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Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio stands outside his Capitol Hill office Thursday. Glenn, 76, who made history as the first American to orbit the earth back in 1962, is getting another chance to journey back into what he once described as that "beautiful blue" horizon. NASA officials have decided to grant the Ohio senator and former Marine pilot's longstanding request to make him the world's oldest astronaut. Glenn's press secretary Jack Sparks is at left. Story page 6A

Herman accused

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary Alexis Herman denied allegations Thursday that she had sold her influence in the White House and said she "will not be distracted" by a Justice Department inquiry. President Clinton, too, defended Herman when asked about the accusation shortly before the two were to appear in New York. "I don't believe that for a minute," he said.

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Life on Mars?

WASHINGTON — Organic chemicals found in a Martian rock may be contamination from Earth and not evidence of life on the Red Planet, new studies suggest. But NASA scientists say the reports "don't shake our belief one bit."

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Texas settles tobacco lawsuit for \$14 billion

■ Texas to receive more than any other state to settle with tobacco industry so far.

By Katie Fairbank
Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas officials agreed Thursday to a settlement of at least \$14 billion to end the state's lawsuit against the tobacco industry, a source who requested anonymity told The Associated Press.

Details of the settlement will be announced today in Austin, the source said.

Jury selection had been scheduled to begin today in Texarkana. The court dismissed the panelists late Thursday.

Texas becomes the third state to strike a deal while preparing to fight Big Tobacco in court. The Lone Star State's settlement is the biggest yet, nearly matching the combined \$14.7 billion negotiated with Florida and Mississippi. However, 15 percent of the total will go to private attorneys who had invested in the Texas case.

Texas sued eight tobacco companies and three trade groups for reimbursement of about \$8.6 billion in Medicaid funds spent on Texans' smoking-related illnesses dating to 1968. With damages, the lawsuit grew to \$14 billion.

Another 37 states have lawsuits pending, with Minnesota's trial scheduled next Tuesday.

A \$368.5 billion "global" settlement between the 40 states that sued and the industry, which would have paid Texas around \$13 billion, is awaiting congressional debate.

Texas filed suit in March 1996, contending the companies broke state and federal laws that prohibit deceptive trade and fraud. It charged the industry with manipulating nicotine levels to cause addiction and aiming advertising at children to lure "replacement smokers."

The industry has said that it sold a product that was legal in Texas and provided bounteous tax revenues for the state.

Insiders say the proposed payout will be between \$14 billion and \$15 billion and paid over 25 years to reimburse the state for Medicaid bills and other health-related expenses.

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Murder weapon

Melchora Vasquez, chief clerk for Harris County's trial exhibits, returns the pickax used by condemned killer Karla Faye Tucker in the 1983 killing of Jerry Dean, Thursday in Houston. Related story on page 8B.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram
Priti Moody, from left, Sandhya Sharma, Linh Luu and Tim O'Hara talked to Lee Freshman students earlier this week about their experiences at the Texas Academy of Math & Science. The academy, at the University of North Texas, is for high school-age students to take college-level courses.

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland teens get a course in college life

Imagine being just 14 to 16 years old and attending college at the University of North Texas in Denton.

That's the route Laura and Michael Ham and other high school-aged Midlanders have undertaken in a Texas Education Agency program for advanced high school students.

It's called the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science and allows students to earn a high school diploma as freshmen and sophomores at UNT.

Midland participants recently shared their experiences with Midland Independent School District high

school students.

Ms. Ham, 14, and her 16-year-old brother, Michael, are freshmen at UNT. She already has skipped the sixth and eighth grades in her years at Midland public schools and would have been a junior in high school this year.

Instead she's taking college courses at UNT.

"I like challenges, and I wasn't getting them in high school, so I'm more in-depth," she said. "It's a higher level and it's more in-depth."

Ham said he also likes the freedom and diverse educational environment that college offers.

Please see COURSE/2A

Former Cisneros mistress pleads guilty to fraud

■ Agreement does not compel Jones to testify in case against former HUD secretary.

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros' ex-mistress confessed Thursday to counts related into a special prosecutor's investigation, agreeing to serve 3 1/2 years in prison rather than stand trial.

Linda Jones tearfully pleaded guilty to 28 charges related to a 3-year-old probe into whether Cisneros lied to the FBI about \$185,000 in payments he made to her prior to his Cabinet nomination.

Her agreement does not compel her to testify in the government's case against Cisneros, her lover in the late 1980s while both were married to others.

"She is not beholden to anyone at this time other than her family," defense attorney

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Texas insurers to give discounts for hail-resistant roofs

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland homeowners will soon receive insurance discounts for installing hail-resistant roofs.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer Thursday ordered insurers to give discounts ranging from 1 percent to 35 percent for hail-resistant roofs installed on or after Feb. 17. Insurers can offer optional discounts for hail-resistant roofs installed before that date.

Discounts for the Midland-Odessa area will range from 9 percent for Class 1, the lowest level of hail protection, to 35 percent for Class 4, the strongest level.

Department of Insurance Spokesman Jim Davis said that the range of discounts is dependent on the history of hail damage in the state's various areas.

"If you're getting the largest discount, Please see ROOFS/2A

Oliver North to speak at West Texans for Life banquet

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Oliver North, a combat-decorated U.S. Marine and a member of President Reagan's National Security Council staff in the 1980s, is an ardent pro-life advocate who will be the featured speaker at West Texans for Life's annual banquet 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at Midland Center.

"He is strongly pro-life... a pro-lifer and a family man," said Odessa's Martha Fregia, who is on the board of directors of West Texans for Life.

North's appearance coincides with the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade ruling which, except under certain conditions, said that states may not prohibit a woman's right to have an abortion in the first six months of her pregnancy.

The case originated in 1970 when a Texas waitress, "Jane Roe," challenged a Texas law that deemed abortion to be a criminal offense. The U.S. Supreme Court held that the Texas law violated a woman's right to privacy, which is protected by the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment.

"We think (Roe vs. Wade) was an abortion of justice in the United States," Mrs. Fregia said of the stance of West Texans for Life, which was founded in 1980.

"We prefer to say that we are pro-life" rather than anti-abortion, she said. "We are against abortion on demand."

The organization, which offers educational services in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, "provides a lot of referral services, several types of counseling ministries, and an adoption-education ministry," Mrs. Fregia said. "We are an educational group."

In the 1980s and 1990s, abortions in the United States have been averaging about 1.5 million a year in a nation of about 248 million people.

"You can quibble over statistics, but probably about 98 percent of abortions in the United States are done for economic or social reasons," she said. "They are a matter of convenience and not for any medical necessity. We oppose the taking of innocent human life."

West Texans for Life, which started out as Odessa's for Life, is "growing very rapidly (and honors) the sanctity of life from conception to natural death," Mrs. Fregia said.

Banquet tickets are \$50, \$75, and \$100 each. To make reservations call 580-9835.

North, 55, a native of San Antonio who Please see LIFE/2A



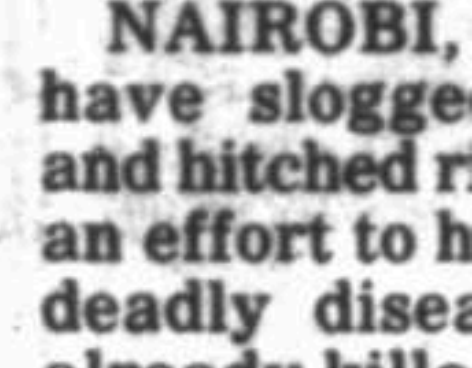
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Associated Press



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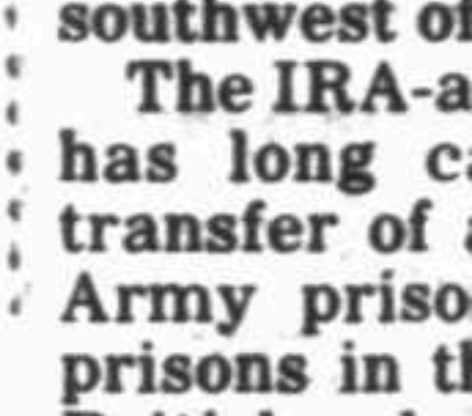
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Doctors fight floodwaters to stop deadly disease in Africa

By Karin Davies
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Doctors have slogged through swamps and hatched rides on helicopters in an effort to hunt down and stop a deadly disease that may have already killed 700 people.

Rift Valley fever has swept through northeastern Kenya in the past month, killing humans and animals with vomiting, diarrhea, fever, inflammation of the brain, and bleeding from the nose and other orifices.

The Kenyan Ministry of Health has confirmed more than 350 deaths, but Louise Martin, a World Health Organization epidemiologist, said the death toll

was "possibly double that."

Across the border in Somalia, dozens more people also have died from the virus. Exact figures were not available.

"We definitely have a Rift Valley fever epidemic," Martin said. The disease, named after a trough stretching 4,000 miles from Jordan through eastern Africa to Mozambique, is endemic to Africa.

Reliable statistics are impossible to compile because a huge swath of land in Kenya and Somalia is flooded by rainfall 500 percent above normal. Rivers have spilled from their banks, washing out bridges, turning roads into mud slicks and submerging most airstrips.

"It's a mess," Martin said.

"Very hard to work."

Just back from five days in northeastern Kenya, Martin said she and other epidemiologists hatched rides on helicopters that were delivering emergency food to marooned villages.

"We'd hop off, run to the chief and say, 'Have you had anyone die in last month? How? What did they look like?'"

Sometimes, the team would slog more than a mile through swamps to reach sick people. Often, high waters barred them.

Martin said WHO doctors have been to just 20 of 118 villages in Garissa district, and have not reached two other districts, Mandera and Wajir, which also are infected by Rift Valley fever.

As WHO investigators go to more villages, Martin said she expected to report a dramatically higher death toll.

Rift Valley fever compounds an already precarious health situation in northwestern Kenya, where an impoverished population is malnourished and ravaged by many diseases, especially those spread by a lack of clean water and medical services. Malaria and tuberculosis also are killing people.

Teams of doctors were fanning out across the region to tell people how to protect themselves from the Rift Valley virus, which is harbored by the aedes mosquito. Because floods have destroyed huts, people are sleeping beneath

trees where they are easy prey for swarms of mosquitoes.

"We're trying to get people to cover up, to use repellents and... to give them bed nets," Martin said.

The WHO also is urging that sick animals not be slaughtered.

The virus concentrates in the blood. When an animal's neck is slashed open, blood splatters widely. Droplets that are inhaled or fall on an open wound can easily infect a human, Martin said.

While some stricken sheep, goats and cows are being butchered now, Martin said she is

especially worried about festivities planned by the mostly Muslim population for Jan. 29, when a month of fasting ends.

"There will be a lot of slaughtering," Martin said. "That scares me."

It is difficult, too, to persuade hungry people who have lost crops and grain stores, not to eat their only remaining source of food.

Martin recalled asking a man to bury a goat she believed was infected.

"I can't do that, my children are hungry," he replied. "Starving is worse than any disease here."

British send IRA convicts back to Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Britain transferred a former U.S. Marine and six other convicted IRA members to Ireland on Thursday in its latest effort to show IRA supporters that their cease-fire delivers results.

The seven inmates were led off a chartered jet in handcuffs at the Baldonnel military airfield outside Dublin. A convoy of armed soldiers and police escorted them to Portlaoise prison, 50 miles southwest of the Irish capital.

The IRA-allied Sinn Féin party has long campaigned for the transfer of all Irish Republican Army prisoners in England to prisons in the Irish Republic or British-ruled Northern Ireland, where they can be nearer their families and benefit from more liberal prison policies.

Five of those transferred Thursday were serving 35-year sentences for a 1996 plot to blow up British power stations and plunge London into darkness.

They included John Crawley, an

Irish-born former Marine who has already spent eight years in Portlaoise prison for trying to run guns and explosives by boat from Boston to southwest Ireland in 1984.

In July, the IRA called a cease-fire in its campaign of violence to end British rule of Northern Ireland.

A 1994 IRA cease-fire collapsed in February 1996 with a two-ton truck bomb in London's Docklands that killed two civilians.

Four other IRA inmates were transferred to Ireland last month as part of what the British and Irish governments call "confidence building measures."

Only a dozen IRA prisoners remain in English prisons.

Thursday's transfer coincided with the first official visit of Ireland's new president to England.

Mary McAleese, the first person from Northern Ireland to hold the mostly symbolic post, told an audience of Catholic schoolteachers in York, in north-

ern England, that her visit coincided with "a very special week in the tortuous road to political consensus in Northern Ireland."

On Monday, the British and Irish governments, which are cosponsoring peace talks on Northern Ireland, presented a joint outline of the likely grounds for compromise.

Their proposals to create a law-making assembly for Northern Ireland, and to have its Catholic and Protestant members cooper-

ate formally with Irish Republic lawmakers in a cross-border council, satisfied Northern Ireland's main pro-British Protestant party but displeased Sinn Féin.

McAleese said people should "affirm and acknowledge the vision and tenacity of all those politicians who are actively engaged in this process — and on whose efforts the future well-being of so many people rests."

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Iraq dismisses U.N. protest of ban

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq rejected a U.N. demand for full access for all weapons inspections Thursday, shrugging off U.N. protests as an Iraqi ban idled an American-led weapons team for a third straight day.

Weapons inspection chief Richard Butler was headed for Iraq late Thursday to press for an end to the latest, stubborn stand-off between the United Nations and Iraq.

Iraq, saying a team led by American inspector Scott Ritter had too many Americans and Britons, refused Tuesday and Wednesday to send the required escorts for Ritter's squad. On Thursday, his crew made no attempt to test the ban, saying it was awaiting instructions from Butler.

In support of Butler's mission, the Security Council issued a strongly worded, unanimous statement Wednesday deploring Iraq's latest defiance and demanding unrestricted access for inspectors.

U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson called the statement a "strong signal" that the world was losing patience with Iraq.

In Washington, President Clinton noted that even Iraq's allies on the Security Council — which include France and Russia — had urged Iraq to drop its ban on Rit-

ter's team.

"I am very encouraged that even those who had been more sympathetic to Iraq saw through this totally unacceptable action," Clinton said. "Now we have to see what happens."

In New York, Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Nizar Hamdoun, dismissed the latest Security Council demand — the fourth since Iraq ordered American inspectors out of the country last fall, opening a conflict that was ended with the help of Russian mediation.

"I think that we have lost our sensitivity to United Nations' Security Council statements," Hamdoun said on NBC-TV's "Today" program.

Hamdoun said the only way to resolve the dispute was for the United Nations to end the "dominance by U.S. citizens" of the inspection program.

Despite their support of Wednesday's statement, France, Russia and China have been pressing the United Nations to include inspectors from other countries to reduce the percentage of Americans on Ritter's team.

U.N. officials said French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine is expected to offer more French experts when he meets Butler in Paris on Friday. From Paris, Butler is to head to the Middle East.

Russian Defense Minister Igor



AP Photo
Iraqi weapons inspectors prepare to take down notes on an Iraqi mobile missile launcher they discovered which they claim was concealed from them at other sites they inspected in Iraq in this video released by the United Nations. The vehicle was suspected of having the capacity to launch biological and chemical weapons.

Sergeyev said Russia was ready to supply surveillance planes to replace American U-2s, which fly over Iraq to check for signs of banned weapons programs.

Iraq has demanded that the United Nations stop the American flights, calling them spy missions.

Sergeyev said Moscow insists that Iraq comply with disarmament orders but added "we should show flexibility in reaching these

objectives."

The Security Council ordered the destruction of Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs as a condition for ending strict sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

U.N. officials report progress in eliminating the nuclear and chemical programs but suspect Iraq is holding back considerable information on biological weaponry.

Retired Argentine naval officer unapologetic for Dirty War acts

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A notorious former Navy commander said he is unrepentant for his role in pursuing leftists — thousands of whom were killed — during Argentina's "Dirty War" on political dissidents, a magazine reported Thursday.

Navy Cmdr. Alfredo Astiz, who has been accused of contributing to the deaths of two French nuns and an Argentine-Swedish teen-ager, became a symbol of repression during the military dictatorship that ruled Argentina after a 1976 coup until 1983.

"I am not sorry for anything," Astiz was quoted as saying in his first interview, given to the weekly cent-right political magazine "tre-puntos."

"The navy taught me to destroy, to plant bombs, to infiltrate and to kill," he said.

Astiz, 47, admitted in the interview that political prisoners were summarily executed during the Dirty War.

He noted that leftist guerrillas captured by security forces in 1973 had been pardoned and freed. "We couldn't risk that happening again," he said. "There was no other way."

In 1983, a government commission determined that approximately 9,000 people were arrested or kidnapped and subsequently disappeared during the Dirty War.

Asked how many he had killed personally, Astiz replied, "Never ask a military officer that question." He denied that he tortured prisoners "because it wasn't my job, but I would have done so if I had been ordered to do so."

Convicted and sentenced to life in prison in absentia by a French court in the 1977 murders of nuns Alice Domon and Leonie Duquet, Astiz retired from the navy in 1996



AP Photo
An unidentified member of the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo holds a poster with a photo of retired Navy Cmdr. Alfredo Astiz which reads "Murderer at large," Thursday outside Buenos Aires's Government House.

amid French government pressure.

Astiz was among lower- and middle-ranking officers granted immu-

nity from prosecution in 1987 for human rights abuses during the Dirty War.

Half a dozen high-ranking officers, including two former presidents, were convicted of murder and torture in 1983 and were sentenced to prison. President Carlos Menem pardoned them in 1990.

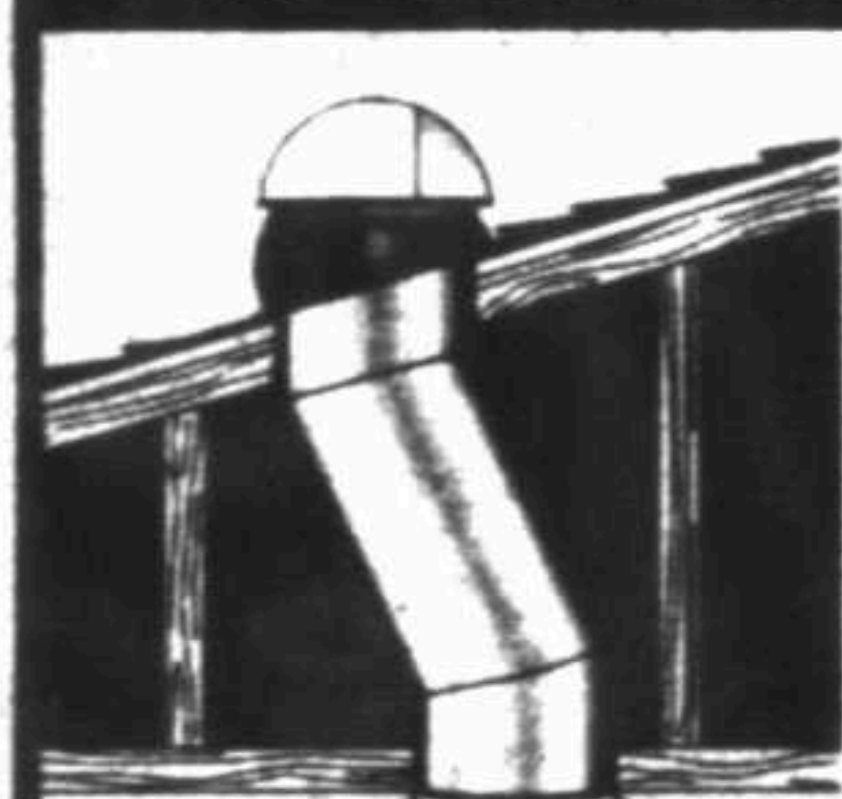
Interior Minister Carlos Corach described the comments attributed to Astiz as "terrifying" and said he would ask Argentina's attorney general to determine whether charges could be brought based on the interview.

Navy Chief of Staff Adm. Carlos Marron ordered Astiz confined to a naval base for 60 days. Authorities described it as a "disciplinary measure" after Menem ordered "maximum sanctions" imposed on Astiz.

Astiz denied that he participated in the kidnapping of Argentine-Swedish teen-ager Dagmar Hagelin, who vanished in 1977. He said he knew who was responsible, but declined to identify the person.

Astiz has been accused several times in public by individuals who have insulted him and criticized his role during the dictatorship.

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Indonesian businessman Tommy Suharto, President Suharto's youngest son, gives the thumbs up at a press conference regarding the discontinuation of national subsidies for his Timor national car project in Jakarta Thursday.

Indonesian president's family hit hard by economic reforms

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — With his car company stripped of its generous tax breaks and his clove monopoly broken up, the youngest son of President Suharto is being hit hard by economic reforms intended to rescue Indonesia's economy.

The president bowed to international pressure Thursday and agreed to a sweeping reform package that will change measures which enriched an elite circle of his family and friends during his 32 years in power.

Still, Tommy Suharto greeted reporters with a smile Thursday when he arrived — in a Rolls Royce — at his glass-walled showroom.

His stylish suit and carefully coiffed hair seemed more set than the future of Indonesia's national car, the Timor.

Once virtually unchallenged, the economic empires of the 76-year-old president's three sons and three daughters are being radically redrawn.

Gone, for example, are the tariffs and subsidies that helped the Timor compete against imports: The shiny sedan's most expensive model cost just \$5,350.

Tommy has other troubles too — the end of his monopoly on the multimillion dollar clove trade. Cloves are an essential ingredient in Indonesia's popular perfumed cigarettes.

Suharto apparently had been reluctant to implement the austerity measures. President Clinton and the leaders of Japan and Germany all called this week to stress the need for reform.

Axing the clove monopoly, however, will help Suharto's eldest son, Sigit Hardjojudanto, and his half-brother, Proboutedjo, who are business partners of one of Indonesia's largest clove companies.

"I see Suharto now starting to yield, but the problem is that he's also the godfather of the clan... and he needs to please all the members," said George Aditjondro, an Indonesian sociologist at the University of Newcastle in Australia.

In the past, Suharto has acted as an arbiter of business conflicts among relatives. When

luxury hotel owners, including some family members, complained they were being hurt by a beer levy on the tourist island of Bali and elsewhere, Suharto erased the levy even though the proceeds went to a grandson, Ari Sigit.

"The whole Indonesia economy has been hijacked by the Suharto clan," Aditjondro said.

Suharto's eldest daughter, Siti Hardiyanti Rukmana, owns 280 miles of toll roads in Indonesia, China, Burma, Malaysia and the Philippines as well as a long list of other investments.

She, too, is suffering setbacks. She is a board member of the Indonesian cab company, Steady Safe, which was partly blamed in the collapse this week of a major Hong Kong investment house, Peregrine. The cab company was unable to repay a \$260 million loan.

Proboutedjo and Suharto's second son, Bambang Trihatmodjo, had their insolvent banks closed last year in line with IMF-required reforms. They tried to sue senior government financial officials, but were unsuccessful.

Perhaps hardest hit is 36-year-old Tommy, who owns a luxury yacht, a ski resort in New Zealand, and a car racing circuit in Jakarta. Reports have said he planned to sell his stake in the ailing Italian sports car manufacturer, Lamborghini.

Sales of the Timor, which are built in South Korea by Kia, had been slow even before the economic crisis. Its reputation is mediocre — the cars are considered old-fashioned and little different from Kias themselves.

The Timor also had been plagued by a corruption scandal surrounding its South Korean partner and complaints by the United States, Europe and Japan that its tax breaks contravened global trade rules.

At a packed news conference in his showroom Thursday, Tommy Suharto said the Timor project will continue even without government help.

"Consumers don't be worried," he said, "because we are now still preparing for spare parts and service."

Hebron deal seems to be working after a year, despite complaining

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Jewish settlers shouted at Palestinian policemen refusing to let them pass a checkpoint Thursday. Palestinian teen-agers pelted Israeli troops with stones, got bored and walked away.

Such low-level tension has simmered in Hebron since 80 percent of the town came under Palestinian control as part of a U.S.-brokered agreement a year ago.

Both the Palestinians and the settlers complain that the agreement has brought more bad than good. Predictions of a big blow-up of violence, however, have not materialized.

"After one year, the agreement is working," said Israel's top army commander in the area, a colonel named Yigal who did not give a last name according to army rules.

The accord turned the Israeli-controlled downtown area, home to 450 Jewish settlers and 15,000 Palestinians, into a labyrinth of checkpoints and border markers. The settlers live in six compounds guarded by hundreds of Israeli troops.

The most visible sign of change is Martyrs' Street, a main artery that has been beautified with \$2.5 million in U.S. aid.

The road, which runs along several settler homes and Palestinian businesses, has been freshly paved with new brick sidewalks and a median strip planted with palm trees and flowers. Wrought-iron lampposts and turquoise trash cans line the street, in sharp contrast to the rest of the dusty city.

Closed to Palestinian drivers after a 1994 mosque massacre in which a Jewish settler shot and killed 29 Muslim worshippers, Martyrs' Street — Shuhada Street in Arabic — was to have reopened by now.

But Israeli army commanders,

citing security concerns, announced recently that it would remain closed.

That's bad news for Palestinian Munther Shaheen, who owns an appliance repair shop on the street.

"The general situation and the economic situation was better before the Hebron agreement," said Shaheen. "People are afraid to come down to this area now. We have more checkpoints and it's like going from one country to another."

On Thursday, four Jewish settler leaders trying to visit a biblical tomb in the Palestinian-controlled part of town were held up at a Shuhada Street checkpoint.

They tried to force their way through, causing Palestinian and Israeli officers to argue over how to handle the incident. In the end, the settlers were turned away, with commanders saying a visit would only cause trouble.

"This is a violation of the accord," settler spokesman Noam Arnon complained, echoing a familiar cry in Hebron.

Settlers say they were safer when Israel controlled the entire city, and cite dozens of incidents of stones and firebombs thrown at their homes in the last year.

"Our security has deteriorated steadily," said settler David Wilder. "More firebombs have been thrown at us in the last year than during the entire Palestinian uprising."

In the past year, the downtown area has been a hot spot for clashes, with three Palestinians killed by Israeli soldiers and one by a settler.

But the city has avoided large-scale violence, and Israeli troop commanders and international observers say the deal has worked better than expected.

Still, both sides believe the only long-term solution is separation.

Pigs on the lam capture the British public's fancy

LONDON (AP) — Two little pig-gies went to market — or they almost did, before they escaped from the slaughterhouse moments ahead of their intended doom.

The pigs' flight has set off a bounty hunt that has the British public rooting for the fugitives. Some nicknamed them Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Pig; others call them Fred and Ginger, in deference to their fancy fleeing footwork.

Faced with offers of sanctuary from across the country, their owner agreed Thursday to spare the porkers if they are captured and sell them to someone who can give them a good home.

The five-month-old pair escaped from abattoir workers last week as they were being led to slaughter in the Wiltshire town of Malmesbury.

They squeezed under a fence, swam across a river and trotted off into the distance, and have eluded slaughterhouse workers ever since.

The Express, a national tabloid newspaper, pledged to buy the creatures and send them to an animal sanctuary, and columnists everywhere celebrated the virtues of pigs.

"Honor the pig," Elspeth Barker wrote in the tabloid Daily Mail. "The pig is a positive compendium of benefits to mankind."

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Perot blasts Washington

WASHINGTON — Former presidential candidate Ross Perot called Washington "an evil system" Thursday and accused Democrats and Republicans of cheating against him in the 1996 election.

"The American people are being suckered," he declared. The multimillionaire Texas businessman addressed a National Press Club luncheon for what organizers said might be a record ninth time, dishing out healthy servings of his homespun anti-Washington rhetoric.

"These are not evil people," he said. "They are trapped in an evil system."

The ultimate evil, Perot said, is the campaign finance system. He filed lawsuits last year challenging his exclusion from the 1996 presidential debates and accusing Democrats and Republicans of evading election laws during the campaign.

Perot had unkind words for President Clinton and 1996 GOP rival Bob Dole, but seemed to take special joy in lampooning Vice President Al Gore for labeling a fund-raising visit to a Buddhist temple a "community outreach" event.

Gingrich welcomed by Hollywood

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — They may seem as rare as Hollywood musicals, but hundreds of show business conservatives turned out Thursday to hear House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

The Georgia Republican met with a growing organization of Hollywood conservatives, saluting "Ben-Hur" star Charlton Heston and laying out his agenda for the country's future.

He did not speak about any entertainment industry issues.

Gingrich spoke before several hundred members and guests of the Wednesday Morning Club, composed of producers, writers and directors. In addition to Heston, "Who's the Boss" veteran Tony Danza and "Breakdown" actor Kurt Russell attended the breakfast speech.

Gingrich was introduced by Russell, who identified himself as a Libertarian but said he and the Republican speaker have "much common ground between us."

Heston was singled out for his early opposition to efforts to stop the nuclear arms race. Gingrich said the actor, also an advocate for gun rights, has shown leadership for "his citizenship, his involvement" in political causes.

Clinton cites King's work as model

WASHINGTON — President Clinton cited three years in the life of Martin Luther King Jr. as a model for what he could do in the rest of his presidency.

Clinton paid tribute to the civil rights leader on what would have been his 69th birthday. He spoke at a ceremony Thursday presenting the Presidential Medal of Freedom to 15 Americans, and recalled that former President Carter had awarded one of them to King after his assassination.

"Until every child has the opportunity to live up to his or her God-given potential, free from want, in a world of peace, Dr. King's work and our work is not yet done," Clinton said.

"He once said that no social advance rolls on the wheel of inevitability. After five years in Washington, I know that is true."

O.J. says quote was hypothetical

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson said Thursday he was merely speaking hypothetically — "as part of a scenario of things" — when he told Esquire magazine that if he had killed his former wife, he would have done it "because I loved her very much."

Simpson, in a rare live broadcast interview, also told ESPN that the quote has been taken out of context.

"But of course they took this one thing out of the middle of there and made it as if it was an independent statement," Simpson said. Simpson agreed to the interview on the sports cable channel's "Up Close" with no conditions placed on the subject matter.

In a session featuring vigorous exchanges between Simpson and host Chris Myers, Simpson denied he made what many construed as an oblique confession when he told Esquire: "Let's say I committed this crime. Even if I did do this, it would have to have been because I loved her very much, right?"

Simpson said he was "certainly not re-examining my position" when he spoke to Esquire, adding that he has made the statement many times before when discussing various theories in the case. "It's curious because many of the very respected journalists in this country have heard me say this as a part of a scenario of things," he said.

He added: "I think in America, normally when people use 'if,' you know it's a hypothetical. You don't say: 'This is a hypothetical.' We preface things with 'if.'"

In the ESPN interview, which lasted less than an hour with commercial breaks, Simpson repeated his long-standing denial that he killed ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman in 1994.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

NASA to send Glenn back into space, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty-six years after he made history as the first American to orbit the Earth, Sen. John Glenn is being granted an aged astronaut's fondest wish: one more blastoff and fiery ride to where "the view is tremendous."

In October he'll become the oldest man in space.

NASA officials have decided to grant the 76-year-old Ohio senator and former Marine pilot's long-standing request, convinced by his arguments that he's the right test subject for research into the aging process. NASA called a news conference for Friday to make it official.

His flight aboard the shuttle Discovery in October will come more than 36 years after his three-orbit ride aboard the cramped Friendship 7 capsule on Feb. 20, 1962.

The flight allowed the United States to instantly catch up to the Soviets in the space race and turned Glenn into a worldwide symbol of American know-how and courage.

"It was extremely dangerous at that time," Chris Kraft, flight director for the early flights, recalled Thursday. And the world's reaction was amazing.

"People were standing on the streets in Tokyo, all over the world, awaiting his safe return and listening to the operation as it took place," Kraft said.



Astronaut John Glenn suits up prior to his mission of orbiting around the Earth, on Feb. 20, 1962 in Cape Canaveral, Fla. NASA has decided to let John Glenn, who was the first to orbit the Earth, return to space, officials familiar with the decision said Thursday.

Glenn himself talked about how "the view is tremendous" and exulted about the "beautiful blue" horizon during his ride. As his capsule sped back down into the Earth's atmosphere in a cascade of sparks and fire, he remarked, "Boy, that was a real fireball of a ride."

Friendship 7 was aloft for four hours, 56 minutes, which at the time seemed an extraordinarily

long ride. In recent years, though, Glenn has joked about having such a short time in space and has pressed continually for another shot.

"I'm ready when they say 'go,'" he said.

A hero of the book and movie "The Right Stuff," Glenn was elected to the Senate in 1974 after a successful business career, but is retiring from Congress at the end of 1998.

As news of the NASA decision leaked out, Glenn wasn't confirming anything. But he smiled as he said, "I look forward to discussing this in the future."

Glenn, who will turn 77 in July, has said he has no qualms about putting his body through stresses that might accelerate the aging process. He has stayed fit.

He will fly on a 10-day research mission aboard Discovery, tentatively scheduled to lift off Oct. 8.

Scott Carpenter, 72, who did the famous "God speed, John Glenn" countdown in 1962, said he was thrilled for the man who preceded him in orbit by a mere three months.

"I think it's great. I envy the spot," said Carpenter, like Glenn one of the select Mercury 7 astronauts and the second American to orbit Earth.

Apollo 11's Buzz Aldrin, who turns 68 next week and was the second man to walk on the moon, also said it's a great idea for

NASA to send Glenn back into space.

