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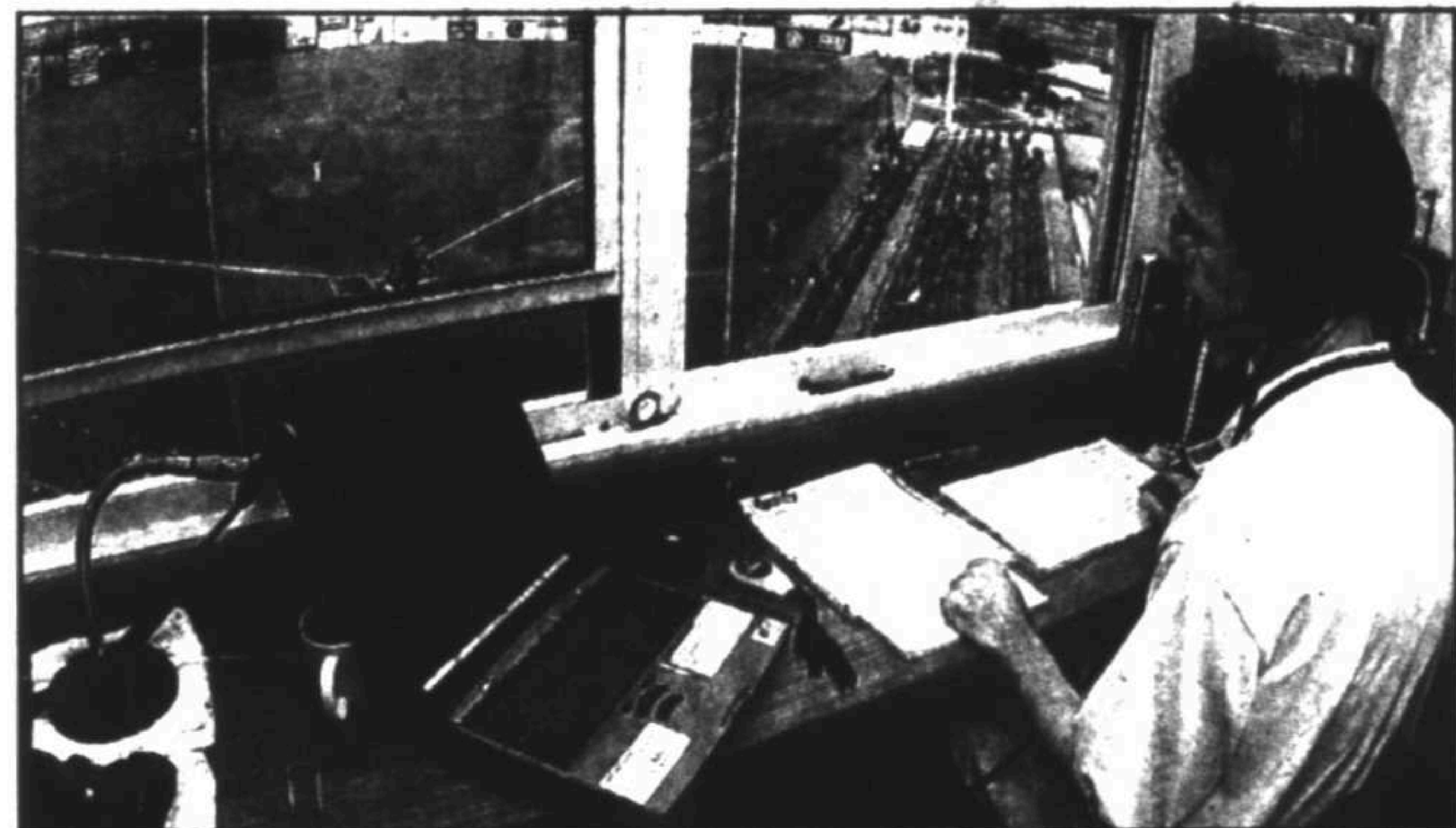
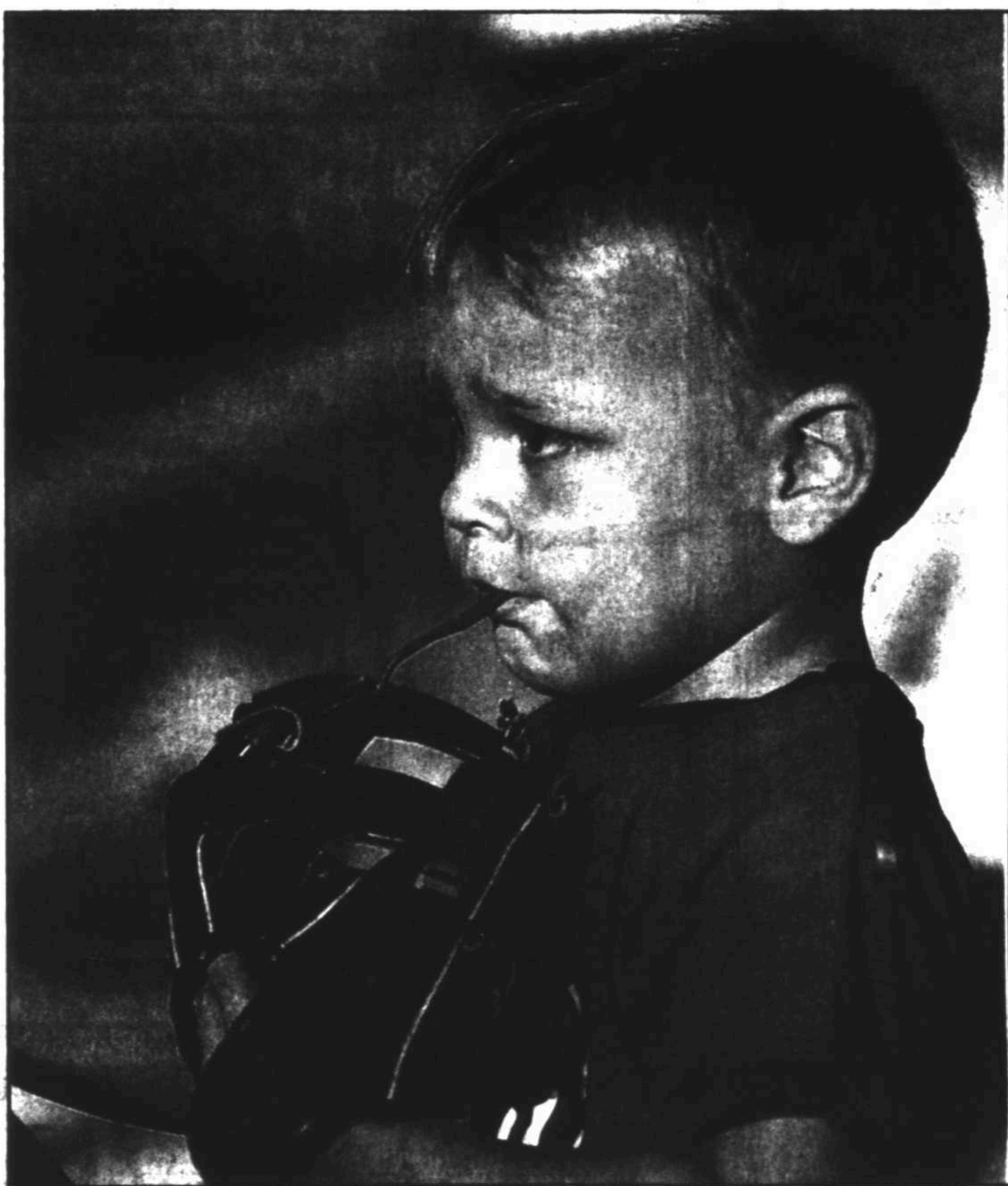
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The long goodbye

AT RIGHT: Two-year-old Tate Holman keeps his glove moist and ready for action Tuesday night at Christensen Stadium. BELOW: Bob Hards, the voice of the Rockhounds heard on AM550, announces the game from high above the field. BOTTOM LEFT: Charles Gibbs has been working the seating area at Christensen Stadium for three years, wiping down the seats before fans arrive and then showing them to their seats. BOTTOM RIGHT: Rocky the mascot makes his way through the stadium greeting fans like Frank Agar, 4, and his little brother, Gib, 2.

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Christensen closes Double-A doors tonight

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

There aren't many Midlanders who are going to be overly sentimental about leaving Christensen Stadium, which will play host to its final Texas League baseball game tonight.

Rusted pipes, cramped seating, virtually no leg room, poor lighting, no shade and 100-degree evenings don't lend themselves to sentimentalists. Especially when a state-of-the-art Double-A facility is being built across town.

"It is sad to see it go, but glad to see a first-class facility open up next season," said Ted Brumbel, who as a box seat owner has witnessed hundreds of baseball games since the early 1990s.

Brumbel joins the likes of Mark Nicholas, Lynne Swan and Ver Nelle Fidler — all three are past recipients of the RockHounds' fans of the year. All three also can't wait to take a seat in the stadium, which is part of the \$45-plus million Scharbauer Sports Complex.

When asked if she will miss Christensen, Ms. Fidler offered a simple, yet effective "No."

"We went to Round Rock to get a preview of what it will be like," said Ms. Fidler, who has been watching Double-

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Glasscock suspended in wake of MPD probe

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

A Midland police sergeant has been placed on administrative suspension with pay pending the outcome of an internal investigation regarding an incident that occurred the night Paula Bynum shot herself.

Midland Chief of Police John Urby said Sgt. Andy Glasscock, 49, was being investigated on "serious allegations."

Urby declined to reveal what the allegations were, but he said the investigation's outcome would be determined by the end of the week.

"It's the result of an internal investigation. I really don't want to elaborate at this point. It involves an on-duty incident," Urby said.

Although Urby said Glasscock's incident was not related to the Ms. Bynum shooting, he acknowledged the two episodes occurred the same evening.

"It doesn't have anything to do with that incident (the Ms. Bynum shooting)," Urby said. "But, yes, it was that night."

Meanwhile, city of Midland Public Information Officer Tina Jauz said as part of the suspension, Glasscock's gun, badge and vehicle have been taken away.

"It's a case-by-case deal, and it just so happens in this case, they were taken away," Ms. Jauz said.

In the Bynum case, she reported to police two men drove by her house in a "two-tone" pickup on the night of Aug. 3, firing



Glasscock

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ED sales tax election made official Tuesday

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

The economic development sales tax will go before Midland's voters for the third time on Nov. 6.

Midland's City Council made the special election official during Tuesday's meeting with the second of two basically procedural votes.

There was little talk and even less fanfare in council chambers as the election was set. The only inquiry came from at-large City Councilman Bill Dingus, who asked about the possibility of adding a sunset clause to the item.

"This was administrative," is how Midland Mayor Mike Canon described it. "It was initiated by petition, and because of that and because it was brought before us in that manner, the issue is different in that sense. We didn't initiate it ourselves, and we didn't vote on it as if we had initiated it."

So the battle begins, but not with a Council endorsement. The Council, as a group, is not going to endorse the tax, nor will it lead the effort. Individually, they will campaign for or against the efforts as they so choose, and most think the ED sales tax is needed.

"I expect it to be a high-profile matter and there will be a lot said about it, and hopefully the public will make a well-informed decision on Nov. 6," Canon said.

Midland's voters will decide whether to raise the city's sales tax by a quarter-cent to 8.25 percent (currently Midland's sales tax is

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County officials await word on salary increases

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The suspense is just about to crescendo, especially for Midland County's elected officials, who are awaiting this week's filing of the proposed Fiscal Year 2002 budget by Midland County Judge Bill Morrow.

In the main, their hopes are for more money for them in salaries and more cash for running their departments.

"The department heads and elected officials are quite anxious to see the proposed budget and have been calling me," said County Clerk Shauna Brown in whose courthouse office Morrow is to file the document later this week — before the end of August. "I'll make copies and phone calls as soon as it is filed," she said. "They are chomping at the

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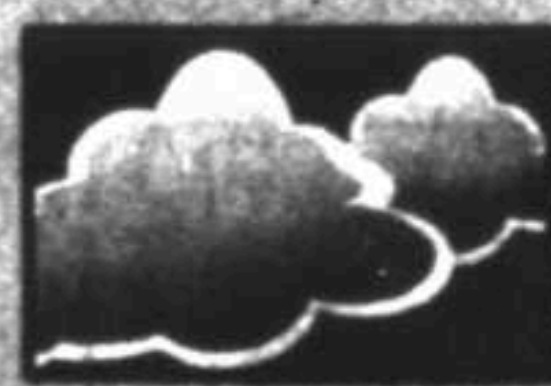
Midland County Elected Officials' Salaries

Salaries of Midland County's highest-paid elected officials whose pay is determined by the Commissioners' Court and funded by the county's taxpayers and the commissioners' pay for Fiscal Year 2000 and a decade, 20 years, and 25 years earlier follow:

	2000	1991	1981	1975
County Attorney (Russell Malm)	\$63,995 (\$89,421 with \$25,425 state supplement)	\$57,354	\$30,128	\$18,157
County Judge (Bill Morrow)	\$60,504 (\$70,504 with \$10,000 state supplement)	\$57,354	\$35,393	\$18,685
Sheriff (Gary Painter)	\$52,000	\$44,100	\$26,448	\$14,052
District Clerk (Vivian Wood)	\$43,848	\$39,225	\$26,688	\$14,052
Tax Assessor-Collector (Kathy Reeves)	\$43,610	\$39,225	\$27,048	\$14,052

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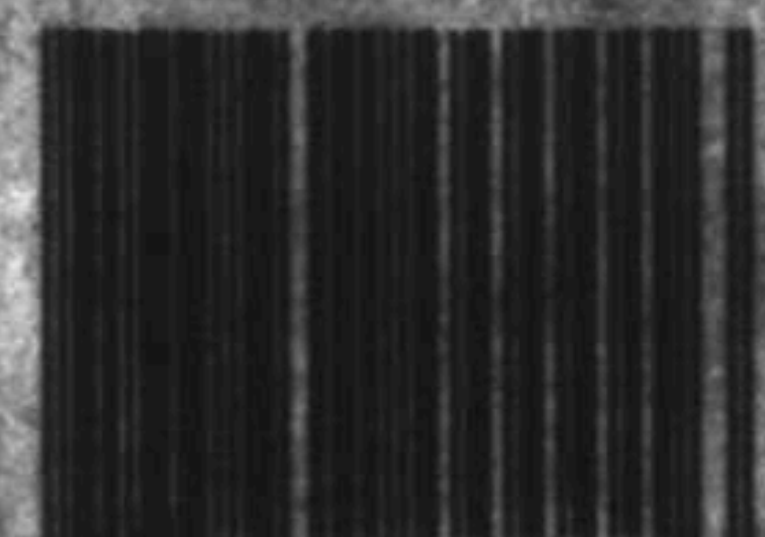
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INCREASE: Reeves stance is 'base salary' for elected officials

(From 1A)

Following Morrow's filing of the proposed budget, the document will be available to the public weekdays in Ms. Brown's office for two weeks until the Sept. 17 public hearing in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Midland County Courthouse.

Thereafter, the five-member governing Commissioners' Court, after discussing and possibly modifying Morrow's proposal, is to approve the budget and set the tax rate before the Oct. 1 start of the FY2002 budget.

The proposed budget is to put forth a pay increase for most, if not all, of the county's 26 elected officials who make up slightly more than 5 percent of county government's 458-strong work force.

Morrow, the county's chief fiscal officer, declined to give specific insights into the proposed budget before its filing.

On Tuesday, Morrow said he can "not release anything on the budget until I've got my final numbers back" from County Auditor Julie Schumacher, who is readying the Morrow-prepared budget for public review and scrutiny.

Earlier in the day, Morrow had put his "finishing touches" on the budget, Ms. Schumacher said. "The judge gave me his finishing information."

The budget, which Morrow suggested would not require a hike in the county's 25.7-cent tax rate, would, however, exceed FY2001's \$23.3-million general-fund expenditure budget, he said. FY2001's projected revenue was \$22.5 million.

County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Reeves has projected the 25.7-cent tax rate, if adopted toward funding the FY2002 budget, would generate an additional \$1.6 million in revenue due the rise in county-wide taxable values to \$5.313 billion from \$4.67 billion.

If so, that alone likely would increase FY2002's revenue

between \$24 million and \$25 million, more or less, if sales-tax and fines-and-fees revenue remain static.

"I promised the elected officials that this would be their year to get a raise," Morrow has said in earlier interviews.

Last year, the Commissioners' Court granted the county's hired employees up to \$1,800 in annual raises based on longevity and also offered them "discretionary" — merit — raises at the option of their bosses.

The Commissioners' Court earlier in the 1990s had awarded the county's employees 8 percent pay raises — 5 percent in 1996 and 3 percent two years later.

Pay for most of the county's elected officials has been lagging, noted County Treasurer Jo Ann Carr.

"The majority of the elected officials of Midland County deserve a raise," Ms. Carr said. "Some of them have gone a lot longer without raises than others."

"But the majority of us have gone probably 10 years without a raise," Ms. Carr said. "All of us, any elected official, is on 24-hour call, 365 days a year. If a citizen needs something or wants information, they can call us at home. They can come to the office. We spend a lot of hours keeping the county going."

In recent years, in the late 1990s, during the Jeff Norwood administration, the Commissioners' Court had granted pay increases to three elected

official, noted Ms. Reeves, the tax assessor-collector.

Norwood, who was elected to a four-year term to the judgeship in 1994, "recognized that elected officials' salaries were not being addressed," Ms. Reeves said.

"And our salaries were really dated back to 1988 and had not changed," Ms. Reeves noted. Norwood "formed a citizens-group task force to review salaries of elected officials."

"I have to admire these people because this was a tough task," Ms. Reeves said. The group recommended that "three people get an increase in salary": Sheriff Gary Painter to \$52,000 from \$44,440, District Clerk Vivian Wood to \$43,848 from \$39,540, and Ms. Reeves to \$43,610 from \$39,540.

Of pay raises for elected officials, the judge and the commissioners "could deny or increase or do a (salary) schedule," Ms. Reeves said. "It's all within their control."

Ms. Reeves' stance is "there should be a base salary" for each elected official's office whose salary is controlled by the Commissioners' Court.

The commissioners set the pay for all but seven of the 26 elected officials. The base salary of Midland County's four Texas district-court judges and the district attorney is \$101,700 and is set by the Texas Legislature and is paid by the state — the Texas taxpayers. The county's funds a \$6,000 supplement. Though

mandated by the state, the \$106,700 salary of the county's two county court-at-law judges is paid by the Midland County taxpayers.

"And then the (other) elected officials should be placed on a scale like the employees," Ms. Reeves said.

Painter, sheriff since 1985, said he recommended his salary be raised to \$62,940 from \$52,000 for a 21-percent hike.

The base pay for his city-of-Midland counterpart, Police Chief John Urby, is \$81,120, and Urby's total pay, including car allowance and longevity pay, is \$89,000, according to a city official.

The FY2000 base salaries of Midland County's elected officials whose salaries are controlled by the Commissioners' Court and the salaries of their offices a decade earlier, 20 years earlier and in 1975 follow:

County Judge (Bill Morrow): FY2000 at \$60,504 plus a \$10,000 state supplement for

\$70,504 total; FY1991 at \$57,954; FY1981 at \$35,393, and FY1975 at \$18,665.

(The FY2000 base salaries of judges in counties comparable to Midland (100,000-plus population range) are, according to the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), Ector County (Odessa), \$53,180; Gregg County (Longview), \$61,824; Smith County (Tyler), \$57,596; Taylor County (Abilene), \$57,998, and Wichita County (Wichita Falls), \$71,820.)

County Commissioners (Jimmy Smith, Mike Bradford, Jose Ramirez, Randy Prude): FY2000 at \$31,332; FY1992 at \$27,132; FY1981 at \$19,550, and FY1975 at \$10,200.

(The FY2000 base salaries of commissioners in counties comparable to Midland are, according to the TAC, Ector County (Odessa), \$30,240; Gregg County (Longview), \$54,725; Smith County (Tyler), \$44,127; Taylor County (Abilene), \$45,753, and Wichita

County (Wichita Falls), \$45,888.)

District Clerk (Vivian Wood): FY2000 at \$43,848; FY1991 at \$39,225; FY1981 at \$26,868, and FY1975 at \$14,052.

(The FY2000 base salaries of district clerks in counties comparable to Midland are, according to the TAC, Ector County (Odessa), \$41,778; Gregg County (Longview), \$47,338; Smith County (Tyler), \$48,467; Taylor County (Abilene), \$45,649, and Wichita County (Wichita Falls), \$45,888.)

County Clerk (Shauna Brown): FY2000 at \$39,540; FY1991 at \$39,225; FY1981 at \$28,188, and FY1975 at \$14,052.

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SALARY: Judges, commissioners decide on pay raises

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Gregg County (Longview), \$47,338; Smith County (Tyler), \$48,467; Taylor County (Abilene), \$50,328, and Wichita County (Wichita Falls), \$45,888.)

County Attorney (Russell Malm): FY2000 at a \$63,996 base salary plus a state supplement of \$25,425 for a \$89,421 total; FY1991 at \$57,354; FY1981 at \$30,128, and FY1975 at \$16,157.

(The FY2000 base salaries of county attorneys in counties comparable to Midland are, according to the TAC, Ector

County (Odessa), \$46,992; Gregg County (Longview), \$9,300; Smith County (Tyler), None; Taylor County (Abilene), None, and Wichita County (Wichita Falls), None.

Sheriff (Gary Painter): FY2000 at \$52,000; FY1991 at \$44,100; FY1981 at \$26,448, and FY1975 at \$14,052.

(The FY2000 base salaries of sheriffs in counties comparable to Midland are, according to the TAC, Ector County (Odessa), \$52,008; Gregg County (Longview), \$52,020; Smith County (Tyler), \$61,816; Taylor County (Abilene),

\$50,214, and Wichita County (Wichita Falls), \$54,144.)

County Treasurer (Jo Ann Carr): FY2000 at \$39,540; FY1991 at \$39,225; FY1981 at \$27,588, and FY1975 at \$14,052.

(The FY2000 base salaries of county treasurers in counties comparable to Midland are, according to the TAC, Ector County (Odessa), \$37,980; Gregg County (Longview), None; Smith County (Tyler), \$40,542; Taylor County (Abilene), \$35,930, and Wichita County (Wichita Falls), \$45,888.)

Tax Assessor-Collector (Kathy Reeves): FY2000 at \$43,610; FY1991 at \$39,225; FY1981 at \$27,048, and FY1975 at \$14,052.

(The FY2000 base salaries of tax assessor-collectors in counties comparable to Midland are, according to the TAC, Ector County (Odessa), \$46,992; Gregg County (Longview), \$52,020; Smith County (Tyler), \$48,270; Taylor County (Abilene), \$50,328, and Wichita County (Wichita Falls), \$45,888.)

Justices of the Peace (Joe

Matlock, David Cobos, Michael Wallace, George Zimmerman): FY2000 at \$39,500; FY1991 at \$35,225 each for two JPs then; FY1981 at \$23,510, and FY1975 at \$9,843.

(The FY2000 base salaries of JPs in counties comparable to Midland are, according to the TAC, Ector County (Odessa), \$37,882; Gregg County (Longview), \$33,165; Smith County (Tyler), \$32,046; Taylor County (Abilene), \$23,479, and Wichita County (Wichita Falls), high of \$36,228 and low of \$19,118.)

Constables (Gene Smith, Charles "Choc" Harris, Angel Hernandez, Charles Hall): FY2000 at \$24,000; FY1991 at \$35,865 (only one constable then); FY1981 at \$18,480, and FY1975 at \$8,430.

(The FY2000 base salaries of constables in counties comparable to Midland are, according to the TAC, Ector County (Odessa), \$990; Gregg County (Longview), \$33,792; Smith County (Tyler), \$30,646; Taylor County (Abilene), high of \$31,250 and low of \$1,624, and Wichita County (Wichita Falls), high of \$28,884 and low of \$13,944.

Four teens get probation for spray-painting church

TYLER (AP) — Five Brown-boro teen-agers were sentenced Tuesday to five years of community supervision for spray-painting racial slurs on the walls of a predominantly black church in April.

Racial epithets and references to "White Power" and the Ku Klux Klan were found spray-painted just before Easter along the side of the historic Mount Moriah Baptist Church in the Sand Flat community seven miles north of Athens.

Jeffery Matthew Morgan, 19; Jeffrey Wade Cook, 18; Matt Lynn Sanders, 17, and Cody Mitchell Kuykendall, 18, pleaded guilty July 3 to placing graffiti on a place of worship, and

state District Judge Jack Holland ordered a pre-sentencing report.

The teens appeared before Holland in an Athens courtroom on Tuesday. The judge said he initially contemplated jail time after witnessing pictures of the dam-

age, but felt differently after further review.

The defendants were ordered to make restitution to the church, attend the county's youthful offenders program and complete 250 hours of community service.

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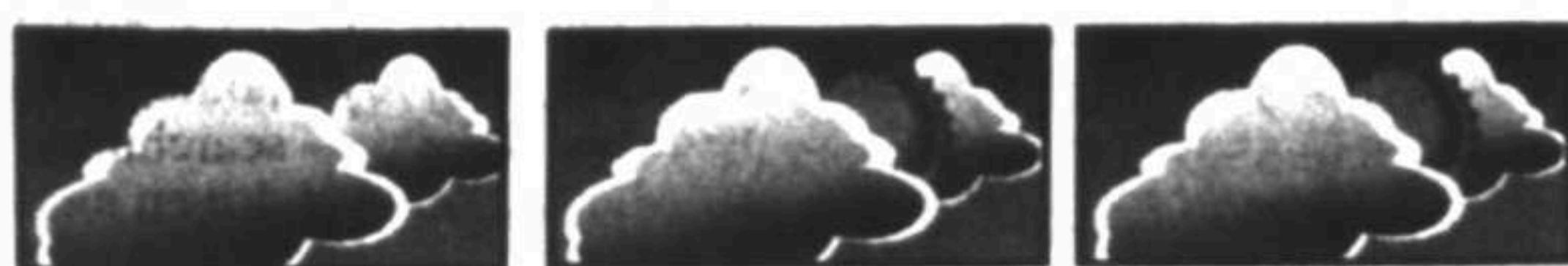
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Thursday	Friday
Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 88	High 93	High 95
Low 65	Low 71	Low 73

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a less than 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with a high in the upper 80s and a southeast wind from 5 to 15 mph. For tonight, the forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a low in the mid-60s.

For Thursday and Friday, expect partly cloudy skies with lows in the lower 70s and highs from 90 to 95.

The high on Tuesday reached 84, while the low dropped to 63. The record high for Aug. 28 is 102 set in 1964. The record low is 59 set in 1992.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday . . . 0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday . . . 0.00 in.
Total for month . . . 1.17 in.
Total for year . . . 5.03 in.
Normal total
(year to date) . . . 9.07 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High . . . 84
Low . . . 63
Normal high . . . 91
Normal low . . . 66
Sunrise . . . 7:22 a.m.
Sunset . . . 8:17 p.m.

CLOSES: Not all memories fond

(From 1A)

A baseball in Midland since the Cubs were Midland's Boys of Summer. "We understand it is almost like Round Rock, just a little bit smaller, and that is an awesome park."

Nicholas has traveled to spring training camps in Arizona and got a taste of the comfort which a brand new facility can bring. Nicholas will share one of the 15 luxury suites in the new park.

"I am looking forward to having those amenities at the new stadium," Nicholas said. "Everybody will be impressed with the thoughtfulness and attention to detail in the new park. It will be a lot better place to watch baseball."

According to Monty Hoppel, many people already are impressed. Thirteen of the 15 luxury boxes have been sold. Approximately 1,125 season tickets in the 6,000-seat stadium are gone.

"We expected sales to go well," Hoppel said. "History proves when those minor league teams built these new ball parks in the same city, it got a big resurgence of tenants and excitement. Anything that is new is something to look forward to."

Maybe not for everybody. Midland's Ted Battles has experienced a change of venue in Midland before. In 1954, professional baseball moved to what became Christensen Stadium from a location closer to downtown.

"Home plate was located at Wall Street and East Circle Drive looking toward Memorial Hospital," said Battles, the former long-time sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram and the authority of professional baseball in Midland. "You miss any old ball field or football stadium, because so many memories are associated with it. Until you get used to the new one, you still miss the old one."

At Christensen, Battles has seen it all, including one of the great hitting seasons in baseball history. In 1954, Joe Bauman, playing for the Roswell Rockets, used a 6-foot-4, 240-pound frame to hit 72 homers and 224 RBIs.

"He hit the most majestic homers you'd ever see," Battles said. "The bat looked like a tooth pick in his hands."

Battles saw many leagues — the Longhorn League (Class C), the Southwestern (Class B) League, the Sophomore League and finally the Texas League.

He saw many Midland teams disguised in different uniforms from the Midland Indians, to the Braves, Cubs, Angels and finally the RockHounds. His favorite? The 1975 Midland Cubs team which won Midland's lone Texas League title. They actually shared the pennant with Lafayette, La. To this day, he can rattle off the names — Dennis Lamp, Mike Krukow, Bruce Sutter, Steve Hamrick, Donnie Moore — off like they played a season ago.

They were back 16 games in June and won (the division) during the last series in El Paso," Battles said.

He has also seen the usual which is what makes Christensen more than the preeminent hitters' park in the Texas League. There was the always popular 10-cent beer night.

"They had to cut that out, because too many people got tipsy," Battles said.

Also, players used to check their shoes for tarantulas after games. That was when the dressing rooms were rather shabby dwellings located underneath the stadium stands.

The most bizarre, however, happened when a swarm of grasshoppers once forced the cancellation of the second game of a doubleheader.

And there was a first Texas League season to forget. On opening night in 1972, someone lost the keys to the room where all the batting practice equipment was.

That same season temporary outfield fencing fell victim to West Texas' winds. The same year, Cub Stadium went through three different scoreboards.

Christensen Stadium Notebook

Opened: 1954 as the home of the Midland Indians in the Longhorn League.

Current Capacity: 5,000.
Reputation: One of the Texas League's older stadiums, it is also the former hitter's park in the league.

Number of Texas League championships hosted: 1 (1975).
Number of fans attending Texas League games at Christensen (since 1972): 4,000-plus.

Midland teams hosted included: Midland Indians, Midland Braves, Midland Cubs, Midland Angels, Midland RockHounds.

Baseball leagues hosted included: Longhorn League — Class C, Southwestern League — Class B, Sophomore League, Texas League. Stadium names (since 1972): Cub Stadium, Angels Stadium, Max Christensen Stadium.

Top Midland Players (Texas League Only)

Cubs
Bruce Sutter, P, 74-75
Lee Smith, P, 76-79
Joe Carter, OF, 81-82
Shawn Dunston, SS, 84
Angels
Tim Salmon, OF, 90-91
Bert Blyleven, P, 91
Troy Percival, P, 92
Troy Glaus, 3B, 98
RockHounds
Tim Hudson, P, 1999
Adam Platt, OF, 1999
Randy Velarde, INF, 2000

Top players from other Texas League teams
Dwight Gooden, Darryl Strawberry, Fudge Rodriguez, Mike Piazza, Sammy Sosa, Roberto Alomar.

Best Promotions
10-cent beer night — Battles: "They had to cut that out. Too many people got too tipsy."

Air Show, 1993 — 6,186 fans packed the park. It is listed as the franchise's all-time record attendance.

Fernando night, 1991 — On July 19 — 5,788 fans filled the stands to watch Fernando Valenzuela pitch for the Midland Angels.

Others: Selena Concert, the Famous Chicken, exhibition games with major league teams.

Bizarre Happening: Grasshoppers invade from center field to cancel the second game of a doubleheader. Runner-Up: Carmelo Martinez commits five errors in one game.

"We got one which was really weird," Battles said. "I once wrote in a column that fans didn't realize how lucky we were. They got (scoreboard) orders mixed up, and our scoreboard went to Japan, and we had the only Japanese scoreboard in the United States."

Everything eventually got better at what is now Christensen. It had to.

"The ball park was falling a part," Battles said of the stadium in 1971 before Texas League play came to Midland. "You couldn't play a Junior League game out here because of the lighting. It was so dangerous."

As Battles has seen over and over in his thousands of games at Christensen, standards for ball parks change. Standards are what made the building of a new stadium necessary, if not mandatory, for keeping Minor League Baseball in Midland.

Former Mayor Bobby Burns had once envisioned a new baseball park right in the middle of downtown Midland. The stadium, which he stated would have carried a \$9 million price tag and been paid off in two years, would have been a big part of downtown revitalization efforts.

The need to conform to professional baseball's standard is why a new baseball stadium appeared side-by-side with a brand new football/soccer stadium before Midland's voters in 1999.

They passed overwhelmingly, and the new yet-to-be-named facility in the Scharbauer Complex will open next spring when the Oakland A's battle the RockHounds in an exhibition game.

"It seems like it (the search for a new stadium) went forever," Hoppel said. "Now we are six months away from moving into the new complex."

For many, it cannot come any sooner.

For others, the memories will be missed.

OFFICIAL: Dufford sees benefits of sunset clause

(From 1A)

at 8 percent). The revenue generated from that increase would be used to fund an economic development corporation dedicated to creating new jobs in the economy, thereby attempting to diversify the largely oil-based economy.

Such a tax would have raised more than \$3.3 million during the last 12 months.

Dingus suggested it would be beneficial to show some undecided voters on the ED sales tax issue this would not be an "eternal tax."

"It makes it easier to pass the first time," Dingus said. "We have those fence sitters who say we will give it a shot for five years."

Canon said he didn't believe it was the Council's place to inject thoughts about a sunset clause into the matter.

"That is something which could have obviously been done but wasn't, and it wasn't asked of us," Canon said. "I do agree there are means to effectively place a sunset on it through the processes employed down the road, and I would hope that as the years pass, the City Council would be responsible enough to get it placed on the ballot. If it is working and the city is benefiting, it would be something you would want to keep in place, especially if it is the primary means for providing incentive packages for companies in an economic development effort."

According to the City Attorney's Office, a sunset provision could not be attached to item on the Nov. 6 election even if the Council wanted to. However, a future Council could basically sunset the sales tax — should it pass in November — by calling an election on whether to abolish the economic development (4A) corporation, which would abolish the collection of the sales tax.

Or Midland voters could offer a petition calling for an election to abolish the 4A corporation.

"At some point the City Council needs to make sure when it has run its course," District 2 councilman James Bradford said.

"They need to bring it up for a vote or not fund the corporation."

Scott Dufford, the most critical of the Council members toward the timing of the sales tax, also saw merits in a sunset provision. Dufford said there are some cities who have the ED sales tax despite recording low single-digit unemployment numbers. He said those cities are collecting with a dream of one last big score, which is improbable at best.

"One thing I wish we would have thought about more is a sunset provision," Dufford said. "At some point, it may be time to do away with it."

The vote by the Council was a formality as 3,228 certified signatures from Midland voters had been turned in by those wanting to call an election. That number was more than the 20 percent (2,889) needed to call an election.

