



MONDAY MORNING

BIG family

With the birth of Christian Burd three months ago, a Midland-based family tree encompasses six generations./5A



SPORTS

No. 1 seeds

Top-ranked Kansas, Minnesota, Kentucky and North Carolina drew No. 1 seeds Sunday in the NCAA basketball tournament./1B

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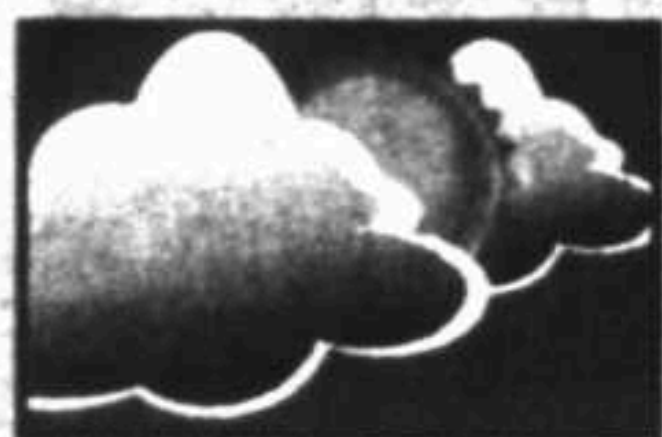
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TODAY
Partly cloudy
with high in
mid-60s.
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Celestial treat

Sky gazers in China and Russia got a double delight Sunday when the sun disappeared behind the moon in a total solar eclipse coinciding with a rare view of the bright Hale-Bopp comet. Tens of thousands of people in northern China and eastern Siberia watched the sky go dark and felt already freezing temperatures drop as the moon blocked the sun's rays.

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Auto accidents

A two-vehicle accident sent a Midland woman to the hospital Sunday morning.

Lillian McCurdy, 38, was in serious condition at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center with leg injuries after her 1995 Pontiac collided with a 1990 GMC pickup driven by George Felan, also of Midland. He was treated for cuts and bruises and released.

At 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning, the two were eastbound on the north service road to Interstate 20 just east of Highway 158 when Felan swerved to miss a tractor-trailer unit that had stopped to turn into a business.

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts.

A second accident at the intersection of Midkiff and Illinois at approximately 8:30 p.m. sent a Midland woman to the emergency room with minor injuries after her vehicle was hit by a second car whose driver was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. No further information was available at press time.

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Cardinals ask for abortion ban

President urged to admit he was misled about late-term procedure

By Verena Dobnik

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cardinal John O'Connor led the nation's seven Roman Catholic cardinals Sunday in urging President Clinton to admit he was misled into believing most late-term abortions save a woman's life or health.

"These abortions may actually endanger a woman's life," the cardinal told a packed St. Patrick's Cathedral during Sunday morning Mass.

O'Connor quoted from a letter to the president signed by the U.S.-based cardinals and the National Con-

ference of Catholic Bishops, who urged Clinton and Congress to support a bill banning the late-term procedure.

The bishops' conference said the message was to be read beginning Sunday in Catholic churches across the United States, as well as at the Vatican.

In O'Connor's mid-Mass homily, delivered from the pulpit, he noted that "the vast majority" of late-term abortions are performed "on the healthy babies of healthy women."

White House spokeswoman Kathleen McKiernan said Sunday Clinton's "only concern was to protect the health of these women. This is not about numbers."

The U.S. prelates said the public had been led to

believe that "partial-birth abortions" — as abortion opponents call them — were used to save a woman's life or her fertility.

On the contrary, O'Connor said, specialists now acknowledge that such abortions may actually pose a risk. The cardinal cited the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which recently reversed itself by saying that late-term abortions "may not be" safe.

Alexander Sanger, president of Planned Parenthood in New York, while noting that "no abortion is risk-free," said ACOG still opposes government legislation

Please see CLERGY/2A

A joyful noise

Local man keeps on keeping on

The old minstrel, now bent by the winds of life, leaned into the microphone. His double-jointed fingers graced the guitar, and nostalgia and tenderness flowed from the heart.

"Won't you ride in my little red wagon?
I'd love to pull you down the street.
And I bet all the kids will be jealous
When they see my playmate so sweet."

Hold tight when we come to the hilltop
And we'll go down together you and me.
So, won't you ride my little red wagon?
For you are my sweetheart to be."

William White, at age 69, white of beard and almost bald, had just finished playing on his guitar and singing "Family Bible" with the accompaniment of the Cotten brothers, Tell, 14, on the bass, and Justin, 16, on the guitar.

Then, inspired by a sweet childhood song, the old-timers broke into the sentimental "Won't You Ride In My Little Red Wagon."

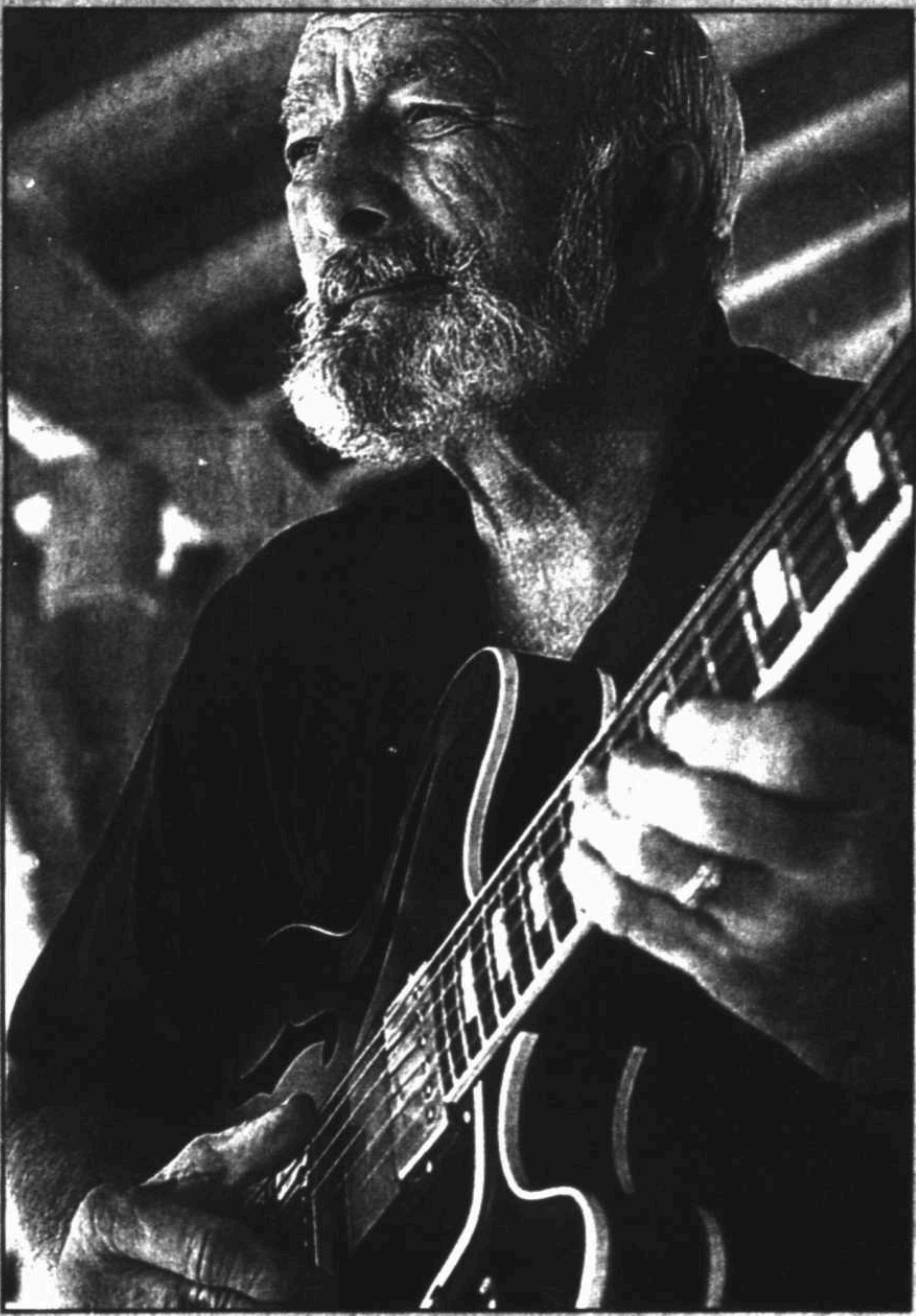
White's ministry is playing and singing on the Country Chapel's "worship team."

But beyond his musical ministry is his ministry of work.

"As long as I'm busy, that's what counts," said White, who is the weekday busboy at Prescott's Cafe halfway between Midland and Odessa.

"It's the most important job on Earth. That's the way I take it," White

Please see SING/2A



William White buses tables at Prescott's Cafe and plays guitar at the Country Chapel services that meet there.

Story by Ed Todd

Photos by Brian Adamcik



City workers install more street lights

By Mella McEwen

Staff Writer

Workers in Midland's traffic division have been busy lighting up city streets.

They have installed, or are in the process of installing, 302 residential and 239 arterial street lights, an increase of 12 percent in the number of lights since 1993.

"We're trying to improve the amount of lighting, especially in arterial lighting, in order to meet national standards on street lighting," said Rick Menchaca, assistant city manager.

"Street lighting is important not only for traffic safety but for pedestrian safety and in the residential areas, serving as a deterrent to crime," he said.

According to Menchaca, the city is concentrating on arterial streets — the main traffic streets such as Rankin Highway, Wadley Avenue, Midkiff Road and A Street.

The lights are of high-pressure sodium, which gives an orange-glowing effect, and provide 50 percent more coverage. They are more energy-efficient than mercury vapor lights, which give off a white glow.

The city, which converted street lights from mercury vapor to HPS in 1984, is studying a plan to increase lighting on Wadley Avenue between A and I streets. The plan would include decorative lighting that would not only illuminate Wadley, but set Windlands Park apart.

"The problem is, we believe, there's not been sufficient lighting in the arterial areas (and) some residential areas, especially those with long blocks," Menchaca said.

The city recently revised its subdivision development code to require that in new developments with long blocks, lights must be installed in the middle of the block.

Menchaca urged residents to call Gary Saunders, Please see LIGHT/2A

The city has been adding lights in the city in order to meet national standards on street lighting.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

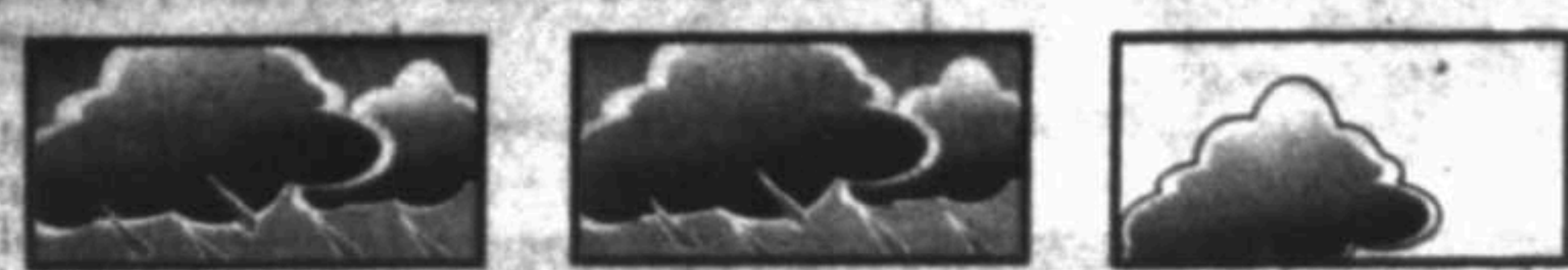
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Scattered storms	Scattered storms	Mostly cloudy
High 74 Low 44	High 72 Low 46	High 75 Low 46

Today is expected to be partly cloudy with a high near 70. There will be light winds early, turning south at 5 to 10 miles per hour in the afternoon.

Tonight's forecast is for partly to mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and a low in the low- to mid-40s.

Tuesday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. The high is expected to be between 65 and 70 degrees.

Sunday's high temperature was 71 degrees, compared to a record high of 85, set in 1955. The low was 59, compared to a record low of 17 that was tied in 1956.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Saturday0.00 in.
Rainfall SundayTrace
Total for monthTrace
Total for year1.90 in.

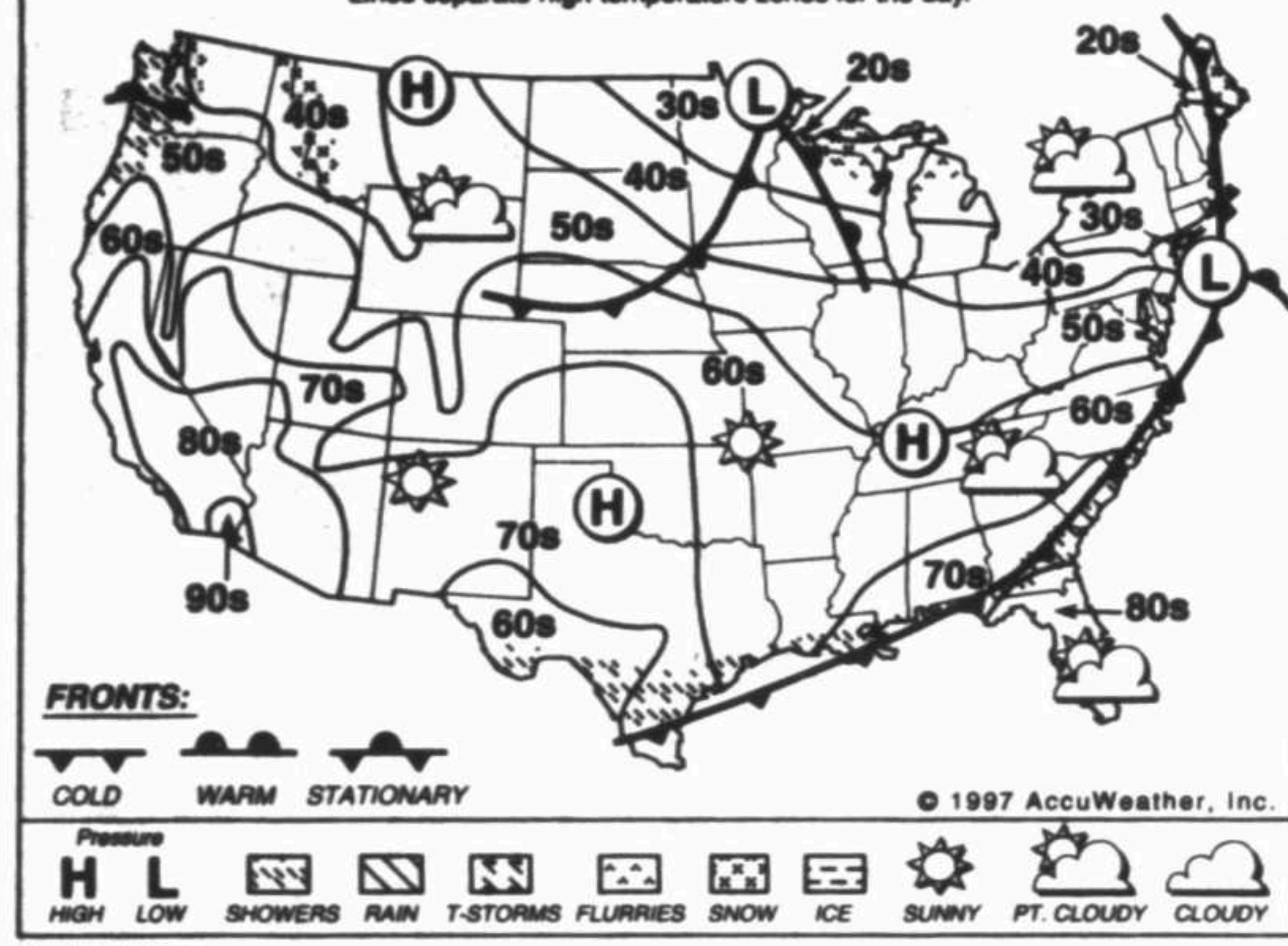
Yesterday's temperatures
High71
Low59
Normal high69
Normal low38

Sunrise 7:05 a.m. Sunset 6:53 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, March 10.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.

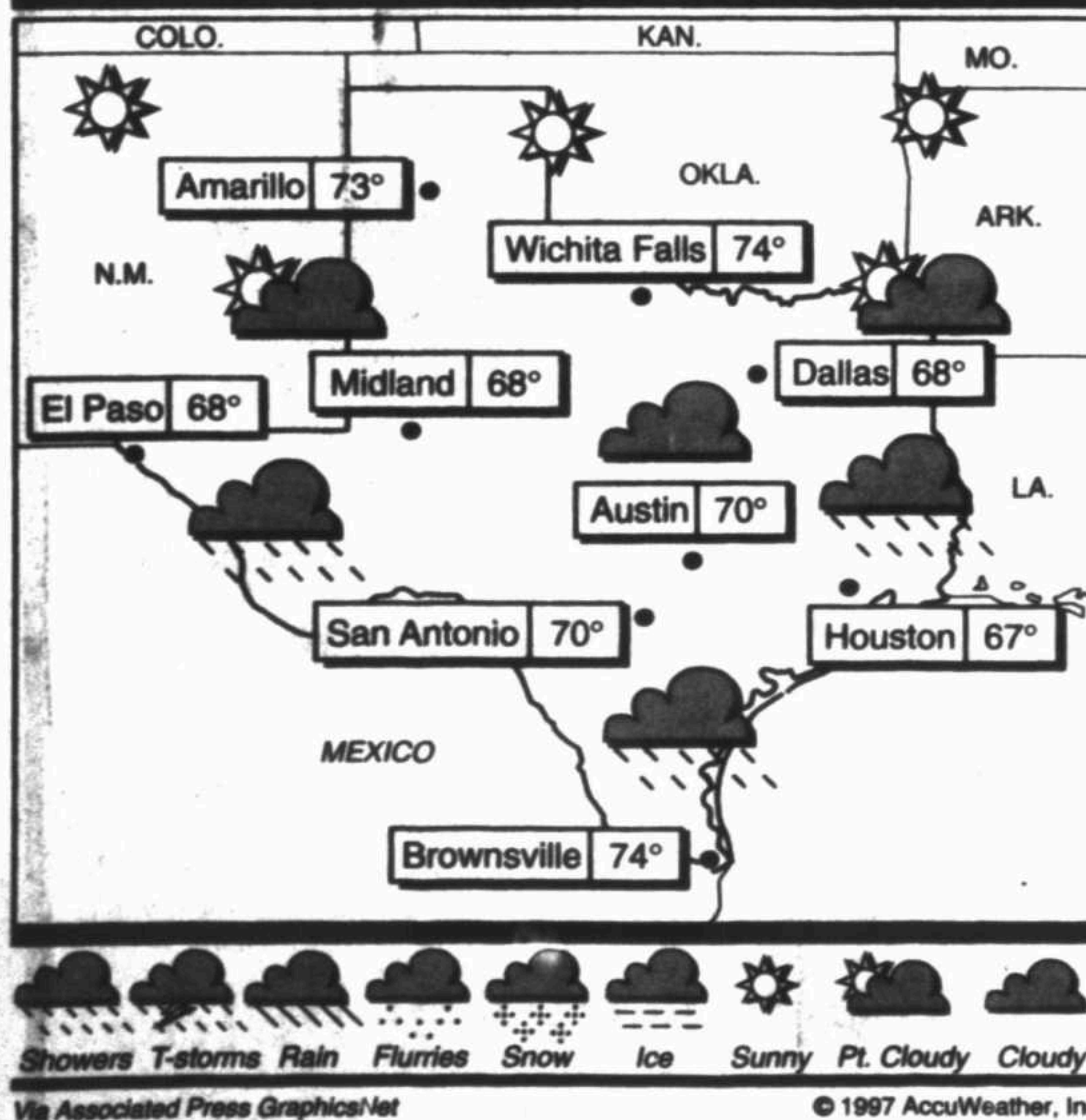


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:30 p.m. EST.

City	High	Low	Prc	Out	City	High	Low	Prc	Out
Albany, N.Y.	32	13	an		Janeau	41	33	ody	
Albuquerque	67	40	cr		Kansas City	59	54	cr	
Anchorage	29	25	cr		Las Vegas	76	48	cr	
Asheville	65	31	ody		Little Rock	75	58	44	cr
Atlanta	78	62	ody		Los Angeles	70	52	cr	
Baltimore	57	31	ody		Louisville	56	44	44	cr
Birmingham	47	27	ody		Memphis	73	57	cr	
Boston	41	27	ody		Miami Beach	82	71	ody	
Brownsville	84	70	ody		Minneapolis	42	30	18	
Buffalo	57	33	ody		Mpls-St. Paul	38	36	04	ody
Burlington, Vt.	25	18	an		Nashville	78	48	cr	
Camper	46	16	06	cr	New Orleans	79	56	m	
Charleston, S.C.	75	48	m		New York City	36	28	ody	
Charleston, W. Va.	68	31	cr		Norfolk, Va.	44	36	ody	
Charlotte, N.C.	73	45	an		North Platte	54	30	cr	
Chicago	52	21	ody		Oklahoma City	58	56	cr	
Cincinnati	53	34	52	ody	Omaha	52	37	cr	
Cleveland	49	26	03	ody	Orlando	81	58	ody	
Columbia, S.C.	77	40	ody		Philadelphia	43	28	ody	
Columbus, Ohio	52	28	52	ody	Phoenix	89	54	cr	
Concord, N.H.	30	0	an		Pittsburgh	50	24	03	ody
Dayton	50	29	58	ody	Portland, Maine	27	9	an	
Denver	58	21	ody		Portland, Ore.	55	45	57	m
Des Moines	48	27	ody		Providence	33	20	an	
Detroit	37	25	07	ody	Raleigh-Durham	80	37	cr	
Duluth	37	24	an		Rapid City	54	20	ody	
Everett	37	24	an		Reno	55	27	cr	
Fairbanks	13	1	01	ody	Richmond	36	36	ody	
Fargo	35	17	ody		Sacramento	75	41	cr	
Flagstaff	54	19	cr		St. Louis	59	48	47	cr
Grand Rapids	39	28	12	ody	Salt Lake City	58	28	cr	
Great Falls	47	23	ody		San Diego	74	52	cr	
Greensboro, N.C.	82	40	m		San Francisco	69	45	cr	
Harford Spgld	34	16	an		San Juan, P.R.	81	72	ody	
Havana	55	25	ody		San Jose	84	28	ody	
Honolulu	83	72	cr		St. Mary	38	12	ody	
Indianapolis	52	37	ody		Seattle	50	39	50	m
Jackson, Miss.	74	61	ody		Shreveport	79	61	ody	
Jacksonville	79	59	ody		Sioux Falls	38	32	01	ody
					Spokane	49	34	22	ody
					Syracuse	38	7	ody	
					Tampa-St. Petersburg	85	61	ody	
					Tucson	81	57	ody	
					Tulsa	69	58	ody	
					Washington, D.C.	47	33	ody	
					Wichita	60	55	02	cr

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 16 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT.

City	High	Low	Pcp.	City	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	72	42		Houston Hobby	80	63	
Alamo	72	42		Houston Intercontinental	83	65	
Amarillo	73	43		Junction	77	63	
Austin	70	40		Kingsville	84	69	0.15
Beaumont-Port Arthur	77	63		Laredo	84	70	
Brownsville	74	44		Longview	79	62	
Bryan-College Station	83	63		Lubbock	86	54	
Corpus Christi	83	63		Lufkin	82	68	
Corpus Christi NAS	76	67	0.01	Marfa	72	43	
Dallas	68	38		McAllen	86	70	
Dallas Love Field	77	63		Midland-Odessa	71	59	0.23
Del Rio	79	67		Midland Wells	77	62	
Denton	76	46		Palestine	77	65	
El Paso	68	38		Paris	73	61	0.01
Fort Stockton	77	65		San Angelo	74	63	
Fort Worth	77	65	0.09	San Antonio	80	66	
Fort Worth Meow Mix	77	65	0.49	Shreveport, La.	79	61	
Galveston	75	64		Texasark, Ark.	79	62	0.06
				Tyler	81	62	
				Victoria	82	65	0.01
				Waco	79	62	
				Wichita Falls	67	58	0.07
				Wink	75	67	

CLERGY: Cardinals ask for partial-birth abortion ban

(From 1A)

in this area. He also said this should not be a political issue.

