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Midlander buys TI building

■ Possible usage and how much the building sold for remain undisclosed.

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

Dormant but well-maintained since being closed in December 1998, the 400,000 square foot Texas Instruments building at Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and Interstate 20 has been sold to Midland businessman Michael E. "Mike" Black, the Reporter-Telegram learned Tuesday. Staubach Co. executive David Cooke of Dallas said his firm put the building on the market in 1999 and remained confident it would be sold. "They've kept it in great shape throughout the years," said Cooke, adding the deal recently was brokered by John Elphick of Southwest Commercial Investments here. "We've been working with several groups for the last 12 months. It seemed to get real serious in the last three or four months."

Black confirmed Tuesday afternoon he had bought the building but declined to specify what it will be used for. "We don't have any plans right now to disclose," he said. "I think everybody has looked at it for some time."

He also declined to say if he has any partners or how much was paid, though Midland Central Appraisal District appraiser Dennis Rambo said the building's value last year was \$5,461,750.

Black had sold another Midland County fixture — the Paragon Building in downtown — to Midpar Ltd. of Midland in December of last year. The Central Appraisal District valued the building, located at 600 N. Marienfeld St., at \$4,445,110 in 2004.

Inspected by U.S. Labor Department architects and engineers as a possible U.S. Job Corps training center in late 2002, the TI building was considered to have limited appeal in part because it's serviced by one heating and air conditioning system and is broken up into pods.

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SOLD The sign in front of the Texas Instruments building is shown in this file photo. The building has been empty since 1998. Midland businessman Mike Black bought the building, and has not revealed what he paid or his plans for it.



MRT file photo

OSHA ends worker death investigation

■ Officials are reviewing evidence from the February death at Lee High School before issuing citations.

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

Federal investigators have completed an inquiry into a construction worker's February death at Lee High School, but officials with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration are reviewing evidence to determine whether they'll issue citations, an official said Tuesday.

Ray Vasquez, hired by a temporary labor supply organization to work on a bond construction project at the high school, died after plummeting from roof decking about 25 to 30 feet above the ground. Lubbock-based Lee Lewis Construction was hired by Midland Independent School District officials as the contractor for the Lee High School construction project.

Citations will not be issued against MISD, said Richard Tapio, area director of OSHA's Lubbock office, but the contractor and any sub-contractors employing Vasquez could be cited, depending on evidence.

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Judge denies accused man bond reduction

By Ryan Myers
Staff Writer

A request for a decreased bond amount for Theodore Jurgensen, who is charged with attempted capital murder of a peace officer, was denied Tuesday by 385th Judicial District Court Judge Robin Malone Darr.

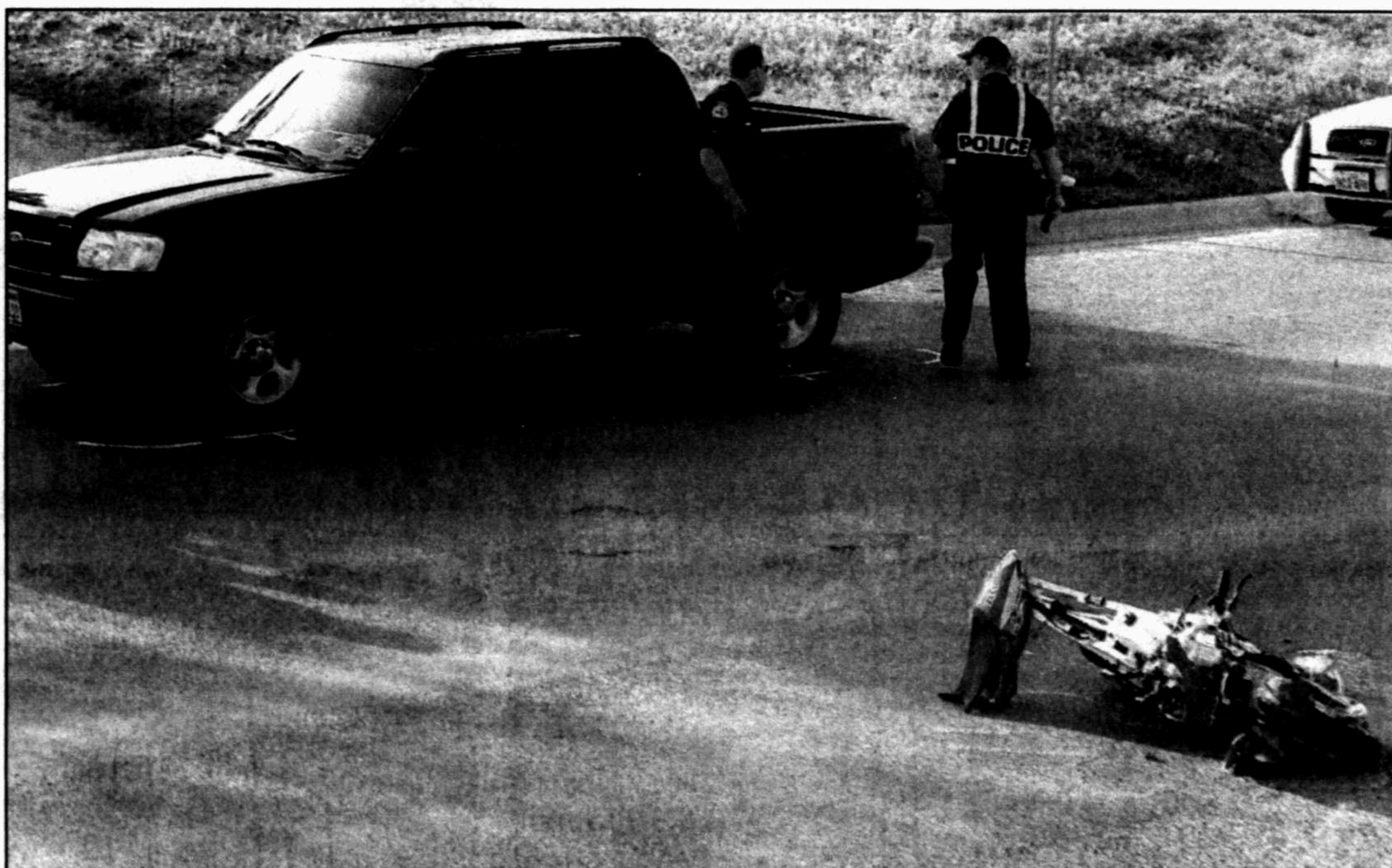
Jurgensen allegedly pointed a handgun at Constable Charles "Choc" Harris, ordered the constable to his knees and threatened to kill him March 19, according to Midland County Assistant District Attorney

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Jurgensen

DANGEROUS bikes



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ACCIDENT Midland police investigate an accident Tuesday evening involving the Ford pickup and a miniature motorcycle. A boy was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital with head injuries resulting from a collision with the truck. Witnesses said the motorcycle, which is illegal to ride on the streets, ran a stop sign at the intersection of Kansas Avenue and Terrell Street.

Child riding 'pocket bike' suffers serious injuries

■ Police are looking into possibility of citing parents.

By Ryan Myers
Staff Writer

A 10-year-old boy riding a small gas powered "pocket bike" motorcycle Tuesday was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with serious head injuries following a collision with a Ford Explorer.

"It is illegal to ride them on the streets anyway," said Police Sgt. Bernie Craft. "Unfortunately, we knew it was just a matter of time before something like this happened."

Craft said many concerned citizens have called police asking what action can be taken about the popular mini-motorcycles, but said nothing more can be done other than enforcing vehicle

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Sgt. Bernie Craft

registration laws.

The boy was riding the pocket bike eastbound on East Kansas Avenue and failed to stop at the stop sign at the Terrell Street intersection, according to Craft. A Ford Explorer was traveling south on Terrell Street and hit the small bike near the southwest corner of the intersection.

The collision with the SUV threw the boy and the bike about 20 yards into the east curb of Terrell Street, authorities said.

"From what we can tell, the driver of the Explorer was not speeding and was not issued any citations," Craft noted. "The one at fault was actually the one on the pocket rocket."

"He also didn't have a helmet on. That's probably what caused most of his injuries when he hit the curb."

"This is the first major accident I have worked with a pocket rocket where it has been this serious," Craft said.

Craft said municipalities have the authority to ban the bikes altogether, but said he would like them to be allowed on unpaved surfaces, "but not on the streets."

"Right now we are also researching if we can issue citations to parents for allowing an unlicensed minor to be driving an unregistered vehicle."

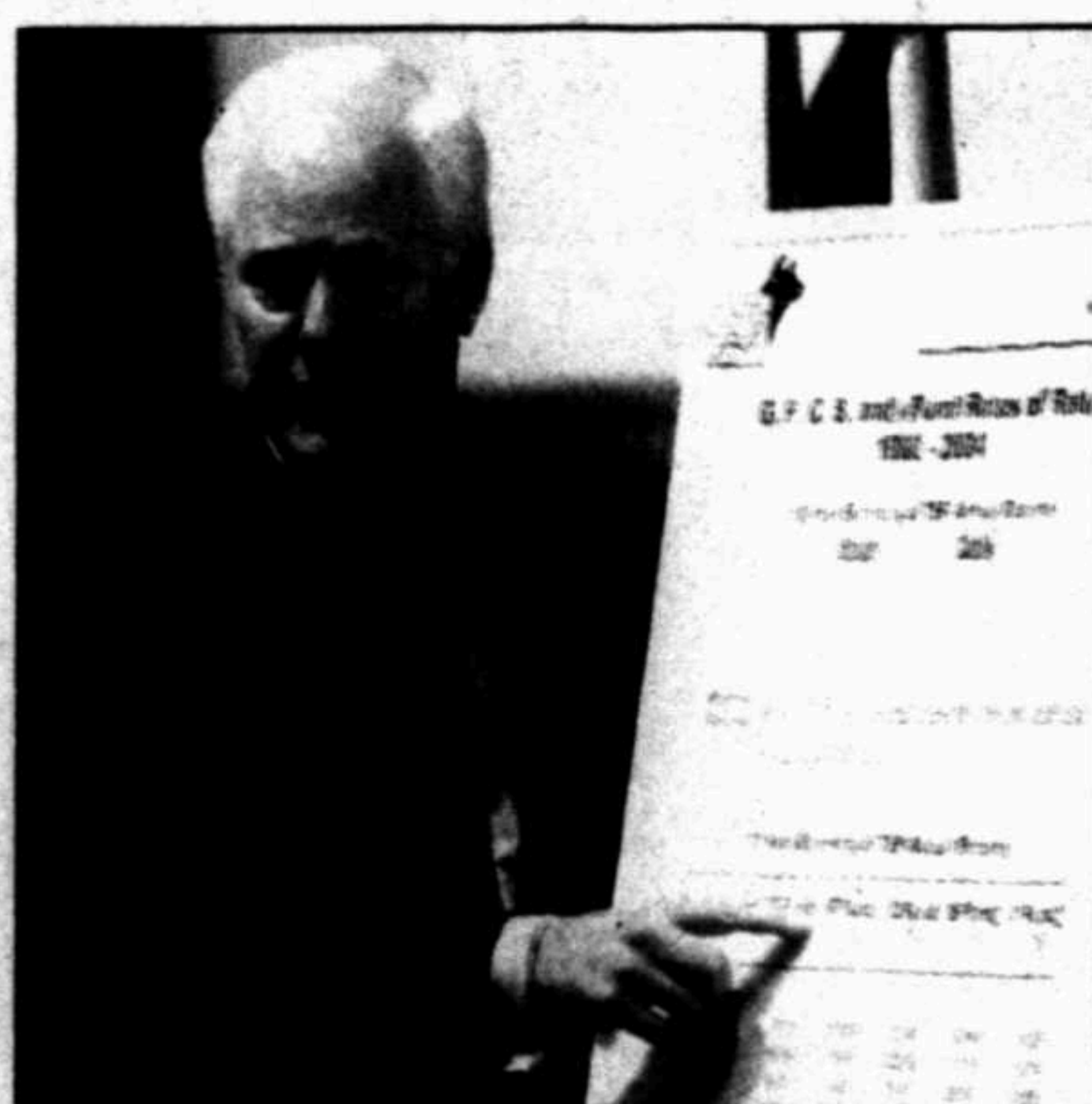
Cornyn touts Social Security reforms, wants new immigration laws

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, Tuesday said proponents of President Bush's Social Security reform package are laboring against misconceptions that retirement benefits won't be available to today's young workers.

Addressing 90 people at 10 a.m. at the UTPB CEED Building between Midland and Odessa, he said workers' benefits actually could be greater if they took full advantage of the plan, investing 4 percent of their Social Security taxes in mutual funds or individual retirement accounts.

With Bush and other top Republicans fanning out across the country to promote the reforms, Cornyn said the current system "is a shell game" with only the minimum Social Security tax revenues being paid to retirees and the rest going for the government's general expenses. Employees and employers each pay half of the 12.4



REFORMATION Sen. John Cornyn speaks Tuesday about the proposed Social Security reform options President Bush is offering to working Americans.

percent tax.

"This has been a very convenient scare tactic used

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Johnnie Cochran Jr., lead of O.J. Simpson defense, dies at 67

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., who became a legal superstar after helping clear O.J. Simpson during a sensational murder trial in which he uttered the famous quote "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit," died Tuesday. He was 67.

Cochran died of an inoperable brain tumor at his home in Los Angeles, his family said. Cochran, who was diagnosed with the tumor in December 2003, was surrounded by his wife, Dale, and two sisters when he died.

"Certainly, Johnnie's career will be noted as one marked by 'celebrity' cases and clientele," his family said in a statement. "But he and his family were



Cochran

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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NEW YORK — This isn't your usual summer camp. Roger Daltrey, Dickey Betts and Bret Michaels are some of the "camp counselors" who dish out advice on VH1 Classic's "Rock and Roll Fantasy Camp," which lets adults act out their rock star dreams for a week by learning the basics of rock 'n' roll performing from some of the music industry's masters.



The two-hour presentation, which premieres Saturday, also will include sage advice from Nils Lofgren, Jane Wiedlin, Jon Anderson, Simon Kirke, Jack Blades, Elliot Easton, Colin Hay and Bruce Kulick.

Daltrey, Betts and Michaels will be among those who answer questions submitted by viewers

and asked at the camp by VH1 Classic host Lynn Hoffman.

On the Net:
http://www.vh1.com

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi had only one request when Richard Gere visited his office: "Shall we dance?"

Gere, who is in Japan to promote his latest film, the Hollywood remake of the Japanese box-office hit "Shall We Dance," accepted Koizumi's invitation, but insisted that he would lead.

"I'll be the man," Gere said Tuesday before they twirled for a few seconds in Koizumi's office.

Koizumi, who has been called "the Japanese Richard Gere" because of his resemblance to the actor, discussed his love of movies in a brief meeting with Gere. They also talked about their mutual affection for the ancient Japanese capital of Kyoto.

Gere, 55, told reporters the prime minister was "charming" and "spontaneous."

NEW YORK — Lisa Marie Presley aired her "Dirty

Laundry" on "Oprah."

In the first of a two-part interview to promote her new album, Presley spoke Monday about her brief marriage to Michael Jackson, who is on trial in Santa Maria, Calif., on child molestation charges.

She told Winfrey that her marriage to Jackson, which lasted from 1994 to 1996, was real.

"Do you think that he loved you as much as he could?" the talk-show host asked.

"Yes, as much as he was capable of loving somebody," Presley replied.

When Winfrey asked if she felt Jackson had used her, Presley replied, "All signs point to 'yes' on that. I can't answer for him."

Presley, the daughter of Elvis, claimed she was uncomfortable talking about Jackson, at one point exclaiming: "This seat is hot!"



VH1 turning C-list celebrities into retro-cool reality

By Gary Levin

USA Today

VH1 is riding a wave of pop-culture nostalgia to ratings success.

Three years ago, MTV's younger sibling hit a low point after burning out on the biography series "Behind the Music." But a love affair with the '80s has redefined the channel, distinguished it further from MTV and lured young baby boomers: Ratings this year set a channel record of 618,000 prime-time viewers, up 20 percent from 2004.

Embracing the "celebrity" genre that MTV staked out with "The Osbournes," VH1 has three series on tap for summer:

■ "Hogan Knows Best." The show casts retired wrestler Hulk Hogan as a traditional suburban dad to two teenagers on a 20,000-square-foot estate in Clearwater, Fla. Programming chief Brian Graden was intrigued by the blond-maned grappler's "tenderly gruff and protective" side. "He goes to elaborate lengths to protect his daughter on her first date," surreptitiously planting a GPS tracking device in her car.

■ "Being Bonaduce." The series is a look at ex-Partridge Family child star Danny Bonaduce, keyed to his troubled 15-year marriage to a woman he had known just seven hours. Couples therapy sessions provide the loose framework for each episode, which then goes into the family's home.

■ "The Surreal Life." Production started Monday on the fifth season of this celebrity C-list "Big Brother" (due Sept. 4), which moved from WB and became the top-rated series in VH1 history. Newest housemates: ex-baseball player (and ex-steroid user) Jose Canseco, combative Apprentice Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth, America's Next Top Model judge Janice Dickinson, actor Bronson Pinchot ("Perfect Strangers"), hip-hop singer Sandi Denton (Salt 'n' Pepa), British model Caprice and "motocross madman" Carey Hart.

"There are so many shows following around celebrities, you have to look for a unique dynamic," Graden says, whether it's Hogan's softer side or the precise mix of over-the-top personalities on Surreal, where casting has become easier. "Retro-cool fame turned out to be more fun than has-been," he says.

VH1's reality shows have also become feeder systems for future series: Former "Surreal" house-

mates Brigitte Nielsen and Flavor Flav won their own spinoff, "Strange Love." Bonaduce stemmed from the former child star's work on "In Search of the Partridge Family," last fall's contest to recast the beloved 1970s TV family, a ratings disappointment.

And Hogan's series stemmed from a VH1 documentary that centered on his quest to launch a singing career for his 16-year-old daughter, Brooke.

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Courts

By Ted Bridgman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge has ruled that the Supreme Court's decision to allow the federal government to sue copyright holders for file-swapping, in the justices' ruling, was not an unconstitutional taking of property without just compensation.

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Court considers legality of sharing movies, music on Internet

By Ted Bridis
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The mostly silver-haired Supreme Court debated the file-swapping, instant-messaging world of the justices' grandchildren Tuesday, openly worrying that allowing lawsuits to protect Internet movie and music rights could stunt development of the next iPod or other cool high-tech gadget.

During a lively hour-long argument, the court puzzled over the repercussions of granting the entertainment industry authority to sue technology manufacturers over consumers who use their products to steal music and movies online.

Justices wondered aloud whether lawsuits against manufacturers might have discouraged past inventions like copy machines and VCRs as well as newer innovations like iPod music players. All can be used to make illegal copies of documents, films and songs.

Justice Antonin Scalia said a ruling against Grokster Ltd., a developer of leading file-sharing software, could mean that if "I'm a new inventor, I'm going to get sued right away."

Scalia, 69, referred to the company as "Grokster, whatever this outfit is called," eliciting chuckles from the packed courtroom.

The entertainment industry's lawyer, Donald Verrilli Jr., said his clients have no interest in suing inventors who take

steps to block customers from stealing. But Grokster and other file-sharing services actively encourage consumers to steal, Verrilli said.

Verrilli called Grokster's software "a gigantic engine of infringement" that thieves use to steal 2.6 billion songs, movies and other digital files each month.

"The scale of the whole thing is mind-boggling," Verrilli said.

The case has star power on both sides.

Don Henley, Sheryl Crow, the Dixie Chicks and other musicians are backing the major recording labels, saying their livelihoods are threatened if millions of people can obtain their songs for nothing.

About 20 independent recording artists, including musician and producer Brian Eno, rockers Heart and rapper-activist Chuck D, support the file-sharing technology. They say it allows greater distribution of their music and limits the power of huge record companies.

The entertainment industry is eager to use the Internet to sell more music and movies, and points to the stunning popularity of Apple Computer's iPod, which can be used to play songs purchased online.

But Justice David H. Souter noted that even iPod users can play music downloaded illegally.

"I know perfectly well if I can get music on my iPod without paying, that's what I'm going to do," said Souter, 65.

Souter questioned why the industry



High court case could rewrite important copyright rules

THE CASE: Entertainment companies want the Supreme Court to let them sue the manufacturers of file-sharing software that allows computer users to download music and movies without permission from each other's computers.

SO FAR: Lower courts have sided with the software makers, which say their technology should be looked at no differently than a videocassette recorder.

UPCOMING: The Supreme Court was hearing arguments Tuesday and was to issue a decision before July. The outcome could redefine how consumers can watch television shows and films and listen to songs that increasingly are delivered in digital formats.

wouldn't also sue Apple on the same grounds as Grokster. Verrilli said that, unlike Grokster, Apple took reasonable steps to discourage piracy.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, 68, pressed Grokster's lawyer, Richard Taranto, on whether profits from trafficking in stolen property can rightfully be used to help finance a young technology business. "That seems wrong to me," Kennedy said.

The court was expected to rule before July. Regardless of the outcome, it still won't be legal to download copyrighted materials over the Internet without permission. And any ruling won't affect thousands of copyright lawsuits filed against Internet users caught sharing music and movies online.

Besides the lawsuits against music fans, the entertainment industry has deliberately polluted file-sharing networks with poor-quality copies of songs and falsely named files, among other tactics, to frustrate Internet thieves.

Two lower courts previously sided with Grokster. A trial judge and a U.S. appeals court in California each based their decisions on the 1984 Supreme Court ruling that Sony Corp. could not be sued over consumers who used its VCRs to make illegal copies of movies.

The lower courts ruled that, like VCRs, the file-sharing software can be used for "substantial" legal purposes, such as giving away free songs, free software or government documents. The

lower courts reasoned that the legitimate uses for such software gave companies like Grokster protection from copyright lawsuits based on acts by their customers.

Justice John Paul Stevens, who was among the justices hearing arguments Tuesday, wrote the 5-4 Sony decision. Only two other justices from 1984 remain on the court: Sandra Day O'Connor, who sided with Stevens, and Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who dissented.

The case is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios v. Grokster, 04-480.

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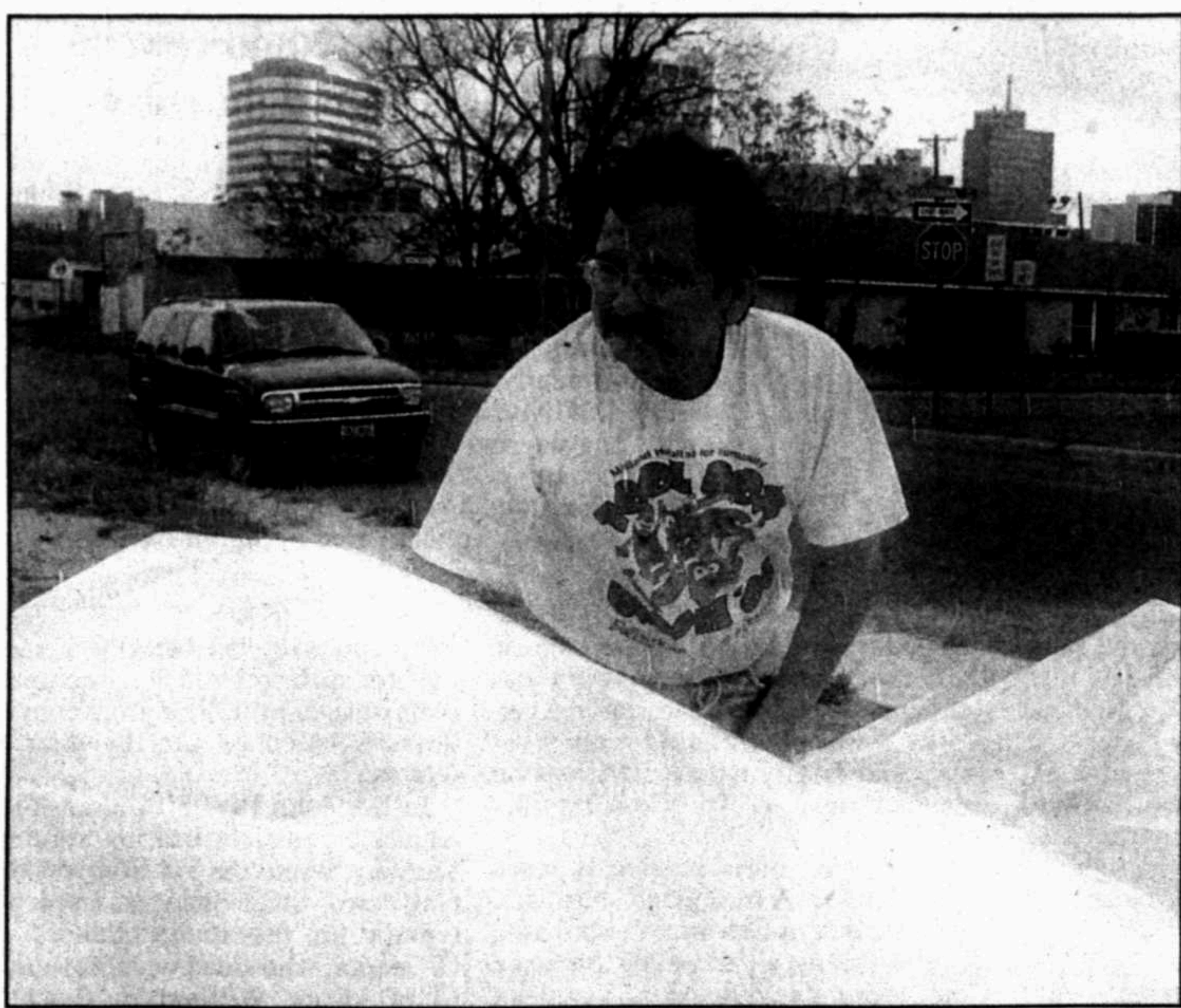
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WRAPPING UP DAY'S WORK Tony Villa covers building materials with a tarp to protect from weather before finishing work for the day. Villa is helping build a house on Baird Street for Midland Habitat for Humanity.

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COCHRAN

(From 1A)

most proud of the work he did on behalf of those in the community."

With his colorful suits and ties, his gift for courtroom oratory and a knack for coining memorable phrases, Cochran was a vivid addition to the pantheon of America's best-known barristers.

The "if it doesn't fit" phrase would be quoted and parodied for years afterward. It derived from a dramatic moment during which Simpson tried on a pair of bloodstained "murder gloves" to show jurors they did not fit. Some legal experts called it the turning point in the trial.

Soon after, jurors found the Hall of Fame football star not guilty of the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. "Johnnie is what's good about the law," Simpson said in a telephone interview from Florida. "I don't think I'd be home today without Johnnie."

For Cochran, Simpson's acquittal was the crowning achievement in a career notable for victories, often in cases with racial themes. He was a black man known for championing the causes of black defendants. Some of them, like Simpson, were famous, but more often than not they were unknown.

"The clients I've cared about the most are the No Js, the ones who nobody knows," said Cochran, who proudly displayed copies in his office of the multi-million-dollar checks he won for ordinary citizens who said they were abused by police.

"People in New York and Los Angeles, especially mothers in the African-American community, are more afraid of

the police injuring or killing their children than they are of muggers on the corner," he once said.

By the time Simpson called, the byword in the black community for defendants facing serious charges was: "Get Johnnie."

Over the years, Cochran represented football great Jim Brown, actor Todd Bridges, rappers Tupac Shakur, Snoop Dogg and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

"He was a brilliant strategist who never lost touch with the common man," said Sanford Rubinstein, an attorney who worked with him on the case of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima, who was tortured by New York police. "He took particular pride in standing up with those who were wrongfully treated. He truly loved people and the public adored him."

He also represented former Black Panther Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, who spent 27 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit. When Cochran helped Pratt win his freedom in 1997 he called the moment "the happiest day of my life practicing law."

Cochran was not universally praised for his work on the Simpson case. His own co-counsel on the so-called "Dream Team," Robert Shapiro, accused him of playing the "race card" to a largely black jury. Cochran turned the trial into an indictment of the Los Angeles Police Department, suggesting officers planted evidence in an effort to frame the former football star because he was a black celebrity.

"The charge that I could convince black jurors to vote to acquit a man they believed to be guilty of two murders because he is black is an insult to all African-Ameri-



THE DEFENSE RESTS Defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. puts on a pair of gloves in this Sept. 27, 1995, file photo at the Los Angeles Criminal Courts Building, to remind the jury in the O.J. Simpson double-murder trial that the gloves Simpson tried on did not fit him. "Remember these words," Cochran said. "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit." Cochran, the dynamic, eminently quotable attorney whose televised murder defense of Simpson made him a legal superstar died Tuesday of a brain disorder in Los Angeles, said law partner Randy McMurray. He was 67.

cans," Cochran wrote in his autobiography, "A Lawyer's Life."

Simpson was held liable for the killings following a 1997 civil trial and ordered to pay the Brown and Goldman families \$33.5 million in restitution. Cochran did not represent him in that case.

After Simpson's acquittal, Cochran

appeared on countless TV talk shows, was awarded his own Court TV show, traveled the world over giving speeches, and was endlessly parodied in films and on such TV shows as "Seinfeld" and "South Park."

In "Lethal Weapon 4," comedian Chris Rock plays a policeman who advises a

Police arrest suspect in case of missing meter covers

By Ryan Myers
Staff Writer

Authorities believe they may have blown the lid off the case of the missing meter covers.

A total of 113 of the city's cast iron water meter lids have turned up missing in the past few weeks, and Tuesday, authorities apprehended a suspect in the thefts.

According to the city's customer service manager Tony Goyang, an assistant customer service representative noticed a red Ford F-150 matching the description of a vehicle reported March 15 to have been involved in taking a meter cover.

The driver of the truck, Milton Carmack, 49, of Midland was detained in an alley parking lot at F and Wall streets, where authorities found 16 meter covers in the bed of his truck.

Goyang said the lids, only available for purchase in a package with adjoining monitoring equipment, were purchased by the city for \$38 each.

Midland Police Department Sgt. Darin Clemens said Carmack was likely selling the stolen lids as scrap metal to a salvage yard.

Clemens confirmed Recycle Midland had done business with Carmack, but explained it was impossible to determine if Carmack had sold the recycling yard any of the municipal meter covers.

He added Recycle Midland could have purchased meter lids without knowing it.

"Trucks are weighed when they arrive and weighed again after they leave their metal in the scrap heaps," Clemens said. "We looked around the property and looked around the scrap piles, but they're huge."

Clemens added another recycling yard will be investigated today.

Goyang said he has looked into buying fiberglass meter covers that are available to the city for approximately \$17 to replace the remaining missing lids.

Carmack charged with theft more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

Police arrest stabbing suspect for aggravated assault

From Staff Reports

Randy Lee Oneal, 42, of Midland was arrested Tuesday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies in the 5000 block of South County Road 1183 on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

At approximately 3:03 a.m., deputies responded to 5001 S. County Road 1183 in reference to a stabbing.

On arrival, deputies found



Oneal

John Paul Anderson lying on a couch with multiple stab wounds.

Witnesses at the scene explained to deputies they were awakened by screaming and discovered the

victim lying on the floor of the living room, authorities said.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Investigator Harold

Uddley said Oneal previously had a relationship with the victim's aunt and a fight erupted between the victim and the suspect when the suspect refused to leave.

Oneal fled the scene but was located quickly and, "pretty much turned himself in," according to Uddley.

Anderson was listed in satisfactory condition late Tuesday, according to Midland Memorial hospital officials.

JURGENSEN

(From 1A)

ney Steve Stallings. Jurgensen has not been able to post his \$250,000 bond and remained in county jail late Monday.

"When the defendant was apprised by Mr. Harris that he could be arrested for cruelty to animals, the defendant forced Mr. Harris on his knees and said 'I've been in a cage before, and I'm not going back,' apparently referring to time in Vietnam," Stallings told the court.

Harris, who was not present at the hearing, said the incident occurred after Jurgensen sprayed two of Harris' Weimaraner dogs and a pit bull with pepper spray while the Harris family was barbecuing in their back yard.

Harris' mother, Carlynn Cox Harris, testified she previously heard Jurgensen threaten to kill "everybody," apparently referring to the residents of the house.

She also spoke of a continual conflict between her household and Jurgensen about the dogs, and said she feared being in her back yard when Jurgensen was

Charles Harris said he believed the judicial system to be fair and equitable and was pleased his mother could enjoy the family back yard without fearing for her safety.

home.

Ray Fivecoat, representing Jurgensen, argued Jurgensen's bond could be reduced without threatening the Harris family if the lower bond amount included stipulations Jurgensen could not reside at his house next door to Harris.

He explained Jurgensen could be required to stay at one of the nine rental properties Jurgensen owns in Midland.

Fivecoat also argued posting the current bond was beyond Jurgensen's financial means, saying Jurgensen had no savings or relatives from whom he could bor-

row money.

He also noted that even if Jurgensen were given permission to pledge property to post bond in lieu of cash, Jurgensen currently has no liquid assets on account of a pending divorce trial.

Stallings contended Jurgensen's finances should not be a criteria in determining bond, and asked Darr to consider the severity of Jurgensen's offense, his threat to society and potential flight risk.

Darr elected to leave Jurgensen's bond unchanged.

Charles Harris said he believed the judicial system to be fair and equitable and was pleased his mother could enjoy the family back yard without fearing for her safety.

Midland County District Attorney Al Schorre said the case against Jurgensen likely will be presented before a grand jury within two weeks.

If Jurgensen is indicted, he will be represented by David Rogers, with Brockett, Rogers & Fivecoat, according to Fivecoat.

CORNYN

(From 1A)

in almost every election," Texas' junior senator said. "What this would do is take away the 'scare grandma' tactic."

Predicting Congress will vote on Bush's plan "in the next year," Cornyn said, "The fact is, we have not had truth in budgeting in many, many years. There is no lock box and no trust fund. What we have is an unsustainable situation."

While 16 workers were paying into Social Security for every one beneficiary in the 1930s, the ratio is now 3-to-1, he said, adding there will be more recipients than taxpayers in 12 years and the system will go bankrupt by 2040 if no action is taken. "This is a trainwreck," he said.

When asked what the "transition costs" would be to change the system, Cornyn said estimates range from \$750 billion to \$2 trillion, but he thinks the Bush administration's use of the lower number is accurate. He said the system has an unfunded obligation of \$11 trillion to \$12 trillion for the next 75 years, so the transition costs are affordable because they would stem the red ink.

He said an investment program like the one offered to federal employees might be good, having produced investment returns ranging from 5.45 to 11.99 percent during the past 10 years. "It would make people more independent and therefore less dependent on government," he said.

He said congressmen also are considering raising the retirement age from 65 to 68 for younger workers.

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cans President Shane Marler, Cornyn said in a 10:30 a.m. news conference the immigration reform bill he plans to file this spring is needed to help document the estimated 10 million illegal immigrants who live in the United States and separate "those who want to hurt us from those who just want to work."

He said he and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, both supported recent legislation to hire more Border Patrol agents.

Just returned from a tour of California and South Pacific military installations, Cornyn was impressed with the need for defenses against intercontinental ballistic missiles carrying nuclear warheads. He said North Korea has become particularly worrisome with its threats of ICBMs that could reach North America.

After his address and question and answer sessions, Cornyn, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, met privately in the CEED Building auditorium with U.S. District Judge Robert Junell of Midland about courthouse security.

SOLD

(From 1A)

Midland economic development officials said that meant it was good for virtually only one purpose — light manufacturing.

With acres of relatively fresh beige carpeting and polished concrete floors, it also was limited by having 14 foot ceilings, which are much lower than the 30 foot ceilings many potential business occupants prefer.

TI employee Matt Tumbusch had maintained the building since it was closed, traversing the floors in a golf cart and periodically cranking up its two 400 horsepower red boilers.

Job Corps inspectors said they liked the color-coded utility room, which makes repairs easier, and color schemes of the utility and boiler rooms. The building has a furnished commercial kitchen, 3,000 square foot exercise area and full service cafeteria.

The Job Corps would have used 150,000 to 175,000 square feet and walled off the rest, Labor Department officials said. The building is located south of Midland International Airport and I-20, just

TI building history:

1978: Opened by Texas Instruments of Dallas to manufacture "Speak & Spell" educational devices.
1982: TI converted the building into a semi-conductor plant and started making microchips for military communications and guidance systems, peaking at 1,800 employees in the mid-1980s.
1998: Closed but kept in good condition with daily maintenance.
1999: Listed on the real estate market by The Staubach Co. of Dallas.
2005: Sold to Midland businessman Michael E. "Mike" Black in a deal brokered by John Elphick of Southwest Commercial Investments of Midland.

east of FM 1788 and just inside Midland County.

Based in Dallas, Texas Instruments opened the Midland building in 1978 to manufacture "Speak & Spell" home educational devices. It became a semi-conductor plant in 1982, making microchips for military communications and guidance systems.

Tumbusch said its peak employment was 1,800 in the mid-1980s.

INVESTIGATION

(From 1A)

Had the incident involved a school employee, OSHA would not be investigating the death, but the agency is required to review cases if private contractors are overseeing construction projects.

Tapio said Tuesday the investigation into Vasquez's death has been completed, but officials have about four months to decide whether to issue citations.

"We have to review all the evidence before we draw any conclusions of violations," Tapio said.

Cases that involve fatalities take longer periods of time to close, Tapio said.

Frank Call, director of the safety, health and environmental pro-

gram for Lee Lewis, said he wasn't sure which temporary labor organization employed Vasquez or what he had been assigned to do the day he died.

"We just don't have a lot of information on him," Call said.

Hiring workers from temporary agencies is standard, Call said. Temporary workers often assist with cleaning up work sites and perform jobs assisting others, he said.

Call said an attorney had been hired to represent Vasquez's family.

Vasquez was working as a carpenter's assistant on part of the project that involved construction of a new band hall, MISD officials have said. Vasquez was trans-

ported to Midland Memorial Hospital after hitting a concrete floor, but was pronounced dead later the same day.

Lee High's bond construction is in the second of six phases scheduled to be completed in July 2006.

