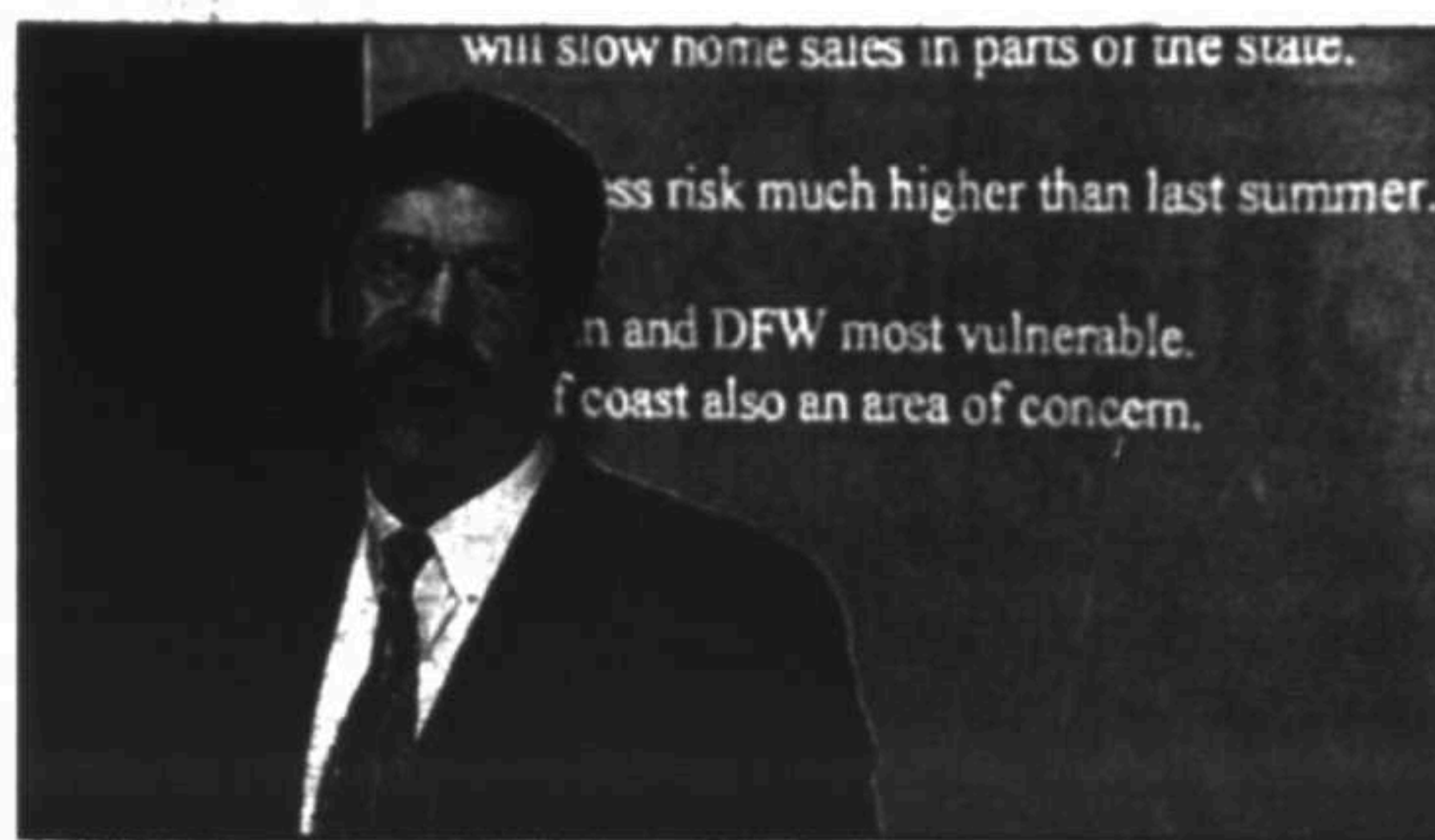




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Combest will be watching Condit's televised interview

By Gary Ott
City Editor

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, a Lubbock Republican, stopped short of calling for U.S. Rep. Gary Condit's resignation Tuesday afternoon, instead saying it was a decision to be made by the California Democrat and his constituents.

But Combest, who represents a portion of Midland County, quickly acknowledged he will be watching Condit's televised interview Thursday night with Connie Chung.

"I don't know why she (Ms. Chung) was chosen to do the interview, but I hope it's not because she's going to throw marshmallow questions to him."

Combest, who serves with Condit on the House Agriculture Committee, made his comments during an interview with the Reporter-Telegram editorial board.

"He (Condit) has always seemed like a nice guy," Combest said. "But I've certainly learned a lot more about him lately than I knew before."

Combest, who serves as chairman of the agriculture committee, also acknowledged Condit's presence has become something of distraction since members of the national media keep a pool camera in the committee room at all times.

"Charles Stenholm (the ranking Democrat on the ag committee) joked that there sure has been



Combest



Condit



Chung

a new interest in agriculture issues," Combest said.

The Chung-Condit interview is set for 9 p.m. on "Primetime" Thursday on ABC.

Network officials said Ms. Chung will do the interview at an undisclosed location in Condit's district and there are "no ground

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Federal halfway house set to open in city by December

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

A halfway house for federal white-collar and nonviolent prisoners who hail from the Midland area is to be opened in Midland by December.

"It's corporate and it's a charitable group that's doing it," noted Kathleen McKenzie Owen, a Midland commercial real-estate broker who arranged for the sale of a 10,400-square-foot building in southwest Midland to Dismas Charities Inc. of Louisville, Ky.

Dismas Charities, established in 1964, contracts with the United States Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Prisons and operates about 20 federal halfway houses or "community corrections" facilities for the rehabilitation of criminals, according to Dismas Charities Vice

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Men at Work



Construction at the intersection of Loop 250 and Midkiff still plagues drivers in the area.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Road work tests patience of motorists

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

By mid-September and ahead of schedule, the Texas Department of Transportation's roadway rehabilitation project at Loop 250's Midkiff Road and Garfield Street intersections should be completed or nearly so, according to a TxDOT official.

Meanwhile, the patience — the long-suffering — of some Midland motorists traveling those routes cluttered by construction work, cones and detours is being tested.

The \$2.3-million federal-state-funded TxDOT rehabilitation project was contracted to be completed within 116 working days beginning in the spring, noted Douglas W. Eichorst II, TxDOT's Midland Area engineer. He has been overseeing nine \$13.864-million TxDOT Midland projects designed to "maintain our roadways in good conditions."

Barring inclement weather, there may be 20 working days in a month, he noted.

The Loop 250's Midkiff-Garfield \$2.3-million, 2.5-mile project that was contracted out to Reece Albert Inc. of Midland and San Angelo in April should be completed well before the end of the 116 working days, Eichorst said.

"Reece Albert has been pretty diligent about keeping a crew out there and keeping the work progressing," Eichorst said.

The roadway-construction company, which has other TxDOT contracts in Midland and Odessa, is charged under the city of Midland's \$3.5-million contract to build roadways, parking lots, drainage improvements and landscape work at the Scharbauer Sports Complex, according to Chuck Swallow, Midland's director of development services.

Eichorst noted that the fiber-strengthened concrete "white-topping" has been completed at the intersections and the wheelchair ramps and some islands are yet to be completed.

"It just takes some time to get that asphalt placed" following the white-topping, he said.

Eichorst, who noted Reece Albert's crews have been moved around on jobs, said he has asked Reece Albert to "change priority" on its

\$2.1 million Holiday Hill Road-Briarwood Avenue project in order to "get this Loop 250 job done ahead of that one ... because it has affected so many more people."

Bill Higginbotham, director of the Albertson's supermarket at Loop 250 and Midkiff Road, noted some customers have expressed inconvenience in their winding through the narrowed and coned-lined intersection during most of the summer.

"I just know that I've had customers that have come into the store and saying that they have 'battled through the intersection,'" Higginbotham said. "And they are going to (Albertson's) Midland Drive (store) until the intersection (work) is over."

For some people, especially the older senior citizens, driving through the cone-lined intersection is "too nerve-wracking for them."

"It's frustrating for us, and I'm sure it's frustrating for every merchant around this intersection on this side (north) of Loop 250 or the

Please see WORK/4A

RBCA one step closer to expiring

■ The Texas Railroad Commission voted 2 to 1 to kill the hotly debated Risk Based Control Action.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

AUSTIN — The coffin lid was placed on a controversial oil spill rule at the August meeting of the Texas Railroad Commission Tuesday, but it was not nailed shut.

As expected, the Commission voted 2 to 1 to kill the hotly debated Risk Based Control Action (RBCA), a comprehensive program for oil spill reporting, but left the door open to resurrecting a modified version at a later time. Members of the oil and gas industry claimed RBCA did little to improve oil spill reporting, but only made it more complicated.

Prior to RBCA being voted down, Commissioner Tony Garza had made a motion to extend the period of comment 200 days to "cure" the problems in the rule. Garza said he had been impressed by the quality of the dialogue surrounding RBCA and thought if carried it would result in a good product.

"We were never under the illusion that we had created the perfect rule," Garza said. "We thought it needed to be fine-tuned in the comment period." His motion died for lack of a second.

In explaining why he did not second the motion, Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams said while some of the substantive issues in the rule may be cured by an extended period of public input, no amount of time could solve the fatally flawed process under which the rule was drafted.

He said major oil companies had helped draft the rule, but Texas regional oil and gas associations were left out.

"It was like a party was thrown, then some folks found they weren't invited," he said.

The American Petroleum Institute, headquartered in Washington D.C., which represents major oil companies, was also involved in drafting the rule, causing Williams to note that if Texas is to have policy, Texans should be involved.

"You can't cure that type of problem," Williams said.

He had announced two weeks ago he would vote to remove RBCA from its period of public comment when the commission met this month.

The former Midlander said it was still possible to address oil spill issues, but the process would have to go back to square one and include all the stakeholders.

"You have been our quarterback on environmental

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Midland Police, MARC awaiting official cause of death

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

Midland Police are still waiting for toxicology results from Dallas physicians conducting an autopsy to determine an official cause of death for Daren Halton who was found dead at the City of Midland Landfill on July 23.

Although initial findings reported Halton died of asphyxiation, people who knew Halton want to know an official cause as soon as possible.

Halton was found underneath garbage and waste on July 23 at the City of Midland Landfill. The police were alerted to Halton being in the landfill by a man who while dumping his own trash said he saw a body tumble out of a city garbage truck.

At the time, no one knew the identity of the man, or how the accident even came about. Today, Halton's identity remains the only question authorities were able to answer.



Halton

Halton was identified by his mother, Glenda. She called police after watching the evening news, worried the man they described in the landfill might be her son. After meeting with Ms. Halton, police officials quickly determined the cause of death for Halton as the result of an accident without suspect of foul play.

It is only known that Halton, 35 years-old at the time of his death, died of apparent asphyxiation, but it is still unknown how he became trapped in the Dumpster. Officials from the Midland Association for Retarded Citizens have inquired police about the quick ruling of Halton's death as an accident.

Ray Unterbrink worked with Halton while he was an employee with the MARC system.

"Daren was just simply a guy who wouldn't fall into a Dumpster. The thing just doesn't smell right to me," Unterbrink said. "He would be as capable as you or I at getting out of the Dumpster. The whole idea

of him falling into the Dumpster just doesn't fly with me. I don't want it swept under the rug."

Halton was described as happy and "a lover of life." According to those who knew him, he was a perfectly capable individual who could have pulled himself from a Dumpster if he fell in.

The doubts prompted MARC officials to arrange a meeting with Midland police to address concerns over the investigation, which they believed was immediately ruled an accident by police after they found out he suffered from a slight mental disability.

Jean Starnes, who taught Halton in an Adult Basic Education class at Midland College, met with Det. Kay Therwhanger and Sgt. David Garcia a few weeks after the death of Halton to address the same issues concerning MARC representatives.

Garcia said he and Ms. Therwhanger agreed the conclusion of Halton's cause of death was reached rather quickly, but said they

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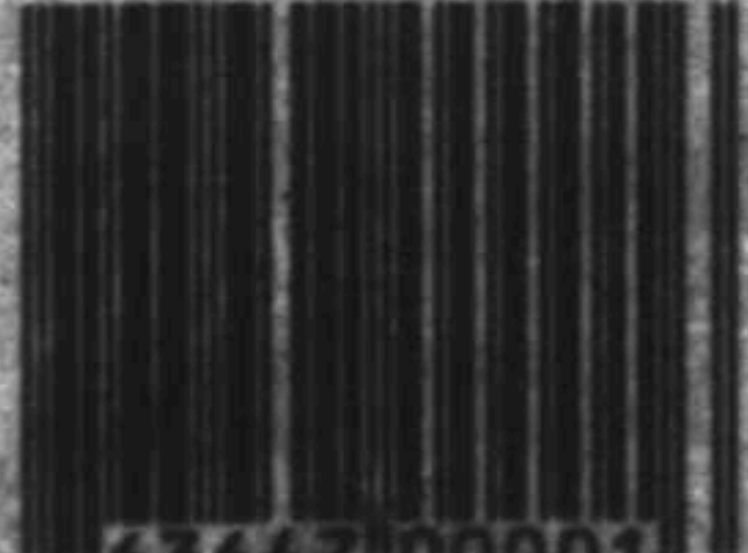
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Off the wire

■ Sacramento officials say missing son of fugitive found dead/2A
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Sacramento officials say missing son of fugitive found dead

By Don Thompson
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A note scrawled on a family photo led authorities Tuesday to the body of a 3-year-old boy, the son of a man charged with killing his pregnant wife and four relatives.

Nikolay Soltys and his toddler son had been missing since the Ukrainian immigrant allegedly stabbed to death his wife, aunt, uncle and two cousins on Monday. Authorities posted a \$10,000 reward Tuesday and pursued dozens of tips in a nationwide manhunt for the suspect.

The note — on the back of a photo of the boy and his mother — was discovered in the suspect's car, which had been found abandoned in a parking lot Monday night. It was hidden in the car's door panel, said Sheriff's Sgt. James Lewis, spokesman for the department.

The bloody body of Sergey Soltys was found in a large box under a light tower in a rural area in Placer County, east of Sacramento, Lewis said. The cause of death was not immediately

Authorities posted a \$10,000 reward Tuesday and pursued dozens of tips in a nationwide manhunt for the subject.

known, but the boy had been cut or stabbed, authorities said.

Nikolay Soltys was seen at the scenes of Monday's slayings, which took place in two Sacramento suburbs about 20 minutes apart. Soltys has been charged with the five slayings, and Lewis said investigators believe that he was responsible for his son's death.

Lewis said the discovery of the boy's body was "probably the most distressing of all, because there was a great deal of hope throughout the department that we would be able to find this child safe and sound."

Authorities were investigating reports Soltys had headed to Seattle, where he has relatives. Lewis said Soltys also has relatives in North Carolina and New York.

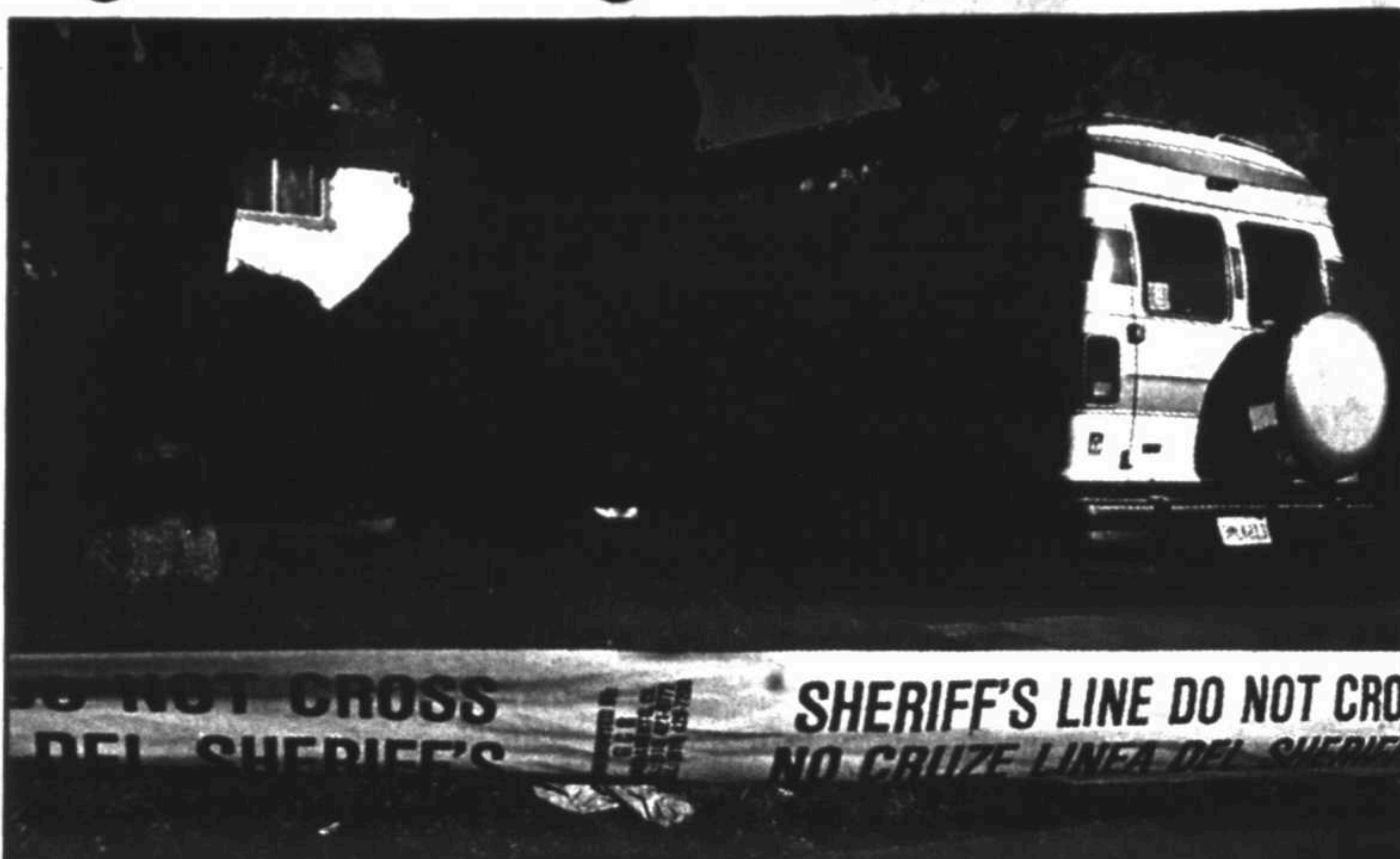
"He could be anywhere," he said.

Officers in the Sacramento area were stationed at bus terminals and airports. Sheriff's officials also planned to hand out fliers in Russian and English in some neighborhoods in the Sacramento area, where an estimated 75,000 Ukrainian and Russian immigrants live.

Investigators said they had no motive for the stabbings but were looking into reports some relatives were unhappy Soltys was unemployed and on welfare.

Soltys had been rejected by the Ukrainian army for mental instability, investigators said. He also had a history of domestic violence in Ukraine, but he had no known criminal record in the United States since his arrival more than a year ago.

His wife, Lyubov, who was about three months pregnant, left Ukraine and reluctantly joined him about five months ago, said



Crime scene tape surrounds the house in Rancho Cordova, Calif., Tuesday, where four people were slain Monday, according to police. Authorities are searching for Nikolay Soltys, who they believed killed his wife at another location then drove to this home and stabbed to death his aunt, uncle and two young cousins.

Sheriff's Chaplain Frank Russell, whose office counseled relatives after the killings.

After reuniting with his wife, Soltys apparently began trying to refashion his life by going to col-

lege. Lyubov Soltys had also planned to start a new job Monday.

Slayings put spotlight on Sacramento's Ukrainian-American community

By Jim Wasserman
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — During the Cold War, thousands of Ukrainians were introduced to America by a voice that came across the Pacific Ocean and into their shortwave radios.

The voice was that of Paul Demetrus, a radio preacher in Sacramento who delivered Christianity to a community clinging to its faith in the officially atheist Soviet Union.

When Soviet emigration restrictions were eased in the 1980s, many of Demetrus' listeners joined a flight toward religious freedom and headed toward a place they knew: Sacramento.

There are now an estimated 75,000 Ukrainians and Russians living in the Sacramento metropolitan area, out of an overall population of 1.8 million.

Now that community has been shaken by a murderous rampage Monday that left five members of a family dead. A national manhunt was under way for a 27-year-old Ukrainian named Nikolay Soltys.

"He's making a black mark on our community," said Eugene Kovalenko, one of those who made the long journey from Ukraine to California.

Kovalenko and his father run a grocery named Arbat, where customers speaking Ukrainian and Russian buy delicatessen items and chocolate.

He and other newcomers have established a major presence in neighborhoods outside downtown, beyond the Capitol. In the Rio Linda school district, for example, 15 percent of the students with limited English skills are Ukrainian, spokeswoman Heidi Van Zant said.

'He's making a black mark on our community.'

— Eugene Kovalenko, Ukrainian Immigrant

The immigrant groups also boast two TV companies, a pair of radio stations, several small newspapers, private schools, a half-dozen Russian-style stores and five Christian missions that work in the former Soviet Union.

Last year, the city boasted its first Russian Yellow Pages, with 300 advertisers, 90 percent of them Ukrainian and Russian.

Like many immigrant groups, older members of the community place an emphasis on faith: There are about 25 churches dedicated to emigres from the former Soviet Union in the Sacramento area.

Teen-agers learn English and the new ways they see on television as best they can.

It is a regional influx: Approximately 150,000 Russian and Ukrainian immigrants have settled in Sacramento, Portland, Ore., and Seattle since the late 1980s.

Asked about his influence, Demetrus, now 85, said: "I did it for 40 years, but when communism fell, I felt it was no longer necessary."

The talk Tuesday was all about Soltys, who is accused of stabbing his pregnant wife to death before driving 20 minutes to another suburb and killing his two young cousins and his aunt and uncle.

By all accounts, Soltys was on the losing side of life.

He was rejected by the Ukrainian army because of mental instability. Neighbors say he

moved to Sacramento from Binghamton, N.Y., about a year ago and was admitted to a church on probation. Church officials said he could not prove he had left his previous church in good standing.

His wife had only recently joined him from the Ukraine.

Police found Soltys' car late Monday. A note scrawled on a family photo left inside the car led authorities Tuesday to the body of his 3-year-old son, Sergey, in a Sacramento suburb. Police said Soltys, an unemployed shoemaker living on wel-

fare, went on the killing spree the same morning he was to start college and his wife was to begin a new job.

Roman Romaso, an 11-year resident and director of the Slav-

ic Community Center, could not find the words to describe the horror sweeping through the immigrant community. He said he works with Ukrainian children to "avoid such sad stories."

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High-speed Acela Express falling short of promises

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fast train that is critical to Amtrak's future is off to a slow start.

In service eight months, Acela Express is falling short of projections in riders and revenue. Reimbursement requests from dissatisfied customers are three times higher than Amtrak's goal. The manufacturer has delivered only 11 of 20 trains.

And a nonstop Washington-to-New York service — Amtrak's silver bullet in its race with air shuttles — has been suspended due to low ridership.

Amtrak officials say they have had to deal with various challenges, including the slowing economy, aging electrical wiring — even rock slides along a stretch of track in Connecticut.

Amtrak says Acela Express, which travels between Washington and Boston and reaches a top speed of 150 mph, carried its 250,000th passenger July 29. The railway has projected that once all trains are in service, Acela Express will post annual revenues of \$300 million and net \$180 million.

But Tom Till, executive director of the Amtrak Reform Council, said the train's performance thus far raises doubts about that projection.

Income from Acela Express is crucial to Amtrak's survival. The

national passenger railroad has less than 16 months to meet a 1997 congressional order to end its 30-year reliance on federal operating subsidies. Otherwise, Congress could liquidate the railway.

Rail advocates hope a successful Acela Express will fuel a national movement for high-speed trains, but so far Acela has failed to meet expectations.

■ A daily nonstop train connecting Washington and New York in two hours, 28 minutes did not prove popular and now makes multiple stops en route. A promised Boston-New York nonstop has not materialized.

■ Amtrak, which scrutinizes each Acela Express train before accepting delivery, sometimes demanding fixes by the makers, continues to push back the date it expects all 20 in service. The latest estimate: sometime this winter. Nine trains are operating, with two others as backups.

■ Amtrak's year-old service guarantee program, which offers dissatisfied riders a coupon toward future travel, has a goal of one request per thousand riders. Through July, Amtrak had issued nearly three times that many for Acela Express — 2.98 coupons per thousand riders. Amtrak's rate systemwide is 2.82 per thousand. Cummings said the number of complaints from Acela Express

riders is not surprising for a new service.

Overall, Amtrak says 82 percent of the trains between New York and Boston, and 90 percent of those connecting Washington and

New York, have reached their destination on time. By comparison, the New York-Boston and New York-Washington air shuttles were on time 83 percent to 86 percent from December through May.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



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Low 70

Thursday
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High 94
Low 68

Friday
Partly cloudy
High 95
Low 70

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms with a high in the mid-90s. A southerly wind will blow at 10 to 20 mph. For tonight, expect partly cloudy skies and a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms with a low near 70.

For Thursday and Friday, expect partly cloudy skies and a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms with lows from 65 to 70 and highs from 90 to 95.

The high on Tuesday reached 95, while the low dropped to 70. The record high for Aug. 21 is 102 set in 1964. The record low is 54 set in 1947.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday . . . 0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday . . . 0.00 in.
Total for month . . . 0.85 in.
Total for year . . . 4.71 in.
Normal total
(year to date) . . . 8.66 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

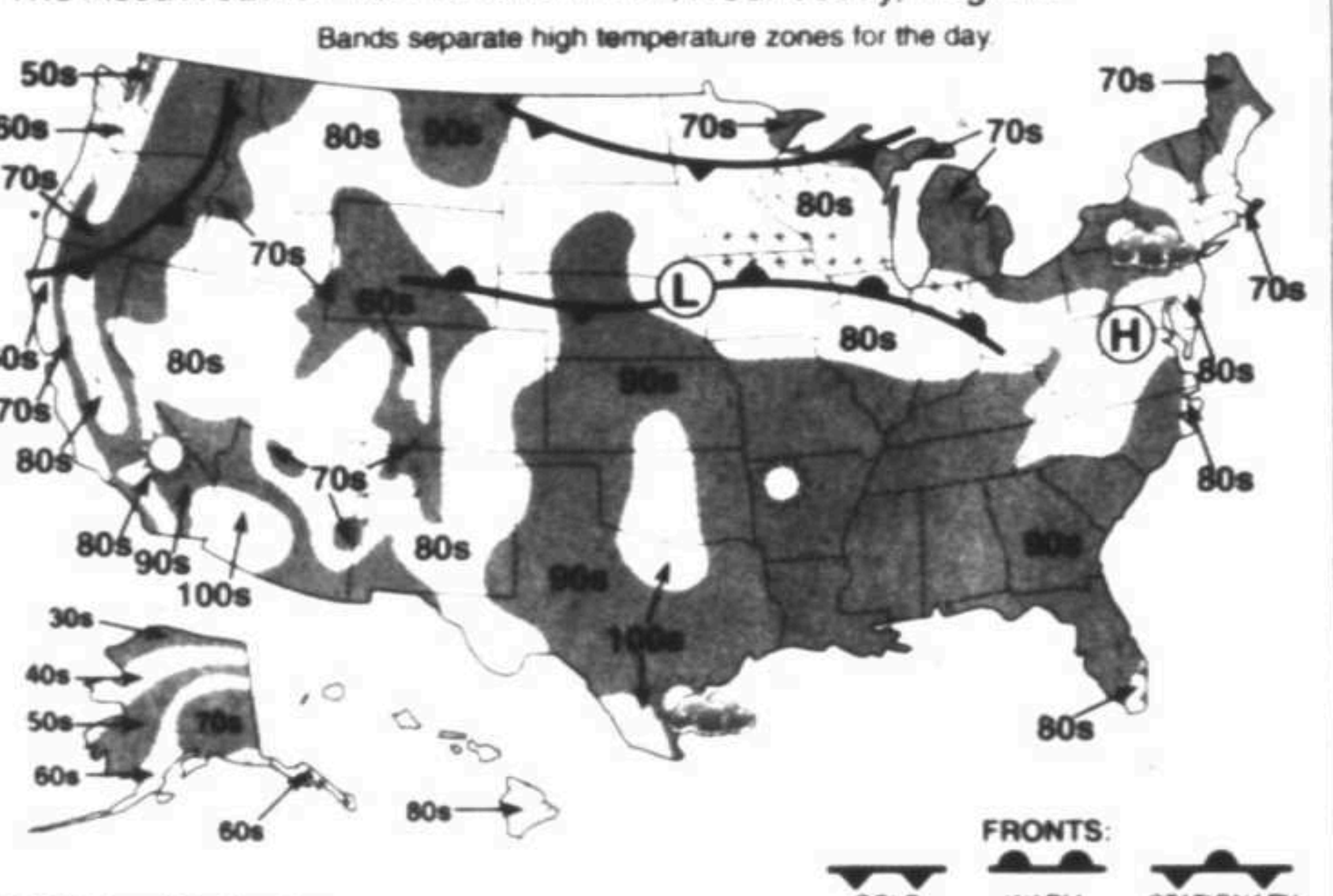
High . . . 95
Low . . . 70
Normal high . . . 94
Normal low . . . 67

Sunrise . . . 7:18 a.m.
Sunset . . . 8:25 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Aug. 22.



