a big way among U.S. fund buyers. The fund entered the '90s with assets of less than \$800 million.

And, pioneer though it may have been, Scudder International now has plenty of competitors that equal or surpass it in size.

In a yearend 1995 tally of funds in the \$2 billion-plus category, the research firm of Lipper Analytical Services Inc. lists nine other international funds, as well as seven global funds that invest in a mixture of foreign and U.S.-based stocks.

Still, as the action has accelerated, Scudder International has stayed with a relatively conservative approach to what can still be a fast and hazardous game, keeping more than 80 percent of its portfolio in the big, well-developed

economies of Europe and Japan.

"This may be shareholders' only vehicle to invest overseas. We want to try to earn them a good return without taking crazy risks," says Carol Franklin, Scudder International's lead portfolio manager since 1992.

The fund does have some "selective" investments, she notes, in the so-called emerging markets where economic development is still in its early stages. Some favorite locales are Brazil, Indonesia and the Philippines.

But it has no current commitments in many emerging markets, including Mexico and South Africa. Franklin isn't much attracted by two powerful new magnets for globe-trotting speculators, Russia and China.

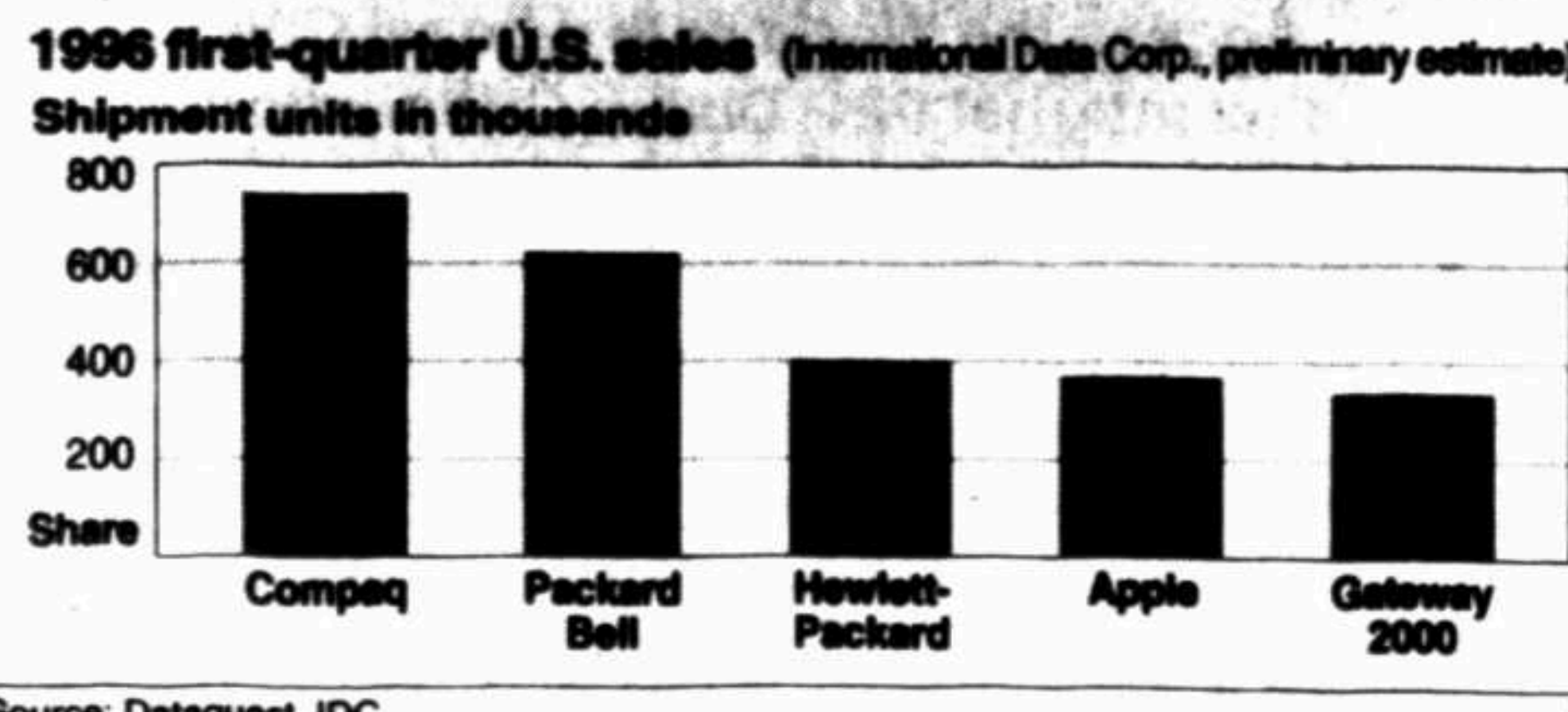
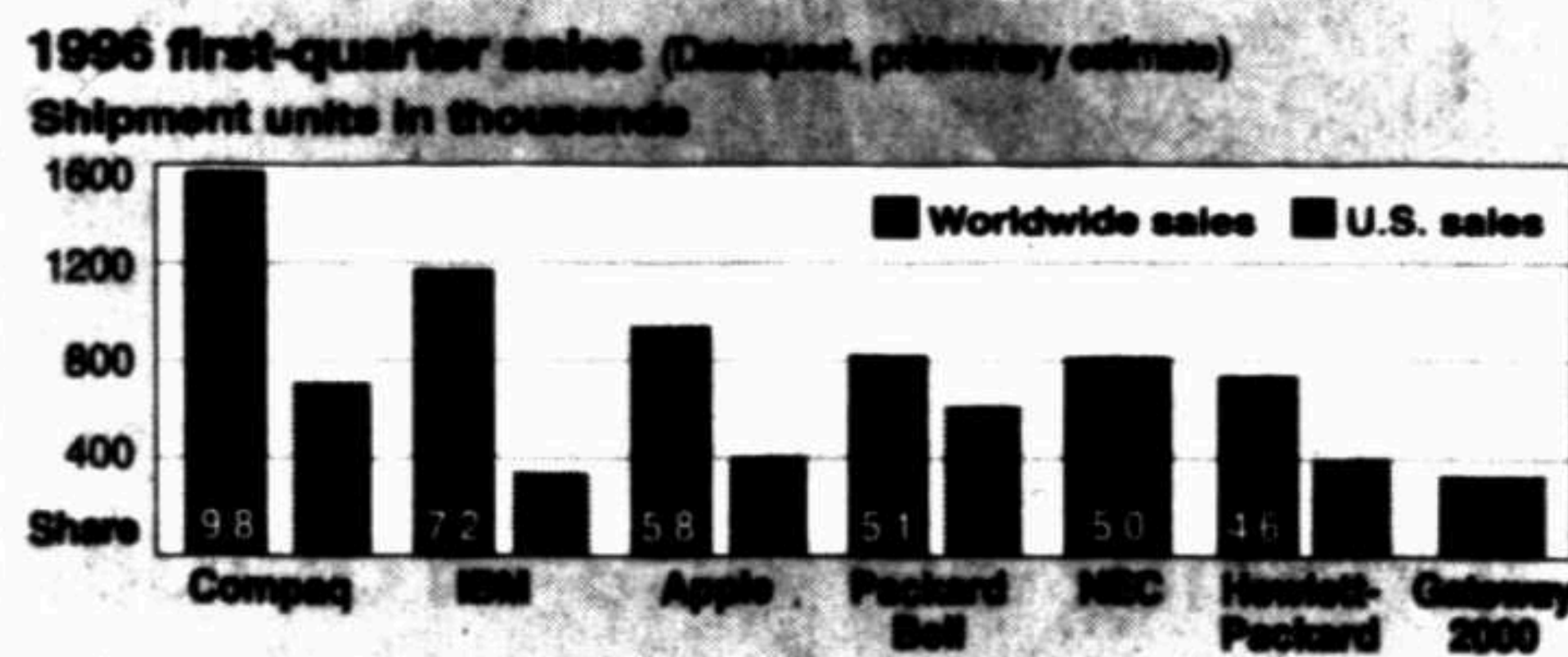
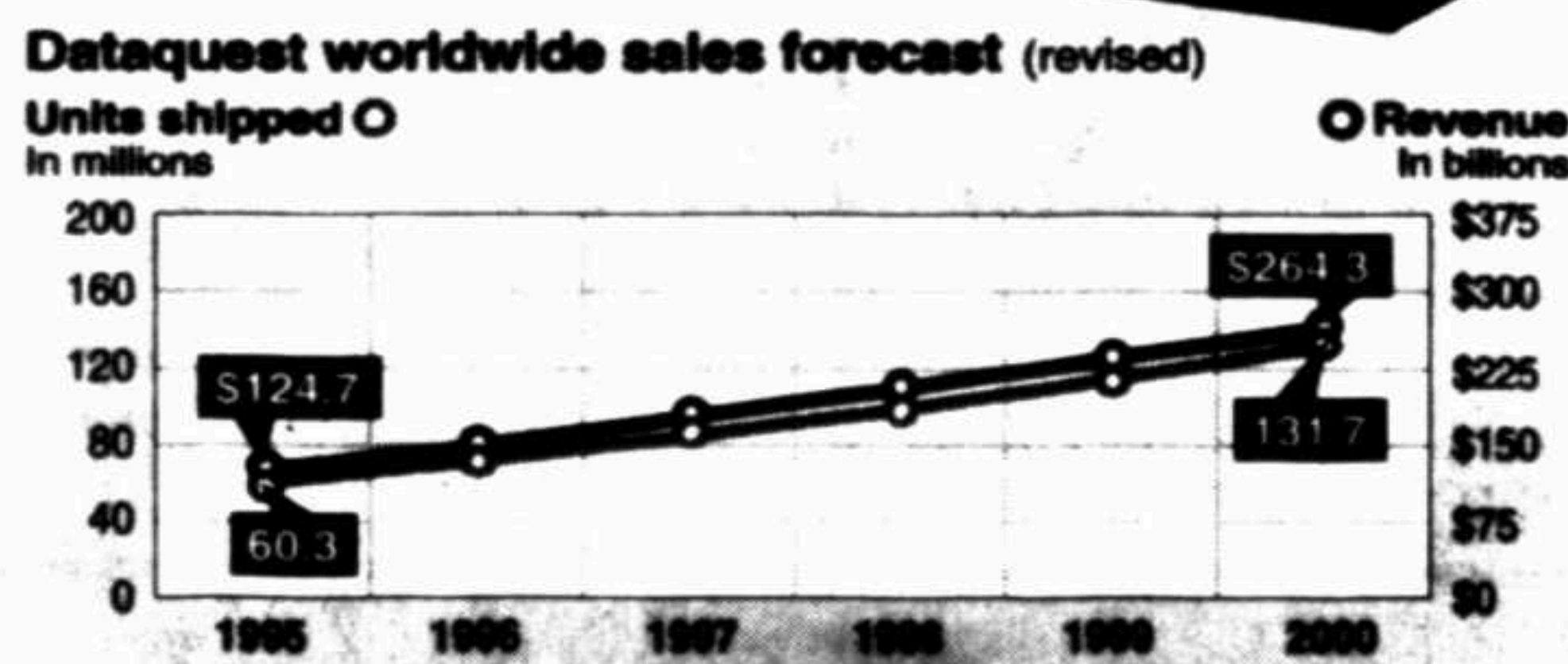
"We're highly skeptical on Russia in particular," she says. "In China, clearly there is enormous potential, but we're cautious there as well."

In Japan, where Scudder International has about 30 percent of its assets, Franklin notes that the prime attraction is a budding economic recovery. "They're remarkably resilient, both the people and the economy," she says. "We should never underestimate them, and there are some great companies."



PC slump? Not much

Personal computer sales, which typically drop off in the first quarter, did so again but not nearly as badly as some industry experts feared. A look at latest estimates by market researchers:



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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

Dave's Top 10

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 9. "Those high heels were worn by both Jackie and J. Edgar Hoover."
 8. "Sure it's an official White House napkin — they just called it 'White Castle' back then."
 7. "Oh my God! It's the undershirt he wore in Airport 77" (I'm sorry — that was overheard at the George Kennedy auction.)
 6. "Looks like Ted Kennedy's bidding on a couple hookers."
 5. "I wish Oliver Stone would shut up about his second auctioneer theory."
 4. "There's a guy outside selling JFK's Rolex for \$20 bucks."
 3. "The engagement ring? Big deal — I just bought Letterman's rake."
 2. "I knew Jack Kennedy's pet monkey. Jack Kennedy's pet monkey was a friend of mine. And that, sir, is not Jack Kennedy's pet monkey."
 1. "Sorry, President Clinton, his little black book is not for sale."
- Letterman

Late Night Lines

"Madonna's having a baby. Today she said she knows the exact time the baby was conceived, because she has one of those video cameras that shows the date and time."

"The Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis auction is going on in New York. People are lining up to bid. I was going to bid on something, but I showed up at the Ted Kennedy auction by mistake. I got some beer cans, a revoked driver's license, and a good deal on a rusty Oldsmobile."

— Jay Leno

"United Airlines is being criticized because several passengers have found insects and glass in their food. A spokesman for United said, 'We have no idea how that food got in there.'"

"Yesterday, during the closing arguments of the Bernhard Goetz trial, Goetz's lawyer called him a 'jerk, a geek, and a nerd.' In response, Goetz said, 'Oh yeah, well at least I'm not a lawyer.'"

"The big story here in New York: Bernhard Goetz lost his civil trial and has been ordered to pay \$3 million dollars. Unfortunately, he's so broke he's going to have to start asking people for money on the subway."

"It was reported today that the Fox Network will offer the presidential candidates one hour of free air time. The only catch is, they have to get breast implants."

"In a recent interview, Ann Landers said that when she's reviewing all the mail she receives, she can tell immediately which ones were sent by psychotics. They're the ones that start off with, 'Dear Ann, I'm a big fan of yours.'"

— Conan O'Brien

On Ted Kaczynski: "The Unabomber suspect Ted Kaczynski has been taken from his ten foot by twelve foot cabin and placed in an eight foot by ten foot cell. We showed him, huh."

On Bob Dole: "Bob Dole has finally admitted that Congress will have to surrender to political realities and consider raising the minimum wage. Dole said he's always fought such raises throughout his career, even the first one, when it went from two rocks to a sharp stick."

"My god, the royal families of Europe have been inbreeding for so long, their genealogy chart has fewer branches on it than Charlie Brown's Christmas tree."

— Dennis Miller

"Last night was Madonna's first Lamaze class. The class lasted about an hour, and then I understand she left with somebody else's husband."

"Madonna's baby is due in September. That means Madonna is very, very busy. She's getting the nursery ready, she's shopping for a car seat and now she's trying to decide who will cover the delivery live — HBO or Showtime."

