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Grand jury indicts Midland man on four felony charges in death of girlfriend's son

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

A 238th District Court grand jury deliberated Monday afternoon before indicting a Midland man on four felony charges, including capital murder, in the alleged Nov. 7 beating death of his girlfriend's 9-month-old son.

Michael Davis Lewis, 24, also is accused of murder, manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide in the death of Jacob Christopher Lee Sinclair, who died Nov. 8 after being airlifted to Cook Chil-

dren's Hospital in Fort Worth with what doctors described as "blunt force trauma to the brain."

Sought by Assistant District Attorney Jane Belazi, who will prosecute the case, the indictment alleged details that had not previously been revealed by the Midland County Sheriff's Office. It said Lewis caused Jacob's death "by hitting and striking him against a couch, a table, a wall, a floor and an object unknown to the grand jury."



Lewis

Accepted by District Judge John Hyde Monday, the indictment also said Lewis killed the baby "by hitting him with his hand and an unknown object, by shaking him with his hands and by butting his head against the head of the said Jacob Christopher Lee Sinclair."

A sheriff's investigator said Jan. 31 the baby's mother, Jena Martin Sinclair, hadn't been proved culpable in either the baby's fatal head injury or other injuries noted during his autopsy. No criminal charges were filed against her.

District Attorney Al Schorre has previously said

Lewis would be subject to a capital murder charge because Jacob was younger than 6 years old. If found guilty, the defendant would either be given the death penalty or a life sentence.

The district attorney's office Monday had not released a final decision on whether the death penalty would be sought.

Murder is a first-degree felony, carrying possible punishment of five to 99 years or life in state prison. Manslaughter is a second-degree felony.

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BUILDING FOR THE ROCK Concert fans walk pass a cross knocked over by high winds during 2004 Rock the Desert Christian music festival. Though millions of dollars have been collected, construction for the Rock the Desert encampment has had a slow beginning.

Construction moving slow for Rock the Desert facility

By Emily Baker
Staff Writer

Though passersby may not see much more than a fence as they drive past the Rock the Desert Ministries property on Farm to Market 1788, the organization says progress continues to be made on the multi-million dollar facility that is to be built there.

Eventually, a 248 acre, \$15 million encampment, featuring a worship center, dining facilities, cabin-style and hotel-style lodges, a chapel, a recording studio and a recreational facility, will be constructed. Donations are funding the project.

Initial plans called for a permanent stage to be in place in time for last year's Rock the Desert Christian music festival, which took place three days in August.

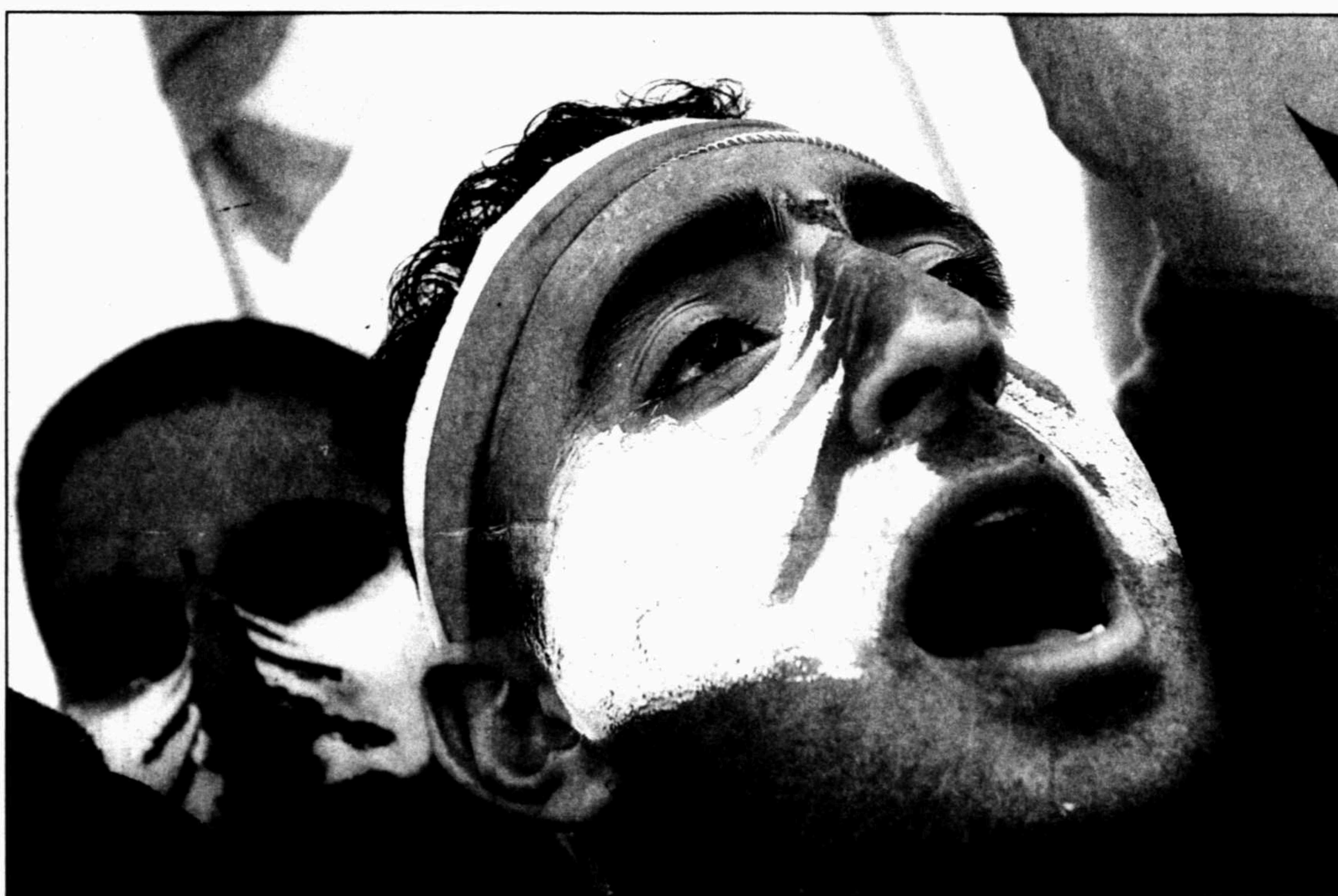
Estimates published in a Reporter-Telegram story last May indicated construction on the rest of the encampment would be completed by the end of this year.

Rock the Desert director Doug Tull said no timeline officially has been established as to when the encampment will be completed. Projects are being completed as money to build them becomes available, he said.

Full-blown construction on an audi-

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a call to SUPPORT LEBANON



Kevin Frayer/AP

IN PROTEST A Lebanese opposition protester with his face painted like the national flag shouts during a demonstration in Martyrs Square, central Beirut, Lebanon, Monday. Many thousands of Lebanese people answered an opposition call for a massive protest to demand a full Syrian troop withdrawal, resignations of security chiefs and an international investigation into the death of former Premier Rafik Hariri. Read the full story on 8A.

Police arrest teen in shooting that sent his friend to hospital

By Shanna Sissom
City Editor

A Midland High student was arrested Monday after allegedly assaulting his friend with a shotgun in an incident that took place as teenagers were playing with guns outside of T&T Donuts at West Wadley Avenue and Garfield Street Friday night.

Jared Paul Longbotham, 18, was charged with aggravated assault causing bodily injury with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

His friend, Brett Dean Ledford, a 17-year-old Midland High School junior, remained in serious condition late Monday after suffering more than 100 shotgun pellet wounds from his shoulder blade to his kidney, family friend and 238th Judicial District Court



Longbotham

bailiff Ronnie Bearden said.

Longbotham picked Ledford up and drove him to the Midland Memorial Hospital emergency room just after the shooting, authorities said.

While Midland Police Chief John Urby said the shooting appears accidental in the sense investigators believe Longbotham thought he was firing plastic pellets, the Midland County District Attorney's Office said the act was no accident.

"There is nothing, zero, that this young man did that would be construed as accidental in conduct," Midland County First Assistant District Attorney Teresa Cling-

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Teresa Clingman, first assistant district attorney

man said. "Anytime there is an allegation a shotgun is leveled against another person and fired, that is not accidental to me."

Clingman will be prosecuting the case, District Attorney Al Schorre said.

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MISD scores above state average on first TAKS

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

Though Midland Independent School District third- and fifth-graders scored at or above the state average on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills reading test administered last month, school district officials began Monday to develop accelerated tutoring programs for students who did not pass the test.

Ninety percent of MISD third-graders passed the reading test compared to Texas' 89 percent passing rate, according to MISD testing officials. In fifth grade, the passing rate was 77 percent within MISD and 75 percent in the state.

Black, Hispanic and white students in MISD outscored the state on both third- and fifth-grade tests, and more students ranked in the commended category in MISD than the state. Students can miss only a few questions on the test to receive a commended score.

The test results were released to districts late last week because third- and fifth-grade students must pass the reading test to move into the next grade level, so districts were given time to develop tutoring programs for students who failed the first administration of the test. Test results in other grade levels will be released later this school year.

Students who did not pass the test in February have

MISD preliminary TAKS reading test passing rates

	Third Grade		Fifth Grade	
	MISD	State	MISD	State
All Students	90	89	77	75
African-American	85	82	64	64
Hispanic	87	85	68	66
White	95	95	90	88
Commended	40	37	26	23

Source: MISD Guidance and Counseling

two more opportunities to pass before the end of the school year.

"Personally, we feel that there's a good number of kids who are going to easily pass the second time around because they only missed it by one question," said Karen Wentworth, MISD director of guidance and counseling.

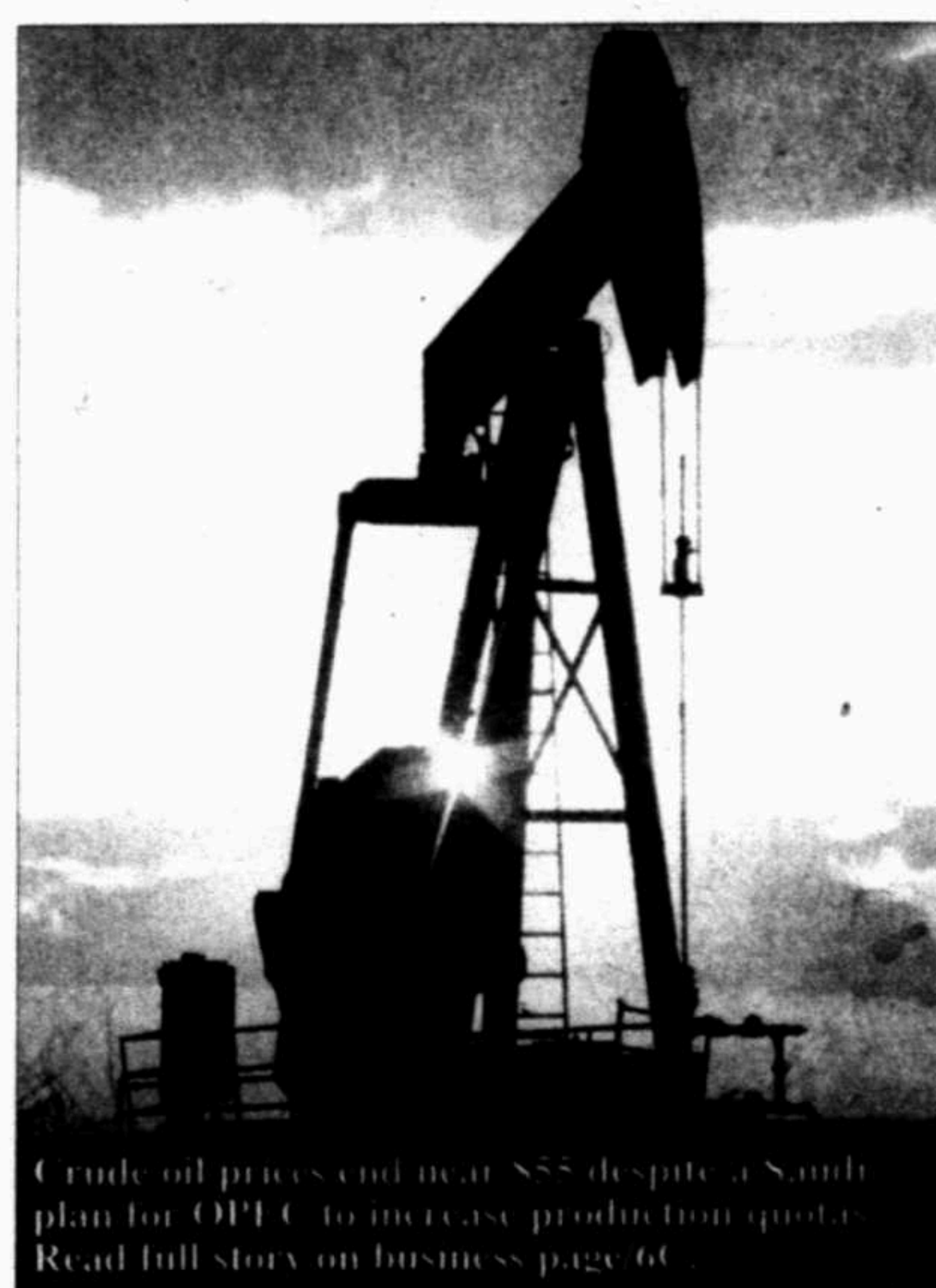
Wentworth said principals and school district administrators went to work Monday to set up programs to help students pass the second reading test. Parents will

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Crude oil prices end near \$55 despite a Saudi plan for OPEC to increase production quota. Read full story on business page 6C.

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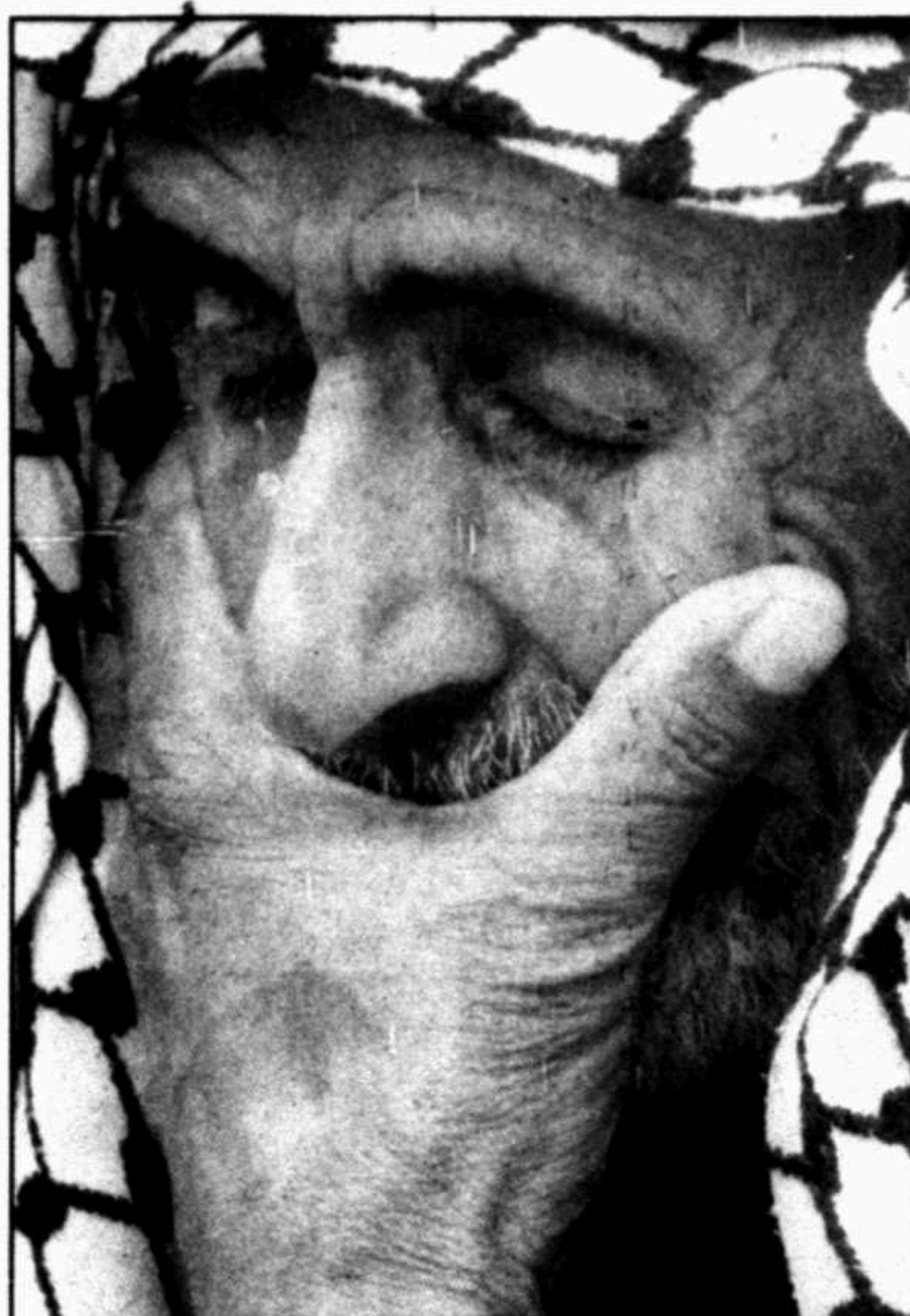


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WEEK IN PHOTOS

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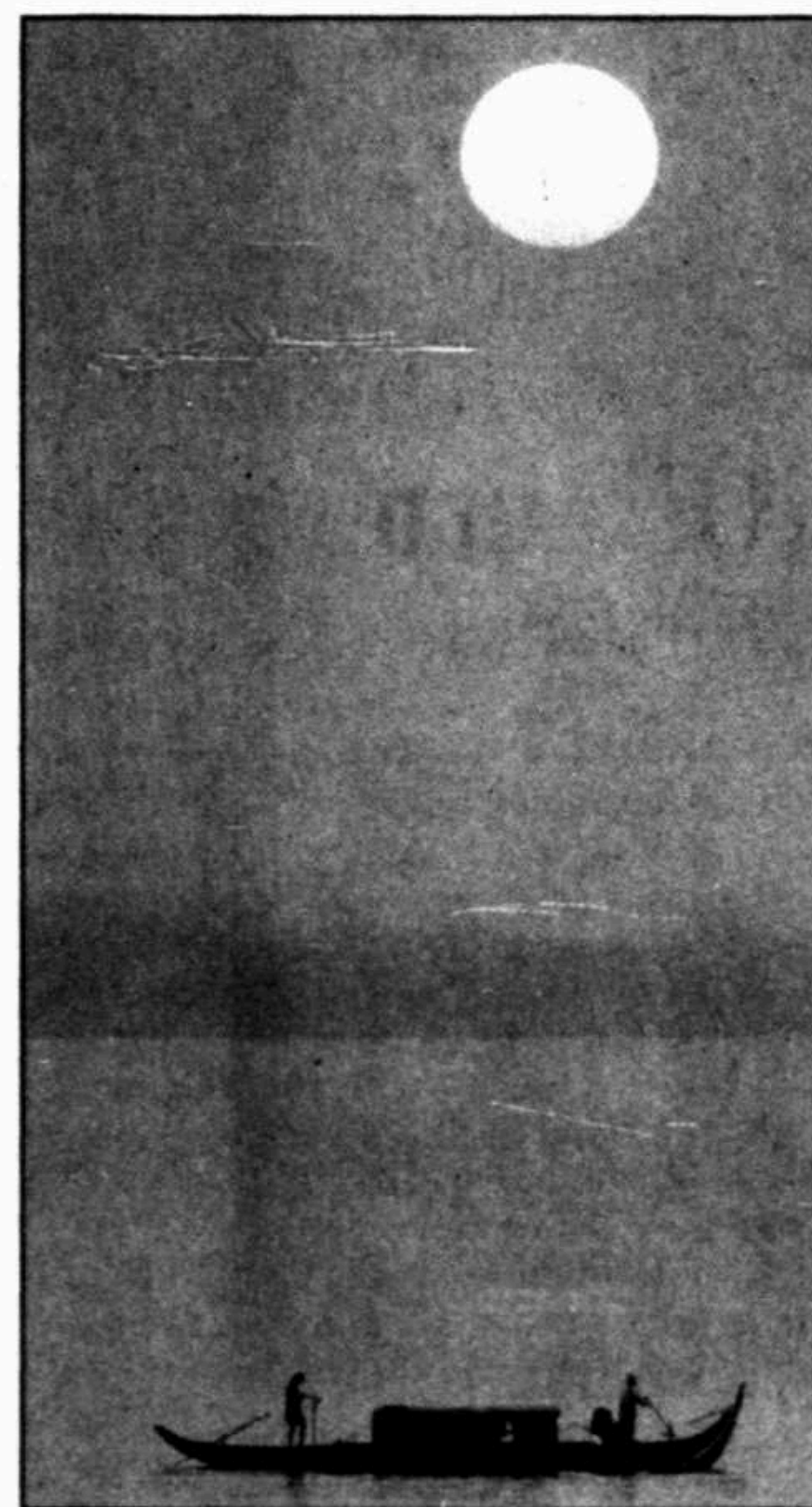
WEEK IN PHOTOS Beneath a statue of Abraham Lincoln in the rotunda of the Capitol, left, President Bush bows his head in prayer during a tribute to the late baseball legend Jackie Robinson in Washington March 2. Robinson's widow, Rachel, center, accepted the Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Robinson's achievements on and off the baseball diamond. Speaker of the House Dennis Haster, R-Ill., joins at right. RIGHT: An unidentified uncle of Deputy Head of Hay Alfurat Hospital Abbas Jassim, who was shot dead by unidentified gunmen, sheds a tear at his funeral in western Baghdad, Iraq March 8. BELOW LEFT: Rina, an Acehese civilian, cries along side her son during their first visit to her village of Ulee Lheu in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, Sunday. BELOW RIGHT: Fishermen work along the Mekong River near Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Saturday. Cambodia is currently suffering from its second year of drought with the level of the Mekong substantially below normal levels. BOTTOM LEFT: A protestor shouts during a protest by about 350 demonstrators against China's Tibet policy, in Berlin, Saturday. BOTTOM RIGHT: Daniel Echeverria, 44, poses next to his fire-breathing motorcycle March 8, in Daytona Beach, Fla. Echeverria spent three years building the bike named Excalibur by hand in his barn in Argentina. He shipped his creation by air to Miami, then drove it to Daytona Beach for Bike Week 2005.



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

from wire reports

JONESBORO, Ark. — Nelly drew nearly 6,300 fans to his weekend concert at Arkansas State University despite well-publicized calls for a boycott by area ministers.

Officials said no protesters were in evidence as Nelly took the stage Saturday at the Convocation Center. A group of 20 Jonesboro ministers had complained that Nelly's songs refer to drugs, sex and violence and called on people to tear up their tickets.

During a March 1 rally, the Rev. Adrian Rodgers of the Fullness of Joy Church said, "Jonesboro is a wonderful city because of what does not come here."

Nelly's concert at the northeastern Arkansas school was part of a nationwide tour.

The 30-year-old rapper's hits include "Hot in Herre," "Country Grammar" and "Over and Over" with Tim McGraw.

DAKAR, Senegal — Youssou N'Dour added his voice to the fight against malaria, taking the stage to help boost awareness of the leading killer of the continent's children.

The United Nations-backed "Africa Live/Roll Back Malaria" show was organized to spread the word about a malady that kills an African child every 30 seconds. The two-day festival ended Sunday.

"Here, through music, we can speak to the local population about malaria prevention, while telling the outside world that we need more money, more medicine, more mosquito nets," said N'Dour, a UNICEF goodwill ambassador.

LONDON — Quentin Tarantino, director of "Reservoir Dogs," "Pulp Fiction" and the "Kill Bill" movies, was named film icon of the decade at the Empire Awards.

"The fact that England has embraced me as one of its own is really cool," said Tarantino, who accepted his award Sunday. "I hope to give you at least 15 more years of movies, I'm not going to be this old guy that keeps cranking them out."

"My plan is to have a theater by that time in some small town and I will be the manager — this crazy old movie guy," the 41-year-old director said. "I've made enough money that nobody even needs to show up at the theater. It's just having something to do."

More than 12,000 readers of Empire magazine voted for the awards. Matt Damon won best actor for his role in "The Bourne Supremacy," which was named best film. Julie Delpy won the best actress award for "Before Sunset."

Kate Winslet's performance in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" won her the best British actress award. The best British actor award went to Paddy Considine for his role in "Dead Man's Shoes."

Claudia Schiffer collected the best British director award on behalf of her husband, Matthew Vaughn, who directed "Layer Cake."

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Warren Beatty, an actor who has been politically active for four decades, has some words of advice for fellow film star and now Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Schwarzenegger should raise taxes on the California rich and "terminate" his fund-raising and dinners with "the brokers of Wall Street" and the "lobbyists of K Street," Beatty said.

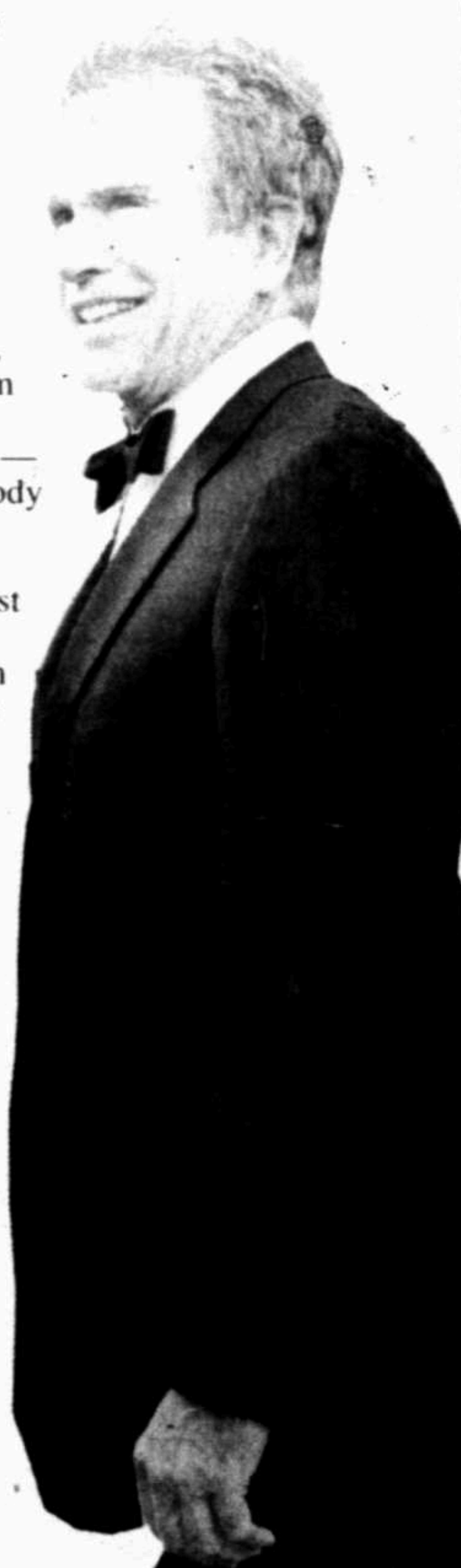
Receiving a political award Friday night, the actor who played Sen. Jay Billington Bulworth in the 1998 movie, "Bulworth," said: "Arnold. Be the action hero I know you can be. Be strong. Stand up and confront the wealthiest 1 percent of Californians who have benefited \$12 billion a year from the Bush tax cuts."

Beatty received the third annual Phillip Burton public service award from the Santa Monica-based Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights for a lifetime of political work. Burton was a liberal San Francisco congressman who died in 1983.

Beatty said Schwarzenegger should lead the rich in helping California.

"It's called the haves giving a little more to the have-nots," he said. "Nobody likes taxes, but everybody likes a peaceful, compassionate, law-abiding, productive, protective society."

Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Vince Sollitto replied Saturday: "Tax and spend rhetoric aside, California needs budget reform because it's not a revenue problem, but a spending problem."



Judge

By Lisa Left Associated Pre

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge ruled Monday that a ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional — a decision that, if upheld, would open the way for gay couples to sue for a ruling that would allow them to marry.

Judge Richard L. Posner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco ruled that laws requiring gay couples to be "no rational basis" for denying marriage rights.

The ruling came in response to lawsuits filed in San Francisco and elsewhere a year ago by the U.S. Supreme Court, which had asked the state to clarify its position on the issue.

The opinion was awaited because of the state's historical opposition to rights battles.

Gay marriage was a topic that has been a hot issue in the state, with the state's Supreme Court having made California's legalization of intermarriage a topic.

GOP

By David E Associated Pre

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives passed a bill Monday to limit the federal government's ability to sue states and local governments in federal court.

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Judge finds California law barring gay marriage unconstitutional

By Lisa Leff
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A judge ruled Monday that California's ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional — a legal milestone that, if upheld on appeal, would open the way for the most populous state to follow Massachusetts in allowing same-sex couples to wed.

Judge Richard Kramer of San Francisco County's trial-level Superior Court likened the ban to laws requiring racial segregation in schools, and said there appears to be "no rational purpose" for denying marriage to gay couples.

The ruling came in response to lawsuits filed by the city of San Francisco and a dozen gay couples a year ago after the California Supreme Court halted a four-week same-sex marriage spree started by Mayor Gavin Newsom.

The opinion had been eagerly awaited because of San Francisco's historical role as a gay rights battleground.

Gay marriage supporters hailed the ruling as a historic development akin to the 1948 state Supreme Court decision that made California the first state to legalize interracial marriage.

"Today's ruling is an important

step toward a more fair and just California that rejects discrimination and affirms family values for all California families," San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera said.

At issue were a 1977 law that defined marriage as "a personal relation arising out of a civil contract between a man and a woman," and a voter-approved measure in 2000 that amended the law to say more explicitly: "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

The state maintained that tradition dictates that marriage should be limited to opposite-sex couples. Attorney General Bill Lockyer also cited the state's domestic-partners law as evidence that California does not discriminate against gays.

But Kramer rejected that argument, citing *Brown v. Board of Education* — the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down segregated schools.

"The idea that marriage-like rights without marriage is adequate smacks of a concept long rejected by the courts — separate but equal," the judge wrote.

It could be months or years before the state actually sanctions same-sex marriage, if ever.

Robert Tyler, an attorney with the conservative Alliance Defense Fund, said the group would appeal. And Lockyer has said in the past that he expected the matter eventually would have to be settled by the California Supreme Court.

Last winter, nearly 4,000 gay couples got married after Newsom instructed the city to issue them licenses. The California Supreme Court later declared those marriages void, saying the mayor overstepped his authority. But the court did not address the underlying issue of whether the law against gay marriage violates the California Constitution.

Two bills now before the California Legislature would put a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage on the November ballot. If California voters approve such an amendment, as those in 13 other states did last year, that would put the issue out of the control of lawmakers and the courts.

The decision is the latest development in a national debate that has been raging since 2003, when the highest court in Massachusetts decided that denying gay couples the right to wed was unconstitutional.

In the wake of the Massachu-

setts ruling, gay rights advocates filed lawsuits seeking to strike down traditional marriage laws in several other states. Opponents responded by proposing state and federal constitutional amendments banning gay marriage.

Around the country, Kramer is the fourth trial court judge in recent months to decide that the right to marry and its benefits must be extended to same-sex couples.

Two Washington state judges, ruling last summer in separate cases, held that prohibiting same-sex marriage violates that state's constitution, and on Feb. 4, a New York City judge ruled in favor of five gay couples who had been denied marriage licenses by the city.

Just as many judges have gone the other way in recent months, however, refusing to accept the argument that keeping gays from marrying violates their civil rights.

California has the highest percentage of same-sex partners in the nation, and its Legislature has gone further than any other in providing gay couples the benefits of marriage without being forced to do so by court order.



AP file photo

RALLY Renee Mangrum, right, and Mara Williams, who wed in February, rally in support of gay marriage in San Francisco, in this Aug. 12, 2004 file photo.

GOP turning election gains into bills for Bush to sign

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At first glance, abortion and bankruptcy might not seem to have much in common. Except in Congress, where partisan divisions on one have long held up legislation affecting the other.

That's soon to end, as Republicans begin converting last fall's election gains into this year's bills for President Bush to sign.

"I came to the U.S. Senate to get things done, and so far we are delivering," said South Dakota Sen. John Thune, one of seven newly elected Republicans who give the Senate a more conservative cast. In all, the GOP gained four seats last November and now holds 55.

So far, the new Congress has sent Bush only one substantive measure, a bill designed to curtail multimillion-dollar class action lawsuits. The bankruptcy bill, eight years in the making, is expected to follow next month.

Democrats contend both bills were low-hanging fruit for Republicans, the result of partisan compromise over several years. Even so, the nation's trial lawyers, a key portion of the Democratic fund-raising base, opposed the lawsuit bill. And according to knowledgeable officials, they recently received assurances that Democrats intend to fight harder against other GOP priorities, including legislation to limit awards in medical malpractice cases.

Thune and Democrats agree that far more contentious and unpredictable battles lie just ahead, over tax cuts, judicial appointments and — especially — Social Security.

"Working for a budget that lives by America's morals instead of mocking them won't be easy. The Washington Republicans will fight us every step of the way," Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said Monday as the GOP tax and spending plan reached the Senate floor.

Still, conservative Republicans in the House no longer view the Senate as the chamber where their favorite bills go to die.

"The amount of legislation that's passing is pretty big," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., a deputy whip. In addition to the class action lawsuit bill and bankruptcy measure, he said, "I think we'll get an energy bill, a highway bill and maybe" legislation to resolve asbestos claims.

The Senate put its new conservative face on display last week on several issues.

After two years of dodging a vote on a Democratic call for a minimum wage increase, the Republicans allowed one to go ahead and prevailed.

For political purposes — some Republicans wanted an alternative to vote for — the GOP advanced its own minimum wage increase. But it was coupled with several business-backed provisions unpalatable to organized labor, and it, too, was defeated.

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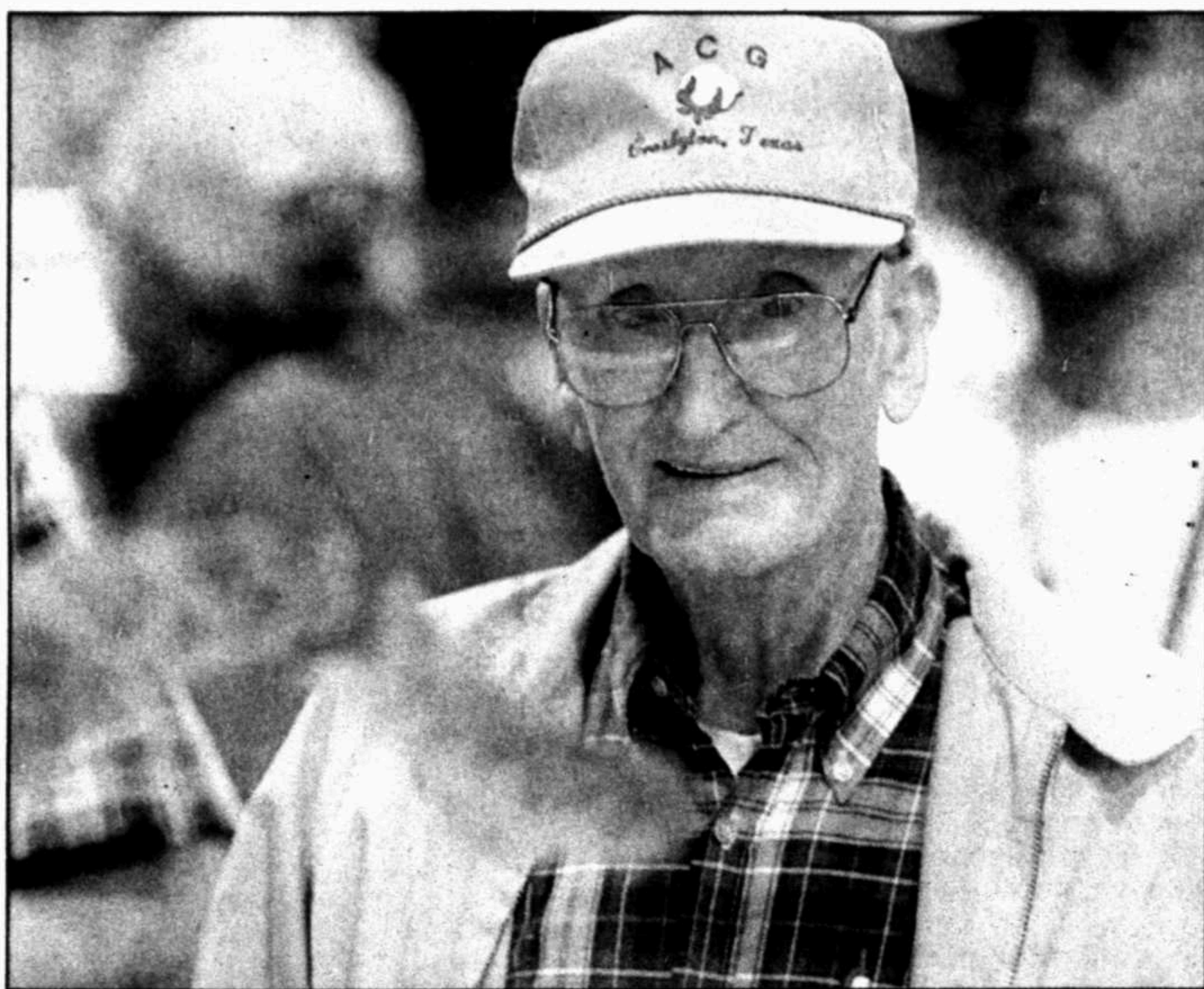
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HYPNOTIC SIGHT A spectator inside a packed Nolan County Coliseum Saturday afternoon appears hypnotized by the sight of a rattlesnake up close.