"John is a wonderful candidate because he has a high visibility, he's in great shape and he was the first American in orbit," said Aldrin.

Glenn exercises daily, lifts weights, pilots his own plane and even set a 1996 speed record in his twin-engine Beechcraft Baron.

In making his case to NASA that he would be a good subject for experimentation, Glenn argued that his superb condition, baseline information gathered during his first space training and records from subsequent yearly physicals provide a unique starting point for a study of osteoporosis and changes in the body's immune system during aging.

Glenn doesn't consider himself a civilian, but his return to active space duty marks a change in the policy NASA established after the 1986 Challenger explosion killed teacher Christa McAuliffe.

Pat Daseh, executive director of the National Space Society, said the way NASA handles the Glenn announcement will be closely watched.

"They wouldn't just be giving a reflight to one space hero. If they seem to be opening the floodgates to non-current astronauts, then what?" she said. "What about Barbara Morgan, the teacher-in-space in waiting? Does this mean she gets an opportunity?"

Clinton urges Wall Street to give minorities more jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — Saying he wants to unite "the gleaming office tower and the dark shadows," President Clinton on Thursday urged the financial industry to give minorities greater access to money and the jobs that control it.

Clinton joined politicians, business leaders and Wall Street executives at a conference dubbed the Wall Street Project, which argued both for investment in neglected inner cities and for helping move blacks and Hispanics into influential Wall Street jobs.

For his part, Clinton promised his 1999 budget would contain a 50 percent increase in funding for community development banks, more low-income housing credits and an expanded number of federal empowerment zones, designated inner-city areas in which businesses are eligible for tax breaks.

"We must bring more Americans into the winner's circle," Clinton said. "This is not only economic good sense, it's morally right."

Noting that Thursday would have been Martin Luther King Jr.'s 69th birthday, Clinton said the nation must complete the unfinished work of the civil rights leader, who was assassinated in

1968.

"Toward the end of his life, Martin Luther King embarked upon securing what he called the next frontier of freedom: economic opportunity," Clinton said. "Wall Street has a critical role to play in fulfilling Dr. King's dream."

Before an overflow crowd in the Windows on the World restaurant atop the World Trade Center, the president said inner-city residents have purchasing power of \$85 billion, yet have few places to shop or work in their neighborhoods because business ignores their wealth. In turn, their communities miss out on the nation's vibrant economic growth.

"You and I know there are still people and places in this city and in this country that have simply not been touched by all this whirlwind of economic activity," Clinton said. "And it is holding America back."

"We have to bring the world of the gleaming office tower and the dark shadows together," Clinton

said. "If it's a good argument for America to sell more and invest more around the world, it's a good argument for America to sell more and invest more down the street."

Civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, who convened the conference, blamed the disparity that Clinton noted on a "vision deficit disorder" that leads financial institutions to stick to tried-and-true avenues of recruiting employees and allotting capital, rather than seek new frontiers among minority communities.

"Don't shackle us and deny us the right to participate in the glob-

al marketplace," Jackson said. "Wall Street stands to gain, and Main Street stands to gain, and those around the corner stand to gain, if the economy expands and is inclusive."

Clinton was joined at the conference by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, who is under investigation by the Justice Department for alleged influence peddling.

The president stood with Herman on the podium, and Jackson offered her words of encouragement.

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Labor Secretary Herman declares, 'These allegations aren't true'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Labor Secretary Alexis Herman denied allegations Thursday that she had sold her influence in the White House and said she "will not be distracted" by a Justice Department inquiry.

President Clinton, too, defended Herman when asked about the accusation shortly before the two were to appear in New York. "I don't believe that for a minute," he said.

"I want you to know that these allegations aren't true," Herman told reporters earlier during a brief appearance on the Labor Department steps. "My attorney ... has contacted the Justice Department and has told them that I will cooperate fully."

Herman is the second member of Clinton's current Cabinet under scrutiny by the Justice Department's public integrity section and FBI agents assigned to a campaign



AP Photo
Labor Secretary Alexis Herman meets with reporters outside the Labor Department in Washington Thursday after it was announced that the Justice Department is investigating her on allegations of corruption in office.

finance task force. There is also an inquiry involving Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

In addition, former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros are awaiting trials on charges brought by independent counsels.

The allegations against Herman stem from her tenure as director of the White House Office of Public Liaison during Clinton's first four years in office.

During confirmation hearings for the Labor post, it was reported that she had met frequently at the White House with former business associate Vanessa Weaver and with clients Weaver was working with through her own consulting firm. No evidence of wrongdoing surfaced.

Weaver bought Herman's consultancy for between \$50,000 and \$100,000 after Herman took the White House job in 1993.

Now a former partner of Weaver's, Laurent Yene, contends that Herman agreed to use her

influence at the White House to help Weaver and Yene. In exchange, he told ABC News, Herman was to get 10 percent of their fees. He alleged he once delivered cash to her.

One deal is alleged to have involved Herman's intervention on behalf of a small Washington telecommunications company, Mobile Communications Holdings Inc., that wanted a license from the Federal Communications Commission.

MCHI was denied a license for seven years but finally won one in September 1996 after Herman and the Small Business Administration asked the FCC to take a fresh look at its bid. On the same day the license was approved, the firm contributed \$10,000 to the Democratic National Committee.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Thursday that Yene had previously made "a wide variety of allegations" against Herman.

"Many of them, if not most of them, were explored during the confirmation process, here at the White House, by news organizations and perhaps in some degree by the Senate committee that conducted the confirmation hearings," McCurry said.

Law enforcement officials said the Herman case was in a 90-day preliminary inquiry under the independent counsel act. The inquiry is due to end next month, when Justice officials will decide whether to extend it for 60 days or drop it for lack of evidence. If further investigation is needed, Attorney General Janet Reno can ask for an independent counsel.

"I know that, as a Cabinet official, that the Justice Department is obligated to look into certain allegations that have been made against me. I accept that as a part of this job," Herman said.

She said she would not let the

investigation intrude upon her work.

"These are important times for the American people and for the Labor Department," Herman said before leaving with Clinton aboard Air Force One on a trip to urge Wall Street to open doors to women and minorities. "I have informed my staff that we will not be distracted by this issue. We are going to continue to be about the business of America's workers."

In cases involving former Clinton Cabinet members, Espy is charged with taking favors from businesses regulated by his department; Cisneros is charged with lying to FBI agents about money he paid a former mistress.

The campaign finance task force also is looking into Babbitt's role in the rejection of a license for an Indian casino that was opposed by other tribes that contributed \$300,000 to Democrats.

Lab studies show bird flu so far not a major killer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bird flu that has killed six people in Hong Kong has not mutated into a more dangerous bug that could spread easily from person to person and cause a worldwide epidemic, new laboratory tests indicate.

Federal experts say there remains a need for caution, and scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are working on a new vaccine.

"It is good news for now," Dr. Kanta Subbarao of the CDC flu laboratory in Atlanta said. She said experts worry, however, that the Hong Kong bird flu still could make genetic changes that would turn it into a more virulent human killer.

"We remain concerned that a reassortment (genetic change) could occur at any time," said Subbarao, lead author of a flu study being published Friday in the journal Science.

A 25-year-old woman died Thursday, the sixth person in Hong Kong killed by the bird flu since the outbreak began in May. At least 12 other people have been infected.

Subbarao said she and other CDC experts haven't determined how the avian flu virus strain, called H5N1, managed to infect humans. Usually a bird flu virus will not directly spread to humans, and that H5N1 made some people sick greatly alarmed international flu experts, she said.

Flu virus genes are highly changeable, and slightly altered flu strains appear almost annually. Usually, the new strain resembles previous strains and most humans have some immunity

against such viruses.

Occasionally, a unique strain develops that is particularly deadly. Many such flu strains originate in birds, then spread to swine, which are capable of hosting both the bird flu and human flu. When the two viruses genetically mix in the pig, the result can be a totally new flu strain.

and cause a pandemic (a worldwide epidemic) ... It could have a very high mortality rate."

A unique flu strain in 1918 killed 20 million people worldwide. Smaller outbreaks occurred in 1957 and 1968.

Subbarao said studies by herself and colleagues at the CDC found that the H5N1 that infected 18 peo-

ple in Hong Kong has not changed genetically. All of its genes are those of bird flu, she said.

This means, she said, that H5N1 is not now highly virulent among humans. This boosts confidence, she said, that the immediate human threat is over.

To contain the virus, health officials slaughtered more than a million chickens in Hong Kong and blocked importation of chickens

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'We remain concerned that a reassortment (genetic change) could occur at any time.'
— Kanta Subbarao, of the CDC flu laboratory in Atlanta.

There were fears, said Subbarao, that this genetic mixing could have happened to H5N1 inside humans who got the bird flu in Hong Kong. She said a bird flu that acquired internal human flu genes could be capable of spreading rapidly from person to person.

The human population would have no immunity, no protection against such a virus," said Subbarao. "The virus could spread

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Studies: Life traces in Mars rock probably came from Earth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Organic chemicals found in a Martian rock may be contamination from Earth and not evidence of life on the Red Planet, new studies suggest. But NASA scientists say the reports "don't shake our belief one bit."

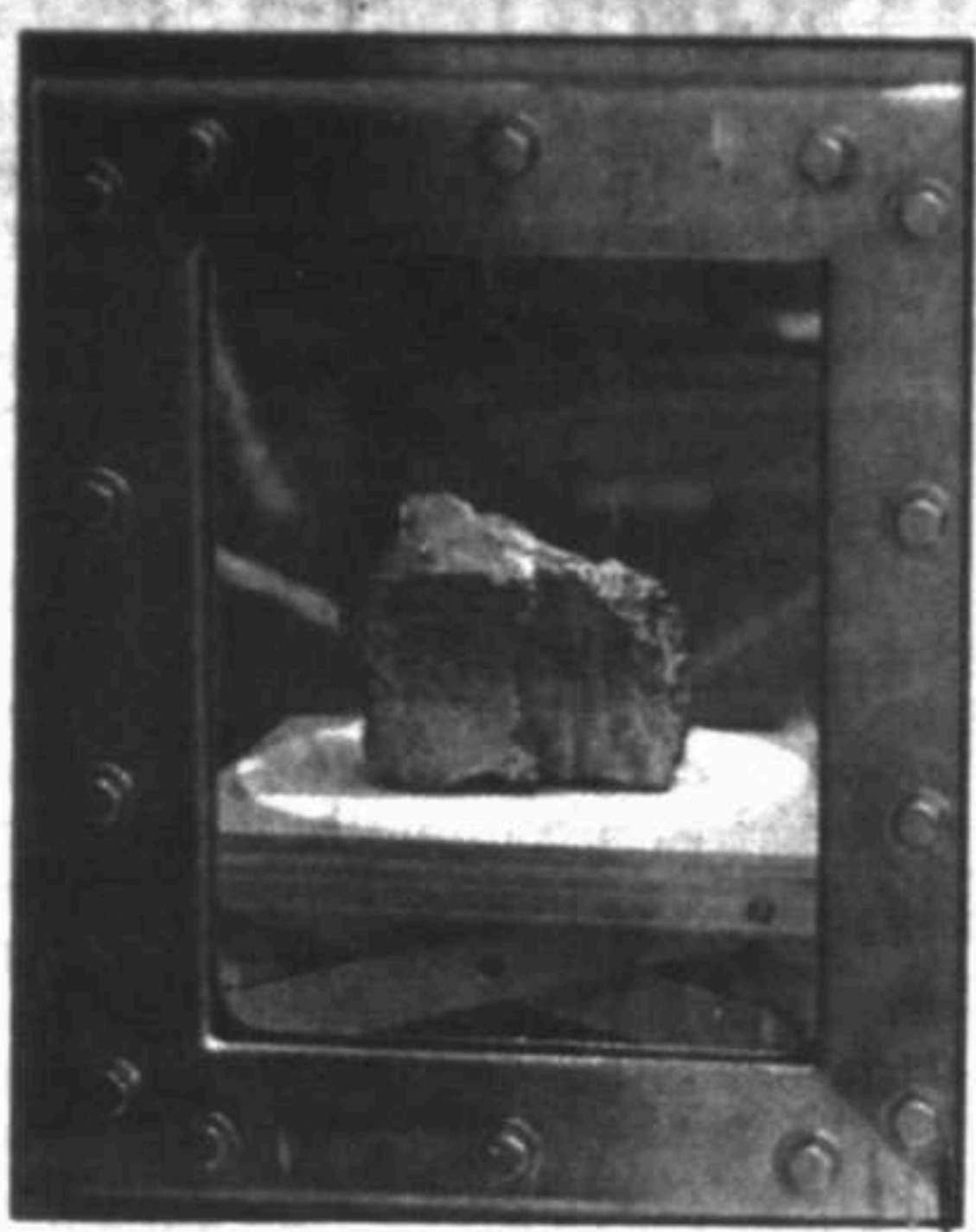
Laboratory studies at the University of Arizona, Tucson, and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography conclude that amino acids and carbon found in a rock from Mars probably got there after the rock landed on Earth and lay on Antarctic ice for thousands of years.

This disputes a theory led by two NASA scientists that found evidence that Martian microbes once lived inside the rock and left behind fossil-like blobs and organic chemicals.

"Neither paper changes our original hypothesis," said Everett K. Gibson Jr., a NASA researcher. "They don't shake our belief one bit."

Gibson and David S. McKay, both of the Johnson Space Center in Houston, announced in August 1996 that they had found evidence of life in a meteorite from Mars. The rock, called ALH84001, was found in an ice field in Antarctica and has been identified chemically as originating from Mars.

The theory that the rock once



AP Photo
The meteorite labeled ALH84001 sits in a chamber at a Johnson Space Center lab in Houston. In this file photo, a new study suggests that the life form found in a Martian rock may be contamination from Earth and not evidence of life on the Red Planet after all.

contained Mars microbes has failed to win universal support among experts and the new studies, to be published Friday in the journal *Science*, are the latest to offer alternate explanations for the life-like chemistry found inside the rock.

J. Warren Beck of the Universi-

ty of Arizona, a co-author of one study, said his group analyzed part of ALH84001 for organic carbon, an essential chemical for life. He said there were four types of carbon found and most of it originated on Earth, probably from contamination that got into the rock while it was on the ice.

But Beck acknowledged that his team found "a mystery carbon component" that could be extraterrestrial.

"What we found does weaken their case, but it does not rule out the possibility for life on Mars," said Beck. "We have left the door open to there being extraterrestrial organic carbon in this rock."

Jeffrey L. Bada of Scripps, however, said that his study clearly disproves the Gibson-McKay theory.

The Scripps researchers analyzed the Mars rock for amino acids, organic compounds that form proteins and are fundamental to life. Bada said that his team was looking at the chemical symmetry of the amino acids. On Earth, amino acids have a left-hand symmetry.

"If there is really evidence for Mars life in these meteorites, then amino acids should provide a diagnostic indication," said Bada.

Amino acids were found at very low levels, he said, "but they look

just like the ones on Earth."

"More importantly, the handedness of the amino acids is left, just like on Earth," said Bada.

Additionally, he said the amino acids matched those that are found in the Antarctic ice.

Bada said the work suggests that the rocks soaked up moisture from the ice where they lay for thousands of years and that this water contained organic compounds, including the amino acids. If the amino acids were from Martian life, he said, then they should have been different from amino acids on Earth.

"When you find something that looks just like it came from Earth, you are on very dangerous ground to conclude anything else but that it came from Earth," said Bada.

Gibson, however, said that Bada's team analyzed a sample that included minerals from around the life-like structures in the rock that he and McKay found. A true test, he said, would be to analyze only the life-like structures.

For instance, he said, an analysis of a chocolate chip cookie would give different results, depending on what part of the cookie is tested.

In that analogy, said Gibson, the NASA team examined only the chocolate chips, while the Scripps team looked at the whole cookie.

WTO panel finds no justification for European beef hormone ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a victory potentially worth \$250 million in exports for the U.S. beef industry, a World Trade Organization appeals panel decided there is no justification for a 9-year-old European ban on beef treated with hormones.

The panel, acting on an appeal from the European Union, concluded that there are no scientifically proven health risks in the use of six hormones to promote growth in cattle. Nine out of 10 U.S. cattle are treated with such hormones.

The Europeans had based their ban on questions about the risks to humans of eating treated beef, but the United States successfully argued that it was an unfair barrier erected to protect European producers from foreign competition.

U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said Thursday that the ruling would end "unscientific and unjustified barriers to U.S. exports."

"Every country... that has assessed whether such hormones pose a human health risk has found that they do not," Barshefsky said.

The WTO — which settles disputes under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade — had ruled last May that the ban should end, but the EU appealed. This appellate decision is the final word, but the issue may not be over yet.

Although the ruling invalidates the current ban, it includes

language that could allow the EU to do another health risk assessment and possibly impose a modified ban. EU officials have indicated that they may begin such an assessment.

U.S. officials say that would be an unnecessary delay because of the wealth of existing research pronouncing the hormones safe.

We stand ready to work with EU officials toward resuming normal trade as soon as possible," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. "It is time to put an end to this long-running dispute and allow EU consumers to decide for themselves what they want to buy."

If the ban is lifted throughout the 15-nation EU, it could help U.S. beef producers make up export losses expected because of the economic crisis in Asia. In addition, U.S. beef could have a marketing advantage because there has never been a case of mad cow disease confirmed in this country — there have been 160,000 cases in Britain and 1,000 on the European continent.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association projects that European trade could be worth up to \$250 million to the U.S. industry.

"The WTO ruling confirms the U.S. beef industry has worked hard to set the standard for safe and wholesome beef," said Mark Armtrout, international markets chairman for the association. "We've felt all along that science would persevere in this process."

Conservatives work to block nomination of gay rights activist

By Wendy Koch
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Conservatives are mounting a vigorous campaign to block the ambassadorial nomination of San Francisco philanthropist and gay rights activist James C. Hormel.

Hormel, nominated as U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg, would be the nation's first openly gay ambassador if he wins Senate confirmation.

He has been endorsed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee but Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has not decided whether to bring the nomination up for a full Senate vote, according to spokeswoman Susan Irby.

Some conservative Republican senators have put a "hold" on Hormel's nomination, signaling their opposition. Lott can schedule a vote anyway as long as he notifies them before such a vote.

If the Family Research Council — a conservative interest group — has its way, there won't be a Senate vote.

Steve Schwalm, a researcher for the council, has sent information packets about Hormel to senators and is assembling a 15-minute videotape about him.

"We're trying to educate people about what Mr. Hormel has been doing," said Schwalm, adding that pro-family groups oppose Hormel because he openly "flaunts" his homosexual lifestyle.

Hormel, who serves on the board of the foundation of the Human Rights Campaign — the nation's largest gay and lesbian political organization, was not available for comment. Following the advice of the State Department, he has declined all requests for comment while his nomination is pending before the Senate.

Schwalm said conservatives object to Hormel because, they maintain, he displayed disrespect for the Catholic Church by participating in a gay-rights parade in San Francisco that featured the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence — gay men dressed up as nuns.

He said videotape of the parade

shows that Hormel, sitting at the commentator's podium, laughed as the "Sisters" strutted by and said "all-right."

Hormel also is an outspoken advocate of homosexual marriage, according to Schwalm.

During a meeting on Dec. 19, Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., asked the nominee whether he thought the "Sisters" act was funny. Hormel said he thought it was humorous and didn't have a problem with it, according to a Senate aide.

Hutchinson, who has placed a hold on Hormel's nomination, argues that it made a mockery of the Catholic Church and that this was relevant to Hormel's nomination because Luxembourg is 97 percent Catholic.

Luxembourg — a tiny European country that borders France, Germany and Belgium — gave its official approval to Hormel's nomination on Oct. 3.

Conservatives also point to Hormel's financial support of causes they find objectionable.

They argue that Hormel helped fund a documentary, called "It's Elementary," that promotes the teaching of homosexuality to grade-school students. They say

the film mockingly portrays Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., because he criticizes classroom discussion of gay and lesbian issues.

Lisa Harrison, spokeswoman for Smith, who has also placed a hold on Hormel's nomination, said Smith was a target of the documentary because he co-sponsored legislation that would bar federal funding of materials that advocate homosexuality in elementary school.

Conservatives also object to Hormel's support for a group that they argue wants to overturn the Clinton administration's military policy toward gays of "don't ask, don't tell."

They point to an Aug. 25 fundraising letter from the Servicemembers Legal Defense Fund, a group that aids gay military personnel targeted by the policy. The letter said Hormel pledged to match donations between \$100 and \$1,000.

C. Dixon Osburn, Servicemembers' co-director, said Hormel is not financing opposition to administration policy. He said the bulk of his group's work is defending gays who have been illegally targeted.

Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore.,

knew about Hormel's background before chairing his confirmation hearing — attended by all five of the nominee's children and three of his 13 grandchildren, according to Smith's spokesman John Easton.

"He believes Jim Hormel is qualified to be ambassador and wants the nomination to be judged on his merits and qualifications," said Easton.

Hormel — heir to the Hormel meatpacking fortune and a major Democratic Party contributor — is a 64-year-old multimillionaire who lives in a 15-room mansion in San Francisco. He recently gave \$600,000 to the American Civil Liberties Union. The Gay and Lesbian Center at San Francisco's new Main Library is named for him.

He's given \$205,000 to Democratic committees and candidates since 1995, according to federal election records.

Hormel has served in two other shorter-term diplomatic posts. He's been an alternate U.S. delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and a delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland.

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Study: Key cough medicine ingredient causes defects in chicken embryos

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A key ingredient in cough syrups and tablets such as Robitussin, Nyquil and Tylenol Cold caused severe defects in chicken embryos and should be avoided by pregnant women, researchers warned Thursday.

However, other studies have shown no link between dextromethorphan and birth defects in humans, and experts said more study is needed.

"I think it would take a lot more than chicken embryos to get me concerned," said Dick Leavitt, director of science information at the March of Dimes.

Dextromethorphan is in a wide variety of over-the-counter cold and flu medications, including Tylenol Cold, Tylenol Flu, Vicks Dayquil, Robitussin Maximum Strength, Sudafed Severe Cold Formula, Nyquil and Dimetapp DM.

The study, published in Janu-

ary's issue of the journal *Pediatric Research*, used more than 3,000 chicken embryos to see how they were affected by three classes of drugs called NMDA receptor blockers. All three classes generally caused defects, but dextromethorphan was one of the worst.

"I would be telling my children don't take it, the defects are so severe," said the leader of the study, Thomas H. Rosenquist, a biologist and chairman of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's cell biology and anatomy department.

Dextromethorphan stops coughing by blocking a receptor of the central nervous system. However, in embryos it knocked out the receptor, causing the defects, Rosenquist said.

Alcohol, already known to cause birth defects, does much the same thing, said Dan Monaghan, a phar-

macologist who also worked on the study.

"It's a lot like telling women not to drink alcohol. It stops this kind of receptor," he said.

Ron Schmidt, a spokesman for McNeil Consumer Products Co., the maker of Tylenol cold medication, noted the medication has a warning label urging pregnant women to consult their doctor before using it.

While Rosenquist said early embryos of chickens are good indicators of what happens in early development of human embryos, the March of Dimes' Leavitt said more studies have to be done on mammals.

A 1977 study of 300 women exposed to the drug in their first four months of pregnancy and a 1985 study of 59 women exposed to the drug in their first trimester showed no problems.

In the new study, researchers

gave three different levels of dextromethorphan to 467 chicken embryos developed to the equivalent of three to four weeks of a human embryo.

Of those, 21 percent died and 8 percent of the survivors developed some kind of defect, including no brain, spina bifida and cleft palate.

In a control group of nearly 700 embryos, only 1.5 percent died and 1 percent developed defects.

Of 104 embryos that survived and received a dose of dextromethorphan estimated at what would reach a human embryo if a pregnant woman used one recommended dose of cough medicine, 7 percent developed defects.

"There was no level at which there was never a defect," Rosenquist said. "We feel that a single dose is capable of causing a birth defect and that ultimately it could be the cause of a woman to have a miscarriage."

Computer bargain hunters benefiting from Asia woes

NEW YORK (AP) — Your mutual fund getting hammered by the Asian crisis? There's an upside: It may be the perfect time to buy a personal computer to calculate your losses.

PC prices, which fell by an average of 13 percent last year, are now dropping again, partly because of the overseas turmoil, which has lowered the cost of Asia-manufactured computer parts.

Sellers of other consumer electronics such as VCRs and televisions, which are largely made in Asia, say they may reduce prices, too, if the crisis persists.

"Hopefully I'll be able to take advantage of it," said Jacob Margolies of Brooklyn, who

recently put off spending up to \$1,200 on a home computer because he expects the Asian crisis to push down prices further.

"You just feel stupid for purchasing something when you see it cheaper just a couple of months later."

The price cuts are a relief from gloomy news of stock-market tumbles, corporate profit drops and potential layoffs of U.S. workers as a result of the crisis in Asia.

The reason Asian-made components are cheaper to buy is that plunging Asian currencies are enabling U.S. makers to get more for their dollars.

Cars, too, are expected to fall in price. But the technology industry stands out.

Pentagon delays dismissal of sailor accused of being gay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing a privacy-violation lawsuit, the Pentagon agreed Thursday to delay dismissal of a sailor who was accused of being gay based on information the Navy got from an online service.

The decision by the Navy and top aides to Defense Secretary William Cohen came in consultation with the Justice Department after lawyers for Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy R. McVeigh sued the government and threatened to seek a temporary restraining order. Apparently convinced that the court would grant the restraining order delaying McVeigh's discharge, the government agreed to postpone his dismissal from active duty until at least next Wednesday.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, alleges the Navy violated McVeigh's privacy and breached the Pentagon's own "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military. The case has taken on significance beyond the military because it concerns the privacy guidelines governing the rising tide of personal information available through online networks.

"This case is an important test of federal privacy law," said attorney David Sobel of the Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center, a group assisting McVeigh. "It will determine whether government agents can violate the law with impunity, or whether they will be held accountable for illegal conduct in cyberspace."

The lawsuit, filed by McVeigh's Washington attorney, Christopher Wolf, names Cohen and Navy Secretary John Dalton and claims the Navy unlawfully obtained information from McVeigh's online service provider without a warrant or court order as required by the federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986. This improperly obtained evidence, the suit charges, was instrumental in the Navy's decision to end McVeigh's career.

Advocates for McVeigh, who is unrelated to the Oklahoma City bomber, say the Navy got McVeigh's full name from a repre-

sentative of America Online Inc. in apparent violation of the 1986 law and AOL's own privacy rules, which prohibit disclosure of the authors of profile pages. AOL had posted in its network a profile page, which McVeigh later acknowledged was his, in which a "Tim" described himself as gay and detailed his interest in young men.

The military's policy against homosexuality prohibits active investigation of a service member's sexual preference. Service members face dismissal when they openly state they are gay.

"The Pentagon has done the right thing by agreeing to take a closer look at the way this case was investigated and to give McVeigh's attorneys time to seek a stay of the discharge," said Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign. "This gives us reason to hope that Secretary of Defense William Cohen is making an effort to properly enforce the unfortunate 'don't ask, don't tell' policy banning gays in the military."

Navy spokesman Lt. j.g. Steve Mavica said the delay "will allow the Justice Department time to develop their response to the lawsuit."

McVeigh's supporters want a longer pause to allow for a full investigation of the Navy's handling of the case.

A resident of Mililani, Hawaii, McVeigh, 36, was the senior enlistee aboard the nuclear-powered attack submarine, USS Chicago, based at Pearl Harbor. Navy investigators learned of the AOL profile page from a Navy spouse serving as an onshore ombudsman for crew members of the Chicago.

The screen name listed on the profile page was "Boysrch." Under hobbies, the profile page listed "driving, boy watching, collecting pictures of other young studs." The page listed the author, "Tim," as being in the military and based in Hawaii, but did not specify the service.

McVeigh, a highly decorated

enlistee with 17 years in the Navy, later acknowledged the page was his but said that did not prove conclusively he is gay. He has declined to comment on his sexual orienta-

tion.

Navy records indicate the civilian investigator who telephoned AOL did not identify himself as a Navy representative.



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Tyson executive, lobbyist charged over Espy gifts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Tyson Foods Inc. vice president and the company's top lobbyist were charged Thursday in a 15-count federal indictment with giving illegal gifts to former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and lying about it.

The charges against Archibald L. Schaffer III, the Tyson executive, and lobbyist Jack L. Williams involve the same \$12,000 in gratuities that Tyson pleaded guilty in December to giving Espy: playoff football tickets, tickets to a presidential inaugural dinner, travel to an Arkansas party and a scholarship for Espy's girlfriend.

Tyson Foods agreed Monday to pay a \$4 million fine plus \$2 million toward the costs of Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz's investigation. The Arkansas-based poultry giant was also put on four years probation by U.S. District Judge Ricardo Urbina and threatened with the loss of millions of dollars in government business if it does not follow terms of the probation.

The indictment announced Thursday charges Schaffer — Tyson's chief spokesman and director of lobbying — with two counts of wire fraud, one count of mail fraud and three counts of giving Espy illegal gratuities.

Williams was convicted in March 1997 of two false statement counts, but he won a new trial. Those two counts are contained in the new indictment, along with two counts of wire fraud and four counts of giving illegal gratuities.

Finally, Schaffer and Williams are charged with conspiring to use the gratuities for "maintaining access" to high-level Agriculture Department officials and then covering up the extent of the gifts.

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MISD's gun safety class is wise addition

A gun safety program approved this week by the Midland Independent School District (MISD) board appears to be the proper vehicle for educating youngsters about the dangers presented by firearms while at the same time teaching them respect for weapons.

Like others, we have been appalled for years at the stories in the media detailing how one child would find a handgun or rifle in their home and, in play, turn it on a sibling or themselves. Such incidents usually end in disaster with one child shooting another or themselves.

The proper response to such tragedies is not to restrict the right of individuals to keep weapons in their homes, but rather to stress responsibility on the part of adults in keeping weapons locked away from youngsters and to teach youngsters gun safety and what to do if they find a weapon. That it's the logical, reasonable course of action.

Of course, the fallacy of depending entirely on that approach to keep guns out of the wrong hands has been verified time and again by the accidental shootings that occur. The simple fact of the matter is that in our modern society, youngsters may not receive the gun safety training they need at home and as a result tragedies are likely to continue.

With the gun safety program approved by the MISD board, all youngsters can receive the training needed to instill in them a respect for firearms and hopefully to cut down on the number of accidental shootings.

As was stressed by board member Glen Bufler, the gun safety program is not about promoting guns but rather about teaching youngsters to respect firearms and to be careful around them. The program was created by the National Rifle Association, one of the chief proponents of gun safety, and will be taught by Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officers, but not during academic time.

This is a sound program and the correct way to counter the trend toward misuse of firearms and accidental shootings.

ANOTHER VIEW

Who gets criticism? Why, U.S. of course!

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein encourages tens of thousands of women and children to act as human shields for military targets. He doesn't hesitate to use poison gas to wipe out entire villages.

Iran continues to sponsor international terrorism against innocent men, women and children.

China and Russia refuse to agree to an international ban against land mines.

So what nation deserves the most severe condemnation on the human rights front? Why, the United States, according to Human Rights Watch, a private group in New York.

The organization recently accused the United States of "arrogance" for refusing to go along with a land mine ban which, even if this nation agreed, would not stop use of the most dangerous types of land mines. It would, on the other hand, imperil U.S. troops.

For all our failings, no nation on Earth has done more to ease human rights abuses around the world, even when young American men and women must be put in harm's way to do so. A score of other nations are engaged actively in horrible abuses, with no criticism from Human Rights Watch.

Officials of the organization ought to be ashamed of themselves.

— The Journal
 Martinsburg, W. Va.

JACK ANDERSON

American chicken can benefit from Asia's foul fowl

The fowl business is a bird of a different feather in the bustling markets of Southeast Asia. Live chickens scratch around at farmer's markets — and are often beheaded as a customer courtesy at the check-out counter.

That's a far cry from the cellophanned, plucked and frozen carcasses Americans bring home from their grocer's freezer. But American poultry practices are slowly catching on in China and Japan. And so are some of our biggest chicken wholesalers.

If there's a silver lining for the United States in the deadly outbreak of influenza in Hong Kong, it is the opportunity it presents for American chicken companies. The recent flu outbreak led Hong Kong authorities to kill more than 1.5 million chickens to protect the public health.

Presumably, hungry Hong Kong residents will soon be hankering for processed American chickens. And fortunately for the U.S. poultry industry, our very own Department of Agriculture is picking up the tab for an advertising campaign touting the safety of American birds.

A \$170,000 ad campaign, financed by a USDA grant, was launched in Hong Kong last week to explain to the locals how the deadly avian influenza is spread. Humans can only contract the disease from contact with an infected live bird, and the infection has been confined to flocks in China.

The ads, of course, stress a healthy alternative: frozen, USDA-approved, American-raised birds

that are guaranteed to be disease-free.

In fact, the ad campaign is only the latest example of the growing clout of U.S. food companies in Asia, particularly in Hong Kong. While the world watches carefully to see if the influenza spreads beyond Hong Kong, poultry companies are licking their lips in anticipation of ever-growing market shares.

And the company with the most to gain just happens to have run afoul of U.S. law right about the time things took a bad turn for Chinese chickens: Arkansas-based Tyson Chicken.