"As you know, Madonna is pregnant and — I thought this was nice — she said she's going to name the baby after the father, just as soon as she finds out what his name is."

— Letterman

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

HELPING HANDS: WARREN AND GAYLE BRUCE

Current Volunteer Work: Planning and coordinating meals at different fundraisers at church and Midland Christian School; Single Parent Enrichment Conference Counselors, L.A.C.E.

Past Volunteer Work:
Mr. Bruce — Divorce Adjustment Facilitator; PTA; various booster clubs.
Mrs. Bruce — Divorce Adjustment Workshop Facilitator; Sunday School teacher; Brownie troop leader.

The Most Satisfying Aspect of Volunteer Work is:
Mrs. Bruce — "Watching people come together and enjoy each other — this includes the people who are helping us and those whom we are serving."

Mr. Bruce — "Working with young people; watching people enjoy each other's company; working with other people who also volunteer to help us without being asked."

Family: Three children, nine grandchildren.

Occupation:
Mr. Bruce — Gas Plant Supervisor, Texaco. **Mrs. Bruce** — Pre-Kindergarten-3rd Grade Principal, Midland Christian School.

Education:



Warren and Gayle Bruce

Hobbies, Interests, Etc.:

Mr. Bruce — Cooking, travel, golf, helping others.

Mrs. Bruce — Cooking, travel, reading.

Suggestions for "Helping Hands" subjects can be mailed to "Monday Morning, News Department, The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79702, or faxed to 682-3793. Include what qualifications and attributes your volunteer candidate has, along with that person's daytime and evening phone numbers.

Father, son reunited after 27 years in chance meeting

Associated Press

PUEBLO, Colo. — For gas station clerk Nueng Garcia, it was just another day on the job until he noticed the name of one man who paid with a check.

"Are you John Garcia?" he asked the man.

"Yes," came the answer.

"Were you ever in the Air Force?"

"Yes."

"Were you ever in Thailand?"

"Yes."

"Did you ever have a son?"

With that question, the two stared at each other and realized at the same moment that they were the father and son who had been separated 27 years ago and half a world away.

"I started thinking — this couldn't be. I was totally shocked," the elder Garcia said today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Until Monday's chance meeting, John Garcia had not seen his son since July 1969, when the elder Garcia was a young American serviceman.

Nueng was just 3 months old when his father left him

Please see REUNION/2B



Foreign exchange students with the Youth for Understanding group celebrate their year in Midland by joining hands to pose for a friend in front of the "Change the World One Child at a Time" sign.

One foreign exchange student at a time

■ As 16 foreign-exchange students prepare to leave for their homelands, they recall their time in West Texas.

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

It's a heck of a culture shock to come from crowded, bustling metropolitan Tokyo to the slower ranch life in rural Greenwood, but Japanese exchange student Kazu Futamura wouldn't have it any other way. After a year at Greenwood High School and staying with Ken and Linda Emert, Futamura said he will be leaving his heart in West Texas.

"Even Midland is a lot smaller than Tokyo. But it is not so busy as Tokyo, the cars, the trucks, all the people. I like it here better. I want to come back and go to a university in

the United States. I hope," Futamura said.

Futamura, and 15 other exchange students with the Youth for Understanding program, are preparing to graduate and return to their home countries in a matter of weeks.

Not one of them will miss Midland's bleak landscapes or extremes in weather. But every one of them said they hate to leave friends and family behind. On a lesser scale, but still dear to the heart, almost all of the students said they will long for Midland's Mexican fare (Kazu said pizza tops Mexican food). "I'd even settle for tortillas with cheese," said Jana Choritz, who laments the lack of a Rosa's restaurant in Germany. "We don't have fast food. Even the food at our McDonald's is different than it is here."

"Not so greasy," several students chorused.

Several students said they would miss the friendliness of

Please see STUDENTS/2B

Loss of humorists Bombeck and Grizzard hard to take

By Celia Rivenbark
N.Y. Times News Service

Erma and Lewis are missed, as much for their bravery as for their humor.

First Lewis Grizzard, now Erma Bombeck. Two very funny newspaper columnists, icons really, gone in two years.

Not everyone I know understood why I was so sad when Lewis Grizzard died on March 20, 1994.

He'd made a few enemies because of his columns, mostly thin-skinned women who couldn't laugh at themselves even a little.

My women friends, in particular, were mystified by the shelf of Grizzard books, the clipped columns with the yellow-highlighter lines on the funniest paragraphs.

You oughta know better, they'd say. He's a sexist much-married lout of a guy who has nothing but contempt for women.

Oh, don't get your Olga's in a wad, I said. Lewis Grizzard adored women, just had a funny (very funny) way of showing it. I know that, like all good Southern

men, he adored his mama and in his last hours, his beloved aunts flocked to his bedside bearing buttermilk pies.

Sexist? Maybe, but being a Southern man — and a funny Southern man — are qualities that trump a lot else.

He died too young, no question. So we have to look to the books ("My Daddy Was A Pistol And I'm A Son of A Gun," "Elvis Is Dead And I'm Not Feeling So Good Myself," etc.) for laughter from Lewis.

No more columns about his

beloved black lab Catfish or his penchant for cheese grits and vodka. His ticker gave out prematurely.

Lewis, like Erma, who died last Monday from complications after a kidney transplant, wrote four columns a week for national syndication. Earlier in his career, Lewis wrote six columns a week, which is probably what caused the first heart attack.

Lewis said those aren't winos you see searching through

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JIMMY PATTERSON

What's the deal with women and spring cleaning?

With all the hot weather of late, I had hoped it would serve at least one useful function: To trick wives into thinking that it must be too late for spring cleaning.

But you can't fool wives. They have things like day planners and purses and scraps of paper with heiroglyphical scribbles that allow them to keep track of important events like annual cleaning pilgrimages through houses that are so cluttered they would qualify for federal disaster assistance.

Take my wife.

I can't even make a simple comment this time of year about how there's a speck of dirt in the corner of the extra bedroom without risking her transforming into some possessed Hazel. Wives go nuts at spring time.

Sometime long, long ago, the great-great grandmother of some revered homemaker named Heloise or Ann or Erma, or that irritating perfectionist Martha Stewart coined the phrase "spring cleaning."



Patterson

Shortly thereafter, Abner Doubleday invented baseball so men would have a reason to live in the spring.

A coworker recently admitted to me that she goes through the spring-cleaning process every year. I asked her why she bothered. She said, "Spring is a time for renewal. You're coming out of the dark, cold winter; the sun is out; everything needs to sparkle." (This woman needs help!)

Another coworker (female, needless to say) tells me this: "There's something about warm weather that makes me want to get into a corner with a toothbrush and start scrubbing out the dirt, but I usually just lie down with a cold compress until that feeling passes."

Now that's the right attitude.

There are a couple of telltale signs that spring-cleaning is imminent. Signs that tell you there's no way out, that your wife will force you into a cleaning regimen that will make you wish you were in a Marine boot camp so you could just relax. (Notice, if you will, that most of the things that bring on spring cleaning are your wife's fault!)

■ If your bathroom has begun to resemble your wife's closet. Don't know why, but wives like to dump

their clothes in the bathroom at the end of a long day. It's called a hanger, ladies, use it!

■ If there's so much dust on the television you can't tell if you've turned it on or not, it may be time to clean.

■ If there's so much dust on the mini-blinds in the kitchen the sun will no longer shine through.

■ If the dog no longer wants to come inside, you'll know it's time for spring cleaning.

■ If a used shoe salesman comes to your house offering you a franchise that you can operate out of the front of your house, you'll know your wife has been leaving her shoes laying all over the place so much even the neighbors have taken notice. The sudden appearance of seven or eight pairs of shoes laying wherever she happens to kick them off (by the telephone in the kitchen is a very popular place for this) can make the house take on a cluttered appearance, which, in turn, can prompt a woman to feel the desire to spring clean.

■ If you can no longer stack anything on top of the refrigerator without it falling off and severely injuring

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DAVE BARRY

It's the ultimate water gun, and it commands respect

Just when you're starting to lose hope that the younger generation will ever amount to anything, just when you're asking yourself, "Where are the leaders of tomorrow? Where is the next John Kennedy, the next John Wayne, the next John Denver, the next John LeMasters, who attended Pleasantville High School with me and was very good at math?" just when you're starting to think that the most significant contributions that today's young people will make to society will be in the field of body-piercing, just when you're about to give up in total despair, some young person, when you least expect it, sends you a world-class water gun.



Barry

At least that's what happened to me. The young person in this case is actually named "John Young." He's a graduate student who wrote me a letter informing me that several years earlier, while sitting in a philosophy class —

and let this be a lesson to you students who think that studying philosophy is a waste of time — he figured out how to make "the most butt-kickingest water gun the world has ever seen."

He calls it The Ultimate Water Gun, and when he offered to let me try it, I of course accepted immediately. I had a hunch that this could be my big journalism break, comparable to the time during the Watergate scandal when, in a secret meeting in a parking garage, the man known only as "Deep Throat" changed the course of history by giving Bob Woodward a really good water gun. But not as good as the one that John Young sent me. This is not some flimsy plastic toy; this is a major contraption that weighs, when fully loaded, as much as a major kitchen appliance. It consists of a pressurized, water-filled fire-extinguisher tank that you wear in a harness on your back; this is connected via a short tube to a garden-hose nozzle riveted to the top of a gold motorcycle helmet, which you wear on your head, so that, when you squeeze a hand-held trigger, the water squirts out in whatever direction your head is pointing. You also wear a firefighter-style jacket that has been spray-painted silver; the jacket does not make the gun work any better, but it does perform the important

function, in conjunction with the nozzle-topped helmet, of making you look like: Captain Bill, Space Dork!

I tested this water gun with my son, Rob, at a Miami gas station. (We needed the station's air compressor to pressurize the tank.) It is not easy, using mere words, to describe the feeling of power you get when, merely by squeezing your hand, you send a powerful jet of water whooshing from the top of your head, shooting 75 feet or more in whatever direction you look, but I will try: It is cool.

It also commands respect. At one point, two young men pulled up in a classic Bad Dude car — low to the ground, windows tinted with what appeared to be roofing tar, sound system thumping out bass notes loud enough to affect the Earth's rotation. They stopped and got out, apparently intending to use the air compressor; but just then, Rob came around the front of my car, silver-coated, gold-helmeted, shooting a blast of water over the gas-station roof. The Bad Dudes were clearly startled, although they recovered and tried to look extremely unimpressed, as if to say, "Ho-hum, another Human Fire Hydrant." Then they got coolly, but quickly, back into their boombox car and thumped out of there.

So we're talking about a powerful new technology here, and I've been pondering how it can best be utilized to benefit humanity in general, and I think I've figured out the ultimate use for The Ultimate Water Gun: Cigar Control.

As you know, cigars are now the "in" thing, with hip, fashionable, "with-it" sophisticates lighting up in restaurants and bars, apparently not realizing that, to the many, many people who don't care for cigars, it smells as though somebody has set an armpit on fire. (I am referring here to your cheaper cigar. Your more expensive cigar smells as though somebody has set a more expensive armpit on fire.)

Of course, polite cigar smokers (and there are many) refrain from lighting up where others will unwillingly smell their smoke. But there seems to be a growing group of people — let's reach deep into our bag of euphemisms and call them "jerks" — who seem to enjoy lighting up in public places; who talk loudly and proudly about their cigars, as if they truly believe that the rest of us are impressed with a person capable of emitting this level of stench.

So, picture this: You're in a restaurant, and a jerk lights up, and suddenly all the food tastes like cigar. You're wishing that somebody (not you; you

don't want any trouble) would tell this guy exactly what he can do with his cigar; just then the door bursts open, and there he is, his silver coat reflecting the candlelight — The Cigar Avenger! His gold helmet turns slowly, scanning the room, and suddenly he squeezes his hand trigger and WHOOSH the jerk is drenched from head to foot, with what looks like a wad of dead seaweed hanging limply from his clenched mouth.

As the surrounding diners break into applause, the jerk (he might be a lawyer) sputters: "THIS RESTAURANT HAS NO POLICY AGAINST CIGAR SMOKING!" And The Cigar Avenger calmly replies: "This restaurant also has no policy against extinguishing cigars with a powerful stream of water from a helmet-mounted spray nozzle."

And then, in a twinkling of silver, he is gone. Probably he is gone to get a hernia operation, because that thing is heavy.

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STUDENTS: Friendliness of area will be missed

(From 1B)

Midlanders, and numerous after school activities. "It was a big change for me at Midland High School to find teachers that were so helpful," said Valentina Bagdasaryan of Russia. "You can ask a teacher for help (in Russia) but not often," she said. "Here teachers would ask: 'Can I help you with anything?'"

Students from South America said they enjoyed taking it easier in school. "American teen-agers are lazier," said Carlos Lima from Brazil, earning a punch in the arm from a peer for his comment. "They are lazier. I would have had 14 subjects to take in school this year (in Brazil). I would have had to study more," he said.

Claudio Callegari of Milan, Italy, said he missed the rainy weather of his home country. "Milan is very commercial and industrial, like Dallas. Midland is a smaller town, but people are closer. They do more things together." Quite an international traveler, Callegari has attended school in Moscow and plans to go to college in England. "I've made lots of friends in Midland. It's going to be hard to leave," he said. "I learned a lot about myself this year — things I didn't notice before. I've also learned to be more independent and social."

Callegari said he missed the passion Italian teen-agers have for politics. Lena Raykowski of Germany also said she missed the concern

"I liked the frozen yogurt. The only place you can get it in Germany is at McDonalds."

— Lena Raykowski, German exchange student

her peers in her home country have surrounding political issues. "Teen-agers in Germany are much more responsible. They are more involved in politics." Nonetheless, Miss Raykowski said she liked the Texas-friendly attitude of Midlanders. "I also liked frozen yogurt. The only place you can get it in Germany is in McDonalds," she said.

Rebecca Woolstencroft of Melbourne, Australia, said she was surprised how reluctant Americans are to walk when they can drive. "There just isn't any walking about here. It's not a big thing like it is in Australia."

Several of the teen-agers said their parents and families are coming to the Tall City for high school graduations. That is when several students said they will finally have a chance to "show Midland off."

Jim and Ann Hicks, YFU field managers said the students will be leaving in June in July and the organization is already seeking host families for students from around the world due to arrive in August. Interested persons may call 694-3533.

REUNION: Father, son have lots of catching up to do

(From 1B)

and his mother, Pratom Semon, in Thailand. Both father and son said the woman did not want to leave her homeland for the United States.

Garcia said he continued to write and send checks to his son's mother after he left Thailand. Nueng said his mother was seeing another man, who put a stop to his father's correspondence.