United States temperatures

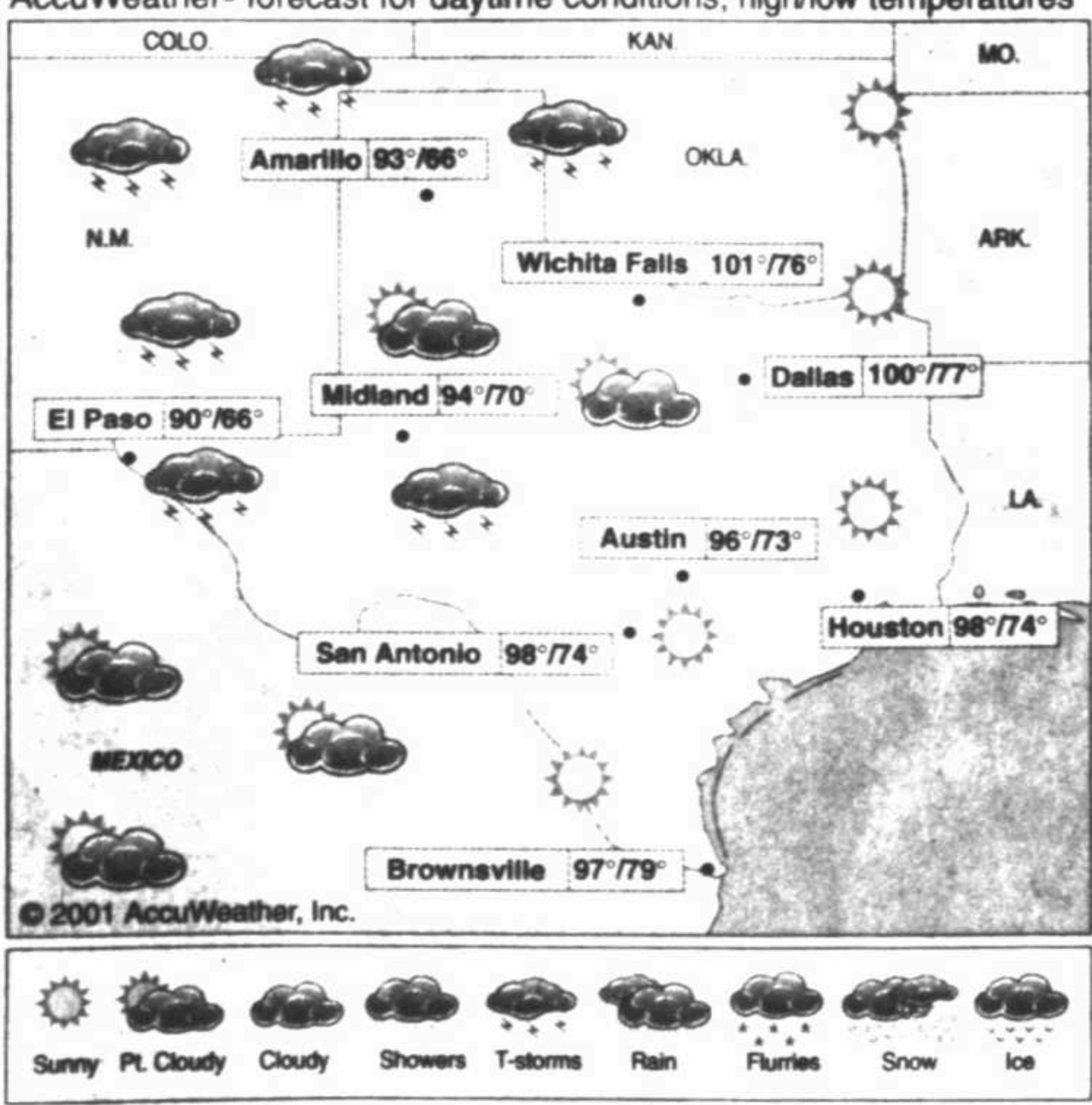
Temperatures indicate Tuesday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

City	High	Low	Precip.	City	High	Low	Precip.
Akron, Ohio	79	56	0.06	Jackson, Miss.	92	69	0.00
Albany, N.Y.	83	65	0.00	Jacksonville	93	72	0.00
Albuquerque	84	69	0.05	Juneau	69	51	0.02
Allentown, Pa.	80	59	0.00	Las Vegas	98	81	0.00
Anchorage	73	52	0.00	Lexington	81	56	0.00
Bilings	88	59	0.00	Lincoln	100	65	0.03
Birmingham	86	61	0.00	Little Rock	96	73	0.00
Bismarck	88	60	0.00	Los Angeles	79	61	0.00
Boise	89	57	0.00	Louisville	85	60	0.00
Boston	70	56	0.00	Macon	88	64	0.00
Bridgeport	81	66	0.00	Madison	77	56	0.00
Buffalo	79	62	0.22	Madison	82	55	0.00
Burlington, Vt.	80	64	0.00	Memphis	94	74	0.00
Cleveland	78	57	0.00	Mobile	92	67	0.00
Colorado Springs	85	57	0.00	Montgomery	90	65	0.00
Columbia, S.C.	89	72	0.00	Nashville	86	60	0.00
Columbus, Ga.	92	68	0.00	Newark	84	70	0.00
Columbus, Ohio	80	59	0.00	Norfolk, Va.	92	74	0.04
Concord, N.H.	81	62	0.03	North Platte	88	60	0.00
Dayton	78	58	0.00	Oklahoma City	100	70	0.00
Daytona Beach	91	73	0.00	Omaha	96	67	0.06
Denver	89	64	0.00	Orlando	92	74	0.00
Des Moines	93	65	0.00	Paducah	86	61	0.00
Detroit	82	57	0.00	Pendleton	82	52	0.00
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Arlington	97	74	0.00	Juneau	69	51	0.02
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Childress	94	69	0.00	Lufkin	96	71	0.00
College Station	101	75	0.00	Marfa	84	63	0.86
Comstock	96	70	0.00	McAllen	101	79	0.00
Corpus Christi	98	74	0.00	McKinney	97	73	0.00
Cotulla	98	73	0.00	Mineral Wells	99	75	0.00
Dallas	98	78	0.00	Navy Corps	92	80	0.00
Del Rio	100	78	0.00	New Braunfels	100	71	0.00
Dryden	98	74	0.00	Palacios	93	78	0.00
El Paso	94	76	0.00	Paris	97	73	0.00
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				Tyler	98	73	0.00
				Waco	99	72	0.00

VISIT: Combust to address Young Republicans

(From 1A)

rules," meaning Ms. Chung is free to ask Condit anything she wants.

This will be Condit's first interview since Chandra Levy, a 24-year-old Washington intern, vanished April 30.

The New York Post reported earlier Condit had two conditions for doing the interview: the journalist must be a woman and the interview must be live-to-tape, meaning there would be no editing.

The newspaper also reported Condit agreed to do the interview because he wants to run for reelection in 2002 and needs to reassure constituents he had nothing to do with Levy's disappearance.

Diane Sawyer and Barbara Walters also were seeking the interview.

Combust said one reason he doesn't want to call for Condit's

resignation is because as a congressman he may have to "sit in judgment" at a later time.

"If the ethics committee moves forward (investigating allegations of wrongdoing), I will have to sit in judgment."

Combust added "we're still dealing with hearsay," but added Condit and his staff had "completely mishandled the issue from the beginning."

Bush's energy plan

Calling the Bush energy plan, which won approval in the House almost completely intact, "the most comprehensive plan we've ever had," Combust said the final version likely will be significantly modified — and less favorable to the oil industry — once the Senate passes its own plan.

Once the Senate approves its package, which is expected to focus more on conservation and less on production, conferees

from both houses of Congress will meet to work out a compromise.

Local members of the oil industry, in earlier interviews with the Reporter-Telegram, also have expressed less optimism about the Senate vote.

Following the House vote on Aug. 2, Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said he was both pleased and surprised the House had approved the Bush plan, but added, "the real battle now moves to the Senate."

Combust said the recent energy crisis — including rising prices and the rolling blackouts in California — had focused more attention on the energy issues and might cause the Senate to pass a bill that focuses more on production issues, "which would be great news for the Permian Basin."

"People, even those in the

Northeast and California, are beginning to realize things must change," he said.

Redistricting

Once the pending litigation is resolved, Combust said he fully expected all of Midland and Ector counties to be a part of his 19th Congressional District, along with Howard, Martin and Dawson counties.

Those counties were from the southern end of the district while the Lubbock area would make up the northern end.

Currently, Midland County is divided into three districts, represented by Combust, Lamar Smith and Henry Bonilla.

Combust will address the Midland County Young Republicans at noon today at the Petroleum Club. However, all tickets have been sold.

RBCA: Commission still recognizes responsibility

(From 1A)

issues," Williams told Garza. "Go back and put the stakeholders at the table."

Williams was hailed by Texas regional oil and gas associations for his role in killing the controversial rule, but several Texas newspapers were critical of the chairman for his decision.

Garza argued to go back would waste the hundreds of hours of staff time spent in drafting the rule, and charged claims by Williams that the rule could not be cured was merely an unwillingness to try and cure it. Garza,

who was the driving force behind RBCA, said he respected Williams but could not understand why he did what he did.

"I wonder if we are doing our job," said Garza. "To not go forward makes the statement that we are happy with the status quo and are afraid of discussion. It makes a statement about our willingness to deal with oil spills in sensitive areas."

Williams noted just because the Commission was shutting down RBCA did not mean that the Commission did not recognize its responsibility to the environment. "This is an opportu-

nity to go back to the drawing board." He said going forward with the flawed policy was like putting "Right Guard" on gunk, when a bath was really needed.

Commissioner Charles Matthews who remained silent during the dialogue between Williams and Garza, later reiterated his intense opposition to RBCA. Matthews, who has called RBCA "the most liberal and onerous rule in the history of the Commission," said there had been no outpouring of opposition to present guidelines, and that RBCA only complicated the situation. He called RBCA a 250

page rule that would cost Texas producers \$3 million annually, while adding another layer of bureaucracy to an industry that pays the Texas Permanent School Fund \$82 million a year.

"The rule would have also removed local control from the oil spill process," said Matthews. "In a state as diverse as Texas, a one-size approach is not effective because of geology."

While no mention was made about resurrecting RBCA at a later date, that option has been put on the table.

HOUSE: Prisoners would include white-collar criminals

(From 1A)

President Bob Yates of Louisville.

Yates said the offenders in the Midland halfway house would include people who were convicted of wire fraud, bank fraud, mail fraud and credit-card fraud and none would be violent offenders and there would be "no sex offenders, no arsonists."

"For the community, I think it is an ideal situation," Ms. Owen said of Dismas Charities' project in Midland. "Diversification is absolutely essential for our community."

Dismas Charities, which operates halfway houses in Texas, Florida, New Mexico, Kentucky and Georgia, was named after "the good thief" at the Crucifixion of Christ. Dismas Community Corrections was started by a Catholic priest, William Diersen, in 1964.

The Dismas "community corrections" facilities oversee the prisoners' daily lives at the houses and their work places from periods of 28 days to one year before they are released into community from their dormitory-setting halfway houses, Yates said.

During the rehabilitative process between prison and freedom, the offenders work at jobs within the communities.

In Midland, "Dismas Charities would be responsible for picking up and delivering the people around town to various jobs ...

throughout the community," Ms. Owen said.

The federal prisoners in the halfway house would include white-collar professional people such as attorneys and accountants, she noted. "And they have got to be merged back into society."

The Dismas Charities' Community Corrections Center in Midland will be located at 24 West Industrial Loop near South Midkiff Road in the former American Glass & Mirror Company metal-and-tile building with a rock facade between a recycling plant and geophysical building. Now owned by Dismas Charities since June, the building is appraised at \$114,780, according to Chief Appraiser Ron Stegall of the Midland Central Appraisal District.

Ms. Owen declined to release building's sale price.

To Dismas Charities, the building is "close to downtown yet close enough to get to the Loop (250)," she noted. "It's easy in and easy out."

Dismas planned the opening of a Midland halfway house "long before Cingular had come to town."

"And they (Dismas officials) are just absolutely delighted because, of course, the operation at Cingular would be a very positive element, also."

"If we do a good job with people who have been rehabilitated,

they add to our community," Ms. Owen said. "That's one reason the folks will keep a relatively low profile. They want their people to be assimilated into the community."

Dennis Clayton, the Midland Chamber of Commerce's economic-development manager who indicated that he was unaware of the Dismas Charities' project in Midland, said that the federal rehabilitation halfway house is "a little different type industry than we focus on."

"We always encourage any kind of economic development that creates jobs," Clayton said.

Dismas' Yates said where the nonprofit organization develops federal or state halfway houses, "crime has gone down, and improvement in the neighborhood setting is amazing."

"We've spent over \$16 million-plus improving buildings in areas" that Dismas established halfway houses," Yates said. "We do it for the State (Kentucky) Department of Corrections, too."

Stew Rowles, who is the Bureau of Prisons' Community Corrections Branch administrator in Washington, D.C., said on Tuesday that Dismas Charities Inc. provides the offenders "support and structure during their transition into the community."

"We feel that the majority of our inmates should be released through a halfway house,"

Rowles said.

Rowles said the Bureau of Prison's "philosophy is that if you live in and around Midland, Texas, before you went to jail, we are going to try to get you as near to Midland, Texas, when you are released and get you in a halfway house nearby there."

"We are not going to take somebody New York or New Jersey and send them to a halfway house in Texas," Rowles said.

"The key element is that they are going to be released in that area" from which they originated.

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FBI arrests eight in scheme to steal McDonald's Monopoly game prizes

By Karen Gullo
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WASHINGTON — Federal authorities working with McDonald's broke up a criminal ring they say rigged the popular Monopoly and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" games played by millions of the fast-food chain's customers over the past six years.

The FBI alleged Tuesday that the ring fixed winners of \$1 million and other big-money prizes who then shared the cash with members of the group. In all, the ring "won" more than \$13 million in prizes. Authorities said it was not clear whether there were ever any legitimate winners of large prizes in McDonald's Monopoly and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" games.

Eight people have been arrested so far. At the center of the scheme was Jerome Jacobson, 58, a security employee of Simon Marketing Inc., a company hired by McDonald's to handle game promotions and security, authorities said. Jacobson had almost total control over the distribution of winning game pieces, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Jacksonville, Fla.

"In producing and distributing game pieces, Simon is responsible for insuring the integrity of the game," the complaint said.

As advertised, the \$1 million

prizes can be won by either collecting game pieces from drink cups and french fry boxes at McDonald's or in Sunday newspaper inserts.

But the complaint alleges that Jacobson embezzled winning game pieces and distributed them to friends and business associates who found others to take the winning pieces and claim the prizes. The "winners" then paid money back to Jacobson and his associates, the complaint said.

In many instances, the winners allegedly turned over the first \$50,000 of their prize money to Jacobson, who was arrested Tuesday in Georgia.

"This fraud scheme denied McDonald's customers a fair and equal chance of winning," said Attorney General John Ashcroft. "Those involved in this type of corruption will find out that breaking the law is no game."

Authorities said that no McDonald's Corp. employees were involved and that McDonald's assisted the investigation. At the FBI's request, McDonald's ran a Monopoly game in July that helped investigators nab a fraudulent \$1 million winner.

Jack M. Greenberg, McDonald's chairman and chief executive officer, said, "Customer confidence is at the very heart of McDonald's business. We're determined that nothing gets between us and our customers,

and we're outraged when anyone tries to breach that trust."

Greenberg said millions of McDonald's customers won free food, cash and other prizes but many of the biggest prizes went to the fraudsters. To make it up to customers, McDonald's will give away \$1 million and \$100,000

prizes at randomly selected restaurants.

All eight people arrested were charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud, and felony complaints were filed against them in federal court in Florida. The FBI is also looking for a number of other suspects.



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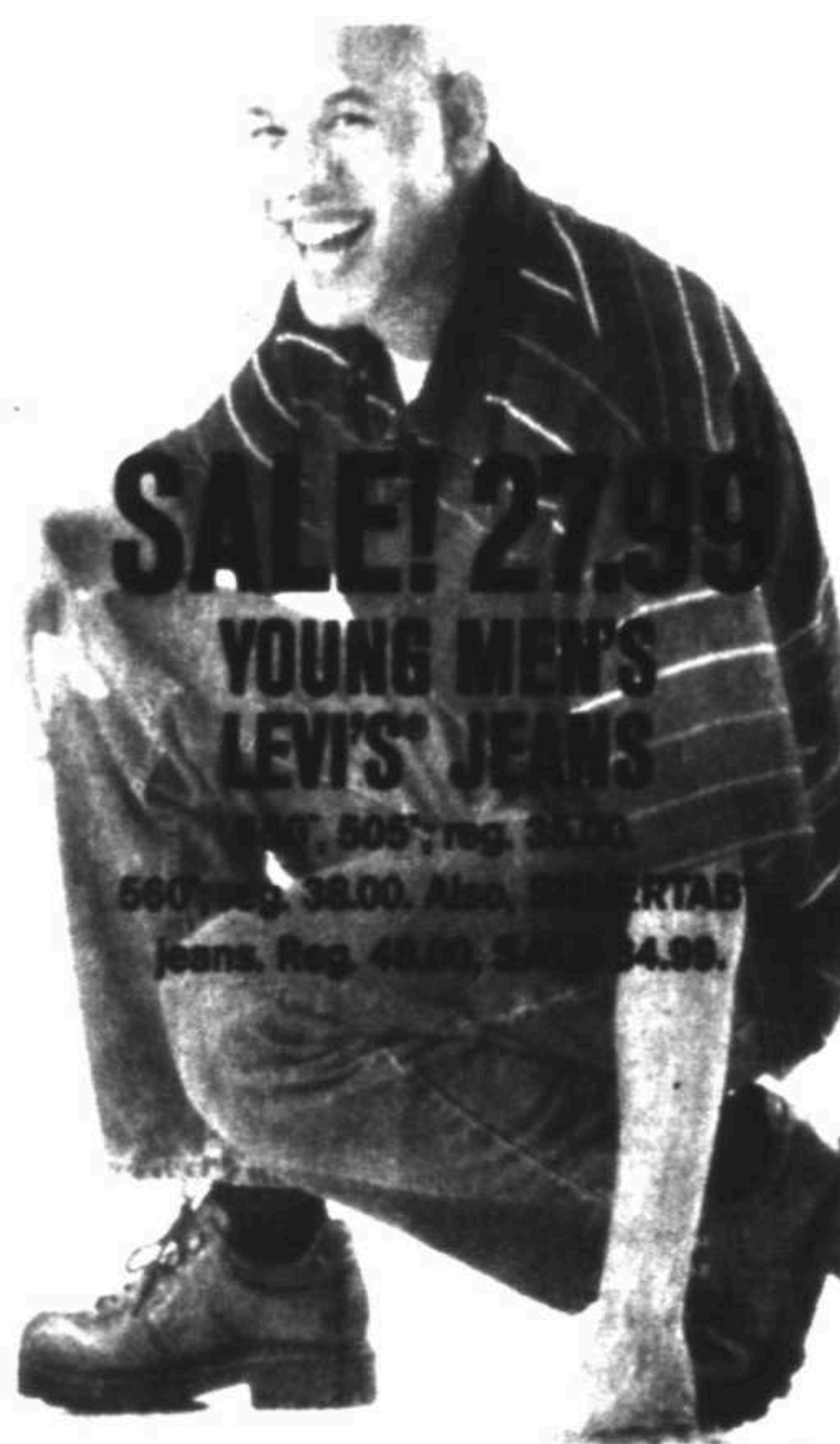
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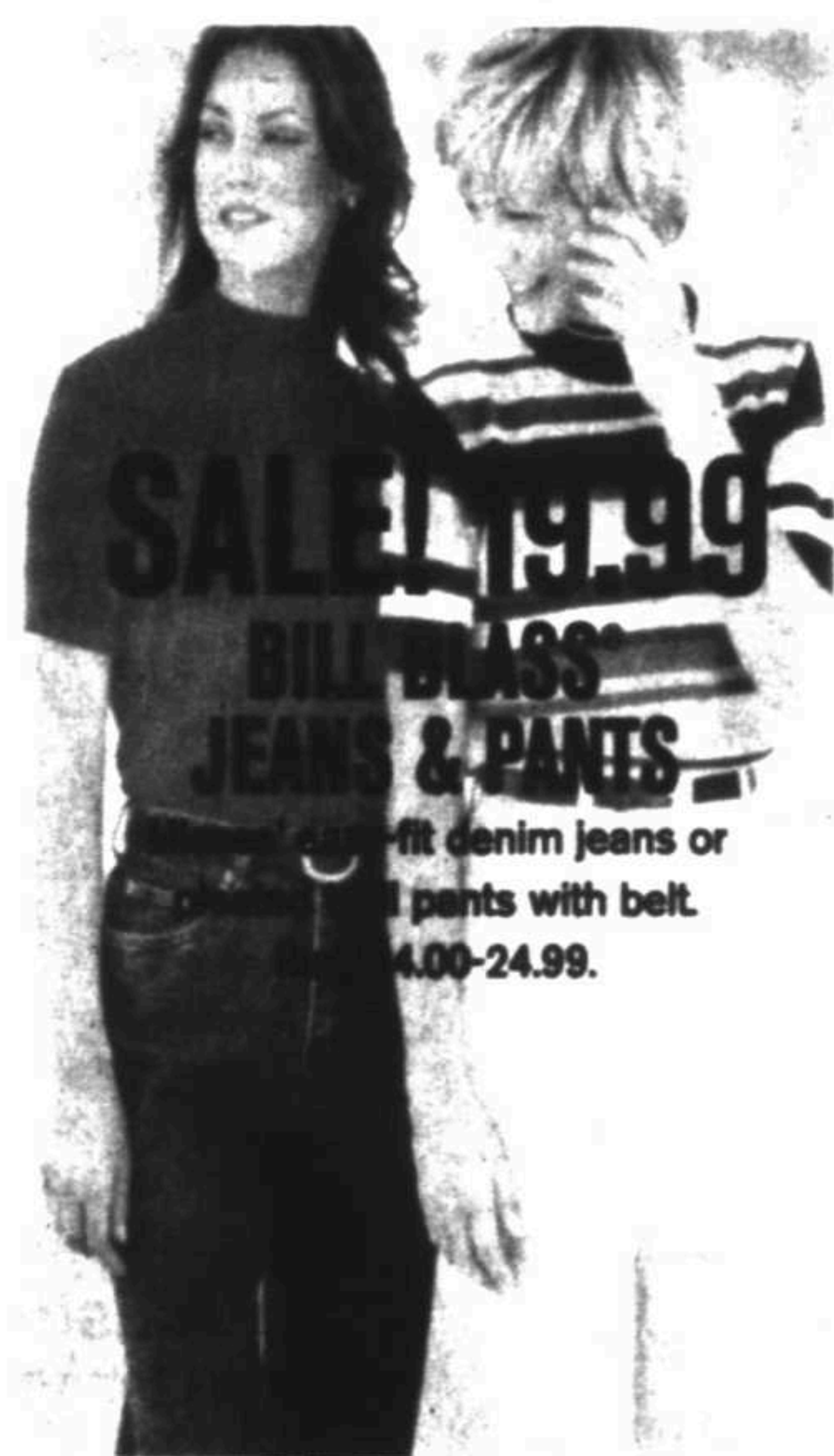
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World's first recipient of self-contained artificial heart says whirring is a comfort

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — His face gaunt and his voice just a whisper at times, the first person with a self-contained artificial heart stepped into the public eye Tuesday and said with a smile that the whirring sound takes some getting used to — but he likes it because it "makes me realize that I'm alive."

Robert Tools, a 59-year-old former telephone company employee, was introduced at Jewish Hospital through a video link from his doctor's office.

It was his first public appearance since the titanium-and-plastic pump the size of a softball was put inside his chest July 2. Without the operation, he had been given just a month to live.

"I'm still getting used to it," he said. "And the biggest thing is getting used to not having a heartbeat, except here I have a whirring sound and that makes me realize that I'm alive because I can hear it without a stethoscope."

Tools, wearing a blue shirt, red tie and sneakers, walked into the room and sat upright in a chair as he fielded questions, peering through his glasses at the video camera. He kept his right hand over his throat to cover a hole left from a tracheotomy tube; his doctor said that helped Tools project his voice.

A diabetic with a history of heart problems, he chose to undergo the highly experimental operation after he had been deemed too ill to receive a transplant.

"I had a choice to stay home and die or come here and take a chance," he said. "I decided to come here and take a chance."

Jewish Hospital and Abiomed Inc., maker of the artificial heart, had kept Tools' identity a secret until this week, saying only that the patient was a diabetic man in his 50s with a history of heart problems.

His name had been so closely guarded that even the family pastor and people who live on the same street in Franklin, 140 miles south of Louisville, said they didn't know Tools had received the



AP Photo

Robert Tools, 59, recipient of the world's first self-contained artificial heart, speaks via closed circuit television Tuesday, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky., in this image from television. Tools, a former telephone company employee and teacher, had the titanium-and-plastic pump implanted in his chest July 2, but his name and face were unknown to the public until this week.

heart

Tools moved to Franklin from Colorado five years ago hoping to receive a heart transplant, but he grew so weak he could barely cross the street. He said he was on his "last few days of life" when his cardiologist told him about the artificial heart option.

"I realize that death is inevitable, but I also realize if there's an opportunity to extend it, you take it," Tools said.

Doctors had said they hoped the artificial heart would extend the lives of patients like Tools by a month. Tools has gone seven weeks since the operation, and doctors said they are pleased with his recovery.

Dr. Laman Gray Jr. said if Tools gains strength, a heart transplant could become an option in four to six months. Tools' liver and kidney, which were failing at the time of the surgery, are now functioning normally.

"We've taken someone who has been the sickest you can get and literally gotten him now back into a very healthy situation," Gray said.

Dr. Robert Dowling, who implanted the device with Gray,

said their patient still needs to gain about 30 pounds and go through physical therapy. Should everything go well, Dowling said, Tools should be able to take long walks and resume fishing, one of his favorite hobbies.

The first recipient of an artificial heart, Barney Clark, a Seattle-area dentist, lived 112 days after receiving the bulky Jarvik-7 in 1982. William Schroeder of

Jasper, Ind., lived longest with a complete artificial heart — 620 days before he died in 1986.

Tools' heart, called the Abiomed, is self-contained, with an internal battery. Unlike the earlier mechanical hearts, it has no wires and tubes that stick out of the chest and connect to a power source.

Abiomed has received federal approval to perform at least five human experiments with the artificial heart. Tools is the first to receive it.

Tools said the device feels "a little heavier than my regular heart."

After the operation, he said, "I was happy to wake up, to see people, to know that I was alive and to know that I had gotten that far."

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With Washington wanting out of Balkans, U.S. forces take a back seat in British-led mission

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

SKOPJE, Macedonia — With his miniature spy planes at 16,000 feet and guided by remote control, U.S. Army Capt. Daniel Dittenber's pilots camped on the ground aren't exactly in any danger.

That's just the way the Bush administration likes it. Putting hardware instead of humans into harm's way is especially appealing to Washington as the United States joins NATO's newest foray into the Balkans, a mission to disarm from ethnic Albanian rebels in Macedonia.

NATO's ruling council was expected to approve that mission Wednesday and clear the way for the full deployment of 3,500 troops after the alliance's supreme commander in Europe recommended it Tuesday during a session in Brussels, Belgium.

The mission comes at a time when the Bush administration is trying to get American troops out of the Balkans, never mind sending more in. So U.S. troops will play a behind-the-scenes role.

Only several hundred Americans will participate, focusing on limited logistical duties. Dittenber, a 26-year-old officer from Turner, Mich., says the photographs his unit's reconnaissance aircraft will take should play an important part in the risky mission.

"We keep an eye out for them. We make it possible for them to see the bad guy around the corner," he said.

Unlike the NATO-led mission in Kosovo — where the U.S. military charged in on the first wave and settled in so firmly that its massive base, Camp Bondsteel, has been nicknamed the Balkan Battlestar Galactica — Americans are taking a back seat this time.

Roughly 9,000 Americans remain on patrol in Europe's most volatile region — 500 in Macedonia, 5,000 in Kosovo and 3,500 in Bosnia-Herzegovina — with no end in sight.