City Council reaction thoughts about the need for an economic development sales tax. Note: The City Council, as an entity, has said it will limit its support for an ED sales tax efforts to the basics, i.e. calling an election. Individually, they have indicated they will campaign for or against the tax as much or as little as they want.

Mayor Mike Canon: "I am a proponent of economic development. I want Midland to be competitive. I don't like taxes, but I don't know of any substitute for the tool that the ED sales tax provides for you. Because of that, I am in favor of it and will support it."

At-large councilman Bill Dingus: "I think it would be great to have an economic development sales tax to be used for the development of economy, but at the same time, I understand the arguments against this tax. What-



Dingus

MPD gets Council spending approval

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council gave the Police Department a boost Tuesday morning to continue certain programs and purchase additional equipment.

The Midland Police Department will pay more than \$28,000 to join forces with the Odessa Police Department to continue in its effort in cracking down on auto theft. The two departments formed the Midland Metro Auto Theft Task Force in 1991. In those 10 years, 181 cars, valued at more than \$2 million, have been recovered, according to the Midland Police Department.

Midland Chief of Police John Urby said the effort is a truly joint effort with the city providing one officer, while the county provides another to the task force.

"The Odessa Police Department provides two officers. The four officers are responsible for auto theft in this area," Urby said.

The council additionally

reappropriated \$57,000 from a 1998 grant, which was used to purchase in-car video cameras for police vehicles.

Urby said the management of the finances was a complicated matter of taking "money from Peter to pay Paul."

"It was just a formality to move \$57,000," Urby said.

He explained the money from a grant was scheduled to run out in 1998, so they moved the money to an account to pay for in-car video equipment then. Tuesday, the \$57,000 went back its original placement to even out the accounts.

Currently, the Police Department uses the cameras in sting operations to bust vendors selling alcohol and tobacco to minors.

The Council also accepted \$65,524 from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant to purchase computers for the Investigative Services Bureau. The total grant is \$109,206, but Midland County will receive \$33,682 of the total amount. The city will pay \$7,280 as its part of the matching grant.

ever decision the voters of the town make, I will live with that. We will have a great town no matter what happens."

District 1 councilwoman LuAnn Morgan: "We are on the cusp of making so many things happening. It will take that little push the ED sales tax can provide. We are talking about jobs which are significant and pay off. We are not talking about just retail."

District 2 councilman James Bradford: "It is something that is needed for Midland. I hope the citizens will endorse it and help to advance the city. If businesses know there is help relocating to Midland and are bringing jobs and additional opportunities to the citizens, I am definitely for

it."

District 3 councilman Scott Dufford: "I am looking to see the plan which is presented to all of us. I will be open minded about it. I think it did need to go before the voters, and they needed to vote on it. I will wait and see. I am leaning toward supporting it at this point and time. It is something we need to try."

District 4 councilman Berry Simpson: "I think we need one. It is not that we need a tax. We need the ability to attract businesses. We have proved with Circular what we can do with that money, it will multiply through the community and put more money into the community than what we spent. There is no other way to do that without a fund, and you can't have a fund without a tax."

City Council Briefs

■ The Council passed a \$108.5 million budget (approximately \$3 million more than last year) for fiscal year 2002 and kept the city's tax rate at 65.10 cents per \$100 valuation.

This was the second reading for both, which as expected were opposed by District 3 representative Scott Dufford. Joining Dufford in voting against the tax levy was LuAnn Morgan. She had voting for the tax levy during the Aug. 14 meeting.

Both have expressed their desires to see Midland's property tax rate shrink, and both are expected to play roles in a task force, which will investigate how much streamlining can be done in City Hall.

■ The Council appropriated \$180,000 in capital improvement funds for the development of a business development plan to be used at Midland International Airport. Before the meeting, Hillwood Strategic Services — which participated in the development of Alliance Airport in Fort Worth — presented a four-part proposal during the Council's briefing session. The \$180,000 will fund the first two phases of the plan.

Further development could position the airport to move the

region ahead economically and is considered key in positioning Midland along the necessary trade corridors with Mexico.

■ The Council gave the city manager the authority to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Odessa to provide public transportation for the Midland-Odessa urban area.

The transportation system, which could be in operation by late 2003, is expected to serve an estimated 190,000 riders a year and cost the city \$135,000 to \$170,000 a year.

■ The Council has authorized the city manager and city attorney to execute a contract with an electric service aggregator.

The city will conduct interviews with two Midland-based companies — Helms and May Aggregation Inc. and Priority Power Management — during the next week. A decision is expected to follow soon after.

Actual city of Midland power costs for fiscal year 2000 was \$3,322,833. The estimated cost for 2001 rose to \$3,439,456.

■ The Council passed the sign ordinance which includes a billboard provision giving the city immediate control of billboards in the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and stating

newly-annexed portions of the city would be billboard free. The only changes made to Midland's current billboard regulations, inside city limits, is to increase the amount of space in between billboards from 500 to 1,000 feet.

■ The Council extended the deadline for acceptance of any specific redistricting proposals. The new deadline is at 5 p.m. Friday. Anyone with proposals related to the configuration of the City Council member districts must present their plans by that time. The Council will consider all proposals at the next meeting on Sept. 11.

■ The Council took the first step in granting a tax abatement for bridalsave.com by creating a reinvestment zone for the Internet company moving to Midland from the Panhandle. This is the first dot.com company in Midland. The warehouse distribution center will be located at 4410 N. Midkiff and will employ nine people.

■ The City of Midland will hold its annual city auction on Sept. 15 at the city garage, which is located on 1701 E. Orchard Lane. The items for auction will be ready for inspection at 8 a.m. and buyers can begin to register at that time. The auctioning starts at 10 a.m.

PROBE: Glasscock suspended with pay

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a weapon three times and hitting her once in the upper part of her left arm. An investigation later revealed Ms. Bynum had shot herself.

Ms. Bynum said she was told she was being terminated on Friday, Aug. 17, but submitted her resignation on Aug. 21. Urby officially accepted Ms. Bynum's resignation this past Friday.

Glasscock was the first officer to arrive on the scene at Ms. Bynum's home that night.

In March of 1999, Glasscock was one of six officers reprimanded for not reporting an

incident involving Ms. Bynum where she apparently discharged her weapon in her home.

Glasscock is a well-known veteran of the Midland Police Department. He began work with the department on Aug. 1, 1981, and at the time of his suspension was working as a bomb technician. Glasscock was called to the Fort Davis area as the primary bomb technician in the 1997 standoff with Richard McClure and other members of the Republic of Texas.

He also gained widespread recognition in October of 1987 when 18-month-old Jessica McClure fell into an abandoned

water well on Tanner Street in west Midland. Maintaining a friendship with the family following the incident, Glasscock became known as the "unofficial" spokesman for the McClures," often being quoted in national publications.

Correction

Barbara Yarbrough has a son, Frank Edward Yarbrough II. A story in Monday's edition incorrectly stated Ms. Yarbrough has a daughter. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Texas 2 Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
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Bonus number 3

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
1-15-16-19-33

Pick 3

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

By Mark Sher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats increased their lead in the race for the U.S. House of Representatives as they stepped distance him from the White House.

The Democrats' focus on the public's focus on the relationship with the economy, budget for social programs have been issues can win the Congress in new elections.

"We can't go out people saying think about Gary Condit as a congressman from Central Valley."

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Dems want to talk about economy, but Condit's in the way

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senior Democrats increasingly see Rep. Gary Condit as a liability and distraction in making their case to the country on policy issues and are stepping up criticism to distance him from the party.

The Democrats worry that the public's focus is on the controversy over Condit and his relationship with missing intern Chandra Levy instead of on the economy, budget and spending for social programs. Party leaders have been hoping those issues can win them control of Congress in next year's elections.

"We can't go anywhere without people saying, 'What do you think about Gary Condit?'" complained Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt's strong rebuke of Condit last Friday was the first open criticism from a Democratic leader of the seven-term congressman from California's Central Valley. It sent a signal to other Democrats, and since then others have criticized Condit, who was popular with colleagues in both parties before the Levy case.

California Gov. Gray Davis, a longtime Condit friend who employs both of Condit's children, joined the critics Monday, an indication that support is eroding for the congressman, even among allies.

"They don't want to be tarnished with secondhand sleaze," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political science professor at the University of Southern California.

When Congress returns next week after a monthlong break,

several Democrats plan to denounce Condit, according to senior party aides on Capitol Hill. Some already have privately told Gephardt that action is needed to distance the party from the California lawmaker.

Gephardt floated one possibility to signal the party's disgust: stripping Condit of his Intelligence Committee assignment. Erik Smith, a Gephardt spokesman, said Gephardt probably will talk to Democrats about Condit informally after their return.

Party aides said there likely won't be a massive call for Condit's resignation, in part because Democratic prospects would be poor in a special election that would ensue if Condit were to step down.

Rangel, the senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, called Condit "an embarrassment" to Congress and his family but said his colleague's political future was best left to voters in Condit's district.

There is newfound uncertainty about whether Condit will run next year, especially after California lawmakers finish their once-a-decade task of redrawing congressional districts.

Chad Condit, the congressman's son, said Monday he would advise his father not to seek re-election. Condit has until early December to decide.

Condit's poorly received performance in a series of interviews last week has eased pressure on Davis to protect Condit in redistricting. Democratic strategists already are looking at ways to carve up Condit's district in a way that will help party lawmakers in nearby jurisdictions or to add enough Democratic voters to give another Democrat a shot at holding the district.

The congressman's standing among fellow politicians had begun to drop even before he broke his almost four-month silence to discuss his relationship with Levy, the 24-year-old woman from Modesto, Calif., who disappeared May 1.

But Condit's support has fallen since the interviews.

Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., former chairman of the Democrats' House campaign committee and a key party fundraiser, has had a close-up view of media scrutiny of his family. He said he understands when public officials try to protect their privacy, but he believes

Condit could have been more forthcoming, particularly in last week's interview with ABC's Connie Chung.

"What he offered in the interview was simply unacceptable," Kennedy said.

But Thomas Mann, an expert on Congress at Washington's Brookings Institution, played down the significance of Condit's woes to congressional Democrats.

"It's a soap opera," Mann said. "We're now beginning to get some real politics and policy discussions from the budget struggles, violence in the Middle East, stem cell research. The Condit story is just not that interesting."

Associated Press White House Correspondent Ron Fournier contributed to this report.

Coroner confirms business consultant piloted plane into his family's home

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A medical examiner confirmed Tuesday that the pilot who crashed a small plane into a house was the home's owner and said it appeared that he had crashed on purpose.

Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Thomas Gilson said Louis W. Joy III was killed when his plane went into a dive and slammed into the home he shared with his wife and 8-year-old daughter. Gilson said it appeared that Joy deliberately crashed the single-engine Socata Trinidad.

No one on the ground was injured. Authorities said Joy's

wife and daughter were staying at a hotel when the crash occurred Saturday.

For days, investigators have picked through the ashes and wreckage — of Joy's home, his plane and his life — searching for what might have driven an apparently successful businessman to suicide.

Joy's wife had obtained a restraining order the day before the crash against Joy, a business consultant. On Monday, Judge William Drescher, who granted the restraining order, sealed the court documents in which the woman explained why she wanted the order.

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Safety board calls for tighter standards for bus drivers' medical exams

By Jonathan D. Salant
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bus and truck drivers should be required to undergo more stringent physical examinations, federal officials said Tuesday, linking recent crashes to drivers with heart problems, kidney disease and poorly controlled diabetes.

In its final report on the Mother's Day 1999 bus crash that killed 22 people in New Orleans, the National Transportation Safety Board said the federal government should make sure that doctors who perform the examinations know the demands of driving a truck or bus, learn how health problems can affect drivers' performances and be able to find out if an applicant failed an earlier exam. The exams are given once every two years.

In addition, the board said, doctors and others who have concerns about a driver's health should be able to tell state and federal transportation officials without the risk of being sued.

Despite being hospitalized 10 times in the 20 months prior to the accident for heart and kidney disease, the driver in the New Orleans crash was repeatedly cleared to renew his commercial license and doctors never reported his health problems to state or federal officials. Three months after the crash, the driver, Frank Bedell, died of a heart attack.

Bedell also had been fired from two previous jobs after failing drug tests, but his last employer had no way to find that information out. After the crash, Bedell tested positive for marijuana.

The NTSB blamed the crash on the driver's poor health and the failure of the doctors to try to take him off the road.

The board also recommended setting up a system to allow a prospective employer to find out whether an applicant has failed a drug test, and renewed



Members of the New Orleans office of the National Transportation Safety Board sit beneath a simulation of a 1999 New Orleans bus crash during a NTSB meeting in Washington Tuesday. The investigation into the crash found the federal government does little to make sure bus drivers are in good health and drug-free.

its suggestions for bus-design standards that would protect occupants more effectively in crashes.

The New Orleans crash was one of several accidents in the past two years involving bus or truck drivers with medical problems. In May, a driver returning

from a Mississippi casino drove his bus off an Interstate 10 ramp, injuring 27 people. The driver, who had diabetes, was in hypoglycemic shock when taken to a hospital.

"Medical personnel need to report unfit drivers to the proper authorities," acting NTSB chairwoman Carol Carmody

said. "It's a systemic problem. No evaluation was passed through to anyone who could do something about it."

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which oversees the bus and truck industry, plans to review the NTSB recommendations, spokesman Dave Longo said.

And Michele Janis, a vice president with the American Bus Association, an industry group, endorsed the recommendations.

"This is about highway safety," Janis said. "It's making sure that anyone unfit to be behind the wheel of a commercial vehicle is kept out of that seat."

Other recent bus crashes have NTSB officials looking for other safety loopholes they need to close. Some examples:

— Earlier this month, a driver apparently fell asleep before losing control of his bus, which flipped over after hitting a highway median on Interstate 24 in Tennessee. The crash killed one person and injured 45. That same week, a driver was charged with careless driving after his bus returning from Atlantic City along the Garden State Parkway flipped over. Twenty-three people were hurt.

— The month before, a Greyhound driver fell asleep before his bus veered off Interstate 15 northeast of Las Vegas, injuring 37 people. The driver later died of his injuries.

— In June, a bus hit a car and a pickup along an expressway leading to Atlantic City, killing two people and injuring dozens. State police were investigating reports that the car was racing another vehicle before the crash.

"We are concerned about it," Carmody said. "Any time we have a series of accidents, we want to take a look and see if there's any commonality."

Longo said bus transportation was the safest way to travel, noting that on average fewer than 10 passengers a year are killed on the highways.

A series of Garden State Parkway bus crashes in New Jersey, beginning with a 1998 Christmas Eve crash that killed eight people, helped lead to a 1999 federal law that gave the U.S. Transportation Department the power to suspend or revoke the licenses of drivers with a long history of violations.

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Critics question whether Justice adhered to law in obtaining reporter's phone records

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawyers and news executives on Tuesday questioned whether the Justice Department met rigorous legal requirements before taking the rare step of secretly obtaining the home phone records of an Associated Press reporter.

The Justice Department had a legal obligation to take a number of investigative steps before subpoenaing the phone records of reporter John Solomon, they said.

"We have directed our counsel to make a formal demand that the Justice Department explain the process and reasoning used to secretly obtain a reporter's telephone records," said AP executive editor Jonathan P. Wolman. "We know of nothing that comes close to justifying such a gross invasion of the editorial process."

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and the Investigative Reporters and Editors Inc. wrote letters of protest to Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Quoting unidentified law enforcement officials, the AP ran a story May 4 about a federal wiretap in 1996 that captured Sen. Robert Torricelli discussing campaign donations. Law enforcement officials can be prosecuted for leaking information obtained under federal wiretaps.

Solomon's incoming and outgoing telephone records from May 2-7 were subpoenaed. The Justice Department received the reporter's phone records on May 14.

"It appears to me that the Justice Department has seriously overreacted in search of a leak," said Tim J. McGuire, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and editor of the Star Tribune in Minneapolis.

"The case makes me wonder if seizing phone records has become a first resort rather than last resort. ASNE stands ready to help AP in any legal action it decides to take."

"There has been no change in the Department of Justice's policy or procedures regarding the issuance of subpoenas pertaining to the news media," said Justice Department spokeswoman Susan Dryden.

The Code of Federal Regulations says all reasonable alternatives should be taken before authorities consider a subpoena of a reporter's telephone records.

A deputy of former Whitewater prosecutor Ken Starr, Solomon L. Wisenberg, questioned why the Justice Department moved so quickly.

"The Justice Department is obligated to pursue reasonable alternative investigatory steps," Wisenberg said in an interview.

While Wisenberg raised questions about how Justice handled the matter, he also said that generally he sees no First Amendment problem with subpoenaing a reporter's telephone records.

"It sounds like the Justice Department jumped the gun," said Professor Mary Cheh, who teaches constitutional law and criminal procedure at George Washington University.

"Given that there are a potentially large number of people inside the Justice Department who could be the sources of information for the reporter, the first step under the regulations is to go to them or use other investigative

techniques that might be available short of getting a subpoena."

News executives expressed outrage at the Justice Department's actions.

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press wrote Ashcroft that "this action signals an ominous hostility to the First Amendment rights of reporters at worst, and an indifference to these important rights at best."

IRE said, "We believe this reverses the long-standing policy that recognizes that it is a serious step to go after a reporter's phone records."

"The failure of the Justice Department to seek these records

in an open and aboveboard manner is reprehensible," said Sandra Mims Rowe, former ASNE president and editor of The Oregonian in Portland, Ore.

The AP reporter first found out about the Justice Department's May actions when he returned from vacation Sunday and opened a notification letter from the office of U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White in New York.

"The really disturbing part to me is that this case seems to be falling into a pattern of Justice Department attitude toward journalists," said Barbara Cochran, president of the Radio-Television News Directors Association.

"We have the Leggett case in Texas where we are trying to get a writer out of jail, and in the Timothy McVeigh case, the attorney general tried to forestall any type of media interviews."

Four years ago, when the Justice Department obtained a reporter's phone records, it acknowledged it violated its own regulations by not having the attorney general approve the subpoena. The U.S. attorney's office in New York obtained the grand jury subpoena in 1997 for the phone records of reporter James Sanders, who was investigating the TWA Flight 800 air tragedy. Sanders and his wife were sentenced to probation after their conviction for stealing bits of seat material from the reconstructed remains of TWA Flight 800.

In 1991, the government subpoenaed free-lance writer Gregory Millman's phone records. In a report in the trade magazine Corporate Finance, Millman cited nonpublic Internal Revenue Service documents in alleging the agency failed to collect millions of dollars in back taxes from General Motors Corp. and other corporations.

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Prisoner facing execution appeals to Supreme Court

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A death row inmate who says his attorney bungled his defense because he drank too much has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stop Friday's scheduled execution.

Ronald Wayne Frye, 42, faces a lethal injection for the 1993 stabbing death and robbery of his 70-year-old landlord, Ralph Childress.

In Frye's petition to the high court, former defense lawyer Ted Cummings Jr. said he didn't pay attention to the trial and should have intervened to help the other lawyer, who admitted a drinking habit.

Cummings said in an affidavit that he handled the first phase of the trial and that attorney Tom Portwood handled the sentencing phase, where the jury decided between a death sentence and life in prison.

"One of Frye's counsel, Tom Portwood, has repeatedly admitted to an incredible decade-long drinking habit," the petition said. "He has testified that he did no work outside of the courtroom and that he did not search for one document or talk to one eyewitness."

Frye argued that had his attorneys done their jobs, the jury would have heard mitigating evidence that could help explain Frye's behavior and substance abuse. Frye and his brother were given away to strangers when Frye was 4 and their new father routinely hit them with a bullwhip.

Frye's appeals in North Carolina courts have been exhausted. Also Tuesday, Gov. Mike Easley met with prosecutors, defense lawyers and others to consider clemency for Frye.

Before the meeting, defense lawyers said they would urge clemency because Portwood admitted in an affidavit for another case that he drank 12 shots of rum a day at the time of Frye's trial.

Frye said Monday that he never noticed the smell or effects of alcohol on Portwood, but he said the two didn't talk much.

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Macedonian rebels surrender weapons to NATO forces

By Katarina Kratovac
Associated Press

BRODEC, Macedonia — Submachine guns slung over their shoulders, hundreds of rebels left their hideouts Tuesday and streamed toward a former mountain stronghold to surrender their weapons to NATO, in an operation meant to contribute to permanent peace in Macedonia.

On the second day of their arms collecting mission, NATO officers at Brodec, just northeast of the ethnically tense northern city of Tetovo, described the insurgents as complying with terms of their agreement with the alliance that commits them to surrendering thousands of weapons.

In exchange, the Macedonian-dominated government has agreed to political concessions meant to benefit the ethnic Albanian minority and permanently defuse a six-month ethnic Albanian guerrilla campaign before it turns into civil war.

Reporters flown to the site by a NATO helicopter saw approximately 100 rebels lined up to turn in weapons in the space of two hours. Dozens more were seen moving toward the highland village, downhill from surrounding mountains or making their way up from Tetovo, the site of several major clashes during the height of the insurgency.

Clad in black, or camouflage, some of the rebels smiled and



A Dutch NATO soldier stands guard at a weapons collecting point as a group of ethnic Albanian rebels wait in a line to hand over their weapons, in the village of Brodec, 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of the capital Skopje, Macedonia, Tuesday. NATO is continuing with Operation Essential Harvest, to collect weapons from the rebels.

embraced comrades as they arrived to the collection point, a two-story brick house. The asphalt path to the building was lined by NATO troops. More NATO forces were positioned on surrounding ridges and other strategic areas nearby.

Reporters were not allowed inside the house. NATO officials

said that once the weapons were collected they were to be put into two red containers set up at a nearby meadow and taken away to be destroyed.

Lt. Col. Chip Chapman, a British Paratrooper, said that some 100 weapons had been handed in between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Expectations were that the

rebels would hand over about 200 arms by the end of the day, he added.

According to the peace plan, the rebels are handing over weapons to NATO in a British-led mission dubbed "Essential Harvest," in exchange for step-by-step political reforms.

Parliament is to begin debat-

ing the reforms once a third of the weapons have been surrendered, which could happen by the end of the week. Lawmakers will vote on the legislation only after all weapons have been collected.

The alliance has said it expects to gather 3,300 weapons. But the government insists the true size of the rebel arsenal is much bigger, with Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski setting the figure closer to 60,000.

Because the government does not accept NATO's weapons figures, hard-liners could try to stall the process from moving ahead as planned.

Still, NATO officers at the scene suggested the rebels were keeping their end of the bargain.

Chapman said that "some surface-to-air missiles" had also been handed over Tuesday — the first of their kind to be voluntarily surrendered by the ethnic Albanian insurgents.

"They are very compliant," Chapman said of the ethnic Albanians.

Insurgent commanders said their men were complying with the first stage of the agreement committing them to surrender a third of their weapons. One of them, who identified himself only as Lulii, expressed relief that the armed fight for more ethnic Albanian rights appeared to be over.

"I hope the operation goes according to plan," Lulii told

reporters. "I want to return to normal life."

Civilians manning a blockade near the border crossing between Kosovo and Macedonia permitted Turkish troops to pass through their barricades. The move was significant in that it indicated a slight relaxation of tensions between Macedonian civilians and NATO troops.

Still, some problems slowed NATO attempts to ease tensions. Fearful that a withdrawal of government troops could leave them vulnerable to attacks by ethnic Albanians, some 50 Macedonians blockaded a road in Tetovo. The peace agreement mandates withdrawals in areas where rebel and government forces are close to each other.

On Tuesday, Germany's opposition dropped its resistance to sending soldiers to Macedonia after the government promised more money to protect them, ensuring a majority for the deployment in parliament. Parliament's vote is set for Wednesday and the first German troops would leave for Macedonia the same evening.

The mission suffered its first casualty Sunday when youths threw a block of concrete at a NATO vehicle, killing 20-year-old British soldier Ian Collins of the 9 Parachute Squadron Royal Engineers. British army investigators in London said Tuesday the nationality of the attackers remained unclear.

American GIs, behind the scenes in Macedonia, take lead in rebel patrols in Kosovo

By Fisluk Abrashi
Associated Press

DEBELDE, Yugoslavia — Deep in the flinty mountains that separate Kosovo from Macedonia, American GIs in face paint and full combat gear lurk in the thick brush and peer out through night-vision goggles.

When suspected ethnic Albanian militants pass by, the U.S. troops take full advantage of the element of surprise. "Freeze and drop your weapons!" they scream, bursting from their hiding places to seize arms and make arrests.

American forces may be playing a behind-the-scenes role in Macedonia, where only a few hundred are involved in support roles in NATO's British-led mission to collect arms from the insurgents. But they're on the front lines just over the border in Kosovo, intercepting hundreds of suspected rebels and thousands of weapons — a key demand of the Macedonian government.

"You cannot fight without weapons, and we'll take away as many as we can from the rebels," said U.S. Army 1st Lt. Charles Canon, 25, of Clarksville, Tenn. Over the past few days, U.S.

troops with the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Kosovo have detained and questioned about 200 suspected rebels believed to have crossed into Kosovo from Macedonia, spokesman Howard Rhoades said.

Militants have been streaming into the predominantly ethnic Albanian province of Yugoslavia since a peace deal was signed this month in Macedonia.

The presence of U.S. and other NATO troops in Kosovo is strategic: The province is widely believed to be a main supply and transit route for Macedonia's rebels, who took up arms in February, saying they were fighting for greater rights for their ethnic minority. American forces will try to ensure the rebels don't stash away weapons in Kosovo rather than hand them in to NATO soldiers.

In mid-June, the Kosovo peacekeeping force launched Operation Eagle, stepping up surveillance and interdiction. Two thousand Americans are taking part in the operation along with Germans, Poles, Ukrainians, Turks and Austrians.

The detainees are brought to Camp Bondsteel, the sprawling U.S. military base in Kosovo, for

questioning. Most of those most recently arrested were unarmed, Rhoades said, suggesting that militants of the National Liberation Army are keeping their pledge to hand over their weapons.

Canon's unit out of Fort Campbell, Ky., patrols regularly and mans barbed-wire checkpoints set up to intercept known rebels and their supporters. The militants have used mules, horses, tractors and even trucks with false floors to transport weapons.

Macedonians have accused NATO of not doing enough to stop rebels and arms from moving between Kosovo and Macedonia. But Canon, whose men control a four-mile stretch of the border, concedes they can't stop every rebel.

The work can be dangerous. Certain areas were heavily mined by Yugoslav forces as they withdrew after their crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo in 1998.

99; in June, a U.S. soldier lost a foot when he stepped on a land mine. Last weekend, peacekeepers in another border sector exchanged gunfire with five rebels, one of whom was shot in the leg.

It can also be exhausting, involving lots of surveillance work done overnight under cover of darkness.

In the Kosovo town of Vitina, just five miles north of the Macedonian border, Staff Sgt. Kenneth S. Chaney sat with other red-eyed soldiers from Charley Company after a night of hiding in the brush for "non-lethal ambushes" of suspected rebels.

But it's the rebels, caught by surprise by bellowing GIs, who are most frightened.

"They know that if we catch them, they're going to prison," Chaney said, proudly displaying photos of a recent interdiction: 27 AK-47 machine guns, a 90mm

cannon with six rounds, 43 rocket-propelled grenades, 19 small rockets, 140mm high explosive rounds, cell phones, cigarettes and clothes.

Since the operation began, the peacekeepers have seized more

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China turns anti-piracy effort into public spectacle

By Ted Anthony
Associated Press

ZHUHAI, China — They really brought out the big guns for this one: Giant balloons reached toward the clouds. Hundreds of customs agents stood in rows, listening to marching music that included a chunk of "It's a Small World After All." FM 95.1 went live.

And amid it all, outside the Ping Pong Pavilion of the Zhuhai Athletic Center stadium, 15 industrial-strength wood chippers all in a row did just what they were trotted out for Tuesday afternoon — made minced plastic out of 16 million counterfeit CDs, DVDs and CD-ROMS.

"This is one of the most important issues facing us today," said Shi Zongyuan, the official in charge of anti-piracy efforts in southern China. "Getting rid of pirated CDs will give us a much-needed economic boost."

China mounts such a spectacle every few months — though usually on a smaller scale than Tuesday — to show that it is serious about stopping rampant product piracy.

The events get lavish coverage in state media, but the real target audience is abroad — China's angry trading partners. Foreign producers of music, film and software say Chinese pirates are ruining their businesses.

The publicity usually recedes, only to resurface several months later.

But as China's virtually certain membership into the World Trade Organization approaches in



Chinese customs agents with weapons stand guard over counterfeit CDs, DVDs and CD-ROMS readied for destruction by the Chinese authorities in Zhuhai, Southern China on Tuesday. Sixteen million counterfeit items were destroyed during the event held in a region known both as a major export-manufacturing base and the heartland of China's piracy industry.

November, such crackdowns are being spotlighted — and, China says, being carried out — even more than usual.

Conferences have been convened, harsh statements released. In March, Premier Zhu Rongji went so far as to say that counterfeiting was making him lose

sleep.

Last month, China announced investigations of Rolex and Seiko watches, Kodak and Fuji film boxes and medicine bearing well-known British trademarks.

The list goes on. Fake cigarettes, fake name-brand rice, even fake Pearl River Bridge soy

sauce have been seized in recent weeks — and duly reported by Chinese media.

But the event Tuesday in Zhuhai, infused with the spirit of a communist rally, was extraordinary in both scale and organization.

This was press release as pub-

lic spectacle. Who — especially photographers and TV reporters — doesn't like to see something crushed by big machines that make a lot of noise? It made for great visuals, as organizers well knew.

Zhuhai sits on the southern Chinese coast beside the former Portuguese colony of Macau. The region is both a major export-manufacturing base and the heartland of China's piracy industry.

Chinese journalists were shipped in from all over the country to watch, their hotel rooms paid for by organizers of the rally. A glossy brochure full of customs agents in action was distributed. The event was timed with TV in mind: it began at 12:13 p.m., so state television's noon news could carry it live.

And the sprawling patch of pavement on which it took place was ringed by giant tractor-trailers filled with pirated CDs. Each was guarded by a glowering young customs agent with an automatic weapon.

"We've had this kind of event before, but never on this scale," said one of the agents lined up to watch the event. She gave her name only as Miss Shi.

Even the giant banners smacked of old-style sloganeering. Their yellow characters on a scarlet backdrop could, 25 years ago, have easily been the thoughts of Chairman Mao.

The version Tuesday, though, said: "Raising the national awareness of copyright protection. Cracking down on the smuggled and pirated compact

discs. Regulating and standardizing the cultural market."

The CDs, most of them unlabeled, were still in the containers in which they were smuggled, whether it was plastic shrink wrap or hollowed-out false bottoms of boxes.

The trucks' rear doors were open, giving the sense of an entire landscape of confiscated discs.

After they were chopped up, the shards of discs were hauled away by the truckload to an uncertain future. Chinese officials couldn't say whether they would be recycled, or simply dumped.

"Today's destruction represents a warning — don't try it," said Zhong Yangsheng, a member of the standing committee of the communist party's Guangdong branch.

Added Liu Wenjie, deputy director of Guangdong Customs: "We still have many places to look."

The only Westerner in sight was up on the dais with 40 Chinese officials. Mike Ellis, vice president of the Asia-Pacific arm of the Los Angeles-based Motion Picture Association of America, praised China for its efforts and said he believed the country was "committed to dealing with this problem."

Such public destruction of counterfeit goods, he acknowledged, is geared for publicity — but has an important purpose, too.

"Yes, it's an example to demonstrate what they're doing. But it's a reflection of hard work," Ellis said. "You get the message out there — that what people are doing is wrong."

Pilot insists he was no hero for safe landing of jetliner that lost power

By Phil Couvrette
Associated Press

MIRABEL, Quebec — The pilot of a Canadian airliner that lost engine power and glided for 18 minutes said Tuesday he was no hero, but only doing his job in bringing the plane to safety with 304 people aboard.

The crippled Airbus A330 jetliner managed a hard landing on the Azores Islands around dawn Friday. Flames erupted briefly as the plane's tires burst and the craft spilled fuel onto the runway. Eleven people were hospitalized for minor injuries.

Air Transat Capt. Robert Piche, 49, said there was no time to think about fear, only time to follow procedures and rely on his 30 years' experience, while gliding the plane down from 32,000 feet with both engines shut down.

"Of course we had doubts. But we did what we had to do," Piche said at a news conference at a Montreal hotel.

A preliminary report issued

'I've been flying for 30 years. I understand full well that on an international flight, nothing like this is supposed to happen. Now I understand that the system we have throughout the world, the system operates. It works.'

— Air Transat Capt. Robert Piche

Tuesday by Portuguese investigators said a malfunctioning fuel injection pump caused low fuel pressure in both engines.

According to a report by investigators, Piche's crew noticed what they called a fuel leak at 4:25 a.m. Friday (1:25 a.m. EDT). Exactly an hour later, the right engine lost power and, two minutes later, the left engine went dead.

Piche said that after the loss of the engines, he was left with nothing but his control stick with minimum power from an emergency propeller to control the aircraft. He glided the craft for 18 minutes

over the Atlantic Ocean before reaching the runway.

"That's what we get trained for, that's what we get paid for, to be successful in a situation like that," Piche said. "I'm not a hero."

He declined to provide any more details on how he brought the Toronto-to-Lisbon flight carrying 291 passengers and a crew of 13 to the safe emergency landing at the Lajes airport on Terceira Island in the Azores, 900 miles off the coast of Portugal.

But he stressed that the incident showed that procedures set up for problems on international flights, such as alternate landing sites,

works.

"I've been flying for 30 years. I understand full well that on an international flight, nothing like this is supposed to happen," he said. "Now I understand that the system we have throughout the world, the system operates. It works."

While passengers have described terrifying moments of chaos on the gliding plane, the flight director Melani Tesic praised the crew and passengers for following procedures and instructions.

"There was absolutely no panic among all the passengers," Tesic said.

But passenger Joao Gaspar spoke of screaming passengers in plane that quickly lost altitude,

then "depressurized and jerked about."

Airbus Industrie has sent a team of specialists to the Azores Islands to assist in the investigation by Portuguese authorities.

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Dufford keeps business-minded ideas on agenda

Even as President Bush continues to be the subject of naysaying criticism in the wake of his decision to drain the government surplus and return money to hard-working taxpayers, Midland City Council member Scott Dufford is boldly espousing the same philosophy at the local level.

In his campaign for the District 3 City Council seat this past spring and during his first months in office, Dufford has held firm to his conservative, business-minded approach. He believes government can be streamlined and the burden on homeowners can be lessened.

We concur with his thinking. As a matter of principle, Dufford this week voted against the city's \$108 million budget, which is \$3 million higher than the previous year. The city's tax rate will remain at .6510, which equates to nearly \$500 in annual taxes on a home with an appraised value of roughly \$75,000. Valuations are on the rise and should pour more money into the city's treasury, even though the tax rate will remain at the same level.

For that \$500 a year, the average, middle class homeowner and his family in turn receive police protection, roads and other city services. His utility bill, which obviously will vary from home to home, funds his water and sewer usage and trash pickup.