After two years of writing, Garcia lost touch with his son. In later years, he sent letters to the gov-

ernment in Bangkok seeking an address. They went unanswered. Nueng Garcia and his mother had moved to Colorado Springs in 1971, after immigrating to the United States with another American serviceman Semon married and has since divorced.

By chance, John Garcia moved to Pueblo nine years ago to take a job.

That their paths met this week was even more unlikely. Garcia said he never goes to that gas station, wasn't even low on gas and hardly ever pays with a check.

"I don't even know why I

stopped for gas," he said. His newfound 27-year-old son put his arm around the man who was once a stranger and said, "Dad... I'm glad you stopped."

As for their plans now, Nueng said: "Twenty-seven years is a long time — we're catching up."

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DEATHS

Sella Mae Lewis

Services for Sella Mae Lewis, 67, of Midland are pending with Pipken Funeral Home in Midland. She died Sunday, May 5, in a local hospital.

Mabel Hurley

ATHENS — Services for Mabel Hurley, 91, of Athens are set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 7, in First Presbyterian Church with Dr. William A. Watson officiating. Burial will be in Athens City Cemetery under the direction of Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hurley died Saturday, May 4, in an Athens hospital.

She was born July 14, 1904, in Yates Center, Kan. She resided in Midland from 1930 to 1963 where she and her husband owned and operated the Pig Stand Restaurant for 15 years and The Spot Coffee Shop for 15 years. She has been a resident of Athens for 33 years and was a member of First Presbyterian Church and was formerly active in various garden clubs.

She married Butler Hurley on March 21, 1930, in Midland.

She is survived by her husband, Butler Hurley of Athens, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Morgan, Michael Morgan, John Paul Boyd, Leroy Barton, Howard Baker and Steve Grant.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Douglas W. Curran, Charlie Tiney, Charlie Fields, George Garges, Jim Fulton and Bob Allen.

Memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 927, Athens, Texas 75751.

Visitation will be 6-7:30 p.m. today, May 6.

Kassandra Crites

Services for Kassandra Crites,

7, are pending with Ellis Funeral Home. She died Sunday, May 5, in a Midland hospital.

Annie Slover

Services for Annie Slover, 96, will be 1 p.m. today, May 6, at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with the Rev. Marvin Gregory officiating. Burial will follow in Peaceful Gardens in Woodrow.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Friday, May 3, at a Midland hospital.

She was born April 3, 1900, in Moon County, Mo. She was a teacher and housewife. She was a member of First Methodist Church of Tahoka. She lived in Midland for 24 years. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1971 and by a daughter, Emily Lou Lindsey, in 1990.

She is survived by a son, Claud Slover of Midland; two daughters, Jean McClelland of Edinburg and Joan Townsen of Oregon City, Ore.; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Winona Clariborne

Services for Winona M. Clariborne will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, May 5, at her

home. She was born Aug. 17, 1909, in Groesbeck. At the age of 13, she moved to Paducah, where she met Stanley Claiborne. They married on April 29, 1930. The moved to Quanah, then to Big Spring before moving to Midland in 1945. She joined the Telephone Company as an operator and retired in the early 1970s. She was in the child care department at First Baptist Church for 14 years. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981.

She is survived by a son, James M. Claiborne of Salt Lake City, Utah; a daughter, Carolyn Dickinson of Midland; seven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

John Underwood

Services for John Thomas Underwood will be at 1 p.m. today, May 6, at Midland Christian Fellowship Church with the Rev. Curt Bezinque officiating, assisted by the Rev. Leo Riley.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. He died Saturday, May 4, in a Midland hospital.

Pallbearers will be Jim Foreman, Don Moellering, James Caton, Shane Spear, Lloyd Jobe and Joe Alcala. Honorary pallbearers will be Don Bomar and Jim Landers.

Memorials may be sent to Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin, 6901 S. County Road 1200, Midland 79703.

DEATHS

Stories change shape over many tellings

DEAR ABBY: In your column of April 2, you apologized for an error that was my fault, not yours. It concerned an anecdote about Calvin Coolidge's sister.

Abby, I really did read that allegedly true anecdote many years ago. (I think it appeared in Reader's Digest.) I had no reason to doubt its authenticity, nor any means of verifying it.

But I do apologize for causing you embarrassment. I assure you it was not intentional. — JACK RUNNINGER, ROME, GA.

P.S. The story pointed out the dangers of pretending to remember someone. Abby, I can't believe how widely read you are. When you published my letter, I heard from long-lost friends from all over the United States, and even some from Japan, Hawaii and Hong Kong.

DEAR MR. RUNNINGER: Thank you for the apology. I received many letters from hawk-eyed readers wanting to set the record straight. (Bless

them all!) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I think you should know that the true story about Calvin Coolidge's sister was stolen from a routine that Jack Paar used on one of his comedy records many years ago. In Paar's routine, the dialogue was pretty much the same as in the Coolidge story; however, it took place in London, and the response to "What is your dear mother doing these days?" was, "She's still the queen."

I had the record in the early 1960s, and if I still had it, I would send it to you. However, like the routine, it's been gone for a long time. — DAVID J. BROWN, COOKVILLE, TEXAS

DEAR MR. BROWN: Thank you for wanting to set the record straight. However, over the years, I have noticed that there has been a lot of "borrowing" of material. Perhaps Jack Paar conceived the idea for his routine after reading the joke in Reader's Digest. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column you were taken to task by a reader over an anecdote that erroneously referenced Calvin Coolidge's sister. I thought you might be interested in knowing you had the anecdote right — but the wrong president! The following is from a collection of Reader's Digest humor called "Fun Fare," published in 1949:

"The first Mrs. Richard Harding Davis was one day riding in a Long Island train when an important-looking woman took a seat across the aisle from her. Mrs. Davis remembered that somewhere she had met the newcomer, but what her name was, she could not recall. To make the situation acutely embarrassing, the lady nodded pleasantly and said, 'Won't you come sit with me, Mrs. Davis?'"

"Mrs. Davis changed her seat, and then began a mental struggle to recall the eluding name. Presently, what she hoped was a clue disclosed itself. The lady mentioned a brother. 'Oh, yes. Your brother,' Mrs. Davis grasped at the straw. 'What is he doing now?'"

"Oh, he's still president of the United States," said Mrs. Douglas Robinson, sister of Theodore Roosevelt."

The quote is attributed to Joseph Cummings Chase. — MARY STRAUS, PLEASANTON, CALIF.

DEAR MARY: Apparently an anecdote is like the game many of us played as children: By the time something has been repeated a few times, it bears little resemblance to the original story.

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Self-declared ambassador jailed in West Texas

MONAHANS, Texas (AP) — A leader of the Republic of Texas movement, an anti-government group, remained jailed Sunday for a second day on a federal con-

tempt citation, according to broadcast reports and the right-wing organization.

Richard L. McLaren, who contends that he is an ambassador and chief legal counsel for the sovereign republic, is being held in the Ward County Jail in Monahans, a spokeswoman for the San Antonio-based Republic movement said Sunday.

Sheriff's officers and federal officials declined comment to The Associated Press. But station KMD-TV reported that McLaren was jailed without bond.

Jeanette Kinman, the Republic spokeswoman, said deputy U.S. marshals arrested McLaren Sat-

urday as he drove a tractor on his property in Jeff Davis County, about 100 miles southwest of Monahans.

McLaren had been held in contempt by U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton, Ms. Kinman said.

The judge had heard complaints about the republic's practice of issuing liens against property. Bunton did not immediately return a telephone call from the AP.

The Republic movement has used its so-called Common Law Court of Pleas, which has convened in an Arlington, Texas, motel, to issue trillions of dollars in what it believes are judgments against the United States.

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Rosa Blumentritt

Rosa Blumentritt, 100, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord Saturday, April 4, 1996, at Meadow Creek Nursing Center in San Angelo. Services will be at 3:30 p.m. today, May 6, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in the Protestant Cemetery in Rowena, Texas, under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Rosa was born April 6, 1896, in Pflugerville, Texas. She was the daughter of Fritz and Augusta Blumentritt, and the oldest living granddaughter of George Pfluger, founder of Pflugerville, Texas. In 1904, she moved with her parents to Runnels County and attended the Sweet Home Community School and Texas Lutheran College. Rosa was the oldest living alumnus of the college. Rosa was confirmed April 9, 1911, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles, Texas. After marriage to Edward Struach in 1920 they farmed near Miles until he became postmaster of Miles and Rosa was the assistant until 1932. Their marriage ended in divorce. Rosa, better known as Rosie, moved to San Angelo and was a familiar figure on city streets and buses as she pursued her social and business interests. She was a member of the Lutheran Church but also attended other denominational services including the business men's Bible class while a resident at the Old Hotel Cactus. After declining health forced curtailment of her activity, Rosa entered the Meadow Creek Nursing Center and lived there for the past several years.

Surviving are brothers, Lewis G. Blumentritt of Midland, George L. Blumentritt of Odessa, Marvin V. Blumentritt of San Angelo; sisters, Augusta Krieger of San Angelo, Gertrude Fleming of Midland; nieces and nephews, Ross and Patricia Blumentritt of Fort Worth, James Blumentritt of Galveston, Joe Edward Blumentritt, Russel and Marlene Blumentritt of Midland, Charles Blumentritt of Dallas, David and Karen Blumentritt of Friendswood, Texas, John and Darlene Blumentritt of Florida, June and Billy J. Helwig of Miles, Lavern and Dannel Redman of Miles, Kay and Mel Bruce of California, Lorie and Marvin Steller of Blanco, Jan Blumentritt and Dr. Charles Sponsel of Odessa, Marcia and Larry Guthals of San Angelo. She also leaves 26 great-grand nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

The family is grateful for the loving care given by her sitters and the staff of Meadow Creek and Dr. Walter Hewell.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Pfluger Memorial Hall, in care of Susan Pfluger Mallenburger, P.O. Box 515, Pflugerville 78660, or a favorite charity.

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High: 94
Low: 60



THURSDAY
Partly cloudy
and not as
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High: 92
Low: 60

Texas Yesterday

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Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.
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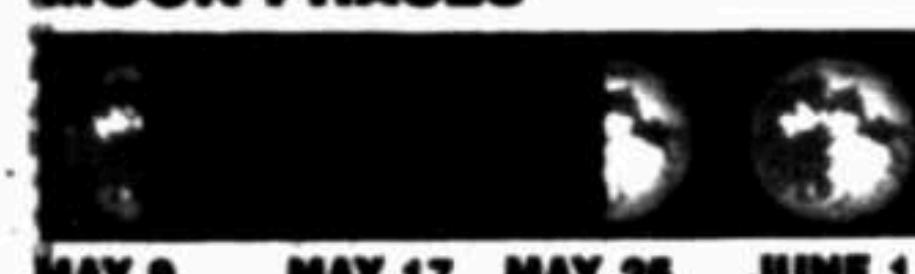
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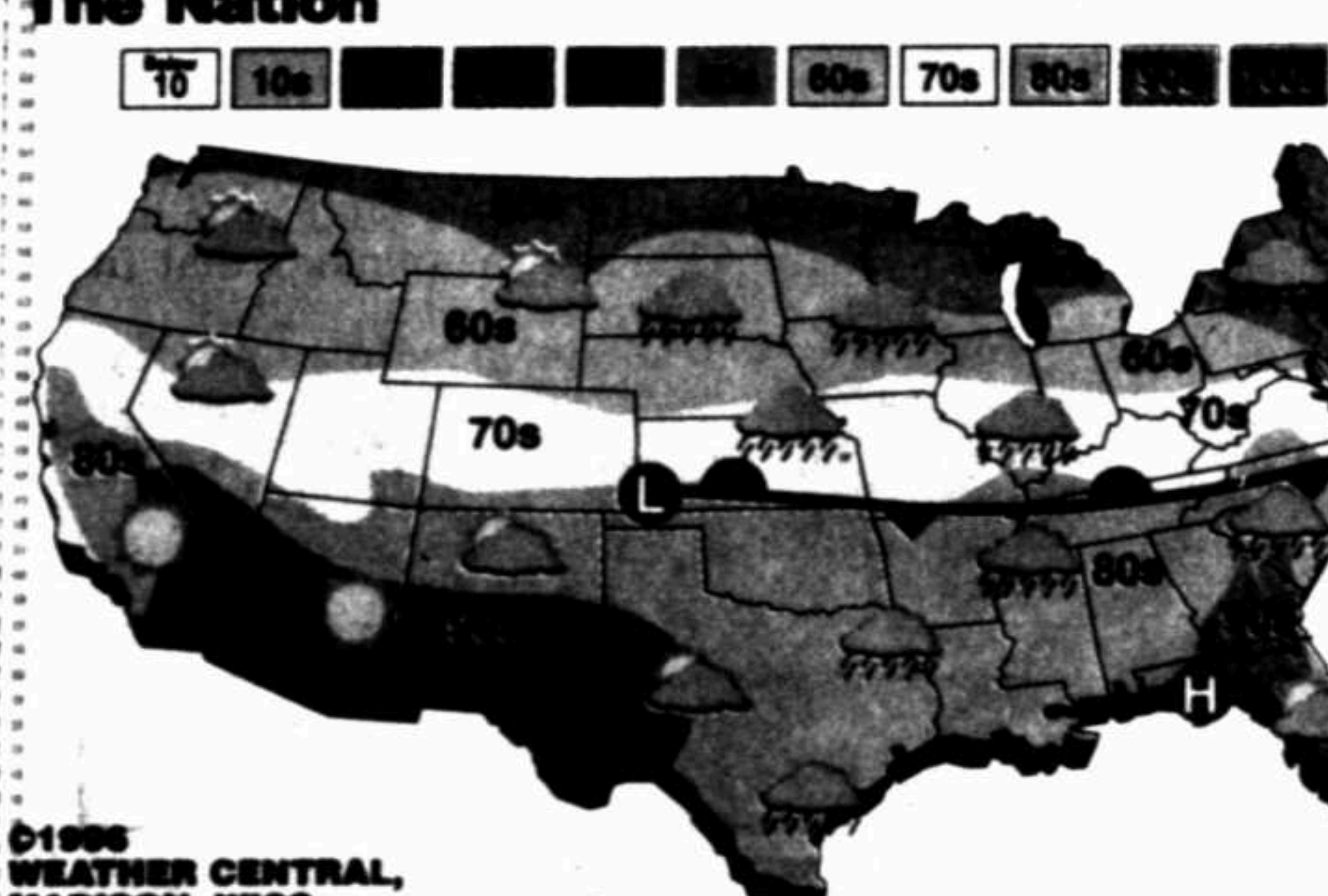
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Albuquerque	88	53	s	Columbia, SC	91	65	t	Jacksonville	92	66	pc
Anchorage	59	32	s	Columbus, OH	67	46	pc	Juneau	54	32	s
Atlanta	68	40	pc	Dayton	67	47	pc	Kansas City	74	60	pc
Austin	87	69	pc	Denver	77	46	pc	Las Vegas	93	65	s
Baltimore	67	48	c	Des Moines	62	52	pc	Little Rock	84	64	t
Birmingham	84	64	pc	Duluth	56	37	c	Louisville	77	57	pc
Boise	52	36	pc	Evansville	76	58	c	Memphis	82	64	t
Boston	64	41	sh	Fairbanks	55	27	pc	Miami Beach	86	75	pc
Buffalo	50	41	sh	Flagstaff	75	35	s	Milwaukee	52	43	pc
Charlotte	84	60	t	Grand Rapids	60	41	c	Minneapolis	62	43	pc
Cheney	67	40	pc	Great Falls	54	33	pc	Nashville	80	62	t
Chicago	60	43	pc	Helena	60	32	pc	New Orleans	87	71	pc
Cincinnati	71	49	pc	Honolulu	87	71	pc	New York	52	43	sh
Cleveland	59	41	c	Houston	85	71	t	Omaha	65	50	c
				Indianapolis	68	51	pc	Orlando	91	69	pc

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Bermuda	71	64	pc	Cabo San Lucas	98	64	pc	Beijing	93	77	pc
Chihuahua	98	66	s	Guadalajara	90	62	pc	Bogota	68	47	r
Havana	85	70	pc	Kingston	87	76	pc	Johannesburg	72	45	s
Mazatlan	88	66	pc	Mexico City	85	56	pc	London	54	41	c
Merida	98	74	pc	Nassau	88	72	s	Montreal	55	33	pc
Mexico City	85	56	pc	Paris	60	42	s	Moscow	70	56	pc
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San Juan, PR	85	75	pc	Rome	72	51	pc	Paris	60	42	s
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FACTS

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Police Reports

Electrocution
A 12-year-old girl was struck by electricity Sunday afternoon in the 500 block of South Dallas Street while playing with a pipe containing some 115 volts, police said.