FACILITY

(From 1A)

torium and recreational facility is expected to begin within the next two weeks, he said.

This \$2.4 million portion of the encampment has two parts: a recreational facility, including basketball and sand volleyball courts, water features (such as zip lines) and an outdoor grill; and a 15,000 square foot auditorium building.

The recreational facility portion of this phase of construction is expected to be completed before the start of this year's Rock the Desert festival, Tull said.

This year's festival is scheduled for Aug. 5-6, which is shorter by a day and earlier by two weeks than last year's festival.

The earlier scheduling was designed to accommodate college students who have missed the festival in past years to check into dorms and visitors from far away who have had to rush home following the festival to go to school, Tull said.

The festival was shortened by a day to ease the strain on the 2,500 volunteers who run the event, Tull said. But events like volleyball tournaments are planned throughout the week leading up to the festival, he said.

The auditorium that will be built with the recreational facility was not part of the original encampment plan, said project architect Dan Hart of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc. Because construction is going in phases, organizers looked at what could

be built with the money already received.

"Rock the Desert surveyed the youth in the area as to what would appeal to them and how the ministry could serve them continually," Hart said, which inspired the idea to build the auditorium.

The auditorium will seat 600-800 people, he said, and will be available for concerts and lectures.

A go-cart track was added to the recreational facility in response to the survey. The recreational facility will be available for retreats and birthday parties, Tull said.

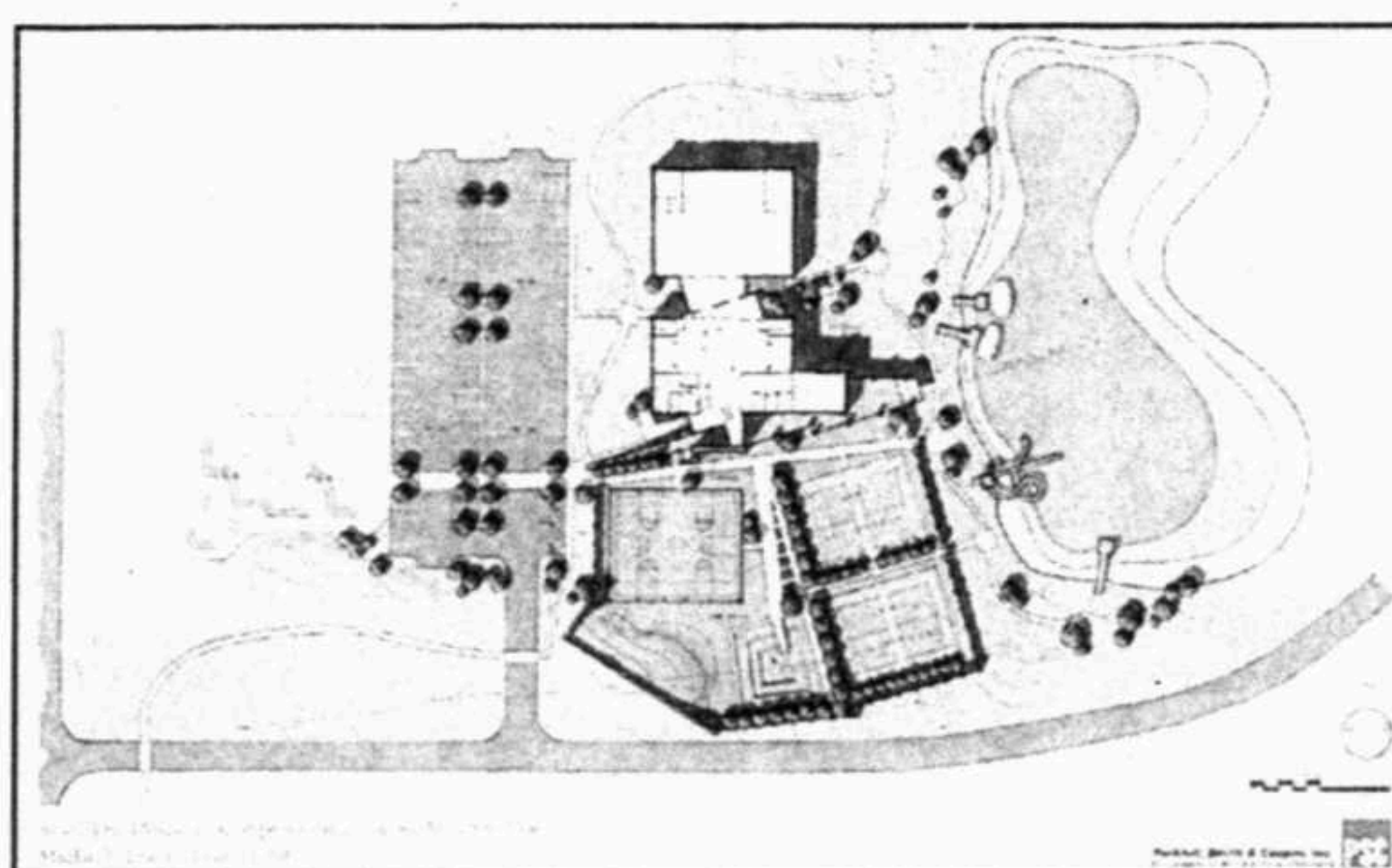
Fund-raising efforts will begin for future construction probably next week, Tull said.

"How much money we end up raising, only the Lord knows," Tull said. "We've had an unbelievable amount of involvement from the community as far as people wanting to be involved with this project."

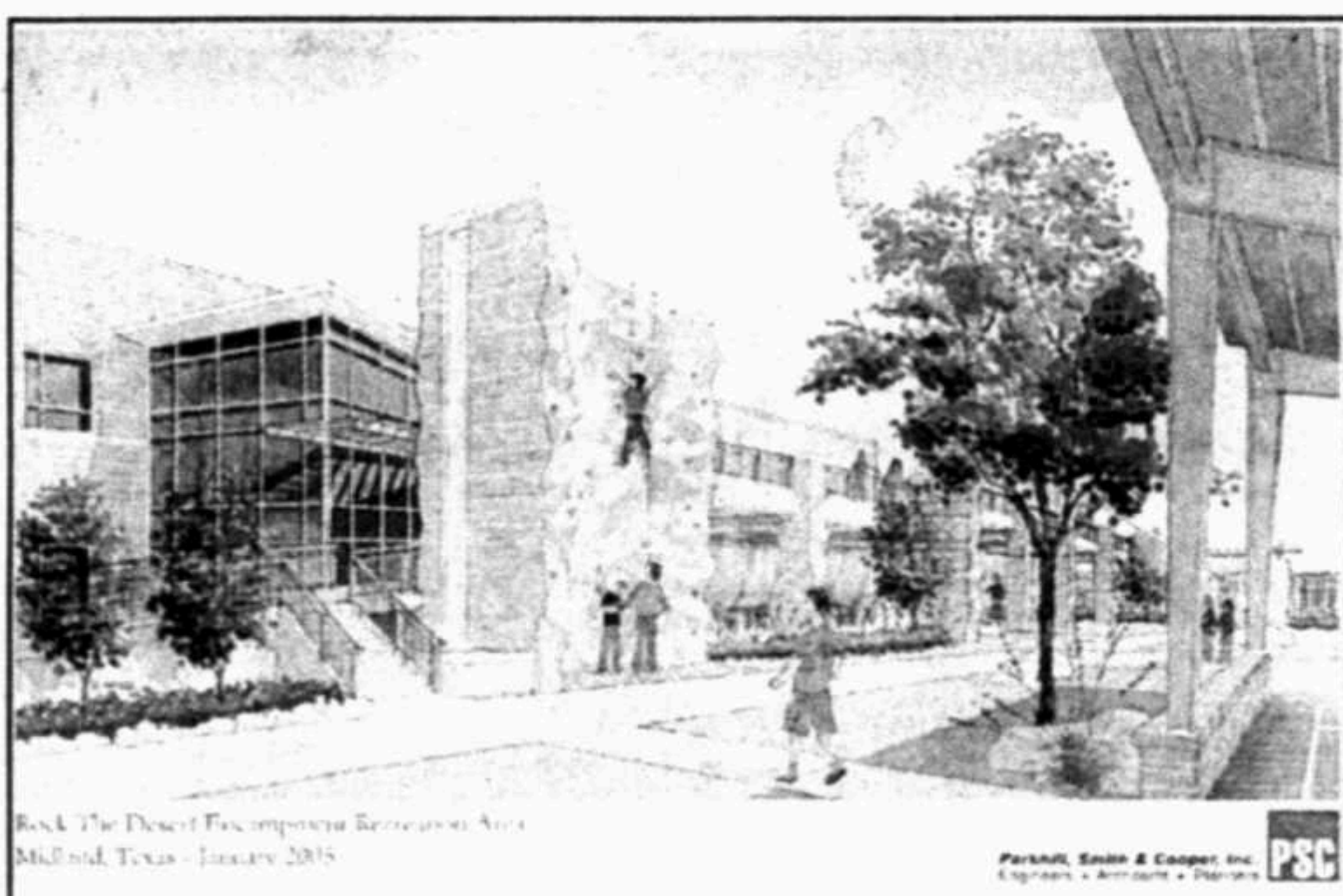
If enough money to pay the entire construction bill had been raised already, Hart expects construction on the entire encampment would take about two years to complete.

"Of course, (money) is not going to all come in at once, so we'll be building in smaller bites as we go," Hart said.

A schedule of performers for this year's festival is available at www.rockthedesert.com. Tickets for the festival will be for sale on the Web site within a few weeks, Tull said. Tickets will cost \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. One ticket is good for both days.



WHEN IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE Sketches from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc. show what Rock the Desert's 248 acre, \$15 million encampment will look like when it's completed. Construction is moving bit by bit as funds for the project trickle in. Project architect Dan Hart expects the encampment to be completed in two years, a far cry from the previously expected end of this year. The recreational facility, however, is expected to be completed before this year's Rock the Desert.



About 25,000 tickets were sold last year, Tull said. Previous estimates indicated 100,000 visitors to the annual festival. Each individual ticket was good for all three days last year.

Jackson's accuser says he told school official nothing happened

By Linda Deutsch

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Under aggressive cross-examination, the teenage boy who says Michael Jackson molested him acknowledged Monday the singer "was like a father to me," and that he told a middle school administrator the pop star "didn't do anything to me."

Striking at the heart of the prosecution's allegations of child molestation and conspiracy, defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. confronted the now-15-year-old boy with a video tribute by the boy and his family in which they credited Jackson with changing their lives and helping to cure the boy of cancer.

The video had already been shown in the trial twice. This time, Mesereau stopped it repeatedly to ask if the boy and his family were lying. In most instances, the boy said they were speaking the truth.

"Michael was nice to me," he testified. "I felt like he was a father to me."

Prosecutors allege Jackson's associates had the boy's family make the video after the broadcast of an infamous documentary in which Jackson said he allowed boys to sleep in his bed. The prosecution claims the rebuttal video was staged and scripted.

Mesereau asked if the family turned on



Carlo Allegri/AP

ARRIVING WITH FAMILY Pop star Michael Jackson arrives with his father Joe Jackson, mother Katherine Jackson and brother Jermaine, right, at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in Santa Maria, Calif., Monday for his child molestation trial.

Jackson and invented the molestation story because they were being evicted from his Neverland ranch.

"We realized he wasn't as nice a guy as we thought he was," the boy said.

Earlier, the teenager was asked about conversations he had with Jeffrey Alpert, the dean at John Burroughs Middle School in Los Angeles, where the boy had a history of act-

ing up in class.

"I told Dean Alpert he didn't do anything to me," the boy said. "I told him twice." Prosecutors allege Jackson, 46, plied the boy with alcohol and molested him at his Neverland Ranch in 2003.

The pop star, who was threatened with arrest when he failed to show up in court on time Thursday, arrived on schedule Monday. Unlike last time, when a disheveled Jackson finally arrived in a coat, T-shirt and pajama bottoms, he wore a smart red jacket with a black armband and black slacks. His parents escorted him inside.

Mesereau, during his cross-examination, quoted Alpert as telling the youngster: "Look at me, look at me. ... I can't help you unless you tell me the truth — did any of this happen?"

When asked when the conversation occurred, the boy said: "I believe it was after I came back from Neverland."

It was not clear in court why the dean asked the boy about Jackson. However, when the television documentary aired in 2003, the boy was shown in it.

Also during cross-examination, the boy denied instances of being caught drinking wine at Neverland, reading "girlie magazines" and masturbating in a guest house while Jackson wasn't around.

TAKS

(From 1A)

be notified shortly of students' scores.

This year's reading scores cannot be compared to last year's results because the Texas Education Agency increased passing standards, state leaders and school officials have cautioned. Also, last year's scores included the second administration of the test while results released Monday only include the first test.

This year marks the last in which the state will increase the difficulty of TAKS grading standards.

About 95 percent of MISD third-grade students and 79 percent of fifth-graders passed the reading TAKS test last year,

Wentworth said.

"Obviously, we anticipated that scores would be lower this year because of the increased difficulty of the test and the grading criteria that were applied to this year's TAKS test," said MISD Superintendent Robert Nicks. "In general, I am pleased to see that we are above the state average."

Tests in math, writing, science and social studies will be administered in April, officials said. Fifth-grade students must pass the reading and math portions of the test to advance to sixth grade, and high school students must pass all subjects of the exit level TAKS test — administered in 11th grade — to graduate.

Worker finds body of teenager in border city

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A construction worker found the battered, strangled body of a young woman on Monday in an empty lot in Ciudad Juarez, a city plagued by a decade-long string of similar killings.

The woman's slender body showed signs of heavy bruising in several places, and her pants had been pulled down, said Claudia Banuelos, a representative for the Chihuahua state attorney general's office.

The body found in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, had not yet been identi-

fied, but appeared to be about 17 years old, she said.

The construction worker discovered the corpse on an empty parcel on the outskirts of Juarez and reported its location to police.

The circumstances of the death bear some resemblance to about 100 killings in the area that follow an eerily similar pattern in which young women were sexually assaulted, strangled and dumped in the desert.

Federal investigators say nearly 350 women have been killed in Ciudad Juarez since 1993.

TEEN

(From 1A)

"We consider this a very serious case, and it's going to be handled that way," Schorke said.

Ledford's father told the Reporter-Telegram the family has no comment on Longbotham's arrest.

Longbotham was released from jail on a \$50,550 bond awaiting a grand jury decision and is represented by defense attorney Ray Fivecoat, Midland County records show.

Fivecoat did not return a call from the Reporter-Telegram Monday.

A second-degree felony conviction can carry a punishment range of two to 20 years in state prison.

LEWIS

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punishable by two to 20 years, and criminally negligent homicide is a state-jail felony, which may be punished by six months to two years imprisonment.

Lewis' attorney, David Zavoda, said late Monday he expects the case to go to trial sometime this summer. Neither Zavoda nor Lewis, who has been free on \$200,000 bond since Nov. 24, attended the grand jury session.

"My experience has been that the courts in Midland move their cases right along, so I think summer would be fair," said the lawyer, a former district attorney from Monahan who said he has been hired to defend Lewis.

"I have no comment on the merits of the case at this time," said Zavoda. "I have had no discovery of evidence from the state of Texas, but I've been promised I would after the indictment was returned. We will have plenty to say later."

When asked how Lewis is dealing with the accusations, Zavoda said, "He's fine." He declined to say if his client is working.

Lewis is a former Midland Lee High School student who was working at Schlumberger Oilfield Services when arrested. Hyde ordered him when he was released on bond to wear an electronic ankle monitor and stay confined to his home unless working or attending to other necessary activities.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Terry Cowin, the lead investigator in the case, has reported Lewis did not have a felony criminal record prior to his arrest.

Belazi has declined comment recently, saying she doesn't want to "try the case in the newspaper." But the seasoned prosecutor promised a vigorous prosecution in a Dec. 7 interview, saying, "It's a very horrible case, so sad."

"These are the most important cases as far as I'm concerned because the victims are so helpless."

Inmate hostage-taker, acting as lawyer, begins questioning jurors

By Michelle Roberts

Associated Press

PHOENIX — An inmate defending himself against charges he raped a guard and held her captive in a prison watchtower for 15 days politely questioned prospective jurors Monday about whether they had seen the hostage crisis on television.

At least five sheriff's deputies provided security as jury selection got under way with Ricky Wassenaar acting as his own attorney. Under a previous ruling, Wassenaar was ordered to wear a stun belt under his shirt.

Wassenaar, 41, who is serving time for armed robbery and assault, is charged with sexual assault, kidnapping, assault and attempted murder.

Most jurors said they had seen media accounts of last year's hostage situation, which drew national attention. Some were allowed to remain after they said they could disregard the coverage they had seen or read.

Of 25 prospective jurors called Monday, 13 were left and more were to be called Tuesday. Opening arguments could begin as early as Thursday afternoon.

Wassenaar has a court-appointed attorney to assist

'She is going to be in shreds by the time I'm done with her. Of course, I'm going to stay respectful, detached and professional.'

Ricky Wassenaar

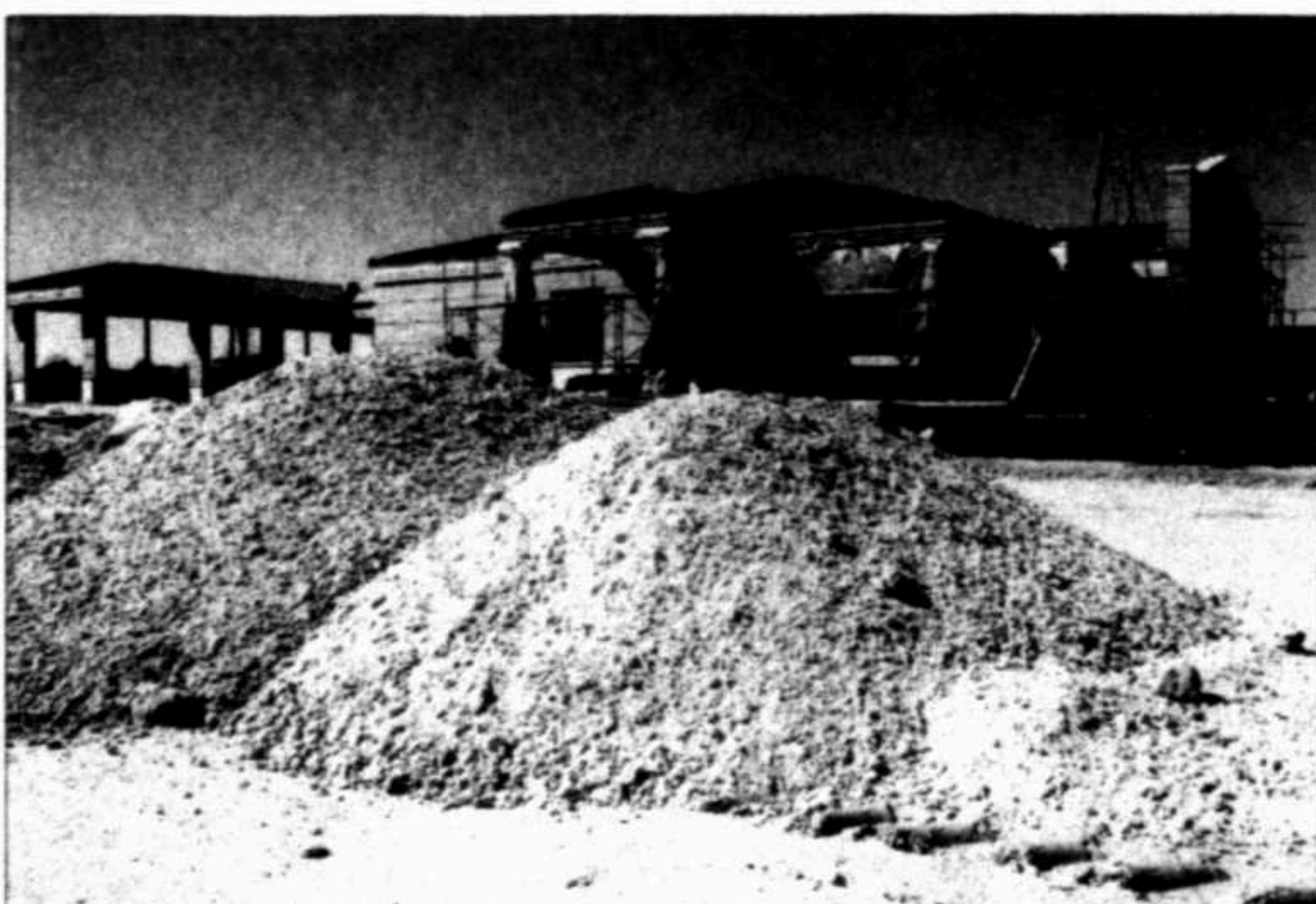
him but will be allowed to directly question the woman he allegedly took hostage and raped.

"She is going to be in shreds by the time I'm done with her," he told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "Of course, I'm going to stay respectful, detached and professional."

Wassenaar and another inmate, Steven Coy, were accused of taking two guards hostage at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in Buckeye in January 2004. They released the male guard after a week but held the female guard until surrendering 15 days later.

Coy, who was already serving a life sentence for aggravated assault, armed robbery and rape, pleaded guilty to charges in the hostage-taking, including kidnapping and sexual assault.

Wassenaar has said the charges against him are "fictitious."



Correction

In Sunday's front page a construction project in a photograph was misidentified in the caption. The bank along Midland Drive is First American Bank. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Kurds push ahead with Shiites on deal to form coalition government

By Todd Pitman

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Kurdish and Shiite leaders agreed Monday to convene Iraq's new parliament this week even if they fail to iron out some wrinkles in their deal to form a coalition government.

Shiite officials said they also agreed to reach out to the country's Sunni Arab community to name the parliament speaker for the 275-member National Assembly that convenes Wednesday.

The Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance and a Kurdish coalition, which won the two biggest blocks of seats in Jan. 30 elections, agreed last week to form a coalition government with Islamic Dawa party leader Ibrahim

al-Jaafari as prime minister. In return, Jalal Talabani will become Iraq's first Kurdish president.

"We discussed the blueprint of the agreement reached Thursday. Some issues were revised and those revisions are still being discussed," alliance member Ali al-Dabagh told The Associated Press.

Al-Dabagh expressed optimism a final deal would be reached soon, but added that even without an agreement "the first session of the National Assembly will be held on Wednesday anyway."

Barham Saleh, a Kurd, indicated the two groups want to reach out to other factions to fill some Cabinet posts.

He said Shiite and Kurd negotiators planned to meet Tuesday with representatives from interim

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's Iraqi List, which placed third in the parliamentary elections.

The interim government, meanwhile, announced Iraqi security forces had captured two of Saddam's relatives in his hometown of Tikrit and alleged they helped launch terrorist attacks in Iraq.

Its statement said one-time Saddam bodyguard Marwan Taher Abdul Rashid and Abdullah Maher Abdul Rashid were arrested last Tuesday. State-run Iraqiya television said the two men were cousins and Abdullah was a brother-in-law of Saddam's slain son Qusai.

Abdullah was strongly believed to have "used big amounts of money that he received from Qusai ... to finance terrorism in Iraq," and Marwan "has been involved in

number of attacks against the security forces," the government statement said, giving no other details.

Sunni Arabs are thought to make up the core of the insurgency, and having them in a future government or in the political process is seen as a way to isolate the militants.

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By Daniel Yee
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A 51-year-old woman was simply no more inmate she was escorted to a 6-foot former college lineal for rape.

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Atlanta courthouse rampage came after series of security breakdowns

By Daniel Yee
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The deputy, a 51-year-old woman just 5 feet tall, was simply no match for the inmate she was escorting to the courtroom, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound former college linebacker on trial for rape.

Authorities say Brian Nichols overpowered deputy Cynthia Hall, took her gun and easily gained access to the courtroom, where he went on to kill the judge and a court reporter. Security cameras captured images of him overpowering the deputy, but no one, it turned out, was watching the screens.

There were more security gaffes. Earlier in the week, Nichols was found to have had two homemade knives in his shoes while in court. And the vehicle reported to be his getaway car was found more than 13 hours after the shootings — in the same parking garage where it was allegedly carjacked.

Authorities are investigating how the security breakdowns happened on that bloody Friday morning, and they are vowing changes will be made. The issue is getting national attention as well, with Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, saying he would hold congressional hearings on improving security at courthouses and for judges.

Among the issues being looked at in Georgia are better training, increasing deputy staffing, requiring inmates to be handcuffed in the courtroom and a security standard that would apply to every courthouse in the state.

"You go to courthouses across Georgia, you would find everything from high security to no security," said state Sen. Joseph Carter, a lawyer. "I've been to courthouses where they see you in a suit and they say, 'Are you an attorney?' Come on in. You appreciate the courtesy, but that always gives you a little pause."

The heightened security is the result of what happened when Nichols, 33, allegedly went on a rampage as he was being taken to the courtroom for his rape trial. In addition to the judge and court reporter, he is accused of killing a deputy outside the courthouse and a federal agent while he was on the run. Nichols surrendered Saturday after a woman he had taken hostage apparently



MEMORIAL SERVICE Cousins Christine Scholte and Rocio Brandau, right, console each other at the Fulton County Justice Center in Atlanta Monday during a memorial service for Scholte's mother, court reporter Julie Ann Brandau, deputy Sgt. Hoyt Teasley and Judge Rowland Barnes who were killed Friday. Judge Doris Downs, seated left, and an unidentified deputy look on.

coaxed him into it.

Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Clarence Huber declined to elaborate on what security changes were made at the Fulton County Courthouse when it reopened Monday. But longer lines at a checkpoint near the entrance indicated more thorough searches.

Huber said the courthouse had a good track record before the rampage, but added, "We're going to be much more vigilant and much more cautious in doing our jobs."

Prosecutors actually had asked for increased security surrounding Nichols last week after he was found with the homemade knives — one crafted by a door hinge, another from piece of metal "the size of a TV remote," said Barry Hazen, the suspect's attorney in his rape trial.

Hazen said security at the

courthouse has long been a concern. He said he has met with inmates in rooms without the pro-

tection of a deputy outside. Microphone wire guides made of metal or plastic sit on courtroom tables, potential weapons within easy reach of an inmate, Hazen said.

"There were times when I felt very uncomfortable," he said. "I don't think they have enough deputies."

Huber said the number of deputies at the courthouse is sufficient, but acknowledged that inmates outnumber the staff. "It's not uncommon to be moving four inmates at one time — with only one deputy with them," Huber said.

Authorities have said Nichols was not in handcuffs or shackles as he was being moved to the courtroom because they did not want to taint the jury by showing him in restraints.

The U.S. Supreme Court has held that people on trial can be shackled in front of the jury, but only if prosecutors have a strong argument for it. Prosecutors could very well have won that argument in Nichols' case because of the knives.

Nichols apparently took Hall's gun from a lockbox, using her keys. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Monday. Officers normally remove their guns

when transporting inmates because of the possibility that the prisoner will grab the weapon from the holster.

The newspaper also reported that a courthouse surveillance camera recorded the attack on Hall, but no one in the control center noticed.

The episode points to the need for a national courthouse security standard similar to what keeps federal courthouses secure, said Howard Safir, a former operations chief for the U.S. Marshals Service and chairman of SafirRosetti

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Safir said that in federal courthouses, "you're not going to put a large prisoner with a violent history and with a history of having been found with weapons alone with someone virtually half his size."

Federal security agents analyze an inmate's threat potential and take appropriate security measures. A series of locks and other safeguards prevent unauthorized people from getting into a judge's chambers and then into the courtroom, Safir said.

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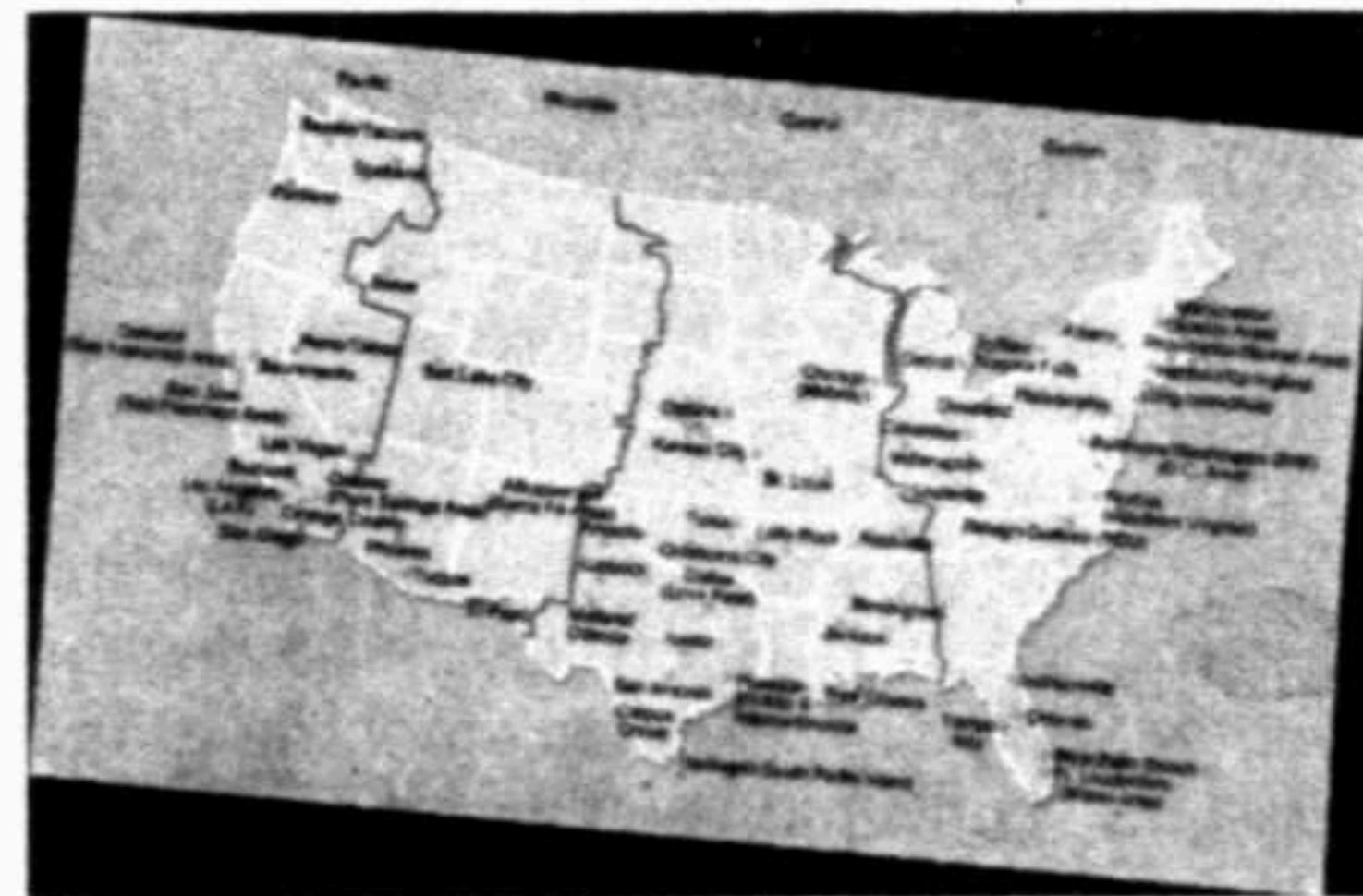
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States join battle for smoking ban

A lot of eyes are on Rhode Island now since the state became smoke-free last week.

Bars, restaurants and businesses became smoke-free, making Rhode Island the seventh state in the nation to ban puffing in virtually all indoor public places. The smoking ban went into effect at midnight March 1, even as some lawmakers and bar owners were mobilizing to revise it or challenge it in the courts. Rhode Island joins California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts and New York as smoke free states.

The law covers thousands of bars and restaurants and all indoor workplaces. But it extends the deadline to Oct. 1, 2006, for bars with liquor licenses that don't serve food and groups formed as private social organizations, such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars or Knights of Columbus.

Midland also is looking at a smoke-free policy and could adopt one very similar to the Rhode Island ban. Of course, the big difference is the ban in Rhode Island is a statewide commitment.

In Rhode Island, gambling centers Lincoln Park and Newport Grand, which are major state-revenue makers, are exempt from the ban. Those facilities already have some smoke-free areas.

Despite the exemptions, no-smoking advocates said society's attitudes have shifted in favor of outlawing smoking in indoor spaces, as people have learned about the health dangers of tobacco and second-hand smoke.

The Rhode Island Hospitality & Tourism Association has polled its membership about a smoking ban for the past 17 years. Most of its more than 500 members had opposed the law — until last year.

Lisa Doucet, the association's spokeswoman, said she believes hotel, bar and restaurant owners changed their opinion because consumers changed theirs. "We believe a smoke-free environment is what the marketplace is asking for," she said.

Some disagree that residents want the law. Rep. Joseph Faria, chairman of the House Labor Committee, has introduced a bill that would exempt neighborhood bars from the law. Faria said tavern owners have told him they stand to lose up to 30 percent of their business.

This is not just a local issue. It's clear this battle is being pitched across the United States. It seems more and more people are fighting for clean air in the workplace, restaurants and public buildings.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 15, the 74th day of 2005. There are 291 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 15, 1919, the American Legion was founded, in Paris.

On this date:

In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.

Ten years ago: President Clinton issued an executive order formally blocking a \$1 billion contract between Conoco and Iran to develop a huge offshore oil tract in the Persian Gulf.

Five years ago: Their presidential nominations secured, Al Gore and George W. Bush dug in for the eight-month battle to Election Day, with Bush saying he was braced for Gore's "politics of personal destruction and distortions," and Gore arguing that Bush's "risky tax scheme" would hurt the economy. TV funnyman Durward Kirby died in Fort Myers, Fla., at age 88.

One year ago: Ten days after being convicted in a stock scandal, Martha Stewart resigned from the board of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. Former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned to the Caribbean from African exile after winning temporary asylum in Jamaica. A drive-by shooting in Mosul, Iraq, killed four American missionaries.

Thought for Today: "We're all in this together — by ourselves." — Lily Tomlin, American comedian.

OPINION

GEORGE WILL

Congress should stay out of steroid controversy

WASHINGTON — America's ambitious educators — the likes of Princeton's Rev. John Witherspoon (1723-1794) and Harvard's Charles William Eliot (1834-1926) — now include Reps. Tom Davis and Henry Waxman, chairman and ranking member respectively of the House Government Reform Committee, which, come Thursday morning, wants to instruct the nation, and especially all the little boys and girls watching C-SPAN. The committee's topic will be steroids in baseball, the committee having decided there has been a serious insufficiency of talk about that subject since its much-talked-about appearance in the president's State of the Union address 14 months ago.

The committee has discovered its duties include informing all Americans, and especially children, that dangerous and illegal behavior is dangerous and illegal. So the committee has subpoenaed some baseball and players association officials and some current and retired players, including Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. Committee staffers say it has not subpoenaed Barry Bonds because his presence might make the hearing a media circus. Heaven forbid.

Cynics will say that, absent television, congressional behavior would be different. But to be fair to Waxman, he is a liberal representing Beverly Hills and Hollywood, so he is not expected to have a lick of sense regarding the limits of government, and he rarely sees a human activity that he does not think merits increased federal supervision. Davis, however, is a Republican whose Northern Virginia district is just up the road from Montpelier, home of James Madison, from whose writings Davis seems to have learned nothing about a government — or a committee — of enumerated powers.