The Bush administration has made no secret of its desire to disengage from the Balkans, although it has promised not to make any dramatic troop reductions without consulting with its European allies.

It will be the Europeans who will pick up rebel weapons at collection sites scattered across rugged mountain territory where firefights have raged since the insurgents took up arms six months ago, saying they were fighting for more rights for Macedonia's minority ethnic Albanians. After a peace deal signed last week expanded those rights, the rebels say they're prepared to hand in their weapons.

NATO has said it will deploy the full force only when it is confident that the cease-fire is viable and lasting. Gen. Joseph Ralston, speaking to the North Atlantic Council on Tuesday, said waiting would be riskier than deploying now.

Although violence in the coun-



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Sp. Desmond Lemont, right, from Akron, Ohio, of Alpha company, 15th military intelligence battalion, 504th military intelligence brigade, controls take off of HUNTER RQ-5 Alpha unmanned aerial vehicle from the U.S. base at Skopje's airport Tuesday. U.S. troops will play a behind-the-scenes role in the British-led NATO mission to collect weapons from ethnic Albanian rebels. NATO's ruling council was expected to approve that mission and clear the way for the full deployment of 3,500 troops. Only several hundred Americans will participate and will focus on limited logistical duties.

try has dramatically subsided, an explosion early Tuesday rocked an Orthodox Christian monastery in the town of Lesok outside Tetovo, Macedonia's second-largest city.

A church at the monastery complex, Sveti Atanas, crumpled behind its twin-towered facade. Blue-toned frescoes of saints lay in heaps of rubble, exposed to the elements for the first time in decades.

Macedonia's culture minister, Ganka Samoilova-Cvetanovska, blamed the rebels, who began launching assaults on the village last month. The rebels denied responsibility.

"Attacks on places of worship are totally unacceptable and

undermine the efforts of all those who are striving to restore peace and stability," NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said in a statement Tuesday. In Washington, U.S. State Department deputy spokesman Philip Reeker called the attack a "disgraceful act."

Fearing further instability, the Macedonian government postponed a census of the country's population until next year. The census, required under the peace accord, is one of the most delicate tasks Macedonia faces, in part because ethnic Albanians say they account for at least a third of the country's population. The government says that number is too high.

Still, President Boris Trajkovski expressed new confidence that ethnic Albanians and Macedonians would be able to start fresh, dismissing any suggestion that NATO troops would help the rebels hold the territory they've already seized by essentially solidifying the front lines.

"The U.S. has a moral obligation to the region," he told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday. "We've been here as partners for the last 10 years."

U.S. forces have used Macedonia as a support base for their operations in the Balkans, particularly those in neighboring Kosovo.

That means the Macedonia mission will be business as usual for Dittenber and the other men and women of Alpha Company, 15th Military Intelligence Battalion of the 504 Military Intelligence Brigade out of Fort Hood,

Texas.

They are already flying the Hunter unmanned aerial vehicle from Skopje's airport in support of NATO's mission in Kosovo, where ethnic Albanian militants are widely believed to be smuggling weapons and supplies over the border to their brothers in arms in Macedonia.

The soldiers can provide real-

time video of what's happening on the ground — data critical to commanders in the field. The information comes from a tiny plane that stands just 5 feet tall.

Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Williams, 37, of Houston, jokes that the Hunter's pictures of the Balkans remind him of home.

"It looks just like a picture of Texas," he said.

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After breakup of KGB, secret police successors gaining power

By Jim Heintz
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The statue of feared Soviet secret police founder Felix Dzerzhinsky, hauled away from its prominent pedestal amid protests in one of the most dramatic scenes of the Soviet collapse, now stands half hidden by trees in an out-of-the-way park.

The secret services themselves have also been repositioned in the past decade. The monolithic KGB was broken up into several agencies and the main successor, the FSB, has made some concessions to openness such as putting up a Web site and opening a small museum.

But just as the baleful Dzerzhinsky statue isn't really gone, the KGB's descendants still exert substantial power in post-Soviet Russia, and critics see ominous indications that old oppressive practices are reviving under President Vladimir Putin, a former KGB operative and one-time FSB director.

"In some ways, the special services now have more influence than they did in the Soviet Union," said Konstantin Preobrazhensky, a former KGB officer, now a harsh critic of its successors.

Unlike East Germany and Romania, where angry citizens occupied their countries' secret police offices after communism fell, the crowds that saw Dzerzhinsky's statue come down outside the KGB's headquarters on Lubyanka Square didn't invade the bleak and massive building where countless victims had been interrogated, imprisoned and executed.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin later ordered the KGB to be dismantled, hoping to show that the decades when the secret police penetrated every facet of life had ended.

But the successors, especially the FSB, the acronym for Federal Security Service, remained powerful and even gained new powers.

This year, FSB director Nikolai Patrushev declared that the agency would restore the policy of initiating investigations based on anonymous tips — a practice banned in 1988 by Mikhail Gorbachev, the last Soviet leader.

The policy revived grim memories of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's era, when anonymous complaints were a favored way of getting rid of an adversary.

Also this year, the FSB took formal charge of the war in Chechnya. Journalists' access to the war-wrecked republic has become further limited.

The FSB's control of the Chechen war "means they can put their own spin on it, they can prevent journalists from covering things, they can employ a lot more control than the Russian military could," said Amy Knight of Carleton University, author of "Spies Without Cloaks," a book about the post-Soviet secret services.

The FSB also has been given the authority to spy through the Internet by linking its offices with Internet service providers, a move that worries not only human rights activists but also Western

businessmen considering entering the Russia market.

"The FSB gets to take a stab at trying to gather Western technologies... and that's a concern," said Mike Assante, vice president of intelligence at the U.S.-based digital security company Vigilix. The company rates such espionage as the most serious threat to doing electronic business in Russia.

At the same time, the FSB is taking increasingly tough and controversial measures on alleged spies, employing questionable evidence and laws that potentially incriminate everyone.

An arms-control researcher, Igor Sutyagin, has been on trial for months for espionage despite his claim he obtained information only from open sources. One of his colleagues has said some of the open foreign sources he used contained information that would be considered secret in Russia.

Similarly, Edmond Pope, who last year became the first American convicted of spying in Russia in 40 years, denied he illegally obtained plans for a top-secret Russian navy torpedo, saying the information he was planning to purchase had been sold abroad and was even taught at universi-

ties.

An American Fulbright scholar, John Tobin, was convicted of drug charges this year even though doubts about the evidence led the prosecutor to say she was ashamed to be involved in the case.

Although Tobin wasn't charged with espionage, the case took on a Cold War tinge when a local FSB spokesman said Tobin was suspected of being a spy in training.

Theories vary on why the Kremlin is granting the agency strengthened powers even as Russia tries to promote itself as

becoming democratic and safe for investors.

Some argue that Putin and other former KGB figures in the government — like defense minister Sergei Ivanov — were indelibly stamped by the service.

"This is the way (Putin) was trained. It would be very difficult for him to change, for his colleagues to change and say 'Gee, if we do this, we're going to be trampling on rights,'" Knight said. "His first gut reaction is always that kind of strongarm reaction."

Preobrazhensky, the former KGB agent, said the secret ser-

vices' resurgence reflects a sense of inferiority that has plagued Russia over the past 10 years. If the FSB sees spies under the bed, he said, that helps the country feel important.

"It's very difficult to catch real spies, and there aren't many real spies here these days," he said. "But the FSB can't say there are no spies here."

The FSB, meanwhile, tries to look friendlier to the public, but old habits die hard. Patrushev, the director, declined requests for an interview. The FSB's museum is unmarked, secreted in a few rooms over a grocery store.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS

4th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PENDING SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

TO: ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE COVERED BY GEICO TEXAS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR WHICH AN UNINSURED/ UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE SELECTION/REJECTION FORM WAS EXECUTED AFTER OCTOBER 18, 1989 CONTAINING THE REPRESENTATION THAT THE "UNDERINSURED MOTORIST" COVERAGE: "REQUIRE(S) YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY TO PAY YOU, IN SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OTHER INSURED'S LIABILITY LIMITS AND YOUR UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS COVERAGE;" OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LANGUAGE.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. THIS NOTICE RELATES TO THE PENDENCY OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLASS LITIGATION AND IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AS TO YOUR RIGHTS.

A class action is pending in the 4th Judicial District Court of Rusk County, Texas ("the Court") against Government Employees Insurance Company, GEICO General Insurance Company, GEICO Indemnity Company and Colonial County Mutual Insurance Company (collectively referred to as "GEICO").

By Order of the 4th Judicial District Court of Rusk County, Texas ("the Court") dated June 7, 2001, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Fairness Hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on January 28, 2002, before Honorable J. Clay Gossett, District Judge of the 4th Judicial District Court of Rusk County, Texas, 115 N. Main Street, Henderson, Texas 75653, to determine: (1) whether this Action should be finally certified as a class action for settlement purposes; (2) whether the settlement of the Action on the terms summarized below should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate; (3) whether the Action should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the terms of the Settlement; (4) whether Class Members should be bound by the releases contained in the Settlement Agreement; (5) whether Class Members should be barred from filing, commencing, prosecuting, maintaining, intervening in, participating in (as Class Members or otherwise), or receiving any benefits from any lawsuit or other proceeding in any jurisdiction based on or relating to the claims and causes of action, or the facts and circumstances related thereto, addressed by such releases; and (6) whether the application of Plaintiff's counsel for an award for an award of attorney's fees and expenses should be approved.

A detailed notice has been mailed to previously identified Class Members describing the settlement and the rights of Class Members. Because the proposed settlement and the scheduled court hearing may affect the rights of Class Members, if you are a member of the Class, and have not received a copy of the notice, you should immediately obtain a copy either by (1) calling GEICO at 1(866)835-5449 or (2) by visiting the web site at GEICO.com.

1. NATURE OF LAWSUIT AND SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL

This Action was commenced on September 2, 1999, when Plaintiff, Barbara Griffin, filed Plaintiff's Original Petition alleging that GEICO misstated the terms of the uninsured and underinsured motorist (UM/UIM) coverage in the State of Texas on its UM/UIM selection/rejection forms, causing its insureds to reject coverage or to purchase less coverage. Specifically, Plaintiff complains that the rejection/selection form utilized by GEICO from October 18, 1989 to April 1, 2000, represented that the "Underinsured Motorist" coverage: "Require[s] your insurance company to pay you, in specified circumstances, the difference between the other insured's liability limits and your underinsured motorists coverage;" or substantially similar language. Plaintiff contends that this definition is misleading. GEICO has vigorously denied the allegations in the lawsuit.

2. CLASS DEFINITIONS

The Proposed Settlement addresses two Subclasses:

- A.1. All present and former GEICO Texas automobile liability insurance policyholders who rejected ("Rejectors") uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage on policies issued in the State of Texas by executing a coverage selection/rejection form on or after October 18, 1989, which contained the representation that the "Underinsured Motorist" coverage: "Require[s] your insurance company to pay you, in specified circumstances, the difference between the other insured's liability limits and your underinsured motorists coverage;" or substantially similar language. With respect to inclusion of policyholders of Colonial County Mutual Insurance Company, the term "GEICO Texas automobile liability insurance policyholders" shall include only those policyholders under Texas personal auto policies issued by Colonial County Mutual Insurance Company for the period of January 1, 1997 through April 1, 2001, which policies were reinsured by Government Employees Insurance Company and issued through Criterion Insurance Agency; and
2. All individuals qualifying as "covered persons" under policies described in Paragraph A.(1) who were involved in an accident since October 18, 1989, with an at fault driver who was uninsured or whose liability limits were less than the covered person's actual damages and for whom uninsured and underinsured motorist benefits were not paid based on the execution of a coverage rejection form containing the representation that the "Underinsured Motorist" coverage: "Require[s] your insurance company to pay you, in specified circumstances, the difference between the other insured's liability limits and your underinsured motorists coverage;" or substantially similar language.
- B.1. All present and former GEICO Texas automobile liability insurance policyholders who selected ("Selectors") limits of uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage on policies issued in the State of Texas less than their own liability limits by executing a coverage selection/rejection form on or after October 18, 1989, which contained the representation that the "Underinsured Motorist" coverage: "Require[s] your insurance company to pay you, in specified circumstances, the difference between the other insured's liability limits and your underinsured motorists coverage;" or substantially similar language. With respect to inclusion of policyholders of Colonial County Mutual Insurance Company, the term "GEICO Texas automobile liability insurance policyholders" shall include only those policyholders under Texas personal auto policies issued by Colonial County Mutual Insurance Company for the period of January 1, 1997 through April 1, 2001, which policies were reinsured by Government Employees Insurance Company and issued through Criterion Insurance Agency; and
2. All individuals qualifying as "covered persons" under policies described in Paragraph B.(1) who were involved in an accident since October 18, 1989, with an at fault driver who was uninsured or whose liability limits were less than the covered person's actual damages and for which GEICO (1) paid the stated limits per person or per occurrence of the policy's uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage benefits or (2) denied payment of uninsured and underinsured motorist benefits, in whole or in part, based on the execution of a coverage selection form containing the representation that the "Underinsured Motorist" coverage: "Require[s] your insurance company to pay you, in specified circumstances, the difference between the other insured's liability limits and your underinsured motorists coverage;" or substantially similar language.

3. SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

- (a) Subject to the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, members of the Settlement Class that are Rejectors will be given Uninsured Motorists coverage to match their liability coverage limits on prior and existing policies as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. Members of the Settlement Class who are Selectors will have their Uninsured Motorists coverage raised to match their liability coverage limits on prior and existing policies as set forth herein. Members of the Settlement Class who are Non-Policyholder Covered Persons will be given the coverage applicable to the Selector and/or Rejector of the policy at issue.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, GEICO agrees that it will not raise the execution of the Selection/Rejection Forms as a defense to UM/UIM claims presented by the members of the Settlement Class who have not properly excluded themselves pursuant to Paragraph 3.1(H) of the Settlement Agreement and whose UM/UIM coverage limits have been raised to their liability coverage limits as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- (c) As a condition to adding UM/UIM coverage or increasing UM/UIM coverage limits pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, any member of the Settlement Class seeking to make a claim waives the right to any payment of interest on the claim.

(d) Subject to the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, GEICO will have a dedicated unit of adjusters at GEICO that shall adjust, consider, pay, in whole or in part, or deny, in whole or in part, claims presented pursuant to this Settlement Agreement in accordance with the terms, conditions, limitations and provisions of the standard Texas private passenger auto policy and subject to any rights, defenses or limitations available to GEICO under the Settlement Agreement which are applicable to the individual claim or Class Member. Nothing contained in the Settlement Agreement shall shift or reduce the burdens of proof relative to presentment and proof of a UM/UIM claim.

(e) You have the following options:

- (1) You may remain a member of the Class. To remain a member of the Class, you do not have to take any action. You will be automatically considered a member of the Class, unless you request exclusion in accordance with the procedure set forth below. If you remain a member of the Class, you will be bound by any judgment in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, and you will be barred from prosecuting your own claim. As a member of the Class, if you wish to participate in the settlement, you must file an Official Claim Form, within 240 days after the effective date of the Settlement Agreement. If you file a claim and it is denied on the basis that you are not a member of the class under the Settlement Agreement, you may have this decision reviewed by an impartial arbitrator approved by the Court. If you file a claim for damages and the amount you allege is contested, you have the right to submit your claim to an impartial arbitrator approved by the Court. All arbitration costs will initially be paid by GEICO; however, if GEICO prevails at arbitration the arbitrator will assess the costs against you.

GEICO may be entitled to a credit for some payments previously made to you for the same accident.

If there are multiple claimants, the aggregate of the Settlement Payments shall be prorated, if necessary, so that the total paid by GEICO shall not exceed the per person or per occurrence limits of the policy as defined in the Settlement Agreement. This could result in a delay in your being paid benefits under the Settlement Agreement.

- (2) You may exclude yourself from the Class. Any member of the Class may be excluded, but only upon specific request. If you wish to be excluded from the Class, you must ask the Court to exclude you from the Action by mailing the request for exclusion to: Linda J. Smith, District Clerk, P. O. Box 1687, Henderson, TX 75653-1687.

If you file a request for exclusion as described in the previous paragraph, such request must be filed with the clerk no later than January 18, 2002. If your request for exclusion is timely filed, you will be excluded from the Class. If excluded, you will not be bound by the results of the Action, and you will also not share in any recovery that benefits the Class. If you do not file a timely request for exclusion, you will be bound by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in this Action, which will be preclusive in all pending or future lawsuits or other proceedings, involving the same issues that are the subject of this Action. If you wish to object to the terms of the Settlement, you must remain in the Settlement Class.

You will be able to make a claim for any benefits available now, or in the future, under the terms of your policy, not related to claims arising from your execution of the UM/UIM selection/rejection form. Participation in the Class Settlement will not affect that right.

- (3) If you do not request exclusion, you will be represented by Plaintiff and her counsel, who have been appointed Class Counsel by the Court, unless you enter an appearance through counsel of your own choice. You are not required to obtain your own counsel, but if you choose to do so, it will be at your expense and your counsel must file an appearance on your behalf by January 7, 2002, and mail copies of such appearance to the attorneys listed below.

4. DISMISSAL AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

The claims that will be barred include all claims for relief on the ground that an insured or covered person was denied benefits because he or she was covered by a Texas automobile liability policy with respect to which the insured signed a Selection/Rejection Form containing the definition of underinsured motorist set forth above. In exchange for settlement benefits, Class Members who remain in the class will release GEICO from all liability for known and unknown claims arising out of the execution of the UM/UIM Selection/Rejection Form described above in this Notice.

Additional Information

This notice and the Notice mailed to Class Members are each a summary of the proposed settlement. The full Settlement Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Court, along with Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition and other papers and court Orders pertaining to this case. You may inspect these documents at the Clerk's office at any time during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OBJECTIONS

You may object to the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement, or Judgment entered thereon, only by filing written objections with the Court and serving those written objections on Class Counsel and Counsel for Defendants by January 7, 2002. Your filing must contain: 1) a statement of your objection and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal support you wish to introduce in support of the objection; 2) any evidence you wish to introduce in support of the objection; 3) a list of all class actions proceedings in which you or your attorneys previously appeared as objectors or on behalf of objectors; and 4) the information and materials described in Rule 194.2(a)-(j) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. If you fail to comply with these requirements you are forever barred from objecting to the Settlement Agreement.

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Superintendent living up to his listening pledge

Up until now, Midland Independent School District's new superintendent, Robert Nicks, has enjoyed a honeymoon of sorts with the local citizenry, faculty, media and the school board that hired him.

Nicks has impressed many in Midland with his apparent skills as an administrator, educator, and, above all, a communicator. So it was probably appropriate Monday night that Nicks put himself into a situation that wasn't quite as warm and cozy as the welcome he's experienced in Midland up until now.

Nicks appeared before a group of south-eastside Hispanics on Monday at Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church.

Nicks, who was recruited for the top MISD post from the Beaumont area earlier this year, was called upon to answer for years of MISD decision making in which he played no part.

The Rev. Tom Kelley, priest at Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church who led the questioning, said the people in his part of town continue to feel disenfranchised.

Apparently, the southeastside residents are still smarting from the after-effects of the 14-2 plan they feel favors the higher-income, middle-class subdivisions on the westside and northside of Midland. The final slap in the face to the Hispanic community in that part of town may have been the decision to omit an elementary school from the school bond referendum put before voters this past October.

Although he may have been uncomfortable at times during the forum, Nicks held his own and answered questions candidly and honestly. Above all, he has promised to listen. And his pledge Monday to consider the possibility of including an elementary school south of Interstate 20 on a future bond issue didn't sound like a hollow politician's promise. It sounded like the real thing.

When Nicks was hired for the superintendent's job, he knew he faced several challenges in Midland.

Above all, he knew he would need to build trust within the school district and out in the community.

He vowed to listen to everyone who had something to say, and Nicks appears to be honoring that commitment.

Nicks' honeymoon may be drawing to an end as the school year grinds forward and stubborn, unresolved issues begin to resurface themselves.

The real work is beginning. It's good to see Nicks is the first one ready to roll up his sleeves and dive into deep water.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2001. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Aug. 22, 1851, the schooner America outraced the Aurora off the English coast to win a trophy that became known as the America's Cup.

On this date:

In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses.

In 1775, King George III of England proclaimed the American colonies in a state of open rebellion.

In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates of the Continental Congress.

In 1846, the United States annexed New Mexico.

In 1893, author, poet, critic and wit Dorothy Parker was born in West Bend, N.J.

In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. chief executive to ride in an automobile, in Hartford, Conn.

In 1911, it was announced in Paris that Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" had been stolen from the Louvre Museum the night before. (The painting turned up two years later, in Italy.)

In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to Latin America.

In 1989, Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev returned to Moscow following the collapse of the hard-liners' coup. Later that day, he purged his government of the men who'd tried to oust him.

Five years ago: President Clinton signed welfare legislation ending guaranteed cash payments to the poor and demanding work from recipients.

One year ago: Publishers Clearing House agreed to pay \$18 million to 24 states and the District of Columbia to settle allegations it had used deceptive promotions in its sweepstakes mailings.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

NATO must seek peace through strength

WASHINGTON — NATO is as strong as its backbone, and the United States is that backbone. Yet, NATO, which was created to defend Europe from Soviet expansionism, has had trouble defending Bosnia and Kosovo from Serbia, and now Macedonia from ethnic Albanians.

It is reminiscent of 1935, when Mussolini's Italy invaded Ethiopia. The League of Nations sat on its hands, the naked aggression continued, and the impotent League of Nations collapsed.

Now, NATO troops are about to enter Macedonia in force, but that force is too small, its mandate — to disarm the rebels — is impractical, and its time frame — 30 days — to accomplish its mission is ridiculous. The NATO intervention in Macedonia is a formula for failure.

And when NATO fails there, what will be the impact throughout the Balkans? More ethnic cleansing? More bigoted-based strife? More disruption? A possible cause of conflict between Greece and Turkey, two NATO members? All of this is possible, but the consequences could be

much higher.

If NATO proves to lack a backbone, NATO will fail, and if it fails, it will not survive. Since World War II, we have come to take peace in Western Europe for granted. And since the fall of the U.S.S.R., the same could be said for Eastern Europe. But peace and democracy have thrived in Europe because a police presence — NATO — was there.

Clearly, the United Nations, which was created to keep the peace, has never been up to the job, with the possible exception of the Korean War. That conflict, however, was waged only because the U.S.S.R. walked out of the U.N. session instead of exercising its veto. Even then, the U.N. force that fought in Korea was made up predominantly of Americans and South Koreans, and it was led by Americans.

The United Nations does continue to place peacekeepers around the globe, but they remain only until they are invited by a belligerent party to leave. As a result, the United Nations has been attempting to concentrate on its humanitarian activities. Even in this endeavor it fails, looking more like one of those large, bureaucratic charities that spends more money on its executives and bureaucrats than it does for the people it is supposed to be helping.

NATO, on the other hand, is a military orga-

nization. It was created as a military alliance, and it is not hampered by veto threats from nonallied nations. As with all organizations, it needs a leader, and the world's lone super power, the United States, must be that leader. If the United States falters, NATO falters. If the United States shows courage as in the Gulf War, NATO will follow suit.

This is why it is critical for the United States to accept its leadership responsibilities in the Balkans. Half measures won't work. Attempts at reasoning with unreasonable belligerents won't work. Irrational time constraints won't work. Unattainable goals won't work. What will work is force and/or the threat of force. Both President George Washington and Secretary of State Colin Powell are noted for advocating overwhelming force as the means of causing the capitulation of our enemies. Peace through strength usually is attained by the credible threat or show of force, as Washington proved during the Whiskey Rebellion. Or peace through strength can be attained through the use of overwhelming force with few casualties, as the president's father proved in the Gulf War.

NATO is possibly the greatest peacekeeper in history — if we don't squander it.

Jack Anderson's and Douglas Cohn's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



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CHARLEY REESE

Israel very costly ally of America

Some people have asked for Web sites about the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. I would suggest you start with PalestineChronicle.com. You will find extensive coverage of the issue, as well as links to other sites.

There are several reasons why all Americans should be interested in this issue.

First, it is embarrassing that the government of the world's so-called last remaining superpower plays the role of the tail that is wagged by Israel, a nation about the size of New Jersey. Israel's influence in both the executive and legislative branches of our government is so pervasive that Israeli politicians openly boast about it.

A few years ago when Egypt threatened not to renew the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty unless Israel signed it, the Israelis told the Egyptians that if they didn't shut up about the issue, their American aid would be cut off. Now, please note: This is a foreign country telling another foreign country that it, not the United States, has the final say over American aid.

Of course, it is also embarrassing (because of our silence) that the only nuclear power in the Middle East is Israel. The only country in the Middle East that refuses to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is Israel. The only country in the Middle East that refuses to allow international inspection of its nuclear facilities is Israel. Yet all we hear from Washington is criticism of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's "weapons of mass destruction." What weapons? He didn't use any in the Gulf War. Why is there never any criticism of Israel's weapons of mass destruction, which actually exist?

And now we are getting down to the areas where the Middle East actually affects Americans. Israel, armed to the teeth thanks to American taxpayers, continues to occupy Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese lands. It, and it alone, is a threat to peace in that region, and a regional war would inevitably affect America's real interests.

Second, Israel is the most expensive "ally" in the history of the human race. Depending on whose numbers you use, American aid to Israel has totaled \$81 billion to \$90 billion. There are so many monetary favors tucked away in the Defense Department budget that an accurate number is hard to come by. The \$81 billion number is the U.S. government's.

There is nothing in the Constitution that authorizes Congress to tax the labor of the American people and hand over the proceeds to a foreign government — any foreign government, much less one that has blown up our diplomatic facilities in Egypt and attacked one of our Navy ships in international waters. An ally like that ought to come a heck of a lot cheaper than Israel.

Finally, our support of Israel's aggression and cruel treatment of the Palestinians is alienating not only the Arab world but the Muslim world. This hatred will eventually be expressed in the form of terrorism directed at Americans and at American interests. Terrorism is the poor man's way of waging war.

America's blind support of Israel's gross violations of human rights and international law will not only cost billions of tax dollars but eventually American lives as well. No lobby for any foreign country should be allowed to jeopardize American interests and American lives just to serve the selfish interests of a foreign power.

America's government has only one justification for existence — to protect the lives and interests of Americans. It's time to start asking Americans, including our elected officials: Which country are you loyal to?

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CAL THOMAS

Bush will need new strategy in Washington

When President Bush returns to Washington, he'll face a carefully planned ambush by Democrats who will repeat their successful strategy of striking fear into the hearts of the uninformed.

Congressional and party Democrats will accuse the Bush administration and Republicans of robbing Social Security and Medicare in order to pay for the tax cut. That Democrats have done what they accuse Republicans of doing won't stop them, but the President can return fire if he refuses to play their game and uses different ammunition.

Step one in a Bush counter-strategy should be to lay off his pledge to set a different tone in Washington and focus on changing policy. Being nice has not persuaded Democrat lions to lie down with Republican lambs. The "tone" has never been the problem in Washington. Too many chicken-hearted and go-along Republicans have been the problem. They've been afraid to defend what they claim to believe for fear certain groups or editorial pages won't like them.

The President can adopt a Reagan-like approach to debating his political opponents by saying, "our friends in the other party ..." and then proceeding to criticize their policies and record. Reagan consistently skewered Democrats with this line without anyone thinking he was mean.

Step two is for President Bush to take on waste, fraud and abuse in government in a serious way. This means he not only will have to criticize Democrats, he'll have to challenge spenders in his own party. What Reagan did for The Heritage Foundation think tank — elevating it to national prominence — President Bush could do for Citizens Against Government Waste, a nonprofit organization as likely to attack wasteful Republican spending as wasteful Democrat spending.

CAGW has calculated that during the next five years, the federal government will lose at least \$1.2 trillion in uncorrected waste, fraud and abuse. While Democrats plead for more of our tax dollars, President Bush can provide numerous examples of the mis-spending of the tax dollars government already has. CAGW has given its "Porker of the Month" award

to House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt. Gephardt has the dubious distinction of being opposed to tax cuts when the economy was prospering and now when the economy is sputtering. During the boom times, he said we didn't need a tax cut. Now he says we can't afford one. Clearly, Gephardt never saw a dollar he didn't think government could spend better than the people who earned it.

On "Meet the Press" last Sunday, Gephardt said he could support "minor" spending cuts even in domestic programs, including "education (and) health care." A leading Democrat is not about to touch his party's bread-and-butter issues. It isn't "mean-spirited" or returning to the "old tone" of Washington to mention Gephardt's voting record and inconsistencies on these issues.

President Bush should make Gephardt a primary target of his counter-strategy. It was Gephardt who led the charge in 1993 to increase taxes on income and gasoline. Yet he would maintain our dependence on foreign oil by opposing safe exploration for new energy on U.S. land.