The victim was playing in the back yard when she apparently came into contact with the pipe. She was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center by ambulance then air-lifted to the burn unit in Lubbock.

T.U. Electric was called to the scene to try and locate the source of the electricity, police said. However, as of press time, they had not been able to locate the power source.

Midland Police Department

Stolen vehicle: An orange 1930s model case tractor was reported stolen from 2900 W. Illinois Ave. It was reported at 7:13 p.m. by Odd Williams.

Burglary of a residence: Two bicycles were stolen from a garage at 3620 Boyd Ave., reported Keith Reker at 7:15 p.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle was damaged by having rocks thrown at it, reported Jennifer Creswell at 8: p.m.

Theft: Several items of clothing were stolen from Mervyn's, 3001 W. Loop 250. It was reported at 8:17 p.m.

Robbery: Two men stole a purse

containing a handgun, keys and a wallet in the 800 block of Bunche Street. It was reported at 11:08 p.m.

Burglary of a building: A microwave oven and a wicker trunk were stolen from the Salvation Army, 300 S. Baird St. It was reported at 8:27 a.m.

Burglary of a building: An air conditioner and 10 packs of cigarettes were stolen from the New Dew Drop Inn, 206 N. Lee St. It was reported at 8:30 a.m.

Vandalism: A van was keyed at 516 N. Loop 250. It was reported at 8:57 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: An amplifier and stereo were stolen from a vehicle at 1213 S. Weatherford St. It was reported at 9:59 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A stereo speaker and amplifier were stolen from 1214 S. Weatherford St. It was reported at 1:03 p.m.

Graffiti: Graffiti was spray-painted on the side of a home at 1604 McDonald St. It was reported at 1:04 p.m.

Burglary: A stereo was reported stolen from 1307 E. Hamby Ave. It was reported at 2:11 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Stolen vehicle: A 1991 yellow Chevrolet pickup was stolen from Twin Cities Speedway, 4314 S. County Road 1300. It was reported at 2:36 a.m. by Rafael Ovilas.

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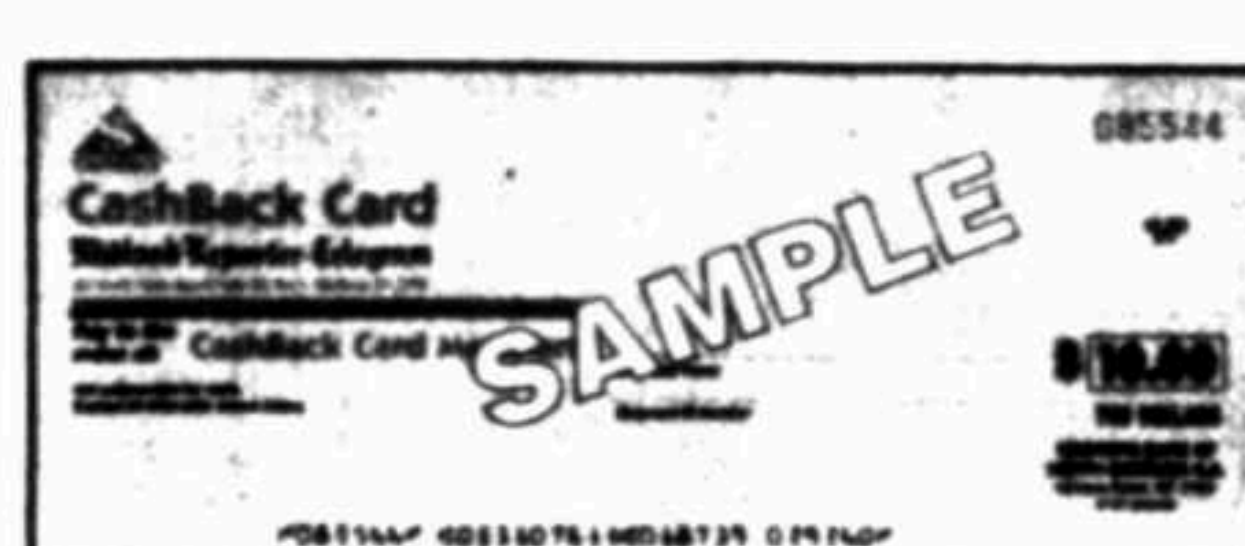
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Pelluer shines

FRANKFURT, Germany — Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Steve Pelluer threw a touchdown pass Sunday and the Frankfurt Galaxy held on for a 40-28 victory over the Amsterdam Admirals in the WLA.

Pelluer was knocked out of the game late in the first half with a bruised forearm, but the Galaxy (4-0) had a 34-7 lead by then.

Will Furrer threw four touchdown passes for the Admirals (1-3). Furrer's last touchdown pass, with 42 seconds left in the third quarter, cut Frankfurt's lead to 34-28.

Frankfurt, which entered the game with the top-ranked defense, then stiffened and shut down the Admirals, who have the top-ranked offense.

The Galaxy, which beat the Admirals in last year's World Bowl, finally sealed the win when Bobby Phillips scored with 2:45 left on a 2-yard sweep.

Shotgun attack

ASHBURN, Va. — A new wrinkle was added to the quarterback controversy at the Washington Redskins minicamp this weekend: the shotgun.

Heath Shuler and Gus Frerotte — splitting first-team snaps 50-50 as they battle for the starting job — took turns fielding the longer snaps in a full practice for the first time in their pro careers.

"We're experimenting with it," coach Norv Turner said Sunday. "We've got two reasons to put it in. Both of our quarterbacks have played in it and were comfortable with it. The other thing is, we play about five teams this year that run the shotgun offense, and this will give us a chance to practice against it in training camp."

35,250 see Burn

DALLAS — The Dallas Burn earned their second shutout victory of the Major League Soccer season Sunday, beating the Columbus Crew 1-0 by virtue of a 3-1 edge in the tiebreaker.

Before a Cotton Bowl crowd of 35,250, Dallas goalkeeper Mark Dodd faced only four shots in shutting out the Crew. Stymied in regulation time, the Burn converted three of four shots in the shootout.

Mustangs to play

Midland Christian, fresh off a state track championship, now turns efforts toward bringing home a couple of more state crowns in softball and baseball.

The Mustang baseball team will face Fort Worth's Pantego Christian at 4:30 p.m. today at Abilene High in Abilene for the TAPPS-1A regional final championship.

The Lady Mustangs also play in a region final today, meeting Dallas Canyon Creek Christian at 4 p.m. in Clyde.

MC, which had never won a state title in track, now has state titles in both football and track in the same school year.

The baseball and softball teams hope to add a couple of more titles to that already impressive list.

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Cinco de Mayo 'Futbol' comes to a close

Mexican teams win six of eight boys division titles

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

It was so hot the uninitiated may have thought Cinco de Mayo was Spanish for heat wave. But when 90 teams from around the state and Mexico played the third annual Cinco de Mayo Futbol Festival this weekend, if anything was on fire, it was the squads from south of the Rio Grande.

Of the eight boys divisions, Mexican teams took championships in six. They headed back to their home country having shown Midland players that Permian Basin soccer still has a ways to go if it's going to win

its share of Cinco de Mayo games.

"It was a good example that America needs to play soccer better," said Midland Blast's under-16's Evan Prothro after his team fell to Rumania of Mexico 2-0 at Hogan Park Sunday in a third-place game. "But it was a good tournament. It was interesting."

The 90 degree temperatures made it feel like midsummer. That took its toll on the players. Three youths had to be treated for dehydration Saturday, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce International Trade Specialist Fernando De La Rosa, who brought the Mexican teams to the tournament, said. They recuperated

by eating bananas and drinking Gatorade.

"The heat tired the players a lot faster," said Hispanic Chamber director Charlene Romero. "We had some teams that were pretty much exhausted by the time they finished."

In another third-place game Sunday, Midland's Black Magic U14 boys beat San Patricio 3-1. Black Magic's Bryan Fitzhugh enjoyed playing against the three Mexican teams his squad faced over the three-day tournament, even if they beat only one.

"This is one of the harder tourna-

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Just like District 4-5A, except for the heat

■ It's Abilene vs. Midland in U-19 girls final, but it sure wasn't February.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

The Under-19 girls final between the Abilene Extreme '79 and the Midland Blast '78 at the Cinco de Mayo Futbol Festival was a lot like old times except for the heat.

The scorching temperatures near 100 degrees was a major factor between the teams that featured many standout players from 4-5A's two dominant cities.

However, when all the sunburns were counted and the post-game water was gulped at the Dunigan Soccer field, the Blast took its 1-0 win and the Festival's title.

"It isn't easy to play in this heat and physically we are not in top condition," said Manu Sanon, head coach of the Blast Soccer Club. "We were dominating the game, and in the second half, we put the numbers up there and put one in. They (Abilene) have a good group, but we have

more talent."

Sanon's team, which tied the Extreme 0-0 in pool play, did dominate, especially the second half, which was shortened to 30 minutes. The Blast outshot the Extreme 6-1 in that period and got the goal on a final push near the end of the game.

The lone score followed a diving save by Abilene keeper Catherine Weir on a shot attempt by Lee's Angie Boyd. Ketter, a senior at Midland High, came streaking down the left side of the field, took the ball near the end line and converted the chance from an improbable angle.

"I don't know how it went in," said Ketter, who has signed with West Texas A&M. "I was thinking that (it might go to a shootout) but hoping it wouldn't."

Getting the win over Abilene, which featured six players on the 4-5's first and second teams from Abilene High and Abilene Cooper, was as gratifying just as when the high schools go at it.

"It felt like a high school game," Ketter said. "It is a

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Teams battled for three days in the Cinco de Mayo Futbol Festival this weekend in Midland. Here Alta Vista of Juarez, Mex., takes on the Lubbock Tigers.

NBA PLAYOFFS: ROUND II

A bad back? No problem, Michael Jordan hits for 44

■ Michael Jordan carries the Chicago Bulls to another playoff victory despite being bothered by back spasms.

By Mike Nadel
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A sore back couldn't keep Michael Jordan from carrying the Chicago Bulls.

Jordan, bothered by back spasms all week, scored 44 points Sunday as the Bulls opened the Eastern Conference semifinals with a 91-84 victory over the New York Knicks.

The Bulls, who eliminated the Knicks from the playoffs in 1989, 1991, 1992 and 1993 but lost to New York during Jordan's retirement in 1994, have followed their NBA-record 72-victory regular season with a 4-0 start in the playoffs. They'll try to go ahead 2-0 in the best-of-7 series Tuesday night.

Scottie Pippen, with 11 points on 4-for-15 shooting, was the only other Chicago player to score in double figures.

So it was Jordan's game to win or lose. And, as he almost always does against New York, he won.

The Bulls missed eight straight shots, allowing the Knicks to pull to 83-82 with four minutes left, before Jordan made a 15-foot jumper, an end-to-end drive over 7-foot Patrick Ewing and a fade-away from the lane as the Bulls finished the game with an 8-2 run.

New York did not make a field goal in

the final 5:15 and had two of its 17 turnovers in the final minute of the game.

Ewing, who had 21 points and 16 rebounds but was only 9-of-23 from the floor, missed two free throws with 2:15 left that would have cut Chicago's lead.

Jordan responded with his turnaround jumper in the lane for a six-point lead and John Starks shot an airball from 3-point range on New York's next possession.