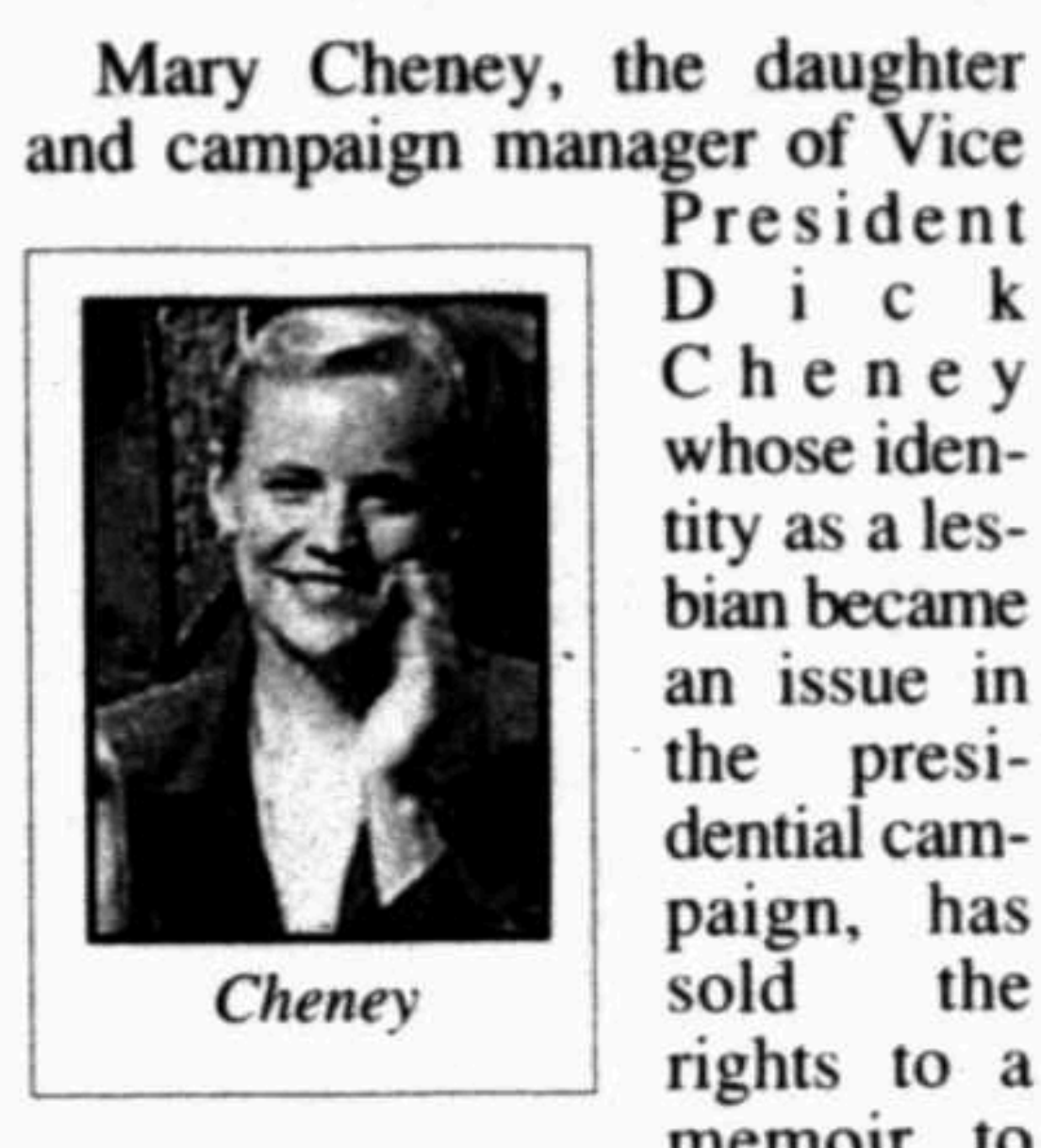
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Vice President Cheney's gay daughter says she'll write memoir

By David D. Kirkpatrick
and Edward Wyatt
N.Y. Times News Service



Cheney

Mary Cheney, the daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney whose identity as a lesbian became an issue in the presidential campaign, has sold the rights to a memoir to Simon & Schuster for an advance of about \$1 million, according to two people involved in the negotiations.

Cheney declined to speak about her personal life or opinions before the election but many others brought up the issue.

Gay and lesbian groups organized "Dear Mary" letter-writing campaigns imploring her to denounce President Bush's call for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Alan Keyes, the conservative commentator and candidate, called her a "selfish hedonist" during the Republican convention. And the Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, brought up her sexual identity in a presidential debate, drawing fierce criticism from her mother, Lynne Cheney, and the family's political allies.

In a statement on Tuesday, Cheney said she looked forward to writing about her experience.

"The first time I campaigned with my father I was 8 years old," she said. "I've been involved with campaigns as a family member, a staffer, and though I certainly never intended it, as a political target for the other side. It's been an amazing experience — uplifting, frustrating, educational and always entertaining."

Simon & Schuster said Cheney's memoir is the first book planned in a new line of titles about conservative politics and current events, overseen by Mary Matalin, a political consultant and close adviser to the Cheney family. Matalin was not involved in making the book deal, however, she and others said.

Instead, Robert Barnett, a Washington lawyer with a sideline making book deals for political figures like former President Bill Clinton and Karen P. Hughes, a Bush adviser, circulated to several publishers a proposal Cheney had written.

"We had several attractive offers," said Barnett, who had also negotiated Matalin's arrangement with Simon & Schuster. "In the end, Mary Cheney found great advantage to working with her old

friend Mary Matalin."

People familiar with the proposal said Cheney promised fly-on-the-wall accounts of her father's campaigns and a portrait of the vice president different from his public persona.

Carolyn Reidy, president of adult books at Simon & Schuster, said Cheney's book would be not only an account of the campaigns by a singularly highly placed insider but also "about her own role, about being thrust into the spotlight unwanted and her opinions about that."

Simon & Schuster said it expects to publish the memoir in May 2006, two years before President Bush and Vice President Cheney leave office.

Matalin said Cheney felt she could speak out now.

"She had to remain reticent and her parents had to remain very reticent until the 2004 campaign was over because she had a job to do. We all had jobs to do," Matalin said. "But she is highly articulate and opinionated and interesting and she thinks for herself and wants to say it in her own words."

Although Cheney has never spoken publicly about her views

of the Bush administration's embrace of a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, her parents have said they disagree with the proposal.

A spokeswoman for the vice president declined to comment on the book deal on Tuesday. Matalin

said Cheney had spoken to her parents in detail about her plans for the book before selling the rights. "They were very supportive," Matalin said.

Matalin herself has been associated with the Republican Unity Coalition, a group of gay and

straight Republicans who hoped to make the party more welcoming to gays and lesbians. Her friends said she has privately opposed a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, although Matalin has also never commented publicly on that.



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Obesity could shorten life expectancy

Here's another sign the good life has caught up with us. For the first time in generations, Americans' average life expectancy could shrink because of an obesity epidemic sweeping the United States, according to researchers.

In an analysis that weighed in on the debate over reforming Social Security, health experts concluded the nation's steady rise in longevity may end in coming decades as more people die early from obesity-related health problems such as heart disease, diabetes and kidney failure.

This is not news we have come to expect. We grew up in a generation where we thought life expectancy would rise. Medicine was better, we had more doctors and the overall health was better than our predecessors.

That's not the case anymore. Led by Jay Olshansky of the University of Illinois at Chicago, the researchers said obesity among adults rose by 50 percent per decade during the 1980s and 1990s to the point that nearly one in three Americans is now obese.

The team suggested the methods used to establish life expectancy — long based on historic trends — must be reassessed in light of the growing population of obese Americans. A review is particularly important as obesity rates surge in children and young adults.

More than 9 million U.S. children are obese. Not only do they risk being fat all their lives, doctors say, but they have a higher than average risk of heart disease and diabetes.

At a time when Social Security reform is consuming U.S. politics, the researchers noted the question of longevity is not just academic but has major public policy implications. The Social Security Administration has estimated that life expectancy in the United States will continue to rise steadily, reaching the mid-80s later this century.

Ironically, Americans may be inadvertently "saving" Social Security by becoming obese, but there will be a heavy price in terms of higher death rates and escalating health care costs. The United States already spends between \$70 billion and \$100 billion each year to treat health problems linked to obesity.

In a Journal editorial, Samuel Preston of the University of Pennsylvania said the Olshansky team's projections may be "excessively gloomy" because many Americans have adopted healthier lifestyles by quitting smoking, cutting cholesterol and practicing safer sex, for example.

Still, even he acknowledged that failure to address the problem of obesity could dampen "improvements in longevity that are otherwise in store." Obesity is a bad path to go down.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 30, the 89th day of 2005. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 30, 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer.

On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.
In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th amendment to the Constitution, giving black men the right to vote, was declared in effect.
In 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II.

In 1986, actor James Cagney died at his farm in Stamfordville, N.Y., at age 86.

In 2002, the Queen Mother Elizabeth of England died in her sleep at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old.

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of Rwandan refugees, fleeing violence in Burundi, began a two-day trek to sanctuary in Tanzania. Pope John Paul II issued the 11th encyclical of his papacy in which he condemned abortion and euthanasia as crimes that no human laws could legitimize.

One year ago: In a reversal, President Bush agreed to let National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice testify publicly and under oath before an independent panel investigating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Thought for Today: "God is the sum of all possibilities." — Isaac Bashevis Singer, Polish-born American Nobel Prize-winning author (1904-1991).

CAL THOMAS

Despite beliefs, people must follow judicial law

The Terri Schiavo case has been a perfect media storm and an object lesson. For the media, it served as a metaphor for much of what divides us: pro-life vs. pro-choice; religious vs. secular; wife vs. husband vs. parents-in-laws; church vs. state.

Many religious leaders (and certain members of Congress) at first distinguished themselves by standing on principle and appealing to the state to preserve Terri Schiavo's life. But a few called for defiance of authority, suggesting Florida officials disobey court orders, "rescue" Terri from her hospice bed and reinsert her feeding tube.

The Miami Herald reported Saturday that agents of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement told police in Pinellas Park they were going to conduct such an operation. The newspaper said agents backed down rather than confront local police outside the hospice. Certain people seem to be arguing that only those laws and judicial rulings with which they agree are to be obeyed. That invites anarchy.

Some of those calling for the law to be disobeyed were ordained clergy, which is especially troubling.

What do these ordained men mean by encouraging people to break the law? Have they not read, or taken seriously, Romans 13, the chapter in which Paul, the Apostle, says, "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves."

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The footnote in the New International Version reminds the reader that the "governing authorities" at the time these verses were written were probably pagans and Paul said to submit to them anyway. That's difficult to get around, especially for those who take the Bible seriously, if not literally.

Should Gov. Jeb Bush have defied the courts and ordered that Terri Schiavo be "rescued"? Perhaps he had such authority, perhaps not. But that does not give people, especially Christians, the right to rebel against judicial authority. Only when they are ordered to stop preaching the Gospel are they permitted to disobey. They can, and should, work within the system to change judges and the way laws are interpreted.

Christians, especially, put themselves in the position of using politics and civil authority to force those who do not accept their religious premises and beliefs to behave as if they do. To achieve their objectives, would they be more effective laboring inside hospices for days, weeks, even years in support of the infirm, or do they best

advance their cause outside hospices, performing for eager cameras and quote-takers?

This does not demean the substance of their pro-life argument, which I share, but it does suggest they may be employing inferior weapons — such as politics and the media — instead of superior ones, such as grace and selflessness.

It does not help their argument that some clerical and political leaders had e-mails and Web pages that directed people to links that afford them the opportunity to make contributions, not necessarily to Terri Schiavo, but to the "ministry" of her self-appointed defenders.

The biggest lesson from the Schiavo case — and it is one that must be sent to as many people as possible — is this: The courts are a mess and need to be reformed. Judges should be appointed who believe not only in the Constitution, but also that our rights are endowed from outside the state. Fundamental rights are not granted or denied by judges who create and eliminate them at will.

Had Terri Schiavo been pregnant and wanted to abort, her husband would have no legal say in the matter, but he has ultimate power over her life and death. Isn't it legally inconsistent that courts may no longer sentence 17-year-old killers to death, but Terri Schiavo, who has injured no one, has been sentenced to death by the courts?

Here is a political-moral-ethical question worthy of continued debate. That debate must not die with Terri Schiavo. If it goes on, she will have taught many a valuable lesson and her life will have made an important contribution to the nation and to others in the future who will share her condition, but not necessarily her fate.



DAVID BROOKS

Loyalty often comes in three forms

If you had chanced upon the front door of Grace Church School on lower Broadway on a sunny morning in the fall of 1969, you might have come upon a radiant boy clutching a brown paper bag that contained a piece of sacred turf harvested from Shea Stadium, where the New York Mets had recently won the world championship of baseball.

That boy grew up, slightly, and in the early spring of 1986, he vowed he would ask his girlfriend to marry him the day the Mets won their 30th game of the season. The Mets got off to an unnervingly fast start that year, and the young man decided to postpone his proposal until the 40th win. But he followed through with it, and the marriage has even endured what his wife calls his Metsomania — his tendency to toss and turn sleeplessly after his favorite baseball team has suffered a painful defeat.

And yet we are the playthings of fate and lead lives filled with strange twists, and I (for it is time to throw off the artfully constructed mask) now find myself contemplating the uncontemplatable: that I will switch my allegiance from the beloved Mets to the new team of my adopted town. I will become a fan of the Washington Nationals.

Already I feel the tug, the love that dare not speak its name. I own several Nationals caps. Some friends and I have bought season tickets.

In the midst of this spiritual crisis I have begun to ask the fundamental question. What is the nature of the loyalty that binds us to our teams? Can a team be tossed aside even though it has given you (especially during the 1970s) some of the worst years of its life?

Certainly our loyalty to a team has little to do with the players who happen to be on it at any given moment. If the Yankees and the Red Sox swapped all their players, their fans would blink for a few seconds, but then go on cheering for their same old team just as passionately.

No, upon reflection, the love of a team comes in three flavors. For some people, the love of a team is like the love of one's nation. The team is the embodiment of the place we are from, our community and folk.

If my love for the Mets is of this sort, then it is proper that I transfer my affections to the Nats. For

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I have immigrated to Washington, and we immigrants are obliged to set nostalgia aside and assimilate to our new civilization. As Marshall Wittman writes on his Bull Moose blog, "No dual loyalty for the national pastime."

For other people, the love of a team is primarily a psychological connection. It is a bond forged during a lifelong string of shared emotions — the way I felt when Tommie Agee made that diving catch in 1969, the way I have suffered through the disappointment of Mo Vaughn.

If my love of the Mets is of this sort, then it would be wrong to abandon the team, for to abandon the Mets would be to abandon myself. It would be to abandon a string of formative experiences, a core of my identity. It would send me off on a life of phoniness and self-alienation.

Finally, a love for a team can be a philosophical love, a love for the Platonic ideal the team embodies. For teams not only play; they come to represent creeds, a way of living in the world. The Red Sox ideal is: nobility through suffering. The Cubs ideal is: It is better to be loved than feared. The Yankee ideal is: All cover before the greatness that is Rome.

The Mets ideal is: God smiles upon his darlings. The history of the Mets teaches that miracles happen and the universe is a happy place. If this is the nature of my love, then I can only love the team so long as it still embodies this ideal.

My own love is mostly of this third type, and I have endured this spiritual crisis because the Mets, with all their big-money signings, have come to seem less like darlings.

DAVID GRIMES

Sometimes eBay sales can really get out of hand

Like most of you, I spend most of my free time (and, yes, I have way too much of it) trying to spot the images of religious icons in ordinary stuff.

You can have your IRAs and your pensions and your stock portfolios; I plan on bankrolling my retirement with a potato chip that, when the light is right, appears to bear the likeness of Cain, or possibly Abel.

The only trouble is that there is a lot of competition in this line of work. You will recall the 10-year-old toasted-cheese sandwich

bearing the likeness of the Virgin Mary that sold on the online auction site eBay for \$28,000. (By the way, I cannot confirm or deny rumors that eBay now contains more reports of miracles than the Bible, nor can I comment on whispered suggestions that eBay is now being read during church services.)

More recently, an Indiana pet-shop owner has said a turtle that was the only animal to survive a fire has developed an image of Satan's face on its shell. Store owner Bryan Dora says he can see a goatee and a pair of pointy horns on the shell of the turtle that he has named, curiously enough, Lucky. (Yes, the turtle is lucky to have survived the fire, but it is lucky to now be possessed by Satan?)

Dora, who clearly is one of those enterprising people whom you just want to smack, has produced a DVD of Lucky's life that he plans to auction on the Internet. I have not seen the DVD, but since it is about a turtle, I assume the plot unfolds something like this: Sleep. Eat. Poop. Sleep. Eat. Poop. Sleep FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! Eat. Poop.

Lucky the turtle and the aged toasted-cheese sandwich are so critical to what this nation is all about that I'm surprised Congress hasn't deemed it necessary to intervene.

A hearing could be convened to determine whether Lucky was on steroids at the time of the fire and, if so, whether those evil pimple-inducing drugs somehow sent a signal to Satan that now would be a good time to etch a self-portrait on the turtle's shell.

(If Lucky was found to be on steroids, presumably whatever records he set in the "Eat, Poop, Sleep" categories would be accompanied by an asterisk.)

Similarly, Congress should, even as we speak, be working itself into a hissy fit of moral outrage over the fact that half of the toasted-cheese sandwich was eaten and thereby not allowed to live out its natural life as an item to be bid upon on an online auction site.

If this country worked the way it should, a congressman (I'm thinking specifically of Tom DeLay) would break into your home late at night while you're fixing yourself a snack and snatch your toasted-cheese sandwich away from you before you take a bite. (Of course, DeLay is short and you could probably thwart him simply by holding your sandwich above your head, but that would be cruel and also possibly put you in contempt of Congress.)

Clearly, this business of seeing things is far more complicated and dangerous than simply staring at the oil stain on your driveway until Mark McGwire appears.

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By Samantha L.
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — backed liberal organ begin airing a scathing ad today targeting House Leader Tom DeLay.

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Liberal group begins running advertising targeting Tom DeLay

By Samantha Levine
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — A labor-backed liberal organization will begin airing a scathing television ad today targeting House Majority Leader Tom DeLay in his own district.

The ad by the Campaign for America's Future comes as DeLay, R-Sugar Land, faces questions about the propriety of his overseas travel and political fundraising. In Travis County, meanwhile, a grand jury continues to investigate campaign spending by a political action committee that DeLay helped organize.

A spokesman for DeLay said the ad, which also will be shown in other parts of the nation, represents a heightened sense of desperation among Democrats.

"This group has clear ties to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi," said the spokesman, Dan Allen. "It's being heavily funded by Democratic heavy-hitters like George Soros, and is the latest attack that the House Democrats and their allies are doing in an attempt to bring down House Republicans like Congressman Tom DeLay."

Some Republicans were more pointed in their comments.

"It's a left-wing smear campaign," said Tracey Schmitt,

spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee, who calls the organization "dubious at best."

The 30-second spot, which the group said Tuesday would run in the Houston area especially for viewing by constituents of the Republican from Sugar Land, shows a man wearing cuff links and a Rolex watch washing his hands as a narrator says, "Tom DeLay: He'd like to wash his hands of corruption (charges)."

A campaign spokesman would not elaborate on how extensively the ad would be shown or how often.

The Campaign for America's Future was founded in 1996 by liberal political operative Robert Borosage and former civil rights activist Roger Hickey. It has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations from labor groups including the United Auto Workers and the AFL-CIO, Democratic supporter and billionaire Soros and environmental organizations such as the Sierra Club.

The group lists among its dozens of advisers women's rights advocate Betty Friedan; former Ohio senator Howard Metzenbaum; and pundit Jim Hightower, the former Texas agriculture commissioner.

The organization's efforts include fiery opposition to Presi-

dent Bush's plan to add private savings accounts to Social Security.

The group ran ads last month skewering Rep. James McCrery, R-La., chairman of the House Social Security subcommittee, for taking contributions from the financial services industry, which could benefit from a system of private accounts.

The campaign's directors said they wanted to air the ad after hearing DeLay's March 18 remarks to a conservative Christian group about the case of brain-damaged Florida woman Terri Schiavo: "One thing that God has brought to us is Terri Schiavo, to elevate the visibility of what's going on in America... attacks against the conservative movement, against me and against many others."

DeLay was trying to debunk allegations that he violated ethical standards, said Toby Chaudhuri, the group's spokesman and former deputy press secretary for Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign.

"It's time to hold our congressional leaders accountable," Chaudhuri said. DeLay "can't wash his hands of corruption by involving Congress in one family's personal tragedy."

But some observers, including Democrats, doubt that the televi-

sion ads will do much to sway the public's opinion of DeLay.

"They aren't nearly as impor-

tant as what actually happens surrounding the trial and ethics abuses alleged against him," said Bill

Burton, spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

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Extent of damage from Indonesia quake appears to be limited

By Seth Mydans
N.Y. Times News Service

MEDAN, Indonesia — The damage from Monday night's earthquake, one of the most powerful in a century, appeared to be confined mostly to one tiny island off the Indonesian coast. But damage to the island's airport runway and poor visibility slowed the delivery of aid and medical care Tuesday.

New estimates of casualties on the island, Nias, and its neighbor, the island of Simeulue, fell from the thousands to a few hundred. But the islands' remoteness, a breakdown of electrical power and communications and an apparent lack of organization among local officials hampered the flow of reliable information.

The earthquake late Monday night measured at a magnitude of 8.7, about half the power of the shock on Dec. 26 that measured 9.0 and sent tsunami waves through the surrounding oceans that took the lives of nearly 220,000 people.

Monday's tsunami waves amounted to little more than ripples and the deaths reported off the coast of Indonesia were caused by the shock of the earthquake itself. Fishermen were out at sea on their boats Tuesday morning, from villages that had been spared the destructiveness of tsunami waves.

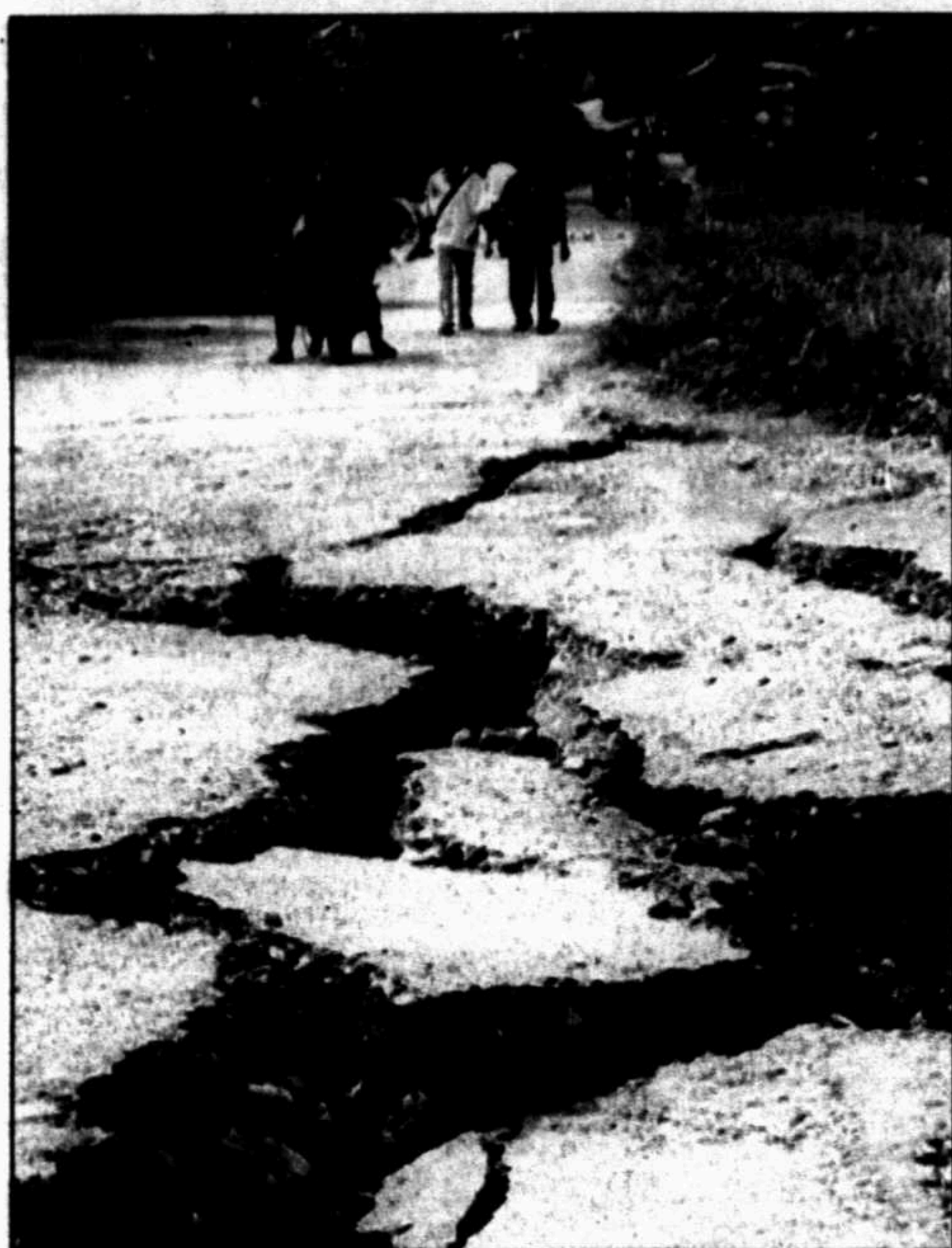
Seismologists said the magnitude of the earthquake itself was one of the highest recorded in the past century.

On Monday, Vice President Jusuf Kalla told the el-Shinta radio station in Jakarta that the death toll could rise to as high as 1,000 and 2,000.

But Tuesday The Associated Press quoted Budi Atmaji Adiputro, a spokesman for Indonesia's Coordinating Agency for National Disaster Relief, as saying rescuers had found 330 bodies, although the toll was expected to rise as more bodies were discovered.

Aerial film of the islands showed damaged and collapsed homes but not the devastation that had been caused by the tsunami in December. On Indonesian television, residents were seen clustered by the sides of roads and carrying stretchers of the dead or injured on the backs of motorbikes.

Some dug in the rubble, apparently in search of people who had been trapped under buildings. Plumes of white smoke filled



EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE A road is seen Tuesday that was badly damaged by Monday's potent 8.7-magnitude earthquake in Nias Island, Indonesia.

the air, apparently from fires caused by the earthquake, making it difficult for aircraft to land. But the first aid and rescue aircraft began arriving Tuesday and ferries were on their way with

emergency supplies. Hardest hit was the small city of Gunung Sitoli on Nias island, where the municipal housing chief, R. Zebua, told Indonesian reporters that all electricity and

communications were lost. "About 95 percent of the city's infrastructure has been destroyed," he said, adding that it remained impossible to count the victims or give a full assessment of the damage.

A Catholic priest named Adi told the Indonesian news agency Detik that with electrical power gone, rescuers were working in the light of candles to help the injured. He said the greatest needs now were for emergency medical aid and food but that as of Tuesday evening the island had received little help from the military.

Both the military and private aid agencies said they were preparing to send large stocks of supplies to aid the survivors.

Some people here and elsewhere were fleeing shelters where they had lived since losing their homes in December. Around the region in areas still recovering from the December tsunami, television footage showed people rushing in panic for higher ground, in some places causing heavy traffic jams of cars and motorcycles.

In Banda Aceh, just north of here, where the tsunami had leveled most buildings, local television showed streets choked with panicked people seeking shelter

on higher ground or in the solid structures of mosques.

On Nias island, thousands of people were reported still to be taking shelter on higher ground. T.B. Silalahi, a presidential envoy, told reporters: "It's difficult to get information all the government officials have run to the hill because they are afraid of a tsunami."

But countries like India and Thailand had already begun to set up early warning systems and sirens sounded in some places. Regional nations have not succeeded so far, however, in coordinating plans for early warning systems.

"Even though we don't have our systems ready yet, but we have the monitoring process that is quite good enough, but we will

now be better by the end of this month," said Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra of Thailand, speaking in English in an evident attempt to reassure potential tourists who are vital to the nation's economy.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhono of Indonesia postponed a planned visit to Australia and said he would visit the damaged areas this week.

The United States promised new assistance, in addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars in aid pledged after the December tsunami. "We're applying what we've learned from the previous earthquake so that we can be prepared to be responsive quickly and in a meaningful way," Adam Ereli, deputy State Department spokesman, said Monday.

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MC students educate peers, register voters

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

Midland College student leaders began a campaign Tuesday to register their classmates to vote in time for a bond election in May.

The Student Government Association, spearheading the efforts, set up two tables on campus for the first time Tuesday hop-

ing students will learn more about the proposed \$41.8 million bond issue that, if passed, will result in renovation and expansion of buildings on the 30-year-old campus.

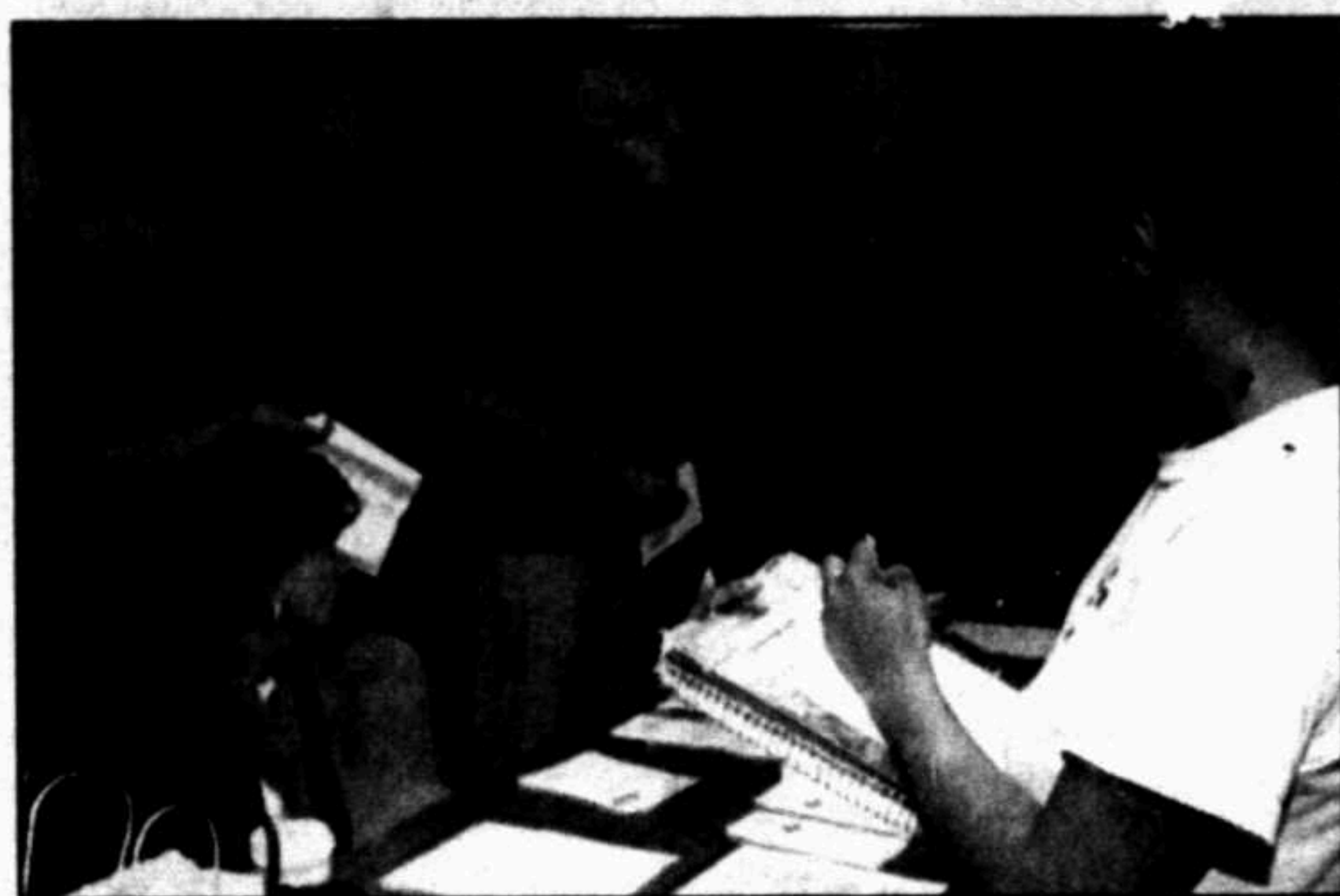
"The entire bond issue is about the students at Midland College," said Ruby Moore, president of Students in Philanthropy. "It's about providing better facilities, better services for them, so students

need to be involved."

Midland College students, faculty and staff will be able to register to vote today and twice next week, said Richard Hirth, Student Government president. The last day to register to vote is April 7 and early voting begins April 20.

The bond issue easily would pass if all

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ENCOURAGING STUDENT INVOLVEMENT Jashe Fuller, 18, fills out a voter registration card Tuesday at Midland College, where students are being encouraged to register to help vote in the MC bond issue. The Student Government Association set up two tables on campus for the first time Tuesday in hopes students will learn more about the proposed \$41.8 million bond issue.

DUST in the WIND



Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

DUSTY DAYS The view looking to the southwest from the 24th floor of the Bank of America building in downtown Midland, shows layers of dust during an afternoon wind advisory that lasted until 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Annual nationwide trash cleanup to take place this weekend

By Emily Baker
Staff Writer

Dozens of majestic monarch butterflies owe their lives to Joann Merritt's commitment to picking up litter.

Merritt was picking up trash in a ditch along I-20 one day when she noticed a patch of milkweed covered with caterpillars. As a nature enthusiast, Merritt enjoyed observing the caterpillars munch holes in the plant as they basked in the sunshine. When a friend noticed a mowing crew getting precariously close to the plant housing the wormy creatures, Merritt ran to save them.

"We rescued 49 monarch caterpillars," she said, adding she took them to a fourth-grade Gifted Education Midland class. "The students watched them develop and change into butterflies."

Merritt is curious about what wildlife she'll encounter during this

'If you can't join us Saturday, you are welcome to go outside and pick up some litter. Even cleaning up around your own yard or helping a neighbor do it makes a difference. ... We also want to ask motorists Saturday morning to be extra careful because we'll have groups out on the highways and byways.'

Doreen Richardson, KMB executive director

year's Great American Cleanup, which will take place all across town Saturday.

"When you're picking up trash, you've got your head down where you can see nature," said Merritt, who is a member of the Midland Naturalists. "You can enjoy wildflowers and birds and all sorts of stuff. When you appreciate nature and look to see what's there, it's amazing what you can find."

Anyone interested in participating

at 687-7400.

KMB will supply volunteers with trash bags, gloves and orange safety vests, Richardson said. And registered volunteers will be treated to lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Hogan Park.

Though volunteers will make Midland less littered this weekend, ongoing efforts are required to keep the city clean, Richardson said.

"If you can't join us Saturday, you are welcome to go outside and pick up some litter," she said. "Even cleaning up around your own yard or helping a neighbor do it makes a difference."

And those who aren't out picking up trash are asked to be mindful of those who are.

"We also want to ask motorists Saturday morning to be extra careful because we'll have groups out on the highways and byways," Richardson said.



LITTER Trash collects in a field behind Wal-Mart.

Springtime: Perfect season for puppies, barbecue, daytrips, wildflowers

Part of my job at the Sibley Nature Center is to answer questions concerning plants, animals and history of West Texas. Recently a phone call led to a day trip.

"What is killing my prickly pear?" queried Mrs. Cargill, a landowner on the banks of the Pecos 30 miles south of Sheffield. We discussed how abundant rainfall leads to bacterial and fungal infestations that speckle the cactus with black spots, accompanied by spotty whitening of the pad surface and an eventual "melting" of the cactus. We also chatted about the other effects of the rainfall. "Everything is green down here — and let me tell you, the mountain laurels are glorious! Their grape Kool-Aid odor fills the canyon on still mornings. This is going to be a year to remember," Cargill promised.

Saturday, while out doing the weekly shopping, I told my wife Deborah. "Let's go down Sunday," she immediately

Burr Williams is education director at Sibley Nature Center.



responded. "It will give us a chance to get the dog used to daytripping."

At 2 a.m. Friday, March 11 a puppy (appearing to be a German Shepherd/Golden Lab hybrid) scratched at our door. All three of our cats stared at it through the glass, their backs arched. Deborah opened the door and took a look at it, and then reached down and pulled three big cactus spines out of its cheek. "Blanket-blank creeps dumping their unwanted animals in the country — I hate people like that," I grumbled, still half-asleep.

The puppy was still at the door in the morning. I have never owned a dog. I have chased a hundred dogs (or more) off the property! Stray dogs have scratched holes in the liner of the pond in our garden several times. They have mashed down rare plants in the arboretum, chased the cats, torn up material stored in an open shed and, on top of that, they have slobbery tongues and always want to lick and lick and lick.

Deborah, however, loves dogs, and has had at least one for most of her life. When she moved back to Midland to marry me she gave up a beloved dog knowing I had "issues" with dogs. Before we left for work, she asked if I had time to take the dog to Animal Control. "Nope, if it is still here when we get home, and if you want to keep it, we will." Saturday we got the dog its first shots, and purchased a leash, a collar, a choke collar, food, a bowl, squeaky toys, a rawhide bone, a selection of treats and a dog

bed.