Just cutting the improper and duplicate (and sometimes triplicate or more) payments made by government agencies could save at least \$20 billion annually, according to CAGW. Corporate welfare costs taxpayers \$65 billion a year. It costs nearly \$500 billion to comply with the tax code. Regulation adds \$1.4 trillion. Should the federal government pay for a "Dr. Seuss" memorial in Massachusetts? Such projects are projected to top \$20 billion this year alone and have cost taxpayers more than \$120 billion in the last decade. Total discretionary spending increased by 11 percent in fiscal 2000 and 8 percent in 2001. This occurred when Republicans controlled Congress.

Controlling people's money and their lives is what the Democratic Party stands for. If it loses control, it ceases any reason for being. Republicans will have to decide whether they want to immobilize the Democrats or play along with their spending game just to preserve themselves in office.

President Bush should focus less on tone and more on the good policy and good politics of attacking waste, fraud and abuse. His counter-strategy can play better than the old Democrat fear strategy which has worked only because Republicans were too timid to counteract it.

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AIDS activists sue South African government to force drug distribution to babies

By Ravi Nessman
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — With hundreds of South African babies born with HIV every day, AIDS activists and doctors sued the government Tuesday demanding it distribute a key AIDS drug that could slash that number in half.

By refusing to make the AIDS drug nevirapine widely available to HIV-infected pregnant women, the government is denying women and children their constitutional rights to health care, the suit filed in the Pretoria High Court claimed.

The government said it was waiting to see details of the lawsuit before commenting but reiterated its policy of distributing nevirapine on a small scale through pilot programs to test its effects.

The suit represented a new strategy for the Treatment Action Campaign, which is one of the country's top AIDS organizations and has been pressing the government for four years to provide medication to prevent transmission of HIV during childbirth.

It was the first major legal challenge aimed at forcing a change in policy on AIDS medication — and it hinged on the constitution's specific guarantees of a right to health care, reproductive rights and health care for children.

In the past, courts have taken a mixed stance on forcing the government on such rights, sometimes backing guarantees but also recognizing financial restraints on implementing them.

The German drug company Boehringer Ingelheim has offered nevirapine free to developing countries for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, however South Africa has yet to accept the offer.

"We have come to the point where legal action to try to enforce the rights of doctors to prescribe nevirapine, of pregnant women to receive nevirapine, rights to dignity and a range of other rights has become inevitable," Mark Heywood, secretary of the Treatment Action Campaign.

The suit also demands the government develop a national policy on mother-to-child transmission, including providing voluntary test-

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ing at prenatal clinics and giving infected mothers infant formula to prevent transmission through breast milk.

"The government has been stalling for too long," said Dr. Haroon Saloojee of the Save Our Babies Campaign, a coalition of pediatric health care workers that is also part of the suit.

An estimated 4.7 million South Africans, about 11 percent of the population, are infected with HIV. About a quarter of babies born to HIV-infected women will become infected during childbirth, according to studies. A single dose of nevirapine to the mother during childbirth followed by a dose to the baby within three days can reduce the transmission rate to about 13

percent.

A widespread nevirapine program that could save 20,000 babies a year would cost less than \$30 million, the Treatment Action Campaign said.

The Health Ministry said in a statement that it would take legal advice on the suit. But it pointed to two pilot programs recently announced by the government in each of the country's nine provinces to monitor the effect of the nevirapine treatment.

The pilot projects were being used to explore "operational challenges" in the program before it could be expanded, the ministry said. Health Minister Manto Tshabala-Msimang has previously said the drug had to be administered in

a research setting to explore the possibility the treatment could create a new strain of the virus resistant to nevirapine.

The Treatment Action Campaign, however, said no new research was needed, pointing to an October report from the World Health Organization recommending the use of AIDS drugs to prevent mother-to-child transmission.

The pilot programs reach only 10 percent of the women who need the medicine, the Campaign said.

Nurses at hospitals not in the pilot projects have put infected women who are in labor into taxis and sent them to hospitals that are in the project, some as far as 50 miles away, Heywood said.

The lawsuit, filed against the minister of health and the country's nine provincial health ministers, argued that the government was denying women and children their constitutional rights to health care and was discriminating against poor women forced to use public

hospitals.

The Treatment Action Campaign and its supporters plan demonstrations Aug. 27 to put further pressure on the government.

South Africa has been internationally criticized for refusing to provide expensive AIDS drugs through the public health system. President Thabo Mbeki has also been vilified by activists for courting the views of fringe theorists who deny the existence of AIDS.

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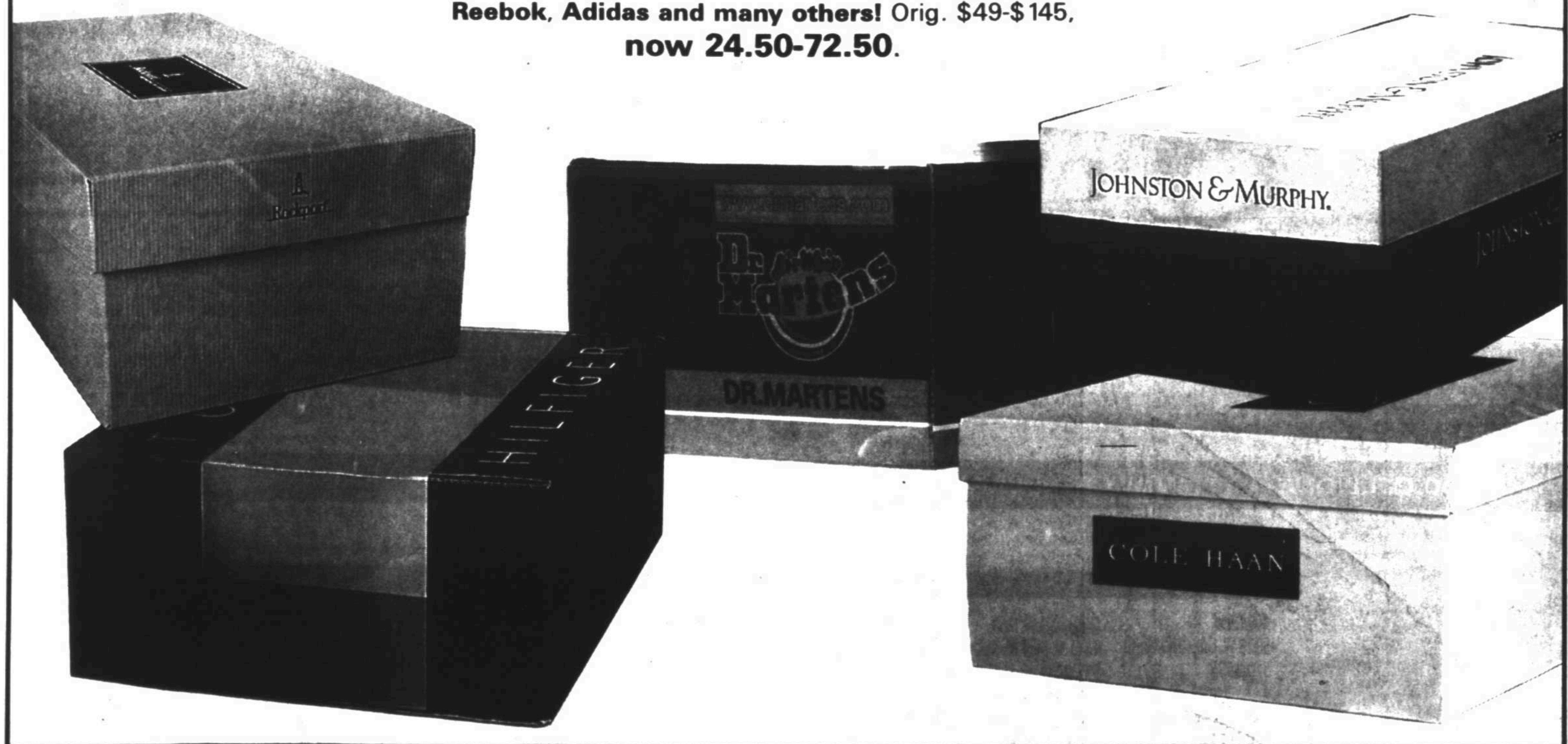
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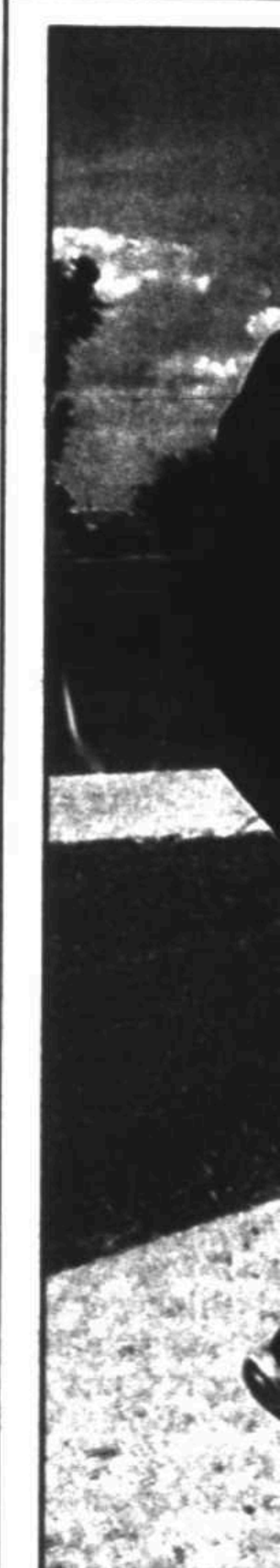
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MC board approves budget, new tax rate

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

When no one showed up at the public hearing, Midland College leaders had a hint there would be no complaints about their then-proposed tax rate increase. On Tuesday, the board of trustees unanimously approved the new rate of .1832, complete with a balanced budget, without a single word of dissent.

MC Executive Vice President of Instruction Richard Jolly said the proposals have been in the works for months, and the community has faith in Midland College to do the right thing.

"I think the board has listened to the community, they've talked to them, and the citizens are willing to back the not-quite-two-cent increase," he said. "And for last week's public hearing, when no one came, that shows the community believes in us. For no one to show

up is unheard of."

The taxable value of the average home in Midland is \$72,428 this year, and based on a rise in valuations and the new rate, the average homeowner will pay about \$17 more to the Midland Community College District, about 14 percent above last year's payment.

The budget for 2001-02, which, as a result of revenue from this new rate, will be \$9,166,736, also was approved unanimously and without discussion.

Jolly was filling in as chairman of the board for MC President David Daniel. He included in his president's report that morale of the faculty and staff was good, thanks to the pay raise included in the new budget.

"I think the attitude and morale is very good," Jolly said. "They're very pleased with the new budget, and they appreciate what you've done ... and they look forward to the new year."

Jolly's report also included information about the new collaboration between MC and the Midland Independent School District, using the Advanced Technology Center for joint classes with high school and college students.

There are almost 1,000 MISD students enrolled at the ATC this year, and Jolly said about 300 of them have opted to register as concurrent MC students. And MISD isn't the only Midland employer happy with the state-of-the-art facility.

"The largest group at the ATC is the work-force training," Jolly said. "Cingular has been very happy about what is going on ... to date, we've had 450 people trained in Cingular at the ATC."

Cingular is also happy about the tax abatement plan between MC and the city of Midland, and Chamber representative Dennis Clay-

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Wood: We need to start selling sports complex

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

It happened with little discussion, no opposing viewpoints or other candidates. After it was over, seats were shuffled around slightly, and all seats were filled.

With a unanimous vote from the board for the Midland Football-Soccer and Baseball Complex Development Corporation, Lee Wood was elected president. The position was vacant after former Midland Mayor Bobby Burns stepped down, and Wood will keep the position until November.

Wood said before his appointment he would focus on the marketing aspects of the stadium, which he said, now that construction seems to be under way, is most important.

"I'm flattered and honored that I was the only one nominated," Wood said. "I think it's important at this point that we start marketing the complex ... we need to think outside the realm of just sports."

The board also heard a rental rate plan for sports and other events that may be held in the new complex. Assistant City Manager Tommy Hudson said the committee worked long and hard to find prices that were attractive, yet competitive. After much discussion about a balance, the plan was approved and will be sent to the City Council for approval.

But some were concerned the rates were not appropriate for some groups.

"I'm concerned that we may be too low," said board member Don Washburn. "Because that is a full professional venture, I want it to be used, but I also want the city to make a full return."

Hudson said the greatest return for major sporting events, concerts, shows and gatherings won't be in revenues for the complex, but for the city.

"We don't make our money from the games," he said. "We make our money from the concessions, from local commerce and people staying in hotels. We want to get them to come."

The proposed rate structure for the football and soccer field, scheduled for completion in August of 2002, is based on the type of game and the number of

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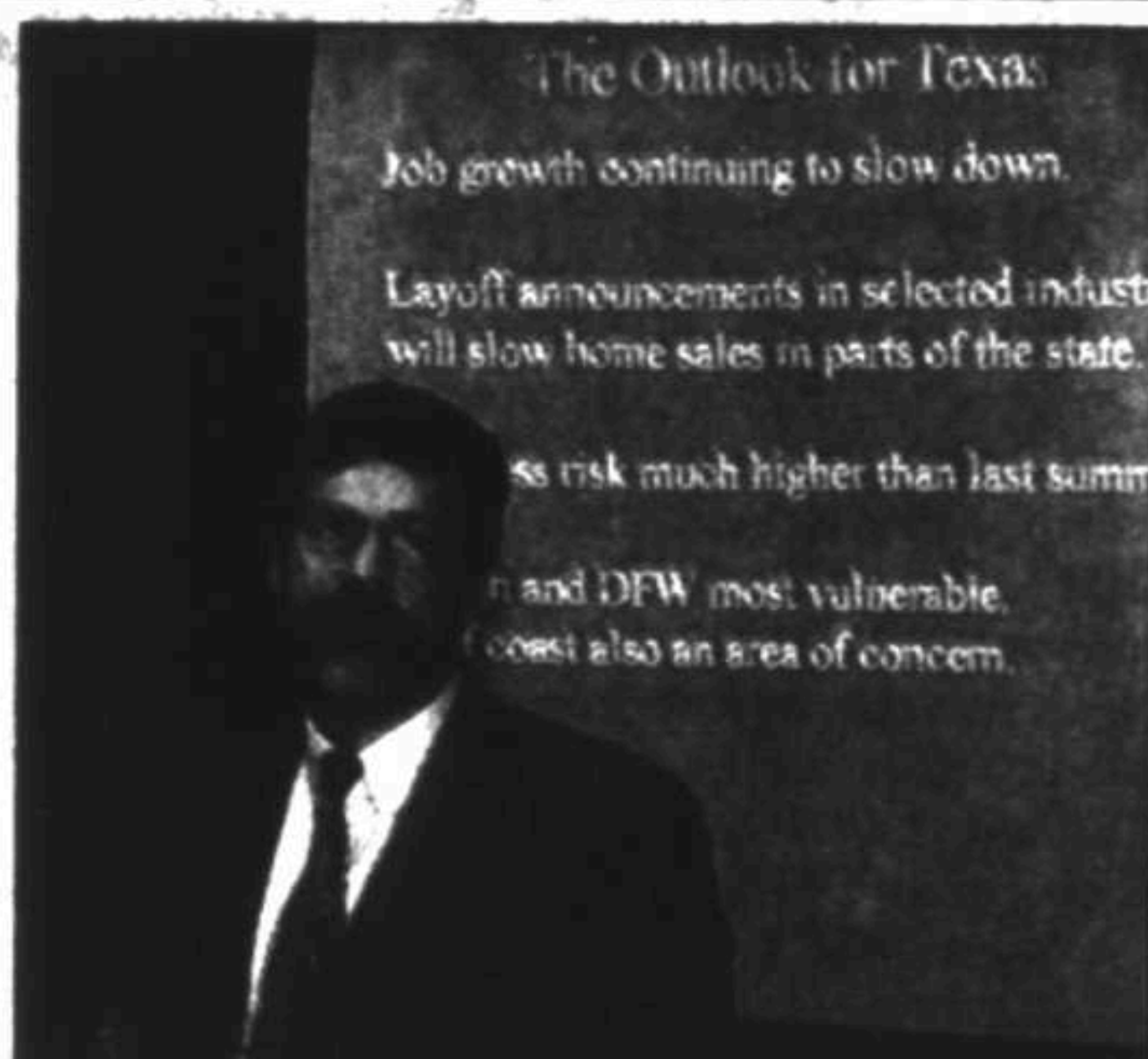
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Learning to bike

While learning to ride her bicycle, Madison Johnson, 5, almost veers off the pavement at House Park but is saved by the watchful eye and quick reflexes of her father, Keith Johnson. The two spent time together at the park Tuesday afternoon after Madison's father got off his work shift at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Mark Dotzour discusses the need for an economic sales tax and how the economy is looking in the near future.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



Economist says Midland can diversify without raising taxes

By Evan Pierce
MRT Correspondent

Midland's greatest asset may no longer be oil. According to a Texas A&M economist, Midland has much more to offer.

Mark G. Dotzour, chief economist and research director of the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University, was in Midland Tuesday speaking at the Petroleum

Club at an event held by the Midland Chamber of Commerce. The economist was on hand to discuss ways Midland could help jump start its economy.

"Office buildings are one of Midland's greatest resources," Dotzour said.

According to Dotzour, the Midland-Odessa area has to diversify its economy, emphasizing the natural resources many have taken for granted.

Please see ECONOMIST/6B



Robert Nicks addresses the gathering at First Presbyterian Church Tuesday afternoon.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

Nicks: Another bond needed to alleviate school assignment woes

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

The face of the crowd at First Presbyterian Church was different from the crowd the night before on the south side, but many of the concerns brought by the community were the same.

New Midland Independent School District Superintendent Robert Nicks began his address Tuesday afternoon much as he did

the night before, with facts about the district, test scores and the school board — but in the end, facilities and districts got the attention.

Nicks responded to these concerns about long bus rides and student school assignments as he did at Our Lady of San Juan the night before — that it can only be cured with a bond issue for additional facilities.

Nicks reassured the next time MISD goes

Please see MISD/3B

MATT JOSEFY

Long day with no results gives fisherman time to coordinate stories

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — It was the only time I got up before 7 a.m. all summer without going out of town. I said forget the shower, pulled on some wind pants, threw sunscreen on my arms, and jumped in the car still half asleep.

There was an old beat-up but well cared for Ford idling in the parking lot at the Quicktrip gas station. I was only two minutes late. "Daylight," the rough looking character with a shaved head said, and drove off to the local favorite for good doughnuts and coffee with my little Civic in pursuit.

He got two sausage rolls and I followed suit. We argued over who was going to pay for whose. I won the argument and lost \$4 to the cashier. I guess those are the fights worth throwing every now and then, but I'm not always smart enough to figure that out.

We ate on the way to a small house a few blocks away from downtown. We pulled open the gate and walked into the backyard. One, two, three and we turned the full-sized canoe right side up. Fancying ourselves little Indian boys, we hoisted the canoe onto the pack mule ... err the bed of the truck and used strips of buffalo leather to lock it into position. Or maybe they were just bungee cords.



Josefy

The sun was getting pretty bright by the time we had consolidated vehicles and arrived at Lake Bart-Dew. It was named for being halfway between Bartlesville and Dewey, Okla. I thought I was in Colorado as I looked at an incredibly serene little hide-out in between two large hills that we people of the plains mistakenly call mountains.

A buck on the far side of the lake raised his head and then rambled back into the trees. A frog jumped away from us as we carried the canoe to the edge of the water. Within minutes, we were gliding to the opposite end of the water. Not another soul was in sight, and as far as we could observe no other soul had ever been present at our retreat.

An abandoned wooden shed was rotting on one shore. I noticed as we flew by, the rhythm of our oars propelling us along at a brisk pace. My paddle could touch the bottom as we maneuvered ourselves into position.

I cast one way, and he the other. Silence reigned, until I felt compelled to share my recollection of the last time I'd been fishing. My granddad had just bought new fishing poles. I was in the front of the three-generation line that was casting lures into Lake LB.

Due to my limited casting ability, I caught sticks, leaves and branches so often that my bait was rarely in the water. Disgusted as I reeled in my line, I realized moss was covering the worm I'd let Dad put on the hook for me. Being 100 percent silent as traified (you don't want to scare the fish away), I

grabbed at my hook and began to pick the moss away.

This was stubborn moss and I switched to using two hands, concentrating so hard I didn't realize what a precarious position my pole was in. Finally, I pulled the moss off and prepared to throw it back into the water. But the force of me pulling on the string and suddenly releasing catapulted the pole end over and into the lake.

It was at least 10 feet deep, which meant I couldn't have touched the bottom even if I had wanted to. And that's where that pole still sits to this day. For the rest of the morning, I looked on as two real fishermen, who never even got moss on their hooks, did their business. I was determined to not let that scene repeat itself, but even if it had, the water was only a foot deep where we were positioned.

I reminisced as I did my best to cast out the front end of the canoe. Eventually, he caught a small bass, which we put on the line to hang out with us for the afternoon. After getting to know him as best as we could, we finally let him go.

The most exciting part of the trip was a snake that kept toying with us, getting closer and closer to the boat. Birds were everywhere, and we even saw a turtle at one point.

"There's nothing like being outdoors," the 17-year-old expressed as if speaking from 80 years of experience. His dream is to do landscaping for a career, so I knew he was speaking what he really felt. Pretty soon, we put the poles away and stopped even pretending to fish.

We took our shoes off and let our feet dangle in the water. When we would drift too close to shore, we took turns rowing back out to the center. We lay there and talked about everything. Our concerns about the present and fears about the future. Dreams of what we would be doing 10 years from now. Girls, of course. Our questions about religion. Our pet peeves and nuances.

And then, since everyone knew we'd gone fishing, we started getting our stories straight. Which one of us had caught which of the monster fish that had been eluding every other fisherman for years? When we had our stories collaborated, we reluctantly rowed back to the shore to catch lunch before making it back for a half-day worth of work.

Maybe we're all worried about some new sports complex, development on the loop, street repavements, new superintendents, new mayors, new taxes, school ratings, downtown development, cooperation with Odessa, oil companies pulling out, our hometown boy in the White House and scandals everywhere.

But as far as I'm concerned, the biggest problem in Midland is you can't just take off a morning and go fishing with the deer, the turtles, the snakes, the birds and the mountains. If somebody can get something done about that, I think I'd pretty much be willing to listen to every other agenda they have.

Matt Josefy will be a sophomore at Texas A&M this fall.

DEATH NOTICES

Joe Caki

Joe Caki died Monday, Aug. 20, at his home in Midland. Graveside services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Bernie Marecek

Bernie R. Marecek died Sunday, Aug. 19.

Services will be at Rains-Seale Chapel at 3 p.m. today, Aug. 22, with Fr. Benedict Zientek and Fr. Prasad Gallela officiating.

He was born Aug. 19, 1923 in the Rowena area to Laddie and Mary Marecek. He moved with his family to the Fairview Community near San Angelo, attended school at Fairview, and graduated from San Angelo High School in 1941. He married Lula Schwertner on Jan. 28, 1948 in Rowena.

He was preceded in death by one son, John William, on Feb. 20, 1951 and his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Lula; three sons, Ronnie Marecek of San Angelo; Dan Marecek of Rowena, and Glen Marecek of Midkiff.

Pallbearers will be Ronnie Walker, Walther Wilde, George Socha, James Allen Marecek, Robert Dorotik, Howard Kvapil, and Norbert Mathiesen.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Vista Care Family Hospice, The American Cancer Society, or a favorite charity.

Charles Pearson

Charles E. Pearson, 95, of Rantoul, Ill. died Monday, Aug. 20.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at the Anderson Funeral Home in Escanaba, Mich. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery in Escanaba.

He was born Jan. 26, 1906 at Escanaba, Mich. to Olaf and Emma Olson Pearson. He married Nona Mae Rabb July 30, 1937 at Shreveport, La. He was a member of the Presbyterian church in Escanaba. He was retired from the oil industry in Salem, Ill.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, one granddaughter, six sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife,

Nona Mae Rabb of Rantoul; one daughter, Sondra Pearson of Rantoul; one son, Charles R. Pearson of Midland; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Alfred Rougeaux

ANDREWS — Alfred Rougeaux, 73, of Andrews died Monday, Aug. 20, in Permian General Hospital.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with Rev. Bernard Gully officiating. Burial will follow in the Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home. A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24. A Rosary service will be held 8 p.m. Friday in McNett Chapel.

He was born Dec. 19, 1927 in Basile, La. He married Leeanna Armstrong on June 8, 1953 at Lake Charles, La. They moved to Andrews in 1963 from Lake Charles. He was a pumper for Conoco, he retired in 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Leeanna of Andrews; three sons, Alfred Rougeaux Jr., of Odessa, Kevin Rougeaux of Midland, Clifton Fruge Jr., of Houston; three daughters, Ethel Esprit of Beaumont, Brenda Hayes of Port Arthur, Angela Dunn of Houston; two brothers, John Rougeaux of Lake Charles, La. and Joseph Rougeaux of Lake Charles, La.; a sister, Jesse Mae Reder, Lake Charles, La.; and 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

MISD: Nicks says change in policy will change performance

(From 1B)

for another bond referendum, they won't lose.

"The last time we went to a bond issue on facilities, we didn't get a bloody nose, we got kicked clear out of the ring," he said. "So, if and when we go to the polls, we've got to be clear we're going to win ... it is just too costly to lose."

Kevin Bailey and William Clardy attended the forum Tuesday, and said the protests of south Midland residents who claimed their concerns were unheard is not a unique problem. They said others on the north side of Midland go unheard as well. They said the 14-2 student assignment plan unfairly hurts other neighborhoods, like the Fairmont Park neighborhood in north Midland.

"The whole district needs to be reorganized to where we can go to our neighborhood schools," Bailey said. His son got a special needs transfer to attend Bush Elementary, just a few blocks from his home. Under the current plan, he is assigned to Long Elementary.

"We're not being bused to Long — I wouldn't participate in that," he said. "The point I wanted to make was that it's not just the south side that has the black cloud over it."

Bailey said his neighbors across the street send their children to private schools to avoid the busing, and Clardy's ele-

Future forums:

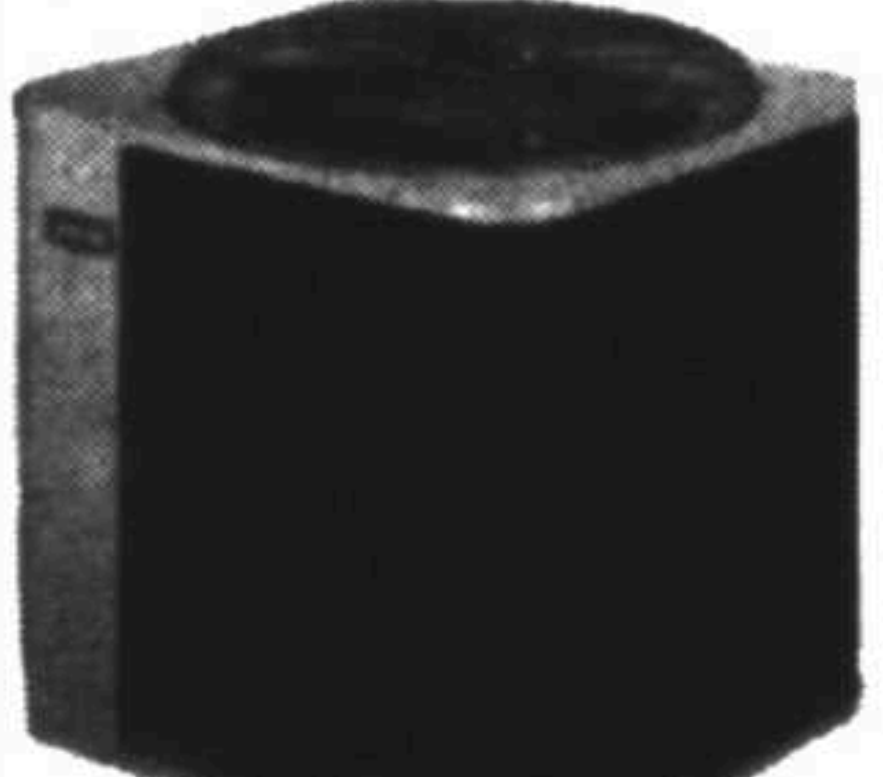
Dr. Nicks will address the Midland Council of PTA's on Monday, August 27 at 11:45 a.m. at Emerson Elementary. Nicks and the school board will also address two public hearings starting next week: At Abell Junior High at 6 p.m. August 29, and at Travis Elementary at 6 p.m. September 5.

mentary-age child is home-schooled. His other, older children attend Lee High and Abell Junior High.

"All students in MISD should have a neighborhood school, a school where we can go that's nearby," Clardy said. "And I just wouldn't put a 5-year-old on a bus for an hour."