George Will's column is distributed by the Washington Post Writers Group.



The Government Reform Committee, formerly Government Operations Committee, took today's name in 1995, during the "Republican revolution" to restore limited, modest government. The committee claims "broad jurisdiction," meaning a license to rove whither it will in the name of "oversight."

Fine. It can grandstand to its heart's content in the name of informing itself about government operations. But not to inform the rest of us about whatever the committee thinks we ought to be told. Philip Schiliro, chief of staff for the committee's Democrats, says: "If Sammy Sosa hit 60 home runs three times without being on steroids, kids should know that. That's a great message for kids." Sentimentality trumps legality, and doing this or that for "kids" is the first and usually the final rhetorical refuge when government wants to wander where neither the Constitution nor common sense says it should.

But Davis' Committee for the Dissemination of Great Messages to Kids is shoving its oar into the steroids controversy tardily. Waxman says the committee must investigate because baseball's leaders will not "do an investigation." But baseball, having been prodded by the president and the National Scold (John McCain), investigated the problem and then reopened and revised its collective bargaining agreement to institute more rigorous testing and more severe penalties that have substantially reduced the incidence of steroid use. Stanley Brand, attorney for those the committee has subpoenaed, says the House rule granting the committee's jurisdiction "provides no indication" that the committee is empowered "to review a collective bargaining agreement between private parties." Not even the National Labor Relations Board, he says, evaluates "the substantive merit of collective bargaining agreements." But imitation is the sincerest form of congressional behavior, so now Rep. Joe Barton, the Texas Republican who chairs the Energy and Commerce Committee, warns all sports everywhere, "If you don't clean it up, we're going to clean it up for you." That is the voice of another conservative who has gone native in Washington.

The one witness eager to testify is Canseco, who is flogging a book in which he accuses many players of using steroids. Jeff Mermon of ESPN.com read the book — has Canseco done that? — and found:

Canseco says during spring training 2001, when playing for the Angels against the Mariners and their second baseman Bret Boone, "I hit a double, and when I got out there to second base I got a good look at Boone. I couldn't believe my eyes. He was enormous. 'Oh my God,' I said to him. 'What have you been doing?' 'Shhh,' he said. 'Don't tell anybody.'" But in five Angels-Mariners games that spring, Canseco never reached second base.

ART BUCHWALD

Stonewalling: Effective way to work media

You see it in the newspapers every day: "Mr. Blank did not return this reporter's calls when contacted for this story."

"No one in the company could be reached." "Attempts to contact officials before we went to press were unsuccessful."

I didn't realize how important these unanswered calls could be until I found out every public relations firm now has a department devoted to not answering a reporter's calls. When I telephoned Ben Mum at the public relations company of Mum, Darkness & Light, he wouldn't answer my calls. Every time I called he was either "with a client," "in a meeting," "out of town" or "in the men's room." His answering machine left no clues.

It got so bad I went over to see him. He had a large office, which justified his high fees. On his desk were seven telephones, each a different color. I was angry. "Why haven't you returned my calls?"

He said, looking up from his crossword puzzle, "I don't answer anyone's calls anymore."

"Why not?" "Because I was hired not to. In the past, press agents were paid to respond to questions about their clients and put spin on it. Then the firm of Run Silent, Run Deep found it was better for a client not to return the calls. All the PR firms adopted the strategy, and it's paid off. We receive \$200,000 if he prefers to remain silent. More and more companies will pay exorbitant fees to keep their names out of the newspapers."

I asked, "Why do they need a PR person if you're going to remain silent?" "Most clients don't know when to shut up. They are angry and distraught. That's why they hire us. We counsel them how to stay out of print so they won't add gasoline to the fire."

"Give me an example," I said.

"Take Garden of Heavenly Homes, one of our top clients. The TV show '60 Minutes' revealed that their entire development was built over a nuclear waste site in Arizona. A spokesman for Heavenly Homes was invited to go on the show and give their side of the story. We strongly advised them not to."

"Why?"

"It would hurt the sales of Heavenly Homes."

I said, "I can understand why. If someone spoke for the company, it would just bring more attention to the nuclear waste problem."

Mum then told me, "We have another client who's being charged with criminal fraud for lying under oath, insider trading, money laundering, bribing government witnesses and contempt of court. He was afraid this would hurt his reputation in the financial community. His first instinct was tell the Wall Street Journal reporter that the charges were political and there was no basis to any of them."

Mum continued, "At that moment we were called in. We persuaded the client to refuse to talk to the press and ignore any e-mails. This was a perfect example of stonewalling — something we do best."

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RICHARD BENEDETTO

Bush moves forward on many fronts

WASHINGTON — Social Security surely tops President Bush's second-term agenda. It also gets the most media attention.

But the president is pushing far more than an overhaul of the 70-year-old federal retirement plan as he goes around making speeches.

While he was in four states — Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana — Thursday and Friday pressing the urgency of fixing Social Security, he hit two other states earlier in the week where he discussed other issues.

Monday, Bush was in Pittsburgh with his wife, Laura, lending his support for troubled-youth programs, which she has taken on as a project in the second term. After the president spoke at the Community College of Allegheny County, he turned the podium over to his wife, who called it a role reversal.

"I've listened to a million of his speeches. Now he's going to listen to one of mine," she quipped. Laura Bush continued her troubled-youth tour, without her husband, Tuesday in Milwaukee and Wednesday in Atlanta.

Also on Monday, before flying to Pittsburgh, the Bushes lunched at the White House with King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway. Norway opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, but has since sent humanitarian troops there to aid the relief effort.

Wednesday, the president traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to stress the urgency of passing an energy bill, which he says will put the United States on the path to reducing its dependence on foreign energy sources. The bill has been languishing in Congress since 2001.

"Four years of debate about an energy bill is enough. Now is the time to get the job done," Bush said in his Ohio speech.

Before he flew off to Columbus, Bush met in the White House with Romanian President Traian Basescu, an ally in the war on terrorism.

Tuesday, the one day Bush did not leave town this past week, he jumped in his bulletproof limousine and motorcaded seven minutes to Fort McNair, in Washington. There he delivered a progress report on the advance of democracy in the Middle East and the global war on terrorism.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Civil rights group announces Senate

By Gretchen Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Mfume, a former congressman who resigned as president of the NAACP, announced he will run for the next year in Maryland.

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Civil rights ringleader announces Senate bid

By Gretchen Parker
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Kweisi Mfume, a former five-term congressman who recently stepped down as president of the NAACP, announced Monday he will run for the U.S. Senate next year in Maryland.

In announcing his candidacy, the Baltimore native and former radio talk show host declared in a booming voice: "I can't be bought. I won't be intimidated and I don't know how to quit."

Mfume, 56, had made no secret his sights were set on a Senate seat, but he did not formally announce his candidacy until retiring five-term Sen. Paul Sarbanes disclosed last week he would not seek re-election.

If elected, Mfume would become the first black U.S. senator in Maryland history and only the sixth in U.S. history.

Derek Walker, spokesman for the Maryland Democratic Party, described Mfume's announcement as "step one in what will be an embarrassment of wealth for the Democratic Party in 2006."

"Most states have the problem of 'Let's beg someone to get in the race, let's dangle some carrot out there.' In Maryland, we don't need to beg anyone."

Mfume already has a strong base with black voters, who generally make up at least 30 percent of the electorate in Maryland's Democratic primaries, said Annapolis-based pollster Patrick Gonzales.

Mfume, 56, left Congress in 1996 to take the helm of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

At the time, the Baltimore-based civil rights group was in turmoil — rocked by an embarrassing sex scandal involving its previous leaders, along with bitter internal strife and a crippling \$3.2 million deficit.

Many observers say Mfume brought credibility and stability, working to institute corporate style-management practices. When he stepped down in November, the organization had enjoyed a budget surplus for eight consecutive years and an increasing endowment fund.

TV - TONIGHT

TUESDAY EVENING

MARCH 15, 2005

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Clinton leaves hospital, says he's 'glad to be home'

By Dino Hazell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former President Clinton left the hospital Monday, four days after undergoing surgery to remove scar tissue and fluid around his left lung. "I'm glad to be home and look forward to getting back to work within the next month or so," Clinton said in a statement issued by his spokesman, Jim Kennedy.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton accompanied her husband from the hospital to their home, where the 42nd president was to continue his recovery. A motorcade of five or six SUVs was seen leaving New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center shortly after 5 p.m.

Clinton's recovery was proceeding normally, and he has begun walking each day.

Kennedy said. He is expected to remain at home for the next four to six weeks.

The former president said he and his wife were "very grateful to the medical team that cared for me at the hospital, and we deeply appreciate all the prayers and good wishes we've received in recent days."

Nearly 10,000 people have sent get-well messages to Clinton through his foundation's Web site.

Clinton's problem developed after his heart bypass surgery six months ago.

Doctors described last week's operation as a low-risk procedure.

to relieve a problem that crops up in only a fraction of 1 percent of bypass cases. They said the combination of fluid and scar tissue had reduced Clinton's left lung capacity by 25 percent.

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Momentum swings toward opposition in Lebanon with country's biggest rally ever

By Zeina Karam
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hundreds of thousands of anti-Syrian demonstrators flooded the capital Monday in the biggest protest ever in Lebanon, surpassing the turnout for an earlier pro-Damascus rally organized by the Islamic militant Hezbollah. In a show of national unity, Sunnis, Druse and Christians packed Martyrs' Square as brass bands played and balloons soared skyward.

The rally, perhaps the biggest anti-government demonstration ever staged in the Arab world, was the opposition's bid to regain momentum after two serious blows: the reinstatement of the pro-Syrian prime minister and a huge rally last week by the Shiite group Hezbollah.

Protesters — some bused in from across Lebanon — jammed Martyrs' Square and spilled into nearby streets. They chanted, sang and shouted in a mix of the Arabic accents of the country's regions, demanding Syrian troops depart and their government be purged of Damascus' influence.

The turnout was broader than earlier opposition protests, with more Sunni Muslims in particular joining the Christians and

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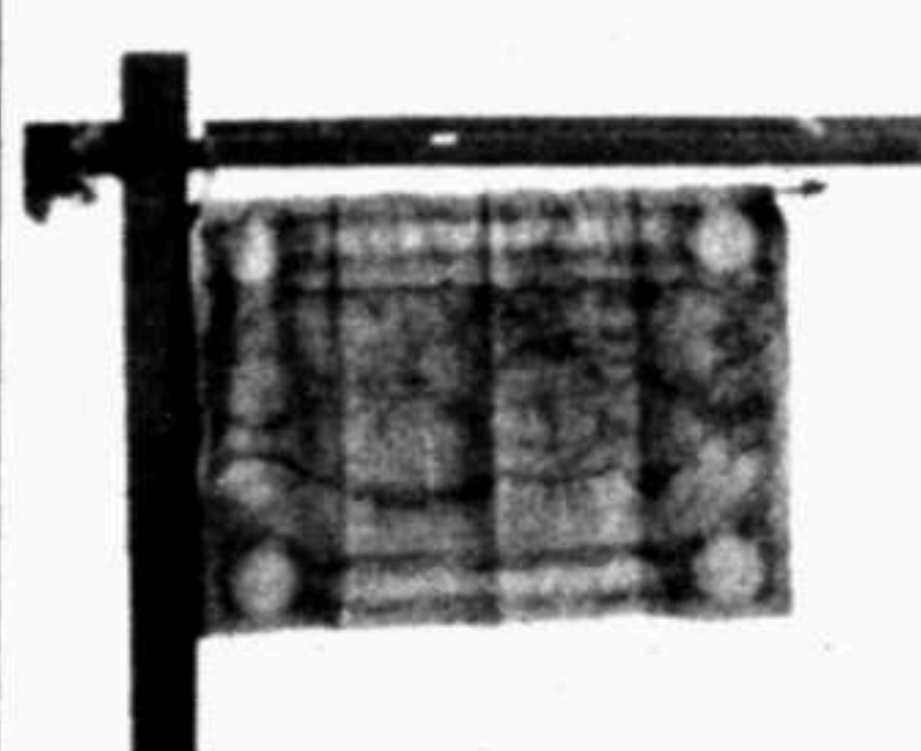
Druse who have formed the bulk of past anti-Syrian rallies. Even some Shiites joined in. "We came to liberate our country. We are coming to demand the truth," said Fatma Trad, 40, a Sunni woman wearing a headscarf. "I've been watching it all on television for the past month. Today, I wanted to be a part of it."

There was a party atmosphere on the Mediterranean seaside square, where many young faces were painted with the red and white colors and green cedar tree symbol of the Lebanese flag. And there were signs poking fun at Syria.

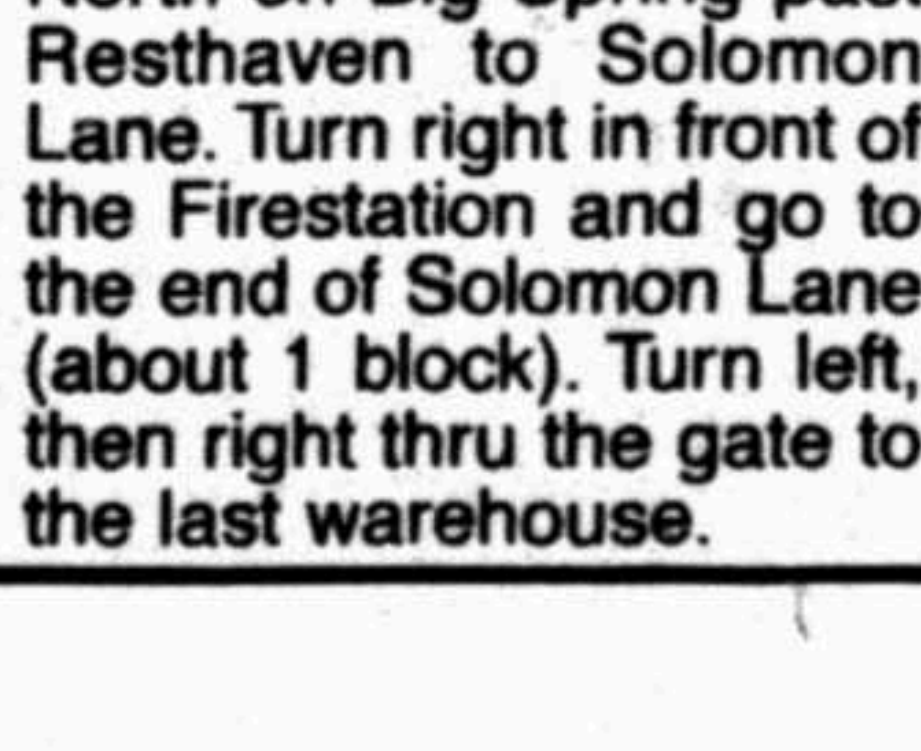
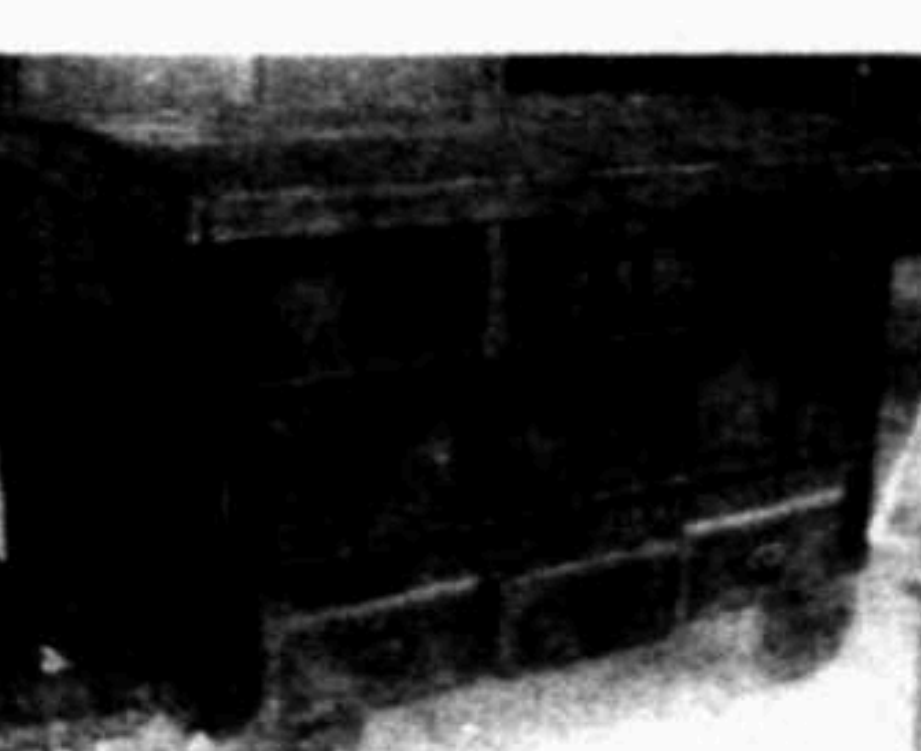
"Papa don't preach, I'm in trouble deep," read one, with a picture of Syrian President Bashar Assad apparently looking shamefaced at his late father, Hafez Assad.

As Syria pulls its troops toward the border for an eventual withdrawal from the country it has controlled for decades, both the pro-Syrian government and the opposition have been whipping up crowds in a duel of people-power one-upmanship. Each side seeks to show it has the louder voice of the people behind it.

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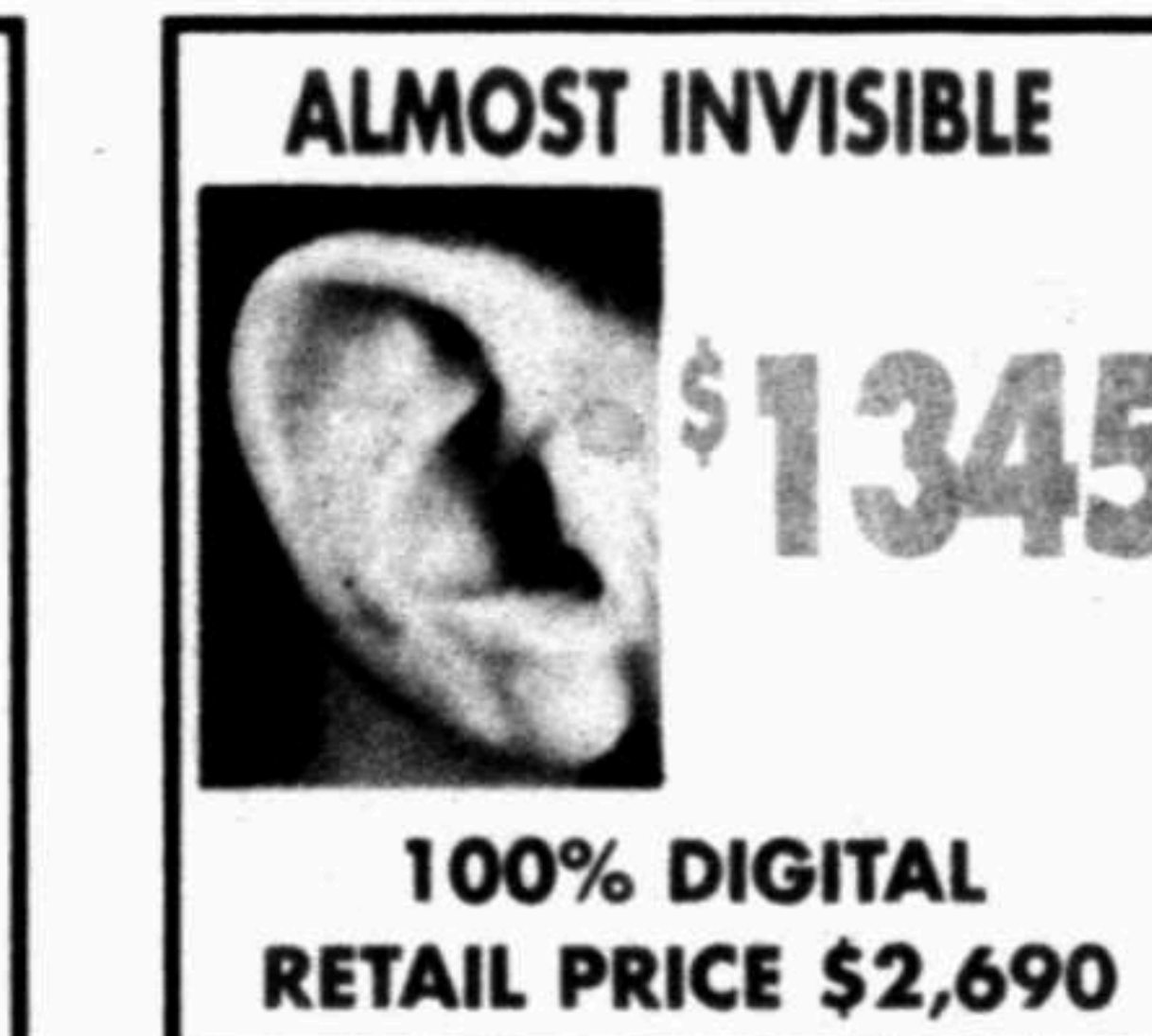
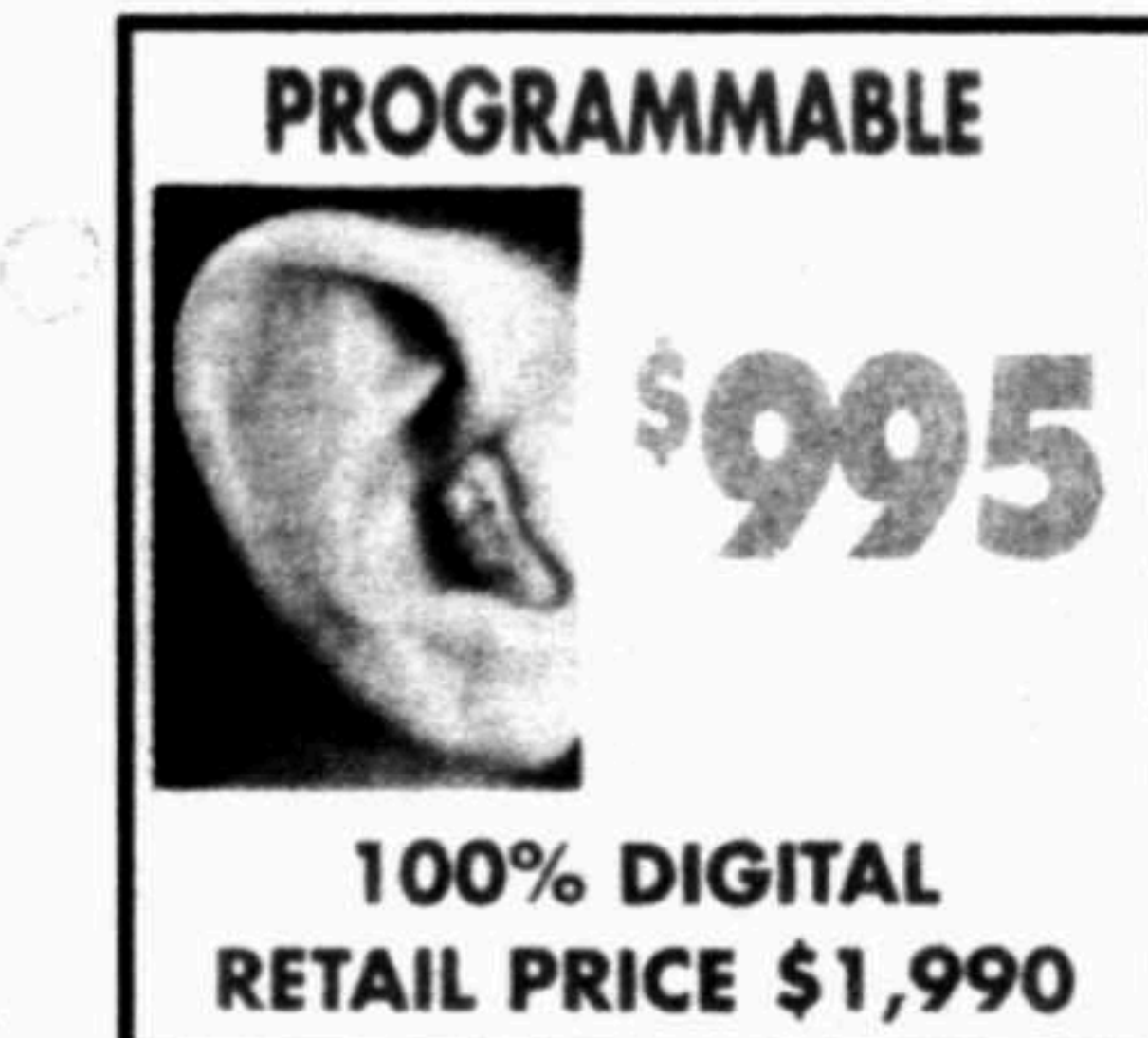
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Judge 'disappointed' with city for tax delay

■ Proposal could be reviewed later, state officials say.
By Stephanie A. Miller
Staff Writer

Midland County Judge Bill Morrow said Monday he was "disappointed" with Mayor Mike Canon, who he said may have prevented the county from filing a 2 percent hotel/motel tax proposal in time for the Texas Legislature to consider this session.

At the request of House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, a handful of city and county officials met informally and discussed the hotel/motel tax proposal, a possible revenue source to help cover operations of the Midland County multi-purpose facility, also known as the Horseshoe.

All proposals to be considered this legislative session had until Friday to be filed and despite last-minute attempts, no agreement had been reached.

"I'm disappointed in the mayor because he was unbending in wanting the entire proceeds of the hotel/motel tax to go to the city. We have as much right to the funds as does the city," said Morrow, a former city councilman. "It's unprecedented in this community for

one agency to shoot down the proposal of another agency and it's something I've never heard of before. That's not the way we treat each other in Midland."

The city currently has a 13 percent hotel/motel (bed) tax — 7 percent is used for tourism promotion and 6 percent goes to the state. The city's bed tax has been effective since Jan. 1, 1976.

An interlocal agreement and a sunset provision were among the suggestions made during the talks, which also involved Precinct 1 Commissioner Jimmy Smith, at-large Councilman Wes Perry and Precinct 2 Commissioner Mike Bradford. Some city staff and county officials also took part.

Canon said he understands Morrow's perspective but remains adamant that any arrangement should include the city's future needs.

"If that's the way he sees it, then he's entitled to his opinion, but I respectfully disagree with him," Canon said. "I let our proposal speak for itself. If that is unbending and unwavering, so be it."



Morrow Canon

Though the deadline has passed, officials said there is a possibility the proposal could be filed by suspending the rules.

Officials with Craddick's office said a House member can request a suspension, which needs to receive a two-thirds vote by the House in its favor. Once the House votes for the suspension, the legislation can be filed at that point.

Alexis DeLee, Craddick's deputy press secretary, said Monday the speaker is willing to suspend the rules if county and city officials reach an agreement.

During the 2004 fiscal year, the city's portion of the hotel/motel tax brought in \$1,136,690. Based on that figure, the county's proposed 2 percent increase would have generated approximately \$314,000.

The county is wanting the tax to help cover Horseshoe operating expenses.

"As your servant I will not stop the pursuit of this endeavor and you will find out whose intentions are in the best interest of the entire community," Smith said in a statement.

Bradford said he is open to continuing negotiations with the city.

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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE Midland Fire Department trainees, right, practice clearing a room filled with smoke Monday during training in the multi-story building at MFD training center. ABOVE, TOP: Trainees wait in the stairwell as a second team practices clearing a room filled with smoke. ABOVE: Capt. Wayne Dorlay, right, talks with trainees as they prepare to fight a fire during training.

Photos by Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



MISD board to discuss plans to ease Greathouse overcrowding

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

The Midland Independent School District board of trustees is expected to discuss Greathouse Elementary School's increasing enrollment during its monthly meeting today, and trustees could vote to create a team that would work to reduce the number of students attending the school.

MISD Superintendent Robert Nicks said neighborhood development on the northwest side of Midland is expected to draw more students to the already-crowded school. He said Greathouse already exceeds program capacity, five classrooms exceed the state-mandated student-to-teacher ratio of 22 to 1, and a music room is now used as a classroom.

"It's obvious that something needs to be done to restrict the number of students who are assigned to that campus," Nicks said Monday.

Possible means of reducing the school's enrollment include redrafting the Greathouse Elementary zone or pairing the school with neighboring Santa Rita Elementary School so kindergarten through third-graders in both zones would attend one school and fourth-through sixth-graders would attend the other, Nicks said.

The board will likely not consider calling a bond election to build an additional elementary school when capacity is available at other schools in the district, Nicks said.

Greathouse enrollment increased from 560 students during the 2003-04 school year to 620 student this year, said Principal Jody Stamps.

A few slots are still open in many of the school's grade levels, but some grades cannot expand, Stamps said. There currently are two portable buildings on the campus.

Within the school's zone — which

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GISD board weighs in on school finance debate

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

The Greenwood Independent School District board of trustees discussed school finance during its monthly meeting Monday night and approved class size limits for inter-district transfers for the 2005-06 school year.

Many of the mandates laid out in the education reform bill, House Bill 2, are not funded in the tax reform bill, House Bill 3, which is meant to change the way public schools are financed, GISD School Board President Price Robinson said.

The Texas Legislature put school finance at the top of its agenda after courts declared the current share-the-wealth system unconstitutional last year.

Members of the House of Representatives narrowly approved both education finance reform bills in the past week, which will now move to the Senate. After debating House Bill 3 throughout Monday, the House approved the tax bill with a 78-70 vote.

Robinson said some people are optimistic the Senate will change the House's version of the education bills.

"There are just some things in House Bill 2 ... that really aren't good for public education," Robinson said.

■ Taylor picked as head coach/IC

GISD Superintendent Glenn Barber said the additional money the Legislature has promised to districts will not be enough to cover the mandates in House Bill 2, such as a \$3,000 teacher pay raise.

"If that teacher raise goes through and we're going to have to fund another \$3,000, that additional money that the state gives us, we're barely making it with just the raise," Barber said.

House Bill 2 would add about \$3 billion to the \$30 billion education system.

In other business, the board unanimously voted to offer a contract to Steve Taylor as the athletic director and head football coach. Taylor will replace 18-year Greenwood veteran Bob Purser.

The board also approved a measure that would allow about 70 students to transfer into GISD next school year while maintaining mandated student to teacher ratios.

The district's preliminary Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills reading test results, though provided to the district last week, were not available Monday night. Officials expected the results to be available later this week.

A Little Help at Halftime



Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram

A LITTLE HELP Kacy Miller, 3, lends a hand during halftime of a recent Midland Classical Academy Knights basketball game by sweeping debris from the court to ensure the safety of her favorite team.

SHANNA SISSOM

Amid headlines of violence, America witnesses miracle from hostage reading to captor

I watched and listened with utter amazement as Ashley Smith of Atlanta calmly detailed on CNN the hours she was held hostage in her own home by courthouse killer suspect and rape defendant Brian Nichols.

Somehow, in what even the CNN news anchor termed a "miracle" on live television, this woman managed to not only gain the trust of someone I considered a violent monster, but also deeply touch his heart.

"He got to know me. I got to know him," she told reporters at a late-night news conference conducted at her attorney's office Sunday.

Smith, a widow, begged Nichols not to hurt her, saying her 5-year-old little girl would be left without a mommy or a daddy.

During the course of the night, Nichols untied her and agreed to let her read. As she explained,

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the woman pulled out her Bible and also a book she had been reading, entitled "The Purpose-Driven Life," by the Rev. Rick Warren, and read to him from where she had left off at Chapter 33.

Wow! Just one day before, I had stumbled across that very book gathering dust in my living room while cleaning and placed it in my desk for

storage. It was a gift from a dear friend that I had never gotten around to reading, being the late-night TV news junkie I am.

As the hostage read to her captor, a human being emerged from what was perceived by the world as a complete monster. He wanted her to read more.

"But after we began to talk, he said he thought that I was an angel sent from God," Smith told reporters.

In the end, Smith convinced the man who had previously exhibited no regard for human life to release her unharmed and turn himself in to police. And he did it just in time for Smith to pick up her daughter from an overnight church function.

She said to Nichols: "Do you believe in miracles? ... You're here in my apartment for some

reason. You got out of that courthouse with police everywhere, and you don't think that's a miracle? You don't think you're supposed to be sitting here right in front of me listening to me tell you, you know, your reason here?"

Friends, that truly is an amazing story of one woman's profound courage and unyielding faith that saved not telling how many lives.

Speaking of lives lost, the headlines were filled all weekend with unspeakable violence.

After the Friday courthouse shootings, I called some of our judges and bailiffs to get a local reaction to the Georgia murders.

There was one quote I liked in particular, from Judge John Hyde, and we even highlighted it on the front page, just under the headline.

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OBITUARIES



G. Thane Akins

"Therefore we do not lose heart; even though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for the moment, is working for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor 4:16-17

G. Thane Akins, 71, devoted husband and loving father, has ended this life's journey on Sunday, March 13, 2005. He endured a valiant battle with cancer for over two years and courageously continued efforts in support of his busy lifestyle, despite the physical weakness that ensued. He was born the second of three children to Robert Lackey and Evelyn Huff Akins on July 13, 1933, in Brady, Texas, where he was raised and educated with the values of Christian parents and the hospitality found only in the "Heart of Texas." There, he would meet his future wife and life-long companion of nearly 48 years, Jean Loye Locker, and these two hearts were joined on July 4, 1957.

His career ambitions and educational opportunities allowed him to complete B.S. degrees from Abilene Christian College and Texas Tech in Petroleum Engineering in 1957. When diversions from studies were needed, he could be found playing a little football or tennis. Tennis was a hobby he continued well after his college years and he could be found on the courts of

Midland during the weekends terrorizing a tournament or two.

He was employed out of college as an engineer by Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) and moved to Lafayette, LA. In the summer of 1958, he moved his family to Midland, TX, where he would remain through his retirement of 25 years with ARCO in 1982. His love of work in the oil and gas industry as a petroleum engineer would continue in Midland where he applied his expertise as an independent consulting engineer and took up residence with O'Brian Engineering (and Associates).

Thane's confident quest for involvement didn't stop with family or job, but remained emboldened to make a difference in the community and his profession, as well. A brief list of some of his early service to the community would include membership on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Airport Board, Texas Municipal League Board of Directors, Boy's Club and its Board of Directors, the Optimist Club, and Society of Petroleum Engineers (AIME) Permian Basin Section Chairman including recognitions as recipient of the Jack M. Moore Award (1981) and Engineer of the Year (1982).

His civic responsibilities continued in earnest as a member of the Midland City Council (1976-1980) and ultimately as Midland's Mayor from 1980-1986. A humble man to refuse credit, nevertheless, his significance as a zealous arbitrator and debater are reasons conclusive to the continued success and notoriety of Midland's prestige and quality of life at that time. Through his persuasive diligence, Midland's future of an adequate water supply was eased with the building of Ivey Reservoir, carried through with the Midland/Odessa International Airport facility and service expansion ensuring the continued reputation of the southwest's "largest" small airport; he became heavily involved with large studies of evaluation and lobbying placement of the Super Conductor/Supercollider, wind energy power generation farms, and a host of other West Texas ini-

tiatives. In his "spare" time, he could be found experiencing his love of music as a member of barbershop quartets and choruses (SPEBSQSA). Singing was not only an outlet of entertainment for himself, but communities all around west Texas have been entertained for decades by performances of the Sun Country Gentlemen chorus and quartets through numerous shows, events, and singing valentines to those select few. His career with barbershopping began after college and he has remained a constant student of its style and genre, accomplishing feats as chorus director of their championship years of 1998 and 1999, while also completing the training to become a contest judge. Another hobby of special interest allowed him to fulfill a love of flying. He attained his private pilot's license in 1968 and has since attained over 1500 fun-filled hours of flight in such aircraft as a Mooney 201, Cessna 172, 182, and 210. Flying provided an enhanced quality to the many facets of his life and involved family, friends, business professionals, associates, the Civil Air Patrol, and fellow hobbyists of all kinds. But the special and enduring service of his life derived from his commitment and obedience to his Lord and Christian faith. Since moving to Midland in 1958, he and his family became members of the North A and Tennessee Church of Christ. There, he became a deacon and then eventually an elder in 1974, an honor also previously achieved by his father in Brady. His sincere love of the Word compelled him to teach Bible classes on a regular basis and individually counsel those who sought the love of the Lord and the way more perfectly. As a clear advocate of Christian education, he provided institutional oversight while serving on the Board of Trustees of Midland Christian School and as a Senior Board Trustee with Abilene Christian University for 23 years.