"The selection of the safest method to terminate a pregnancy should be made by the woman and the doctor who is going to perform the procedure, not by doctors who oppose abortion — and certainly not by Catholic cardinals or lawmakers," Sanger said.

O'Connor, however, told the nearly 2,500 congregants who filled the nation's largest Roman Catholic church that terminating a life "is killing on demand — infanticide."

The cardinals and bishops urged Clinton "to seize the opportunity before you to explain that you

were misled, as were most Americans. We urge you to ask Congress to pass a bill banning partial-birth abortions, and let it be known that you will sign it into law."

Clinton had said Friday that if he and Congress could agree on language that would make the procedure available only to women whose lives or health were in jeopardy, "I will happily sign this bill."

He said lawmakers should not pass the same version of legislation banning the late-term abortions that he vetoed last year.

The prelates' letter alluded to a recent public confession by Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers. Fitzsimmons said he

lied in 1995 when he said only a few hundred late-term abortions were performed annually — and then only to save the mother's life or abort deformed fetuses.

Fitzsimmons, who was not named in the letter, now says several thousand of the controversial procedures are performed yearly and many are not medically necessary.

Late-term abortions usually are performed during the last 4 1/2 months of pregnancy. They represent about 1 percent of the 1.4 million abortions performed each year in the United States.

Fetuses too large to be aborted surgically are partially delivered through the birth canal, and in some cases, their skulls are col-

lapsed so they can be removed.

The six other American cardinals who signed the letter are: Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia; James Hickey of Washington; William Keeler of Baltimore; Bernard Law of Boston; Adam Maida of Detroit; and Roger Mahony of Los Angeles. The letter was also signed by Bishop Anthony Pilla, president of the Washington-based bishops' conference.

Susan Gibbs, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which has 1.4 million parishioners, said the letter was read at the six Masses held this weekend at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. It was to be circulated this week to the 287 other parish-

SING: Local man makes hard work his life

(From 1A)

declared. "If I slow down, I know there's something I haven't done yet."

He has been busing tables more than a decade for Robert and Ronnie Prescott, who once operated the restaurant at Warfield Truck Terminal and now run Prescott's Cafe, which serves home-style cooking.

"If he misses (work), everybody asks (about him)," Prescott said of White. "If we miss, nobody asks. They (customers) don't ever ask 'where that old goat is at,'" Prescott said of himself.

White is a "dedicated friend," Mrs. Prescott said. "He's a good man. Everybody likes him wherever he goes."

Rather than his lot in life, busing tables is White's work-a-day routine in retirement.

"I don't believe in sitting around and doing nothing," said White, who recalled a jingle pegged to his name: "Old Wild Bill from Shady Hill. Never worked and never will."

But not this time and humble "Old Wild Bill." "Most of them call me Bill," he said. "I don't care what they call me as long as it's not too late to eat."

Or to work.

White was born in a rural Illinois community almost 70 years ago. He has worked most of his life: mending fences in his youth on a ranch near his hometown of Mackinaw, between Peoria and Bloomington, working in a vegetable-canning plant, toiling in a pottery plant, laboring for tractor company during World War II, and, finally, doing "anything and everything, whatever there was to do," for a candy com-

pany in Bloomington.

Following his retirement there he moved south to West Texas.

But in Illinois, he left fond childhood memories of play and work.

"We done our own canning, made our own bread, had a (vegetable) garden and everything. We would have never made it without it."

During the Great Depression, his father worked for the old Work Projects Administration and then for the railroad.

For play, he and his brothers and sisters would make "a lot of our own toys," including a snow sled from the discarded rumble seat of a 1927 Chevrolet coupe.

"You couldn't guide it," he recalled, "but we had a lot of fun back then."

Now in semi-retirement, White lives less than a mile from the rustic cafe of Western cowboylore and flavor. With his wife, Beverly, he has seven stepchildren, 22 stepgrandchildren, and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

"I never had none of my own," he said. "They are the same as mine. That's the way I treat them. Same as mine."

Two years ago, when Midland cowboy-minister Leonard Cotten and his wife, Jan Cotten, started holding their Country Chapel services in Prescott's Cafe, White volunteered to "help them out until you can get somebody" else on the guitar.

"I'm still there," playing at the Sunday and week-night services. "I enjoy every moment of it." He plays along with the Cotten brothers. "I look for them to go into the ministry like their dad."

White said that his playing in the worship

ministry is "just enjoyable. That's all. Whatever there is to do, I do it."

White's "Uncle Shorty" inspired him to develop his musical talent.

"He was 6-foot-6 in stocking feet. We called him 'Shorty.' He was slim but he was tall. He showed me three chords: C, F, and E."

White took it from there and played in jam sessions and for various events and functions.

"We played all them old songs" such as "You Are My Sunshine," "Red River Valley," "Amazing Grace," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Sweet By and By."

Even today, "If we can get in a jam session, I'm right there."

In considering his life, White said that "The only thing I try to do is survive, which is getting rougher every day. As you get older, the work gets harder."

And at work and play and in leisure and worship, White said that he enjoys the company of his friends.

"I wouldn't take a million (dollars) for my friends, because you can't replace them. If you had all the money in the world and didn't have friends, what good would it do you? That's the way I look at it."

White pretty well characterized his mission in life.

"A guy can only do so much," he figured. "A guy can do what a guy can do. There are things I wish I could have done better, but it didn't turn out that way."

Officials hope to link account to corruption

HOUSTON (AP) — At first glance, Texas Commerce Bank account No. 08100355370 seems most unremarkable. Its healthy balance of \$9,041,598 is nothing special in Houston, where millionaires are plentiful.

But this single account and its owner could blow wide open a corruption scandal simmering in Mexico and further damage the United States' drug-fighting partnership with its southern neighbor.

The account belongs to Mario Ruiz Massieu, once Mexico's top drug prosecutor, who is now named in allegations that top Mexican officials were paid to protect drug cartels.

U.S. prosecutors go to court this week to prove that Ruiz Massieu's nest egg, fed in six-figure deposits over 13 months, was not the result of shrewd stock picks or a lucky real estate deal.

The money, they say, came from Mexico's leading drug traffickers, who wanted unfettered routes to get drugs into the United States and their profits back into Mexico. If they can convince six federal jurors, U.S. taxpayers will be \$9 million richer, thanks to federal asset forfeiture laws.

In Mexico, this is more than some mere cash forfeiture trial; it has exploded into a kind of Mexican Watergate.

This is what has happened in public view:

In 1993, then-President Carlos Salinas de Gortari appointed Mario Ruiz Massieu deputy attorney general, with a primary goal of cracking down on drug traffickers.

In 1994, assassins killed Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the prosecutor's older brother and the No. 2 man in the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party — and Luis Donald Colosio, then the

party's presidential candidate, within six months of each other.

Despite convictions in both deaths, questions remain unanswered as to whether the murders were motivated by political struggles within the ruling party or linked to drug trafficking — or both.

At the request of incoming President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon, Mario Ruiz Massieu investigated his own brother's murder. But in November 1994, he abruptly resigned from his post and the party, claiming that high-ranking party members were sabotaging his efforts.

Behind all the political machinations, however, something else entirely appears to have been going on, according to court documents:

For 13 months beginning Dec. 2, 1993, Ruiz Massieu's top aide ferried cash-filled boxes and suitcases to Houston, where the money — often in bundles of \$20 bills tied with rubber-bands or wrapped in plastic tape — was deposited at a branch office of Texas Commerce Bank near The Galleria shopping area.

Court records show the account was opened with \$40,000 under the name "Mario Ruiz," and the aide, Jorge Stergios, told bank officials he was delivering money from the sale of Ruiz Massieu real estate.

Twenty-four additional deposits were made, ranging from \$119,500 to \$477,320.

When bank officials asked why his employer did not want to invest the money, Stergios told them Ruiz Massieu wanted "immediate liquidity."

Ruiz Massieu acknowledges in court depositions that the money is his. He says he kept the money in U.S. dollars because the peso was

so unstable in 1994. He insists all the money, except a \$500,000 bonus from President Salinas, came from his brother's estate or from family business dealings.

Stergios was enlisted as courier, Ruiz Massieu says, because he speaks better English and could maneuver through U.S. Customs more easily.

Raul Salinas de Gortari, the former president's brother, has acknowledged doing the same thing, but on a much grander scale.

Using false names, Raul Salinas in 1989 opened a network of bank accounts. Four years later, he began shifting money to banks in Switzerland and elsewhere via Cayman Island shell corporations. So far, Mexican investigators have found at least \$120 million in Salinas bank accounts.

On Feb. 28, 1995, just months after Ruiz Massieu quit investigating his brother's death, police in Mexico arrested Raul Salinas and charged him in the murder.

Mexican prosecutors believe Salinas conspired with federal

congressman Manuel Munoz Rocha to hire a hit man for the killing.

Ruiz Massieu's attorneys have been granted permission to talk to Raul Salinas, who is in jail in Mexico.

Two days after Salinas' arrest, investigators — thinking Ruiz Massieu, as investigator, was pressured into ignoring the Raul Salinas connection — grilled the former deputy attorney general for eight hours.

By that evening, Ruiz Massieu was on a plane for Houston. The next day he was arrested at Newark International Airport en route to Spain, after failing to inform U.S. Customs officials he was taking \$46,000 in cash with him.

Mexican officials have charged Ruiz Massieu with obstructing justice but have failed to extradite him in four attempts; the judge hearing their arguments has said their evidence against Ruiz Massieu is weak.

He is now under house arrest in New Jersey, awaiting a deportation hearing in May.

LIGHT: City helps illuminate areas

(From 1A)

the city traffic engineer, to request a street light.

"He'll review the requests on a case-by-case basis and if a light is warranted and the budget allows, we'll authorize TU Electric or Caprock to do the installation," Menchaca said.

However, on a request for a mid-block light, the city will require an aerial or land easement to allow the electric company to run lines from the alley through a side yard to a point where the light pole can be placed.

"We have a lot of orders with TU Electric and also Caprock Electric and are just waiting for them to install the lights," he added.

He also urged residents who notice that a street light is out to report it to TU Electric at 1-800-242-9113.

To request installation of a street light, residents can call Gary Saunders, the city traffic engineer, at 685-7287.

TAX: IRS says book's allegations false

(From 1A)

a federal lawsuit filed last month by two groups of historians and a newsletter publisher, seeking to force the IRS to obey the Federal Records Act in handling and storing criminal investigation files.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Cardinal offers money, support

GLASGOW, Scotland — The leader of Scotland's Roman Catholics offered money and support Sunday to women considering abortions if they had their babies instead.

"If you need financial assistance or help with equipment for your baby and feel financial pressures will force you to have an abortion, we will help," said Cardinal Thomas Winning.

Addressing a conference organized by the anti-abortion Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, Winning said his offer was open to Catholics and non-Catholics.

Winning, a conservative and frequent advocate of the Catholic teaching that abortion is murder, said women should contact the church's archdiocesan office in Glasgow beginning Monday.

Cardinal Basil Hume, the spiritual leader of Catholics in England and Wales, supported Winning. Pro-abortion groups dismissed the offer as an empty gesture.

Scientists deny they cloned child

LONDON — A Belgian scientist on Sunday denied a London newspaper report that his fertility center accidentally produced the world's first human clone, a 4-year-old boy now living in southern Belgium.

Dr. Robert Schoysman, head of the Van Helmont Hospital near Brussels, said he was "amazed and irritated" by The Sunday Times of London report about the work of his fertility center.

He said the child was born after his mother underwent in vitro fertilization, in which sperm is combined in a laboratory with an egg surgically taken from a woman, and the resulting fertilized egg is implanted in a woman's womb.

In this case, the fertilized egg split into two embryos, creating twins.

"I am not equipped to do cloning," Schoysman said. The front-page story was published in The Sunday Times two weeks after Scottish scientists announced they had produced the world's first cloned mammal, a 7-month-old sheep, Dolly. That announcement sparked international ethical debates about cloning humans.

Police confirm bomb in Beijing bus

BEIJING — A homemade bomb caused an explosion on a public bus in Beijing, police said Sunday in a newspaper notice promising rewards for information.

The bomb exploded Friday evening on the left side of the No. 22 bus, three or four rows from the front, said the notice in the Beijing Daily newspaper.

The newspaper said Saturday that 10 people were injured, but no one was killed. Many of the victims suffered burns over much of their bodies, hospital workers said.

The explosion came 10 days after bombs exploded on three buses in the restive northwest Chinese region of Xinjiang. Official media said those blasts, blamed on Muslim separatists, killed nine people.

Sunday's police notice said the "manmade explosion" in Beijing, near a shopping center on the west side of town, was caused by a criminal or criminals "using a self-manufactured explosive device."

It did not say who police suspected of planting the bomb or why.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Albanian president agrees to new government, vote

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — With southern Albania slipping away town by town, President Sali Berisha agreed Sunday to his biggest concession yet to quell the stubborn rebellion: a broad coalition government and new elections.

Armed protesters fired wildly in the air to celebrate what they regarded as a partial victory, but they still reinforced their positions and pledged to hang onto their guns until they see a new government in place. Some said they would keep their weapons until Berisha himself was out of power.

The insurgency in southern Albania is the latest and most serious wave of unrest sparked by the collapse of high-risk investment schemes, in which generally wealthy southerners lost more than those living in the north, Berisha's main base of support.

Berisha met with representatives of 10 political parties, including his own Democrats. After several hours of talks, they agreed to a gradual lifting of the state of emergency imposed a week ago, and new elections to be held no later than June. Berisha said a multiparty government should run the country before the elections.

Opening the talks, he invited the parties to discuss a "platform of national reconciliation."

"The politicians should go beyond their political interests and reach the level of most imperative need, which is national reconciliation," he said.

He also said the Albanian parliament should declare an amnesty for all those involved in the anti-government insurgency.

A 48-hour period, in which the army refrained from offensives and citizens were to turn in weapons they had seized, ended at 6 a.m. Sunday. Berisha did not formally extend it, but called on Albanians to hand in their weapons within a week.

The initial reaction from Berisha's political opponents was positive. "Tomorrow will be a different day, perhaps the day we've been waiting for not only for days, but for years," said Prec Zogaj, head of the Democratic Alliance.

The Socialists also welcomed the move, but were non-committal about a call from Berisha that they should end their nine-month boycott of the legislature.

One problem for Berisha is that opposition leaders have little or no control over the southern rebellion.

Insurgents were consolidating and extending their grip on southern Albania on Sunday.

In Vlora, the center of many of the protests, there was about a half-hour of celebratory gunfire after Berisha's announcement.

Eclipse, comet give double delight to China stargazers

BEIJING (AP) — Sky gazers in China and Russia got a double delight Sunday when the sun disappeared behind the moon in a total solar eclipse that coincided with a rare view of the bright Hale-Bopp comet.

Tens of thousands of people in northern China and eastern Siberia watched the sky go dark and felt already freezing temperatures drop as the moon blocked the sun's rays for more than two minutes.

The moon looked like a giant black hole ringed by a necklace of fire.

In Chita, near Russia's border with Mongolia and China, people crowded in the streets to watch the eclipse through pieces of smoked glass to protect the eyes, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Nearly 90,000 people saw the eclipse from Mohe, a county on China's northern tip that banned people from lighting stoves at home Sunday morning to keep the air smoke-free for sky gazing, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said.

They bundled up in thick coats there against temperatures of minus 13 degrees.

The eclipse coincided with

the arrival of the Hale-Bopp comet, extending its fiery tail toward the northwest, Xinhua said.

Chinese television broadcast the celestial show live, with the comet seen as a bright fleck of light in the eclipse-darkened sky.

Just twice before — in Egypt in 1882 and in Brazil in 1947 — have a full eclipse and the close passing of a comet been recorded at the same time, said Li Qibin, president of the China Astronomical Society.

About 2,000 foreigners traveled to northern Mongolia to see the eclipse, only to be caught in a heavy snowstorm "that whitened the blackout," Xinhua said.

China does not expect to see another full eclipse until 2008, Xinhua said.

Astronomers from Moscow and other Russian cities, as well as from abroad, conducted observations from a specially equipped platform on top of Chita's Teacher Training Institute, ITAR-Tass said.

Chinese and Russian scientists planned to study the sun's corona, its hottest, outermost region, during the eclipse.

Muslims, Croat go on trial for war crimes today

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Gang rape. Torture with heated scissors and confinement to vats of water. Murder: at least 14 slayings, maybe more.

On Monday, a group of Muslims and Croats go on trial for these crimes before the United Nations tribunal on Yugoslavia, making it the first collective war crimes trial since Nuremberg and Tokyo. It will be the first time, too, that Bosnian Serbs testify about their suffering at the hands of Muslims and Croats.

Under an indictment issued by the U.N. tribunal last year, three Muslims and a Croat are charged with atrocities against Serbs in the Celebici prison camp in central Bosnia, where at least 14 Serbs allegedly died horrible deaths and many more were tortured.

"I want justice, nothing more and nothing less. I will say how it was," Grozda Cecce, a Serb in her 60s who says she was raped in the camp.

She was traveling to The Hague with another victim, a man often

on the verge of tears, and a psychiatrist assigned to accompany them.

The accused are Zejnil Delalic, 49, a Muslim military commander in the region; Zdravko Mucic, 41, a Croat, the camp's commander; Hazim Delic, 36, his Muslim deputy; and camp guard Esad Landzo, 23.

Imprisoned for months or years, inmates were beaten with steel cables, wooden and metal bars, burned with heated scissors, wrapped with fuses that were then lit, and kept in vats of water, the 49-page indictment says. They also were forced to act like animals and to perform oral sex on each other. Women were raped, it says, and one man died after a badge with a Muslim party logo was nailed to his head.

The indictment says the four men had significantly different roles in the alleged crimes committed in the camp, set up by mostly Muslim authorities at the beginning of the war.

There has been no evidence that Delalic and Mucic personally took

part in any of the atrocities. They are considered responsible as officials in charge who must have known about the crimes and could have prevented them.

Landzo, apparently a young local thug given the opportunity to brutalize people, is charged with killing five men. Delic, the camp's deputy commander, is charged with direct participation in the torture and with four slayings.

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Dave's Top 10

Top 10 Ways America Would've Been Different if Clinton Had Been The First President

10. Instead of "President," highest office in the land is called, "Burger King"
9. Indiana and Ohio known as "East and West Bubbaland"
8. Preamble to Constitution contains 23 references to cheese fries
7. His early morning jogs would have been enough to scare off the entire Indian population
6. The first amendment: "You have the right to get, like, totally stoned"
5. Schoolchildren learn about how Clinton chopped down a cherry tree, then ate it
4. The term "Father of Our Country" would have an entirely different meaning
3. Instead of man wearing powdered wig, dollar bill features man holding powdered donut
1. Our national bird: the Chicken McNugget

Late Night Lines

"Big news from the world of genetic research: Scottish scientists -- hang onto your chairs! -- have cloned sheep... You know, I don't know everything there is to know about cloning and stuff, but the sheep now -- it's interesting -- they're not identical. They've cloned a sheep, yes, that's true, but it's not identical. For example, the cloned sheep is 60 percent wool, 40 percent rayon."

"President Clinton -- thank God this guy's on the job -- as soon as he heard about this cloning thing, bang! He jumped right on it and he convened a research committee to study cloning. You know, specifically how it would work on Sharon Stone."

"This is the first time any kind of adult mammal has been cloned. Well, the first, if you're not counting Michael Jackson and Diana Ross."

"Wheel of Fortune" -- you folks hear about this? They have a brand new set... So now, the new set on Wheel of Fortune is all electronic, digitally operated. All you do now is flick a switch and the letters light up. Wow! First sheep cloning, now this!"

"Today, the cloned sheep appeared on The Jerry Springer Show, and was reunited with a woman claiming to be his sister."

"Not only is Chelsea Clinton 17 years old, she also has a steady boyfriend. That's nice. Isn't that nice? Finally, a Clinton in the White House who's dating who's not the president."

"...Oh, I want to tell you something, ladies and gentlemen, we're very excited here at CBS, we're very proud because tomorrow night, CBS is broadcasting the annual Grammy Awards. I think it's going to be a fine program. I mean, Michael Jackson once again was nominated for Best Fictional Marriage."

— David Letterman

Top 10, Take 2

Top 10 Signs America Is Too Fat

10. When asked to name a health drink, nine out of 10 Americans said "Crisco"
9. Recent Delta flight from New York to Boston had to taxi up Interstate 95 the whole way
8. Red Lobster had to discontinue "all the shrimp you can eat" because shrimp became extinct
7. Nike changed slogan from "Just Do It" to "Who Wants Piz za?"
5. Most new homes now equipped with hot and cold running gravy
4. National Parks Service approved addition of Ben and Jerry to Mount Rushmore
3. It's been five years since the Space Mountain rollercoaster made it up the first hill
2. 911 reporting huge increase in callers caught in Craftmatic adjustable bed
1. Most common first word for babies: "supersize"

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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

DAVE BARRY

With politicians too busy, I'll have to save Social Security

I've been thinking about how to fix Social Security. Ordinarily, I don't. Ordinarily, I focus on issues such as how to remove little pieces of pepperoni stuck between my teeth, and I leave government problems to the trained professionals in Washington, D.C. (motto: "Overlooking The Obvious Since 1798").

But they are frankly not getting the job done. President Clinton hasn't had time, what with all these pesky scandals, which have forced him to scale down his vision for his second term from "build a bridge to the 21st century" to "settle out of court."



Barry

Congress has also been busy, focusing its brainpower on the scandal swirling around House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who was formally accused by members of the House Ethics Committee of reminding them of the Pillsbury Doughboy.

No, sorry, I'm confusing the House Ethics Committee with me. Newt was accused of violating the tax laws. Now you may say, in Newt's defense: "But EVERYBODY violates the tax laws. The whole POINT of the U.S. tax system is to be so complicated that no normal human can conform to it, or even think about it for more than 10 seconds without bleeding from the forehead. This system enables the Internal Revenue Service to select random taxpayers for

audit with 100 percent confidence that they will be guilty of something, even if they live in isolated wilderness areas and measure their annual income in squirrel meat."

Yes, but Newt is not a "normal human." Newt is a member of Congress, the very organization, if you want to call it that, that PASSES the tax laws, and he is therefore theoretically supposed to have some idea what they say. Of course, the truth is that the congresspersons are too busy raising campaign money to read the laws they pass. The laws are written by staff tax nerds who can put pretty much any wording they want in there. I bet that if you actually read the entire vastness of the U.S. Tax Code, you'd find at

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Photo by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
From left, Michelle Thurman, 20, with son Christian Burd, 3 months; Martha Harvey, 57; Betty Buchanan, 74; Debbie Thurman, 37.

Talkin' 'bout their generations

■ With the birth of Christian Burd three months ago, a Midland-based family tree now encompasses six generations.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

When some folk hear that Martha Harvey has a grandson as well as a living grandmother, they comment that the multiple generations of mothers must have been about 12 years old when they gave birth.

Ms. Harvey remains good natured about such remarks. She takes it as a compliment. "I'm glad you think I'm that young," she said she replies.

In fact, the youngest that one of the mothers had a child was 17.

The newest addition to the family — the sixth generation — is Christian Burd, born three months ago.

Christian is the son of Michelle Thurman, 20,

who's the daughter of Debbie Thurman, 37. The older Thurman is the daughter of Martha Harvey, 57, who's the daughter of Betty Buchanan, 74. And Ms. Buchanan's mother is 94-year-old Abbie Harrison.

The matriarch, Ms. Harrison, comes from an old pioneer family and has 10 great-great-grandchildren and, now, a great-great-grandson.

Ms. Harrison was born one-quarter Mississippi Choctaw, her family lost a large cotton farm in the Depression and she has outlived two husbands. "I'm pretty much the last one that's living," she said of her family peers.

Today, Ms. Harrison lives in Midland with her daughter and granddaughter. The Thurmans and Christian reside in Houston.

Recently, the six generations — who try to see each other at least a couple of times a year — spent some time together in Midland.

"We fill the house up pretty good. It's hard for us all to get together," Debbie Thurman said.

When they do, they try to spend some quality time together.

"I think it's wonderful that you can live long enough that you can enjoy your grandchildren," Ms. Buchanan said.

From a grandchild's perspective, Michelle Thurman agreed. "It's neat," she said. "It's just nice to get to know them."

Michelle has been blessed twice when it comes to a long line of family living.