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Although many of the members of the crowd Tuesday did not have children at MISD, the questions invariably turned to test scores and student successes. Nicks said a change in performance will only come after a change in policy — and the community has to support the changes.

"We can close that gap (between district and state test scores)," he said. "Progress and improvement doesn't happen when you do the same things

you've always done. So we will be risk-takers for the coming years."

Nicks also said that in his short time in office, he has been impressed with the involvement from volunteers, parents and other members of the community — and he said he hopes it will continue.

"We're looking not only for your support and your tax dollars, but for your involvement," Nicks said. "That's when the students will succeed."

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Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marienfeld, third floor conference room.

Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

AI-Anon, Wednesday night Step Study, 8 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana.

Daybreak Rotary Club, 7 a.m., Hilton Midland and Towers. For more information, call Bob Rice at 563-1000.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Closessey).

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard, 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.

Seniors Over 50 Dance, 7:30 p.m., American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5511.

Midland County Child Welfare Board, noon, Department of Human Services, 901 W. Wall St.

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- will have to be dressed and ready and get in line at 2:45 on Sunday, Sept. 9. (Please be inside the coliseum doors on the Northside of the coliseum)
- will be allowed to have only one person to be with them in line.
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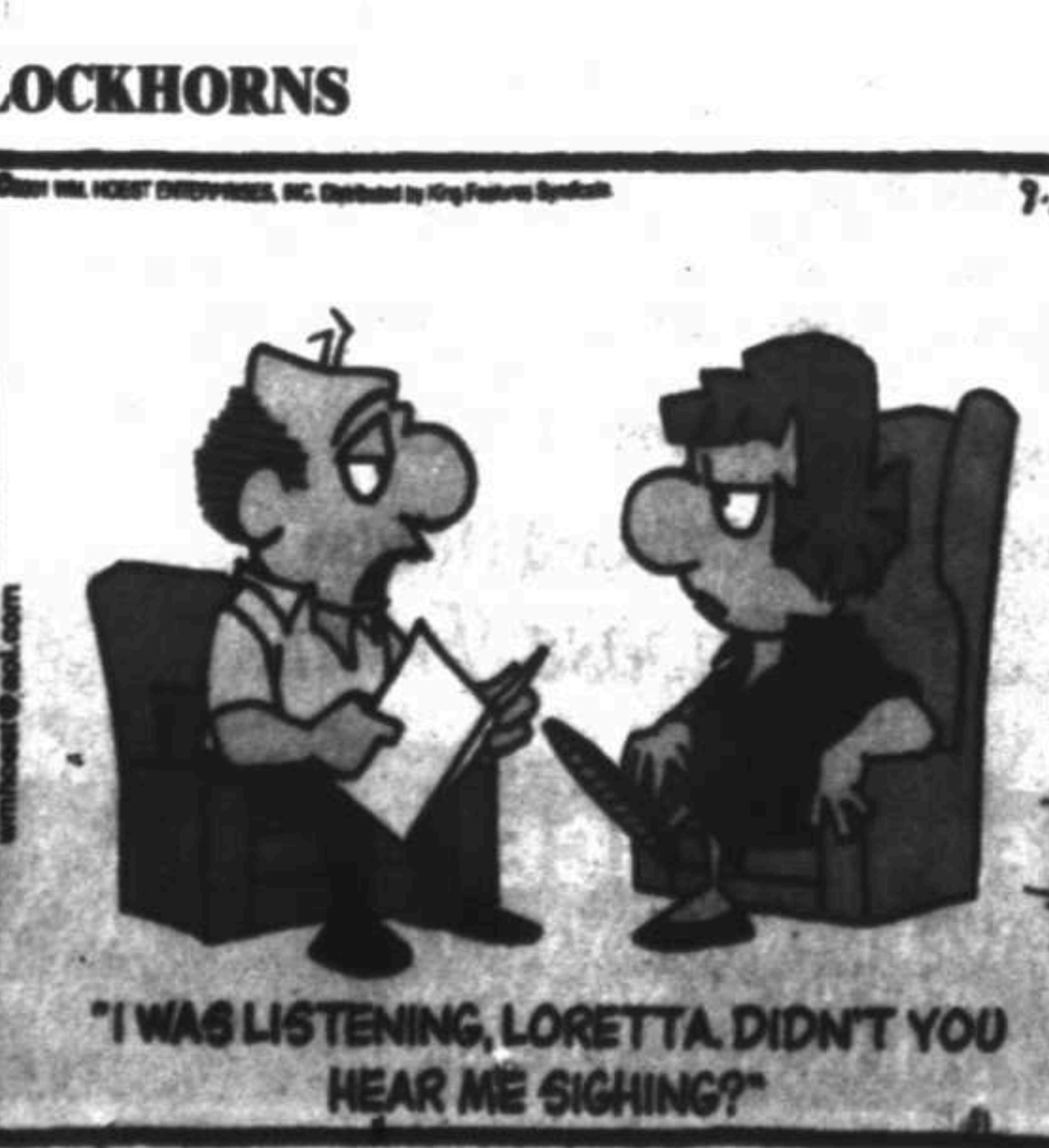
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GENEVA — A latest celebrity and refugee agency said Kris Janowski, spokeswoman for the agency, said Jolie Monday during an interview. "She is the kind of young people," Janowski said. "Jolie stars in the action movies, and she's included several scenes of religious monuments of old Buddhist and Hindu gods. Last month, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees returned refugees to work sites in Sierra Leone. Since 1954, when the first goodwill ambassador personalities in the world advertising the world's most famous former Spice Girl Gine Zidane.

DETROIT — The Detroit Symphony Orchestra continues to recover from the Estonian-born conductor's attack at a music festival last week. Jarvi's doctors told the orchestra's schedule of traveling performances. The couple is at the hospital, but what you can't do is tell the story. Segerstam, music director of the Royal Opera of Stockholm, said the orchestra's DSO in April at Orchestra of the Americas.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — "Sex and the City" series "Sex and the City" to being on the A-List. But this fall, she'll be on the B-List in Charleston. Davis, a Columbia University graduate, is a partisan group that is looking for public officials. "I'm looking for B-List, a groundbreaker hard to make a difference. The event is set for determined.

WALTERBORO, R.I. — "Sex and the City" on the moon, said the 1969 moon shot, the space and technology. About 500 people gathered for the new 1,800-acre off Interstate 95. Aldrin, a close friend of the Republican Party, said the name to the park and Aldrin said he was might "play a role in Americans skyward." The former astronaut capsule awaiting the "At moments like your faith in, it's the who make the difference."

JACQUELINE

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Angelina Jolie to become latest U.N. celebrity ambassador

GENEVA — Angelina Jolie will become the United Nations' latest celebrity ambassador at a ceremony next week, the U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday.

Kris Janowski, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said Jolie would be appointed a goodwill ambassador Monday during an event at the agency's Geneva headquarters.

"She is the kind of person who can get our message across to young people," Janowski told reporters.

Jolie stars in the action film "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," which included several scenes shot in Cambodia at Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world and the best known of the scores of old Buddhist and Hindu temples around Cambodia.

Last month, the 26-year-old actress visited Cambodia as a guest of the UNHCR, which is working with displaced people and returned refugees in the country. Jolie also has visited UNHCR work sites in Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast and Tanzania.

Since 1954, when the late comedian Danny Kaye became the first goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Children's Fund, leading personalities in the arts, sports and public life have traveled around the world advertising the work of the United Nations.

Current ambassadors include Muhammad Ali, Michael Douglas, former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell and French soccer star Zinedine Zidane.

DETROIT — Finnish conductor **Leif Segerstam** will lead the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on its European tour as Neeme Jarvi continues to recover from surgery for a burst blood vessel.

The Estonian-born Jarvi, 64, was hospitalized on July 9 after an attack at a music festival in Parnu, southern Estonia, which briefly left him unconscious.

Jarvi's doctors told him it was too early to resume his rigorous schedule of traveling and conducting, said his wife, Lilia Jarvi. The couple is at their home near West Palm Beach, Fla., where they flew last week from Finland.

"He knows the difference now between what you want to do but what you can't do," she told the Detroit Free Press for a Tuesday story.

Segerstam, music director of the Helsinki Philharmonic and the Royal Opera of Stockholm, made an impressive debut with the DSO in April at Orchestra Hall. The 57-year-old is known for his sometimes eccentric interpretations.

The orchestra's 17-day, 12-city European tour begins Oct. 1.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — **Kristin Davis**, one of the stars of the HBO series "Sex and the City," has probably become quite accustomed to being on the A-List.

But this fall, she'll be the featured guest at a gathering of the B-List in Charleston.

Davis, a Columbia native, will help raise money for the non-partisan group that hopes to raise about \$400,000 to fund women candidates for public office.

"I'm looking forward to returning to South Carolina to help the B-List, a groundbreaking women's political committee working hard to make a difference," Davis said.

The event is set for Oct. 13. The time and location have not been determined.

WALTERBORO, S.C. — **Buzz Aldrin**, the second man to walk on the moon, said that just as people were key to the successful 1969 moon shot, they will be key to the success of a new business and technology park here.

About 500 people turned out Monday as Aldrin, joined by Gov. Jim Hodges and other state and local officials, helped break ground for the new 1,800-acre Buzz Aldrin Business and Technology Park off Interstate 95.

Aldrin, a close friend of Colleton County native and former state Republican Party Chairman Van Hipp Jr., has agreed to lend his name to the park and help recruit companies to locate there.

Aldrin said he was "humbled by the honor" and said the park might "play a role in creating the technology that will send more Americans skyward."

The former astronaut recalled his feelings sitting in the space capsule awaiting the 1969 moon launch.

"At moments like that, it's not the technology you're putting your faith in, it's the people behind it," he said. "It's the people who make the difference."

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Plans to rename a city street in honor of blues musician and former Springfield resident **Taj Mahal** have run into a dead end.

Following objections from people who live on the street set to be renamed — Monroe Street — city councilors on Monday night decided instead to add a plaque to the street instead of changing its name to Taj Mahal Way.

The residents said they didn't want to go through the inconvenience of having to change their mailing addresses to accommo-

date the name change.

"I think it's a good balance," council President Angelo Puppolo Jr. said. "It's a tribute to Taj Mahal while keeping Monroe Street as Monroe Street. I think both sides were happy."

Taj Mahal, who spent part of his childhood on Monroe Street when his name was still Henry Fredericks, lived in Springfield for 23 years. The bluesman has won two Grammy awards.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001:

Your strength with details wins you many friends and business opportunities. You don't forget to make important calls. Others seek you out for your opinions and feedback. You often find people to be unusually assertive. Your gentle nature is expressed when you're with friends. If you are single, a friendship could develop into a lot more. Let it happen. You can have what you want. If you are attached, you'll find your sweetie expressive and willing to be 100 percent there for you. Extend him the same courtesy. LIBRA helps you make money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Your fiery energy directs you. Unusual results stem from your fast thinking. Emphasize work in the next few months. Self-expression and caring come from others. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Someone spurs you on to action. Use your business strengths to firm up a money agreement. Be creative with work and allow others to give you feedback. You might be startled by another's point of view. Understand that your energy is not endless. Take your vitamins. Tonight: Allow more distractions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Maintain an open-door policy with those around you. What someone else sees as a problem, you don't. Commiserate, but also help this person see other perspectives. A surprise message recharges your energy and leads you to revise your plans. Your spontaneous response is right on. Tonight: Pretend it's Friday night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Take a brisk walk this morning if you can. You clear out your thoughts and invigorate both your mind and body. Your ability to communicate comes forward. Venus in your sign adds to your magnetism. It is hard for others to say no to you. Tonight: How 'bout a family night?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Don't stand on ceremony with others. Has someone you care about not returned your call? Pick up the phone and dial. Another's reception delights you. Indulge a loved one as only you can. Tonight: Happiness surrounds you. Leo, if you choose to be vulnerable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your precision strengthens your financial picture. (Others can deal with vagueness, but you certainly have a problem with it.) Your need for details creates the strength and dynamics to excel. Perhaps you could be a business partner with an idea person. Tonight: Indulge a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Put your best foot forward at work or at home. You accomplish an enormous amount in a little time. Accept another's praise. You deserve the acknowledgment. Still, you might want to keep a secret just that for now. Rest assured that others will find out soon enough. Tonight: Celebrate good news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** What is clear to you might not be to another, especially around a financial decision. You don't need to get another's permission or even opinion. It is time to establish your presence at an important meeting. Tonight: Plan a getaway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You might not question what you are doing, yet you bowl over others with your energy and precision. No one gets a job done like you when you're on a tear. Unpredictable reactions allow you to flex in another direction. Focus on your public image. Tonight: Let another make the first move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your take-charge attitude forces others to step back, allowing you to lead. Understand your competitive streak. Might it stem from some anger, especially with a parent? You always outthink others with resources and information, but you also work hard. Tonight: Allow someone to distract you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Reach out for someone at a distance. It is your nature to want more information. Be a star at a meeting. Willingly seek out responsibility. Co-workers and bosses follow your ideas, and feel comfortable with your leadership. Deal with someone, but be sure you do it one-on-one. Tonight: Check out a travel brochure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** By now, you are used to another's assertive approach, which borders on aggressive. Deal with this person in a manner that you find successful. Allow time for an intense discussion. Others will speak their minds more frequently. Tonight: Steam up your love life.

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Area briefs

MHS concert

Midland High School will be holding a summer concert and picnic at 6 p.m. Friday at the Midland High School band practice field (north of school).

Cost is \$5 (includes hamburger dinner cooked by Outback Steakhouse). Tickets may be purchased from any MHS, Midland Freshman High, San Jacinto or Goddard band student, or call 683-2572.

Bring lawn chairs or blanket if you wish.

SIDS training

Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma and SIDS Regional Training institute will be held Aug. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Midland College. Free — jointly funded by the Children's Trust Fund of Texas and Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

For more information call Marion Lawson at (817) 515-7757 or Bonnie Armstrong at (817) 237-7355. Confirmations will be faxed, e-mailed, or mailed along with directions to training.

Benefit concert

The Barela Brothers (also known as The Bud Kings) will be giving a benefit concert Sept. 2 at Class Act at 101 S. Mineola with partial proceeds benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Car show

The West Texas Cruisers will be presenting a weekend of good old-fashioned fun Sept. 15 and 16

at the Chaparral Center.

Partial proceeds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Annual Newswest 9 Salvation Army Toy Drive.

Activities include: annual car show featuring vintage cars and trucks, monster trucks, burn-out box, sock hop and The Coastliners will be in concert on Sept. 16 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 including admission to activities both days including the concert and available at the MDA office, 3001 N. Big Spring, #103.

PTA

The Midland Council of PTA's will hold their first meeting of the school year at Emerson Elementary School, Aug. 27 at 11:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be MISD Superintendent Dr. Robert Nicks speaking on the "Importance of Education."

Talent show

ODESSA — Permian Basin Fair and Exposition talent show preliminaries will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Music City Mall. Grand prize is \$500 plus a trophy. First place winners in each category receive \$150, second place winners in each category receive \$100, third place winners in each category receive \$50. The four age categories are 7 and under, 8 to 12, 13 to 17 and 18 and older. Categories are determined by the oldest member of the act. Entry fee is \$20. For more information call Les Goddard at 580-5604. Pick up entry forms and rules at the Ector County Coliseum or at Music City Mall Office.

ECONOMIST: Texas leads nation with number of new call centers

(From 1B)

ed may one day be gone. Dotzour said Midland has a chance to use the downtown buildings to supply office space for "knowledge workers."

The problem is filling these buildings with those workers. Many downtown buildings have sat empty for months, some even years, but Dotzour said the rent is incredibly low on these buildings and with some renovation, they could be quite attractive to non-local businesses.

Another way to fill downtown is by instituting an economic development tax.

While not in favor of new sales taxes, Dotzour is in favor of economic development sales taxes. He likened cities without the tax as an "NBA team trying to play another team when they're not wearing shoes. You can compete for about five minutes, but then you get blisters and you have to quit."

This does not mean that Midland's taxes have to be raised.

"It would be a wise move (for Midland) to redirect the tax from the sports complex

to an economic development fund after the sports complex bonds are paid off," Dotzour said.

The problem is, according to Dotzour, the day Midland can do that is at least a decade away.

Even with an economic development sales tax Dotzour was careful to not guarantee immediate returns.

"There's a lot of probability in business," he said. "It's like blackjack, but if you're not playing, you're not going to win."

Every city in Texas, "is in an economic dogfight for their lives," he said.

Just recently Cingular Wireless moved into what used to be Midland's Builder's Square. Dotzour said this practice is not uncommon now, because call centers tend to locate and move into abandoned shopping centers.

Call centers are buildings that companies use to base phone operations from and often times serve to solicit business.

"Midland is attractive to call centers because it's in the central time zone, there are college students to work in them and this is a multilingual population," Dotzour said.

Once call centers move in, "inbound call centers soon follow," Dotzour said. "These have higher wage positions than call centers do."

Texas had 113 call centers enter the state in the 1990s. The next closest state is Florida with only 81 over the same time period.

"Businesses don't want to locate call centers outside of the United States because of long distance costs," Dotzour said.

Dotzour gave Midland a good economic diagnosis. His charts showed that Midland's economic growth is outpacing that of the country on the whole over the last 12 months. He also said, "Texas is now one of the best places in the U.S. to do business."

Dotzour said he thinks the United States economy might take an upward turn at any moment.

"The economy is like a patient that just got out of surgery and is still under anesthesia," Dotzour said. "Alan Greenspan is like the doctor who keeps giving the patient shots of adrenaline by lowering interest rates. Eventually the economy, like the patient, will come to."

Three held without bond on selling deadly cocaine-heroin mixture

HOUSTON (AP) — Three of four Houston men charged in connection with distributing a deadly mixture of cocaine and heroin that killed a 16-year-old girl were ordered held without bond in a federal detention center Tuesday.

Roman Gabriel "Horse" Juarez, 23, Lucas Martinez, 22, and Charles Martinez, 22, are charged with conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance in connection with the death of Jennifer Rivera, the youngest of 15 drug users in the Houston area who died between Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 after ingesting what they thought was straight cocaine.

The distribution charge carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison. Assistant U.S. Attorney

Bob Stabe said that if prosecutors file additional charges to show that the drug mixture caused death or serious bodily injury, the defendants could face 20 years to

life in prison.

"Other victims are out there," he said. "The investigation is still continuing."

Marjorie Meyers, an attorney

for Juarez, said there is no evidence that her client or the other men continued selling the drug mixture after learning of its adverse effects.



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Jury find

By Susan Parro
Associated Press

DALLAS — The jury found a man guilty of the robbery of a store.

George Rivas, 30, was found guilty of the robbery of a store.

Rivas looked down his eyes shut after the verdict.

Prosecutors pressed for five days last week Rivas' confession in the robbery of a store.

Jurors, who deliberated for more than two hours, al-

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ton was on hand to provide details of the abatement.

"This is a 10-year abatement," Clay said. "It allows 100 percent for the first five years, then it phases down for the next five years, ending at 10 percent."

The plan is near completion, the plan between the city of Midland



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Jury finds leader of gang of prison escapees guilty of capital murder

By Susan Parrott
Associated Press

DALLAS — The leader of a gang of prison escapees was found guilty of capital murder Tuesday in the death of an Irving policeman, who was showered with bullets and run over during the robbery of a sporting goods store.

George Rivas, 31, faces lethal injection or life in prison. Jurors will begin hearing evidence in the punishment phase Wednesday morning.

Rivas looked down and pressed his eyes shut after the verdict was read.

Prosecutors presented evidence for five days last week, including Rivas' confession in which he says he deserves to die for shooting Irving Officer Aubrey Hawkins and asks forgiveness from his family. Jurors, who deliberated less than two hours, also heard testi-

mony from robbery victims, forensic experts and the officer's widow.

Jayne Hawkins, mother of the slain officer, said she was relieved the first phase of the trial was over, but the conviction brought no comfort. "The only peace of mind would be for Aubrey to be here. There's no justice that can be done."

She would not comment on whether she favors the death penalty, but said she would be happy if Rivas were locked in solitary confinement the rest of his life. She is expected to testify in the punishment phase.

Lori Hawkins, the officer's widow, said she was "ecstatic" about the verdict and also would speak during the sentencing phase.

"It's one step closer to us being done with this horrible, horrible thing," she said, adding that she hopes to hear the words "death by lethal injection."

Prosecutors and defense attorneys would not comment because of a gag order imposed by Judge Molly Francis.

During closing statements, Dallas County prosecutor Toby Shook said, "The evidence is overwhelming. George Rivas is nothing more than a malicious, vicious, ruthless killer."

Rivas' attorneys offered a much briefer defense, presenting one witness. The defense argued that Rivas never intended to kill Hawkins, only disarm him by shooting him in the shoulders when others joined in the gunfire.

"These guys were just in a panic," said attorney Karo Johnson. "They were just firing their guns." But Shook noted that Hawkins was shot at close range, which

showed intent.

"This was a well-planned, meticulous operation," he said. "They weren't in a panic. They were determined and in a frenzy to kill Officer Hawkins, to get him out of the way."

Investigators say Rivas helped six fellow convicts escape from a South Texas prison and lead authorities on a six-week nationwide manhunt.

Rivas is the first of six Texas escapees to be tried on capital murder charges. Dallas County prosecutors have vowed to seek the death penalty and accept no plea agreements.

Legal experts have said the verdict in Rivas' case will be a barometer for the remaining trials; if he is sentenced to die, the oth-

er defendants are likely to meet the same fate.

Hawkins was responding to a Christmas Eve robbery call at an Oshman's Sporting Goods when he was shot 11 times, six in the head, and run over twice. Prosecutors say five guns were used.

Rivas said in his written statement that he shot Hawkins because he thought the officer was reaching for his service revolver.

When others joined in the shooting, Rivas himself was shot twice by his own men.

The prosecution was not required to prove that bullets fired by Rivas actually killed Hawkins. Under the "law of par-

ties," Rivas is liable for the alleged conduct of the other escapees if he promoted or assisted them during the crime.

After grabbing \$70,000, 44 weapons and winter clothing from Oshman's, the men lived for about a month in a trailer park in Woodland Park, Colo. A neighbor recognized them from broadcasts of Fox TV's "America's Most Wanted" and went to authorities.

On Jan. 22, a SWAT team nabbed Rivas, Joseph Garcia and Michael Rodriguez at a convenience store. Randy Halprin gave up at the mobile home, where Larry Harper then killed himself.

MC: Board accepts new instructors

(From 1B)

ton was on hand to explain the details of the abatement to the board.

"This is a 10-year plan for tax abatement," Clayton said. "It allows 100 percent tax abatement for the first five years, and then it phases down for the next five, ending at 10 percent the last year."

The plan is nearly identical to the plan between Cingular and the city of Midland.

The board also unanimously approved bids for student and athlete insurance plans, an audio-visual system for the ATC, and a landscaping bid to beautify the area around the newly completed Jack Brown Dining Hall.

In personnel matters, the board accepted Shelly Borgstedte as horticulture technology instructor, Deon Christensen and Jim Mielkus as pilot training instructors and Layce Escamilla as biology instructor.

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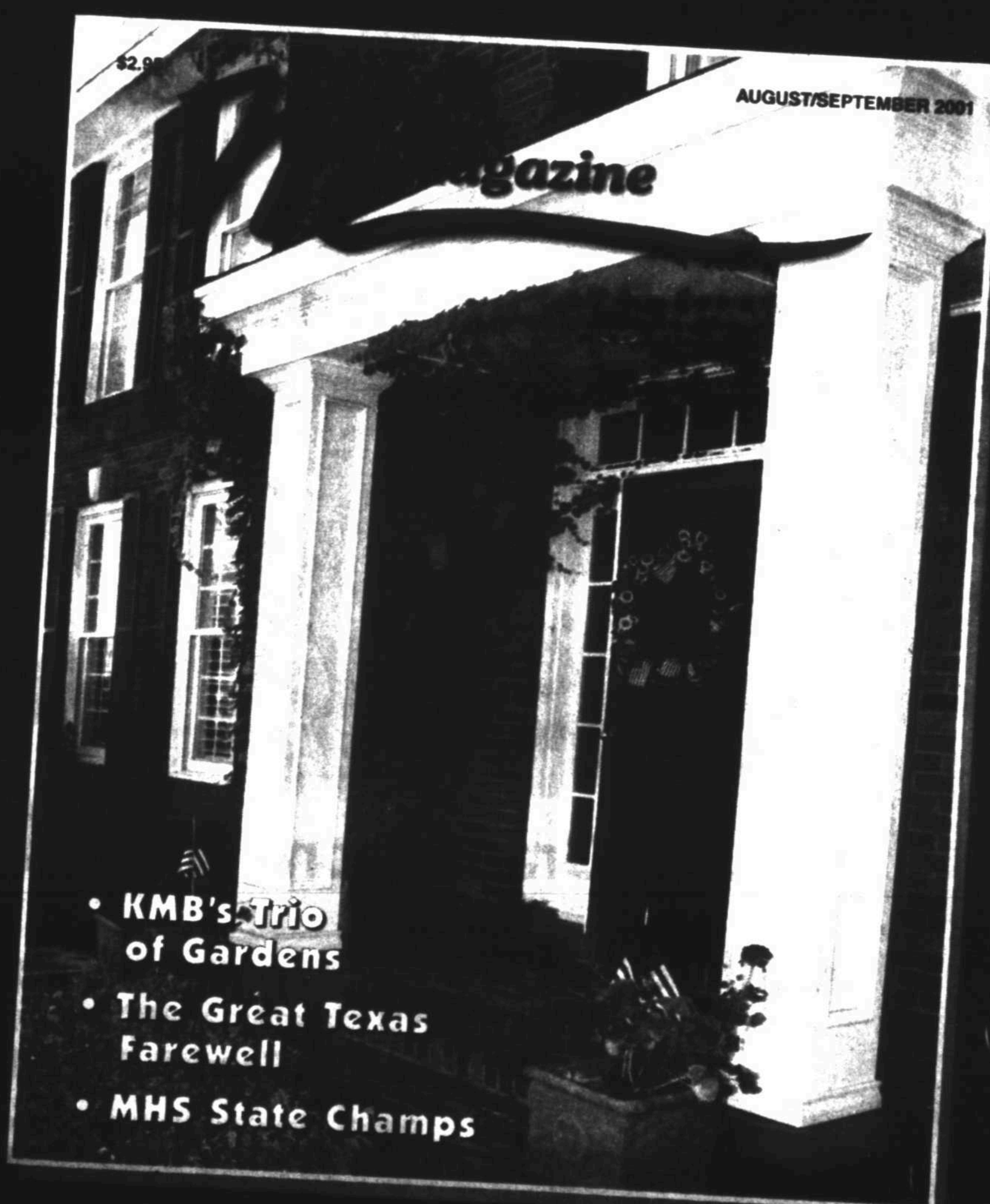
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Body of man once targeted for murder found hanging in tree in Mount Selman

MOUNT SELMAN (AP) — The intended victim of a foiled 1997 murder-for-hire scheme was found Friday, hanging in front of the isolated rural residence he once shared with the wife who wanted him dead.

Authorities said John Othello Haskins, 37, apparently had been dead at least a week. Haskins, an employee of Trane Co. in Tyler, had not reported for work since Aug. 7.

Mount Selman is in northern Cherokee County, about 10 miles north of Jacksonville and about 20 miles south of Tyler.

Sheriff's deputies found the man around 2:15 p.m., after receiving a call from a neighbor who discovered the badly decomposed body, Cherokee County Sheriff James Campbell told the Jacksonville Daily Progress.

Medical experts at the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas identified Haskins through his fingerprints, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported.

Investigators found a farewell note, but declined to release the contents.

"We are awaiting autopsy results to determine affirmatively that this is a suicide case," Campbell said.

Haskins' troubled personal life made headlines in 1997 after he walked into an early morning ambush, orchestrated by his wife, Kathy Therese Haskins.

Authorities said his wife, 44 at the time, conspired with three men to kill her husband and then disguise the crime scene so that it looked like an accident.

"They were going to kill him, break his neck and then throw him out the top floor of the barn to make it look like he fell,"

Campbell said.

Joshua Mangrum, 18; Billy Bert Shoemaker, 23; and William Carl Stephens, 18, hid in the house and waited on Haskins to come home from work, officials said. At the time, Haskins was serving probation after pleading guilty in April 1996 to indecency with a teen-age girl, whom investigators described as Mangrum's former girlfriend.

When Haskins arrived home on the morning of Sept. 2, 1997, the three jumped him, officials said. "One man attempted to grab him from behind but Haskins, who was smaller, managed to take a gun from (Shoemaker) and kill him," Campbell said.

When the other two men fled, Haskins shot Stephens through a glass door, hitting him in the back," Campbell said. Stephens made it to the pickup the trio had hidden behind a barn, but died shortly later in the vehicle, which was driven by Mangrum, the Daily Progress reported in 1997.