Poultry potentate and presidential buddy Don Tyson, the company's chief executive, finds himself in the news quite often for a man who sells chicken for a living.

It was a lobbyist employed by his company, Jim Blair, who helped first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton make a killing in the commodities market back when her husband was governor of Arkansas. In the transaction, Hillary Rodham Clinton made \$100,000 in just over a year's time on a measly \$1,000 investment using Blair's market expertise.

More recently, Tyson's generous treatment of former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy prompted a federal judge to levy fines totalling \$6 million against the company.

Tyson has pleaded guilty in court to illegally showering Espy with more than \$12,000 worth of gifts, including inaugural tickets, box seats at a Dallas Cowboys playoff game and a \$1,200 college scholarship for Espy's girlfriend. The gifts came at a time when Espy was considering implementing restrictions that would cost the company \$30 million.

The fine isn't so bad, considering that Tyson did over \$6.5 billion in sales last year and that the company will hang on to their \$200 million contract with the government to provide chicken for military and school lunches.

And like their friends in the White House, the Tysons (Don Tyson and his son and vice president, John) will now enjoy immunity from further special counsel investigations.

All in all, not a bad deal for a company whose fortunes have risen considerably since their friend Clinton was elected to the White House. Like his friend in the White House, Don Tyson has spent the last few years cultivating connections in Asia, including a proposed venture with the Indonesia-based Lippo Group.

The Tyson-Lippo association began in the early months of the Clinton administration, when Hillary Clinton's former boss at the Rose Law Firm introduced Don Tyson to a group of Lippo executives. Though nothing ever materialized, the two firms discussed setting up joint poultry, seafood and grain complexes in China, as well as other equity partnerships.

Other Asian dignitaries also showed a distinct interest in Arkansas' poultry industry after Clinton got elected. The vice premier of China toured Tyson's processing plant in 1994, saying he especially appreciated the company's slogan, "Feeding You Like Family." About this time, export business suddenly took off for the chicken giant in Asia.

In 1992, Tyson did less than \$20 million in business in China. Two years later, Tyson's birds were bringing in more than \$50 million, as the company became the hands-down export leader in Hong Kong, Japan and China. Over the last year, Tyson's worldwide export business has grown to nearly \$1 billion annually.

For a company whose fortunes have grown so bright since 1992, a \$6 million fine amounts to chicken feed.

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CHARLEY REESE

Americans have grown timid of bad government

Rep. Sonny Bono, R-Calif., who died in a skiing accident, once told a good story about his get into politics. He owned a restaurant, and a city bureaucrat was giving him fits about a sign. After Bono had jumped through all the hoops, the bureaucrat still wouldn't approve the sign and told Bono, "There's nothing you can do about it."

"Oh, yes, there is," replied Bono. "I can get elected mayor and fire you."

And he did. More Americans ought to follow his example. Many seem to have forgotten that the government belongs to them and that elected officials and bureaucrats are their servants, not their masters. Many Americans don't seem to realize that any law can be repealed and any bureaucracy, abolished. They seem unaware that Congress can impeach federal judges, limit the jurisdiction of federal courts and, if it chooses, reduce the number of Supreme Court justices to three.

The status quo is not set in concrete. Americans just have to remember that the point of the American Revolution was that sovereignty and rights reside with the people, not with the government.

The Declaration of Independence is the philosophical statement of the Revolution. Its basic premise is that the only legitimate purpose of government is to protect the God-given rights of the people and that we can, and have the duty to, alter or abolish any government that abuses those rights.

Alas, Americans have this great power, but too many are just too busy to use it. They have left government to office seekers, those people who, in the words of P.J. Rourke, achieve fame and power without merit. The truth of his observation is in resumes of most office holders. A large number of them are devoid of any achievement other than winning a popularity contest.

Some Americans seem to think government doesn't matter as long as they have a job and a TV and can make their credit card payments. Of course, it's bad government that allows the credit card companies to charge rates that would be called usury if a gangster charged them.

It's bad government that has cost millions of Americans their jobs by encouraging corporations to move jobs to cheap-labor countries.

It is bad government that has inflated the currency and burdened you and your posterity with a \$5 trillion debt.

It's only a slight exaggeration to say that bad government has given the American people socialism but without the benefits of socialism. We get the high taxes, the restrictions on our liberties, the elephantine bureaucracies but virtually no economic security. An American who loses his job is in far more economic peril than a European who loses his job.

Economic risks would be acceptable if we in fact had a free economy and a free society, but we have neither. A Basque friend once remarked that it was easier to start a business under Spanish dictator Franco than in America. Under the guise of political correctness, free speech is more in danger than ever before.

But all of these bad things are happening to us by default. There is no army or secret police forcing bad government on us. We are doing it to ourselves. Too many Americans have grown timid.

Sure, if you question affirmative action, someone will call you a racist. If you question foreign aid to Israel, the Israeli lobby will call you anti-Semitic. If you stand up for Christian morality, someone will call you a bigot. That's how those enjoying the privileges of the status quo avoid legitimate debate.

As the song says, though, if you ain't brave, you ain't gonna stay free.

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

It won't cost much — so goes recurrent theme

And just when free-market capitalism was surging from Boston to Moscow! Here comes the broad-shouldered, y'all-leave-me-alone-hear city of Dallas, proposing to help a pair of multi-millionaires build the sports arena of their dreams.

Herewith a tale of ancient, never-quite-buried superstitions, bursting once more into the light.

Owners of Dallas' professional basketball team, the Mavericks, and its professional hockey team, the Stars — the one putrid, the other good — want a new arena. The old arena is just too tacky: no luxury boxes, among other things.

Let the aforesaid teams flee to the suburbs, the Dallas city council negotiated a contract to build an arena for \$230 million, only \$105 million of which comes out of the owners' pockets. By the way, one of the owners is Ross Perot Jr. (The other is the less celebrated Tom Hicks, who only the other day bought the Texas Rangers baseball club for \$250 million.)

The city would operate and receive rent on the arena, covering its investment (supposedly) through a tax on car rentals and hotel rooms. And — of course! — the taxes from all the economic development that synthetically concocted studies always show will result from any big, new, exciting, flashy, splashy project. The Mavericks and Stars will keep all arena revenues, including parking, naming rights and concessions.

An election to approve the deal comes up Satur-

day. A recent poll showed the idea likely to pass, 54 percent to 40 percent.

So what? So this: Less than a decade after Ronald Reagan's departure from Washington, D.C., here we go again: looking for government to do things Reagan encouraged the citizens to believe they can and should do for themselves. The era of government is coming back, wearing strange clothes — the clothes of partnership.

I mention the Dallas story because I can look out the window, so to speak, and see it. It is far from the only instance that could be mentioned. Look around Washington; similar circumstances are coming together. The White House wants more money for child care and more money for Medicare. A growing business lobby, alarmed by rising business class air fares, The New York Times reports, is squinting at re-regulation of the airlines.

A socialist assault, this? No. What actually goes on is in some sense worse. People are thinking of discrete ways, seemingly harmless ways, in which business (or society) and government can cooperate to solve discrete problems — lack of arena space in Dallas, lack of child care everywhere, that sort of thing.

It won't cost much. So goes the recurrent theme. It's all for the common good: a sub-theme. Play the themes in a popular context — spectator sports (a Dallas vice), child care, health care — and feet start patting in rhythm.

It isn't just that the free market works; it is that nothing else works, either to maintain liberty and spread prosperity. This presupposes people — not excluding two rich team owners in Dallas — standing on their own feet rather than reaching out for government aid.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 1998. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 16, 1920, Prohibition began as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect. It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.

On this date:

In 1547, Ivan the Terrible was crowned Czar of Russia.

In 1863, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

In 1919, Nebraska, Wyoming and Missouri became the 36th, 37th

and 38th states to ratify Prohibition, which went into effect a year later.

In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of the Allied invasion force in London.

In 1964, the musical "Hello, Dolly!" starring Carol Channing, opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,844 performances.

In 1967, Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first secretary of transportation.

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who

became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

In 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

In 1992, officials of the government of El Salvador and rebel leaders signed a pact in Mexico City ending 12 years of civil war that had left at least 75,000 people dead.

By Richard P. Associated Press

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'Gang that couldn't shoot straight' fingered in World Trade Center heist

By Richard Pyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — They were clever enough to penetrate the World Trade Center's tight security, clever enough to grab a \$1 million Brink's payroll. But then, police say, the three bandits turned out to be dumb, dumber and dumbest.

They pulled off their ski masks before walking past hidden security cameras, and within hours their faces were all over TV and the newspapers. Then they went home to their close-knit Brooklyn neighborhood, where dozens of people called the police.

"Me and my friend Joey opened the newspaper and said 'Holy cow! There's Mikey!'" said 39-year-old Bill Stout, who tends

bar at a neighborhood tavern catering to off-duty cops and firefighters.

They called a police hot line, "but apparently 50 or 60 people beat us to it," Stout said.

By Thursday, one of the three suspects was in FBI custody. Melvin Desmond Folk, 44, was arrested at home Wednesday night and charged with bank robbery.

Fugitive warrants were issued for Michael Reed, 34, and Richard Gillette, 39. Law enforcement officials said the two were probably still in the New York area.

The men escaped with \$1.17 million, \$300,000 of it in U.S. currency and the rest in foreign denominations.

One of the men made no

attempt to conceal himself in the neighborhood, even getting a haircut.

"He just walked in here and sat down and asked for a haircut," said barber Louis Amato. "I was really shocked and surprised when I found out (about the robbery)." I didn't think he acted like someone who had just robbed a big bank.

The three accosted two Brink's guards on their way to a Bank of

America foreign currency office on the 11th floor of one of the twin towers during Tuesday's morning rush hour. Flashing a gun, they handcuffed and bound the guards and five other people on the elevator, snatched three bags of money from a cart — leaving

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eras. More than 60 people called the police to say they recognized the three as men who lived in or frequented the Windsor Terrace neighborhood.

"Calls are still coming in," police spokesman Michael Collins said Thursday.

Residents described two of the suspects as locals with drug habits and minor criminal records who hanged around street corners and sometimes performed odd jobs. Some said the third man was a stranger.

"They're like the gang that couldn't shoot straight," said Stout, who claimed to have known two of the suspects since high school. "We didn't think they could pull off something like this, not of this magnitude."

The New York-New Jersey Port Authority, which owns the twin towers, declined to say how the bandits managed to foil the tight security in force since the World Trade Center was bombed in 1993. Visitors are required to sign in at lobby checkpoints and get passes for specific offices before boarding elevators.

Port Authority spokesman Alan Hicks said the FBI is investigating the security breach.

Fred Morrone, superintendent of the Port Authority Police, said the three suspects did not have to pass through a metal detector to gain access to the bank office.

"This is a public access building," he said. "The World Trade Center is not Fort Knox."

Transcripts: Tired Kaczynski conceded to mental defense

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Hours before his apparent suicide attempt, a tired Theodore Kaczynski reluctantly agreed to keep his lawyers, despite their insistence on using a mental illness defense, according to court transcripts released Thursday.

"Your Honor, if this had happened a year and a half ago, I would probably have elected to represent myself," the Unabomber suspect said in the judge's chambers during a closed-door hearing Jan. 7.

"Now, after a year and a half with this, I'm too tired, and I really don't want to take on such a difficult task," Kaczynski said.

He then asked to be taken back to the Sacramento County jail. Marshals say he tried to hang himself in his cell that night with his underwear.

The next morning, the 55-year-old defendant brought the trial to a halt with his startling demand to represent himself.

On Thursday, Kaczynski was undergoing a court-ordered mental competency examination to determine whether he can stand trial. He faces a 10-count indictment accusing him of four Unabomber attacks, and if convicted could be sentenced to death.

Partially edited transcripts of closed-door hearings on Jan. 5 and Jan. 7 show U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. attempting to smooth over Kaczynski's disputes with his lawyers, Quin Denvir and Judy Clarke.

"I don't think it's likely that the matter can be resolved that easily," Kaczynski said. "My lawyers have suggested that I should make it clear to you what I want. And what I'm looking for is a change of counsel."

Kaczynski apparently wrote up his own ideas on the dispute and the defense he wanted. At one point, he handed the judge a sheaf of documents.

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Amid hunger strike, Florida farmworkers seek raise

IMMOKALEE, Fla. (AP) — Pedro Lopez has spent 34 of his 46 years tending to crops, yet he has never seen a "ranchero."

The fruit and vegetable growers who control this farming town rarely make an appearance in the fields. But when they do, workers say, they stay close to their luxury cars and scan the fields through binoculars — like a king casting a watchful but distant eye over his subjects.

"We don't exist for them," Lopez, a Guatemalan tomato picker, said of the rancheros.

Immokalee, which produces nearly a third of Florida's tomato crop, is a community of poverty and great wealth, with very little in between.

"It's low class and high class,"

said Cathy Whidden of the Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "When you drive through Immokalee, you get the impression you're in Havana, Cuba."

Things have gotten so bad, six tomato workers went on a hunger strike Dec. 20 to draw attention to their plight. As of Thursday, three were still not eating.

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers claims workers have been making the same wage — 40 cents a bucket — for 20 years. They want an increase to 60 cents a bucket.

But the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, which represents growers, said the current rate provides workers with an hourly wage of \$6 to \$16 and an

average annual salary of \$16,640.

That's above the state average for farm workers, association President Michael Stuart said.

Workers claim the association is including higher paying supervisory wages in its average, and the annual average salary is well beyond what anyone could make because very few are offered 40 hours of work a week all year long.

Stuart said increased foreign competition has taken a toll on growers, forcing half the farms to fold in the past five years. Messages left with five growers were not returned. One grower who answered the phone declined to talk or give her name.

Neither side disputes that life is hard for Immokalee workers. Because rent is up to \$11,000 a

month for a trailer, workers are forced to cram in as many people as possible. One rundown two-bedroom trailer housed 12 people: three couples, three single men and three children.

Workers also live in collections of rundown wooden shacks, three and four to a room. Roofs often leak in rainstorms and mice run across the floors.

They have no personal space, no telephone service, no radios. Because they rarely use banks, they are often the prey of looters looking for the few dollars hidden inside.

Meals often consist of rice and beans and tacos — meat is a treat when there is enough money to spare. Workers say all they really

want is to sit down and talk with the growers. One grower agreed to raise wages by 10 cents a bucket; nine others have refused to even meet with the workers.

Gov. Lawton Chiles asked Stuart to agree to talks. But Stuart told the governor in a Jan. 6 letter there was no need for negotiations.

"Southwest Florida tomato growers, as a matter of course, communicate with their employees each working day," he wrote. "The dialogue is often direct and immediate."

The refusal to meet has not surprised workers who say growers for decades have maintained a feudal type of structure in Immokalee.

"The growers know, with the salary they give us, they will have

us under their foot always," said Benitez, who was elected by his fellow workers to be a spokesman for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

A strike is out of the question because the workers cannot survive without their daily wages long enough to cripple the growers, Benitez said.

The situation hurts others as well.

Several businesses have gone under in this town of 14,000, whose main street is peppered with fast-food restaurants catering to tourists headed for a nearby Indian casino.

After paying for food, rent and clothing, there is little left to spend on entertainment or other items.

Democrats to lose control of Virginia House of Delegates

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Democrats are about to lose their century-old grip on the House of Delegates, after the only independent in the House allied himself with the GOP on Thursday to forge a 50-50 split.

By siding with the House Republican Caucus, Lacey E. Putney will enable Republicans to either force a power-sharing agreement with Democrats or make good on their threat to bring the 60-day General Assembly session to a standstill.

Democrats still held a 50-46 advantage on Thursday, but Putney's decision and the installation Friday of three newly elected GOP delegates will evenly divide the chamber.

Putney insisted Thursday he would not officially join the Republican Party, but would caucus with them through the session.

"I've not made any plans to change my colors," he said. "I just thought this would help lead to proportional committee representation."

Putney's move should make it easier to negotiate a power-sharing accord, said Democratic Delegate Thomas M. Jackson Jr.

"The majority of people are in the mood to put a deal together," said Jackson, a participant in closed-door talks Thursday.

Republicans want equal representation, or close to it, on important committees, such as the budget-writing Appropriations Committee where they now hold only four of the 22 seats. They also want a share of committee chairmanships.

House GOP Leader S. Vance Wilkins said Republicans were prepared to play hard ball if no agreement is reached. He said Republicans could "shut down the House" by refusing to adjourn, in effect creating an endless legislative day that would keep bills from advancing.

Other options are to block judicial appointments and use arcane rules to slow the proceedings by requiring roll-call voice votes.

"These things would be done only as a last resort by people who have been desperately oppressed," Wilkins said.

The Republican coup in the House — the last bastion of Democratic power in Virginia — continues a trend of GOP successes in the state.

In 1993, Republican Gov. George Allen was elected in a landslide, ending three successive terms of Democratic governors. Two years later, the GOP gained two seats to deadlock the 40-member Senate.

And in November, Republicans for the first time swept all three statewide offices — governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

Republicans now outnumber Democrats, 20-19, in the Senate after a Democrat resigned to take a job in Gov.-elect Jim Gilmore's administration. If a Republican wins a special election on Jan. 20 to fill that vacancy, as expected, the GOP will rule the Senate unchallenged for the first time.

In the Senate, power-sharing has been in place since 1996, and Putney said its success there influenced his decision to join the GOP caucus and force a similar arrangement in the House. He also said he believes the Republicans have been short-changed on House committee appointments.

"I have always believed we could do better," he said.

Republicans wanted to make Putney the House speaker to improve their committee appointments, but in a chaotic fight Wednesday — the session's first day — Democrats rammed through the re-election of Thomas W. Moss Jr.

Republicans stood and angrily chanted "objection!" after the House clerk refused to seat the winners of the three special elections held Tuesday.

The clerk, Bruce F. Jamerson, said they could not be seated because the State Board of Elections had not certified the results.

Republicans, accusing Democrats of sneaking in the early vote for speaker to assure a victory, cried out "shame" as Moss took the oath of office.

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BASIN BRIEFING

'The Wild Thing'

"The Wild Thing" series of books is to be featured at storytime, set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Hastings. For more information call 694-1151.

Mowbray trial

BROWNSVILLE — A Brownsville Cadillac dealer died by someone else's hand and not his own, a pathologist testified Thursday as prosecutors wrapped up their case in the trial of Susie Mowbray. "I'm telling you that this is a homicide, not a suicide. He did not pull the trigger himself," Dr. Lawrence Dahm told the jury in a striking blow to the defense argument that Bill Mowbray committed suicide on Sept. 16, 1987.

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Sheriff pleads

LUBBOCK (AP) — A former West Texas sheriff pleaded guilty on his birthday Thursday to one count of embezzling more than \$20,000 from his own department in a scheme sniffed out by his successor.

Longtime Nolan County Sheriff Jimmy Allen Blackley, 55, admitted to stealing the money from 1989-95. According to federal sentencing guidelines, he will serve 10-16 months in a federal prison.

Whispers about missing money had circulated around Sweetwater during the 1996 race between Blackley and Donnie Rannefeld, who went on to win. Rannefeld ordered an immediate audit when he took office Jan. 1, 1997; a criminal investigation began three weeks later.

Blackley, who turned 55 Thursday, was indicted on one count of embezzlement from a federal organization. The federal charge arose because some of the money was supplied by the government to pay for Nolan County's housing of federal prisoners.

Blackley was freed on \$5,000 bond. U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings will sentence him this spring.

Monkey reprieve

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Authorities planned to put Judy Woods' six-year-old Capuchin monkey to death, lop off his head and examine his brain for signs of rabies after he bit her next-door neighbor on the neck last week.

But Judge Barbara Walther agreed Thursday night to continue a temporary injunction against the animal, said Galen Moeller, Mrs. Woods' lawyer.

"The monkey will stay in quarantine to see if any clinical signs of rabies appear for 30 days from the date of bite," Moeller said. The judge can overturn her decision at any time, he said.

If no rabies symptoms surface, the animal would be released to the owner.

Mrs. Woods said the monkey was trying to protect her daughter during a neighbor's visit.

Mrs. Woods, whose hands were weakened by a neck injury, says she relies on the monkey to perform routine tasks at home.

"He opens Coke cans. He opens medicine bottles for me. I taught him to turn on my lights, turn off my lights, turn on the water, flush toilets," she said.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G St., 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Bank One, 520-6645.

SAA—Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 1:30 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Kim, 580-HELP.

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Midlander faces federal drug charge

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

A Midlander arrested by federal agents Monday for housing a methamphetamine lab inside his garage was charged in federal court late Wednesday on charges of drug manufacturing.

A detention hearing for Rodney Sloan Doggett, 31, is scheduled for 11 a.m. today in federal court. At the proceeding, authorities will determine whether Doggett will be released from the Midland County Detention Center or detained until further notice officials said.

The charge was signed by U.S. Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt. It states that the Doggett, "... did knowingly and willingly manufacture, create and possess a quantity of methamphetamine ... a narcotic drug substance." The document does not list an exact quantity.

Doggett remained at the jail Thursday, officials said. His charge stems from a "medium-size" meth lab that

local police and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents discovered at his home, 5202 Storey Ave. — located one block east of Loop 250.

Midland Police Department officials said a relative of an in-law living with the Doggett family notified authorities about the clandestine operation there. The in-law, officials said, was upset over a pay check Doggett allegedly took from the in-law. It was reported that Doggett assaulted the relative with a metal object a few days before the lab bust.

Authorities reported that police were called to the residence Monday for a disturbance between Doggett and his stepdaughter. Police went to the house and met with Doggett, who officials said was evasive with officers' requests to search the house.

Finally, Doggett allowed officers into his home, where police reported finding triple-neck flasks, distillation columns, heating mantles, water pumps, canisters of acetone and toluol, metal and plastic drums and waste chemicals.

The MPD K-9 unit was called to conduct a search. Officials said the house had strong odor of methamphetamine and observed several pieces of glassware around the residence and used syringes discarded around the house. Doggett told authorities that he uses the drug.

On Tuesday, a DEA hazardous materials team from Sherman and a DEA chemist from Dallas conducted a clean-up at the residence and removed the non-operational lab from the city. Random samples of liquid were tested at the scene, and tested positive for methamphetamine content.

Police said this is the first lab authorities have found inside city limits. One DEA agent said the bust was one of the worst he'd seen in 12 years.

Meanwhile, the state does not have immediate plans to file a case against Doggett. Usually, only one investigating agency prosecutes a case, District Attorney Al Schorre said. He noted that he had not received the case from police.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS



It's 'SHOWTIME'

ABOVE Harlem Globetrotter Paul "Showtime" Gaffney pulls a quick one on referee Larry Burton as he says "Hi" to the Midland TV audience Thursday night before a sold-out crowd at Chaparral Center.

AT RIGHT Gaffney passes the ball around his defender, Mark Richardson of the New York Nationals.

Photos by Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



Inmate gets 11th-hour stay of execution

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A condemned Texas inmate awaiting execution for a botched extortion attempt received an 11th-hour reprieve Thursday night as he was awaiting transfer to the Texas death chamber, his attorney said.

The U.S. Supreme Court halted the execution of Lesley Lee Gosch, 42, after lower federal courts had rejected arguments that the execution, the first of the year for Texas, should be stopped.

"I've never had anything remotely as good as this happen in seven years of doing capital cases," Raoul Schoenemann, Gosch's attorney, said.

It was the second last-minute stay of execution for Gosch, a former Eagle Scout who was awaiting sentencing for manufacturing illegal gun silencers when he killed Rebecca Jo Patton at her suburban San Antonio home.

In 1993, Gosch came within 20 minutes of lethal injection before winning a court reprieve. This time the reprieve came about 6:45 p.m. CST, or about 45 minutes after the lethal injection could have started.

Prison officials routinely refrain from beginning the execution process until all legal attempts have been resolved.

Schoenemann said the high court agreed with his argument that it should review the way the state sets execution dates.

"He is being removed from a holding cell adjacent to execution chamber and is being taken back to his cell on death row," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said.

There was no immediate word on Gosch's reaction to the reprieve.

Gosch's attorneys had raised claimed earlier Thursday regarding three constitutional issues, including that his trial attorney was ineffective, that a key witness was not truthful and that the state's practice of repeatedly setting execution dates to accelerate death penalty appeals constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

Schoenemann said he had not seen the high court's ruling but understood the date setting issue was the one the court wanted to look at.

"It's pretty unusual," the lawyer said. Last year, the state put to death a

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Preparations under way for Martin Luther King Day celebration

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midlanders are preparing to celebrate the birth of the greatest leader of the American civil rights movement with inspirational speeches and a symbolic march.

Although Martin Luther King Jr. was born on Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be celebrated on Monday.

In Midland, a number of gatherings are scheduled to honor and perpetuate King's legacy, revisiting his words for those born since his 1968 death by assassination.

King won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent civil rights leadership. His eloquent pleas for justice won the support of both black and white Americans and made him famous worldwide.

On Sunday, singers, dancers, musicians and readers are preparing to honor King at Greater St. Luke AME Church, 401 S. Adams St.

The celebration begins at 2 p.m. when Midlanders will assemble for a symbolic march, according to officials with the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs Inc., which is sponsoring the events.

The staging area for this march will be the Carver

Gym in the 1600 block of East Wall Street. Groups and individuals wishing to participate in the march are free to bring flags and banners for the event.

The march begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at the Greater St. Luke AME Church where further celebrations will take place.

A rehearsal is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the church for those performing in the Sunday festivities.

The featured speaker will be Jacquelyn Donald-Mims. Ms. Donald-Mims is renowned for her work in creating the Imani Community Church in Austin and is a member of the Black Chamber, said local chamber official James Fuller.

She holds a number of degrees, including a doctorate of ministry from United Theological Seminary, a master's of divinity from Southern Methodist University, a master's of theological studies at the University of Dallas, a master's of business administration from Georgia State University and a bachelor's of science at Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Imani Community — an African Methodist Episcopal Church — is now in its third year and is a central focus in the lives of its members. She combines theol-

ogy and behavioral research and the laws of economics in addressing the needs of its members.

Various ministries within the church include such programs as Teen Scene Youth Ministry, Status and Role of Women, the Imani Children's Sacred Liturgical Dancers, the Imani Children's Acolytes, Women's Self-Esteem and Rejuvenation Retreat and Power Conferences, and many other programs that deal with the spiritual, social and economic well being of the members and their families.

She will be speaking about King's life and work, adding her insight into his legacy, Fuller said.

One of the more overlooked parts of King's messages is the economic empowerment of the black community, and Ms. Donald-Mims will revisit these teachings, Fuller said.

Then, the Negro Business & Professional Women's Organization is scheduling a musical program and inspirational speech 7 p.m. Monday at Hollowell United Methodist Church.

The program will feature special music by a youth choir and an address by the Rev. Ora Roberts.

The public is invited to attend.

Houston artist brings past presidents to life

Eric Berger
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Don't tell the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., but Houston has its own Hall of Presidents.

Housed in a spacious warehouse just north of downtown, Houston artist David Adickes has created 10-foot tall, strikingly real heads of all 41 U.S. presidents.

He plans to mount the heads atop busts for statues of the presidents that will stand more than 20 feet tall. In December, Adickes picked an eight-acre site in Williamsburg, Va., where he hopes to open his American Presidents Theme Park by the summer of 1999.

"The idea came to me as I was traveling home," Adickes said Sunday, recalling a 1994 trip to Mount Rushmore. "The park was spectacular,

but the faces were so far away there was no real sense of intimacy with them."

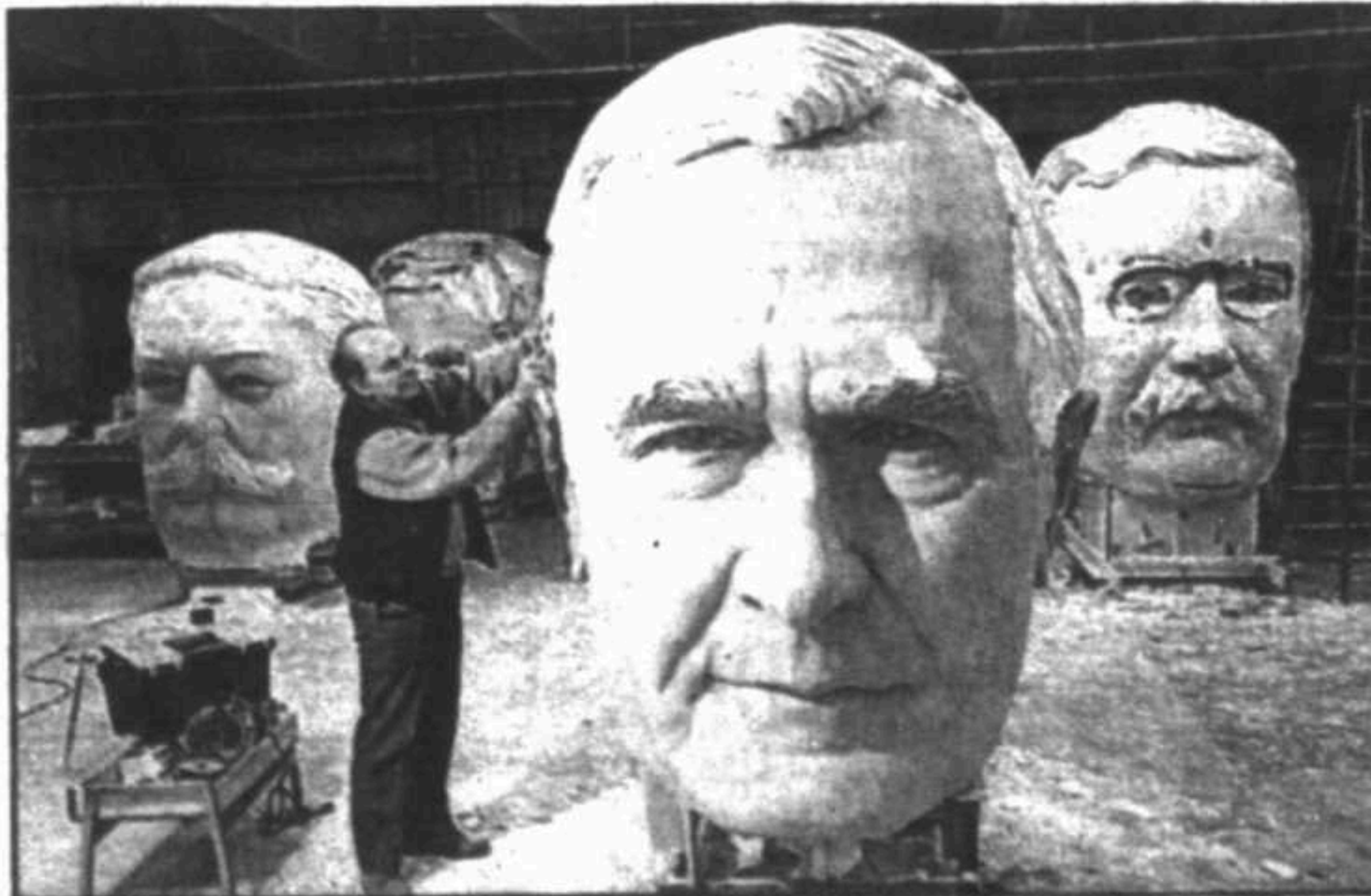
"I wondered, 'Why wouldn't it be nice to have a Mount Rushmore at ground level, a whole garden of them.'"

At 10 feet, Adickes' presidents will be about one-sixth the size of their Mount Rushmore counterparts.

Critics might contend Adickes' patriotic, self-financed dream is untenable and implausible. But he heard those same voices before when he offered to create a mammoth sculpture of Gen. Sam Houston — the hero of San Jacinto and second president of the Republic of Texas — for Huntsville's celebration of the Texan's 200th birthday.

"There are always people out there who say things cannot be done," Adickes said.

Although he delivered it a few months late, Please see ART/2B



David Adickes works on a 10-foot-tall head of former President George Bush Sunday in Houston. The artist has created heads of all 41 U.S. presidents and plans to mount them on statues.

POLICE REPORTS

Robbery

A Friend's Convenience Store employee said that two juveniles tried to run over him after leaving the store, 13220 W. U.S. Highway 80.

The clerk, who said that the juveniles took beer, sustained minor injuries after falling to the ground. A report was made at 12:20 a.m.

No arrest were made. The case remains under investigation.

Burglary arrest

Midland police arrested a suspect this week in connection with six burglaries involving several locally owned Mexican restaurants in the southeast side of Midland.

Midlander Robert Kuykendall, 24, was arrested on two warrants charging him with burglary of a building, a felony crime.

The break-ins, police officials said, occurred between Dec. 4 and Dec. 17. In each case, less than \$100 in cash and cases of beer were taken.

Police officials said more charges might be filed depending on what they find during their investigation.

Robbery conviction

A jury sentenced a Midland County man Thursday on criminal trespass charges in connection with a July 28 burglary attempt.

District Attorney Al Schorre said the defendant, 49-year-old Jerry Jackson, had broken into an unoccupied house on East New York Street. The landowner caught the defendant inside the house and struck him on the head with a brick. As a result, the prowler left the scene

before taking any property and sought help at a nearby store on Florida Avenue. The landowner called police after the fight.

Schorre said that the defendant was originally charged with burglary of a habitation, but the jury decided to issue a lesser charge.

Jackson was sentenced to one year at the Midland County Detention Center and fined \$4,000 in connection with the incident.