"I also know my great-great-grandmother on my dad's side. She's 95," she said. "We have a long life span in my family I guess."

Christian is not yet old enough to express what he thinks about the situation. He does get lots of grandmotherly attention though. "He's 3 months old and he's already spoiled rotten," Michelle said.

READERS WRITE

'Sunrise over the Ocean, Sunset over the Desert'

By Virginia E. Hudson

1938 — The hospital where I work as an O.B. student nurse is just three blocks from the ocean. The huge labor room window faces east. Most sunrises come and go as the mothers give birth to the new babies but once in a great while things quiet down and I have a wondrous view. Sunrise over the Atlantic Ocean is the most magnificent sight I have ever seen. The cross on the Star of the Sea Church gleams high above the sleeping town of Long Branch.

1979 -- Sunrise of Sandy Hook. There I am in it, a part of it, as we eat our breakfast of bacon and eggs in our camper van parked right beside the beach. We see the first dawning and then the sun comes up out of the ocean in all its glory and splendor. Later we walk in our barefeet across the sand to the ocean and get into it. My body feels light and like a fish as I swim and dive about over and under waves with reckless abandon. I am one with nature -- the sunrise, the ocean, my brown and strong body and my soul. This is my native habitat. I am at home and a part of the land and ocean in my own Jersey Shore.

1995 -- Now, it is some years later and hundreds of miles away. I have moved to the desert known as the Permian Basin. The wind blows across the Mesquite flats and the tumbling weed tumbles. It is a desolate land of wide open spaces with widely spaced oil wells, lonesome ranches, horse and cattle, and the hot, hot sun. This is where the tall city sits as an oasis. This is my home now and here is where I belong. I feel peaceful and content. In the evenings we walk where the sky is wide and high in the beautiful sunsets and West Texas.

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Wife issues her long-awaited rebuttal

(Author's Note: In the heralded tradition of the United States Senate, I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas ... my wife, Mrs. P.)

"Thank you, sweetheart. Ahem ... after much begging, pleading, cajoling and threatening, I finally get to rebut my beloved's written words for the sake of wives everywhere. For those who know me, you know I have much to say about what Mr. P has written. Until now, I have not had that opportunity. So here goes —"

(Author's Note: Will you get on with it?)

"Be quiet. And now, my personal list of things spouses must do in order to maintain peace and harmony in a marriage:"

(Author's Note: Attention husbands ... time to run to the fridge for a cold one.)

"No. 1: When the cat looks as if he's about ready to dispose of his third hairball of the day, tell your loving husband that yes, out of the sheer goodness of

your heart, you'll happily change the baby's dirty diaper."

(Author's Note: Oh, I'll believe that when I see it.)

"Quit interrupting, dear. OK. No. 2 —"

(Author's Note: Uh, excuse me, sweetheart ...)

"What is it dear?"

(Author's Note: You don't have to put "No." in front of the number. From a journalism standpoint, it's not necessary. The "No." is what we call in the business "understood" or "implied.")

"I'll do it my way, if you don't mind. But thank you. No. 2 —"

(Author's Note: Fine, do it your way.)

"No. 2: Sharing musical tastes is not necessary. Keep repeating to yourself that his Lyle Lovett tape will only last 45 minutes. You endured labor three times, you can endure his 'music.'"

(Author's Note: There's no accounting for taste, is there?)

"No. 3: If you ever run late coming home from work, make certain and leave explicit instructions for your husband on how to prepare dinner. For instance, you might leave a note for him that says,

'Dear ... 'High' means 'really, really hot'; 'medium high' means 'pretty hot,' and 'low' means 'kinda sorta hot.' With that in mind, dear, please boil, or put the casserole on high, for 25 minutes, then turn it down to low for 20 minutes.'

(Author's Note: Can you say, 'What's the phone number to Texas Burger?')

"If you're going to keep interrupting, do you have to put that 'author's note' thingy in front of everything you say? Especially since you're not the author?"

(Author's Note: I'll do it my way, but thank you.)

"No. 4: Hard though it may be, try to resist from directing your husband on how to drive when he is going too slow, too fast or just plain driving you crazy. There are few things husbands dislike more than wives who tell them how to drive."

(Author's Note: ... or how to write ... or how to rake the leaves ... or how to dress ... or —)

"Oooh, that reminds me ... No. 5: Never let your husband dress your small male son. If a husband

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PATTERSON: Despite flaws, husbands often worth the trouble

(From 5A)

Can't match his own socks, chances are your son will look like a combination pizza when your husband is done with him."

(Author's Note: Hey, I resemble that remark.)

"Of course you do, sweetheart. No. 6: When your husband tells you all he wants for Christmas is to be left alone every time his favorite baseball team is on television, don't fall for that one. It's a trick. Get him a matching pair of socks and a nice pair of boxer shorts instead. Something with thought behind it."

(Author's Note: By the way, did you wash my underwear this weekend, honey?)

"No dear, I was out of town this weekend."

(Author's Note: Then I guess that explains why they're all of a sudden pink.)

"Ladies and gentlemen, say hello to my husband, Dennis Rodman. And Dennis, try to remember not to wash whites with reds." No. 7: Romance. Something we've not talked about yet. Try to understand that men are light years behind women when it comes to comprehending the importance of romance in a relationship. Remember, in the typical male-female relationship, romance to the woman is a nice, candlelit dinner, glass of wine, nice conversation. From a man's point of view, romance is Sharon

Stone's latest prison movie."

(Author's Note: Was that a Sharon Stone movie? I thought I was renting "The Bridges of Madison County." My mistake. Any husband could've done it.)

"Don't you have a game to watch on ESPN or something?" No. 8: It is important that since husbands like to hog the shower in the morning, women should try not to enter the bathroom repeatedly allowing in a flood of cold air. This makes husbands angry."

(Author's Note: You don't even know the half of it.)

"No. 9: Difficult as it may be sometimes, love him. Despite his flaws, his shortcomings, his inabilities, his quirks, his bad habits, his snoring, his morning breath, his inattentiveness and his undying belief that he can fix anything, whether it be your relationship or the toilet, love him. He's your husband and he deserves it."

(Author's Note: Well thanks. And I love you, too, sweetheart. Hey wait a second, I think I've been insulted.)

"No. 10: If your husband ever invites you to write something in the newspaper, please make certain he is nowhere near the keyboard; and if he is, tie his hands behind his back and put tape over his mouth so he won't interrupt."

(Author's Note: Well, we'll see if you're ever invited back again. Hey what are you doing with that duct tape?)

"Are you finished?"

(Author's Note: Hey, your col-

umn, not mine.)

"And another thing ... will you please stop talking in italics?"

(Author's Note: Sorry. Bad habit. Ya know, like my snoring, my inability to fix anything, my inattentiveness.)

"Hey, you were listening!" (Author's Note: OK fine, I will stop talking in italics. But in case you didn't notice, all my words have been in a slightly larger type size than yours. Must be that male dominance thing. Sorry. Couldn't resist.)

"I give up."

(Author's Note: Thanks for comin' by.)

"Oh, be quiet."

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BARRY: Leaders too busy to save Social Security

(From 5A)

least one sex scene ("Yes yes YES!" moaned Vanessa as Lance, his taut body moist with moisture, again and again depre-

ciated her adjusted gross rate of annualized fiscal debenture").

My point is that our leaders,

what with one thing and another,

do not have time for leading,

which leaves the Social Security

problem up to me.

First, we need to clear up a

misconception. Many Americans

believe that Social Security

works this way: The government

takes money out of your pay-

check, keeps it for you in a safe

place such as a giant federal

mattress, then, when you retire,

starts giving it back to you. If

that's how you think it works,

then let me quote the famous

French economist Francois Ques-

nay (1694-1774): "Ding dong,

you're wrong."

What actually happens is, the

government takes money out of

your paycheck and immediately

gives it to a retired person (in

your particular case, this person

is Mrs. Edwina P. Loogersnapper

of Yeasting Springs, Vt.; she

says "hi"). This system works

fine as long as there are enough

younger people working to sup-

port the retired people. But

there's going to be Big Trouble in

the year 2012, which is the first

retirement year of the massive

Baby Boom generation (defined,

technically, as "people who

when you say "Shirley, Shirley,

bo-berly," instantly respond

"Bonana fanna fo-ferley").

There will be WAY too many of

us Baby Boomers collecting ben-

efits, and WAY too few "Genera-

tion X" workers to support us

unless they are forced to pay

ridiculously high tax rates, and

Social Security will collapse like

a Wal-Mart lawn chair under

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-

Mass. (Get it? "D-Mass.")

What can we do? One solution

would be to reduce Social Securi-

ty benefits, but this is out of the

question, because of the powerful

senior-citizen lobby. If any politi-

cian dares to even talk about cut-

backs, the American Association

of Retired Persons notifies the

politician's mother, and she

immediately flies to Washington,

marches into his or her office and

twists his or her ear until he or

she promises never to do it again.

So if we can't cut benefits, what

can we do? Unfortunately, there

is no one easy answer. There are

in fact four easy answers:

1. GO AHEAD AND FORCE

GENERATION X WORKERS TO

PAY RIDICULOUSLY HIGH

TAX RATES. They deserve it, for

starting this stupid cigar craze.

2. SET A MANDATORY FIVE-

YEAR-MINIMUM PRISON SEN-

TENCE FOR ANY PERSON

CONVICTED OF USING SOCIAL

SECURITY BENEFITS TO

MAKE A PURCHASE FROM

THE HOME SHOPPING NET-

WORK. The minimum sentence

should be increased to 10 years if

the purchase involved a ceramic

cat.

3. DO NOT GIVE SOCIAL

SECURITY BENEFITS TO PEOP-

LE WHO SPEND THE EQUIV-

ALENT OF THE GROSS

NATIONAL PRODUCT OF

CHILE TRYING TO LOOK AS

THOUGH THEY'RE TOO

YOUNG TO QUALIFY FOR

SOCIAL SECURITY. This would

be called the "Zsa Zsa" rule.

4. REDUCE THE EXPECTED

CRUSH IN THE YEAR 2012 BY

ALLOWING BABY BOOMERS

TO RETIRE EARLY, GOING IN

ALPHABETICAL ORDER,

STARTING WITH THE LETTER

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Fixes issued for Microsoft Web browser security flaws

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft has posted a single patch, or program repair kit, to fix all three security bugs found over the past week in its Internet Explorer Web browser.

Without the patch, an unscrupulous Web site operator could take advantage of the flaws to wreak havoc in someone else's computer, sending instructions to run programs secretly, send electronic mail under the other operator's name, or damage software stored on a hard drive.

The patch was posted late Saturday at the Microsoft Corp. official Web site and can be downloaded for free. The flaw affects Internet Explorer versions 3.0 and 3.01 for the Windows 95 and Windows NT 4.0 operating systems.

The first flaw was found more than a week ago by a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. Another one was discovered Thursday by a student at the University of Maryland in Randallstown, Md.

The third problem was reported Friday by students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Microsoft's repair efforts should avert any significant damage to the company's effort to catch up with Netscape, the leading Web browser, said Dan Kusnetzky, director of the client server environments program at International Data Corp. in Framingham, Mass.

Hepatitis vaccine gains popularity in food industry

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — Linn Smith watched warily for two years as a stubborn wave of hepatitis A washed across the Midwest, making its way toward Branson, where 60,000 tourists a day visit restaurants, ice cream stands and concession booths.

At the same time, she saw the needs of the U.S. military and a manufacturer's recall gobbling up the local supply of immune globulin or IG — medicine used to stifle hepatitis infections in exposed people.

Ms. Smith, head of Branson's health department, had good reason to fear the potentially explosive effects of the contagious disease among food-service workers: Through 1996, cases in southwestern Missouri rose almost 400 percent over those in 1995, to 637 from 127. And everyone who comes in contact with a carrier should have a shot of immune globulin.

"I truthfully thought, 'What am I going to do if I don't have any IG and they send me a war to fight?'"

she said.

Late last year, she took up the only weapon she could find: a year-old vaccine gaining popularity across the country as other tourism-dependent communities consider mandatory immunization of food workers.

Hepatitis A, passed orally or through human waste, usually by people with poor personal hygiene, causes liver inflammation. Symptoms include fatigue, abdominal discomfort, vomiting, fever, dark urine and jaundice.

The disease runs in cycles, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sticking to one region for three years or so, then backing off for a decade or more.

Although food workers make up less than 5 percent of hepatitis A cases, the greater worry is exposure. A single infected worker can create a logistical nightmare when authorities try to warn people who had contact with him, especially if they are tourists on the move.

And with the low supply and rising costs of immune globulin, Ms. Smith said preventing the illness rather than curing it becomes the paramount concern.

The hepatitis A vaccine gained federal approval last year. Unlike vaccines for polio and measles, however, the CDC does not recommend blanket inoculation because of the cost and because the disease responds to treatment.

In December, the CDC shifted slightly and began recommending the vaccine for food-service workers.

Ms. Smith's initiative in Branson was touted recently in the Food Protection Report, a monthly newsletter that monitors the activities of the CDC and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and goes to thousands of health officials across the country.

"I don't know of any other jurisdiction in the country that's taken the progressive step that Branson has taken in getting people immunized against hepatitis A," said

Charles Felix, the newsletter's publisher. "In that sense, it really is a model."

The first shot of vaccine gives a person immunity for up to 10 years. A booster shot can make that immunity last a lifetime. Each shot of vaccine costs \$40, more than double the immune globulin shots, but lifetime immunity would make the vaccine cheaper in the long run.

The price of immune globulin has soared in recent years. In 1990, a dose cost about 50 cents. It now runs about \$18. Most of the increase has to do with supply and demand.

Immune globulin is now made in only two places — the state health departments in Massachusetts and Michigan. A private company pulled its product from the shelves last year and declined to upgrade its process when federal officials changed manufacturing standards. Military activity in the Persian Gulf and Haiti had further depleted the supply.

Rapper The Notorious B.I.G. killed in drive-by shooting

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Notorious B.I.G. made his name as a gangsta rapper barking hip-hop rhymes about his real-life past dealing crack on the tough streets of Brooklyn. On Sunday, he died in a drive-by shooting.

The rapper also known as Biggie Smalls was the second major rapper to die in a drive-by shooting in the last six months. Tupac Shakur was killed in Las Vegas last fall.

The 24-year-old rap star, whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was killed outside a party while sitting in his parked GMC Suburban, which was punctured by at least five bullets in the gang-style attack.

Wallace was rushed in the same vehicle to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, police said. No immediate arrests were made.

He was attending a party at the Petersen Automotive Museum in celebration of the 11th annual Soul Train Music Awards staged on Friday, according to Kevin Kim, who witnessed the shooting with Wallace's estranged wife, Faith Evans.

"Someone just rolled by and started shooting," said Kim, who was standing in the museum parking lot with Evans, a singer who had a child with Wallace.

Dozens of concerned friends and fans gathered in the hospital parking lot early Sunday, where Wallace's bullet-riddled sport utility vehicle could be seen. They left only when officials confirmed Wallace's death.

Wallace was shot just after midnight, said Police Officer Tommy Gallardo.

A security guard working at a

high-rise across the street said the sound of gunfire was unmistakable.

"All of the sudden, I heard about five or six shots. Pow, pow, pow, pow," Robert Payne said.

Payne heard people screaming and saw some passengers of a dark green vehicle jump out and then jump back in before speeding away. The same vehicle was driving erratically right before the shooting, he said.

Wallace built his gangsta rap persona around authenticity, making much of his past as an ex-crack dealer from Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, one of the city's toughest neighborhoods.

His debut album "Ready to Die" went platinum, selling more than 1 million copies. His upcoming album, due out March 25, is titled "Life After Death... 'Til Death Do Us Part."

The rapper worked with Bad Boy Entertainment run by East Coast producer Sean "Puffy" Combs.

The shooting comes six months after Shakur was shot in a drive-by attack in Las Vegas as he rode in a car with Death Row Records president Marion "Suge" Knight. Shakur died six days later.

Wallace was considered a rival of Shakur, who had accused him of involvement in a 1994 robbery when Shakur was shot several times and lost \$40,000 in jewelry.

Wallace, who denied any involvement, was conspicuously absent from a high-profile "rap summit" in Harlem last fall called to ease tensions between West Coast and East Coast rappers after Shakur's slaying.

Wallace most recently lived in

Teaneck, N.J., in a gated community where most residents were reluctant to comment on his death Sunday.

The rapper had brushes with the law in both New Jersey and New York, including his arrest in Teaneck last summer for alleged weapons and marijuana possession. Neighbors had complained about cars coming in and out "at all hours of the day and night," police said.

Also, he was arrested in June 1995 arrest for allegedly robbing a

man and breaking his jaw in Camden, N.J. In March 1995, he was arrested in New York after allegedly using a baseball bat to deter would-be autograph seekers.

Wallace was honored as rap artist of the year at the Billboard Awards in 1995 and was cited for rap single of the year for "One More Chance."

He didn't win any Soul Train awards this year. Shakur posthumously won the best R&B-soul or rap album award for "All Eyez on Me."

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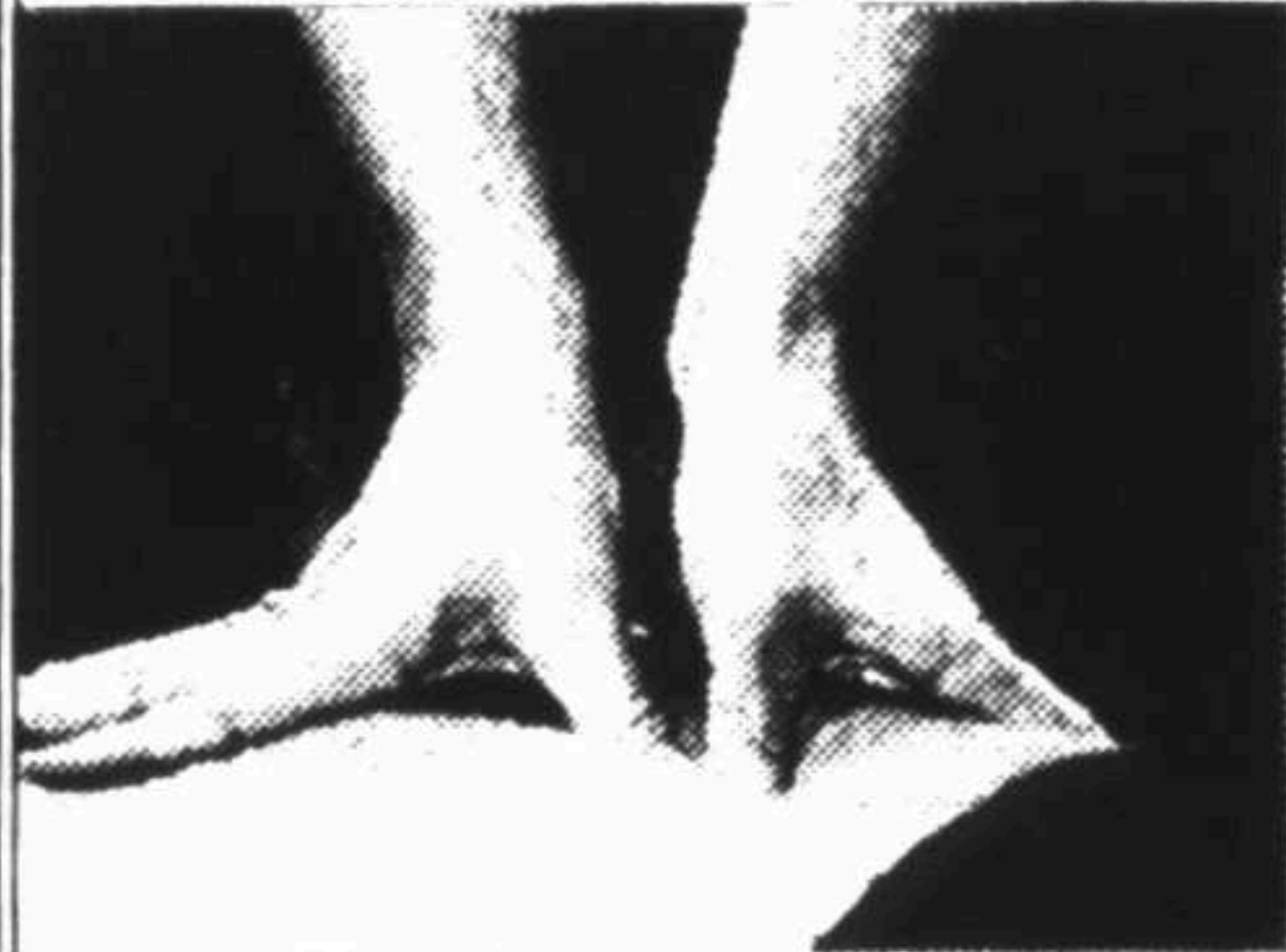
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Cloning has both danger, promise

Reacting to the news report concerning the cloning of a sheep, most Midlanders who contacted the Community Pulse survey recently expressed fear that the scientific development was better left alone where humans are concerned — that the creation of new human beings is better left to God.

That's entirely understandable and we agree. What's more, this is not a view held only by people living in Midland. In fact, Marie DiBerardino of the Allegheny University of the Health Sciences in Philadelphia agrees.

She noted that trying to clone an adult person would be playing genetic Russian roulette and could even lead to the birth of abnormal children.

Ms. DiBerardino said, "The science is not there to do this without great hazard."

Eventually, science may progress to the point that human cloning could be possible, but for now it isn't even in the talking stage.

Last week President Clinton even stepped into the fray started by the cloning of an adult sheep in Scotland. He barred the use of federal money for research into

human cloning and urged those not using federal money to resist temptations to explore human cloning.

While the emotional aspect of the reaction to human cloning is completely understandable, we hope that the response does not translate into a stoppage in all areas of cloning research. The development of cloning should not be written off simply because of the danger it poses anymore than research into the splitting of the atom was stopped because of development of the atomic bomb. The weapon represented only one use of that field of knowledge.

Cloning could potentially mean wonderful strides in the advancement of agricultural meat production — utilizing only the best beef, pork, veal and chicken. It could feasibly lead to better quality foods and perhaps even greater supplies.

There's no question that the thought of human cloning raises serious ethical concerns that must be addressed before we go further down that path. But, let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater. This cloning development could hold vast treasure for mankind.

ANTHONY LEWIS

Netanyahu's actions make peace difficult

When Yasser Arafat came to The New York Times for a discussion the other day, he spoke respectfully of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "He is my partner," President Arafat said. "He's a nice man."

But then he was asked whether he had had any advance warning of Netanyahu's decision last week to build thousands of homes for Jews on a site in East Jerusalem. "I'm sorry to say, no," Arafat replied.

When Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres were in office, he said, he had a hot line to them — and back channels for communication. Those links were gone.

Arafat's comments, mildly phrased though they were, pointed to a real danger. For whatever political reasons of his own, Netanyahu ignored a basic requirement of the peace process: that Israel and the Palestinians consult before acting on any sensitive issue, avoiding surprises.

When the two men reached agreement in January on Hebron, it seemed that Netanyahu had turned a corner in his relationship with the Palestinian leader. There was widespread talk of trust and partnership.

That notion was shattered by Netanyahu's sudden decision to proceed with a huge Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem. It was the opposite of mutuality and consultation: an attempt to present the Palestinians and the world with a fait accompli on the most sensitive of issues in the peace process, Jerusalem.

An Israeli official, David Peleg, made an extraordinarily obtuse statement. He criticized the Palestinians for taking the settlement issue to the United Nations, saying that was "inconsistent with their commitment to settle all issues through negotiation." That after Israel had sprung this decision without notice, much less negotiation.

The settlement plan is especially menacing because of its physical implications. It would cut much of East Jerusalem and its nearly 200,000 Palestinian residents off from the West Bank. It would effectively foreclose the Pales-

tinian claim to part of Jerusalem: a claim that is supposed to be the subject of negotiation in final-status talks beginning later this month.

If Netanyahu understood what he was doing, then the logical conclusion to be drawn is that he does not after all want an Israeli-Palestinian peace. For unless Israel accepts some form of official Palestinian presence in Jerusalem, there can be no peace.

That is a strong statement, but I do not think anyone familiar with Palestinian feelings will question it. Just as history has made Jerusalem a powerful symbol for Jews, so is it an essential part of the Palestinian longing for a homeland.