Dufford is aware that the same homeowner is looking anxiously at steeper energy bills, higher health care costs and a list of similarly growing expenses. Many families are searching for ways in which to tighten their belts. The family income may flatline in the coming year, interest income has dwindled and investment portfolios, including 401(k)s and Individual Retirement Accounts, have shrunk.

At the same time, companies in Midland and across the nation are looking at ways to become leaner and meaner and to bolster the bottom line.

Dufford believes the city should be in tune with the way families and businesses in Midland and across America are being forced to think.

Within the ranks of government, there is a deep-seated "turf protection" mentality. Department heads have an instinct that leans toward growth in their ranks and in their programs.

Mayor Mike Canon has vowed to form a committee that will focus on ways to streamline city government. It is evident Dufford will play a key role on this committee.

In addition to seeing an increase of \$3 million in city spending next year, the city will bank another \$600,000 in surplus revenue.

Like our president, Dufford has asked whether that money is better off in city coffers or back in the pockets of Midlanders.

It's a question city leaders are being forced to address. We applaud Dufford's efforts to keep this issue at the top of the city's agenda.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 2001. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Aug. 29, 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

On this date:

In 1533, the last Incan king of Peru, Atahualpa, was murdered on orders from Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset.

In 1877, the second president of the Mormon Church, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.

In 1957, South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster against a civil rights bill after talking for more than 24 hours.

Ten years ago: In a stunning blow to the Soviet Communist Party, the Supreme Soviet legislature voted to suspend the activities of the organization and freeze its bank accounts because of the party's role in the failed coup.

Five years ago: In a rousing climax to the Democratic convention in Chicago, President Clinton appealed for a second term, declaring, "Hope is back in America." The convention also nominated Al Gore for a second term as vice president. Earlier in the day, President Clinton's chief political strategist, Dick Morris, resigned amid a scandal over his relationship with a prostitute.

One year ago: President Clinton ended a four-day trip to Africa with a brief visit to Cairo, where he sought the help of President Hosni Mubarak in pursuing a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians. Pope John Paul II laid down moral guidelines for medical research in the 21st century, endorsing organ donation and adult stem cell study, but condemning human cloning and embryo experiments.

MARIANNE MEANS

Condit: He's the dumbest of them all

WASHINGTON — Once upon a time a lawmaker from Virginia was selected as the dumbest man in the U.S. Senate by an obscure magazine with limited circulation.

The senator, William Scott, then held a news conference that attracted national media and spread the Legal Times' charge that he was a dummy far and wide, thus confirming the accuracy of the magazine's judgment. Predictably, the label stuck and Scott was not re-elected.

That was roughly a quarter of a century ago, and until recently Scott has had no worthy successor. Now, however, we have Rep. Gary Condit, Chandra Levy's evasive pal, whose bizarre behavior since her disappearance May 1 takes the political booby prize of the year, maybe of the decade.

Last week the California congressman capped months of strained silence by giving a spate of interviews in which he refused to come clean, failed to display sympathy and accused Levy's grieving family, the media and everyone else involved of lying. In addition to the mystery of Levy's disappearance and the mystery of his own role he has now added the mystery of why he thought he could spin things his way without actually telling anything.

The 19th century poet Emily Dickinson once slyly advised, "Tell the truth but tell it slant." Condit's interviews were so "slant" they were flat on their back.

In a Newsweek magazine interview that followed his disastrous television appearances, Condit belatedly expressed a little sympathy for Chandra. But he continued to insist that Anne Marie Smith, an airline stewardess who gave the cops a detailed description of what she says was a 10-month affair, is not telling the truth. He accused her of seeking publicity and money and said that "in my opinion, we did not have a relationship. ... It would probably be her definition of a relationship versus mine." What a weasel!

It is Smith who is posing the biggest immediate legal headache for Condit. She is angry, and with good reason. She has not come forth to make money. Her roommate sold her story to a tabloid without her knowledge.

Her lawyer, James Robinson, filed a citizen's complaint with a California grand jury Monday, asking it to indict Condit for subornation of perjury and obstruction of justice. Robinson was taking advantage of a California legal quirk that allows such citizen action.

Smith contends that a Condit lawyer and Condit himself asked her to sign an affidavit denying under oath any relationship. Condit denies speaking to her about that and dismisses it as a "lawyer-to-lawyer" thing.

But this is serious stuff. Former President Bill Clinton — whose habit of parsing phrases and twisting the truth Condit has been trying to emulate — was impeached by the House and acquitted by the Senate on the counts of perjury and obstruction of justice. If indeed Smith can prove Condit asked her to lie, he could go to jail. His reluctance to cooperate early and often with the District of Columbia police adds weight to an impression of obstruction of justice.

A mischievous group called Judicial Watch has gotten into the act, providing Smith with a local attorney in California. Judicial Watch is a self-styled conservative watchdog organization that pursued Clinton relentlessly in the courts. It filed lawsuits alleging that the former president tried to cover up everything from the suicide of White House Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster to the leak of Linda Tripp's personnel file.

Before a grand jury, Condit would be forced to answer questions under oath or hide behind his Fifth Amendment right to be silent. That would be perfectly legal, but it would look suspicious. It is unlikely that in court he could get away with the misleading answers he gave to his interviewers when he was not under oath.

Condit also faces the wrath of his constituents, a majority of whom now say they won't vote to reelect him. He is under pressure from the media and his Capitol Hill colleagues to quit Congress, and he has strained his relationships with his lawyers, advisers and staff. In his efforts to save his own skin, Condit is accusing his staff of incorrectly denying the affair with Levy for months without his approval or input, although he cannot explain why he did not correct their denials when he knew they were wrong. Those staff denials are the subject of a separate investigation by the U.S. attorney's office in Washington. Condit also blames his lawyers for the affidavit that Smith refused to sign, as though they were acting independently of his own wishes. As for his public relations advisers, they are backing away, saying he didn't follow their script. The loyalty of this team may not last much longer.

In short, this is a political disaster, a cover-up that collapsed. "I'm not a perfect man," the scoundrel said. Nobody expects perfection, really. But a little decency would have gone a long way.

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CHARLEY REESE

NASCAR had correct position on Earnhardt's death

NASCAR's investigation of Dale Earnhardt's crash has proven that one of the seat belts did separate under load. Other than that, the \$1 million investigation — which involved experts, simulated crashes and computer and photo reconstructions — did not add much significant information.

Earnhardt died, just as the pathologist said, from a ring fracture at the base of his skull. And in fact, NASCAR had announced at the time of the crash that one of the seat belts had separated.

What would have been an ordinary investigation of a tragic death was turned into a controversy by the press.

One, a couple of reporters found an emergency medical technician who had said the seat belt had not separated. I'm sure that because the rescue workers were excited and were concentrating on getting the driver out of the car, they did not realize that one of the belts had separated. The mystery is why the reporters would assume that NASCAR officials would lie about something that could so easily be proven. NASCAR officials had no motive whatsoever to lie about anything, and, of course, they didn't.

Second, the newspaper from which I just retired wanted to view the autopsy pictures, and Earnhardt's family objected. The good that came out of that was a new Florida law that I hope the other 49 states will adopt. The law states that before autopsy photos can be viewed by outsiders, the outsiders have to convince a judge that they have a legitimate reason for doing so.

In fairness to the Orlando Sentinel, it never intended to publish the photos. Sentinel officials wanted to send them to a medical expert. In the end, the judge allowed this, but nothing important came of it, as anybody with common sense would have predicted. You can't look at injuries caused by an accident under a specific set of circumstances and draw any conclusions at all about what would have happened under a different set of circumstances. And, basically, that's what the expert told them.

For some reason, the Orlando Sentinel is hot-trot to persuade NASCAR to mandate a head-and-neck restraint system. I assume Sentinel officials thought that their expert would say the injuries would not have happened if Earnhardt had been wearing a head-and-neck restraint. Of course, being a legitimate medical expert, he couldn't say that.

Again, NASCAR's position is the correct one, in my opinion. It has said all along and still says that if drivers wish to use the head-and-neck restraint system, they are free to do so. These drivers are, after all, grown-ups and professionals. They can make their own decisions. Some use it, and some don't. Why journalists these days are so into compulsion is a strange turn of events.

In the meantime, Florida newspapers are suing to have the new law overturned as unconstitutional. I think, and hope, they will fail. There is no constitutional right for strangers to intrude into people's private grief. I can think of no more painful and grievous invasion of privacy than to allow autopsy photos of dead loved ones to be gawked at by strangers.

The fact is, there is no legitimate reason for outsiders to see autopsy photos. The written report satisfies the public-record requirement, and no layperson can look at photos and draw any medically sound conclusions from them anyway. I cannot think of any legitimate reason why a commercial outfit interested in profit should have access to photos of a naked, dead body lying on a steel table.

The old idea that you can rely on people's good taste and judgment is as dead as Hector. There is great competition these days for shock-value items, and, of course, the Great Dumbing Down of America affects the press as it does every other institution. Increasingly, the universities seem to be turning out graduates who are as short on ethics and good taste as they are on knowledge.

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JACK ANDERSON

Technology often proves juries can be far too fallible

WASHINGTON — The latest release of a prisoner from death row due to DNA evidence proves more than the irrefutable error of an irreversible sentence. It proves that the jury system is too fallible. Any system based upon human judgment is inherently fallible. The question is how to make it less so.

Eighteen years ago, Charles Fain was convicted of raping and murdering a 9-year-old girl in Nampa, Idaho. An FBI expert testified that three hairs found on the girl's body probably matched Mr. Fain's hair. He was wrong. DNA testing was not available then, but it is now, and it has proved conclusively that the hair did not belong to Mr. Fain.

Mr. Fain joins six other men who were awaiting execution on death row this year and who have now been freed. They are joined by scores of others who likewise nearly lost their lives over the last few decades. In some of those cases, authorities continue to claim they had the right men, but simply not enough evidence. It is just such thinking that goes against the basis of our system of justice: You are innocent until proven guilty.

There is no provision in our system that allows for a verdict of "innocent; presumed guilty." Yet, the judge who sentenced Mr. Fain says, "If I had the slightest doubt, I certainly would not have imposed the death penalty." And worse, the prosecutor in the case said, "The DNA evidence doesn't really change my opinion that much that Fain's guilty."

The judge and prosecutor have stepped over the line. Until a person is convicted, he is only alleged to have committed the crime in question. And when a person is acquitted, he is said to be guilty only by people who are prepared to be sued for slander. So it is unseemly for a judge and a prosecutor to continue to pronounce guilty someone whom the courts have judged to be innocent.

This brings us to the heart of the problem: People are flawed, so juries, judges and prosecutors are flawed. What is needed is an equitable and economical system of checks and balances. If a jury pronounces a verdict of "not guilty," the case should be closed. If the jury says, "guilty," the case should be subject to being overturned by the trial judge, in which instance, the case would be closed. And if the trial judge does not overturn, then any case involving jail time should automatically be reviewed by a three-judge panel on a higher court. Such a panel would limit its purview to the trial transcript and written briefs from the prosecutor and defense counsel.

Such a system would solve several problems:

■ Fewer cases would burden the appeals courts.

■ Blatantly flawed decisions would be overturned quickly.

■ Indigent defendants would have the benefit of automatic reviews, which would increase their chances of receiving impartial decisions.

■ Most important of all, the likelihood of sending an innocent person to jail would diminish dramatically.

It is a great crime for the state to send an innocent person to jail and a worse crime to deprive him of his life. The public's faith in the justice system and the government itself is lessened. So it is incumbent upon us to combine modern technology with a new system of checks and balances to enhance fairness and credibility.

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Refugees on Norwegian ship off Australian coast threaten to jump overboard

By Geoff Spencer
Associated Press

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, Australia — Squeezed onto a Norwegian cargo ship under a harsh tropical sun, hundreds of refugees refused to eat and threatened to jump overboard Tuesday as Australia denied them entry for a second day. The United Nations issued a plea for compassion.

Dozens of the 438 people rescued from a sinking Indonesian ferry Monday — most of them Afghans — stared out to sea as they lay listlessly on the vessel off the coast of this remote Australian island. Australia, Indonesia and Norway wrangled over who should take responsibility.

Many were falling sick, shielded from the sun only by tarps strung between containers on the deck of the red-hulled Tampa, a Norwegian cargo ship outfitted to hold only a few dozen crew members, the ship's owners said. "There are many sick people with diarrhea and scabies, some pregnant women and others refusing to eat," Hans C. Bangsmoen, spokesman for the Wilhelm Wilhelmsen company, said in Oslo, Norway, after speaking with the ship's captain. "We have no medicines left, only bandages, and we are trying to cope as well as we can."

Food and medical supplies from Australia had not yet made it to the ship by early Wednesday. Doctors were expected to board the vessel later in the day.

Meanwhile, the United Nations urged compassion. "We appreciate this is a difficult issue of international law," said Millicent Mutuli, a spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "We also appreciate that Australia has offered medical assistance. But we would like to urge Australia to act according to humanitarian principles."

It was not immediately clear how the Afghans made it to Indonesia. But there has been a wave of Afghan asylum seekers washing up on Australian shores from Indonesia in recent months, prompting officials to believe that an organized group is bringing them over.

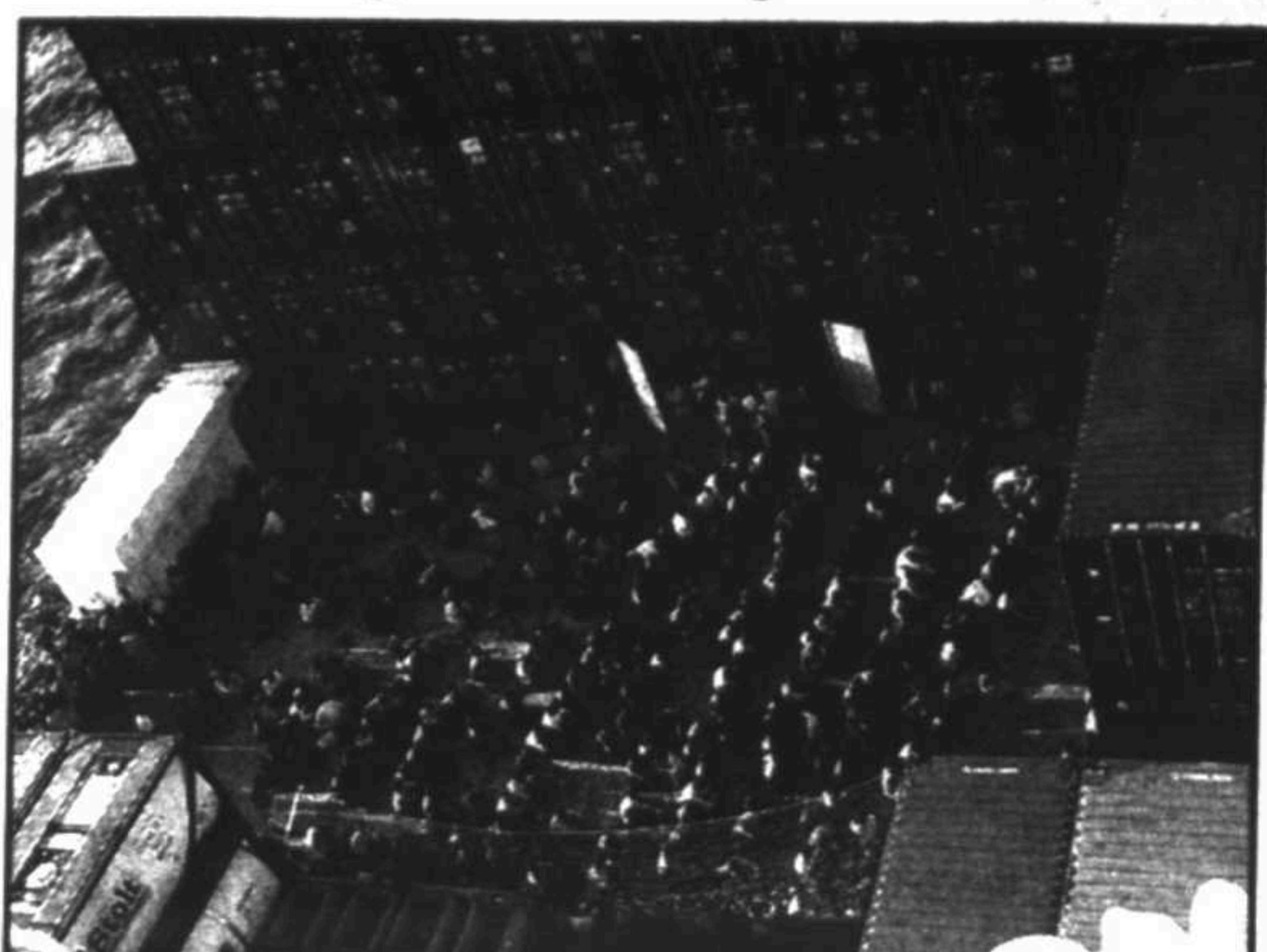
Australia is a popular destination among Asian refugees because they believe Australian courts are generous in granting visas.

Australia's tough line in refusing to accept the refugees comes as Prime Minister John Howard seeks re-election later this year with many voters increasingly unhappy about the large sums of money spent housing and caring for asylum seekers.

Howard said international law stipulated that the ship return to the port nearest the rescue — Merak, in Indonesia.

Indonesia appeared to offer a way out of the crisis Tuesday by saying it would accept the boat and the refugees — but later backed away from the offer.

The ship's owners refused to authorize the Tampa to leave the area with the refugees on board. The Tampa is registered for no more than a crew of 26, and does not have safety equipment for more than 40 people, they said.



AP Photo
Some of the more than 400 rescued refugees who were rescued from a stranded Indonesian ferry in the Indian Ocean stand on board the Norwegian cargo ship "Tampa", about 12 miles off Christmas Island, Monday.

And the Tampa's radio officer, Ramesh Irongar, said the refugees threatened to keep up the hunger strike until Australia lets them in and warned they would riot if turned away.

Norway's Foreign Minister Thorbjørn Jagland urged Australia to take the people in. "Our position is that it is common practice and custom to let refugees ashore in the nearest port," he told Norwegian state broadcaster NRK.

Four people were unconscious and two pregnant women complained of stomach pain, ship Capt. Arne Rinnan said.

"We have limited medical aid on board ... the sanitary condition is very poor and there are not

enough blankets to keep them warm at night," he said.

But Howard said late Tuesday that a doctor who had spoken by phone to some of the asylum seekers decided they were not as

ill as they had been claiming. "One of them was completely feigned. The other three were very mild," the prime minister said.

His hard-line stance drew fire Tuesday from activists and politicians.

"It's harsh, it's inhuman, and it is going to create a rising resentment with other governments, as well as many people who are more humanitarian within the Australian community," said Greens Sen. Bob Brown.

But residents on Christmas Island, a lush tropical outcrop 220 miles south of Indonesia's main island, Java, are losing patience with the rising human tide washing up on their shores.

"People are getting sick and tired of this," said Shane Myers, a 33-year-old plumbing supervisor who has lived there for 14 months. "Initially I felt sorry for these people but after so many times, people on the island are starting to resent the fact that the refugees are demanding special treatment."

Myers said he had seen 11 decrepit Indonesian fishing boats

crammed with hundreds of refugees limp into the island's Flying Fish Cove.

Christmas Island is Australia's most remote territory. Bought from Singapore in 1958, the 15-mile-long island's population of 1,500 people survives mainly on revenue created by a phosphate mine and tourism. It lies about

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Board hears praise, concern for budget

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

The Midland Independent School District board of trustees accepted the new budget as expected Tuesday night, after shuffling a few maintenance items after visitors asked the board for special consideration.

The room was packed during the brief budget hearing, mostly with people lobbying the board to find funds to repair the rigging and lighting system in the Lee High auditorium. The board agreed to adding the rigging system — and in order to do it, it deferred funds for the LHS pool chlorinator, a new sound system in the auditorium and an improved air conditioning unit for the Lee High computer lab.

Board members were quick to point out the necessary maintenance shows the need for a future bond election.

Redistricting hearings:

• Tonight at 6 p.m., at Abell Junior High (3201 Heritage Blvd.)
• Sept. 5 at 6 p.m., at Travis Elementary (900 E. Gist)

District 5 trustee Charles Tighe was one who spoke out on the need.

"We're very mindful of these needs, as well as the needs of other departments," he said. "To me, it points up the fact that we're going to need a bond referendum for facilities sooner rather than later. Everyone's got to face the fact that after 40 years, things just need replacing."

Other board members noted the decrease in the tax

rate this year is in a section of the budget that cannot be used for maintenance and operations. The budget is divided into two parts: maintenance and operations, or "M&O" and debt maintenance.

The M&O part of the budget claims the majority of the overall tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 tax valuation. This also is the state limit on how much a district can collect for M&O.

The remainder is for debt maintenance, and this year a few debts were consolidated and re-managed. Last year, the debt maintenance rate was 13.9 cents per \$100 valuation, and this year, it will be 11 cents per \$100 valuation.

But it is important to remember, board members said, that debt maintenance funds cannot be used for M&O, which include salaries, maintenance and repairs, and the vast majority of other district expenditures — and because M&O cannot be raised, the only way to repair many of MISD's buildings is

through a bond referendum.

The board also received praise from teachers for its consideration of staff salary schedules — albeit from an admittedly unlikely source. Lee High tennis coach and Midland Federation of Teachers President Steve Buck said in his many years at MISD, he usually comes to complain about issues.

"But tonight, I come to praise you," he said. "This is the first board, and the first superintendent, that has not left money on the table ... We went through the budget process leaving the teachers and the community feeling much, much better."

Now that the budget and tax rate has been adopted, the board will move to the next major issue — redistricting of the seven trustee districts. The board adopted the tentative plan, which will be presented to the public tonight at the first hearing. The public is invited to attend both public hearings and submit

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Healthy diets?

'Schools should act as role models in developing a student's sound eating habits and helping provide nutritional needs.'

— Patricia Mouser, MISD's director of food services

San Jacinto Junior High seventh grader Caitlin Porter drinks a Mr. Pibb she got from a vending machine Tuesday.

Brian Adamcik Reporter-Telegram



Chips and soda: Are they affecting students' health?

By Kasey Kelly
MRT Correspondent

A big bag of chips and a 16 ounce soda. This is what many junior high students consume daily for lunch. And although parents and teachers alike may agree this does not meet nutritional standards, it still happens every day on many Midland campuses.

So the question remains: Is that steady diet affecting their health?

"It is my position that foods available to students during the school day should meet the

national dietary standards," said Patricia Mouser, director of food services with Midland Independent School District. "Schools should act as role models in developing a student's sound eating habits and helping provide nutritional needs."

The health care community argues that consuming all that soda, rather than milk or other beverages deemed to have nutritional value, is to blame for cases of oral health problems, hyperactivity in kids, diabetes and osteoporosis.

"Soda consumption contributes to unhealthy, lifelong dietary habits," said

Lawrence Lanham, a pediatric dentist with Cook's Children's Clinic in Midland.

"The amount of non-nutritional foods consumed by kids has become a concern because of the number of cavities we are seeing," Lanham said.

According to Ms. Mouser, elementary level children do not have access to vending machines, but there is no regulation preventing vending machines on the campuses of upper level schools.

"USDA regulations will not allow vending of soft drinks and certain candies in school

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Teachers' organizations divided over benefits of new insurance program

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Members of a major Texas teachers' organization said they fear bigger problems will arise from an insurance plan that was supposed to alleviate problems, while others said the plan, which is still in its preliminary stages, will be better than before.

Before this year's legislative session began, the Texas State Teachers Association, as well as other groups, lobbied for a statewide health insurance plan for all teachers and school support staff. They hoped a statewide plan with thousands of beneficiaries



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram Ignacio Salinas Jr., president of the Texas State Teachers Association, speaks to the media along with local TSTA President Traci McKeenan, a pre-K teacher at Lamar in Odessa Tuesday.

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United Way of Midland to start campaign Thursday

By Andrea Fryrear
MRT Correspondent

The United Way of Midland plans to launch its fall 2001 fund-raising campaign by hosting a party for the entire community.

Kickoff '01 will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday at Centennial Plaza in downtown Midland. This year marks the second time the United Way has employed the celebration to mark the start of its fall fund-raiser.

Approximately 2,000 United Way supporters and community members attended the first Kickoff event last year, which was an increase of 400 percent from

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TAASA provides plan for making schools safer

By Evan Pierce
MRT Correspondent

The Midland and Odessa rape crisis centers met with the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) Tuesday to discuss the new STAR (Students Taking Action for Respect) program.

"Sexual harassment happens everywhere," said Lennah Frost of the Midland Rape Crisis Center. "It happens at school, at church, even at the grocery store."

Sherry Boyles, executive director of TAASA, was on hand to explain just how bad sexual assault has become in Texas schools.

"One in five teens will be date raped in high

school," she said. "Four out of five students have either been verbally or physically harassed in school. Forty-nine percent of girls get harassed every day."

TAASA's solution to sexual assault in school is the STAR program. The STAR program uses high school boys and girls to lead workshops and school assemblies on sexual harassment.

"Kids listen to kids," Ms. Boyles said. "Our research indicates that young people are more likely to heed advice from their peers than from teachers, parents or celebrities. With the STAR program, Texas has the opportunity to become a national leader in the effort to eliminate sexual harassment from our

schools."

Debbie Villa of the Odessa Rape Crisis center informed the audience that since Jan. 1, "the center has assisted with 25 sexual assault cases that involved victims ranging in age from 1 year old to 19 years of age."

"What can we do about it," she asked.

"What can we do to make a difference?" The STAR program is gaining strength in larger cities such as Austin and Dallas. Odessa is a "pilot" program, Ms. Frost said.

Thought not in effect in Midland this year, if all goes well in Odessa, Ms. Frost assured the program will be in full effect next school year. In the meantime, she is organizing peer

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Sherry Boyles, executive director of Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, speaks Tuesday at a press conference at ECISD.

Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram



MATT JOSEFY

We can establish deep roots in a very short period of time

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — The sweat ring indicated regular wear, but the red remained acute, suggesting the cap wasn't present for too many dirty tasks.

Astros caps aren't the norm, though they're certainly not unusual in the state of Oklahoma, and I had gotten used to seeing this particular hat on a regular basis.

Even more so, I learned to appreciate the boyish smile that emanated from a face I rarely saw unhappy, and frequently let loose a shrill laugh that sounded more like a girl than the 16-year-old would have admitted.

He sat at the next table over, relating his favorite pickup lines to a girl whose laughter was spurring him on. I attempted to refrain from rolling my eyes. But they had already completed 359 degrees as he yelled across the room to get help, when he forgot the wording of one of his best punch lines.

"This is the fifth time I've heard that exact conversation," I said to the owner of a head of thick dark hair sitting across from me.

He was enthused for the time being and laughed in agreement, but within 24 hours I would see his

emotions get the best of him as he realized packing up and heading off to college is not an easy task when you begin to say goodbye to the people you've known for as long as you can remember.

I empathized with him as I pondered my own imminent departure from the town and the people I'd grown to love.

The short blonde across the table from the Astros hat was the selector of Dink's Barbecue, home of the never-ending plate of onion strings.

She loved the place, which did not appeal to the few in the group who were not ardent barbecue fans nor to the larger voting block of those with monetary restraints.

But I'd promised her we'd eat at Dink's. That had been a month before. Our conflicting trips, her job, and my other commitments kept pushing the appointment further and further back, until suddenly I was two dinners away from no longer living in the same town.

I needed to be packing my bags, but how could I leave town with an unfulfilled promise?

For them, it was just another gathering to eat with a group of friends (you do a lot of eating out, more for entertainment than for nutritional purposes, when you live in a town of 35,000).

For me it was a last supper of sorts.

The pleasant laughter of my partner broke my concentration, certainly not a first. We'd spent 12 weeks together devising ways to entertain this ener-

getic group of high school students, while simultaneously passing along the knowledge we'd spent a combined 40 years discovering.

The partnership had grown into a friendship and was now about to undergo the inevitable strain brought on by distance.

I drove down Camelot Drive later that evening seeking out neither a lady to be my queen nor a boy to be my squire, but two brothers working on a vehicle in the residential three-car garage transformed into a shop. They had just pulled the engine for the second time in three weeks, after discovering they'd been shipped and successfully installed the wrong replacement engine.

Ironically, the younger of the brothers living in that house on Monticello, would be signing his own Declaration of Independence in a week's time. I wondered how he would fare when he dealt with feelings of isolation. I wondered how he would fare when he had his first round of tests. I wondered how long it would take him to find a new set of friends. I wondered whether he would change gradually or drastically during that first semester.

I gave him a few words of advice, but admitted he was about to embark on an adventure only he could live.

After one more stop, I headed back to my summer home for one last night sleeping on the waterbed. I've never actually had a waterbed, and I certainly don't have one while I'm living in the

dorms. On my way home, I passed Garfield's, the restaurant I'd spent many Sunday afternoons waiting hours for my food. Not only does Bartlesville have only a limited number of restaurants, the restaurants flaunt that fact in your face by taking their sweet little time to serve you. After all, where else are you going to eat?

I passed the mall and thought about the video scavenger hunt we'd had, in which we performed the song "I'm Singing in the Rain" all over town.

I passed not one, but two Phillips gas stations, including the one that had a car wash I'd used on more than one occasion to remove shoe polish from my car. One of my duties not included in my job description must have been something about enduring a summer of being picked on.

I passed the Super Sonic, which boasted an outdoor sand volleyball court. We'd played some intense volleyball there on more than one occasion.

I passed the Madison Street turnoff, that I'd frequently used to get to the house of a set of brothers and occasionally used to get to the golf course. And then came the 5-mile stretch of nothing.

At one point in time, there had been a possum that would greet me, scurrying away from my bright lights, when I arrived at County Road 4020 each night. But both he, and his successor Mr. Raccoon, had since seen their days cut short by some less courteous driver.

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Area briefs

Heart Walk

The American Heart Association will hold a kick-off rally and breakfast for the American Heart Walk 2001 Thursday at Midland Center 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Former chair of the American Heart Association, Texas affiliate, Gary Terry will speak on the value of automated external defibrillators (AEDs), the portable device that can shock a heart back to normal rhythm.

In addition to the kick-off and speech Terry will be presenting American Heart Association appreciation plaques to Chip Balzer, Vaughn Donaldson of the Midland Fire Department Emergency Services and Marv Esterly Director of Midland International Airport, who were instrumental in getting AEDs placed at Midland International Airport.

For more information call Joan Brem at 520-7041.

Irish Dancing

The Reel Irish Dance Academy, which recently won the preliminary round of the Permian Basin Talent competition, will be dancing Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Main Street for the We Care Fair.

They also have been invit-

ed to dance at the Permian Basin Fair Channel 7 stage Sept. 12 at 8 p.m.

For more information call Sheri Lynn Flanagan at 682-2544.

UTPB Lecture

ODESSA — Former University of Texas of the Permian Basin faculty member Dr. Paul Cromwell will speak 7 p.m., Sept. 13 in the university's large lecture hall, Room 001 in the Library/Lecture Center. Cromwell's topic will be "Criminals in the Wild: Benefits & Dilemmas of Field Research with Active Offenders."

The event is being offered free of charge by U.T. Permian Basin's College of Arts and Sciences. The public is invited to attend.

For more information call Dean Olson at 552-2220.

City auction

The city of Midland will hold its annual city auction on Sept. 15 at the city garage, 1701 E. Orchard Lane. The items for auction will be ready for inspection at 8 a.m. the day of the auction and buyers can begin to register at that time. Auction starts at 10 a.m. Vehicles and equipment usually go up for sale first. Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. will be the auctioneers.

OBITUARIES



Lee C. (L.C.) Thomas

Lee C. Thomas was born March 16, 1933 in Midland, Texas to Lee Thomas Sr. and Ona Swails Thomas. He was reared and educated in Midland, graduating from Midland High School in 1951, and was known as "Cooking Fullback" on the Midland High School football team. He served in the Air Force after graduation and flew numerous missions during the Korean War. He married Sandra Kay Porter in San Antonio, Texas in 1967.

Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by his father, Lee C. Thomas Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Kay Thomas of Midland; his mother, Ona Thomas of Midland; two sons, Lee Power of Texarkana and Larry Huss of Jacksonville, Florida; three daughters, Dawn Jobe of Midland, Vicky Whisnant of Ganado, Texas and Carol Ardoin of Church Point, Louisiana; sisters, JoAnn Deck and Jeanne Patton of Midland; and numerous grandchildren.

Mr. Lee died Saturday, August 25, 2001 in a Midland hospital.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, August 28, 2001 in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Eddie Cotton with the Church of God in Kermit, Texas, officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be directed to the Kermit Church of God.

Ruth Ann Bickle, predece her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Robert (Bob) G. King of Midland; one son, Daniel (Danny) and wife, Kay King of Austin; daughter, Cydney (Cyd) King of Midland; and one granddaughter, Amy King of Austin.

Memorials directed to Grace Lutheran Church Building Fund, 3000 Golf Course, Midland, TX.



Ivan Phillip

Ivan Phillip, 49, of Midland, died Sunday, August 26, in a local hospital.

Ivan Phillip was born November 30, 1952 in Grenada West Indies and was raised in Trinidad West Indies.

Survivors include his mother, Adonia Phillip, of Midland; four sisters, Bernadette, Gloria, Monica and Maureen; four brothers, Aaron, Sheldon, Wilbert and Ashley; three daughters, Sharon, Mandy and Nicol.

Memorial services will be August 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.



Jose Francisco "Pancho" Santos

Jose F. Santos, 60, died Monday, August 27 at his residence.

He was born to the late Jose Santos and Guadalupe De Los Santos on April 12, 1941 in Victoria, Texas. He was raised and educated in Houston, Texas. Mr. Santos moved to Midland in the early 1960s where he met and later married Irma Rodriguez in 1973. Mr. and Mrs. Santos would have celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on August 30, 2001. He had worked for Advance Carpet Cleaning for 25 years and was currently working for Universal Building Services in Midland. He was a member of Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church. His father, a sister, Janie Santos, and a brother, Manuel Santos, predece him in death.

The Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, August 29, at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church with Father Thomas C. Kelley offi-

ciating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Irma Santos of Midland; his mother, Guadalupe Valdez of Houston; his son, Angel De Los Santos of Midland; his stepson, Martin Rodriguez of Midland; his daughter, Josefina Torres of Midland; his stepdaughters, Soyla Rodriguez of Midland and Elsa Rodriguez of Midland; brothers, Gus Munoz, Mattias Munoz, Frankie Lopez and Johnny Garcia, all of Houston; sisters, Maria Paniagua, Lupe Bemitez and Rosa Valtino, all of Houston; four grandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces and cousins and a host of friends.

Pallbearers will be Gus Munoz, Frankie Lopez, Manuel Carrasco, Abraham Gutierrez, Martin Rodriguez, Cesar Torres, Ubaldo Rodriguez and Reyes Vizcaino.



James Harold Harrison

James Harold Harrison, 87, of Odessa passed away Saturday, August 25, 2001 at Parks Methodist Retirement Village.