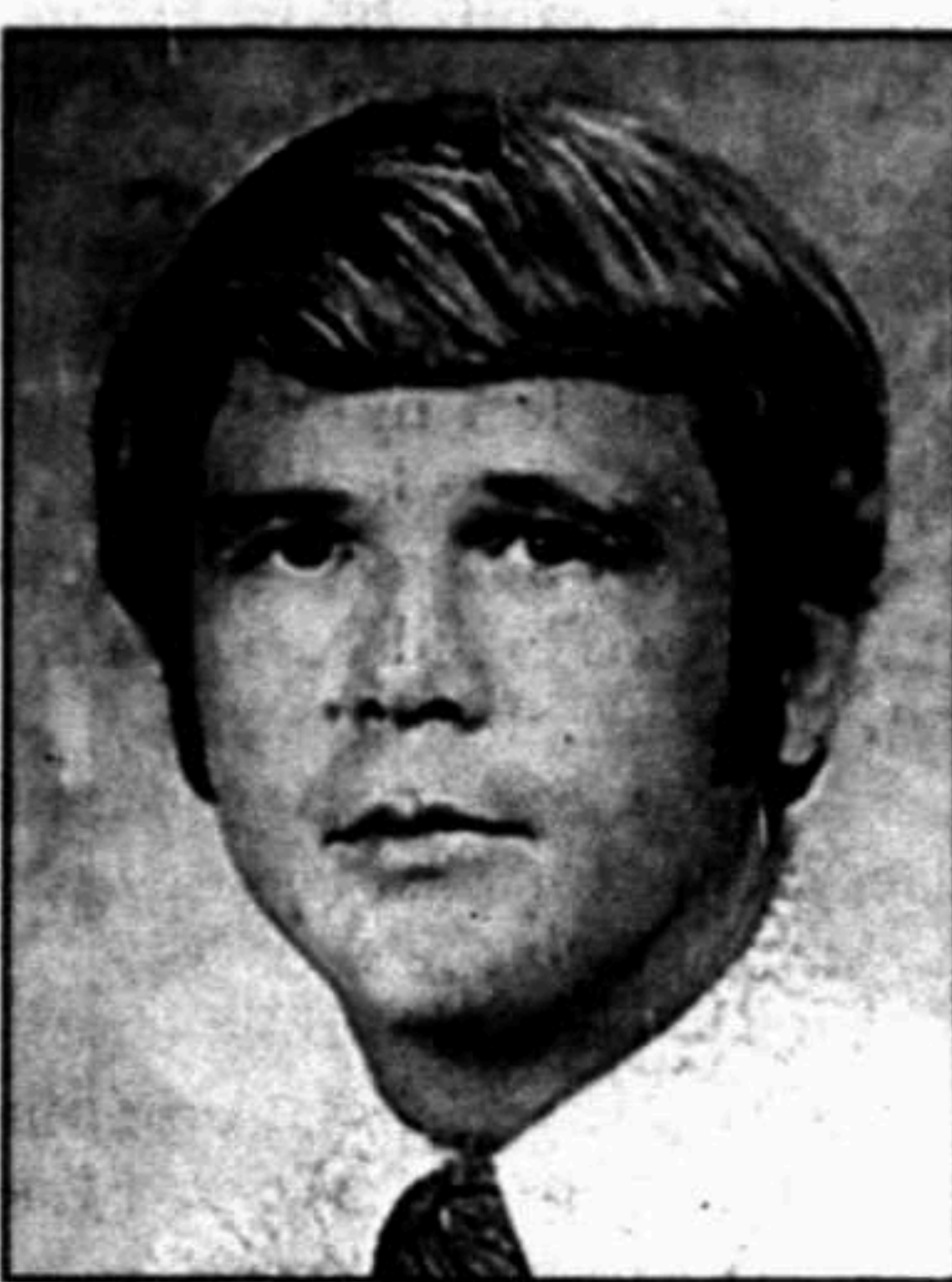
She named the dog Lila (pronounced Leela), after Lila Downs, one of our favorite singers. Downs, from Mexico, came to our attention in the movie "Frida." Her voice so captivated us that we ordered one of her CDs upon immediately returning from the movie. We now own three of her CDs and made a very wonderful and special trip to hear her in concert in Albuquerque, N.M.

Sunday, after reading the paper and drinking "treat coffee" (fresh-ground Rio Grande blend with orange and cinnamon) we gathered up all we needed and headed south down U.S. Highway 349. Deborah drove, I had the laptop on my lap, and the dog was curled up in the backseat. What a good dog — there was no barking or pacing from window to window.

From Midland to Rankin the pastures were

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OBITUARIES

**Jimmie L. Rose**

Jimmie "Jim" L. Rose, age 60, of Ft. Davis, TX, and formerly of Midland, passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2005, at Hospice Midland Inpatient Unit of Midland Memorial Hospital. Memorial services will be held on Friday, April 1, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Ft. Davis at 2:00 P.M. with Reverend Ernie Vinyard, pastor, and Reverend Bob Kelley, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Marfa, officiating.

Jim was born on November 27, 1944, in Monahans, Texas to Odell and Ruth (Dorsey) Rose. He married Ellen Vie Cross on April 7, 1990 in Marfa.

He was a 1963 graduate of Odessa Permian High School. Following graduation, he served his country in the United States Navy. He lived in Midland for many years and had worked for Union Oil of California for over 30 years. Jim was a former member of the Permian Basin Landman's Association.

Astronomy was his passion. He had his own observatory, and after moving to Ft. Davis, upon his retirement, he helped others in building their own observatories. Jim had also volunteered his time at the McDonald Observatory in Ft. Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Vie of Ft. Davis, his daughter Allison Rose of Midland, and his two granddaughters, Natalie and Katy. He is further survived by a brother, Richard and his wife, Jan Rose of Midland and their daughter Lindsey Rose, and a sister, Patsy Rose of Muenster, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Rural Hospice Inc. of Alpine, 600 E. Ave. S., Alpine, TX 79830; or to McDonald Observatory, 1 University Station C-1402, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712 or to Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N., Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwwelch.com.

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Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5800

**Jeanette Hartegan**

Jeanette Hartegan, 87, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at a local hospital. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 pm March 31, 2005 at Resthaven Memorial Park with Rev. Rodney White, officiating. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring St. in Midland.

She was born on May 29, 1917, in Leavenworth, Kansas.

She was raised and attended school in Leavenworth. She lived in Midland for two and a half years, coming here from Kansas. Jeanette was a loving and caring mother and had a wonderful sense of humor. She loved to laugh and enjoyed crocheting and gardening. Jeanette had a

strong faith in God which she instilled in her children.

Survivors include her son, Gene "Bud" Smallwood and wife Shirley of Garland; one daughter, Karla Long of Midland, five grandchildren, Kyle Long, Kara Ross, Chris Smallwood, Clint Headley, Kellie Headley, and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joe Hartegan, parents Frank and Mary Jane Hittle, a daughter Jeannine Headley, and a grandson, John Headley.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702. They also wish to thank Hospice of Midland for the loving care given to Jeanette during her illness.

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**Ira 'Webb' Bisbee**

Ira "Webb" Bisbee, 83, of Midland, passed away Monday, March 28, 2005.

He was born February 15, 1922 to Samuel Charles Bisbee and Mittie Odessa Nix Bisbee in Cisco, Texas. Ira graduated from Scranton High School and Cisco Junior College. He proudly served his country during World War II in the U.S. Air Force. Ira moved to Midland, Texas in 1951. Webb was a truck driver in the West Texas oil fields and retired from John L. Cox in 1988.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, five brothers, one sister, and three grandchildren.

"Webb" is survived by his wife, Lois Bisbee, sons, Teddy Bisbee, Danny Bisbee and his wife, Linda, and daughter, Elisha "Sissy" Garvin and her husband, Chuck, all of Midland, TX; eight stepchildren, twenty-one grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Robert Frazier officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Cory Bisbee, Russell Hubbard, Mitchell Ray Brookshire, Steven Kimble, Travis Smith, Charlie Troxell, Tracey Elrod and Charles Ray Copland. Honorary pallbearers are Christopher Kimble, Ray Hunt, Bob Burns and Justin Overstreet.

Ellis Funeral Home
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801 Andrews Hwy.
(432) 683-5555

**Heather Rogers**

On April 17, 1972, around lunchtime, a precious, red-headed, baby girl was born to Cecil and Cynthia Preas, Heather Suzanne Preas. As a child, Heather had an insatiable appetite

for reading and knowledge. She loved sports, the outdoors, and riding horses. In 1983, her family moved to Midland. Sixth grade was a tough transition, but, by the seventh grade she had settled. She attended Goddard Junior High and had made lots of friends. One friend in particular, Wyndi Warlick-Anglin, she would keep as her best friend for the rest of her life. She began attending Midland High School in 1987. In January of 1988, Heather was diagnosed with a life-threatening blood disorder, aplastic anemia. A bone marrow transplant was her only hope, but, that was the first treatment option due to the fact that no family member matched her marrow type. Through vigilant prayer and God's mighty hand, an international, unrelated bone marrow donor was found, and the subsequent transplant was performed. It was a success, but not without its own limitations. Heather was able to go back to Midland High and graduate in 1990. When she walked across the stage at Chap Center, the entire audience gave her a standing ovation.

She moved to Georgetown, TX, and began attending Southwestern University. This was the first of several goals Heather set for herself while being confined to an isolation room on the bone marrow ward at Baylor in Dallas. She had become a regular college kid, complete with frat parties and emergency study sessions. After three years in Georgetown, she opted to move to Lubbock, TX, to finish her degree in Sociology at Texas Tech. During her college years, she worked part-time at James Avery Craftsman, where she made several dear friends. She graduated from Tech in May of 1996.

After graduation, Heather resumed a life of work and friends. She worked for KCI doing administrative work and later at Manpower, placing people in temporary jobs. During this time, Heather met and married Kendal Rogers in 1999. She later went to work for Halliburton and became a member of a "crazy cube club" of sorts. She shared her ups and downs with this unique group of women and loved each of them individually.

In 2002, she became involved in the Junior League of Midland. She loved giving of her resources and time to the League. Many friendships were born through her service. In December of 2002, God answered Heather and Kendal's most fervent prayer. Hayden Lane Rogers was born. Heather cherished her triumphs and challenges as a wife and mother. She decided to go back to school in 2004 and pursue a nursing degree. She was only able to go to school for two semesters. Due to declining health, she decided to stop going to school and spend her time with family.

Heather decided to follow her heart to Florida where she was able to find love herself and, most importantly, make her peace with God. She died peacefully on Good Friday, March 24, 2005. Her funeral service will be Friday, April 1, 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. A reception will follow the service.

Heather is survived by her husband, Kendal Rogers; a son, Hayden Rogers; sister and brother-in-law, Holly and Jeff Beal; parents, Cecil and Cynthia Preas; and nephew and niece, Graden and Maizy Beal, all of Midland. She is also survived by mother-in-law, Dorothy Rogers, also of Midland; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kelly and Theresa Rogers and their children, Kelsie, Kendal and Kolton Rogers, all of Roysse City, TX.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Texas Tech Scholarship fund.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,4
"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" "A time to

weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

**Dorothy Mae Davis**

Dorothy Mae Davis, housewife, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away in the early morning of Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005, in Midland, Texas, at the age of 82. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30th at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas. Mount Olivet Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Davis was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 16, 1922. She will be buried beside her husband, Andrew Lee Davis, who died in 1991. She is also predeceased by a son, James Sutherland and a great-grandchild, Chase Long. At the time of her death, Mrs. Davis lived in Midland, Texas. She had lived in Midland for 5 years. The previous 38 years she had lived in Haltom City, Texas. She often spoke fondly of living in Haltom City, Texas, where she raised her 5 children and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The last 17 years of her life were devoted to the raising of her grandson, Kyle T. Sullivan. She requested that those who knew her not mourn her passing, but celebrate the long and full life our Lord had graciously allowed her to live.

The family suggests that memorials be made to your local chapter of the American Diabetes Foundation.

Survivors include two daughters, Annette Stephens and Carol McCaslin, both of Ft. Worth; two sons, Andrew Davis, Jr., of Fort Worth and Don W. Davis of Midland; one sister-in-law,

Anniece Thome of Houston; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Glenn V. Bolton**

September 2, 1954 - March 23, 2005

Glenn Bolton, 50, devoted husband and father, was taken from us on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2005 in an industrial accident in Texas City while working for Jacobs Engineering as a Scheduler. Visitation for family and friends was held from 12:30 to time of services at Hillier Funeral Home, Bryan, Texas. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 29th at 2 p.m. at Hillier Funeral Home. Interment will follow at College Station Cemetery.

Glenn was born on September 2, 1954 to Venon and Clara Bolton in San Antonio, Texas. While attending Robert E. Lee High School, he was an active member and officer in the ROTC program and Wrestling Team. Glenn attended and graduated from Dodge City Junior College, Dodge City, Kansas on a wrestling scholarship. Glenn went on to attend classes and graduate from Wichita State in 1989 with a degree in Business Aviation Management. During his time at school, he met and fell in love with Renaee Cranston. In 1991, they married in Wichita, Kansas.

Glenn had many talents, by his greatest joy in life was his family. He was a hands-on Daddy, active in ever aspect of his children's lives — Indian Princesses, Gymnastics, camping trips and photographing "his girls." Glenn was an incredible giver and would do anything for anybody. He was a wonderful caretaker of others, always finding ways to

make life fun. He loved planning surprises and over-the-top events that made everyone feel loved. Glenn was passionate about life and his views. He loved politics and world news, and would debate to the end if someone would take him up on it.

He had an incredible ability to fix anything, from broken toys to broken hearts. He was involved in the community and built several Habitat for Humanity homes in the Brazos Valley. His love for the hi-tech inspired him to have the latest computer and photography equipment, of which he wasted no time to share with his family.

Glenn Bolton was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his loving wife, Renaee Bolton, and their children, Alexandria Nicole Bolton and Ashley Nicole Bolton of College Station, and Marta Gulbe Bolton of Austin. His mother, Clara Bolton of San Antonio; brother and sister-in-law, James Paul Fritz and Alex Diaz of Fort Collins, Colorado; sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Sam Sams of San Antonio, Texas. In addition, he leaves his mother-in-law, Susan Mason of College Station, Texas; father-in-law and wife, Stanley and Sharon Cranston of Littleton, Colorado; and brother-in-law, Michael Cranston of Wichita, Kansas; as well as cousins and innumerable friends.

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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.

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- Most Adorable Smile
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WILLIAMS

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carpeted with "cloth of gold." It is also called bladderpod because of the spherical seedpods, but I prefer the more poetic name I learned as a 9-year-old child from Ellen Schultz's "Wildflowers of Texas," published in the 1930s. Her book is full of folktales, recipes, Spanish and English "common" names and illustrated with black and white photographs.

At Rankin pink paintbrush under the giant tree-form yuccas with burgundy-tipped white spires of blooms were a promising omen of glories to come. I made Deborah turn around and return to an abandoned gas station — "I think there are hollyhocks coming up in the cracks of the concrete," Deborah identified it as "cheeseweed." I had never seen it, but she was right — Harold Rickett's 2-volume set of "Texas Wildflowers" has a picture of it. Like the pink filaree and tall London rocket mustard of spring, it is a European plant that

consorts with humans, appearing in alleyways, barchises and other untended weedy lots.

Deborah and I drove through Iraan on U.S. Highway 190 toward Eldorado, oohing and aaahing when we spotted Mexican Redbuds blooming among the cedar, but soon turned south on Crockett County Road 306. By then we had listed forty species of wildflowers in bloom. We turned onto another county road that parallels Live Oak Creek. (I failed to type its number on the laptop — I was busy adding the names of species to our list. Besides, I knew where we were, since the road is a lifetime favorite.)

For many years a landowner gave permission for my parents and I to camp along the creek. I have hiked the 10 miles from its headspring to where it joins the Pecos River. Deborah and I stopped at the second crossing and hiked along the creek for a hundred yards. The landowner of the property has allowed residents of

Sheffield and Iraan to picnic at the crossing all my life — although teenagers staging drunken parties abused the privilege. A few years ago the landowner erected no trespassing signs. I did not see the signs on this visit — nor much trash but a few empty plastic bottles and soda cans littering the scenery.

At the crossing, in gravel below the bluffs bordering the creek, we found a beautiful blue daisy we had never seen. We took a specimen for later identification at home, and after lunch at Iraan, we found thousands more of the blue daisy on Crockett County Road 307 along the Pecos River. We found a Latin name for it, but neither of the two books that listed it gave us any common or folk names.

We had hoped to eat in Sheffield but did not find either a store or a café open. Folks were standing in front of a church and private residences, visiting, after lunches of their own making. In Iraan we stopped at

the nameless barbecue place across from the Country Kitchen convenience store. A half dozen huge motorcycles were lined up in front of the converted garage, and big hairy men in leather sat around picnic tables. A sign announced, "Dancing Naked on Tables with Spurs On is Allowed." I heartily recommend the place — the food is great, and the people are friendly!

Along CCR 307 the road runs between sheer cliffs and the Pecos River. Among the huge tumbled-down boulders, mountain laurels 15 feet tall were covered with hundreds of blooms. Cargill was right — their sweet odor was a palpable presence filling the air. Deborah, Lila and I walked along the road, looking at the river for a Green Kingfisher without success, watching the just returned Cliff Swallows check out last year's mud ball nests, and listening to the haunting descending melody of a Canyon Wren. One creature was not happy with our presence — a Great

Horned Owl grumpily hooted at us over and over, hidden on its nest on a recessed ledge in the cliff.

Silver-barked persimmon, dark-green guayacan and cedar (juniper), gray cenizo, just leafing-out beebrush and acacia, as well as leafless mesquite created a diverse and interesting "thicketed" landscape under the cliff. Hmm ... maybe a new Southwestern Xeriscape ornamental landscape style for businesses, homes and parks could be created. In between the trees and shrubs we spotted dark blue perennial climbing snapdragon, rosettes of Mealy Blue Salvia, perennial white sleepy daisies, the perennial ground cover purple ground cherry and tall spires of orange mallow. All but the guayacan are already in the nursery trade.

Deborah and I returned to Midland at sundown after seeing billions of wildflowers and identifying 60 species. The dog was all tuckered out. After she ate, she slept the night through. So did we!

MC

(From 1B)

of the students attending classes at Midland College voted in the election, Hirth said, but many do not yet understand how the bond issue could impact their campus, Hirth and others said Tuesday.

Phillip Jensen, a 33-year-old student in the radiography program, said he was not aware of the proposed bond issue.

"I feel like I should know about it because I'm usually pretty proactive in that kind of stuff," Jensen said, adding many younger students are probably not aware of the upcoming bond election because they are wrapped up in social lives.

Meagan McMurtry, an 18-year-old student in her first semester at Midland College, registered to vote Tuesday because a group of students asked her to. She said she hasn't heard many students discussing the issue on campus.

Moore said the biggest challenge facing student leaders is convincing classmates to vote.

"Compacency is really the main issue," Moore said, because many people assume the bond issue will pass.

Hirth and others have been meeting with Citizens for Midland College, a political action committee working to promote the college's bond issue, to discuss campaign tactics.

Within the next few weeks, student leaders will

gather for a rally and walk neighborhood streets to inform potential voters of the upcoming bond election, Hirth said. They're also forming a group to call Midland residents to remind them to vote, and they plan to paint signs that will be set up in yards.

About 14 student organizations on campus also will be asked to participate in the bond campaign, Hirth said.

GUILTY PLEAS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed March 24 by Judges Pat Baskin, John Hyde and Robin Darr:

Nathan Lee Anders, 29, burglary of a habitation, theft of a firearm, theft from a person and theft, five years probation, \$4,000 in fines, \$1,115 in restitution and treatment facility enrollment, Midland Police Department case.

LaTonya Nicole Barnes, 26, aggravated assault, five years probation and \$500 fine, MPD case.

Christopher Bibbs, 21, possession of marijuana and possession of cocaine with the intent to deliver, seven years probation, \$3,500 in fines and 180-day driver's license suspension, MPD case.

Brandon Scott Holcombe, 23, cocaine possession, six months in state jail, Midland County Sheriff's Office case.

Victor Manuel Huerta, 35, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, five years probation and \$750 fine, MCSO case.

Marty Rene Madrid, 24, credit card abuse, three years probation, \$500 fine and \$687 in restitution, MCSO case.

Rickie Lee Mayhugh, 51, burglary of a habitation, five years in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice,

MPD case.

Jimmy James Montour, 23, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, four years in TDCJ, MPD case.

Joshua Adam Nichols, 17, burglary of a building, credit card abuse and burglary of a habitation, five years probation, \$2,000 fine, \$5,156 in restitution and boot camp enrollment, MPD case.

Moses Vasquez Rodriguez, 22, felony driving while intoxicated, five years probation, \$1,500 fine, 30 days in Midland County Jail, 365-day driver's license suspension and treatment facility enrollment,

Texas Department of Public Safety case.

Roy Franklin Russell, 44, credit card abuse, seven years in TDCJ, MCSO case.

Adolfo Hinojosa Gonzales, 53, cocaine possession, four years in TDCJ, MPD case.

Stephen Loooper, 49, sexual performance of a child, continued probation and 60 days in the county jail, MPD case.

Jimmy Mark Matlock, 42, possession of methamphetamines with the intent to deliver, continued probation and treatment facility enrollment,

MPD case.

Brandy Michelle Sexson, 21, forgery by passing a bad check, nine months in state jail, MPD case.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office.



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Former Dallas Cowboy Drew Pearson will be in the Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop at Midland Park Mall Saturday. The session will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Pearson is launching his book "Hail Mary."

School finance
proposal now
on Senate sideBy Brandi Grissom
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The House prescription to fix Texas education funding will leave schools crippled for years to come, one school official told senators who began dissecting the proposal Tuesday.

The Senate Education Committee is hearing testimony on a sweeping education plan that received narrow approval in the House this month. The proposal, which would pump \$3 billion in additional money into K-12 education, drew criticism from every education group in the state.

Critics say it doesn't provide money for new mandates such as teacher pay raises, incentive programs and accountability measures and that it widens the funding gap between Texas' richest and poorest schools.

Glenn Acker, Copperas Cove school superintendent, said the House education plan would put his district more than \$4 million in the hole next year, even after it gets an additional \$2 million from the state.

Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, represents Acker's district and said it provides new meaning to the term "fast-growth" district. More than 5,000 military families are expected to move into the area soon. But all those new families don't necessarily mean new property taxes for the school district. Most property in the district is government owned and isn't on the tax rolls.

That means the district must find a way to provide education for thousands of new students with primarily state appropriated funds. He asked senators to fight for a bill that treats all Texans fairly.

"It appears to me that if we're going to have 100 percent equity in accountability, we ought to have it in funding also," Acker said.

The Senate may keep some elements of the House plan but get rid of others, said Sen. Florence Shapiro, a Plano Republican who chairs the education committee.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

MARCH 30, 2005

Channels	G	C	B	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KMD	3	3	2	News 'G' 189	Wheel of Fortune 769	Lost "Deus Ex Machina" (N) 8523455	(01) Alias "Tuesday" (N) 8523455	(02) Eyes "Pilot" (Series Premiere) (N) 5585	News 'G' 2463289	Nightline 23955672	(06) Extra (N) 2647818	Kimmel 3292301			
KPEJ	8	5	3	Malcolm-Mid. 61635	Raymond 96837	That '70s Show 66740	Simple Life 87721	American Idol 42160	Life on a Stick 61295	Malcolm-Mid. 22943	That '70s Show 79498	Raymond 55818	Becker 94160	Becker 15837	
KOSA	7	7	7	News 'G' 9721	Ent. Tonight 3301	60 Minutes Wednesday 19363	American Dreams "It's My Life" (N) PG 53721	King 4924	Yes, Dear (N) 3059	CSI: NY "Tanglewood" (N) 14 15547	News 'G' 6430769	Late Show With David Letterman PG 60977363	Late Late 8295382	Late Late 4226160	
KWES	9	9	9	News 4059	Seinfeld 8011	American Dreams "It's My Life" (N) PG 53721	The West Wing "Things Fall Apart" (N) PG 79769	The West Wing "Things Fall Apart" (N) PG 79769	Light of the Southwest 20011	The Hour of Healing 'G' 16818	N. McBride 85450	Joseph Good 32617			
KMLM	11	12	19	Sam Peak 59547	John Hagee 73127	Update/Israel 34740	Biblical Israel 62011	National Geographic (N) 538295	National Geographic "The Sinking of the Shipwreck Belgrano" (N) PG 893634	(Off Air)					
KOCV	13	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) 898214	Roadshow FYI 569030	Sci. Frontiers 280011	Doc "Garbage In, Garbage Out" (N) PG 40837	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye 59585	Diagnosis Murder (N) 39721	Home Videos 46160	Paid Program 29469189	Paid Prog. 22127	Paid Program 19189		
KPKX	5	14		Pyramid 81547	Family Feud 61617	La Mujer de Madera 66450	Apuesta por un Amor 13721	La Madrastra 39769	Don Francisco Presenta PG 19905	Primer Impacto 33634	Noticiero Univ. 42382	La Hora Derbez 19189			
KUPB	4	4	13	Pat Croce	Pat Croce	Next Top Model 22479	Kevin Hill 31127	Fear Factor 11363	Friends 11363	Hollywood	Montel Williams 11547				
UPN	21	16		So Raven	So Raven	Full-Court Miracle ** Alex D. Linz (TVG) 776189	Sister, Sis. Even	Whose? Whose?	The 700 Club 232634	Videos	Videos				
DISN	56	27	41	Smallville 618030	One Fine Day (PG, '96) *** 949547	SpongeBob	Unfabulous	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Murphy	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
FAM	53	54	6	Neutron	Oddparents	American Justice: Amy Fisher 410450	Murders "The Cult Murders" (N) 190059	Road Warriors: The Biker Brotherhood '14' 176479	Airline 430189	Airline 422295	Crossing Jordan "Wild Card" (N) 182030	American Justice "The Cult Murders" (N) 772837			
NICK	55	34	37	Amer. Chopper 425382	It Takes a Thief 165363	Hitler Stalin 6337769	MythBusters (N) 174011	Southern Steel 161547	Attila the Hun 6326653	Full Throttle 6329740	Hitler Stalin 5092030	MythBusters 787769			
A&E	27	32	25	Modern Marvels 9638568	In a Fix 801214	Clean Sweep Business takes space. 549837	Paula Zahn Now 716011	Larry King Live 732059	NewsNight-BR 712295	Dobbs Tonight 715382	Larry King Live 321127				
DISC	50	20	26	Cooper 360 260360	Late Night 4499856	The Contender 6536547	Dennis Miller (N) 6545295	The Big Idea 6565059	The Contender 6535818	Dennis Miller 9299634					
HIST	71	62	32	Fox Report 8645740	O'Reilly Factor 1076856	Hannity-Colme 1052276	On the Record 1065740	Scarborough 1078214	Hardball 1071301	Countdown 1200092					
TLC	51	33	21	Hardball 8658214	Countdown 1072030	Anatomy-Riot 1058450	SW Sports Rpt. 49059	Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live) 93905	SW Sports Rpt. 49059	Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live) 93905					
CNN	43	24	22	HS Basketball 870818	Poker 5330837	Soccer: Guatemala vs. U.S. 9940160	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Phoenix Suns. 409566	Tennis: NASDAQ-100 Open 1984189	Fastbreak	Basketball					
CNBC	46	45	27	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics. From the FleetCenter in Boston. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) 256769	Killer Instinct 8558160	Auto Racing 1422214	Winter Gravity Games (Taped) 1402450	Auto Racing 1421585	Gravity Games 5234943						
FNC	48	58		Missing II 147092	Predator (R, '87) *** 1915092	Jaws III (15) (PG) ** Dennis Quaid. 4587450	They Live (15) 3989769								
MSNBC	47	51		The West Wing 434566	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show 707059	Showdog Mom 738491	Queer Eye-Guy 953988	The West Wing 796943							
ESPN	32	29	30	106 & Park Access	The Parkers	Coming-Stage 606721	Club Comic View 626585	News	Music	Midnight Love 318189					
ESPN2	34	28		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Emeril Live (N) 1424672	Bobby Flay	Foodnation	Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef Am. 1423943	Emeril Live 6483127			
FSSW	37	43	29	King of Hill	King of Hill	Die Hard 2 (R, '90) *** Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia. 9542837	Sin City	Fear Factor PG 4534295	King of Hill						
OUTDR	40	39		Out of Annie's Past (R, '95) ** Catherine Mary Stewart, Scott Valentine. (TVPG) 254856	Touched-Angel 545011	Judging Amy 561059	Judging Amy 541295	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			
AMC	63	21	31	Curb	House	Home 2005	Landscaper	Curb	Curb	Curb	Curb	Curb			
BRAV	65	63		Will 9905	Will 3585	Smallville 17943	Jack & Bobby 93363	Cops 73011	Cheaters	King 20566	Yes, Dear	Eliminate	Eliminate		
BET	70	26	33	Ripley-Believe 5641295	Ripley-Believe 9164856	Ripley-Believe 9140276	Ripley-Believe 9153740	The Bride (PG-13, '85) ** Sting. 1868547							
FOOD	74	59		CSI: Crime Scn 883818	CSI: Crime Scn 554769	Invasion Iowa (N) 530189	20 Basketball 543653	Invasion Iowa 546740	20 Basketball 152585						
FX	31	31		Raymond 361585	Raymond 352837	Raymond 620740	Raymond 341721	Seinfeld 606160	Seinfeld 625295	Sex and the City 369045	Sex and the City 3935363	National Lampoon's Vacation (10) (R, '83) *** Chevy Chase. 1746634			
LIFE	28	36	40	Rhapsody (5:00) 5804382	Play It Again, Sam *** 7620924	Mrs. Soffel (PG-13) *** Diane Keaton. 5549081	Rada (PG, '81) *** 5049634								
HALL	54	49		Anita No, Rajes 429634	Pregame	Rumbo al Mundial Panama vs. Mexico. 238450	Mujer en Esp. 974740	Noticiero	Rumbo-Mundial 614160						
HGTV	73	50	42	Law & Order "Matrimony" (N) PG 809856	Runaway Bride (PG, '99) ** Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. A columnist tries to get the scoop on a commitment-shy gal. 285653	Runaway Bride (PG, '99) ** Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. A columnist tries to get the scoop on a commitment-shy gal. 921943	Runaway Bride (PG, '99) ** Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. A columnist tries to get the scoop on a commitment-shy gal. 921943								
KWWT	17	25		Griffith	Griffith	Highway Hvn. 6328011	Griffith	Leave	Farrah	Farrah	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers	Cheers	
SCI-FI	77	64		JAG "Crossing the Line" (N) 14 165176	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 718479	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 727127	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 707363	WGN News at Nine 138437	Becker 798276	Becker 707924	Home Delivery PG 790769				
SPIKE	30	22	35	Will-Grace 729011	Home Imp. 710363	The Karate Kid (PG, '84) *** 44717634	Straight Out of Brooklyn (15) 1170127	Funny Bones (15) 71269856							
TBS	25	11	11	Gathering Strm 14143059	Gothika (R, '03) ** 8666837	Head of State (PG-13) ** 9460092	First Time Felon (45) *** (TVMA) 91245030	Man on Fire (35) *** 15220924							
TCM	64	61		Klute (R, '71) *** Jane Fonda. 8456276	Confidence (R) *** 8488295	1st Look	Top Gun (PG) *** Tom Cruise. 9971672								
TELE	20	8		X2 8284189	MAX on Set	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines *** 954479	Mythic River (R, '03) *** Sean Penn. 5036295	Passion							
TNT	24	23	28	MAX2 38272	Master and Commander: The Far Side 7527276	Wild Things (R) *** Kevin Bacon. 1858295	Perfect Prey (9:50) ** 18399295	Visions							
TVL	59	48	24	PLEX 53	Gunsmoke 4484924	Gunsmoke 6554943	The Longest Hunt *** 3630360	Gunman's Walk (NR) *** 5279301	Man in Saddle 6852547						
USA	26	30	38	SHOW 3206620	The Italian Job 65963721	Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life 327301	The L Word (TV) 714653	Lockdown (R) *** 7200214	Shattered						
WGN	19	18		TMC 3366716	Bulletproof Mk 72418943	Pulp Fiction (R, '94) *** John Travolta. 59927837	Equilibrium (35) (R) * Christian Bale. 62781189	Oceans (R)							
FLIX	340	65													
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SHOW	320	66	20												
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OBITUARY

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Estil Petty

Estil Petty, 84, of Springdale, died on March 28, 2005, of cancer. Graveside services will be held Thursday, March 31, at Peace Chapel at Tri-County Park with Chaplain Collom with Homestead officiating.

He was born on March 19, 1921, in Loraine, Mo., married Wanda Beasly on September 24, 1947, in Spring, Texas.

Estil worked as a technician for Cabot Corporation, retiring in 1974 after 25 years of service. He was a car racing enthusiast, car racing at Boston Terriers, and a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1942 to 1946.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Beauchamp, of Sand Springs; two sons, David and Joel, and their families; one daughter, Petty Felber of Arlington; grandchildren, Lauren Petty, JoAnn Petty, Chad Petty, Kelly Ober Evans, and Sean; seven grandchildren, Austin, Kaitlyn, Colton, Haylee, and Jayden; one sister, Eileen Beauchamp, of Odessa; and numerous nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda, and his sister, Eileen.

The family suggests that friends and relatives be made to the family home at 2407 W. Louisiana, Ste. 100, for a private viewing.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Funeral Home, 2407 W. Louisiana, Ste. 100. Condolences can be expressed to the family at www.npwlch.com.

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Estil Petty

Estil Petty, 84, of Sand Springs, died on Monday, March 28, 2005, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Thursday, March 31, 2005 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Elwin Collom with Home Hospice, officiating.

He was born on March 24, 1921, in Loraine, Texas and married Wanda Beauchamp on September 24, 1950 in Big Spring, Texas.

Estil worked as maintenance technician for Cabot Corporation, retiring in 1975 after 25 years of service. He loved fishing, car racing and raising Boston Terriers. He enjoyed gardening and shelling pecans. He was a Baptist and served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Beauchamp Petty of Sand Springs; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Freddy Petty and Joel and Rhonda Petty all of Sanger; one daughter, Brenda Petty Felber of Arlington; six grandchildren, Bruce Petty, Lauren Petty, Joanna Petty, Clint Petty, Chad Ober and Kelly Ober Evans and husband, Sean; seven great grandchildren, Austin, Knox, Jude, Colton, Haylee, Ashley and Jayden; one sister-in-law, Eileen Beauchamp Boen of Odessa and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Frank Harrison

Frank Harrison died Tuesday, March 29. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. today, March 30 at Pipkin Funeral Home. Services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, March 31 at Calvary Tabernacle UPC. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 24, 1932 to Roy and Lilly Harrison in Eustace. He married Opal Draper Aug. 14, 1957 in Houston and the couple moved to Midland in 1960. He had worked for Tubco and retired from Dowell Chemical. He also drove a school bus for MISD and was a member of Jesus Name UPC.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Brady Miller of Durant, Okla., and the Rev. Jerry Miller of Guadalupe, Mexico; three daughters, Mary Wallace, Linda Love and LaDonna Forest, all of Midland; one brother, Frank Harrison of Midland; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Tabernacle UPC or Home Hospice.

Services are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Mary Paul

WICHITA FALLS — Mary Paul, 63, of Wichita Falls, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 27 at a Wichita Falls hospital. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 31 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating.

She was born Feb. 2, 1942, in San Marcos and married Eddie Paul June 27, 1960 in San Marcos. He preceded her in death. She was employed by United Health Care as a nurse.

She was preceded in death by one son, one sister and one grandchild.

Survivors include three sons, Frank Paul of Abilene, Wayne Paul of Midland and Ernie Paul of Wichita Falls; one daughter, Peggy Logan of Iowa Park; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Jeanette Hiltbruner

Jeanette Hiltbruner, 70, died Sunday, March 27. A memorial

service will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31 at West Kentucky Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 27, 1934 to Grover Earnest and Gertrude Givens in Wheeling, W. Va. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

She is survived by a daughter, Zevie Brewer of Midland; son, Billy Mullins of Jerrall; four sisters, Gene Oberdick of Grants Pass, Ore., Brenda Hill of Mulino, Ore., Sheila Hyatt of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. and Maureen Kelly of Rialto, Calif.; two brothers, Don Earnest of Tipp City, Ohio, and Gerald Earnest of Twentynine Palms, Calif.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79702.

Bobby Bell

BIG SPRING — Bobby Bell, 77, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 29 at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Smugglers could focus more on Texas

By Anabelle Garay
Associated Press

Migrant smugglers could start favoring routes cutting through Texas as federal agents along the United States' southern border are sent to reinforce immigration patrols in Arizona.

About 155 agents from sectors along the U.S.-Mexico border were expected to be deployed immediately in Arizona as part of a buildup to choke illegal traffic. The move was to be announced Wednesday. More than 370 additional agents — all new trainees

— will be permanently assigned to the Arizona border throughout the year. Until they are in place, another 200 agents will be temporarily stationed in Arizona for the high immigration season this spring and summer, according to Homeland Department officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

While officials haven't said which stations will send personnel to Arizona, some agents and officials worry even temporary transfers will leave Texas regions less patrolled and more vulnera-

ble. One of the areas with the potential for becoming an active smuggling route could go through Big Bend National Park, Mireles said.