If Yasser Arafat agreed to a final peace that excluded Palestinians from a place in Jerusalem, I think that peace would not survive. Arafat's policy of nonviolence and compromise with Israel would be in the greatest jeopardy. So would his own leadership.

All that is so plain that one wonders what the Israeli prime minister can be thinking. I find it hard to believe that Benjamin Netanyahu would knowingly jeopardize the great prize of peace with Israel's most intimate neighbors.

Jerusalem is not a city of peace, as it is often called, but one of bloody conflict. It is all there, history and today's reality, in a wonderful new book by Meron Benvenisti, "City of Stone."

But I do not believe that Jerusalem is an insoluble issue. Responsible Israelis and Palestinians have charted ways to deal with Jerusalem in a final peace.

Arafat indicated the other day that he might be content with a modest place in the city. He gave the example of Rome as a city with two sovereignties in it, Italy and Vatican City. Which one of you would be the Vatican? he was asked. He answered: "I don't care."

Anthony Lewis's column is distributed by New York Times Service.



CHARLEY REESE

Welfare creates more monsters than cloning

If you are worried about human monsters, you should worry more about the welfare programs than you should about cloning. The welfare programs have produced human monsters. Cloning of humans hasn't even been tried.

First, don't get excited about the cloning of sheep. Haven't you learned by now to wait until other scientists get a good look at this allegedly cloned sheep, go over the notes and duplicate the work? A sheep may or may not have been successfully cloned. We don't know that yet. We know that some scientists have claimed to have cloned a sheep. Not all claims turn out to be valid.

Second, what makes for a bad human being is not biology but a combination of environment and biology. A welfare system that has paid women to have babies they didn't otherwise want has produced a lot of psychopaths, or as they like to say now, sociopathic personalities.

These are human beings in form but without a conscience or an ounce of human compassion. They lack the ability to relate in a human way to another human being. That's why they can shoot babies or toss children out of windows.

It begins in the womb, where pro-abortion

fanatics claim no person exists. But a person does exist, and according to scientists not involved in the abortion babbles, stress and, after birth, a lack of proper nurturing can fix a tendency to aggressive and violent behavior in a child by the age of 2.

It is not environment or biology. It is both. The bad environment in these early development stages causes chemical and other physiological changes in the brain. In other words, the kids' brains don't get wired properly.

And here's some more bad news, straight in the language of science:

"Once the aggressive and antisocial lifestyles of these children develop and stabilize, they tend to be remarkably refractory to interventions." That means they are hard as heck to change.

Now when you make cash, housing, food and other benefits available just for having a baby without a father around, you create a situation in which the people absolutely the least qualified to be mothers will have a tendency to produce babies as a cash crop.

And these babies often don't receive either proper nutrition or nurturing — not because these resources aren't available, but precisely because their sorry mothers don't give a damn about them.

For years I've heard liberals say no woman would have a baby just to qualify for welfare. Bull. I've known women who had children for cash crop purposes. I've known their boyfriends. Anybody who's worked in the trenches of the welfare system knows the score.

Anybody who runs a business in a ghetto area knows the score.

The trouble with most liberals is that they are naive, upper middle-class folks who don't know, and who don't want to know, what poor folks are really like. They read about people. They don't associate with them. They never were one of them.

But if it's human monsters you are worried about, it's the liberal welfare state, not some scientist in a laboratory, that should concern you. Absolutely no welfare benefits of any kind should be given to the mother of an illegitimate child. Welfare should be contingent on a marriage license and in the absence of a husband, on divorce papers.

You might think that's a nonlibertarian position, but it isn't. If women wish to have illegitimate children, they can do so. But they should not expect other people to pay for them. Anybody who thinks the present high rates of illegitimacy are not a factor in producing criminals just hasn't read the literature. It's not even a question anymore.

So, the only way to put a long-term dent in crime is to punish illegitimacy and reward marriage because the traditional two-parent family is scientifically proven to be the best incubators of useful, law-abiding citizens.

As for a cloned sheep, if it scares you, eat it.

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ANOTHER VIEW

We must keep violent criminals behind bars

America is facing a dilemma we shouldn't have to confront. What should we do with dangerous men who have already served their prison time?

An Associated Press story asked that question after Lawrence Singleton admitted stabbing a prostitute to death last week in Florida. The 69-year-old predator was released from prison after a mere eight years for raping a teen-ager, cutting off her arms and leaving her dead by the side of the road.

It is fair to ask whether the criminal justice system shares the blame in the death of Singleton's latest victim?

More than half of those con-

victed criminals out on parole or probation are caught committing new crimes within three years of their release. Surely, there must be something Americans can do to protect ourselves from these repeat offenders.

While there are no easy answers to America's violent crime problem, there is no great dilemma. Americans simply must find ways to keep violent criminals locked up longer.

Have the gumption to keep them behind bars for the duration of the sentences they are given.

— Valley Morning Star
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 10, the 69th day of 1997. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made what was, in effect, the first telephone call. His assistant, in an adjoining room in Boston, heard Bell say over the experimental device: "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

On this date:
 In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament; he did not call it back for 11 years.

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.

In 1964, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War.

In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.

In 1948, the body of the anti-Communist foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, was found in the garden of Cernin Palace in Prague.

In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.)

In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tenn., to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea.)

In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, Soviet leader for just 13 months, died at age 73.

Ten years ago: The Vatican issued a 40-page document on scientific techniques involving procreation, condemning such practices as surrogate motherhood, test-tube births and cloning.

MIKE ROYKO

Lawyers get kicks taking advantage of charity

Anyone who works on a newspaper and takes calls and complaints from readers will tell you that in a dispute between a restaurant and customer, the restaurant is always wrong and the customer is always a victim.

That's because it's always the angry customer who phones with the gripe. So naturally, they tell it their way.

But that may be changing. At least in this space. I recently did a couple of columns on the Chicago yuppie who had the hassle with a Lake Geneva, Wis., restaurant because he thought the steak he ordered medium-well was actually well done, and he sued everyone in sight — the restaurant, a cop, the town of Lake Geneva and the town's mayor.

It wound up in federal court, where he lost and was ordered to pay the legal bills of everybody he sued. Now he's going to the Supreme Court.

That story has prompted some restaurant owners and employees to come out of the kitchen, so to speak. And they are telling me about customers who are really terrible people.

As I get these stories, I'm going to try to balance the scales of journalistic justice.

We'll begin today with Sara Roignant, who, with her chef-husband, owns La Creperie on Chicago's North Side.

Sara has a policy of giving dining gift certificates to various local charities. The charities use them in the silent auctions so popular at fundraisers.

Sara says: "Something happened last night that was very upsetting."

"I was home — we live upstairs of the restaurant — when I got a call from one of the waitresses. She said there are people here and they don't want to pay for their dinner."

"They said they had gift certificates for \$30. I give about 10 certificates a week. These were from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. They were two years old, but there's no expiration date, so that's OK. Now the new ones are for \$40 because our prices went up."

"The waitress was in a tizzy. Each certificate was worth \$30. But their bill was \$111.50, so they owed \$51, plus tip. They gave the waitress the gift certificates when they came in and said they were going to use these tonight. She told them what they were worth. There were four of them. They had two bottles of wine, soup, salad, escargot, several crepes with extra fillings, chicken curry and two teas."

"I said to her, 'Explain. I'm sure they'll understand.' My husband tried to talk to them and he told me to come down. I went down and said, 'I'm sorry that you misunderstood. Maybe you ordered without knowing.' I tried to be logical. I said you can't eat and drink as much as you want. We donate these certificates. We can't afford to give out \$110 meals every week."

"They let me know they were lawyers. They were, at most, 30 years old. They were very well dressed. They said they didn't have to pay because it (the certificate) said it's worth \$30 on the back, not on the front. I said, 'It says on the donor form that you got with the certificates that they are worth \$30.'"

"They said, 'We're lawyers and it's not on the front, so we're not paying. We don't have to.' One of them told me he was going to sue me. He knew before he came in that he would make a legal issue of it."

"I was intimidated and shocked that it could

be a legal thing, and they they insisted they could have all the food and wine they wanted because it says dinner for two."

"Well, dinner for two means you can have an entree, soup or salad and dessert. It's usually so much food that people don't want anything more."

"They told me that I didn't have a leg to stand on in court. They were adamant about the legality of it. I said, 'I don't want to pay for a lawyer but I don't want to pay for the rest of your dinner. We can't make you come back and do the dishes because you're not paying.' They laughed at me. I told them: 'What does Shakespeare say? 'The first thing we do is kill the lawyers.' I didn't know what else to say but, 'You stuck it to me.'"

"They wouldn't give me their names. I said, 'I didn't get your names' and they just laughed. They were so arrogant and cold. They thought we wouldn't have a leg to stand on."

"We've been in business here for 25 years and nothing like this has ever happened. I give out 10 of these a week, worth \$400. It is how I give to charity. Now I have to get a lawyer to write me up a legal certificate so I don't get taken every night?"

"Today I called the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and they said they had no record of who these people were."

"Is this what the world is coming to, where you are trying to do something for someone and all you are thinking about is a lawsuit? Now you have to be so careful that you can't give things away to charity for fear of repercussions?"

Then Sara said: "Do you have any suggestions as to what I might do?"

No, but swine like these often brag about their swinishness. I'd love to interview them about gracious dining.

Mike Royko's column is distributed by Tribune Media Services.

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY

Bulimic Hobbs, N.M. girl wants parents to quit pressuring her to diet

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 years old and recently went from 180 pounds to 130. I've dropped six pants sizes, plus two more sizes in shirts. You can definitely see the difference.

Ever since I was a little girl, my parents have bugged me to lose weight, even though I was healthy and well-built. I played sports and ran track, so a lot of my weight was muscle, but my parents always wanted me to look like a tiny gymnast in miniskirts, so they bribed me to lose weight. By



Van Buren

the time I was in the eighth grade, I was so depressed about my weight that I considered suicide.

About 6½ years ago, I began sticking my fingers down my throat every time I ate. Now I throw up after I eat whether I stick my finger down my throat or not. I know it's not healthy. I know I am bulimic, and it is not a joke.

I want to have a husband and children someday, but I know that won't happen unless I get well. You can bet that if I'm lucky enough to have children, I'll love them no matter what size they are.

Please tell me where I can get help, Abby. And please tell parents to stop criticizing their overweight children. Help them lose weight, yes, but constant nagging and poking fun only lead to desperate

measures on the part of the child. — **READY TO MOVE ON IN HOBBS, N.M.**

DEAR READY TO MOVE ON: It is a sad commentary that someone as young as you had to resort to such drastic and life-threatening measures.

Bulimia nervosa is an eating disorder characterized in part by a preoccupation with food, binge eating (usually in secret) and purging after eating. The disorder is generally accompanied by depression, shame and guilt, mood swings, low self-esteem and withdrawal from normal social activities. Physically, bulimics can suffer from malnutrition, dehydration, tears in the esophagus, and serious heart, kidney and liver damage. If left untreated, it can

even be fatal.

It is important to recognize that food is not at the heart of any eating disorder. Parents, if you feel that you or your child may have an eating disorder, either bulimia nervosa or anorexia nervosa, do not blame or try to make your child feel guilty. Express your love and support and try to be understanding. Realize that your child is terrified of something, and seek professional help immediately.

For information on eating disorders and a referral to a doctor, therapist and support group in your area, contact the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders by writing to: ANAD, Box 7, Highland Park, Ill. 60035. Enclose a long

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DEAR ABBY: I am a clerk in a store. Recently I asked a young female customer a question. She replied, "Yes, ma'am."

"Ma'am" and "Sir" may seem old-fashioned and out of style, and to some people they smack of servitude, but it felt sweetly on my ears. It was a welcome display of manners, since only minutes before I had heard another young female shopper tell her child, "Get your a-- over here!" —**MILWAUKEE MANNERS MOURNER**

DEAR MOURNER: While formal etiquette is not as prevalent as it once was, the majority of people

still practice casual good manners. However, the parent who speaks crudely to her child, regardless of how annoyed she may be, is in for a rude awakening, because in a few years her child will be responding to her in the same manner.

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Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

With most churches in ruins, flood victims seek spiritual shelter

FALMOUTH, Ky. (AP) — Inside the Falmouth United Methodist Church, a solitary man shoveled out mud alongside a toppled wooden cross.

A few blocks away at the Falmouth Christian Church, red hymn books propped open windows so the soggy walls could dry.

Nearby, the Trinity Baptist Church was a muck-covered shambles, its organ and pulpit washed away and its pews in pieces.

In a town devastated by an act of God, flood victims still found a way to seek spiritual shelter Sunday. They gathered on high ground in the only spared church to give thanks that they survived, even if their homes didn't.

"We're going to get it back again. We're not going to give up," said Mary Hillenmeyer, 31, the fifth generation to work at her family's flooded funeral home.

At the Wesleyan Community Church on the edge of town, more than 100 worshippers attended the multidimensional, "come as you are" service — some wearing

borrowed suits and dresses, but many in jeans and muddy boots.

Holding their heads high in the face of disaster, the congregation sang "Count Your Blessings" and "God Will Take Care of You."

When last weekend's flooding of the Ohio River and its tributaries filled this town of 2,700 to its rooftops, most could only escape with the clothes on their backs.

With waters from the nearby Licking River receding, they trickled back in the last few days to see some of their houses tossed like toys, others badly warped and everywhere an ankle-deep goo. Four people were found drowned in their trailers and others are still missing.

In Lebanon Junction, where floodwaters from the Rolling Fork River had risen to the second story of some homes, a foot of water was still draining from the First Baptist Church. Its congregation gathered at a Methodist church a few blocks away.

"Not only do I not have my house, I don't have my church," said Vanessa Nicklies, wiping

'The Lord won't give me anything I can't handle.'

— Flood victim Vanessa Nicklies, Lebanon Junction, Ky.

away tears. "But it's OK. The Lord won't give me anything I can't handle."

Deacon K.C. Fehl began the service with announcements that volunteers are still needed to clean out homes, "and I might add a church."

He led 80 worshippers in prayer. "Dear Lord, times like these make us realize how little we are and how much we need your help."

Though it may be tempting, the Rev. Thomas Hughes said: "Don't blame God. You work through the opportunities God gives. You can't let them cause bitterness."

More than a week has passed since the Flood of '97 began with a violent weather system that also brought deadly tornadoes to Arkansas and Mississippi. High water in West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee

has increased the death toll to 58 and caused millions of dollars in damages.

The Ohio River, which crested in Louisville on Friday at almost 16 feet above flood stage, has since dropped to 36.6 feet Sunday. A storm Sunday was expected to

dump an additional 2 inches of rain, but forecasters said it would have little effect on the floodwaters.

Still, this slow-motion disaster is far from over, with waters still rising in downstream towns. The Ohio is expected to crest Tuesday in Evansville, Ind., Wednesday in Mount Vernon, Ind., and Friday in Paducah, Ky.

"It's just a big, old long crest," said Randy Griggs of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In Old Shawneetown, Ill., where

the Ohio has risen nearly 2 feet and is expected to crest Thursday, volunteers and emergency crews were busy sandbagging to plug holes in the main levee.

Smithland, Ky., population 500, is surrounded by water that is waist-high and rising, with a crest expected Friday. Schoolchildren helped fill sandbags until midnight to increase the height of the town's flood wall to 5 feet.

"The whole town is relying on that wall," said George Green, a town councilman.

Animal flood refugees flock to Henry's Ark

"Of every sort of living creature of all flesh you shall bring two into the ark, to keep them alive with you..."

— Genesis 6: 19.

By Julia Prodis
Associated Press

PROSPECT, Ky. — Two by two they came — two parrots, two chinchillas, then 12 dogs, six cats, a parakeet and a goat.

These refugees of the Flood of '97 all found safe haven at Henry's Ark.

"They were so upset, you could almost see tears coming out of their eyes," said Penny Schaefer, head of the private petting zoo near Louisville that has taken in homeless Kentucky pets.

"Motels will accept the humans, but there's no place for the animals," said Schaefer, her sleeves rolled up and her knee-high boots splattered with mud. "What kind of people would we be if we turned them away?"

Since the floods hit a week ago, stranded pets have been plucked from rooftops and trees while other abandoned animals run wild and hungry, waiting for their owners to return.

The lucky ones have been taken in by animal clinics and kind-hearted people on high ground.

In flooded West Point, Lorrie Carroll broke through windows in a trailer court to rescue pets left behind in the evacuation panic. In Falmouth, Carletta Chaney's two-story house has become home to five orphaned cats, four dogs, a few birds and a hamster.

"We had been wanting an animal shelter here, but there never was enough community support," Chaney said. "Now this is the shelter."

At Henry's Ark, named after owner Henry Wallace, the petting zoo was already home to zebra, yak, buffalo, llama, and camels when the flood victims came straggling in.

"I really have a problem," Sharon McBride told Schaefer last week, pulling up to the muddy corral in a pickup truck. "I have a goat."

"We have a place," Schaefer said. "Bring her here."

And so Nanny B., a little black goat, came on a leash.

Terry Barmore's six dogs and five cats came in boxes and crates after being rescued by boat from the second story of his flooded house.

"Bring them to the ark," Schaefer had told him.

Ever since, Barmore has been doing his best to repay the favor — spreading straw and mowing stalls.

After a week at the ark, the pets are beginning to relax, Schaefer said. Nanny B. has found a friend in a little orphan goat already on the farm. And Barmore's beagle, Otis, is back to his mischievous self — taunting a pot bellied pig that wanders into the dog run.

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Saturday

Stolen vehicle: Police are searching for a champagne-colored 1990 Geo Prism reported stolen from Junction Apartments by a 14-year-old white male juvenile described by the police as a runaway.

Burglary of a residence: Laru Joiner reported at 12:59 p.m. that speakers had been taken from the residence at 610 Watson. Entry was made through an unlocked back door.

Burglary of a residence: A jambox was taken from 300 Cottonwood, reported Calvin Riggs. Entry was made through a bedroom window. The report was made at 8:50 p.m.

Vandalism: A resident of Hawthorne House Apartments, 2811 W. Loop 250, reported a white female in a maroon Pontiac Bonneville threw an item through the window of the apartment at 12:40 a.m.

Vandalism: The resident at 1212 E. Wadley reported at 3:36 a.m. that all four tires of a police vehicle had been vandalized.

Vandalism: Rosco Thomas, 5000 Leisure, reported at 12:14 p.m. that a tire had been slashed on his pickup during the night.

Vandalism: Mary Mendoza, 2411 College, reported that a suspect in a gray primer Camaro slashed tires and vandalized her vehicle at 9:37 p.m.

Sunday

Burglary of a residence: A couple was awakened by an intruder kicking in the back door of their home. The intruder

was apparently scared off when the couple awakened. He is described as a Hispanic male of medium build with short hair and was seen driving off in a medium-size red pickup. The report was made at 2:35 a.m.

Burglary of a business: A storage shed at 1509 Goode was broken into by kicking in the front door and a router taken. The report was made at 12:24 p.m.

Theft: A towel machine was taken from the Chevron station at 4401 W. Wadley. The theft was reported at 1:24 p.m.

Vandalism: Holly Brown of 3107 W. Ohio reported at 2:19 a.m. that her vehicle had been run into by a known suspect. Damage was over \$50 and under \$500.

Vandalism: Leonard Trulove, 4624 Versailles Drive, reported that a mirror had been broken off a green 1993 Dodge Spirit between 7 and 7:30 a.m. The report was made at 8:25 a.m.

Vandalism: A front tire was slashed on the vehicle at 414 Stonybrook Drive, reported Vicki Allcorn. The report was made at 3:04 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's
Department
Saturday

Theft: The Kent Kwik at 4101 E. Highway 158 reported the theft of \$25 in gas by a white male in a tan 1985 or 1986 Ford pickup at 11:38 a.m.

Vandalism: Joe Schippers, 5414 E. County Road 83, reported that his vehicle had been spray painted by juveniles that live down the street from him. The report was made at 10:06 p.m.

OBITUARIES



Mary Evelyn Eaton

Mary Evelyn Eaton was born July 7, 1928, in Vincent, Texas; and was reared and educated in Martin County, Texas. On May 31, 1947, she married Ray T. Eaton in Midland. She was a member of various bowling leagues, was a member and former president of the VFW, #7208 Women's Ladies Auxiliary, and was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was involved in the family business, Eaton's Transmission.

Mrs. Eaton was preceded in

death by her parents Lee and Carl Leonard, Sr. and a sister Lola Chandler.

Survivors include her husband Raymond T. Eaton of Midland; three daughters, Linda Hyatt of Midland, Susan Bickham of Odessa and Dianne Mills of Midland; three brothers, Jack Leonard, Carl (Hoot) Leonard, and Bill Leonard all of Midland; three sisters, Vivian Chandler of Stanton, Frankie Schuelke of Independence, Missouri and Louise Schuelke of Midland; eight grandchildren; one great grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Eaton died early Sunday morning at her residence.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Wayne Merritt of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Elder Tommy Hursh of Stanton, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, Inc. P.O. Box 2621 Midland Texas 79702.

Johnnie Pannell

Johnnie Pannell of Plano, Texas passed away Saturday March 8, 1997, in Plano, Texas. He was born January 31, 1911 in Stanford,

Texas to Roy L. & Sula Perryman Pannell. Mr. Pannell was 86 years of age.

He was a Carbon Black Plant Operator and was married to the late Jamie Marie Strube, November 24, 1939.

Surviving him are his sons, Johnnie P. Pannell, Jr. of Allen, Texas; Frank Pannell of Midland,

Texas; and Billy Wayne Pannell of Allen, Texas; one sister, Willie Mae Mosey of Blackwell, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at the New Hope Cemetery, New Hope Community, Texas under the direction of Kinney Funeral Home, Stamford, Texas.

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DEATH NOTICES

Leon Nelson

Leon Nelson, 61, died Saturday in an Odessa hospital after a short illness. Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Monica Miller

Services are pending for Monica Miller, 24, with Walker Funeral Directors. She died Sunday.

Lubbock program will treat
mentally retarded criminals

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A unique abuse treatment program for mentally retarded and drug-dependent felons on probation is getting its start in Lubbock County.

A \$150,000 state grant is being used as start-up money for the program, which will use a long-vacant half of the Lubbock County Community Corrections Facility.

"We've been open for four years this Sunday, and we've never had both halves open up yet," said Steve Rumpy, chief director of the Lubbock facility. "This will be a first for us, and the state."

The \$4 million unit is home to about 100 nonviolent felons sentenced there in lieu of prison. To be considered, felons must be eligible for probation and must not have used violence or deadly weapons in their crimes.

They also must be considered potentially employable.

Inmates work toward high school equivalency degrees, receive treatment for drug and alcohol addictions and get vocational training.

The county has paid \$500,000 annually toward bond debt on the facility since it was first built. The state's rent for the beds covers \$393,732 of the bond payments. The facility will be paid off by 2002, and the rent paid for state inmates will become county revenue.

Mother's ashes
sent to family;
change made
in procedure

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man's shock at receiving his wife's ashes in the mail has prompted the state's largest medical-study program to change how it returns to families the remains of donated bodies.

The changes made by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas could spread to the state's other 10 willied-body programs.

"This is one area where we clearly dropped the ball," said Dr. John Burnside, director of UT Southwestern's willied-body program. "Instead of, 'Ho-hum, here's another set of ashes we're sending out,' this made us think, 'How would you feel if you were on the receiving end of this?'"

The medical school will start notifying families by phone as well as letter and allow them to receive in person the ashes of their loved ones, whose bodies had been donated for anatomical study.

Lubbock was chosen for the pilot program because it had the space, said Bryan Wilson, program coordinator for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program.

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After receiving both his B.S. in Human Nutrition and his medical degree from Ohio State University, Gregg served his residency and subspecialty fellowship at the University of Cincinnati Hospital before opening a private practice in 1994. While his practice in Ohio kept him very busy, the chance to come to West Texas and join the Midland Odessa Medical Healthcare Partners was an opportunity he couldn't resist. "West Texas is such a unique mixture of climatic zones that we see and treat symptoms that you don't see anywhere else in the U.S. And I see the MOM Group as a very progressive organization with a clear vision for the future for delivering the highest quality healthcare for citizens of this region," he adds.

Gregg, Beth, and their 8-year old son, Justin, reside in Midland and are enjoying the people, the arts and the outdoor activities the Permian Basin has to offer.

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Baylor 12, Nebraska 3.