He was born January 10, 1914 in Otto, Texas. He received his B.B.A. degree from Baylor University. He moved to Odessa in 1991 from Jal, N.M. He was a retired accountant for El Paso Natural Gas and had worked in the plant operations office in Jal for 37 years.

He is survived by a brother, Marvin Harrison of Midland, two nephews and three great nephews.

Graveside services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 29, 2001 at the Perry Methodist Cemetery in Perry. He will lie in state at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home until noon Tuesday, August 28, 2001.

Services are entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.



Robert Andrew Coleman

Robert Andrew Coleman, 78, of Odessa passed away Monday, August 27, 2001 at his residence. He was born September 20, 1922 in Cotulla, TX. He graduated from Cotulla High School in 1939.

Mr. Coleman was an Air Force advanced pilot instructor during WWII and was also a test pilot and flight instructor during the Korean War. He graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in petroleum engineering in 1949. He married Jessie Ruth Sander-

son May 27, 1947 in Del Rio. He worked for Gulf Oil Co. for 31 years as a petroleum engineer and area manager. After retiring from Gulf he became a manager for Alps Oil Company for 15 years.

He served on the board of directors for the Permian Basin International Oil Show and the West Texas New Mexico Senior Golf Association. He was a member of the Society Of Petroleum Engineers of Texas. He was also a member of First United Methodist Church. He loved quail hunting and considered himself a "professional quail hunter."

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Everett Coleman; and a sister, Beth Coleman.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie Ruth "Sandy" Coleman of Odessa; son, Robert Andrew Coleman Jr. and wife, Vickie of Graham; daughter, Cindy Mullins of Midland; brothers, Bill Coleman of Kopperl, TX and D. L. Coleman of Corpus Christi; sister, Bebe Coleman of Huntington, West Virginia; grandchildren, Jennifer Jane, Kari and Shellie Coleman, all of Graham, and Stephanie Mullins of Midland and College Station.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 30, 2001 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Hegemeier officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church Childrens Clothes Closet.

Services are entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.



Lewis Hamm

Lewis Hamm has gone to Heaven to be with Jesus. The long battle with Liver disease has ended. Lewis was a devoted father and loving husband. Born in Midland in 1956, he was a Midland High School graduate and well known in the Permian Basin oilfield as "The Core Man".

Family includes wife Kathy, son Randy, daughter and son-in-law Jennifer and Vance Lamb, granddaughter Willow Lamb.

Father George "Buddy" Hamm, three sisters Bonita Dodson, Barbara Scott and Beverly Mulcahey. Brother Robert Hamm, brother-in-laws Sam Dodson and Roy Scott. Father-in-law Max & Ann Beevers, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding his death were his mother Doris Hamm, brother Dickie Hamm and mother-in-law Jan Beevers, waiting in Heaven to greet him.

Worship and Memorial Service will be at Cotton Flat Baptist Church 6409 S. Rankin Hwy (4 miles south of I-20), Wednesday at 10 a.m.

DEATH NOTICES

O.D. O'Daniel

COAHOMA — O.D. O'Daniel, 68, died on Monday, Aug. 27, at his residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Aug. 29, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on April 18, 1933 in Fort Worth, and married Sue Lloyd Scott on Feb. 1, 1980 in Las Vegas, Nev. He was a lifetime resident of the family ranch southeast of Coahoma. The ranch was settled in 1902 by his grandfather, M. H. O'Daniel and later became known as the Snyder Field.

Survivors include his wife, Sue O'Daniel of Coahoma; three sons, Robbie O'Daniel of Coahoma, Patrick O'Daniel of Phoenix, Ariz. and Jeff O'Daniel of Big Spring; one daughter, Jennifer Rivera of Lubbock; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests memorials be made to: Home Hospice, 600 Gregg Street, Big Spring, 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Max Troublefield

Max Troublefield died Sunday, Aug. 26.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1 p.m. today, Aug. 29, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Lee Renfro officiating.

He was born June 29, 1927 in Quanah, to J.E. and Myrtle Hurt Troublefield. He graduated from Quanah High School in 1945, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Jo Mansel on Oct. 18, 1947. He spent his professional career in the oil industry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jo, his son Gary and his brother Phil.

He is survived by three daughters, Billye Hyatt, Vicki Dillard and Marcy Lindsey, all of Midland; six grandchildren

and eight great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his brother, J.E. Troublefield Jr., of Georgetown, and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to Buckner Baptist Children's Home, or the charity of one's choice

L.B. Conway

BIG SPRING — L.B. Conway, 78, died on Monday, Aug. 27, in a local hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle and the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East 4th Street Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on May 7, 1923 in Mills County, and married Juanita Miller on Oct. 22, 1946 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on April 25.

He had worked for Whites Auto Stores for 38 1/2 years and had worked for 87 Auto Sales for about 10 years. He was a member of East 4th Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include his son, Larry Bob Conway of Big Spring; his daughter, Karen McCuistian of Big Spring; two granddaughters; two brothers, Doyle Conway and Aubrey Conway, both of Big Spring; and one sister, Lavelle Mikolajczyk of Costa Mesa, Calif.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Frankie Pringle

McCAMEY — Frankie Pringle, 67, of Girvin, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, in the McCamey hospital.

Services are pending with Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of McCamey.

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By Hillary S. Co
Staff Writer

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Sexual harassment in public schools a growing problem nationwide

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

The American Association of University Women has released a study indicating the nature and effect of sexual harassment, all according to the students who say they experience or perpetrate it.

The answers, given by male and female students of all grades, races and backgrounds, were based on the legal definition of sexual harassment — unwanted and unwelcome sexual behavior that interferes with someone's life; not behaviors that someone may like or want, like wanted kissing, touching or flirting.

"(This report) looks closely at a modern-day problem that deeply affects students' learning," said Sharon Shuster, president of the AAUW's Educational Foundation. "Whether words or actions, harassment upsets students and affects their everyday school lives. They begin avoiding certain routes, changing their seats (and) being afraid."

Glenn Woods, director of Guidance and Counseling for the Midland Independent School District, said the district organizes presentations for students through the Child Advocacy Center and the Rape Crisis Center to educate them on sexual harassment, date rape and other offenses, as well as how to avoid them. The high school students, just like those surveyed in the AAUW report, are presented with the "Date Smart" program, which teaches high school students about setting

boundaries and protecting themselves.

"We try to come in from a positive angle about dating and relationships," said Sally Grace, director of Education, Training and Public Awareness for the Child Advocacy Center of Midland. "What we want to do is ask the point of dating. What do you want from it? What's the difference between dating and just having a friend? What happens when that turns to violence?"

Although this may not sound like the blueprint to teach kids about sexual harassment, Ms. Grace said this is where sexual harassment starts — if students, particularly young women, can learn to recognize sexual harassment, they can learn to recognize the warning signs of rape and sexual assault.

"From the least forced to the most forced, it all starts with behaviors that are looked at as sexual harassment," she said. "If someone is using harassing behaviors, they may have the potential to commit rape. They never start at rape."

Major findings of the study include significant changes in the attitudes of students since the same study was conducted in 1993. Other findings are alarming because they show little changes in the tones and victims of sexual harassment, despite changes in legislation and school policy.

For example, boys today are even more likely to experience sexual harassment than they were

Sexual harassment stats

Where does sexual harassment in school happen?

► In the hall — 71 percent for physical harassment, 64 percent for nonphysical
► In the classroom — 61 percent for physical, 56 percent for nonphysical

Who harasses whom?

► Students sexually harassing other students — 85 percent
► Teachers and staff sexually harassing students — 38 percent
► Students sexually harassing teachers and staff — 36 percent
► Teachers and staff sexually harassing each other — 29 percent
Source: AAUW report

in 1993 — but they are still far less likely than girls. Today, 76 percent of students will experience some form of non-physical sexual harassment, and 54 percent of those will experience it often or occasionally.

Other findings show the majority of sexual harassment incidents — 85 percent — are between students. But it also shows 38 percent of reported sexual harassment is from a teacher or staff member to a student, and 36 percent is students sexually harassing teachers and staff.

The legal definition of sexual harassment — unwelcome advances, requests or other conduct of a sexual nature — is the same, but is presented differently for students at MISD. The definition for MISD, recently adopted by the school board, shows a

slightly different language. MISD's standing policy is the same action between a student and a member of the faculty or staff is considered to be sexual harassment whether it is welcome or unwelcome.

"It is impermissible, legally as well as morally, for adults to have sexual relations with children," said Ellen House, MISD's school attorney. "It is a violation of the Teacher's Code of Ethics and all of our policies."

The policies provide the same protection for students regardless of their age. Students over 18, who are victims of or willingly engage in any sexual conduct with employees are covered under the language, and the staff member alone will be held responsible for the offense.

"Even if the student is 18 and

appears to be grown, they're still students, and it's impermissible," Ms. House said.

Students today also report they are less likely to be upset by the many instances of sexual harassment the AAUW listed than those surveyed in 1993.

The AAUW report also shows the effects sexual harassment, as well as the bullying and teasing it entails, have serious negative impacts on the victim's learning. Students who experience sexual harassment say they are most likely to react by avoiding the person who harassed them (40 percent), talking less in class (24 percent), not wanting to go to school (22 percent), changing their seat in class (21 percent) and finding it hard to pay attention in school (20 percent).

When asked if they would

TAASA: Through program, students talk with students

(From 1B)

groups where students in Midland can "get together and discuss issues like sexual harassment."

According to Frost, last year the Midland Rape Crisis Center saw 16,000 kids, and were pushing the issue hard to children from kindergarten to sixth grade.

"Hey there's a boy bother-

ing me, hey there's a girl bothering me," she would hear. "It goes both ways. We have to educate on sexual assault and on their rights."

"Harassment is starting as early as elementary," Ms. Boyles said. "The students have to get involved in making the change in culture themselves."

report sexual harassment by a school employee, 76 percent of girls and 67 percent of boys answered "yes." But only 52 percent of girls and 29 percent of boys said they would report the harassment from another student.

In the report's appendix, the authors suggest students may decide not to report an incident because they fear being perceived as a "snitch," or believe the repercussions would be too extreme.

Ms. House said MISD administration does everything possible to protect the identity of the victim.

"We try to protect the confidentiality, and we work to keep it within a circle of people who need to know," she said.

JOSEFY: Summer months went by very quickly during internship

(From 1B)

I passed the mare and her colt still wandering aimlessly near the pond, looking for the perfect blade of grass to suit their tastes. I passed the turnout to the barn, which now housed the load of hay I'd help to haul in.

A rabbit darted from the bushes to the other side of the road, as I pulled in and made the cats run away, too.

It seemed to me that the summer had somehow darted quickly away from me as well. What never ceases to amaze me is how deep we can place roots in a short span of time.

Just as quickly as the tornado that struck the first week

I'd been there, I was gone the next morning with my Civic loaded down with as much luggage as she would hold. I can only hope that I, especially compared to the tornado, was more of a source of positive impact than of devastation.

Matt Josefy, an accounting major at Texas A&M and graduate of Midland High, completed his summer job as a youth intern at First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Okla., and has now started his second year of classes. He can be reached at mattj@tamu.edu or PMB B271 Commons Lobby, College Station, TX 77840.

PLAN: Salinas also South Texas congressman

(From 1B)

would lower rates and improve coverage for their families.

But when the Teacher Retirement System sent out the details of the plan three weeks ago, TSTA officials said the numbers were not what they had expected.

"We are shocked and disappointed at the poor quality of coverage and the exorbitant family rates projected under the TRS active care proposals," said Ignacio Salinas, president of the TSTA. "We are assured by the TRS that these are preliminary proposals drawn up by its own financial actuaries. We're pretty sure there were no competitive bids from insurance companies in the compilations of these plans."

John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers,

said the plan has more pros than cons, because most larger districts, including Midland and Odessa, will not be adversely affected.

"For a district like Midland, who is already providing a pretty good quality plan to employees and provides a substantial part of the cost, the new money is money that was freed up from what they were already spending it without state help," Cole said. "Now they'll get state help, and considerable state help."

Cole said the TRS's estimates were "overly cautious," but teachers have the lobbying power to change it.

"(The TRS) didn't know who was going to participate, so you can see why they would be cautious," he said. "But this is not the final word on this. When it

all shakes out, it is our hope that it's going to come way down, and if it doesn't, we've got another session and we'll bring it down because the legislators did not intend to make things worse. The legislators passed this to make things better, and we think it will make things better."

Salinas stopped in Odessa Tuesday to speak out about the cons of the statewide insurance plan as part of a 22-stop tour of Texas school districts, and said the coverage has been positive, because people "don't know what's going on."

Also a South Texas congressman, Salinas voted for the bill, but said the TRS doesn't do what the Legislature intended.

Texas Classroom Teachers Association president, and Midland librarian, Linda Hancock, agreed with Cole, and said the

numbers aren't exactly what was expected, but she did expect the TRS to err on the side of caution.

"The TRS traditionally estimates things real high, so what we are hoping is ... that these estimates are going to come down tremendously," she said. "It's also very important that we did get an infrastructure in place and we know that all of the details have not all been worked out yet. But in two years, we can go back and say, 'This is what's happened, can we work on something?' But at least we have it in place."

The current health insurance plan for the Midland Independent School District offers full benefits to employees, but charges them for additional coverage for their spouses or families.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Children's Health Insurance Program offers health care benefits to the children of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Health Insurance Program offers a broad scope of benefits which consist of check ups, dental care, immunizations, eye exams, glasses, medical supplies, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, We believe that it is important to do everything possible to ensure that health care is available to all Texas children; and

WHEREAS, The City of Midland commends the efforts of TexCare Partnership who offers valuable contributions to the welfare of young children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Canon, Mayor of the City of Midland, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2001 as:

"CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM MONTH"

throughout the City of Midland and urge all citizens to recognize and support the affordable Children's Health Insurance Program available through TexCare Partnership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Midland, Texas, to be affixed this 28th day of August 2001.


Michael J. Canon, Mayor



C.H.I.P.

(Children's Health Insurance Program)
Finally, children's health insurance to fit your budget!

What is CHIP? CHIP is private health insurance coverage for children, designed for families who do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford to buy health insurance.

Who Qualifies? Children, newborn through 18 years. Qualification is based on family size, monthly income and expenses. A family of four, for example, can have monthly income of about \$2,800.00 and still qualify.

What's Covered? CHIP coverage includes sick and well child doctors visits, checkups, immunizations, x-rays, hearing and vision tests, dental care, hospital care, surgery and services for children with special health care needs and disabilities.

What Do I Pay? Rates depend on monthly income and expenses as well as family size. Depending on your income, you may pay nothing at all. Some families with higher incomes may pay some fees, but to cover all their children, no family will pay more than \$18 a month or more than \$10 for office visits, \$5 to \$10 for prescription medications.

Who Can I Talk To About CHIP and How Do I Apply? Contact your local West Texas Opportunities, Inc., office, CHIP Outreach, school nurse, doctor's office, hospital, day care, place of worship or CHIP customer service at 1-800-647-6558.

What do I need to bring to apply for C.H.I.P.? Bring the following to:
West Texas Opportunities, Inc. Casa de Amigos
2408 N. Big Spring 1101 E. Garden Lane
Midland, Tx 79701 Midland, TX 79701
(915) 687-3003 (915) 682-HELP

Jan Mann (915) 367-3332 or
TexCare Partnership at 1-800-647-6558



PROOF OF INCOME:

Pay check stub and/or Child support check stub (most recent)
Or Copy last year's income tax return
Or W-2 form (most recent)
Or Letter from employer stating amount paid and how often
Or Social Security statement (most recent)

PROOF OF CHILD SUPPORT ALIMONY PAID:

Statement from court
Or letter from person receiving the support
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(may be an individual or relative)
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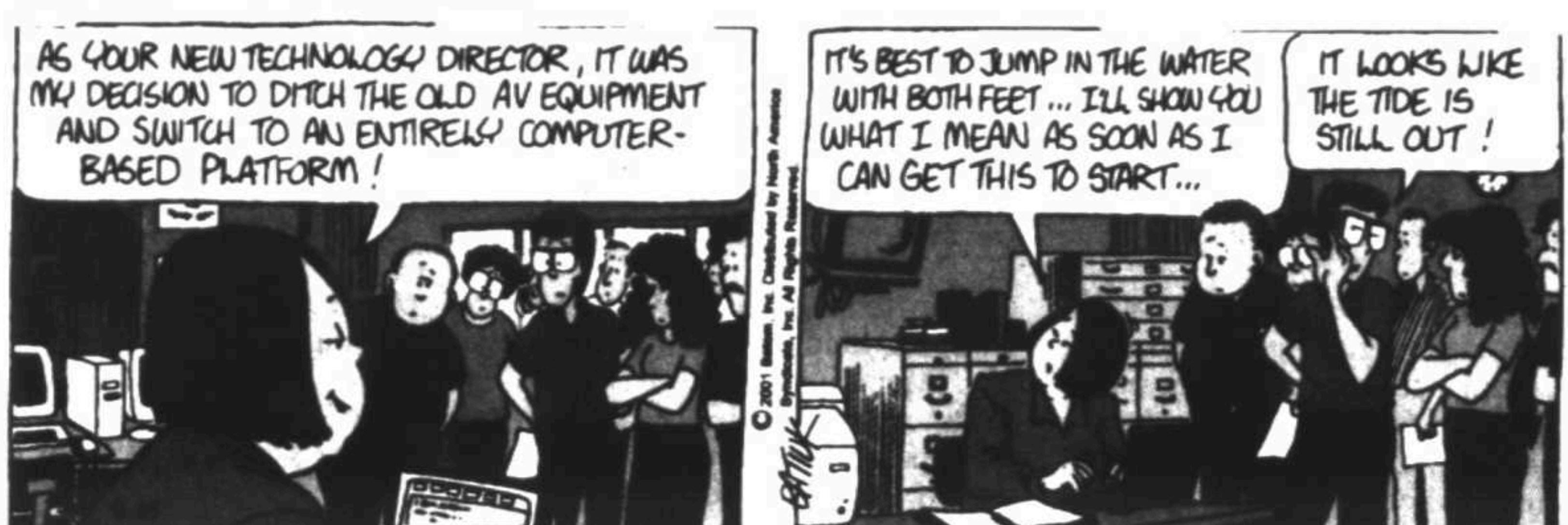
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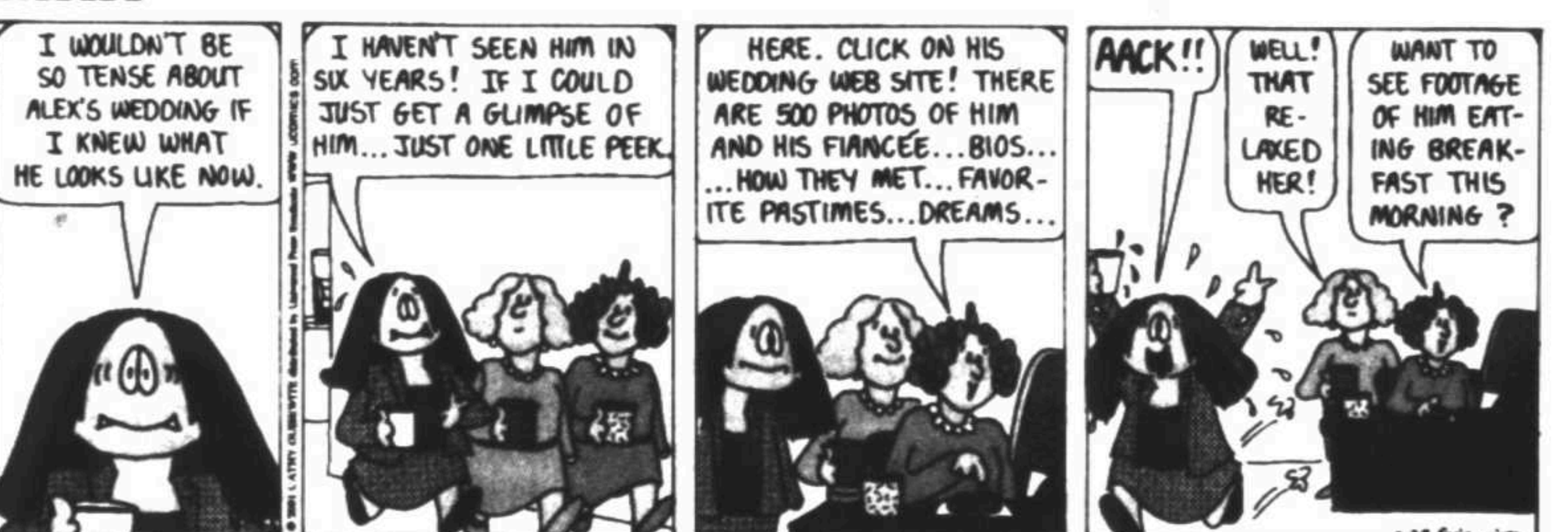
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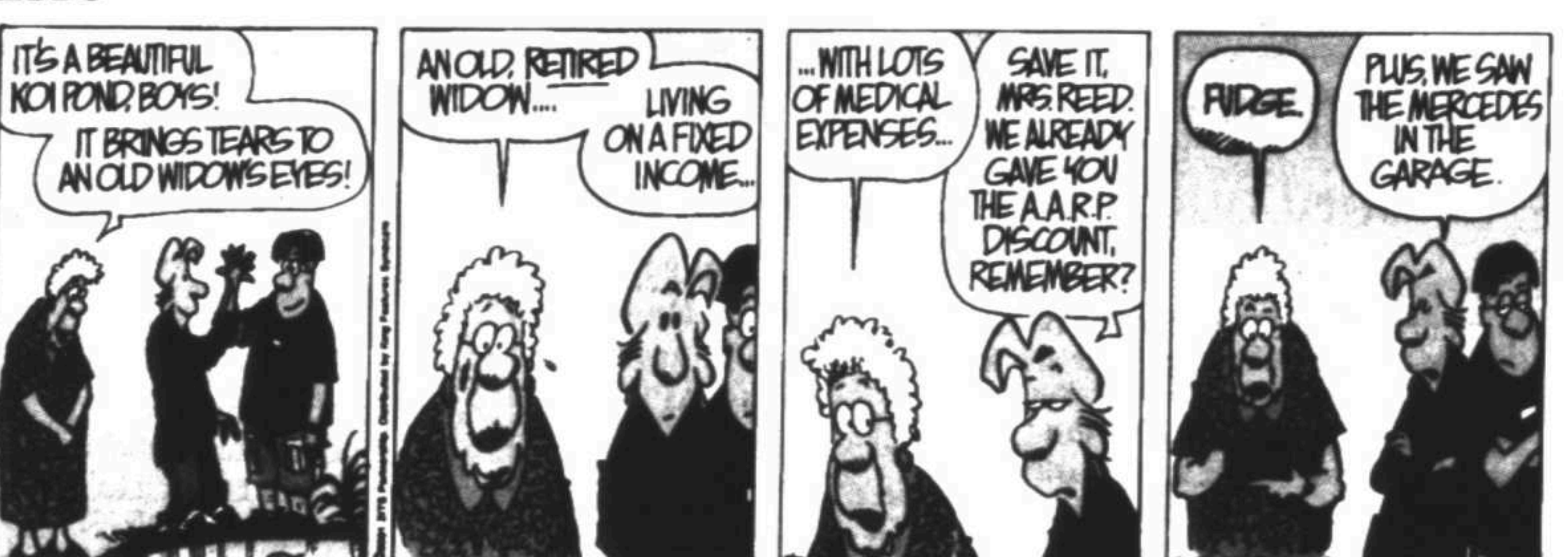
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Revival of play 'The Seagull' not flying to Broadway

NEW YORK — The starry Central Park revival of "The Seagull" with Meryl Streep and Kevin Kline won't be flying to Broadway.

There had been reports the Mike Nichols-directed production, which ended a four-week run Sunday, would move to the Lyceum Theatre in November with much of its big-name cast intact.

Yet Carol Fineman, a Public Theater spokesman, said schedules for the various actors could not be worked out. Crowds waited for hours in the park for tickets to the revival of the Chekhov play.

In addition to Streep and Kline, the production featured Christopher Walken, Natalie Portman, Philip Seymour Hoffman, John Goodman, Marcia Gay Harden and Debra Monk.

LONDON — John Lennon wrote "for laughs" and didn't always mean exactly what he said, according to a letter written by the former Beatle to an old school friend.

The two-page letter to Stephen Bayley is up for sale at a Sotheby's rock memorabilia auction Thursday. The auction is scheduled at the new Sotheby's Olympia salesroom in West Kensington, London.

Dated Sept. 1, 1967, the letter was written the day The Beatles recorded "I Am the Walrus."

In it, Lennon tells Bayley, "All my writing ... has always been for laughs. I do it for me first. ... But it doesn't necessarily have to correspond to my thoughts about it OK?"

He cites the song "Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite," which he told Bayley was "taken almost word for word from an old theatrical poster."

The Sotheby's auction includes a brown suede jacket of Lennon's and a collection of Sex Pistols items, including Johnny Rotten's "Anarchy" shirt.

Meanwhile, TNT announced Tuesday it is planning a tribute concert to Lennon on Sept. 20 at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. It will air on the network on Oct. 9. The event will feature artists including Lou Reed, Moby, the Stone Temple Pilots and Nelly Furtado. Kevin Spacey will be the concert's host.

The concert will benefit the Violence Policy Center and The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence united with the Million Mom March.

LINCOLN, Neb. — Despite his home-state popularity, U.S. Navy Lt. Shane Osborn is not going to give up flying for a life in politics.

The pilot who safely landed a spy plane after it collided with a Chinese fighter jet in April has been in demand as a public speaker, especially in Nebraska, where he grew up and graduated from high school and college.

"Politics? I'm a Navy pilot," Osborn said with a laugh before speaking Monday at a veterans celebration at the Nebraska State Fair.

Although his last name is only one letter off from another famous Nebraskan and politician, Osborn said his popularity no way reaches that of former football coach and U.S. Rep. Tom Osborne.

"Oh, no. No," the 27-year-old Osborn said, flashing a wide grin. Osborn and his crew spent 11 days in Chinese custody after landing their surveillance plane following the midair collision with the Chinese fighter jet over the South China Sea.

Osborn, who is based out of Whidbey Island, Wash., was credited with safely landing the plane and keeping his crew's morale high while they were held captive in China.

LOS ANGELES — Kyle MacLachlan and his longtime girlfriend, fashion publicist Desirée Gruber, plan to be married next April in Gruber's hometown of Miami.

The wedding will take place April 20, a publicist for Gruber told The Associated Press on Monday. The two have been dating for more than two years after meeting at a chiropractor's office.

MacLachlan, 42, plays the husband of Kristin Davis' character, Charlotte, in HBO's "Sex and the City."

Gruber's clients include supermodel Naomi Campbell.

NEW YORK — Russell Watson's success on the music charts has earned the British tenor the attention of his nation's tabloids — attention he says he can do without.

"In the U.K., sometimes press can be naughty, I will say. For certain newspapers are always looking for ulterior motives," Watson told The Associated Press.

son told The Associated Press.

"They come to talk to you about your next album, but really they haven't. They've come to do things that are going on, like my relationship and things like that. It's very difficult."

The 27-year-old Watson is separated from his wife, with whom he has a young daughter. He said his celebrity doesn't give the press the right to delve into his marital woes.

"There's so many legalities going on at the moment, that it just

wouldn't be fair to start blabbing everything now, and talking about my personal life to the press," he said. "Because at the end of the day, my personal life is exactly what it stands to be, it's my personal life and it should be kept that way."

Watson's debut album, "The Voice," is a best seller on Billboard's classical crossover chart.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001:

This year, give up some of your nitpicking and look at the big picture. Creativity spews forth as if it were lava from an active volcano. Understand more of what others want, and you'll find ways to have both ends meet. If you do not use your creativity, you might not be very happy. If you are single, romance will score high on your list of priorities, and you are also focused on getting what you ultimately want. You mix pragmatic and idealistic. If you are attached, you'll gain a new addition to your household. Don't panic. You could be looking at a puppy, or a grandchild. CAPRICORN has similar concerns but is more intense.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ A meeting provides many leadership ideas. Suggestions tax your mind as you sort through options. Be happy that there are so many paths to where you want to go. Ultimately you make a wise choice that others respect. Tonight: Check in on a relative. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Stretch your wings and your mind as you explore different resources. If you are considering a seminar or a new computer, you don't have much to lose. Explore options that you haven't deemed possible before. Don't say "no" to mental growth. Tonight: Discuss choices with someone in the know. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Walk past your gregarious and playful nature, and choose to deal with another head-on. Discussions bring extremely positive results. Another knows that you care and responds to the opportunity you present.

Work step by step with this person. Tonight: Evaluate your motives in helping another. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You won't want to screen calls or cut off conversations. You like what you hear and feel much more a part of what is going on. Work with others. In fact, you bubble with happiness around groups and friends. Popularity has its advantages! Tonight: Pick and choose your company.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ No matter what anyone says, a good day's work fulfills you. Concentrate on work, while knowing a long weekend is on the horizon. You gain a sense of satisfaction and financial control because of how you proceed. Clear your desk. Tonight: Spring loose from responsibilities. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might even impress yourself with your unusually creative approach to your life and work. Toss caution to the wind for the day. Others delight in your playful nature and endless ideas. Spread good news. Enjoy the happy faces around you. Tonight: Take a midweek romp.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Explore fundamentals, making sure you meet your personal requirements. Family plays a big role in decisions in the coming weekend. Deal with work and errands with an eye to an early weekend. Follow instincts with a personal matter. Tonight: Clear off your desk at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Return calls and get as much done as possible. Communicate what is on your mind. Examine what is going on with a friend who might need your help in exploring options.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

Your sensitivity means a lot. Tonight: Clear errands on the way home. Visit with a pal, too. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Stabilize finances. Pay bills and put aside your weekend play money; after all, you'll want to celebrate the last unofficial weekend of summer in style. Return calls to someone at a distance and share news. Extend an invitation to a loved one. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your smile glimmers and draws others in. Few can resist your charms when you are like this. Consider gossip with an eye to your source. Possibly this person means well but is distorting the information. Walk through work, clearing the field for a long weekend. Tonight: Anything you want. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Take a deep breath and think through a decision that involves an important association. Don't do anything you ultimately might regret. Play it uncharacteristically conservative. In the long run, you'll gain. Dig into paperwork. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Hook up with co-workers and associates. Don't linger on unnecessary information. Others seek you out, though you might want to return calls and clear out paperwork. Once you complete needed tasks, you can spend more time visiting. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

BORN TODAY
Musician Michael Jackson (1958), actress Ingrid Bergman (1915)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A Little Birdie Told Me

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Bridge is a difficult game for the hearing-impaired. The auction contains many clues to the winning line of play!

Particularly at tournament bridge, the criteria for opening the bidding with a weak two have been relaxed to near-vanishing point. The late Howard Schenken, who developed and championed this treatment believed that a weak two-bid should be both a defensive and offensive weapon — a good-quality suit and reasonable values, although not enough for an opening one-bid, were crucial for this action. South's hand measured up to these standards, and made it easy for North to brush aside West's interference and bid a game that had to have played.

West made the obvious lead of the king of clubs and, when partner followed with the three and declarer the two, correctly conclude that East held either a singleton club or Q-3. If East held the first holding, three club tricks could be banked quickly with the help of a ruff, so the defender continued with the ace and, when everyone followed, a third a club to allow East to ruff away

dummy's jack as South overruffed.

Declarer fancied the prospects. An even spade division would guarantee 10 tricks and, if the spades did not break favorably, there was still the diamond finesse in reserve. Trumps were drawn in two rounds, followed by the ace and king of spades. When West discarded on the second round, declarer tried the diamond finesse. When that lost and West exited with a diamond, South still had to concede a spade for down one.

Had declarer "heard" the auction, the contract would have sailed home. For the vulnerable overall, West was known to hold six clubs, one spade and two hearts, therefore four diamonds. In addition, the only high cards the defender had shown were A-K of clubs and the knave of spades, so West surely held the king of diamonds as well. When West showed out on the second spade, declarer should have continued with the ace and queen of diamonds. In with the king, West would have to return a minor-suit card, allowing South to ruff in dummy while discarding the losing spade from hand.

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Rivas says he didn't want to die old in prison

By Susan Parrott
Associated Press

DALLAS — The leader of a Texas prison breakout that triggered a nationwide manhunt last winter took the stand Tuesday in a bid to avoid the death penalty and said that while he never intended to kill a police officer, he takes full responsibility.

Rivas was convicted last week and faces lethal injection for the Dec. 24 slaying of Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins. Defense attorneys are seeking a life sentence.

Rivas said he intended to handcuff Hawkins and shot him once in each shoulder because he thought the officer was reaching for his gun. Rivas said his gun may have been fired another time but he doesn't remember.

Prosecutors say Hawkins was shot 11 times and run over twice by a vehicle driven by Rivas, who led the Dec. 13 escape of seven violent felons from a South Texas prison.

"Someone told me I ran over one of the duffel bags," Rivas said as the officer's widow, Lori, cried. "Not until I came into this courtroom did I know it actually was Mr. Hawkins."

But on cross-examination, a



prosecutor said Rivas is a merciless killer who lies to juries to save his own skin.

Prosecutor Toby Smith said the officer was ambushed while responding to the armed robbery of an Irving sporting goods store.

"Aubrey Hawkins was shown no mercy this last Christmas Eve, was he?" Shook asked the defendant during the penalty phase of the capital murder trial. Rivas was convicted last week.

"You could have given up," Smith said.

"And go back to prison? No," Rivas responded.

Rivas said he lied to juries that convicted him for two 1993 robberies in El Paso but he is being honest now.

"Were you trying to kill



George Rivas testifies about escaping from prison in the punishment phase of his murder trial, Tuesday, in Dallas. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Rivas, who was convicted last week of killing an Irving police officer after an escape with six fellow inmates. Defense attorneys are lobbying for a life sentence. LEFT: Curtis Hawkins, father of slain Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins listens to George Rivas describe the shooting in the punishment phase of his murder trial

Aubrey Hawkins?" Shook asked. "God, no. No," Rivas said.

"Someone was trying to kill Aubrey Hawkins weren't they?" Shook asked.

"I take responsibility, sir."

Rivas said Donald Newbury also shot at the patrol car, and Michael Rodriguez pulled the

officer from the vehicle.

Lori Hawkins declined to comment after testimony ended Tuesday. Rivas will be questioned more today, when the case may go the jury. Rivas is the first of the escapees to be prosecuted.

Also during his six hour testimony Tuesday, Rivas took jurors

step-by-step through the prison escape, portraying himself and his gang as humane men who went to great lengths to avoid hurting guards and other inmates in the breakout.

"Quite honestly, if we wanted to be brutal, we had sledgehammers," he said. "We had axes. We had huge pieces of steel rebar and pipes. The reason every single one is alive is because we didn't want to hurt them."

While talking to his own lawyers, Rivas smiled at times and was animated while detailing the getaway plans.

"I wasn't going to die an old man in prison," he said.