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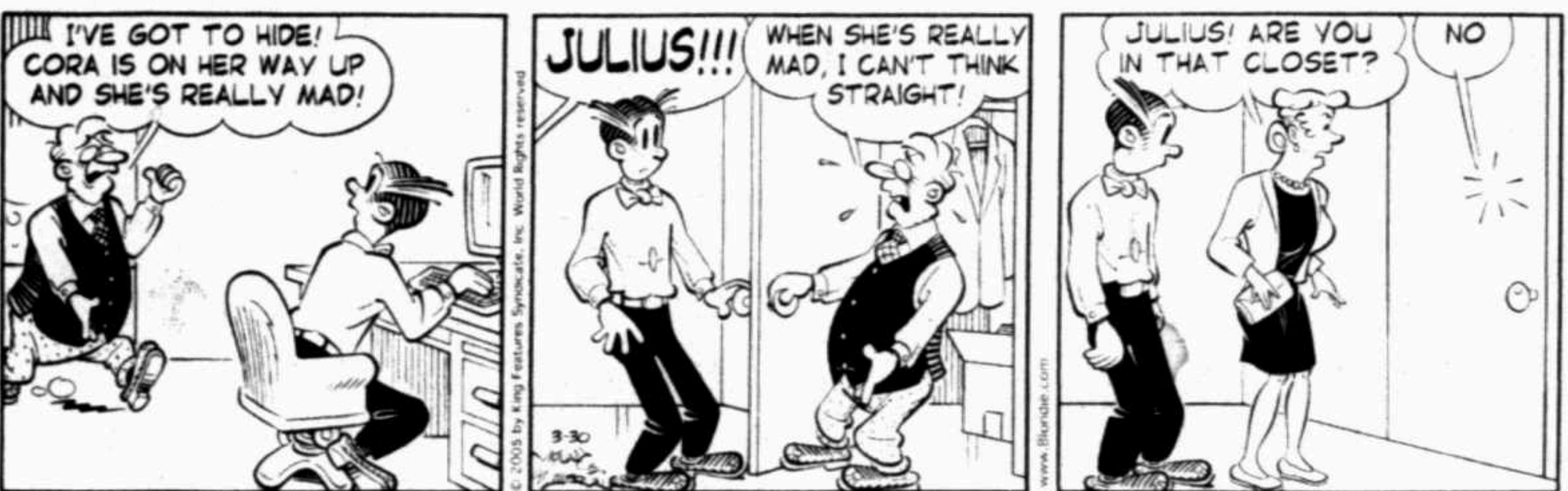
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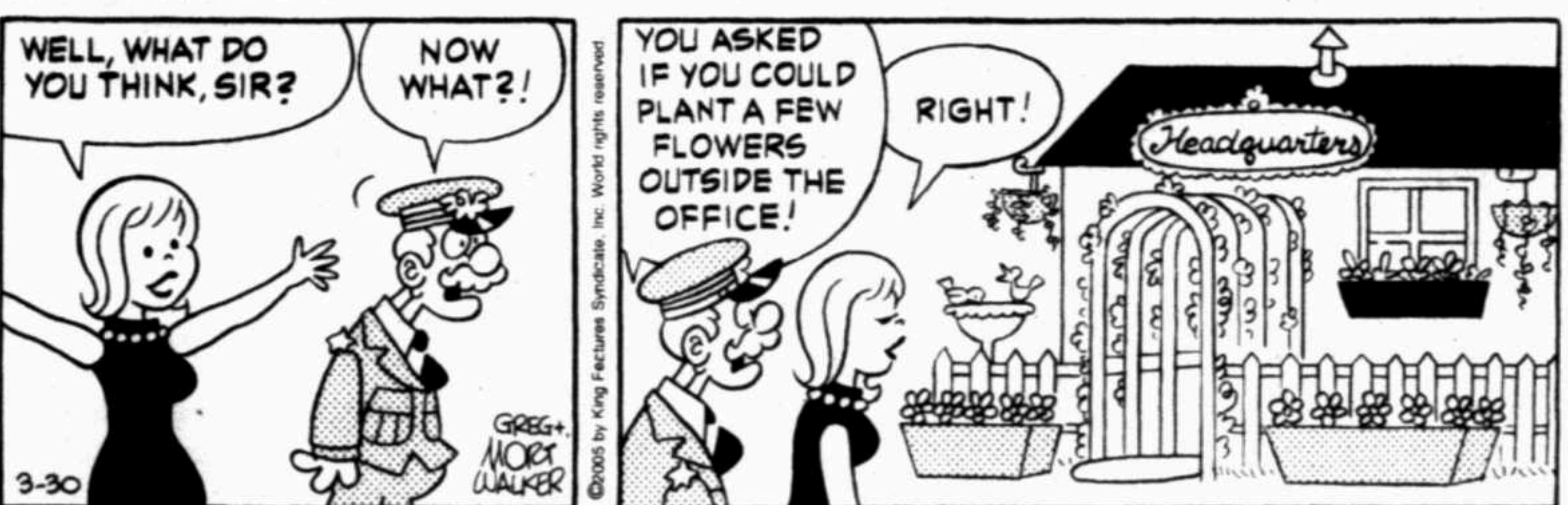
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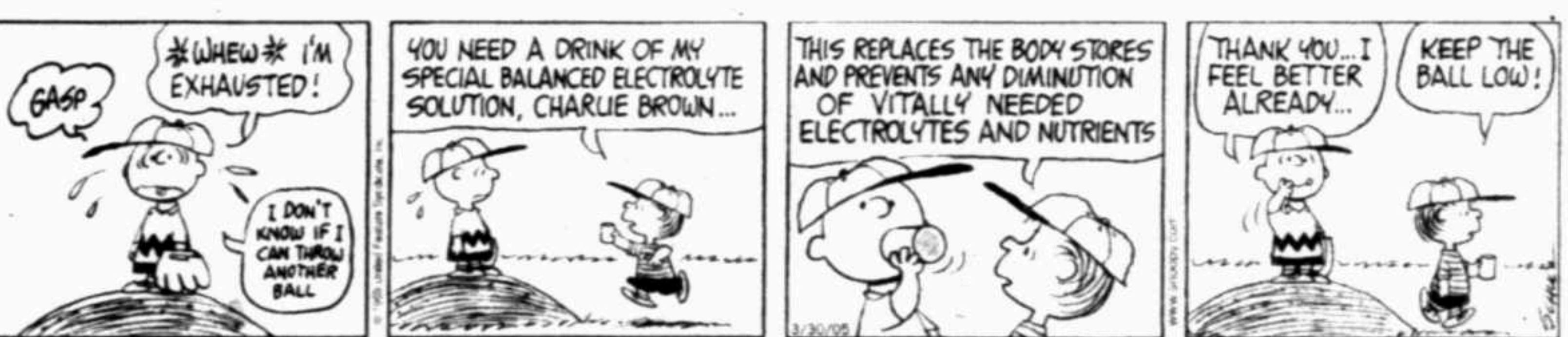
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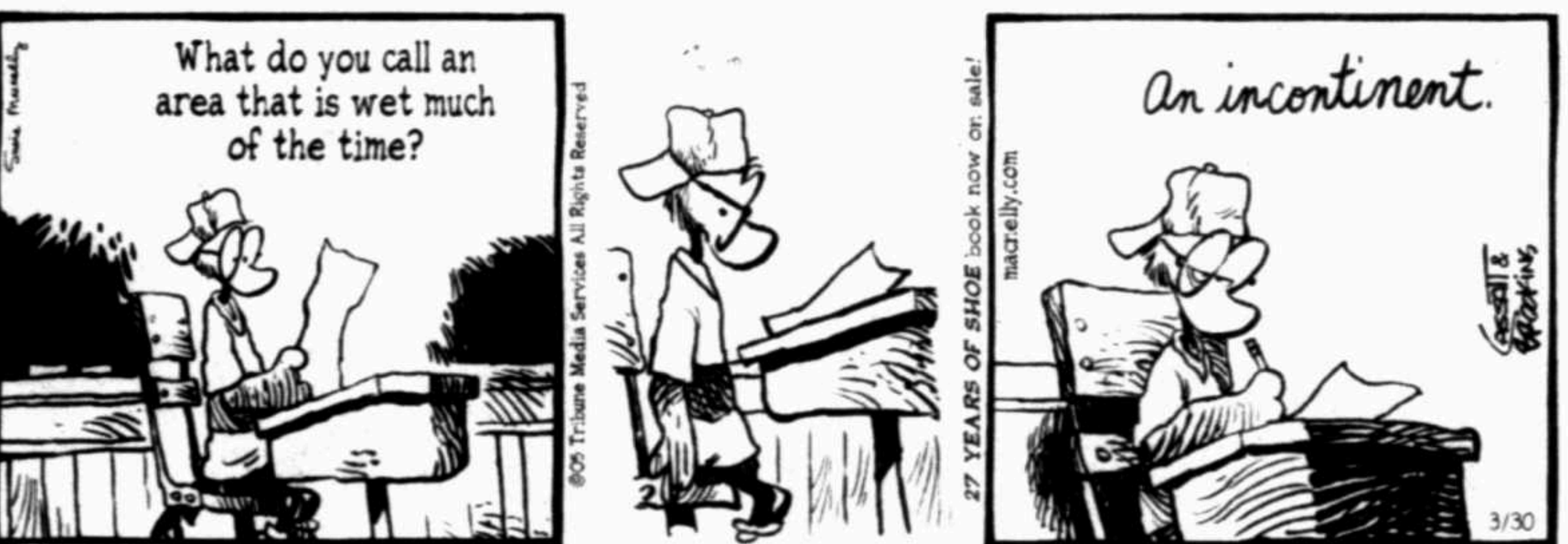
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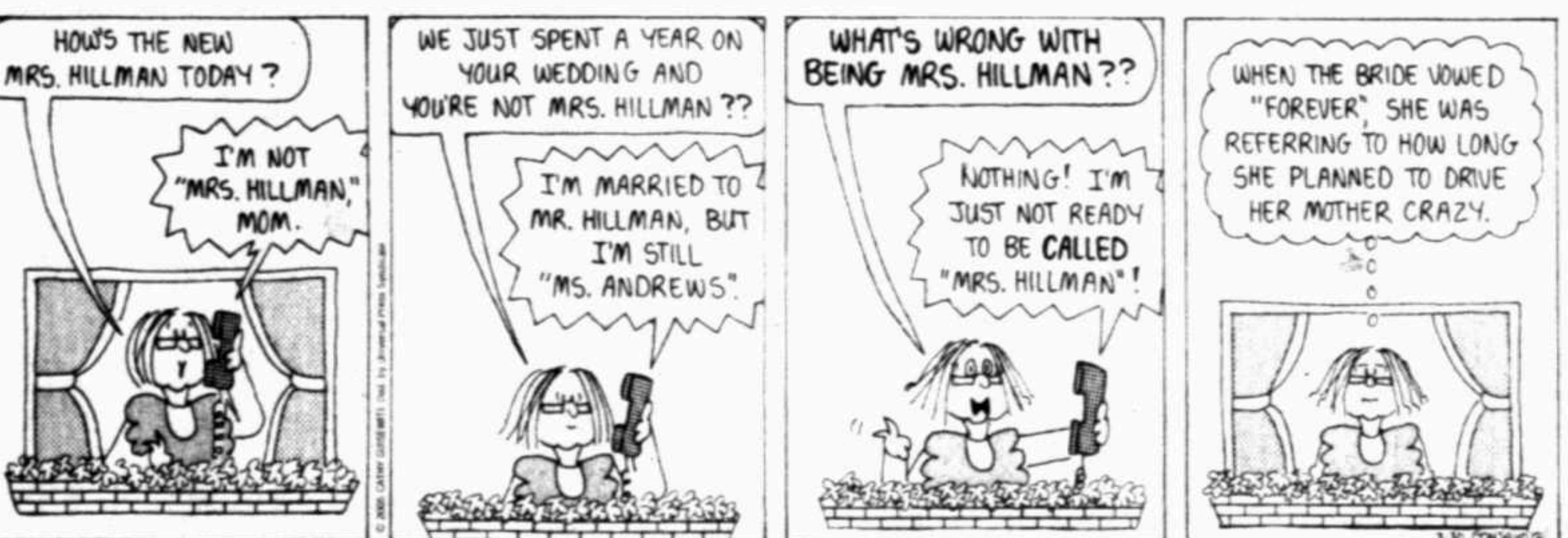
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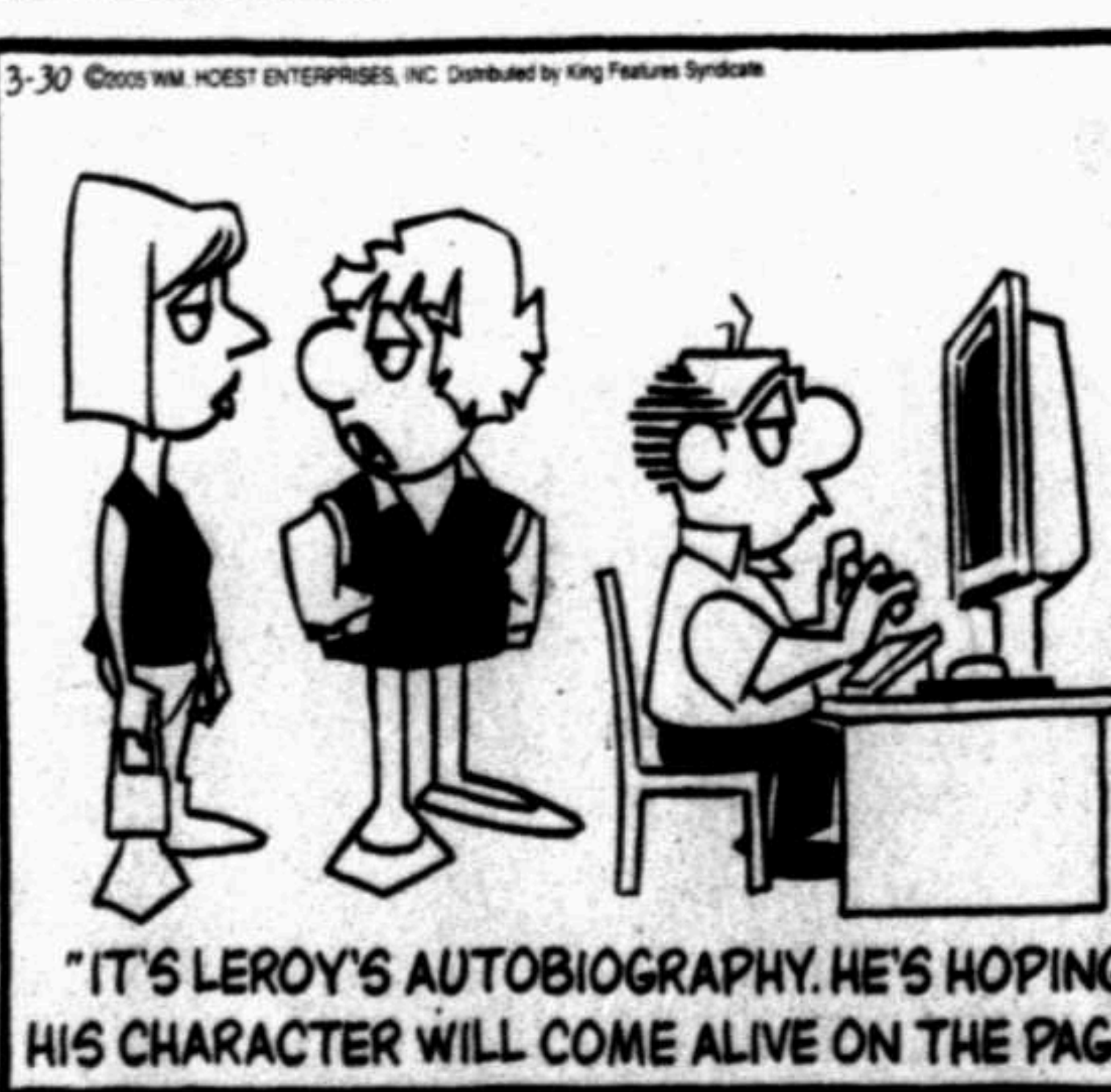
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Today's forecast: mostly clear skies 15 mph.

Thursday's forecast: 60, a low around 40. Friday's forecast: a low around 40. The high Tuesday for March 29.

Yesterday's precipitation: Rainfall Monday: 0.1 inch. Rainfall Tuesday: 0.1 inch. Total for month: 0.2 inch. Total for year: 0.2 inch. Normal total (year to date): 0.2 inch.

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The star

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
March 30, 2005:
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FORECAST

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Mostly sunny high 78 low 41	 Mostly sunny high 60 low 33	 Mostly sunny high 64 low 38

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 78 and west winds between 10 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with a low around 41 and west winds between 5 and 15 mph.

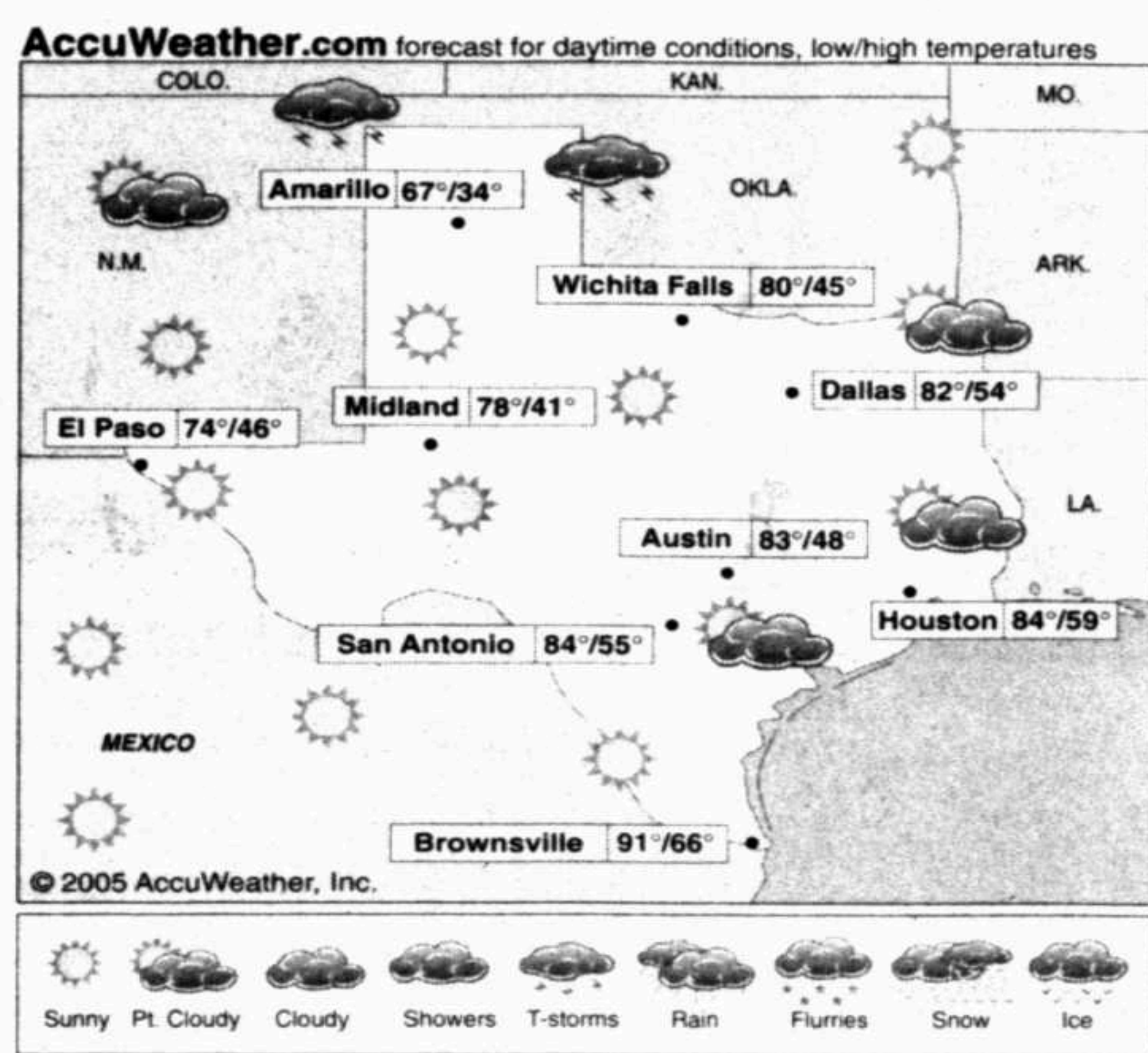
Thursday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 60, a low around 33 and north winds between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 64 and a low around 38.

The high Tuesday reached 79, while the low dropped to 53. The record high for March 29 is 95 set in 1963. The record low is 18 set in 1944.

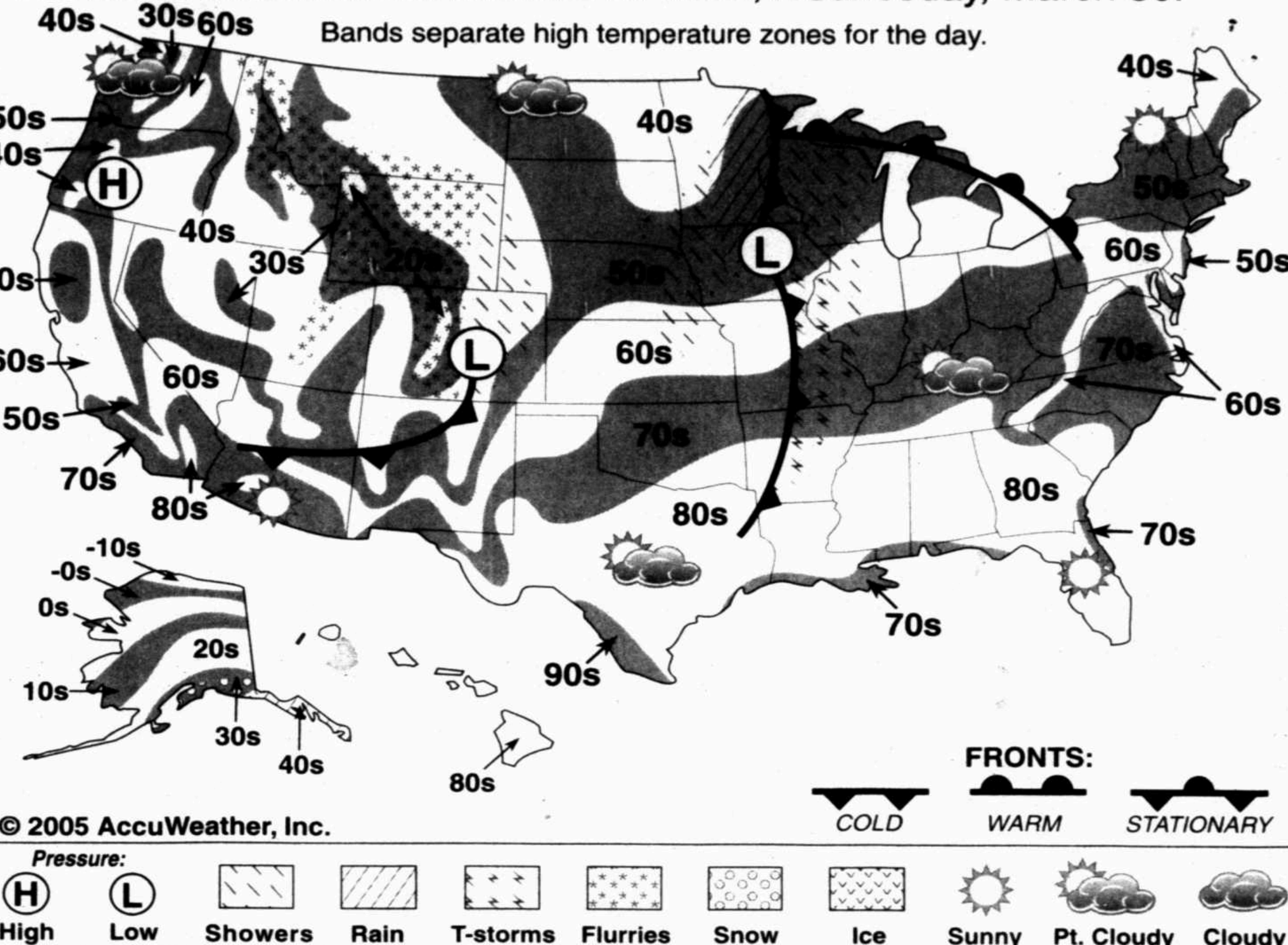
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High79
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Normal low44
Sunrise . . . 6:39 a.m.
Sunset . . . 7:07 p.m.



National weather

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 30.



DEAR ABBY

Wife can't
understand her
husband's love
of lingerie

DEAR ABBY: My husband, a middle-aged minister, can rarely perform in the bedroom without wearing women's lingerie. I have put up with it because he seems to need it. Lately he has begun wearing a bra around the house every day. He tries to hide it by wearing a heavy shirt or coat, but I can feel it when I hug him before leaving for work. I suspect he's even worn it to church. What would the parishioners think if they knew their preacher was delivering his sermon while wearing a bra?

It's starting to affect our marriage. He rarely speaks to me lately, and when he does, it's usually in monosyllables. I know he's not gay. Until now, our marriage has been a happy one.

I know many men have this problem. Maybe it shouldn't bother me so much, but it does. I don't know who to talk to. Everybody else takes their problems to their minister, but my husband is one. If I go to his superiors, I'm afraid I'll get him into trouble, which I don't want to do.

Why do men wear women's clothes? Is it wrong? I appreciate any insight you can give me. — NEEDS TO KNOW IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR NEEDS: Men wear women's clothes for a variety of reasons. For some it's a sexual fetish; others do it because they say it calms them and relieves stress. It isn't "wrong," but it is different. Some wives go along with

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it and help their husbands to cross-dress. Others have a difficult time adjusting to it.

This is not something that should be discussed with your husband's superiors. More important than talking to anybody right now is for you to learn all you can about transvestism and cross-dressing. An excellent place to start would be to contact The Society for the Second Self, Tri-Ess National, P.O. Box 980638, Houston, TX 77098-0638. Write to the society or visit its Web site: <http://tri-ess.org>.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and hope you can help me. My parents have been married for, I think, 14 years — but they have been together as a couple for 15. During the last four years all they have done is argue.

It has gotten so bad I have had to call the police to take my dad away. The main reason they fight is because of my dad's drinking. The last time they got into a fight, Dad got in trouble because of what he did. Now he has to go to counseling about the alcohol. Hopefully, that will help, but they still argue about small things.

I need help because my grades have been dropping, and I think one of the reasons may be the stuff that's going on with my parents. I don't know how to tell my mom that's the problem, because I'm afraid she'll think I'm making excuses. Please help me. — DEEPLY FRUSTRATED, CORTLAND, N.Y.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Explain your problem to a trusted teacher, counselor or administrator at school. An educator can not only explain to your parents what's causing your problem, but also see that you get the help you need to improve your grades. In addition to coaching, you will need a quiet, conflict-free zone in which to study. If no place is available at school, the home of a friend or a public library might be more conducive to concentration.

Sadly, many young people are affected by their parents' drinking. Support is available from Alateen, which has groups everywhere. Visit the Web site at www.alanon.alateen.org. Please don't wait. You will find that you are not alone.

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 Wednesday, March 30, 2005: Your positive attitude and fiery energy help you get exactly what you desire. Venus in your sign today promises unusual charisma for this year. Though not every action you take wins a gold medal, much that you do achieves better results than you'd anticipated. Others move in a new direction, wanting to understand you better. Reveal more of your thoughts. Others will appreciate and honor your openness. If you are single, the question is not whether you will meet someone you like, but which person will you choose. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from openness and vulnerability. Don't always choose to be dominant. **SAGITTARIUS** provides a different perspective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Take it upon yourself to get to the bottom of a situation. New information will come forward with an inquisitive approach. Your sensitivity and understanding draw big smiles. Tonight: Once again, honey works better than vinegar.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might know a lot more about what is going on than you choose to let on. On some level, you enjoy keeping a secret or two. A partnership can be greatly enhanced by your perspective and sensitivity. Tonight: A long-overdue discussion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ In some way, you might be overwhelmed by what is happening. Others

clearly favor your interests. Someone around you might care a lot more than you realize. If you are single, this revelation might have you beaming all day long. Tonight: Where your friends are. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Examine what might be happening. Others clearly are impressed with your style and approach. Learn to accept compliments with grace, even if you think someone has on rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Try to get some sleep. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to determine exactly what someone expects first. You are more likely to deliver if you understand his or her expectations. You pull the wild card when dealing with finances and feelings. Don't overreact. Carefully think out the pros and cons. Tonight: Do the unusual, not the tried-and-true.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Basics count. You have a way of working around a problem that seems to draw results. You come from a centered place. A key person delights in what he or she hears. You work well as a team. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your efforts bring an impressive response. You might not be sure exactly how you want to handle an important matter. Before you can decide, others toss their plans in your lap. You'll love their ideas. Tonight: Chat away. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Weigh the pros and cons of an expenditure. You might be delighted by what an addition this item could make. You will

feel much happier as a result. Why not add to the quality of your life? You work hard enough. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Let your imagination flourish. Others join your team. Your flirtatious way marks your relationships. In fact, it spices up a bond. Warmth emanates from you. Let your personality melt barriers. Tonight: You are all smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You take charge and run with the ball. Expand your potential, or at least consider an investment involving your home and domestic life. Your family appreciates all your efforts. You might not be ready to tell all. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You have a way with words that draws much more of what you want. Your perspective helps others come clean, knowing that you will understand. Still, look at your values more carefully. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Sometimes you exaggerate what might be happening on a personal level. Justify spending money on yourself a little more than in the past. What seems to be an indulgence might actually boomerang in your favor. Tonight: A late dinner. ***

BORN TODAY
Actor Warren Beatty (1937), musician Eric Clapton (1945), singer Celine Dion (1968)

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An Extra Change

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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SOUTH			
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The bidding			
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♦	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

There is more than one way to bring a horse to water. Cover the East and West cards and decide how you would play four spades after the opponents take two diamond tricks and switch to a trump.

There are several schools of thought about how to bid hands containing five spades and five clubs. On this hand, almost all would agree with a one-spade opening bid. After the takeout double and North's raise, there was no need for South to show his second suit.

West led the king of diamonds and continued with the ace, then switched to a trump. Having lost two tricks already, declarer had to hold his club

losers to one. Looking deeper into the position, declarer drew a second round of trumps, ending in hand, and led the 10 of hearts. When West did not cover, South assigned one of the heart honors to East, making it almost certain that, for his vulnerable takeout double, West held the king of clubs, so the finesse was doomed.

Declarer continued with a club to the ace in case the king was singleton, and exited with a low club. When that fetched the king, declarer's hand was high. South lost only two diamonds and a club.

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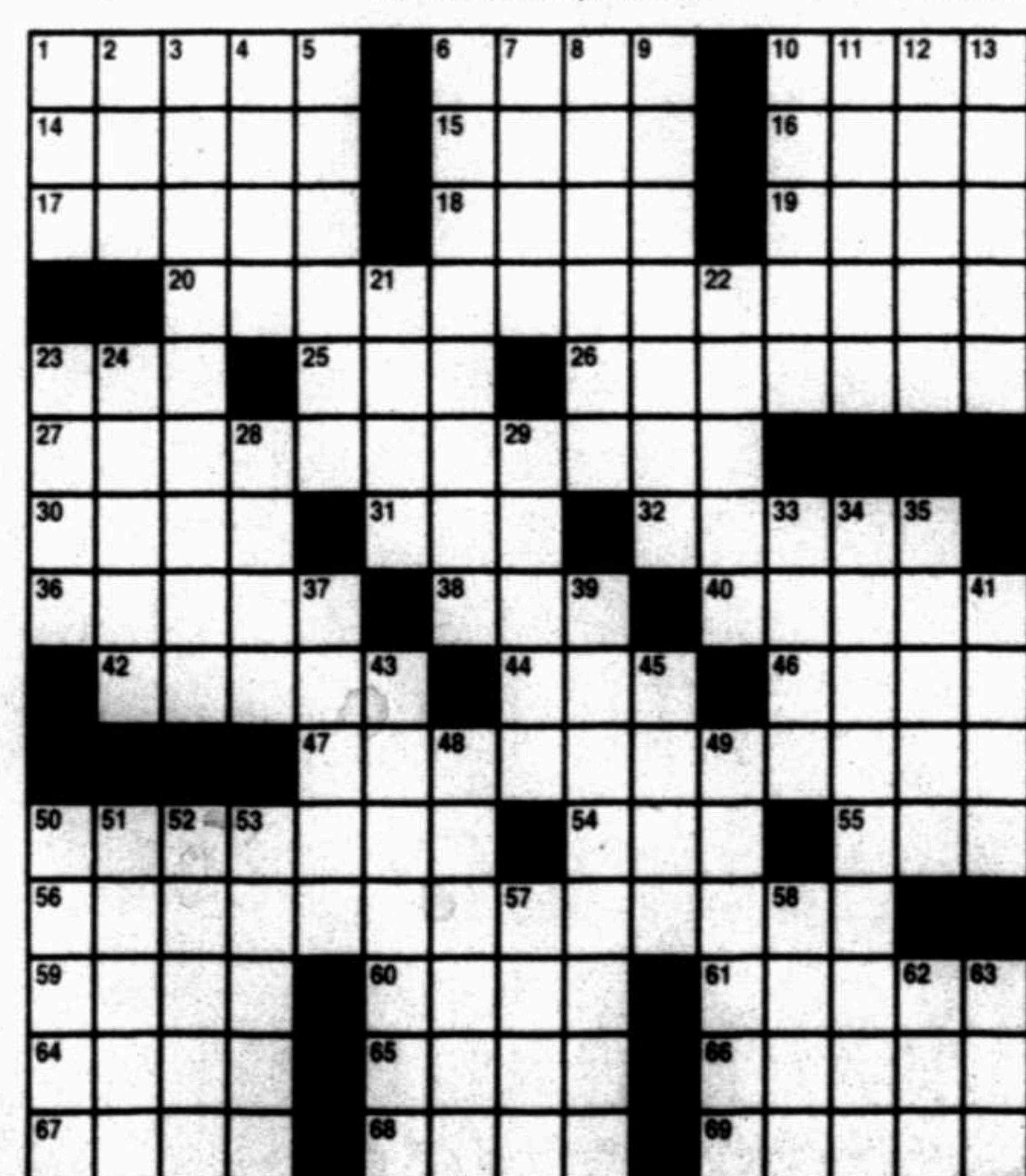
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HONORED Jere Hubbard, left, Gen. Tommy Franks and Florence Patton pose in this courtesy photo. Franks recently was honored by Daughters of the American Revolution as their Medal of Honor recipient.

National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution gives medal to Gen. Tommy Franks

From Staff Reports

Midland native Gen. Tommy Franks received the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution's Medal of Honor at the Texas society's recent state conference.

Franks was proposed for the medal by Midland's Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

To be considered for the medal of honor, a person must be a

native-born American citizen who has shown extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism, the chapter said. The recipient also must have made unusual and lasting contributions to our American heritage by truly giving of themselves to their community, state, country and fellow man.

Mrs. Robert Hudson is the regent of the chapter, and Mrs. Walter Hubbard is the Ameri-

canism chairwoman as well as the national defense chairwoman. Also representing the chapter at the Texas Society of Daughters of the American Revolution conference in Dallas was Mrs. William Russell and Mrs. Jerry Walton.

Train hauling grain jumps tracks

LOCKHART — A Union Pacific freight train carrying grain and soda ash derailed in Caldwell County early Tuesday, causing 13 cars to leave the tracks, officials said.

Three people were taken to Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcos as a precaution, but there were no serious injuries, said Tela Mange, spokeswoman

for the Texas Department of Public Safety. All three, who had been on the train, were treated and released from the hospital.

"Everybody's OK," Mange said.

Mange said there was no hazardous substance on the train. There were no evacuations of homes near the accident site.



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SECTION C

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

Lady

3-5A Softball

Lee
Abilene High
Odessa High
Midland High
Odessa Permian
Abilene Cooper
San Angelo Central

Tuesday
Lee 10, San Angelo 6
High 3, Greenwood 2, Abilene 0, Odessa High 10, Abilene 10

Saturday
Midland High vs. Abilene
Lee at Abilene Cooper, Odessa at Odessa Permian is open

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By Dave S
Sports Writer

ABILENE — or to the Lee playoff game, things don't get any better.

Mansfield 4-5A and so through 25. Also, the Tig aged four game and h shut out twice same 25 game.

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BIG DAY RIGHT, tries for noon after he High's Matt keeper Matt district playoff day. The sho advanced with Coronado in BOTTOM: L Cheryl Kuss Rebels score tie more than district play day. Kuss an of the five g

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By Doug Fergu
Associated Press

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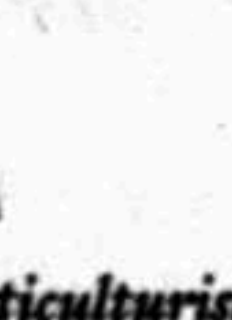
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3-5A Softball Standings

	District	Overall
	W L	W L
Lee	6 0	18 2
Abilene High	5 1	9 10
Odessa High	4 2	12 9
Midland High	3 3	16 7
Odessa Permian	2 4	9 10
Abilene Cooper	1 5	7 9
San Angelo Central	0 6	4 15

Tuesday's scores
Lee 10, San Angelo Central 0, 6 innings; Midland High 3, Greenwood 2; Abilene High 2, Odessa Permian 0; Odessa High 10, Abilene Cooper 1.

Saturday's games
Midland High vs. Abilene High at Audrey Gil Complex, Lee at Abilene Cooper, Odessa High at San Angelo Central. Odessa Permian is open. All games start at 2 p.m.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It seemed like an easy game to call Tuesday afternoon with the first-place, undefeated Lee softball team hosting last-place, winless San Angelo Central to close out the first half of District 3-5A play.

And it ended just as one might expect, with the No. 4 Lady Rebels routing Central 10-0 in a six-inning run-rule decision. With the victory, Lee remained in command of the district with a 6-0 mark and an 18-2 overall record. As has been their custom in district, the Lady Rebels avoided any potential overconfidence by taking

care of business. Half of their runs were unearned, receiving help from six Central errors.

"On paper we should win this game but you've still got to play it," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "It doesn't always happen that way. (Central) made a lot of errors, but we hit the ball hard and put a lot of pressure on their defense."

Lee got all it needed in the first inning with four runs, three of which were unearned. The Lady Rebels had one hit in the inning, a triple to the deep left field corner by McKensy Corbett with one out. Corbett was the first of five consecutive Lee batters to reach base, as the Lady Bobcats (4-15, 0-6) committed

three errors in the inning.

That was more than enough to support Lee sophomore starting pitcher Kim White, making her first district start of the season. White gave up a first-inning single to Liz Hernandez, but that was the only ball Central hit out of the infield against White, as the right-hander allowed one hit while striking out 10.

"Fortunately we got a good game out of Kim White," Overton said. "(The Lady Bobcats) didn't put a lot of balls in play off her."

White was pitching instead of fellow sophomore Kaitlyn Witte, who put some balls in play off Central starter Whitney Vick.