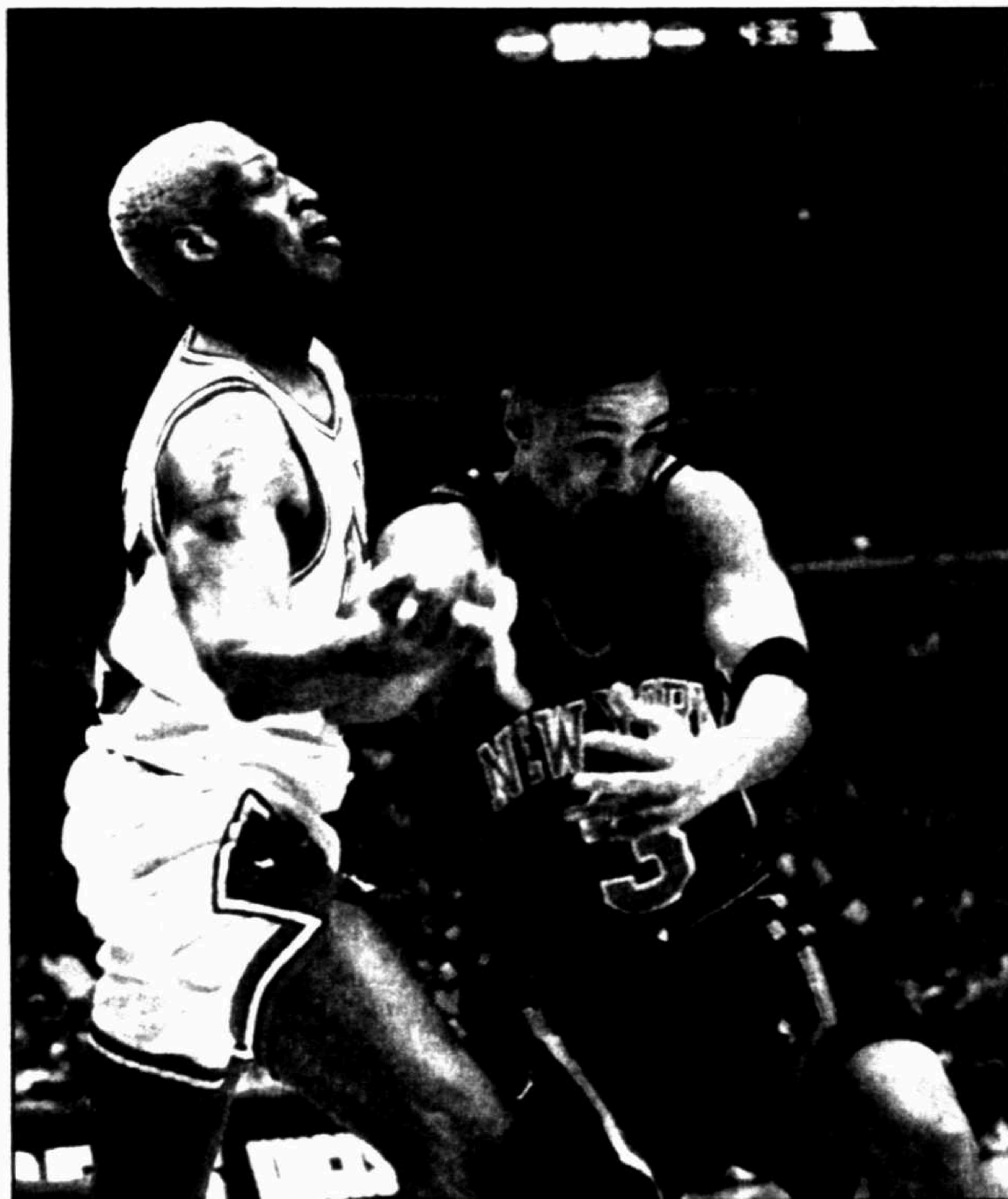
Starks, who shot 64 percent from 3-point range and led the Knicks with a 20-point average in their first-round sweep of Cleveland, was 0-for-9 overall and 0-for-5 on 3-pointers.

Jordan opened the game with a long 3-pointer and then followed with a 20-footer — sending the message that, sore back or not, he was ready to play.

He made six of his first eight shots for 15 points as the Bulls took a 21-13 lead. Jordan missed his next two attempts before going out of the game with 1:34 left in the first quarter. He spent the rest of the period laying on the floor before re-entering to start the second.

The Bulls led 28-21 before Jordan sparked a 10-2 run that put them up by 15. After making an outlet pass to set up Scottie Pippen's three-point play, Jordan stole Charlie Ward's inbound pass and got the ball to Steve Kerr, who hit a 3-pointer. Ward made a short jumper before Jordan scored on a drive and on a fast-break dunk.

Jordan left again with 7:29 left in the second quarter and received treatment from trainer Chip Schaefer before returning about 2 minutes later.



Chicago bad boy Dennis Rodman, in white, gets locked up with New York's John Starks during NBA playoff action Sunday.

Wallace holds off Martin in 300

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — Rusty Wallace won for the second time this year Sunday, capturing the Save Mart Supermarkets 300 at Sears Point Raceway for his sixth career victory on a road course.

Wallace overtook Jeff Gordon on the 69th lap of the 74-lap race after a caution and went on to hold off Mark Martin by about two car lengths at the finish line. The margin of victory was .46 seconds.

Wally Dallenbach Jr. was

third, his highest finish this season, on the 2.52-mile road course in Northern California's scenic wine country.

Wallace, who won this year at Martinsville, also came in first at Sears Point in 1990. He won the pole in this event in 1989.

Before a track-record crowd of 102,000, there were eight lead changes among seven drivers in the 187-mile race, with Wallace taking the front position twice in his Ford Thunderbird. He led 36 laps with an average speed of 77.673 mph.

Martin, who came in second to

Dale Earnhardt here last year, was challenged by Dallenbach at the end of the 72nd lap. Martin held firm in his Ford, but Wallace was able to widen his margin of victory during the battle for second and third.

Earnhardt was fourth, and pole-sitter Terry Labonte finished fifth. Gordon, the 1995 Winston Cup champion, fell to sixth.

Labonte held the lead through the first 13 laps until the caution flag came out because of debris on the course. There were five

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Terry Labonte with the early lead ...but not there for the finish

Midland Christian wins first state track title

Staff Report

WACO — The Midland Christian boys track team pulled off a major coup here over the weekend, winning the TAPPS-1A state championship for the first time in the school's history.

That means that the Mustangs have now won state championships in football and track in the same school year, another first for MC. Also, Midland Christian's baseball and softball teams are still both alive in the TAPPS playoff run, holding a chance to win two more state titles.

"It's been a tremendous year for us," said MC track coach James Blake. "We had never won a track championship before, so this is really a huge accomplishment for us."

But it didn't come easy. Blake's crew scored 86 points to win the title while Faith Christian was second with 79 points and defending state champion Sacred Hearts

was third with 72 points.

Sacred Hearts had won five state TAPPS-1A track titles in a row.

"Sacred Hearts won our district championship, but we were able to beat them at the state meet," Blake said. Leading the charge for the Mustangs was Andrew Hufford, who scored 31 points in the meet.

Hufford won the triple jump with a new state record 44-feet, 9 inches, shattering the old mark of 42-0 1/2. "Andrew broke the old state record five times in that event," Blake said.

Hufford also won the long jump with a 21-3 1/2. He was fifth in the 100 in 11.3 seconds and fourth in the 200 with a 23.6. Hufford also ran a leg on MC's winning 400 relay team that posted a 45.0 with Jerod Womack, Lucas McLane and Colby Lee running with Hufford.

Alex Awtry won two medals, placing second in the high jump with a 6-0 and third in the triple jump with a 41-7 1/4. In the high jump, Awtry, who is 5-foot-9,

almost cleared 6-2.

Patrick Hughes was third for a medal in the 110 high hurdles with a 15.7. John Koss also medaled in the high jump with a 5-10 for third place.

The Mustangs could have scored even more points, but Colby Lee, one of the fastest members of the track team, had a false start in the 100.

The Midland Christian girls scored 10 points in the meet.

Complete Midland Christian TAPPS-1A state track meet results held in Baylor Stadium over the weekend:

Boys Division
Triple Jump: 1. Andrew Hufford, 44-9 (New State Record); 3. Alex Awtry, 41-7 1/4; 4. John Koss, 41-5 1/2; Long Jump: 1. Hufford, 21-3 1/2; High Jump: 2. Awtry, 5-0; 3. Koss, 5-10; 400 Relay: 1. MC (Jerod Womack, Hufford, Lucas McLane, Colby Lee), 45.0; 800: 4. Womack, 2:06; 110 High Hurdles: 3. Patrick Hughes, 15.7; 5. Jerod Zahn, 16.1; 100: 5. Hufford, 11.3 (Colby Lee had a false start in the 100); 200: 4. Hufford, 23.6; 1600 Relay: 5. MC (Geoff Chien, McLane, Trent Lee, Womack), 3:44.
Girls Division
800 Relay: 4. MC (Hope West, Bethany Spradlin, Missy Lacy, Laura Gaddis) 53.9; 100: 5. Lacy, 12.9; Long Jump: 7. Lacy, 15-1; 400 Relay: 7. MC (Same as 800 relay), 400; 7. Katie Rantfo, 1:09.0.

Brooks nails Maggert with birdie

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Mark Brooks calls himself a streaky putter. His hot streak this weekend gave him a championship.

Brooks rolled in a 30-foot putt for birdie on the first hole of a playoff with hometown favorite Jeff Maggert to give him the victory Sunday at the Shell Houston Open.

"You're not going to make too many from there," Brooks said of the winning shot on the par-4 18th hole at the Tournament Players Course at The Woodlands, Maggert's home course. "There's more to winning than just playing well. The cards have to fall right."

Maggert missed his attempt to send the event to a second overtime hole when his 18-foot birdie try was a few inches to the left side of the hole.

"Obviously, it's disappointing to come up short," he said. "I tried to put the pressure on him. But Mark's one of the better putters on the Tour and he showed that with that last putt."

"He took it away. Any time you make a long putt like that it puts pressure on me to do something better to cap it."

Maggert couldn't. For Brooks, from Fort Worth, the victory worth \$270,000 was his second of the year, following his win earlier in the Bob Hope Classic. The playoff was the fifth of his career. Three of his six Tour victories have come in playoffs. This was Maggert's first playoff experience.

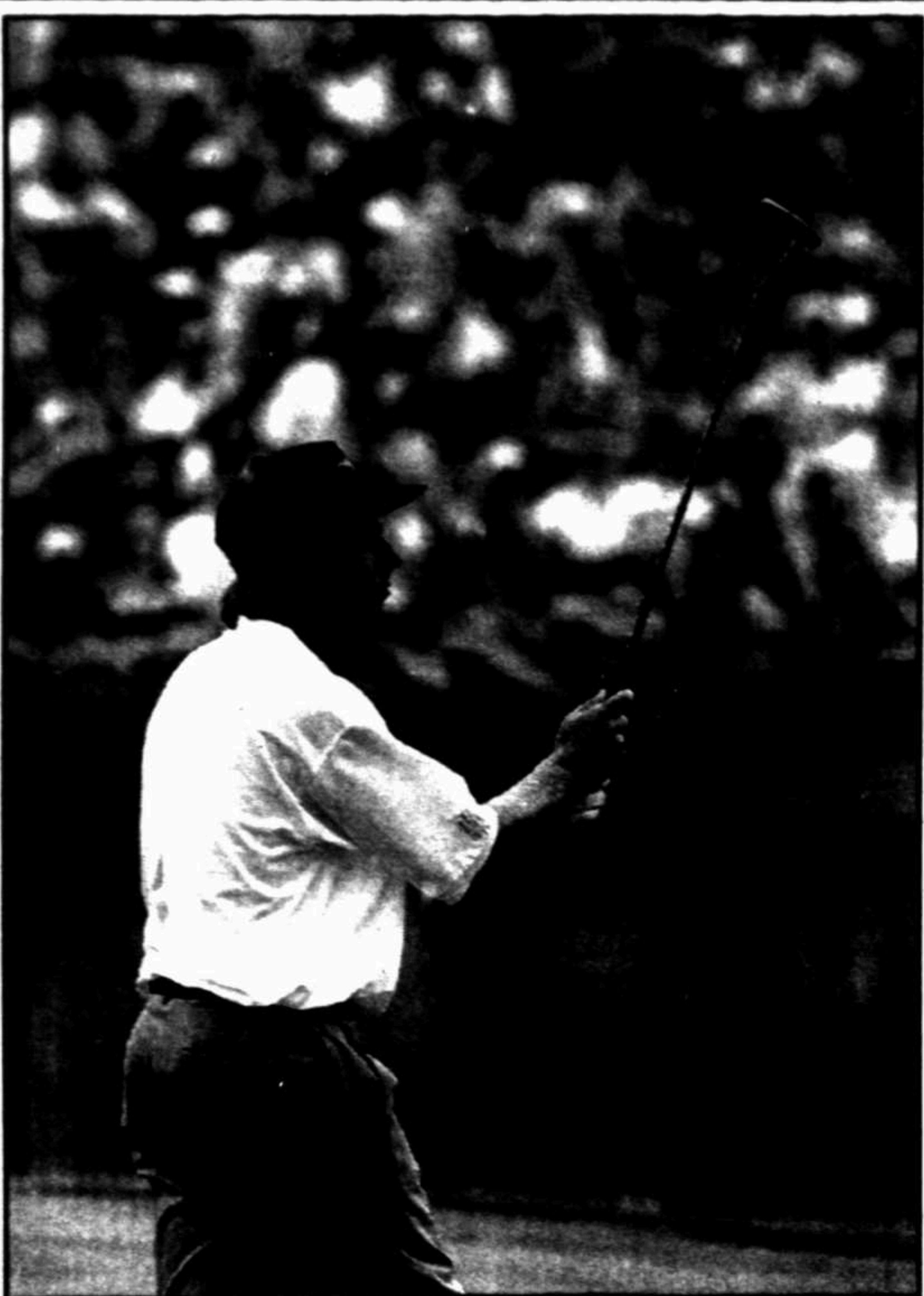
With gusty winds keeping scores high, Brooks had a 2-under 70 for the day while Maggert, the third-round leader, was at even-par 72. Each finished at 274 for four rounds.

"I putted so well all week and that was the difference," Brooks said. "You have to get into little streaks in order to win out here. I got into a good one."

David Duval, who nearly earned a spot in the playoff, was third, one shot back after a 72.

In the playoff, which began at the par-4 18th, Brooks' tee shot went into the short rough near the water while Maggert was in good shape on the fairway.

Maggert's second shot was in the fringe on the back of the green.



Mark Brooks raises putter after sinking a birdie putt on first playoff hole Sunday to defeat Jeff Maggert for the Houston Open title.

Houston Open

Brooks, from 160 yards away, put a 6-iron on the green, then rolled in the 30-footer to put the pressure on Maggert.

In 1991, Maggert, then a tour rookie, led this event going into the final round but soared to an 8-over 80. The playoff loss Sunday deprived Maggert of his second career win.

Duval, making a return to competition after a tick bite put him in the hospital for three days and kept him out of action for three weeks, was seeking a victory in a tournament where five of the last six champions have been first-time PGA Tour winners.

Woody Austin was fourth with a 10-under 278 after a 73 Sunday. Greg Kraft, Tommy Tolles and Doug Martin were all at 279.

Maggert saw a two-stroke lead disappear with a double-bogey on the par-5 13th when his third shot went into the water. He and playing partner Duval, with Brooks immediately in front of them, traded shot for shot down the stretch.

Duval faltered first, with a bogey at the par-3 16th after his tee shot found the deep rough. But he wasn't finished, as his second shot on the 18th left him with about an 8-foot birdie opportunity and a spot in the playoff. His putt, though, was off to the side of the hole.

Maggert got into the playoff after his second shot on 18 wound up in a bunker behind the green. His chip, however, was just over a foot away and he put it in to tie Brooks.