When Rivas escaped from the Connally Unit near Kenedy, he was serving 17 life sentences for two robberies, along with another life sentence for violating probation for a home burglary.

"I'm a convict," Rivas said. "I robbed and I'm wrong for it, but I'm still a human being."

Rivas told jurors he hand-selected some of his fellow escapees and got them transferred to the prison maintenance department after he gained the trust of his supervisors by curbing tool thefts.

"I watched these people every day. I could have picked the most violent men in prison ... if all I'd

wanted to do is hurt people," he said.

Rivas said the escape went off easily because he knew workers' schedules and when a delivery truck would arrive. He had made shanks — handmade knives — and hidden them in the maintenance department months earlier.

Rivas said he cleared an area so no one would trip on tools and used cardboard to pad the electrical closet floor so hostages stripped of their clothes would not get cold. He said the hostages were bound with plastic ties so they could escape easily and that he bandaged a prison worker's ear, which was nearly severed in the struggle.

Rivas said the gang stole 16 weapons from the prison, but never intended to use them.

"Honestly, if what happened in Irving hadn't happened, we were going to sell them," he said. "It was all about money."

Six of the escapees were caught in January in Colorado. One man committed suicide rather than surrender.

On the Net:

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DIET: Soda consumption in America on rise

(From 1B)

cafeterias," said Ms. Mouser. "Vending machines in Midland school cafeterias vend non-carbonated beverages only."

But, there is no regulation for vending machines that are not located in cafeterias.

Ms. Mouser said the school system currently is participating in what she calls a coordinated school health initiative.

"It will take a coordinated effort to turn around the poor health habits that we as a society have adopted," Ms. Mouser said. "And although we can't just blame the vending companies, the school board could take a stricter approach to vending machines in upper level schools."

Cathy Harris, director of health services with MISD, agreed.

"I know the vending machines are definitely a money maker for the district, but I think they should be limited to after hours," said Ms. Harris.

In 1977, 12- to 19-year-olds drank 16 ounces of soda a day. In 1996, this same age group consumed an average of 28 ounces a day.

However, Ms. Harris said there are other alternatives as well, including stocking vending machines with healthier choices such as fresh fruit, yogurt, crackers, cheese and bottled water.

Overall soda consumption in America is on the rise. In 1977, 12- to 19-year-olds drank 16 ounces of soda a day. In 1996, this same age group consumed an average of 28 ounces a day. According to the Nutrition and Food Studies, soda consumption has increased from 22.2 gallons of soda per person per year in 1970 to 44 gallons per person per year in 1996.

BUDGET: Coach compliments superintendent

(From 1B)

any questions or concerns regarding the process or the proposed boundaries.

Tonight's meeting will be held at 6 p.m., at Abell Junior High, which is located at 3201 Heritage Blvd.

The board also heard the results from the American College Test, in which MISD students scored a 22.0 composite score, higher than both the state composite of 20.3, and the national composite of 21.0.

"We take great pride in the 215 students that have scored well above the national averages," said Joe Cummins, MISD's executive director for Administrative Services, Evaluation and Planning.

School Attorney Ellen House also presented the board with several suggestions of amendments to current board policy. The board agreed to start a "trial run" of allowing the public to address the board with specific concerns. Starting with the first meeting in September, in two weeks, mem-

bers of the public will be allowed to formally address the board on an issue that is not on the agenda.

If the board decides to adopt the practice as policy, it also will adopt specific guidelines regarding the presentations, like the length of each address and limits of subject matter.

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the previous year's event. The United Way reports a similar size crowd can be expected to attend this year's celebration.

The event will feature entertainment from the local band Checkpoint at 8:20 p.m. as well as country singer Casey Lee Green of Midland at 7:10 p.m.

The National Anthem, played by the Midland High School marching band, will open the evening and festivities will conclude with a giant fireworks demonstration sponsored by Marathon Oil.

Food, soft drinks and ice cream will be available for purchase during the evening. There will be entertainment provided for children, which will include the Spacewalk of Midland and sidewalk chalk.

Beginning at 8:10 p.m. Ken Burgess, CEO of First National Bank and 2001 United Way of Midland campaign chair, will unveil the organization's campaign goals, and the campaign video for this year, titled "I am the United Way," will be

shown on a large screen in the amphitheater beginning at dusk.

The 16 program providers from United Way of Midland will have information about the services they offer at tables throughout the Plaza. The Salvation Army Canteen and the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas' Emergency Response Vehicle also will be set up in the plaza area.

Kickoff '01 sponsors are Conoco, Duke Energy Field Services, First American Bank,

Key Energy and Warren Equipment. The event will be emceed by KNFM morning show hosts John Moesch and Rene Drake.

Employees from 12 local businesses who volunteered during this year's Second Annual Days of Caring will be recognized during the event.

For more information, call Jimmy Patterson, the United Way's marketing and communications director, at 685-7708, or e-mail jpatterson@uwmidland.org.

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Israel

By Greg Myer
Associated Press

BEIT JALLA — Israeli troops and Palestinian positions with as Israel said for an indefinite in 11 months.

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Village

By Alejandro
Associated Press

YAXEMEL, years after they jary gangs that hundreds of rel returned to their mountains of C without a polio hope for peace a safety.

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Israel seizes parts of Palestinian town, settles in for longer stay

By Greg Myre
Associated Press

BEIT JALLA, West Bank — Israeli troops seized parts of this Palestinian town and fortified positions with sandbags Tuesday as Israel said it was settling in for an indefinite stay — a first in 11 months of fighting.

The U.S. government urged Israel to withdraw and the Palestinians to stop shooting at Israeli residential neighborhoods.

Barely 10 miles away, tens of thousands of Palestinians crying for revenge flooded the streets for the funeral of a senior PLO official killed in an Israeli missile attack a day earlier.

Despite the Israeli operation to stop Palestinian gunfire from Beit Jalla at the nearby Jewish neighborhood of Gilo, sporadic gunfire continued. A machine gun bullet hit an Israel TV truck, the first time Palestinians have aimed heavy weapons at the Jewish neighborhood.

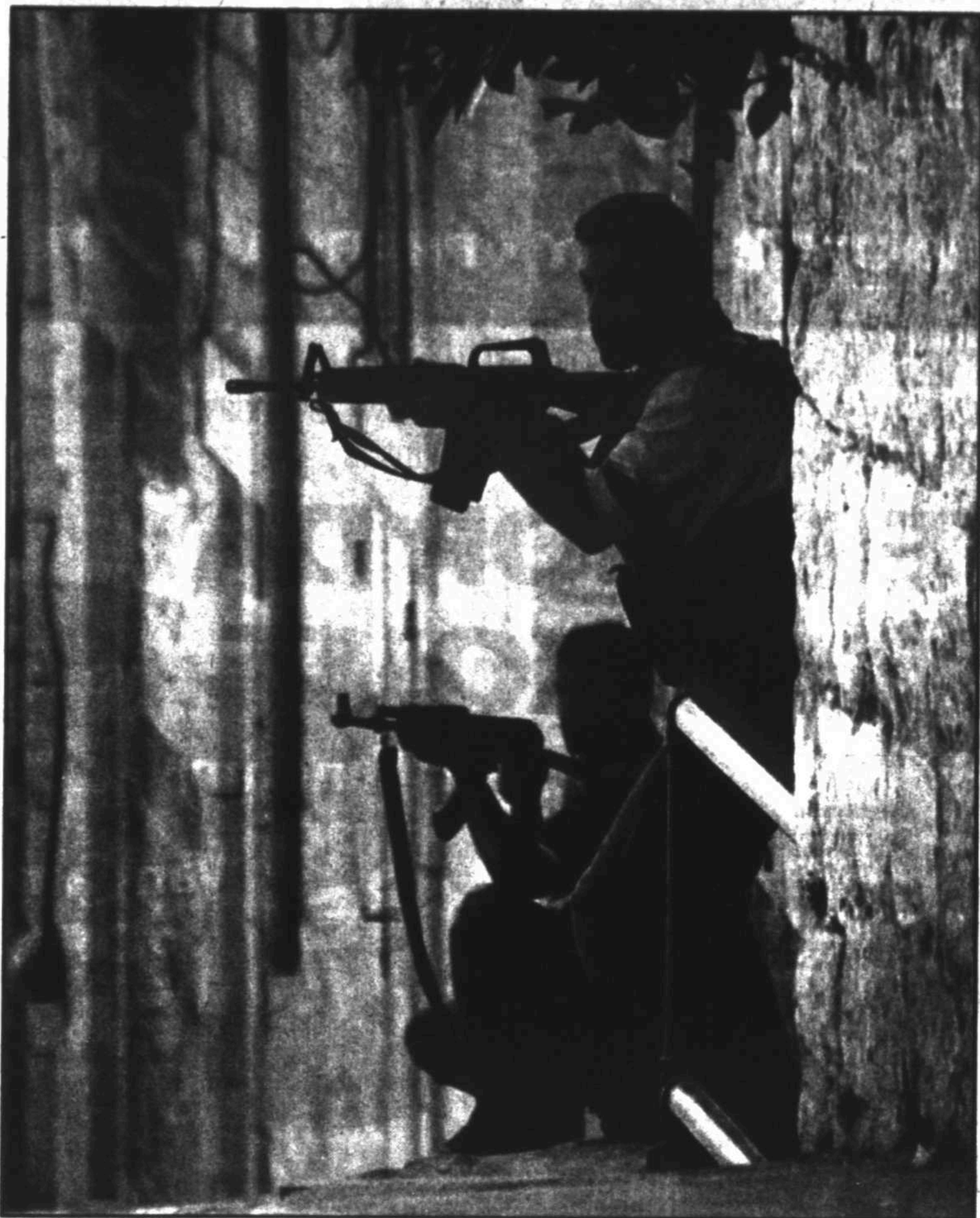
Also, three mortar shells fired from Beit Jalla exploded in the neighborhood, causing some damage but no casualties.

In other fighting Tuesday, a member of the Palestinian security forces was killed in a gun battle with Israeli troops near the West Bank town of Dura.

Meanwhile, in Gaza, Israeli tanks entered Palestinian territory near the city of Dir al-Balah early Wednesday, according to Palestinian security officials. Requesting anonymity, they said dozens of gunmen opened fire on the tanks.

Residents said the bulldozers leveled farmland and destroyed greenhouses and a building. The Israeli military said it was checking.

In Rafah, near the Gaza-Egypt border, an 18-year-old Palestinian was shot in the head by Israeli gunfire after nightfall and died later in the hospital, Palestinian medical staff said. Witnesses said the youth was in a group of people near one of 14 houses torn down by Israeli forces Monday night and was hit by a bullet fired from a nearby



AP Photo
Palestinian gunmen fire in the direction of an Israeli tank and military vehicles in the West Bank town of Beit Jalla, Tuesday. Israel sent tanks into Beit Jalla early Tuesday, seizing several buildings from which it said gunfire had been directed for months toward a nearby Jewish neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Israeli army post. The Israeli military said soldiers opened fire on an armed man planting an explosive device.

But the deserted streets of Beit Jalla and the seething West

Bank city of Ramallah, where the Palestinians held their rally, were the focal points of an escalating conflict marked by increasingly tough Israeli military responses to Palestinian

attacks.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher called on Israel to pull its forces out of Beit Jalla.

"The Israelis need to under-

stand that incursions like this will not solve the security problems. They only make the situation worse," he said at a briefing. But, he added, "the Palestinians need to stop the shootings and attacks against Israelis in Gilo and elsewhere."

The latest Israeli actions have pushed the Mideast crisis into uncharted territory, raising the possibility of urban combat.

But in Beit Jalla, Israeli forces were hunkering down in armored vehicles and atop Palestinian apartments, while Palestinian security forces were lurking only a block or two away on Virgin Mary Street.

The Israelis also took over a Lutheran Church compound that includes an orphanage with 45 children, ages 6 to 16. The children, who like most of Beit Jalla were placed under curfew, took cover from gunfire in a basement. Troops set up a machine gun position on the roof of an adjacent five-story church hostel under construction, witnesses said.

"We demand that the army immediately withdraw from our church premises," said Munib Younan, the Lutheran bishop of Jerusalem.

The army, which wanted the church hostel because of its strategic location and panoramic view, pledged to ensure the safety of the children.

"Beit Jalla has become a sniper's nest, and our forces entered in order to clean it up in order to stop the fire," said Israeli government spokesman Avi Pazner. "They will stay there as long as is needed to get the security back."

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat charged that Israel is attacking sites holy "not only to Palestinians but to Christians all over the world."

Justice Minister Meir Sheetrit said Israel was not planning to reoccupy Beit Jalla, but would do so if there was no other way to stop Palestinian attacks. Israel withdrew from Beit Jalla and most other Palestinian communities in the West Bank in 1995,

ending 28 years of military rule.

For months, Palestinian gunmen have fired at night from Beit Jalla's hilltops, across a small valley, hitting the Israeli neighborhood of Gilo on the southern edge of Jerusalem. Gilo was built on land Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war, and the Palestinians want it as part of a future state.

Thirty-one Israeli apartments and a synagogue in Gilo were hit Monday night, prompting the army send in tanks, armored personnel carriers and jeeps early Tuesday. One Palestinian was killed and 11 wounded in fierce gunbattles throughout the night.

Israeli troops have staged multiple incursions into Palestinian territory following Palestinian bombings and shooting attacks. But in all the previous cases, Israel quickly withdrew after knocking down Palestinian security buildings or outposts used by gunmen.

In Ramallah, tens of thousands of Palestinians thronged to the funeral of Mustafa Zibri, 63, the highest-ranking Palestinian slain in a monthlong Israeli campaign of targeted killings of suspected militants.

Amid cries for revenge, masked pallbearers bore Zibri's body through the streets while gunmen shot round after round of automatic-weapons fire into the air.

Palestinian refugees also staged angry demonstrations Tuesday in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon to protest the killing of Zibri and U.S. support Israel.

Thousands staged a one-day strike at Syria's largest Palestinian refugee camp, al-Yarmouk, five miles south of Damascus.

Zibri — who headed the second-largest PLO faction, the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — was killed Monday when Israeli helicopters fired two missiles into his office while he was sitting at his desk.

Israel said Zibri had a long history of organizing bomb attacks against Israel.

Villagers begin long walk back home four years after massacre forced them to flee

By Alejandro Ruiz
Associated Press

YAXEMEL, Mexico — Four years after they fled the paramilitary gangs that terrorized them, hundreds of rebel sympathizers returned to their villages in the mountains of Chiapas state — without a police escort, amid hope for peace and fears for their safety.

The march of returning Indian villagers marked how far Chiapas has come since the massacre of 45 Indians in the nearby hamlet of Acteal in 1997, and how far the rebellion-torn state still has to go to surmount its political divisions and poverty.

With their meager belongings carried in sacks on their backs or aboard pickup trucks, about 330 Tzotzil Indians trod muddy paths back to the villages they fled shortly after the massacre.

"We are very happy because we get to return to our land," said a smiling Miguel Gomez Guzman, 56. "We no longer have to fear the paramilitaries so much."

The column of peasants clutched children, dogs, chickens and farm tools as they started their five-hour march; some carried Mexican flags, or white flags symbolizing peace. Others clutched banners of Mexico's

patron saint, the Virgin of Guadalupe, or placards with images of local patron Saint Peter.

Despite the evident satisfaction at returning home, thousands of other refugees — also mainly rebel sympathizers — remain in improvised camps nearby. And observers warn that the danger is not over.

"The paramilitary aggression has not ended, though it is no longer as fierce in intensity," wrote columnist Jose Montero in the newspaper La Jornada.

Roman Catholic Bishop Samuel Ruiz, who served as a mediator in peace talks with the Zapatista rebels, said the safety of the returning refugees "is not fully assured," but noted their return should be seen as "a sign of peace and hope."

The refugees have signed a nonaggression pact with conservative neighbors in the Chiapas township of Chenalhó, where Acteal and their own villages of Puebla and Yaxemel are located. They declined a police escort, in part because police raids against paramilitary outposts met violent opposition from Chenalhó residents as recently as last year.

Instead, they were accompanied by state officials and human rights groups. Upon arriving in Yaxemel,

they lit candles and copal incense, and looked over the ruined homes they had left four years before.

"Today, a new dawn begins for us," said Antonio Vazquez, the refugees' spokesman. A banner posted on the local chapel read "Welcome home, brothers and sisters."

Their exodus began on Dec. 22, 1997, when supporters of the former ruling party in Chenalhó shot and hacked to death 45 members of a Roman Catholic community group known as "Las Abejas" in Acteal.

Las Abejas members in nearby villages fled after they were threatened, or commanded to pay "war taxes" to support the paramilitary gangs.

The gangs had at least the tacit support of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, the party that governed both Chiapas state and Mexico as a whole for 71 years.

But Fox, the first opposition candidate to defeat the party in last year's presidential election, promised to resolve the rebel conflict peacefully. Immediately after taking office Dec. 1, he shut down military bases in Chiapas and gave Congress an Indian rights bill backed by the rebels.

But the region's troubles have

not disappeared. Although Congress and a majority of Mexican states approved a watered-down version of the rights bill, the Zapatistas flatly rejected it and refused to reopen talks with the government.

Religious and land disputes also continue to flare up throughout the region, with often-violent clashes leaving some dead and forcing others to find temporary shelter outside their villages.

Meanwhile, life has become more difficult for the thousands

crowded into plastic-tarp huts in the rudimentary refugee camps. Firewood and clean water became scarce, and diseases became more common.

The Chiapas state government set up a series of health care stations to help the returning villagers, and they were welcomed upon their arrival by Roman Catholic Bishop Felipe Arizmendi.

Chiapas Gov. Pablos Salazar, who has taken a much more accommodating stance toward the rebels than any of his predecessors,

expressed hope that Tuesday's march would mark the beginning of the return of other refugees.

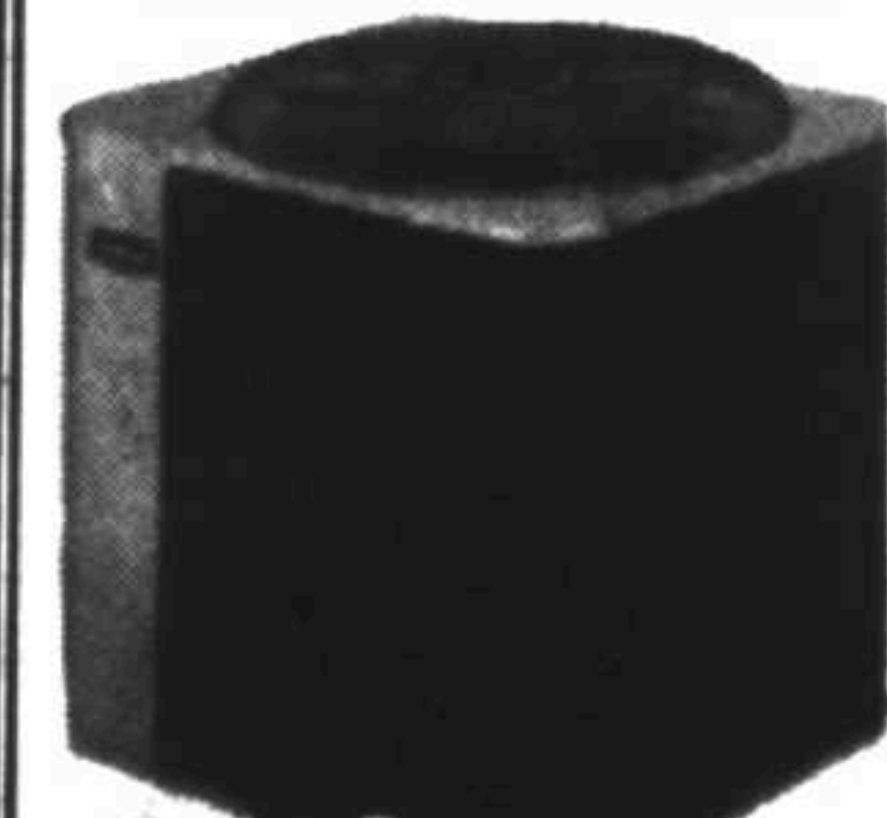
"We have always thought that expelling people, making them refugees," Salazar said, "is just a slow way of killing them."



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Big innings doom RockHounds

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It was fitting that in the penultimate Texas League game in Christensen Stadium's history Tuesday night that two innings which so typified the hitters' park broke out.

The bad news for the Midland RockHounds was that those two innings happened against them.

The Arkansas Travelers sent 10 men to the plate in both the first and third innings en route to scoring 11 runs and dug the 'Hounds a huge hole. While the 'Hounds were able to do some damage of their own, it wasn't nearly enough, as Arkansas rolled to a 13-7 victory.

Should Arkansas wish to earn a split in its last ever trip to Christensen (the 'Hounds won the first two games of the four game series), it must win tonight in what is scheduled to be the finale for the 'Hounds in the old ball park before they move into the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

Christensen's next-to-last 'Hounds game also marked the Double-A debut of Midland righthander Shayne Bazzell, who was recently called up from Modesto. Based on Tuesday's outing, Bazzell probably isn't sad over the prospect of not seeing Christensen again.

Nathan Haynes led off the game with a single off Bazzell, who then walked Jason Huisman on a full count. Both runners scored on a two-run double by the next batter, Gary Johnson, as the tone was set for Bazzell's early exit.

But it was the bottom of the Arkansas lineup which did the most damage to Bazzell. The Nos. 6-8 hitters, Elpidio Guzman, Brian Specht and Jay Hood had consecutive singles, and after No. 9 hitter Tom Gregorio belted a two-run double off the left-field wall, Arkansas had taken a 6-0 lead.

In a remarkable show of consistency, Guzman, Specht, Hood and Gregorio all went 3-for-5 on the night, as all told, the Travelers pounded out 19 hits.

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Midland pitcher Shane Bazzell hurls a pitch towards Arkansas' Tom Gregorio Tuesday night at Christensen Stadium. Bazzell's Midland debut didn't go well. Arkansas won, 13-7.

BIG SPRING STEERS

Uncertainty of Youth

Steers need young players to learn quickly

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

BIG SPRING — Dwight Butler looks around the football practice field these days and he sees an alarmingly small number of familiar faces.

Butler, who is entering his 11th season as head coach of the Big Spring Steers, has only nine lettermen returning from last year's 8-5 playoff team. A single digit describing the number of players with varsity experience is unusual, especially at a Class 4A school.

Naturally, that's cause for concern. Big Spring has made the playoffs four straight years, but the Steers have some work to do and questions to answer if they want to make it five.

"We don't know what our makeup will be yet," Butler said, "and I don't think we will until we get a few games into the season."

Big Spring has three returning starters on offense and four on defense. Three of the returning defenders are in the defensive secondary.

All other areas of the team will be manned mostly by youngsters.

"Out of our front seven (on defense), there's only one person who was either a starter or a back-up that's returning, and that's Mike Smith," Butler said, referring to his returning starter at weak side linebacker. "The rest were either freshmen or on the junior varsity. I think we've got some really fine athletes in the secondary that have played before, but they're at different positions."

Butler has senior Larry Thompson penciled in at free safety and junior Brandon Mendoza at right cornerback. They were starters last year at opposite positions — "They kind of swapped," Butler said.

The one returning defensive back who is staying in his same position is left cornerback Clarence Wilkins, a senior. Josh Mathews, a junior, will move into the strong safety spot.

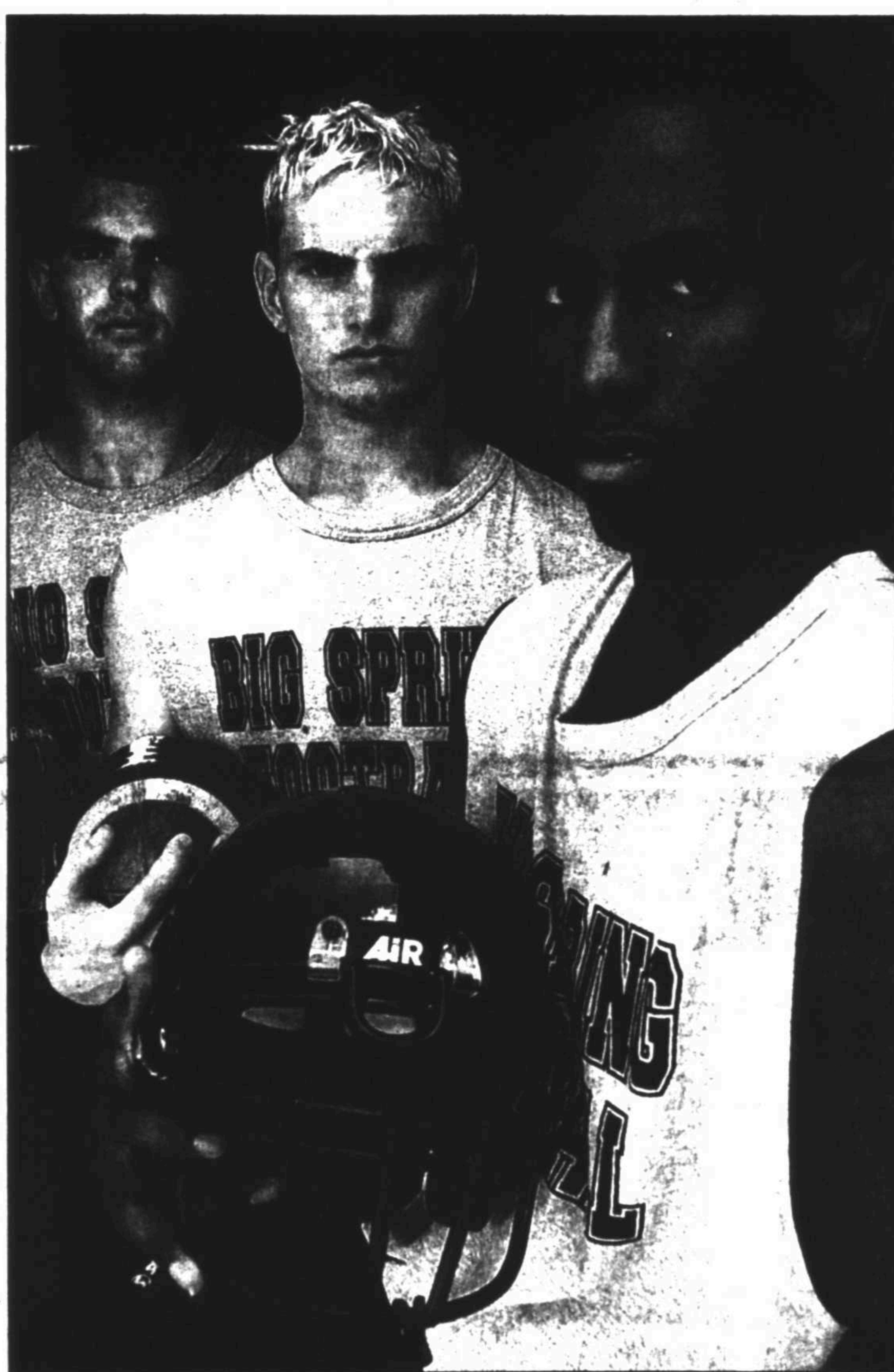
And that's the stable area of the team. "I think we're doing the best we can," Butler said. "We're scrimmaging the best people we can."

The Steers scrimmaged against Lamesa last Thursday, and at least Butler saw some improvement over the Steers' previous scrimmage, which was against three-time 5A state champion Midland Lee.

"It was better than Lee," Butler said referring to the performance against Lamesa. "The passing game was better but the running game at times looked bad. The defense played better on the perimeter, but it was a little shaky up middle. But those are the spots we knew about. We're still moving people around to see which are the best combinations for us."

Butler can name the players that will begin as starters, but he can't guarantee that they will all be his finishers. The Steers are a work in progress.

On defense, Smith will be joined by middle linebacker Dustyn Beauchamp, a junior, and strongside linebacker Jerad Phillips, a sophomore. On the line, there will be sophomore Tim Over-



A young Big Spring football team will be looking for leadership from seniors like, from left, Keith Newton, Mike Smith and Clarence Wilkins.

ton at strongside end, junior Kyle Newton at left tackle, senior George Quintero at right tackle and senior Adam Soliz at weakside end.

"We're going to be a young team, but I think it's good that we're younger," said Smith, a senior and third-year starter. "We'll be the underdogs all year long. Being underdogs — somehow that pumps everybody up on this team."

On offense, Wilkins will add the split end position to his cornerback duties — he also started at both positions last season. Mendoza will also go both ways, playing flanker as well as corner.

The tight end will be Jason Watson.

Besides Wilkins, one other skill position player is a returning starter on offense: senior fullback Kyland Wegner. He'll block for whichever tailback is playing, and Butler said he's still looking at three juniors at that position: Eric Chavez, Curtis Woodruff (not related to last year's tailback, the graduated Jason Woodruff) and Ramon Ford (who is related — cousin — to former Steers tailback Colby Ford).

This year's Big Spring quarterback also has

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Cowboys switch receivers

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys' search for a No. 3 receiver vastly changed Tuesday when veterans Chris Brazzell and Jason Tucker were cut and two more receivers were acquired.

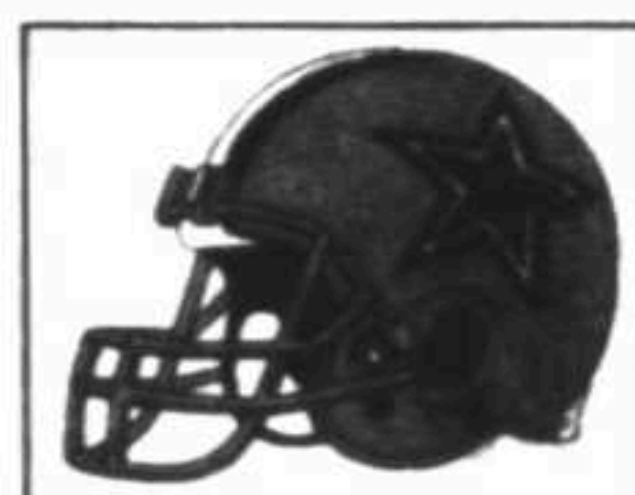
Brazzell and Tucker, both third-year players, were among 11 players cut by the Cowboys.

"I just didn't feel like we were making the progress that we needed to make. There was a little bit of inconsistency," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "That's not to say Jason or Chris can't play in the NFL, but we certainly wanted to take a look at some other players."

The Cowboys on Tuesday acquired Darrin Chiaverini from the Cleveland Browns for a conditional seventh-round draft pick in 2002 and were awarded receiver Anthony Lucas on a waiver claim from Green Bay.

Chiaverini, a third-year player from Colorado, is a possession-type receiver. Lucas was a college standout at Arkansas but has been hampered by knee and foot problems since coming into the NFL.

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■ League locks out referees/5C

Cooper looks to continue playoff streak

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

While Midland Lee holds the prestige in District 4-5A football of three straight state championships, and Odessa Permian has the tradition, Abilene Cooper can't be beat for consistency.

■ District 4-5A Football

The Cougars hold the district's longest running streak of postseason appearances with nine straight, and with another top three finish in 4-5A this season, they'll stretch their playoff run into double digits. Being the team which reaches the perfect "10" is a goal which Cooper coach Randy Quisenberry says isn't lost on his troops.

"That's one of the things we use as a motivating factor for our kids, especially our seniors," said Quisenberry of Cooper's string of postseason appearances. "They don't want to be the class that breaks the streak."

If things go according to form this season, the Cooper Class of 2002 won't have to worry about such a dubious distinction. Like many teams, the Cougars lost some significant numbers and talent

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Questions bring excitement to District 4-5A race

Is there football life at Midland Lee after Cedric Benson?

That may not be a fair burden to place on the backs of the 2001 Rebels, but it is the burden that this team will have to bear since that is the question that is on the collective mind of District 4-5A fans.

Can Midland High climb to new heights while starting 14 juniors?

That's another question that will get play throughout the 2001 4-5A campaign.

Can Abilene High recover its playoff glory without quarterback Kevin Goodman and receiver Robert Spells? Will Abilene Cooper turn out another powerhouse without quarterback Jordan Neal? Will Odessa High again dominate Midland teams? Can Odessa Permian return to the playoffs?

These are all great questions. And when there are great questions, there are usually great seasons to follow. The District 4-5A football race is as interesting as ever.

There are more unknowns than knowns parading around this league. Mystery is part of the fabric that makes for great football. There should be plenty of thrills and chills.



Williamson

Here's our picks for the season ahead:

1. Midland Lee: We thought we would go out on a limb and pick a three-time defending state champion as the favorite to win District 4-5A this season. With the exception of the loss of Cedric Benson and the absence of a move-in linebacker (or two), Lee's musket still looks like Davy Crockett's. No one will have the numbers of a Benson, but weapons abound which will spread the offensive glory.

2. Abilene Cooper: The Cougars went to the Small School quarterfinals last year and one of the school's all-time great receivers Tony Cunningham (58 catches for 834 yards) is back and so is WR Kurtis Lay (15-252). However, top-notch quarterback Jordan Neal is gone. So the question is how good will new QB Davie Butler be. The answer is he will be good enough, but not good enough to land a district championship tie with Lee like the Cougars did last year.

3. Odessa Permian: From here down, it's a crap shoot at best. The real feeling here is that any of four teams could earn this playoff position. The other feeling is that the Panthers have had a year under T.J. Mills and that should make for marked improvement. The troublesome spot, however, is that old Mojo just doesn't have any names that bowl you over.

4. Midland High: With juniors holding seven starting slots on both offense and defense, the Bullpups will have to grow into Bulldogs this year. But there is a lot of talent in this camp. If Bullpups grow quickly, they could look up and find themselves in the state playoffs. The defense will have to be good and T.J. Barber (340 yards rushing and 190 receiving last year) will have to step up as the team's feature back. He averaged less than 4.0 yards per carry last year, but was only a sophomore.

5. Abilene High: The War Eagles limped into the playoffs by winning only two district games last season, but they won the right two games (Odessa High and Odessa Permian). They lost in the first round of the playoffs. Many thought AHS would be the league's second best team a year ago, but the meltdown came. And Goodman and Spells are gone.

6. Odessa High: For two weeks, OHS looked to have a lock on the state playoffs after wins over Lee and Midland High, but the Bronchos lost the last three games of the season. The Bronchos should again be solid on defense, but they need much more offensive production. Defensive ends Reggie Miles and Mark Camilli are players.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram



Texas Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez, second from left, and first base umpire Mike Everitt prevent a confrontation between Minnesota's Doug Mientkiewicz, left, and Rangers pitcher Darren Oliver, right background, after Mientkiewicz was hit by an Oliver pitch in the fourth inning Tuesday in Minneapolis. Both benches cleared but calm was quickly restored.

Rodriguez joins Cubs' Banks on exclusive list for shortstops

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Alex Rodriguez joined Hall of Famer Ernie Banks in an exclusive club Tuesday night.

Rodriguez hit his 40th home run, becoming the second shortstop in major league history to reach the mark in four straight seasons, and the Texas Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 10-1.

Rafael Palmeiro, Randy Velarde and Frank Catalanotto also connected for the Rangers, who lead the majors in home runs with 199. Texas has hit 28 homers in its last 14 games.