Mangrum dumped Stephens' body in the woods beside the road and covered it with brush, but later led deputies to the site.

When Mangrum was arrested the following day at a duplex in Jacksonville, he told deputies

that Haskins' wife had hired him and the two other men to kill her husband. He said she promised them a car, three handguns, three long guns and an undisclosed amount of cash. Kathy Haskins was arrested that afternoon.

After calling 911, Haskins had raced to find his wife, who told him she had been the backyard feeding the family's pigs.

Initially, she told a Daily Progress reporter she was "scared to the pits" and hid until the shooting stopped, but a different story unfolded after her arrest.

Mangrum was convicted of capital murder and was sentenced to life in prison. Haskins' wife was convicted of attempted capital murder and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Both are still in prison, Campbell said.

No link was found between the murder plot and Haskins' conviction on the sex charge, officials said.

According to official reports, Haskins had grown increasingly paranoid in recent years, always slipping a gun into the back of his trousers.

When deputies made their grisly discovery on Tuesday, a pistol was found stuffed in the waist-

band of Haskins' pants. Investigators acknowledged it was odd that Haskins, if he killed himself, chose a rope, rather than the gun to end his life.

"That crossed my mind," detective Andy Huddleston told the Morning Telegraph. "This case is still open. It will not be closed until we get (a cause of death.) We always start off in a homicide mode to make sure that we don't miss anything. Everytime I pick up the phone, there's a new chapter. This is definitely one case I won't forget."

Law enforcement officers responding to the crime scene said they were stunned to see the once-tidy homestead overgrown with vegetation and in a severe state of decline.

Perry backs private economic development in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry praised the commitment of the Boeing Co. to San Antonio as he took part in a Kelly USA hangar dedication ceremony Tuesday.

Boeing's aerospace unit added another hangar to its operation at the former Kelly Air Force Base.

Perry says Boeing has been a key anchor at Kelly USA since its inception.

Kelly's transition into the private sector started in 1996. The complex is known as Kelly USA, the Center for Global Business.

Prior to the ceremony, Perry was asked about Seattle-based Boeing opting for Chicago earlier this year, instead of the Dallas-Fort

Worth area, as the site of its new corporate headquarters.

"You bet we'd have loved to have had their headquarters here," Perry said.

"But quite frankly if I had to pick between the two, I'll take these real jobs that are putting everyday Texans to work in good, solid long-term type of positions," Perry said.

Several hundred Boeing employees were on hand for the ceremony, along with San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza and state Sens. Jeff Wentworth and Leticia Van de Putte.

Perry used a luncheon address to the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce to talk about improving education in Texas.



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Earnhardt's death won't result in safety changes

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

ATLANTA — A NASCAR investigation determined a broken seat belt was a factor in Dale Earnhardt's fatal wreck, but the report does not recommend widespread changes to improve safety.

The six-month inquiry that was released Tuesday found the seat belt, the collision with another car and angle and impact in which Earnhardt hit the wall all played a role in the Feb. 18 crash on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

In its two-volume report, NASCAR said that beginning next season it will install "black boxes" in cars, similar to flight-data recorders on airplanes, to help understand the forces during crashes and improve safety.

However, NASCAR will not require drivers to wear head and neck restraints, although it said it encourages their use.

"We are still not going to react for the sake of reacting," NASCAR president Mike Helton said.

Earnhardt was not wearing a HANS restraint when he was killed, but NASCAR said it was unclear whether the device would have saved him. Use of the device has dramatically increased since his crash; 41 of 43 drivers wore them in Sunday's race.

Helton said NASCAR will use computer models to design safer cars and will be involved in testing of race track barriers. However, the report contained no recommendations on changes to cars or barriers.

"There's not a bulletin getting ready to go out this afternoon to change walls at race tracks or roll bars in race cars," Helton said. "But there was an effort that began this time last year, and that became very aggressive as we were given opportunities in a very tragic way to understand things that we never understood before."

Dr. James Raddin, one of the lead investigators, said the conclusion of the report is that "there were a number of factors in which the timing came together" to cause

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Dr. James H. Raddin, Jr., Director of Biodynamic Research Corporation, shows a slide of the frayed portion of the seat belt used by Dale Earnhardt during a news conference in Atlanta Tuesday.

Comets plummet to earth

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Comets were forced to admit that it was the end of a beautiful run. Still, as they left the



WNBA playoffs for the first time without a championship, their

pride still was shining. "It's been a wonderful four years," Comets coach Van Chancellor said. "We've won four championships, but I've never been prouder of a team."

"We played as hard as I've ever seen." So, there will be a new WNBA champion for the first time in league history as the Los Angeles Sparks, eliminated by the Comets the past two years, sent Houston home a loser this time, 70-58 Monday night. The Sparks swept the first round of the WNBA playoff series 2-0 and advanced to the Western Conference finals, while the Comets prepared for an early off-season.

"They (Sparks) were better this season," Comets forward Tammy Jackson said. "When they get to four championships, they can start talking."

The Comets played the season without Sheryl Swoopes and Cynthia Cooper, two of the key players in their four-year domination of the league. Cooper retired to coach at Phoenix and Swoopes sustained a season-ending knee injury before the first game.

"We lost two Olympians, the whole season has been an adjustment," guard Coquese Washington said.

The Comets couldn't overcome the Sparks in either playoff game. They were tied 59-59 in the closing minutes of Game 1 before Los Angeles scored the final five points.

In Game 2, with leading scorers Tina Thompson and Janeth Arcain slowed by injuries, the Comets still led 54-52 with 5:58 to play. But they couldn't contain Lisa Leslie, who had 28 points and 18 rebounds.

Chancellor cited the losses of Cooper and Swoopes and the improved play by the Sparks as reasons the Comets are out of the playoffs. He also mentioned Leslie, who was not voted an All-Star starter.

"Lisa Leslie is on a mission," Chancellor said. "When we went to the All-Star game and they didn't vote her into the starting lineup, I said 'Those crazy fans.' I should have stuffed the ballot box."

"She was on a mission at the All-Star game and she's been on a mission ever since."

Not all the Comets used their injuries as excuses.

"Our injuries were unfortunate, but you can't say it would've been different with all our players," rookie Amanda Lassiter said. "We played hard and that's all you can do."

"The Sparks became a deeper and more confident team this season. They should be the favorite to win the championship."

The Comets started the season by los-

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RANKIN RED DEVILS

Changing Addresses



The Rankin Red Devils have a new coach this season, but thanks to returning players such as (clockwise from top) Junior Garcia, Marcus Halfmann, Alex De La Paz and Cal Cavness, they have a good shot of approaching last season's 11-1 record.

Coach leaves for Ballinger, whose assistant takes Rankin's top spot

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

You see trades in professional sports all the time, but they're extremely rare in high school sports.

In a way, that's what happened with an area school during the football off-season. After leading Class A Rankin to an 11-1 record in 2000, Mickey Owens left the Red Devils to take over as head coach at Class 3A Ballinger. Then Rankin hired Jeff Butts, the offensive coordinator at Ballinger for the past four years, as its new head coach.

It's Butts' first head coaching job, and he's landed in what looks like a pretty good situation. Rankin is coming off a season in which its only loss was to eventual state champion Stratford. Although Rankin lost several players to graduation, the Red Devils are ranked sixth in Class A this year by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine.

What's more, Butts hasn't had trouble motivating his new charges.

"The kids have a great attitude," Butts said. "They've always had great work habits here. That hasn't changed."

The only thing tempering the optimism these days in Rankin is two recent serious injuries to top returning players. Speedy linebacker Ricky Cura broke his leg in an auto accident just before two-a-days started, Butts said, and Tyler McSpadden, set to start at linebacker and offensive tackle, broke his ankle in practice last week.

Those kinds of losses would be tough for a Class 5A program to take, and the impact is even bigger at Rankin, which has 33 kids out for football, Butts said. But the Red Devils are coping.

"We've had some losses that hurt us, and we're going to have to have some young kids step up," Butts said. "When you lose two of your best kids — and two of your best leaders — it takes time to make that adjustment. But I think the kids are overcoming it. They've got great attitudes."

They've also got some pretty good talent that's still healthy. While the injuries knock Rankin down to having five returning starters on both sides of the ball, that's better than a lot of schools have coming back. "We're very fortunate to have that, to be honest," Butts said. "A lot of teams you talk to are returning one and one. The most positive thing about our returning starters is that a lot of them are offensive linemen. If you want them anywhere, you want them there."

The front wall starts with two all-state picks from last year: Dustin Ratliff and Wade Russom. Ratliff, a 6-foot-3, 225-pound senior, was a first-team selection by the Asso-

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Tech will attack by air route

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech is hoping the "Air Raid" attack comes as second nature now.

The Red Raiders made the transition to a high-octane passing attack last year when former Oklahoma offensive coordinator Mike Leach took over as head coach. In year two, the offense should be more familiar and show more polish, especially with junior quarterback Kliff Kingsbury back.

"Last year we kind of got it started and kind of learned on the go and got the system rolling, but there's definitely room for improvement," Kingsbury said. "I see a big year for our offense this year."

Said receivers coach Sonny Dykes, "It's second nature now, more decisive, and as a result your performance is better."

The results weren't that bad last year when the Red Raiders went 7-5 in the regular season before losing to East Carolina in the galleryfurniture.com Bowl.

Kingsbury led the Big 12 in passing with 3,418 yards and 21 touchdowns, and also had league highs with 362 completions and 585 attempts (62 percent). Only Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel, a Heisman Trophy finalist and former Leach pupil, had a better completion percentage in the league at 66 percent (256-of-389 passing for 3,172 yards and 18 TDs).

Top receivers Tim Baker (69 catches-765 yards-7 TDs) and Derek Dorris (56-574-9) are gone, but the Red Raiders return nine players who caught passes a year ago. They also add Anton Paige, a 6-foot-5 transfer who had 64 catches for 1,237 yards and 18 touchdowns at Northwest Mississippi Community College.

The top returning receiver is actual-

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TE LaFleur released by Cowboys

Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — The Dallas Cowboys released tight end David LaFleur on Tuesday, severing ties with their injury-plagued first-round draft pick in 1997.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said LaFleur, who had been on the physically unable to perform list, was let go after failing a physical.

"It was apparent that he was not going to be able to run," Jones said. "I think he gave us all he could give us."

LaFleur was nagged by a groin injury last season, and a herniated disc in his lower back sometimes makes walking painful. LaFleur's back problem dates to his days at LSU.

The 6-foot-7, 272-pound LaFleur had 85 receptions for 729 yards and 12 touchdowns in his four-year career, but it was his blocking skills that the Cowboys coveted. With LaFleur, running back Emmitt Smith rushed for 1,000 yards in each of his four seasons.

"He was a warrior, he played hurt," Jones said. "When he was able to perform, he was very important to what we were trying to do."

Also, the Cowboys released second-year tight end Ryan Collins, and waived defensive end Aaron Fields.

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UIL sets up medical advisory committee plans

By Natalie Gott
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The state and the University Interscholastic League are moving forward with plans for a new medical advisory committee that will recommend health and safety policies for public school athletes.

Education Commissioner Jim Nelson met Tuesday with UIL officials to come up with a plan for the new com-

mittee that will be made up of six to 10 members, including mostly doctors, a high school trainer and a coaching representative, Nelson said.

A UIL committee had approved establishing such a committee in June, UIL executive Director Bill Farney said. Typically such a committee would be named and approved at the UIL's next council meeting in October, but the UIL was hoping to allow the committee to meet in September.

The recent deaths of two high school football players has put a spotlight on high school athletics. Nelson said Tuesday the committee will meet as early as next month to review the facts of the recent tragedies to decide if any policies need to be changed.

On Friday, 15-year-old Steven Taylor, a football player at Luling High School, died after returning home from a morning workout. Autopsy reports won't be available for at least several

days, but preliminary inquiries indicate Taylor may have gone into cardiac arrest. Officials say they don't believe the death was heat-related.

Leonard Carter, a 14-year-old football player at Houston's Lamar High, collapsed Saturday during a scrimmage and died less than two hours later. The Harris County Medical's office ruled Monday he died of an enlarged heart, a pre-existing condition. Doctors say his

TECH: Ricky Williams returns for final season

(From 1C)

ly senior running back Ricky Williams (52-228-2), who initially didn't plan to come back this season.

Since running for 1,582 yards as a sophomore in 1998, Williams missed 1999 with a knee injury and then saw his role change significantly with Leach's arrival. Williams had said before last season that he wanted to leave with his senior class and wouldn't play another year. He had changed his mind.

"I feel like I can play a better role in the offense now that my knee is healthy," Williams said. "Also I feel like my main role will be focusing on my blocking and being able to catch balls out of the backfield."

Leach calls Williams "an invaluable member of our team. He's coming back from an injury that ends most careers and is one of the toughest players I've ever coached. With him, I'm looking forward to seeing how far we can go this year."

Three returning offensive linemen — tackles Paul Erickson and

lowing the trend to passing attacks, Tech's defense believes it benefits from daily practice sessions against the offense.

"Going against Kingsbury and the system we have, we are getting better," said senior strong safety Kevin Curtis.

Curtis, a 6-foot-3, 223-pound Lubbock native, finished second on the team last year with 121 tackles. The Red Raiders also return leading tackler Lawrence Pluence, a junior linebacker who led the Big 12 and ranked fourth nationally with 156 tackles.

Leach continues to shun comparisons to his old boss, Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, though there are similarities to what Leach did in his first year at Texas Tech and Stoops did in 1999 before taking the Sooners to the national championship last year.

Like Oklahoma in its first year under Stoops, Tech won seven games and went to a bowl game with its new coach. And the Red Raiders were in striking distance last year at the top-ranked Sooners before losing 27-13.

Still, Leach feels no extra pressure to match Stoops' incredible second-year success.

"I don't really think about it very much — I tend to have a tunnel vision about things," Leach said. "When it comes to football, you better appreciate the process because you spend more time practicing than playing games."

Tech Facts

SCHOOL COLORS: Red and Black
FOUNDED: 1923
ENROLLMENT: 24,558
LOCATED: Lubbock
COACH: Mike Leach, second season (7-6 overall)
2000 RECORD: 7-6 (3-5 Big 12, fourth in South)
LAST BOWL: 2000 gallery-tumblers.com, lost to East Carolina 40-27
STADIUM: Jones SBC Stadium (50,500)

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 offensive, 4 defensive
KEY PLAYERS: QB Kirk Kingsbury, Jr.; TB Ricky Williams, Sr.; S Kevin Curtis, Sr.; LB Lawrence Pluence, Jr.; FB Wes Welker, Sr.; WR Nehemiah Glover, Jr.

KEY RECRUITS: WR Anton Paige, Northwest Mississippi CC; RB Lofa Bongo-Wanga, Hartnell (CA) CC; DL Fred Thwest, Midland Lee HS; DB Josh Rangel, Mount San Antonio (CA) CC; DB Jose Hanson, El Camino (CA) CC; DB Ricky Saylor, Butte (CA) CC

KEY DEPARTURES: WR Tim Baker, RB Shaun Williams, DE Devin Lamons, DT Kris Kocurek, LB John Norman, WR Derek Dorris
COACHESPEAK: "I think three things make a successful season: staying healthy, catching some breaks and having great chemistry. The concept is simple, it's just a difficult one to achieve."

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Sep. 8: New Mexico
Sep. 13: at UTEP
Sep. 22: N. Texas at Texas Stadium
Sep. 29: at Texas
Oct. 6: Kansas
Oct. 13: Kansas State
Oct. 20: at Nebraska
Oct. 27: at Baylor
Nov. 3: Texas A&M
Nov. 10: at Oklahoma State
Nov. 17: Oklahoma

Brooks beats out veteran Blake for New Orleans starting QB job

Associated Press

THIBODAUX, La. — Aaron Brooks, who led New Orleans to its first playoff victory ever, is the starting quarterback for the Saints.

Brooks beat out Jeff Blake, whom he replaced last season when he broke a foot.

"Jeff is coming off an injury, and it takes time to get back to 100 percent," coach Jim Haslett said Tuesday. "We weren't trying to replace Jeff. He was the guy we signed last year to be our quarterback. It just so happened he got hurt. Aaron stepped in and did a great job and he really took over the job."

The Saints acquired Brooks in a trade with Green Bay during training camp last summer. He became New Orleans' starter after Blake broke his right foot against Oakland in the 11th week of the season.

Brooks passed for a team-record 441 yards against Denver and led the Saints to their first playoff victory over St. Louis. Brooks apparently secured his hold on the starting spot this spring when he was able to work during minicamps and coaching sessions while Blake was still rehabilitating.

"It's been everything," general manager Randy Mueller said. "It's been all spring. Aaron's been sharp. Not to take anything away from Jeff, but Aaron's been playing at a high level."

Jaguars
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A knee injury will keep Jaguars tackle Tony Boselli out of Thursday's exhibition game against Kansas City. Beyond that, Boselli is making no predictions.

"I'm going one day at a time," Boselli said Tuesday. "I'd like to be out there the whole preseason, but I can't. The best thing I can do is try to get ready, and be there whenever it's time for me to play."

Boselli had a scare Sunday when his right knee gave out and he collapsed on the field during practice. He was diagnosed with a bone bruise, and no structural damage. He began rehabilitation immediately, and was moving around Tuesday without crutches and without much pain. Coach Tom Coughlin said he believes Boselli, a five-time Pro Bowl selection, will return for the Sept. 9 opener against Pittsburgh.

Redskins
CARLISLE, Pa. — Jeff George returned to practice with the Washington Redskins after two weeks nursing a sore throwing arm and made 60 throws, the last a 25-yard rope to Michael Westbrook in the end zone.

The team also signed former Ram Keith Lyle to back up David Terrell at safety. Terrell has never started an NFL game.

But George made the day.

Coaches and teammates watched anxiously as the quarterback — who has been out with tendinitis in his throwing shoulder — took part in his first regular practice in more than two weeks.

"There's nothing like having the starting quarterback out there," rookie receiver Rod Gardner said. "It just raises up everybody's confidence. You're excited, more enthusiastic, you're ready to rally around him to get things done. It seems forever since Jeff's been in there. It was like a new face in practice."

George had been lobbing balls on the sidelines as part of a strict comeback regimen for the past few days, but this was a regular-speed 7-on-7 drill that went well enough to give him an outside chance to start Friday against Cleveland.

"I felt pretty good. I'm right on course," George said. "I did everything I wanted to do today. I probably could've thrown the ball a little harder, but I wasn't actually thinking about it."

Bills
PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Buffalo quarterback Rob Johnson returned to action after missing a week of practice and Saturday's preseason game with a sprained index finger on his right throwing hand.

After getting limited action in the morning session, Johnson took over the Bills' first-team offense in the afternoon. While bobbling one snap, he threw 17 passes during team drills, progressively getting stronger — smoking his final throw into the arms of tight end Jay Riemersma.

Eagles
PHILADELPHIA — Placekicker David Akers has signed a contract extension with the Eagles that will keep him with the team through the 2007 season.

The 26-year-old is in his third season with the Eagles after signing as a free agent in 1999. In his first season with Philadelphia, Akers was a kickoff specialist and handled long field goal attempts. Last season, he took over the kicking duties on a full-time basis and shattered the club's record for points in one season with 121.

Patriots
FOXBORO, Mass. — Robert Edwards and Andy Katzenmoyer, the Patriots' first-round draft picks in 1998 and 1999, are still sidelined, leaving their futures a question mark.

They've practiced little and haven't played at all in the team's two exhibition games. With just two games left and 19 days before the Patriots' season opener, coach Bill Belichick needs to see more.

"The sand in the hour glass is dropping out," Belichick said Tuesday. "You can't put it back in. So they're running out of time."

NASCAR: Restraints recommended

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Earnhardt's death.

Raddin said one finding was that Earnhardt's left lap belt broke from the force of slamming into the concrete wall at about 160 mph, allowing the driver to be flung further forward and to the right than if the entire five-point seat-belt harness had remained intact. He added, however, that the study found the collision with the car driven by Ken Schrader before both slammed into the wall might have played a major role in the death of the seven-time Winston Cup champion.

Earnhardt was thrown to the right, and his fatal injuries apparently came when his head turned, his helmet rotated on his head, and the left rear of his skull was left bare to hit the side of the steering wheel, the rear of the seat or both, the report said.

In finding that the fracture started with a blow to the back of the head, Raddin disagreed with a court-appointed, independent medical examiner who determined the fracture was caused by a violent head whip. That examiner, Dr. Barry Myers of Duke, studied Earnhardt's autopsy photos and concluded earlier this year that seat-belt failure "does not appear to have played a role" in his death.

"It is now time to move on. This has been a very painful process for a lot of us and I hope today's statement can bring some closure," said Richard Childress, Earnhardt's longtime car owner. "All of us — owners, drivers, manufacturers, and independent research groups — need to continue to work with NASCAR to ensure a strong future for our sport. I know Dale would want it that way."

Helton said the stock car racing organization will commission

a study on restraint systems to take a closer look at seat-belt strength. NASCAR also is working on opening a research center in Conover, N.C., sometime next year and will continue to work with experts on car safety.

But NASCAR will not mandate the use of the head and neck restraints that are designed to reduce violent head whips in crashes.

"We are pleased that a majority of Winston Cup drivers now use them," Helton said. "But we are not completely satisfied. We have intensified our efforts with drivers, equipment manufacturers and outside experts with the goal of helping all drivers find a system in which they feel comfortable and safer."

As for the seat belt, Raddin ruled out that it was cut by rescue workers as they tried to remove Earnhardt from the battered car. Five days after the fatal crash, NASCAR said a broken seat belt had been found in the car.

"The physical evidence is clear," said Raddin, who displayed a blown up photo of Earnhardt's seat belt. "This was not a cutting of a belt after the fact. This was a belt that separated under load."

Raddin, a director with San Antonio-based Biodynamic Research Corp., attributed the break to a phenomenon called "dumping," which is when the webbing is pulled or moved to one side of the adjustment device through which the belt webbing travels.

When a dumped belt is under stress, it can separate and tear across the entire webbing. Raddin concluded that the dumping was not caused by driver adjustment because the marks on the left lap belt showed it was tightened in a symmetrical fashion.

The controversy over the seat belt, made by Simpson Performance Products, led to the resignation of the founder of the Charlotte, N.C.-based company. Bill Simpson quit last month, saying the stress "got to be too much."

In mandating the installation of "black boxes," which will only record data, NASCAR is following the example of CART and the Indy racing league.

Ford and General Motors have been supplying black-box technology to the two leagues for several years in an effort to better understand the forces in crashes. Until now, NASCAR had resisted using the boxes on its cars, in part because it feared teams would use the information for competitive advantages.

"You hear all the time about what the FAA does after a plane goes down somewhere," driver Jeremy Mayfield said. "The objective is to not just find out what happened, but to come up with ways to keep that same thing from happening again."

The investigation, which cost more than \$1 million, was the most far-reaching independent inquiry in NASCAR's 52-year history.

Helton, Raddin and a second investigator, Dr. Dean Sicking of the University of Nebraska, met with the majority of the drivers at a North Carolina country club Tuesday morning to present their findings. Earnhardt's eldest son, Kerry, and his daughter, Kelly, attended along with several members of Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. did not attend the presentation, but a NASCAR spokesman said Helton has privately gone over the report with him. Earnhardt Jr.'s spokesman said the driver would have no comment Tuesday.

Johnson leads Liberty to 3rd straight WNBA Eastern finals

By Melissa Murphy

Associated Press Wire

NEW YORK — Veteran Vickie Johnson wasn't about to let the upstart Miami Sol knock the New York Liberty out of the WNBA playoffs.

Johnson scored 22 points on 7-for-11 shooting Tuesday night to lead New York to its third straight Eastern Conference finals with a 72-61 victory. With team leader Teresa Weatherspoon slowed early in the game by a strained right hamstring, Johnson scored eight points in a key 18-4 run to give the Liberty a 19-point half-time lead.

"I saw that Spoon went down, and I play when my team needs me," Johnson said. "I stepped up. I keyed more on defense and not worrying so much about offense."

Crystal Robinson added 16 points for the Liberty, who won the decisive game of the best-of-three series and will face the Charlotte Sting in the conference finals starting Friday. The Liberty, the two-time defending conference champions, shot 46 percent from the field against the defense-oriented Sol.

Elena Baranova and Sandy Brondello had 18 points each for Miami, an expansion team last season. Sheri Sam, who had 15 points to rally the Sol to a victory Sunday in Game 2, was scoreless in the first half and finished with six points on 1-for-11 shooting.

Johnson helped defend Sam,

who shot 6-for-11 on Sunday.

"I wanted to come in focused and try to keep her from having a big night," Johnson said. "She talks a whole lot of noise, but she's a great player. She's got a whole lot of heart."

Tamika Whitmore added eight points and six rebounds for the Liberty, who improved to 14-4 at home before a crowd of 15,750 at Madison Square Garden.

The Liberty finished 27-for-59 from the field, a turnaround from a 32-percent performance Sunday when the Sol rallied from a 10-point deficit for a 53-50 victory. New York averaged a league-best 46 percent shooting in the regular season.

Johnson added seven rebounds and six assists.

"She was sensational," New York coach Richie Adubato said. "It's the best game I've seen as far as a complete game. We had her bring the ball up to help neutralize Debbie Black."

Black, the defensive player of the year, had six points and four assists.

"They kicked our butt," Black said. "The bottom line is they came out ready to play this game. I think they know what it really takes to win a playoff game. I credit them, they played a great game."

Ahead 39-20 at halftime, the Liberty built a 21-point lead in the

second half.

Miami trimmed the lead to 60-49 with 5:53 remaining on a 3-pointer by Brondello. Another 3-pointer by Baranova cut the deficit to 63-54, but Johnson made a baseline jumper as the shot clock expired to give the Liberty a 67-54 lead with 2:08 left.

A jumper by rookie Ruth Riley and a 3-pointer by Baranova cut the deficit to nine, but the Sol could get no closer.

"They came out in the first half and stopped us good," Miami coach Ron Rothstein said. "I'm not surprised our ladies came back in the second half. We have some toughness, but they were the better team."

New York, which finished with just eight turnovers, outscored Miami 28-12 in the paint and outrebounded the Sol 34-31. Miami missed five of seven shots as New York opened an 11-4 lead.

A turnaround bank shot by Sue Wicks and a 3-pointer by Robinson extended the lead to 21-11. The Sol went on a 5-0 run, capped by Tracy Reid's jumper to trail 21-16 with 7:31 remaining.

But New York responded with the decisive 18-4 run to finish the half, led by Johnson's two jumpers, a layup and two free throws.

COMETS: Streak ends

(From 1C)

ing their opening game to the Sparks, then won 12 of their next 13 games, including nine in a row.

But they finished the season 7-11 and limped into the playoffs as the fourth seeded team. They

ranked 12th among 16 teams in scoring, field goal percentage and 3-point percentage.

"We had so much adversity," Arcain said. "A lot of things happened ... this season. We lost so much."

Including their championship.

UIL: Tragedies spur committee creation

(From 1C)

death was natural.

"These kinds of terrible tragedies always want to make you take a second look," Nelson said.

The committee will look at all UIL policies and procedures and recommend any changes to the UIL Legislative Council. The UIL is the governing body over public school athletic competition and championships.

Nelson will give final approval for any new rules.

"We're going to take the

whole spectrum of our safety and health concerns and let the committee look at them," Farney said.

Nelson said he will work with UIL Legislative Council Chairman James Terry on the appointments to the board. Farney stressed that the committee was not being formed because of the deaths, but as a way for the UIL to continue to look at the safety and health standards in school athletics.

"Our staff has been constantly involved in the medical and

injury aspect of the sports," Farney said.

Farney said that a bill during the legislative session that would have established a similar medical board whose members would have been appointed by the governor also prompted the UIL to push forward. The bill passed the House, but failed in the Senate.

Rep. Scott Hochberg, who sponsored the bill, questioned the UIL's motivations and the timing of the proposed committee. Hochberg said the bill failed because the UIL and the Texas

High School Coaches Association did not support it.

"The important thing to realize is the UIL essentially has no medical policy today," said Hochberg, D-Houston. "Why should I believe they would make a serious effort? I am going to have to be convinced they will make a serious effort."

Farney said the UIL cannot lobby for bills and did not lobby against that one. He also said the UIL often updates coaches with the latest medical information.

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Red Devils returning offensive line talent

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

Out of the thousand or so high schools that play football in Texas, relatively few had the honor of having two offensive linemen named to the Associated Press Sports Editors' all-state teams.

Far fewer are the schools that get both of those stars back the next year.

But that's the luxury new head coach Jeff Butts found in Rankin when he took over the program last spring. Now senior Dustin Ratliff was a first-team pick on the APSE all-state team, and Wade Russom, only a junior now, was a second team pick.

"I was real shocked when I got it — just being a sophomore," Russom said. "It's pretty great to know you have two all-state offensive linemen coming back."