Brooks, two shots behind at the start of play Sunday, birdied No. 1 but could not make a move, bogeying No. 9.

Marsh survives late scare

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Graham Marsh took a watery detour on the way to his second Senior PGA Tour victory.

"Darn near made a mess of it," Marsh said after he survived a wet tee shot on the next-to-last hole Sunday and won the PaineWebber Invitational by one shot over Brian Barnes and Tom Wargo.

Marsh steadied himself after the bogey on No. 17 and parred the final hole at the Tournament Players Club at Piper Glen to put the finishing touches on a 3-under 69.

Marsh, 52, of Dalkeith, Australia, shared the lead after the first and second rounds and finished three shots over Piper Glen's hilly layout in 10-under 206. A winner of 59 titles on five different circuits over his professional career, Marsh pocketed \$120,000 for his latest victory.

"It's nice to win wire-to-wire," he said. "It's been a while since that happened."

Wargo, who closed with a 66, and Barnes, who had a 67, were one shot ahead of Jack Kiefer, who carded a 70.

At 209 were Walter Morgan and Larry Gilbert. Morgan shot a 69

PaineWebber Golf

Sunday and Gilbert, who had shared the second-round lead with Marsh, was three over on his last three holes en route to a 72.

Marsh and Gilbert were tied at 10-under going to the 501-yard 16th, which is ranked as the easiest hole on the course and appears to have the widest driving area on the entire layout. Gilbert nonetheless pulled his tee shot out of bounds and wound up with a double-bogey 7.

"I just tried to hit a hard hook," Gilbert said. "I don't know why I wanted to hit that shot. I could have hit a normal tee shot and still put it on in two."

Marsh birdied the hole to give him a three-shot lead over Gilbert and a two-shot edge over Barnes and Wargo.

But on the 142-yard 17th, Marsh's tee shot sailed left of the putting surface, bounced hard off the hill and into the water. He took a drop on the hillside, chipped to about 8 feet and made the putt for a bogey.

"It was just a dumb play,"

Marsh said of his decision to try to hit an easy 9-iron instead of taking a full swing with a wedge. "I feel very fortunate that I scrambled out of it. It was probably the worst swing that I put on it all day."

Barnes and Arnold Palmer had been hoping for better performances in the final round.

Barnes, a pipe-smoking, barrel-chested Scotsman who's trying to earn exempt status on the U.S. tour, took a big step toward that goal with a first-round 66.

He ballooned to a 74 Saturday and bogeyed his first hole Sunday before roaring back into contention. Birdies on five of his next eight holes vaulted him into a tie for the lead, but he was unable to keep up the pace on the back nine, where he had a 1-under 35.

Barnes said he put himself in too deep of a hole for the final round by firing at too many difficult pin placements in the second round.

Palmer, 66, seeking his first victory since 1988, began the final round three shots off the lead and birdied the second hole, boosting the spirits of the largest gallery on the course.

Rookie keeps up amazing pace

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Karrie Webb took her amazing rookie season to a new level Sunday, holding off some of the best players on the LPGA Tour with a 6-under-par 66 to win the Sprint Titleholders Championship.

Webb tapped in for birdie on the 18th hole for a one-stroke victory over Kelly Robbins. Her 16-under 272 earned her \$180,000 from the \$1.2 million purse.

Webb won the HealthSouth Inaugural earlier this year. She also has two second-place finishes and was no worse than seventh in her first six tournaments.

In the richest event on the LPGA Tour, she handled the tricky breezes, overbearing heat and the pressure like a hardened veteran by hitting all 18 greens and coming up with the crucial putts when she needed them.

"I've done things I've never dreamed of doing," said the 21-year-old Australian.

Webb was standing in the first cut of rough in the 18th fairway when Robbins holed a 25-foot putt for eagle to pull into a tie at 15-under.

"I didn't know what it was for," Webb said. "But when I saw she was so excited I knew it was for eagle. I knew I had to put a good swing on it. That was a great shot."

Her 3-iron from 200 yards on the par-5 hit the center of the green and rolled through the fringe just into

LPGA Sprint Titleholders

the short rough, leaving her a relatively easy chip and one-foot putt for the victory.

Robbins, who flubbed a chip at No. 15 and took a bogey, also shot a 66. Defending champion Val Skinner three-putted on the par-5 13th and couldn't get back to the lead, finishing third at 274.

"I knew that bogey was going to be costly," Robbins said. "Making bogey coming in here is always going to be tough to get back."

Third-round leader Catrin Nilsmark, Laura Davies and Tina Barrett finished tied for fourth at 13-under. Pat Bradley was another stroke back, and U.S. Open champion Annika Sorrenstam was at 277.

Of those in the hunt after the third round, only Webb was willing to offer what kind of score it would take to win at an LPGA International course that was primed to yield a low number — a 67 if the wind was manageable, she had said, maybe even a 65.

"I thought if I got off to a good start I'd have a chance," she said.

Starting the day three strokes off the lead, she hit a 7-iron to six inches on No. 1, and when she made a 12-footer for birdie on No. 9, she was tied with Nilsmark and Barrett at 14-under.

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Rodriguez still a pain for Astros

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Henry Rodriguez homered for the second straight day and drove in another run with a double as the Montreal Expos took advantage of three errors to beat the Houston Astros 5-0 Sunday.

The Astros' errors, all in the first four innings, led to three unearned runs as Montreal took a 4-0 lead.

Mark Grudzielanek reached on shortstop Orlando Miller's throwing error in the first inning and scored on a double by Rodriguez. Grudzielanek reached again in the third on Miller's fielding error and scored on Mike Lansing's double.

Moises Alou led off with a single in the fourth and scored from first base. F.P. Santangelo sacrificed, bunting it to the third-base side, and catcher Rick Wilkins scooped up the ball and threw into right field for an error.

Lenny Webster followed with a single to left field, scoring Santangelo.

Rodriguez hit his 12th homer of the season, a 410-foot drive in the fifth inning.

Jeff Fassero (2-3) got his first decision since April 7, allowing seven hits in seven innings with nine strikeouts and one walk.

Brocail lost his third straight decision, allowing five hits in five innings.

Rockies 5, Marlins 4
DENVER — Former Midland Angel Dante Bichette singled home the winning run with one out in the ninth inning, and Colorado beat Florida for its fourth straight victory.

The Marlins, who tied the game at 4 on Jeff Conine's two-out, two-run homer in the top of the ninth, lost their fifth in a row. The Rockies swept Florida for the second time since the two expansion teams entered the league in 1993.

Kevin Ritz (3-3) pitched the Rockies' second complete game in two seasons, allowing seven hits. Colorado had only one complete game last year, by Bryan Rekar on July 24.

Pinch-hitter Trenidad Hubbard drew a one-out walk from Yorkies Perez (0-1) in the ninth. Kurt Miller relieved and gave up a single to Eric Young that moved Hubbard to third. After an intentional walk to Ellis Burks loaded the bases, Bichette singled on a 3-2 pitch.

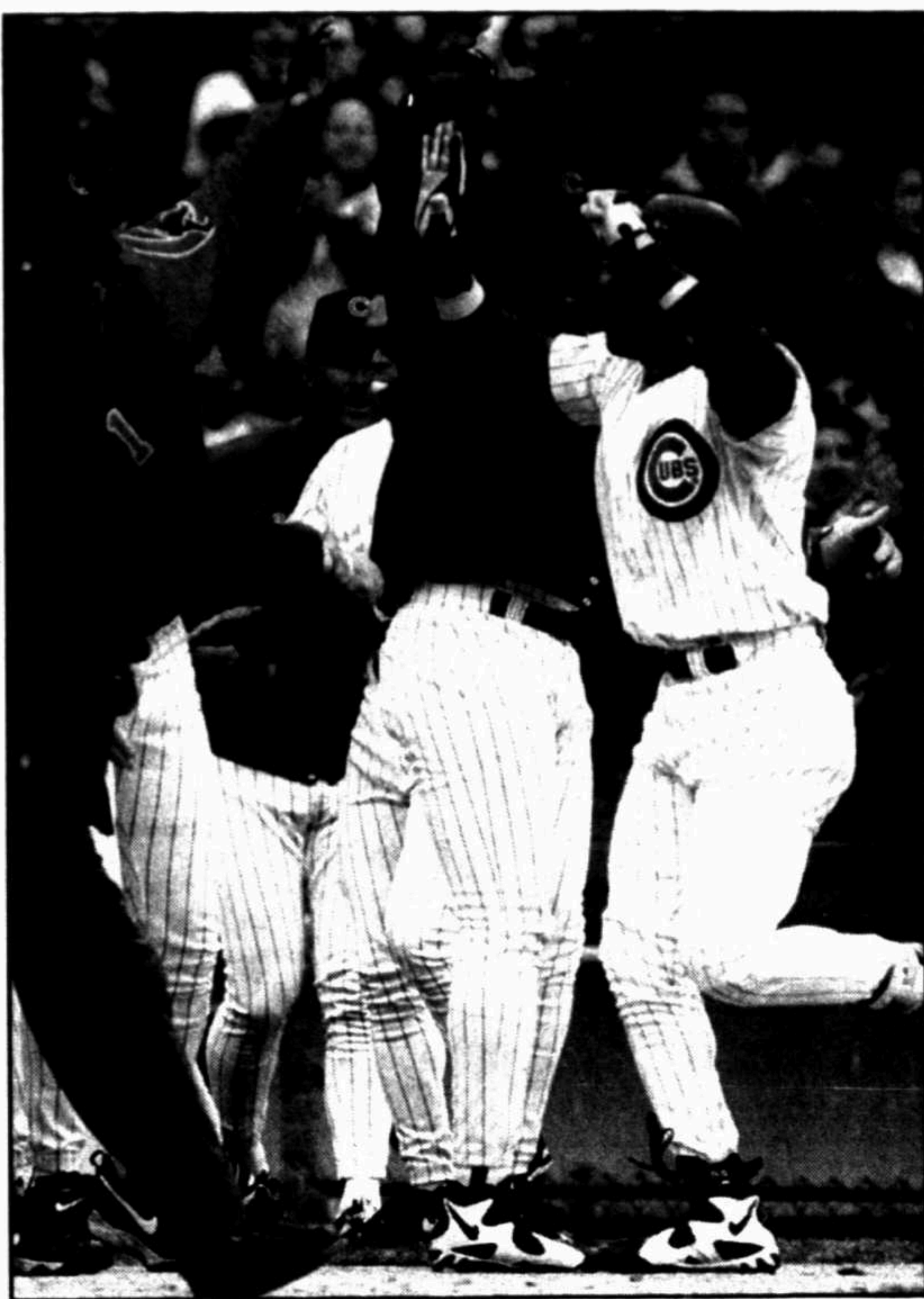
With a 4-2 lead, Ritz retired the first two batters in the ninth. Gary Sheffield singled and, after manager Don Baylor visited the mound, Conine hit his fourth home run.

Burks hit a two-run homer, capping a three-run rally in the seventh that put Colorado ahead 4-2. With two outs and Burks at bat, the Rockies pulled off a double steal, with Walt Weiss racing home with the tying run.

Cubs 5, Mets 4
CHICAGO — For the second time in three days, Sammy Sosa hit a game-winning home run in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting Chicago over New York.

Sosa broke a window in a building across Waveland Avenue, beyond the left-field bleachers, with his leadoff homer in the ninth. His shot on a 3-1 pitch from Jerry DiPoto (1-1) was his second home run of the game.

On Friday, Sosa hit a three-run



Chicago's Sammy Sosa is greeted at home plate Sunday after a game-winning solo home run in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Mets.

NL Roundup

homer with two outs in the ninth off Paul Wilson — also onto Waveland Avenue — rallying the Cubs to a 4-2 win. Sosa was in an 0-for-18 slump, and had struck out 16 times in his previous 28 at-bats, when he connected.

Sosa's 18th career two-homer game made a winner of Turk Wendell (3-0). Wendell pitched two innings of two-hit relief.

Sosa hit a two-run homer over the left-field bleachers in the first for a 2-1 lead.

Todd Hundley hit a two-run double, putting the Mets ahead 4-3 in the fifth. The Cubs tied it in their half when Leo Gomez doubled, Rey Sanchez singled and Brian McRae had a sacrifice fly.

Pirates 4, Dodgers 2
PITTSBURGH — Charlie Hayes made up for a two-run error by driving home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, giving Pittsburgh a win over Los Angeles.

The Pirates won for the fourth time in five games. Shortstop Greg Gagne's throwing error set up Hayes' key single as the Dodgers dropped to 5-12 on the road.

Denny Neagle (4-1) won his third consecutive start. He allowed at least one runner in each of his seven innings, but permitted only two unearned runs.

Midre Cummings, playing his second game since his recall from Triple-A Calgary, homered in the Pittsburgh sixth to tie it at 2.

Mark Johnson opened the seventh with a single off Ismael Valdes (2-2) and advanced on a sacrifice by Jay Bell. Mike Kingery was safe on Gagne's fifth error of the season, and Hayes hit his second RBI single of the game.

Jeff King hit an RBI single in the eighth off Todd Worrell. It was the first run Worrell has allowed in 13 innings this season.

Dan Plesac got three outs for his second save.

The Pirates scored in the fifth when Bell singled, moved up on an infield out and scored on Hayes'

bloop single over first base. Valdes retired the first 13 batters before Bell's hit.

Braves 11, Phillies 8
ATLANTA — David Justice homered twice and drove in four runs, and John Smoltz won his sixth straight decision as Atlanta beat Philadelphia.

Fred McGriff went 4-for-4 with a home run and a triple, and Ryan Klesko hit his 12th homer for the Braves. Eduardo Perez had three of Atlanta's 18 hits and drove in two runs.

Smoltz (6-1) retired the first 14 batters before Pete Incaviglia homered, and the Braves led 9-1 after five innings.

Benito Santiago hit a three-run, pinch-homer in the seventh for the Phillies. They scored six runs in the inning, all of them unearned because of an error by second baseman Mark Lemke.

Padres 10, Cardinals 4
SAN DIEGO — Wally Joyner hit a two-run homer that helped chase Alan Benes after two innings and San Diego beat St. Louis, avoiding its first three-game losing streak this season.

Joey Hamilton (6-1) joined Atlanta's John Smoltz as the only six-game winners in the majors. He won his third straight start, allowing four runs and five hits in seven innings, including Brian Jordan's two-run homer in the sixth.

Reds 12, Giants 6
SAN FRANCISCO — Eric Davis became the 18th player in major league history to hit a grand slam in consecutive games as Cincinnati beat San Francisco.

Barry Larkin and Thomas Howard hit two-run homers and John Smiley settled down after two rocky innings as the Reds completed a three-game sweep. The Reds have won three straight after a streak of nine consecutive losses.