Midland Police Department

Wednesday

Burglary of a habitation: A break-in was reported from 4313 Neely Drive. A CD player, lava lamp, black light lamp, poster and bottles of alcohol were taken. It was reported at 4 p.m.

Assault: An assault was reported from 4503 Mathis Ave. at 6:56 p.m.

Burglary of a building: A building at 1800 Cherry Lane was burglarized. Rubio Bernal reported it at 7 p.m.

Thursday

Criminal mischief: A vandalism was reported from 3601 Andrews Highway at 12:42 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday

Criminal mischief: A vehicle was vandalized at the intersection of East Loop 250 and U.S. Highway 80. Amy Young made a report at 11:20 p.m.

Thursday

Burglary of a motor vehicle: A car break-in occurred at 1310 W. County Road 116. Lorena Villa made a report at 6:30 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

OBITUARIES



James Wood

James R. Wood was born July 10, 1931, in Anton, Texas, to Charles William and Minnie May Henry Wood. He was raised and educated in Paris, Texas. He joined the Army just out of high school, serving during the Korean War. He married Agnes Bain on June 7, 1958, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. They moved to Midland in November of 1959. Mr. Wood was the owner of Wood and Son Appliance and Furniture. Mr. Wood was a member of the Westside Church of Christ.

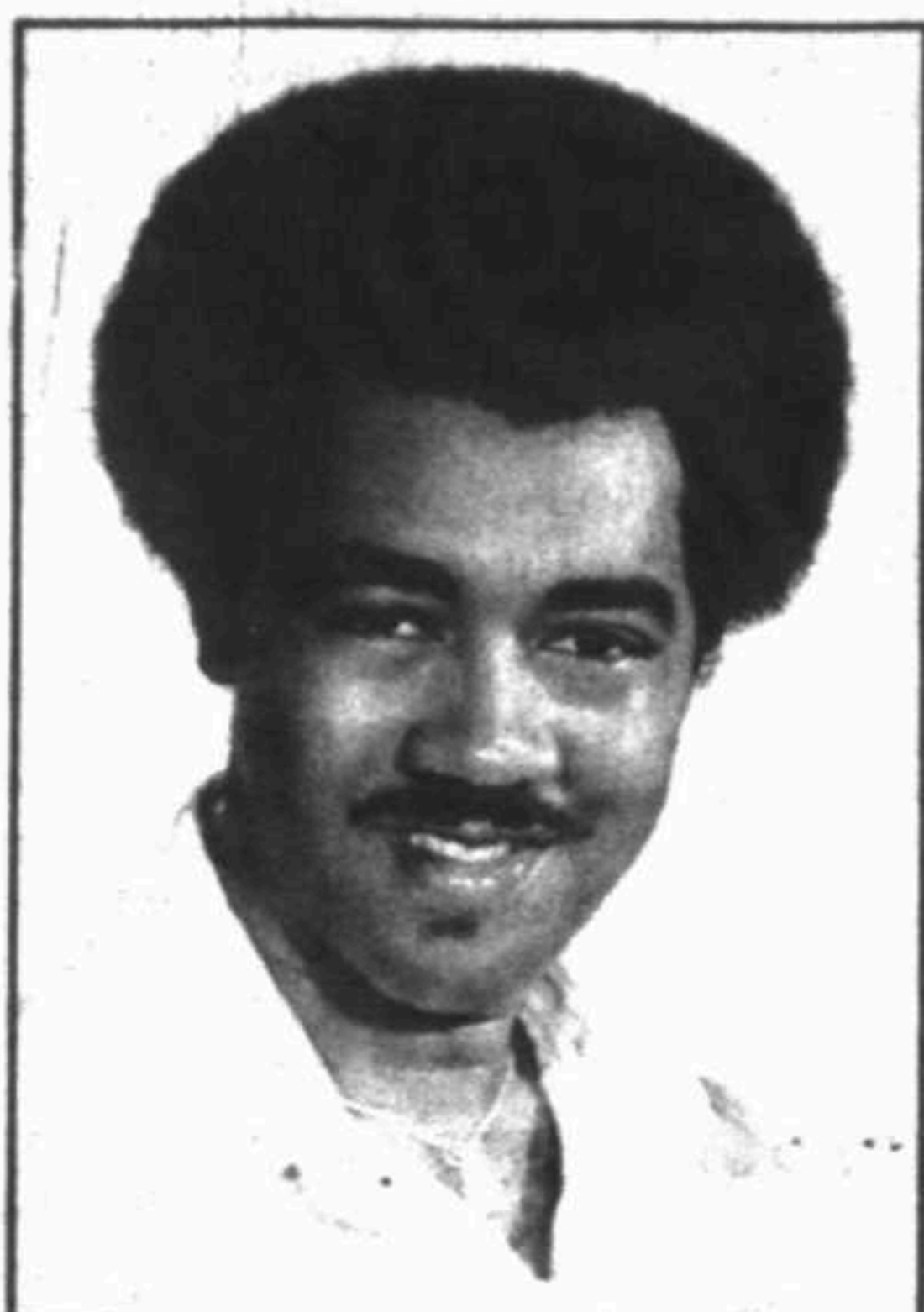
He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Kassi Michelle Wood and his brothers, Emmett, Arnold and Charles Wood.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes Wood of Midland; his sons, Jimmy, Calvin and Ronnie Wood, all of Midland; his daughters, Sharon Constantino of Midland and Ruth Mitchell of Ben Franklin, Texas; his brothers, Kenneth Wood of Paris, Texas, Rex Wood of Midland and William Charles Wood; his sisters, Valda Burns of Paris, Texas; 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Wood died at a local hospital Wednesday, January 14, 1998. Graveside services have been

scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, January 17, 1998, at Fairview Cemetery with Mr. Gary Montgomery officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center, 2200 W. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.



Charles Hailey

Funeral services for Charles Edward Hailey, 50, of Midland, Texas, will be held Saturday, January 17, 1998, at 3 p.m. at the East Side Church of Christ, with Mr. Howard Adams officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Midland under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Charles Edward Hailey was born on April 20, 1947, in Lamar County, Texas, to Richard Hailey and Olean Tinnin. He received all of his education in the Midland public schools. He had accepted Christ at an early age.

He worked for the Holiday Inn before going into the military, where he was active in the U.S. Air Force for eight years. He departed this life on January 12, 1998. He leaves to cherish his memo-

ry, his wife, Dorothy Hailey of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; his mother, Olean Brockington and stepfather, Preston Brockington Sr. of Midland, Texas; three sons, Derrick Hailey in the military in Germany, Patrick Hailey of Virginia, also in the military, Jumeon Hailey of Midland, Texas; two daughters, Nicole Hailey and Kisa Hailey of Midland, Texas, and eight brothers, Robert Dangerfield of Paris, Texas, Paul Brockington of Pampa, Texas, Preston Brockington Jr. and Tommy Ray Brockington, both of Odessa, Texas, Malcolm Brockington of Midland, Texas, Alonzo Brockington (Navy) of Agat, Guam, Randall Brockington of Tempe, Arizona, and Joe Earl Brockington of San Francisco, California; two sisters, Lynn Reed of Austin, Texas, and Doris Brockington of Midland, Texas; six grandchildren, several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Hailey.

Pallbearers will be Dale Harmon, Michael Shelton, Ronald Vandyke, Charles Strambler, Ronald McKee and Jerry Strambler.

Honorary pallbearers will be the brothers of Charles Hailey, Paul Brockington, Tommy Brockington, Preston Brockington Jr., Randall Brockington, Malcolm Brockington, Alonzo Brockington and Robert Dangerfield.

Jewell Moseley

Jewell Renfro Moseley was born in Coke County, Texas, on October 21, 1898, to James T. and Mary Ella Brooks Wheeler, and was reared in Brown County, Texas. She married Ray Renfro and lived in Coleman, Mr. Renfro preceded her in death in the late 1950s. Jewell later married Claude Moseley in Coleman, and he also preceded her in death. In December 1990, she moved to Midland.

Jewell was a member of Eastern Star and Coleman Church of Christ.

She died Tuesday, January 13, 1998, at her Midland residence.

She is survived by her sisters, Mae Ribble of Midland, Texas, Neva Watkins of Portland, Oregon, Colista Grey of Houston, Texas; her sisters-in-law, Maudie Wheeler of Brownwood, Texas, and Claude Wheeler of Holiday, Texas; and many nieces and nephews and great-nephews.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, January 16, at Pleasant Valley Cemetery near Brownwood, Texas, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Pallbearers are Larry Boler, Floyd Boler, Charles Boler, Bob Ribble, W.J. Boler and Brooks Ribble.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

DEATH NOTICE

Lou Edwards

HOBBS, N.M. — Former Midlander Lou "Billy" Elton Edwards, 88, of Hobbs, N.M., died Thursday, Jan. 15, in Hobbs.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at First Baptist Church in Channing with the Rev. Glendel Smith officiating. Burial is to follow at Channing Cemetery under the direction of Chapel of Hope Funeral Home in Hobbs.

She was born June 18, 1909, in Cooper.

Before moving to Hobbs in June 1996 she lived in Magenta, Channing and Midland. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Channing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paschal E. Edwards on Oct. 6, 1972; a son, Houston E. Edwards on Oct. 8, 1932; two

brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Dale R. Edwards of Channing; three daughters, Mrs. A.P. Goodwin of Hobbs, Mrs. Wm. G. Plummer of Spring and Opal W. Wood of Midland; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Channing Cemetery Fund, First Baptist Church in Channing, or charity of one's choice.

Jewell S. Hoyle

Jewell S. Hoyle died Tuesday, Jan. 13, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Mount Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Lathan officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 6, 1925, in Hemphill.

Survivors include a daughter, Evelyn Hoyle of Midland; a brother, Vance Hoyle of Humble; three sisters, Merilee Haywood of Pineland, Charity S. Lawrence of Midland, and Vergia P. Hoyle of Denver; and two grandchildren.

Michael Chriesmon

Michael Chriesmon, 15, died Thursday, Jan. 15, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Edwin Van den Bark

GREEN VALLEY, Ariz. — Former Midlander Edwin Van den Bark died Sunday, Jan. 11, at his

residence in Green Valley, Ariz. Private services were held at the family home.

He was born Aug. 7, 1917, in Lincoln, Neb.

He joined Phillips Petroleum Co. in 1939, and spent his entire career with that organization, retiring as a senior vice president. He participated in the exploration of the North Sea off Norway, beginning in 1962 which culminated in the discovery and development of the huge Ekofisk field in 1968, the first major oil and gas field in Europe. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce of Green Valley, Ariz.; two daughters, Susan Gomez and Karen Van den Bark, both of Santa Fe, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to any arthritis or heart foundation.

STAY: Prosecutors called inmate mastermind of extortion scheme

(From 1B)

record 37 convicted killers and Gosch was among at least 15 inmates with execution dates set so far for 1998. Among them is Karla Faye Tucker, whose Feb. 3 execution would be the first for a woman in Texas since the Civil War and only the second in the nation since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Prosecutors said Gosch was the mastermind of the Sept. 15, 1985 extortion scheme that left Mrs. Patton, 42, dead. She was shot six times in the head with a .22-caliber pistol.

"This will be my only chance to look that man in the eyes," Amy Grammer, who was 15 when her mother was killed and who planned to attend the execution, told the San Antonio Express-News. "I want to see how a person could do something like that."

"I graduated from high school and college without my mom," Mrs. Grammer, who lives in Lawrence, Kan., said. "I had to have my wedding without my mom. I never got to know my mom as a person. I missed all that and I am still missing stuff."

Mrs. Grammer was awaiting her trip to the death chamber in a holding room across the street from the prison when word came about the reprieve. She declined to comment.

Testimony at Gosch's trial, moved from San Antonio to Victoria on a change of venue, showed he planned to abduct Mrs. Patton for ransom so he could get money to pay for a flight to Belize to avoid a prison sentence for a federal firearms conviction.

Gosch had pleaded guilty a month earlier to charges of manufacturing and selling gun silencers. He had been scheduled for sentencing earlier in September 1985 but failed to appear. He also had previous convictions in 1972 for a pair of pharmacy robberies in San Antonio.

Mrs. Patton invited Gosch into her home after he showed up impersonating a flower delivery man. He ordered the woman to

call her husband of 17 years, Frank, president of the Castle Hills National Bank, and demanded the banker fill a briefcase with \$50 and \$100 bills. Frank Patton called police.

The extortionist had instructed Patton to take the cash to a San Antonio shopping mall and await instructions, but a promised telephone call there never came. Instead, Mrs. Patton was found dead at her home.

Gosch and another man, John Rogers, were arrested a week later for the slaying after an informant turned over to police the

murder weapon and other items.

Rogers testified against Gosch and received a 45-year prison term while Gosch received the death penalty.

Gosch's adoptive father testified his son had been active in school activities, was an Eagle Scout and adept in science and gunsmithing. The man also testified Gosch would experiment with explosives until an experiment with nitroglycerin went awry and left his son blind in one eye and with a disfigured hand.

ART: Artist wants to make similar park of Chaplin, Presley, others

(From 1B)

Adickes was true to his word when he donated the 67-foot-tall concrete and steel structure to Huntsville in 1994. Drivers traveling north along Interstate 45 can see the towering statue from six miles away.

Adickes spent most of his successful artistic career as a painter. But in 1983 he made a shift to monumental sculpture when he dedicated Virtuoso, located at the intersection of Prairie and Smith streets.

It was, he said, just another change in his life. "I like to pursue different ideas," he said.

So far, with the presidents, Adickes and his assistants have toiled in the obscurity of their quiet warehouse. Inside, large clay and Styrofoam heads of state quietly await their metamorphosis into concrete and mesh steel statues.

Andrew Jackson's flowing locks of hair are recognizable from his \$20 bill portrait. Martin Van Buren is distinguished by his large Dickensian sideburns. Abraham Lincoln bears Honest Abe's unflinching countenance.

And Gerald Ford, well, he's more difficult to pick out.

"He was probably the toughest president to do," Adickes said. "There's just nothing too distinctive about his face."

The seven presidents considered "great" by historians — Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Wilson

and Franklin Delano Roosevelt — are larger in size than the others.

Soon Adickes and his five employees will begin to put silicone rubber moldings over the heads and then cast them in concrete.

Although he has investors in the project, Adickes has so far financed it by himself. He envisions a for-profit outdoor museum, with a small room inside the bust of each president.

Those rooms would contain information, quotes and the famous dealings of each president.

"There would be nothing else like this in the country," he said.

Belying his age — he turns 71 next week — Adickes has ambitions well beyond his presidential park. He would like to complete a 90-foot statue of George Washington at the presidential theme park, overlooking Yorktown, where Washington defeated Lord Cornwallis during the Revolutionary War.

Adickes also wants to make a similar theme park of American icons, from Charlie Chaplin to Elvis Presley. It would include everyone famous except the presidents, he said.

"New ideas are very therapeutic and they keep the mind going," Adickes said. "And it gives you an excuse not to die."

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Keep Midland Beautiful

Keep Midland Beautiful has named the Midland Teachers Credit Union as the January winner of its Community Achievement Award. From left, Corky Neukam, KMB board member; Jody Hughes, a landscaper with Classical Greenery; Madge Kuykendall, credit union loan officer; and John Myers, credit union president/manager.

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Is It Really Going To Happen?
You know what I mean! The rhetoric has been flowing from the courthouse to the White House. The purported cloning of sheep with matching genetic statistics last winter by Scottish scientists made us aware. Someone would soon attempt the unthinkable...to selectively and deliberately design human life. A Chicago physicist announced his intentions last week to clone humans. Richard Seed says he wants to help infertile couples by "removing DNA from a woman's egg and replacing it with DNA from the person to be cloned." Imagine if you can. You enter a door marked "Family Engineering" to speak with a team about your next child. "Yes," you reply, "I want a girl with dark hair and blue eyes, so my friend here is going to donate the DNA."
How sordid can we become! And, what if that baby doesn't come out like we expected? Rejected...send it back? The plan for creating human life is "God's business." Psalms 139:13, "for you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." Next thing you know, some Ag scientist will claim he can take grass, grain, and water, and make a gallon of milk. Forget the cow!

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NATURAL GAS PRICES
Thursday \$2.094

Prices slip

NEW YORK — Oil prices dipped further Thursday, as OPEC leaders reportedly prepared to gather later this month to discuss falling crude prices.

Crude oil for delivery in February fell 11 cents to \$16.34 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. OPEC has declined comment on any emergency session, even though the group's average oil price dropped earlier this week to \$14.17 per barrel, nearly \$7 short of the official OPEC target.

Oil prices fell last week after the U.N. said it was considering doubling to 4 million barrels the amount of oil that Iraq will be permitted to sell every six months to raise money for food and medicine programs for its people.

The February gasoline contract fell 0.66 cent to 50.38 cents a gallon. February heating oil fell 0.05 cent to 46.23 cents a gallon. Natural gas prices rose, with contracts for delivery in February settling up 7.8 cents at \$2.094 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar finished mixed Thursday, dropping below 130 Japanese yen for the first time in two weeks after Indonesia agreed to a sweeping reform package that boosted traders' optimism about Asia's struggling economies.

The dollar rose against the German mark, however, on rumors that Germany might rethink its entry into the planned European common currency.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 129.81 yen, down from 130.92 late Wednesday. It was the first finish below 130 yen since Dec. 29 for the dollar, which has lost 3 percent of its value vs. the yen since hitting a 5-1/2-year on Jan. 5.

The U.S. currency also settled at 1.8318 marks, up from 1.8218. Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Thursday: 1.4988 Swiss francs, up from 1.4817; 6.1355 French francs, up from 6.0985; 1,802.75 Italian lire, up from 1,792; and 1.4352 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4325.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.6303, up from \$1.6289.

Markets sink

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Thursday as overhyped prospects for 1998 overshadowed some decent profit reports from the end of 1997, prompting investors to lock in some gains from this week's rebound.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 92.92 to 7,691.77, wiping nearly half of its 204-point gain over the prior three sessions.

Broad-market indicators also pulled back, although technology shares and smaller-company issues held up better than the blue-chips, minimizing the damage in Nasdaq trading.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by a 6-to-5 margin on the NYSE, where volume totaled 573.46 million shares, busy by normal standards, but the first rally below 600 million in the past nine sessions.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 7.21 to 950.73, the NYSE composite index fell 3.39 to 497.96, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 3.10 to 655.54.

But the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies slipped just 0.18 to 421.75, and the Nasdaq composite index fell only 1.70 to 1,547.06, cushioned by Microsoft, up 1 3/16 to 132 5/16, and Sun Microsystems, up 3/4 to 43 1/16.

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Reports hint at economic slowdown

Dow Jones index retreats 93 points as Asian crisis continues

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A buildup of inventories at American businesses and an increase in claims for unemployment insurance offered hints that the economy's vigorous growth is slowing.

Inventories rose 0.4 percent in November to a seasonally adjusted \$1.04 trillion, the 17th month without a decline. At the same time, sales slipped 0.2 percent to \$758.1 billion, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

Economists said that shows production of goods winding up on shelves and backlogs likely added to growth during the final quarter of 1997, but it hints at some slowing in production early this year as

businesses sell off the stockpile.

"November's inventory report indicates that economic growth should moderate somewhat over the course of 1998," said Jerry Jasinoski of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment benefits rose 3,000 last week to 335,000. The slight increase followed two larger jumps and economists had been expecting a decline to around 320,000. Instead, the latest total marked the highest level since mid-August.

"It is still too premature to make much out of the rise in claims, but ... we continue to look for employment to moderate in 1998," said economist Cheryl R.

Katz of Merrill Lynch.

The nation's unemployment rate hit a 24-year low of 4.6 percent in November and then ticked up to 4.7 percent in December. Analysts believe it will be around 5 percent by the end of the year. They estimate economic growth in 1997 at about 3.7 percent, the best in nine years, and predict it will moderate to about 2.5 percent this year.

The biggest factor slowing growth is the Asian financial crisis, which according to Jasinoski already has reduced orders to U.S. manufacturers exporting to the region.

But low interest rates resulting from the Asian crisis should help support economic growth. They'll boost home sales

and put more money in consumers' pockets through mortgage refinancings.

Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said the rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 6.89 percent this week, the lowest in four years.

Applications for new mortgages, including purchases and refinancings, hit an all-time high last week, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America said. They're up 166 percent from a year ago.

However, the Asian crisis contributed to a down day on Wall Street. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 93 points to close at 7,692 after having gained 204 points during the three previous sessions.

OPEC could meet if price fall continues

■ A 28 percent drop in oil prices since last October could prompt early meeting of OPEC subcommittee.

N.Y. Times News Service

LONDON — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could convene an emergency meeting of its oil-production subcommittee this month, after a 28 percent drop in prices since early October, traders said.

The subcommittee consists of three oil ministers from the 11-member group, though others could attend if they're concerned OPEC should consider ways to reverse the drop in prices, traders said. All 11 aren't scheduled to meet together until June 25.

Oil prices are the lowest in almost four years in part because OPEC decided in November to raise production quotas by 10 percent this month. Ministers had expected prices to rise, though warm weather and financial problems in Asia cut consumption.

The three-member Ministerial Monitoring Committee can't by itself change OPEC oil quotas. Still, if a majority of OPEC members attend, the session could effectively become an emergency OPEC meeting. The MMC was originally set to meet March 16.

Venezuelan oil minister, Erwin Arrieta, said the early meeting was "nothing official at the present time," when questioned on the topic at the Third Western Hemisphere Energy Summit in Caracas. Earlier Thursday, Venezuela's Daily Journal newspaper reported that Arrieta said a meeting could take place in a matter of days.

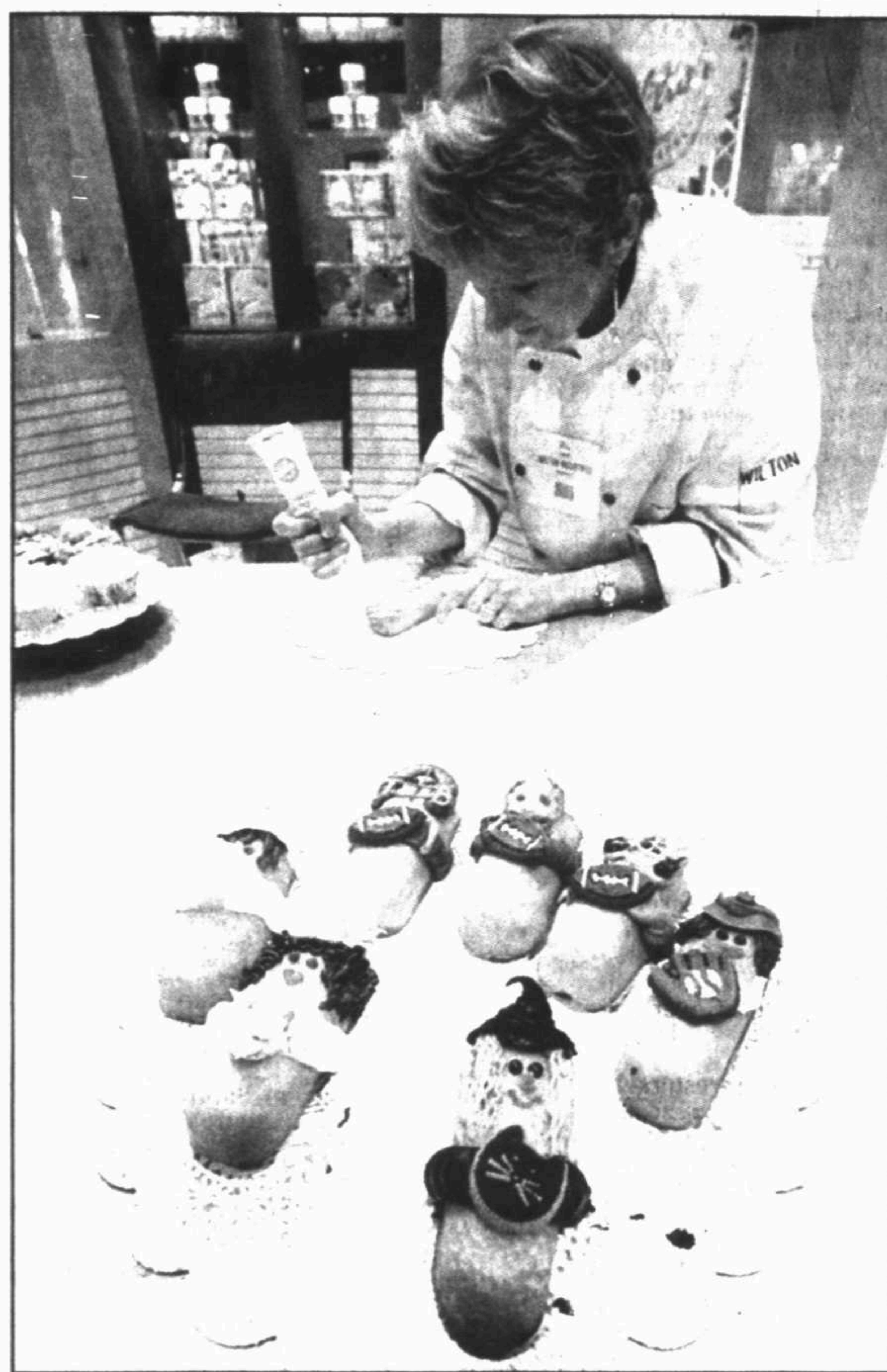
Traders in London said news reports citing Kuwaiti officials said a meeting in Vienna was likely at the end of the month.

"The suggested dates I've heard are January 26th to 28th," said David Fawn, a broker with Refco overseas Ltd. on the International Petroleum Exchange floor in London.

An unnamed Kuwaiti official said the meeting could take place Jan. 23-26, which would allow ministers to leave Vienna by Jan. 28 in time to be home for the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Platt's Global Alert said.

News that the meeting might be held early helped spur oil prices today in London and New York, amid concern the meeting might result in OPEC lowering its quotas to boost oil prices.

The MMC is chaired by Iranian oil minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh and includes Kuwait oil minister Issa Mohammed Al-Mazidi and Nigerian oil minister Dan Etete as well as the OPEC Secretary General Rilwanu Lukman. Other OPEC oil ministers are free to attend MMC meetings. The committee's main job is to assess the group's adherence to production quotas before the full group meets June 24 in Vienna.



Back to the kitchen

Cake Decorator Jill Haas, with Woodridge, Ill.-based Wilton Enterprises, puts some decorative touches on a Twinkie snack cake at the International Housewares Show in Chicago. The dizzying array of kitchen products on display at the International Housewares Show is evidence that while many Americans have all but forgotten the art of cooking a meal from scratch, others have realized that the kitchen often turns into the central meeting place in a home on social occasions.

AP Photo

American folds Eagle into single carrier

■ Four regional carriers that operate American Eagle will become one, affecting up to 475 employees.

Associated Press

DALLAS — The parent company of American Airlines said Thursday it will merge its four regional carriers, which operate as American Eagle, into a single carrier.

AMR Corp. said as many as 475 of the four regional carriers' 9,500 employees may be affected. Some jobs will be consolidated or relocated to the company's headquarters.

"We hope to be able to find jobs for employees in the new organization. We expect the number of layoffs to be very low when the reorganization is complete," spokesman Mitch Baranowski said.

The four carriers are Simmons Airlines of Fort Worth; Flagship Airlines of Nashville, Tenn.; Executive Airlines of San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Wings West Airlines of San Luis Obispo, Calif.

They have been separate, wholly owned subsidiaries of AMR Eagle Inc., which coordinated their operations since 1992. The carriers were marketed as one network to the traveling public by Fort Worth-based AMR.

One reason for combining the four carriers is that their union members already negotiate under a single contract as a result of a 1995 National Mediation Board ruling. American Eagle's pilot union ratified a single contract last August and the flight attendants accepted a tentative contract this week.

Other key reasons for combining the carriers include the advent of regional jets for the airlines, which currently operate turboprops, and increasing competition in the regional industry, said Dan Garton, president of AMR Eagle.

"It will streamline our operations as we eliminate overlapping responsibilities and centralize key functions. It will help us achieve substantial annual cost savings in terms of real estate, systems, salaries and other administrative expenses. It also will help us work together more efficiently, since we no longer will be dealing with four different American Eagle carriers. And it will allow us to make better use of our resources and be more responsive to the marketplace," Garton said.

American Eagle operates 1,200 flights a day to 125 cities.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Morningstar's top stars don't always remain stellar

By Eric Tyson

Q: I've recently been researching mutual funds and have come up with a list of top stock funds for my individual retirement account. I considered only those funds that got a five-star rating from Morningstar. Is this a smart strategy?

A: No, not if you're seeking funds with the best odds of success.

Morningstar is a helpful research publication that produces single-page summaries of individual mutual funds. It can be found in most public libraries. The pages, which take a little while to learn to digest, contain lots of fund data.

However, Morningstar's rating system, which ranks the funds' historic performance on a scale of one star (the lowest) to five stars, should not be used as a primary fund-selection criterion. The star rating system has many flaws and has not demonstrated the ability to

predict a fund's performance. Morningstar's rating system heavily weights past performance — especially the most recent three years — but studies have shown that today's winners are often tomorrow's losers.

Mark Hulbert, who monitors the performance of newsletter recommendations, has tracked the future performance of Morningstar's top-rated stock funds during the past seven years. Hulbert has found that such funds underperform the stock market averages by about 3 percentage points per year.

I examined the subsequent performance of the No. 1 performing stock and bond funds each year during the past 15 years. Believe it or not, a whopping 80 percent of the short-term stellar funds performed worse than the average fund for their respective categories during the next three to 10 years.

One of the big problems with the star system is that it compares funds in different categories. If U.S. stock funds, for example, have outperformed other sectors in recent years, then a far greater portion of domestic stock funds will carry the coveted five-star rating.

Meanwhile, foreign stock funds, experiencing a slump, are given few stars. However, if you shun the lower-rated foreign funds, you would be making a mistake. You not only would be missing out on portfolio diversification but you also would be at risk of overweighting stocks that are relatively expensive and avoiding those that offer better value.

So, how do you select good funds? Start by looking at costs. While fund performance is unpredictable, fund expenses usually are. All other things being equal, a fund with a lower operating expense ratio will beat out one with higher expenses.

Morningstar pages not only give details on sales loads and operating expenses but also can tell you how a fund's fees compare with the average in its category.

Choose funds from respected, well-established fund companies such as Vanguard, Fidelity and T. Rowe Price. Although the individual fund manager is important, the resources and overall guidance of the parent fund company is equally if not more important.

When searching for particular type of fund, focus on companies with a rep-

utation for good performance in that category.

If you're investing outside a retirement account, pay close attention to a fund's tax-friendliness. Choose funds that minimize capital gains distributions.

Morningstar pages give details on such distributions as well as a fund's turnover rate, a measure of how often the fund trades and creates capital gains.