The boys in the Rankin backfield would surely agree with that thought. Butts certainly does.

As recently as last week, the one thing he was sure of was being able to count on the offensive line.

"Our offensive line is probably our most experienced part, so it (the offensive scheme) will be something based around them," Butts said.

The linemen seem ready for the challenge.

"We're pretty confident," Ratliff said. "Me and Wade, we've got a lot of experience. This is my fourth year to start, and this is Wade's second. Caleb Yeager's coming back too, so we'll be pretty good."

Yeager is also a returning starter; he played guard last season and will move to center this year while Ratliff and Russom both move to guard from tackle. New tackle Selso Abalos (6-foot-11, 280 pounds) will give Rankin size along with Ratliff (6-3, 225) and Russom (6-3, 280).

"They're big kids, but they can move well, too," Butts said.

The other tackle has yet to be determined, but just those four may outweigh the five heaviest defenders some opponents have.

"Most opponents will probably line up across from us averaging 180-220 (pounds)," Russom said. Ratliff takes pride in his group being a big part of the team.

"That's the main thing you need: the key ingredient to an offense is an offensive line," Ratliff said.

Butts expects the line to carry the offense, both early in the season and late.

"I think it (a good line) allows you to control the football, both in the time of possession and also just to be physical with people," Butts said. "And any time you get farther on in the playoffs, the abil-

Rankin Red Devils

Key Quote: "The most positive thing about our returning starters is that a lot of them are offensive linemen. If you want them anywhere, you want them there," Rankin coach Jeff Butts, on having three returning starters on the line.

Returning starters: 5 offensive, 5 defensive.

Offensive standouts: Guard Dustin Ratliff, guard Wade Russom, center Caleb Yeager, tackle Selso Abalos, tailback Marcus Halfmann.

Defensive standouts: Safety Cal Cavness, lineman Alex De La Paz, cornerback Junior Garcia.

Last season's record: 11-1, 5-0 in District.

Last playoff appearance: 2000 (regional semifinalist).

Team colors: Magenta, gray and white.

Date	Schedule	Time
Aug. 31	Opponent	8 p.m.
Sept. 7	Irion County	8 p.m.
Sept. 14	Sterling City	8 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Bronte	8 p.m.
Sept. 28	at McCamey	8 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Forsan	8 p.m.
Oct. 12	at Wink	8 p.m.
Oct. 19	Iraan	8 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Fort Hancock	8 p.m.
Nov. 2	at Fort Davis	8 p.m.
Nov. 9	Marfa	8 p.m.

ity to run the ball in bad weather is a plus."

"How far we go is how far the offensive line will take us," Russom adds.

And if Rankin goes far, there may be more all-state honors waiting in December.

"I hope we do it again this year," Ratliff said.



Ratliff



Russom



Yeager

Wheeler family sues Northwestern, seeks substantial damages

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

EVANSTON, Ill. — The mother of Northwestern football player Rashidi Wheeler plans to file a lawsuit against the university later this week seeking "substantial" damages over his death in a preseason conditioning drill.

The university, meanwhile, outlined for the first time Tuesday the extent of its review into Wheeler's death. In addition to investigating whether any NCAA rules were violated, Northwestern is evaluating its emergency medical procedures and staffing at drills and practices.

"I want a full, honest, clear and transparent report," Northwestern president Henry Bienen said. "I will insist on it and I will get it."

Wheeler, a chronic asthmatic, collapsed during an Aug. 3 preseason conditioning drill involving a series of wind sprints. He was pronounced dead a short time later at Evanston Hospital.

Bronchial asthma was listed as the cause of death.

Linda Will, Wheeler's mother, has said the university wasn't prepared to deal with such an emergency during what was supposed to be a voluntary preseason workout. Her attorney, James Montgomery, said he plans to file a lawsuit Friday naming the university as well as trainers and staff who were at the drill.

Coach Randy Walker and athletic director Rick Taylor will not be named, Montgomery said. When Wheeler collapsed, Montgomery said there was no oxygen on the field and it took as long as 40 minutes for paramedics to be called.

"We think that that is indicative of a lack of care and negligence that absolutely contributed to and caused this young man's death," Montgomery said.

When paramedics were called, Montgomery said they arrived within three to four minutes.

"That three to four minutes, if it had come at the very beginning of his collapse, in our judgment he would be alive today," Montgomery said.

Tory Aggeler, Northwestern's

head athletic trainer, has said that Wheeler had more than 30 asthma attacks in his three years at the university. With that kind of history, Montgomery said Northwestern medical staff should have known how to treat Wheeler.

Instead, he referred to an Evanston Police report on the incident that indicates a trainer gave Wheeler a bag to breathe into, thinking he was hyperventilating. The opposite was the case, Montgomery said, as Wheeler was really gasping for breath.

"(It was) an incorrect diagnosis and a fatal treatment," Montgomery said.

Northwestern has refused to comment on Will's claims. Though the university review began within days of Wheeler's death, Bienen declined to reveal what's been learned, saying he'll wait until the entire report is done.

He did say, though, that more than 85 people already have been interviewed, including players, trainers, university emergency personnel and outside medical officials. Besides trying to determine exactly what happened the day Wheeler died, the review is examining:

- medical staffing at drills and practices.
- what emergency procedures were in place and how they were followed.
- players' use of nutritional supplements.
- how Northwestern's conditioning program compares to those at other Division I schools.
- whether any NCAA violations occurred in conducting the drill.

Findings of the review will be made public when it's complete. Bienen didn't have a timetable for when that might be.

"I don't want to prejudge what happened, whether violations of NCAA rules took place," Bienen said. "If they took place, we will assess who committed the violations and under what circumstances. But I am not going to prejudge either what did happen or what the consequences might be."

IU attorneys ask for intervention in case of Knight dismissal

By Katrina Hull
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana University attorneys are asking the state appeals court to intervene in a lawsuit by basketball fans claiming school officials improperly fired coach Bob Knight.

In a motion filed Friday in Bloomington, the university wants to avoid a trial by asking the Indiana Court of Appeals to define what triggers the law's requirement for an open meeting.

Attorneys for Knight's fans maintain university president Myles Brand broke Indiana's Open Door Law by holding two secret meetings with four university trustees the day before Knight was fired last September. The university argues that the meetings were not required to be open because fewer than half of the nine trustees attended each one.

Roy Graham, a Bloomington attorney for 46 fans, said Tuesday that the university's latest motion shows scorn for the law.

"It's in the public interest for them to settle the case and move on," Graham said.

University spokeswoman Susan Dillman said Tuesday the motion speaks for itself and that the university had no further comment.

The motion states that clarifying what a "majority of a governing body" means could allow the university to avoid a trial and protect its private information. State law requires meetings of taxpayer-supported organizations to be open if a majority of members are present.

"Should discovery or trial result in some disclosure of this sensitive information, there will be no way to 'put the cat back in the bag' following any ruling on appeal," the motion said.

Cecile Blau, the special judge assigned to the case, would have to agree to let the appeals court step in. Blau ruled in July that a trial on the alleged open meeting violations could proceed.

Blau also ruled in the university's favor that Brand had the sole authority to fire Knight.

RANKIN: Team remains undecided on QB

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ciated Press Sports Editors, while Wade Russom, a 6-3, 280 junior, was a second-team pick. Both played tackle last season, but Butts is moving them inside to guard for this season.

Along with those two blocks of granite, Rankin has Caleb Yeager, a starting guard last year who is moving to center, and big tackle Selso Abalos (6-11, 280). That gives the Red Devils a pretty good line no matter who fills the other tackle spot.

The line will have to hold off defenders while Rankin's inexperienced offensive backfield gets some games under its belt. Marcus Halfmann will take over the tailback spot vacated by the graduated Ruben De La Paz, who rushed for nearly 2,000 yards last year. New fullback Alex De La Paz, Ruben's younger brother, started last year, but it was at tight end.

And at quarterback, Rankin has a two-way battle between Junior Garcia and Chase Brooks.

"Both of them are not very big, but they're pretty quick," Butts said of his quarterback candi-

dates. "I think our offensive line is going to carry us anyway, so our quarterback has some time to get better before district."

Fortunately for whichever quarterback plays, the Red Devils have Cal Cavness as a returning starter at receiver. Cavness is also a key returning player on defense. He had eight interceptions last year at safety, and that's more picks than all but three returning Class A players in the entire state.

Butts expects his split-six defense to keep the pressure off the offense.

"We're looking for our quick-sticks to get on defense and be aggressive," Butts said. "Just like the offensive side of the ball, they're learning new techniques, but these kids have been well-coached in the past, so it's not hard to coach them."

"These kids have been taught to fly to the football — that's not going to be changed — and they're going to hit you," Butts said.

Rankin has returning starters spread throughout the defense, starting with down linemen Russom and De La Paz; they'll be

joined on the line by Abalos and Ratliff. At inside linebacker, Yeager joins returning starter Halfmann.

The cornerback spots may be decided in part by who plays at quarterback. Butts said Matthew Wallace would compete there with the two quarterback candidates, Garcia and Brooks. Garcia started at corner last year.

Newcomers will man the spots at outside linebacker, a position which Butts said is like a strong safety in his scheme. Shane Morgan and Garrett Rogers have pleased Butts with their work so far.

"That position, to me, is the most complicated, but they've picked it up quickly and are doing well," Butts said.

Rankin opens its season on Aug. 31, when Irion County comes to town. The Red Devils will have an open week to prepare for the start of District 7-A play; Rankin starts the district slate Oct. 12 at Wink.

The next game — Iraan at Rankin, Oct. 19 — will be the one that gets circled on all the calendars in Rankin. Iraan fans will circle it too, especially since

Rankin won the meeting, 28-18, last year. Iraan will be good again this season.

Oddly, Texas Football magazine does not rank Iraan in its top 10, but it does pick Iraan to beat out No. 6 Rankin for the district crown.

NOTES: Rankin made it to the third round of the Class A playoffs last year, but the Red Devils had to win only one game to get there. District 8-A, from which District 7-A's first-round opponents would normally come, is vacant. Just like last year, 7-A's playoff teams will get a first-round bye... Stratford beat Rankin, 57-33, last year, but that score is nothing to be ashamed of. In the regular season, the Elks outscored opponents by an average score of 43-12. In six playoff games, their average score was 50-19, including a 49-14 rout over Burkeville in the championship game. And Stratford, located at the top of the Panhandle, lost only six lettermen, so the Elks will be a threat again... Butts also made assistant coaching stops in Eastland and Winters...

Huskers' coach holds off on punishment

By Doug Alden
AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — With three days of practice left before the season opener, Nebraska coach Frank Solich still has some decisions to make on his starting lineup, including who will play I-back.

Solich said Tuesday he was still considering the fate of I-back Dahrran Diedrick, who was the frontrunner for the starting job until he was arrested for disturbing the peace outside a Lincoln bar early Sunday.

"It was just a situation that seemed to mushroom a little bit. Dahrran had his chances to leave, did not and certainly put himself in position ... to have some things go wrong," Solich said.

Solich spent much of his first weekly news conference discussing Diedrick's playing status. He was the fourth player to be arrested since June and although all were on misdemeanor charges, Solich has clearly reached his threshold for off-field troubles.

Solich would not say whether Diedrick would be suspended for Saturday's season opener against TCU in the Pigskin Classic.

In past cases involving misdemeanors, Solich has let a player go through the legal system before punishing him, but Diedrick's situation came after Solich issued a warning to the team.

Solich cautioned his players after the highly publicized arrests of running back Thunder Collins and kicker Josh Brown in June that led to Brown's suspension for the opener and a pretrial diversion program for Collins.

"Regardless of whether there's an injustice on your end of it or not, you can't let it happen. You can not bring any more light to this program from that end of things," Solich said he told the team.

Solich expected to announce his decision regarding Diedrick on Wednesday. Diedrick and backup middle linebacker Tony Tata both spent about an hour in jail early Sunday after being arrested for disturbing the peace in separate incidents at the same bar.

Diedrick was kicked out of the bar after a disturbance around 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Police said he also was yelling at the bar owner. After he refused to leave, Diedrick was arrested for failure to disperse and disturbing the peace.

He is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 12.

"Probably the most unfortunate thing about the incident was that he had a chance to leave," Solich said.

Although the starting I-back is generally at Solich's weekly news conference, Diedrick did not attend. He did practice with the team Tuesday morning.

Diedrick was suspended for the Fiesta Bowl following the 1999 season for violating team policy, but Solich said that was unrelated and would not be a factor in his punishment. Solich also said alcohol was not a factor in Diedrick's arrest.

Tata is recovering from a knee injury and can't report to the team until after Saturday's game, so Solich said he will worry about Tata's status later.

If Diedrick does not play Saturday, either Collins or sophomore DeAntae Grixby will likely move up. Collins had charges of misdemeanor assault against him dropped earlier this month when he agreed to enter a pre-trial diversion program.

Solich said Collins' agreement did not involve admitting any guilt, so he did not punish the running back.

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Astros finally boost Astacio, rout Philly

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Houston Astros hadn't given Pedro Astacio much offensive support since the righthander was acquired from Colorado at the trading deadline.

That changed with one inning. Lance Berkman and Brad Ausmus each drove in two runs in a six-run seventh inning that carried the Astros to their fifth straight win, 8-2 over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

"We haven't gotten many runs for Pedro since he's been here," said Jeff Bagwell, who extended his hitting streak to 12 games with an RBI single in the seventh. "We were able to put some big hits together at the same time."

"Give this team a six-run lead going into the seventh and, with our bullpen, we're in good shape."

The Astros, who matched their season high for consecutive victories, are three games ahead of Chicago and St. Louis in the NL Central. The Astros also won five straight from May 13-17.

Philadelphia, which trails Atlanta by one game in the NL East, lost its fifth straight for the first time this season.

Astacio (8-14) improved his record to 2-1 since being acquired by the Astros from Colorado. He allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings, striking out six and walking two.

"We're playing some good baseball," said Astacio, supported by just 11 runs in his previous three starts, including seven in one game. "I felt very good and kept the team in the game. That's my job. That's why I'm here."

Nelson Cruz and Billy Wagner each pitched an inning to finish the game. The Astros were limited to three hits through the first six innings against Nelson Figueroa (4-4) before breaking the game open in the seventh.

With one out, Houston strung together four straight hits, including an RBI single by Bagwell and a two-run double by Berkman, giving the Astros a 5-2 lead. Berkman, who struck out on a high fastball in his previous at-bat, slammed a breaking pitch to deep left-center field.

"Lance is a special kind of hitter," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "To hit a slow breaking ball the opposite way with power, that's special. He got mad at himself in the at-bat before when (Figueroa) went up the ladder on him, but he stuck in there and got a big hit in his next chance."

Reliever Jose Santiago got

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Moises Alou to ground out, then surrendered three consecutive hits, capped by Ausmus' two-run triple. Figueroa allowed six runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings.

"All I can say is, we got beat up," said Phillies manager Larry Bowa, who was ejected for arguing an out call in the sixth inning.

The big inning and Astacio's pitching didn't seem to faze Dierker, but the attendance of 20,647 certainly did.

"It must be discouraging," he said. "That team has speed, pitching and are in a pennant race. I think that's worthy of a better audience."

The Astros took a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning when Craig Biggio doubled off the right-field fence and scored on Jose Vizcaino's RBI single. Bobby Abreu's RBI groundout in the sixth tied the game at 2.

The Phillies opened the scoring in the second inning on Johnny Estrada's RBI double.

Vinny Castilla's RBI double, tied the game 1-1 in the fourth. Castilla also singled in a run in the six-run seventh.

Cardinals 11, Reds 6
CINCINNATI — Mark McGwire hit one of St. Louis' five homers as the Cardinals overpowered the Reds and moved into a second-place tie with Chicago in the NL Central.

McGwire's two-run shot, the 576th homer of his career, put the Cardinals ahead 8-0 in the third inning off Juan Acevedo (3-5) and sent a construction worker sliding down a pole to retrieve the ball. The Cardinals' win and the Cubs' 3-1 loss to Milwaukee left them trailing first-place Houston by three games.

Reliever Mike Matthews, Jim Edmonds, Craig Paquette and J.D. Drew also homered for the Cardinals. The five homers matched their season high, and the Reds had three of their own, including one by Ken Griffey Jr.

Given the big lead, Dustin Hermanson (12-9) coasted to his second win over the Reds in six days.

Brewers 3, Cubs 1
CHICAGO — Ruben Quevedo struck out 10 to win his third straight start, and Jeremy Burnitz hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the sixth inning, leading Milwaukee over Chicago.

Milwaukee has won six of its last seven games against the Cubs, including five of six at Wrigley Field. The Cubs have lost eight of 11.



The Houston Astros' Moises Alou steals second base under a high throw to Philadelphia Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins in the fourth inning Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mark Sweeney hit his third homer for the Brewers, who have beaten the Cubs six times in their last seven meetings — including five of six at Wrigley Field. Chicago stranded eight runners. Quevedo (3-1), acquired from the Cubs on July 30 for reliever David Weathers, allowed one run, five hits and four walks in seven innings, lowering his ERA from 5.40 to 4.18.

Pirates 4, Diamondbacks 2
PITTSBURGH — Abraham Nunez's tiebreaking single off Curt Schilling in the eighth inning rallied Pittsburgh over Arizona, ending the Diamondbacks' nine-game winning streak and the Pirates' seven-game losing streak.

Schilling (18-6) failed to become the majors' first 19-game winner, giving up four runs and nine hits in 7 2/3 innings for his first loss in five starts and only his second in his last nine decisions against Pittsburgh.

Schilling took a 2-all tie into the eighth, but rookie Rob Mackowiak singled and was bunted up by Craig Wilson. Nunez then fouled off an 0-2 pitch for the go-ahead single, and Aramis Ramirez followed a batter later with another RBI single.

Giants 10, Expos 2
MONTREAL — Russ Ortiz didn't allow a hit until the seventh inning, and Rich Aurilia and Jeff Kent homered to lead San Francisco over Montreal.

Ortiz (14-6), who allowed two hits and one run in eight innings, held Montreal hitless until Mark Smith singled to right with two outs in the seventh. The inning was extended one batter before when shortstop Aurilia failed to complete an inning-ending double play by throwing wide to first

base. Barry Bonds went 0-for-2 with three walks, though the Giants **Padres 3, Braves 1, 10 innings**

ATLANTA — Bubba Trammell hit an RBI double and D'Angelo Jimenez added an RBI single in the 10th off Steve Karsay as San Diego beat Atlanta.

The Braves, 29-31 at home, have lost their last six games at Turner Field, where they are 5-12 since July 13.

John Burkett's bid to win his fourth straight decision ended when Bernard Gilkey pinch hit for him in the seventh. Burkett allowed five hits and one run.

Dodgers 5, Marlins 4
MIAMI — Gary Sheffield homered for the fourth straight game as Los Angeles handed Florida its eighth consecutive loss.

With one out in the eighth inning and Mark Grudzielanek on first, Sheffield hit Vladimir Nunez's pitch over the left-field wall to break a 3-3 tie. The former Marlins outfielder was booed loudly as he rounded the bases.

It was Sheffield's 29th homer this season.

Mets 5, Rockies 2
NEW YORK — Mike Piazza hit his 300th homer as a catcher, and New York spoiled Mike Hampton's return to Shea Stadium with a victory over Colorado.

Hampton, who signed a \$121 million, eight-year contract with the Rockies over the winter after one season with the Mets, was heartily booed during pregame introductions, when he took the mound in the first inning and each time he batted.

Lamb added a sacrifice fly an inning later. David Justice hit a two-run homer off Rangers reliever Mark Petkovsek in the eighth.

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Bronx makes semis in Little League WS

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The "Baby Bombers" are moving on.

Rolando Torres threw a four-hitter Tuesday as the Rolando Paulino team from the Bronx, N.Y. secured a spot in the Little League World Series U.S. semifinals with a 5-0 victory over Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Torres struck out four and the defense behind him was flawless, making diving catches and ending the game with a double play.

"Rocky gave us what we were expecting. He threw strikes and kept the ball low, and when we do that our defense is going to get outs," Bronx manager Alberto Gonzalez said.

And while Danny Almonte made a spectacular diving catch in center field in the second inning, the best display of the Bronx's defensive ability came at the end.

With one out and a runner on first, Bainbridge Island's Nash Hensen hit a hard chopper toward second base. Bronx shortstop Kenny Espinal made the grab, stepped on second for the force-out and made the throw just in time to first base to turn the double play.

"I thought it was going to be a base hit, but Kenny got it," Torres said.

The win clinched first place in Pool B for the Bronx (3-0) and a spot in Thursday night's semifinal against Oceanside, Calif. In Wednesday's U.S. semifinal, Apopka, Fla., will play Brownsburg, Ind.

The Bronx took a 1-0 lead in the first when Tommy Guzman scored on an RBI single by Carlos Garcia. The Bronx blew the

game open with three runs in the second inning. Guzman's RBI single drove in Francisco Pena, Reynaldo Guava to strike out a sacrifice fly, and Guzman came home on Almonte's RBI single.

Florida 10, Iowa 3
Bill Blankenship hit two of the four home runs by Apopka and the Florida team overcame a 3-0 deficit for a victory over Davenport (Iowa) East.

Andrew Cobb hit the first of three Apopka home runs in the fifth, a solo shot that made it 5-3. Brandon Brewer added a three-run homer and Blankenship added his second, a two-run shot.

Mexico 2, Russia 0
Luis Zaragoza and Eduardo Flores combined to strike out 15 and allowed only two hits against Russia.

Mexico (2-1) scored both runs in the third inning when Fernando Garcia singled, moved to second on a bunt and scored on Flores' double. An error allowed Flores

Guam 6, Canada 5, 9 inn.
Derwin Aguon scored the winning run for Guam on a bases-loaded walk.

After Aguon walked to lead the ninth, Canada pitcher Jesse Sawyer got the next two outs, then walked the next three batters. Sawyer pitched the entire game for Canada, striking out 19.

Japan 4, Netherlands

Antilles 2
Tatsuya Suzuki hit a three-run homer to lead Tokyo, Japan to a victory over Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles.

Saudi Arabia 11, Panama 0
Nikko Echevarria tied a Little League World Series record with three home runs and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, beat Santiago, Veraguas, Panama.

Raines, Raines Jr. play to minor draw

OTTAWA (AP) — Call it even.

Tim Raines and his son Tim Jr. both came out winners Tuesday in their first regular-season games as opponents.

Raines Sr. went 1-for-3 with a double and a run scored for the Ottawa Lynx in a 4-3, eight-inning loss to the Rochester Red Wings in the opener of an International League double-header. Tim Raines Jr. was 1-for-3 with a single.

In the nightcap, Raines Jr. went 1-for-4 with a double as Ottawa won 5-4 in 10 innings. Senior was 0-for-4.

"I think it was a push," Tim Raines Sr. said. "We're 1-and-1. Our main goal is to do it in the big leagues."

The game between the Triple-A affiliates of the Montreal Expos and Baltimore Orioles is believed to be the first in modern baseball history involving a father and son facing each other during a professional regular-season contest.

"We set goals three or four years ago to do that," Raines Sr. said. "We want to be the second

father-son to play in the big leagues (at the same time). It looks like we're going to have an opportunity next year."

Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr. played together with Seattle but never against each other. Raines Sr. outdid his son March 6, getting a pair of run-scoring singles in Montreal's 7-6 spring-training loss to Baltimore at Jupiter, Fla. Raines Jr. had one hit for the Orioles in that game.

Tim Raines and his son were to have faced each other here Monday, but the game was postponed because of rain and lightning.

Raines Sr., a seven-time All-Star, is on a rehabilitation assignment with the Lynx. He had arthroscopic surgery May 31 to repair a torn biceps tendon in his left shoulder.

Father and son exchanged their team's lineup cards before Tuesday's opener.

"It was a great day," Raines Jr. said. "It was another learning experience. Every time he got up there, I was watching every little thing he was doing."

Rangers hammer El Duque, Yanks, 13-3

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers took full advantage of a rusty "El Duque."

Ruben Sierra went 5-for-5 with two homers, including one of the four Texas hit off Orlando Hernandez, as the Rangers beat the New York Yankees 13-3 Tuesday night. Hernandez was making his first major league start since May 25.

"I don't necessarily think he was hitting his spots. He gave us a lot of pitches to hit," said Frank Catalanotto, whose two-run homer in the second put Texas ahead 5-1.

Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run homer on the eighth pitch thrown by Hernandez. Rafael Palmeiro and Sierra both hit solo shots in the third, giving Texas a 7-1 lead.

All four homers off Hernandez (0-6) were pitches left over the plate — the kind of balls that are supposed to get knocked out of the park in a hurry.

"My control wasn't what it was like in the past, and I was leaving a lot of pitches up," Hernandez said. "I'm not really happy with how I pitched."

Hernandez (0-6) had been on the disabled list since June 1 with an injured toe on his left foot. A playoff star for the Yankees with an 8-1 postseason record, Hernandez allowed eight runs and 11 hits in five innings.

"He was tentative, more than timid," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "The good news is that nothing hurts him. We'll look forward to the next start."

Sierra, who lacked only a triple for the cycle, hit another solo homer in the eighth inning off Mark Wohlers. Before the first five-hit game of his career and the 15th multihomer game, Sierra had gone 5-for-30 (.167) in seven

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games since being activated from the disabled list Aug. 11 because of a pulled left groin.

Sierra is hitting .309 in 64 games this season, with 16 homers and 47 RBIs. He has three two-homer games this year. Doug Davis (7-8), 3-1, his last seven starts, allowed just one run and six hits in seven innings.

Hernandez struggled from the start, throwing 30 of his 96 pitches in the first inning. After Rodriguez's 38th homer, Palmeiro drew a walk to end an 11-pitch at-bat, and Sierra hit a run-scoring double to deep center for a quick 3-0 lead.

Catalanotto, hitting a major league-best .485 (33-for-68) in August, lined his ninth homer just over the left-center wall in the second.

New York scored in the second when Nick Johnson had an RBI single in his first major league at-bat. That was the only run off Davis, who struggled with his own command early in the game.

"I was pleased with Doug, especially after the first few innings," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "He had trouble locating his pitches early, but kept grinding and battling."

Johnson was called up Tuesday from Triple-A Columbus to take over for first baseman Tino Martinez, who is out until at least the weekend after straining his left groin Monday night. Johnson also had a seventh-inning single.

After Jay Witasick relieved Hernandez to start the sixth, the Rangers scored four more times. Mike Lamb had a two-run single and Ivan Rodriguez added a run-scoring single in the sixth, and

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Mariners sign 16-year-old Chinese pitcher

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners on Tuesday said they signed 16-year-old right-hander Chao Wang of China to a contract for 2002.

He is the first player scouted and signed by the Mariners from China. The 6-foot-4, 160-pound

Wang, from Beijing, spent several weeks with the Mariners in Peoria, Ariz., in spring training this year.

"We are always hard at work to expand our international scouting," said Roger Jongewaard, the Mariners vice president of

scouting and player development.

"Chao is the first player signed out of China, but we think he may be the first of many as China continues to expand its baseball program."

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Crude soars

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures rebounded sharply Tuesday amid fear of refinery problems that could lead to a supply shortage.

Nearby September gasoline futures jumped 4.10 cents to 78.41 cents a gallon at the New York Mercantile Exchange, gaining back some of its recent losses, while prompt conventional gasoline in Chicago drew offers at 30 cents over Nymex in the cash market.

After markets closed, industry data for the week ended Aug. 17 showed dwindling U.S. inventories of motor gasoline, crude and distillates, which include heating oil and diesel fuel.

Light sweet crude for September delivery rose 73 cents to \$27.91 a barrel. The contract expired Tuesday. The October crude contract advanced 53 cents to end at \$26.72 a barrel.

September heating oil gained 1.64 cent to 72.99 cents a gallon. September natural gas, however, fell 2.1 cents to \$3.166 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Brent crude from the North Sea rose 44 cents to \$25.49 on London's International Petroleum Exchange.

Dollar mixed

LONDON — The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading Tuesday.

The euro was quoted at 91.13 cents in late European trading, down from 91.18 cents Monday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 91.01 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday, included 119.94 Japanese yen, down from 120.76; 1.6650 Swiss francs, up from 1.6633; and 1.5486 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5452. The British pound was quoted at \$1.4459, up from \$1.4434.

Based on late European euro rates, the dollar was worth 2.1455 German marks, up from 2.1385; 7.1957 French francs, up from 7.1721; 2.4174 Dutch guilders, up from 2.4095; and 2.124.03 Italian lire, up from 2,117.40.

Gold mixed

Gold closed in London at \$276.10 bid per troy ounce, down from \$276.20 on Monday. In Zurich the bid price was \$275.85, up from \$275.65.

Silver closed in London at \$4.23 bid per troy ounce, up from \$4.17.