Davis, who hit a grand slam in the seventh inning of Cincinnati's win on Saturday, gave the Reds a 10-3 lead with his seventh-inning slam on Sunday.

Elster takes Detroit deep again

Associated Press

DETROIT — Detroit managed more than one hit Sunday, but the Tigers' troubles continued as Kevin Elster's two-run homer helped the Texas Rangers to a 3-2 victory.

Kevin Gross (4-3) followed back-to-back one-hitters by Ken Hill and Roger Pavlik by stopping Detroit on five hits in seven innings. He struck out two and walked none while ending a personal two-game losing streak. Jeff Russell pitched the eighth and Mike Henneman finished up for his seventh save.

Eddie Williams homered for the Tigers, who have lost three straight and 15 of 17.

Jose Lima (0-2), rocked for eight runs in just four innings of his first start Tuesday at Boston, gave up three runs on eight hits in 5-2-3 innings. He fanned four and walked one.

Elster's seventh homer of the season, with Mark McLemore aboard, put the Rangers up 3-2 in the fifth inning.

It was the second homer of the series for Elster, who is just three home runs shy of his career-best 10 in 1989. Elster has five homers and 14 RBI in his last 12 games.

Detroit pitchers have allowed 57 home runs this season, easily the most of any major league staff.

Williams' fourth home run gave the Tigers a 2-1 lead in the fourth before Elster put the Rangers ahead in the fifth.

The Tigers needed only two batters to get more hits than in either of their last two games as Chad Curtis and Bobby Higginson singled to start the first.

Blue Jays 11, Red Sox 4
BOSTON — Toronto scored 10 unearned runs off Tim Wakefield and ended Boston's season-best four-game winning streak.

Joe Carter's two-run homer, his 10th of the season and third in the three-game series, capped the fourth inning in which all eight Toronto runs were unearned.

Pat Hentgen (4-2) allowed nine hits and three walks in seven innings. He has pitched at least six innings in each of his seven starts.

Wakefield (2-4) struck out four in the first three innings before an error by third baseman Tim Lincecum led to the big inning. Wakefield, who had pitched well in his previous three starts, gave up 10 hits and five walks in 5-2-3 innings.

The Red Sox had three errors and a passed ball. They lead the American League with 35 errors in 30 games.

Boston scored a run in each of the first three innings, starting with Mo Vaughn's ninth homer in the first, and added an unearned run in the eighth.

AL Roundup

Yankees 7, White Sox 1
NEW YORK — Wade Boggs went 3-for-4 with a home run and Andy Pettitte bounced back from two ineffective starts to win his fifth game as New York defeated Chicago.

Boggs hit his first home run of the season in the fourth inning and added an RBI single in the sixth as the Yankees finally got to Kevin Tapani (2-2).

Pettitte (5-1) was rocked for 19 hits and 13 runs in 8-2-3 innings in his last two starts — a loss and a no-decision — but the left-hander limited the White Sox to three hits in six innings to become the AL's first five-game winner.

Ruben Sierra drove in three runs, two with a single in the eighth inning when the Yankees blew open the game by scoring three runs.

Pettitte struggled with his control in the fifth and sixth innings, giving up four of his five walks, but benefited from a double play and a close call that went the Yankees way in the sixth.

He struck out a season-high seven, and picked off two runners, before giving way to Mariano Rivera.

Rivera gave up his first hit in 14-2-3 innings when Tony Phillips lined a single in the eighth. His scoreless innings streak reached 18, thanks to a nice double play turned by first baseman Tino Martinez to end the inning.

Royals 2, Athletics 0
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chris Haney, winless for almost a year, pitched a three-hitter for his first shutout in three seasons, leading Kansas City over Oakland.

Haney (1-4), who had lost seven consecutive decisions since last June 13, struck out seven and walked none. It was his fourth career shutout, the first since blanking the New York Yankees on Aug. 22, 1993, and his fifth career game, his first since May 16.

Keith Lockhart hit a two-run double in the first to back Haney, who lowered his ERA from 6.68 to 5.23. In his previous decision, Haney lasted just 3-1-3 innings in an 11-8 loss to Baltimore.

Haney kept the A's off balance with a mixture of breaking pitches. He gave up a double to Mark McGwire in the second, a single to Ernie Young in the fifth and a single to Geronimo Berroa in the seventh.

Ariel Prieto (1-3) gave up both runs and six hits in six innings, walked four and struck out two.

Bip Roberts, who had seven hits in the three-game series, singled leading off the first but was erased

on Tom Goodwin's fielder's choice grounder. Goodwin stole second, Johnny Damon walked and Lockhart doubled to right.

Brewers 13, Orioles 1
BALTIMORE — Ben McDonald pitched six strong innings against his former team and Greg Vaughn had a homer and four RBIs as Milwaukee ended a five-game losing streak by beating Baltimore.

Jose Valentin and Jeff Cirillo also homered for the Brewers, who averted a three-game sweep and snapped a seven-game road losing streak.

McDonald (4-1), who spent seven years with the Orioles before signing as a free agent with Milwaukee in January, allowed one run and four hits. The right-hander struck out three and walked four to earn his first win since April 19.

Former Brewer B.J. Surhoff homered for the Orioles, who have lost 12 of 17 after opening the season 11-2. It was Surhoff's third homer in the series and ninth of the year.

Indians 2, Mariners 0
SEATTLE — Dennis Martinez moved into a tie with Whitey Ford for 50th place on the career win list with No. 236, pitching Cleveland past Seattle.

A sellout crowd of 56,883 saw Mariners center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. rob Albert Belle of a two-run homer in the first inning, reaching over the 8 1/2-foot fence to make the catch.

Martinez (5-2) allowed only three singles in 6-2-3 innings. Chris Bosio (3-2) left in the seventh, when the Indians scored on Tony Pena's RBI single.

Eddie Murray hit his first home run of the season, and the 480th of his career, in the eighth. He moved ahead of former teammate Dave Winfield for 11th place on the career RBIs list with 1,834.

Angels 5, Twins 1
ANAHEIM — Emergency starter Shawn Boskie allowed one run in 5-2-3 innings and California beat Minnesota for its sixth straight win.

Boskie (3-0) inherited the assignment when scheduled starter Mark Langston came down with an inflamed left knee following a pregame run.

The Angels won their 10th straight home game, their longest such streak since a team-record 12-game string in 1967.

Randy Velarde, returning to the Angels lineup after missing four games with an ear infection, led off the first inning with a home run off LaTroy Hawkins (1-1).

California made it 4-0 in the second on run-scoring singles by Jim Edmonds, Chili Davis and J.T. Snow. Jack Howell's home run in the fifth made it 5-0.

Miller returns, but misses last shot

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller returned, and everything went right for the Indiana Pacers — until the final shot.

Miller, sidelined since April 13 with a fractured eye socket, made a surprising comeback Sunday and had another spectacular fourth quarter. But he missed the game-winning shot at the final buzzer and the Pacers lost 89-87 to the Atlanta Hawks.

Atlanta won the best-of-5 series 3-2 and advanced to play Orlando in the second round.

Miller scored 16 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, including Indiana's final eight. He got the ball in the final seconds but was double-teamed by Mookie Blaylock and Matt Bullard. Miller still managed to get off an off-balance 3-point shot, but it glanced off the side of the rim as time expired.

That gave the victory to Atlanta, which had lost to the Pacers in the playoffs the past two years. Indiana was ousted in the first round for the first time in three years in what may have been Miller's final game with the Pacers. He becomes an unrestricted free agent this summer.

The Pacers cut Atlanta's lead to 89-87 with 31 seconds left after Miller was hacked by Stacey Augmon as he went up for a 3-pointer. He made all three free throws.

Blaylock then threw the ball out of bounds on the next Atlanta possession, giving the ball back to the Pacers with 11 seconds left to set up the final sequence.

Blaylock scored 23 points, Steve Smith had 17 and Christian Laettner added 15 points and 11 rebounds despite being in foul trouble for much of the game.

Rik Smits finished with 17 points for the Pacers, who were eliminated in the first round for the first time in three years.

The Hawks trailed only once from the end of the second quarter on, but they nearly gave the game away in the fourth quarter. After Bullard's trey gave Atlanta a 72-63 lead — its largest of the game — with 11:11 left, the Hawks were scoreless for the next three minutes. A pair of baskets from Smits and three free throws by Miller cut Atlanta's lead to 72-70 before Blaylock drilled a 3-pointer with 8:30 left.

Indiana shot just 40 percent from the floor and turned the ball over 21 times, leading to 30 Atlanta points.

NBA Round 1 Playoffs

Jazz 102, Trail Blazers 64
SALT LAKE CITY — Utah held Portland to the lowest point total in NBA playoff history — 64 points — and advanced to the second round.

Karl Malone had 25 points and 10 rebounds and John Stockton added 21 points and 11 assists as Utah won the best-of-5 series 3-2.

The Jazz, who blew an early 2-0 lead in the series, advanced to play San Antonio in the next round.

The Trail Blazers came out flat and remained that way, scoring just 12 points in both the first and second quarters as they fell behind by 22 points at halftime. Portland managed just 14 points in the third quarter and fell behind by as many as 40 in the final period.

The 64 points broke the playoff record-low of 68 set by the New York Knicks on May 15, 1994, at Indiana. Portland also supplanted the Los Angeles Lakers' record 28-point first half on April 7, 1974, at Milwaukee.

Malone, who went just 4-for-16 from the field Wednesday night as the Trail Blazers knotted the series 2-2, went 11-of-21 in Game 5. Stockton was 7-of-11. Jeff Hornacek added 11 points and seven rebounds and Bryon Russell had 10 points and eight boards.

Portland's so-called "Double-S" attack of Rod Strickland and Arvydas Sabonis, who scored 27 and 25 points, respectively, in Game 4, managed just 10 and 14 Sunday.

Strickland was just 5-of-16 and Sabonis was 6-of-16 as the Blazers shot 33 percent. Utah, which shot 46 percent Sunday, also outrebounded Portland for the first time in the series, 54-33.

Down 22 midway, it only got worse for Portland in the second half. Stockton's 3-pointer at the third quarter's 9:38 mark made it 53-28, and the Jazz closed out the period with an 11-2 run to lead 70-38 going into the fourth quarter.

With their reserves on the floor, the Jazz led by 35 points on Antoine Carr's driving dunk three minutes into the final period. Stockton's 19-foot jumper with 5:35 to go made it 91-53, and Utah had its biggest margin — 40 points — on Greg Foster's foul shot with 45 seconds left.



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Submit your resume in confidence or apply in person at: Human Resources Department, SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER, 1601 West 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720 or FAX (915) 263-0151. No phone calls. No recruiters, please.

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Equipment operators experienced in well stimulations are needed. Must have good mechanical aptitude, basic knowledge of pumping equipment, and some computer skills. Commercial driver's license a necessity. Must have dependable transportation, be able to independently work extended hours. You will be provided with a per diem, excellent pay, and insurance benefits.

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14 KT Yellow gold diamond pendant in heart shaped mounting. 72 round diamonds, 7.90 total weight. 2 18K Gold Hummingbird Pins set with diamonds, emeralds, and rubies. 683-3818.

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720 Homes for Sale

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

Bd. Bedroom
Ba Bath
Kit Kitchen
Dbl Double
A/C Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm. Master Bedroom
Gar. Garage
Bldg. Building
Con. Condition
N-Qnd. Non-Qualifying
Ass. Assumable
QA Qualifying
Ac. Acre
3/2/2 Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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\$425 WATER PAID, \$200 deposit, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, fenced, refrigerated air. No pets. 909 W. Kentucky. 699-2569.

5106 "B" SHADY LANE, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1 car garage, fireplace, duplex across from Anson Jones Elementary, great kid neighborhood, 1 pay water bill. \$575 per month, \$350 deposit. Call 699-6899.

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EXECUTIVE TOWNHOME, 5004 Belle Grove Ct., 100 sq. ft. (cul-de-sac). For the security minded, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,700 sq. ft., formal dining, hot tub, decorations, fireplace, ceiling fans, automatic sprinkler, plus much more! \$850/ \$675. 689-7538.

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615 Houses Unfurnished

2908 NORTH "I", 3 Bedroom-2 bath, double garage, 2 living areas, sunroom, \$700/month, \$350 deposit. Williams & Assoc. 694-9663.

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2 BEDROOM, 1 bath duplex with carport. Refrigerator and stove furnished. \$250 a month, \$150 deposit. Call 570-9714.

FOR LEASE/ Sale by owner: Gorgeous newly remodeled 2 story Spanish style townhome, 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, 1,650 sq. ft. Formal dining, fireplace. Quiet location near Mall. \$775 monthly plus deposit. \$7750 or quality assuming assumable plus equity. Call 697-5148 for appointment.

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2 STORY, 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, Mexican tile, fireplace. \$60,000. 3228 Whittie Way. 682-7648, 687-8327.

1 1/2 ACRE LAND 3 miles East Midland, North Hwy 80. Greenwood School District. Good water & soil on paved road. Mobile home OK. Owner finance available. Call T.C. Tubb, 915-682-2504, nite 915-684-5229.