Reese cancer

VENICE, Fla. — Dodgers Hall of Fame shortstop Pee Wee Reese is undergoing five weeks of radiation treatment for lung cancer, according to friends. Reese, 78, who overcame prostate cancer years ago, had a tumor removed from his lung that was malignant, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday. Reese, who also is recovering from a broken hip, started radiation treatments a week ago. He will undergo 25 treatments — five days a week for five weeks — in Venice.

NCAA hacker

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Someone hacked into the NCAA's Internet home page Sunday and temporarily replaced it with racial slurs, but officials were able to divert web surfers to the proper page.

The World Wide Web site normally featuring the NCAA and links to other sites showcasing its different athletic programs was abruptly changed early Sunday evening with a page titled "Anti-ncaa." Below it was an encircled fist accompanied by the words "White Power."

Below that were the words "FAT nigger counter," above a counter used to gauge the number of people visiting the site.

Later, the offending page was replaced with a similar page without the racial slurs. It read "Basketball sucks? Badminton Rules!" and under the counter its fractured grammar read, "Stop commercialization of the Internet stops here."

The invading page appeared soon after the Overland Park-based NCAA announced seedings and pairings for its basketball tournament. NCAA officials say they don't know why or how the site was replaced but are investigating.

"We're obviously very upset, very disturbed that it happened," said NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro. "It's probably not any accident that it happened on a selection Sunday night."

The NCAA diverted web users to the correct page by electronically shifting the page to a different Internet server, the device that hosts World Wide Web sites. Switching to a more secure server — located in North Carolina — makes the NCAA's site "virtually impenetrable," Renfro said. He said the NCAA's site was protected by a "firewall," a security measure used by agencies and companies to keep hackers out.

Kay jailed

DENVER — Clarence Kay, the former star tight end of the Denver Broncos, was in jail again Sunday, this time for allegedly violating a restraining order. Kay is accused of going to the home of former girlfriend Jennifer Johantger about 8 a.m. Saturday and harassing her and a male companion, Randy Guess. Denver police Sgt. Mark Lewis said Kay was being held in the city jail without bail on charges of creating a disturbance and violating a restraining order that has been in effect since December.

Player dies

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — A West Virginia football player was killed Sunday when the sports utility he was driving went out of control after its tire went flat. Daniel Paul VanEtten, 19, a freshman lineman, was thrown from the vehicle in the accident about 1:25 a.m. on Interstate 95 in Camden County, Ga., Georgia state police said. Three other West Virginia football players were in the vehicle. Freshmen Carlos Osegueda, Matt Wilson, and Donnell Khorl Ivey had minor injuries.

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Texas Tech basketball coach James Dickey responds to media questions as player Tony Battle listens. The school disqualified its team from further NCAA competition this year after mistakes were discovered concerning the eligibility of certain players.

Administrative goofs to blame

■ Texas Tech chancellor says coaches not entirely at fault for errors in determining eligibility.

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — It's starting to look like Texas Tech athletic officials read the NCAA manuals about as well as former star running back Byron Hanspard studied for his final exams.

Hanspard earned a 0.00 grade average last fall.

"I would have to say from the bottom of my heart that, frankly, our coaches deserve better sup-

port than what they're getting in terms of being able to rely on certification," said chancellor John Montford, who ended Texas Tech's season Saturday after two players were found academically ineligible.

The Red Raiders forfeited 10 Big 12 victories and withdrew from consideration for the NCAA tournament.

A misinterpretation of NCAA rules led Texas Tech officials to conclude Gracen Averil and Deuce Jones were eligible even though they made D's in courses related to their majors. At Tech, a D doesn't count toward a major, meaning that both players fell below the required number of

hours needed to play. They became the fifth and sixth players since August to lose eligibility or playing time after administrative mistakes.

—Texas Tech admitted last August that it improperly certified senior defensive tackle Jerome Lang by using a faulty correspondence course, the same kind of course that helped prompt a year-old NCAA investigation.

—The Red Raiders pulled senior offensive lineman Casey Jones from the lineup minutes before the Aug. 31 season opener against Kansas State because Texas Tech signed off on a change in major that left him ac-

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Selection Sunday goes smoothly

Kansas gets top Southeast slot

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Top-ranked Kansas, Minnesota, Kentucky and North Carolina drew No. 1 seeds Sunday in the NCAA basketball tournament in a year when the only complaints came from some big schools left out.

The Jayhawks (32-1) were placed in the Southeast Region, Minnesota in the Midwest, North Carolina in the East and defending champion Kentucky in the West. The 64-team tournament opens Thursday and winds up with the Final Four in Indianapolis on March 29 and 31.

The lack of upsets in this weekend's conference tournaments made the choices a bit easier for the NCAA's nine-member selection committee.

"We felt better walking out of there about the seeding and bracketing than we have in several years," said Terry Holland, the athletic director at Virginia and chairman of the committee.

The usual Selection Sunday argument over which winning midmajor program was left out at the expense of the nine



most powerful leagues was absent this year, but some of the bigger teams that knocked each other out of the field weren't happy.

Among the teams left out were Syracuse and West Virginia of the Big East, Michigan of the Big Ten, Tulane of Conference USA and Hawaii, Fresno State and Texas Christian of the WAC.

Syracuse coach Jim Boheim, whose Orangemen reached the Final Four last season, was angry after making the field the past 13 years they were eligible.

"I look at some of the teams in the tournament and I'm amazed," Boheim said. "I'm even more surprised that the

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Texas teams fail to impress NCAA selection committee

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

Texas basketball fans, take note. The Longhorns won't be playing Drano Tech, Plano Tech or Charlie's Barber College anytime soon.

UT coach Tom Penders had threatened to pad future schedules with such imaginary paties if his team wasn't selected for the NCAA tournament because of a mediocre 16-11 record.

But the Longhorns made it, getting a No. 10 seed in the East Region. They'll face No. 7 Wisconsin on Friday in Pittsburgh.

The only other Texas team earning a spot in the 64-team field announced Sunday was Southwest Texas State. The 16-12 Southland Conference champions are seeded 16th in the Midwest Region and will meet top seed Minnesota on Friday in Kansas City.

Texas Tech almost certainly would've been a third Texas school chosen, but the Red Raiders withdrew from considera-

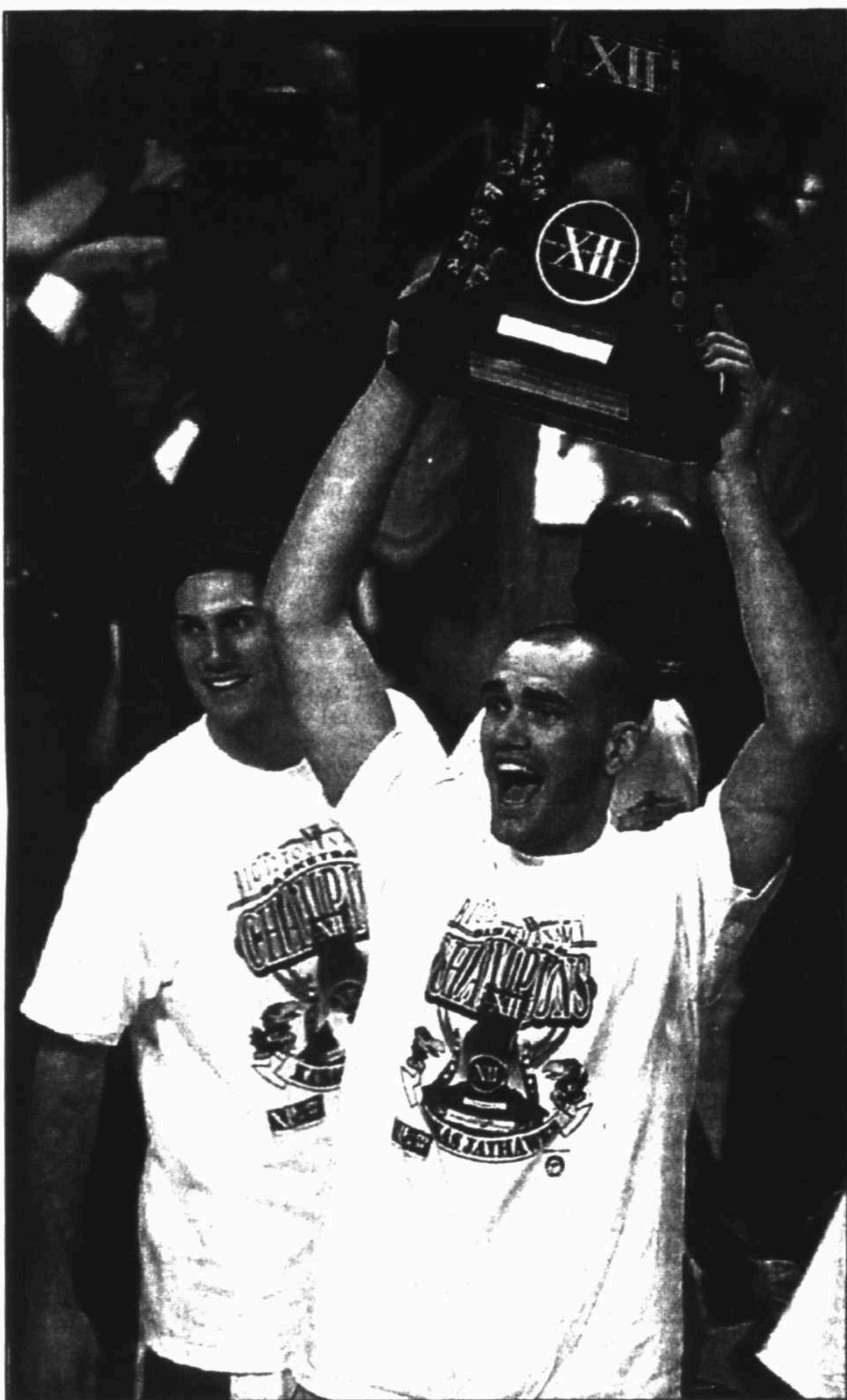
tion Saturday after two players were found academically ineligible.

Left out of the field was Texas Christian. That snub was made worse when selection committee chairman Terry Holland explained that the Horned Frogs didn't make it because "what we call bottom-feeding doesn't get it done."

That means the committee looks down on teams whose records are inflated by victories against teams not ranked in the top 100. Some of TCU's 21 wins came against weaklings such as McNeese State, Centenary, Montana State, Louisiana Tech, Texas-Arlington and Liberty.

Holland's statement confirmed Penders' assertion that it's better to lose to good teams than to beat bad ones. Texas' non-conference schedule included tournament picks Arizona, Louisville, Utah, Providence and Rhode Island. By playing in the Big 12 Conference, the Longhorns had another five games against

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Kansas center Scot Pollard holds up the Big 12 championship trophy as Steve Ransom, left, and B.J. Williams look on Sunday in Kansas City, Mo.

Women's tournament bids produce few surprises

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

Connecticut, Old Dominion, Stanford and North Carolina were given the No. 1 seeds Sunday in the NCAA women's basketball tournament, assured of having a different Final Four for the first time since 1994.

Top-ranked Connecticut (30-0) is the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional, No. 2 Old Dominion (29-1) was given the top seed in the Midwest, third-ranked Stanford (30-1) is No. 1 in the West and fourth-ranked North Carolina (27-2) was made the top seed in the East.

This is the fourth straight year Connecticut has been a No. 1 seed and the first time in 10 years that Tennessee isn't. The Lady Vols are seeded third in the Midwest.

North Carolina became the third school awarded a No. 1 seed after missing the previous year's tournament. That happened with Ohio State in 1993 and Pur-

due in 1994.

The brackets are arranged so there will be at least two new faces in the Final Four, which has had Connecticut, Tennessee, Stanford and Georgia for two straight years.

Defending champion Tennessee and 1995 winner Connecticut are in the Midwest Regional. Stanford and Georgia are in the West.

A mild surprise was Colorado, not in the Top 25 but the No. 2 seed in the Midwest. The Buffaloes (21-8) played a tough non-conference schedule and finished strong in league play, winning their final six games and claiming the title in the first Big 12 tournament.

The Southeastern Conference repeated its feat of the last two years by getting seven teams in the tournament: Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Tennessee and Vanderbilt. Left out was Arkansas, 18-10 overall but 5-7 in the league.

Arkansas failed to get in last season with a 20-11 record.

The Atlantic Coast Conference and Big 12 each has six teams, while five made it from the Big Ten, Conference USA and Pac-10.

In all of those leagues, a team thought to be on the bubble got in — Maryland from the ACC, Iowa State from the Big 12, Northwestern from the Big Ten, DePaul from Conference USA and Washington from the Pac-10. Iowa State (17-11) made the tournament for the first time.

With one exception, the top four seeds in each region will be the host schools for the first two rounds of regional play, either Friday and Sunday or Saturday and Monday.

The exception was Tulane, the No. 4 seed in the East.

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Jarrett vaults into series lead with Atlanta victory

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

HAMPTON, Ga. — Dale Jarrett finished what he started Sunday, running away with the Primestar 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.



Jarrett, who dominated a race last month at Rockingham, N.C., only to lose to Jeff Gordon, this time gave no opening to his closest pursuer, Robert Yates Racing teammate Ernie Irvan.

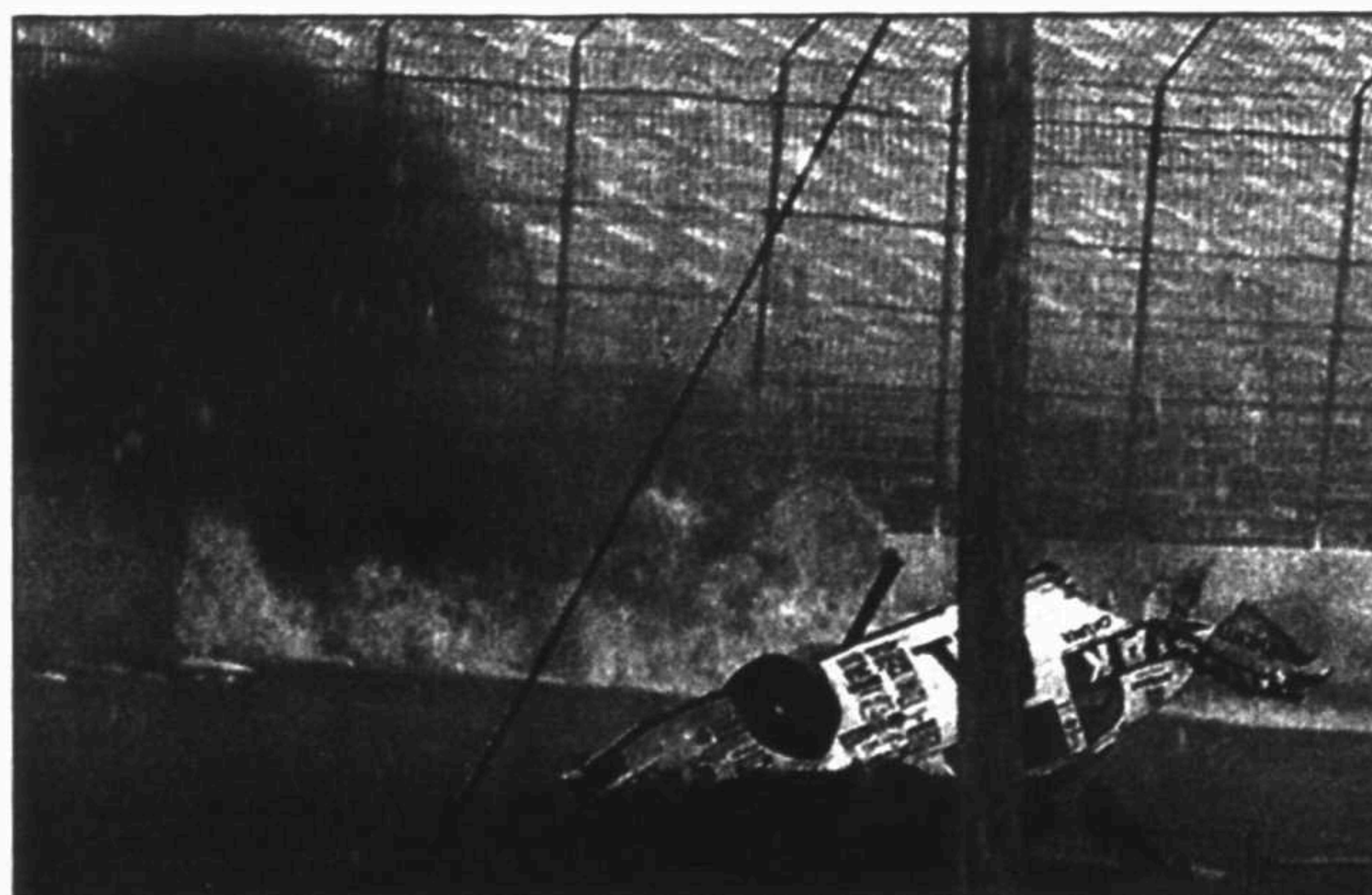
The race ended with sundown fast approaching because a spectacular crash 44 laps from the end of the 328-lap

event caused a delay of nearly one hour. It was the third straight top-five finish for the 40-year-old Jarrett, who earned his ninth career victory and first at the Atlanta track.

"Finally," Jarrett said after climbing from his Ford Thunderbird. "It was a great effort by all of our guys. We kept adjusting on it. We knew after the last couple of weeks we couldn't get through with what we had. We had to make the car better."

Jarrett did get a scare on lap 190, when his car began sputtering and he had to switch to a backup ignition system. He lost the lead briefly to Irvan, but quickly got back up to speed and moved right back to the top spot five laps later.

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Steve Grissom in his Kodiak Chevrolet, leaves a trail of fire as he rolls through the backstretch during running of the Primestar 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., on Sunday.

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Coulthard claims Australian GP



MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — David Coulthard ended a three-year winless streak for the McLaren-Mercedes team, winning Sunday's season-opening Australian Grand Prix by 20 seconds ahead of world champion Michael Schumacher.

The Scotsman completed 58 laps of the 3.3-mile Albert Park track in 1 hour, 30 minutes, 28.718 seconds, winning for the second time in 42 Grand Prix starts. He averaged 127 mph.

"It's an absolutely fantastic start to the year," Coulthard said. "I never thought I'd be that emotional, but I was crying in the car during the warm-down lap."

Coulthard's only previous win came in the 1995 Portuguese Grand Prix, when he was driving for Williams.

Schumacher's Ferrari finished just two seconds ahead of Mika Hakkinen of Finland, who was third in the other McLaren-Mercedes.

The 1-3 finish sparked off celebrations for the McLaren team, which scored its first win in 50 races.

"I felt very good all weekend — very much in control of the car," Coulthard said.

The McLaren team has struggled to produce a competitive chassis, but its new car — dubbed the Silver Bullet for its bright silver paint job — turned back the clock.

The team's last win was when the late Ayrton Senna won the Australian Grand Prix at Adelaide in 1993.

McLaren is No. 2 in

overall Grand Prix victories with 165, second to Ferrari's 169, but has not won a manufacturers' title since 1991.

Heinz-Harald Frentzen, making his debut for the Williams-Renault team, spun off the track with an apparent brake failure with three laps remaining.

Frentzen, on a two-stop race plan, pitted on lap 18 and gave Coulthard the lead, but regained the advantage of lap 33 when the Scot pitted for the only time.

Frentzen then had a slow second pit stop on lap 39, letting Coulthard regain the lead — for good, as it turned out.

Schumacher lost second place to Frentzen when he had to pit a second time with seven laps left, a stop he described as an "unexpected splash and dash." But he regained it when Frentzen spun off.

"One moment he was two seconds behind me and the next second he was gone," Coulthard said.

Schumacher said second place exceeded his expectations.

"There was no way to get any better position," he said. "I wasn't hoping for more."

Hakkinen, who narrowly escaped death in a high-speed accident at Australia two years ago, was ecstatic with McLaren's finish.

"I don't think it can be much better than that," he said. "It's fantastic for the team, just fabulous."

Gerhard Berger of Austria was fourth in a Benetton-Renault, followed by Olivier Panis of France for the new Prost Mugen-Honda team and Nicola Larini of Italy in a Sauber.

Hernandez hopes he's found a home

Ranger with fourth team in five years.

By Michael Lutz
Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Xavier Hernandez doesn't want to put any more team stickers on his luggage.

Hernandez, a member of the Texas Rangers bullpen, is starting this spring with his fourth team in five years. He'd like to end his rolling-stone existence in his home state.

"I've got a few suitcases at home that have Reds, Yankees and Astros stickers on them," Hernandez said. "I'm good for the suit-

case business but I'd like to stay here a few years."

Hernandez is projected as the right-handed set up for John Wetteland, the World Series MVP who left the New York Yankees after helping them win the world title last season.

But it's starting over again for Hernandez, who has a new challenge and a new coaching staff to impress. Although he's done it before, it's not a comfortable feeling.

"You come in with a new coaching staff where the only person who's seen you throw is Rudy (Jaramillo)," Hernandez said. "And he's the hitting coach, so there's a certain amount of pres-

sure to come in and prove yourself all over again."

Hernandez had a 5-5 combined record and 4.62 ERA in 61 games with Cincinnati and Houston last season.

He made three appearances with the Reds before he was released and signed by Houston on the same day. Hernandez led the Astros staff with 58 appearances and was second with 27 finished games.

The Rangers are hoping Hernandez will be effective with his split-finger fast ball and also develop other pitches.

"We're trying to get him to pick up the pace," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "We'll see bet-

ter results when he starts throwing more in less time and gets better deliveries."

Hernandez doesn't want to rely too heavily on his splitter.

"I'll need the slider in this league," he said. "The key for me is the splitter, but it makes me more effective to get a good consistent slider. There are days you can't control the splitter. It's nice to have something else to rely on."

Hernandez signed a two-year contract with the Rangers but he doesn't let that suitcase get too far from his sight.

"I was guaranteed a full year in Cincinnati, too, and I got released so you don't take anything for granted in this league," he said.

Marlins finally lose one after 11-0 start

Associated Press

Florida finally lost an exhibition game. And the Marlins blew a 7-1 lead, too.

Following an 11-0 start, the Marlins lost to the New York Mets 8-7 in 10 innings Sunday at Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Florida brought just two regular starters to the game — shortstop Edgar Renteria and second baseman Luis Castillo.

Butch Huskey, who homered in the eighth, hit the game-winning homer off Dustin Hermanson.

Florida, which spent \$89 million on free agents during the offseason, scored six runs in the seventh, getting a two-run homer from Chris Seif, a two-run double from Mark Kotsay and RBI singles from Gregg Zaun and Kurt Abbott.

Andy Tomberlin hit a three-run homer with two outs in the eighth, and Mets reserve catcher Alberto Castillo hit a two-run single with two outs in the ninth.

Rangers fall to Blue Jays, Indians drop Astros in exhibition play

Associated Press

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Felipe Crespo hit his second two-run homer of the game in the 11th inning Sunday to lead a Toronto Blue Jays split squad over the Texas Rangers 5-3.

Crespo, who also doubled, went 3-for-4. The winning homer came off Tanyon Sturtz.

Toronto starter Juan Guzman allowed two runs and five hits in

six innings, striking out two and walking one in the longest outing this spring by a Blue Jays' pitcher. Rangers starter John Burkett allowed two hits in three innings, including Crespo's first homer this spring.

Domingo Cedeño hit a sacrifice fly in the third for Texas, and Lee Stevens hit an RBI single in the fourth. Marc Sagmoen tied the score for Texas with a ninth-inning double off Mike Timlin, who then

struck out his next four batters.

Indians 4, Astros 1
WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Jack McDowell had his best outing of the spring, combining with three relievers on a four-hitter to lead Cleveland over Houston.

McDowell allowed one hit in four scoreless innings — an infield single. He retired 12 of 14 batters, including the last eight.

The 31-year-old right-hander was 13-9 in 30 starts for Cleveland

last year, but had a 5.11 ERA.

Cleveland had 13 hits, including a two-run single by Brian Giles off Blas Minor in the seventh that made it 4-1.

Jeff Bagwell had an RBI single in the first off Orel Herschler, but Matt Williams tied the score in the bottom half with a run-scoring single off Mike Hampton.

Kevin Mitchell put the Indians ahead 2-1 with an RBI single in the sixth off loser Russ Springer.

Raiders top Longhorns 10-6 in Big 12 Conference baseball action

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Keith Ginter's two-run homer highlighted a five-run third for Texas Tech Sunday as the Red Raiders beat Texas 10-6.