Thane was the embodiment of Christ's words from Luke 12:48 in describing a servant's responsibility, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be

much required."

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Thane is survived by his beloved wife Jean of 47 years, his son Rex and wife Connie of Enterprise, AL, his daughter Kara and husband Greg Moore of Midland, with grandchildren Alyssa, Kylie, and Trey Akins, and Tanner, Cheyne, and Carleigh Moore. He is also survived by his sister Patsy Mickus and husband Bill of Brady, his brother Greg Akins and wife Kaye of Midland, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation for friends and family has been scheduled for Wednesday March 16, 2005 at Ellis Funeral Home between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Services will be held at North A and Tennessee Church of Christ at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, March 17, 2005 with Greg Fleming officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

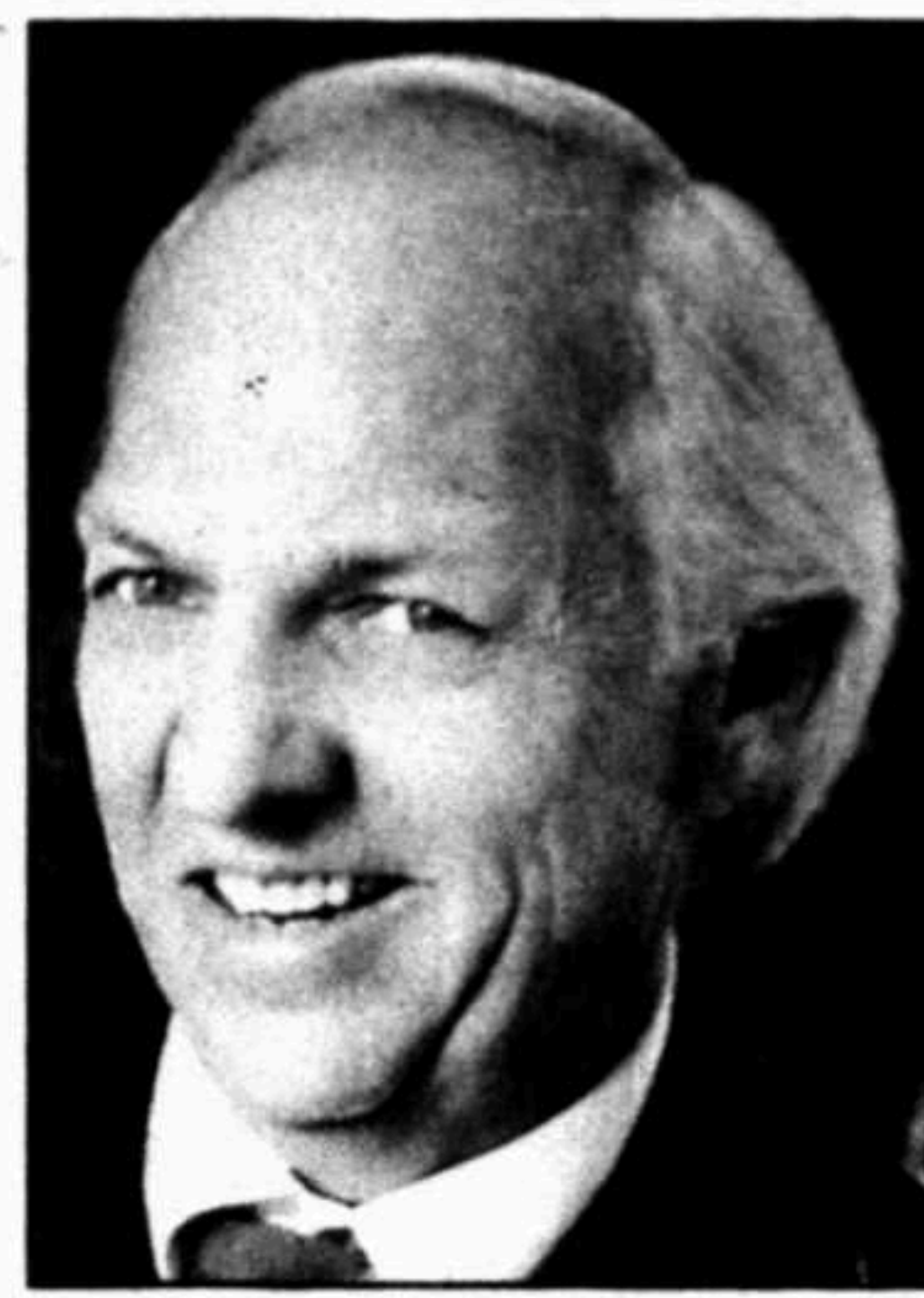
Pallbearers will be Spencer Blocker, Don Boles, Paul Cooper, Mike Fowler, Jim Oden, Amos Palma, Jimmie Rhoads, and Leroy Stewart. Selected honorary pallbearers are Ernest Angelo, A.L. "Jake" Arnold, Joe Barnett, Dick Cathriner, Jay Channel, Eddie Lee, Jim O'Brian, James Patterson, Bill Southerland, Gary Thurman, and David Wallace.

A bonded love that is shared endears all who may know it, and when encountered, will it abide from within and be forever cherished.

The family would be honored and thankful for any memorials to be directed to Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver, Midland, TX 79705, 432-694-1661, Abilene Christian University Gift Records, ACU Box 29132, Abilene, TX 79699-9132, (888) 414-4228, or North A and Tennessee Church of Christ Missions Ministry, 505 San Angelo St., Midland, TX 79701, (432) 682-8653.

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Ronny James Hissom

Mr. Ronny James Hissom, 68, of Goshen, AR passed away Thursday, March 10, 2005 in Fayetteville, AR. He was born November 8, 1936 in Lyons, Kansas to Robert Everett and Beulah Woods Hissom.

He was owner of Circle H Farm in Goshen, and was self-employed in oil and gas exploration. He was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and was a member of Sigma Chi, Shikar Safari Club, Fayetteville-Springdale Elks Lodge, Knights Templar, and Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

Ronny had many varied interests. Chief among these was his passion for auto racing. He was a driver for the 1965 12 Hours of Sebring winning Chaparral Racing team and later became part owner of Chaparral's Indy 500 winning teams. Ronny was a four goal polo player and a founding member of the Midland Polo Club. He was an avid world traveler and hunter extraordinaire who made frequent trips to the Dark Continent for his beloved big game safaris.

He is survived by one son, Robert Davis Hissom and wife Andrea of London, England, four daughters; Tamra Hissom Budd and husband Keith of Houston, TX, Caroline Hissom Wallace and husband David, Julia Ann Hissom, Alexandra Carson

Hissom all of Fayetteville, AR, six grandchildren; Nicholas Robert Hissom, Alexander Victor Ronny Hissom, Cooper Hissom Budd, Aria Ann Hissom Franek, Gunnar Middleton Hissom Franek, Honor Elizabeth Wallace. He was a loving father to his children and a caring husband to many.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville. Funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. Thursday, March 17, 2005 at Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, AR with Reverend Steven K. Pulliam officiating. Entombment will follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville, AR.

To sign the online guestbook please visit www.nelsonberna.com.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home & Crematory of Fayetteville.

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

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

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

DEATH NOTICES

Barbara Lynn Quillin

BIG SPRING — Barbara Lynn Quillin, 49, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 13, at Hospice House in Odessa following a long illness. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. today, March 15 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Oct. 8, 1955, in Seminole. She first came to Big Spring in 1984 and returned to Big Spring two years ago from Snomish, Wash., where she had lived for 13 years. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter, Amanda Quillin of Louisiana; two sisters, Carolyn Goss of Oklahoma and Mary Clark of Denver City; two brothers, Gerald Quillin of Seminole and Carlos Quillin of Oklahoma; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emma Morton Quillin and A.D. Quillin.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myers-sandsmith.com.

Louie Rhodes

BIG SPRING — Louie Rhodes, 85, of Big Spring died Monday, March 14 at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Joe Torres, Home Hospice chaplain, officiating. Private burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 21, 1919, in El Dorado, Ark. to Henrietta Davis Rhodes and David N. Rhodes. He married Mary Ethel Johnson, May 8, 1950, in Carls-

bad, N.M. She preceded him in death on Sept. 29, 1991. He married Ann King Dec. 15, 1995, in Sweetwater. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific during World War II. He owned and operated Service Cleaners at 606 E. Third St. in Big Spring from 1940 until 1975. He was a member of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Rhodes of Big Spring; two sisters, Elizabeth Langley of Arlington and Vera Impson of El Dorado, Ark.; and six step-daughters, Jeannette Powell and Teresa Martin, both of Clyde, Amy King and Lynn Crawford, both of Big Spring, Rose Pierson of Coahoma and April King of Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was preceded in death by one step-daughter, Violet Simonds in 2002.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myers-sandsmith.com.

Virgie Jane Reed

ANDREWS — Virgie Jane Reed, 83, of Andrews died Saturday, March 12, at Regency Hospital in Odessa.

Cremation will be under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

She was born Feb. 26, 1922 in Wellington to John Aikman and Ruby Height Aikman. She married Raymone William Reed in 1939 in Los Gatos, Calif. She had worked as a cook for the Ruidoso, N.M. schools. She moved to Andrews in 2004 from Ruidoso. She was a loving mother and grandmother. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1998; her parents; three sons, Royal Reed in 1941, Raymond Reed in 1962 and Roy Lewis Reed in 1981.

She is survived by her two daughters, Virginia Ray Basler of Andrews and Susan Evelyn Allen of Odessa; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

To register, send condolences or view the obituary, go to www.mcnettfuneralhome.com.

Alvie Hughes

BIG SPRING — Alvie Hughes, 86, of Big Spring died Monday, March 14, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Bernardo Myles

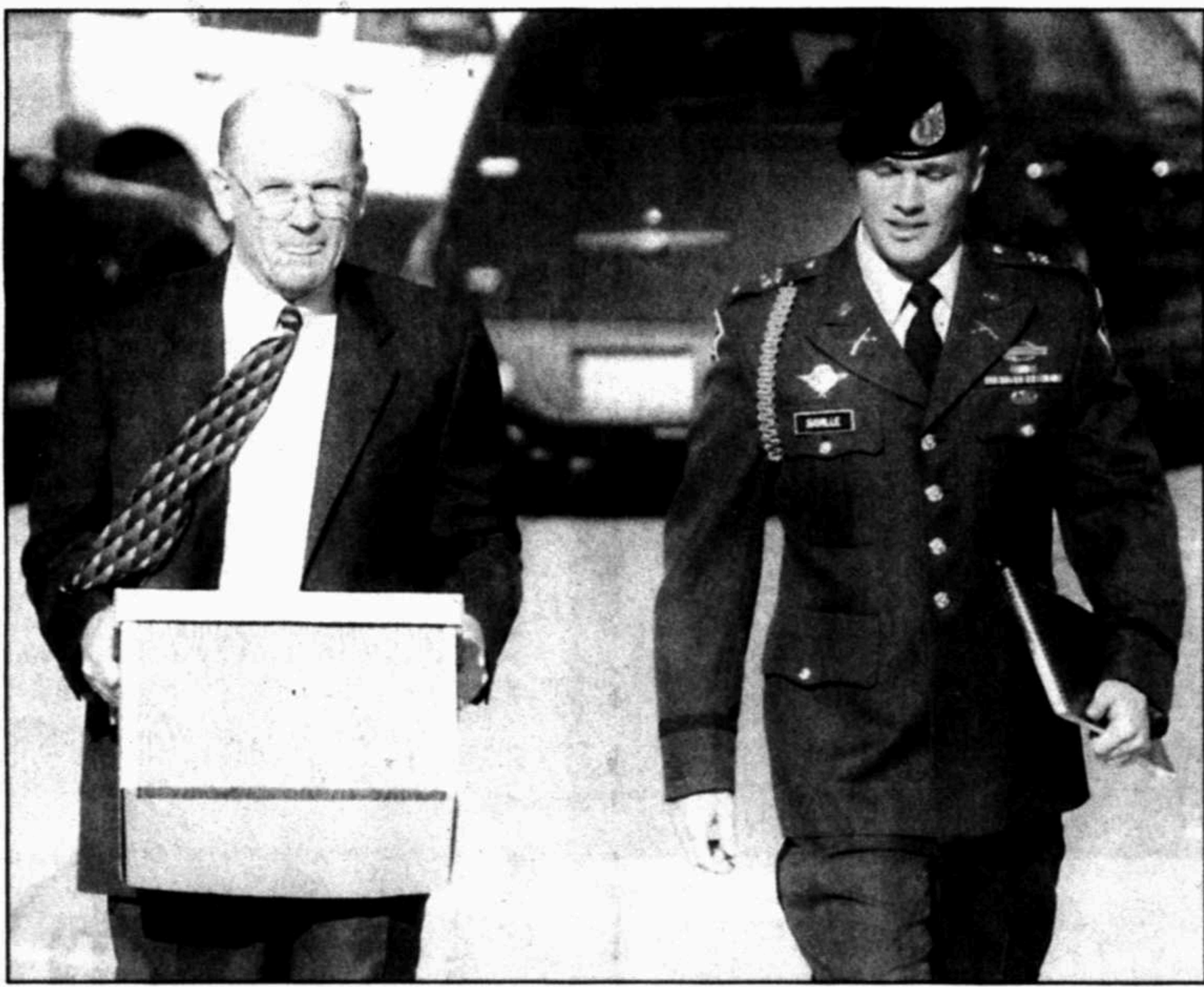
Services for Bernardo "Chile" Myles, 70, of Midland are pending with Jackie Warren Funeral Home. He died Sunday, March 13, at a local hospital.

J.B. Buckner

BIG SPRING — J. B. Buckner, 83, of Big Spring died Monday, March 14, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Mary Steedman

Mary Steedman of Midland died Monday, March 14. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.



GUILTY PLEA U. S. Army Lt. Jack M. Saville, right, arrives at the Lawrence Williams Justice Center with his civilian attorney, Frank Skinner, Monday for the opening day of his court-martial at Fort Hood. Saville was charged with involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, obstruction of justice, conspiracy and making a false statement in connection with the deaths of two Iraqis, but pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

Saville pleads guilty to assault in Iraqi case

By T.A. Badger
Associated Press

FORT HOOD — The platoon leader accused of ordering his men to force two Iraqis into the Tigris River in Samarra at gunpoint in January 2004 will not be tried for manslaughter as part of a plea deal with prosecutors.

1st Lt. Jack Saville pleaded guilty Monday to lesser charges and he agreed to testify against a higher-ranking officer who allegedly ordered Saville and other soldiers to execute certain Iraqi suspects if they caught them.

Saville said Capt. Matthew Cunningham, his company commander, gave him a list that included the names of five Iraqis who "were not to come back alive" if they were caught during a series of raids in Samarra on Jan. 3, 2004.

Cunningham, who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., is under investigation for allegedly giving illegal orders to kill Iraqi detainees, said Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington, a spokesman for the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood.

Two Iraqis were killed during the raids. Withington said, which came in response to a Jan. 2 mortar attack in nearby Balad that killed Army Capt. Eric Paliwoda.

Staff Sgt. Shane Werst, 31, of El Toro, Calif., is charged with murder in one of the cases, and the other is still under investigation, Withington said.

Cunningham is one of three officers already punished for trying to cover up Saville's incident, in which one of the two Iraqis reportedly drowned after being pushed into the Tigris as punishment for violating curfew.

The Army has said the punishment against Cunningham, Lt. Col. Nathan Sassaman and Maj. Robert Gwiner did not include jail time.

Saville, a 25-year-old West Point graduate whose family lives in Tappahannock, Va., pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of assault, obstruction of justice and dereliction of duty.

He also faces trial beginning Tuesday on an additional assault charge arising from an earlier incident in Balad in which an Iraqi man was detained and

thrown into the Tigris.

Saville faces nine years in prison on the charges to which he pleaded guilty, and an additional three years for the alleged Balad assault.

Along with manslaughter, the Army dropped charges of conspiracy and making a false official statement.

Saville was accused of ordering his troops to force Zaidoun Hassoun and his cousin Marwan Hassoun off a ledge about 8 feet above the cold, debris-laden river. Prosecutors said Zaidoun Hassoun, 19, couldn't swim and drowned.

But defense lawyers contended Zaidoun is still alive, and in December a judge granted a defense request to have the body exhumed to determine identification and cause of death. It was unclear Monday if that exhumation ever took place.

Withington said Saville offered to plead guilty to a lesser charge of aggravated assault against Zaidoun Hassoun, and that the government decided it was in its best interests to accept that plea.

Staff Sgt. Tracy Perkins, Saville's co-defendant, was acquitted in January of manslaughter. Perkins was convicted of two counts of aggravated assault, obstruction of justice and assault consummated by battery. He was sentenced to six months in a military prison and was reduced by one rank.

During Perkins' trial, an Army investigator testified that she never saw Zaidoun's body, allegedly found in the river 12 days after the incident, and did not have it exhumed because of security concerns.

Saville pleaded guilty to assault by battery on Marwan Hassoun.

The obstruction of justice charge was for concocting a lie that they had left the two Iraqis along the road instead of forcing them into the river.

The dereliction of duty charge, which was added Friday, was for not challenging the alleged illegal order by Cunningham to kill Iraqi detainees.

"I knew by not challenging that (order) I was doing something wrong," Saville told the judge during Monday's hearing.

Perkins and Saville are part of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Carson, Colo., which is part of the 4th Infantry based at Fort Hood.

TAX

(From 1B)

"You keep working at it and hopefully, everyone will see the realizations that the county is not asking for anything out of the ordinary," Bradford said.

Perry and Canon said they are just as willing to continue the talks.

"In my opinion, any agreement we reach ought to take into consideration not only the county's interests, but the city's interests," Canon said. "And if we can reach an agreement along those lines, I'm more than willing to continue to try."

Smith encouraged the public to contact Craddick to show support for the proposal.

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"Let your voice be heard and encourage anyone you know who has a passion for the future of this great community to call as soon as possible," Smith said. "Time is of the essence."

Perry said he remains optimistic an agreement can be reached.

"I think we need to come to a solution, and I want to come to

a solution," Perry said. "I think the Horseshoe is the very best project of Midland today. It's something we need and I'm in favor of it 100 percent."

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House gives tentative approval to tax bill

By April Castro
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas House tentatively approved a sweeping \$10.8 billion tax bill that will force all businesses to pay, including those that now evade the franchise tax, while levying a host of new consumer taxes on Texans.

The sweeping bill approved on a 78-70 vote is part of a package to overhaul the way Texas pays for public K-12 education. It includes various consumer taxes to help replace property taxes used for schools that would be cut by one-third.

"Today we're asking the poor to do much more and we're not even educating them with the money that they are giving. Something's wrong," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

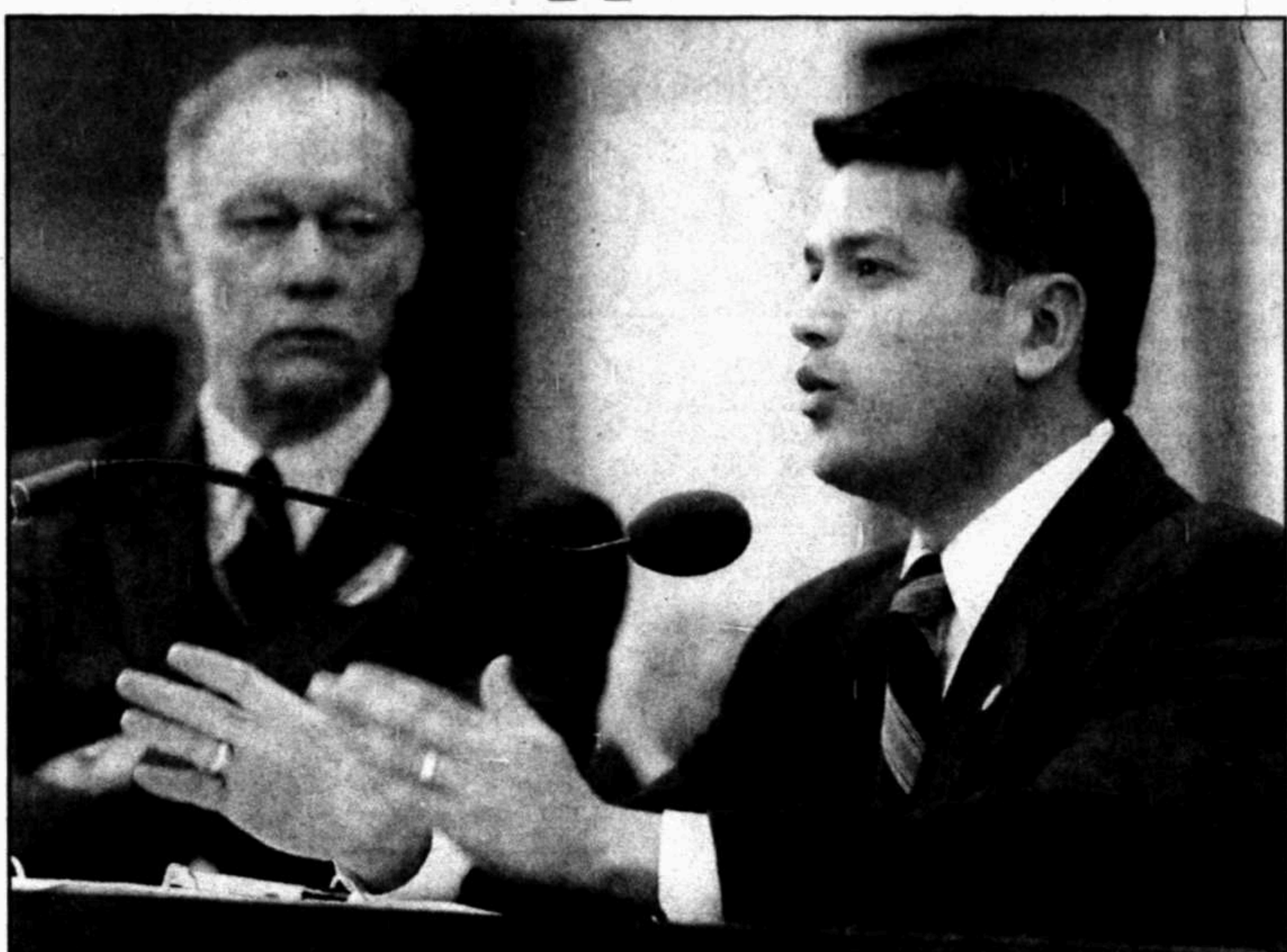
The bill's backers argued that their constituents are asking for relief from skyrocketing school property taxes and that reducing the rates will help more Texans realize their dream of home ownership.

The House approved education changes last week. The tax bill, however, faltered as lawmakers tried to analyze the impact of a last-minute change to the bill that offered employers the option on how they pay taxes.

The original bill would have required all businesses to pay a 1.15 percent tax on wages. But lawmakers worried that the plan relied too heavily on large employers, so on Monday they added the option of letting businesses pay the current franchise tax — 4.45 percent of net income or 0.25 percent of capital — instead of the new payroll tax.

An estimated 83 percent of businesses now avoid paying the franchise tax through loopholes. Those loopholes would be closed by the measure.

But, most Texans would see their tax burden increase under the plan.



TAX PLAN Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, right, responds to a question during a debate in the Texas House of Representatives Monday in Austin. Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, is on the left. The discussion was on one of the many amendments to the \$10 billion tax bill.

Under the bill, the state sales tax would be increased from 6.25 percent to 7.25 percent and would expand to cover billboard advertising, bottled water, car washes and auto repair. Also Monday, lawmakers stripped newspapers from the bill, exempting them from the tax.

The legislation would levy an additional 3 percent tax on snacks such as soft drinks, chips and cookies. Lawmakers on Monday rejected an attempt to include beer and wine in the snack tax.

Diapers would be tax-free, but a nose job and other elective cosmetic surgeries would cost an additional 7.25 percent, under an amendment that the House approved. Parking at medical facilities also would be tax-free.

An attempt by San Antonio Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer to

exempt school supplies from the sales tax failed.

A provision was stripped that would have exempted Texas-based insurance companies from paying the payroll or franchise tax because they already pay a tax on gross premiums.

Opponents argued that insurance companies would be double-taxed, but Rep. Patrick Rose, a Dripping Springs Democrat who led the move to strip the insurers' exemption from the bill, said that taxes on gross premiums are passed on to consumers and do not impact the bottom line of the companies.

"Right now, even after the pas-

sage of tort reform, insurance companies are still charging Texas families twice the national average for home insurance," Rose said. "I don't think that's fair."

Under his amendment, additional revenue from insurance companies would slightly lower the bill's cap on school property taxes, from \$1 to 99.7 cents per \$100 assessed value.

Another amendment by Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, would have required a voter referendum on the tax bill. Solomons withdrew his amendment.

The bill will now be taken up by the Senate, where heavy changes are likely.

POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Theft of a firearm:

Lance Kendrick Hayes, 18, of Midland was arrested Sunday by Midland Police Department officers in the 4300 block of Raleigh Court on a charge of theft of a firearm. Bond: \$5,000.

Violation of parole:

Laurie Dale Vasquez, 31, of Midland was arrested Sunday by Midland Police Department officers at the West Wind Motel on a charge of violation of parole. Bond not set.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a public servant:

Kannon Wade Mayberry, 41, of Midland was arrested Sunday by Midland Police Department officers in the 100 block of

North Dewberry Drive on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a charge of assault on a public servant. Bond not set.

Driving while intoxicated:

William Douglas Welch, 49, of Andrews was arrested Sunday by Midland Police Department officers at the intersection of Williams and Franklin Avenue on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Bond not set.

Note: All reported arrests are felonies.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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AROUND THE AREA

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ARMA

Group to host mock trial seminar

The Midland/Permian Basin Chapter, ARMA will host a mock trial seminar to be conducted by John C. Montana, J.D. Records management and legal consultant, based in Landenberg, Penn., regarding the legalities of retention and destruction of records.

Montana is currently a principal of Cunningham & Montana Inc. of Reston, Va., and of Montana & Associates Inc. of Landenberg. He is a licensed attorney in the state of Colorado.

Montana has been active in records management since 1990, participating in consulting projects for a wide variety of clients throughout the United States, advising clients on the legal issues surrounding records management, records retention schedules, information technologies such as e-mail and imaging and emerging legal issues such as the Digital Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and others.

Key characters include seminar speaker and prosecuting attorney John Montana, Presiding Judge Bill Morrow, defense attorney David W. Lindemood, expert witnesses Doug Allen of Austin; Midland City Council members LuAnn Morgan and Bill Dungus; and Randy McClay, consulting engineer of Midland.

The attendance fee includes continental breakfast, box lunch and breaks — ARMA members, \$99; non-members, \$125. Make checks payable and mail to Midland/Permian Basin ARMA Chapter, P.O. Box 23, Midland, 79702-0023. No refunds or cancellations after March 31.

For more information, contact Kate at (432) 688-6883 or Peggy at (432) 685-5788.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

Group to discuss safety of non-English speakers

The Permian Basin chapter, American Society of Safety Engineers, will meet Thursday at the MCM Elegante in Odessa.

Dusty Roach with Basic Energy Services' Permian Basin division, will present "The Impact on Safety of Non-English Speakers in the Workplace." In his presentation, he will address a safety issue that is growing not only in the Permian Basin but nationwide.

Cost is \$15.

Robbery suspect remains in custody

From Staff Reports

Auden Raul Molinar, 28, of Odessa was still in custody late Monday after being arrested Saturday afternoon on felony charges of aggravated robbery and possession of a controlled substance.

Molinar, who is being held on \$37,250 bond for the two offenses, was arrested by Midland Police Department officers for allegedly having robbed an elderly man at knife point. The alleged offense, according to a sheriff's office report, is a first-degree felony charge.

The report also listed the pos-

session of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) charge also as a felony.

Molinar is also, according to a police department official, possibly connected to other burglaries in north Midland.



Molinar

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SHOWTIMES FOR TODAY ONLY

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(From 1B)

roughly extends north of Loop 250 between Holiday Hill Road and North Midkiff Road — expansion is expected to bring 50 to 60 new homes, some of which are already completed, Stamps said.

"Last year there was nothing there except coyotes and little rabbits," Stamps said of the area

nearby that's under development.

During its meeting today, the board of trustees is also expected to cancel the May 7 trustee election after George Lara and Shane Boring will run as unopposed incumbents.

Trustees will also vote whether to renew contracts of several top administrators in the district.

SISSOM

(From 1B)

"We like to think of our courthouses, schools and churches as sanctuaries from violence, but the truth is, they are not," the judge said.

The very next day, those words would send chills down my spine as news broke of the senseless church service

killings in Wisconsin, which claimed the life of a pastor, his son and members of his flock.

All this news had me glued to cable network news channels well into the wee hours of Monday morning.

But tonight, I'm going to do something different. I think I'll finally read that book my friend gave me.

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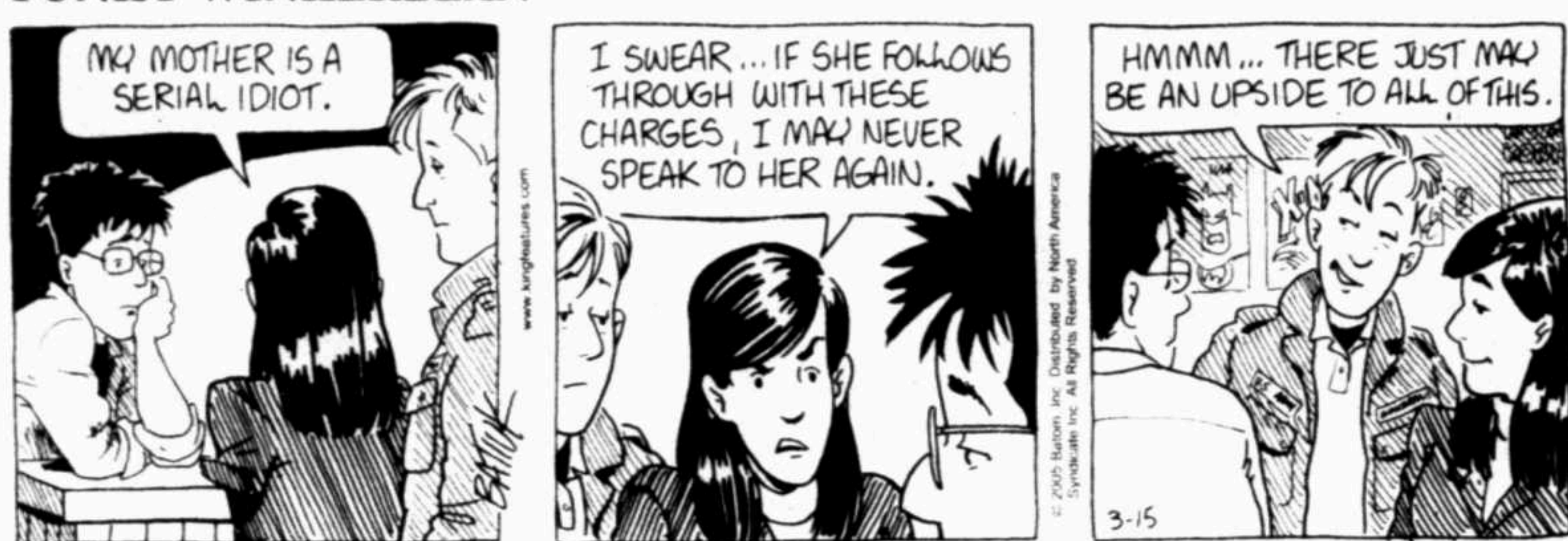
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Expect a 30 per cent drop today with a high of 67 and a low around 15 mph. Wednesday's forecast shows cloudy skies with around 15 mph. Thursday's forecast shows a high of 67 and a low around 15 mph. The high Monday will be in the 60s. Yesterday's precipitation: Rainfall Sunday 0.1 inch, Rainfall Monday 0.1 inch. Total for month 0.2 inch. Total for year 0.2 inch. Normal total (year to date) 0.2 inch.



DEAR ALEX

Mom still to support teenager

The story of a mother who is a single parent and is struggling to support her teenager. The mother is a single parent and is struggling to support her teenager. The mother is a single parent and is struggling to support her teenager.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You can finally get what you want. You could be surprised. Open your eyes. You are beyond your imagination. Your perspective is changing. Analyze and then ask. You feel this request. You are aware of your perspective. You just need to bills. GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You are all smiles and w...

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Opening lead

LOCAL
FORECAST

Expect a 30 percent chance of showers with mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 56 and southeast winds around 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for a 50 percent chance of showers and cloudy conditions with a low around 36 and southeast winds around 15 mph.

Wednesday's forecast calls for a 50 percent chance of rain and cloudy skies with a high around 47, a low around 36 and north winds around 15 mph.

Thursday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high around 67 and a low around 40.

The high Monday reached 55, while the low dropped to 29. The record high for March 14 is 89 set in 1989. The record low is 24 set in 1954.