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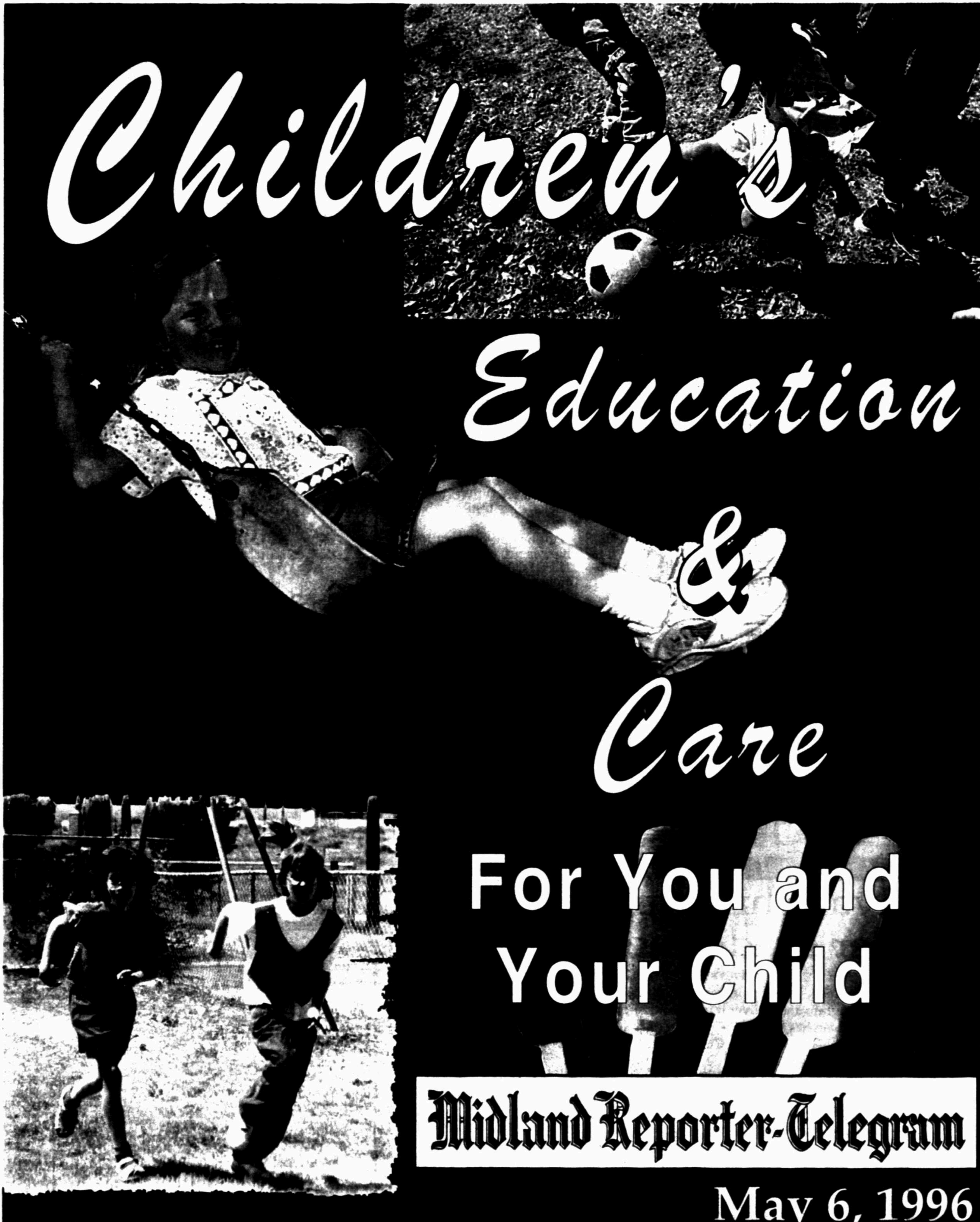
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palaestra, meaning the combination of large and small motor skills to coordinate the total development of the child. The school has a full-scale gymnastics program. Not only is it geared to preschoolers and taught by trained gymnastics instructors, but the equipment is specially built for preschoolers.

Even though academics

are teacher directed, there is a lot of freedom within the structure. The teacher leads the class in activities that reinforce letter sounds and basic concepts — such as large/small, up/down. There is also emphasis on writing readiness, story time, drama, music and health.

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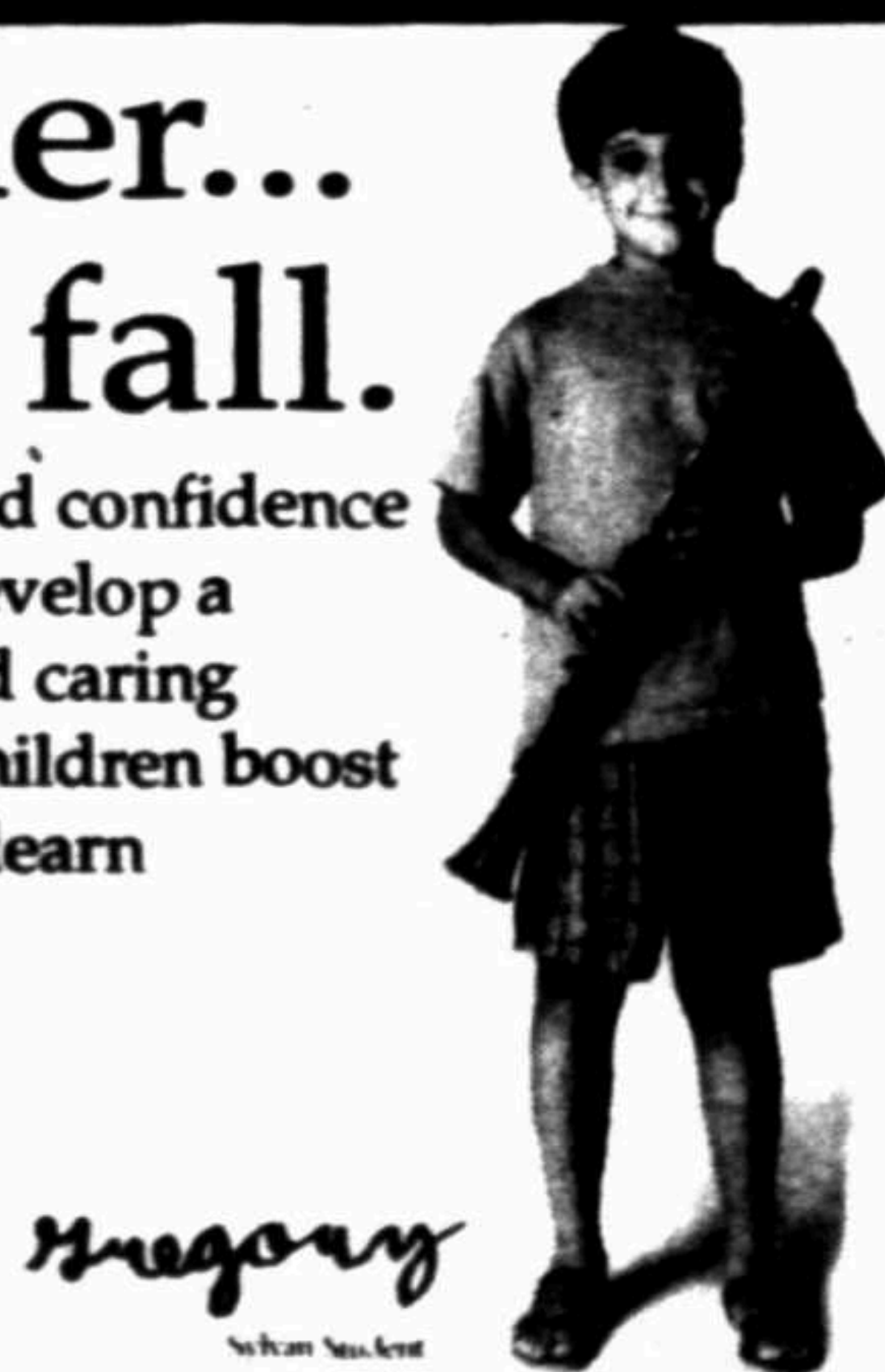
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Drop-in child care gives parents alternative

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel

Staff Writer

Locating babysitters at the last minute can be a nightmare for caring parents who need a break and want quality care for their children.

But now, Midland has a drop-in child care facility in Nana's Place.

Owned and operated by a mother-daughter team of a school teacher and registered nurse, the facility caters to children from newborns to 12-year-olds.

Zoe Harrington is Nana, named by her 6-year-old granddaughter Alexia. Ms. Harrington's daughter, Darcy Perez, wanted to start the child-care facility to be close to her own children.

Ms. Perez said the idea for Nana's Place came from her mother who had used a similar facility in College Station.

"The motivation was when Cody was born. Like most people, we are a two-income family. I needed to work, but I wanted to have my son with me while my daughter was in school," Ms. Perez said.

As she talks, her 11-month-old toddlers around the center playing with the various toys there.

"I have the best of both worlds with the kids with me and still working," she said.

While she toyed with the idea of working at home, Ms. Perez and her children like to get out of the house.

Nana's Place, which opened Oct. 2, was only two weeks into the planning when Ms. Perez knew she would need her mother's help. So, Ms. Harrington quit her job to assist.

"We've never looked back," Ms. Perez said.

Located at 3323 N. Midland Drive near Albertson's, the staff is trained and certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

The center has an all-glass window front in which parents can see from front to back throughout the center.

"We designed it that way on purpose," Ms. Perez said. "For the longest time we couldn't figure out why cars would drive by real slow, then a parent told us they drove by to look in and see how their child was doing in between dinner and a movie."

Partitions separate the babies from the older children and several different areas are designated for various activities. One area has a big-screen television for children's shows, another has various play items and

'We are flexible. We go with the flow of the kids.'

— Darcy Perez
co-owner of Nana's Place

still another is designed for the older children with video games.

A big playroom has a wave climber, a castle and a children's play kitchen.

"Cody likes it better up here than at home," Ms. Perez said, laughing.

Ms. Perez said movie time is usually in the evening to help settle the children down while they wait for their parents.

"We are flexible. We go with the flow of the kids," Ms. Perez said.

"The mood of the child dictates what we do. We don't put them down for a nap or snack at the same time. We're not like a day care. We just try to do what the parents want," Ms. Harrington said. "We let the child's demeanor lead the way."

Ms. Harrington said Nana's Place also can care for special-needs children.

Confidentiality is a priority.

"We had some parents who hadn't been out since their children were born because they couldn't find a sitter they trusted until they came here," Ms. Harrington said.

While she was talking, a mother arrived to pick up her infant and 3-year-old. As she was checking out, her preschooler began to cry because she didn't want to leave.

The center is decorated with paintings of animals and other scenes, which add to the child-like atmosphere.

Light snacks and lemonade are served in the eating area, with the parents providing their children's own meals. Parents are responsible for providing diapers, baby food, formula or milk for their children.

Parents must provide a phone or pager number of where they will be while the children are at Nana's Place, Ms. Perez said. The center rents pagers for the duration of the children's stay there.

Security is also a top priority. Only the person authorized by the parent to pick up the child may do so and that person must show identification.

Nana's Place is open 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday.

For more information call 699-5600.

Nana's Place



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Darcy Perez, owner of Nana's Place, and her son stand in front of a table of pagers that are given to parents who leave their children in the daycare center. The pagers allow Perez and her staff to easily reach parents in case of an emergency.

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682-5325

Limited space is available.

Summer recreation program has activities for entire family

The Alamo YMCA Summer recreation program has a wide variety of activities offered to the entire family. For more information call 694-2528.

Alamo YMCA

The child care program starts May 28th-Aug. 10th for children ages 5-12. Activities include: recreational swimming, gymnastics, arts and crafts and sports.

The aquatics program consists of: preschool swimming lessons (ages 3-5), progressive swim lessons (ages 6 & up), adult swim classes, arthritis/rehab classes, lifeguard training. The outdoor pool is open during the summer.

The gymnastics program includes: tiny tumblers (ages walking - 3), preschool classes (ages 3-5), progressive gym (ages 6 & up), competitive teams (tryouts required), party rentals.

The Northeast Summer Recreation program offers a safe fun day camp environment for boys and girls ages 4-13. We utilize trained leaders to enhance each child's mental, physical, social and spiritual growth. The program starts May 28th-Aug 2nd. For information call 682-8469.

Summer child care is provided Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the center for children 4-13. Activities include: arts and crafts, basketball, field trips, swimming, volleyball, group games. Weekly sessions are available.

The aquatics program includes: preschool swim lessons (ages 3-5), pro-

gressive swim lessons (AGES 6-12). June 6th is the deadline to register. Classes

begin June 10th and end July 3rd and are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

The Central YMCA has a fun summer planned for families. dates of camp are May 28th-Aug. 2nd. For more information call 682-2551.

Camp Comanche is a fun and exciting place for girls and boys to spend the summer. It is located on County Road 60W. A variety of activities are offered for each child every week: fishing, archery, riflery, swimming, sports, field trips, arts & crafts and nature hikes.

Weekly sessions are available and the camp is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Central and Alamo YMCAs are the pick up and drop off locations.

The aquatics programs include: ages 3-5 30 minutes morning or afternoon sessions, progressive for ages 6 and up 30 minute morning or afternoon sessions. Adult classes are Monday and Wednesday 5:45 until 6:15 p.m.

Private lessons are also available.

The Northeast YMCA has a child care/recreation program at the Washington Elementary gym serving children 4-13. It is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. The program combines indoor/outdoor activities, swimming and weekly field trips.

Bynum School

Bynum School serves students with ADD, learning differences and developmental delays.



Summer program gives children head start for fall

Bynum School, in continuous operation as a year-round school since 1984 and licensed by the Texas Department of Human Services, is accepting applications for summer and fall enrollment. Low student-teacher ratios enable teachers to spend one-on-one quality time with each student, which positively impacts each child's performance. Enrichment activities are designed to develop critical thinking and self-managements skills. Hands-on

learning experiences are utilized in correlation with the Texas essential elements. All programs are designed to enhance the student's strengths while dealing with his or her specific needs.

Bynum School's objective is to minimize student stress while providing a flexible educational environment that promotes academic success and enhances student self-esteem. We serve students with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), learning differences, and

developmental delays.

Our summer enrichment program will include weekly field trips to academically stimulating sites such as the Science Spectrum in Lubbock. Your child will be prepared for fall classes as he or she enjoys exciting, fun-filled learning activities. School hours are 8:30-3:30 (M-Thur) and 8:30-2:30 on Fridays. After-school care is available until 5:30 each day. For further information, call 520-0075.

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Fall Term Begins August 28, 1996

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Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Ages: 1 year-4 years



Our Saviors Lutheran Church Mother's Day Out Program



Program gives children strong foundation

Train up a child in the way he should go; and he is old, he will not depart from it.

—Proverbs 22: 6

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Mother's Day Out Program was established in 1994. Even though we are a new program, we are founded with God's love.

We believe that children are gifts from God and that each one is God's unique creation. We believe that within each

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With the drastic change in the family structure in these times, this program works toward building a strong foundation in spiritual and intellectual development while at the same time providing a nurturing environment for families with young children.

Program hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuition costs are \$49 per month for 1 day a week or \$70 per month for 2 days a week.

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St. Mark's Mother's Day Out provides meaningful group experiences for preschoolers in a Christian atmosphere.

Care is program's specialty

"Care" is still the specialty at St. Mark's Mother's Day Out. Their experienced, dependable and loving care givers strive to provide meaningful group experiences for preschoolers and young school goers in a Christian atmosphere.

The Center has updated outdoor play equipment and a large indoor area for play on bad weather days. Planned activities include a readiness class for pre-kindergartners, theme related crafts, individual class storytime and music time, group music and an optional

gymnastics program.

Hours for this Mother's Day Out program are 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday and/or Thursday.

The Summer semester starts June 11th through July 25th for children six weeks old through third-grade. The Fall Semester begins August 13th and runs through Dec. 19th for children from six-weeks of age through prekindergartners.

St. Marks is located at 1701 N. Main. To reserve a place for your child, please call 683-3330 or 689-3705.

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 - COM Diving Team

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