Texas Tech (13-2, 2-1 Big 12) also got Josh Bard's 400-foot-plus homer to center in the fourth inning. It was only the 21st time a homer has cleared the 20-foot centerfield wall at Disch-Falk Field.

Ginter was 3-for-4 with three runs and two RBIs. Jason Landreth had three RBIs for Tech.

Kendal Adare (2-1) pitched three innings for Texas, giving up seven runs on eight hits. Shane Wright (3-0) pitched 7 1/3 for the Red Raiders, surrendering five runs on 10 hits and striking out five.

Kip Harkrider scored twice and drove in two for Texas (13-2, 2-1).

Baylor 12 Nebraska 3

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Chad Polk had five of Baylor's 23 hits Sunday as the Bears beat Nebraska 12-3 for a sweep of their Big 12 weekend series.

The Bears (12-5, 5-1 Big 12) won a doubleheader Saturday 13-4 and 7-6.

One of Polk's hits led to Baylor's second run. Nebraska (5-11, 0-6)

tried to strike back in the third, scoring a single run after Mike Knust and Brian Hunt opening the inning with singles. Knust came off when Clifton Durham was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

But Baylor starter Kris Lamber (4-1) slammed the door after that and didn't allow another Husker hit until the eighth inning, when the game was safely out of reach.

LEAD: Jarrett cruises to victory by leading final 59 laps

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"The coil went out on it but, luckily, I was able to switch over," he said. "I thought for a minute it was the end of a perfect day 'til then. But that's why we have those backup systems."

The second-generation NASCAR star wound up leading six times for 253 laps, including the final 59. He was never challenged in the second half of the race, and beat Irvan to the finish line by 1.38 seconds, about 20 car-lengths.

"D.J.'s been pretty dominant all year and we just haven't been able to get to the end," said Irvan, who held off a late charge by Morgan Shepherd. "Obviously, D.J. was awful good all day."

"Sometimes, you just have to take a whoopin' and go on home. At least it was our teammate who did the whoopin' today."

Jarrett, who won \$137,650, averaged 132.730 mph.

Bobby Labonte, who won here last November, finished fourth in a Pontiac, followed by the Fords of

Jeff Burton, Mark Martin and Michael Waltrip. Dale Earnhardt and defending Winston Cup champion Terry Labonte were next in Chevrolets.

Jarrett moved into the points lead by 29 over Labonte. Gordon, who won the first two races of the season and came in leading the standings, blew his engine and finished last in the 42-car field.

"It blew up, and it blew up big. Probably a rod or something," Gordon said. "It's going to cost us and we're going to have to fight back hard like we always do."

There were only two caution periods in the first 233 laps, but the rest of the race was marred by five yellows — the last one brought out by the wild crash on lap 284.

One lap after a restart, Jimmy Spencer was banded from behind by another car coming off turn two. Spencer slid sideways, and Steve Grissom braked hard and swerved to avoid him.

Rookie Mike Skinner, trying to go between the two sliding cars,

slammed into them, sending Grissom's car skidding hard into the low wall at the bottom of the banking.

The rear of Grissom's car shattered as it bounced high off the wall, flipping onto its roof and sliding into the middle of the track. The fuel cell flew out of the rear end of the Monte Carlo and bounded across the track into the outside wall, splashing gasoline on the racing surface.

The gas was ignited into a ball of flame by the heat from the exhaust system of Chad Little's car as he drove through it.

Grissom was examined at the infield media center and released, although he did complain of pain in his left ankle. X-rays were negative.

"I just skinned my ankle up a little," the 31-year-old driver said. "I'm OK. We'll be ready to go at Darlington (for the next race on March 23)."

The race was halted for 52 minutes while the accident scene was

cleaned up and the broken retaining wall reinforced with concrete blocks.

Prior to that, the most serious incident came on lap 268, when Ted Musgrave spun and hit the wall after apparently running through oil from Jeremy Mayfield's blown engine. Rusty Wallace, who won last week at Richmond, Va., was hit from behind by Burton as he tried to avoid Musgrave. Wallace went into the wall. Then Ricky Craven slammed into Musgrave's car.

Musgrave, Wallace and Burton were running in the top eight when the incident took place. Musgrave said he bruised his knee when his leg hit the steering column.

A crowd estimated at 100,000 turned out on a warm, sunny day and watched the 75th and last Winston Cup race on the original 1.5-mile oval. Work will begin Monday to turn the track into a quad-oval with a dogleg on what is now the backstretch. It will become the front straightaway for the November race.

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Steve Elkington reacts after sinking an eagle from over 150 ft. on the third hole of the Doral Ryder Open on Sunday. Elkington won the tournament ending with a score of 13-under par.

Eagle by Elkington sparks win at Doral

MIAMI (AP) — Steve Elkington took the lead with an eagle from 150 yards on the third hole in Sunday's final round of the Doral Ryder Open, then survived the sand-filled back nine to win by two strokes over Nick Price and Larry Nelson.

Elkington, who closed with a 69 for a 13-under-par 275, let Price and third-round leader David Duval back into the tournament when he hit three bunkers in two holes — making bogeys on Nos. 13 and 14.

But he steadied himself with a series of conservative pars and closed out the victory with a gutsy par on the dangerous 18th hole when he drove into the bunker near the water, pitched out and hit a 9-iron from 135 yards to 6 feet and made the putt to save par.

"I played super golf today," Elkington said. "I got off with the eagle at three and from then on I just rode the momentum in."

The eagle on the third — a dangerous hole with water on the right and sand everywhere on the left, clanged hard against the flagstick and disappeared into the cup, setting off a wild ovation that rattled through the wind-swept palms at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa.

"I hit a 6-iron right into the wind," Elkington said. "You don't want to be short and go into the water and when I hit it I sort of said, 'Get up.'" Elkington said. "And it went right into the hole. Didn't even touch the green."

The victory was Elkington's first on the PGA Tour since his playoff win over Colin Montgomerie in the 1995 PGA Champi-

onship. "I told my caddie on Friday after I shot the 66 that I could win this week because my putting was so solid," Elkington said.

His putting was very solid. He made an 8-footer for birdie on No. 1 and padded his lead going to the difficult closing holes with a 30-footer on No. 9 and a 12-footer on the next hole.

He made a key two-putt from 40 feet on No. 16, rolling in the second one from five feet, and made the 6-foot par putt on No. 18 that closed out the tournament since Price was two back and had only one hole to play. Nelson was already finished.

Price, trying to win on the PGA Tour for the first time since the 1994 Canadian Open, never really got his putter going in the final round, making one birdie, one bogey and 16 pars to finish at 11-under-par 277.

"It was hard to get the ball close out there today in the wind and with the hard greens," Price said. "I kept hitting it 20 to 30 feet all day and I didn't make any."

Price, who won nine times on tour in 1993-94 and none since, has now finished third, second, first, first and second in his last five events. The two victories came overseas.

The hard-luck story of the day was certainly Duval, still looking for his first tour victory despite six second-place finishes in a little over two years. He stumbled early with three bogeys in four holes starting at No. 3, then hit a half dozen bunkers on the back nine as he closed with a 74 and finished fourth at 278.

Philippoussis takes Templeton

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Australian Mark Philippoussis fired 13 aces and beat Richey Reneberg 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) Sunday to win the Franklin Templeton Tennis Classic.

The 20-year-old Philippoussis needed only 91 minutes for his second career ATP Tour championship. He won \$43,000. He finished the event with 68 aces and set a record with a 142 mph serve in Friday's quarterfinals.

Reneberg, the oldest player to reach a Tour final this season at age 31, blew three set points in the second set. He was appearing in his seventh career final and seeking his fourth career title.

Philippoussis was ranked 42nd in the world entering the tournament.

ABN AMRO Indoor
ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — Richard Krajicek, playing in his hometown, won two tiebreakers in beating Daniel Vacek to capture the ABN AMRO indoor tournament 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-5).

Krajicek, last summer's Wimbledon champion, also won this tournament in 1995. Vacek has never won an ATP singles title.

Krajicek, the second seed, earned \$101,500 as well as 200 ATP points that will allow him to overtake Chile's Marcelo Rios and move into the No. 6 spot in the ATP rankings.

Vacek, an unseeded Czech

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ranked just No. 72 at the beginning of the week, was unable to break service once. Krajicek, one of the hardest servers on the tour, had 15 aces.

That placed Vacek under greater pressure to win his own service games, including a comeback from 0-40 in the third game.

Virginia Slims Legends
WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. — Chris Evert's team swept Sunday's matches to win the season-opening event on the Virginia Slims Legends Tour.

Team Evert, which led 18-14 coming into the final day of the two-day event at Saddlebrook Resort, beat Martina Navratilova's squad 48-30.

Evert led the way, winning both her doubles matches.

In the opening match, Tracy Austin and Virginia Wade beat Zina Garrison Jackson and Billie Jean King to increase Team Evert's lead to 24-18. Evert and Ilana Kloss then beat Wendy Turnbull and Rosie Casals 6-1.

Pam Shriver beat Navratilova 6-3 in singles match, and Evert and Shriver teamed to beat Navratilova and Garrison Jackson 6-4 in the day's final match, in which the points are doubled.

The Legends Tour resumes April 26-27 in Chicago.

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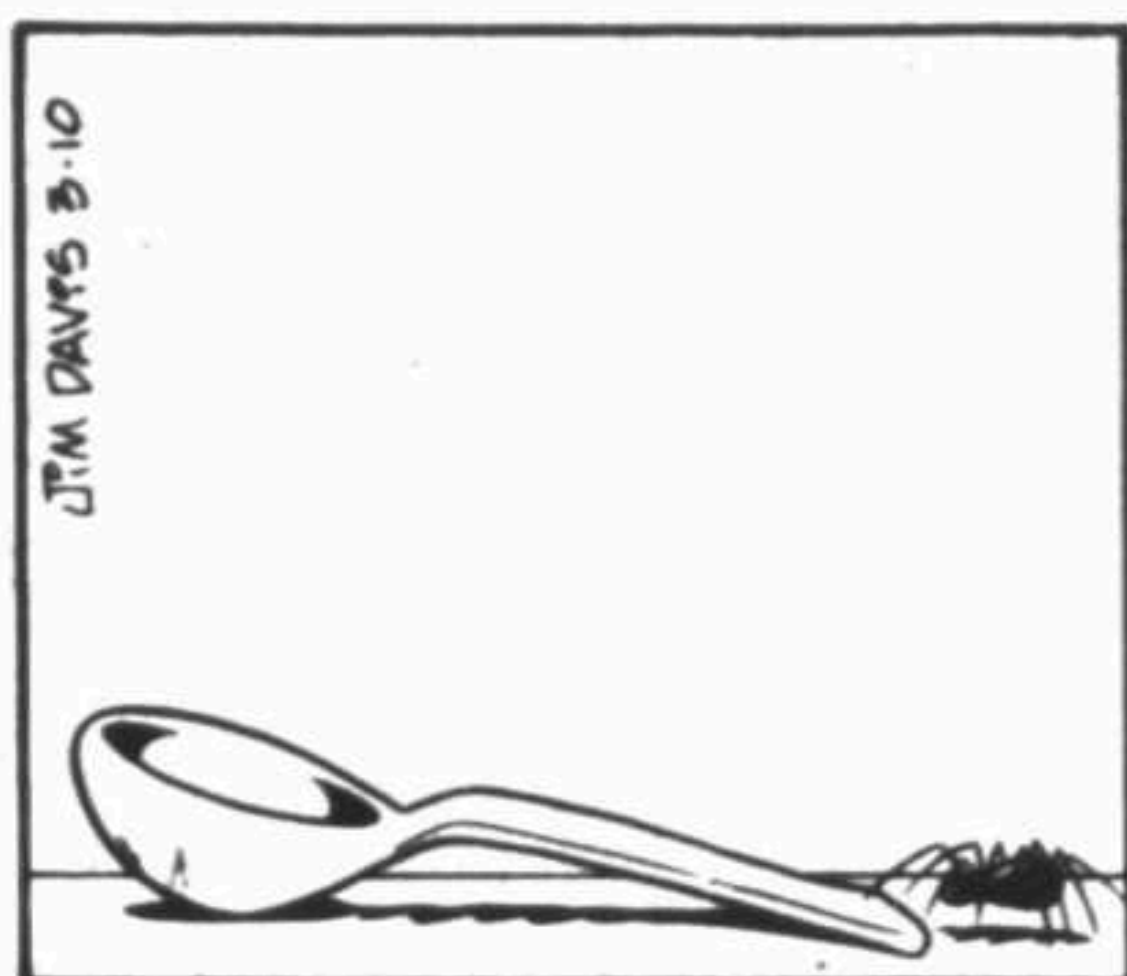
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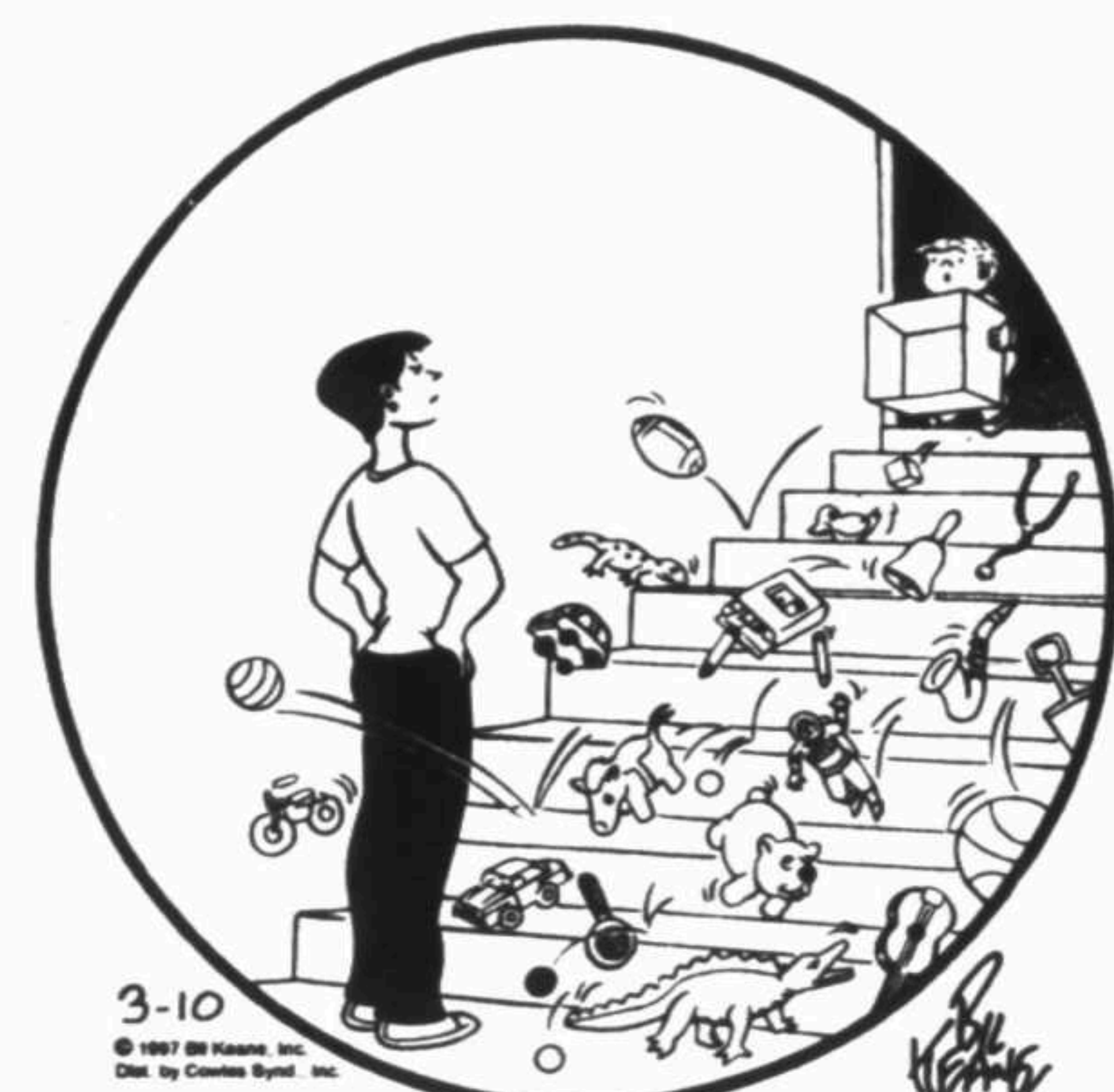
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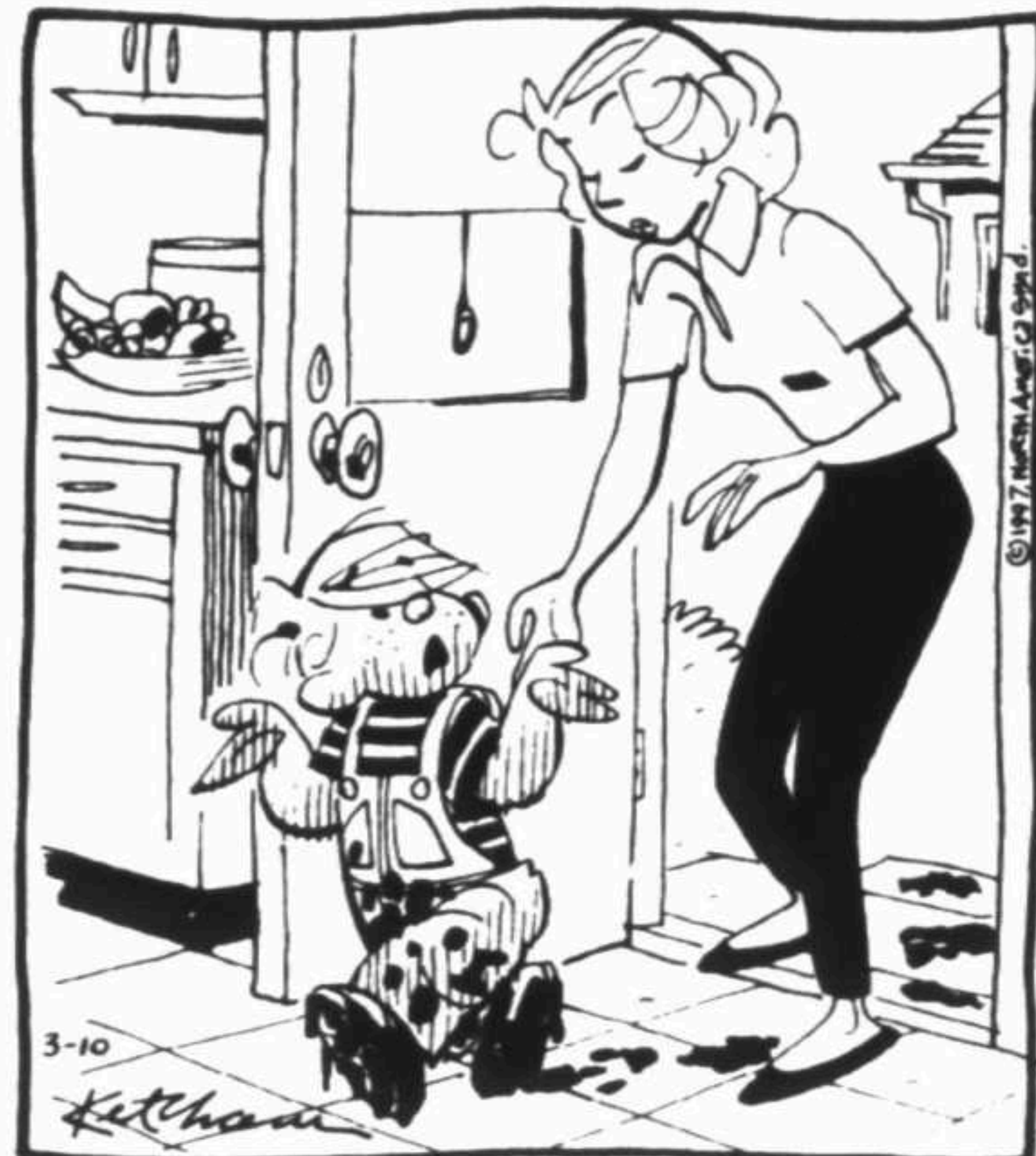
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Bob Newhart may be staring in sitcom set on Martha's Vineyard

NEW YORK — It could be time to say "Hi" once again to Bob Newhart.

The sitcom veteran says in the latest TV Guide that he's talking with CBS, home to his previous three series, about a new show set in a bookstore on Martha's Vineyard.

The prospective series is called "George and Leo."

"We just ran out of names," Newhart said, referring to "The Bob Newhart Show," "Newhart" and "Bob," his previous shows. "The only things left were 'The' or 'Show.'"

Newhart says the new show won't be like his last one, "Bob."

"With the third series, we tried to give the American public a Bob they had never seen, and they didn't want to see a Bob they had never seen," Newhart said.

The soft-spoken, homespun comedian plans to play a character much like himself in the new series.

NEW YORK — Eight years ago, New York City's voters delivered a harsh goodbye to Edward I. Koch. Now Citizen Koch, clearly enjoying the last laugh, is once again as prominent as the New York skyline.

"All I could think of was, 'Free at last, free at last, great God almighty, I'm free at last,'" Koch said about losing after 12 years in office. "An enormous burden was lifted from my shoulders."

How's he doing? Very well, thank you — better financially than he did at City Hall, where he earned a top salary of \$130,000 while wrestling with the City Council, the media, the budget.

What's he doing? Just about everything.

There's Ed Koch, newspaper columnist, Ed Koch, radio host, Ed Koch, author, actor, pitchman.

Politics? He's a commentator routinely criticizing Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who beat Koch's successor, David Dinkins.

Laughing in his midtown law office, Koch admits it's "much more fun to be a critic than a victim."

PORTLAND, Ore. — Kevin Costner is waiting until the end of the threatened Northern spotted owl's nesting season before beginning filming of "The Postman," a new movie set in the Oregon forest.

The U.S. Forest Service issued a special use permit earlier this month for remote old-growth forest sites, with conditions imposed to protect the birds during nesting, which runs from March 1 through June 20.

Use of helicopters and explosives are prohibited during nesting, so actual filming in the wild will begin in July. Set construction and other preparatory work are under way.

The film is about a loner who wanders a post-apocalyptic West, assuming the guise of a postman as part of a scam to get food. Costner will star, direct and co-produce "The Postman."

LOS ANGELES — Composer Philip Glass worries that too many people confuse art and entertainment.

"We live in a country where, when we talk about arts, what we mean is entertainment," Glass recently told the Daily News of Los Angeles. "This is a country that feels the arts should pay for themselves because entertainment makes money."

Glass, 60, is a minimalist composer who has written scores for films including "Mishima," "Koyaanisqatsi,"

and "The Thin Blue Line." Cinematic collaboration isn't always fun, he said.

"Films generally as an industry are not friendly to composers," Glass says. "I'm not happy with film projects where they just want you to come in at the end and put a little icing on the process, a little icing on the cake."

CHICAGO — Two creditors want a judge to order the sale of Mr. T's old house.

Calvin Hollins and John Bitoy won a \$5 million judgment against the burly entertainer last summer after convincing a jury they created the burly bejeweled character played by former saloon bouncer Lawrence Tero.

Tero went on as Mr. T to co-star in the action series "The A-Team" and in one of the "Rocky" sequels.