A fund's historic performance should not be ignored, but it should be looked at with a wide lens. The most recent three years, which is what Morningstar bases its star ratings on, is not long enough. A rate of return during the past 10 years is a much better indicator of how a fund is likely to do over the long haul.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
50 1/4	+ 1/4	+8.5	ApplData s	—	23	28 1/4	+ 1/2	—6.2
7	+ 1/8	+1.8	ATMOS	1.06	35	28 1/4	+ 1/8	-8.8
12 7/8	+1 1/8	-12.7	Aurasty	—	—	3 1/4	—	-4.8
23 1/2	—	-3.1	BergCa	8.50	—	137 1/4	+1 1/2	-3.3
9 1/4	- 1/4	+5.4	Bertho A	—	48	47200	+300	+2.6
27 1/2	—	—	BerwP	40	16	—	—	+3.2

83%	-2%	+4.0	BMHCp	1.42	16	34%	+%	-3.2
25 1%	- 7%	+1.8	BolsC pIF	2.35	--	25 1%	+ 1%	+5
25%	--	+7	Brllyq5a	1.56	29	92	--	-2.8
24%	--	-5	BrunFA	1.12	20	51%	-1%	-1.1
25 1%	+%	+1.5	BrunFB	1.08	21	54 1%	- 7%	-1.9
81%	+%	+8.4	BrownTom	--	38	15 1%	+ 7%	-17.2
49	-1	-8.5	CNS	--	12	7%	+%	+10.3
81%	--	-3.8	CollexB	--	--	1%	- 1%	+5.1

16%	+½	-16.0	CentLA/E	1.58	15	30 ⅞%	- ⅜%	-4.4
56 ⅜%	-¾%	-7.2	Chevron	2.32	17	76 ⅜%	+ ⅝%	-1.2
32%	- ⅜%	-7.3	ChgEng		10	14%	+½	-1.7

name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
Dow Jones Industrials	7,891.77	-82.92	-1.19	-2.74	+13.69

Low Jones Transportation	3,228.95	-48	-01	-85	39.92
Low Jones Utilities	284.47	-1.78	-87	-3.15	+11.23
NYSE Composite	487.95	-3.40	-88	-2.59	+22.81
S&P 500	855.54	-3.10	-47	-4.25	+11.81
Nasdaq Composite	1,547.08	-1.70	-11	-1.48	+15.40
S&P 500	950.73	-7.21	-75	-2.03	+23.61
Russell 2000	421.75	-18	-04	-3.49	+14.94
Russell 5000	9,079.75	-51.59	-58	-2.35	+21.91

-2.7 RJRNab 36½% -	-4.5 StarBc 54½% -3½	+2.5 USWest 48½% -½
+1.2 RJR pT25 ½% +½	-8.0 Starwrlt 54½% -½	+2 USWM 28½% +½
+8.7 RMI T1 21½% +½	-5.8 StateSt 54½% -	-3.5 USA Wats37½% +1
-8.2 ROC Fd 7½% -½	1½%	-4.0 USFG 21½% -½
-3.0 RateRP 90¾%	-9.0 StialBcp n19½% -¾	+7.1 USG u52½% +½
	+11.7 StatnCsu11½% +½	

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-10.1	RyChm	33%	-1%	-5.5	StriSof3	39%	-5.6	USXUSS	29%
-24.1	RyTLP	12%	-1%	-3.4	StoneC	10%	-6.1	UlramD3	32%
-1.1	RyHn3	50%	+1%	-1.4	StoneEn	32%	-15.7	UnioR3	27%
-1.1	RyHn3	50%	+1%	+1%	-1.4	-2.1	Unioom3	11%	-1%
-1.1	RyHn3	50%	+1%	+1%	-1.4	-1.4	Unif1	40%	-1%
-8.0	Reabok	27%	-1%	+2.1	StorTh3	82%	-7.9	UnIV4	57%
-8.0	Reabok	27%	-1%	+2.1	StorUSA	39%	-8.3	UnioR3	31%
-9.0	RealiStr	340%	+2%	-7.4	Stratus	35%	-8.6	UnCmp	33%
-9.0	RealiStr	340%	+2%	-8.9	StrideR1	10%	-8.6	UnCmp	33%

+6	Replaid 42/34% ^{-1/5}	+1.2	Styker 37/4% ^{-1/5}	-3.3	Ucaro ⁺ 41/2% ^{-1/5}
+2	Replaid pr25% ^{-1/5}	+7	Sturm R 18% ^{+1/5}	+8	UnicoGd31% ^{-1/5}
+6	Replaidub 21/1% ^{-1/5}	+6.1	SubPons 19/7% ^{+1/5}	-4.7	Unipac59% ^{-1/5}
-5.5	Rephny 107% ^{-1/5}	+49	Suzaf ⁺ 82% ^{-1/5}	7%	
-5.4	Rephny 37% ^{-1/5}	-7.3	SumCo 4% ^{-1/5}	-11.4	UPacRs 22% ^{+1/5}
-3	ReyRim17% ^{-1/5}	-7.3	SumPac20% ^{-1/5}	-7.2	UnTex 19% ^{+1/5}
-3.4	ReyMtl 54% ^{-1/5}	+18.1	SunCo8 4% ^{+1/5}	+6	Unisroe 14% ^{-1/5}
1/5		-5.4	SunComs 3% ^{-1/5}	+10.8	Unisys 15% ^{-1/5}
+5.6	RhnPI 47% ^{-1/5}	-1.5	SunCo 41% ^{+1/5}	+6	Unsay PI 45% ^{-1/5}
+5.3	Richford 26% ^{-1/5}	+3	SumRtr 9% ^{-1/5}		
+6.8	Rijl 22% ^{-1/5}	-12.0	Summer 537% ^{-1/5}		

-2.8	RbtMid	60%	-1.9	Suna perc45 1/4%	-25.3	UfAt	74%	-2/4	
-7.2	RbtMid	s37 3/4% +1/4	+1/4		-4.8	UfAt	23 3/4%	-1/4	
-11.0	RbtMid	30%	-5.0	Sunbeam 40 1/4%	-15.4	UtoAuto	15 1/2%	-1/4	
-13.3	RbtMid	30%	-6.0	Sunrad 4 1/4%	-3.2	UtoCoF	15%	-1/4	
-13.3	RbtHss	83 1/4% -3/4	-7.5	SunGdA s28 1/4	+4.2	UDomin	26 1/4%	-1/2	
-3.8	RbtLss	177% -1/4	+7/8		+2.2	UDominR	14%	-1/4	
-4.0	Rouse	34 1/4% -1/4		SunGin	1	-5.4	UthtCr	47 1/2%	
-15.6	Rouse	25%	-1	-8.0	SunstoneH15 1/4%	-1/4	UfMidR	25 1/4%	
-1.1	RyCarb	52% +1/4	-4.1	-1.1	SunTst 68 1/4%	-1			
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AROUND TOWN

Midland Community Concerts will present American baritone LeRoy Villanueva in concert Jan. 17 at Midland High School's auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the concert scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Villanueva was 1988 winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Auditions, and 1989-90 Adler Fellow with San Francisco Opera Center. He has performed with Opera de Paris/Bastille, Houston Grand Opera, L'Opera de Montreal, Dallas Opera, Long Beach Opera and Connecticut Grand Opera. He also has performed in Japan, Guam, Saipan and China with Opera Center Group, Shanghai, New Zealand and Italy. Last year he made his recital debut at Carnegie Recital Hall.

Midland Community Concerts has subscriptions available for the remaining three concerts of the year. Rates are \$35 for adults; \$75 for families and \$15 for students. Subscriptions will be available at the door. For more information call 682-1375 or 694-1397.

...ALLISON CANCER Center will host evening support groups 6:45 p.m. Jan. 20 at the center, located at 301 North N Street. A program on "Fighting Cancer Politically" will be presented by John Crosby, cancer survivor and advocate. Bosom Buddies breast cancer support group, Man-to-Man (men with cancer) group and Dialogue patient and family members group will meet for the presentation and then divide into specialty groups.

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter 256, will meet 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Pot-luck supper will be served; program will follow. Anyone aged 50 or older who would like more information is invited to call 684-9419 or 697-1212.

...NEWCOMERS CLUB will meet for luncheon and program 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Petroleum Club, Stacy Flowers of Off The Wall will present the program. Cost will be \$10.35 per person and reservations are required. Call 686-8737 or 670-6262 by Jan. 20 for reservations or more information.

...MIDLAND OPERA Theater will host a performance of "The Mikado," by Riverside Light Opera Company of California, 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Yucca Theatre in Midland. Tickets are \$20 each. For reservations call 684-4101.

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children at any age, will meet 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2975.

...POP-UP TOASTMASTERS will meet 6:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway. Guests are welcome.

...MIDLAND NEED to Read, an adult literacy organization that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for volunteer tutors 6:30-9 p.m. Jan. 26 and 29. For more information and location call 685-4572.

...MIDLAND COUNTRY Club Ladies Association will present "Tanya Griffith On Stage" Jan. 23 at the club. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow at noon. Reservations are required; cancellations must be made by noon Jan. 22.

...MIDLAND ROSE Society will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 20 at Pur-r's Cafeteria's banquet room (corner Midkiff and Cuthbert streets). Program will be on container planting and raised bed construction. Call 694-1397 or 689-0776.

...MIDLAND-LEE Youth Centers will host a junior high dance for Midland Independent School District seventh- and eighth-grade students from 8-10 p.m. today at Midland Youth Center. Tickets are \$4 with a student ID and \$5 without one.

Freshmen are invited to an "All You Can Eat Pizza Night" 7-9 p.m. today at Lee Youth Center. Dinner, dancing, ping-pong and other activities will be available. Cost (including pizza) will be \$4 with student ID; \$5 without. For more information about either event, call 689-1175 or 689-1675.

FAMILY MATTERS

Denying anger is good way to make it worse

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I think that my husband has a lot of anger, but he denies and denies it. He will get mad and turn as red as a beet, but still look me right in the eye and say he's not mad! I've seen him throw things, tear things apart that didn't work right, and kick the side of the car (it wouldn't start). I know that I see him act like that and he knows it too, but he still denies that he was angry. I think that he's so worried about his "nice guy" image that he's embarrassed to admit that he does get angry like everyone else.

He is under a lot of pressure at work, with all that's going on there. He works long hours and gets calls at home when there is some field problem. I know that he has to be stressed out, but he just won't admit it.

I read your column about stress management and tried to talk to him about it, but he says that I don't understand. I may not understand, but I can see with my own eyes that he's never been like this in our 14-plus years.

I'm worried that his being so angry and then denying that he is could be a problem. Am I just worrying about nothing? I am glad that he's not taking it out on the family, but I do worry that it might be damaging something inside him. WORRIED WITH A REASON?

DEAR WORRIED: You have a good reason to worry about the way your husband handles his anger. He has plenty of reasons to be angry — stress can do that — but to deny

that he is angry is worse for him. A recent study of men being treated for heart disease found that denial of anger — claiming to not be angry when their wives saw they were — was a stronger predictor of death or future heart problems than any other risk factor, including such well-known risk factors as hypertension, diabetes, smoking and anger itself.

Tell your husband about this information. A significant body of research documents the potential destructiveness of stress and anger. One theory suggests that unexpressed anger is stored and builds up until it is expressed in some more extreme form, such as rage or physical problems. Expressing anger as it occurs is much healthier than trying to suppress it.

Your husband also might consider that his anger is a response to some unresolved problem. His task then would then be to identify each problem and set about to solve it. For example, Dr. Albert Ellis offers a step-wise, rational plan for dealing with anger in his book, "Anger: How To Live With and Without It."

In working with men in denial of their anger, I have found "data collection" to be a good idea. The men are asked to record, in their daytimers, when a situation or event gives them a "non-resting" physical or emotional response. After collecting this information for a couple of weeks, they review their notes and see if solutions or coping mechanisms can be developed for each of the situations.

Keeping the process more specific and concrete seems to work better than just stress or anger management in general.

Good luck with your husband. For his happiness and well-being, I hope that you are successful in your attempt to get him to acknowledge and deal with his anger. Emphasize

that his anger is *not* the problem, but only an indication of a problem. Anger itself only becomes a problem when it is denied and/or expressed inappropriately.

THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OFFER THE FOLLOWING TIPS ON "WHINE BUSTERS:"

- Look for an obvious physical cause which may require your attention.
 - Limit frustration. Be aware of your child's motor skills and provide age-appropriate toys which he can master.
 - Encourage your child to express her feelings in words instead of whining.
 - Demonstrate appropriate behavior. Demonstrate the difference between a whiny voice and a normal voice, and see if he can tell which is more pleasant.
 - Ignore whining. Avoid communications and eye contact after you firmly remind your child that you will not respond until her whining stops.
 - Avoid labels. Don't call our child a "whiner," as it may be a self-fulfilling prophecy.
 - Try to avoid situations which are likely to bring about whining.
 - A calm, consistent response to whining will help ensure that he will someday outgrow this stage.
- (The American Academy of Pediatrics: "Healthy Kids" magazine)

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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DEAR ABBY

Family bonds don't have to break after bitter divorce

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Minneapolis Reader," whose divorced brother did not want her

to have contact with his ex-wife and therefore his children, touched me. I have been in that very same situation.

My husband's brother, "Albert," insisted that we not allow our children to spend time with their children when they were with their mother. Since they lived with their mother, there was little chance for contact. Like a fool, with much hesitation, I complied with my husband's demand that we yield to Albert's request.

I kept my daughters from their cousins' house on their first invitation to sleep over. That was the last time they were invited, and I have regretted it ever since. How cruel to punish my girls for a selfish, self-centered brother-in-law. The girls and their cousins loved each other. They had a right, as relatives, to continue the bond that was established when the adults were married.

Tell "Minneapolis Reader" to do the right thing even if no one agrees. Her brother should grow up, live with the choices he has made in his life, and not make his children suffer because of them. — GROWN-UP IN LOUISIANA

DEAR GROWN-UP: I have said this many times, but it bears repeating: Children need family ties and stability in their lives. This is particularly true when divorce separates their parents. Read on for an example that demonstrates my point.

Twin sweater sets get sexy

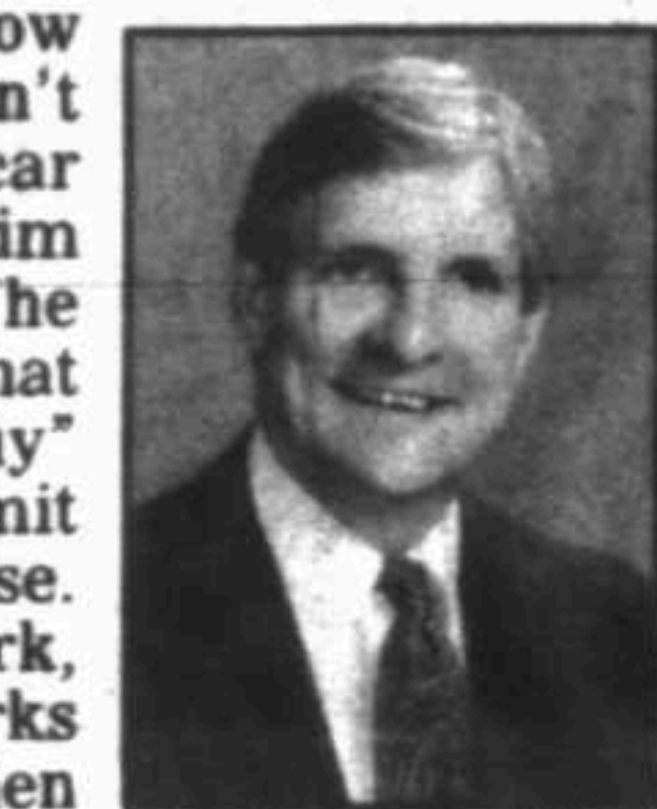
By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

The updated twin set is an ideal choice for the resort-bound traveler, and what makes it new is a skin-baring camisole or halter instead of the crew-neck pullover.

Bloomingdale's cashmere twin sets by Magaschoni come in pale blue, pink, lime, yellow, green and black. V-neck cardigans are \$220; round-neck cardigans, \$215. Halters or ribbed tank-style camisoles are \$98.

Macy's has Max Studio's rayon pointelle camisole (\$95) and V-neck cardigan (\$135) in red, gray or black, BCBG's cream-colored stretch camisole (\$124) and cardigan (\$184), Lola's layered rayon brown-over-stone camisole (\$74) and brown cardigan (\$110), and Ralph by Ralph Lauren's silk V-neck tank (\$125) and cardigan (\$225) in blue or pink.

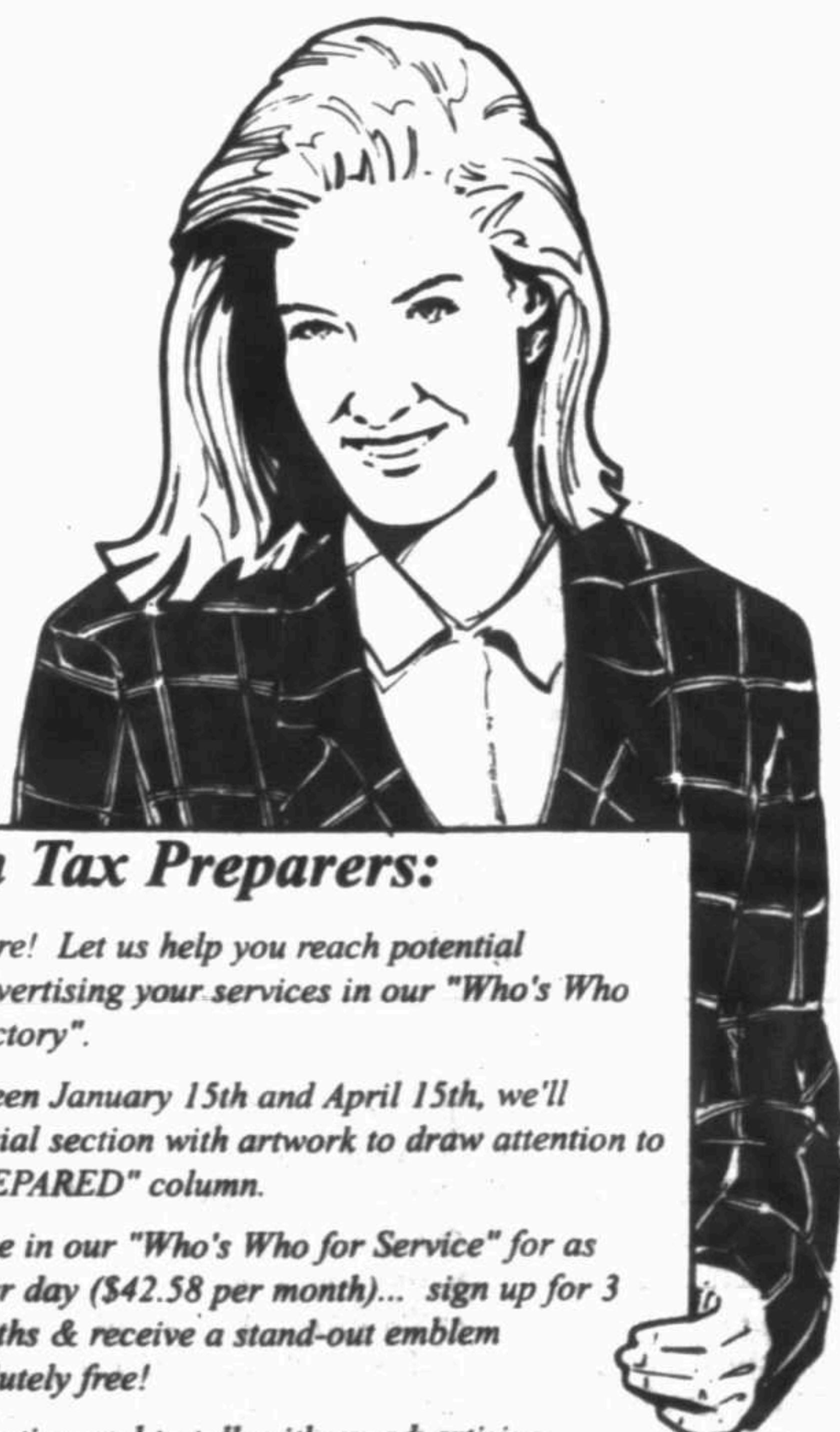
Lord & Taylor has Laundry's red stretch rayon camisole (\$90) and cardigan (\$130) and a two-tone set by Anne Klein II in cream and brown (the camisole, \$115; the zip-front cardigan, \$145).



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Midland Reporter-Telegram

Early sleigh beds resembled boats

By Frances Ingraham
Hearst News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — Sleigh beds were once built to resemble boats, not sleds, as the name suggests.

The painter Jacques-Louis David designed the sleigh bed in the shape of a boat in the early 1800s, a shape that remained popular for much of the first half of the 19th century. The canopy for the bed was held up by a kind of mast and the frame was curved to make it look like a seafaring vessel.

One sleigh bed in the shape of a boat, included in an 1827 book of design, was in the form of a Venetian gondola. Many sleigh beds were also decorated with allegorical bronze figures, encrusted with enamel cameos or ormolu.

In time, the sleigh bed would become more refined, with less detail, to resemble the curved front of a sleigh. Cabinetmakers of the period often designed them with headboards that were higher than the foot.

The sleigh bed as we now know it, with sleek, smooth scrolled lines, is a version of the original early 18th-century French or sleigh beds, which remained popular through the Regency period of 1715-1723 and into the Empire years of 1804-1815.

Sleigh beds were made by French immigrant cabinetmakers, such as Charles Honore Lannuier in New York City, at the end of the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Scotsman Duncan Phyfe, who started out in his career as a notable cabinetmaker in Albany before moving on to New York City in his later years, designed many sleigh beds.

Sleigh beds continued through the 1920s Art Deco period. Sleigh beds were meant to be placed sideways and centered against the wall with a coronet (small crowned canopy) attached to the wall and fabric sides cascading out and over each end of the bed.

In later years, the bed was moved out into the room with only the headboard against the wall, as a convenience because they were so hard to make up (unless you had servants) and for better ventilation.

Antique sleigh beds can be found for \$6,000 and higher. New ones that are reproductions can cost between \$1,200 and \$2,000.

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- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

- Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.
 - By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.
- Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.
 - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for Jan. 19-23 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11 a.m. blood pressure clinic; 11:30 a.m. lunch and nutrition talk; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards; 1:30 p.m. FitPro exercise class.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch and January birthday party; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and country line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. FitPro exercise class.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 10 a.m. membership council meeting; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. creative writing class.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.
 - Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.
 - Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.
- Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aids present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

- Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Tuesday: 7-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10 a.m.-noon aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus; 7-8 p.m. healthy happy hour.
- Wednesday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Thursday: 7-10:11 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10 a.m.-noon aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus; 7-8 p.m. healthy happy hour.
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- Saturday: 11 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

- Tuesday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. arts and crafts at Langtry Village; 3:30 p.m. senior update at Hillcrest Manor.
- Wednesday: 11 a.m. chili luncheon at Parker Place; 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2:30 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

- Midland SPCA Thrift Store needs clerks to assist customers, sort merchandise and check out items. Shifts are three hours on one day a week, mornings or afternoons, Mondays through Saturdays. Instruction and support provided.
- Centers for Children and Families needs Parent Partners volunteers to spend two hours a week with a friend helping a Parent Partner family. Volunteers work individually with parents and with children. Twelve-hour training is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Jan. 20, 22, 27 and 29.
- Eyeglass Recycling Project needs assistants to wash and clean donated eyeglasses, read prescription through lensometer machine or package and sort glasses according to prescription. Shifts are on a very flexible schedule, one or two days a week or monthly for two hours. Training and supervision provided.

By Lona Cunningham

As a child, Ciro Sanchez traveled the country picking potatoes, beets, cotton and onions. Work was a way of life for his migrant farm family that included his father and seven siblings. A successful real estate broker and leader in the Hispanic community today, Sanchez can't quit working.

"I have to have something to do. This," he said, gesturing to his office, "is my pastime. I'm still always looking for deals."

His office wall reflects the many years he has spent in Midland's business community and his civic involvement — plaques and certificates from the Eastside Lions Club, Midland City Council, Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Midland Optimist Club.

It's been a long journey for a kid from Mexico whose family made a permanent move to the United States when he was 1 year old. Through it all, Sanchez followed his father's example by being dependable and honest.

The family first settled in Melvin, a small community between Eden and Brady. His father and the four sons traveled throughout the country to wherever the picking was ready. "I've been to Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Arizona, Oklahoma," said Sanchez. "If work was there, we were there."

"All we had was in our pickup. I was used to sleeping on floors or under trees. I don't remember feeling sorry for myself."

In 1942, the family was working in Big Spring when his father heard of a farmer living south of Midland who needed his field "grubbed out." This time, the family made its last move. Sanchez and his father and brothers dug out the trees and bushes, clearing the land. Then, with World War II raging, his father found work at the airport.

"My father could speak English. He was born in Mexico but was raised a lot in San Antonio," said Sanchez.

In 1944, Sanchez was drafted into the Army. He almost never returned to Midland. An Army career looked appealing to a young man with little education and no coordination. Even though he returned, Sanchez admitted he applied for re-enlistment and even passed a test. But, for some reason he can't remember today, he decided against that course of action.

"I started out picking cotton with my brother, Manuel. Then I went to work for the Webb Davis



Brian Adamchik/Reporter-Telegram

Ciro Sanchez, 75, who began his working life as a migrant farm worker with his father and siblings, today is a successful real estate broker in Midland who says he "can't quit working." Along the way he has become a leader in the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and an inspiration for the next generation of business people, who he advises to get as much education as possible — and always get to work on time.

Fruit Co. at the airport." After a couple of years, he moved on to the CJM Packing Company, doing outside work. With the support and encouragement of the owner, Sanchez slowly moved up the ladder until he became salesman of a large West Texas region. "There was discrimination against Hispanics, but Mr. Matthews fought for me. I had a car and made \$75 a week."

His salesmanship ability didn't go unnoticed by others. Eventually, Sanchez was encouraged to try selling insurance and he switched jobs, going with Lincoln Income Life. There, too, he found success.

Then came the offer from Warren Faller to try selling real estate. Sanchez tried it on the weekends when he wasn't selling insurance. In 1963, he quit the insurance job and went full-time into real estate.

That was during a time in Midland known as a "bust," and houses were standing vacant all over the city. Sanchez saw it as a business opportunity. He began buying them as rental property. Or he would sell them, carrying the note and "letting people in easy" without having to pay the typical closing costs. "Houses were all over the place. I figured if people could

pay the rent, they could also make a house payment. I would give them as much as 35 years to pay off the loan. I found that people stayed longer and took better care of the property."

Today, the company known as Ciro Sanchez Realtor owns more than 80 houses "all paid for. I don't owe a penny to anyone."

While trying to earn a living and build a business, Sanchez also didn't forget about helping others in the community. When he worked as a ditchdigger earning \$40 a week, Sanchez gave a week's salary during a fund-raising for Midland Memorial Hospital. In 1956, not only was he a charter member of Eastside Lions Club, but served as president for two years and lead the first eastside clean-up.

In the early 1980s, another Midland businessman — Roger Robles — brought the idea of a Hispanic Chamber of Commerce back from San Antonio. Sanchez was among the charter members, serving on the board and offering to help in numerous ways. "One of the first things we did was work to get Lamesa Road improved."

The Hispanic Chamber named him Businessman of the Year in

1989. "The chamber is needed and has done a lot of good work. I'm very pleased with what it's doing," he said.

Sanchez often gives encouragement to students, stressing a college education. "There's no future without an education," he said. "I'm the exception. I'm not so smart. It's been some luck and some ambition. But I also tell them that when they have a job to always be there, be on time and be honest." In the early years of his career, Sanchez walked to his job and still made sure he was there on time.

His success, however, may just be a continuation of the precedent set by ancestors. In tracing his genealogy, he discovered one family member who graduated from Eastman National Business College in New York and worked as an accountant in New York City, while another served as governor of Coahuila, Mexico. Longevity also may be in his bloodline — a great-grandmother saw her 108th birthday.

For someone who has never believed in quitting, the 75-year-old Sanchez can't see himself retiring. "I plan to work as long as I can. I just can't quit."

DR. PAGE

In medicine, 'different strokes for different folks'

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

Like the sword hanging by a gossamer thread over Damocles in Greek mythology, so does the threat of a stroke taunt all people over the age of 65.

It is a fear well deserved because 550,000 Americans are so stricken every year, of which 150,000 die, leaving the remainder greatly reduced in their quality of life.

Since curative therapy remains minimal at best, prevention becomes the all-important factor.

Early recognition sometimes presents problems, since there are different strokes for different folks.

Important signals include a sudden weakness on one side of the body, loss of coordination, headaches, difficulty in speaking and seeing, a numbing sensation perhaps lasting hours, decline in consciousness and projectile vomiting.

Depending on the site of the injury, a mul-

titude of different neurological signals may manifest themselves.

About 14 percent of these instances are caused by sudden, active bleeding into the brain, and are termed "hemorrhagic" strokes, while the remaining 86 percent result from acute loss of the blood supply to that portion of the brain being able to be blocked by a clot (thrombus) resulting from some sickness or injury to the lining of the blood vessel at that site or emanate as an embolus suddenly detached from elsewhere in the circulatory tract.

Problems in the carotid (neck) arteries constitute a frequent source of such emboli and luckily are both detectable and treatable. Transient ischemic attacks (TIA) are tiny strokes occurring in small arteries and the symptoms usually clear in 24 hours, but may leave small holes.

Prevention consists of a relatively relaxed lifestyle doing everything in moderation. This means avoiding of stressful life situations, eating all types of food without excess, exercising routinely, stopping smoking, routinely observing blood pressure and heart action, and maintaining a sense of humor and a pos-

itive attitude.

Medicinally speaking, an aspirin a day may keep the doctor away, but, alas, it can worsen the hemorrhagic type of strokes, as can some other types of medications, so be sure to let your physician know what medications you take.

Recently the Food and Drug Administration approved tPA, presently used in some heart attacks, for dissolving the clots of ischemic (non-hemorrhagic) strokes.

This is not for everybody; it has some problems and must be administered within three hours of the stroke.

Rehabilitation can make profound positive changes. It must start quickly but slowly, and then progress aggressively — the wonders to behold.

There is one caveat both nursing personnel and visitors may forget: The paralyzed and seemingly unconscious patient still has a working brain and can hear and understand what you say.

All in all, I would rather spend my time stroking the Vasser Crew.

Henry F. Page, M.D., F.A.C.P., is health and safety consultant to Manor Park Inc.

New Mexico's 'santos' featured in traveling exhibit and book

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — This year marks the 400th anniversary of Spanish influence in the American southwest, the curators of a traveling exhibition of devotional art say.

To commemorate the cultural tradition, Barbe Awalt and Paul Rhett have organized a selection of "santos," prized saints figures, in painting on canvas and wood, sculpture, lithographs, furniture, pottery, weaving and straw objects, for the exhibition, "Our Saints Among Us: 400 Years of New Mexican Devotional Art."

Awalt and Rhett have also written an accompanying book with the same title (LPD Press/University of New Mexico, \$59.95).

The exhibition includes some 350 pieces made by 115 artists, ranging from historic 1750s works to the art of contemporary santeros. The exhibition is at San Juan College of Art, Farmington, N.M., through Jan. 18. Further venues will include:

- Center for Southwest Research, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, Jan. 30-March 13.
- Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, Pueblo, Colo., June 5-Sept. 5.
- Fuller Lodge Gallery, Los Alamos, N.M., Jan. 8-Feb. 13, 1999.
- deSaisset Museum, Santa Clara (Calif.) University, May 13-Aug. 8, 1999.
- The Grace Museum, Abilene, Texas, Aug. 31-Nov. 13, 1999.

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Condemned woman expected to file constitutional challenge

AUSTIN (AP) — Denied on all previous appeals, condemned killer Karla Faye Tucker says she will challenge the process by which Texas death row inmates can seek to have their sentences reduced to life in prison.

Ms. Tucker, 38, is scheduled to be executed Feb. 3. She and co-defendant Daniel Garrett were sentenced to death for the 1983 pickax murder of Jerry Dean at his Houston apartment. A woman, Deborah Thornton, was killed similarly in the same attack.

Garrett also was sentenced to death but died in prison in 1993.

In an appearance on CNN's *Late King Live* Wednesday night, Ms. Tucker said her attorneys were excited about the chances of their

constitutional challenge of the commutation process.

As of Thursday afternoon, the appeal had not been filed. A spokeswoman for Ms. Tucker's Austin attorney, David Botsford, said the appeal could be filed at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals — the state's highest court for criminal cases — and state district court in Houston late Thursday or early next week.

Botsford was not available for comment, the spokeswoman said.

A call Thursday to Ms. Tucker's Houston attorney, George Secrest, was not immediately returned to The Associated Press.

"The writ we have is going to affect a lot of people," Ms. Tucker said of the constitutional chal-

lenge, formally called a writ. "And naturally speaking, if it doesn't help where I'm at right now, it can help a whole lot of men and women after me, because it's causing the system to look at what they're doing. I mean, where are the guidelines for commutation? If we have this, when can we use this?"

"There's no guidelines for using this (process). Either don't have it, or if you have it don't be ashamed to use it. Be bold enough to use it," she said.

Under the Texas constitution and state law, Ms. Tucker can ask the state Board of Pardons and Parole to recommend her sentence be reduced from death to life in prison. That recommendation

would go to Gov. George W. Bush, who would have the final say. Bush also could issue a one-time 30-day stay of execution. He has not indicated he will do so.

Neither the constitution nor the law instruct the parole board on how to arrive at its recommendation. Bush, however, said Thursday said the commutation process is clear, adding that gender and religion should not be an issue.

"What matters is whether or not the person broke the law and whether the person has been afforded all rights under the law," he said.

National attention of Ms. Tucker's case has focused on the fact that she would become the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War and only the second

woman executed in the United States since the Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume in 1976.

Velma Barfield was executed 13 years ago in North Carolina.

Religious leaders, like Pat Robertson, also have focused attention on Ms. Tucker's conver-

sion to Christianity as reason to spare her life.

Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, said the state's top attorney sees no problem with the constitution nor the law on commutations.

"He believes it is a fair process," Tisdale said.

Execution date set for second woman on Texas death row

HOUSTON (AP) — Condemned killer Erica Sheppard received an execution date Thursday for April 20, making her the second female Texas death row inmate to have a date with the executioner's needle.

Ms. Sheppard, 24, has asked that all appeals on her behalf be halted. A pair of psychiatrists determined she was competent to make that decision so State District Judge Lon Harper scheduled her execution, allowing her to join convicted pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker as women with death dates. The two are among seven women in Texas with death sentences.

Ms. Tucker is set to die Feb. 3. Her execution for a bloody pickax attack that left two people dead during a Houston burglary would be first for a woman in Texas since the Civil War and only the second in the nation since the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume.

Since 1982, Texas has sent 144 men to the death chamber gurney.

Ms. Sheppard, who has three children, and

an accomplice, James Dickerson, were both condemned for the June 1993 stabbing and clubbing death of Marilyn Sage Meagher, a 43-year-old Houston real estate agent and mother of two.

A jury in 1995 took 30 minutes to convict Ms. Sheppard of capital murder and 90 minutes to decide she should be put to death. Ms. Meagher was accosted at her apartment by the pair, who stole her car. The victim's throat was slashed with a butcher knife and her skull crushed with a 10-pound statue. Ms. Sheppard's bloody palmprint was found inside Ms. Meagher's apartment.

Testimony at her trial showed Ms. Sheppard, who was 19 at the time and unemployed, and Dickerson stole the car so they could drive to Bay City, about 100 miles to the southwest, to visit a friend.