Witte led off the third with a double and scored to help boost the Lee lead to 7-0, then came to the plate with one out in the third.

Vick and Witte faced each other down on a marathon 13-pitch at-bat, with Witte fouling off most of the pitches. Finally, Witte cranked one into the wind which flew over the left-field fence for a home run, giving the Lady Rebels an 8-0 lead.

"I just wanted to put it in play someplace and make (Central's defense) make the play in the wind," said Witte, who was 3-for-4 and drove in three runs. "I just wanted to battle off the good pitch-

Please see LEE/2C



Witte



White

Class 5A Soccer Playoffs Moving on

Rebels shut down Tigers

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

ABILENE — Looking at all the factors prior to the Lee boys soccer team's bi-district playoff game on Tuesday at Shotwell Stadium, things didn't look good for the Rebels.

Mansfield was the runner-up in District 4-5A and scored more than 100 goals through 25 games. Also, the Tigers averaged four goals a game and had been shut out twice in those same 25 games.

The Rebels were the third place team in District 3-5A and were coming off a loss in their district finale last week.

So what did the Rebels do? They shut out Mansfield, 3-0, to advance to the area round of the playoffs for the third consecutive year. "This was definitely a good win for us," Lee head coach Chris Bryant said. "Coming in we were nervous. We knew they had scored 100 goals and we were nervous about our defense and making sure they took care of business and they did a great job."

Please see REBELS/4C

BIG DAY RIGHT: Lee's Nathan Holder, right, tries for his second goal on the afternoon after he headed a ball past Mansfield High's Matt Svehiak, center, and goalkeeper Matt Edmondson, left, during a bi-district playoff game in Abilene on Tuesday. The shot traveled wide, however. Lee advanced with a 3-0 victory to face El Paso Coronado in the area round.

BOTTOM: Lee's Halee Hamm, left, and Cheryl Kuss celebrate after the two Lady Rebels scored back-to-back goals a little more than seconds apart during a bi-district playoff game in Abilene on Tuesday. Kuss and Hamm combined for four of the five goals on the night.

Photos by Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram



Hillman retires

Veteran Jackalopes defenseman decides to hang up skates

From staff reports

ODESSA — Veteran Odessa Jackalopes defenseman Scott Hillman announced his retirement from professional hockey on Tuesday.

Hillman has played five-plus seasons with the Jackalopes and leaves the franchise as the leader in games played (353) and assists (209). Hillman also was a three-time league all-star and also won the Central Hockey League Man of the Year Award after the 2001-02 season.

Hillman, who was acquired in a three-player trade during the 1999-00 season, battled through injuries the last few months of this season to finish with 31 points. It was his lowest point total during his Jacks career.

Hillman, 30, has scored 30 points or more in each of his six seasons with the Jackalopes. His best season was in 2002-03 when he scored 61 points, including scoring 16 goals. That same year he set team records for goals in a season by a defenseman and points by a defenseman.

Hillman, a native of La Salle, Ontario, opened Next Level Sports Training in Midland, and could open a facility in Odessa in the future.

"We can't imagine any other player wearing No. 6," Jacks coach Don McKee said. "We can only wish every player could equal Scott's commitment, his work ethic and his incredible dedication. Scott Hillman is a role model for any player who has worn, or ever will wear, a Jackalopes' sweater."



Hillman

Senators want Texas schools out of BCS

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Texas senator wants to ban the state's college football teams from playing in any post-season championship games that are not part of a playoff system.

The bill by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, is similar to a bill filed in the House last month by Rep. Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Tomball.

Both bills would expire Dec. 2, just before Bowl Championship Series bids go out, if a similar law is not enacted in at least four other states.

Both are mostly symbolic measures born out of the frustration with the BCS system, in which a poll of college football coaches and computer rankings help determine which teams will play in the major bowl games.

The University of Texas received its first BCS bid this past season when it was invited to the Rose Bowl. The Longhorns beat Michigan 38-37.

Wentworth's bill would prohibit Texas' NCAA teams from playing in "an intercollegiate post-regular-session competition that is part of a series that includes a national championship game unless that competition is part of a national playoff system."

That system would have to consist of "at least 16 teams competing in successive elimination games resulting in a final game for the national championship of that entire division or level of intercollegiate competition."

If at least four other states enact a similar law before Dec. 1, the law would stay in effect for Texas schools, according to the bill.

The other states are Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina and Washington.

Lady Rebs overwhelm Lady Jags

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

ABILENE — The Lee girls soccer team hadn't broken out offensively since before district play began this year.

But on Tuesday at Shotwell Stadium, the Lady Rebels broke out, beating Mansfield Summit, 5-2, in a bi-district playoff game. The five goals by Lee is the most since a 10-0 pasting of Pampa on Jan. 21 during the Dawg Days of Winter Tournament.

For most of the year, the Lady Rebels' defense kept them in games, with the offense seemingly in a dry spell. Lee's stopper was the team's scoring leader for most of district and last year's team scor-

ing leader Cheryl Kuss, was held scoreless through her first nine 3-5A games this year.

On top of that, junior Halee Hamm, the team's current scoring leader was playing midfield just a couple of weeks ago.

"We needed to score goals and I'm glad," third year Lee head coach Amanda Melchor said. "Even Cheryl had a couple and Halee, that's good. I'm glad that they were able to do that because in the playoffs, I mean, you've got to have a good defense in the playoffs, but you've got to score goals too because other teams can score goals."

The Lady Rebels (17-7 overall), in their first trip to the postseason since 2002, will

Please see GIRLS/4C

Strange weekend at Sawgrass

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The Players Championship dodged a major bullet.

The PGA Tour's showcase event was teetering on the edge of ridicule, although not for obvious reasons. It only would have looked bad if the fifth major had needed six days to find a winner.

Was it three rain delays that left players stranded in the clubhouse with nothing better to do than complain?

Not at all. Weather happens. Golf should be thankful it doesn't happen more often. Besides, wholesale grumbling is heard

■ Commentary

the loudest at majors, so perhaps The Players Championship made big strides this year.

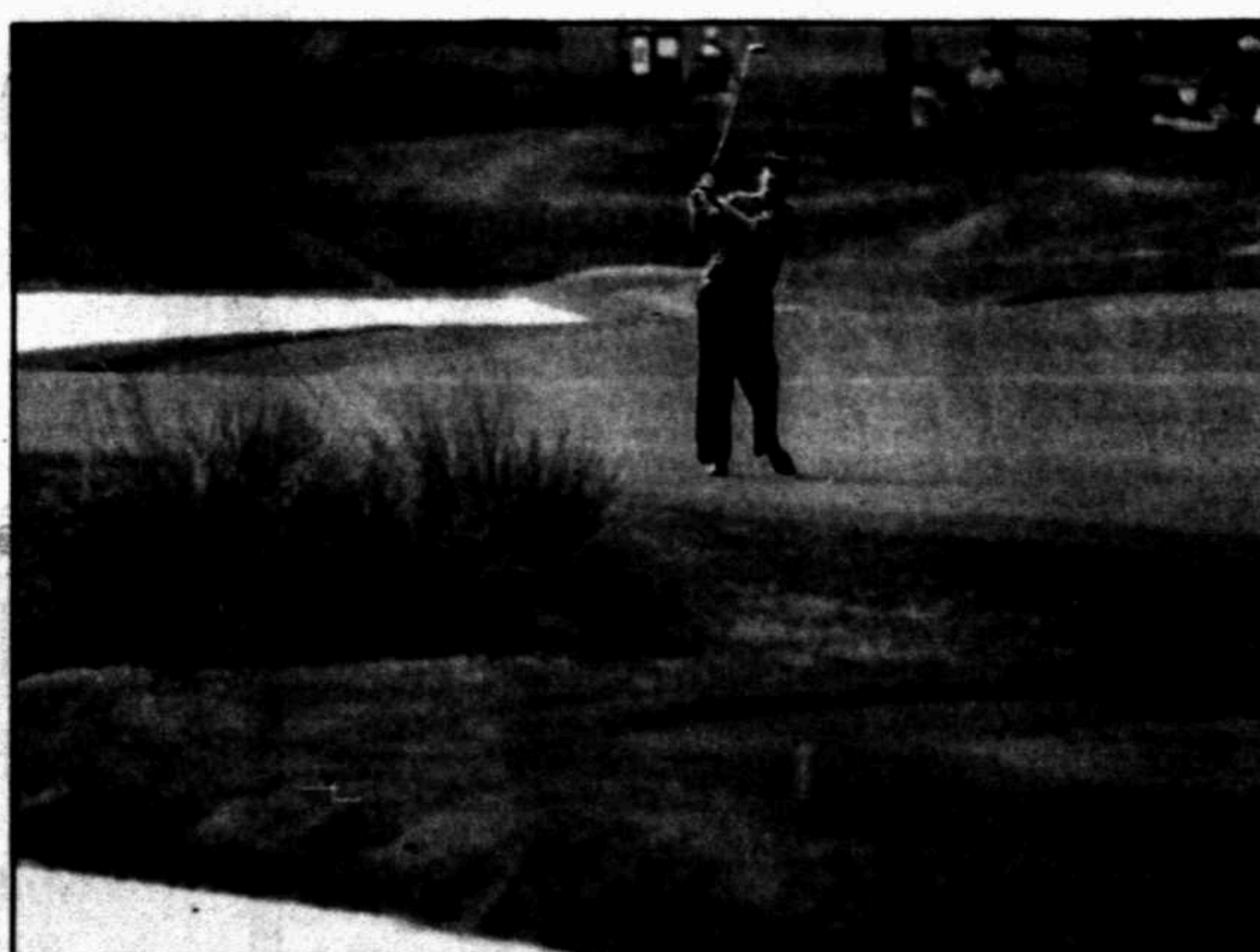
It wasn't the condition of the course or "preferred lies" that tarnished its stature, either.

Rain turned the TPC at Sawgrass into a sloppy mess, leaving tournament officials

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WATCHING IT CLOSE Phil Mickelson watches a shot during The Players Championship. High winds and rain played a large factor in this year's tournament.

Stephen Morton/AP



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MC SOFTBALL TODAY

Midland College
at Odessa College

When/where: 2 p.m. today, doubleheader, Odessa
Records: Midland College, 30-8-1 overall, 12-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College, 25-18, 10-4.

Notes & quotes: The Lady Chaparrals are coming off a four-game sweep of Frank Phillips College over the weekend as they battled cold and snowy weather in Borger along with the Lady Plainsmen. ... MC came away with three convincing victories, while the other win was a 2-0 decision. ... MC swept Odessa College in a doubleheader earlier this season with 4-1 and 11-1 victories. ... "I think Odessa is a good team," MC coach Tommy Ramos said. "They're definitely a team you can't take lightly with the number of sophomores they have. That first time we played them, the girls were really excited to play since they were the first conference games we

had played in a while. I expect the same kind of effort." ... OC is second to MC in the WJACAC in hitting with a .336 team batting average. MC leads the conference with a .338 average. MC is also first in the WJACAC with a 1.43 earned run average, while OC is second with a 2.80 ERA. ... Brianna Dairy (12-2, 0.91) is expected to start the first game, and either Elizabeth Oberst (11-4, 1.76) or Marinna Poddubskaya (n/a) in the second game.

Next game: Midland College at Clarendon College, 1 p.m. Friday, doubleheader.

WJACAC Standings

	Overall	Conference
Midland College	30-8-1	12-0
Odessa College	25-18-0	10-4
Howard College	10-18-0	8-6
El Paso C.C.	19-16-0	8-7
Western Texas	21-16-0	10-9
Frank Phillips	9-19-0	4-16
Clarendon	3-23-0	3-13

Lady Dawgs beat Rangerettes, 3-2

From staff reports

GREENWOOD — The Midland High softball team got in some quality work during an open date in the District 3-5A schedule as the Bulldogs held on to beat a solid Greenwood team 3-2 on Tuesday.

Tabitha Summers made her first varsity start and performed well for the Lady Bulldogs (16-7), giving up four hits and striking out seven in a complete game victory.

Midland High got on the board with two runs in the first, as Emily Taylor drove in the first run on a sacrifice fly, then received a run-scoring double by Amanda Massey for a 2-0 lead. In the fourth inning, the Lady Bulldogs scored and unearned run for a 3-0 lead, which turned out to be huge.

In the sixth, Summers made her only major mistake of the game, giving up a two-run home run to Greenwood's Kim Smith to cut the lead to a single run. But

High School Softball Roundup

Summers shut down the Rangerettes the rest of the way.

Midland High opens the second half of 3-5A play at home against Abilene High at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Midland High 3, Greenwood 2
Midland High 200 100 0-3 7 0
Greenwood 000 002 0-2 4 2
Tabitha Summers and Ali Askew, Kendal Schneider and Veronica Carruth W — Summers (1-0), L — Schneider, 2B — MHS, Amanda Massey, 3B — MHS, Whitney Woods, HR — Greenwood, Kim Smith.

Tisdale throws
no-hitter

ALPINE — Taharra Tisdale pitched a no-hitter to lead Midland Christian to an 11-0 victory over Alpine on Tuesday.

Tisdale (21-3) struck out 10 in the win.

Midland Christian's offense backed up Tisdale's performance on the mound with 13 hits. Meghan Swanson was 3-for-4; Kresha Adams went 3-for-3; and Cricket Criner was 3-for-4 with an inside-the-park home run.

Midland Christian 11, Alpine 0
Midland Christian 033 14-11 13 0
Alpine 000 00-0 0 4
Taharra Tisdale and Gabby Hernandez, Dodson, Morrow (5) and Delano W — Tisdale (21-3), L — Dodson, HR — MCS, Cricket Criner.
Record: Midland Christian 26-3
Next: Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 5 p.m. Friday, Bill Williams Complex.

Andrews downs
Lake View

ANDREWS — The Andrews softball team improved to 2-1 in District 4-4A with a 5-3 victory against San Angelo Lake View.

The Lady Mustangs (13-5 overall) scored three runs in the third inning for a 4-1 lead and then just held on for the win.

Alisha Burnett got the win on the mound for Andrews.

Andrews 5, San Angelo Lake View 3
Lake View 001 110 0-3 5 3
Andrews 013 001 5-3 7 3
Kasey Perez and Carol Pavaez, Alisha Burnett, Chari Mitchell (5) and Jessica Morales, W — Burnett, L — Perez, 2B — LV, Fami Holsey, AHS, Lacey King.
Record: Andrews, 13-5, 2-1
Next: Andrews at Frenship, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Red Raiders slip by UT-Arlington, 5-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — Cooper Fouts' sacrifice bunt in the top of the ninth gave Texas Tech a 5-4 win over Texas-Arlington on Tuesday.

Reliever Zach Butler (4-0) pitched the final 1 2-3 innings for the Red Raiders, allowing no runs on just one hit in the back-and-

forth contest.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for Texas Tech (18-8).

Tech went up 2-0 in the first on Brian Capps' home run to right.

The Mavericks (15-14) got on the board in the bottom of the third on a sacrifice fly by Josh McSpadden. An unearned run in the bottom of the sixth tied the game at 2-2.

Carey Avants' sacrifice fly to center field put the Raiders back ahead 3-2 in the top of the eighth.

The Mavs answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

One run scored when a throw home was dropped by the catcher. Then Kyle Thomason gave UTA the lead with a sacrifice fly to right field.

Texas Tech loaded the bases in the ninth with nobody out, and David Steffey tied the game for Tech with a sacrifice fly to center. Fouts' bunt down the first base line squeezed Chris Williams home from third for the winning margin.

Russell Reichenbach (0-2) took the loss, surrendering two earned runs on a walk and a hit batter and failing to record an out in the ninth.

MHS run rules Central, 10-0

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — The Midland High baseball team stayed in solid position in District 3-5A on Tuesday, routing San Angelo Central 10-0 to remain in second place.

The Bulldogs (16-4-1 overall, 4-1 in district) fought both the winds and an opposing ballpark to invoke the run rule over the Bobcats (4-10-1, 0-4) in five innings.

"It's a tough place to play," MHS coach Barry Russell said of Central. "I don't know if we've ever run-ruled (the Bobcats in San Angelo). Any time you can get the 10 runs and get out of there early is good."

The Bulldogs got all they needed when J.W. Wilson led off the game with a single. Winning pitcher Brandon Fierro led off with a single which moved Wilson to third, and Wilson scored on Spencer Robnett's fielder's choice groundout.

Fierro took care of the rest. He only gave up a single in the third inning and walked no batters in facing one over the minimum for four innings. Russell said he threw only 13 balls.

The Bulldogs scored five runs in the second inning to put the game away. With one out and the bases loaded, the Bulldogs pulled off a double squeeze bunt with Robnett at the plate, and Wilson and Alex Lopez both scoring.

Wilson stayed hot at the plate, going 4-for-4, and scoring three runs, while driving in two. Robnett drove in three runs while Lopez drove in two. Austin Burns had two hits.

Midland High 10, San Angelo Central 0, 5 innings
Midland High 150 22-10 9 1
Central 000 000-0 1 4
Brandon Fierro, Spencer Sel (5) and Seth Hudson, Kevin Justice, Nito Zapata (5) and Brian Matthews, Victor Cadena (4), W — Fierro (4-2), L — Justice, 2B — MHS, J.W. Wilson, 2, Burns.

Andrews opens
district with win

ANDREWS — The Andrews baseball team opened District 4-4A play on Tuesday with an 11-1 victory over

Longhorns score late to beat A&M-Corpus Christi

AUSTIN (AP) — Pinch-runner Nick Peoples induced a balk from third base in the bottom of the eighth, giving Texas a 2-1 win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Tuesday night.

The pitchers' duel was score-

High School Baseball Roundup

Plainview.

Andrews scored seven runs in the third inning and had 12 hits in the game. Leading the way offensively for the Mustangs (12-3-1, 1-0) were Patrick Haygood, who was 3-for-3 with a double, two triples and four RBI; Jasper Luna was 2-for-3 with three RBIs; Nathan Bryan was 2-for-2 with two RBIs; and Bradley Villas was 2-for-2.

Jeff Kello got the win on the mound as he struck out six, allowed no walks, and allowed the four hits and one run.

Andrews 11, Plainview 1 (5 innings)
Plainview 010 00-1 4 0
Andrews 137 0x-11 12 2
Sanchez, Sifuentes (3), Hinojosa (3) and Ramirez, Jeff Kello, Nathan Flores (5) and Chris Stephens, W — Kello, L — Sanchez, 2B — Plainview, Hinojosa, Andrews, Patrick Haygood, Nathan Bryan, Jasper Luna, Bradley Villas, 3B — AHS, Haygood 2, Stephens, Luna.
Record: Andrews, 12-3-1, 1-0; Plainview 9-10, 0-1.
Next Game: Big Spring at Andrews, 7 p.m. Friday.

Greenwood
rolls past Lamesa

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood baseball team pounded out 20 hits as it rolled to a 24-3 victory over Lamesa in District 3-3A action.

"We needed a game like this after playing a bunch of close games," Greenwood coach Joe Williamson said. "We finally broke loose by stringing some hits together and scoring some runs."

The Rangers (5-7, 2-2) scored eight runs in the second and nine in the third en route to the romp.

Greenwood 24, Lamesa 3
Lamesa 000 30-3 6 5
Greenwood 389 4x-24 20 1
Rebber, Cavazos (3), Bergera (3) and Diaz, David Hill and Toby Bunch, W — Hill, L — Rebber, 2B — LHS, Rebber, GHS, Hill 2, Bunch, Bryce Williams, Dean Smith, Dallas Golden, 3B — LHS, White, Diaz, Rebber.
Record: Greenwood, 5-7, 2-2
Next game: Greenwood at Fort Stockton, 7 p.m. Friday.

Trinity outslugs
McCahey

Trinity baseball coach Danny Jordan said if his team ever gets into a hitting contest, his Chargers will usually come out on top.

On Tuesday, Trinity outslugged McCahey for a 20-13 victory at Christensen Stadium.

"It was a tough day defensively," said Jordan, whose team committed eight errors. "But once Matt Russell came in, we stopped issuing walks

3-5A Baseball
Standings

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

*Includes a tie
Tuesday's games
Midland High 10, San Angelo Central 0, 5 innings; Abilene High 12, Odessa High 2, 6 innings; Abilene Cooper 9, Odessa Permian 8, 5 innings.
Saturday's games
Odessa High at Midland High, noon; Lee at Odessa Permian, noon; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Odessa Permian is open.

and stopped making errors. Then we just got into a hitting contest."

The Chargers (12-1) tallied 17 hits and were led by Andy Luck, who was 3-for-4 with three RBI; Nathan Midkiff was 2-for-3 with three RBI; Preston Midkiff was 2-for-5 with three RBI; and Russell was 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Trinity 20, McCahey 13

Trinity 023 151 1-13 11 4
McCahey 142 049 x-20 17 8
Eric O'Dell, Martinez (6) and Zach Walsh, Andy Luck, Matt Roam (3), Matt Russell (5) and Andrew Anderson, W — Russell (4-0), L — Martinez, 2B — THS, Luck 2, Russell 2, Nathan Midkiff, 3B — THS, Anderson, Roam, John Mark Echols, HR — THS, Luke Hoffman.
Record: Trinity, 12-1
Next game: Trinity at Alpine, 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Midland Christian
beats Snyder

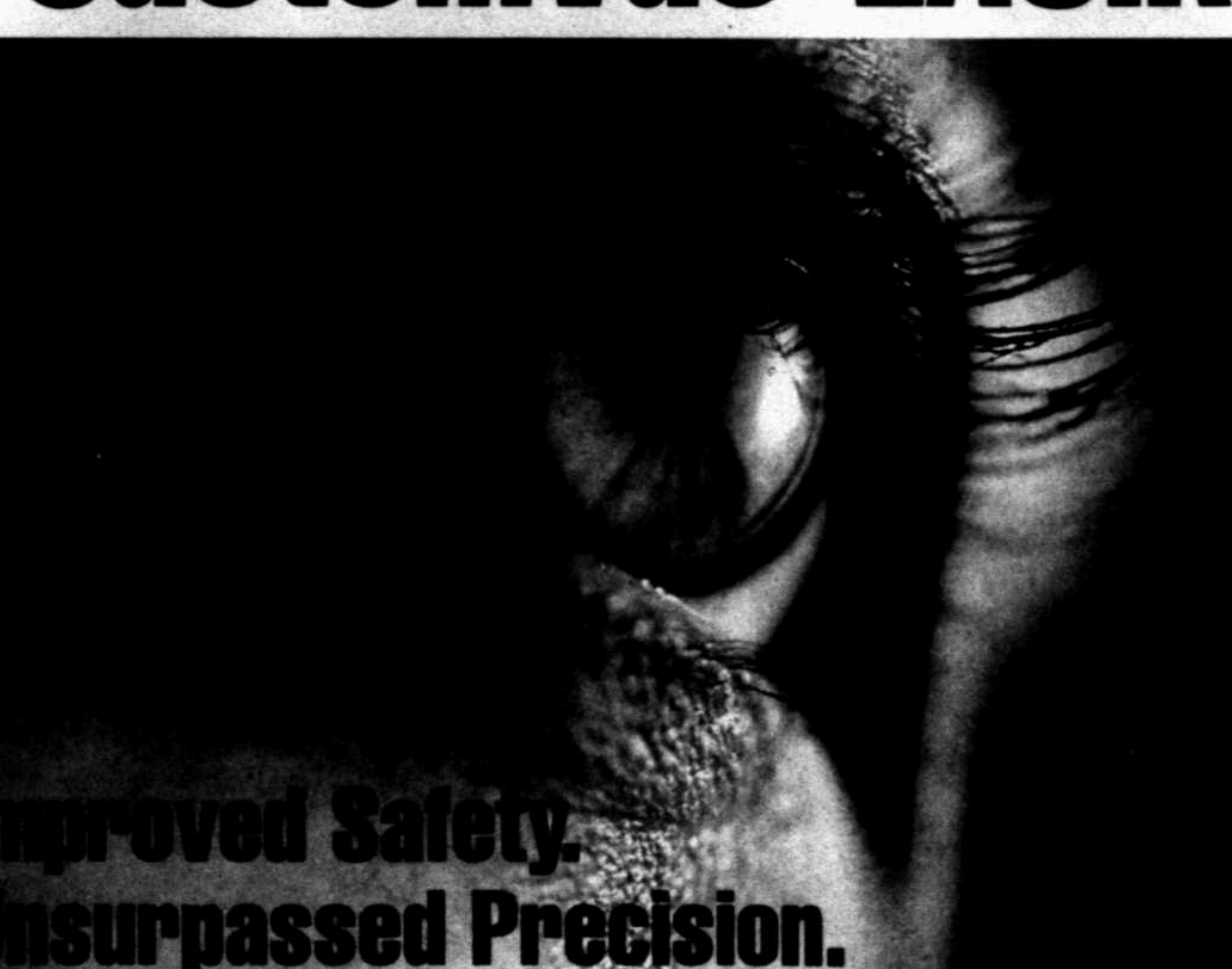
Midland Christian defeated Snyder 6-5 in non-district baseball action on Tuesday at First American Bank Ballpark.

The Mustangs (12-6), trailing 3-0, scored two runs in the fifth inning and four more in the sixth.

For Midland Christian, Kyle Williams was 2-for-4 with two RBI; James Lynch was 2-for-4 and Chris Withrow was 3-for-4.

Midland Christian 6, Snyder 5
Snyder 300 000 2-5 6 4
MCS 024 x-6 11 2
Dustin Williams, Lance Day (4) and Eric Martinez, Bo McDaniel, Cory Burleson (5), Carson Smith (7) and Burleson and Ben Fender (5), W — Burleson (5-1), L — Day, 5 — Smith, 2B — SHS, Ryan Mitchell, MCS, Chris Withrow.
Record: Midland Christian, 12-6
Next game: Midland Christian vs. Fort Worth Christian, 6 p.m. Friday, First American Bank Ballpark.

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LOCAL
SPORTSGray has
hole-in-one

Frank Gray had a hole-in-one on Tuesday on the No. 5 North at Green Tree Country Club with a 4-iron from 190 yards. It was witnessed by Stan Loper, Robert Parker, Mickel Cohlina and John Johnson.

MC golfers get
washed out

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The final round of the Mustang Intercollegiate on the University of New Mexico Championship Course was postponed because of bad weather on Tuesday.

All scores recorded on Monday will stand as final.

Midland College's first team ended up in second place with a 296-304-600 total, five strokes back of Western New Mexico University. MC's second team finished in a tie for third with Dixie State (Utah) College with a 305-301-606 total.

Chaparral golfers Nils Bjorling (74-71-145), Creighton Honeck (72-77-149) and Robin Lofgreen (75-74-149) made the all-tournament team.

Midland Tennis
Club results

Men's Singles
Open Bracket — Finals: Robert Jackson def. David Gilland, 7-6, 6-3; Consolation: Matt Helm by default over Ken Woody
A-1 Bracket — Consolation: Forrest Collier def. Doug Zeitmann, 6-6, 2-6, 7-5
A-2 Bracket — Finals: Blake Alexander def. Charles Arnold, 6-2, 6-0; Consolation: Morgan Loper def. Marcus Campbell, 6-1, 6-0

Women's Singles
A-1 Bracket — Finals: Kylie Gilland def. Peg Woody, 6-1, 6-0; Consolation: Silvia Castiblanco by default

LEE

(From 1C)

es. (Vick) still slipped a bad pitch up there."

Lee ended it early in the bottom of the sixth. Consecutive singles by Emily Niederhofer, Deanna Stanley and Witte brought home a run, then with two outs, Meghan Reid singled to left to bring home Stanley and achieve the 10-run margin.

"(Going 6-0) wasn't expected but it was something we were working for," Overton said. "I told the girls that the second half (of district) starts (this) afternoon so we need to get ready again."

Lee 10, San Angelo Central 0, 6 innings
Central 000 000-0 1 6
Lee 403 102-10 11 1
Note: Game ended with two outs in bottom of sixth due to 10-run rule.
Whitney Vick and Claudia Mendez, Kim White and Heather Woods, W — White, L — Vick, 2B — Lee, Kaitlin Witte, 3B — Lee, McKenney Corbett, HR — Lee, Witte.

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Minnesota 37-34
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Utah 22-49

Pacific Division
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x-Phoenix 53-17
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L.A. Lakers 32-37
L.A. Clippers 32-39
Golden State 25-45

Tuesday's schedule
Cleveland 94, L.A. Cl.
Miami 103, Toronto 8
Seattle 102, Memphis
New York at L.A. Cl.
Today's game
Atlanta at Washington

Exhibition

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Los Angeles 13
Baltimore 10
Cleveland 14
Minnesota 14
Tampa Bay 13
New York 13
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Detroit 11
Oakland 13
Kansas City 11
Seattle 12
Chicago 12
Texas 11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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New York 17
San Francisco 17
Colorado 17
St. Louis 14
Arizona 15
San Diego 15
Houston 12
Cincinnati 14
Atlanta 12
Los Angeles 13
Chicago 13
Milwaukee 13
Pittsburgh 11
Washington 10
Philadelphia 11
Florida 8

NOTE: Split-squad games the standings, games in major league terms.

Tuesday's schedule
St. Louis 10, Florida
Houston 7, Cleveland
Toronto 11, Pittsburgh
Baltimore 4, L.A. Dod
Boston 7, N.Y. Yankee
Oakland 10, Seattle 9
San Diego 13, Texas
Chicago Cubs 13, Mi
Colorado 4, Chicago
Kansas City 10, L.A.
San Francisco 9, An
Atlanta 12, Detroit 4
N.Y. Mets 4, Washin
Minnesota 11, Cincin
Tampa Bay 5, Philad
Today's game

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Northern Conference
Tulsa vs. Colo
Friday, March
Colorado 6, Tulsa 3
Saturday, March
Colorado 3, Tulsa
leads series 2-0
Wednesday, March
Colorado at Tulsa
Friday, April
Colorado at Tulsa
Saturday, April
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Wednesday, April
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Thursday, April
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Thursday, March
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Friday, March
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Fourth Round
Dominik Hrbaty (26)
def. Gael Monfils, France
David Ferrer, Spain, d
los Ferrero, Spain, 6-7
Rafael Nadal (29)
Ivan Ljubicic (13), Croatia
6-3
Andre Agassi (9), U
def. Gaston Gaudio (7)
6 (7), 6-2
Thomas Johansson
den, def. Jin Novak
Republic, 7-6 (2), 6-2

2005 Texas Girls Association
Girls Softball Top 1
Rankings
March 29, 20
Class 5A
1. Fort Bend Elkins
2. Tomball
3. Fort Worth Keller
4. Midland Lee
5. Garland
6. Fort Bend Cleme
7. A&M Consolidate
8. Bryan
9. Smithson Valley
10. Austin Bowie
11. Cedar Park
12. Arlington Martin
13. San Antonio Taft
14. The Woodlands
15. La Joya
Class 4A
1. Dripping Springs
2. Klein Oak
3. Brenham
4. McKinney North
5. Elgin
6. Little Cypress-Ma



Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram

NICE PLAY Lee's Halee Hamm, left, tips a ball past Mansfield Summit's Ashley Carter on her way to a breakaway and her first of two goals during a bi-district playoff game in Abilene on Tuesday evening.

GIRLS

(From 1C)

face District 2-5A champion Amarillo High (18-4-1) in the area round of the playoffs. Amarillo High lost to District 3-5A champ Midland High, 3-1, in a practice game Monday night.

Kuss scored two goals and recorded one assist, while Hamm also scored two goals in the victory.

"I definitely knew we needed to come out and play hard," Kuss said. "I always expect the Dallas teams to be really good because that's where a lot of the soccer happens these days. But we came out hard. That's probably one of the hardest games we've played."

The last four games, Hamm has played forward and it has paid off. In those four games, all wins, Hamm has six goals and two assists.

Hamm put the Lady Rebels on the board first in the 19th minute with the assist going to freshman Rachael Solari. Kuss put Lee up 2-0 in the 30th minute on an assist from junior Celeste Caruth. Kuss bombed her shot from about 25 yards out on the left side of the field past Summit keeper

Kelsey Lynd.

Then 31 seconds later, Kuss and Hamm hooked up to put the Rebels up 3-0.

Kuss brought the ball into the box and Lynd came out to challenge. Lynd jumped on the ball but it squirted out between her arms and Hamm put it away.

The Lady Rebels held a 3-0 advantage and might have thought the game was at hand, but it wasn't. Not yet.

"I think we probably did and I think we let down a little bit," Hamm said. "But as soon as we realized in the second half, when they came out really strong and put those goals in, it made us think twice and want to take it back at them."

In the second half, the Lady Jaguars made a big switch player-wise that almost worked. Senior stopper Ja'Nae Powell moved to forward and scored her team's first goal in the 45th minute on a breakaway.

She was also involved in Summit's second goal which cut the deficit to 3-2 in the 51st minute.

"We changed the formation," Summit head coach Misail Tsapov

said. "We just said '3-0, 4-0, 5-0, what's the difference?' A loss is a loss, so we're going to take our chances. It kind of worked there for a little bit, but then that fourth goal broke our legs."

That fourth goal was by Lee's Allison Weimer just two minutes after Summit scored its second goal. Cara Wiggins earned the assist on the goal.

The Lady Rebels went up 5-2 in the 71st minute on Kuss' second goal of the game on a breakaway. Lynd once again came out to challenge, but Kuss was able to keep control of the ball, even after Lynd tried to knock it away. With Lynd still on the ground, Kuss regained her balance and crossed it perfectly to the other side of the net.

"I'm normally nervous for every game, which I think is a good thing," Kuss said. "This game, I was a lot more laid back. When they started coming back, I wasn't really worried about it. I knew that we wouldn't play as hard as we were playing and let them come back and tie it or even beat us for that matter."

H.S. SOCCER PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Class 5A

Girls
DISTRICT PLAYOFF
District 3 Third-Place Playoff
Odessa Permian 2, San Angelo Central 1 (SO, 3-2)

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
Lubbock Monterey 2, El Paso Socorro 0
Mansfield (14-6-1), bye
Lee 5, Mansfield Summit 2
Amarillo High (18-4-1), bye
Southlake Carroll 3, Euless Trinity 0
Piano West (17-4-1), bye
Arlington Martin 2, Allen 1, SO
Coppell (19-4-2), bye
El Paso Eastwood 2, Lubbock Coronado 1, SO

Midland High (21-1), bye
Odessa Permian 3, Fort Worth Paschal 0
El Paso Franklin (23-1), bye
Keller (10-7-5) vs. South Grand Prairie (19-5-3), late
Arlington High (19-2-1), bye
Flower Mound Marcus 4, Duncanville 1
Colleyville Heritage (23-2-1), bye

AREA
Lubbock Monterey (9-8) vs. Mansfield (14-6-1), 5 p.m., Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Lee (17-7) vs. Amarillo High (18-4-1), TBA
Southlake Carroll (20-3-2) vs. Plano West (17-4-1), TBA
Arlington Martin (20-6-2) vs. Coppell (19-4-2), TBA
El Paso Eastwood (18-6) vs. Midland High (21-1), 6 p.m., Friday, Grande Communications Stadium
Odessa Permian (18-7-2) vs. El Paso Franklin (23-1), TBA
Keller-South Grand Prairie winner vs. Arlington High (19-2-1), TBA
Flower Mound Marcus (19-5-4) vs. Colleyville Heritage (23-2-1), TBA

Boys
DISTRICT PLAYOFF
District 8 Third-Place Playoff
Flower Mound Marcus 2, Plano 1
BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
El Paso Socorro 4, Amarillo Tascosa 3
Mansfield Summit (16-4-1), bye
Odessa High 1, Weatherford 0 (SO, 2-0)
Lubbock Coronado (10-7), bye
Keller 1, Irving Nimitz 0
Piano West (20-2), bye
Flower Mound Marcus 2, Arlington Martin 1
Coppell (22-1-1), bye

El Paso Eastwood 2, Amarillo High 0
Abilene High (15-5-2), bye
Lee 3, Mansfield High 0
El Paso Coronado (18-6), bye
Fossil Ridge 4, South Grand Prairie 3, SO
Duncanville (20-2), bye
Allen 2, Arlington High 1
Colleyville Heritage (18-3-3), bye

AREA
El Paso Socorro (15-5) vs. Mansfield Summit (16-4-1), TBA
Odessa High (13-6-1) vs. Lubbock Coronado (10-7), 6 p.m., Friday, Lower Field, Lubbock
Keller (17-5-3) vs. Plano West (20-2), TBA
Flower Mound Marcus (17-8) vs. Coppell (22-1-1), TBA
El Paso Eastwood (17-8) vs. Abilene High (15-5-2), TBA
Lee (15-10) vs. El Paso Coronado (18-6), 5 p.m. or 7 p.m., Roswell, N.M.
Fossil Ridge (16-7-4) vs. Duncanville (20-2), TBA
Allen (19-3) vs. Colleyville Heritage (18-3-3), TBA

Canyon Randall 2, El Paso Riverside 0
San Angelo Lake View 2, El Paso Andrews 0
McKinney North 3, North Richland Hills
Birtville 2, SO
Western Hills 2, Wichita Falls 1, OT

REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Abilene Wylie (14-4-1) vs. El Paso Del Valle (21-3), TBA
Lewisville Hegron (14-6-6) vs. Keller Central-McKinney winner, TBA
Canyon Randall (11-4-2) vs. San Angelo Lake View (17-6-1)
McKinney North (17-5-4) vs. Fort Worth Western Hills (18-3-3), TBA

Boys
DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
District 1 Third-Place Playoff
El Paso High 2, El Paso Chapin 1 (SO, 2-1)
District 6 Third-Place Playoff
McKinney 1, Frisco 0
BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
El Paso Jefferson 1, El Paso Parkland 0 (SO, 1-0)

Brownwood, bye
Canyon Randall 5, Stephenville 0
El Paso Del Valle, bye
McKinney 1, Wichita Falls Rider 0
Fort Worth Arlington Heights, bye
Fort Worth Carter-Riverside 2, Fort Worth Southwest 1
Justin Northwest, bye
EP Riverside 1, El Paso High 0
Borger, bye
Abilene Wylie 2, Amarillo Caprock 1 (OT)
El Paso Irvin, bye
Denton 4, Wichita Falls High 2
Keller Central, bye
Fort Worth Polytechnic 1, Fort Worth Diamond-Hill Jarvis 0
Gainesville, bye

AREA PLAYOFFS
El Paso Jefferson 2, Brownwood 0
El Paso Del Valle 3, Canyon Randall 0
McKinney 5, Fort Worth Arlington Heights 0
Northwest 5, Fort Worth Carter-Riverside 0
Borger 1, El Paso High 0
El Paso Irvin 2, Abilene Wylie 1
Denton 2, Keller Central 1
Fort Worth Polytechnic 2, Gainesville 0, OT

REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
El Paso Jefferson (21-4) vs. El Paso Del Valle (20-4), TBA
McKinney (18-3-3) vs. Justin Northwest (19-5-3), TBA
Borger vs. El Paso Irvin (21-2-1), TBA
Denton (17-6-4) vs. Fort Worth Polytechnic (19-6), TBA

Class 4A

Girls

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

EP Jefferson 3, Canutillo 0
Abilene Wylie, bye
Stephenville 1, Canyon 0 (SO, 2-1)
El Paso Del Valle, bye
Lewisville Hegron 3, Wichita Falls Rider 1
Fort Worth Arlington Heights, bye
Keller Central 4, Southwest 0
McKinney, bye
EP Riverside 2, EP Chapin 1
Canyon Randall, bye
San Angelo Lake View 5, Amarillo Caprock 0

El Paso Andrews, bye
McKinney North 6, Burk Burnett 0
North Richland Hills Birdville, bye
Fort Worth Western Hills 2, White Settlement
Brewer 1
Wichita Falls High, bye

AREA PLAYOFFS
Abilene Wylie 5, El Paso Jefferson 0
El Paso Del Valle 1, Stephenville 0
Lewisville Hegron 4, Fort Worth Arlington Heights 1
Borger vs. El Paso Irvin (21-2-1), TBA
Keller Central (18-4-3) vs. McKinney (15-2-4), late

REBELS

(From 1C)

Arlington Martin shut out the Tigers 5-0 in a pre-district tournament and then lost 4-0 to district rival Mansfield Summit a few weeks ago.