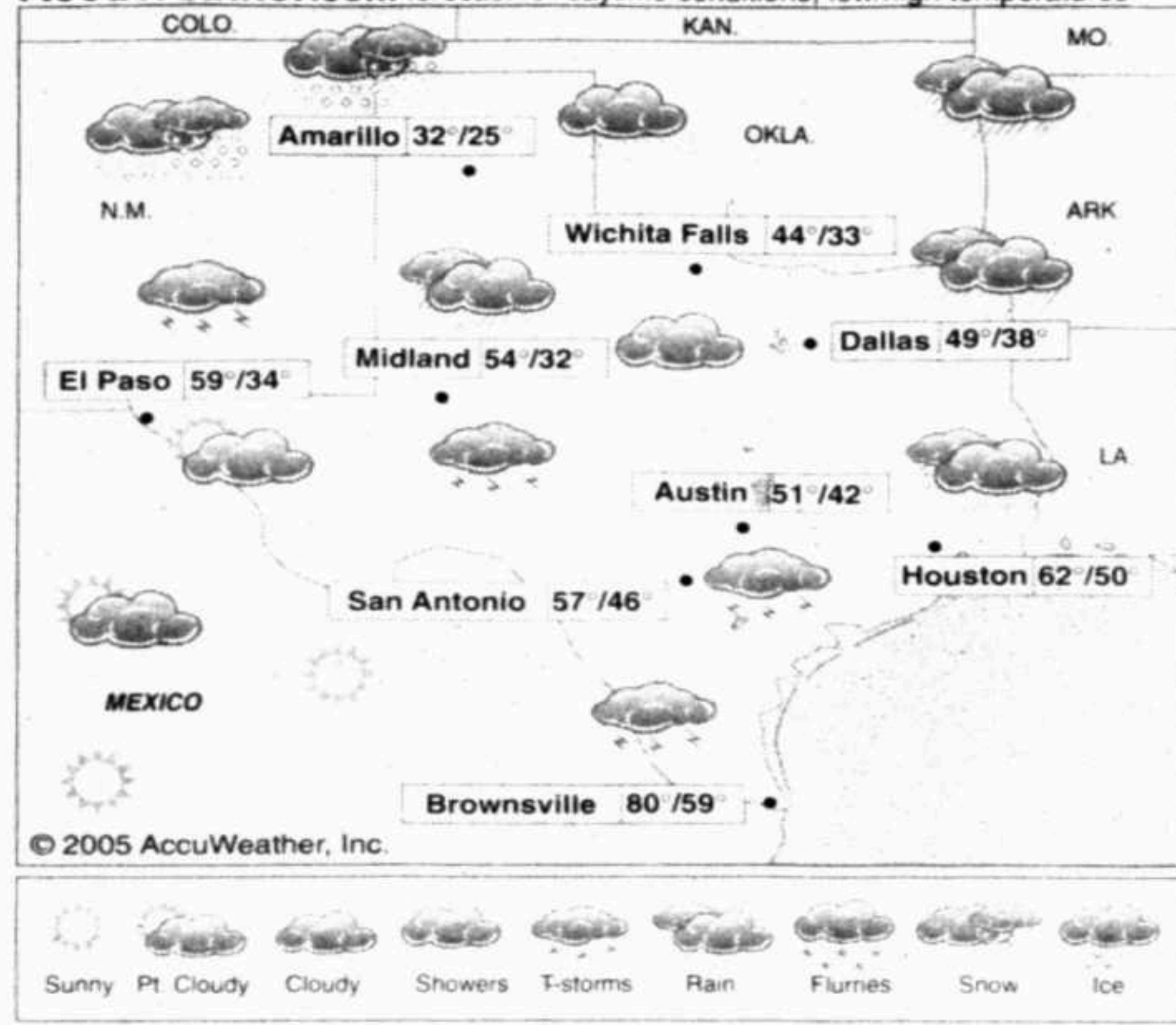
Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday . . . 0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday . . . 0.00 in.
Total for month . . . 0.37 in.
Total for year . . . 2.29 in.
Normal total
(year to date) . . . 1.36 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

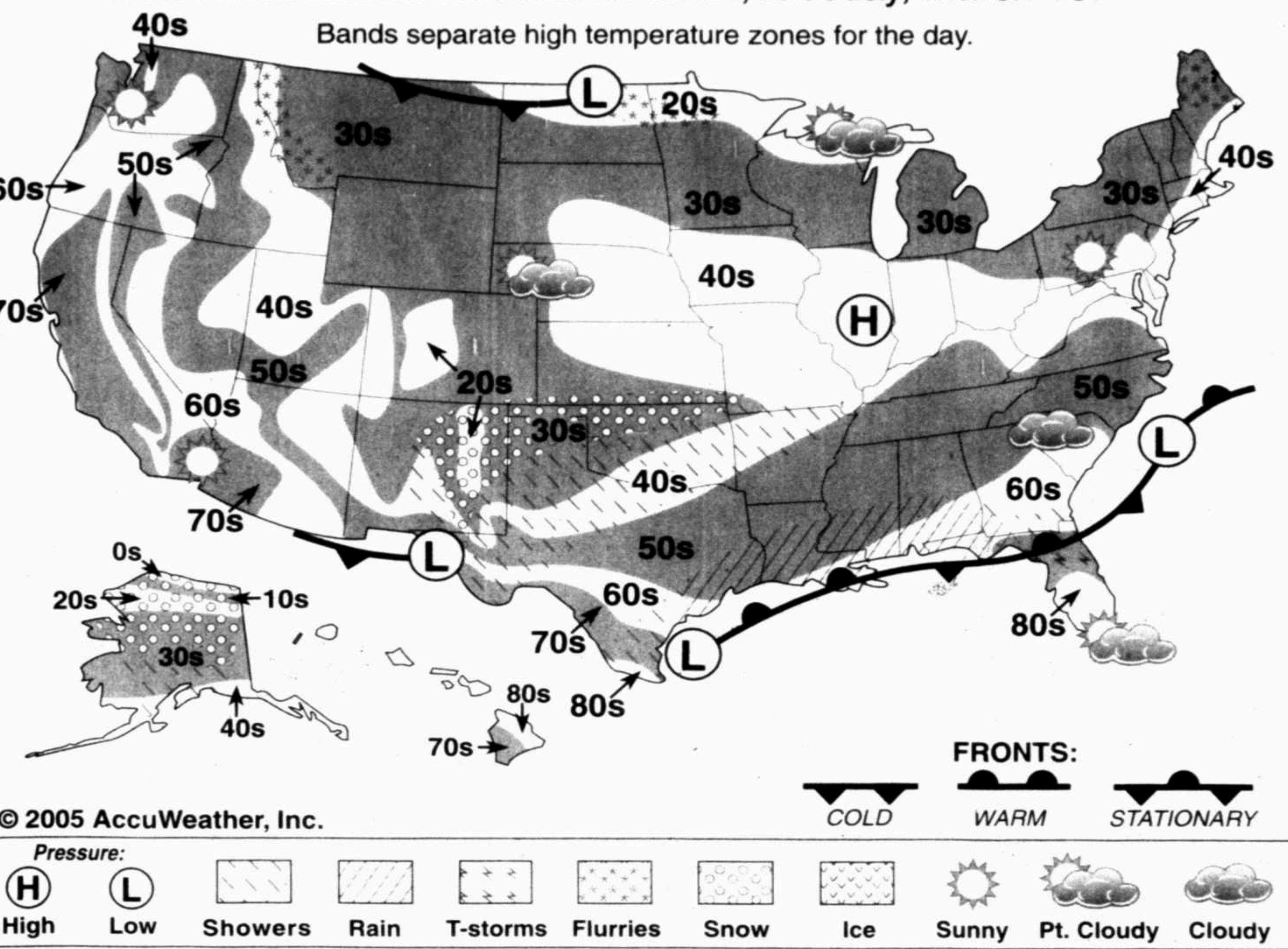
High . . . 55
Low . . . 29
Normal high . . . 70
Normal low . . . 40
Sunrise . . . 6:59 a.m.
Sunset . . . 6:57 p.m.

AccuWeather.com forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 15.



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Showers Rain T-storms Flurries Snow Ice

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Via Associated Press

DEAR ABBY

Mom struggles
to support gay
teenage child

DEAR ABBY: In 2000, I won full custody of my two children, a boy, 12, and a girl, "Dallas," who is now 14. I have done everything I could to raise them both with good morals and provide them with a good education.

A few weeks ago, Dallas confided in me that she's attracted to girls, and has a long-distance relationship with a girl in a different state. It came as a shock, but I have tried to understand so she doesn't feel bad about it. I'm hoping this is just a phase she's going through and that it will pass — but if it doesn't, I'll do my best to deal with it.

My problem is Dallas insists on letting everyone know about her orientation. She even wears jewelry with the rainbow colors. I keep trying to make her understand this is HER business, and it's not something she should make public, but she responds by asking me if I'm ashamed of her. (I always reply, "Of course not.")

Am I wrong by telling her that? What's the correct way to deal with this? — **CONFUSED PARENT, ARLINGTON, VA.**

DEAR CONFUSED: It is a compliment to you that your daughter trusts you enough to be open with you about her sexual orientation. Many gay teens — and younger children — are so afraid they'll disappoint their parents by disclosing they are "different" that they don't talk about it. What your daughter needs right now is to know you love

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and approve of her. You must be doing something right because she is assured enough about who she is that she feels safe being open about it. Congratulations on that.

It is extremely important you come to terms with your own feelings about homosexuality. It is not uncommon for the parents of a gay child to feel guilt or shame, when in truth, it has nothing to do with the quality of their parenting and everything to do with genetics.

Your wisest move at this point would be to contact PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), and join one of its many support groups. Once you do, you will find it enormously helpful. Contact it by calling (202) 467-8180, or check the Web site at www.pflag.org.

I learned about another helpful resource for parents of younger children who exhibit gender-variant behavior and interests. It's the Children's National Medical Center, which offers a booklet titled "If You Are Concerned About Your Child's Gender Behaviors." It can be downloaded from www.dchildrens.com/gendervariance in either English or Spanish. It also can be ordered by writing CNMC, 111 Michigan Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20010.

In addition to the booklet, the Children's National Medical Center's outreach program provides clinical mental health services and referrals to other knowledgeable professionals, a free monthly support group for parents and children, an online discussion group for parents and a Web page with information for both parents and professionals.

DEAR ABBY: Please alert dog lovers about something we learned this week after spending hundreds of dollars at an emergency veterinary clinic: Dogs can become seriously ill or die from eating grapes, raisins, onions and garlic.

Our darling puppy may have permanent kidney damage because, in our ignorance, we left a bowl of grapes on the dinner table. I hope other families will read this and keep their pets safe. Thanks for spreading the word. — **GERMAN SHEPHERD MOM, THORNTON, COLO.**

DEAR SHEPHERD MOM: Consider it done . . . a "woof" to the wise.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 15, 2005:

You might want to think before you leap into any situation this year. Express your unique strengths and abilities. In the next 12 months, you will learn the skill of letting go and not obsessing over various issues. Let go and grow. Your highest priority will be structuring your immediate environment to create much desired stability. A new home or change in your domestic life marks this year. If you are single, open up to different ways of thinking and become less rigid. You will attract a more interesting partner. If you are attached, your relationship will grow if you are less judgmental and more accepting. Schedule a special vacation for next winter. GEMINI can be challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You can finally communicate, but some of what you hear could floor you. You could be surprised as well as thrown off-kilter. Open your mind to thoughts that are beyond your normal realm of thinking. Your perspective will grow. Tonight: Dinner with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Analyze and think about what someone is asking you. On some level, you might feel this request is close to impossible. Be aware of your limitations. A friend could surprise you with his or her unique perspective. You don't have to agree; you just need to listen. Tonight: Pay your bills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You are all smiles. You have the ability to smile and work with a boss's unre-

dictability. You might need to pull back and regroup several times during the day when dealing with this person. Clearly, you have a lot going for you. Tonight: Your call.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ You might be uncomfortable with what happens today. Your laughter might be covering a great deal of discomfort. You don't need to tell everyone what is on your mind. Clue into your feelings first. Tonight: Take a personal night. Do something for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Despite the fact that others could be shockingly abrupt or changeable, you make solid choices. Trust yourself, especially with groups of people and in meetings. You always do well with crowds, even more so now. Use your natural assets. Tonight: Your determination counts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Others seem to only confuse an issue. As it stands, you are under the gun. Bosses make demands, and you need to respond. In some way, your energy is scattering all over the place. Don't pressure or judge yourself needlessly. Tonight: Handle your responsibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to examine different situations and come up with creative solutions continues to awe others. Somehow you manage to work around the unexpected eruption. Don't allow stress to build. Take a walk at lunch. Tonight: Try a movie or another mind-relaxing activity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Be more in touch with your imagination.

Dealing with one person you trust allows a lot to perk up emotionally and intellectually. Your responses startle you as well as others. Roll with innovative ideas. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others dump a lot on your plate. You might not be ready for the demands. Creating an uproar over a domestic or personal matter isn't going to help. Listen to others. Some excellent suggestions head your way. Tonight: Don't initiate. Let others take the first step.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ The unpredictable marks your day. Consider options regarding an important conversation. On some level, you might be shocked by what you hear. Focus on the positives and what you can do. Tonight: Off for a brisk walk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your playfulness could cost you more money than you are able to deal with. Realize your limits with finances. A risk could really backfire if you choose to head in that direction. Be smart and maximize your efforts. Tonight: Forget tomorrow; live now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Your erratic behavior takes its toll. Review a personal matter carefully before smashing the situation and those involved into smithereens. Impulsiveness will not help your relationship with a family member. Tonight: Be politically smart.

BORN TODAY
Musician Sylvester "Sly Stone" Stewart (1944), record producer Quincy Jones (1933)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Who's in Charge?

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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♦ 9 6
♣ K Q J 8 2

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EAST
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♣ 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ A 10 9
♦ K Q J 4
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The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
4NT Pass 5♠ Pass
5♠ Pass 6♠ Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

It is not often that you have to make a sheer guess at the table. What clue did West miss on this deal?

After North's forcing spade raise, South thought that if his partner held an ace there would be good play for a slam, hence the leap to Blackwood. When North denied an ace, South settled in five spades, but North decided his partner did not know what he was doing and continued to six spades.

West led the eight of spades, won in dummy with the 10. Showing no signs of consternation, declarer led a diamond and East, hoping to put declarer to a guess, played low. Declarer made the clever play of the queen, which held the trick. Now South led the seven of clubs.

East grabbed the ace and, thinking South had taken a finesse with the queen of diamonds holding the ace in the suit,

switched to a heart in desperation. Declarer won in hand with the ace, drew trumps ending in dummy, and cashed three club winners for diamond discards. Declarer cleared the king of hearts and returned to hand with a diamond ruff to ruff his remaining heart and claimed the last two tricks with trumps.

Declarer played well to disguise his holding, but West should not have been taken in. South would not have asked for aces with two fast losers in hearts and, since the king was in sight in dummy, declarer had to have the ace. The only hope was that South held the king of diamonds and East the ace. A diamond return was marked.

Despite his great bidding on this deal, we understand North is looking for a new partner.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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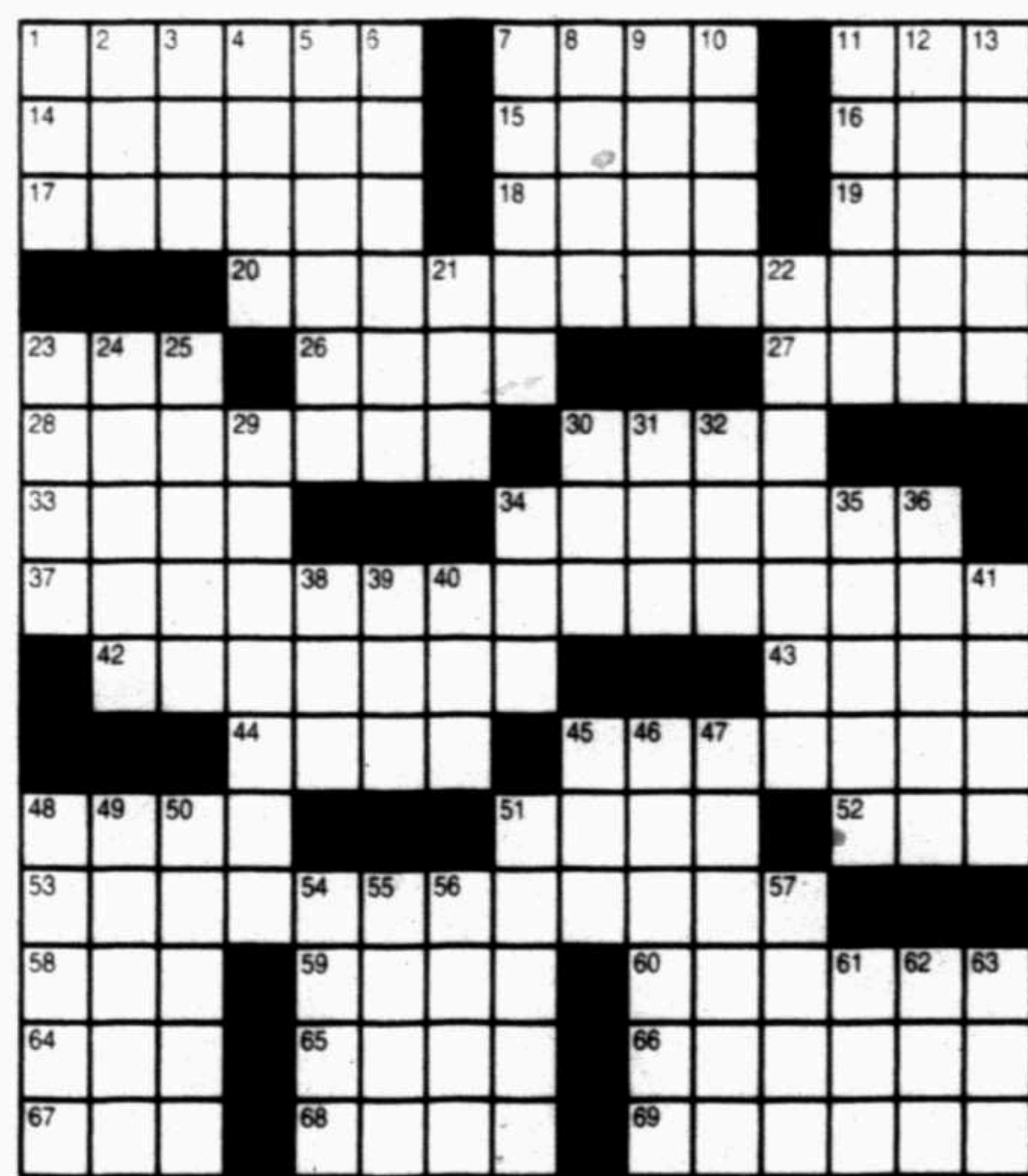
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By Oscar LeRo
Sports Writer

Steve Taylor said stay at Greenwood must be a pretty good of a job it is v



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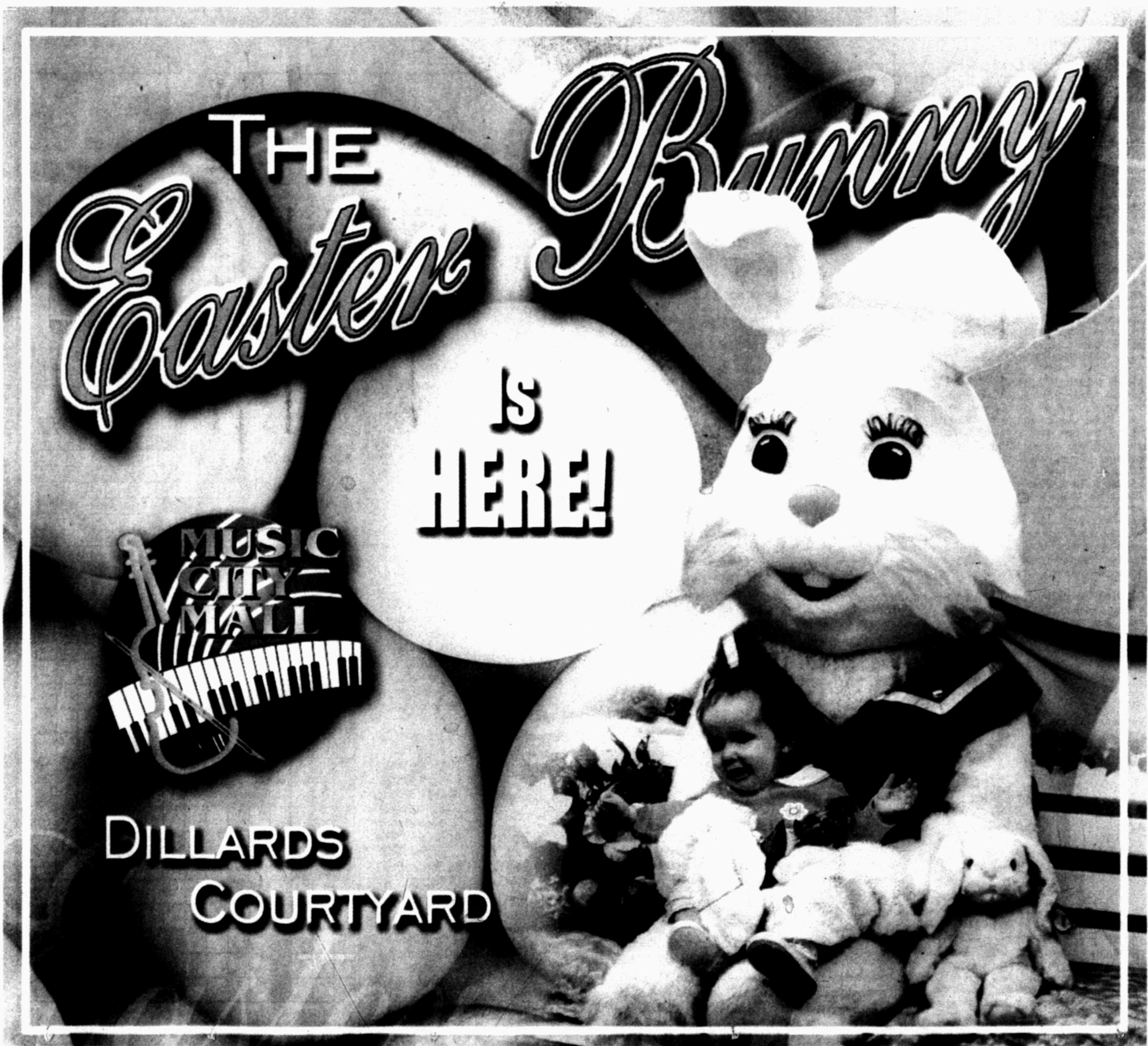
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Sports Writer

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Softball Showdown — Midland High vs. Lee



Friendship goes by the wayside

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Ali Askew and Kasey McCain are best friends. Except for two days a year.

And one of those days is today.

The pair will be wearing different colors in tonight's District 3-5A softball game between Midland High and Lee. McCain is a leadoff hitter and right fielder for the Rebels, and Askew bats in the same position and catches for the Lady Bulldogs.

The pair have been playing with, and against, each other in softball since they were six years old. Today's 7 p.m. game at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex will be one more night the pair will face each other.

NOT ON MY WATCH Midland High senior catcher Ali Askew holds a runner at third base during a game earlier this season.

Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram

"It's been kind of hard but we really don't take it personally," McCain said. "We have our jobs to do. We've just got to get them done."

The relationship between McCain and Askew is common between players on these two rival squads. Players play on the same summer league teams but part ways during the high school season.

And off the field many hang out together. But even though they are friends it does not make this rivalry any less intense.

"I just look at it as another game that we need to win," Askew said.

These two squads have been perennial playoff teams, which makes tonight's game that much more interesting. Partly because it will be played on a new stage.

For the first time in recent memory the game will be played at night on Midland College's field at the

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McCain



Askew

Lone Ranger

Taylor picked as head coach at Greenwood

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Steve Taylor said if Bob Purser could stay at Greenwood for 18 years then it must be a pretty good place to coach.

Taylor will find out first hand how good of a job it is when he was unanimously approved by the Greenwood Independent School District Board of Trustees on Monday to be the high school's next head football coach and athletic director. He will replace Purser, who turned in his resignation in January but remains as

the high school athletic director until the end of the school year.

Taylor, who will make \$65,000 a year, was chosen among six finalists, which included Greenwood High School assistant principal Ariel Elliott, Breckenridge coach Blake Feldt, former Greenwood assistant and current Lee defensive assistant Pat Liles, Greenwood assistant

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Next Level



GOING FOR A DRIVE Midland College's Tim Crowell drives past Howard's Dezmon Harris during a regular season game earlier this year.

Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

Against Hawks, third time was charm for MC

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The third time proved to be the charm for the Midland College men's basketball team against Howard College.

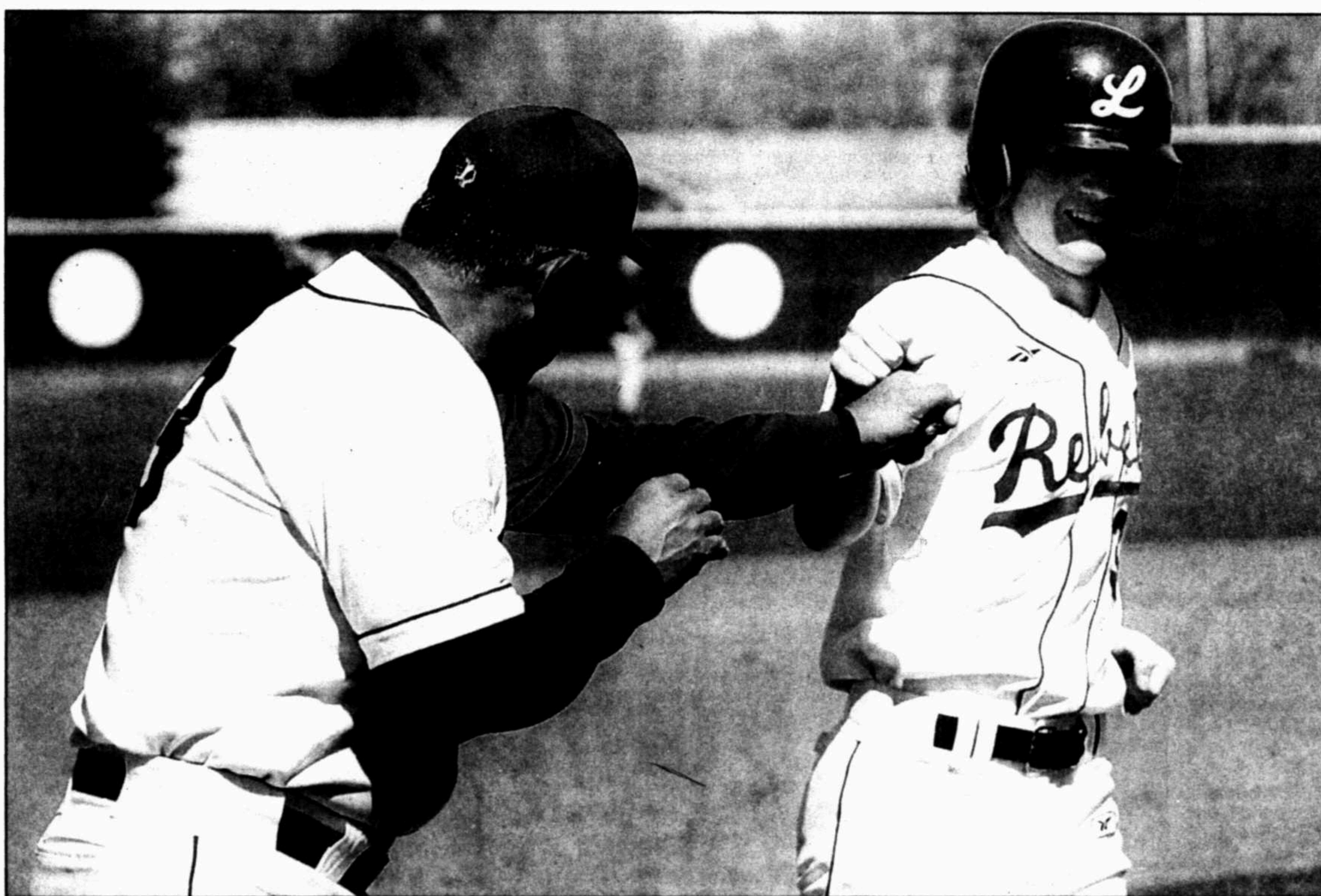
Midland College avenged two regular season losses to Howard on Sunday by holding the Hawks scoreless in the last two and a half minutes and hitting some key free throws for a 67-62 victory in the Region V Tournament championship at Lubbock's Rip Griffin Center.

The win qualifies the Chaparrals (25-8) to play in the NJCAA National Tournament, scheduled for March 22-26 at Hutchinson, Kan. This is the second consecutive and seventh overall trip to the nationals for Midland College.

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DISTRICT 3-5A BASEBALL

No clear-cut favorite



League looks tough this year

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

District results are never a formality, but over the past six seasons, you could just about set your watch on the Midland High and Lee baseball teams both making the playoffs and going until at least the middle of May.

It's tempting to do that again this year when District 3-5A play starts today. Lee returns a lot of talent from a team which is the defending district champion, while Midland High, despite a lack of experience, enters district play with a 12-3-1 record.

But predicting playoff teams this season isn't cut-and-dried. The Bulldogs in particular face a major character test early, as they'll enter today's 4 p.m. contest at Abilene High likely minus two key returnees from last season, junior Justin Whittenberg and senior

J.W. Wilson, who both should be out with injuries.

Nonetheless, the Bulldogs thrived, winning all five games at the First Bank Classic in Lubbock, despite playing without pitcher-third baseman Whittenberg (broken right foot) and in the championship game without right fielder Wilson (sprained ankle).

"We made drastic strides (in Lubbock)," MHS coach Barry Russell said. "I was really proud of how we responded to all those challenges. It was always somebody stepping up."

It's good news for Abilene High and other teams in the district that the Bulldogs might be dealing with issues of youth and injuries for at least the first few weeks of district. Since Midland High has made the playoffs seven straight seasons and Lee has been there

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TAKING A CUT Midland High's Jaime Armendariz makes contact with a pitch during action earlier in the season at Zachery Field. TOP PHOTO Lee's Tim Smith, right, gets congratulated by coach Jesse Benavidez after a home run earlier in the season.

Photos by Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High 3, San Angelo Central 2 (SO)

Smith leads Bulldogs in crucial win

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Avery Smith is listed as a midfielder on the Midland High boys soccer roster. But over the last few weeks Smith can add goalkeeper to that list, and simply clutch player.

ON THE RUN Midland High's Avery Smith (4) dribbles past San Angelo Central's Spencer Lasater during action Monday night at Grande Communications Stadium.

Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram

Smith stopped three San Angelo Central shots in the shootout and scored the game-winner to give the Bulldogs a much-needed 3-2 victory against the Bobcats at Grande Communications Stadium.

"This win was really big and we needed it," Smith said. "It was a team effort, though, and everybody played tonight."

Despite a setback on Saturday against Abilene Cooper, the Bulldogs remain in the hunt for District 3-5A's third playoff spot. Midland High improved to 12-8-1 overall and 6-5 in the league.

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BASEBALL

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five of the last six, the Midland schools have been the gold standard for the rest of the district.

At the same Lubbock tournament the Bulldogs won, Odessa High run-ruled Abilene High, sending notice that this year's pool of district contenders might be wider than in the past.

"After seeing all those schools I think this district is going to be wide open," Abilene High coach Scottie Sanchez said. "The Midland schools are still ones to beat but I think the gap is closing."

Of all the teams in the district, Lee might be the most secure. The Rebels have a proven starting pitcher in left-hander Barry Keiffer and two returning All-District hitters in Logan Forest and Aaron Powell.

Lee's lineup appears to be living up to preseason billing, as the Rebels concluded the Austin-Round Rock Tournament last weekend by scoring 37 runs in their last two games.

"As far as getting our lineup the way we want it we should be in position to score some runs," Lee coach Jesse Benavidez said. "If guys are hitting at the right time we can score a lot of runs."

When the Rebels open district by hosting Abilene Cooper at 4 p.m. at Ernie Johnson Field, Lee and Cooper will combine to field four returning All-District first team selections from last season. While Lee can boast Keiffer, Forest and Powell, Cooper has junior second baseman Chris Hall.

3-5A Standings

District	Overall
W L	W L
Midland Lee	9 7
Midland High	12 3
Abilene High	9 5
Abilene Cooper	6 8
Odessa High	10 4
San Angelo	4 5
Odessa Permian	7 8

Today's games
Abilene Cooper at Lee, Midland High at Abilene High, San Angelo Central at Odessa High. All games start at 4 p.m. Odessa Permian at Andrews, 6 p.m.

An inside look at District 3-5A

The District 3-5A baseball season begins today with three games and most of the district can realistically claim to have a shot at a playoff spot. Here's a look at what to expect this season and through the postseason:

Players to watch

Chris Hall, Jr., 2B, Abilene Cooper — Even though he's just a junior, Hall is as accomplished a player as anyone in the district, as he's a two-time returning all-district player. The bad news for the Cougars is that they don't have more like him.

Jerrold Carroll, Sr., SS, Abilene High — Carroll has twice been named the district's defensive player of the year for his work at middle linebacker on Abilene High's football team, but he can also play baseball.

Ryan Kennedy, Sr., OF, Abilene High — A returning all-district player who should hit leadoff and play right field. Logan Forest, Sr., C, Lee — An all-district selection who hit .450 and drove in 11 runs in district and is off to a hot start this season.

Barry Keiffer, Sr., P-1B, Lee — Although he made the all-district first team as a pitcher, Keiffer is better known as Lee's top pitcher, as the left-hander was 8-1 last season.

Brandon Fierro, Jr., P-OF, Midland High — The left-hander should be Midland High's ace this season, and has emerged as a highly productive No. 3 hitter.

J.W. Wilson, Sr., OF, Midland High — A sprained ankle suffered last weekend in Lubbock might be the only thing which can slow down this returning all-district player who has signed with Texas Tech.

Aiden Villa, Sr., 2B, Odessa Permian — May be one of the smallest players in the district, but he's a pesky No. 2 hitter who can get on base.

Games to watch

Meaningless games are rare in this district, at least not until the last couple of weeks of the season. Concentrating generally on the first half of district play, here are the ones which should have the biggest early impact on the district playoff race.

MHS vs. Abilene High, March 15 — The injury wracked Bulldogs will see just how far they need to go to retain contender status against an Abilene High team which has realistic visions of a district title.

Lee vs. OHS, March 19 — A rematch of the Tournament of Champions semifinal which the Rebels won 7-0, this one counts for real and could determine the early leader in district.

Lee vs. MHS, March 22, April 16 — This crosstown series has wisely been moved to First American Bank Ballpark, and it always seems to contain high drama and determine who gets an upper hand in the district race. Expect the same on these two dates.

OHS vs. Permian, March 22 — The winner of this crosstown rivalry game could emerge as a legitimate contender for a playoff spot.

Lee vs. Abilene High, March 24 — Two days after facing Midland High, the Rebels go on the road for a big early season game which could determine the district leader.

OHS vs. Abilene High, March 29 — A game in which a district pretender could get separated from the contenders.

Things to watch

New coaches

■ Mike Munguia takes over at Odessa High after a year as an assistant. Munguia was the head coach at Kermit for four years.

■ Pete Southall takes the reins at Permian after coaching college ball at Henderson State in Arkansas.

Different starting patterns

For years, the crosstown rivals in Midland, Odessa and Abilene would square off to open up district play while San Angelo Central would draw the open date. However, this year the Midland schools are opening against the Abilene schools to start district, while Central is facing Odessa High with Permian taking the open date.

Big second week

Next Tuesday, the traditional crosstown rivalries will take place under the district schedule's new configuration. It should be an especially big test for Lee, since the Rebels will face MHS on Tuesday then go on the road two days later to face Abilene High, meaning that Lee will have seen two playoff teams from last year within a span of three days.

Reaching milestones

Both Midland coaches can enter this season secure in knowing that they've already achieved career win milestones. Midland High's Barry Russell picked up his 400th career victory at Midland's Tournament of Champions, while Lee's Jesse Benavidez picked up win No. 300 (all at Lee) last Thursday by beating Round Rock Westwood at the Austin-Round Rock Tournament.

Earlier starting time

Midland High is choosing to stand apart from the crowd in scheduling its Saturday home games. The Bulldogs are foregoing the traditional 2 p.m. starting time for a noon start. All of Midland High's home district games are scheduled for Saturday, while Lee's are on Tuesday.

Familiar foes

The teams in district have already gotten a fairly good look at each other in some cases this season. Midland High, Lee, Odessa High and Permian all participated in the Tournament of Champions, although the only meeting between district teams came in the semifinals when Lee beat OHS 7-0. MHS, Abilene High and OHS all participated in last week's First Bank Classic in Lubbock (which the Bulldogs won) and the Bronchos beat Abilene High 13-3 in a run-rule victory.

Big obstacles

For teams from this district fortunate enough to reach the regional semifinals (only Midland High has gotten that far in each of the past four years), it doesn't figure to be an easy road to the state tournament in Round Rock. Odds are good that survivors from 3-5A will have to play either Flower Mound or Southlake Carroll in the Region 1-5A semis or finals.

3-5A GIRLS SOCCER

San Angelo Central at Midland High

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium.
Records: Midland High 18-1 overall, 9-1 in District 3-5A; San Angelo Central is 11-8-1, 6-3.

Last meeting: San Angelo Central 3, Midland High 2 (Feb. 19).
Last game: Midland High 4, Abilene Cooper 0; Odessa Permian 4, San Angelo Central 0.

Injuries: MHS senior defender Helen Byrd, ankle (probable).

Notes, quotes: Today's game will give the Lady Bulldogs a chance to avenge their only loss of the season. "I don't want to use the 'R' — revenge word, but I think the loss really hurt this year, it was a painful loss, and I really think they've been looking forward to the rematch," MHS head coach Scott Hodgkinson said of his team. "With a victory today, the Lady Bulldogs will clinch their third consecutive District 3-5A championship and fifth overall. ... Through the course of the Bulldogs' recent title reign, including the games they've already played this season, MHS has an overall record of 61-9-1. ... In the 3-2 loss to Central, the Bulldogs led 2-0 at halftime but gave up three goals in a span of four minutes. Junior forward Liz Gates, the current 3-5A scoring leader, scored both Bulldog goals in the loss. ... Four of the top 10 scoring leaders are Lady Bobcats, while two — Gates and freshman Victoria Lucas — belong to the Lady Bulldogs. However, both teams each have six players in the top 20. ... The past two years, MHS has just three overall losses and two are to the Lady Bobcats. MHS finished 21-2 last year, losing to Central during the regular season before falling to Flower Mound Marcus in the regional semi-

finals. "Something about playing us seems to bring out the best in them," Hodgkinson said of Central. "This coming Wednesday, MHS senior defender Shadria Evans will sign a national letter of intent to play for Louisiana State University-Shreveport at 2 p.m. in Conference Room A at Midland High School."

Next game: Midland High at Odessa High, 6 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, noon Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene.

3-5A Standings

District	Overall
W-L	W-L
Midland High	9-1 18-1-0
Lee	7-3 14-7-0
San Angelo Central	6-3 11-8-1
Odessa Permian	5-4 14-6-2
Odessa High	3-6 9-7-4
Abilene Cooper	2-7 5-10-1
Abilene High	1-9 4-12-0

Friday's score
Midland High 4, Abilene Cooper 0.
Saturday's scores
Lee 3, Abilene High 0; Odessa Permian 4, San Angelo Central 0. Odessa High was open.

Today's games
Midland High vs. San Angelo Central, 6:30 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium, Abilene. Cooper at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m., Ratliff Stadium, Odessa; Odessa High at Abilene High, 6:30 p.m., Shotwell Stadium, Abilene. Lee is open.