On Thursday, Ms. Sheppard, wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, repeatedly and quietly replied "Yes" to a series of questions from Harper. Among them were questions about

whether she wanted to die, whether she knew she could change her mind at any point and if she was aware she had legal help available if she wanted it.

"It is ordered the clerk of this court shall issue a death warrant," Harper concluded. "Your execution date, Ms. Sheppard, is April 20."

She consulted briefly with an attorney and then was led out of the courtroom.

"I think she's going to do it," James Keegan, one of two attorneys appointed to be available to Ms. Sheppard, said. "I can't predict the future, but she wants to do it."

"We're surprised it's moving this fast," John Sage, whose sister was murdered, said. "I think she's getting what she deserves."

"I don't think anybody in our family is jumping up and down and wants to pull the switch. But without a true life sentence without parole, in the absence of that, our wish has been for her to get the maximum penalty. We feel her crime was the maximum crime."

Pathologist testifies that Mowbray did not die by his own hand

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Brownsville Cadillac dealer died by someone else's hand and not his own, a pathologist testified Thursday as prosecutors wrapped up their case in the retrial of Susie Mowbray.

"I'm telling you that this is a homicide, not a suicide. He did not pull the trigger himself," Dr. Lawrence Dahm told the jury in a striking blow to the defense argument that Bill Mowbray committed suicide on Sept. 16, 1987.

Mrs. Mowbray, 49, is accused of shooting her husband in the head as he slept for \$1.8 million in insurance money. She contends he shot himself because of emotional and financial troubles.

In 1988, Mrs. Mowbray was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison. She won a new trial in 1996 after an appeals court ruled prosecutors suppressed blood evidence contradicting their homicide theory.

Testimony in the retrial resumes Tuesday to allow several out-of-town witnesses to arrive. Following Dahm's testimony, prosecutors rested their case and the defense immediately began presenting evidence to show that Mowbray had suicidal tendencies.

Mary Lou Ryan Ray, a Brownsville attorney who handled Mowbray's personal and business affairs, testified that Mowbray told her he had attempted suicide previously.

She added that two years before his death, Mowbray asked her to find out whether his insurance policies would pay off in the event of a suicide.

Ms. Ray, who said Mowbray suffered from mood swings and was often depressed, testified that she waited several months to respond to the question because, "I felt that if I told him those policies would pay off that he might be inclined to commit suicide."

On cross examination, prosecutors noted that Mowbray did learn the policies would pay off, yet did nothing.

"He could have killed himself anytime after he received your letter, and those (policies) would have paid," said Cameron County Assistant District Attorney Bill Hagen.

Still, Ms. Ray said that when she learned of Mowbray's death, she thought, "He had finally done it. He'd finally killed himself."

The attorney also told jurors that Mowbray was the target of an IRS

investigation and faced possible indictment at the time of his death. After Mowbray died, Ms. Ray said she learned that his car dealership "was broke."

Earlier, Dahm damaged the defense's suicide argument when he testified that Mowbray could not have shot himself because there was no blood or brain matter on his right hand, which would have been his shooting hand.

"With a blast like this, there would have been high-velocity blood spatter or spray on the right hand. There was none," he said. "Therefore, someone else had to shoot the gun."

But defense attorneys, on cross-examination, noted that Dahm did not see Mowbray's right hand or forearm prior to his autopsy,

which occurred about six hours after Mowbray died.

Ford also asked Dahm whether he would expect to find blood and brain matter on the right forearm of the nightgown Mrs. Mowbray wore the night of the shooting if she had fired the gun.

Dahm responded, "Yes, sir," as Mrs. Mowbray began to cry. A prosecution expert testified Wednesday that he found only traces of lead on the sleeves of Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown.

Prosecutors, however, noted that Dahm's response assumed there was nothing protecting the gown from spattered blood. Testimony has shown there were several pillows between Mowbray and his wife when they went to bed that night.

Still to testify is the defense's star witness, renowned forensics expert Herbert MacDonell, who has said Mowbray's death was most likely a suicide because he found no blood or blood-spatter on Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown.

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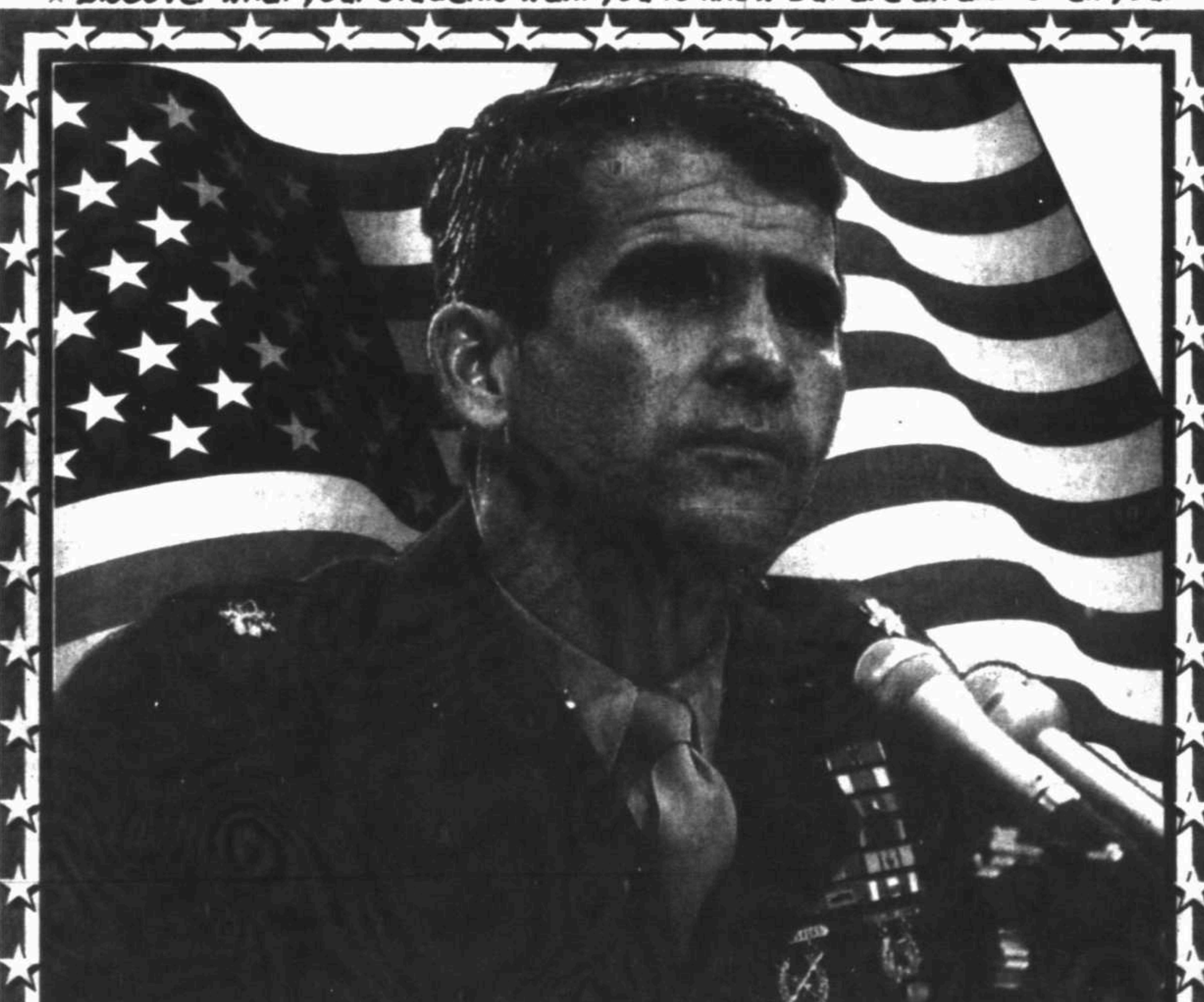
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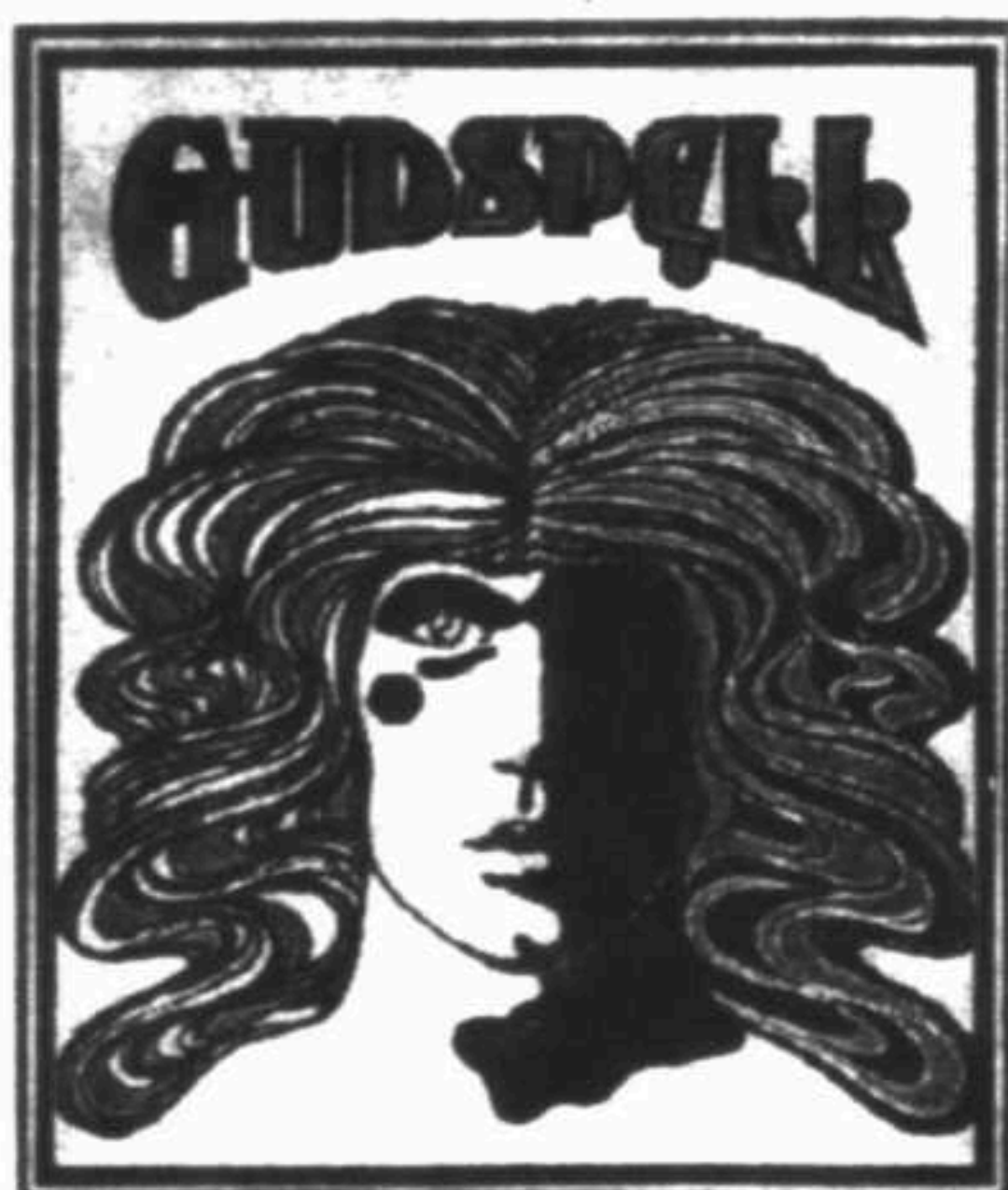
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BOXING — Fight Time on Fox, 7 p.m., FSS.
WINTER X-GAMES — Day 1, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, UTEP 69, Air Force 58, SMU 80, San Diego State 78, Saint Louis 67, Houston 47, Rice at San Jose State, late.
WJAC BASKETBALL — Men, New Mexico Junior College 66, Midland College 65.
Women, Midland College 78, New Mexico Junior College 62.

Sports Today

WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at El Paso Buzzards, 8 p.m. **RADIO**: KMCM (96.9 FM).
PREP BASKETBALL — Abilene High boys vs. Midland Lee, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center.
Abilene Cooper girls at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Midland High boys at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. **RADIO**: KCRS (550 AM).
Midland Lee girls at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.
PREP SOCCER — Midland High girls at Lubbock tournament.
Midland High boys at Duncanville tournament.
Midland Lee girls at Lewisville tournament.
Midland Lee boys at Ector County ISD tournament.

WJAC Standings

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Howard College	2	0	15	0
Midland College	2	0	13	5
Clarendon College	2	0	9	1
New Mexico JC	1	1	7	5
South Plains	1	1	11	9
Odessa College	0	2	7	9
Frank Phillips	0	2	4	7
Western Texas	0	2	5	12

Thursday's Games
Midland College 78, New Mexico JC 62;
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Win streak ends

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Southern Nazarene women's basketball team lost 77-75 to Wayland Baptist on Thursday night, snapping a record 122-game home winning streak.

Southern Nazarene, ranked No. 2 among NAIA Division I teams, had not lost at Broadhurst Gymnasium since Jan. 23, 1989.

The home winning streak was the longest in women's college basketball history.

Coach suspended

TOLEDO, Ohio — Eastern Michigan coach Milton Barnes was suspended for one game and given a public reprimand Thursday for his comments about the officials in Saturday's 78-75 loss at Bowling Green.

Mid-American Conference Commissioner Jerry Ippoliti suspended Barnes for Saturday's game at Northern Illinois.

With Eastern Michigan trailing 76-75 with 18 seconds left, Derrick Dial was called for carrying the ball by referee Randy Drury.

"We didn't deserve to lose this game like that," Barnes said after the game. "You lose to a ballclub because they outplay you, not because officials blow a call."

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Packer quarterback Brett Favre, left, won't let an injury to his left shoulder keep him out of the Super Bowl Jan. 25 or keep him from wrestling with center Frank Winters, right.

Pack quarterback Favre plans to play with injury in non-throwing shoulder

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — If it were his right shoulder, Brett Favre's injury would be the story of the Super Bowl.

The three-time MVP quarterback of the Green Bay Packers said Thursday he might have a torn rotator cuff in his non-throwing shoulder but it hasn't affected his play this season and shouldn't bother him against the Denver Broncos on Jan. 25.

Favre said he doesn't plan to have offseason surgery, either.

"It's not a big deal. I don't know exactly what it is, but it feels like there's something in there and they think maybe it's torn cartilage or a torn cuff," Favre said. "But it's the left arm. I just hurt certain times. If I had to throw with it, I don't know if I could."

But I don't have to worry about that."

Favre, who said he wasn't on any medication for the injury, couldn't recall how or when he first hurt the shoulder.

"It was early in the season. It could have been training camp," said Favre, who threw a league-best 35

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TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UT's Muoneke catches eye of fans — and refs

By Randy Riggs
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Get Gabe Muoneke in a social setting and prepare to be charmed. He's witty and intelligent, armed with a wide smile and a refreshing consequences-be-damned honesty that is disarming in a Charles Barkley sort of way.

But get him on a basketball court, and look out. That, in fact, is the problem, Muoneke believes. The University of Texas' intense power forward also attracts attention in a Barkley sort of way, and claims the guys with the whistles are looking out for him more than is warranted.

"There are referees out there telling me before the game that they're looking for me," Muoneke said. "I'm in there fighting just like everybody else is fighting, and they pick me out specifically. People say I've built up my own reputation, but it's just not right."

"I'm no evil guy."

Muoneke picked up his team-high third technical foul of the season Monday night in the Longhorns' 91-75 loss at Oklahoma. And he wasn't happy about it because he believes it was a "T" he got for his reputation more than his actions on the play. Muoneke came up with a loose ball in a scramble in front of the UT bench and dropped it on Sooners forward Eduardo Najera, who had fallen at his feet.

Muoneke said that the referee nearest the play merely warned the players to calm down, but that the ref who Muoneke claimed warned him before the game that he was watching him came over and issued the technical.

"The referee right next to the play said, 'Hey, hey, chill out, chill out,'" Muoneke said. "Then the other guy ran over and said, 'That's a tech.' I didn't think I did anything to shame the guy (Najera). He's a friend of mine. The

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The Texas Longhorns' sophomore star Gabe Muoneke, shown playing against Texas Tech's Tony Battle, right, and Rayford Young last season, believes he's drawing unwarranted attention from referees.

Aggie fans stay away from G. Rollie White

■ Texas A&M may have trouble filling its new basketball arena, which is scheduled to be ready for the start of next season.

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — The "Holler House on the Brazos" has been reduced to a whisper in its final season.

Forty-four-year old G. Rollie White Coliseum near the Brazos River, once a raucous visit for Texas A&M basketball opponents, will give way to sparkling Reed Arena next season and it's too bad the team may not be as updated.

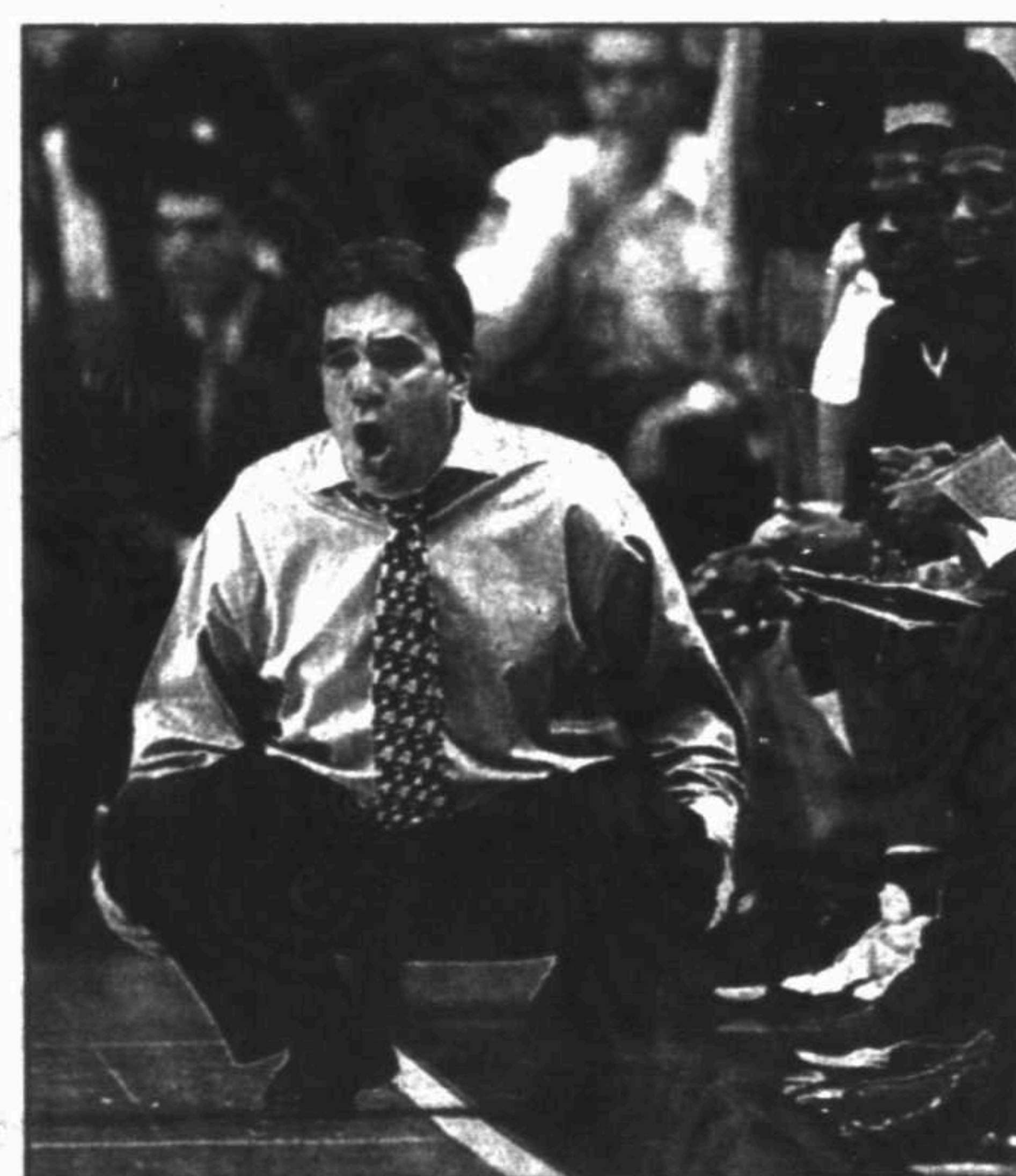
The long-awaited opening could be too late for coach Tony Barone, who was promised the new facility when he took over the probation-riddled Aggie basketball program in 1991.

The arena faced many delays and the Aggies have had only one winning record in Barone's six full seasons. After a promising start this season, they've lost five in a row, dropping to 6-8 following Wednesday's 83-65 loss to No. 3 Kansas.

Now, Barone's job security is a question for the few fans who still come to the games.

"Sure it's an issue. You're always on the hot seat in coaching," Barone said. "But it will never be a team issue. They're not supposed to be worried if I have a job. They play basketball and go to school. That's that."

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Basketball coach Tony Barone came to Texas A&M in 1991 hoping to rebuild the Aggies' basketball program with help from a new arena. After many delays, the arena will be open for next season, but the struggling Aggies may not be ready.

Bird's hands-off coaching method keeps Indiana on Pace for playoffs

By Hank Lowenkron
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — With a hands-off, low-key approach, rookie coach Larry Bird has guided the Indiana Pacers to one of the NBA's major turn-arounds as the season approaches the midway point.

Bird's club heads into Friday night's game against Sacramento with a 24-11 record, one game behind the defending champion Chicago Bulls in the Central Division. It took Indiana 50 games before it won No. 24 last season, when Larry Brown was the coach and the Pacers failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 1989.

"It's not what he says, it is how he says it that is making the difference," reserve guard Travis Best said. "He doesn't scream at you, he doesn't

embarrass you when you make a mistake. He just looks at you, and you get the message."

"Then when the time is right, he'll talk to you calmly and explain what he wants."

Reggie Miller, the team's scoring leader with a 19.9 average, says Bird lets the players play.

"That's probably been his greatest attribute," Miller said.

The Pacers are more relaxed playing for Bird than they were for Brown, whose critical public remarks and screaming tactics alienated him from his team last season.

"I think it is easier," Miller said. "Guys can relax, and not always have to be looking at the bench to see if they did anything wrong."

Mark Jackson said he realized quickly that Bird

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Jones can't talk to Vikes coordinator

Associated Press

IRVING — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is barred from speaking with Minnesota Vikings assistant coach Brian Billick about being offensive coordinator in Dallas.

But Jones has consulted former San Francisco 49ers coach Bill Walsh for advice on who should

replace Barry Switzer as next head coach of the Cowboys.

Vikings president Roger Headrick refused to give Jones access to Billick, who said he was "disappointed" at being denied the chance to discuss the job.

"There is a lot of ambiguity for us in Minnesota, and there are a lot of compelling aspects to the Cowboys' situation," Billick told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions. "I have no more respect for any other organization in sports than the Dallas Cowboys."

Earlier this week, the Cowboys asked whether Billick would be available to replace Ernie Zampese as offensive coordinator, a source told the Saint Paul Pioneer Press.

Billick has been with the Vikings since 1994 and is Walsh's close friend.

Walsh told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, "I've had a number of conversations with Jerry about a number of people."

Besides Billick, Walsh and Jones also have discussed Gary Kubiak of Denver and Jon Gruden of Philadelphia. Jones has said he may not find a new coach until next month. He also said he might make decisions about next season's assistant coaches before picking a head coach.

The 44-year-old Billick is under contract with the Vikings through next season. But the team may undergo an ownership change, which could lead to head coach Dennis Green's departure and thereby free his assistants.

Billick said he thought he could talk to other teams while he and the Vikings' coaching staff were in Mobile, Ala. for the Senior Bowl. But Headrick named Billick the team's offensive supervisor on Monday, which means Billick can't leave for another team unless it's for a head coaching job or he receives permission from the Vikings.

Cubs ink ace reliever Beck

By Rick Gano
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs picked up a closer Thursday, agreeing to a \$4 million, one-year contract with three-time All-Star Rod Beck.

Beck, a 29-year-old right-hander, had 37 saves in 45 chances for the San Francisco Giants last season. He had spent his entire major-league career with the Giants, going 21-28 with a 2.97 ERA with 199 saves.

Beck fills a major need for the Cubs. After losing Randy Myers following the 1996 season, they signed closer Mel Rojas to a \$13.75 million, three-year contract. But he was a bust, blowing several leads, and was traded to the New York Mets on Aug. 8.

"We feel we have two guys in (Marc) Pisciotta and (Terry) Adams who could

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Most athletes who are extremely successful as players don't have success as coaches, but ex-Celtic great Larry Bird has the Indiana Pacers only a half-game behind Chicago in the Central Division.

Technical foul shots stun Midland College

Staff Report

HOBBS, N.M. — Of all the ways the No. 4 ranked Midland College men's basketball team could have fallen Thursday night, the Chaps weren't counting on what happened.

With the game almost over and Al Williams having hit what appeared to be the game-winning shot with two-tenths of a second remaining on the clock against New Mexico Junior College, the MC bench was whistled for a technical foul for celebrating too soon. Albert Crockett made a pair of technical foul shots to stun the Chaps, 66-65, and hand them their first loss of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference season.

Meanwhile, the MC women got a big lead early and held steady throughout the second half to defeat NMJC 78-62 and improve to 2-0 in conference. They were bolstered by the play of Amie Kane, who scored 16 off the bench to lead the Lady Chaps.

The Chaps (15-1 overall, 1-1 in WJCAAC) led 63-62 but Rupert McClendon, who had 15 points, made a pair of free throws with 5.9 seconds left to give NMJC the lead. When the Chaps got the ball back, Williams, who led MC with 18 points, hit a jumper which prompted several Chaps to leave the bench to celebrate what they thought was the game winner.

Yet, there was a 2 seconds left on the clock, which prompted officials to nail the Chaps with a technical foul and give NMJC a chance at an improbable win.

"(The Chaps) thought the game was over and they stormed the court," said a disappointed Midland College coach Pat Rafferty. "New Mexico called a time out and in all the confusion (the officials) called a technical."

As upsetting as the ending was, that wasn't what most disheartened Rafferty most about the first

loss of the season.

"What makes it tough for me is that we missed a lot of easy shots," Rafferty said. "When we needed to we didn't step up and make the plays defensively. 'It shouldn't have come down to the final possession.'"

DeJuan Daniel added 12 points for the Chaps.

The Lady Chaps (13-5 overall, 2-0 in WJCAAC) took a 41-29 halftime lead en route to the victory. Along with Kane, Brooke Bowman scored 13 points, also off the bench, while Shelly Alderman added 12 and Janice Thomas had 10.

"That's probably the most complete game we've played this year," said Midland College coach Ron Jones. "It's a real tough place to win so I feel good about it."

The performance off the bench by Kane sparked the Lady Chaps offensively as she helped get MC rolling with nine points in the first half.

"We moved her back to playing point guard when she's on the floor because she can create," Jones said of Kane. "It doesn't drop off at all when she's in. We're right where we'd like to be."

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Local Basketball Today

Girls

Midland High

Opponent: District 4-5A foe Abilene Cooper...
Where: At Midland High gym.
When: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Midland High is 13-7 overall and 4-1 in district play. Cooper is 14-8 and 4-1.



4-5A Significance: Simple. The winner of this game ends the first half of the 4-5A season in sole possession of first place in the district. The loser will fall into no worse than a share of second place. A win would be particularly vital to the Lady Dawgs since they have to play both Central and Cooper on the road to finish their regular season.

Notes and quotes: Midland High is coming off probably its best performance in district so far, overcoming an early deficit to decisively beat Central and move into a tie for first. Sophomore Rebecca Nobles matched her career high with 29 points while Heidi Lange, the team's leading scorer at 13.8 points a game, had a solid game with 18 points and 11 rebounds... If there has been a true surprise team in the district, it has been Cooper, which won its first four district games before falling to Permian. Catherine Weir has emphatically made an early case for district MVP honors, regularly scoring well above the 20-point barrier in the Lady Cougars' four wins. "You've got to contain Catherine Weir," said MHS coach Jim Raughton on what his team needs to do to win. "The Lady Cougars are big and strong in the middle so we've got to do a good job on the glass."

Next Action: Midland High will open the second half of district Tuesday with a 6 p.m. game against Odessa High at Chaparral Center.

Midland High Statistics (13-7, 4-1)					
Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Heidi Lange	20	101	58	275	13.8
Rebecca Nobles	20	85	53	227	11.4
Michelle Acosta	19	38	36	114	6.0
Edna Rogers	20	48	10	116	5.8
Blanca Lane	16	29	23	81	5.1
Morgan Kelley	20	37	21	95	4.8
Sonia Castillo	19	17	21	73	3.8
Lindsey Jones	17	17	14	48	2.8
Tammy Foy	20	20	7	49	2.5
Elizabeth Green	18	9	2	22	1.2
Misty Calhoun	15	4	7	15	1.0
Erin Rogers	5	2	0	4	0.8
Clarissa Leonard	2	0	0	0	0.0

Three-Point Goals: Lange 15, Edna Rogers 10, Nobles 4, Acosta 2, Foy 2.

Midland Lee

Opponent: District 4-5A foe Abilene High...
Where: At Abilene High...

When: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Midland Lee is 6-13 overall and 2-3 in district. Abilene High is 9-12 and 0-5.

Last Action: Lee lost to district co-leader Abilene Cooper 57-45 last Friday while Abilene High fell to Odessa High 54-42 Tuesday.

4-5A Significance: At this point, only pride. With a win, Lee could finish the first half of district in a tie for third, but no better than that. Even if Abilene High wins, it will still be in the district basement.

Notes: The Lady Rebels had a golden opportunity to put themselves in the thick of the district race, but fell apart in the second half against Cooper. After a bye Tuesday, they might have had a chance to get themselves back together as they have been hit hard by injuries since Christmas. The responsibility of carrying the offense still falls squarely on the shoulders of junior guard Keke Strambler, who is the only Lady Rebel to consistently score in double figures and leads the team with a 14.5 average.

Next Action: Lee will open the second half of district Tuesday with a 6 p.m. game at Odessa Permian.

Midland Lee Statistics (6-13, 2-3)					
Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Marion Strambler	19	96	57	276	14.5
Tamika Thurman	15	66	34	166	11.1
Valerie Morgan	19	45	19	109	5.4
Heather Warren	14	29	10	72	5.1
Rochelle Warren	15	31	10	73	4.9
Christina Brown	19	27	12	66	3.5
Dee Frazier	19	18	12	58	3.1
Julie Jay	18	9	6	24	1.3
Clarissa Valenzuela	13	7	1	16	1.2
Danielle Dickey	6	2	0	6	1.0
Allison Newton	16	7	2	16	1.0
Andrea Long	16	5	3	15	0.9
Katie McLane	14	1	2	4	0.3



Serena Williams hits a backhand to Lindsay Davenport during their match at the Sydney International Thursday in Australia. Williams beat Davenport, but lost to Arantxa Sanchez Vicario later in the day.

Sanchez Vicario ends Williams' Sydney run

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

SYDNEY, Australia — Serena Williams limped to victory against Lindsay Davenport. Coming back the next day to do the same against human backboard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario proved too much.

"I wasn't tired, I was ailed," Williams said Friday after a 6-2, 6-1 drubbing by Sanchez Vicario in the semifinals of the Sydney International, the main tuneup for next week's Australian Open.

"My knee, my calf, my whole right leg hurt so bad I couldn't move," the 16-year-old said, attributing the soreness to seven matches in eight days, including qualifying, on the rubberized Rebound Ace hardcourts.

"Even in practice this morning, I couldn't move. I had to cut it short. I kept telling myself during the match to keep going, but I just hurt too much. And she was playing pretty good. I had to go for winners or else. I couldn't just rally with her. But I should be all right for the Australian Open with a few days' rest."

Williams, playing only her third pro tournament, had hoped to reach the final against her older sister, Venus, 17.

"I'm pretty disappointed," Serena said, "but I know there will be a lot of other chances for us to do it." Serena Williams, in a hurry to move up in tennis but not grow up, wears watches on each wrist when she plays — Goofy on one, the Cat in the Hat on the other.

Not that she needs to know the time when she's on court, but one watch is set for Sydney, the other 16 hours behind for Florida where her father awaits long-distance reports of her adventures.

These days, Serena and Venus have plenty to tell their dad, who does some of the coaching by phone and leaves the rest to his wife, Oracene.

In Sydney, Serena knocked off

three much higher ranked players — Mirjana Lucic, Sandrine Testud and, on Thursday, the No. 3 Davenport before falling to No. 9 Sanchez Vicario. After this tournament, Serena is likely to leap 40 spots in the rankings from her current No. 96.

Venus, No. 21 coming into the tournament, has been no less sensational, beating Ruxandra Dragomir, then No. 1 Martina Hingis, then Maggie Maleeva to get to the semis in the opposite half of the draw. Venus will next play Ai Sugiyama, a 6-2, 6-3 winner Friday in a rain-interrupted match against Barbara Paulus.

Venus gained fame first by reaching the U.S. Open final. The future, though, may belong to Serena, who has a better serve and is more consistent. In Serena's second tournament last year in Chicago, she beat Monica Seles and Mary Pierce before falling to Davenport.