"It's been a while since we've been shut out," Mansfield coach John Fazekas said. "They put a lot of pressure on us and made us do some uncharacteristic things. And when we got down, 1-0, we were confident. We score goals, we give up goals. But when they scored that second goal I think it deflated us."

The Rebels (15-10 overall) will play El Paso Coronado (18-6) on Friday in Roswell, N.M., 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. central time. Mansfield finished 15-5-4.

Lee junior goalkeeper Kenny Worrell recorded his first career postseason shutout, just a week and a half after getting his first

and only shutout in district play. That makes two shutouts for Worrell in his last three games and both were important ones.

Worrell's lone district shutout clinched a playoff berth and Tuesday's shutout advanced the Rebels to the area round.

"Kenny did a great job," Bryant said. "No. 7 on their team (Blake Lankford) is an awesome player. He gave us all that we could handle. He did everything right. Kenny just did it at a higher standard to stop him, so Kenny did a great job."

The Rebels took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Nathan Holder in the 21st minute, with the assist going to Ryan Outlaw. Holder used the Mansfield defenders as a screen and put the ball in the left rear corner of the goal. Mansfield goalkeeper Matt Edmondson didn't even move on the shot. Lee led 1-0 at the break.

In the second half, the Rebels struck early on a goal by Outlaw in the 41st minute. Outlaw weaved his way through the Tiger defense, passed the ball to Greg George, who returned it to Outlaw and past new Mansfield keeper Connor Sullivan, who started the second half.

Keal Rasavage put the Rebels up 3-0 on a diving header in the 69th minute with an assist by Carlos Guillermo.

"I thought we needed to put in a few, but I didn't think we would hold them out," Worrell said. "Our defense did great. We kept them from scoring and it's probably one of the only times this season they haven't scored."

Late in the game, Lee defender Dennis Butler went down with an injured right knee and needed assistance off the field. His status is questionable, and Bryant said he will find out more today.

GOLF

(From 1C)

no choice but to allow players to lift, clean and place the ball in the fairway. That doesn't happen at any other major, and purists will argue that the ball should be played where it lies.

That was one of the original 13 rules established in 1744 when golf primarily was played on seaside links courses. What would the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers have thought about the Stadium Course at Sawgrass? Or a course with a name closer to home, like Muirfield Village?

A popular phrase last week was playing golf "the way it was meant to be played."

Noble, indeed, but that carried an entirely different meaning depending on who was talking. For rules officials, that meant playing the ball down. For players, it meant playing shots without globs of mud on the side of the ball.

Peter Dawson, the square-jawed secretary of the Royal &

Ancient, was hardly offended to see players handing golf balls to their caddies to be scrubbed clean and gently placed in the fairway.

Then there was that bizarre mulligan in the second round.

Thirty players began the round without being able to lift, clean and place. Once rain made preferred lies the only option, those scores were erased and the round started over. That cost players like Jesper Parnevik, Joe Ogilvie and Skip Kendall, and rescued Ernie Els.

But the most anyone had played was four holes.

That's like a bad call in the first quarter of a football game. No one remembers, and it rarely makes a difference.

What nearly cost The Players Championship major credibility was the fifth day.

It was the seventh time this tournament had to be finished on Monday, so that was nothing new. And there is a prece-

dent on the major scene; the 1983 U.S. Open at Oakmont did not end until Monday because of rain.

But the wind that shooed away the storm nearly exposed the 17th hole as the gimmick it is, and showed why one hole might be the obstacle that

keeps The Players Championship from being regarded as a major.

As it stands, the tournament has 17 holes of championship golf.

The other hole is a circus. The island-green is the most notorious par 3 in golf, perhaps

the most well-known among mainstream fans.

But it is not golf the way it is meant to be played.

Fred Funk chose to aim his 3-iron from 234 yards over the water and allow the wind to bring it back to land, setting up a two-putt birdie on the 16th

for the outright lead. He stood over a 5-foot par putt on the 18 that gave him the biggest victory of his career.

What was the most nerve-racking moment on the final round? The 17th tee, of course. "It can just ruin the whole week," Funk said.

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Associated Press

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Associated Press

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Associated Press

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St. Joe's, Gamecocks to meet in final

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pat Carroll scored 13 of his 24 points in the second half, and Saint Joseph's won for the 21st time in 2005 by beating Memphis 70-58 in the NIT semifinals on Tuesday night.

Carroll, the Atlantic 10 co-player of the year, was 6-of-9 from 3-point range — including 3-of-4 in the second half, when the Hawks pulled away behind 56.3-percent shooting.

Dwayne Jones added 13 points and 14 rebounds — eight offensive — for Saint Joseph's, 21-5 since Jan. 1.

The Hawks (24-11), who had to win four games just to get to Madison Square Garden, will face South Carolina for the tournament championship on Thursday.

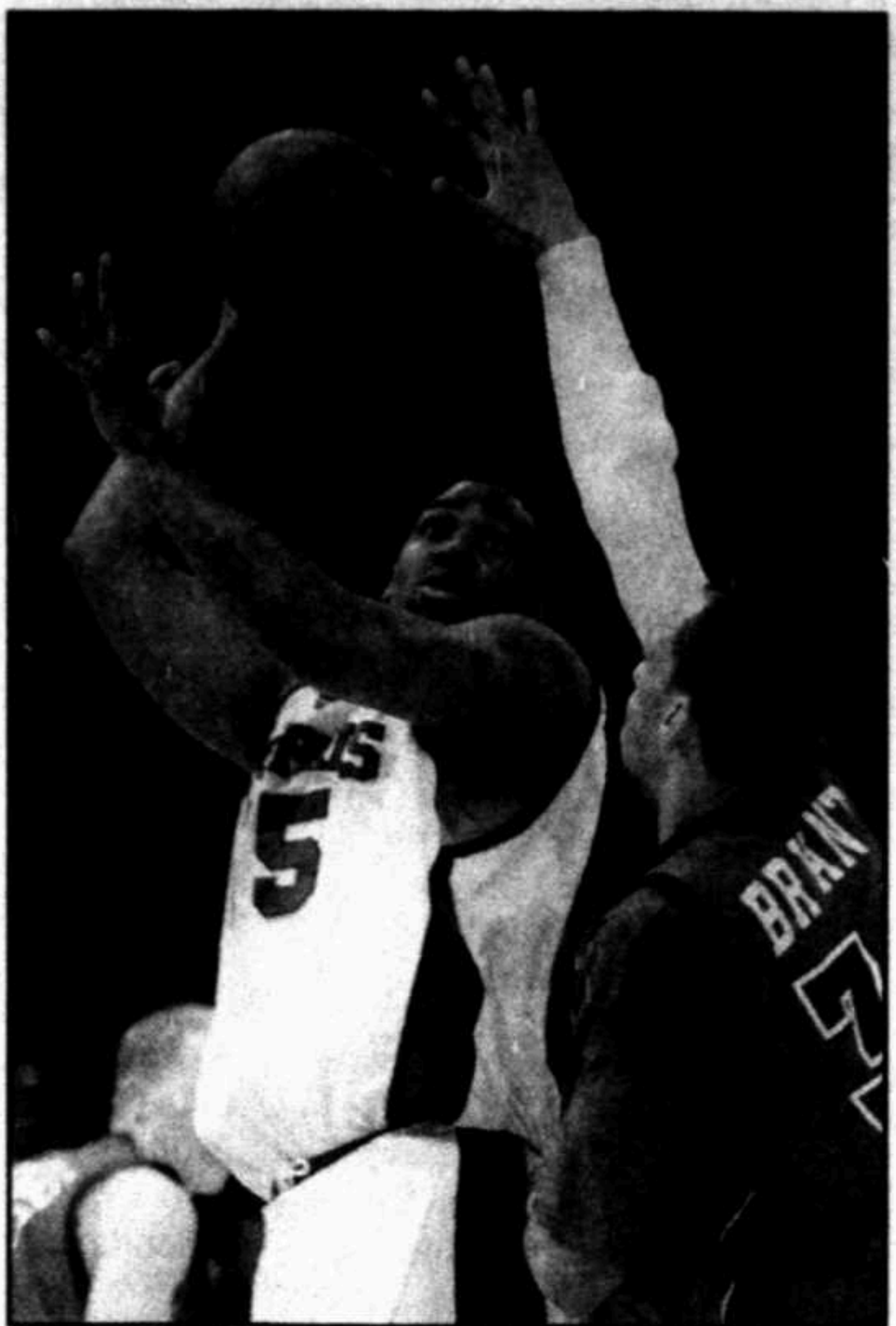
Memphis won three times at home but couldn't get past the Hawks, who continue to prove that they are a strong national program.

Saint Joseph's reached the regional finals of the NCAA tournament last year behind the star guard tandem of Jameer Nelson and Delonte West, who now play in the NBA.

Now, the Hawks are enjoying the longest post-season run in school history.

John Bryant grabbed seven rebounds for Saint Joseph's and continues to give the Hawks a lift since returning from a broken arm.

Rodney Carney scored 21 points, 17 in the second half, and freshman guard Darius Washington added 14 for Memphis (22-16).



OVER THE TOP Memphis' Arthur Barclay shoots over Saint Joseph's John Bryant during the second half of the NIT at Madison Square Garden in New York on Tuesday.

2002 NIT championship game to Memphis and were knocked out of the NCAA tournament last year by the Tigers in the first round.

Powell had only six points in the first half, but he surpassed his 16.4 average with a solid final 20 minutes.

South Carolina players clapped their way into this title game as their teammates paraded to the foul line during the final minute.

Travis Garrison, Chris McCray and Mike Jones each scored 15 points for Maryland, which had another of its long-running, positive streaks snapped. The Terrapins (19-13) were looking for their ninth straight 20-win season, but fell a game short.

Maryland missed the NCAA tournament this season after making 11 straight trips, and was trying to win a consolation prize in the NIT three years after winning the national championship.

South Carolina 75, Maryland 67

NEW YORK — Carlos Powell scored 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead South Carolina to a 75-67 victory over Maryland in the NIT semifinals Tuesday night.

He wasn't the only Gamecocks player to crash the boards as South Carolina grabbed 20 offensive rebounds — 44 overall.

Josh Gonner scored 11 of his 12 points in the first half, when South Carolina turned an early five-point deficit into a 14-point lead.

South Carolina (19-13) is in the NIT championship game for the second time in four seasons and will face Saint Joseph's for the title on Thursday night.

The Hawks (24-11) eliminated Memphis 70-58 in the opener of the doubleheader at Madison Square Garden. That was good news for the Gamecocks, who lost the

Lady Vols, Spartans punch Final Four tickets

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Tennessee already gave coach Pat Summitt the record for career wins in this tournament. On Tuesday night, the Lady Vols gave her something even more meaningful — a trip to the Final Four.

Shanna Zolman broke out of a slump with a couple of big baskets down the stretch, Nicky Anosike scored 14 points and the top-seeded Lady Vols beat No. 3 seed Rutgers 59-49 in the Philadelphia Regional final.

Tennessee will play Michigan State (32-3) in the national semifinals in Indianapolis on Sunday night. The top-seeded Spartans beat Stanford 76-69 in the

Kansas City Regional final on Tuesday night.

The Lady Vols (30-4) are in the Final Four for the fourth straight year, fifth time this decade and 16th time overall, all under Summitt. She extended her NCAA record with her 882nd career win.

Michigan St. 76, Stanford 69

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Make some room, Michigan State men. You've got company.

Liz Shimek and the Michigan State women also are going to the Final Four — and it'll be a first for the program.

Shimek made a series of huge plays down the stretch, Lindsay Bowen made her only basket of the game at a critical time and the top-seeded Spartans beat No. 2 seed

NCAA Women

Stanford 76-69 in the Kansas City Regional final on Tuesday night.

Michigan State (32-3) had never even made it past the second round in five previous NCAA tournament appearances, but the Spartans looked completely comfortable when they donned their championship caps, delighting a small but vocal band of supporters that included Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her two teen-aged daughters.

But booking that trip wasn't easy, even after Michigan State beat a 13-point lead against the team that was ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll. Stanford (32-3) came back to tie the score three times, but never got the lead and its 23-game winning streak ended, denying the Cardinal a seventh Final Four trip.

Report says Panther players received steroids

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers Todd Sauerbrun and Jeff Mitchell and former player Todd Steussie had steroid prescriptions filled by a West Columbia, S.C., doctor now under investigation by federal authorities, according to a "60 Minutes Wednesday" report.

In a release Tuesday, the CBS News show said the players all had prescriptions for testosterone cream filled within two weeks of the Panthers' appearance in the 2004 Super Bowl.

In addition to the cream, which is banned by the NFL, Sauerbrun — one of the league's top punters — also obtained syringes and the injectable steroid Stanozolol, which is also banned by the league.

The prescriptions were reportedly written by Dr. James Shortt, who is the subject of a Drug Enforcement Administration probe for allegedly prescribing steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.

Mitchell, a center, filled a testosterone prescription seven times, while Steussie, an offensive lineman now with the Tam-

pa Bay Buccaneers, obtained 11 refills over an eight-month period in 2004, CBS reported.

"We've heard rumors and speculation about what was going to be in the CBS report, but this is the first time we've heard the specific allegations," Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said. "Obviously, any time there is a possible connection with alleged actions that violate NFL rules, it concerns us greatly."

"We are dealing with allegations right now and we will continue to cooperate with the NFL and law enforcement in this matter."

Venus beats Serena at Nasdaq 100 in straight sets

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Big sis won for a change in the latest Williams family showdown, and little sis took it poorly.

Venus Williams ended a streak of six consecutive losses to Serena by winning 6-1, 7-6 (8) Tuesday in the quarterfinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

Meeting for the first time since July 2003, the sisters produced the same tense, sloppy tennis that has marred the rivalry in the past. But there was plenty of effort and emotion.

When Serena lost the first five games, she took an angry swipe at the hardcourt and mangled her racket, prompting jeers from the stadium crowd.

"Her racket is actually fragile — powerful but fragile," Venus said.

Then, when Venus smacked a crosscourt winner for a 3-2 lead in the second set, she walked to her chair with a glare, her teeth gritted in determination, while Serena admonished herself and screamed a profanity.

"She's definitely a little more fiery than I am," Venus said. "I keep it a little more even-keeled."

In the tiebreaker, Serena pushed a forehand into the net to fall behind 9-8, then flung her racket and buried her face in her hands. She sailed a backhand long on match point, and Venus raised her arms in jubilation.

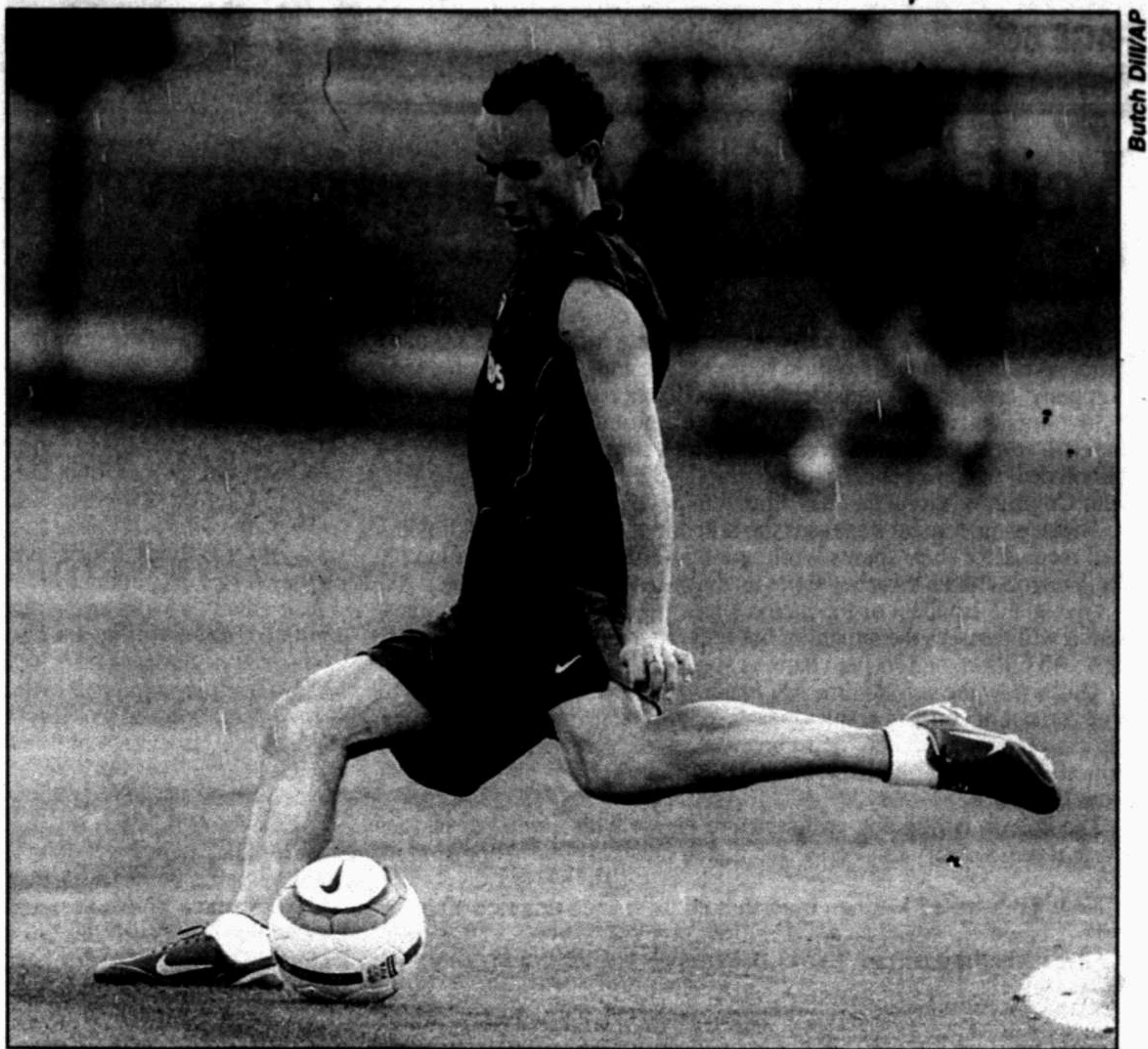
The sisters met at the net and hugged, and Venus consoled her

younger sister with a pat on the back. Venus grinned and waved to the crowd, then gestured to Serena and applauded by patting her racket.

"In the last matches Serena just always played better," Venus said. "She won them. I was happy at least that a Williams won. Obviously I would have loved to have won, but for me it's like the past now."

The defeat ended a 21-match winning streak at Key Biscayne for No. 3-seeded Serena, the three-time defending champion. Venus has also won the tournament three times.

"There was nothing I could do in the first set, but I had plenty of chances in the second," Serena said. "We should still be out there."



WORKING HARD U.S. national soccer player Landon Donovan kicks the ball during a practice session Tuesday in preparation for today's World Cup qualifying match against Guatemala in Birmingham, Ala.

Futbol takes center stage in SEC country

By Ronald Blum

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Futbol, not football, takes over Legion Field on Wednesday night when the United States plays Guatemala in the Americans' first home game in the final round of World Cup qualifying.

At the stadium where Bear Bryant wore his houndstooth hat and Joe Namath became a star, fans figure to be cheering "U-S-A! U-S-A!" instead of "Roll, Tide, Roll!"

The faded sign across the now-closed upper deck still reads "Football Capital of the South" and when people talk about going for ribs, they're likely talking about a meal at Dreamland, not ways for defenders to get attacking players out of the game.

"It's good to see a lot of American flags," forward Eddie Johnson said Tuesday.

While the stadium was empty, this city has been a comfortable spot for the U.S. team following Sunday's 2-1 loss in the smog and altitude of Mexico City. The U.S. Soccer Federation has picked sites where it hopes to see

a patriotic crowd for the team's home dates — the Costa Rica game will be in Salt Lake City and the Mexico match in Columbus, Ohio, with the meeting against Trinidad and Tobago likely in Hartford, Conn.

The idea is to create a home-field advantage.

"We're going to see Guatemala's fans when we go to Guatemala City," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said. "We shouldn't be seeing more of them here. That's one of the ideas."

Mexico (2-0) leads the final round of qualifying in the North and Central American and Caribbean region with six points, two ahead of Guatemala (1-0-1) and three in front of the United States and Costa Rica (both 1-1). The top three teams advance to next year's tournament in Germany, and the fourth-place team goes to a playoff against an Asian nation for another berth.

It's the start of a key stretch for the U.S. team, which plays four of its next five qualifiers on American soil.

"You put one step into the World Cup if you win your games at home," U.S. captain

Claudio Reyna said. "We shouldn't get too anxious, it's only the third game."

In Birmingham, the qualifier has been front-page news. The U.S. national team has played at Legion Field just twice, and both were exhibition games: a 1-1 tie against Tunisia in March 2000 and a 1-0 victory over Ecuador in March 2002.

Reyna still remembers when he scored 28 seconds in during a 3-1 win over Argentina in the 1996 Olympics, a game that drew 83,810 to Legion Field. That, however, was the American Under-23 team supplemented with three overage wild-card players, not the full national team.

The USSF expects a crowd of 25,000 to 30,000 on Wednesday night. Guatemala is coming off a 5-1 win Saturday against Trinidad and is led by Carlos Ruiz, who has eight goals in qualifying. The Americans are 7-4-3 against the Guatemalans, including 6-0 at home, but the teams haven't played since 2000, when they tied 1-1 in Mazatenango and the Americans won 1-0 in Washington, both semifinal-round qualifiers for the 2002 World Cup.

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By Bruce Meyerson
Associated Press

New York-based Verizon tried to hold its ground on price after the initial agreement even as Qwest rallied some MCI investors to agitate for the higher-priced bid. But in the ensuing weeks, Qwest raised its

Rich Nespola, chief executive of the industry consulting firm TMNG Inc., agreed that Qwest can't afford to back down so easily at this point. But he questioned whether the CEO Richard Notebaert has sufficient

MCI said that in making its determination, its board of directors considered the need for Verizon's size, resources, reputation with customers, and wireless capabilities as key to survival in the telecommunications market.

By David Koenig
Associated Press

Manning's Garden

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Gold closed in London at \$425.95 bid per troy ounce, up from \$424.50 on Thursday. In Zurich the bid price was \$426.20, up from \$425.10. Gold rose \$1.10 in Hong Kong to close at \$427.35.

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Name	Div	Last	Chg	Avon s	66f	42.50	+81	CmclMtl s	24	32.55	-35	FairchldS	...	15.09
BRAT Co	1	40	38.66	-09				CmclMtl	...	34.82	+78	Fairchld	28f	30.72

IBM	.72	90.60	-.44	MichStr s 28	34.77	+20	PrdIntl	24.44	-.89	Tesoro	...	
IntlGame	.48	26.24	-.30	MicronT	d10.12	-.05	Primew g 3.60	23.00	-.36	Textind	.30	
IntPap	1.00	335.74	-1.08	MitalStl	30.10	-2.05	ProctG s 1.00	51.86	-.65	Textinst	.10	
IntlRecl	...	43.49	-1.26	Monsito	68	60.94	ProgCP	.12	90.74	+.85	Textron	1.40
IntlSteel	...	37.91	-1.09	MorgStan	1.08	53.61	Providian	...	16.84	+.47	ThermCoE	...

Dow Jones Industrials
-79.95

Name	Div	Last	Chg	ExpScript	...	84.77	+85	OptionCr	.08	20.74	-
				ExpScript		5.54	10	Oracle		12.28	

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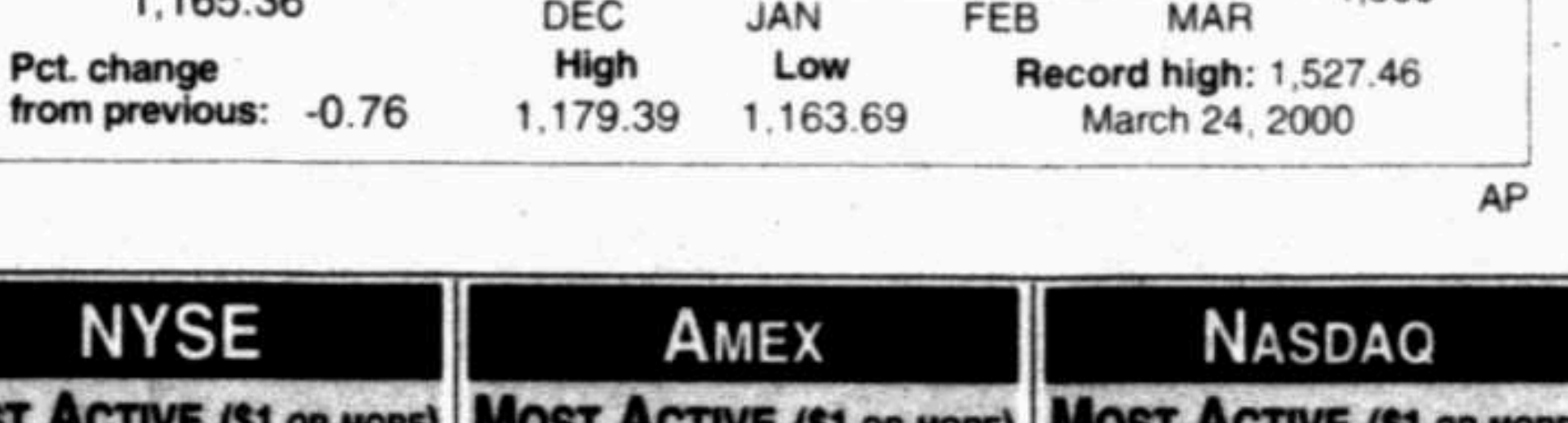
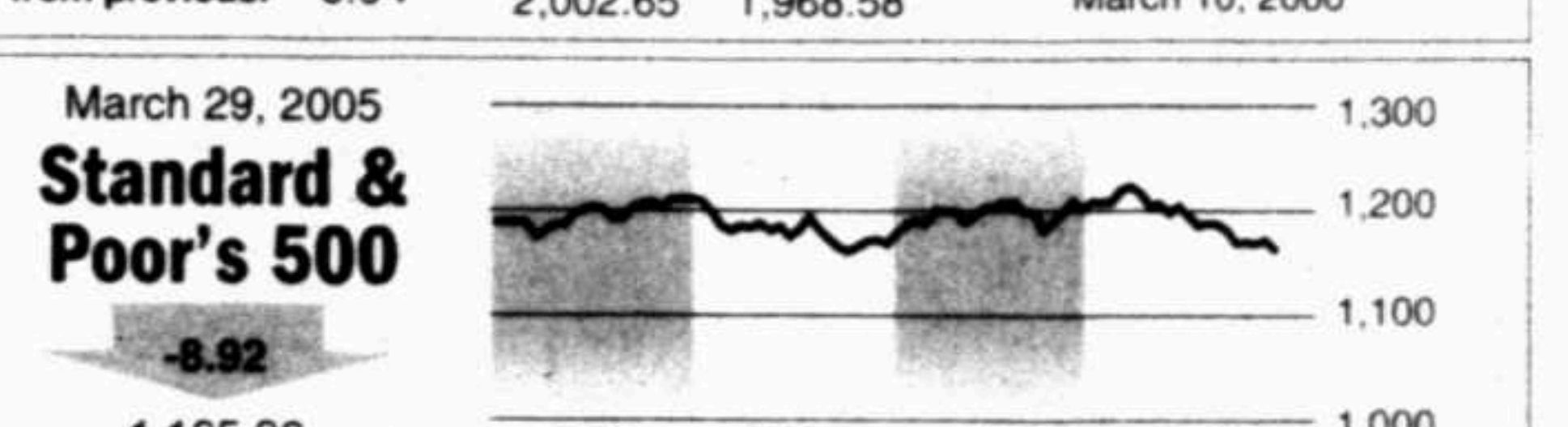
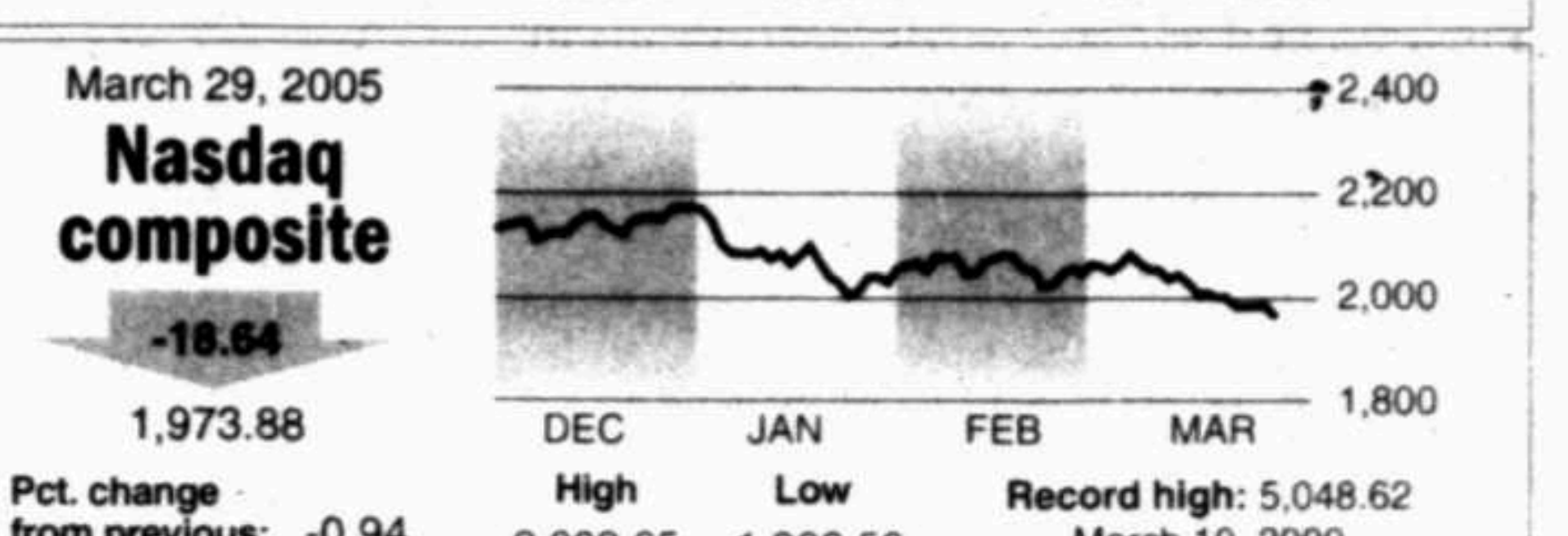
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123.45	-31	Total n	12.44	-12	GabGloM	.48	...	9.90	-.15	-7.3	Su
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ard ...	22	34.43	+07	+21.5
ntec s ...	29	21.14	-18	-17.9

sp	1.47e	...	25.45	-.06	-7.2
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...	10	24	25.18	-.31	+2.3
bg	2.72i	10	27.37	-.33	-5.5
o	1.68i	23	84.65	-.52	+3.1
Warn	...	24	17.30	-.36	-11.1
ry	...	...	4.01	...	-19.3
nrk	.44	12	51.24	-.60	-10.2
nti	.20i	...	17.50	-.16	-4.3
tech	...	31	7.51	+0.7	-10.2
...	.50e	7	24.10	-1.70	-28.9
/	1.04	15	32.31	-.16	-15.3
del	.32i	6	49.92	-2.16	-2.6
al	.80	13	59.66	+5.56	+38.0
gn	...	38	27.45	+1.38	-18.3
...	1.62i	12	34.86	+1.4	-13.9
nli	1.16i	20	55.77	-1.25	+2.1
art	.60i	21	50.77	-.22	-3.9
n	.21	32	44.60	-.51	+16.2
GRS	.20	21	33.36	-.86	+14.1
n	.92	45	40.74	-.06	-4.3
ngy	.83	17	16.57	-.14	-9.0
s	...	55	32.16	-.09	-14.6

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	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg
SP	449616		28.20	+1.99	SPDR	702619	116.57	-	78	Nasdaq100T13	739305	36.05	-	25
	493956		58.18	+1.99	SMDT	286143	31.13	-	39	Microsoft	731832	23.92	-	28
	290304		2.72	+0.02	SHJPN	218586	10.39	-	32	Intel	594241	23.15	-	15
	272221		2.54	-0.59	SIAP2000	107388	10.20	-	175	Case	482014	17.75	-	14
fam	234744		17.30	-0.36	SP EGY	91957	41.40	-	08	JDS Uniph	370067	1.60	-	05

GAINERS (\$2 or more)

	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SP	21.57	+1.99	+9.1	AccelStar	6.70	+1.05	+18.6
	49.78	+2.97	+6.0	DigitAngel	4.28	+4.1	+10.6
ic	51.95	+3.08	+5.9	CVBHQ05 N	9.95	+6.7	+7.2
	26.37	+1.52	+6.1	COH P08	3.21	+2.1	+7.0

GAINERS (\$2 or more)

	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
	lanVison	4.59	+1.90	+70.0	EDP TM	4.21	+4.9	+132.0
	ThrsdPnt	6.77	+7.7	+123.0	JR Oxford	2.50	+2.5	+121.0

LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				
Name	Last	% Chg	Name	Last	% Chg	Name	Last	% Chg		
2.04	-47	-18.7	Ceneco n	2.28	-73	-24.3	MatrixSv	4.38	-2.39	-35.3
6.11	-1.30	-17.5	Calcasieu	12.13	-2.70	-18.2	RedEnvel	8.40	-3.20	-27.6

DIARY		DIARY		DIARY	
ced	1.061	Advanced	271	Advanced	836

aged	2,235	Declined	651	Declined	2,212
issues	137	Unchanged	84	Unchanged	137
issues	3,433	Total issues	1,006	Total issues	3,245
Highs	25	New Highs	9	New Highs	44
Low	82	New Low	39	New Low	128
age	2,206,789,060	Volume	278,924,490	Volume	1,808,655,659

INDEXES							
52-Week							
Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg	
96	9,708.40	Dow Jones Industrials	10,405.70	-79.95	-76	-3.50	+23

07	2,785.50	Dow Jones Transportation	3,673.57	-67.18	-1.80	-3.28	+27.39
08	259.08	Dow Jones Utilities	349.65	-4.79	-1.35	+4.39	+24.64
09	6,211.33	NYSE Composite	7,070.53	-60.99	-0.86	-2.48	+7.35
10	1,150.74	Amex Index	1,436.63	-4.78	-0.33	+16	+15.12
11	1,750.82	Nasdaq Composite	1,973.88	-18.64	-0.94	-9.27	-1.34
12	1,060.72	S&P 500	1,165.36	-8.92	-0.76	-3.84	+3.40

013.50	Wishare 5000	009.83	-10.48	-1.11	-7.40	+2.30
10,268.52	Wilshire 5000	11,479.82	-99.51	-86	-4.10	+4.01

ARMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fare

Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	
as	...	9	2.71	+0.2	+16.8	KerrMc	1.80	23	76.76	-1.22	+32.6
93e	...	10	12.73	-0.7	-3.0	KimbCk	1.80f	18	65.45	+35	+
Ex	...	18	51.61	-54	-14.3	KindMorg	2.80f	18	74.30	-85	+1
1.44e	...	...	43.31	-42	-11.4	LexarMd	...	...	5.14	-0.34	-34
50	14	58.20	+1.8	+1.9	Linard R f	...	...	4.98	-0.90	-57	+

	32	58.26	-21	-9.2	Lubys	---	7.73	+43	+3
	.721	12	73.28	-69	+13.1	Lucent	---	2.72	+0.2
k e	.32	12	58.55	-95	+15.8	MCI Inc n	1.60	23.78	+84
G S	---	78	71.17	-1.74	-11.8	Macpdia	---	41	32.40
	---	67	41.75	-78	+29.7	MassComp	2.16e	27.40	+06
lati	.12	18	16.31	-14	-4.6	McDnids	.55f	17	31.02

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		258	1000	+200	-1.0	nmrbyd	.99		13.49		-2.0
A	.48a	15	48.99	-1.06	+2.7	NCRy Cp s		21	31.40	-6.50	-9.0
re	...	...	...	...	-0.1	Nasd100Tr	.38e		36.05	-29.9	-9.0
q	1.28f	19	32.61	-39	+6.3	NatGrid	1.84e		46.25	-44	-3.0
cp	1.12	21	25.07	+0.2	-2.1	NewsCp a	.16e		16.88	-23	-3.0
IFA	.86	22	54.68	+12	+7.7	NxtelC		11	27.76	-09	-7.0
AFB	.98	22	54.11	+31	+11.2	NetrolNet			2.75	+03	-20.0

Grp	.48	18	41.7	-1.94	-2	Novelli	...	6	5.55	+0.3	-17
	.20	26	17.43	+18	+36.9	NvMAd	1.00a	...	14.35	-0.1	-4
e			2.69	-1.3	-31.7	NvPMI	.89a	...	13.27	+0.5	-4
ck		7	24.80	-20	-8	NuvPI	.92	...	13.73	...	-1
m			7.54	+0.2	-31.3	NSTF3	.65a	...	12.83	-0.7	-7
ex s	1.60	9	57.89	+40	+10.2	NTXQI	.92	...	14.71	+0.9	-2
			1.35	-.06	3.4	OxiciDet	1.24f	11	68.41	...	82

...	22	17.75	-.14	-8.1	OptionCr	.08	24	20.74	-.01	+20	
1.76f	14	44.35	-.42	-7.9	...	...	22	12.28	-.15	-10	
...	...	25.34	+24	+10.7	ParTch	...	25	15.33	-.10	+39	
1.12f	21	41.39	+27	-6	ParPet	...	34	6.76	-.08	+29	
...	...	33.41	+47	+9.8	ParDri	...	...	5.48	-.26	+33	
1.16f	22	51.43	-19	+5	PattUTI	...	16f	38	24.04	-1.04	+24

sp	...	80	34.33	+43	+3.1	Pfizer	216	38	40.12	+42	+
sp	...	79	33.95	+38	+3.4	Plenc	781	17	25.64	-59	-
gra	1.09	18	26.45	+07	-10.2	PhelpsD	1.00	9	96.37	-57.9	-79
ant	...	...	1.44	+06	-27.6	PlainsAA	2.451	20	37.75	+49	+
Phil	2.00	9	103.63	-1.62	+19.3	PogoPd	.25	11	48.04	+03	+
am	2.70e	15	37.76	-33	-5.3	Praxair	.721	22	46.68	-127	+5
iam	2.25e	...	104.07	-69	-3.2	PmmEgy	...	17	20.00	+12	-4

...	9	4.5	-18	-28.1	Proct's	1.00	21	51.86	-85	-8
...		16.25	-42	48.4	Qualcom s	36	32	35.75	44	-15
...	14	23.40	+38	+7.7	QwestCm	...	...	3.79	+4	-14
...	32	38.14	-04	-9.5	Rowan	2.59	...	28.50	-02	+10
12m	16	4.51	+09	-50.0	SBC Com	129	13	23.33	-16	-9
30f	10	45.15	+74	+16.0	SabnR	2.88	13	37.13	-89	+3
28	23	48.28	-23	-12.3	SalmSRE	14a	...	12.47	-13	...