The loss, coupled with Cleveland's 8-3 victory over Boston, dropped the Twins 5 1/2 games behind the Indians in the AL Central. Minnesota is 14-31 since the All-Star break, with losses in nine of its last 11 at the Metrodome.

"We took a beating all night," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "There were a few (Twins) who were somewhat flat. I think the day off had something to do with that. It was a bad day. I think I've said that about 18 times now."

Rodriguez and Banks (1957-60) are the only shortstops with four straight 40-homer seasons. Rodriguez was the ninth player overall to do it, joining Banks, Babe Ruth, Harmon Killebrew, Ken Griffey Jr., Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Ralph Kiner and

Duke Snider.

"Being an historian of the game and a fan of the game, it's overwhelming and flattering when you talk about names like that," Rodriguez said. "But obviously, being so young, I'd never mention my name with any of those guys."

But Texas manager Jerry Naron wasn't afraid to boast about Rodriguez.

"He's the best shortstop of all time," Naron said. "He's hard to believe. He's as intelligent of a player as I've ever been around. He has a true love and passion for this game. You have to see him every day to fully appreciate how good he is."

Rodriguez and Palmeiro each had two-run homers in helping Texas take a 5-0 lead after three innings against Rick Reed (2-3). Velarde added a solo shot in the sixth and Catalanotto hit a three-run homer in the seventh.

Darren Oliver (11-8), who had lost four straight starts to the Twins, allowed three hits and one run in seven innings.

Reed gave up eight hits and five runs in three innings before being replaced by Kyle Lohse to start the fourth.

Reed has allowed 51 hits and 23 earned runs in 29 1/3 innings for a 7.05 ERA in his six starts since he joined Minnesota in a July 30 trade with the New York

Mets.

"You can chalk this up as an ugly game, just a bad day at the office," Reed said. "I thought I had turned things around, and I still think I do. Tonight was just one of those nights when I couldn't throw the ball where I wanted to."

Catalanotto led off the game with a triple and scored on Rodriguez's homer to left-center field. It was Rodriguez' 11th homer in 26 games this month.

Texas made it 3-0 in the second inning as Gabe Kapler singled, stole second, took third on a wild pitch and scored on Michael Young's double.

Rodriguez doubled in the third and scored on Palmeiro's 36th homer. Palmeiro has eight homers and 15 RBIs in his last eight games.

Cristian Guzman's two-out RBI single in the third inning pulled the Twins within 5-1.

Notes: After the game, the Twins sent down outfielder John Barnes to Triple-A Edmonton and recalled outfielder Danton Mohr from Double-A New Britain. Barnes was batting .048 with one hit in 21 at-bats in nine games. The benches cleared in the third inning but no punches were thrown and no players were ejected after Oliver hit Doug Mientkiewicz.

son and will host Midland Christian at 10 a.m. on Saturday in its next match.

Trinity vs. Plains: Nicole Kannerly, 3 kills; Chelsea Womble, 1 kill, 1 ace; Kelly Griffin, 2 kills; 1 ace; Jenness Rouse, 2 kills; Tori Donnell, 4 kills, 2 aces; Ashley Cockham, 2 aces; Christi Lebeck, 2 kills.

Trinity vs. Kermit: Kannerly, 6 kills; Womble, 2 kills, 1 ace; Griffin, 9 kills, 3 aces; Rouse, 1 kill, 2 aces; Donnell, 5 kills, 2 aces; Cockham, 1 kill; Lebeck, 2 aces; Jessica Stephens, 1 ace, 3 digs.

Lady Mustangs stage sweep

WINK — Midland Christian won two matches against Wink (12-15, 15-8, 16-14) and Denver City (15-4, 16-18, 15-11) on Tuesday.

Combined Game Statistics: Service Aces: Breann LeGarde, 13; Haylee Whiteside, 8; Kiki Amy Lowery, 19; Whiteside, 26; Jeni Riley, 14; Haylee McMinn, 14. Assists: Lauren Lary, 33; Lowery, 27; Melissa Patton, 22.

Volleyball

Junior Varsity
Lee def. Woodville, 17-15, 15-3.
Lee def. Lake View 15-12, 15-5. Lee JV is now 7-2.

Midland High def. Snyder 15-9, 15-9.
Midland Christian def. Wink, 15-13, 15-4.
Midland Christian lost to Denver City, 15-6, 15-11.

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Midland Christian B def. Denver City, 15-5, 15-7.

Midland Trinity def. Kermit, 15-8, 8-15, 15-7.
For Trinity: Melissa Hartman, 12 service points; Addie Donnell, 10 service points.

Plains def. Midland Trinity, 15-10, 15-6.
For Trinity: Lydia Jackson, 9 service points.

Sophomores
Midland High def. Seminole JV, 15-6, 6-15, 15-13.
Midland Lee def. Friendship JV, 15-1, 15-3, 15-7. Total for both matches: Service Points: Jennifer Grant, 13; Megan Rhoads, 11; Kiki Amy Jackson, 10; Jayla Hicks, 6; Kim Roberts, 6; Lisa Decker, 5. Set Assists: Rhoads, 14; Kermit McKenzie, 12.

Freshmen
Lee Maroon def. Friendship, 15-2, 15-5. For Lee: Carrie Spannaus, 10 service points; Jasmine Criner, 12 service points; Meghan Murrill, 6 kills.

Scorpions take second

HOBBS, N.M. — The Midland Scorpions, an 11-under baseball team, took second place in a USSA state-qualifying tournament held here over the weekend.

The Scorpions beat the Amarillo Aces, 12-3, to advance to the championship game, where they fell to the Andrews Heat, 6-3.

Astros' Miller eats innings, beats Cincinnati Reds, 6-4

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Wade Miller gives the Houston Astros what they need — a starting pitcher who eats innings.

Miller (14-7) pitched seven innings and allowed four runs on eight hits as the Astros defeated Cincinnati 6-4 Tuesday night. It was the 16th time this season Miller has pitched seven or more innings.

"He's been a real workhorse," manager Larry Dierker said of Miller, who struck out six and walked one as the Astros won for the ninth time in 11 games. "He's just a very strong pitcher. I think he could have pitched more tonight, but we wanted to go to Octavio Dotel."

Miller has pitched at least into the sixth inning in all but three of his 26 starts. One of those he was hurt on the opening play of the game, and he went five and 4 2-3 innings in the other two.

"I love to go long in games," Miller said. "It doesn't bother me to stay in. My arm felt fine and I actually felt stronger late in the game."

"I'm a late-inning pitcher. I feel better as the game goes along."

The Reds jumped on Miller early as Todd Walker hit the first pitch of the game off the center-field wall for a double. One out later, Ken Griffey's single made it 1-0.

But the Reds were still impressed by Miller.

"I thought he was outstanding," Walker said. "His sinker is one of the best I've ever seen. He has a great changeup and a good curve. He's really tough. He's definitely one of the toughest right-handers in the league."

Despite his two solo homers, Dmitri Young agreed that Miller was tough.

"His running fastball is awesome," Young said. "He has a great changeup and a great slider. He's going to be one of the best pitchers in the league before long."

Jeff Bagwell's solo homer, his 33rd of the year, snapped a 4-4 tie off Jim Brower (6-9) in the seventh. The Astros added an insurance run in the inning when Lance Berkman walked, Moises Alou singled him to third and

Richard Hidalgo hit an RBI groundout for a 6-4 lead.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 31st save in 33 opportunities. Dotel pitched a scoreless eighth.

Reds starter Lance Davis went five innings and allowed four runs on seven hits and three walks. Davis had only one loss in his previous eight starts, which included five wins and two no-decisions.

In the second, Walker's infield groundout gave the Reds a 2-0 lead, but the Astros responded with four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Brad Ausmus singled in Houston's first run. Miller bunted, but no one covered first, giving Miller a single to load the bases.

Davis then allowed three straight runs to walk home. He hit Craig Biggio and walked Julio Lugo and Bagwell, giving Houston a 4-2 lead.

Young's 16th homer made it 4-3 in the third, and his 17th tied it leading off the sixth.

Notes: Biggio was hit by a pitch for the 25th time this year, extending his major league lead.

'HOUNDS: Minor league baseball leaves Christensen after tonight

(From 1C)

The 'Hounds unleashed some firepower of their own in the bottom of the second, as Kirk Asche hit a two-run home run to left (only his second with the 'Hounds) to cut the lead to 6-2, but that's as close as Midland got.

In the top of the third, the Travelers finally chased Bazzell. After Bazzell retired the first batter of the inning, the 6-9 slots again came back to haunt him, collecting four consecutive singles to bring home a pair of runs. After a double to right by Haynes made it 9-2, Bazzell was finally pulled, and by the end of the inning, Arkansas had built an 11-2 cushion.

The 'Hounds did manage to score five runs off Arkansas starter Phil Wilson, who still pitched the minimum five innings to pick up his first win for the Travelers. When Chris Pine came in relief in the sixth for Arkansas, the 'Hounds had their best chance to break through.

With one out, Mike Lockwood walked and scored on a double by Aaron Nieckula. After Pine walked Rusty Keith and hit Jay Pecci with a pitch to load the bases, Todd Mensik singled sharply to center to drive home a run and make it 11-7.

It was an ideal opportunity for Jacques Landry, who has 36 homers on the season and represented the tying run. But Pine struck out Landry and got Oscar Salazar to fly out to center on the next pitch to end the inning. The 'Hounds didn't collect another hit over the final three innings.

NOTES: Things seemed to come full circle during this series. Not only are the Travelers now affiliated with the Anaheim Angels, the parent club to Christensen's former Texas League occupant, but a former Midland Angel pitched the final inning for the Travelers. Ironically, Shad Williams, the former Angel who pitched a scoreless ninth inning,

was the answer to the evening's trivia question: He was the last player to throw a no-hitter in Christensen, back in 1994. Landry stole three bases, boosting his season total to 35, making him second in the Texas League behind Shreveport's Nelson Castro...

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LOCAL SPORTS

GTCC begins club title run

Jo Dickson, Dawn Dearsley, Letitia Collins and Trina Albright all took victories in the opening round of the Green Tree Country Club's Ladies Club Championship golf tournament on Tuesday.

Dickson and Dearsley will meet today while Collins and Albright battle. The two winners will play Thursday for the GTCC title.

Championship Flight: Jo Dickson def. Candi Johnston, 5-3; Dawn Dearsley def. Tracy Youngs, 1-up after 19; Letitia Collins def. Dede Plank, 7-6; Trina Albright def. Flossie Larsh, 5-3.

First Flight: Mary Brown def. Doris Schultz, 1-up; Teresa Shumake def. Karen McDonald, 1-up after 19; Jo Ann Teasley def. Eileen Guthrie, 3-1; Kathy Cowan def. Ginny Smith, 3-2.

Second Flight: Carol Newman def. Bobi Lloyd, 6-4; Sheila Brockman def. Gloria Preece, 2-1; Katie Heck def. Ava Jane Fuller, 5-4; Evelyn Davis def. Kathy Thompson, 5-4.

Tornadoes earn national berth

Midland's Tornadoes U-9 girls soccer team has qualified to attend the national tournament on Jan. 19-20 in Orlando, Fla.

The tournament will be held at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex.

Team members Amber Pitts, Danielle Munoz and Kaitlin Willis finished in first place in the 3 vs. 3 Golf Milk soccer tournament in Midland over the weekend.

Heat starts fall season

The West Texas Heat, one of the largest soccer clubs in the area with 180 players (40 from Odessa), will have a big September.

Heat will have eight soccer teams represented in a tournament in Arlington over the Labor Day Weekend and four teams will travel to Waco later in September for another tournament.

The tournament in Arlington will be played over three days,

Saturday through Monday.

MHS wins two in volleyball

SNYDER — The Midland High Lady Bulldogs won two volleyball matches here Tuesday, beating Seminole, 15-12, 15-3, and Snyder, 16-14, 15-6.

MHS is now 12-4 on the year.

The Lady Bulldogs were 4-3 over the weekend in a tournament in Fort Worth. All three losses were to major Class 5A powers.

MHS fell to Amarillo High, Duncanville and Plano. The Lady Bulldogs had victories over West Mesquite, Irving, The Colony and Haltom. They fell in three games to Amarillo High and Duncanville.

Katie Decker made the all-tournament team. MHS will be in the Seminole tournament this weekend.

Lee volleyball splits games

SAN ANGELO — The Midland Lee volleyball team split matches in a three-way match here Tuesday with Brownwood and San Angelo Lake View.

Lee defeated Brownwood by a 15-7, 15-12 margin, but lost to Lake View by a 15-1, 12-15, 15-8 margin. Both teams are Class 4A squads.

The Lady Rebels finished third in the Gold Division of the San Angelo tournament over the weekend. The tournament included 32 teams. Lee's Bella Cordero made the all-tournament team.

Lee (10-4) will play in the Seminole tournament this weekend.

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Wilkins provides experience on both sides of ball

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

BIG SPRING — The very young Big Spring Steers have a very low number of returning starters — seven total — from last year's football team. So when one player is a returning starter on both sides of the ball, you know he's valuable.

Senior Clarence Wilkins by himself represents 29 percent of the Steers' returning starters. He played split end and cornerback last season, when the Steers went 8-5 and advanced to the third round of the Class 4A playoffs. He'll duplicate the dual role this season, when the Steers desperately need leaders.

"I'm very proud to be a senior and be able to lead a group of guys like we have," Wilkins said. "Everybody is starting to come together."

Last year's Steers had a core of six seniors that had started since they were sophomores. This year's Steers have one such player: linebacker Mike Smith.

But Wilkins has faith in his young teammates.

"We feel like the guys that were playing under (last year's group of seniors) will be just as good as they were," Wilkins said. "We have people stepping up that are ready to fill those shoes."

Leadership is important to Wilkins.

"Me and Mike are good friends," Wilkins said. "We decided (during the summer) that we're going to show the underclassmen that the hard work we put in now is definitely going to pay off later."

If Wilkins' teammates play as well as he thinks they can, youth won't keep the Steers from the playoffs. He's comfortable playing both ways because, he said, if he needs a breather, someone else can step in and do the job.

"The coaches condition us, and they know how long we can go," Wilkins said. "And the guy backing us up is just as good as anybody on the field."

During Big Spring's recent scrimmage against Midland Lee, it was Wilkins who was involved in the prettiest pass play of the day. Wilkins got past the Lee cornerback on the sideline, and new quarterback Tye Butler laid a pass into Wilkins hands before the Lee safety could get there for a 20-yard gain.

Big Spring's passing attack has Wilkins excited.

"Our passing game — I feel we'll have one of the best, if not the best, passing game in the district," he said. "Tye, by the time he's a senior, he's going to be a great quarterback. We've got great receivers. Everybody's starting to catch the ball."

It is in the defensive secondary where the Steers are most solid, though, thanks to the presence of

Big Spring Steers

Key Quote: "We're going to be a young team, but I think it's good that we're younger. We'll be the underdogs all year long. Being underdogs — somehow that pumps everybody up on this team." — Big Spring senior Mike Smith, a three-year starter at linebacker.

Returning starters: 3 offensive, 4 defensive.

Offensive standouts: Split end Clarence Wilkins, guard Keith Newton, fullback Kyland Wagner, quarterback Tye Butler.

Defensive standouts: Linebacker Mike Smith, safety Larry Thompson, cornerback Brandon Mendoza, cornerback Wilkins.

Last season's record: 8-5 (6-2, third place in District 4-4A).

Last playoff appearance: 2000 (Class 4A Small School regional semifinalist).

Team colors: Black and gold.

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 31	at Sweetwater	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Hereford	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Abilene Wylie	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	at San Angelo Lake View	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Levelland	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Plainview	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Lubbock Estacado	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	at Frenship	7:30 p.m.

*District 4-4A game



Wagner



Thompson



Mendoza

Wilkins and two other returning starters: Brandon Mendoza and Larry Thompson.

"It'll be hard to pass against us," Wilkins said. "We want to force people to pass against us because we'll have a great passing defense."

No one's picking Big Spring to win District 4-4A, and even mak-

ing the playoffs may be difficult, according to some preseason publications. But Wilkins knows that others' low expectations don't always matter.

"Our season is going to be what we make it," he said. "It's not what the press says, or what we're ranked in district. It's what we make it."

Walk-on kicker may get chance for A&M

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Matt Douglas' lawn mowing business is on hold for now.

There's something about putting on a maroon-and-white football uniform and kicking field goals for Texas A&M University that seems more glamorous than mowing grass in the northeast Texas town of White Oak.

"Just to put on the uniform and walk out there onto Kyle Field would be worth it," Douglas said. "I wouldn't even have to get in the game. It's been a dream all my life to play for A&M. It couldn't get any better."

Douglas could become a modern-day Aggie 12th Man if he performs well enough in practice this week to make the team as a walk-on player and suit up for Saturday's season opener at Kyle Field against the McNeese State Cowboys.

When Aggie place-kicker Chris Sims decided to give up football last week because of a back ailment, Coach R.C. Slocum started scrambling for a backup kicker.

Punter Cody Scates is scheduled to handle both field goals and punts on Saturday but he's been troubled by a groin injury and Slocum wanted a backup who could step in.

Douglas, a former high school

kicker for White Oak High School, had enrolled at A&M for the fall semester and was finishing up business in his hometown, when he got a call from assistant coach Tam Hollingshead on Aug. 21.

Douglas made the three-hour drive from White Oak back to campus and walked onto Kyle Field last Wednesday for a tryout.

"It was just a ballboy, Coach Slocum and me," Douglas said. "When that's what you've dreamed about all your life, that was pressure. That was more pressure than any game or any situation."

"You just had to say to yourself, 'If it was meant to be, it was meant to be.'"

Douglas is one of four walk-on kicker candidates Aggies special teams coach Shawn Slocum is watching. The others are Rhett Reid, who kicked at Kilgore Junior College, and high schoolers Jeff Januse of Bryan and David Brelsford of Spring Hill.

Shawn Slocum plans to intensify workouts this week to see how the walk-ons handle the pressure.

"It's like in golf, we can all look like pros on the driving range," Shawn Slocum said. "But you get in a game with all the crowd and you want to take all of that and find a guy who can focus on his job."

STEERS: Newton anchors offensive line

(From 1C)

some notable relatives. Junior Tye Butler, son of the coach, will lead the offense. Dwight Butler has had some success playing a son: Bowe Butler, now graduated, played middle linebacker last year and was named the Class 4A Defensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

On the line, senior Keith Newton returns at left guard. The new players who'll join him in the trenches are left tackle Adam Partee, center Kaniel Miramontes, right guard Jarod Boyd and right tackle Jeremy Jones. Partee is a senior, Miramontes is a sophomore and the other two are juniors.

Just like on defense, coach Butler isn't sure how his offense will turn out.

"We've got some good skill kids but they're

young, and the linemen are real young," he said. "We don't know what our identity is yet. But we've got some kids that can catch, and we've got one that can throw a little bit."

Unfortunately for Butler, he doesn't have much time to figure out how his team is going to perform. Since Big Spring plays in the eight-team District 4-4A, league play begins earlier for the Steers than for most teams in Texas. Andrews visits Big Spring for both teams' district opener on Sept. 28 — less than a month from today.

And Butler hasn't exactly lined up a parade of patsies for the pre-district schedule. The Steers open Friday at Sweetwater, which is ranked eighth in Class 3A in the Associated Press' preseason poll. Just before taking on Andrews, Big Spring visits Abilene Wylie,

which is ranked fifth in Class 3A.

In between, there's an open date on Sept. 7 and a home game with Hereford on Sept. 14. Hereford was ranked in the top 10 in Class 4A last year but, like Big Spring, suffered heavy losses to graduation.

But, as Butler said, the pre-district games aren't supposed to fatten up a team's record; they're supposed to prepare a team for district play.

"We tried to make the schedule tough because that's the kind of people we're going to play in district," Butler said. "We've got to grow up in a hurry. Our concern is finding leaders... We need guys to step up, and they haven't really done that yet."

That's either a disadvantage — or an opportunity for someone.

Knee injury ends season for Rice's Vanover

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rice linebacker and special teams star Jeff Vanover will miss the season because of a knee injury suffered last week, head coach Ken Hatfield said Tuesday.

"They gave us the MRI today, and Jeff will be out all year. That means that guys like Julius

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Mitchell, Scott Huffman and Gabe Howe will have to step up and be ready to fill in some of those roles that Jeff did such a great job with," Hatfield said.

Vanover, a redshirt sophomore from Diboll, injured his right knee Friday night during the Owls'

final preseason scrimmage. Rice opens its season Saturday night against the University of Houston.

Crouch has flu

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch missed practice Tuesday because of stomach flu, coach Frank Solich said. Crouch, who had 24 carries for

69 yards and a touchdown in the No. 4 Cornhuskers' 21-7 win in the season opener against TCU on Saturday, was one of several players who got sick Monday or Tuesday.

"We're just running into it now and I guess I don't know how long it's going to hit these guys," Solich said. "I'm hoping that it's a very short-lived kind of illness."

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NFL lock out

Associated Press

NEW YORK — about to learn when its off-crisis not on the field.

With the break Dallas between NFL Referee replacement of exhibition game stoppage among history.

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NFL locks out refs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL is about to learn what happens when its off-criticized officials are not on the field.

With the breakdown of talks in Dallas between the league and the NFL Referees Association, replacement officials will work exhibition games, the first labor stoppage among officials in NFL history.

The lockout will begin Thursday night, when six exhibition games are scheduled.

The contract expired last March and the two sides have been negotiating since. Most of the replacements will be from NFL Europe or the Arena League, and league supervisory officials, all former field officials, will also be on hand.

"We have a duty to our fans and teams, and we cannot go into the regular season with the threat of a sudden work stoppage by our game officials," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Tuesday. "Despite our efforts, we remain far apart, and the officials' negotiators have repeatedly refused to consider a no-strike, no-lockout agreement with the NFL covering the 2001 season."

The officials said the NFL had reneged on some of its pension and benefit improvements. Their salary proposals were 50-75 percent higher than the NFL's offer, which doubles most current salaries by 2003.

"I respect our officials, and regret that we haven't been able



These NFL officials who worked the exhibition game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Oakland Raiders Monday in Mexico City won't be working this weekend. When labor talks broke down Tuesday, the NFL instituted a lockout of referees, and replacements will be used for this weekend's exhibition games.

to get together, but they just want too much money," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "There are just too many other qualified people out there that are willing to do it for the right price."

The news didn't make many players happy.

"I'm sure every player feels the way I do, we want all the refs to be out there," Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre said. "I think they deserve more. How much is not up to me."

"We've worked hard and put a lot of time and effort into this, and we want the best possible guys out there," New York Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde said. "I believe those are the guys who have been calling our games through the history of the league."

"The replacements have a lack of experience in our arena, the NFL," said safety Robert Griffith, the Minnesota Vikings' union representative. "You see something over and over, you're going to get better at it. Our officials get better at making the calls."

"We are the league. The players are the league. We want to be protected."

The lockout marks the first time there has been any kind of job action involving NFL officials.

There have been three in major league baseball — in 1979, 1984 and 1995 — plus an episode two seasons ago when union umpires submitted their resignations and baseball accepted them, replacing a large group of long-term umpires. There also have been three in the NBA — in 1977, 1982 and 1995 — and a two-week action in the NHL in 1993.

The two sides in the NFL dispute had hoped to reach agreement during their meetings Monday and Tuesday in Dallas.

Tagliabue broke off his trip to Mexico City for the Raiders-Cowboys exhibition game to meet with Tom Condon, the agent who is representing the officials.

They negotiated for four hours Monday night and again for two hours Tuesday morning before breaking things off. Tagliabue, who has prided himself on labor peace during his 12-year tenure as commissioner, returned to New York for a conference call with a group of owners on the situation.

COOPER: Cougars get back standout receiver Cunningham

(From 1C)

to graduation, but they also retain some numbers as well.

Cooper lost 28 players to graduation and returns 25 from last year's team which tied Lee for first place in 4-5A and reached the Class 5A Small School state quarterfinals with a 10-4 mark, with four starters coming back on both sides of the ball. Quisenberry is confident that such numbers favor his team.

"We hope we can reload instead of having to rebuild totally," said Quisenberry. "The ones who are coming back are guys who have to lead the way. We're still going to have a senior-oriented team."

With that team, Quisenberry doesn't plan to change his preferred mode of offensive attack, which is putting the ball in the air more frequently than many other teams. While Quisenberry insists that the Cougars won't abandon that plan this season, they'll have to pull it off with a far less experienced trigger man.

Jordan Neal, a Class 5A Texas Sports Writers Association All-State selection who threw for 2,185 yards, 28 touchdowns and only six interceptions last season, has graduated. Taking his place at quarterback will be David Butler, a move-in from California who might not have Neal's savvy, but at 6-foot-2, 190 pounds has more size than Neal (5-8, 160), who nonetheless set a 4-5A single game record by throwing for 429 yards against Lee.

"He's got a stronger arm but he's not quite as quick with his feet," said Quisenberry, comparing Butler to Neal. "He doesn't have quite as good an understanding of the offense as Jordan did."

What Butler will have that Neal did is a pair of talented receivers to throw to. Seniors Tony Cun-

Cougars

Coach: Randy Quisenberry
2000 Record: 10-4
2000 District Finish: Co-champion with Midland Lee.
2000 playoffs: Lost to Arlington Lamar 34-28 in overtime in the Division II state quarterfinal.
Returning starters: Four on offense, four on defense.
Key Returners: WR/DB Tony Cunningham; WR Kurtis Lay; C Scott Forman; G Austin Chambers; DT Brody Beck; DT Troydale Gatson; DE Kinny Spotwood.
Non-district schedule: Aug. 31, vs. Lubbock Coronado; Sept. 7, at Killeen High; Sept. 14, vs. Killeen Ellison; Sept. 21, vs. San Angelo Central; Sept. 28, at Amarillo Tascosa.
Biggest Game: vs. Midland Lee, Oct. 18.
Cooper will make the playoffs if... "we can stay healthy in the offense and defense line and if we can progress in the secondary and at quarterback the way we can," Quisenberry said.

ningham (58 receptions, 834 yards, 14 touchdowns) and Kurtis Lay (15-252) give the Cougars likely the best receiving duo in the district.

Quisenberry believes the ability of those receivers to stretch defenses vertically will be the key to the entire offense.

"That's kind of what our offense is based on," said Quisenberry. "If (opposing defenses) choose to get everyone out of the box, that will kind of open up our running game."

Cooper was also a solid running team last season with All-District tailback Tremaine Diles, a 1,000-yard rusher who was probably the district's next best back after Cedric Benson.

Diles has graduated, but the Cooper running game is still staying in the family, as Tremaine's younger brother

Brandon, a junior, will assume the tailback spot. Quisenberry doesn't anticipate a drop-off.

"It looks like he can carry on the tradition and be the type of back Tremaine was," said Quisenberry of Brandon, who ran for 219 yards last season as a sophomore. "Brandon's probably a little bit more of a power back than Tremaine was."

The Cougars will have two starters returning in the line in center Scott Forman and guard Austin Chambers, a former 300-pounder who dropped to 225 for this season.

While the offense seems like it has always been a strength for Cooper, the defense might have kept the Cougars from reaching championship level last season. Neal's record setting performance against Lee was wasted, as the Rebels won 49-36 with Benson shredding the Cougars for 335 yards.

"We felt like our defense gave up a few too many yards on big plays and that's something we worked on in the spring," said Quisenberry. "I feel we are pretty quick out there."

"We feel like championship teams have to play great defense. We were a little too up and down there last year."

The Cougars should be strong up front as three starters return in seniors Brody Beck and Troydale Gatson at the tackles and junior Kinny Spotwood at end. Another returning starter is Cunningham, who will be a two-way player at cornerback.

To some observers, the game which will ultimately decide the district title may come Oct. 19, when Cooper hosts Lee in the second week of district. Quisenberry likens the district race to reality television.

"I can see the district race being like Survivor," said Quisenberry. "It's going to come down to the last man standing."

DALLAS: Cowboys cut Tucker

(From 1C)

last year.

"We have graded them with some of the skills that are necessary," Campo said. "For us to move the football, along with our speed receivers in Galloway and Rocket, we need some guys that can catch the football and make some plays."

Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail, both coming off season-ending knee injuries a year ago, have been treated with care this preseason. They have played in only one game, and owner Jerry Jones said it was "more than likely" they won't play Thursday against Jacksonville.

When asked who is considered the Cowboys No. 3 receiver at this point, Jones answered Wane McGarity, another third-year player that missed about three weeks of training camp with a right ankle sprain.

The Cowboys also cut three other receivers Tuesday, but Jermaine Copeland, Damon Dunn and Chad Lutztrull were never considered serious contenders to make the team. Copeland and Dunn were hampered by injuries throughout camp.

Siaha Burley and Reggie Swin-

ton, both Arena League graduates, remain on the roster. They have opened eyes in practices, but have struggled to get any meaningful repetitions in practices or games.

The other players cut Tuesday were rookie linebackers Ronnie Alexander and J.J. Jones, defensive tackle Jamie Carter, tight end Chris Fontenot, safety Travis Ortega and offensive tackle Chad Slaughter.

The Cowboys also placed rookie defensive tackle Willie Blade (broken wrist) and cornerback Dwayne Goodrich (torn Achilles' tendon), their first draft pick in 2000, on the injured reserve. Neither will play this season.

Rookie defensive tackle Daleroy Stewart (rotator cuff injury) was placed on reserve for a non-football injury, meaning he can return after the first six weeks.

The roster moves got the Cowboys to the necessary 71, based on the NFL-mandated 65 plus their six NFL Europe exemptions — tight end Johnny Huggins, running back Dennis Manns, safety Earl Riley, defensive end Bryant Shaw, quarterback Clint Stoenner and tight end James Whalen.

The roster has to be cut down to 53, with no exemptions, by Sunday.

Extra points: DB Kareem Larrimore, who didn't play in Monday's 21-6 exhibition win over Oakland, will also sit out Thursday's exhibition finale against Jacksonville and has been fined once again by the team, Jones said. Neither Jones or Campo would elaborate on why Larrimore is being punished.

"Kareem has not done some of the little things that we feel are needed on a young football team," Campo said, adding the punishment comes after an accumulation of things. Larrimore was fined \$10,000 when he was late reporting to training camp in July, and was disciplined numerous times his rookie season. ... Rookie starting QB Quincy Carter received an almost-perfect grade for his 6-of-11 performance for 99 yards and a 16-yard TD run against Oakland. "Quincy made some things happen himself. And in our grading system, he had no mental errors, which is fantastic for a first-year quarterback. It's a preseason game, but at the same time, that's something we're striving for," Campo said.

Tuggle retires after 14-year career

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — Linebacker Jessie Tuggle, convinced by coach Dan Reeves to retire instead of being cut, announced his retirement Tuesday after a 14-year NFL career, all spent with the Atlanta Falcons.

Tuggle, 36, was a five-time Pro Bowler and the NFL's active leading tackler with 1,830.

"Good things come from hard work," said Tuggle, an undrafted free agent from Valdosta State who signed with the Falcons for a mere \$500 bonus in

1987. "When I look back on my career, it's all been great."

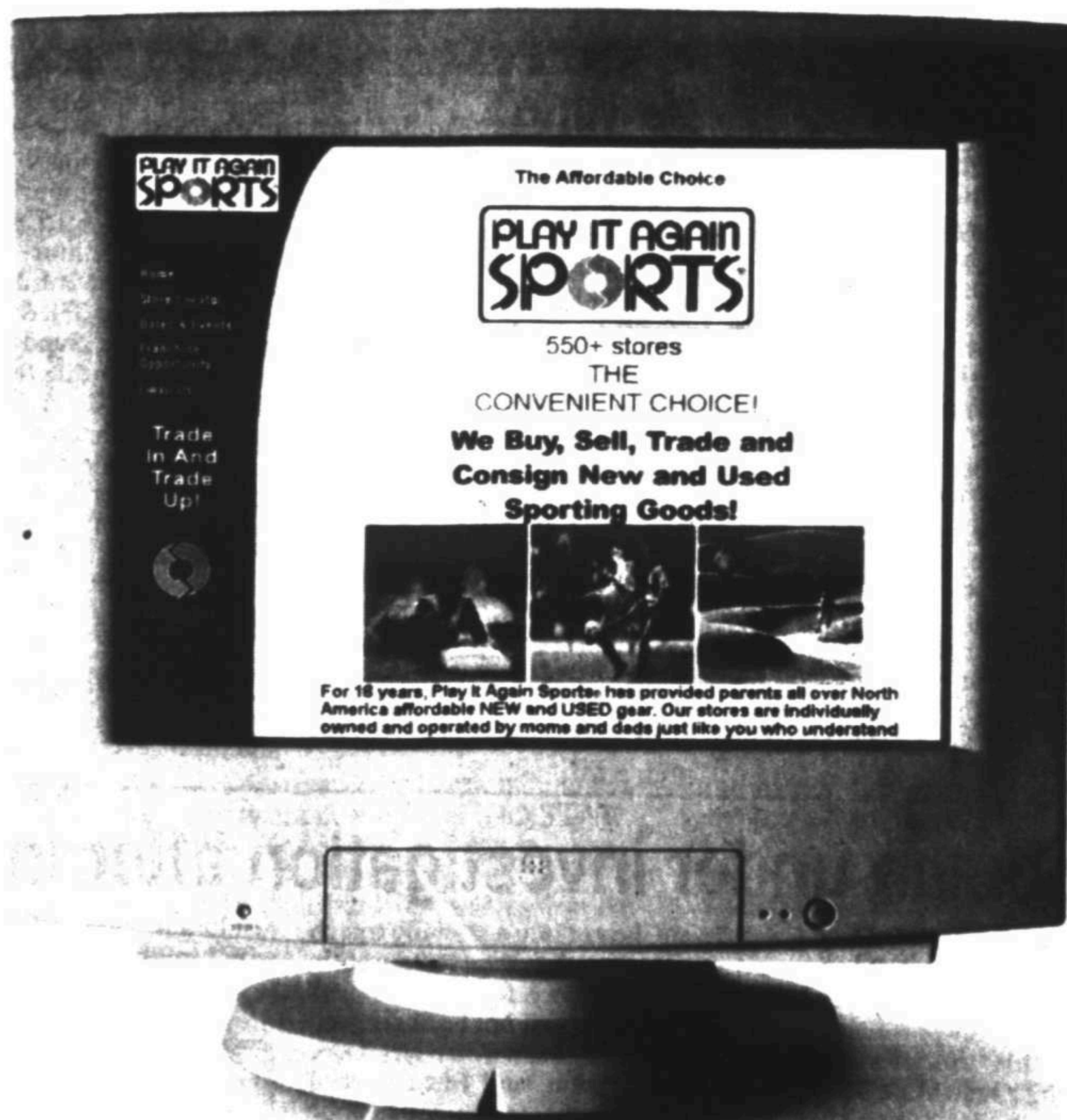
Tuggle had hoped to play another season but the Falcons decided he wasn't in their plans. Instead of trying to catch on with another team, he retired.