Hollins and Bitoy sued Friday to sell off Tero's suburban Lake Forest home, seeking to void a 1993 transaction in which Tero turned ownership of the home over to his wife, Phyllis Clark.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

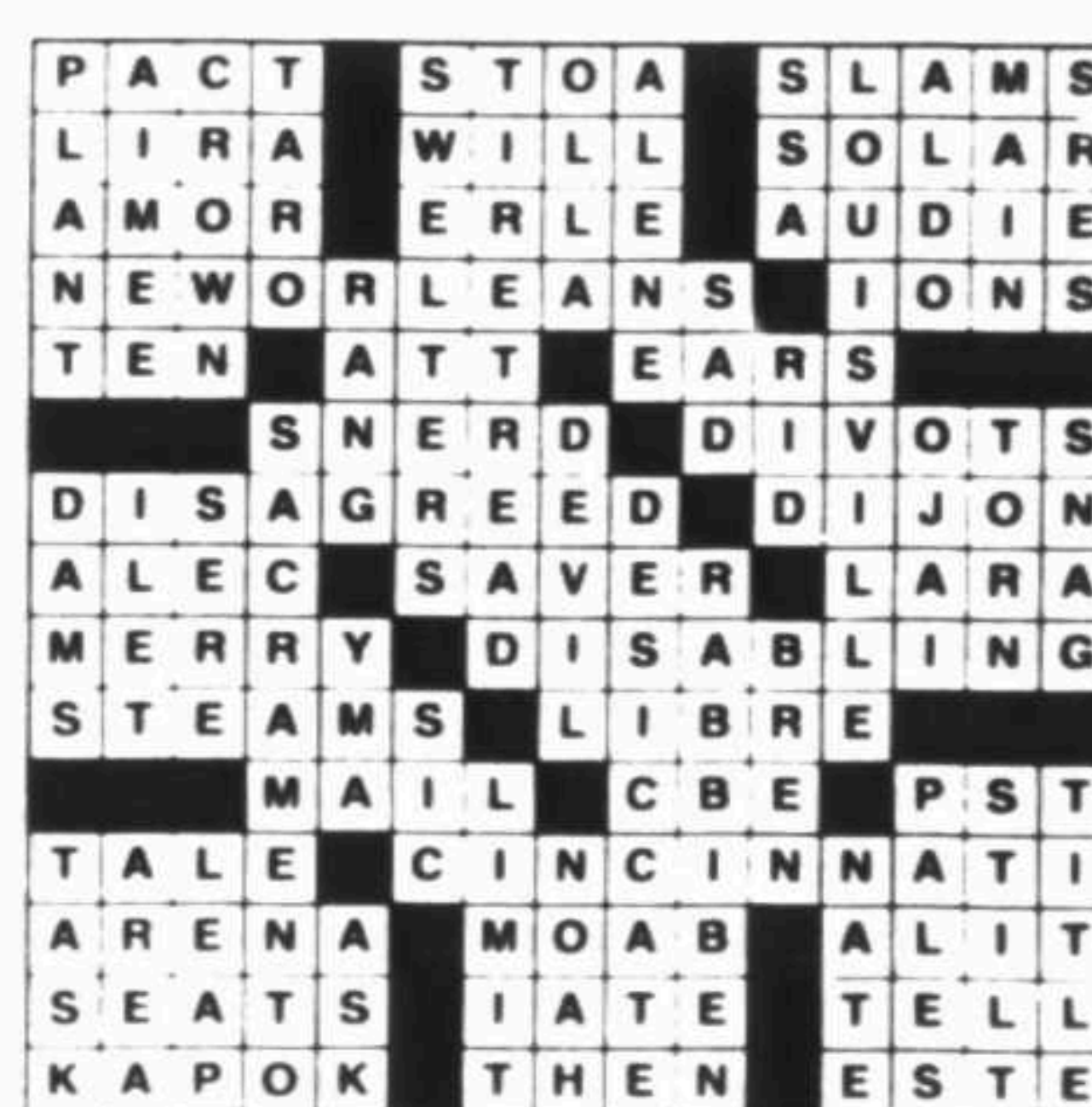
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Housing prices

Residential real estate values generally held steady in 1996, with prices showing only minor fluctuations, reports Runzheimer International, a management consultancy. Runzheimer looked at prices in 18 metropolitan areas, and found that the price of a 2,000-square-foot, eight-room suburban home fluctuated 3 percent or less in 10 of the areas. Housing prices appreciated in 10 of the areas, and depreciated in the other other six, Runzheimer said.

Generation gap

Many baby boomers are known as the sandwich generation because they are the caregivers for both their children and their parents. But their parents often don't know that their health problems are affecting boomers' lives. A survey of 500 boomers and senior citizens commissioned by Elderplan, a New York-based health care company, found 94 percent of the seniors believe their health condition has had little or no effect on their children's lives. But 80 percent of the boomers said their parents' health has affected the quality of their lives to some extent.

To web or not to web

It seems like every company is getting onto the Internet, from billion-dollar corporations to small, home-based startups. But the Web may not be the place for every company, says the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The AICPA suggests would-be Website entrepreneurs ask themselves several big questions before heading for the Internet, and possibly wasting time and money: Is your business local in nature, and does it depend on face-to-face contact with customers? Or could you benefit from a national or global reach? Do you have an unusual product that's difficult for customers to find, and that you can ship by mail? Would your customers want to use the Internet to get greater services from you?

Hidden assets

Donna Tacker and Angie Howarth, owners of a flower shop in Hernando, Miss., got some unexpected benefits when they won Home Office Computing magazine's Most Disorganized Office contest. The pair, whose office was a morass of paper, bins and assorted floral stuff and clutter, had their work space cleaned and reorganized by Lisa Kanarek, an expert in the field of organizing. At the end of the day, the florists had a neat and usable office, and they were also richer — Kanarek and her staff found handfuls of change on the floor, desks and shelves, and they also found \$250 in cash.

Ted Turner, Land Baron

Besides being a master deal maker and cable news pioneer, Ted Turner is the nation's biggest landowner, according to *Worth* magazine. In its February issue, *Worth* reports that Turner owns 1.3 million acres of land in six states: New Mexico, Montana, Nebraska, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. The magazine says Turner's holdings include eight ranches, three plantations and an island. The bulk of his land — 1.15 million acres — are in New Mexico.

Mixed blessing

One of the great things about working for yourself is the ability to set your own hours and being responsible for your own financial independence. These are also the worst aspects of self-employment, reports *Income Opportunities* magazine, which polled 202 small-business or home-office business owners about their likes and dislikes. While they enjoy the freedom of being their own bosses, they also feel pressure to work long hours and anxiety about making ends meet. But the respondents said the positives outweigh the negatives, and 75 percent said they still enjoy working out of their homes at least most of the time.

MONEY MATTERS EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Bull-market challenge: Investing with discipline

By Chet Currier
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — People who want to stay disciplined in their mutual fund investing often have to pass up some of the tastiest-looking dishes on the table.



Consider the example of the John Hancock Sovereign Investors Fund, a \$2 billion growth and income fund with a 60-year history that follows a stock market policy of investing only in companies that have raised their dividends each year for a decade or more.

This confines the fund's portfolio managers, led by John F. Snyder, to about 400 stocks from a universe of close to 10,000 — and effectively prevents them from gaining much exposure to hot new areas of the market like

technology.

Even big technology names like Microsoft and Cisco Systems are off-limits to the fund because they don't pay dividends.

"In any year when technology is booming, that contributes to (our fund's) underperformance," Snyder acknowledged in an interview. But he says the fund's philosophy also keeps it focused on reliable growth companies that know how to keep making progress in good times and bad.

"There's a direct relationship between a record of rising dividends and predictability of earnings," he says. "Dividends do provide 35 percent to 40 percent of the total return on stocks. And they help you on the downside because they can keep going up when the market's going down."

The fund's dividend-increase standards also prevent it from owning cyclical stocks like auto and metals companies, whose earnings and dividends — and stock prices — can be subject to big ups and downs from one year to the next.

Some funds gravitate to stocks like this as "value" plays. But, from Snyder's perspective, "if you buy these stocks at the wrong time, you can stay wrong for a long time."

From the 400 names he can consider, Snyder has John Hancock Sovereign Investors' money in about 70 stocks, including such blue chips as General Electric, Johnson & Johnson and Dupont.

Prominent stocks like those have led the market

higher over the last couple of years, prompting many observers to wonder whether they haven't grown too expensive.

"I've cut back on some of these 'nifty 50' stocks," Snyder says. "But I think it would be a mistake to sell them all. It's hard to make a bet against the best managed companies in the world."

With the money he has pulled out of these elite issues, Snyder says he has bought stocks that he considers still top quality, though lesser-known — for instance, Interpublic Cos. in the advertising business and General Re in insurance.

"They may not be household names, but they're the best at what they do," he says.

In addition, about 8 percent of the fund's assets are invested in bonds, which Snyder sees as a relative bargain given their flat showing over the past year or so while stocks have risen sharply.

If all this sounds like a conservative approach, it is. "John Hancock Sovereign Investors will cure the jitters for some, but induce sleep in others," wrote Christine Benz, an analyst at Morningstar Mutual Funds in a recent appraisal.

"The fund has lost money in just two of the last 20 years. That low risk has come at the expense of returns, however." From late 1986 to late 1996, Morningstar figures its annual return at about 11.6 percent, or about 3 percentage points less than Standard & Poor's 500-stock composite index.

Kermit Heartsong, president of Word Origin, Inc., explains how his game Word By Word is played. In San Francisco, Heartsong, 36, has 12 games on the market and 28 more set for distribution. He calls them "edutainment" — games he uses to hook youngsters on the joy of jargon.



Entrepreneur makes game with eye to social responsibility

By Jean H. Lee
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Game maker Kermit Heartsong loves to let words like "synergy" roll off his tongue.

For years, he kept scrolls of such words stored in his computer — and then one day printed them out and assembled them into a board game he called Articulation. It was the beginning of a business, Word Origin Inc.

Today, Heartsong has 12 games on the market and 28 more set for distribution in March. But he sees his products as more than playthings or educational tools — they help children build their self-confidence while celebrating the joys of jargon.

Phrases like "boob tube" and "chill out" convince some youths this is a game they can play. Heartsong knew he'd succeeded when he tried to introduce the family version of the game to a group of jaded Berkeley High School teens.

One athlete in particular showed no interest until Heartsong picked up a sports jargon card and asked for a definition. The student sat up straight and called out an answer. "He's into it. He's engaged," Heartsong said, laughing.

"They're very playable," said Craig Coffman, general manager

at Gamescape, a San Francisco gaming retailer where Articulation sells out fast. "You don't have to be an English major or a real big dictionary reader."

Heartsong, 36, had the children of San Francisco's tougher neighborhoods in mind when he vowed to come up with a word game that was fun to play.

While serving as the director of a youth program, he'd read the youngsters a word and ask them to spell it, define it and act it out.

"These kids were hungry," he said. "They were hungry to learn. Their friends were kind of riding them because they were doing well," he said. "I wanted to give them confidence that they're doing the right thing."

Heartsong, born and raised in the rough Bayview-Hunters Point area of San Francisco, knows about having to shun peer pressure.

His mother woke him up 1 1/2 hours before school, put him on three city buses and sent him to a Catholic school across town while the rest of his playmates attended public school.

"And I have the guilt to accompany it," he said, laughing.

While he went off to the University of California at Davis to study

electrical engineering, some of his friends drifted into drugs and crime.

"A lot of people I grew up with are — for one reason or another — not around anymore," he said. "It was a tough neighborhood."

He said his mother shielded him from the lures of the neighborhood by reading to him books like "Curious George" and the Dr. Seuss stories.

"I'd go to bed with a flashlight and a book in hand," he recalled. He credits Steve Phelps, one of his teachers, with helping his ambition grow. Phelps used to gather Heartsong and his friends into a green Volvo station wagon to take them camping, fishing and hiking.

"He said, 'You can do better,'" Heartsong said. "He came in and gave us something to shoot for." "I was fortunate," Heartsong said. "This is why I believe in going back."

After amassing 1,280 words for his first game and testing it out on friends and family, Heartsong pestered the makers of Trivial Pursuit for advice on how to market it.

He scraped together \$45,000 for the first 1,000 games, which sold out within weeks of hitting the market in 1990.

"The most exciting moment was

standing on the other side of the counter and seeing it in shrink wrap," he said. "I stood there for five minutes, saying, 'That's my game!'"

In 1993, he introduced Word By Word and Articulation Jr./Sr., a family version of the original. Since then he's produced PaGuzzles, Scrosswords and has licensed two strategy board games. His games range in price from \$10 to \$29.

With his PaGuzzles, Heartsong and his team have rewritten classic nursery rhyme like "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" and "The Three Little Pigs" to make them multicultural and less violent.

Heartsong offers children an incentive. They assemble the puzzle according to a picture key, and then send him a list of items he's deliberately left off the puzzle pieces. They get a collector's pin in return, and he draws from among their postcards for a grand prize winner.

His wildlife series PaGuzzles have an interesting twist. Among the animals featured on the picture key, some are missing from the puzzle because they're extinct.

"Learning can be fun," Heartsong said. "And entertainment can be enlightening."

Pager industry answers call for better beeper features

By Katie Fairbank
AP Business Writer

DALLAS — Beepers are not just for doctors and drug dealers anymore.

The chunks of plastic and circuitry have been emitting their demanding tones since the 1940s, although their use had been limited the last 20 years to doctors and plumbers alerted to call their offices. Then, as pagers became more available, the industry was amazed to see a seedier side emerge when drug dealers found they could be used to easily contact one another.

"Many of the management teams still shake their heads over that. They'd like not to be associated with it," laughed Jeanine Oburchay, associate managing director at Bear Stearns in New York.

Although still popular with original customers, the pager industry has gone mainstream, experiencing exploding growth

as new products and services capture the business world and reach out to Middle America.

Paging services was one of the top-growth industries in 1996, according to American Business Information Inc.

Analysts estimate the number of people carrying a beeper has jumped from 27 million in 1994 to more than 40 million today.

"I don't know if it will be everyone, but I do think that we can get to a point in the year 2000 where 72 million people are using pagers," Ms. Oburchay said.

As the industry has grown and consolidated, the increase in usage has been driven by several factors including, declining consumer costs and increased distribution.

There also have been some technological advancements due to a development by Motorola Inc., which increased system capacity, as well as the addition of radio spectrum licenses auc-

tioned by the Federal Communications Commission.

The changes mean individual companies are determined to gain market share by reaching customers with more than the basic beeper service.

Plano-based Paging Network has introduced what is being called a major innovation. The voice-oriented product, called VoiceNow, allows callers to leave a voice message, similar to a portable answering machine.

VoiceNow was introduced at the end of February and the company expects it to be in 50 cities by the end of the year.

"We think the real killer market for voice paging will be the consumer," said PageNet spokesman Scott Naradell.

"It's a combination of pager and answering message. We foresee people forwarding their home answering machines to their VoiceNow pager when they're not at home."



Scott Naradell, director of corporate communications at PAGENET, displays the new VoiceNow pager, top, and the popular alphanumeric pager at the company offices in Plano. Paging services was one of the top-growth industries in 1996, according to American Business Information Inc.

Pager types

■ **Closed-system:** These pagers work only as an alert system. They're used frequently by restaurants to let customers know a table is waiting. They only vibrate or beep and do not impart a message.

■ **Numeric:** The first beeper to become popular with the masses. These allow the caller to punch in a number so the user can return the call. The least expensive type of beeper available, usually costing less than \$10 a month.

■ **Alphanumeric:** This beeper can receive up to four lines of text sent similar to an e-mail. Prices run about \$15 to \$17 a month for local service on leased beepers.

■ **Voice:** Voice pagers are expected to be available in 50 cities by the end of the year. The pricing system is based on usage and the company says it expects most people will pay about \$18 to \$20 a month.

Queer decisions

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Quest forces ABL decisive matchup

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Katie Smith sparked early scoring binges in the third and fourth quarters Sunday and Columbus forced a decisive fifth game in the American Basketball League championship series with a 95-84 victory against the Richmond Rage.

Smith finished with 25 points and Valerie Still had 22 and 16 rebounds for the Quest, who earned the right to play for the first ABL title Tuesday night on its home floor. Columbus was 19-1 at Battelle Hall in the regular season.

Smith scored eight points during a 14-4 run to start the third quarter, giving the Quest a 61-49 lead. And she had her team's first five in the final quarter, helping to prevent the Rage from getting closer than eight points.

Dawn Staley led Richmond with 21 points and Marta Sobral had 19. The Quest led 49-47 at halftime, then took control quickly after the intermission. Smith capped the run by picking up a loose ball at midcourt and driving for a layup

that made it 61-49 with 5:42 left in the period.

Richmond scored seven of the next nine points to close to within 65-58, bringing the crowd to its feet. But Nikki McCray scored on a drive, then fed Valerie Still for another hoop that made it 69-58 after three quarters.

Still scored 16 points in the first half, all in the final 10:49, as the Quest took a 49-47 lead into the locker room. Still's last basket tied it at 47, and Sonja Tate's driving bank with 2.8 seconds left broke the tie.

The Quest shot 51.2 percent (22-for-43) in the half and had 14 assists, five more than they had in all of their 72-67 loss in Game 3. Their field goal total nearly matched their effort in game 3, when they were 25-for-68.

Dawn Staley, limited to three points in Game 3, had 15 by the break, including a 10-for-10 performance from the free throw line. Adrienne Goodson added 13 for the Rage, who hurt themselves with 11 turnovers.

TCU makes NIT field

NEW YORK (AP) — North Carolina State and Texas Christian, whose surprising conference tournament runs ended in championship game losses, headed the 32-team selected Sunday for the NIT.

Syracuse, West Virginia and Hawaii, all considered bubble teams for NCAA at-large berths, were also among the teams that were selected for the NIT.

Also headed for the tournament were Iona, Drexel, Nevada-Reno, Fresno State, Southwest Missouri State, Bowling Green, Tulane, Northern Arizona, New Orleans and UNLV. Each won 20 or more games, as did Hawaii and TCU.

The tournament brackets put UNLV on one side and Fresno State on the other, meaning Bulldogs coach Jerry Tarkanian could wind up facing his ex-team, the Runnin' Rebels, in the championship game.

The tournament opens Wednesday with Iona (22-7) at UConn (14-14), Drexel (22-8) at Bradley (16-

12), Nevada-Reno (20-8) at Fresno State (20-11), Washington (17-10) at defending NIT champion Nebraska (17-13), Florida State (16-11) at Syracuse (19-12), George Washington (16-13) at Michigan State (16-11), Southwest Missouri State (24-8) at North Carolina State (16-13), Bowling Green (22-8) at West Virginia (19-9), Oral Roberts (21-6) at Notre Dame (14-13), Alabama-Birmingham (18-13) at TCU (21-12), Northern Arizona (21-6) at Arkansas (15-12), New Orleans (22-6) at Pittsburgh (17-14), Oregon (17-10) at Hawaii (20-7) and Memphis (16-14) at UNLV (20-9).

The remaining first-round games are set for Thursday with Miami, Fla. (16-12) at Michigan (19-11) and Tulane (20-10) at Oklahoma State (18-12).

The NIT will be played at campus and neutral sites for the first three rounds, with the semifinal and finals at Madison Square Garden on March 24 and 26.

Perennial front-runner Dee Dee Jonrowe from Willow checked out of Kaltag at 2:42 a.m., down to 10 dogs.

Buser had been holding about a two-hour lead since reaching the Yukon River on Friday.

LOCAL SPORTS

Bulldogs finish 1st in Andrews

SNYDER — The Midland High boys track team took first place in the Canyon Reef Relays on Saturday. Andrews finished second by just a few points behind. Exact point totals were not available.

The Bulldogs took first place in four events and second place in six others. The Midland High junior varsity team finished in second place behind Sweetwater.

The following are results from Saturday:
Darius 1. Michael Brandt 150 feet, 0 inches; 2. Luke Hardaway 142-0; Shot Put: 1. Brandt 48-9; Pole Vault: 1. Wes Scharley 12-6; 3. Russell Marlow 12-0; Long Jump: 3. Jeff Arnold 20-10; Triple Jump: 2. Jerome Edridge 40-11; 3. Jeff Arnold 40-4; 5. Ray Hickley; High Jump: 2. Randy Gardner 6-2; 5. Weldon Cooks; 6. Sam Powell.

110-meter hurdles: 2. Craig Noland 14.86 seconds; 800: 5. Robert Newberry 100; 3. Elridge 11:37; 400: 3. Nick Smith 53:46; 300 hurdles: 1. Noland 38:8; 5. Jordan Iglehart 200; 1. Hici; 2.23; 3. Cooks 22:3; 4. Elridge 1:60; Relay 2. Noland, Cooks, Hickley, Iglehart, 3:28.

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Lee JV baseball wins at Hobbs

HOBBS, N.M. — The Midland Lee junior varsity won the Hobbs JV baseball tournament by getting three victories over the weekend.

Lee first beat Roswell Goddard 9-8 with a winning single by Jamie Latshaw in the bottom of the seventh inning. Chris Easter got the win by striking out the side in the top of the seventh. Kevin Crawford had a double. Andrew Hand had a double and Eric Clodfelter had a three-run home run.

The Rebels beat Artesia 14-2 in five innings as Easter got the win by pitching four innings. Hand had a home run; Crawford had a double, a home run and five RBIs; and Ray Milan was 2-for-3.

Zachary Field.

Lee JV softball takes tourney

SNYDER — The Midland Lee junior varsity softball team finished first in the Canyon Reef softball tournament by winning three games over the weekend.

In the first game, the Lady Rebels beat Andrews 6-0 in the first game. Amanda Walker got the win for Lee with 10 strikeouts. Lindsey Mills added a single and two RBIs.

Lee then beat Abilene 6-0 for the second win. Ceresa Mays got the win for the Lady Rebels with five strikeouts. Yvette Bass had a double and two RBIs.

In the championship, Lee beat Snyder 16-6. Nicole Pullen led the way for the Lady Rebels (11-10) by going 4-for-4 with a single, a double, two triples and four RBIs; Heather Gilkey added a single and two RBIs; and Brittain Nobles had a single and a double. Mays got the win for Lee, which next plays at Abilene High on Tuesday in district play.

Koss scores 10 in all-star game

DALLAS — Midland Christian's John Koss scored 10 points for the North team in the TAPPS 4A boys all-star basketball game. The North beat the South 95-76. This was the third consecutive year Koss has participated in the all-star game.

Excelsior third

AMARILLO — The Excelsior volleyball team placed third out of 20 teams in the 16 & under age division at the Sun country Regional Volleyball tournament. Excelsior's 17-match winning streak was broken by Lubbock Black in the semifinals. Excelsior next compete in Denver for the USA Volleyball Junior National Qualifier March 14-16.

Beeson aces

Robert Beeson had a hole-in-one at Ranchland Hills' 143-yard No. 8 hole. It was witnessed by Don Cox, Pete Henderson and H.C. Mitchell.

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Hearing requests or comments on the registration must be received in writing at the Chief Clerk's Office, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-0387, within 15 days after the second publication of this notice. This notice is to be published on Monday, March 10, 1997 and Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

A copy of the registration is available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753. Registration documents and further information may be obtained from the Air Quality Manager, Air Program, TNRCC Midland Regional Office located at 3300 North A Street, Building 4, Suite 107, Midland, Texas 79705, telephone (915) 570-1359. For additional information, contact the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-0387, (800) 687-4040.