3-5A statistics

Player	School	G	A	Pts
Elizabeth Gates	Midland High	8	5	21
Courtney Wilson	Permian	7	3	12
Shelby Byrd	Central	7	0	14
Victoria Lucas	Midland High	5	4	14
Ashli Smith	Permian	3	4	10
Whitney Bible	Central	1	6	8
Sara Schneider	Lee	3	1	7
Lynne Brooks	Central	3	0	6
Katelin Benefield	Permian	2	2	6
Skyler Byrd	Central	1	4	6

Compiled by Dave Seger
Statistics courtesy of San Angelo Standard-Times

3-5A SOFTBALL

Midland High vs. Lee

When/where: 7 p.m., today, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex at Ulmer Park.

Records: Lee 13-2 overall, 2-0 in District 3-5A; Midland High 13-6, 1-1. **Last game:** Lee 13, Odessa High 0; Midland High 4, Odessa Permian 0.

Last meeting: Midland High 6, Lee 1 (April 2, 2004).

Notes, quotes: It's the third district game of the season and it's already important for both clubs. Midland High is going through a transition with its lineup. Leah Gonzalez has moved to pitcher, while Aimee Russell has moved from shortstop to third. The Lady Bulldogs picked up a confidence builder after Saturday's victory against Permian. Midland High scored four runs thanks to four Lady Panther errors to win by shutout. Gonzalez in her first district start gave up three hits and have five strikeouts. ... After Saturday's pasting of Odessa High, the Lady Rebels may have made themselves the favorite for the district championship. Lee pounded out 18 hits along with the 13 runs. Four players were 3-for-4 or better. Lee is hitting .308 as a team this season with six of its starters hitting above .300. Heather Woods, who had one of two Lady Rebel home runs on Saturday, is hitting .442 with a team-high 11 RBI. ... Starter Kaitlyn Witte is 10-0 and has pitched 10 complete games this season. Witte had four strikeouts in seven innings and has an 0.67 earned run average.

Next game: Lee at Abilene High, 2 p.m., Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 2 p.m., Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

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Freddie Ezell Softball Complex. Many of the players have played on that same field.

But it's the first time in recent memory the game will be played at night, a fact that Lee coach Wes Overton said hopefully will bring a large crowd, but won't change the intensity of the rivalry.

"We want people to know that not only do we play good football and baseball here, but softball, too," Overton said. "Even though we are the home team we won't have any kind of advantage."

The Rebels, though, have a one-game advantage during the early part of the District 3-5A season. Lee (12-2, 2-0) is coming off a 13-0 drubbing of Odessa High, while Midland High (13-6, 1-1) is coming off its first league win of the season.

"When we play Lee we always

play in front of large crowds," Midland High coach Shawnda Vines said. "It's always a tough game for us, but we just have to make sure the kids are psychologically and physically prepared to play."

3-5A Standings

District	Overall
W L	W L
Lee	2 0 13 2
Abilene High	2 0 6 9
Odessa High	1 1 9 8
Midland High	1 1 13 6
Odessa Permian	0 1 7 7
Abilene Cooper	0 1 6 5
San Angelo Central	0 2 4 11

Saturday's games

Midland High 4, Odessa Permian 0; Lee 13, Odessa High 0; Abilene High 10, San Angelo Central 0; Abilene Cooper was open.

Today's games

Lee vs. Midland High, 7 p.m., Freddie Ezell Softball Complex; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m., Ratliff Stadium Softball Complex; Abilene High at Abilene Cooper, 4 p.m.

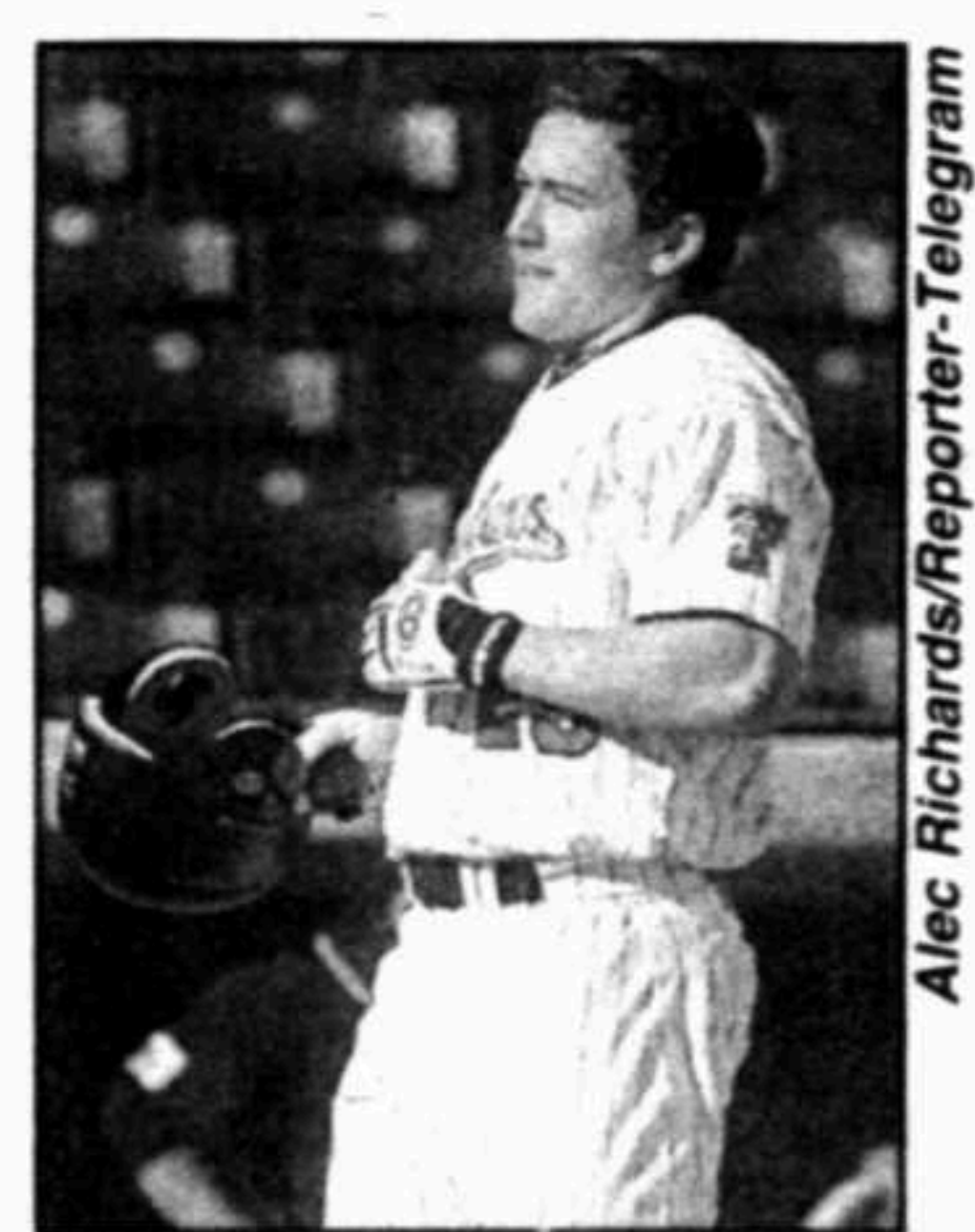
RED RAIDERS

Texas Tech vs. University of Houston

When/where: 7 p.m. today, First American Bank Ballpark.

Records: Tech 15-5, Houston 7-11.

Notes: Tech is making a home away from home at FABB, as the Red Raiders are playing in Midland for the second time in less than a month. They came to town at the end of February and won all three games they played in the Rock-Hounds College Classic. Tech beat Lamar 5-3 to give coach Larry Hays his 1,400th career win, as Midland High product Madison Edwards hit a grand slam for the Red Raiders. The next day, Tech swept a pair of games, beating University of Texas-San Antonio 22-7 and New Mexico State 7-4. Edwards homered against New Mexico State and Cameron Blair hit three homers in those two games. All four Tech players with Midland ties played against UTSA, as first baseman Patrick Smart (a Lee and Midland College product) and designated hitter Josh Wilson and pitcher Casey Zachry (Midland High) all saw action. Tech and Houston also played last year at the FABB. The Red Raiders won 12-11 in the bottom of the ninth



Madison Edwards

when Lee graduate Josh Haney led off the inning with a home run to centerfield. Haney is now playing in the Kansas City Royals organization. Both teams are coming back from trips to Southern California, where each team lost two out of three games as Tech played USC, UCLA and US Irvine in Los Angeles and the Cougars played at Long Beach State.

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a half-game behind rival Lee.

"If you play hard you win shootouts," Bulldog coach Todd Green said. "We didn't play hard against Cooper and they know that. We've got things going, we just hope it's not too late."

Smith, though, may never have had the chance in the shootout if it wasn't for a late goal by sophomore Eric Carrillo.

The Bulldogs were down 1-0 into the second half but tied the game when Mike Abalos created a scoring opportunity. Abalos won a down-field, running battle for the ball with Central defender Austin Lindsey and passed it to Hawkins, who was wide open in the middle of the box. Hawkins put it away to tie the game in the 47th minute.

But a defensive breakdown by Midland High put the Bulldogs down a goal late in the game. Two Bulldogs whiffed on attempts to clear the ball in their own end and Central forward Art Artega took advantage.

Artega broke free and drove a low shot by Paul Iaquaniello to give the Bobcats a 2-1 advantage in the 69th minute.

The Bulldogs, though, used their extra attacker up front to tie the game. Eric Carrillo, who was

playing up front in a formation which used three forwards instead of two, took a rebound and scored with a low shot at the top of the box in the 77th minute.

"I think we went too defensive after we scored," San Angelo Central coach Brandon McCallum said. "We just gave Midland High too many chances in the defensive half."

The goal set the stage for the shootout. Smith gave up the first goal to Grant Baxter but stymied Yancey Hunter and Randy Dennis, with Brandon Cain's shot careening off the post.

Meanwhile, Mike Abalos and Reed Stevens scored to give the Bulldogs a 2-1 advantage going into the final shootout.

Justin McKnight beat Smith with a shot he initially stopped but it rolled into the goal. But it was Smith's turn to shoot after the goal.

Smith beat Central goalkeeper Blake Bahlman with a shot that went across his body and into the net. After the goal, Smith was mobbed by his teammates.

"Avery is just that kind of kid," Green said. "Our trainer was talking about it and said he is 'clutch player.' He knows what he can do. He's just a clutch player."

off the post.

Play-in game tips off NCAAs today

MRT wire reports

March madness officially begins today in Dayton, Ohio, when Oakland (Mich.) faces Alabama A&M in the men's tournament play-in game (6 p.m. CST, ESPN). The winner faces No. 1 North Carolina in the first round of the Syracuse Regional on Friday in Charlotte, N.C.

Oakland (12-18) upset top-seeded Oral Roberts 61-60 last week in the Mid-Continent Conference tournament, earning the program's first berth and becoming the 19th bid ever with a losing record.

Alabama A&M (18-13) is in for the first time since joining Division I in 1998. It's the first

time the play-in game, instituted in 2001, features debut teams.

Oakland is on a five-game winning streak going into its first tournament appearance since joining Division I seven years ago.

"We were campaigning for it," Oakland coach Greg Kampe said. "We're the only game on TV. If we're fortunate enough to win, 5 million people are going to have to write our name on their brackets."

Alabama A&M won the Southwestern Athletic regular-season title and league tournament but ranks toward the bottom in scoring. Guard Obie Trotter, the SWAC player of the year, however, leads the nation in steals (3.9).

Spurs whip Hornets, 112-89

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 18 points and 13 rebounds in his return to San Antonio's lineup to help the Spurs rout New Orleans 112-89 on Monday night.

Duncan played 26 minutes after missing the previous two games — both losses — because of a sprained right ankle and tightness in his back. While Duncan returned, point guard Tony Parker missed his first game of the season because of a quadriceps injury, and Manu Ginobili sat out with a groin injury.

With the victory, the Spurs improved to 48-15, tied for the NBA overall lead with Phoenix (48-15) and Miami (49-16). Beno Udrih, a 22-year-old rookie Slovenian, scored a career-high 25 points on 9-of-13 shooting in his first career start in place of Parker. Brent Barry added 17 points in place of Ginobili.

Lee Nailon led the Hornets with 18 points. New Orleans dropped to 3-28 on the road.

Cowboys retain free agents Scott, O'Neil

Associated Press

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys retained safety Lynn Scott and linebacker Keith O'Neil on Monday, signing both to one-year contracts.

Scott, an unrestricted free agent who agreed to terms on March 1, had 33 tackles, nine assists, a sack, a fumble recovery and an interception in 2004.

O'Neil, an exclusive rights free agent, had 12 tackles, two assists and a fumble recovery last season.

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans released linebacker Jay Foreman and safety Eric Brown on Monday.

The 28-year-old Foreman missed the last five games of the season with a sprained left ankle. He finished second on the team with 93 tackles. A six-year veteran, Foreman came to Houston in a trade with Buffalo in 2002. He had a career-high 193 tackles in 2002.

Brown, who started 31 of 32 games with Houston in 2002 and '03, got the first two starts last season but missed the next three games because of a knee injury. He was eventually replaced in the starting lineup with rookie Glenn Earl.

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Miami	49	39
Washington	34	32
Orlando	31	31
Charlotte	12	41
Atlanta	11	41

Central Division

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Cleveland	33
Chicago	32
Indiana	31
Milwaukee	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L
San Antonio	48	34
Dallas	41	37
Houston	37	39
Memphis	36	36
New Orleans	14	49
Northwest Division	W	L
Seattle	42	32
Denver	32	32
Minnesota	32	33
Portland	23	42
Utah	20	45

Pacific Division

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Phoenix	48
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L.A. Lakers	32
L.A. Clippers	28
Golden State	20

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Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	27	547
Philadelphia	30	23	476
New Jersey	28	26	438
Toronto	27	26	429
New York	26	25	426

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	49	16	754
Washington	34	27	557
Orlando	31	31	500
Charlotte	12	49	197
Atlanta	11	52	175

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	39	23	529
Cleveland	32	27	550
Chicago	32	28	533
Indiana	31	31	500
Milwaukee	25	37	403

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Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	48	15	762
Dallas	41	21	661
Houston	37	25	597
Memphis	36	27	571
New Orleans	14	58	226

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	42	19	689
Denver	32	30	516
Minnesota	32	32	500
Portland	23	38	377
Utah	20	42	323

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	48	15	762
Sacramento	39	25	609
L.A. Lakers	32	30	516
L.A. Clippers	28	35	444
Golden State	20	43	317

Monday's scores

Boston 119, Charlotte 110
Washington 95, L.A. Lakers 81
Detroit 114, Atlanta 108
Miami 110, Milwaukee 71
Memphis 104, Portland 83
San Antonio 112, New Orleans 89

Today's games

Houston at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Miami at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Spurs 112, Hornets 89

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Barry 6-11 2-3 17, Horry 3-4 0-0 8
D. Brown 3-7 0-0 8, McDiarmid 1-1 1-1
0-0 8, Wilks 2-5 0-0 4, Massenburg 1-
0-0 2, Totals 41-75 17-21 112

New Orleans 121, Bulls 89

NEW ORLEANS (121) —
3-Point Goals 2-2, New Orleans 2-5
Jacobsen 2-3, Nachbar 0-2, San

ANTONIO 13-19

Udoh 3-4, Bowen 3-4, Barry 3-4, D. Brown 2-2, Horry 2-3
Wilks 0-1, Foutled 0-1, None
Rebounds—New Orleans 40 (P. Brown
8), San Antonio 50 (Duncan 13)

Assists—New Orleans 21 (Duncan)

Clayton 7), San Antonio 29 (Barry 7)
Total Fouls—New Orleans 18, San
Antonio 15. A—18-79, (18,500)

Grizzlies 104, Trail Blazers 83

PORTLAND (83) —
0-0, Abdul-Rahim 6-14 2-2 14, Przy-
billa 5-10 0-0 10, Telfair 5-11 1-2 11
Stoudamire 6-13 4-4 20, Outlaw 6-12
0-0 12, Ratliff 2-2 1-5, Framm 3-6 3-
3, Baker 0-0 0-0 0, Saung-jun 0-0
0-0 0, Totals 33-71 11-13 83

MEMPHIS (104) —

Battler 5-12
4-14, Cardinal 3-13 6-7 12, Wright 7-
5-6 19, Watson 7-12 0-0 16, Miller
8-12 8-27, Burke 2-4 0-0 4, Posey
2-5 0-0 5, Humphrey 2-3 1-1 5, Jones
0-1 0-0 2, Tsakalidis 0-1 2-2 2, Totals
37-71 24-30 104

Portland 25, 28 — 83

Memphis 25, 28 — 83
3-Point Goals—Portland 6-14
(Stoudamire 4-8, Framm 2-4, Outlaw 0-
1, Abdul-Rahim 0-1), Memphis 6-18
(Miller 3-6, Watson 2-3, Posey 1-4,
Cardinal 0-5). Fouled Out—None
Rebounds—Portland 40 (Przybilla 14)
Memphis 40 (Wright 9), Assists—Port-
land 21 (Telfair 7), Memphis 22 (Wat-
son 7), Total Fouls—Portland 19
Memphis 16, Technicals—Portland 9
Defensive Three Second A—16,165
(18,119)

Pistons 114, Hawks 108

DETROIT (114) —
Prince 13-19 5-6 31, R. Wallace 10-14 4-28 28, B. Wal-
lace 1-6 2-8 4, Billups 7-16 3-22
Hamilton 8-14 7-23, Arroyo 4-0 0-0
0, McDyeas 2-6 2-2 6, Dupree 0-0
0, Hunter 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 41-83 23-
30 114

ATLANTA (108) —

J. Smith 1-5 3-
3, Harrington 17-29 3-13 39, Ezeki-
4-5 0-0 8, Lue 10-18 7-27, Childress
4-14 0-0 8, Gugliotta 6-11 0-0 14, Col-
lier 1-1 0-0 2, Ivey 2-2 1-5, D. Smith
4-10 0-0 10, Deik 1-4 0-0 2, Totals 46-
89 14-5 108

Detroit 31, 24 17 28 14 — 114

Atlanta 23 31 23 8 — 108
3-Point Goals—Detroit 9-19
(Billups 5-10, R. Wallace 4-6, Prince 0-
1, Hamilton 0-2), Atlanta 28 (Gugliot-
ta 3-2, Childress 0-1, Harrington 0-1,
Lue 0-1, Deik 0-2). Fouled Out—Harr-
ington, Rebounds—Detroit 51 (R. Wal-
lace 12), Atlanta 42 (Childress 10)
Assists—Detroit 25 (Billups 7), Atlanta
23 (Lue 10), Total Fouls—Detroit 15,
Atlanta 24, Technicals—Billups, R. Wal-
lace, Atlanta Defensive Three Second A—15,733
(19,445)

Heat 110, Bucks 71

MILWAUKEE (71) —
Mason 1-7 5-
5, J. Smith 1-2 0-0 2, Gaudreault 0-0
0-0 6, M. Williams 4-8 2-10, Redd 5-
13 3-4 14, Pachulia 0-7 3-4 3, Kukoc
1-0 0-0 3, Goldwire 2-9 2-27, Strick-
land 2-11 0-0 5, Furr 1-2 1-11, Booth
1-6 1-3, Games 0-0 0-0, Totals 25-
78 17-21 71

MIAMI (110) —

E. Jones 4-9 2-2 10,
Hastie 3-4 2-4, O'Neal 9-13 3-8 21,
D. Jones 6-8 0-15, Wade 10-12 8-9
29, Dooling 1-5 0-0 2, Anderson 2-4

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Anso nylon is also recognized as having the highest resilience of synthetic or natural fibers. Anso's technology provides more resistance to crushing from foot traffic and more resistance to "tip bloom" (where the tips of the fibers spread out, or "bloom" due to wear) and destressing.

Its soil resistance is also unsurpassed. Because all Anso fabrics are treated with anti-soil and anti-stain treatments, which have held up very well in rigorous testing.

While its durability is very important, the look and the installation are equally so. At Southwest Floors, they'll help

you choose the right carpet or other flooring to meet your decorating and traffic needs. Owner Robert Burton, along with Travis Kendrick and Erin Hunt combine for well over 40 years of flooring experience.

While the final decision is up to you, the homeowner, they can arm you with all the facts you'll need to make an informed choice—one you'll be happy with for years to come.

And when it comes to installation, Southwest Floors is second to none. Robert started in the carpet business as an installer himself, so he knows how to get the best crews and to make sure they're doing the job right. Again, you're really the final judge.

"We're not happy until you are," Robert says.

Making customers happy with quality flooring and top-

notch installation is how Southwest Floors has stayed in business for 15 years. They don't run flashy, overly-hyped ads or sell seconds or off-goods at unbelievable prices. They want you to do business with them again and to tell your friends where you got some attractive, durable flooring.

Go by and see the flooring experts at Southwest Floors during their "Feel the Warmth" sale. With no payments and interest deferred, this is a great deal if you're preparing your home for sale. You can upgrade its appearance and then pay for the flooring out of the proceeds of the

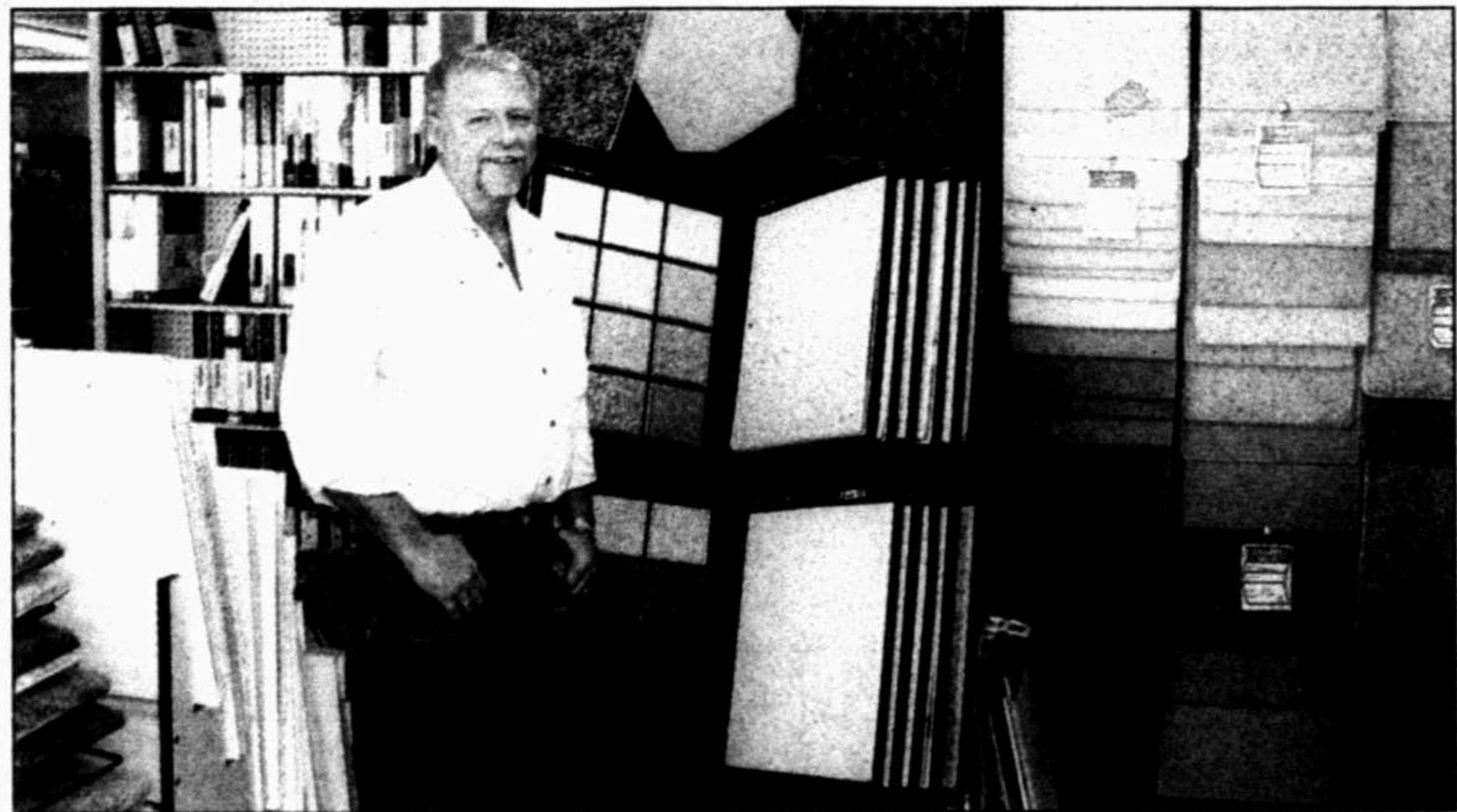
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Southwest Floors was opened by Robert Burton in 1990. They carry a wide selection of carpet, tile, wood and vinyl tile flooring. The address is 1113 Andrews Highway, next to McDonald's. The phone number is 689-9312. Store hours are 9-5:30 Monday through Friday and 10-1 Saturday. They accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

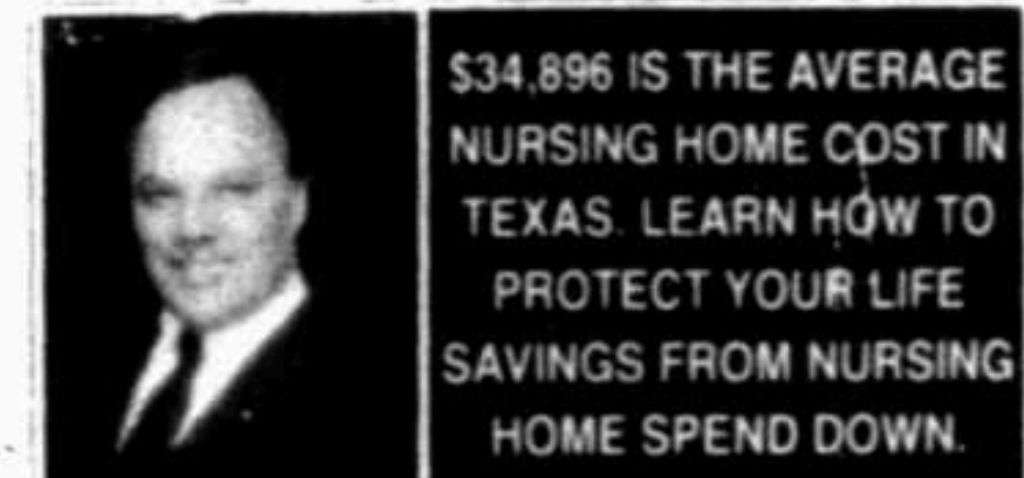
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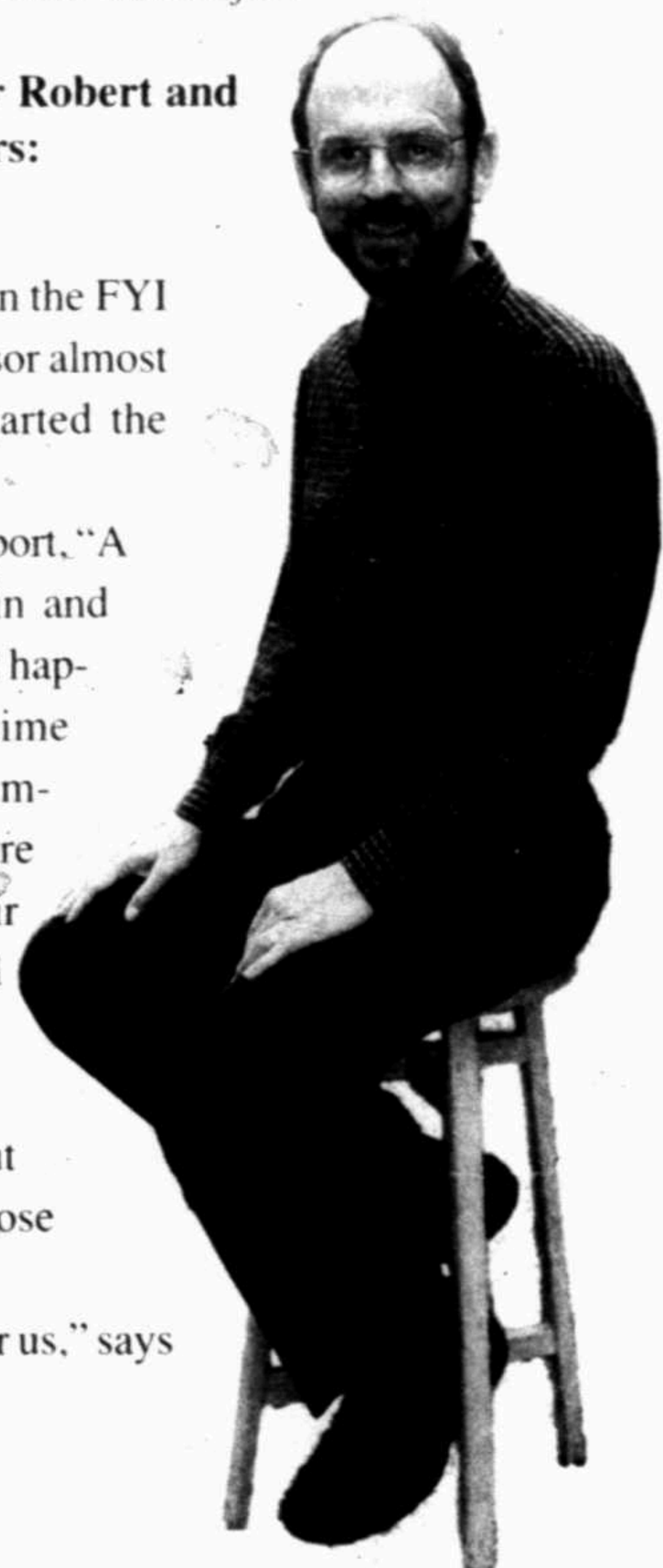
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Southwest Floors has been on the FYI page and its predecessor almost since the Burtons started the business in 1990.

Robert and Jane report, "A lot of people come in and say, 'I saw your ad.' It happens almost every time the article runs, a number of people come in." These are people who need to replace their flooring with carpet, tile, wood or laminate, and need to know who can help them. Southwest Floors then has a chance to put their experience to work for those customers.

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CHAPS

(From 1C)

The Chaps won't get an easy first round opponent as they will play No. 1-ranked Arizona Western (31-1) at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena.

"At this point, it doesn't matter who we play," MC coach Grant McCasland said. "If you want to win it all, you have to beat No. 1 at some point."

But being the underdog is nothing new for MC, which came into the Region V Tournament as the No. 3 seed out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Howard (26-6) came in as the No. 2 seed and knocked out No. 3 Temple College in tournament semifinals.

"You have to give coach Mark Adams and his Howard Hawks a lot of credit because they beat the No. 3 team in the country and just played until the very end," McCasland said. "Coach Adams has got a great ballclub and he's going to have a great team in the future. You can bet this is far from over. We were just fortunate to get this win."

Unlike the previous two meetings against the Hawks, McCasland said the Chaps were more prepared to play Howard's physical style. McCasland said Howard's style caught him off-guard in a 65-63 loss at home on Feb. 7. In the second game—a 58-44 loss in Big Spring on March 3—the Chaps fell behind 25-6 early and were held to 20 percent shooting.

"We had already qualified for regionals and we were just playing for seeding, so it wasn't like we were playing for a conference championship," said McCasland about the second game. "You want to win but we kind of went in there standing up a little too straight. This game, those guys were ready."

The Chaps again fell behind to the Hawks 28-23 at the half on Sunday but McCasland said he and the Chaps never panicked.

"There were some crazy things that happened in the first half, but the way the first half went I felt pretty comfortable with it because I knew both teams were tired," McCasland said. "I knew it would come down to who would make the play at the end."

COACH

(From 1C)

Jayne Tedder, and Mickey Owens, who recently accepted the head coaching job at Monahan.

"I talked to a lot of people about Coach Taylor and everybody I talked to would go on and on about what the job he did and how he did the job," said Greenwood superintendent Glenn Barber, who made the final recommendation to the school board. "They told me he was great with kids and worked really hard with his staff to work hard with kids. I think his record has shown that because he's been a winner everywhere he's been. And he's extremely well respected among other coaches."

Taylor, who said he was offered the job by Barber last Wednesday, brings with him a successful 92-28-1 record in 11 years as a head coach at Denver City (six years) and Ozona (five years). This past season, Taylor, 51, was out of coaching and served as principal of Ozona High School. Taylor said he got the itch to get back into coaching.

"Once I sat up in the stands for the first game last season I knew I wanted to be back out there and be with the kids," Taylor said. "I missed the kids and camaraderie of being around the other coaches."

Taylor said he doesn't anticipate making too many changes coming into the job. In the past, Taylor has run a wishbone offense and a 4-3 defense.

"The old saying goes, 'If it ain't broke don't fix it' and that's going to be my motto coming here," said Taylor, a native of Spur. "My personality is pretty similar to Coach Purser's. I will be myself and that's probably the biggest change, is that it won't be Coach Purser on the sideline, it'll be me."

Greenwood High School principal Scott Knippa, who was part of the six-person search committee, said Taylor should fit in very well in Greenwood.

"Greenwood is a very accepting community," Knippa said. "He's got some big shoes to fill and it will be challenge for him, but I think the community and our kids are up for it."

Taylor said from past experience in seeing Greenwood play, he is excited with the program he's taking over.

"Everybody that I talked to talked about how good the kids are, plus I played against them while I was at Denver City and scrimmaged them at Ozona, so I know they're good kids," Taylor said. "I've also heard that there is some good parental involvement. You get that feeling that the parents are more involved and more concerned with what goes on than some other places."

Taylor said he has not made a decision on the staff, although he did say he will meet with everyone on the current Greenwood coaching staff, plus talk to other coaches.

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Oil prices rose despite call for production increase

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices mounted a sharp recovery from early losses to close near \$55.00 a barrel Monday as traders brushed off a Saudi call for OPEC to increase production quotas.

The surprise Saudi announcement ahead of an OPEC ministerial meeting Wednesday triggered a wave of profit taking early in the session, sending prices sharply lower.

But prices recovered as traders bought back oversold futures on a belief that the Saudi call, even if enacted by the oil producer group, would not immediately result in any additional supply on the market.

"I think the market is looking beyond the OPEC

meeting and starting to realize that regardless of what OPEC may decide at the Wednesday meeting, the truth of the matter is the market will demand as much oil as they possibly can produce," a trader was quoted by Dow Jones Newswires as saying.

A sharp rally in natural gas futures amid frigid temperatures in the Midwest, the main U.S. natural gas consuming market, spilled over to lift the petroleum complex, traders said.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, crude futures for April delivery, which fell as low as \$53.52 following the Saudi announcement, rallied as high as \$55.05 a barrel, up 62 cents, before ending the session at \$54.95 a barrel, up 52 cents.

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, Brent futures followed suit, with the April contract ending up 55 cents at \$53.65 a barrel after sliding to an intraday low of \$52.46 a barrel.

The Saudi proposal came in a statement released early Monday in which Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi urged OPEC ministers gathering in Iran to boost the cartel's official output ceiling by half a million barrels a day to 27.5 million barrels a day.

The statement took traders by surprise. As recently as last week, OPEC officials seemed to have reached a consensus to leave output quotas unchanged during the second quarter, typically the weakest demand period of the year.

But Naimi said that while the short-term supply/demand balance is adequate, forecasts of rising global oil demand later this year merit a supply increase.

While not committing to an immediate increase in production, he pledged that Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest producer exporter, will pump more oil later this year to ensure the market is adequately supplied.

In Isfahan, Iran, where OPEC ministers are gathering for Wednesday's meeting, OPEC president Sheikh Ahmad Fahad al-Ahmad al-Sabah said the producers will likely go along with the Saudi proposal if prices don't drop from their current levels.

TIPS, DIPS & BLUE CHIPS

Inflation worries pressure stocks, erasing early gains

NEW YORK — Stocks were mixed Monday as concerns over rising oil prices and the possibility of inflation overshadowed Wall Street's cheer over corporate management changes and a new round of merger deals.

The oil and commodities markets turned higher in afternoon trading, erasing the stock market's minimal gains and renewing investors' fears of inflation. A barrel of light crude was quoted at \$54.80, up 37 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In midafternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 6.94, or 0.1 percent, to 10,767.42.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 0.54, or 0 percent, at 1,200.62, and the Nasdaq composite index lost 2.79, or 0.1 percent, to 2,038.81.