	24f	24	27.90	-27	+4	SanderFm	40a	10	41.77	-90	-4
hm	1.34	17	49.15	-1.61	-7	Sanrmina	...	...	5.08	+02	-4
		63	36.10	-19	-37.9	Sapient	...	43	7.28	-05	-4
cp		33	11.98	-05	-19.4	SemiHTr	1.5e	...	32.17	-39	-4
res s	16	17	44.75	-05	+25.4	SiebelHys	...	43	8.56	-03	-1
es	20	22	36.25	-95	+5.9	SignalA	76f	19	62.30	-13	-4
									5.4	+03	

	1.00	17	25.48	-26	+15	SignalSx	...	24	26.96	-07
ist	1.00	16	25.48	-26	-4.5	SinusD	...	...	5.38	+10
	...	17	26.67	-108	-9.8	Smucker	1.00	22	49.77	+23
TI	.36e	...	27.89	-54	-11.4	Solelectr	...	38	3.39	-28
Mbl	1.08	15	58.27	-62	+13.7	SprntFON	.50	...	22.01	-34
	.40	7	11.27	+05	-23.0	SPDR	2.26e	...	116.53	-78
r	...	...	9.25	-30	-18.9	SP Engy	.53e	...	41.40	-68

IF	.12	20	11.54	...	-10.5	StewStew	.34	...	22.83	-.55	+1
	.80	10	32.60	-.44	+10.3	SumMicro	...	...	4.09	+0.6	-2
hol	.48	...	9.90	-.15	-7.3	SunGam	...	22	34.43	+0.7	+2
	1.17e	...	30.49	-.41	-2.7	Symantec s	...	29	21.14	-1.8	-1
ec	.88	22	35.53	-.44	-2.7	TeleEsp	1.47e	...	52.45	-0.6	-1
	2.00	6	28.61	...	24	Teneth18	...	...	11.72	+5.3	+3
rich	.80	27	38.05	-.72	+16.6	TexHill	.10	24	25.18	-.31	-1

En	1.66	12	30.44	+06	+5	Thornbg	2.721	10	27.37	-33	-
nc	.60	20	51.95	+3.08	+30.0	3M Co	1.681	23	84.65	-52	+
in	.50	...	41.48	+1.04	+5.7	TimeWar	...	24	17.30	-36	-
er	...	...	11.56	-3.4	-18.2	Tippery	...	...	4.01	...	-
	.16	20	26.37	+1.52	+16.1	Trichmrk	.44	12	51.24	-80	-
YT	.281	20	25.49	-.03	-3.1	TriContl	.201	...	17.50	-16	-
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.54	...	...

IP	1.74	11	63.78			UICI	.50a	7	24.10	-1.70	-2
IP	32	19	21.78	+1.99	+3.9	UBWV	1.04	15	32.31	-16	-1
IP	1.95e	...	61.24	-2.14	-11.8	USSteel	.32f	6	49.92	-2.16	-
Op	40f	17	37.69	-9.0	-11.8	Unocal	.80	13	59.66	+5.8	+3
terac	...	...	21.52	+0.32	-22.1	Verisign	...	38	27.45	+1.38	+1
IP	.04e	...	10.39	-3.2	-4.9	VerizonCm	1.62f	12	34.86	+1.4	-1
2000	1.53e	...	120.40	-1.75	-7.0						

...	...	...	3.58	-17	-34.3	Vulcani	1,161	20	55.77	-1.25	+
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AROUND TOWN

■ **Midland Odessa Christian Women's Club** is to meet 11:15 a.m. April 5 at Green Tree Country Club. Guest speakers are to be Karen Norris, musical therapist with Rays of Hope Grief Centre, and Leslie Kinchen of Waco. Cost of the luncheon is \$11. A free nursery is provided at a local church and mothers are asked to bring a sack lunch for their child. For more information, or to make luncheon and nursery reservations call Linda at 694-7014 or Alva at 520-4502.

■ **The stamp club** will meet 7 p.m. March 31 in conference room at general mail facility at Midland International Airport. For more information, call Mike at 699-0202.

■ **Comanche Trails Wood Turners Chapter** is to meet 10 a.m. April 9 at the shop of George Hancock, 1709 Clark St. Odessa Vance Ford will demonstrate turning a bowl with a natural edge. For more information, call 682-1700.

■ **Children's Service League**, a volunteer auxiliary to Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, is to meet at 9:30 a.m. April 7 at the center, 802 Ventura. Prospective volunteers are invited to attend. A membership tea will follow. For more information, call Brooke Mueller at 498-2053.

■ **ODESSA — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin Career Counseling Department** and the **UTPB Alumni Association** are co-hosting a financial planning seminar noon April 6 in the Multipurpose Room on the second floor of the Mesa Building. John Wade of Edward Jones and Shelley Johnson of A.G. Edwards will discuss creating a personal budget, controlling personal debt, disciplined investing and the importance of diversification. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Tony Love at 552-2633 or Stacey Fuqua at 552-2809.

■ **National Osteoporosis Foundation Permian Basin Support Group** is to meet 1 p.m. today at Mabey Aquatic Center. For more information, call Janet Rutledge at 684-7755 or 697-4981.

■ **Midland Parkinson Support Group** is to meet 6:30 p.m. April 4 at Health-South Rehabilitation Center.

■ **The annual Lee High Band Garage Sale** is to be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 9 at Lee Youth Center, 3500 Neely. Anyone interested in donating items may bring them to the center after 4 p.m. April 8. For more information, call 699-5855.

■ **The Midland Newcomer's Club** is to meet 10 a.m. April 7. For more information call Paulette at 697-1977.

■ **Midland Genealogical Society's** spring seminar is to be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 9 at First Presbyterian Church. The speaker is to be Robert de Berardinis. For more information, visit www.rootsweb.com/~txmidlan/ or call 699-5511.

Editor's Note: To be included in Around Town, events and meetings must be open to the public.

SALSAS

(From 1D)

ly chopped
1 medium-sized red onion, finely chopped
2 jalapeno chiles, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 bunch (1/4 cup) chopped cilantro (coriander)
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
Salt
In a bowl, combine all the ingredients and mix thoroughly. Let the salsa sit at room temperature at least an hour before serving. Makes 2 cups.

JALAPENO CHILE SALSA
From "Seasoned with Sun"

4 small fresh jalapeno chiles, chopped
2 large tomatoes, peeled and chopped
1 onion, minced
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
Dash of salt
Thoroughly mix all ingredients. Serve with crackers or as a chile sauce for tacos or any

Mexican dish. Good served with meat.

ROASTED TOMATILLO SALSA
From "The Ultimate Southern Living Cookbook"

1 pound fresh tomatillos
3 cloves garlic, unpeeled
2 large jalapeno peppers
1 medium onion, quartered
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground

pepper
Discard tomatillos husks; rinse tomatillos. Toss tomatillos and next 3 ingredients in oil; spread vegetables in an ungreased roasting pan or a 13-by-9 inch pan. Bake at 500 for 15 minutes or until vegetables are charred; cool. Discard stems (but not seeds) from peppers. Peel garlic, discarding skin. Drain tomatillos, discarding any liquid.
Process roasted vegetables in a food processor until coarsely chopped. Pour into a bowl; stir in

cilantro, salt and pepper.
Serve with tortilla chips, fajitas, quesadillas or grilled chicken. Cover and store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

FRESH MANGO SALSA
From "Southern Living 2000 Annual Recipes"

2 ripe mangoes, peeled and finely chopped
1/2 red bell pepper, finely chopped
1/2 purple onion, finely chopped
2 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
2 to 3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Stir all ingredients together. Cover and chill 3 hours.

Note: Can substitute 1 (26-ounce) jar mango slices, drained and finely chopped or papayas, pineapple or citrus instead of the

2 ripe mangoes.

TRIPLE FRUIT SALSA
From "The Ultimate Southern Living Cookbook"

1 cup diced fresh pineapple or canned pineapple tidbits, undrained
1 cup chopped fresh papaya or mango
1 kiwifruit, peeled and chopped
3/4 cup diced sweet red pepper
3 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
2 1/2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper
Combine all ingredients in a small bowl, tossing gently. Cover and chill up to 8 hours. Let stand at room temperature before serving. Serve with a slotted spoon. Yield 2 cups.

BLACK BEAN SALSA
From "Southern Living 2000 Annual Recipes"

2 medium tomatoes
1 red bell pepper
1 green bell pepper
1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels or (3 ears fresh corn)
1/4 cup finely chopped purple onion
1 serrano chile pepper, seeded and minced
1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1/3 cup fresh lime juice
1/4 cup olive oil
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
Chop tomatoes and bell peppers. Stir together tomato, bell pepper, corn and remaining ingredients. Cover and chill for 8 hours. Serve with tortilla chips.

For those of you with a passion for salsa, "Salsa of the Month Club" features gourmet salsas from around the country. Two salsas are shipped to members each month.

For more information, visit Salsa2u.com.

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corporate entity behind Sam Adams Beer. The company develops new brews at the Sam Adams Brewery but brews most of its product elsewhere.

The brewery is in Boston's Jamaica Plain section, which, along with neighboring Roxbury, was home to about three-quarters of Boston's breweries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The brewers were drawn to the then-inexpensive land in the Stony Brook Valley and also to

the Stony Brook Aquifer, which no longer boasts the pure water of a century ago.

Most of the old brewery structures still standing have been turned into warehouses and storage, and they're hard to find tucked away amid a maze of narrow streets once populated mostly by immigrants from countries like Germany and Ireland. The German legacy is easy to see in Jamaica Plain's streets, which bear names such as Beethoven and Bismarck.

Irish and English immigrants produced hearty ales in Boston,

while Germans favored lagers, Reiskind said. Some of the brews shared partnerships with Boston's professional baseball teams, such as the Burkhardt Brewery's Red Sox Beer and Pennant Ale. The Pfaff brewing family cut a deal with the former Boston Braves, Reiskind said.

Prohibition forced many of the breweries to either shut down or convert to other products like soft drinks. By the time the ban on alcohol consumption was lifted in 1933, many small breweries were unable to survive as industry consolidation took hold,

Reiskind said.

At 30 Germania St. stands the Samuel Adams Brewery, which occupies several structures in a complex of two dozen buildings dating to the 1870s that once housed the Haffenreffer Brewery.

The Haffenreffer was the last of the old Boston breweries to shut down when it ceased operations in the 1960s, two decades before Koch set up shop there and reinvigorated the local industry.

Sam Adams beer fans come from far and wide to take the brewery tour, which Koch figures has drawn as many as 300,000

visitors since 1988. They come even though the brewery is hard to find and the tours are offered just six times a week most of the year.

"To me, they're pilgrims," Koch said. "If they find their way here, we want them to have a good experience, learn something and enjoy some great beer."

For more information, visit www.samadams.com or call (617) 368-5080.

Wheat germ is used to coat oven-fried chicken

Associated Press

Here's a welcome variation on a familiar theme: Oven-Fried Chicken Breasts made with a recipe whose crispy vitamin-rich coating would work just as well for shrimp or baked sea-bass fillets.

The recipe is included in a feature in Fitness magazine's February issue that gives several such homey comfort foods a makeover by getting rid of some of the usual fats and calories, leaving loads of nutrition and great taste. One ounce of the wheat germ that is the "secret" ingredient in the

chicken's crunchy coating satisfies a quarter of daily folate needs, according to the magazine.

OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN BREASTS

1/2 cup whole-wheat bread crumbs
1/4 cup wheat germ
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
2 eggs, beaten
Cooking spray

Heat oven to 400 degrees

In a shallow bowl combine bread crumbs, wheat germ, salt, onion powder, sugar and red pepper.

Place a wire rack coated with cooking spray on a baking sheet. Coat chicken breasts with egg and then dredge in the bread-crumbs mixture; press to cover with crumbs. Shake off excess and place breasts on wire rack. Coat with cooking spray and bake 35 minutes without turning, or until a thermometer inserted in the thickest part registers 180 degrees.

Makes 4 servings.

Avocado dresses salad of various greens

Associated Press

This spring vegetable salad can bring fresh color to any table. Picture it made from a crisp medley of vegetables, including avocados, lettuce, arugula, cucumber and green onions.

SPRING GREEN AVOCADO SALAD

For the dressing:
1 ripe avocado, peeled, seeded, chopped
1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
1/2 cup plain nonfat yogurt
3 tablespoons white balsamic or white-wine vinegar
1 shallot, chopped
3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
3 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
3 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
1/4 cup water
Place all ingredients except water in blender jar or food processor. Turn machine on, and through feed tube or opening, gradually pour water. Turn machine off as needed to scrape sides with rubber spatula. Blend until all ingredients are incorporated and mixture is creamy. Transfer to glass bowl or jar. Makes about 1 3/4 cups.

For the salad:
1 large or 2 small bunches fresh arugula leaves (about 4 cups)
1 large bunch fresh spinach leaves, torn in bite-size pieces, or 5-ounce package fresh baby spinach leaves (about 6 cups)
2 heads butter lettuce, torn in bite-size pieces
1 cucumber, peeled, thinly sliced
6 green onions, cut in slivers

1 cup crumbled goat cheese
1 ripe avocado, peeled, seeded, diced, for garnish
Fresh tarragon sprigs, for garnish

In large bowl, gently toss arugula, spinach and lettuce. On each of 8 salad serving plates, evenly distribute salad mixture. Top each serving with some cucumber slices, green onions, and cheese crumbles. Spoon salad dressing over each serving, and top with avocado dice and tarragon sprigs to serve. Makes 8 servings.

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down the bowl as needed while you mix.

Divide the batter evenly between the pans. Bake until a skewer inserted near the center of each comes out clean, 40 to 50 minutes. Cool the layers in the pans for a few minutes before turning out onto wire racks. Cool completely before filling and icing with Devil's Fudge Icing.

Makes two 8-inch layers, 16 servings of filled and frosted cake.

Nutrition analysis per slice with frosting and filling (3.5 ounces): 400 cal., 5 g pro., 63 g carbo., 17 g fat, 240 mg sodium, 80 mg chol., 4 g fiber.

DEVIL'S FUDGE ICING

1 1/2 cups unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup hot water
2 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
In a stand mixer fitted with the

paddle attachment, cream together the cocoa powder and butter on low speed until very smooth, about 2 minutes (scrape down the bowl with a rubber spatula as needed). Add the corn syrup, vanilla extract and salt, and continue to mix until evenly blended, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the hot water and mix on low speed until well combined.

Add the confectioners' sugar and mix on low speed. Once completely blended, increase the speed to medium and whip until the icing is very smooth and light, 2 to 3 minutes.

Note: If you'd prefer the icing to be thicker once it is mixed, add more sifted confectioners' sugar in 1/2 cup increments until you reach the desired consistency. Blend well between additions.)

Use immediately or transfer to a storage container, cover tightly, and refrigerate for up to 1 week. Allow the icing to return to room temperature before using it. If necessary, beat the icing using the paddle attachment on low speed until it is smooth and spreadable.

Makes about 5 cups, enough to fill and ice an 8- or 9-inch cake.

GM FOODS

(From 1D)

At Rutgers University's agricultural college, plant biology professor Nilgun Turner and colleagues modified potatoes to better keep their flavor when processed as french fries and to limit browning when sliced, but she said farmers haven't adopted the new varieties. Now her team is trying to give tomatoes a gene to make a compound that helps prevent cancer and osteoporosis.

Lisa Lorenzen, a liaison to the biotech industry at Iowa State University, said most Americans haven't worried about GM foods because they trust the regulatory system. She said many Europeans oppose GM foods because they don't trust governments that wrongly insisted for years that the beef supply, tainted by mad cow disease, was safe.

Opponents say genetically modified foods could cause allergic or toxic reactions and harm

the environment. Worries include the mixing of GM crops with regular ones either by handlers, or pollen — already documented — and GM foods being sold where they're not approved.

Last week, a Swiss biotech company said it mistakenly sold U.S. farmers an experimental, unapproved GM corn seed, and tons of the resulting corn was sold between 2001 and 2004. U.S. government agencies say there was no health or environmental risk.

In 2000, recalls, lawsuits and public uproar followed disclosure that StarLink GM corn, approved only for animal use, had gotten into taco shells and chips.

University plant scientists, industry, the Food and Drug Administration and numerous European science agencies say GM foods are safe.

"Nobody's been able to prove that anyone's even gotten the sniffles from biotechnology," Childs said.

But Margaret Mellon of the Union of Concerned Scientists, said there's no system to track health problems caused by GM foods.

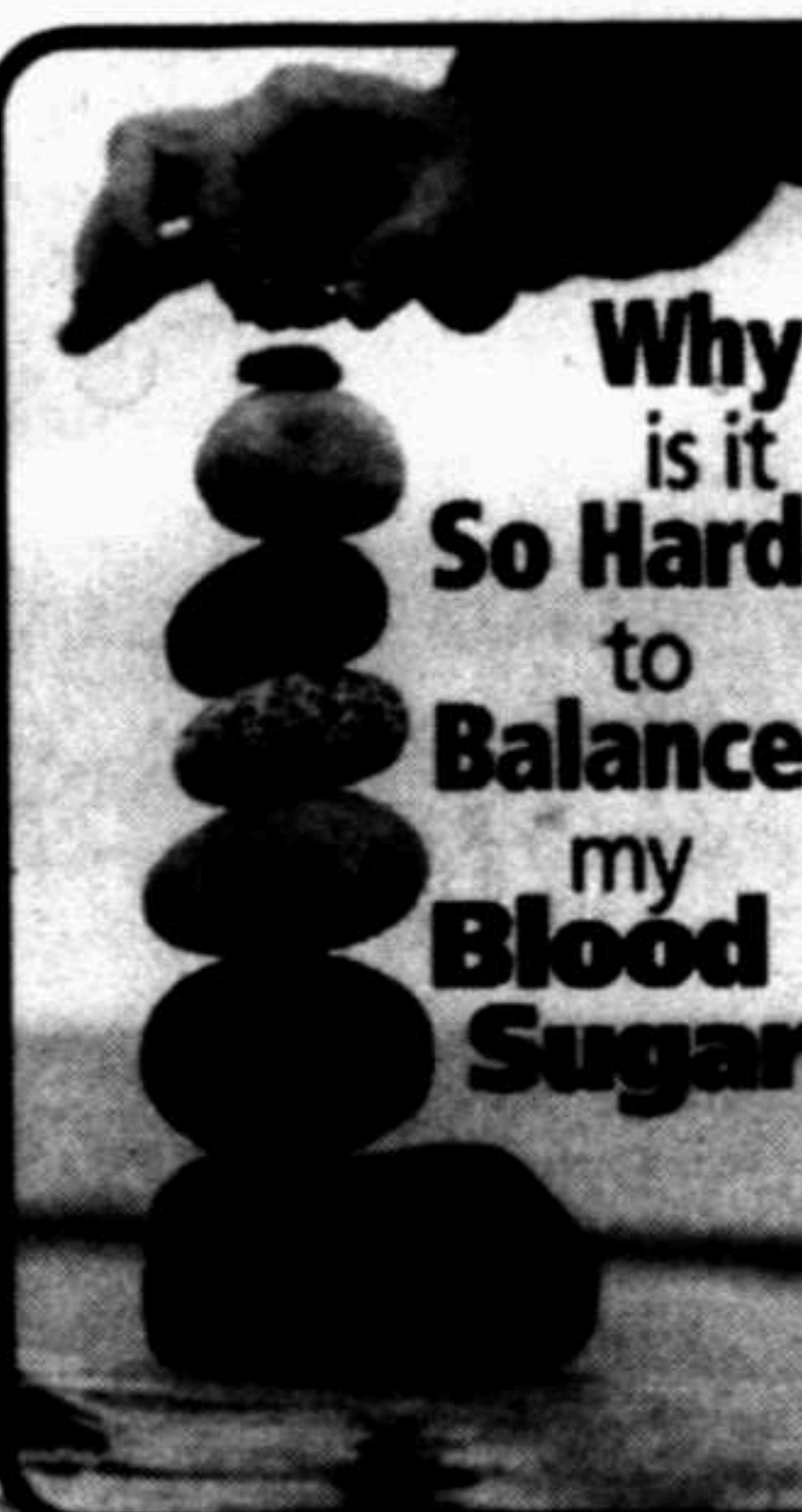
Her group, along with the Center for Science in the Public Interest, has long pushed for labeling — only required when GM products have properties different from ordinary foods, such as a higher nutrient content. They contend consumers deserve a choice if they want to avoid GM foods and they also want government regulation.

Currently, companies developing GM foods voluntarily send their data to the FDA, but there's no official approval before products go on sale.

"It's left up to the good nature of Monsanto or DuPont or other companies to do the right thing," said Gregory Jaffe, director of the biotechnology project at CSPI.

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"Never use baking soda in place of baking powder," Coppedge says. "They are unique in their compositions, which yield different results."

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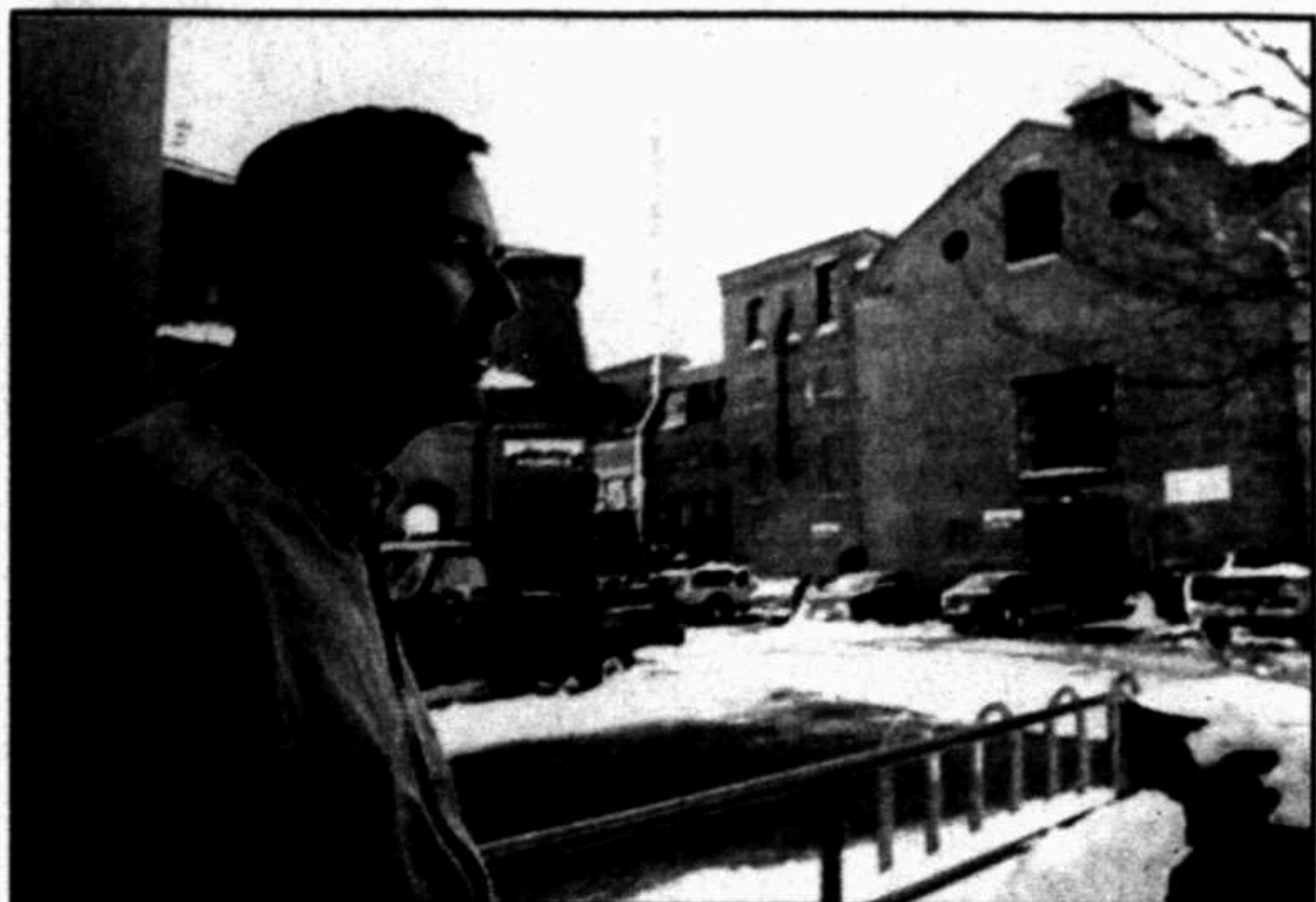
Salsa

By Joan Huff

When most of us think of salsa, we imagine the red, spicy sauce placed before us. Mexican food is enjoyed with chips. Salsa is actually a Spanish word for sauce, meaning cooked or raw. When perusing a menu, it's helpful to know what you're getting in each salsa.

Used as a condiment and southwest salsa roja, or red, is made with tomatoes, onion, garlic and Salsa cruda, or raw, is known as pico de gallo. It is a mixture of tomatoes, lime juice, onions and chopped raw ingredients served as an accompaniment. It is also a wonderful dip with chips.

Salsa verde, or green, is made with tomatoes and known as Mexican



BOSTON BREWERY Jim Koch, brewmaster of the Boston Beer Company, looks out at the former Haffenreffer brewery, at the company in Boston on Jan. 25. Sam Adams Brewery occupies several structures in the complex of two dozen buildings dating to the 1870s that once housed Haffenreffer.

Not much remains of beer industry in Boston

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston of a century ago was a beer-brewing hub to rival Midwestern suds capitals such as Milwaukee, St. Louis and Chicago. Research by local historians has turned up evidence of 31 operating breweries inside the city limits in the late 19th century. A city better known for its baked beans and clam chowder had the greatest number of breweries per capita at the time, said Michael Reiskind, a Boston historian who has researched Boston's brewing history.

But few visible reminders of the industry remain — except a two-decades-old beer named after one of the city's fieriest Revolutionary War patriots. The Samuel Adams Brewery Tour and its Boston Beer Museum

as the chief repository of the city's brewing history — a place to learn about the past and toast the legacy by downing some sample Sam Adams varieties.

"There are empty remnants, and some old warehouses left behind, but nothing else really interesting like the Sam Adams Brewery to walk around and really get a feel for what it was like," Reiskind said.

Modern Boston brewers like Sam Adams, founded in 1984, and more recent arrivals including the Harpoon Brewery and Tremont Ale in nearby Waltham "brought back a whole local industry of brewing" that began to die out during Prohibition and the subsequent consolidation in the U.S. brewing industry, Reiskind said.

The Sam Adams tour, which is free with a \$2 donation to charity encouraged, promotes

the city's best-known contemporary beer brand. It also recaptures some of the city's brewing past through historical displays, memorabilia, and even a 30-foot-long glass-lined brewing tank that has been cut open and placed on its side to walk through.

Included is a section on Sam Adams, who brewed beer for a time before fueling some of the political ferment that preceded the Revolutionary War. Jim Koch, a sixth-generation brewer whose family has brewing roots in St. Louis and Cincinnati, borrowed the Sam Adams name when he worked off an old family recipe to create his modern brew.

One of the first major Boston breweries was the Boston Beer Co., a defunct brand chartered in 1828 that now is the namesake of the

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FOR CHOCOLATE LOVERS The Culinary Institute of America's Devil's Fudge Cake is a dense cake with thick, fudge icing that is easy to prepare and quick to assemble.

AP Photo

Fudge cake is version of devil's food cake

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) — If you have an unshakable craving for deep, rich chocolate that you find difficult to satisfy, then look no further than The Culinary Institute of America's Devil's Fudge Cake. A true chocolate-lover's dream, the dense cake and thick fudge icing are easy to prepare and quick to assemble.

Devil's Fudge Cake is a version of devil's food cake, the classic American preparation that first emerged around the turn of the century. Many have pondered the reasoning behind its mischievous name. Some believe it was labeled devil's food cake because of its sinfully delicious taste. Others lean toward the cake's reddish-brown color as the inspiration behind its title.

"Although we can't say for sure how devil's food cake acquired its name, we can explain how it gets its distinctive color," said Richard Coppedge, professor in baking and pastry arts at the institute.

The rich look of devil's food is the result of a chemical reaction between cocoa powder (a naturally acidic ingredient) and baking soda (an alkaline ingredient). When combined with baking soda, cocoa takes on a dark, red color. Baking soda also contributes to the leavening of the cake.

On the downside, adding too much baking soda can lend a chemical taste to the end product. To avoid this and other baking mishaps, measure the ingredients as accurately as possible, he said.

"Never use baking powder in place of baking soda, and vice versa," Coppedge said. "The two are unique in their chemical compositions, which create different results."

While the most enjoyable part of making Devil's Fudge Cake is eating it, the best part of assembling it is applying the icing. The goal is to slather it on. Try not to be overly concerned with using precise movements. Just loosen up and have fun with it. The icing is meant to sit atop the cake in deep, swirling pockets of fudge, he said.

DEVIL'S FUDGE CAKE

Flourless cooking spray for greasing
2 1/2 cups cake flour
1 3/4 cups sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 large eggs
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted
1 1/2 cups warm water
1 cup Dutch-process cocoa powder, sifted
Devil's Fudge Icing (recipe follows)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat two 8-inch cake pans lightly with cooking spray and dust lightly with all-purpose flour.

Sift the cake flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt into the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment. On low speed, add the eggs one at a time, beating well and scraping down the bowl with a rubber spatula after each addition. Add the butter and blend until smooth, about 2 minutes. Add the water and blend until a smooth batter forms, another 2 minutes. Add the cocoa powder last, mixing on medium speed until evenly blended, 2 to 3 minutes. Scrape

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Biotechnology is as close as local supermarket

■ Three-fourths of American processed foods are genetically modified, and many items have been so for more than a decade.

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Can animal genes be jammed into plants? Would tomatoes with catfish genes taste fishy? Have you ever eaten a genetically modified food?

The answers are: yes, no and almost definitely. But according to a survey, most Americans couldn't answer correctly even though they've been eating genetically modified foods — unlabeled — for nearly a decade.

"It's just not on the radar screen," said William Hallman, associate director of the Food Biotechnology Program at the Rutgers Food Policy Institute, which conducted the survey.

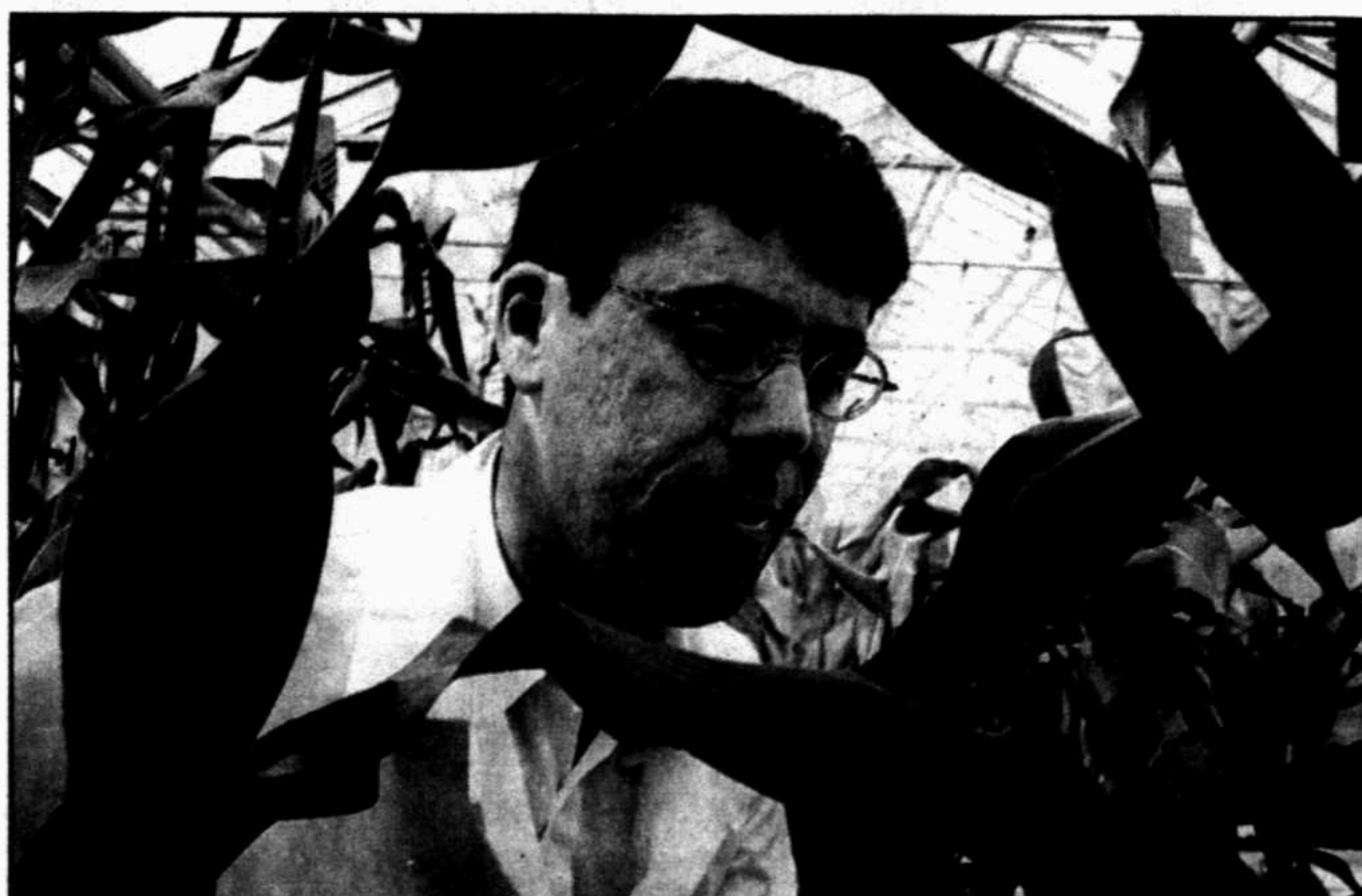
Today, roughly 75 percent of U.S. processed foods — boxed cereals, other grain products, frozen dinners, cooking oils and more — contain some genetically modified, or GM, ingredients, said Stephanie Childs of the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

Despite dire warnings about "Frankenfoods," there have been no reports of illness from these products of biotechnology. Critics note there's no system for reporting allergies or other reactions to GM foods.

Nearly every product with a corn or soy ingredient, and some containing canola or cottonseed oil, has a GM element, according to the grocery manufacturers group.

In the Rutgers survey, less than half the people interviewed were aware GM foods are sold in supermarkets. At the same time, more than half wrongly believed supermarket chicken has been genetically modified.

So far, non-processed meat, poultry, fish and dairy products, and fruits and vegetables (both fresh and frozen) are not genetically modified.



Charles Neibergall/AP

GM CORN Patrick S. Schnable, director of the Center for Plant Genomics at Iowa State University, inspects genetically modified corn in a greenhouse on March 18 at the university in Ames.