Stocks tumble

NEW YORK — Stock prices tumbled yet again Tuesday, carrying the Dow Jones industrials down 145 points after the Federal Reserve made its seventh interest rate cut of 2001 but failed to predict that a business recovery will occur soon.

The Nasdaq composite and Standard & Poor's 500 indexes, which were already trading at levels last seen in April, also fell sharply in a selloff that came late in the session.

The Dow closed down 145.93 at 10,174.14, a decline of 1.4 percent, falling back from gains of as much as 58 points before the Fed decision.

Broader stock indicators also dropped. The Nasdaq fell 50.05 to 1,831.30, a 2.7 percent loss, while the S&P 500 skidded 14.15 to 1,157.26, a 1.2 percent decline.

Business Brief

An MCE Real Estate Update Course will be offered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 25 and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at 3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 268. The course, open to all area real estate agents and brokers, has been approved for 15 hours of MCE credit, 12 hours focusing on legal topics. For more information contact the Southwest College of Real Estate at 697-7277. Cost is \$119.

New jobs key to housing market growth

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

More than cost of living or population growth, job creation impacts the housing market, said a nationally recognized economist.

Mark Dotzour, director of research and chief economist at the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, told the monthly meeting of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors that "the bottom line is, job growth is the key to real estate growth."

Indicating a slide projected behind him, Dotzour told the group that, after enduring a downturn fueled by the sharp drop in energy prices in 1998-1999, Midland-Odessa job growth has perked up in the last couple of months, with the Midland County total employment figure showing a substantial number of new jobs in the last year.

That Midland's housing market has

remained strong reflects job growth, he said.

The Texas economy will continue to outperform the national economy, though it is slowing somewhat in tandem with the national economy and Austin and Dallas are most vulnerable to the current freefall in the computer and telecommunications industries, Dotzour said, adding those industries will rebound soon.

What will galvanize the state economy, he said, is the more than 20 electric generating plants being built across the state, providing Texas with surplus electricity and making it the nation's major generator of electricity as it is the major producer of oil and gas and petrochemicals.

He likens the national economy to a patient and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan to a surgeon who last year administered anesthesia in the form of interest rate increases to put the patient to sleep. Now that surgery has been performed, he said, Greenspan is adminis-

tering adrenaline in the form of rate cuts — the seventh came Tuesday — and oxygen in the form of infusions of money into the nation's money supply — to wake the patient up. Once that adrenaline and oxygen take hold, Dotzour said, the patient will come alive.

He also likened Greenspan's efforts to slow the economy and contain inflation to, rather than a soft landing, to touch and gos where the economy is a jet touching down on the landing strip and now, with the rate cuts, Greenspan has applied jet fuel and the economic engine is spewing black smoke in preparation for taking off again.

Dotzour then urged the real-estate agents, who have the most to gain from job creation, to support efforts to establish an economic development tax in Midland, he said.

"We are in a dog fight for every job," he said. "I'm a social conservative. I used to be in business before I went to A&M;

I know what it took to make deals. More than 200 cities in Texas alone have an ED tax. Midland doesn't; College Station doesn't. Without that tax, you're trying to compete for jobs in the future like a highly talented NBA team taking to the basketball court without shoes. I've played basketball without shoes; after a few minutes you get blisters all over your feet."

Jana Tucker, president of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors, said Dotzour's presentation was "the perfect kick-off to the economic development tax efforts."

She agreed with his assertion that the local housing market is strong, she said, noting that "This has been a good year. Sales are up from two years ago and inventory is low. We have a lot of in-town move-ups because of the confidence in the local economy. And even with no major move-ins, we still have a lot of people coming in. They're trickling in, but there are move-ins."

Pez goes plush



PEZ Candy Inc. is adding four plush teddy bears to its line of candy dispensers in the shape of such notables as Snoopy and Luke Skywalker, as seen on display in Orange, N.J., in this undated photo. PEZ Fuzzy Friends, a joint effort by PEZ and plush toy maker Applause, will be available this fall in gift, grocery and drug stores, and on the company's Web site, PEZ said Tuesday. PEZ Fuzzy Friends will operate the same as other PEZ dispensers, but will have a softer exterior and stuffed head, hands, feet and body.

AP Photo

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce reviews current state of affairs

By Evan Pierce
MRT Correspondent

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MHCC) reviewed its micro loan program and tourism work on Tuesday during the organization's annual meeting at the Petroleum Club.

MHCC Vice Chair Raul Benavides and Executive Director David Diaz explained the micro loan program.

"It provides startup capital to business owners that don't meet the typical lending criteria," Diaz said.

The program has been in effect for less than one year and has already created 13 new jobs and helped 12 more people retain their employment. The eight outstanding loans have contributed \$50,000 and helped the recipients renovate two properties.

"It's a small step forward," Benavides said. "But it's a step forward."

According to Benavides, the MHCC has

applied for a grant from the Department of Treasury to match funds. Obtaining this grant would double the amount of money the MHCC has to work with and thus be able to double the amount of people it could reach.

"We are past phase one and on to phase two in the acceptance process," Benavides said. "We may know by September or October if we got our grant."

Diaz took the podium to praise the MHCC on its tourism activities.

"We don't want to compete with anyone doing good in the community," he said. "We want to complement them and their efforts."

Diaz spoke very optimistically about the Cinco De Mayo soccer tournament's future. The year 2002 will mark its ninth year and the MHCC is expecting up to 150 teams to compete. According to Diaz, this is up from only 40 teams this year. Teams from Guatemala, Mexico and 10 other states are expected to attend.

Diaz said the last time the soccer tournament was this big, "no single room was left empty in Midland." He expects the same thing to happen again when the "3,000 expected athletes and coaches" storm Midland next May.

In mid-September Midland, will host the National Hispanic Softball Tournament. More than 100 teams are expected to compete.

Diaz commended the MHCC on its continuous success with the Mex-Tex Menudo cook-off. This past year, more than 20,000 people attended the cook-off and, according to Diaz, "28 percent of those people came from outside Midland-Odessa."

"When people aren't at the cook-off, they're at the malls shopping and restaurants dining on Midland's cuisine," Diaz said. The Mex-Tex cook-off is one of the largest tourist events in Midland-Odessa and brings in thousands of dollars to local businesses a year, he added.

BUSINESS SCENE

Video editing facility to open around Labor Day

By Mella McEwen

Opening around Labor Day is MEDIA CREATIONS, to be located in Suite 16-B of the Primary Plaza, 4519 Garfield.

Owner Mel Braneff, who relocated from Plano at the end of June where he operated Media Creations as a full-line video production company producing training videos and music videos, said he is taking the business in a new direction in its new location.

"We are opening a consumer-based video editing facility where customers can bring the family videotapes everyone has accumulating in closets, I'll give them a half-hour of instruction and at that point they can edit their videos from 10 or 20 hours worth to, say 15 minutes, with music, voice-overs, whatever they want," he explained.

He added "the whole idea is to give people the opportunity to, in some cases, bring tape they shot 15 years or so ago up to current technology, put it on digital tape that will last 15 or 20 years, or convert it to video CD or even DVD. DVD is considered to last forever whereas tape will deteriorate. Any tape over 10 years old is borderline as far as quality is concerned."

He will also have a duplicating facility where customers can make copies of videotapes. His equipment,

is professional non-linear editing systems capable of doing any effect seen on television.

After the business is established, he said, he hopes to hire staff, possibly from Midland College, and train them to be contract editors serving customers who want their videotapes edited but don't want to do the work themselves.

Fort Worth-based Woodmont Co. has signed a long-term lease for STAPLES' new superstore under construction at Loop 250 and Midland Drive just north of Target.

The 23,942 square foot store is expected to open in February 2002 and offer more than 7,000 items, from office products to furniture to computers to printing and photocopying services.

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES has opened its offices at 2020 W. Cuthbert.

The office building is owned by Van Percy, office manager with the company and is the former location of his first Edward Jones investment office in Midland-Odessa, started back in 1988. Percy recently joined Raymond James and is putting together a team of qualified, financial professionals to serve the Petropolis. A "southern style" open house is planned for the near future.

Kirk Percy has joined the firm as an insurance and business retirement plan specialist. Brother of Van Percy, he was regional marketing director for Hartford Life.

BNI, an international networking organization spe-

cializing in business referrals for members, is opening a new chapter in Midland with a meeting set for 11:30 a.m. at Sedona Grill August 29.

Chapter President Sonya Britton said BNI helps member businesses experience growth through "word-of-mouth" marketing. Once a company has joined the chapter, she said, its competitors are "locked out." Companies must apply to join and references are checked, she said, and members are taught how to make presentations complete with seven-second "memory hooks."

Business Networking International was founded in 1985 by business author Ivan Misner.

SAM GOODY in Midland Park Mall has undergone remerchandising of its store as new owner Best Buy Enterprises continues improvements to the chain.

Sam Goody's existing line of music and video products has been expanded to include an expanded selection of consumer electronics and video games. New products include PDAs, MP3, DVD players, video games, consoles and gaming accessories. The number of DVD titles has tripled.

MIDLAND PARK MALL is hosting the Midland United Girls Softball League as they sign up for the fall leagues. Sign-up tables will be located in Center Court in front of The Shoe Department from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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AROUND TOWN

■ Midland author Patrick Dearen will be signing copies of his three books in the Lone Star Heroes series from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at The Haley Memorial Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana. The books in the children's series are "Comanche Peace Pipe," "On the Pecos Trail" and "The Hidden Treasure of the Chisos."

■ Keep Midland Beautiful's fifth annual Trio of Gardens is 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The three gardens that will be open to the public are at 2000 Sinclair, 6000 Green Hill Court and 4008 Cynthia. Representatives of Permian Basin Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. Tickets, \$8 a person, are available at All-dredge Gardens, Casa Verde, Lanham's, Mannings and at the door. For more information call 688-4190.

■ The next meeting of the Diabetic Support Group will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 27 at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane. Endocrinologist Lori Adcock will be the guest speaker. For more information call Denise Harper at 682-9701.

■ The Fourth Annual Falcon Spirit Rally, sponsored by the Alumni Association of UTPB, will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 28 in the Courtyard of UTPB. Meet the Falcon athletes and the yet-to-be-named mascot. Tickets are \$4.50 for students, alumni association members and UTPB employees, and are \$5 for the public. Tickets are not available at the door; they may be purchased by calling 552-2809.

■ Nominations are being accepted for Samaritan Counseling Center's Midland Family of the Year. A short biographical form and instructions can be obtained by calling 563-4144. Selections will be made by Aug. 30, and the Family of the Year Banquet will be held Oct. 25 at Green Tree Country Club.

■ The Midland Morning Lions Club is now accepting applications for their 2001-2002 club queen. Any high school senior girl in Midland who will have reached her 16th birthday by June 1, 2002, and is not and never has been married is eligible. Contestants will be judged on personality, poise and beauty. For applications and more information, contact senior counselors at the high schools or call 699-1934. Application deadline is Aug. 31.

■ The Midland Palette Club will be featuring a painting by Plyn Nesbitt on their easel in the lobby at Bank One, 2301 W. Wall, for the rest of August.

■ Hospice of Midland is sponsoring a new support group to begin at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13. "Remembering our Mothers" is for daughters whose mothers have died and will be held at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call Mark Mercer at 682-2855.

■ LUBBOCK — West Texas Orchid Society will meet at 4 p.m. Saturday at the home of Jeff Keeling, 4408 88th Place. There will be a repotting seminar. Bring one orchid to repot. Supplies will be provided. For more information or for directions, call Keeling at 806-798-1856.

■ The West Texas Iris Society's annual rhizome sale is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8 at Manning's Garden Center, 2820 W. Golf Course Road. Proceeds will go toward next year's iris show. Rhizomes are the tuber-like plant part that grows and blooms. For more information about the sale or the West Texas Iris Society call 697-6340.

■ The Midland High School classes of 1951, 1952 and 1953 are having class reunions Sept. 27-29. Festivities planned include the MHS Homecoming football game and parade, a bon fire and dancing to Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. Any class members interested in the reunion can call for more information. For class of 1951, call Bobbie Linebarger at 694-6984. For class of 1952, call 682-1312. For class of 1953, call Ruth Ann Stephenson at 684-3766.

Expertise, experience pay off for local chef

By Michele Kennerly
MRT Correspondent

Shakespeare once wrote, "If chicken be the food of love, cook on." OK, maybe he really wrote about music and playing on, but had he tasted chicken with green peppercorn sauce, Chef Felix Buenrostro's specialty dish, he might have opted for the former.

Buenrostro was recently selected by the Permian Basin Sub-Chapter of the Texas Chefs Association (TCA) as 2001 Chef of the Year, after being voted as such by members of the chapter.

He will be presented with a plaque Saturday to commemorate this honor at the Chef of the Year Dinner, the final event of the 43rd annual TCA Convention to be held in Beaumont, according to the TCA.

Buenrostro decided to be a chef after he "got involved in cooking."

"By the time I knew it, I was attached to the profession and was a cook-helper at La Bodega and El Chico," he said. "I started liking it more."

Buenrostro briefly attended culinary classes at Odessa College, but said most of his training came from chefs of different countries whom he worked with in his various jobs.

He has worked at Ranchland Hills Country Club as a pastry chef, Midland Country Club as sous chef and Green Tree Country Club. He also worked for 13 years at Westwood Medical Center, where he served as a food service manager and executive chef.

Buenrostro is now the executive chef and owner of Catering Express, which serves the entire Permian Basin.

He started Catering Express three years ago, and

'With catering, it's never just one type of food. I can cook French, Italian, Mexican, American or Indian cuisine. It gives me the opportunity to do something different all the time and build around their (the customers') requests.'

— Felix Buenrostro, Midland chef



Tengku Behar/Reporter-Telegram
Chef Felix Buenrostro prepares some sauces in his commercial-size kitchen for a catering customer at his residence. Chef Buenrostro recently won the Permian Basin Texas Chefs Association Chef of the Year award.

said he prefers it to restaurant cooking.

"It gives me the time to perform better and to use my knowledge and expertise," he pointed out. "I can practice different recipes and techniques. With catering, it's never just one type of food. I can cook French, Italian, Mexican, American or Indian cuisine. It gives me the opportunity to do something different all the time and build around their (the customers') requests."

He has been a member of TCA since 1987 and has been recognized by the Permian Basin Chapter as Contributor of the Year in 1997 and 2000, has served as membership chair, education chair, and currently is the chapter director.

"As chapter director, I coordinate different functions we do and serve as liaison for the American Culinary

Federation, which is the nationwide organization," said Buenrostro.

Having dabbled in many culinary areas, Buenrostro thinks he owes many of his accolades to his experience.

He also donates much of his time to different charities. One in particular is the National Kidney Foundation.

"They approached us (the Permian Basin Chapter) and wanted us to get involved in their yearly charity events and fund-raisers," Buenrostro remembered.

And his chicken with green peppercorn sauce? "There is a similar French dish that I modeled it from that uses beef instead of chicken," he explained. "I experimented with chicken and found that it tastes even better than the beef."

DEAR ABBY

Shower invitations create sticky problem for honoree

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am writing on behalf of my sister, "Hazel," who is too embarrassed to write. She's pregnant with her first child. Her two best friends are giving her a baby shower. Hazel registered for gifts at a national store that provides stickers that say, "Registered at ()," to be put on the invitation envelopes. Hazel didn't take them because she thinks the practice is tacky. Her friends asked her for the stickers, and she told them she didn't want to use them. She felt that when her guests called to RSVP, they could be told where she's registered.

Well, her friends went to the store, got stickers, and put them on her invitation envelopes anyway. Hazel is very upset. She wants the hosts to tell the guests they used the stickers against her wishes. These "friends" think she is being hormonal and overly sensitive, and insist that this is proper etiquette.

We're all looking to you, Abby. Do you think putting the stickers on the envelopes was a breach of etiquette? — STUCK IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR STUCK: Ignoring the expressed wishes of the honoree was an even worse breach of etiquette than placing the stickers on the envelopes. It showed a complete lack of respect for Hazel's feelings.

I wouldn't blame Hazel if she spoke up at the shower and apologized to her guests for the stickers. While some guests may not have found them offensive, some will — and your sister should set the record straight.

DEAR ABBY: I am almost 15. A few days ago, something happened that made me see what a spoiled, selfish, vain brat I have become.

My mother was giving me a ride to my boyfriend's house. She and I were laughing and joking. As we turned to go down a hill, I saw an overweight man, who appeared to be in his early 40s, riding his bicycle up the steep hill. The bike was practically stationary. However, instead of getting off and walking, he just kept pedaling.

I took one look, pointed my finger at him and laughed. Hard. He turned and looked right at me. I will never forget the look of determination on that man's face.

My heart sank into my

stomach. I knew what I had done was cruel.

I still feel terrible for what I did. I gave up on a lot of things, but this determined man did not. He changed my life forever. I'm determined never again to stereotype anyone. I would like to find this man and apologize. He is not a quitter. He is



Pauline and Jeanne Phillips

the kind of person other people should strive to become. — SORRY TEEN IN PORT EWEN, N.Y.

DEAR SORRY TEEN: You're absolutely right. People who persevere in the face of adversity are to be admired and emulated because they usually achieve their goal.

You have a lot to thank that man for, because what you observed about him — and yourself — has helped you to take a giant step toward maturity.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

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Venus Williams endures back pain to reach Pilot Pen third round match

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Venus Williams stopped her match with Sandrine Testud for a three-minute medical timeout, then served two aces on the way to a 7-6 (5), 6-3 victory Tuesday in the Pilot Pen Tennis Tournament.

Williams said her back started to hurt during the match and was getting worse, so she decided to get some treatment while she was up a game in the second set. Her back has not bothered her before, and Williams said she did not consider ending the match over the injury.

"I have a good trainer so I'm hoping to get a lot of work on it tonight," she said. Testud noted that Williams served two aces over 110 mph after she came back from the medical timeout.

"I wish I had the same problem," Testud said.

Williams responded that a serve does not take too much movement.

"It's one of the strongest points of my game," she said.

Williams, the No. 3 seed and two-time defending champion, struggled at the start of the second-round match and nearly dropped the first set before rallying to win in a tiebreaker. She has never dropped a set at the Pilot Pen.

In another second-round match, Amelie Mauresmo took Henrieta Nagyova to the longest tiebreaker on the tour this year in a 7-6 (14), 6-3 victory.

"The tension was so high in the tiebreaker," Mauresmo said. "Mentally, it was very good to win. Obviously at the beginning of the second set she was a little bit down."

Mauresmo will play Lindsay Davenport in a third-round match Wednesday.

Davenport, the tournament's top seed, advanced with a quick 6-2, 6-1 win over qualifier Anastasia Myskina on Tuesday night. Davenport broke Myskina in her final three service games and closed out the 50-minute match with a deft backhand drop shot at the net.

"Nothing to complain about tonight," said Davenport, who took last week off after winning the style.com Classic in Los Angeles. "I was trying to dictate the points out there and really trying to be aggressive. I felt like I was pretty much in control the whole match."

Fourth-seeded Kim Clijsters, a finalist at the French Open, beat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-1, 6-4, rallying from a 1-4 deficit in the second set.

"I wasn't playing as aggressive. I think I was hitting too many balls to her backhand. She's got a very good backhand," Clijsters said.

The 18-year-old Clijsters earned her seventh career singles title with a win over Davenport last month at Stanford. It was her first victory over Davenport in five meetings and she reached a career-best No. 5 ranking.

In first-round matches, fifth-seeded Justine Henin beat Asa Carlsson 6-2, 6-3; No. 7 Nathalie Tauziat defeated Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2, 2-6 7-5; qualifier Kvetka Hrdlickova beat Daja Bedanova 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; and Anke Huber downed Magui Serna 6-2, 6-2.

Henin arrived in New Haven last year ranked No. 66 in the world and recovering from injuries. Now healthy, she is enjoying a career year that included an appearance in the Wimbledon finals where she lost to Williams.

Ranked No. 6, the 19-year-old Belgian attributes her rise to hard work, both phys-

ically and mentally.

"I'm still learning. I think it's a good experience to be in the top 10 at 19 years old," she said. "Everything came very fast, but I think I'm prepared now in my head for the U.S. Open."

"(Wimbledon) was a good experience. I beat good players, but when I played against Venus I said 'OK I still have a lot of work to really be in the top.' I'm still learning now. I'm still very young," she said.

Mantilla upsets Wimbledon champ Ivanisevic

COMMACK, N.Y. — Felix Mantilla, ranked No. 69 in the world, stunned Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic 6-3, 7-5 Tuesday in the opening round of the Hamlet Cup.

The 26-year-old Mantilla, who was ranked in the top 25 from 1996 through 1999, lost five straight matches earlier this year and dropped to the Challenge circuit to try and get untracked.

"I'm alive again," said Mantilla, who had to win two qualifier matches to get into this tournament. "I was solid on the baseline and that stopped him from getting so many aces."

In another first-round match, third-seeded Pete Sampras outlasted Olivier Rochus 6-4, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4). Mantilla had 11 aces, five more than the hard-serving Ivanisevic, who led 4-1 in the second set.

"The second set was strange, but I just kept going at him," Mantilla said. "The fans were rooting for him, but that gave me the inspiration I needed to get on track."

The seventh-seeded Ivanisevic, who complained the courts were slow and the balls were heavy, admitted his left shoulder continued to bother him. The left-hander is scheduled to have surgery on it at the end of the year.

Ivanisevic was asked about the upcoming U.S. Open.

"It's not going to be easy," he said. "I'll have to take painkillers as I did at Wimbledon and pray as I did at Wimbledon."

Sampras, holder of a record 13 Grand Slam titles but winless in his last 15 tournaments, is a wild-card entrant in this event.

The win was the second for Sampras over the 20-year-old in as many meetings. The first was a 6-1, 6-2 victory in the Queen's Club in London two months ago.

Thomas Enqvist continued his comeback from surgeries last December on his right shoulder and right foot with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Hyung-Taik Lee.

"There is no pain at all," the ninth-seeded Enqvist said. "It took a long time, at least four months, to get my power back again. I had to have the operations. I was trying to play through the pain, but that didn't work."

Jan-Michael Gambil withdrew after splitting two sets with Alberto Martin because of problems with his right rotator cuff. It was the second time in as many weeks Gambil was forced to quit during a match.

"It's kind of a dead feeling," said Gambil, who had his shoulder massaged after winning the first set 6-3. "There was no sense doing additional damage on the eve of the U.S. Open."

"I'll play in that until my arm falls off. That's why I decided before taking the court tonight that I wouldn't play more than two sets."

Martin won the second set 7-5.

Lemieux won't play full schedule for Penguins

By Alan Robinson

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux, already working out for what would be his first full NHL season in five years, plans to sit out nearly one-quarter of the Pittsburgh Penguins' games to stay healthy for the playoffs.

Lemieux, who is also the owner of the Penguins, missed only a handful of games after ending a 44-month retirement in January, but said Tuesday he expects to miss all road games when the team plays on consecutive nights.

Because the NHL schedule is more compressed than usual due to the two-week Olympic shutdown in February, the Penguins play on consecutive nights 17 times during their 82-game schedule. Lemieux doesn't foresee any situation in which he would play two nights in a row.

If the Penguins are on the road on a Friday and at home on a Saturday, for example, he will play only in the home game.

Lemieux, who was long troubled by back problems, hasn't had any back pain since January — "My back feels great," he said — but he wants to be well rested when the playoffs begin in April.

"I've got to do what's best for myself and team and fans here," he said. "If I go to Nashville and get injured and can't play here the next night before the people who support us, it's not very smart."

The Penguins sold out every home game after Lemieux returned last season but, without five-time scoring champion Jaromir Jagr to help push ticket sales, they obviously want Lemieux to play every home game possible. Lemieux, who once did little off-season conditioning, began working out with conditioning expert Jay Caulfield, a former Penguins defenseman, about 10 days ago and will stay in training until camp opens early

next month.

"I know what it takes to get back in shape and I know what I have to do," said Lemieux, who will turn 36 the week the season opens. "That's what I've been doing with Jay over the last 10 days. I've been skating all week now, and (Flyers forward) Mark Recchi and a couple of more guys are coming in this week, just getting back to the routine of getting into shape and getting ready for training camp."

Lemieux also will attend the Canadian Olympic team's minicamp Sept. 4-7 in Calgary, but doubts if the workouts will be very strenuous. He expects the session with executive director Wayne Gretzky and coach Pat Quinn to be mostly informal, with little on-ice work.

Although the Olympics could be two weeks of intense, playoff-caliber hockey that will divide the Penguins among six national teams, Lemieux isn't re-thinking his Olympic participation. Lemieux has never played in the Olympics — he was retired in 1998 when the NHL shut down for the Nagano Olympics — and thus will be one of the most watched players in Salt Lake City.

"I'm delighted to be going and have a chance to win the gold," he said.

Lemieux, meanwhile, has decided how much he will make next season, but has not disclosed the figure. He played last season for \$1.4 million, but doubled that with incentives cleared by the NHL and the Players Association before he came out of retirement.

Lemieux will make more than that during the coming season, but not enough to cause the Penguins to go over their projected payroll of \$34 million to \$35 million.

"Yeah, it was a pretty easy negotiation. I picked a nice number," Lemieux said.

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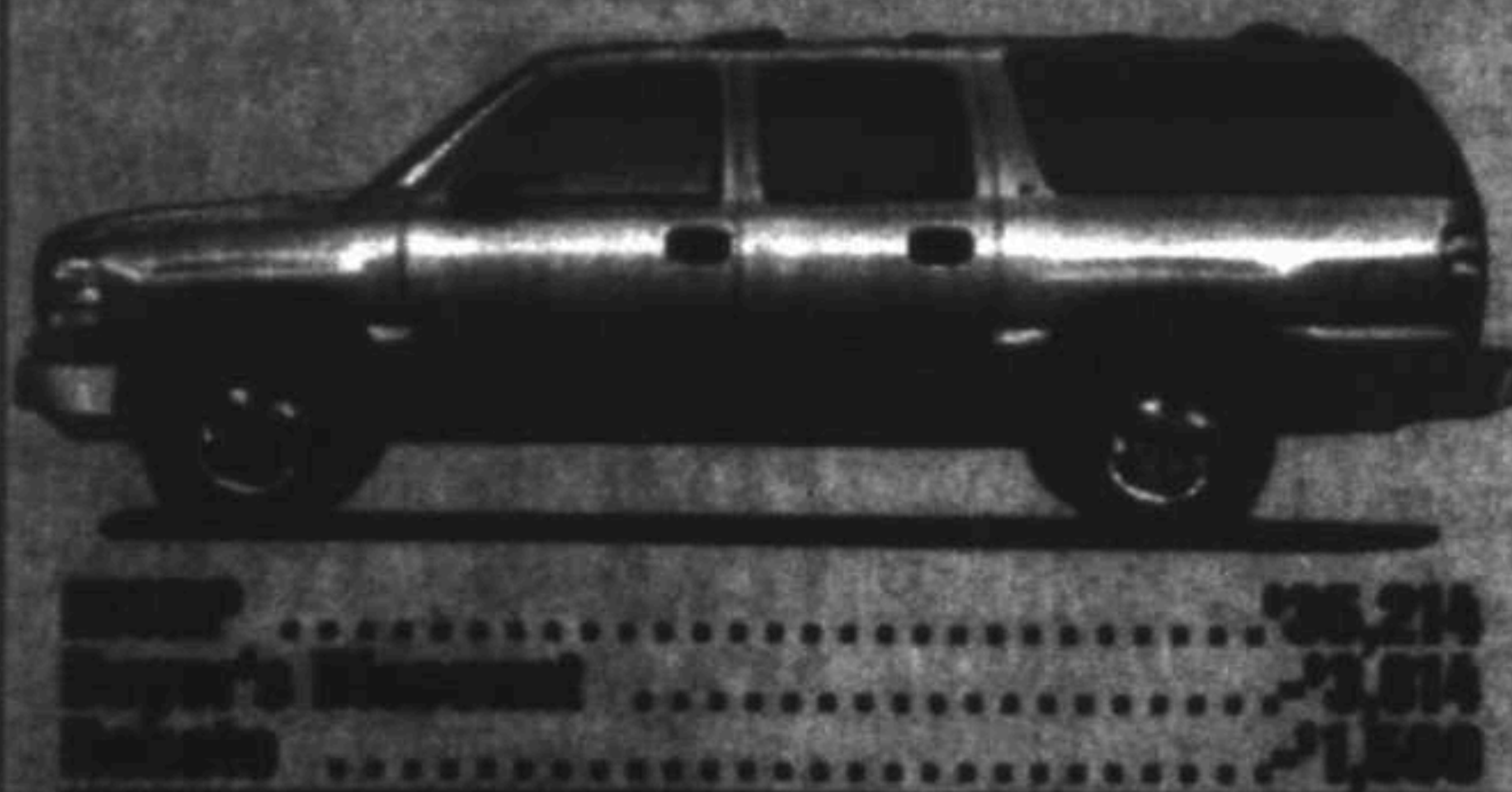
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