The bond market moved slightly higher, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.53 percent from Friday's 4.55 percent. Gold prices fell as the U.S. dollar gained ground against most major currencies.

Even with commodity prices higher and inflation concerns deepening, the spate of acquisitions is an harbinger of improvement in the overall economy, said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank.

Advancing issues were about even with decliners on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 894.73 million shares, compared with 908.19 million at the same point on Friday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies was down 0.35, or 0.1 percent, at 626.49.

Dollar rises, gold falls in Europe

LONDON — The U.S. dollar was stronger against other major currencies in European trading Monday. Gold prices fell in Europe.

The euro was quoted at \$1.3367 in European trading, down from \$1.3455 Friday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro fetched \$1.3348.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday, included 104.94 Japanese yen, up from 103.81; 1.1604 Swiss francs, up from 1.1500; and 1.2062 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2036.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.9108, down from \$1.9264.

Gold closed in London at \$441.00 bid per troy ounce, down from \$445.90 on Friday. In Zurich, the bid price was \$441.23, down from \$444.28. Gold rose \$2.70 in Hong Kong to close at \$443.15.

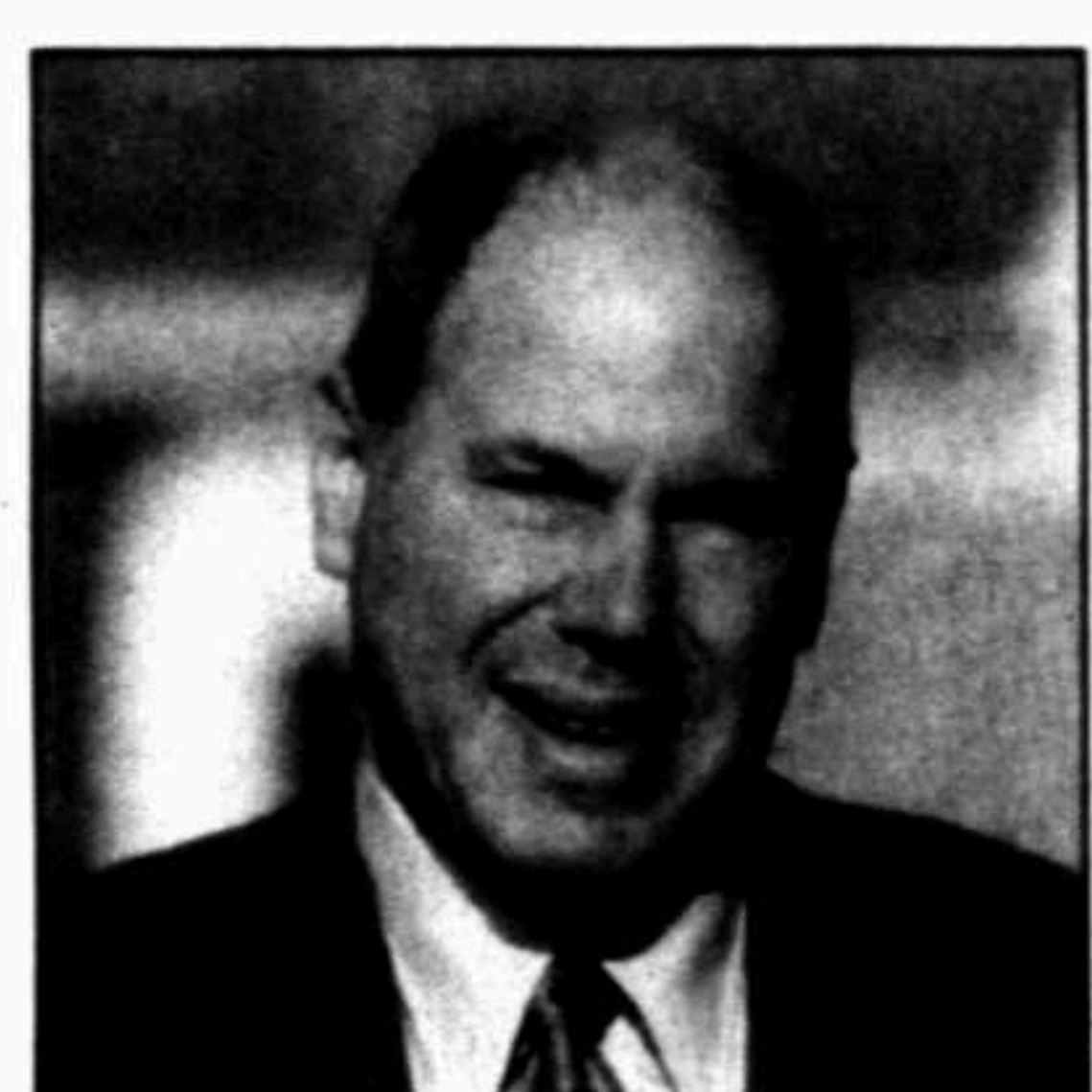


SUCCESSOR Robert Iger, president and chief operating officer of The Walt Disney Co., addresses the media inside the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Tuesday, March 2. Michael Eisner, the longtime CEO of The Walt Disney Co., will step down a year earlier than expected, handing over the reins to Robert Iger and ending a tumultuous stint atop the entertainment giant.

Robert Iger to become CEO of Disney

By Gary Gentile
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Eisner, the longtime CEO of The Walt Disney Co., will step down a year earlier than expected, handing over the reins to Robert Iger and ending a tumultuous stint atop the entertainment giant. Stock rose in early trading.



Michael Eisner

Iger, 54, the company's current president and chief operating officer, on Sunday was named to succeed Eisner as chief executive. He will assume his new role Oct. 1 and will co-lead the company with Eisner during the transition, Disney's board said.

He inherits the company as it continues an earnings recovery, opens a new

theme park in Hong Kong, enjoys a ratings boost at its ailing ABC network and builds on success of its dominant ESPN cable network.

"This is not a broken company. If things go right for Bob, it could be a phenomenal performer in the next few years," said Larry Hovatter, a portfolio manager at Gabelli Asset Management.

Investors were pleased that Iger would take over for Eisner a year earlier than planned. Disney shares rose 18 cents to \$27.77 in early trading Monday.

Iger will face many challenges, however, including repairing some of the relationships damaged by Eisner, negotiating broadcast rights with the NFL, expanding Disney into China and India, protecting its content from piracy while embracing new technology, and warding off another shareholder challenge from disgruntled ex-directors Roy E. Disney and Stanley Gold.

Eisner, who had said he would step down in 2006, will end his tenure this year after serving 21 years. Iger will become only the sixth leader of Disney in its history.

Iger is seen as less polarizing than Eisner, a trait that might give Disney another chance to cut a new deal with longtime partner Pixar Animation Studios, the makers of such hits as this year's Oscar-winning "The Incredibles."

"I think probably Bob has better success doing something that could bene-

fit the Disney shareholders," Hovatter said.

Pixar CEO Steve Jobs has said he would wait before talking to other studios about distributing his films until after Disney choose Eisner's successor. Pixar has one more film to deliver under its current Disney deal.

Iger, who was named president in 2000, has already won praise from Miramax Films co-chairman Harvey Weinstein.

Eisner has repeatedly clashed with brothers Bob and Harvey Weinstein since Disney bought the independent studio in 1993. Disney is close to ending its 12-year relationship with the Weinsteins in a deal that will see Disney keep the Miramax name and library while the Weinsteins leave to form their own company.

On Sunday, Harvey Weinstein praised Iger's choice, though it will not change the outcome of the talks. "I've had a great working relationship with Bob Iger and think he's a terrific choice," Weinstein said.

Iger's people skills will be tested when it comes to dissident shareholders Roy Disney and Gold. The two criticized Disney's board Sunday and hinted they might lead another shareholder revolt.

"We find it incomprehensible that the board of directors of Disney failed to find a single external candidate interested in the job and thus handed Bob Iger the job

by default," the two men said in a statement. "The need for the Walt Disney Company to have a clean break from the prior regime and to change the leadership culture has been glaringly obvious to everyone except this board."

But Disney board chairman George Mitchell said Iger's choice came after a "lengthy, thorough and professional selection process" that included serious consideration of outside candidates.

He declined to be more specific, but an EBay Inc. spokesman confirmed Sunday that the online auction company's CEO Meg Whitman had withdrawn her application for the job Friday after being interviewed.

"We believe Bob Iger represents the right blend of continuity, of very successful performance, particularly over the past two years in which Bob had played a major role... and a recognition of needed change" in the areas of new technology and expanding the company's business in Asia, Mitchell said.

He added that drastic changes in the company are not needed.

"If you are a major investor and the company has produced a 60 percent increase in earnings, has just increased its dividend 14 percent, has record cash flow and a substantial increase in return of invested capital, you don't encourage major change," Mitchell said.

OIL PRICES

FUTURES	
Monday	\$54.95
Previous	\$54.43
POSTED	
Monday	\$51.50
Previous	\$51.00
WEST TEXAS SOUR	
Monday	\$46.50
Previous	\$46.00
NATURAL GAS	
Monday	\$7.138
Previous	\$6.772

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

The safety of Money Market Funds; "super-safe" even during recession

Q: Do you consider money market funds to be super-safe? Suppose the economy goes into a severe recession, couldn't there be heavy losses?

A: I do consider money market mutual funds to be super-safe, even during an economic downturn. In the decades that money market funds have existed, no retail investors have lost money invested in a money market mutual fund. That's not to say that it could never happen, but it's highly unlikely.

Money market funds invest in highly safe and very short-term debt instruments such as commercial paper (short-term debt issued by the highest credit quality corporations), certificates of deposit and U.S. government debt. The Securities and Exchange Commission strictly regulates money funds, which must hold debt securities that mature, on average, within 90 days and that meet high credit quality standards.

In a few cases, money funds have held securities that suffered losses, but in all cases of retail money funds, those losses were absorbed by the parent fund company and not borne by fund share-

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holders. Investing in a money fund through one of the larger and well-established fund companies should allow you the peace of mind that the company would stand behind the fund in the unlikely event its investments suffered small losses.

During a recession, I would agree there is more risk with a money fund, although the risk is still quite small. If you're concerned about the safety of a money fund's investments, you could choose a fund that invests in U.S. Treasury securities, which are backed like a bank account, by the creditworthiness of the U.S. government.

The best money market funds are excellent and higher-yielding alternatives to keeping your money in a bank savings account. Also, unlike a bank account, you can select a money fund that pays tax-free interest in the event you're in a higher tax bracket. Bank savings accounts only pay taxable interest.

Q: I notice that some financial publications list the advances and declines for the stock exchange. What does that mean?

A: Advances and declines respectively measure the number of stocks that have increased and decreased in value on a given day (from the prior day's close) of stock market activity.

Generally speaking, a stronger economy, such as we have experienced in recent months, will have more stocks rising than declining.

Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
ACE Ltd	84	45.43	-20
AES Co	17.30	+64	
AFAC	441	38.96	+55
AGCO	19.48	-34	
AK Steel	12.97	-55	
AMR	9.00	+10	
AT&T	35	19.42	07
AU Optron	36	14.30	-14
ADLab	1.10	46.12	+12
Adelphi	50	56.51	-99
Aeroflot	24.46	-04	
AdamsEx	13.12	-04	
Adia	38.05	-06	
AMD	16.44	+06	
Aegion	536	14.48	+03
Aetna	02	74.76	-91
AlCresps	49.94	-34	
Agria	1.59	+04	
AgriB	1.56	+05	
Agilent	23.67	+33	
AlPro	1.16	64.22	+53
AirTran	8.52	+50	
Albion	76	20.67	+33
Alcoa	60	31.18	+18
Alleg	21.01	-20	
AllegTech	24	22.52	-87
Allegiance	407	73.31	-22
Allegiance	288	27.84	-29
Allstate	128	54.60	+19
Altel	152	56.75	+20
Altria	2.50	65.17	+03
Alumina	1.20	36.70	-56
Amgen	196	54.70	-181
AMP	1.40	34.25	-58
AmEco	45	53.85	+31
AmGen	597	63.85	-86
AmSd	60	47.76	-76
AmSouth	100	25.69	+16
AmStar	125	05	+15
AmStar	10	61.06	-75
Anadarko	721	77.20	-31
AnalogDev	24	37.21	-08
Analog	98	47.93	-31
AnnTaylor	25.58	-48	
Annaly	1.96	18.36	-82
Apache	32	62.30	+88
Arco	4.00	-10	
ArchChem	32	43.97	+15
ArchChem	34	24.70	-09
ArchChem	1.10	17.50	-16
Assurant	28	34.40	-25
ATMOS	124	28.12	+32
AutoNav	19.68	-40	
AutoZone	43.91	-29	
AutoZone	85.75	-1255	
Avaya	13.03	-42	
Avon	89	42.20	-13
Avon	1.40	29.90	-56
Avon	32	49.88	+66
Avon	1.77	64.65	-18
Avon	46	44.30	-47
Avon	1.80	45.80	-03
Avon	808	30.70	-50

Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
AGC	2.29	-01	
AGC	17.42	-15	
ATI Tech	17.64	-15	
Abgenix	8.65	+52	
Accelrys	5.36	-36	
Activ	23.05	+07	
Adaptec	05.26	-02	
Adaptive	05	65.34	+92
Adiantum	32	18.40	-18
Adiantum	4.59	+21	
Adiantum	10.40	-10	
Alko	1.44	44.83	-30
Alkermes	2.82	-12	
Alkermes	14.56	-21	
Altera	20.54	+24	
Alvarion	9.50	+47	
Amazon	34.50	-15	
Amazon	28.41	-24	
Amazon	40	24.45	-71
Amazon	10.89	+10	
Amazon	4.34	+07	
Amazon	19.78	+50	
Amazon	13.30	-33	
Amazon	23.69	-01	
Amazon	74.40	+40	
Amazon	40.32	-05	
Amazon	16.53	+13	
Amazon	3.34	-10	
Amazon	10.77	-10	
Amazon	6.23	+73	
Amazon	18.29	+59	
Amazon	21.93	-03	
Amazon	15.02	+90	
Amazon	3.29	-02	
Amazon	06	29.88	-01
Amazon	37.94	-41	
Amazon	8.95	-30	
Amazon	39.41	-13	
Amazon	4.41	-07	
Amazon	206	40.56	+119
Amazon	39	-39	
Amazon	31.37	-04	
Amazon	5.79	-20	
Amazon	53	-30	
Amazon	42.90	-42	
Amazon	1.81	-01	
Amazon	9.15	-11	
Amazon	20	17.40	+40
Amazon	33.04	-18	
Amazon	03.33	-10	
Amazon	04.08	-35	
Amazon	25.85	-82	
Amazon	1	1.04	-01
Amazon	21.95	-29	
Amazon	41.64	+27	
Amazon	03.15	-14	
Amazon	1.92	-08	
Amazon	32	43.35	+40
Amazon	4.15	+08	
Amazon	18.54	-09	
Amazon	23.76	-36	
Amazon	26.90	+23	
Amazon	45.80	-05	
Amazon	30.97	+45	
Amazon	33.99	+72	
Amazon	33.50	+71	
Amazon	46.68	-01	
Amazon	7.29	+26	
Amazon	44.92	+132	
Amazon	23.65	-48	
Amazon	1.62	-11	
Amazon	27.96	+45	
Amazon	15.36	-58	
Amazon	40	45.66	+72
Amazon	7.85	+09	
Amazon	22.44	+03	
Amazon	38.68	+216	
Amazon	22.13	-03	

Name	Div	Last	Chg
Adia	42	6.68	+02
Adia	2.58	-16	
Adia	2.15	+34	
Adia	1.3	5.62	+01
Adia	1.1	1.43	-01
Adia	2.61	-06	
Adia	1.66	-04	
Adia	26.00	-04	
Adia	36	-02	
Adia	72.50	+182	
Adia	15.30	+216	
Adia	3.84	-09	
Adia	11.89	+16	
Adia	20.15	-78	
Adia	41	-01	
Adia	18	-01	
Adia	15.60	-16	
Adia	1.98	-04	
Adia	4.70	+08	
Adia	36	-04	
Adia	16.42	+21	
Adia	14.76	-15	
Adia	3.10	-03	
Adia	6.45	-08	
Adia	20.15	-78	
Adia	57	+01	
Adia	1.69	+03	
Adia	3.99	-02	
Adia	6.23	-12	
Adia	10.92	-13	

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	Last	Chg
ACE Ltd	84	45.43	-.20
ACE Ltd	17.30	-.64	
Adco	38.96	+.55	
Adco	19.48	-.34	
Adco	12.97	-.55	
Adco	9.00	-.10	
Adco	15.12	-.14	
Adco	14.30	-.14	
Adco	11.00	-.12	
Adco	56.51	-.99	
Adco	24.46	-.02	
Adco	13.12	-.04	
Adco	43.63	-.17	
Adco	38.05	-.06	
Adco	16.44	-.06	
Adco	53.46	+.03	
Adco	02.74	+.91	
Adco	49.94	-.34	
Adco	1.59	-.04	
Adco	1.58	+.05	
Adco	3.67	+.33	
Adco	1.16	-.22	
Adco	8.52	+.50	
Adco	76.20	+.33	
Adco	60.31	-.20	
Adco	21.01	-.20	
Adco	24.22	-.87	
Adco	47.31	-.22	
Adco	28.74	-.29	
Adco	128.54	+.19	
Adco	15.75	-.15	
Adco	2.50	-.17	
Adco	1.20	-.16	
Adco	19.46	-.18	
Adco	14.34	-.18	
Adco	40.53	-.31	
Adco	51.65	-.86	
Adco	60.47	-.76	
Adco	25.59	-.15	
Adco	25.59	-.15	
Adco	72.72	-.31	
Adco	24.71	-.08	
Adco	47.93	-.35	
Adco	25.58	-.48	
Adco	1.96	-.82	
Adco	32.53	-.88	
Adco	4.00	-.50	
Adco	32.43	-.15	
Adco	34.70	-.09	
Adco	11.10	-.19	
Adco	29.40	-.25	
Adco	1.24	-.32	
Adco	19.68	-.40	
Adco	43.91	-.10	
Adco	85.75	-.25	
Adco	10.55	-.42	
Adco	46.20	-.13	
Adco	46.20	-.13	
Adco	80.30	-.70	

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Name	Div	Last	Chg
Adco	84	45.43	-.20
Adco	17.30	-.64	
Adco	38.96	+.55	
Adco	19.48	-.34	
Adco	12.97	-.55	
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Adco	15.12	-.14	
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Adco	43.91	-.10	
Adco	85.75	-.25	
Adco	10.55	-.42	
Adco	46.20	-.13	
Adco	46.20	-.13	
Adco	80.30	-.70	

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Name	Div	Last	Chg
Adco	84	45.43	-.20
Adco	17.30	-.64	
Adco	38.96	+.55	
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Adco	80.30	-.70	

MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	Div	Last	Chg
Adco	84	45.43	-.20
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Adco	38.96	+.55	
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A DAY ON WALL STREET

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PERMANENT BASIN STOCKS

DIARY					DIARY					DIARY				
0.93	10	Advanced	1.759	Advanced	445	Advanced								
5.70	13	Declined	1.554	Declined	497	Declined								
0.67	26	Unchanged	1.30	Unchanged	76	Unchanged								
0.67	26	Total issues	3.443	Total issues	1,018	Total issues								
0.45	01	New Highs	81	New Highs	11	New Highs								
		New Lows	27	New Lows	28	New Lows								
		Volume	1,772,409.18	Volume	206,967.120	Volume								
7.64	25													
6.90	02													
5.82	08													
2.31	01													
1.14	10													
3.23														
4.07	01													
5.85	10	10.984.46	9.708.40	Dow Jones Industrials	10,804.51	+30.15	+28							
7.87	09	3,889.97	2,743.46	Dow Jones Transportation	3,854.60	+22.51	59							
8.69	02	363.82	259.08	Dow Jones Utilities	360.82	+6.87	+1.88							
0.42	05	7,455.08	6,211.33	NYSE Composite	7,353.89	+23.46	+32							
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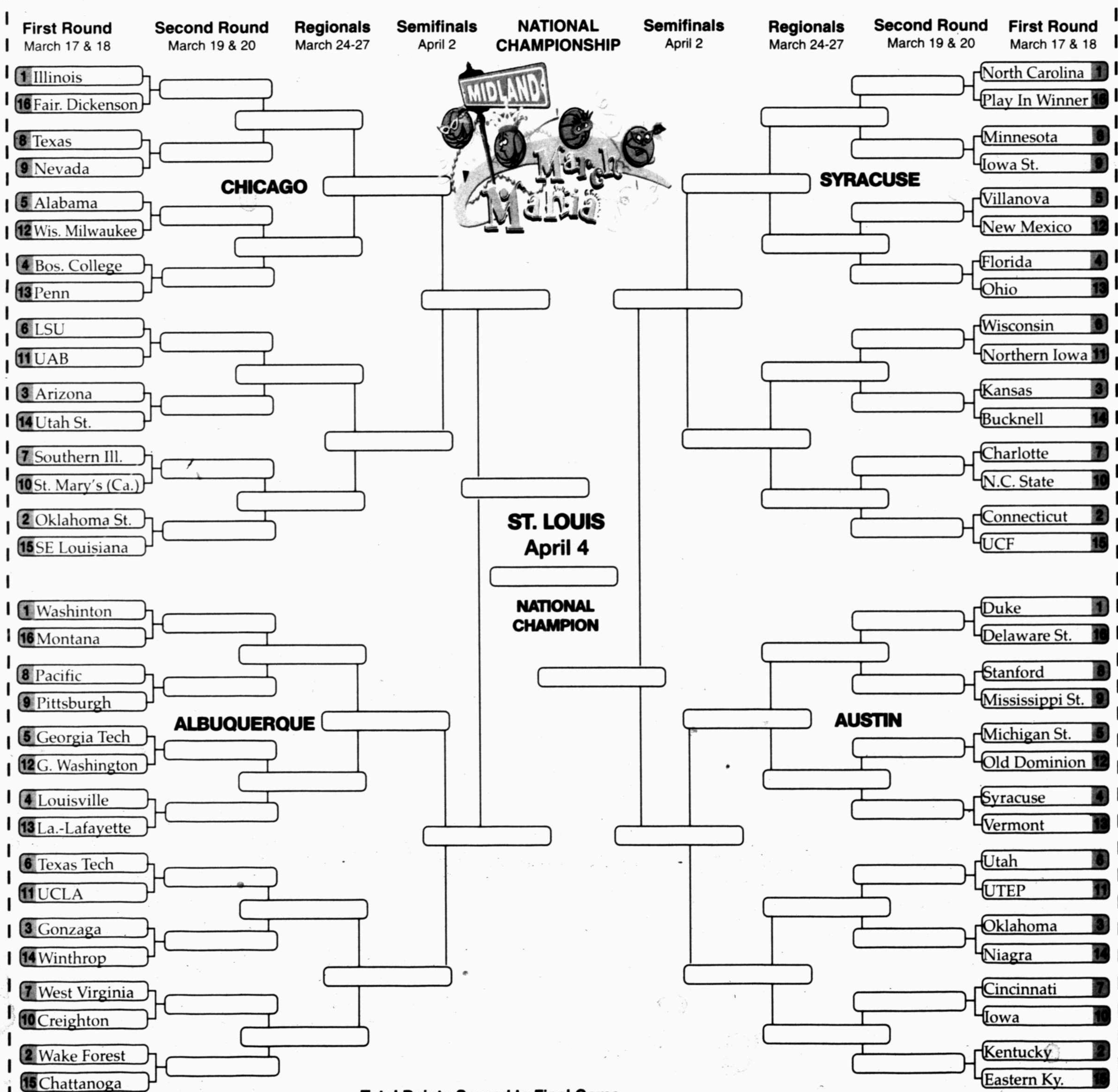
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SECTION D
Tuesday, March 15, 2005

Kids

By Genaro C. A.
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Parents of children who are like such a bad influence, they're doing them, they're often talking the Web, instead of listening to TV or listening to the radio.

The finding is by the Foundation for the Future, which says many parents are turning their backs on their children.

For instance, 5 percent of kids have bedrooms had a year, up from 36 percent of kids have a room, up from 2 percent.

Road

By Kit Fried
Associated Press

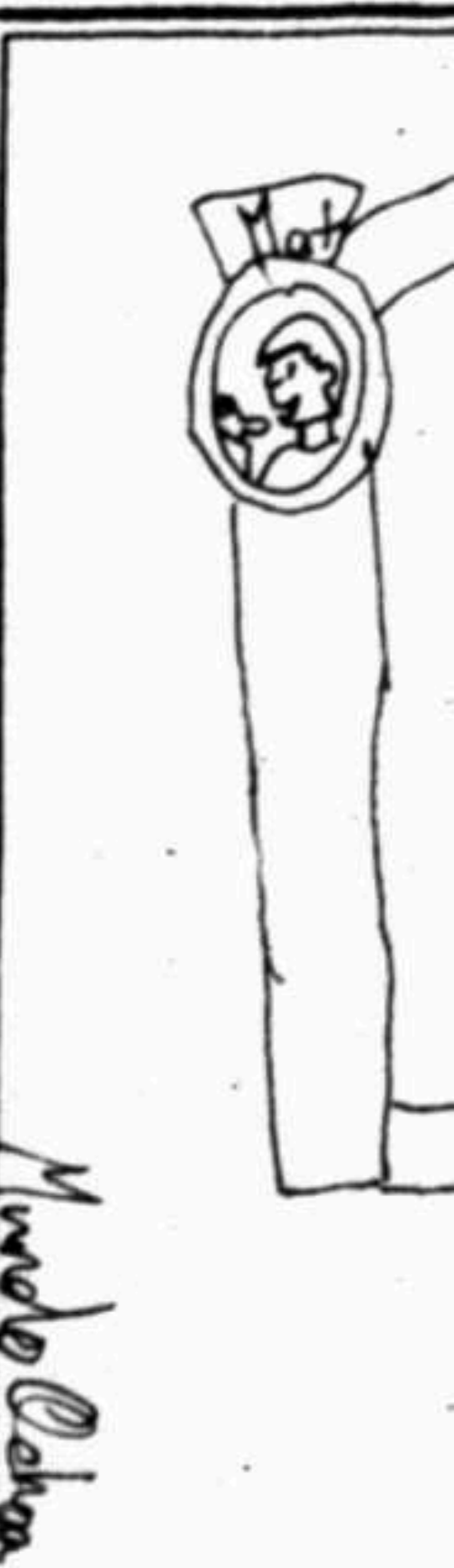
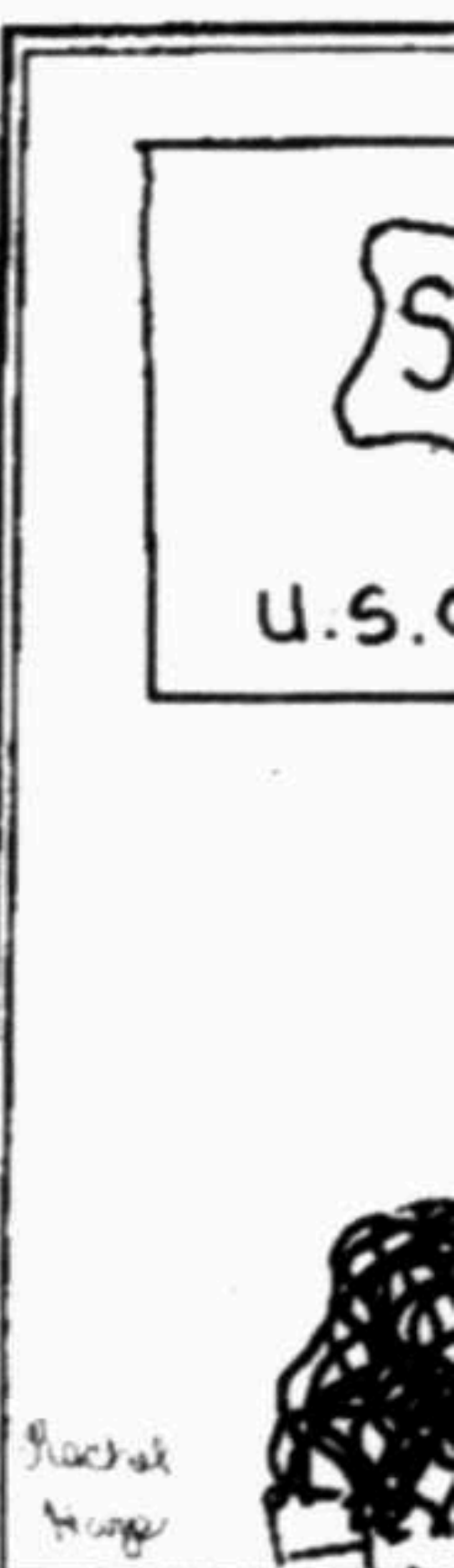
NEW YORK — Spring break means a trip to Disney World, a high school senior often the start of college visits in search of a new home.

There are nearly a dozen colleges that can be visited in the metro area alone, according to the institutions.

The Forging of a new identity, N.Y., visits with their eldest son on upstate New York, at times a day. The Anthony, a suburb of Dallas, plans to sweep this month in four states, travel in Vermont, north of New York.

"You can't just him off. He really culture," said Jan about the Northeast and noted that 17 some new shoes to Birkenstocks.

These challenges daughter, Beth, and visiting a meager own road trip, but covered 1,000 miles states: University Park, a suburb of



Kids' rooms have become 'multimedia centers,' survey shows

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "Go to your room and do your homework" may not sound like such a bad idea to many children.

Nearly a third of kids 8 to 18 say when they're doing schoolwork at home, they're often talking on the phone, surfing the Web, instant messaging, watching TV or listening to music at the same time.

The finding is part of a Kaiser Family Foundation survey that showed what many parents already know — kids' rooms are turning into multimedia centers.

For instance, 54 percent of children's bedrooms had a VCR or DVD player last year, up from 36 percent in 1999, and 31 percent of kids had a computer in their room, up from 21 percent.

What effect so-called "media multitasking" has on the often fragile ability of kids to focus is unclear because detailed research is quite new, said Vicky Rideout, the foundation vice president who directed the study.

"We are not necessarily saying that kids spending more time with media is a bad thing," Rideout said. "This is something all parents have to decide based on what age their kids are, how they are doing in school and the parents' own values."

Place some of the blame — or the praise — on the Internet and technology like instant messaging that have become widely used tools for education and entertainment, said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

"The parental fear is that this can't be good by splitting kids' attention into so

many segments," Rainie said. "Yet the argument in favor of it is you are more efficient, you can do things on the fly that you couldn't do before."

Kaiser surveyed more than 2,000 third- through 12th-graders between October 2003 and March 2004 about their recreational or non-school use of TV and videos, music, video games, computers, movies and print. The study included nearly 700 panelists who kept seven-day "media diaries."

On average, kids devoted six hours and 21 minutes a day to recreational media use, up just two minutes from 1999, the Kaiser study found. That's more than 44 hours a week — four more hours than a parent's typical work week.

But 26 percent of kids in 2004 said they "multitasked" when using any form of media, up from 16 percent five years earlier. That could mean a child

downloading music over the Internet while talking on the phone, or chatting online while watching a favorite TV show.

Over the same period the proportion of kids' homes that have two or more computers jumped from 25 percent to 39 percent, and the proportion with Internet access in the home grew from 47 percent to 74 percent.

The percentage of kids who can surf the Web from the privacy of their own bedroom doubled from 10 percent to 20 percent. The proportion that watch cable or satellite TV from their own room grew from 29 percent to 37 percent.

In many homes, that means a child is constantly exposed to television — whether someone is actually watching or it is just on in the background.

Amy Bobb, 41, of Harrisburg, Pa., says

her son Wesley, who will turn 8 in June, doesn't have a TV in his room and probably never will. Bobb also has a 3-year-old son. She gives Wesley a "ticket" to watch 30 minutes of television in the family room for every 30 minutes he spends reading a book.

"As they get older, I don't want them to disappear in the bedroom and watch television," she said.

Such rules aren't the norm, according to the Kaiser study. Fifty-three percent of kids said their families had no rules for TV viewing. The remaining kids said they had rules, but just 20 percent said the rules were enforced most of the time.

On the Net:
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Road trip is first stop in college selection process

By Kit Frieden
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For some families, spring break means lazy days on the beach or a trip to Disney World. But for families with a high school junior in the house, it's often the start of an ambitious week of college visits in search of an amiable match.

There are corners of New England where nearly a dozen leafy, pricey liberal arts colleges can be visited in a week. The Boston metro area alone has more than 40 four-year institutions.

The Forgang family of suburban Larchmont, N.Y., visited seven schools in six days with their eldest daughter, Marcy, focusing on upstate New York, Connecticut and Boston, at times hitting two schools in one day. The Anthonyys of Desoto, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, plan their own New England sweep this month, hoping to hit nine schools in four states, traveling from Marlboro College in Vermont to Sarah Lawrence, just north of New York City.

"You can't just pack your kid up and send him off. He really needs to get a sense of the culture," said Janet Anthony, who wondered about the Northeast weather this time of year and noted that 17-year-old Alex had bought some new shoes to replace his Texas-weather Birkenstocks.

These challenging excursions make my daughter, Beth, and me look like slackers, visiting a meager four colleges. Even so, our own road trip, bookended by snowstorms, covered 1,000 miles and two mid-Atlantic states: University of Maryland in College Park, a suburb of Washington; Johns Hop-

kins University in Baltimore; University of Virginia in Charlottesville; and College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Just coming up with a list like that can take a whopping amount of research plus advice from the high school counselor. The Fiske Guide to Colleges becomes bedtime reading.

The idea is to give the prospective college student a taste of different settings and to ultimately find a good fit. Along the way, you have a chance to explore corners of the country you might never have happened upon.

Fact and folklore gleaned from our trip:

—The University of Maryland's mascot is a terrapin named Testudo, and his bronze image sits in front of McKeldin Library on the College Park campus. His nose is rubbed shiny, and before him, like offerings to a pagan god, are candy and a wrinkly dollar bill given by students seeking luck before a test. Our tour guide says that once when Testudo was kidnapped, the campus grade point average dropped a tenth of a point and then bounced back when he was returned.

—Thomas Jefferson established the University of Virginia, designing its stunning rotunda overlooking a great lawn as the focal point of his "academical village," where young scholars (i.e., plantation owners' sons) and professors would live and debate and think great thoughts together.

—Jefferson's own college education took place about 120 miles down the road at the College of William & Mary, founded in 1693 in Williamsburg. The town's restored colonial village is a major tourist attraction.

Planning a journey like this requires a road atlas, consultation of all the university Web sites, and hotel reservations. It simplifies matters to choose one reliable hotel chain in your

price range; some chains offer free nights easily earned by signing up for a credit card or paying for one or two stays at various locations.

It makes sense to allow at least three hours per college campus, given all the effort of getting there. And it's a good idea to time your visits so that you can hit the campus tour and information sessions — those typically take at least two hours.

Many schools — certainly the large ones — offer tours and info sessions both morning and afternoon, so you can visit two schools in one day, as the Forgang family did in Boston. But distance made that impossible for us. We usually had about 125 to 200 miles to cover between schools.

We would generally drive through the campus when we arrived in each new city. Even that gives you a certain vibe. And we'd try to eat in a campus-area setting, too. At a Williamsburg sandwich shop, a colonial gentleman in three-cornered hat stopped by for a snack. And in Maryland's student center, we wolfed down waffle fries and chicken sandwiches from Chick-fil-A — along with nostalgia for our previous home in Texas where the restaurant chain is big.

The Forgangs, too, noted the personality a school can project. At Connecticut College, when Marcy's 11-year-old sister wasn't feeling well, the admissions staff invited her to curl up in the wing chair with hot chocolate by the fireplace while the rest of the family toured the campus.