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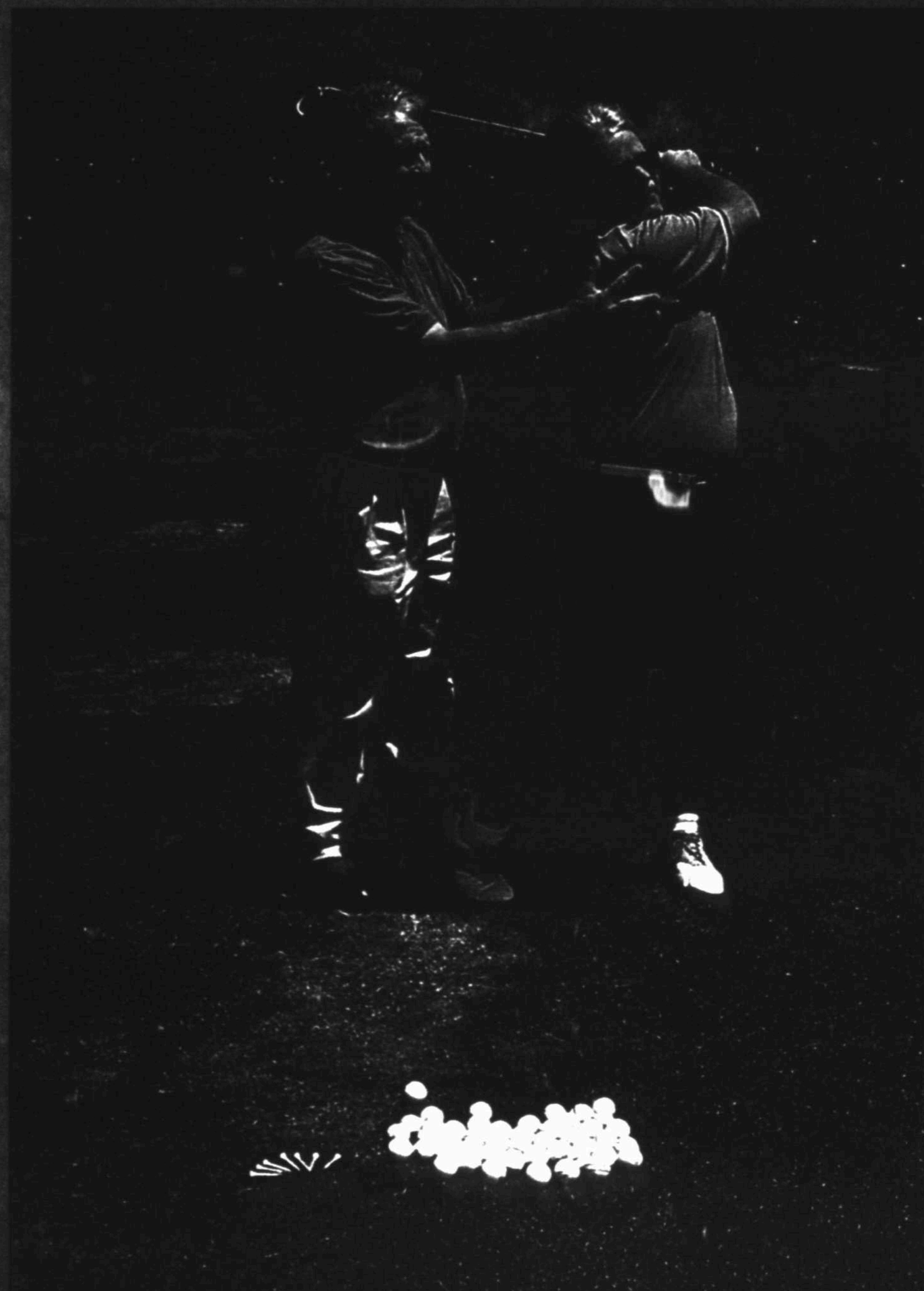
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Know the Score on Golf Schools

By Dave Gould

When Susan Kuhlman and her husband Jim went to South America on a corporate transfer many years ago, Susan entered a "language immersion" program to learn Spanish quickly. When she returned to the U.S. and took up golf, Susan chose the immersion route again: she enrolled in a four-day golf school.

"It was a wonderful experience," Kuhlman, a Scottsdale, Ariz., resident, says. "When you're just starting, you're a sponge for information. Golf school gets the learning process off to a great start."

Dave Richards had been a long-time golfer when he entered an intensive golf school run by Michigan instructor Rick Smith. For Detroit-based Richards, golf school meant coming to grips with how flawed his golf swing really was. In a half-hour lesson, your local pro may tend to be diplomatic about deficiencies. But with three or four solid days to diagnose and drill you, the golf school pro has a chance to try major changes.

"The instructors are able to sense your dedication and willingness to do the drills," says Richards. "When Rick Smith critiqued my swing, he did it on the AStar video system, which sits right there on the tee. I saw split-screen images of what I was doing versus what a tour pro does. It was an eye-opener."

Smith, who would go on to work with Jack Nicklaus and other big-name pros, put his student "into a lot of new swing positions," as Richards recalls it. Then it was up to Richards to stand in the hot sun and show some discipline. Smith assigned drill after drill to alter his student's muscle memory and give him a new feeling for the golf swing. It's not all that different from multiplication tables or playing your scales on the piano — though the view is much nicer.

Whether you fly to a far-off resort or drive to a golf course three towns away, you can get your golf instruction in major doses these days. The golf school format has been evolving and adding new wrinkles for a couple of decades now. The biggest problem for today's would-be school-goer may be the overabundance of choices. From price to prestige to the quality of your catered box lunch, these schools come in all varieties.

Flip through a national instruction magazine and you'll see detailed ads for a dozen or more nationally known schools. Browsing any big city Yellow Pages, you'll find pages of golf schools serving your local market. Choosing well requires plenty of pondering. That's why the golf school business is so heavily based on word-of-mouth recommendations.

"We found a great teacher in Brad Dean up in Northern Michigan and we've followed him to his

new school at Crystal Mountain," explains Denise Fleckenstein, also a greater Detroit resident. "A group of us has gotten together and we drive up for weekend schools that combine half-day lessons with a half-day of golf. The last school we were in, Brad came out on the course and gave us swing tips and helped with strategy while we played."

Before you call and book space at a golf school, play several rounds of golf and keep a little "frustra-

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tion diary" at the end of each round. Out of these jottings will come your personal wish list of skills and knowledge you'd really like to develop. It's a mistake to pack up your clubs at the end of golf school without getting explicit instruction on the shots that give you the most fits.

Once you get to school, you'll want to take some notes on what the teachers say. But don't scribble down everything. If you find yourself wanting to make a note every minute or two, you should probably just plan a return trip to the school. Remember, no golfer can expect to learn

more than five or 10 elements of technique in a matter of a few days. For some golf school students, the whole program is worth it because of one vital breakthrough in their bunker play or their putting.

One final note, concerning conditioning. Golf school has been known to stiffen backs and induce blisters all up and down the tee line. When it's time for your intensive golf training, do some semi-intensive stretching, maybe even some aerobics. The preparation will certainly pay off. The more you put into golf school (does this sound familiar?), the more you'll get out of it.



(Photo by Robert Millman)

Class is in session at the Battlement Mesa Golf School in Colorado with head pro Johnny Goodman demonstrating a chip shot.

Goin' Places: Ecologically Correct Vacations

By Evelyn Kaye

Today, no matter where you travel, it's hard to escape the effects of modern pollution and civilization's impact on the environment. Even over the Grand Canyon the air gets hazy from industrial smoke, and beaches everywhere are stained with oil.

The word eco-vacation was invented to describe vacations that respect the environment. You are an eco-tourist when you understand the impact of your visit.

Eco-tourism espouses that travelers should do no harm. Eco-vacations

may not necessarily differ significantly from other vacation experiences. It's what happens behind the scenes that distinguishes an environmentally correct vacation from one that doesn't regard impact on the environment. Companies that offer eco-vacations generally adhere to high standards in relation to the environment, recycling and supporting local economies. Before you take a trip, ask the company about its environmental policy, what it does about recycling, and if it contributes to the economy of the countries visited.

For example, the National Audubon Society (NAS) offers a variety of nature tours, mostly cruises, led by staff experts. In response to concerns about damage to the environment, NAS created a Travel Ethic for Environmentally Responsible Tourism a few years ago. Among the guidelines are detailed explanations of how wildlife and their habitats must not be disturbed, how waste disposal must not impact on

the place, that the experience must enrich a tourist's appreciation of nature, conservation and the environment, and

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Adventurous trips teach travelers to respect the environment

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that selling or buying products such as ivory or snakeskins is forbidden. NAS uses only those operators and cruise ships that adhere to these rules.

"We have become increasingly aware of the conflict between tourism development and the natural environment," the Society explains. "We are completely convinced that more can be done to create a positive balance between the two."

When Francine Herrick, 55, of Jupiter, Fla., decided to vacation in the Amazon rainforest, she traveled with Explorations Inc., a Florida company that is concerned about the environmental impact of tourism. Its Amazon tour is led by a biologist who is a working member of the UN World Conservation Union. Herrick loved everything she saw - the trees hung with vines, brilliantly colored parrots and macaws, howler monkeys and unusual insects.

"I definitely recommend it. We saw 110 different species of birds, water buffaloes and sloth," Herrick says. "We were called to dinner with a drum made out of a hollow log. I went up to the canopy walkway in the trees which was unbelievable, and saw bromeliads growing. We even went piranha fishing!"

The Galapagos Islands in the Pacific, visited by Charles Darwin in the 1800s, provide a unique view of an untouched

natural environment. Huge tortoises chomp on leaves from low bushes, and weird land and sea iguanas, like prehistoric monsters, clamber over the rocks. Colorful blue-footed boobies on the cliffs, completely unafraid of humans, demonstrate the delicate steps of their mating ritual. Long-tailed frigate birds swoop over the ocean as the waves crash on the rocks below. Nature Expeditions International has specialized in trips to places like the Galapagos for more than 20 years.

"We are committed to providing the highest quality experience and an environmentally sensitive exploration of the planet," say Christopher and Carolyn Kyle, who run the company.

Patricia Wright, 59, traveled from her New Jersey home to the Galapagos with Nature Expeditions.

"It was one of the most exciting trips I have ever taken. Our guide was excellent - he knew the answers to all our questions - and we saw everything that we wanted," she says.

Alaska is so vast that visitors sometimes feel overwhelmed by how much there is to see. Jean Chiochetti, 73, and her husband, Vincent, 70, of California, wanted to see the wildlife and the back country. They took a Senior Safari with Alaska Wildland. The company has offered environmentally sensitive natural history trips since 1977, and donates 10 percent of its earnings to various environmental groups.



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Master Gardeners: 25 Years and Growing

By Margaret A. Haapoja

Celebrating its 25th birthday this year, the Master Gardener program began in the state of Washington back in 1972. Extension agent Dr. David Gibby dreamed

up the idea because he was overwhelmed by the volume of calls for gardening information coming into his office.

He suggested providing gardeners with specialized training in horticulture in exchange for a

commitment to spend time doing volunteer outreach work. 120 people enrolled in the first session, and the Master Gardener program was born.

From the beginning, the program has grown dra-

matically. More than 50,000 people nationwide have taken the training.

Master Gardener programs now exist in all 50 states and four Canadian provinces. Regional, national and international conferences

draw hundreds of people each year to hear the latest in horticultural news.

State Master Gardeners are active in many projects including participating in demon-

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What's New: Status Symbol or Security?

By Sheldon Fingerman

You're driving down the road when your car suddenly stops. You coast to the side of the road, try to restart the car, but nothing happens. There isn't much traffic, and you're a bit nervous about flagging down a stranger for help. What do you do? You reach in the glove compartment for your cellular phone. Within five minutes a tow truck arrives. You also call your husband so he won't worry.

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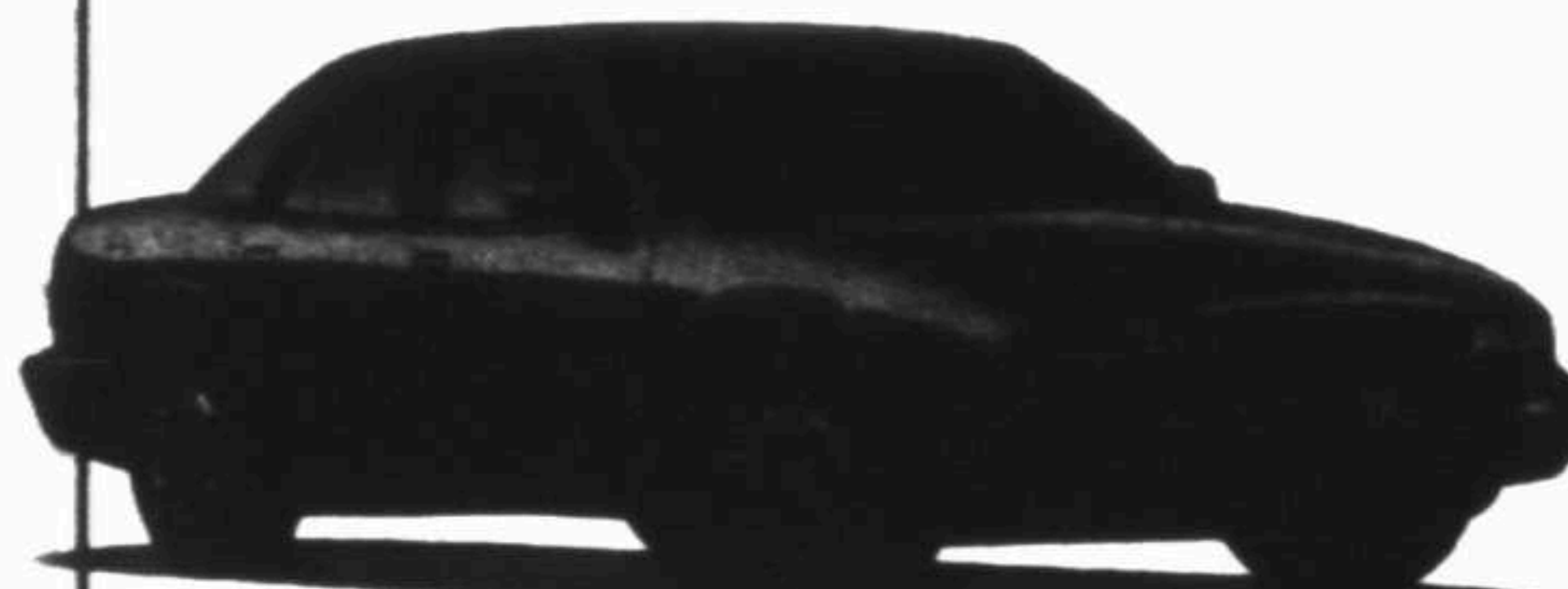
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ing on interactive television. Master Gardener alumni serve as hosts and facilitators at each site. Nearly 450 Master Gardeners have been trained since the Vermont program was initiated in 1991, and 100 volunteers staff a statewide hotline for Vermont home gardeners.

Back in the state of Washington, where Master Gardening began, program coordinator Van Bobbitt reports the state now has 2,904 active Master Gardeners who volunteer 101,335 hours and serve over 314,000 citizens annually. In 1995, the time volunteered by Master Gardeners was valued at \$1,216,020 (at \$12 an hour).

In Oregon Master Gardeners and 4-H members have teamed up to foster a sense of community pride through gardening. In one city young men, residents at a home that offers an alternative to gang life, built and planted a raised bed garden and landscaped the yard. In Klamath County, at-risk youth assisted by Master Gardeners planted a community vegetable garden and donated the produce to low-income families and homeless

shelters.

Denny Schrock, Missouri Master Gardener coordinator, says state Master Gardeners staff The Plant Doctor Desk at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, maintain a xeriscape demonstration garden in Springfield, and work with new Habitat for Humanity homeowners in Jefferson City.

"But I often think the greatest impact Master Gardeners have is the one-on-one work they do with friends and neighbors," Schrock says. "That is why the program was originally set up, to provide assistance to overloaded extension staff in answering consumer horticulture questions. It's reassuring to know there are thousands of trained Master Gardeners around the country who are dispensing research-based, factual information about gardening."

Master Gardening means different things to different people, and all state programs are not alike. The length of training time varies from 30 hours to 120 hours. When I became a Master Gardener 13 years ago, there was no fee. Today Minnesotans pay \$60 for the course and a comprehensive reference notebook.

In Good Taste: Vegetarian Cooking

By Joan Brett

When we were growing up, vegetarians were the radical fringe of the food world, weird extremists who ate undercooked beans, gluey brown rice and alfalfa sprouts, sacrificing texture, flavor and pleasure for a politically

correct diet. Today's vegetarians — and they number over 12 million — are as likely to work in corporate America as in the local health food store. Millions more are attracted to a part-time vegetarian diet for health reasons.

In the past five years,

the circulation of "Vegetarian Times" has exploded from under 100,000 to well over 300,000. Nationally acclaimed chefs, such as Chicago's Charlie Trotter and Washington D.C.'s Jean-Louis

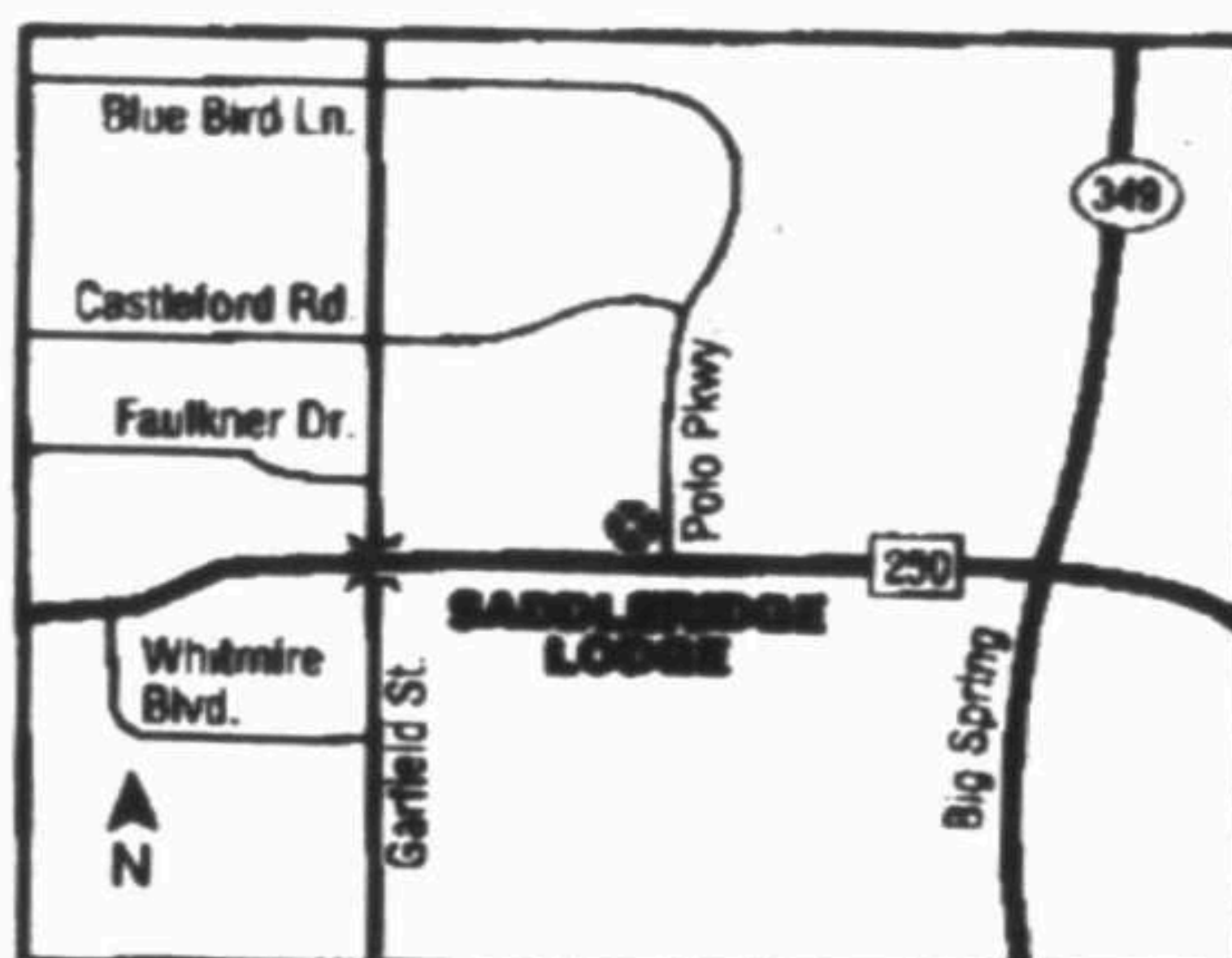
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New Vegetarian Cooking: Great Flavor, Low Fat

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Palladin, are featuring exquisite vegetarian menus for top dollar prices. Most fine dining restaurants feature respectable vegetarian choices.

There are several reasons for this surge in popularity of at least a partially vegetarian diet (featuring beans, grains, vegetables and soy products). Generally higher in vitamins, minerals and fiber, and usually lower in fat (especially saturated fat), many people feel that vegetarian food is easier to digest, more economical and better for the planet.

When you begin to eliminate meat, fish and poultry from the meal, finding delicious and relatively low-fat alternatives can indeed pose a major challenge. If you are eliminating meat for better health and lower fat, it makes no sense to load up with butter, cream and cheese, which were the mainstays of traditional vegetarian fare.

Finding alternatives to dairy is a great challenge. There is no need to give up entirely the undeniable taste and mouth feel of butter or cream, but adding them in very small quantities (a tablespoon or so) at the end of the cooking process will enhance your creation enormously without adding too many calories or fat grams. Non-fat or low-fat yogurt, non-fat sour cream and skim milk can bolster flavor, especially if extra spices, fresh herbs and seasonings are also added.

Just as important as

cutting back on fat-laden dairy products is eliminating deep-fat frying. Crispy textures can be achieved in flavorful, low-fat ways, such as the judicious use of phyllo dough and bread crumbs, and wrapping food in crisp vegetables such as lettuce or cabbage leaves.

Eggs pose another fat quandary, which can be resolved by using more egg whites and fewer yolks. Egg whites, with the same jelling properties as whole eggs but without the fat, are fantastic for setting custards and pie fillings, and firming up vegetable terrines. The formula for replacing whole eggs with whites is to use two whites for every egg.

The key to achieving full-flavored, lower-fat vegetarian cuisine is to use spices, fresh herbs, condiments and aromatic vegetables creatively. When you buy spices

such as coriander or cumin, buy them ground in small quantities, or, better still, invest in an extra coffee grinder and grind them fresh each time. The other "trick" to extracting the most from spices and curries is to "dry-fry" them in a dry, very hot heavy-bottomed skillet for just a few seconds to bring out the essential oils and aromas.

Most grocery stores now feature fresh thyme, oregano, cilantro and rosemary. Other flavor enhancers are tamari, chilies of all kinds, lemongrass, sesame seeds, wild mushrooms both fresh and dried, onions, pickles, dried tomatoes, capers, garlic, peppers and dried fruits.

Certain cooking techniques can also maximize flavor. Pan-roasting, oven-roasting, grilling and smoking evaporate some of the water in the vegetables



Chef Joan Brett teaches cooking techniques at her Cooking School of the Rockies in Boulder, Colo.

which concentrates flavor. The dry heat of these methods caramelizes the sugars of the vegetables, bringing out their sweetness.

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Steve Allen and Jayne Meadows: Opposites Attract

By Shirley Lee

The individual and collective accomplishments of Steve Allen and Jayne Meadows, his wife of over 40 years, can only be described by with over-worked word — awesome.

Described by Noel Coward as "the most talented man in America," Allen was the creator and long-time host of "The Tonight Show," inventor of the talk show format, star of the critically acclaimed NBC series, "The Steve Allen Comedy Hour," author of 48 books, composer of more than 6,000 songs and the score for several Broadway and TV musicals, playwright, poet, emcee, lecturer, actor, comedian and lyricist. Together he and Meadows recently co-starred in A.R. Gurney's two-character play, "Love Letters" and performed in Allen's own work, "An Evening of Classic Poetry."

In addition, Allen plays in big band jazz concerts, and travels almost constantly to lecture or perform in some part of the country.

Distinguished dramatic actress/comedienne Meadows, who was a Broadway comedy star in her teens and long-term panelist of "I've Got A Secret," is a 1990 Emmy award winner and four-time Emmy nominee, starring in movies and television from 1946 up to the present. For the past six years she has toured her own one-woman show, "Powerful Women In History."

Recent movie credits include "Da Capo," "Murder By Numbers," "Casino," "The Player," and Billy Crystal's mother

in "City Slickers."

Although both are in their 70s, senior citizens is not the term that comes to mind to describe them.

Instead, they appear ageless. At 6-ft. 3-in. Allen's carriage is straight, his somewhat scholarly face, strikingly handsome. The auburn-haired Meadows has a classic beauty and a trim figure that bespeaks of hours on a treadmill and regular tap dancing classes.

Seated in the spacious living room of their San Fernando Valley home, one wonders just what to discuss. How do you achieve meaningful conversation with this multi-talented, somewhat intimidating, constantly busy pair?

To begin at the beginning: If first meetings are any indication, this twosome was off to a rocky start. They met at a dinner party during which not a word was exchanged between them. As the party was breaking up, Meadows turned to Allen and said, "Mr. Allen, you're either the rudest man I have ever met or the shyest." His face turned beet red and his head slumped, and she had her answer.

"I, of course, liked him immediately. The minute I saw him, I knew I was going to marry him. But he didn't feel the same way when he first met me. I grew on him."

"However, he did pursue me and asked me to go to dinner. And then he took me to the New York City Planetarium. I'd never been there in my life. It was very romantic. There we sat in the dark with the stars... When we left, he said, 'Other men have taken you to El Morroco and The

Stork Club, but I took you to the moon.'"

Allen was born in New York City to a comedy vaudeville team. His father died when he was 18 months old and his mother continued alone, sometimes taking him on the road.

but more often leaving him with her in-laws in Chicago. It was from his mother and her family that he claims to have acquired his gift for spontaneous comedy.



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