If the Williams sisters do meet each other someday in a final, don't expect either one to take it easy out of love or respect.

"She's my sister, but I want to win," Serena said.

Venus echoed that sentiment. "I'm trying to get my first title, too," she said. "So I'm going to try to win. I don't care who it is."

Karol Kucera of Slovakia reached the men's final Friday, weathering two match points in the second-set tiebreaker and coming back to beat Australian Michael Tebbutt, 6-4, 6-7 (8-6), 6-0.

Serving for the match at 6-4 in the tiebreaker, Tebbutt double-faulted, then slapped a volley wide to waste two chances at going to the final. Kucera leaped on his opportunity, won the next two points and crushed Tebbutt in the third set.

Kucera will play the winner of the semifinal between top-seeded Patrick Rafter and defending champion Tim Henman.

A&M: Low attendance worries Aggie officials

(From 1C)

With G. Rollie White filled to the brim, Aggies used to taunting visiting teams. Now there aren't enough to worry opponents and even visiting coaches are trying to muster support for Aggie basketball.

"I think the fans enjoyed seeing an aggressive A&M team," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "We were perhaps more gifted. I hope the fans will support Tony and his team."

Barone rebuilt Creighton University's basketball program into a winner and he expected to return the Aggies to the glory days they experienced under Shelby Metcalf, who became the winningest coach in Southwest Conference history in 27 seasons before he was fired during the 1989-90 season.

A new multipurpose facility was a cornerstone of Barone's plan to take on the Aggie challenge. The arena wasn't approved until 1994 and the roof caved in 14 months ago during construction, causing further delay.

Barone came to Texas full of ideas that he hoped would help. Now, he just concentrates on basketball.

"My approach is simple, work hard and long. I can do that," Barone said. "There will be no deviation in our enthusiastic attitude. I'm not blaming anybody. I have no criticism for anybody. We haven't won as many games as we need to win. The bottom line is 'w's.'"

That's been the problem since the Aggies got off to a 4-0 start this

season. Since then, they are 2-8, losing games by blowing leads or going on long shooting slumps like an 0-for-15 stretch against Kansas that took them out of the game.

The Aggies blew 13-point leads against Colorado State and Washington and they were up on Arizona State by 17 and still lost.

"The only thing I've seen that's been consistent is our shot selection hasn't been good when we get up on a team," Barone said. "We might have taken some bad shots early but we made them."

"That gives you a false sense of security. Now, a bad shot you made in the first half, chances are the same shot won't go in all the time. We haven't done a good job of finishing off people by sticking that one basket that had to be made at the end."

Reed Arena will seat 12,500, but fans aren't even filling 7,500-seat G. Rollie White. Wednesday's crowd of 6,548 was by far the largest of the season. The Aggies are averaging just over 2,700.

Metcalf thinks the new arena will help with recruiting. "It's going to be a palace and it will certainly help them in recruiting," Metcalf said. "They just have to get a good ball club and win."

But Metcalf isn't happy to see G. Rollie White go into retirement. "You'll never get me to say anything bad about G. Rollie, it was very good to me," Metcalf said. "I never thought that was a valid excuse (for losing). I think when you get down to it, aren't all of the courts still the same size?"

Klesko, Higginson sign big contracts

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — On one of the days baseball owners hate most, Atlanta's Ryan Klesko, the Dodgers' Eric Young and Detroit's Bobby Higginson got big-money four-year contracts as 79 players filed Thursday for salary arbitration.

Klesko, an outfielder eligible for free agency after the 1999 season, got a \$20.5 million, four-year contract that pays him \$3.5 million this year, \$4.75 million in 1999, \$5.75 million in 2000 and \$6.5 million in 2001.

Young, a second baseman who split time last season with Colorado and Los Angeles, agreed to an \$18 million, four-year deal with the Dodgers.

Higginson, an outfielder eligible for arbitration for the first time, received a \$16 million, four-year deal that gives him a \$100,000 signing bonus, \$2.4 million in 1998, \$3.8 million in 1999, \$4.4 million in 2000 and \$5.3 million in 2001.

Many of the top players who had been eligi-

ble for arbitration settled even before filing this offseason. Late Wednesday night, pitcher Pedro Astacio and Colorado agreed to a \$23.3 million, four-year contract.

Among free agents, the Chicago Cubs picked up a closer, agreeing to a \$4 million, one-year contract with Rod Beck that includes a \$5.5 million team option for 1999.

Players who filed for arbitration will exchange figures with their teams Tuesday along with two players who accepted arbitration offers from their former teams: Texas right-hander Bobby Witt and Colorado left-hander Mike Munoz.

Owners hate arbitration, claiming they are forced to match salaries paid to comparable players on teams in different markets, some with more money to spend.

New York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams, one of the few unsigned stars in arbitration, has set a Tuesday deadline for agreeing to a multiyear contract. Williams, expected to ask for more than \$7 million, has said he

will file for free agency after next season unless he gets a multiyear deal by Tuesday.

Also filing were Boston second baseman John Valentin, Yankees left-hander Andy Pettitte, and Dodgers outfielders Raul Mondesi and Todd Hollandsworth.

In addition to Klesko, Young and Higginson, several other arbitration-eligible players agreed to contracts Thursday.

Shortstop Kevin Stocker, acquired by the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays from Philadelphia after the expansion draft on Nov. 18, agreed to a \$7.5 million, three-year contract. He gets \$1.8 million in 1998, \$2.4 million in 1999 and \$3.3 million in 2000.

Agreeing to contracts were Texas left-hander Eric Gunderson (\$450,000), Los Angeles outfielder Billy Ashley (\$450,000), Atlanta outfielder Danny Bautista (\$330,000), Milwaukee outfielder Mark Newfield (\$318,750) and Arizona catcher Kelly Stinnett (\$275,000). Dodgers right-hander Darren Hall agreed to a \$1.5 million, two-year contract.

Lietzke tries to repeat win of 17 years ago

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. — Devoted fisherman, "soccer pop" and sometime golfer, Bruce Lietzke doesn't buy into the practice-makes-perfect theory.

Lietzke, who hates to practice his golf shots and had played in just one official PGA event in the last six months, shot his second consecutive 65 Thursday to take a one-shot lead over Andrew Magee in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Asked if he had been practicing a lot, Lietzke chuckled and said, "Yeah, my hands are bleeding. I've got callouses from practicing so much. Or maybe that's from fishing; my rule is no golf during the off-season."

Lietzke, 46, has played sparingly in recent years. He competed in just nine events in 1997, the last at Las Vegas on October, and has spent a lot of time with his family.

He caddies for his son, Stephen, 14; helps coach the softball team daughter Christine, 12, plays on; and "drives them around to soccer and gymnastics and all that."

"I found out a long time ago that I could take 11 or 12 weeks off (from the Tour) and come back and play good golf," Lietzke said. "And I haven't changed my swing for the past 22 or 23 years."

That swing has won him 13 tournament titles, including the Hope Classic 17 years ago.

At 14-under through two days this time, Lietzke moved a stroke in front of first-round leader

Magee, who had a 4-under-par 68 after opening with a 63.

"You're always concerned when you come back from a round like that," Magee said of his 9-under-par the first day. "I was going to be happy with anything under 70, and I'm very pleased with a 68."

David Duval, who wrapped up 1997 by winning his last three tournaments, was another shot behind after a second-round 67. Stewart Cink also moved to 12-under with a 67.

Fred Couples, the leader at 14-under at one point, slipped back into the pack by bogeying four of his last five holes. His 70 left him four shots behind Lietzke.

Playing at Indian Wells, considered the least difficult of the four courses used for the Hope, Lietzke

trimmed five shots off par in a stretch of five holes on his first nine.

Lietzke, beginning the round on No. 10, capped his blitz on par by rolling in a 22-foot putt for an eagle on No. 18, a 501-yard par 5, to go to 12-under. He added two more birdies on his second nine.

Lietzke's first round was at Bermuda Dunes, the second easiest of the four courses used for the 90-hole tournament. Now he must play La Quinta and the Palmer Course at PGA West, the more difficult courses. Sunday's final round will be at Bermuda Dunes, the host course this year.

In 1981, Lietzke led the Hope from start to finish, going 25-under to beat Jerry Pate by two shots. Lietzke won \$50,000; the winner's prize for the Hope now is \$414,000.

Thompson captures third gold at Worlds

By TONY HARPER
Associated Press Writer

PERTH, Australia — Jenny Thompson started the World Swimming Championships concerned about China's drug-tainted swim team. Now she has three gold medals, while the Chinese gold rush was halted after four of the team's swimmers tested positive for drugs.

Thompson, winner of five Olympic gold medals but none for an individual event, added the 100-meter butterfly title to her 100-meter freestyle victory and relay gold.

Thompson even bucked the trend she started Thursday as she stood "lonely" on the victory podium. Missing was the "No drugs" badge she wore to a news conference prior to the competition and since featured in most ceremonies with Americans, including Kristy Kowal's silver medal in the 200-meter breaststroke on Thursday.

Thompson's golds have U.S. team count up to seven. With three days left, the Americans already have two more golds than they won four years ago at Rome, where the Chinese collected 12 of 16 golds in women's events.

On Wednesday, swimming's world governing body, FINA, suspended four Chinese swimmers, including three women, after they tested positive for the banned substance Triamterene, a diuretic.

In Beijing, a Chinese sports official said Thursday the four face strict punishment. Tu Mingde, secretary-general of the Chinese Olympic Committee, said Chinese officials have set up a special anti-doping committee to investigate the case.

Last week, a female swimmer, Yuan Yuan, and coach Zhou Zhewen were disqualified from the championships after Australian Customs found 13 vials of muscle-building human growth hormone, also a banned substance, in

Yuan's bag. FINA banned Zhou 15 years and Yuan four years for trafficking.

China failed to win a medal Thursday and had two golds, a silver and a bronze.

Lenny Krayzelburg gave the United States a gold medal Thursday in the 100-meter backstroke. The Americans concluded their golden night when the men's 400-meter freestyle relay team edged Australia.

The Ukraine-born Krayzelburg was timed in 55.00 seconds in beating Canada's Mark Versfeld (55.17) and Germany's Stev Theloke (55.20).

"It was a very special moment," Krayzelburg, born in Odessa but a U.S. resident since 1989, said of standing on the podium.

"While I was growing up in Russia everyone wanted to be in the United States, so it's special to be an American and standing on top of the world."

MUONEKE: 'Horn thinks he's getting bad rap

(From 1C)

referee's taking it that I'm being a bad person, (that) I'm being a mean person.

"It's difficult when refs have preconceived notions. These guys don't know me from Jeffrey Dahmer (the convicted cannibalistic murderer)."

Of course, there are those who acknowledge there might be valid reasons why some referees could have preconceived notions. There's no debating that Muoneke, a bullish (6-foot-7-inch, 245 pounds) sophomore from Houston, is emotional, and that while he might not necessarily go looking for trouble, it isn't difficult for it to find him.

UT coaches believe opposing players try to provoke Muoneke, and Coach Tom Penders is trying to teach him not to respond. But every time he does, the Long-

horns know he's not helping himself, or them, in the eyes of the refs.

"In a way, you've got to look at it from their standpoint," junior co-captain Chico Vazquez said of the officials. "If I was a ref, I'd have to look at it, too, because it happens game in and game out."

Penders, who notes, "I love the kid. I love him like a son," said he has sent Muoneke to a counselor to try and get a tighter rein on his emotions.

But in the scope of Monday's hard-fought game — there were five technicals — Penders believed the technical on Muoneke was unjustified.

"There was a lot of stuff going on, but I don't think the technical he got was really deserved," Penders said. "It was a play where the guy (Najera) really yanked and pulled him down. Gabe could have gotten hurt. He just dropped the

ball. He didn't throw it at him."

Yet Penders stopped short of agreeing with Muoneke's contention that he receives special, unwanted attention from the refs. Muoneke ranks third on the team in personal fouls with 46, behind Vazquez's 52 and Chris Mihm's 47.

Muoneke, Vazquez and Kris Clack each has fouled out of three games to tie for the team lead in that category.

"I don't want to say he's being picked on," Penders said of his precocious sophomore. "He's got to control himself and I've worked with him. I've talked to him and I've got him seeing a counselor about it. I can't do any more than that."

Penders added that, "He's a competitive kid. Sometimes he just loses it." But Muoneke believes he doesn't do any more than anyone else on the court, and is worried about what he believes

is the unfair image of him.

"I don't want anybody to think I'm a thug. I'm not," he said. "I don't play like that on the streets. I get frustrated. Coach P's been telling me about some of the stuff I do on the court. But I'm not that type of person."

Muoneke also worries that his untimely technicals and occasional intentional fouls are hurting the team more than his 11.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game are helping.

"Maybe I'm doing a little more bad than good, I don't know," he said.

"Maybe I need to step back. Coach P's working with me to calm me down, but I really don't see that much difference between me and other players. If someone else sees it, tell me and I'll shut up."

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BECK: Chicago adds proven closer to roster

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be outstanding closers," Cubs general manager Ed Lynch said. "Now we can push them into setup roles, and then we have left-hander Bob Patterson. We really feel good about our bullpen now."

Beck is the third free agent signed by the Cubs during the offseason, joining shortstop Jeff Blauser and outfielder Matt Mieske. Chicago also has acquired second baseman Mickey Morandini, outfielder Henry Rodriguez, catcher Sandy Martinez and pitcher Kurt Miller in trades.

"Watching what Ed Lynch has done with the rest of the club intrigued me quite a bit," said Beck, who became expendable after the

Giants acquired Robb Nen. Beck said he also had a deal working with the Indians that didn't materialize.

"Realizing at this point I was not going to get a three-year deal, I opted to take one year and that gives me flexibility. I think the Cubs have a legitimate chance of contending," Beck said.

Beck said other factors were staying in the National League and being able to attend spring training near his home in Arizona.

He said pitching in the small confines of Wrigley Field won't be a big deal because he's used to it from his days in San Francisco.

"It's pretty much the same park on the West Coast. There's wind, it's cold, it's small," he said.

Beck, who made \$3.18 million last season, can earn an additional \$400,000 in performance

bonuses next season. Chicago's option is for \$5.5 million and would become guaranteed if he appears in 53 games next season.

"I don't anticipate not being able to fulfill 53. So it's more like a two-year deal," Beck said.

"We've been very lucky," Lynch said. "We came into the offseason with four or five priorities. No. 1 was to upgrade the middle of the infield at shortstop and second, get a left-handed power hitter to hit behind Sammy Sosa and add a quality veteran reliever."

Beck, one of the game's most recognizable relievers with his long hair and thick mustache, began his professional career in 1986 after being selected in the draft by Oakland. He was traded to the Giants in 1988 and made his major league debut in 1991.

BIRD: Legend succeeding in first year of coaching

(From 1C)

was a different kind of coach.

"The one comment that he made, that made me understand that he had a clue, was that coaching is overrated, and that's the truth," Jackson said. "You take your players, allow them to get into the best condition, the best shape possible. You give them the x's and o's, you prepare them, you have fun, and on game days you trust them to come up with results."

"You give them confidence and then you sit there and relax like you're a genius. He's done a won-

derful job of that."

Bird has mixed humor with the thirst for success that he demonstrated during his 13-year playing career with the Boston Celtics.

Asked what he's learned during that first half of his rookie season as a coach at any level, Bird responded, "That Reggie wants the ball in the last few seconds of the game."

"I'm still learning a little bit about each one of these guys. Derrick McKey never says a word, so I know absolutely nothing about him. When he gets hurt, you ask him how he feels, and he

nods his head."

Bird now studies his players just as he did opponents during his playing days.

"You learn being on the road with them, watch them around practice, and in games. You try and learn what you can about them," Bird said. "As ballplayers they've done everything I've asked. They've been excellent to work for. I always say I work for them, because it's their team. It is up to them if they want to go out and give the effort every night."

Antonio Davis said the players all know about Bird's accomplish-

ments as a player.

"Everybody feels his experience can help us," Davis said. "He just wants you to relax, and play the game that you know you can play."

The formula is working. The Pacers, who opened the season at 2-5, have been winning with defense. They're second in the NBA in total defense, having allowed opponents an average of 88.1 points per game. Opponents have scored 100 points only three times. They have won their past three games, six of the past seven and 22 of the past 28.

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NFL's television negotiations have become more cut-throat

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — NFL television negotiations used to be a peaceful, civilized process. Former commissioner Pete Rozelle and Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell, the former head of the broadcast committee,

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would sit down with the networks, discuss a price and come up with an agreeable contract.

That changed six years ago. The economy was in a recession and the networks were losing money on their NFL deals. The league came up with a plan to extend the deal two years at reduced rates to help the networks recover lost money.

"It was recommended by the commissioner's office, but a group led by Jerry Jones said, 'To heck with that. Let's wait a year and take the chance that someone will jack up the prices,'" said NBC Sports president Dick Ebersol.

"From an economic standpoint, Jerry was right, but it ended the loyalty between the league and the partners," Ebersol said.

Fox's Rupert Murdoch did step to the plate, offering \$1.58 billion for four years of NFL football, \$100 million more a year than incumbent CBS offered. And the negotiating process has never been the same.

"We changed it because we're now four networks bidding furiously for three very valuable franchises," Murdoch told the Fox News Channel. "So one has to lose out. So as the bidding goes on, it gets more desperate."

This year, the NFL struck a deal that will be worth at least \$17.6 billion in the next eight years. CBS paid \$4 billion for the AFC, Fox paid \$4.4 billion for the AFC, ABC paid \$4.4 billion for "Monday Night Football," and ESPN paid \$4.8 billion for Sunday night games.

"As television gets more diversified, the NFL represents the only firm ground in an increasingly scary swamp as we look at the future of television," said David Hill, president of Fox Sports and Fox Television. "It is the one thing that makes sense. Shows

have a life cycle. The NFL has gone on for 75 years. That's why you see these kinds of increases."

BREAKING THE NEWS: When CBS lost football four years ago, Dan Rather reported it on his nightly news cast.

This week when CBS got back into the game, the network waited a day to trumpet its return, citing other news reports on many of its radio and television stations.

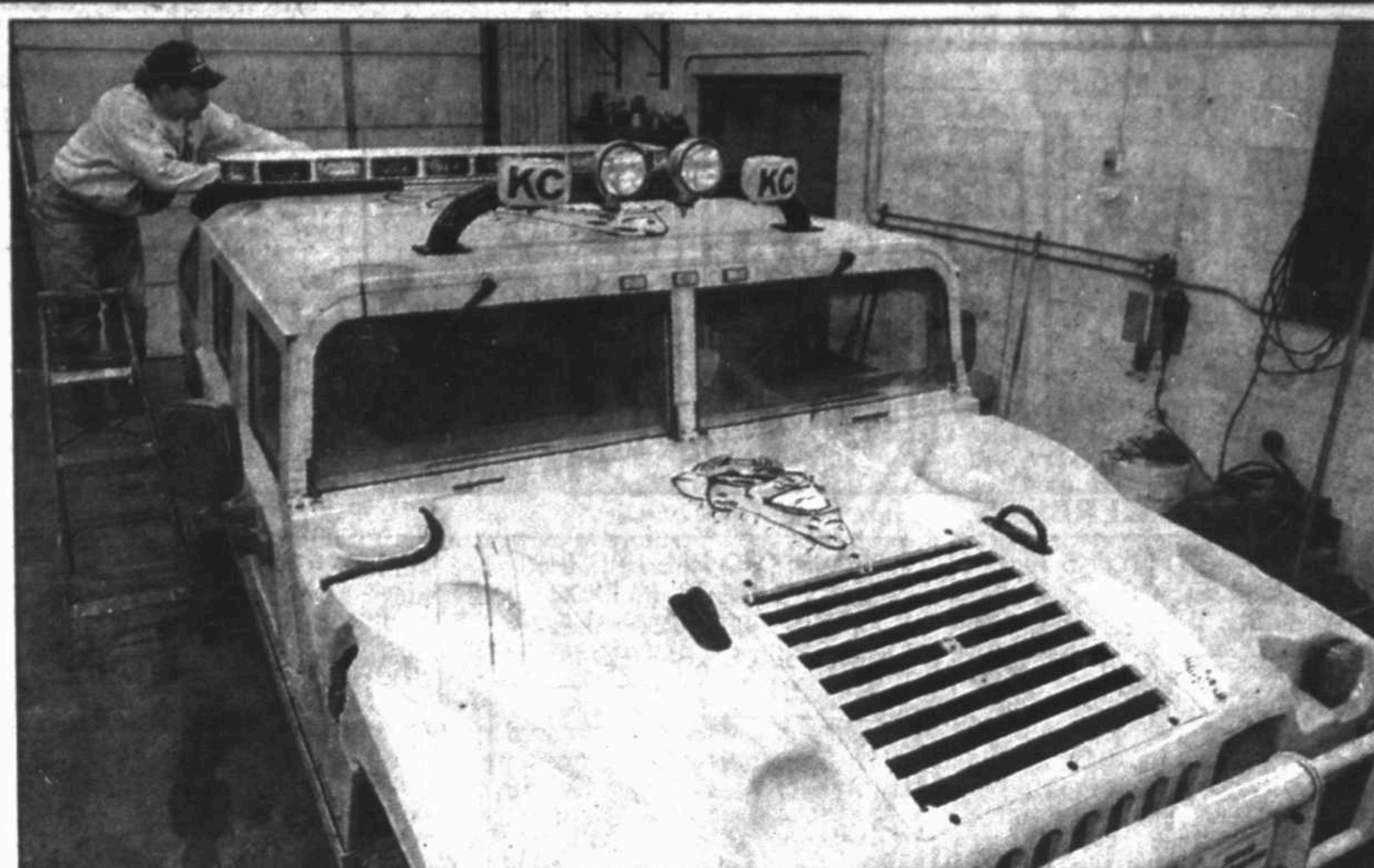
ABC was the only one of the six networks involved with the NFL negotiations to break the news on one of its shows. Shortly before 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, ABC News anchor Peter Jennings called his boss, Bob Iger, at NFL headquarters to get a status report on the talks. He had heard that Tom Brokaw might break the news on his show, Iger said.

"I called back the control room and said we had indeed closed the deal," said Iger, president of ABC Inc.

Correspondent Aaron Brown ended his report on "World News Tonight" broadcast with this line: "ABC gets Monday night, NBC gets nothing."

"We would not have done that if we hadn't gotten the deal," Iger said.

TUBE BITS: In order to limit the number of games running into each other, the NFL has changed the starting time for Sunday late games to 3:15 p.m. Sunday telecasts will run until 6:30 p.m., delaying the start of "60 Minutes" by a half-hour. Sunday night games are expected to start at 7:20 p.m., 20 minutes later than last year. "Monday Night Football" will also kick off at 7:20 p.m. following a pregame show. There will be an additional two-minute commercial break each game. ... ESPN2 will have a half-hour NFL wrapup show, called "NFL2Night," five nights a week. ... Fox begins its fourth season of NFL coverage Sunday with the All-Star game at 3 p.m. The game will have a different flavor this year, with North America vs. World replacing Eastern Conference vs. Western Conference. "It's going to be exciting to witness the level of intensity the players have on Sunday," said Fox analyst John Davidson.



Steve Rovinski attaches a light bar with green and gold colored strobe lights on the roof of a Hummer — Tuesday in Racine, Wis. The vehicle, which is painted yellow with darkened spots to simulate cheese, is part of a caravan going to San Diego for the Super Bowl on Jan. 25.

Cheesy caravan heads for San Diego

By Jim Chilsen
Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE — Loaded with cheeseheads and driving vehicles that looked like large slabs of Swiss on wheels, some Green Bay Packers fans Thursday embarked on a 2,800-mile journey to the Super Bowl.

"I think it's pretty goofy," said traveler Dave Scherer, 37, of Milwaukee. "It's just fun, Wisconsin people having fun."

About 20 people decked out in green and gold, along with about 5,000 of the foam hats shaped like wedges of cheese, left the snow and cold of Milwaukee on the "Cheesehead Caravan" to San Diego for the game Jan. 25.

"Can you think of a better way to go down there?" said Craig Clements, 21. "I'm told this is supposed to be the time of my life, so how could I pass it up?"

After a sendoff of soda and bratwursts, the caravan was escorted by police cars from Foamation Inc., the company that markets the cheeseheads and other novelty items. The caravan included a truck, a recreational vehicle, and a Humvee and van both painted to look like cheese.

"This runs on a Swiss and gouda mixture," Becker said of the van. The Humvee, he said, "runs

on a straight limburger."

As the journey began, one man whipped Frisbee-like discs of cheese-foam out the window of the Humvee, which was decorated with green-and-gold flashing lights. Items like cheeseheads would be sold at reduced price, and other items like yellow Title Towels would be given away during the trip, which included stops in eight cities.

Tom Simons, a police detective, was wearing an old motorcycle helmet in Green Bay's colors with a revolving green-and-gold light on top. Despite his appearance, he almost sounded philosophical in describing his motivation.

"It's the love of the Green Bay Packers and the love of fellow man, to show that we are family," he said. "It's a brotherhood."

Ralph Bruno, 37, who founded Foamation in 1987, said he created the hat to make something positive out of the label "cheesehead" that had been thrown on Wisconsin fans.

It actually debuted at a Milwaukee Brewers game. Bruno said he used a cushion from his mother's couch, an electric turkey knife, spray glue and a wood burner to form the Swiss-cheese holes. The rest is history.

"The word cheesehead has been around for a long time, but it hadn't been represented in a three-dimensional way," Bruno said. "I've been known to do unusual things."

The journey includes stops in St. Louis, Memphis, Dallas, Roswell, N.M., Phoenix and Las Vegas. But one stop the caravan won't be making is in Denver, home of the Packers' Super Bowl opponent, the Broncos. Chris Becker, a spokesman for Foamation, says the weather this time of year makes a route through Denver dangerous.

Are Denver fans going to think the Packers fans are chicken? "If we're chickens, then they're the chicken feed," Becker said.

Forecast sees nice Super Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — They are words Super Bowl officials will love to hear: Fair skies on game day. "It should be a fairly nice day," National Weather Service forecaster Noel Isla said on Thursday after seeing the first long-range

forecast that included Jan. 25. The forecast is for a high of 65. A storm is expected to move through Northern California and the Pacific Northwest, with the southern edge brushing Southern California with some high clouds, Isla said.

Romanowski's spitting incident ends up uniting Bronco players

By John Mossman
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Bill Romanowski's much-publicized spitting incident, which some of his own teammates said had racial overtones, might have split the Denver Broncos. Instead, it seemed to unite them.

When the Denver linebacker spit in the face of San Francisco wide receiver J.J. Stokes and the incident was caught by ABC cameras in a Monday night game on Dec. 15, it created an uproar.

Romanowski, fined \$7,500 by the NFL, was apologetic and embarrassed, but the reaction of two of his black teammates elevated the issue beyond bad judgment.

Tight end Shannon Sharpe and wide receiver Willie Green both felt the fine should have been stiffer.

"I think that's the worst thing you can do to a person, especially of our background and our race, is to spit in his face," Sharpe said.

Three days after the incident, the Broncos held a team meeting and then presented a united front. Sharpe and Green agreed Romanowski isn't a racist and insisted the controversy hadn't damaged the team.

Apparently, they were right. Since then, the Broncos have beaten San Diego 38-3 in the regular-season finale, then run off playoff wins over Jacksonville, Kansas City and Pittsburgh — the latter two on the road.

"It wasn't going to distract us, it wasn't going to tear this team apart," Sharpe said. "If anything, it brought us closer together."

"The 53 players in this locker room and the 10 coaches upstairs, for a long time we were the only ones that believed. When the wheels started to fall off a little bit, losing to Pittsburgh and San Francisco, we were the only ones who believed we still had a chance to make something good out of this season. We kept that focus, we kept together."

Romanowski remembers that after the San Francisco game, the Broncos' defense rededicated itself.

"We had a defensive meeting and talked about how it all starts

in practice," he said. "You give yourself a chance to win the game if you practice hard and pay attention to detail. Our focus and our practices really went up about two or three notches."

Romanowski, whose 10-year reputation for physical play has perhaps been permanently tarnished by the spitting incident, knows he's going to be asked about it repeatedly during Super Bowl week.

"It was definitely a disappointing moment for me," he said. "I really embarrassed myself and my family. My wife supports me. She knows who I am and what I'm about. She knows I made a mistake, too. Everybody does. I really felt sorry for my family and my teammates."

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"I've probably been spit on a half dozen to a dozen times on the field," he said, "so I never even thought twice about it. Then when I came off the field, I got asked about it. People said it was caught on camera and was being replayed. I said to myself, 'Oh, no.'"

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called coach Mike Shanahan. "I told him I screwed up," Romanowski said. "He said, 'I know you did.' He told me what he thought about it and what he had told the media. I told him what I was going to do."

Romanowski said he tried, but was never able, to deliver a personal apology to Stokes.

"We have the same agent, Tom Conlon, and I was going to call," Romanowski said. "But he (Stokes) didn't want to talk. My agent said he had put the incident behind him."

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FAVRE: Injury won't stop QB

(From 1C)

touchdown passes this season, won an unprecedented third straight Most Valuable Player award and guided the Packers (15-3) back to the Super Bowl.

Favre said his shoulder injury has in no way affected his play.

"I don't think it's a big deal. I never thought it was a big deal," he said. "They just ask what's sore on me. And I say, 'Basically this.'"

The Packers do not permit their staff trainers or physicians to speak to the media and coach Mike Holmgren wasn't available for comment. But, offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis said Favre's shoulder wasn't a big concern.

"Brett's fine. I don't know anything about his shoulder and we haven't discussed it," Lewis said.

"My shoulder just catches at certain times," Favre said, rolling his shoulder in circles. "Right now, it feels fine. You wouldn't even know anything's wrong. Sometimes I do something and it kind of catches, like there may be a tear in it."

Favre described the pain as "an arthritis-type feeling."

He said he might need surgery eventually but hopes to avoid an operation entirely.

"I'm going to wait because I'm able to play with it and perform and stuff," Favre said. "If it came down to where it was too much pain, then I'd have to do something about it. But I'm not going to. Right now, I don't want to fix what ain't broken, even though it hurts."

Favre said he also has minor cartilage damage in his left knee but hopes to avoid surgery for that injury, too.

Favre, who has thrown 568 passes this year, compared to backup Steve Bono's 10, said his injuries are part of the normal wear and tear on his body and that they haven't prevented him from lifting weights or doing any of his other work.

It hasn't stopped him from his celebrated locker room horseplay, either. On Thursday, Favre wrestled around with tight end Mark Chmura and center Frank Winters before practice.

As for his right shoulder, Favre said that one was fine.

"Yeah," he said. "It feels as good as it ever has."