Tuggle took over as the starter at middle linebacker in 1988 and went on to compile 12 straight 100-tackle seasons. He started 182 games, more than any player in Falcons' history, and ranked third on the team's career list with 209 games.

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After recent sharp gains, an expected correction Tuesday was short-lived, as futures contracts began climbing by midmorning.

Heating oil futures surged as cash markets tightened and prompt prices popped in the Gulf Coast and New York Harbor, while shipments presumably made their way to the Midwest. September heating oil rose 2.47 cents to 77.48 cents a gallon, while September natural gas fell 12.9 cents to \$2.415 per 1,000 cubic feet.

September gasoline ended at 84.51 cents a gallon, a gain of .69 cent.

Dollar up

LONDON — The U.S. dollar rose against most other major currencies in European trading Tuesday.

The euro was quoted at 90.82 cents in late European trading, down from 90.96 cents Monday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 90.93 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday, included 120.63 Japanese yen, up from 120.14; 1.6704 Swiss francs, up from 1.6698, and 1.5396 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5419.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4462, up from \$1.4433.

Based on late European euro rates, the dollar was worth 2.1530 German marks, up from 2.1500; 7.2210 French francs, up from 7.2107; 2.4259 Dutch guilders, up from 2.4225; and 2,131.52 Italian lire, up from 2,128.47.

Gold falls

Gold dealers in London closed at a price of \$271.90 per troy ounce, down from \$275.15 Friday. Gold and silver markets in London were closed Monday for a public holiday.

In Zurich the bid price was \$271.35, down from \$271.45. Gold fell \$1.10 in Hong Kong to \$271.95.

Silver closed in London at \$4.21 bid per troy ounce, up from \$4.20 Friday.

Stock Market

NEW YORK — Stock prices fell sharply Tuesday when a report of slumping consumer confidence raised Wall Street's fears about a further delay in an economic recovery.

The report from the Conference Board upset investors who had been consoled in recent months by the fact that consumers kept buying houses, cars and clothes, although at a slower pace.

Analysts said the decline in consumer confidence could trigger another downward cycle for the market. Certainly, that appeared to be the case Tuesday, when the Dow Jones industrial average finished down 160.32, or 1.5 percent, at 10,222.03.

The broader market also suffered as the Nasdaq composite index fell 47.43, or 2.5 percent, to 1,864.98, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 17.70, or 1.5 percent, to 1,161.51.

Study: CEOs gaining at workers' expense

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the economy began to stall last year and companies laid off workers, chief executives of big corporations still got hefty pay raises and were rewarded for making job cuts, according to a new study by two liberal advocacy groups.

A "decade of greed" in the 1990s was followed last year by a particularly "blatant pattern of CEOs benefitting at the expense of their workers," the Institute for Policy Studies and United for a Fair Economy said in their latest annual pay survey released Tuesday.

It found that chief executives of the 52 major companies that announced layoffs of at least 1,000 employees in the first half of 2000 earned some 80 percent more on average than CEOs at 365 big corporations surveyed by Business Week magazine. The "layoff leaders" received an average \$23.7 million in total compensation, including bonuses and stock options, compared with an average \$13.1 million for CEOs overall, the groups' study found.

It said the top job-cutters got an average increase in salary and bonus of near-

ly 20 percent last year, compared with average raises for U.S. wage earners of around 3 percent and 4-percent increases for salaried employees.

Sarah Anderson, director of the global economy program at the Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies, said it was galling "especially in this period of economic downturn as people are feeling very insecure about their jobs, to see that the guys at the top have cushioned themselves."

One of the "layoff leaders" cited by the study is Michael Bonsignore, Honeywell International Inc.'s chief executive officer until last month, who is receiving a severance package worth nearly \$10 million, plus generous pension checks. He was ousted by the big manufacturer's board of directors on July 3, the same day the European Union blocked Honeywell's anticipated merger with General Electric.

Honeywell announced in the spring that it would lay off 850 workers because of a significant downturn in the circuit-board industry.

A Honeywell spokesman, who declined to be identified by name, said Tuesday there was no relationship between the job cuts and Bonsignore's

compensation. He declined further comment.

"Rightly or wrongly, the cutting of staff has tended to give a boost to a company's stock," said Charles Peck, a compensation specialist at the Conference Board, a business research and networking organization. "It's one of the ways that Wall Street evaluates top executives' performance."

The New York-based Conference Board's executive pay survey for 2000 shows little change from 1999, Peck said. It shows median total compensation for 800 manufacturing CEOs of around \$1.7 million in both years.

The yearlong economic slump is taking a toll on the nation's labor markets. On Thursday, the government reported the number of laid-off workers drawing unemployment benefits had hit a nine-year peak. The Labor Department said the number of Americans collecting jobless benefits rose to 3.18 million in the week ending Aug. 11, the highest level since September 1992, when the country was struggling to emerge from the last recession.

Against that backdrop, compensation packages for executives have drawn some criticism.

A shareholder of US Airways Group Inc. has sued the airline's board of directors, seeking to overturn a provision that would give \$45 million in severance benefits to its top three executives if they decided to resign. In the lawsuit made public Monday, shareholder Steven Rosenberg said the severance provision — part of US Airways' failed plan to merge with United Airlines — was unconscionable and would encourage the three executives to leave. The Washington Post reported Tuesday.

After attorneys for troubled bicycle maker Schwinn/GT asked a bankruptcy judge to keep confidential the details of a \$2 million bonus plan for its top managers and executives, he questioned the plan's fairness to rank-and-file employees and expressed reservations about keeping the information under wraps.

"I'm going to do a little research," U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sidney Brooks in Denver said last week, delaying immediate approval. "There are some pretty hefty bonuses here." Schwinn attorneys said the compensation plan was designed to keep key personnel from quitting while the bike maker goes through Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization.



A sign marks the entrance to Gateway headquarters, Tuesday, in San Diego. Gateway, the nation's No. 4 manufacturer of personal computers, said Tuesday, it is laying off about 5,000 employees — around one-quarter of its global work force — because of an increasingly bleak market.

Gateway to lay off one-quarter of its global work force

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Gateway, the nation's No. 4 manufacturer of personal computers, said Tuesday it is laying off 4,700 employees — 25 percent of its global work force — because of an increasingly bleak market.

The company said the layoffs will help save \$300 million, and it expects to return to profitability in the fourth quarter.

"As tough as these decisions were to make, we're doing all the right things to create a new company with a unique competitive edge and a healthy, profitable future," said Ted Waitt, chairman and chief executive.

Before the layoffs, Gateway had a work force of about 19,000.

About 15 percent, or 2,200, of the company's 16,500 U.S. workers will lose their jobs. The layoffs follow an earlier wave of cuts and a management shake-up that brought Waitt back to the helm after a brief retirement. Gateway cut about 3,000 employees in January.

Gateway said it will immediately close all company-owned operations in Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. The company also will close customer service and sales centers in Hampton, Va.; Vermillion, S.D.; Salt Lake City; and Lake Forest, Calif.

In Salt Lake City, 660 workers will lose their jobs when Gateway closes an assembly plant and a sales and technical center it opened three years ago. Workers at the plant were told of the layoffs and sent home Tuesday.

"It isn't as bad as it sounds," said Greg Wright, who works in the bilingual sales department. "I'm a little worried because my wife's pregnant, and I have to think about benefits. But we have 60 days to find work."

All workers here will get severance packages and counselors will help with job hunting preparations, said Tim Huval, a Gateway human resources executive.

The PC industry saw its first-ever drop in sales this year, and some analysts predict it won't recover until next year or early 2003.

In July, Gateway said it planned to move beyond PC sales and begin aggressively marketing home networks, computer consulting and financing packages for consumers, schools and small businesses.

The company posted a loss of \$20.8 million for the quarter ending June 30, compared with a profit of \$118 million for the same period a year ago.

BUSINESS SCENE

Midland set for mini-construction boom

By Mella McEwen

Midland may be about to see a mini construction boom.

Fort Myers, Fla.-based CHICO'S has begun construction on a 2,352 square foot store on north Garfield behind TALBOT'S, which itself is planning an expansion to add a Talbot's Petite in the near future.

Chico's was founded in 1983 by Marvin and Helene Gralnick, selling Mexican folk art and cotton sweaters on Sanibel Island, Fla. The store has grown to become a specialty retailer of exclusively designed private label casual-to-dressy clothing — pants, tops, dresses and outerwear — and accessories from bags to jewelry. The Midland store is set to open November 16.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY is breaking ground today on a new facility on north Big Spring near the BOG Resources building. Comple-

tion is set for spring 2002 on the 10,000 square foot facility, which will include a full-service funeral home with all types of funeral-related products and services and cremation services and products. The Welch family, which purchased their first funeral home in Big Spring in 1955, operates a full service crematory in Big Spring that will be convenient to Midland families.

Tentative plans are also in the works for a new dry cleaners on Wadley just east of WALGREENS on Midland Drive and for a new Kwik Kar auto lube center, also on Wadley just east of the AUTO ZONE auto parts store on A Street.

Remodeling plans are in the works for the former Ellis North location, 1002 W. Loop 250 North — which began life as the Nautical Wheeler restaurant in the early 1980s — into the West Saddle Club Plaza strip shopping center.

Owners say the West Saddle Club Plaza will be remodeled to add 2,100 square feet of retail/office space and to look like its older brother, Saddle Club Plaza, which is home to Swensen's and Real Estate One, among other businesses. The renovations will bring total square footage to over 9,100

square foot. The interior will be remodeled to suit tenants.

Now open at 5205 E. Highway 80 is AARV STORAGE, operated by Box Auto.

AARV Storage offers 24 hour access and sports an insulated roof, large storage capacity and completely enclosed parking or covered parking.

Construction is complete and the doors are now open at TEXSTAR BANK, 5312 W. Wadley at Loop 250.

TexStar Bank, the first and so far only branch of First National Bank of Monahans, offers full service banking, from savings to checking accounts, consumer and commercial loans and investment products. An ATM machine is also on premises.

Lobby hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Drive-through hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

MIDLAND PARK MALL welcomes a new Food Court vendor this weekend, DON CHUCK CAFE. The new vendor offers breakfast items and favorite Mexican dishes like burritos, tacos, enchiladas, rice, beans, tortas

and taquitos.

Also opening this weekend is HALLOWEEN BOOTIQUE in the J.C. PENNEY Court next to TIP-TOE. The Halloween Boutique will be open through October 31 selling Halloween costumes, make-up, masks, wigs, hair pieces and accessories.

The mall will host the ART PROMOTION COUNCIL through Monday with vendors throughout the mall selling arts and crafts.

The mall will observe abbreviated hours on Monday, Labor Day, opening at 10 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m. DILLARDS and SEARS will remain open until 9 p.m. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday.

Settled into an old new location is STEVE'S AUTO ELECTRIC, owned by Steve DeLong.

The auto repair shop, which specializes in servicing electrical systems — starters, power windows and the like — has returned to its original location at 1204 W. Front after a stint on Marienfeld.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Struggling Sampras considers himself 'favorite' at Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pete Sampras began his 13th U.S. Open in the uncustomary role of sentimental favorite and aging underdog.

So as he closed in on an arduous first-round victory, the sort that used to be routine, the small crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium roared in support.

"Everyone's concerned about me," Sampras said with a grin.

It's to the credit of the four-time Open champion that he's amused more than annoyed by talk that he should retire because he's washed up. He doesn't see it that way, even though he has gone 17 tournaments without a title and flirted with disaster Tuesday before beating obscure Julien Boutter 6-4, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8).

"I expect to do well here. I still feel like I'm one of the strong favorites," Sampras said. "If I didn't win here, it would be a disappointing year. But I'm not worried about it. I feel like I've got many years left. All this retirement talk has gotten a little bit carried away."

On a second consecutive hot, humid day at the Open, Sampras needed longer than most big-name players to reach the second round.

There was brief drama in Jennifer Capriati's night match when a grease fire at a concession stand sent smoke billowing through an upper-deck stadium entrance. Capriati, seeded second, remained focused on tennis and beat Amanda Hopmans 6-2, 6-1.

"The stadium started to get really smoky," Capriati said. "It was just weird."

No fans were evacuated and no one was hurt.

No. 4 Venus Williams began her title defense by beating Lenka Dlhopolcova 6-2, 6-3. French Open runner-up Kim Clijsters had little trouble with a recent thigh injury while defeating Pavlina Nola 6-1, 6-1.

American Chanda Rubin, sapped by the 85-degree sunshine, vomited on court midway through the third set but continued and beat Jana Kandarr 6-4, 3-

6-3.

On the men's side, 18-year-old American Andy Roddick won one game with four shots — all aces — in his center court debut and beat Slava Dosedel 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

Roddick's next opponent will be countryman Jack Brasington, who edged Gianluca Pozzi 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 3-6, 7-6 (6). Brasington earned a berth his first ATP-level tournament by winning three qualifying matches.

Other winners included No. 4 Lleyton Hewitt, No. 5 Juan Carlos Ferrero and No. 13 Roger Federer, who ended Sampras' reign at Wimbledon this year. No. 8 Sebastien Grosjean, a two-time Grand Slam semifinalist this year, was upset by Mariano Zabaleta 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

American Jan-Michael Gambill beat 1993 Open runner-up Cedric Pioline 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 and might face Sampras in the third round. Andre Agassi and Pat Rafter could also cross paths with Sampras before the semifinals.

"That's a lot of U.S. Open trophies in one little section of the draw," Agassi said.

Sampras turned 30 on Aug. 12, a milestone that usual signals the end is near — or past — in tennis. How many more years does he expect to play?

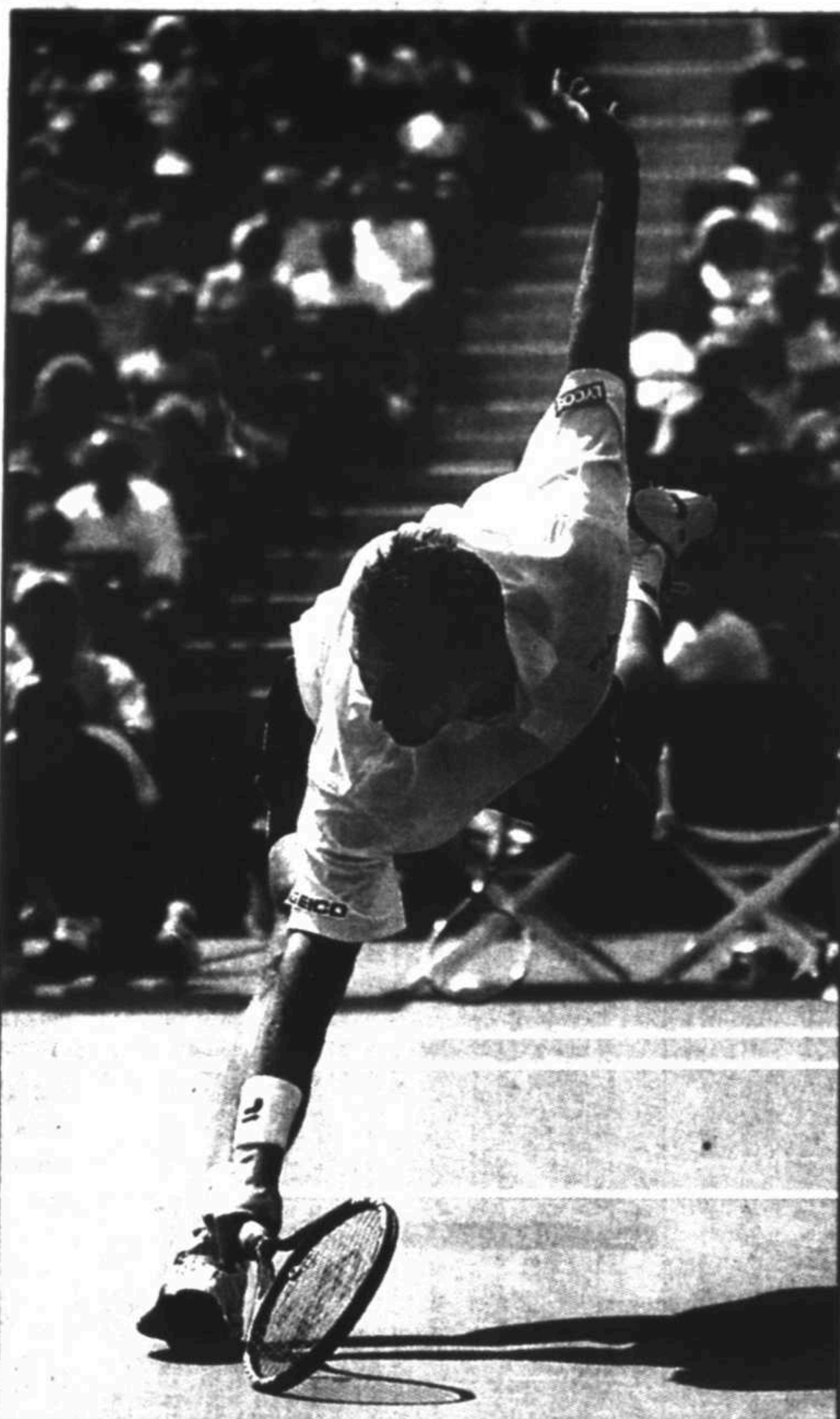
"Five, six, seven at least," he said, smiling again.

To last that long, Sampras must reverse a recent decline that has turned every match into a taxing challenge.

He needed 2 1/2 hours to beat Boutter, a Frenchman with no career titles to Sampras' 63. Clutch serves by Sampras and untimely double faults by Boutter were the difference.

"At the level he was playing, it could have been an upset," Sampras said.

Sampras' No. 10 seeding is his lowest at a Grand Slam tournament since he earned the first of his record 13 major titles at the 1990 Open. He hasn't won this event since 1996, hasn't won any tournament since Wimbledon in 2000 and hasn't reached the



Julien Boutter stretches to return a shot to Pete Sampras during first-round play Tuesday in the U.S. Open in New York. Sampras defeated Boutter, 6-4, 7-6, 7-6.

quarterfinals at a Grand Slam tournament in 2001.

Unless he wins the Open, this will be his first year without a major title since 1993.

"There's no reason to panic if I don't win," he said. "I could go out and win three next year. ..."

"I've raised the bar so high, and when I don't win titles every couple of months, I'm probably judged much tougher than anyone. It's a pretty high standard to live up to. It is what it is at this point. I feel like I've got a decent shot here to possibly do it."

His confidence, motivation, fitness, foot speed and backhand have been questioned, but for whatever reason, he no longer dominates the big points or lesser opponents as he once did. This year he has lost to Chris

Woodruff, Andre Ilie, Harel Levy, Alex Calatrava, Galo Blanco and Alberto Martin.

For the first time since 1996, Sampras isn't the reigning Wimbledon champion. He lost in the fourth round to Federer.

"There's nothing you can do — just accept it, go home and be depressed," he said. "For three or four days I was really down. Being home the second week of Wimbledon hasn't happened that often, so it was a very eerie feeling."

But the slump started with a loss a year ago, when Marat Safin routed him in the Open final. A few days later, Sampras discussed the state of his career with fellow Los Angeles resident and occasional golfing partner, Wayne Gretzky.

NASCAR's new 'Humpy Bumper' gets first test

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Researchers tested the energy-absorbing Humpy Bumper on Tuesday by sending a remote-controlled Winston Cup car crashing into a wall as a NASCAR official watched.

All indications were that the test at Lowe's Motor Speedway was a success, but the damage and data from a "black box" inside the car still must be analyzed. Humpy Wheeler, president of the speedway, said he would meet with NASCAR next week to discuss the results.

"It's up to NASCAR from here," Wheeler said. "They'll look at what we have and either say, 'We like it, go ahead and start manufacturing it' or, 'We'd like for you to look at it further with some more tests.'"

"Ideally, they'll like it and we can get it on the cars as soon as possible."

The Humpy Bumper is designed to address concerns about the rigidity of the front of stock cars and the lack of any sort of bumper to absorb the energy from a crash.

The stiffness in the cars has been an issue the past year because of the deaths of Adam Petty, Kenny Irwin and Dale Earnhardt in wrecks.

The cars have grown increasingly rigid over the years because it allows crew chiefs to accurately make suspension settings. But some think the stiff front fails to reduce enough energy away from a driver.

The bumper was developed to address those concerns. It's made by Paul Le.

With the Humpy Bumper on the front of the car, it hit the wall on the right side, bounced off and slid down the track before coming to a stop near the inside wall.

Upon inspection, the bumper and front end sustained significant damage. But Busch series driver Randy LaJoie, present for the test, said the damage was much less than what he has seen on cars

without the bumper.

"That was a good hit and normally that would have crumpled the floorboard," LaJoie said. "It obviously didn't crumple or fold and that to me shows that it absorbed some of the G force."

Lew said without the bumper, the damage to the car would have extended back to the firewall — the wall that separates the engine from the cockpit. The damage to the tested car was limited to the front of the car.

Later, Lew showed videos from earlier tests on cars with and without the bumper.

The car without the bumper hit the wall and crumpled, its rear tires jumping off the track as the front of the car folded like an accordion.

The car with the bumper had results similar to those of Tuesday's test, with the car bouncing off the wall after suffering front-end damage.

The data from those tests showed that the bumper reduced the G forces felt by the driver a minimum of 50 percent and increased the duration of the crash by as much as four times — which lengthens the deceleration time and creates less stress on the driver's body.

LaJoie said he was convinced and would install the \$6,000 bumpers on his cars as soon as NASCAR approves them.

"I don't care if NASCAR doesn't insist that we have it, but they shouldn't not let us have it," LaJoie said. "That's the first time I've ever seen a car slam into a wall like that and suffer as little damage as it did. I don't know what a casket costs, but whatever those cost has got to be cheaper."

NASCAR would have to approve the use of the bumpers before any drivers could install them on their cars.

Wheeler, who attended Saturday night's race at Bristol Motor Speedway, said many drivers approached him to ask how development on the bumper was coming and when it would be ready.

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Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the airport postal facility. The public is invited. For more information call Mike at 699-0202.

The Midland Morning Lions Club is now accepting applications for its 2001-2002 club queen. Any high school senior girl in Midland who will have reached her 16th birthday by June 1, 2002, and is not and never has been married is eligible. Contestants will be judged on personality, poise and beauty. For applications and more information, contact senior counselors at the high schools or call 699-1934. Application deadline is Friday.

The Midland Palette Club will be featuring a painting by Plynna Nesbitt on their easel in the lobby at Bank One, 2301 W. Wall, for the rest of August.

Fall story time for ages 3 through 6 will begin at Midland County Public Library at 10 a.m. Sept. 4. A new wall art in the Kaleidoscope Room will be introduced. This program will be repeated at 10 a.m. Sept. 5. Fall story time schedules are available in the children's department. Programs are free; reservations are not needed. For more information call 688-8991.

Odenia High School Class of 1993 is looking for classmates. Contact odenia1993@yahoo.com.

Lee High Class of 1968 is looking for classmates. They are planning a reunion for the homecoming football game to be held in the new stadium next year. Even if you cannot attend the reunion please call 689-3101 with an update on your whereabouts or that of classmates.

Tiny Lynn & Band from Lubbock will play at the Knights of Columbus building, 4601 FM 1788, non-smoking and non-alcoholic environment, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 1. Admission is \$7.50 per person. For more information call 699-5202 or 694-8442.

The Lt. William Brewer Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Midland Women's Club at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 4. A program will be presented by regent Doris Williams.

Hospice of Midland is sponsoring a new support group to begin at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13. "Remembering our Mothers" is for daughters whose mothers have died and will be held at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call Mark Mercer at 682-2855.

The West Texas Iris Society is to meet 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Community and Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair St. Persons interested in learning about irises are invited to attend. The club's annual rhizome sale is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8 at Manning's Garden Center, 2820 W. Golf Course Road. Proceeds will go toward next year's iris show. Rhizomes are the tuber-like plant part that grows and blooms. For more information about the sale or the West Texas Iris Society call 697-6340, 684-4935, or 694-2477.

Jean Starnes will be signing copies of her book "More Hell on Wheels" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8 at Albertson's Grocery Store, 4706 Midkiff.

The MOMS Club is a nonprofit organization for the stay-at-home mom. Share in activities with other at-home mothers and their children. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 12. The meeting will include speakers, discussions, park play days and play groups. For more information, call 697-6415.

To have your event included in this column, mail the information to Around Town, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79702; fax it to 570-7650; or e-mail it to Lifestyle@mrt.com.

Customers, goods crowd tiny 'Italian' deli in Paris

By Suzy Patterson
Associated Press

PARIS — Sometimes the customers at a local gourmet deli-caterer and charcuterie can be as riveting as the ham and sausage cuts, cheese and pate in the tiny, over-crowded, deliciously tempting shop.

The shop is Davoli, an Italian-accented shoebox-size place known to the French capital's foodies as one of the best sources for great pasta, jars of sauces, top olive oils, balsamic vinegar and more.

One day, for example, there among the shoppers was film star Catherine Deneuve. The other customers were literally bumping into each other trying to get a look, yet avoid staring.

The shop is on rue Cler, a lively market street in the tony 7th arrondissement (district), where it is not good form to gape at any of the local stars — whether political personages from nearby government buildings, or movie luminaries such as director Roman Polanski and glamorous icon Jeanne Moreau, who lives a few streets away.

Julia Child has cased this street. So has Princess Marie-Blanche de Broglie, an aristocratic cooking teacher, who lives around the corner and shops here regularly. But, notables or not, everyone has to wait patiently in line at Davoli for their cuts of excellent ham.

But that's only part of the story.

Also on Davoli's menu are dishes fresh-cooked daily at the store. These may include beautifully dressed tomato and mozzarella salad; baby red peppers stuffed with hot-spicy minced tuna, anchovies and capers; saute of veal with vegetables and sauce, spinach-cheese-stuffed ravioli, or tortellini.

Such items may be routine in "Little Italy" markets in the United States. But not in Paris, where the natives prefer fancier Fauchon-style delis. In fact, they really don't much like delis, period.

Until they happen onto Davoli, that is, with its off-beat ways and true Old-World charm.

Some of the foods offered would seem exotic by American standards: the truffled white boudin "sausage," made with chicken, or the "head cheese," a jellied pate affair made mainly from products of that part of calves and cows (it's a favorite dish of President Jacques Chirac).

"Caviar d'aubergine" is a year-round favorite. It's a mixture of cooked, chilled eggplant, olive oil, a tad of garlic, maybe onion and seasoning.

Davoli's store area is crammed into a space about 20-feet-by-35-feet, stacked with a mesmerizing variety of hams, olive oil, fine wines, cheeses and other goodies.

"I'm not the chef," said the store's boss Stephane Davoli, a fresh-faced man of 33. His father, Jacques, is at work in the kitchen behind the scenes, and his younger brother, Alexandre, shares the chef job with an old-timer, Daniel Hamon.

"But I do know about cooking, and have my favorite dishes here," Stephane added, nodding at a delicious-looking



Stephane Davoli shows off a slab of mortadella at the Italian deli-caterer Davoli, over which he presides, in Paris. The shoebox-size store is famous among foodies for its great pasta, olive oils and balsamic vinegar, as well as other specialties.

ing lasagne Bolognese (with spicy meat sauce), and commending the rabbit with prunes, not on offer that day.

Davoli explained that the family business began with his Italian grandmother, who married Rino Davoli, a native of Parma, Italy, in 1930. Together they started a "charcuterie" (an establishment that cooks animal flesh, usually pork, for pates and sausages) in Paris's 16th district.

"Then in 1963, we moved here to the rue Cler," Davoli said. "It is still an 'Italian charcuterie.' We import our hams and other products from Italy — the French have a different standard for curing meat."

But they also make wonderful French dishes to sell to lazy gourmands. On Sunday mornings, shoppers can admire a freshly cooked display from which one of the good-humored salespeople, out of a total staff of 16, dispenses dishes such as a fine pot-au-feu (classic French boiled beef and vegetables), good Moroccan-style couscous, or pigeons with peas. Another time there may be

stuffed veal roast, or kidneys in cream-mustard sauce. The dozens of dishes they offer depend on what fresh market produce is available. Stephane or his brother regularly go to the wholesale market out at Rungis, near Orly airport, to sniff out the best.

Nearly everything in the store is worth the wait and the price — I usually spend about \$25 a visit — and that goes for the desserts, perhaps a cheesecake, a red-fruit crumble or some wicked chocolate brownie-style sweet.

"The only problem now is the mad idea of the 35-hour week, the French law that went into effect last year," Stephane says. "We have to close for 2 1/2 days a week to make this work. Nobody really likes it, and it's hard for small businesses to make any money at all."

But the Davolis and their employees still seem to relish the crowds, the tiny space and the kibitzing with customers — the faithful clientele who continue to pile in for their share of the day's irresistible specials.

Season brings blueberry dessert days

By The Associated Press

Fresh blueberries are in season and their plenty suggests summery desserts — light, fruity and simple.

Dessert Waffles With Spiced Blueberry Sauce is an easy idea to try, combining the waffles' crispness with creamy frozen yogurt and a spicy sauce. Blueberry-Orange Dessert Sauce is a refreshing sauce to spoon over ice cream or cutup fruit; Blueberry-Pineapple Parfaits layer fruit, yogurt and granola.

DESSERT WAFFLES WITH SPICED BLUEBERRY SAUCE

(Preparation time 10 minutes, cooking time 7 minutes)

2 cups fresh blueberries
3 tablespoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper (or to taste)

Four 4 1/2-inch fresh or frozen waffles
4 scoops vanilla frozen yogurt or ice cream
In a small saucepan, combine half the blueberries, the sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, black pepper and 1/3 cup water. Over medium heat, bring to a boil; boil for 1 minute; remove from heat. Stir in remaining blueberries; cool. Toast waffles; place on dessert plates. Spoon frozen yogurt onto waffles; top with blueberry sauce.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutrition information per serving: 281 cal., 6 g pro., 5 g fat, 55 g carbo.

BLUEBERRY-ORANGE DESSERT SAUCE

(Preparation time 5 minutes)
2 cups fresh or frozen (and thawed) blueberries
1/3 cup light cream cheese (from an 8-ounce container)

1 tablespoon orange-flavored liqueur or mar-malade

In the container of a food processor or blender, place blueberries, cream cheese and orange-flavored liqueur; whirl until smooth. Spoon over ice cream or cutup fruit.

Makes about 2 cups.
Nutrition information per 1/4-cup serving: 49 cal., 1 g pro., 2 g fat, 6 g carbo.

BLUEBERRY-PINEAPPLE PARFAITS

(Preparation time 10 minutes)
20-ounce can pineapple chunks, drained
8-ounce container vanilla or lemon-flavored fat-free yogurt

1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen (and thawed) blueberries
1/2 cup granola

If using frozen blueberries, drain and pat dry. In a small bowl, combine pineapple with half of the yogurt. Into 4 small wine or juice glasses, spoon alternate layers of pineapple mixture, blueberries and granola, repeating twice. Top each with a dollop of yogurt.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutrition information per serving: 233 cal., 4 g pro., 3 g fat, 49 g carbo.

Recipes from the North American Blueberry Council.



Dessert Waffles With Spiced Blueberry Sauce is an easy summery dessert to make, using the blueberries that are now in season. It combines the waffles' crispness with creamy frozen yogurt and a spicy sauce.

DEAR ABBY

Grandma fears losing touch with boy left alone too often

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My 9-year-old grandson, "Grant," is in deep trouble. I must find a way to help him. Two years ago he had to take on a menapausal, reclusive stepmom. Of course, these poor children from broken homes don't get to vote their fate; they must accept whatever is thrust upon them.

Stepmom has turned Grant's downstairs playroom into a master bedroom and entertainment center. She watches TV down there with my former son-in-law (Grant's father).

Grant is not allowed to go down there unless he receives special permission. He spends most of his time alone in his upstairs bedroom playing his boom box or watching TV in the living room.

Recently, telephone privileges were cut off between Grant and me. Grant's father candidly told me that my not calling makes his home happier for his "recluse." I am sure he will cut off my visits if I try to help Grant.

Abby, I don't know what to do. Is there any way I can help him? — HURTING INSIDE

DEAR HURTING: Don't do

anything to threaten your visits with your grandson. He needs you. You must become his loving, safe harbor. See him as often as you can. Help him to express his feelings. Let him know he can tell you anything, and you will not be judgmental or get angry.

Do things a 9-year-old boy will enjoy so he can bond closely and experience some happiness with you. Let him know he can count on you when things seem the darkest.

If his father and stepmother do cut off your visits, then call ChildHelp USA (1-800-422-4453) for expert advice on this sad case of emotional child abuse.

DEAR ABBY: I hope you

can stand one more letter about funerals. I read your "eulogy" articles on July 31. It was the day after my husband was buried.

My darling wore a red Hawaiian shirt and sunglasses. I included photographs, a backscratcher, money clip, blue rose and a 1-inch-tall bear, a white rosary and a toy skunk that sang, "How Sweet It Is to Be Loved by You." I wrote the eulogy and took lots of pictures. I had an open casket at the graveside service. An American flag draped the silver metal casket.

His family was horrified that I buried their family member in this manner. I had only known him 8 1/2 years and they knew him a lifetime.

I kissed him "bye" and let the skunk do its thing while I left. I had the funeral director give the flag to my husband's sister instead of to me.

Everyone should do what

they feel is right in their heart, not what people tell them is right.

I sleep peacefully every night because I buried my friend, my husband, my lover in a manner he would have been proud of. — SAD IN LAKE CITY, FLA.

DEAR SAD: A-A-A-men!

(I'll bet he's glad you packed only the essentials.)