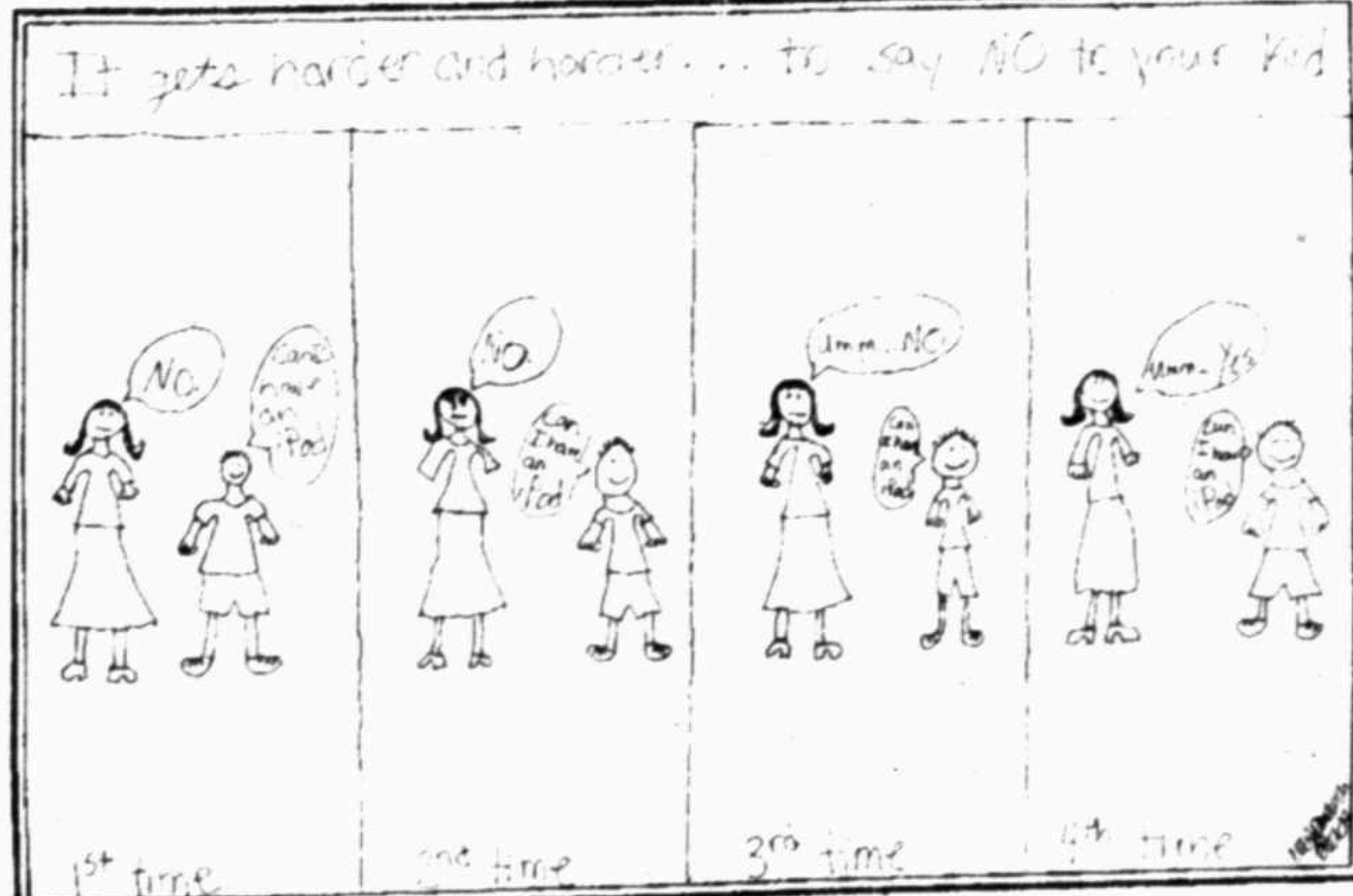
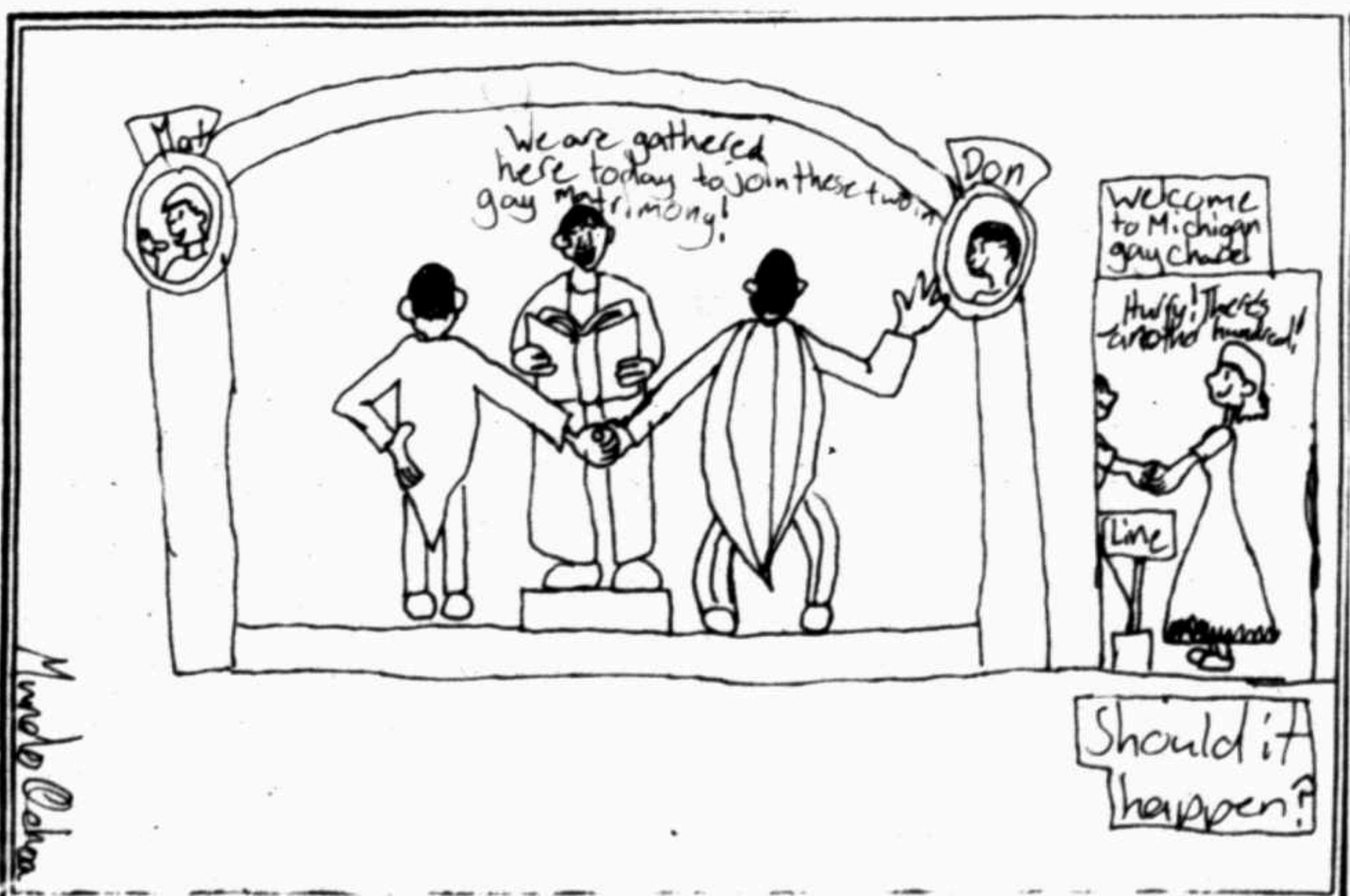
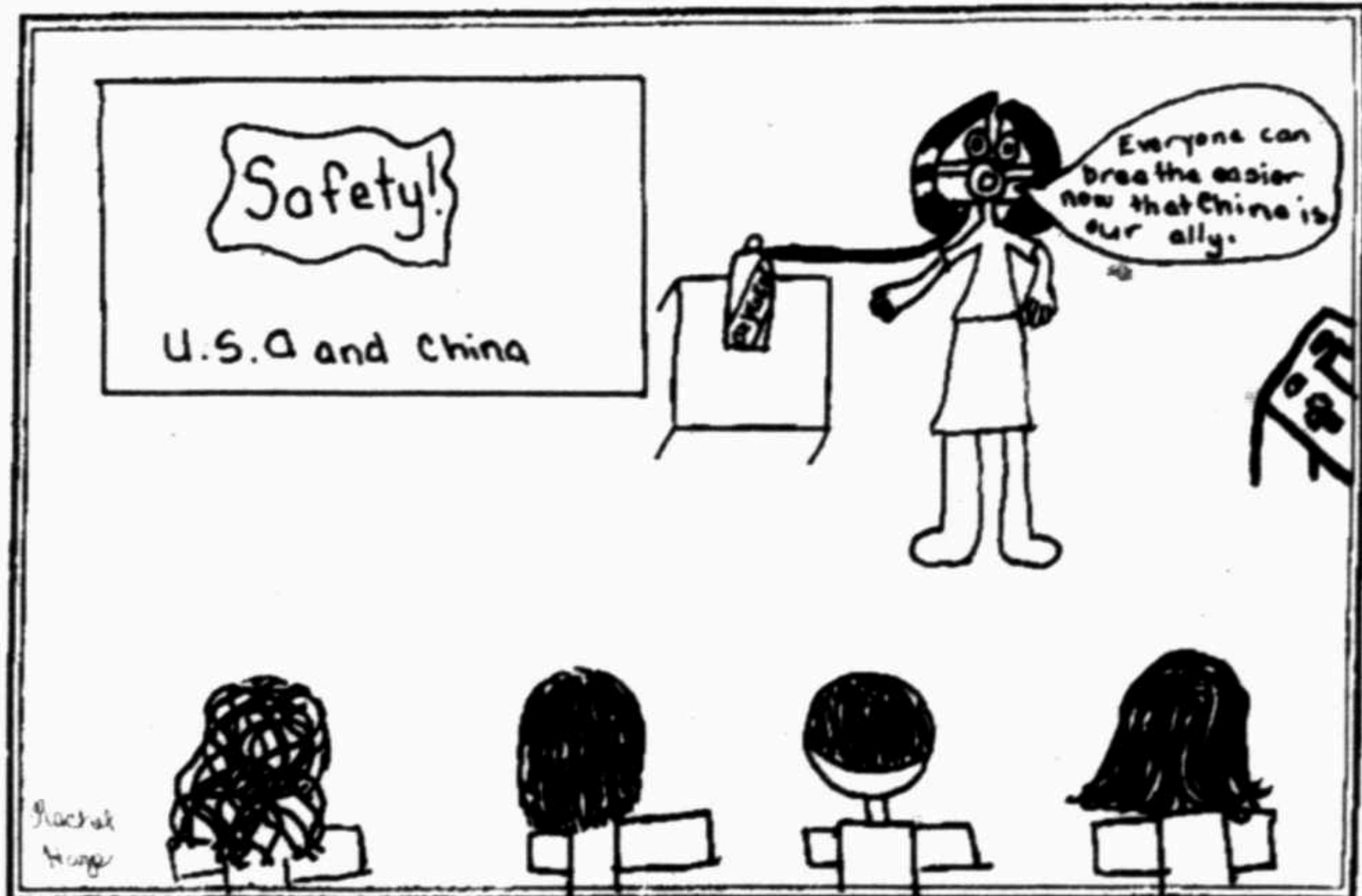
At the end of the trip, Beth had a clear idea of college options. One university was off the list, three remained. But we're not finished yet. Come April, Boston and Pennsylvania, here we come.



COLLEGE VISIT Students walk past the rotunda at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., in this Sept. 20, 2002, file photo. For some families, spring break of a student's junior year often is the start of visits to prospective colleges in search of an amiable match.

POLITICAL CARTOONS

The following political cartoons were drawn by members of Barbara Handley's sixth-grade journalism class in the GEM program (Gifted Education Midland). Each cartoon represents research, incorporates elements of editorial cartooning and reflects the student's opinion.



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CARNIVAL



Gorgos Nissiotis/AP

TRADITION People with masks take part in the Voules and Yenitsari carnival parade in the town of Naousa, northern Greece Monday. During the Turks occupation of the town in the 15th century, the Greek warriors used to come down from the mountains, at night all through Carnival. Thus, disguised as masqueraders, they could slip past the authorities unobserved, and in this way they could communicate with their relatives and friends.

Kosovo's former prime minister pleads not guilty to allegations of war crimes

By Anthony Deutsch
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Kosovo's former prime minister pleaded not guilty Monday to a list of atrocities he allegedly committed as a commander of the Western-backed ethnic Albanian separatists, and a former Bosnian Serb paramilitary commander surrendered to the U.N. war crimes tribunal — the 11th suspect to do so this year.

The rush of surrenders moves the United Nations court closer to its goal of closing the legal chapter on the Yugoslav wars within a few years and advances the cause of the Balkan countries eager to join the European Union. Ramush Haradinaj, who resigned Wednesday as Kosovo's prime minister, responded "not guilty" to each of 37 counts of war crimes allegedly committed

in 1998, several months before NATO's air campaign forced Serbian troops to withdraw from Kosovo and end a crackdown on ethnic Albanians.

At his hearing, Haradinaj, 36, stood before Judge Carmel Agius and denied being responsible for abuses against Serb, Albanian and Gypsy civilians during the 1998-99 war against Serbia.

U.N. prosecutors say Haradinaj and his deputies executed a criminal plan to persecute, murder, rape and abuse Serbs and Gypsies in the Albanian-dominated province.

He also was accused of personally participating in beatings and torture, including the abuse of Albanian civilians who were believed to have collaborated with Serbs.

Defense lawyer Rodney Dixon told Agius his client would file a request to be released until his tri-

al, saying it was "entirely unprecedented for a serving prime minister. He has cooperated fully and within the space of a few days has arrived here in The Hague."

Separatists under Haradinaj's command also allegedly murdered 39 civilians whose bodies were recovered from a lake. The indictment recounts allegations of torture and mutilation, including cutting off the ears and noses of captives.

Two of his former deputies in the Kosovo Liberation Army, Lahi Brahimi and Idriz Balaj, surrendered along with him and entered not guilty pleas to 35 charges each.

Seventeen suspects remain at large — including former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his wartime commander, Ratko Mladic, who face genocide charges.

Route of Israel's Jerusalem barrier to pen large settlement, holy site, refugee camp

By Josef Federman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The final route of Israel's separation barrier around Jerusalem will encompass large areas claimed by the Palestinians, including their intended capital and the biggest Jewish settlement in the West Bank, Israeli officials confirmed Monday.

The route also would place a holy site in the Palestinian town of Bethlehem on the Israeli side of the barrier, while leaving a Palestinian refugee camp in Jerusalem encircled by a separate fence, the officials said.

Late Monday, Israeli and Palestinian Cabinet ministers agreed again on a handover of the West Bank town of Jericho to Palestinian security control. Earlier agreements fell through over details about road-blocks.

Israeli officials said the handover is set for Wednesday, to be followed two or three days later by Tulkarem, then Qalqilya. Two other towns are to be transferred to Palestinian control as well — Bethlehem and Ramallah — but those were not agreed on at Monday's meeting between Palestinian Interior Minister Nasser Yousef and Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, meanwhile, was optimistic about efforts to get peace talks back on track, saying "the positive developments here give us a chance to re-energize the process."

Annan spoke after meeting with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Palestinian militants were to begin talks Tuesday in Cairo on formalizing an unofficial truce with Israel.

Israel began building the barrier in the West Bank two years ago, saying it was needed to keep out Palestinian attackers. Palestinians say the structure, which dips into the West Bank, is an attempt by Israel to impose a border without waiting for a peace deal.

The section around Jerusalem is especially sensitive. The Palestinians hope to establish their capital in east Jerusalem, a traditional Arab commercial, religious and social center. Israel, which captured east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war, claims all the city as its capital.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon convened a meeting of senior Cabinet ministers late Sunday to dis-

cuss the route of the barrier, which got Cabinet approval last month.

Under the plan, the West Bank settlement of Maaleh Adumim, which lies five miles east of Jerusalem, would be on the Israeli side of the barrier, Israeli officials said. About 30,000 Israelis live in Maaleh Adumim, the largest Jewish settlement.

"Does anyone have even the slightest doubt that Maaleh Adumim is an integral part of Israel?" said Israeli Vice Premier Ehud Olmert, who heads a ministerial committee on the Jerusalem barrier.

A senior Israeli official said the committee is planning 11 crossings to allow access from the West Bank.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said construction is to be completed by year's end and no major changes in the route are expected. A number of legal challenges filed by Palestinian villagers are pending in Israeli courts.

The Palestinian refugee camp of Shuafat, which straddles the Jerusalem municipal boundary, will remain on the Israeli side of the barrier. It will be encircled by a separate fence, with a crossing into the city.

The bustling streets of Shuafat — sandwiched between two Jewish neighborhoods — were buzzing with speculation Monday about the planned fence.

"Jerusalem is considered to this camp like the heart to the body," said Mohammed Omar, a 50-year-old teacher in Shuafat. "All their (residents') activities are in Jerusalem."

According to the United Nations, 11,250 people live in the camp, a maze of narrow, dusty streets and densely packed gray concrete buildings. Israeli officials said the camp has been used as a launching point by Palestinian attackers, and the fence is needed for security.

In Bethlehem, the barrier will divide Rachel's Tomb, a Jewish shrine, from the rest of the city. Concrete slabs already have virtually cut off Bethlehem from Jerusalem.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said the route could destroy peace efforts. "This prejudices and prejudices the outcome of permanent status negotiations," he said.

Last year, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution against the barrier and the world court said in an advisory ruling that the barrier is illegal and must be torn down.

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130 Personals

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150 Lost & Found

REWARD \$500. NO questions asked. Male Australian Shepherd, no tail. Mix colors, gray, brown, white, blue. Montana tags (713)775-9991 / (432)661-8218

150 Lost & Found

REWARD: Lost gray and white cat with smudge on nose. Lost near Windtree Apartments off of Midland on Feb. 28. 432-559-6538 / 432-638-6914

FOUND: Male Yellow Lab, very sweet, no collar, behind Olive Garden 687-3873 to identify.

FOUND: Black Lab in Fairgrounds/Wadley area. To identify call 432-683-1721

FOUND: Female, black possible Lab/Blue Heeler mix, your car wearing collar. 687-0974 to identify.

2 DOGS LOST in Polo Park area. Male Pomeranian and male Yorkie puppy. Daughter very sad. No questions asked. \$300 Reward. 349-1297 / 349-0258

163 Money To Loan

IT'S ILLEGAL

for companies doing business by phone to promise you a loan and ask you to pay for it before they deliver.

For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from the Midland Reporter-Telegram and the Federal Trade Commission.

170 Schools/Institution

International Business School

694-7584

• Legal Assistant

• Administrative Assistant

• Network Operation Technician

• Computerized Accounting

• Medical Office Specialist

• Transcriptionist

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3305 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703

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110 Lodge Notices

Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr.
682-6222
Reg. Meeting 3rd Thurs.
Hosp. 6:30 pm. dine 7 pm.
Bus. meeting 8 pm.
Bill Dornady, Pres.
Ed Hayes, Secty.

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414

1000 Upland
25 & 50 Year Awards
March 22, 2005 7:30 pm
Refreshments 6:30 pm
Al Mitchell, W.M.
James L. Hawkins, Sec.

Centennial Lodge #1448

Reg. meeting 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am
Breakfast 7:30 am
570-0328
Gary Moore W.M.
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We now have an Email address created just for you...

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Type out your Classified ad, let us know when you want it published, and how to contact you with a confirmation of the details. (We prefer to confirm by phone, so please give us the number where you can be reached.) If the ad is for your personally, we'll need your home phone number, address, etc. If the ad is for your business, we'll need your main office phone number, address, etc.

As always, you can contact us by phone at 682-6222, or by fax at 682-6999. (Please allow 1-2 days for e-mailed ads. Text only please, no photos or logos accepted. If you want your ad to start tomorrow please contact us by phone or fax. Thank you...)

130 Personals

Personally Speaking

The Fun & Convenient Way to meet Midland Singles!

Look for it on Fri., Sat., Sun., & Wed. in The Midland Reporter-Telegram Classified.

Call 1-800-834-5294 to place your personal ad. Or 1-900-656-2300 to respond or browse.

\$2.19 Per Minute
You must be at least 18 years of age or older to use this service.

200 Autos Domestic

CHEVROLET 1999 MONTE CARLO white power windows/ seats/ locks. Loaded, cloth interior. Priced to sell. Call Brenda at 694-7741.

200 Autos Domestic

CHRYSLER 1994 LHS 3.5 engine, high mileage, very clean. Asking \$4,550. Call XXX-XXXX.

FORD 1997 MUSTANG black 5 speed, V6, 59,000 miles. 1 Owner, clean \$6,000 (432)520-0305.

200 Autos Domestic

LINCOLN 1992 Town Car, Congressional Series, 94k miles. Loaded, always garaged, good economy, good tires, good fuel condition. \$4,000. 686-7386 or 684-8248.

200 Autos Domestic

MERCURY 1990 SABLE Needs paint. 129K. \$1,200. OBO 664-0745 after 5pm.

200 Autos Domestic

OLDSMOBILE 1990 Touring Sedan, 1990 grey with navy carriage top. One owner. Super clean. Smooth ride at 136,700 miles. Original price of \$30,000. Now selling for \$3,300. Call 366-8004.

200 Autos Domestic

PONTIAC 2004 BONNEVILLE 3.800 V6, super clean. 14k miles. New \$32,000. Need to sell. \$18,500. Still under warranty. 634-5999.

200 Autos Domestic

PT CRUISER 2001 Touring Edition, Metallic Red, 2.4L, 4 Cyl. DOHC 16V, 4 speed. Automatic. 27.8K Miles. Loaded, new tires. One owner. Grandma doesn't love it anymore. \$12,000. 697-8440.

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BERG MOTOR CO. CADILLAC PONTIAC BUICK & GMC Sales & Service 3205 W Wall 694-7741.

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FREEDOM Pontiac & Buick & GMC 5251 E 42nd 550-9950.

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ROGERS FORD Sales & Service 4200 W Wall 694-8801.

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CADILLAC 1994 SEVILLE SLT 106K. Black Cherry. All power. Leather interior. Bose sound. Excellent condition. \$6,000. 682-1428.

200 Autos Domestic

CHEVROLET 2001 IMPALA LS Silver, leather, OnStar, cassette/CD, dual air, power windows, security system, 54K miles. Loaded. \$12,140. 694-5175.

200 Autos Domestic

CADILLAC 2000 SEVILLE SLT 63K, black, all power, leather interior, Bose sound, excellent condition. \$14,000. 634-1122/664-0495.

200 Autos Domestic

FORD 2001 MUSTANG SE, Nice Car! All power, 81K miles. \$5,500. Please Call (432)684-4942 for more detailed information.

200 Autos Domestic

CHEVROLET 2000 Monte Carlo, LS Silver, original adult owner, nonsmoker, loaded, new front tires/ disc brakes, mint condition. \$9,500. (432)687-3534.

200 Autos Domestic

FORD 2001 MUSTANG coupe, 46K miles, Excellent condition. One owner. NADA \$10,075. sell \$9,500. OBO. Call (432)552-5134.

210 Autos Imports

LEXUS 1998 ES300, Sedan, white, gray leather, loaded, sunroof, sound system, 6 disk changer, low miles, well maintained. \$14,900. 432-686-9371.

210 Autos Imports

MERCEDES 1997 S320, long wheel base, black leather interior, Bose system with remote, CD changer. Voice activated phone. Always garaged. Non-smoker. 148K miles. \$12,000. Call 694-7645.

210 Autos Imports

LEXUS 2000 RX300, Silver, blue leather, 4 door, loaded, 49K miles, sunroof, premium sound, \$28,000 or best offer. 432-368-4768. 432-349-9153.

210 Autos Imports

HONDA 2003 CIVIC Si Hatchback, Silver, loaded, moonroof, 5 speed, 20K miles, immaculate. \$14,999. Tom. 432-520-2080.

210 Autos Imports

VOLKSWAGEN 2004 NEW Beetle Turbo diesel, speed transmission, Moonroof. Warranty up to 90,000 miles and lots of extras. 349-2535.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

FORD 2001 Explorer Sport, Black, grill guards, new tires, loaded, 45K miles. \$11,000. 520-8267.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

GMC 1999 YUKON LT, 4WD, leather, rear air, new Michelin's, 75K, with extended warranty to 99K. Spotless. \$15,500. 520-8344.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

DODGE 2000 Durango SLT, Black, leather, new tires, 1 owner, good condition, 77K. \$10,500. 432-557-2008.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

TOYOTA 1999 SILVER Solara SLE, Gray leather, bucket seats, cassette/CD player, moon roof, 69,000 miles. \$11,950. Call 557-2808.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

ISUZU 2000 Rodeo 11,999, maroon, 4 wheel drive, excellent condition, 57,043 after 6:00pm.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

NISSAN 2003 XTERRA SE, supercharged, V6, 6 disk CD changer, fully loaded, low package, extra clean, 16K miles. \$19,500. 631-4818.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

GMC 2002 YUKON Denali XL, 32K miles. Extended warranty available. Fully loaded, like new. NADA \$32,750. sell \$29,900. OBO 561-5526.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

TOYOTA 2002 4RUNNER SR5, black, running great, V6, power everything, keyless entry, 100K warranty, roadside assistance, 38K miles. \$19,600. 687-2024.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

TOYOTA 1994 4Runner SR5, V6, standard, 109,935 miles, \$5,000. Please call 432-693-2883 after 5pm.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

MERCEDES 1998 ML 320, black w/gray leather, 4WD, sunroof, Bose Premium sound system, front side airbags, alarm, heated seats, tinted windows, heated front seats, lockable rear door, 100,000 miles. \$14,500. OBO Call 349-7103.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

FORD 2002 EXPLORER Sport, silver, frost 4 liter V6, excellent condition, well maintained, low mileage. Loaded. \$14,600. Call 561-8440.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

TOYOTA 2003 4Runner SR5 Limited 4WD, V6, 50K miles, \$29,500. Call (432)638-2409.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

FORD 2000 EXPEDITION XLT, White, tan interior, Rear air, 6 CD, alloy wheels, running great. Very clean. 99K. \$10,800. 683-1861.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

GMC 2000 Yukon XL 2500 4WD, \$12,250. miles. loaded, grill guard, leather onstar, XM cradle like new. \$15,500. Call 664-8797.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

FORD 1993 EXPLORER Limited 4x4, immaculate, loaded, 98K miles, cranberry leather interior. One owner, new tires. \$5,995. 432-684-0526.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

MAZDA 2002 MIATA SE, 6 Speed, Yellow, black leather, Bose, CD, A/C, keyless remote, loaded, 10K. Like new. \$17,800. 432-238-5649.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

MAZDA 2001 SEPHIA, Must Sell! 1 Owner, would make a great car for the kids. Priced to sell. Call Trish at 425-1584.

220 Trucks

GMC 2002 SIERRA Quad Cab SLE 48K, all power, CD, new rubber, clean bed, needs A/C & brakes. Need to sell. Call 634-5999.

220 Trucks

TRUCKS For sale - 2000 Chevy 1/2 ton extended cab, 3 door, 9421 Andrews Hwy, Odessa 362-0285.

220 Trucks

DODGE 1998 DAKOTA SLT Club Cab V8 automatic, excellent condition, 56,000 miles, camper shell included. \$8,450. xxx-xxxx.

220 Trucks

FORD 1996 Ranger, extended cab, 129,000 actual miles, V6, air, new tires, good shape. \$3,300. Call xxx-xxxx.

220 Trucks

CHEVROLET 2001 Silverado, supercab, 5.3 liter V8, dual power seats, white, 78K, asking \$14,900. 638-8756. 333-4865.

220 Trucks

DODGE 2002 DAKOTA SLT Quad Cab, V-8 Magnum, like new, 32K miles, chrome tool box, bed liner. \$16,000. obo. (432)684-6803.

220 Trucks

FORD 1999 RANGER Extended cab Sport. Excellent condition, bright red, 63K miles. A/C, AM FM, CD, bed liner. \$6,500. 694-3625.

220 Trucks

GMC 1995 SLE 1500 regular cab. Loaded, rack rails, guard, new tires, 158,000 (mostly highway), serviced every 3,000. \$5,200. 686-0588/238-2139.

220 Trucks

CHEVROLET 1992 3/4 Ton Extended Cab 4x4 Utility bed, white, lift, 45K, 117K miles, sunroof, great. \$4,450. 570-6007, 528-9779.

220 Trucks

CHEVROLET 2003 Silverado C2500 heavy duty 3/4 Ton 4 wheel drive, extended cab with 5th wheel, 71K. \$24,500. OBO 432-528-6870.

220 Trucks

FORD 2003 Ranger Edge, 5 speed, 3.0 V6, 21K miles, alloy wheels, tinted windows, sunroof, floor, \$10,500. obo 634-0554.

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CADILLAC 1982 FLEETWOOD, Always garaged. Cream color. Good rubber. Clean car. Diesel engine. Excellent condition, sleeps 6-8. 682-7751. 553-5993.

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SCHOOL BUS 1984 Buick, 71 passenger, 1983 GMC 366 Motor Allison Transmission, \$2,950. 1409 Cotton Flat Road. Call (432)631-1440. (432)631-4945.

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2004 BMW R1150GS, black, 5,950 miles. always garaged, babed, 20,000 miles. service completed. Lots of extras, clear title. \$13,250. 559-3751.

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230 Vehicles \$3,000 and under

CHEVROLET 1988 Suburban, 15,000 miles on new engine/transmission. Good Times conversion, towing package, very nice. \$1,800. 1404 ECR 120, 683-2669.

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DODGE 1990 GRAND Caravan, Great for large family. Blue, great condition. \$2,000. 699-0013.

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FORD 1990 F250 DIESEL pickup, 300K, runs good, new tranny at 235K, body paint, needs A/C & brakes. \$795. 432-238-1740.

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PLYMOUTH 1994 Van. Won't run. Good parts or parts car. \$400. obo. 352-9797.

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VW 1974 SUPERBEEETLE, 1800, interior outside good condition, runs great. \$2,565. obo. 687-4454.

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ACURA 1989 Legend 4 door, new brakes, timing belt, window tint and water pump. Very good condition. \$3,000. 520-8356.

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FORD 1992 TEMPO, Good condition, everything works. \$1395. OBO. Hurry! Moving overseas soon. 684-5221.

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MAZDA 1997 Protege, Very good condition, good mileage. Good school car. \$2,500. call (432)349-8470.

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PONTIAC 1991 BONNEVILLE 4 door V6. Very good car. \$1,400. 218-6505.

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WE FINANCE Your Auto Your Credit. B & B Auto Sales. 683-6222.

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FORD 1982 Futura, 42,000 original miles. Excellent condition, will finance to right person. \$2,500. xxx-xxxx.

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240 Recreational Vehicles

WINNEBAGO 1987 Chieftain, 33' (Discounted \$4,500) sell trade \$6,500. Needs short block. Take pick-up in trade. Midland, (505)97-8515.

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CHAMPION 1978 30 motor home, Dodge 440 driver, new tires, shocks, batteries, 6 KW Onana. Good Condition. \$6,500. Call 620-8356 to inquire.

240 Recreational Vehicles

HITCHHIKER 1990, 28 Fifth Wheel. Back living, rear clean. \$5,400. 689-8123, no answer leave message.

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ROCKWOOD

311 Medical Help Wanted

RN Director of Nursing

Do you like working with the elderly? Would you like working in a small nursing home? Then, come to Alpine Valley Care Center. Alpine Valley Care is a non-profit home located at 1003 Loop Road in Alpine, Texas. Come and share your love and skills with the elderly of the Tri-county area. Alpine Valley is accepting applications for a DON. For immediate consideration fax your resume to 432-837-7076 or call 432-837-3343. Alpine Valley Care Center is an EOE.

312 Professional Help Wanted

COAL BED METHANE ENGINEER

Great opportunity and excellent benefits with an established and aggressive petroleum exploration and production company in Artesia, NM. We are seeking an engineer to work in the operations and reservoir engineering aspects of CBM development in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming. The successful applicant must have a BS degree in petroleum engineering, and preferably some experience in CBM. Send resume to:

Yates Petroleum Corporation
P.O. BOX 97
Artesia, N.M. 88211-0097

310 General Help Wanted

HIRED

EXPERIENCED Assistant manager needed for deli. Serious applicants only. Please apply in person at XXXX N. Midway Ste. XXX.

HIRED

ENERGETIC, SELF-Motivated, full-time and part-time Retail Sales and Manager Trainee needed. Sales & management experience helpful. Base salary + commission \$8.00 - \$10.00 an hour. Insurance available. No phone calls! Apply in person at XXXXXXXX.

NEW TODAY

STYLISH WANTED

Part-time hours. Good pay. Apply in person at 1000 N. Midway Suite 6C or call 520-9555.

NEW TODAY

SUPERVISOR POSITION

Must have working knowledge of manufacturing and machinery as well as heavy equipment. Experience with limestone and good scholastic record a plus. Benefits package includes medical life insurance and paid vacation. American Limestone Company, 2515 Apron Drive, Big Spring or Fax (432)267-2207.

TEMPORARY POSITION

Individual with painting and carpet laying experience. Call 699-7246.

THE BAR is now accepting

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VIKING POOLS is currently

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WANTED HOTSHOT

Truck Driver Class "A", CDL, two years experience, 25 years old or older. Drug and alcohol test required. Call 325-573-6338 or fax resume to 325-573-4760.

WANTED AUTOMOTIVE

technician. Dealership experience preferred. Top pay and great benefits. Call Bill Cox 697-3293 or come by Performance Autoplex, 3705 W. Wall Street, Midland, Texas.

WE ARE currently taking

applications Wednesday-Sunday at the Bingo Barn 1101 South Mainfield. Evening hours. Call or come by 682-9783.

Wing Stop

Fast and Friendly Cashiers and Cooks wanted for high volume store. Apply in person after 4 p.m. at 3323 N. Midland Drive.

311 Medical Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

Albertsons Pharmacy is looking for full part time Certified Technician. Contact Pharmacy at 689-8708 or come by 3317 North Midland Drive.

CHIROPRACTIC Assistant

Needed Monday through Thursday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm. No experience necessary. Send reply to Box Y-2005 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

CNA- Six months experience

with Dementia Alzheimers. Bilingual help. Current on CNA, CPR, TB and drivers license. Will drive bus. No nights, no weekends. Call 522-1221.

MARTIN COUNTY Home Health

(Baton) Director (Full-Time) Call Norma (432)756-3259 Fax resume to: (432)756-4510

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3111 Cuthbert in Midland

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ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN

LLANO- PERMIAN ENVIRONMENTAL is seeking a highly motivated individual for an environmental technician position. Individual will perform soil and ground water sampling and various field activities throughout the area. Southeastern New Mexico. 4 Year degree is a plus but not necessary. Fax resume to 432-522-2180 or email to jordan@llano-permian.com

NEW TODAY

MARKETING COORDINATOR needed for an inpatient Geropsychiatry program located at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring, Texas. Clinical experience with the elderly is preferred and an outgoing personality is required. For information call Jay DeBer at 630-466-8064 or fax resume to 630-466-8063 or email to jdeber@signethealth.com

NEW TODAY

MEDICAL OFFICE currently seeking qualified candidate for the following position: Billing Clerk/medical insurance filing follow up, patient account collections, able to multi task, excellent computer skills and good interpersonal skills. Send reply to Box J-5168 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

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PHARMACY MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

Pharmacy manager needed at the Lawrence Bros. Pharmacy, 1613 W. County Road, Odessa, TX. Store hours are 9-6 Monday-Friday, 9-1 Saturday, closed Sunday. Competitive salary and great benefits including sign on bonus, 401K, health insurance, and more. Plus the opportunity to work with the best staff in the grocery and pharmacy business. Please send resume to P.O. Box 8, Sweetwater, TX 79556. Attn: Pharmacy Director. For immediate consideration, please call (325)338-4334.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Assistant needed immediately for growing medical office offering exclusive, state-of-the-art therapy. Please bring resume with references to 702 Andrews Highway in Midland. No phone calls please.

RN, LVN, CNA

Terrace West Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has a position open for a charge nurse on the day and evening shift. CNA position open on the day and evening shifts. If you are interested in joining our team please apply in person at 2800 North Midland Drive or call 697-3108.

Trinity Haven Healthcare RN or LVN

We have several excellent full time positions open. Need strong supervisory skills. Competitive pay scale.

683-5403 Fax 682-5105

Big Tax Trailers

In Odessa has openings for Accounts Payable Clerk

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Must have experience. Strong and accurate data entry skills with ability to reconcile accounts. Benefits are available. Please apply at the Workforce Network or fax resume to (432)563-1551 or email to employment@bigtaxtrailers.com

EXPERIENCED BOOK-KEEPER

needed for busy office. Quickbooks and P.O. software. Accounts Receivable/Payables and payroll experience a must. Mail resume to P.O. Box 11323, Midland, TX 79702.

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