GM food first hit supermarkets in 1994, with the highly touted Flavr Savr tomato, altered to give it a longer shelf life and better flavor. It flopped, in part due to disappointing taste, and disappeared in 1997, said Childs.

By 1995, farmers in several countries had planted millions of acres of GM corn and soybeans, and processed products containing them were in grocery stores.

Genetic modification of crops involves transferring genes from a plant or animal into a plant. Nearly all GM changes so far are to boost yields and deter insects and viruses, cutting the use of pesticides, thus making farming more productive and affordable — a particular aid to developing nations.

More than 80 percent of the soy and 40 percent of the corn raised in this country is a GM variety. Global plantings of biotech crops —

mostly corn and soybeans and much of it for animal feed — grew to about 200 million acres last year, about two-thirds of it in the United States.

The one billionth acre will be planted this spring, according to the Biotechnology Industry Organization.

Experts say within several years there will be new GM foods with taste and nutrition improvements: cooking oils with less trans fat, tastier potatoes and peanuts that don't trigger allergies.

At North Carolina State University, one of the biggest U.S. plant breeding programs, scientists are developing drought-tolerant wheat and are a couple years from field testing GM peanuts that have no life-threatening allergens, said Steven Leath, associate dean for health research.

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'Minimalist' seasons pork chops with cilantro, chipotle

Associated Press

When food writer Mark Bittman cooks pork, it's easy for him to bring into play the skills associated with his reputation as "the Minimalist," the title of his weekly column in The New York Times about streamlined cooking.

He says he finds pork's distinctive flavor marries well with countless others, so his ingredient list for pork dishes tends not to be lengthy or obscure, and cooking time is short.

"I rely heavily on fresh ingredients, but having the right pantry staples around makes daily life much easier," he says. In this recipe, he gets great flavor dividends from chipotle chilies and cilantro, plus tomatoes and onion.

This dish would make a tasty excuse to open the grilling season (if that ever closed), but it can also be cooked just as quickly under the broiler.

GRILLED PORK CHOPS WITH CHIPOTLE SAUCE

Preparation and cooking time about 40 minutes

2 tablespoons neutral oil, like corn or canola
1 medium white onion, peeled and chopped
Salt and pepper
2 cups cored and chopped tomatoes, preferably fresh
1/2 cup water
2 dried chipotle chilies, or to taste
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

leaves
4 bone-in pork loin chops, 3/4-inch thick (about 2 pounds)
Chopped fresh cilantro leaves for garnish
4 lime wedges, or more, as desired

Put oil in medium saucepan or skillet and turn heat to medium. When oil is hot, add onion, salt and pepper, and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion begins to brown at the edges, 5 to 10 minutes. Add the chilies, tomatoes and 1/2 cup water and adjust the heat so the mixture simmers steadily but not violently. Cook about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until the chilies are soft and the tomatoes are broken up.

Meanwhile, start a charcoal or

wood fire or preheat gas grill or broiler; the fire should be only moderately hot, and the rack about 6 inches from the heat source.

When sauce is ready, taste, and add more salt and pepper if necessary. Cool for a few minutes, then remove the stems from the chipotles (if you remove some of the seeds the salsa will not be quite as fiery). Put the mixture in a blender and puree.

Season pork with salt and pepper and grill for about 5 minutes per side, or until nearly done; brush heavily with the chipotle sauce on both sides, and cook just another minute or 2. Serve pork garnished with cilantro and lime wedges, passing the remaining sauce of the side.

FOOD ETC.

Salsas and pico de gallo add spice to entrees, as dip for chips

By Joan Huff

When most of us think of salsa, we imagine the red sauce that is placed before us at our favorite Mexican food restaurant to be enjoyed with chips before our meal. Salsa is actually the Spanish word for sauce, which can mean cooked or fresh mixtures. When perusing a menu, it is helpful to know what ingredients are in each salsa.

Used as a condiment in Mexican and southwestern U.S. foods, salsa roja, or red sauce, is made with tomatoes, chile peppers, onion, garlic and fresh cilantro. Salsa cruda, or raw sauce, is also known as pico de gallo. Literally translated, it actually means rooster beak. It is made with raw tomatoes, lime juice, chile peppers, onions and other coarsely chopped raw ingredients. Often served as an accompaniment, it also is a wonderful salsa great with chips.

Salsa verde, or green sauce, is made with tomatillos. Tomatillos, known as Mexican husk-tomatoes

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are not tomatoes and do not taste like them. They have a tangy, citrus-like taste that can be very tart. They are the key ingredient in fresh and cooked Latin American green sauces. This sauce can be used with and on other foods or it can be served as a salsa with chips.

Salsa brava, or wild sauce, is usually made of a mayonnaise-Tabasco mix. Mole is a Mexican sauce made from chile peppers mixed with spices, unsweetened chocolate, peanuts and other ingredients.

Guacamole, made with avoca-

dos is also considered a salsa. When buying avocados, look for those that are soft or slightly soft. To keep guacamole from turning black, squeeze a little lemon juice on the top. Cover with plastic wrap pressed into the surface so there are no air pockets.

Fresh fruit salsas have also become popular. Made with pineapple, mango and other fruits, these are chopped and combined to make delicious salsas.

When making pico de gallo or salsa, ingredients should be finely chopped but not minced. Be very careful not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth after chopping or handling chili peppers. It can be very painful. Wash your hands thoroughly after handling them.

SALSA DIABOLIQUE From "The Pink Adobe Cookbook"

6 (3 pounds) ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped coarse
1/4 cup each coarsely chopped

red and yellow onions
2 shallots, chopped
1 3/4 ounce can pickled jalapeno peppers, chopped
1 ounce bull shot mix (4 ounces beef consommé combined with 1 1/2 ounces vodka)
1 teaspoon chopped fresh cilantro or ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Let stand at least 1 hour to allow all ingredients to blend. Serve with tortilla chips.

SALSA VERDE From "The Food of Santa Fe"

1 pound tomatillos, husks removed, chopped, or 1 11-ounce can tomatillos, drained
1/2 cup diced white onion
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 or 3 serrano chiles, seeds included, minced
1 bunch (1/4 cup) chopped fresh cilantro
Sugar and salt to taste

If serving the sauce as a fresh salsa, combine all the ingredients in a bowl. Add sugar and salt to taste. Allow the salsa to sit for an hour before serving to allow the flavors to blend.

To serve the sauce hot, combine the tomatillos, onion, garlic and chiles in a pan. Simmer over low heat for a couple of minutes, until the tomatillos are soft but still colorful. Add the sugar and salt to taste.

For a chunky sauce, stir in the cilantro and serve. Otherwise, put the sauce in a blender or food processor and puree until smooth. Add the cilantro and serve. Makes 2 to 2 1/2 cups.

MEXICAN SALSA From "Simply Simpatico"

1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
2 tablespoons crushed red chili
1/2 teaspoon cumin powder
1/2 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon salt
2 garlic cloves, minced (or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder)
2 teaspoons vinegar

Juice of half a lemon
Combine all ingredients and mix well. Let stand for 3 hours. Keep in refrigerator. Excellent with tacos or as a dip for tortilla chips.

GUACAMOLE DIP From "Sampler"

2 to 3 avocados, mashed
1 medium tomato, minced
1/2 small white onion, chopped
1 (4 ounce) can chopped green chilies
1 to 2 teaspoons lime juice
1/2 tablespoon chopped cilantro, optional
Seasoning salt to taste
Pepper to taste
Tabasco to taste
Mix everything together. Chill. Serve with tortilla chips.

PICO DE GALLO From "The Foods of Santa Fe"

2 medium sized tomatoes, finely

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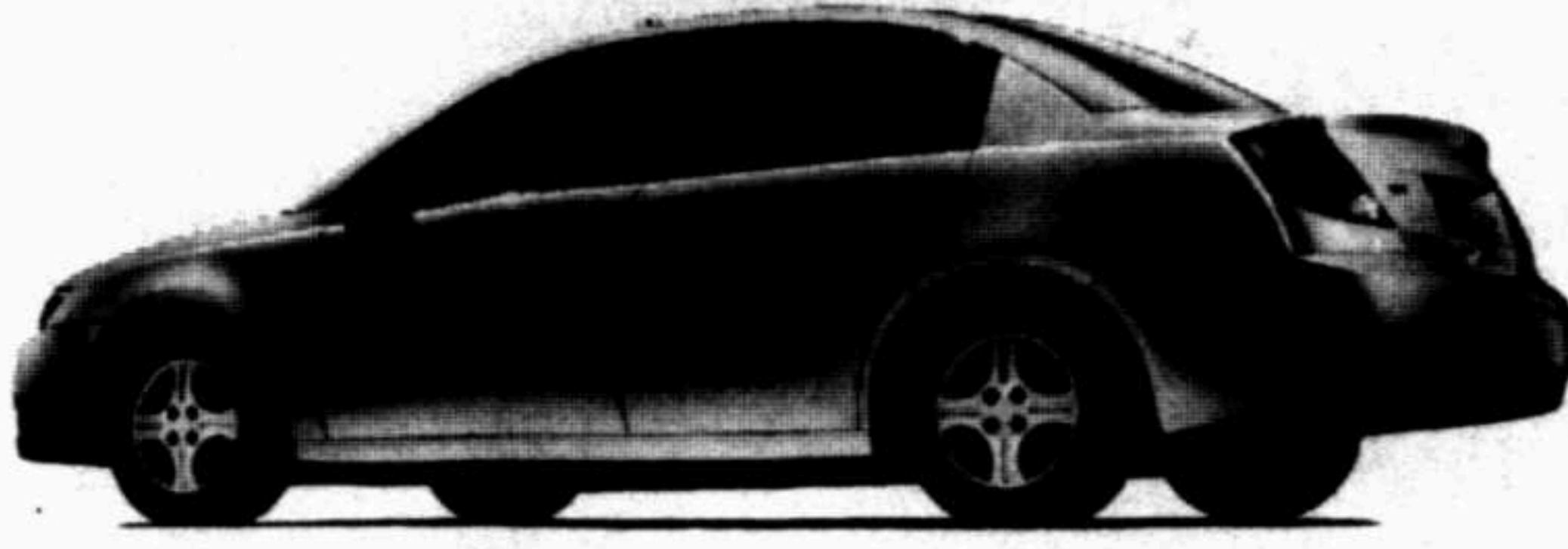
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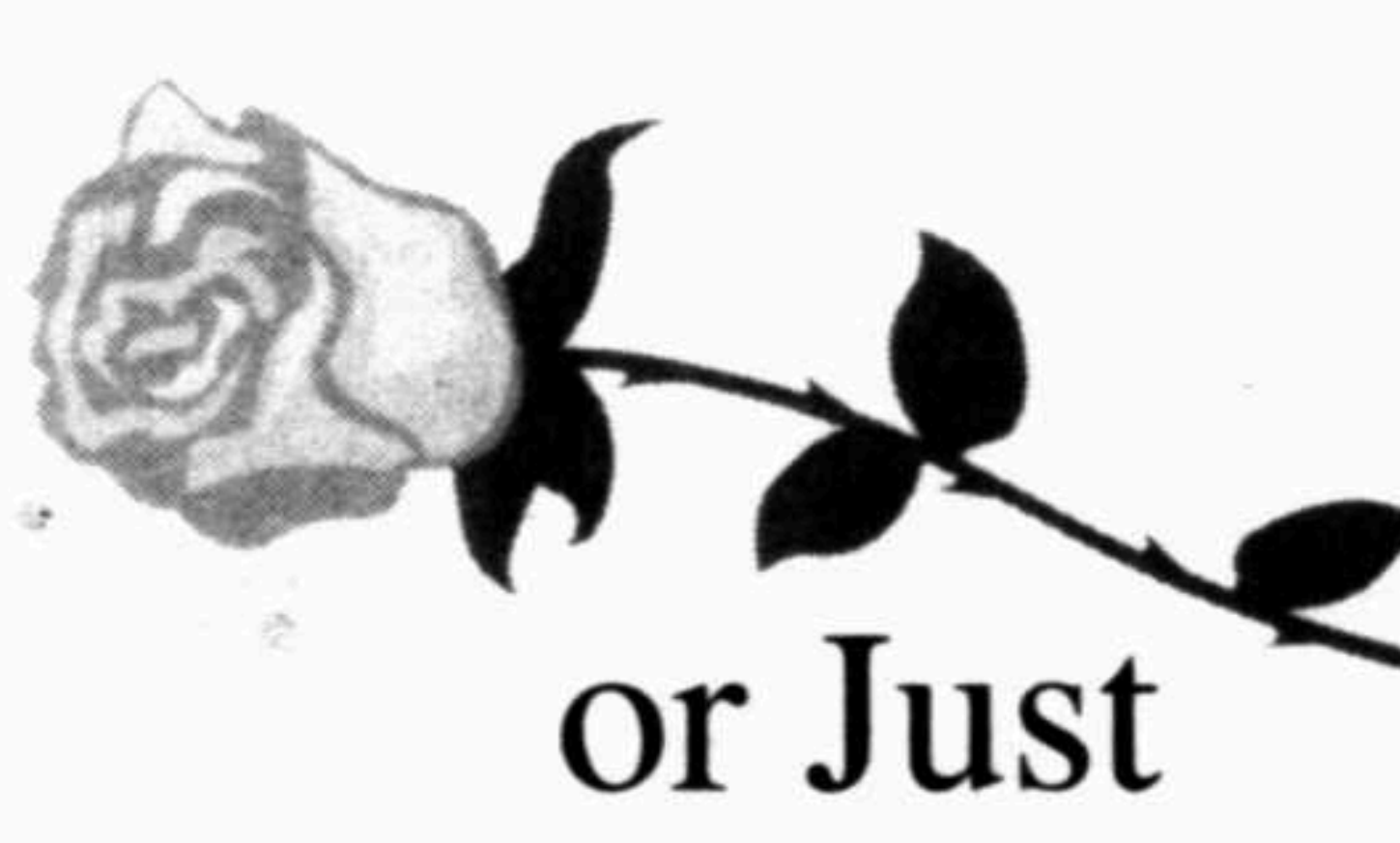
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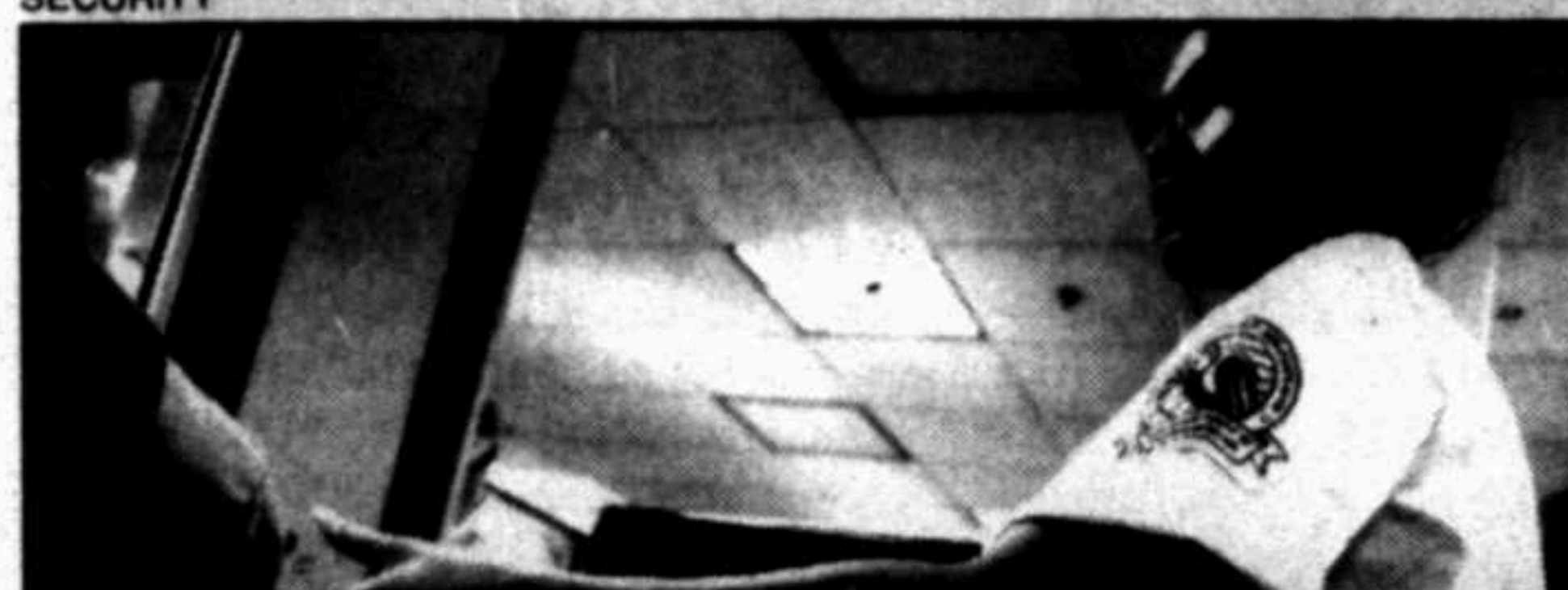
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(254)644-4102.

NEW TODAY

CRESCENT CITY

Seafood is now hiring part-
time hostess and service
team members. Looking
for energetic hard working
team players. Apply within
3303 North Midkiff, Suite
102 between 2:00 and
4:00 pm.

NEW TODAY

DEMOLITION NEEDED

Between two rooms, car-
pentry, and structural
integrity help needed. If
experienced call 683-
2880.

NEW TODAY

DRIVER WANTED

Must have Class A CDL and flat
bed experience. Good
pay! Benefits! Health and
dental insurance. Home
most nights and week-
ends. Come in and fill out
application at 1500 W. I-
20, Odessa, TX or call
(432)580-5353 to make
sure we are still accepting
applications. Monday-
Friday, 8-5.

310 General Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

DRIVER/General office,

hours until 8:00pm. Part
time custodial, evenings.
Applications accepted in
person after 10:00 am.
602 N. Baird, Suite 200.

NEW TODAY

DRY CLEAN SUPER CENTER

Brand new cleaners open-
ing soon! Now hiring the
following: cleaners,
pressers, assemblers, cler-
ical, and etc. Immediate
openings. Pick up applica-
tions on site 4218 W.
Wadley.

EXPERIENCED Assistant
Maintenance, HVAC cer-
tified. Must have own tools
and vehicle. Past employ-
ment screening, drug and
criminal background check.
Apply within 4534
Sinclair Ave.

NEW TODAY

EXPERIENCED JANITOR

needed for commercial
cleaning. Full time time
temp to hire position. Call
432-683-7277 for appoint-
ment.

NEW TODAY

FIELD TECHNICIAN

National Service
Company providing
residential commercial
assembly and merchand-
ising for retail stores
seeks employee in
Midland/Odessa area
for 30 hours per week.
Must have reliable
transportation, cordless
drill and email access.
Training provided.
\$12.00 +/- hour. Apply
online at:

www.energipersonnel.com

NEW TODAY

Full Time Warehouse

And Delivery help needed.
Must have clean driving
record and professional
appearance. Some experi-
ence required. Must pass
drug test and must be at
least 21 years old. Apply in
person at The Sleep Shop,
3303 West. Illinois in
Midland.

NEW TODAY

GENERAL LABORERS

Now hiring PT Banquet
Servers for nights, week-
ends & holidays. Call 432-
683-7277 for application
to fill out application.
www.energipersonnel.com

NEW TODAY

GREEN TREE Country

Club seeks top quality
experienced Banquet
Servers and Dining Room
Servers to join their team of
outstanding servers. Top
Pay, great working condi-
tions, friendly manage-
ment, and the best mem-
bers in town. Drug and
background checks are
required, no phone calls.
Apply in person Tuesday
thru Friday 9 to 5.

NEW TODAY

INTERIOR DECORATOR

needs warehouse person-
nel to handle shipping &
receiving. General carpentry
skills required. Please
submit resume to P.O. Box
50790, Midland, TX 79710.

NEW TODAY

NOW HIRING

Smiling
Faces for all positions at
Fuddruggers. Apply in per-
son between 2-5 pm. No
phone calls, please.

310 General Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

NOW HIRING!

Brooks Grocery- Positions
for part time Cashiers and
stockers. Saturday and
Sunday work is required.
Apply in person at our
2200 Rankin Hwy. loca-
tion.

NEW TODAY

KENT KWIK

24 Hour * Job Hotline
520-4053 ext. 371

NEW TODAY

KITCHEN HELP

some experience helpful. Please
apply in person at 2100
Castelford Road. No
phone calls please. EOE.

NEW TODAY

LABORERS

Now hiring Full Time
Laborers for local manu-
facturing company.
Welding experience helpful
but not required. Come by
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between 8:00am and
4:00pm Monday thru
Friday.

NEW TODAY

LOTS OF JOBS!

Sonic Drive in taking
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evening shifts available,
full or part-time, flexible
schedules. We will work
with you! Above average
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Drive or 1109 N. Midkiff.

NEW TODAY

MOLLY MAID

• Great Hours & Pay
• Paid Training &
Holidays
• Use of Company Car
Bilingual preferred
Call (432)694-1700.
EOE

NEW TODAY

NAIL TECHS/ hair-

dressers. Must have some
experience. Call Terri Moss at
659-0055.

NEW TODAY

NEED HELP with attic ladder

and opening for finish-
ing out an attic. 683-2880.

NEW TODAY

NEED HELPER to help set

up mobile homes.
Experience preferred but
will train if necessary. \$800
per hour. Must have driv-
ing license and transpor-
tation. Call Bill, 520-9416.

NEW TODAY

New Restaurant, Italian Village

is now hiring experienced
waitstaff, Italian cook and
serious experienced host-
esses. Apply in person at
4610 N. Garfield, Ste B-11.
No calls.

NEW TODAY

NOW HIRING cashiers

and counter help. Apply in
person at Michael's Char-
coal Grill, 723 W.
Wadley.

NEW TODAY

NOW HIRING full time

hairstylists for fast paced
salon specializing in hair-
cuts, styles, color and
waxing. Hourly pay plus
commission. Paid training,
great benefits, flexible
schedules, great place to
improve your skills and
build a clientele! Call 432-
689-9927 or apply @ 2215
N. Midland Drive, Suite
2D.

NEW TODAY

NOW HIRING Smiling

Faces for all positions at
Fuddruggers. Apply in per-
son between 2-5 pm. No
phone calls, please.

NEW TODAY

APPLY TODAY!

3206 Midkiff

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Team Leaders up to \$8.00 DOE
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- ★ Start date
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Individual should have sales
experience and be able to handle
young adults. Must have a van and
insurance. If interested please call

Robert 956-227-2419

310 General
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

NOW HIRING! Lawrence
Bros. Grocery- Positions
for part time Cashiers and
stockers. Saturday and
Sunday work is required.
Apply in person at our
2200 Rankin Hwy. loca-
tion.

310 General
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

TEXAS BOIL WEEVIL
Eradication
Foundation

Field Unit Supervisor
Garden City Zone
Office
127 Keathley
www.tx.boilweevil.org

310 General
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

OUTLAW DELI

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
for kitchen and
counter help (experi-
enced) \$8-12/hr. Must be
4410 N. Midkiff, Ste B2B

310 General
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

PAINTER WANTED, experi-
enced preferred. Looking
for an inshop painter. Call
for appointment 432-682-
9010

310 General
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

PROGRESSIVE VETERINARY

Hospital seeking experienced full
time technician. Send
reply to: Box P-6073, c/o
Midland Reporter-Tele-
gram, P.O. Box 1650,
Midland, TX 79702.

310 General
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

RANCH HOUSE is seek-
ing part time help. Great
earnings. Verla. Independent
Rep. 432-520-0119.

310 General
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

AVON NEEDS YOU!

Part/ Full-time. Great earn-
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310 General
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

WING STOP

Fast and friendly Cashiers
and Cooks wanted for high
volume store. Apply in per-
son after 4 p.m. at 3323 N.
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NEW TODAY

WORK AROUND your
schedule. Earn \$450-
\$500 weekly part time or
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**COME JOIN OUR
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like working in a small nursing home? Then,
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Valley Care is 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 applica-
tions for a DON. For immediate consideration
fax your resume to 432-837-7076 or call 432-
837-3343. Alpine Valley Care Center is an
E.O.E.

312 Professional
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

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 engi-
neering aspects of CBM development in the
Powder River Basin of Wyoming. The suc-
cessful 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

311 Medical
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Our friendly family dental
practice has an immediate
opening for a responsible,
energetic, chairside assist-
ant with at least 3 years
experience. Call 682-0786
between 9:00am and
3:00pm Tuesday through
Thursday for more infor-
mation.

311 Medical
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

PHYSICAL
THERAPIST/
OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPIST

Nurses Unlimited is
seeking a Texas
licensed Physical
Therapist for a salaried
part-time or pm position
and an Occupational
Therapist for a salaried
part-time position in the
Midland/Odessa area.
Flexible hours and
401K available. Contact
Julie at 550-1700 if
interested.

311 Medical
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

GREAT PAY!
CNA'S NEEDED

Apply in person. Only car-
ing individuals need apply.
2800 N. Midland Drive.

311 Medical
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

HOME CARE CONNECTIONS

hiring for Per Visit RN's,
LVN's, Marketing Relations
Liaison. Bilingual is a plus.
Forward fax resume to
2626 JBS Parkway, Ste
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(432)550-0535.

311 Medical
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

LAB TECHNICIAN needed
for doctor's office. Mail
resume to P.O. Box 4935,
Midland, TX 79704.

311 Medical
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

LOOKING FOR a reception-
ist for a growing
company. With RN's,
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Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

MARTIN COUNTY
Home Health
(Stanton)

HIRING PRN LVN
& PRN CNA

Call Allison
(432)756-3259
Fax resume to:
(432)756-4510

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NEW TODAY

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Now Hiring
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Fax 682-5105

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Work Part-Time, Evenings Only
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Call today, start tomorrow

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318 Oil Industry
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

KMAC Drilling is seeking
experienced rig hands for all
positions: drillers,
motors, derrickmen, drivers
and pushers. Call employ-
ment line and leave mes-
sage. (830)334-7624.

318 Oil Industry
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

MCCLATCHY BROS. Inc.
is looking to lease a 4 ton
gin truck with poles &
8,000 lb winch with 45 foot
trailer. Driver must be able
to pass DOT physical &
drug test. Must have CDL
& good driving record. Call
694-9691 or come by 3901
W. Industrial, Midland.

318 Oil Industry
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

NOW TAKING applications
for Heavy Equipment
Operators. Experienced in
offroad dirt construction.
Must have Class A CDL
with a good driving record.
Must be able to pass a
DOT drug test and phys-
ical. 1-800-834-5270.

318 Oil Industry
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

PIPELINE CONTRACTOR
needs Administrative
Assistant. Candidates
should be trustworthy, fast
learning and have compu-
ter and management expe-
rience. Mail or fax resumes
to BJB Company, 4707
Melville, Midland, Texas
79705. Fax: 432-682-
7904.

318 Oil Industry
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

PUMPER needed in the
Midland area. Come by
6748 E. HWY 80 with
resume or to apply.

318 Oil Industry
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

REVERSE UNIT Operator-
experienced with CDL
Must pass DOT drug test.
Send resume to P.O. Box
7748, Midland, TX 79708.
Salary DOE.

318 Oil Industry
Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

ROUSTABOUTS

Service company now hir-
ing experienced roustabout
pushers and hands. Drivers must
have class A CDL. Please apply
in person at TCO Field
Service, 3601 E. Hwy. 158,
Midland.

318 Oil Industry
Help Wanted

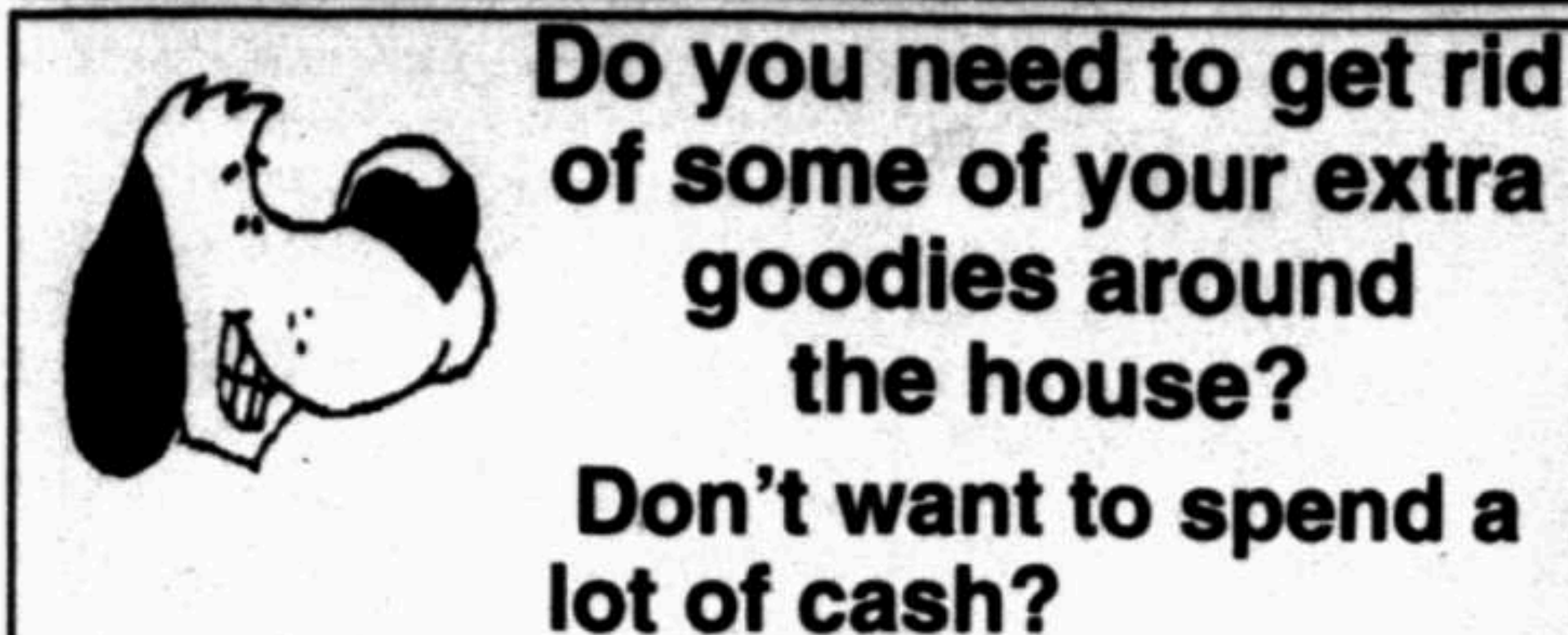
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SENIOR PRODUCTION
Engineer- Resolute

Natural resources has an
opening to hire an Oil and
Gas Production Engineer for
its Arnett Field

MARTY'S MARKETPLACE

Leading you to the best bargains in Midland and the area!



Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house?

Don't want to spend a lot of cash?

*Marty's Weekday Special

3 Line Ad
1 Item Priced \$300 or Less
Monday through Thursday ONLY
\$4.00

Call or Fax Classifieds today to schedule your special Marketplace ad!

682-6222

Fax 682-6999

*Private Party merchandise ads only. 1 item per ad. Price must be in ad to qualify. Other restrictions may apply, ask consultant for details.

FREE PHONE!
Easy credit. Free long distance \$40-1200 Minutes. \$75- Unlimited. Call 631-3381.

TREES! TREES! TREES!
Delivered and Planted. (432)685-5058

VIOLIN CASE. New Euro-sport black soft shell. Cost \$49.95, sell for \$20. Call 262-5516.

2 CEMETERY PLOTS at Resthaven North \$1,200 for both. Gary 683-8774 or 557-1927.

TWO DRAWER, 5 foot computer desk. Solid wood, keyboard tray. Good condition. \$135. 689-5403.

25" RCA COLOR TV with remote control, works well. \$50. Cash. Please call (432)514-5201.

PRY BAR, six foot long. Heavy duty iron bar. Asking \$12.00 after 9 am 694-9491.

QUEEN, PINE pedestal bed, 12-drawers, built in lights, book shelf and mirror. \$325. (432)522-1545.

LIKE NEW generator. Only used 3 times. \$275. Antique pressure cooker. \$30. 563-1970/556-5446.

BABY CRIB complete with solid wood dresser/ changing table, toddler bed and new bedding, walker, toys. Tanning bed, 425-4340.

BACK YARD gas grill made from antique cook stove \$350.00 OBO. Please call (432)522-1286

NEW TODAY!
A-1 OFFICE FURNITURE MOVED
401 West Industrial. Larger, 12,000 sq. foot warehouse. Open 9-6 Monday-Friday. 683-8181/570-9599.

TRU-CUT REEL lawn mower. 4hp Honda motor. self propelled. 20" cut. Excellent condition. \$650. 686-0988.

BUY IRAQ Dinar. The new currency of Iraq. 100,000 for \$150 U.S. (832)654-9843, Wade, Midland.

BRAND NEW Ritz 52" white and brass ceiling fan. \$50. 684-0526

WANT TO buy pitching machine. Any condition. Softball or baseball. Please call 570-7312.

430 Good Things To Do
TexasJude.com
Homemade chocolate meringue pie, and coconut meringue pie. \$10. 1lb. Judge 57. (432)557-4183.

430 Household Goods
BLACK FRIEZE shag rug, like new, approximately 9x12. Professionally bound, paid \$700, asking \$200. 697-8801.

432 Household Furniture
54" X 54" DINING TABLE with 6 matching chairs and hutch. \$700. 689-7406.

FLY ANYTIME, anywhere Southwest Airlines flies. \$350 round trip. Call 432-416-0026. Leave message if no answer.

NEW TODAY!
CEMETERY PLOT at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Prayer Section. Please call (325)456-6494 for more details.

413 Jewelry & Furs
BUYING MAJOR diamonds, Rolex watches, estate items, sterling flatware, gold and silver scrap, etc. Williams Jewelry Buyers. Wadley and Midland, 10-6. Monday-Friday, 689-2300.

FREE WHOLESALE diamond list #L02784. 1-888-349-5411 after 5pm. Email fjevels1@msn.com.

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COLLECTOR PAYING better than Dealer Prices for your Rolex or other quality watches. 694-1900/571-3222

415 Miscellaneous Wanted
SOUTHWEST Rapid Reward Tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

REDUCED
ETHAN ALLEN bedroom suite: \$550; armoire-\$850; dresser & mirror-\$450; 2 night stands-\$150 each. Cherry wood sofa table-\$175; LIKE NEW 33" oak round desk-\$250, two oak book shelves-\$75 each. Sofa \$100 each. 432-689-4953.

GIRLS BEDROOM suite-Twin sleigh bed with trundle, desk/chair, dresser/mirror. \$800. 694-2866 afternoons.

LOVELY Provincial China cabinet. Lighted glass shelves. Three drawers \$150. 694-5746.

MUST SELL: King, queen and full size bedding, color entertainment center, Lifestyle treadmill 425-8019.

FREE REMOVAL of working and non working washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, freezers. Pickup 45 minutes or less. (432)631-3920.

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GOOD WASHER and electric dryer, \$100. for the set. Please call (432)599-0813 for more information.

MATCHING SET Kenmore Catalyst washer and dryer, white. \$285 OBO. Call (432)694-7499.

SUPERIOR APPLIANCE
Washers, dryers, gas or electric stoves, refrigerators, freezers. Delivery and warranty available. Free appliance removal. 3408 Thomas Dr., Midland. (432)262-6313.

450 Sporting Goods
ATEC CASEY Pro pitching machine, two wheels. \$1,500 obo. 689-9528. 688-3422.

BROWNING 270 B. O. S. S. system. Black synthetic, scope. 432-694-7499.

GREEN TREE full golf membership. Call 697-6100.

GUL BRANSEN-
Equinox 280, music computer, beautiful tone, nice looking piece of furniture. \$1,500. (432)689-0301

UPRIGHT PIANO. Looks good. Needs tuning. \$50. 432-694-8437.

CABLE NELSON baby grand piano. Circa 1933. \$2,500. (830)895-9882.

SHARP MINI stereo system, 3 CD, dual cassette, AM/FM radio. \$50 cash. 352-7852. Odessa.

PETS AT Peace now providing cremations and burials. Pre-need, 12 months, 0% interest. 620-8677.

FREE TO good home. Female 1/2 dachshund, 1/2 7/8 years old. Very sweet. 432-684-7175.

REGISTERED LAB puppies- Yellow and black, born 02-27-05. 699-7810.

ST. BERNARD puppies for sale. Date of birth 2/2/05. One handsome prince left \$350. Three beautiful ladies \$400 each. 520-2586.

AKC BRITANNY puppies, orange and white, 2 males, welp date 01/15/05, both parents hunt, champion bloodlines, shots given. Call 432-756-2605 or 432-270-3805.

TAKING CARE of your dog. Removal of dog poop from your yard. Six-Ten dollars per yard. Refer a friend discounts. Call 432-218-6403 or email kbells4321@yahoo.com today.

AKC LAB puppies. Taking deposits. Black females. Great background. Vet checked. Parents on premises. DNA certified. 432-349-6858.

NEW TODAY!
YORKIE T-CUP, 6 months old, AKC registered, paid \$1500. Will consider any offers. Please call 432-694-0228.

FOR SALE: Dachshunds Shih Tzus, Labs, Chihuahuas, Shetlands and more. Wooden dog houses and much more. Adobe Wells, 687-6388.

WHEELCHAIR- EVEREST & Jennings, good condition. \$250. OBO. \$100.(XXX)XXX-XXXX

TOTAL GYM Exercise machine, \$150. 694-8437.

410 Miscellaneous
WHEN PLACING YOUR AD IN CLASSIFIED Be Sure to Put "New Today" banner to be placed on your ad \$3.00 Extra 682-6222

410 Miscellaneous
WANT TO buy pitching machine. Any condition. Softball or baseball. Please call 570-7312.

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SOUTHWEST SOFA, matching love seat, asking \$750.00 for the set. Please call (432)599-0813 for details.

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KING Beauty Rest waterbed, complete, (no leaks). Comfortable good condition. \$40.00 (432)631-2216

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FOR SALE Bedroom set, 2 end tables and a coffee table. Call (432)262-6051

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