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



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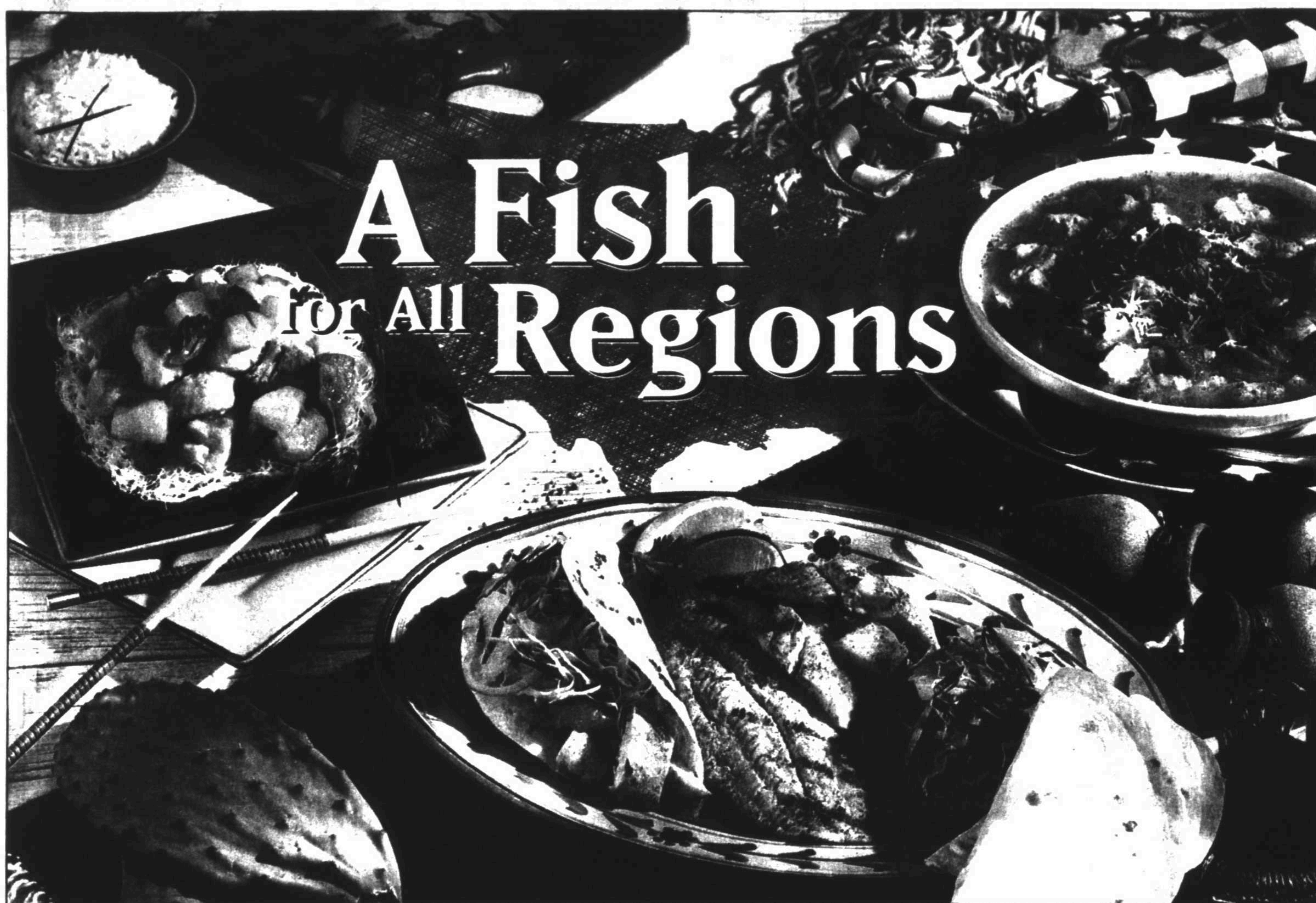
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Sample the many tastes of the United States with these regional catfish dishes. Pictured from left: Glazed Catfish Stir-Fry, Grilled Catfish Tacos With Citrus Slaw and Manhattan Catfish Chowder.

Traditionally considered Southern fare, U.S. farm-raised catfish is making a splash across the United States.

An increasing number (and variety) of restaurants have added catfish to their menus. Restaurants now offer entrées, and consumers across the country are preparing catfish at home more often, as well.

A survey by the Southern Regional Aquaculture Center found consumers in all U.S. regions — across diverse ethnic, income, age, religious and occupational groups — are consuming catfish. Per capita catfish consumption increased nearly 30 percent during the latter half of the 1990s, according to the National Fisheries Institute, making catfish the fastest growing category among U.S. consumers' top five seafood picks.

The growing popularity can be attributed to the fact that U.S. farm-raised catfish is an extremely versatile, high-quality fish, according to chef Elizabeth Terry, who has served catfish dishes in her Savannah, Ga., restaurant, Elizabeth's on 37th, for years.

"With a sweet, yet mild, flavor, U.S. farm-raised catfish is a perfect partner for a variety of regional cooking techniques, including grilling, blackening, sautéing, poaching, broiling and stir-frying," Ms. Terry says. "Restaurant chefs and at-home cooks are realizing catfish absorbs the seasonings and marinades of regional cuisines in minutes, making it a convenient and nutritious addition to their menus."

The versatility of catfish is demonstrated in these four recipes, each representing a distinct regional taste. Each takes less than 30 minutes to prepare and provides an anytime meal solution for the hectic work-week — and the opportunity to sample the many flavors of America without ever leaving the kitchen.

GLAZED CATFISH STIR-FRY

Serve over steamed rice or noodles
1 20-ounce can pineapple chunks, packed in unsweetened pineapple juice; drain, reserving 2 tablespoons juice
1 tablespoon finely minced fresh ginger
2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
2 tablespoons unsweetened pineapple juice (from canned pineapple)
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon sugar
2 teaspoons sesame oil, divided
1 1/2 cups chopped broccoli
1 tablespoon cornstarch blended with 1 tablespoon cold water
In a large bowl, stir together ginger, soy sauce, two tablespoons pineapple juice, garlic, sugar and one teaspoon sesame oil.
Add catfish and stir to coat. Set aside.
Heat remaining teaspoon of sesame oil in a wide, nonstick frying pan or wok over medium-high heat. When oil is hot, add fish mixture and stir-fry gently until catfish is just opaque but still moist in thickest part (2-3 minutes); cut to test.
Remove catfish from pan with a slotted spoon; keep warm.
Add broccoli to pan; stir-fry for 30 seconds. Stir cornstarch mixture well, then pour into pan.
Cook, stirring, until sauce boils and thickens slightly (1-2 minutes). Return catfish to pan. Add drained pineapple chunks; mix gently but thoroughly, just until catfish is hot and coated with sauce.
Yield: 4 servings.
Per serving: 345 calories; 24 g carbohydrates; 15 g fat; 28 g protein; 342 mg sodium; 80 mg cholesterol; 2 g fiber.

GRILLED CATFISH TACOS WITH CITRUS SLAW

4 6-ounce catfish fillets
1 tablespoon mild or hot chili powder
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 tablespoon fresh lemon or lime juice
4 flour tortillas, soft taco (10-inch) size
Citrus slaw (see recipe below)
Lemon and/or lime wedges
Cilantro leaves, optional
Prepare grill. Combine chili powder, oil and lemon/lime juice in a small bowl; brush over both sides of fillets. Arrange in a wire grilling basket coated with cooking spray. Place grilling basket on a grill rack; grill 6-8 minutes on each side until catfish flakes easily when tested with a fork.
Slice fillet; place sliced catfish on a tortilla and top with Citrus Slaw. Squeeze lemon and/or lime over slaw. Garnish with cilantro, if desired.
CITRUS SLAW
2 cups prepared cole slaw mix
1 cup orange sections, diced
1 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper
1/2 cup vertically sliced red onion
2 tablespoons canola oil
2 tablespoons seasoned rice vinegar
Combine all ingredients in a bowl; tossing gently. Cover and chill.
Yield: 4 servings.
Per serving: 518 calories; 38 g carbohydrates; 27 g fat; 33 g protein; 559 mg sodium; 80 mg cholesterol; 3 g fiber.

MANHATTAN CATFISH CHOWDER

Serve with wedges of warm, crusty bread
1 pound catfish fillets, cut into bite-size pieces
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1/4 cup diced onion
1 can (1 pound) diced tomatoes with oregano and

basil
Pinch cayenne pepper or more to taste
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth, diluted with 2 cups water
2 tablespoons minced parsley
1/4 cup fresh, grated Parmesan cheese
In a large, heavy saucepan, heat the olive oil over moderate heat; add the garlic and onion; sauté until golden. Add tomatoes, cayenne pepper and wine. Cook, uncovered, for 10 minutes.
Add the diluted broth; cover and bring to simmer — about 3 minutes. Mix in the catfish and cook, uncovered, 5 minutes longer. Ladle into bowls and sprinkle with parsley and grated Parmesan cheese.
Yield: 4 servings.
Per serving: 285 calories; 6 g carbohydrates; 17 g fat; 21 g protein; 436 mg sodium; 58 mg cholesterol; 2 g fiber.

GOLDEN SUNFLOWER CATFISH

4 6-ounce catfish fillets
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves, divided
2 tablespoons dried minced parsley, divided
1 large egg white, lightly beaten
1/4 cup 1 percent low-fat milk
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 cup dry roasted or raw sunflower kernels, ground
Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Coat a wire rack with cooking spray, place the rack on a baking sheet and set aside.
Combine 1/2 cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves and 1/2 teaspoon parsley in a shallow dish; set aside. Combine egg and milk in a shallow dish; set aside. Combine remaining thyme and parsley, pepper and sunflower kernels in another dish; set aside.
Dredge each fillet in flour mixture; dip into milk mixture; and coat one side of fillets with sunflower mixture. Place the coated fillets on the prepared wire rack and bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown and fish flakes easily with a fork.
Yield: 4 servings.
Per serving: 377 calories; 18 g carbohydrates; 21 g fat; 31 g protein; 107 mg sodium; 76 mg cholesterol; 3 g fiber.

Tips for buying and serving catfish

U.S. farm-raised catfish is not only easy to prepare, it's easy to find. The mild-flavored fare is available year-round in most supermarkets, seafood specialty stores and popular restaurants throughout the United States. Look for the "U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish" quality seal to identify catfish that is raised under the U.S. government's stringent quality measures.

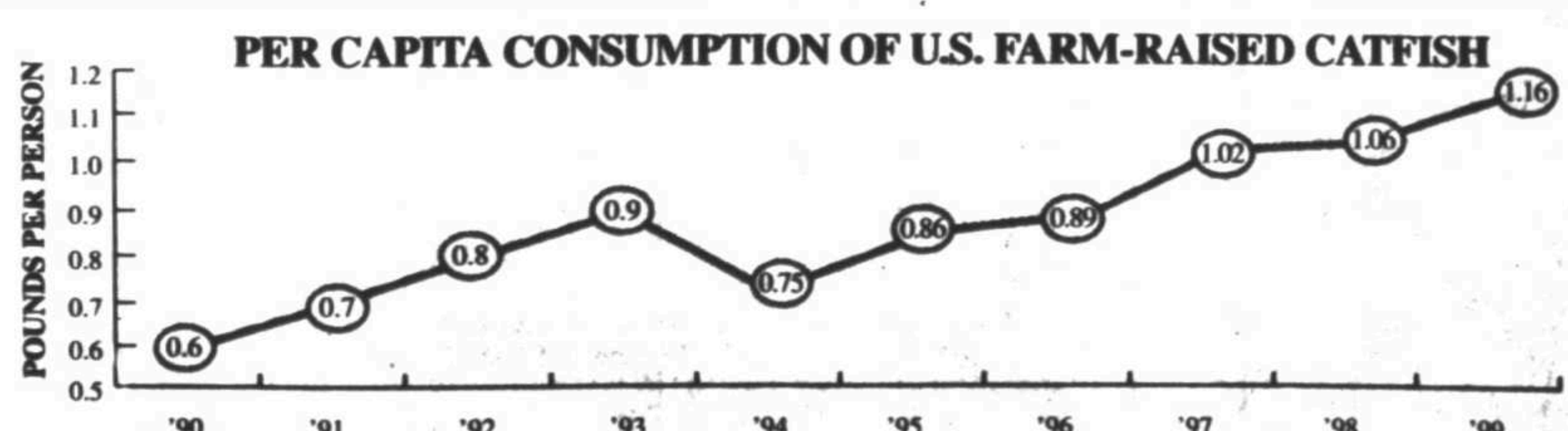
"Don't be afraid to ask if the catfish you're buying is U.S. farm-raised," advises Henry Gantz, president of The Catfish Institute. "It's the only way to ensure the catfish is raised and processed under strict quality controls, which guarantees you get a consistently sweet, mild-flavored fish."

Tips for shopping for catfish:
■ Fish fillets should be moist and not be drying or browning around the edges.
■ Smell fish after purchase to check for a clean scent; if there is an unpleasant odor, return to fish counter immediately.

■ Fish should be kept wrapped and stored in the coldest part of the refrigerator.
■ Fresh fish should be used within two days of purchase.

■ Frozen fish packages should be undamaged and the fish should not have freezer-burn and should not be off-color or covered with ice crystals.
■ To thaw frozen fish, do so in the refrigerator, never at room temperature.

■ Fish is ready to eat when the cooking process produces flesh that is opaque and flakes easily with a fork.



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Per capita consumption of U.S. farm-raised catfish has nearly doubled over the past decade.

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In the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate of Lewis Chandler Deceased, who was deceased on July 25, 2001, Cause No. P-13,2, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to file their claims with the undersigned at the address below on or before August 29, 2001.

The post office address of Independent Executor is: c/o Robert R. Silas, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 102, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons having claims against this Estate who are currently administered are required to present them within time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 28th day of August, 2001.

Robert R. Silas, Attorney for the Estate, State Bar No. 1956320.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate of Neal Thon Clifton, Deceased, who was deceased on July 25, 2001, Cause No. P-13,2, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to file their claims with the undersigned at the address below on or before August 29, 2001.

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In the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lewis Chandler Smith, Deceased, were issued on July 25, 2001, in Cause No. P-13,209, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Ada Mae Smith.

The post office box address of the Independent Executor is:

c/o Robert R. Sikes Attorney at Law P.O. Box 102 Midland, Texas 79702

All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 28th day of August, 2001.

Robert R. Sikes Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 19593200

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Neal Thomas Clifton, Deceased, were issued on July 25, 2001, in Cause No. P-13,186, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Brian Clifton, Independent Administrator, whose mailing address is 9009 University Parkway #172, Pensacola, FL 32514 and Eric Clifton, Independent Administrator, 2200 Salem Cemetery Lane, Brenham, Texas 77833.

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DATED the 24th day of August, 2001.

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The residence of the Independent Executor is: 8209 Santa Fe Dr., Odessa, Midland County, Texas, the post office address is:

c/o: Daniel J. Hoffmann Attorney at Law 5030 E. University Blvd. D-103 ODessa, Texas 79702

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DATED the 22nd day of August, 2001.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION (Publish-Children) THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: PABLO MORA

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: "YOU HAVE BEEN SUED." YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF TWENTY DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU."

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 119TH Judicial District Court, San Angelo, Texas, at the Courthouse in Tom Green County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of TX. DEP. OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES, Petitioner, filed in said Court on 11/3/00 against PABLO MORA, Respondent(s) and said suit being number B-00-0450-J on the docket of said court and entitled:

IN THE MATTER OF PAUL ANTHONY MORA A CHILD

the nature of which suit is a request for: ORIGINAL PETITION FOR PROTECTION OF A CHILD IN AN EMERGENCY, FOR CONSERVATORSHIP, AND FOR TERMINATION, AND ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

said child/children was/were born: PAUL ANTHONY MORA JANUARY 20, 1985

"The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's (children's) interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with the authority to consent to the child's (children's) adoption."

If this action is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at San Angelo, Texas on August 8th, 2001.

SHERI WOODFIN, District Clerk 119TH Judicial District Court Tom Green County, Texas

By: Victoria Roberts Deputy

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All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of Eric Clifton, whose address is noted above.

DATED the 24th day of August, 2001.

COTTON, BLEDSOE, TIGHE & DAWSON A Professional Corporation

By: JERRY D. ZANT ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT CO-EXECUTOR

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Legal Notices

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Billy Robert Hent, Deceased, were issued on August 22, 2001, in Cause No. P-13,248, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Melanie Jane Hent.

The residence of the Independent Executor is: 8209 Santa Fe Dr., Odessa, Midland County, Texas, the post office address is:

c/o: Daniel J. Hoffmann Attorney at Law 5030 E. University Blvd. D-103 ODessa, Texas 79702

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DATED the 22nd day of August, 2001.

Hoffmann, Lyon, Patterson & Durell, Inc. Attorneys at Law 5030 East University Blvd. D-103 Odessa, TX 79702 (915) 363-1300-Telephone (915) 363-1310-Facsimile

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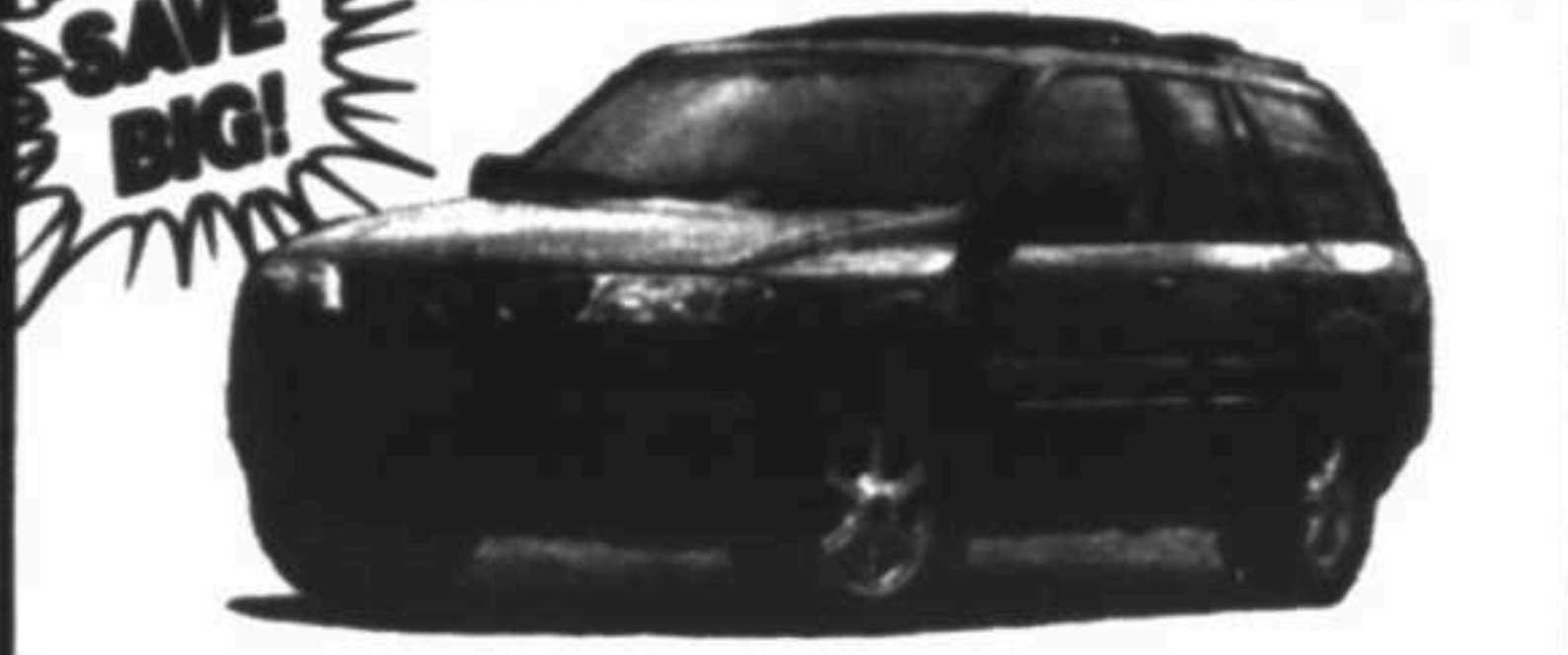
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TOYOTA 2000 4RUNNER Ltd., Sand Dune, tan leather, loaded, 18K miles, \$31,000, 694-9458.

MITSUBISHI 2000 MONTERO Sport, Must sell Limited black with taupe leather, 11K, Like new! Non smoker. Reduced! \$24,999 520-2156.

1998 LANDROVER DISCOVERY Teal green, 7 passenger, 2 sunroofs heated seats, CD changer, rear air, \$25,000. Please call 570-7768.

FORD 1998 EXPEDITION Eddie Bauer loaded, 4x4, 6 Disk CD, rear air, Extended warranty Excellent condition \$19,500, 687-6964, call 684-6964.

FORD 2000 Explorer XLT, Blue, 4 door, 4X4, new tires, 34K, Mint condition! \$18,800 obo 561-8196.

CHEVROLET 2000 Tahoe, Powder, 4 door, 3rd seat, loaded, 34K miles, \$28,000, 684-8787, 6 pm.

FORD 1997 EXPLORER XLT, 4X4, leather, new tires, good condition, green, \$12,500, 559-2772.

FORD 2000 EXPLORER XLT, White, grey interior, 16K miles, running boards, CD/cassette. Excellent condition! New tires. \$20,000, Call 689-3416.

ISUZU 1998 Amigo, By owner, must sell green, pay only transfer and \$299.00 monthly. Call Dutch 697-3293.

FORD 2001 Explorer Sport XLT, 13K, automatic, power windows/locks, keyless entry, CD, cassette, Must sell! \$22,500, 687-8463/ 349-5374.

JEEP 1994 Grand Cherokee, Teal, loaded, 68K, one owner, Garage kept, \$8,500, 620-9222.

FORD 1998 EXPEDITION XLT, white, luggage carrier, running boards, 43K, 3 seats, runs good, excellent condition! \$17,500, 262-3538/ 499-1804 beeper.

JEEP 1998 Grand Cherokee Laredo, All power, bright red, \$15,950, #P1075, 550-9950.

CHEVROLET 1999 Blazer 4 door, 2 wheel drive, 1 owner, \$16,950, #J310170A, 550-9950.

FORD 2001 Explorer Sport Trac, Brand new 5K, dark blue, excellent condition, \$20,800, Call 699-4756, leave message.

KIA 1999 Sportage, All power, low miles, \$8,950, #J310090A, 550-9950.

CHEVROLET 1995 S-10 BLAZER, Black, 4 door, new tires and brakes, power everything, CD player, 88K, \$8,000, Can be seen at 1802 N. T Street, Call 559-2373.

DODGE 1997 Dakota, By owner, must sell extended cab, pay transfer and \$389.00 monthly, I help finance. Call Dutch 697-3293.

FORD 1997 RANGER XLT, 52,000 miles, regular cab with camper shell, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, \$9,500, 686-7749.

FORD 1996 F-150, By owner, must sell, 4 door cab, red, pay only transfer and \$398.00 monthly, I help finance. Call Dutch 697-3293.

NISSAN 2001 Crew cab, XE, all power, 9,800 miles, \$21,950, 300100, 550-9950.

FORD 1999 Ranger, By owner, must sell, Supercab, red, pay only transfer and \$399.00 monthly, I help finance, call Dutch 697-3293.

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FORD 2000 F-150 XLT Super cab, 31,150 miles, automatic, 4.6 liter V8, red with chrome trim, premium sound, CD, bed liner, dual exhaust system, tinted, windows, dual owned and driven, \$18,250, 685-4103.

PONTIAC 2001 Aztec, V6 factory warranty, \$17,950, 550-9950.

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FORD 1998 Ranger, 31,196 miles, under factory warranty, extended warranty through 60,000, Regular cab, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, \$9,500, 687-2847.

CHEVROLET 2001 S-10, Brand new, champagne, 200 miles, 5 Speed, air, AM/FM, air bags, ABS, \$9,700, obo, Collect 915/853-2828.

FORD 2001 F150 XLT, Supercab, 4K, automatic, power windows/locks, CD, keyless entry, brand new, Must sell! \$23,500, 687-463/ 349-5374.

CHEVROLET 1998 Silverado, X-cab, conversion package, \$11,950, #410260A, 550-9950.

PONTIAC 1999 Montana Van, leather, rear air, more! \$17,950, #P1096, 550-9950.

PLYMOUTH 1992 GRAND Voyager SE, All accessories, very good condition, Asking \$3,500, 694-2055.

DODGE 1993 Ram 250 conversion van, automatic, air, tilt, radio, 318 V8 engine, 76,000 miles, TV, VCR, new brakes, tires, battery, \$8,000, 620-0080.

CHEVROLET 1999 Suburban LS, 1 owner, the right options. Was \$18,950, Now \$17,750! 410271AA, 550-9950.

CHEVROLET 1998 SUBURBAN, nice inside and out, very dependable, 138,000 miles, \$3,800, 570-0313 or 528-9845.

CHEVROLET 1991 SUBURBAN loaded, 6' lift 35" tires, custom bumpers and steps, Sound system 4 speakers, 78K, \$6,800, 520-2625 or 238-1087.

CHEVROLET 1993 Conversion van, automatic, power windows, blue, garage kept, always garaged, wood trim, \$6,200, 682-6739, 683-7283.

CHEVROLET 1993 SUBURBAN, Tan, customized, tan leather, TV, VCR, 4 captains chairs, good tires, loaded! Excellent condition! \$11,900, 570-8950/ 631-1708.

CHEVROLET 1996 CONVERSION Van, 8K, mint condition, VCR, new tires, \$12,000, 687-4809.

DODGE 1995 RAM 1500 Club Cab, 78K miles, bed liner, CD player, all electric, Good condition! \$10,800, 683-8873.

FORD 1987 F-150, Super cab, automatic, 351, body clean, runs well, \$10,000, 686-3236/LM.

FORD 1987 F-150, Extended cab, very low miles, extra clean. Please call 685-3532.

FORD 1987 XLT Lariat Crew Cab Dual Diesel, Power windows and locks, bed \$5,000 obo, Call 563-0720, 634-4000.

FORD 1991 3/4 TON V8, 5 speed, new battery, needs new clutch, \$3,250 310 S, Weatherford St. 686-8759.

FORD 1998 F150 Pickup, Low miles, excellent condition, Call Jim or Shane at CNB 699-0834.

FORD 1991 3/4 ton V8, 5 speed, new battery, needs new clutch, \$3,250 310 S, Weatherford St. 686-8759.

DODGE 1999 GRAND Caravan, red, 4 door, excellent condition, 16K miles, \$12,900, 687-5861.

GMC 1995 SUBURBAN, GMC with grey interior, 64K, new tires, loaded, \$12,200, 687-4051 or 2600 West Denver.

CHEVROLET 1996 CONVERSION Van, new chrome wheels/tires, looks good, needs electric windows/ A/C, 129K, \$2,000 firm, 694-3087.

PLYMOUTH 1999 VOYAGER, Needs engine work, \$300, 570-8562.

MAZDA 1998 B 250, crew cab, new brake shoes, 48K miles, \$8,000, Please call 570-0524.

CHEVROLET 1994 1 Ton Dually 454 V8, Auto, All the bells and whistles, sharp, low mileage, \$16,000, Days 563-3752, 567-3388.

FORD 1994 F350 crew cab, dually, sleeper, 7.3 turbo diesel, motor, tires and transmission overhauled, 35,000 miles ago, \$10,500 obo, 682-6372.

GMC 1992 SLE 2500 Extended Cab, Maroon, 350, automatic, 150K miles, captains seats, AM/FM/cassette, gooseneck hitch, \$9,000, 684-4178.

TOYOTA 1995 T100 DX, extended cab, chrome rails and headcase rack, alloy wheels, CD, tint, 69K, \$9,500, Call 263-7061.

CHEVROLET 1995 2.7i NADA Extended Cab, Z-71, NADA wholesale \$15,900, \$14,700, Please call 638-6667.

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CHEVROLET 1999 2.7i NADA Extended Cab, Z-71, NADA wholesale \$15,900, \$14,700, Please call 638-6667.

CHEVROLET 1991 4X4 Z-71, short bed, 4K, Alpine CD, wheel flares, standard, 58K on GoodWrench V6 overland tires,

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2000 Chevy Suburban	White, Factory Warranty Remaining, 5.7 liter	\$29,999
2000 GMC Jimmy	Pewee, 4x4, under 30K Miles Only	\$29,999
2000 Ford Ranger	V6 Automatic and Bright Red WOW!	\$29,999
2000 GMC Jimmy	Black, V6 Automatic, Under 29K Miles Only	\$29,999
2001 Suzuki Esteem	Silver, Under 12K miles with Auto and Air Only	\$19,999
2000 Isuzu Rodeo	Automatic, 2-Wheel Drive	\$19,999
2000 Chevy Tahoe	4-Door, V-8, 4x4, Low Miles	\$29,999
2000 GMC Yukon	V-8, Two-Tone Paint	\$29,999
2000 Ford F150 2/4x4	XL, V-8, 4x4	\$29,999
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2000 Chevy Truck 2/4x4	Stepside, Automatic	\$29,999
2000 Dodge Durango	V-8, Rear Air, Warranty	\$29,999
2001 Pontiac Aztek	Factory Warranty, Perfect Sport Utility	\$29,999
2000 Ford F150 2/4x4	XL, V-8, Quad Door	\$29,999
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2000 Chevy Silverado	Crew Cab, V-8, Emaculate	\$29,999
2000 Chevrolet Blazer	XL, 4x4, 4-Door, Factory Warranty	\$29,999
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2000 Mercedes S-280	All Power, V-8	\$29,999
2001 Cadillac Deville Sedan	On Star & Everything Else!	\$29,999

CARS

2001 Pontiac Grand Am	White, You Can't Beat This	\$19,999
2001 Ford Mustang	White, Sporty and Affordable	\$19,999
2000 Ford Escort Z2	Red, You Have To See This One	\$9,999
1997 Oldsmobile	Burgundy, Great Luxury	\$19,999
2000 Dodge Stratus	Automatic, 4-Door	\$9,999
2000 Mercury Mystique	Great Fuel Economy	\$9,999
2000 Mercury Grand Marquis	Factory Warranty, Rear Wheel Drive	\$19,999
2000 Chevy Blazer	All Power, V-8	\$9,999
2000 Cadillac Sedan	Leather, Must See, Perfect	\$19,999
2000 Buick Century	All Power, Warranty	\$9,999
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222 Suburban & Van

CHEVROLET 1999 SUBURBAN, Must sell White, 41K, new tires, low package. Like new! non smoker. Reduced \$20,900. 520-2156/580-7171.

TOYOTA 1991 PREVIA LE, Loaded, 4 cup holders, dual air, windows, locks, cruise, loaded, 16" alloy wheels, white. \$5,750. 689-6060.

TOYOTA 1998 T-100, 4x4, extended cab, V6, Auto, Cassette CD, 16" tires, \$14,500. 697-0379.

JEOP 1996 Grand Cherokee Ltd., White, sun roof, CD fully loaded. \$9,000. 699-7502, 694-5142.

GMC 1990 4 WHEEL drive, extended cab, very clean. Please call 685-3532.

JEOP 1993 J-10, Standard, rebuilt 360, new tires, excellent mechanical condition! \$4,950. 685-3570.

JEOP 1985 C.J.-7, Black hard top & doors, 6x6, 33" tires, chrome grill guard. \$6,000. 689-0426.

JEOP 1988 CHEROKEE, new tires, and brakes, 4x4, \$3,750. Please call 684-9749.

JEOP 1993 CHEROKEE, Sport, 4x4, Red, new tires, good running condition. \$3500. Call 686-0011.

JEOP 1997 WRANGLER, Red, running lights, soft top, good condition. \$11,000. 687-4361.

DODGE 2001 3500 QUAD, CAB 4x4, dual, Cummins diesel, CD, lots of extras, 59K miles, \$27,500. 694-1452 or 425-1890.

JEOP 1995 WRANGLER, 4x4, 4 cylinder, 138K, Great condition! \$7000 negotiable. Loop 250/Discount Tire, 354-2345 after 6.

CHEV 1976 BLAZER, Cheyenne 4x4, A/C, receiver high front and back, which (on front bumper), \$2500. White, which, \$1500. 425-1712.

228 Van

GEO 1995 TRACKER, 1995, 4 door sedan standard transmission, 4 wheel drive. Great low car smoker. Reduced \$20,900. 520-2156/580-7171.

JEOP 1974 CJS, Balanced, 327 Chevrolet, Excellent condition. Grizzly roll bar. Not running, body needs repair. \$2,500 firm. 520-2830, 553-3261.

JEOP 1997 WRANGLER, white, soft top, 63K miles, good condition. \$11,700. 689-4878 leave message.

FORD 1984 Bronco, New engine, new transmission, carburetor, Edelbrock high rise, Headman headers, mags. \$3,995. 689-2123 after 6 pm.

FORD 1984 F150, four wheel drive, runs great. New tires, wheels, toolbox, grill guard, 67K miles. \$3,850. 689-3212, 8:00-5:00.

NISSAN 1989 Pathfinder, V6, good condition, high mileage. Maroon/grey, \$4,200 obo. Call 425-1636.

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CHEVROLET 1986 Cavalier, Dependable work car, 71K, cold air, \$1,800 obo. 689-4430.

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BUICK 1988 LA Sabre, 4 door, green, 3 speed, new tires/brakes/starter/battery and more. Rebuilt transmission, \$1,750. 699-4254.

CHEVROLET 1991 Beretta, Air conditioning, V6, CD player, nice car. \$2,450. 352-6134.

FORD 1980 MUSTANG, JUNKY old car \$250, good condition. Call 238-4870 or 238-4869.

FORD 1989 CROWN, Victoria, power brakes/starter, AM/FM, tape, good condition. \$2,175. 558-1149.

FORD 1989, TAURUS GL Wagon Limited, 98K, all power excellent transportation. \$1,850. 697-0801.

FORD 1991 AEROSTAR, Van, Very clean, runs good. Needs AC work. \$2,350. OBO 520-0827.

GMC 1988 SAFARI, Cargo mini van, AC, metal partition, good running condition. Reduced to \$1,995. 686-8559 ask for Sam, Avie.

OLDSMOBILE 1985, DELTA, excellent running condition, will jump right out from under you! Good shape, great oil. \$2,400. 524-5262.

PLYMOUTH 1990, Voyager, V6 Power, cold air, new tires, third seat, very clean. 697-8907 asking \$2900.

PLYMOUTH 1991 LASER, 98K miles, fair condition. Clean vehicle, cold air. \$2,500. 620-9125.

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CADILLAC 1977 Sedan, Deville, high mileage, good condition. \$1,800. 694-3285.

230 Vehicle \$3,000 & under

MAZDA 1995 MX3, Good mechanical condition, good interior, rough body. \$2,500. Serious callers only. 697-2562.

CHEVROLET 1985, CAPRICE V6 automatic, O.D., A/C, 7500 miles on rebuilt engine, \$1,400. Call after 5 pm 684-9784.

MERCURY 1983 Comet, 4 door, green, 3 speed, new tires/brakes/starter/battery and more. Rebuilt transmission, \$1,750. 699-4254.

1993 YAMAHA 250 YZ, Very good condition! Recently rebuilt, from bottom up! Very fast! Must see! \$2,200. 697-6980.

1999 BMW F-650 Black, 5,000 miles, hard saddle bags, and two windshields. \$6,800. 697-2718.

1983 HONDA VF1100, Magna, garaged, very good condition. \$2,750 obo. 689-4430.

1996 YAMAHA XT500, Enduro, lots of new, garages, very good condition. \$700 obo. 689-4430.

2/2001-125 KAWASAKI, Dirt bikes, like new, \$3,000 each. Please call 684-1181 or 631-8700.

2000 HARLEY Davidson, Road King Classic, 4,800 miles, like new, leather trunk, many extras, \$17,900. Day 620-8787, evenings/weekends 362-3985.

BMW 1996 Green, R1100RT 53,500 miles, heated grips, throttle lock, factory tail trunk, new BT-020 rear tire, \$7,999. OBO, 520-8501.

HARLEY DAVIDSON 1997, Low Rider - Loaded, lot of chrome and extras, \$17,500 firm. 570-6766.

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HONDA 1985 REBEL, Turquoise, saddle bags, new battery, runs great! \$1,500 obo. 620-9910.

1978 PACE ARROW, motor home, excellent condition. Must see! \$6,500. 686-9643.

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