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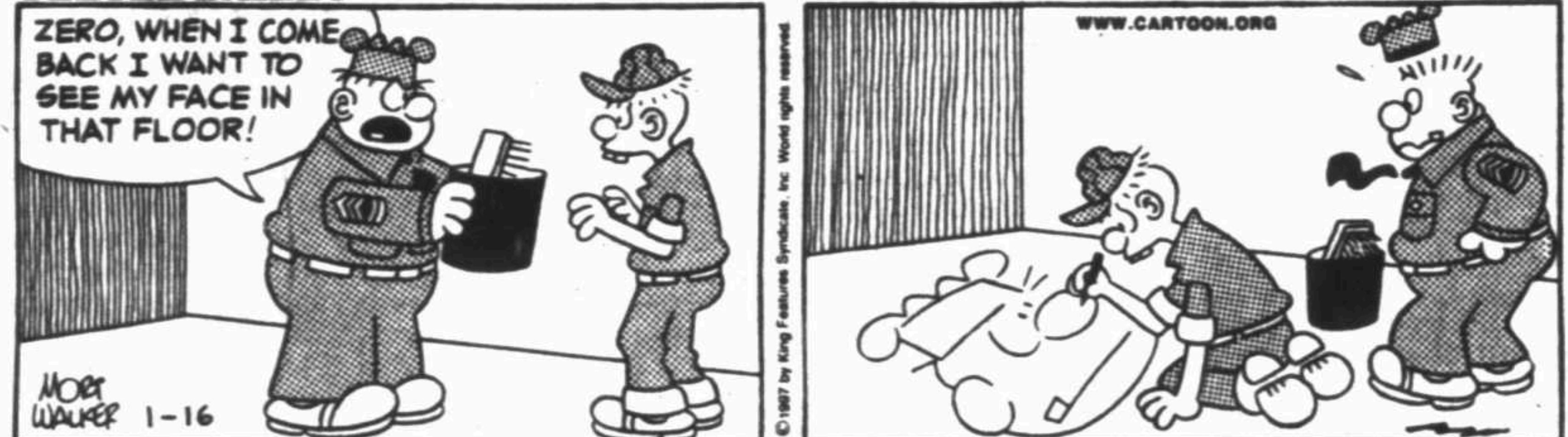
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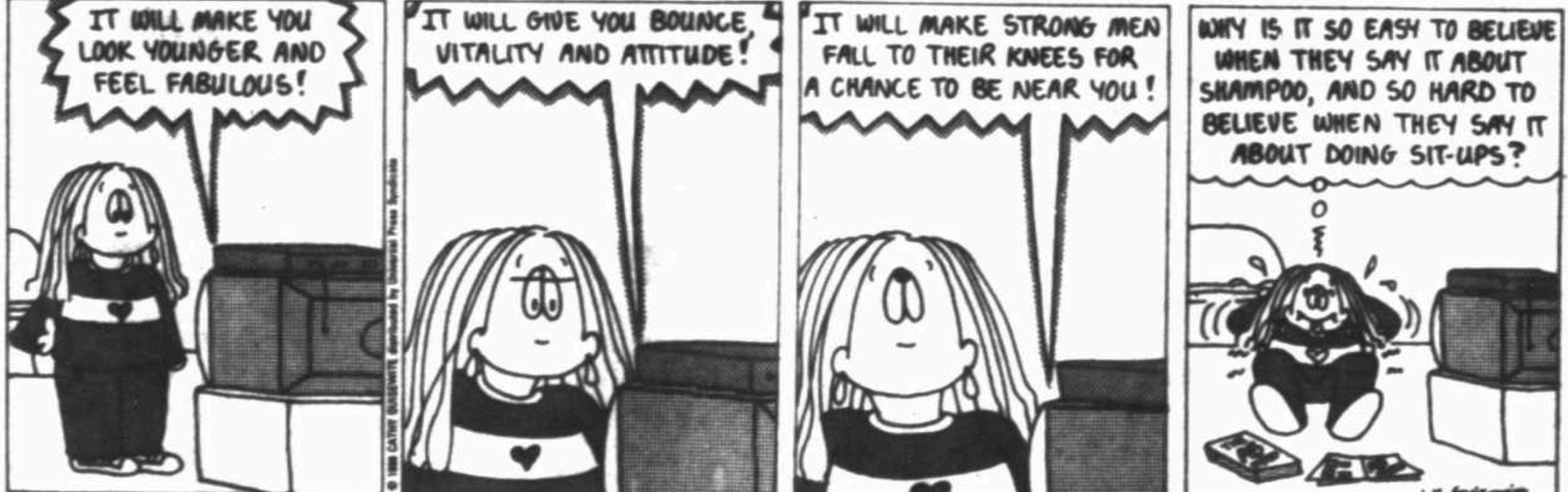
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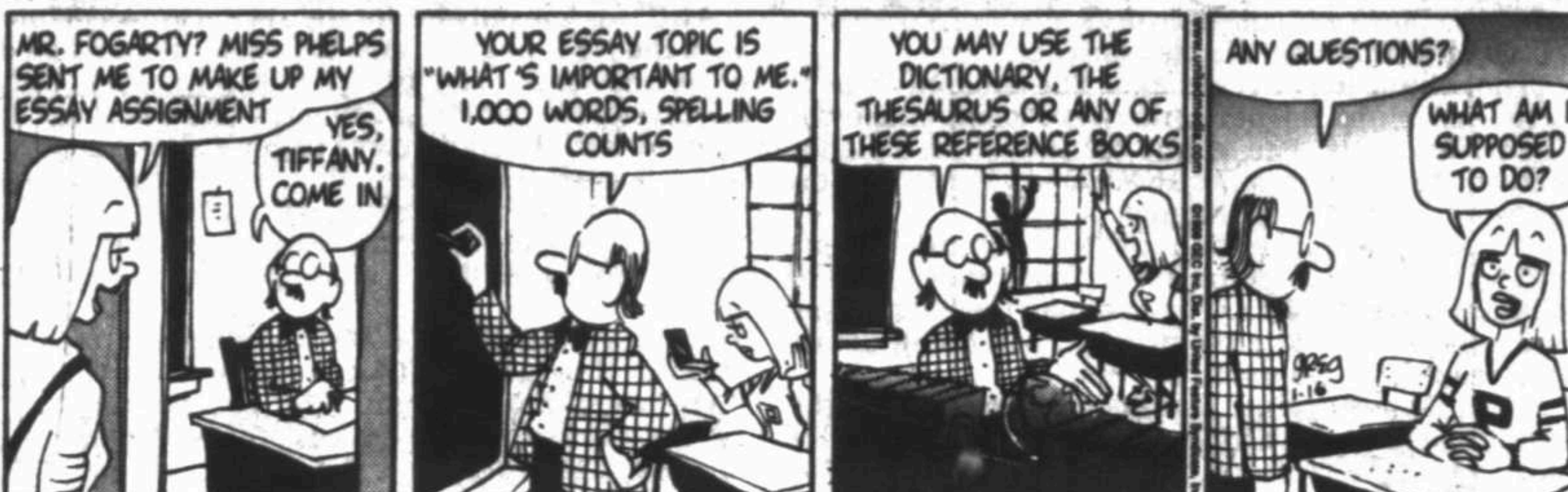
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 16, 1998:

Don't be afraid to venture out into new mental, physical or emotional territory. Your sense of compassion increases, as you gather new insights and understanding. Others are drawn to your soft ways and caring style. You are in the process of making big internal changes. If you are single, romances are likely, but you will need to browse the "market" and make strong choices that benefit you. If attached, your relationship grows, reflecting your new depth and sensitivity. VIRGO enjoys chatting with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You have a strong reaction to a change in plans. Instead of overreacting, plunge into work and concentrate on the tasks at hand. Work through distress, and you'll get a lot done. You'll want to accept an invitation that comes from a higher-up. Tonight: Work out at the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Creativity and energy are high. The pressure from a partner to deal with a financing problem is intense. You can no longer sweep this under the rug! Your softness comes out, when talking to a special friend who is at a distance. Tonight: Let caring flow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** A partner upsets your apple cart, and you are tossed out of kilter in turn. You might be surprised when another rushes in to help take away pressure. Discuss a money venture with a trusted expert, who can give you the feedback you need. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Your loving style emerges, despite a lack of sleep or a work-related problem. You have had enough pressure for a long time, yet you are still willing to respond to another. Partners let you know they care in their special style. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You are into increasing your financial stability. But you need to think through a decision carefully. Another has a way of talking you into his way of thinking. A child rebels. Yes, you have your hands full. Be firm, yet nurturing. Tonight: Out for fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You feel like you are being pulled in two different directions. A family member doesn't hesitate to tell you off. A relationship could take a sweet turn, if attached. If single, what is building is exciting. Get into the magic of the moment. Tonight: Indulge in the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Take a deep breath when dealing with a misunderstanding. Your vision of what should be is different from what is actually happening. A family member is loving in his approach. You coming from a secure place. Tonight: Take a night off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Aim for what you want. A money issue throws cold water on you, but you rebound fast. Your ability to please allows more mobility and possibilities. Your gentleness comes out in a conversation. Friends surround you, and you naturally flow. Tonight: Make dinner plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Pressure is high to perform, and others are counting on you. Money and affection tie together. This can be a positive interchange, one that builds your security and well-being. Be as generous with others as they are with you. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Your more gentle and buoyant side emerges and tends to draw in what you want. Reach out for others, and spread your good humor and news. Pressure is intense; you need to clear up some hard feelings. Count on doing it well. Tonight: Where the music is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Close relating has its rewards. Express your feelings, and get down to the nitty-gritty when dealing with others. You will be heard. Discuss something that might have recently disappointed you. Clearing the air allows new beginnings. Tonight: Be with your best friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Deferring to others is great but could backfire in a professional matter. You need to take a stand without getting stubborn. If you look at a friendship, you get a sense of direction. You find that you blaze a successful trail, and get what you want. Tonight: With favorite people.

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Newspaper ad uses Chris Farley's image to spread anti-drug message

MADISON, Wis. — In death, Chris Farley is serving as a reminder of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

A newspaper ad running here in his hometown this week shows a portrait of a healthy, beaming Farley looking up from the page. The message: "Drugs and alcohol can kill the laughter in anybody."

"He's looking down from heaven and giving his approval to our support for this," said Tom Farley, whose son, the blubbery former "Saturday Night Live" star, died of a cocaine and morphine overdose at age 33 last month.

The ad was created by Larry Anderson, who wrote comedy for television and, like Farley, performed at Second City in Chicago. Anderson said he, too, "burned my life to the ground" with drugs.

The ad is for Rebo House of Wisconsin, a nonprofit organization that runs homes for recovering drug and alcohol abusers. Anderson came to Madison more than a year ago to manage a Rebo House.

label that made him famous, because he fears being gunned down like fellow rappers Tupac Shakur and Notorious B.I.G. "I definitely feel my life is in danger if I stay in Death Row Records. That's part of the reason why I'm leaving," the rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, said in Thursday's Long Beach Press-Telegram.

"Suge Knight is in jail, the president; Dr. Dre left and Tupac is dead. It's telling me that I'm either going to be dead or in jail or I'm going to be nothing."

Broadus, 26, said he was "sort of paranoid" after Shakur and Notorious B.I.G. were killed because "I didn't know if there was somebody trying to take out all the top rappers."

NEW YORK — Jenny McCarthy was everywhere for a while. Danny Aiello's character used to say "If you need me, I'll be around."

Now both are disappearing from prime-time television.

NBC said Thursday it is putting "Jenny" on hiatus, meaning it's off the air for the rest of January and its future is uncertain.

Ms. McCarthy's show was 75th last week out of 115 prime-time programs in the Nielsen ratings.

CBS dropped "Dellaventura." Aiello's drama about a tough New York City private investigator. It ranked 83rd in last week's Nielsen.



The future of Jenny McCarthy's TV show is uncertain.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The director who had Fred Astaire dance on the ceiling in "Royal Wedding" and got Gene Kelly's feet wet in "Singin' in the Rain" will receive an honorary Oscar at the Academy Awards in March.

Stanley Donen's work is marked by grace, elegance, wit and innovation, said Robert Rehme, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

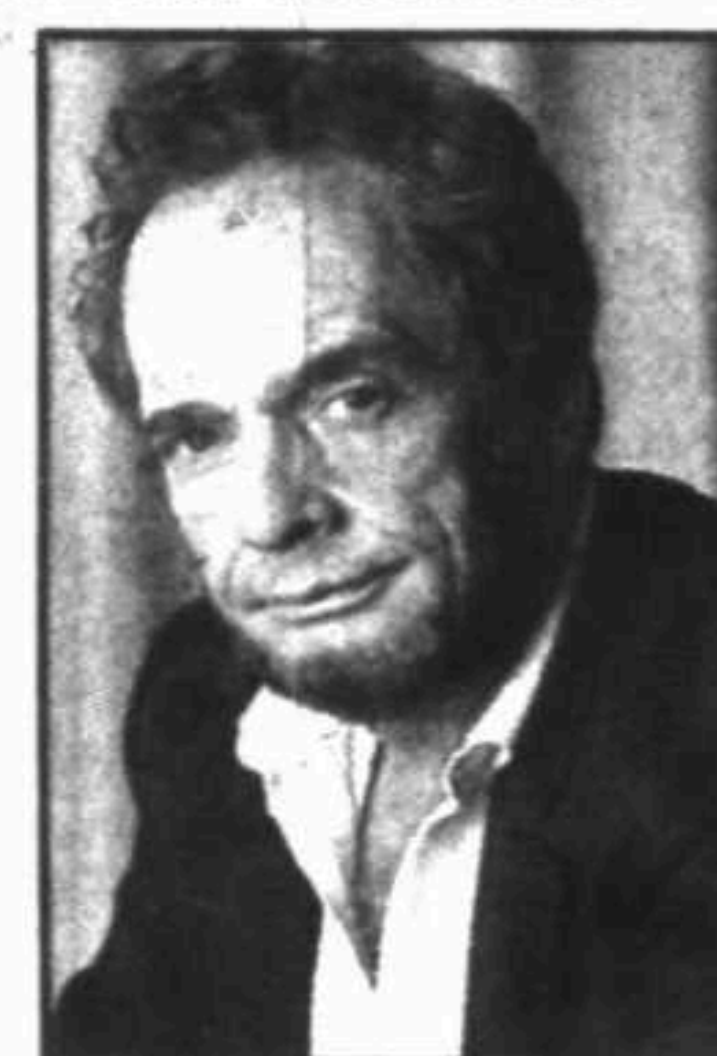
Donen, 73, was known as the "Boy Wonder of MGM." As the 21-year-old choreographer of "Anchors Aweigh," he paired Kelly with Jerry the cartoon mouse.

Other Donen films include "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," "The Pajama Game," "Indiscreet," "Damn Yankees," "Two for the Road," "Bedazzled" and "Movie Movie."

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Merle Haggard is on the road on what's being billed as his "Farewell Tour." Don't believe it.

The 60-year-old country star, who underwent heart surgery last July, is not retiring.

"No, I've got too many taxes to pay," he said before his three-night stand at the Crazy Horse Steak House, which ended Wednesday. "I'll never get away from doing this. So you can squash that story."



Merle Haggard says his "Farewell Tour" isn't really his last.

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Snoop Doggy Dogg is leaving Death Row Records, the

FAIRFIELD, Idaho — The company that sold Bruce Willis a ski area in 1996 has sued to collect the latest payment due from the actor.

Snow Inc. filed a collection lawsuit Monday against Willis, his company — Valley Entertainment Group — and Soldier Mountain Enterprises, which manages the area.

Snow Inc. Treasurer Kristi Schiermeier declined to disclose the size of the payment or when it was due. Valley Entertainment representatives could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Willis, wife Demi Moore and their children have a home in nearby Hailey. His company bought the area for \$850,000 from Snow Inc.

Soldier Mountain, described as having world-class potential, is 40 miles from the popular Sun Valley ski resort.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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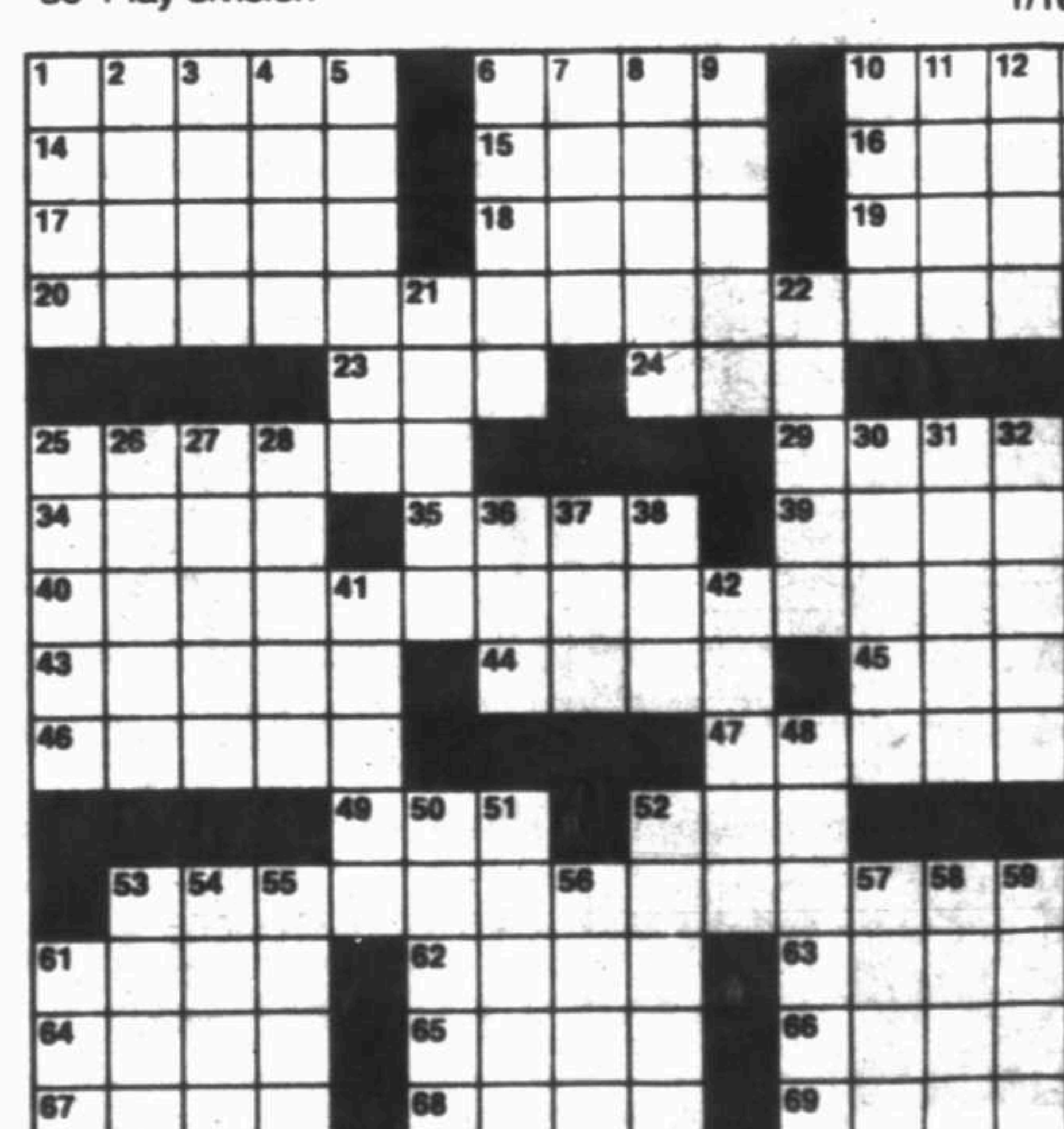
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SHORT TAKES

Openers

"Fallen," and "Hard Rain" open today at the Tall City 10. "Star Kid" and "Half Baked" open today at the Midland Park Mall.

Top weekend movies

Weekend of Jan. 2-4, 1998
All dollar figures in millions

Rank	Title	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	Titanic	\$157.5, three weeks, 2,727 screens	\$33.3
2	Tomorrow Never Dies	\$92.4, three weeks, 2,807 screens	\$13.8
3	As Good as It Gets	\$40.7, two weeks, 1,579 screens	\$12.2
4	Mousetrap	\$40, three weeks, 2,213 screens	\$6.4
5	Screen 2	\$35.5, four weeks, 2,686 screens	\$7.28
6	Jackie Brown	\$27.2, two weeks, 1,629 screens	\$7.28
7	Amistad	\$26.7, four weeks, 726 screens	\$4.48
8	An American Werewolf in Paris	\$20.1, two weeks, 1,731 screens	\$4.44
9	Flubber	\$18.1, six weeks, 1,957 screens	\$4.40
10	Mr. Magoo	\$15.6, two weeks, 1,857 screens	\$4.1

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1998, Billboard Publications, Inc.

Video Rentals

1. "Face/Off," (Paramount)
2. "Con Air," (Touchstone)
3. "My Best Friend's Wedding," (Columbia TriStar)
4. "Contact," (Warner)
5. "Men in Black," (Columbia TriStar)
6. "Austin Powers," (New Line)
7. "Spawn," (New Line)
8. "Speed 2: Cruise Control," (Fox)
9. "The Fifth Element," (Columbia TriStar)
10. "Romy & Michele's High School Reunion," (Touchstone)

Top Singles

1. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)
2. "How Do I Live," Leann Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
3. "Together Again," Janet (Virgin)
4. "It's All About the Benjamins - Been Around the World," Puff Daddy & The Family (Bad Boy) (Platinum)
5. "Candle in the Wind 1997 - Something About the Way You Look Tonight," Elton John (Rocket) (Platinum)
6. "My Body," LSG (EastWest) (Platinum)
7. "Tubthumping," Chumbawamba (Republic)
8. "Show Me Love," Robyn (RCA) (Gold)
9. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace)
10. "You Make Me Wanna...", Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)

Top Albums

1. "Titanic Soundtrack," (Sony Classical) (Gold)
2. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music)
3. "Tubthumper," Chumbawamba (Republic) (Platinum)
4. "My Way," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
5. "Sevens," Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1. "Just to See You Smile," Tim McGraw (Curb)
2. "He's Got You," Brooks & Dunn (Arista Nashville)
3. "Love of My Life," Sammy Kershaw (Mercury)
4. "I'm So Happy I Can't Stop Crying," Toby Keith with Sting (Mercury)
5. "Between the Devil and Me," Alan Jackson (Arista Nashville)
6. "Angel in My Eyes," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
7. "A Broken Wing," Martina McBride (RCA)
8. "On the Side of Angels," Leann Rimes (Curb)
9. "I Wanna Fall in Love," Lila McCann (Asylum)
10. "Imagine That," Diamond Rio (Arista)

Latin Track

1. "En El Jardin," Alejandro Fernandez featuring Gloria Estefan (Sony Latin)
2. "Contigo (Estar Contigo)," Luis Miguel (WEA Latina)
3. "A Pesar De Todos," Ana Gabriel (Sony Discos)
4. "Si Tu Supieras," Alejandro Fernandez (Sony Discos)
5. "Si Tu Me Amaras," Cristian

REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS EDITOR
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Oscar race has that sinking feeling

Early buzz says 'Titanic' will receive boatload of nods; nominees announced Feb. 10

By Bob Strauss
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — It's Academy Awards predicting season again, also known as the time when we pretend to get excited about races that are already over.

Unless you've been in a lifeboat in the North Atlantic for the past month, you know that "Titanic" is going to turn the competition into crushed ice.

Are we really expected to drum up breathless suspense when the most expensive movie ever made has proven itself an emotionally pleasing, runaway late-year hit? "Titanic" is the ultimate vindication of the major studios' money-wasting, titanicker-is-better philosophy. In the year right after the Hollywood way of doing things was challenged by an almost-all-independent, little-films-about-people Oscar slate, nothing could bring more welcome reassurance to the moviemaking establishment the academy represents.

"Titanic" will not only be the slam-dunk leader in Oscar nominations when they're announced Feb. 10, it's a sure bet to win Best Picture and Best Director

for James Cameron come the 70th annual Academy Awards ceremonies on March 23. Expect nominations in most craft and technical categories as well, along with Kate Winslet for Best Actress and octogenarian Gloria Stuart, back after 50 years in retirement, for Supporting Actress.

Leonardo DiCaprio has a good but not inevitable chance to gain a place in the crowded Best Actor race. And if the academy voters have any taste left over from last year — unlikely, considering the woozy state overpriced commercial euphoria induces — they may refrain from giving Cameron's silly Original Screenplay a nod.

OK, we know what the big winner will be. The other Best Picture contenders are a little less predictable. "As Good as It Gets" and "L.A. Confidential" are certainly headed for multiple nominations, starting at the top. James L. Brooks' redemptive-comedy-disguised-as-something-nasty boasts great lines, terrific performances and writer-director Brooks, who won top Oscar honors his first time out with "Terms of Endearment."

"Confidential" is 1997's anointed class act, winner

of all four major critics groups' Best Picture awards and heading the most top-10 lists. The only things working against the '50s noir spectacular are its ensemble nature — which is likely to limit acting nominations — and the fact that "Titanic" will win whatever races they compete in. I'll be surprised if "Confidential" takes more than the Adapted Screenplay Oscar.

While the fourth Best Picture spot should belong to Steven Spielberg's "Amistad," there is reportedly a good deal of animosity toward the slave-ship epic. Writers, especially, seem sensitive to a book author's charges of plagiarism, whether they prove to have legal merit or not. Others don't like how the courtroom scenes play out, or that it's not making enough money, or that Matthew McConaughey's in it, or that it isn't quite as simple a depiction of historical good and evil as "Schindler's List," or that it implicates white Americans, not just foreigners.

Of course, it's also an example of our most successful filmmaker working at the height of his talent and

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Why Mister Rogers speaks (politely) to both young and old

By Ken Parish Perkins
N.Y. Times News Service

PASADENA, Calif. — Fred Rogers saw a race driver being interviewed on television not long ago. He had won some big race, and as Rogers watched his face closely and intensely, it was obvious the racer wanted to open a window to his soul, to tell that he was foremost a husband, father, brother, lover of all things. That he was not just the driver of a fast-moving car.

But the interviewer had only two questions, Rogers says. "How fast did you go? And how much money did you win?"

Rogers is telling this story in his usual way — slowly, methodically, clearly. He's standing behind a podium, wearing a white shirt and tie, his glasses resting on the tip of his nose while a roomful of print and broadcast reporters wait impatiently, itching to drill him about his 30 years as host and visionary of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood on public television, the changing tide of children's television, the sweaters, the Hollywood Walk of Fame honor slated for the next morning.

You know. All the big things.

But Rogers is interested in taking the time to make his point, as he eventually will.

He talks of sharing discovery of the slow and the small, how the most holy people of every tradition encourage us to celebrate the good, the simple, the modest, the truthful, because "that's what lasts forever."

He brings up the incident involving the 14-year-old boy in West Paducah, Ky., who authorities say told classmates "something big is going to happen," and a week later walked into school with earplugs and gunned down three people.

He talks of Adolf Hitler needing control, of instigating violence and cruelty, that Germany wasn't enough for him. Like the boy in Kentucky, he wanted to make something big happen.

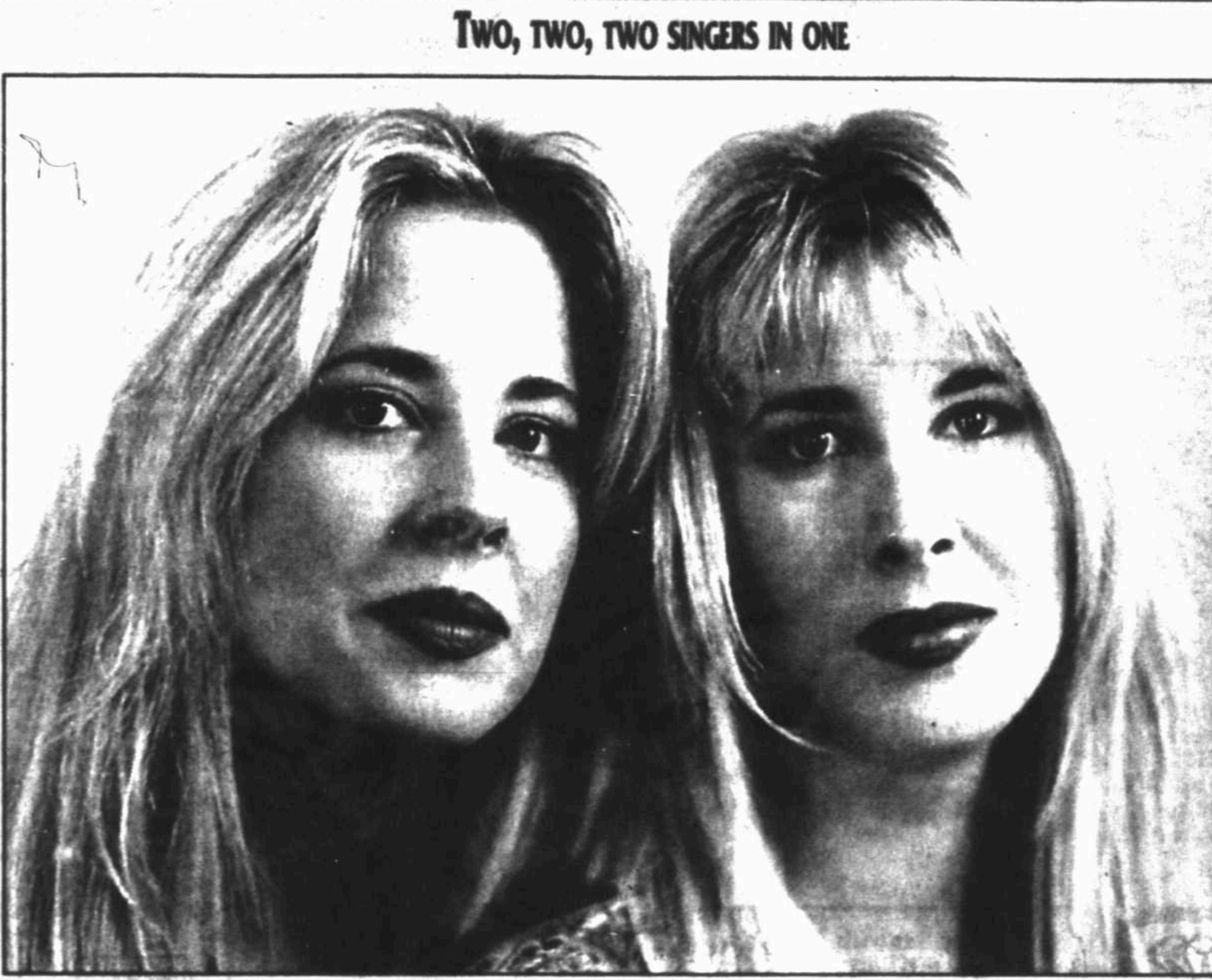
He speaks of a rabbi who once wrote how we're not here to amass fortunes or win competitions or earn rewards or make great names for ourselves. That the important things are the small, daily acts that make society a better place.

The lessons come one after another, flowing slowly and steadily, gaining momentum as he moves along.

For 30 years, Rogers has talked to children from a medium he practically never watches, but his greatest gifts might be what he taught the parents of those kids, what he says in times like this one. Rarely written about is his disarming intellect, a sort of Buddhist-like insight and peace that seems so surreal it often appears suspect to cynical journalists.

When someone asks what got him from A to here, Rogers seems to stumble in answering, as

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Identical twins Jennifer, left, and Heather Kinley, shown during a September 1997 interview in Nashville, moved to the country music capital after completing high school in suburban Philadelphia. For seven years they waitressed, worked as a lounge act and crashed music industry events trying to get a record deal. Their Grammy-nominated first single "Please" made it to No. 7 on the charts. AP Laserphoto

Are the Kinleys the next Judds?

By Jim Patterson
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ever since The Judds called it a day in 1991, there's been a void in country music: no top-selling female duo.

The Kinleys aim to change that.

The twins from Philadelphia have a single, "Just Between You and Me," bolting up the charts. Their first effort, "Please," made it to No. 7 and earned them a Grammy nomination.

That gives The Kinleys a head start on The Lynns, twin daughters of country legend Loretta Lynn. Their highly anticipated record is due out in February.

Unlike The Lynns, whose name attracted immediate attention, Heather and Jennifer Kinley had to work to get noticed.

"There's a down side to being twins — having people think we're this cutesy kind of act,"

Heather said. "We knew we had a lot of work to do to get people to take us seriously."

The sisters, 27, moved to Nashville after completing high school. For seven years they worked as waitresses, did a lounge act and crashed music industry events in pursuit of a record deal.

They often could be seen working the room at parties on Music Row. Eventually, they started landing some higher-profile jobs, like singing the national anthem at a Vanderbilt University football game.

"We never wanted to be obnoxious, just get noticed," Jennifer said.

Recording studio owner Russ Zvavits and songwriter Tony Haselden noticed, and they got the attention of record executives looking for acts to challenge Brooks & Dunn — the only active superstar duo in country music.

With help from Zvavits and his wife, Debbie, The Kinleys

finished writing the single "Just Between You and Me." Epic Records heard the song and offered The Kinleys a contract in 1996.

The twins were signed by Fitzgerald-Hartley, the powerhouse management company that also guides the careers of Vince Gill, Clint Black and Patty Loveless.

Zavits and Haselden produced the "Just Between You and Me" CD with recording engineer Peter Greene. The album by the same title came out in September.

The Grammy nomination for "Please" was the twins' first major recognition within the music industry. The single is up for best country performance by a duo or group with vocal, competing with songs by veterans Alabama, Diamond Rio, Alison Krauss and Union Station and The Mavericks.

"We are so thrilled," Jennifer

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If nothing else, 'Hard Rain' may be year's wettest film

By Matt Wolf
Associated Press Writer

The water level is high and the intelligence level is low in "Hard Rain," an early candidate for 1998's wettest film.

Review

That's quite a claim in these days of "Titanic" and even "Oscar and Lucinda," but "Hard Rain," at least in one respect, stands apart: While the former two movies press water into the service of a compelling story, the deluge implied in the title of the latter pretty much is the story.

Structurally, "Hard Rain" is certainly unusual. Whereas most movies invoking natural disasters show the community going about its business before the earthquake/tornado/twister (you choose) strikes,

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Can crime drama 'Cracker' make a case with Saturday night viewers?

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Psychologist Gerry "Fitz" Fitzgerald is perfectly in control of his impressive intellect, and not much else. Not his gambling, his drinking or his tattered marriage.

"Cracker," the ABC crime drama featuring the character, has its own control dilemma. It certainly has a nice, tight grip on its dark and densely written stories. And series star Robert Pastorelli has a handle on the complex Fitz.

But time slot and network promotion and support — elements that make or break a series — are out of its hands. Producer James Sadwith is acutely aware of that as he watches "Cracker" get shuffled this week to a new home, 8 p.m. CST Saturday.

Retitled "Cracker: Mind Over Murder," the series opens with a two-parter (concluding Jan. 24) about a sniper in Los Angeles who appears to be targeting black women. It's a gripping story, with a cliffhanger at the end of the first hour.

But the true suspense is this: Will viewers who ignored "Cracker" on Thursday nights now dis-



Robert Pastorelli, left, and Angela Featherstone appear in a scene from "Cracker," an ABC crime drama.

cover the program? And can struggling ABC exhibit loyalty to a topnotch drama that brings luster to its lineup if — as yet — not enough viewers?

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NBC will keep 'ER' another three years

By Don Aucoin
N.Y. Times News Service

PASADENA, Calif. — In a landmark deal that could reshape the economics of network television, NBC Wednesday announced a three-year agreement that could be worth more than \$850 million with the producers of "ER," the nation's No. 1-rated show.

Neither NBC nor Warner Bros. Television, the company that produces the hospital drama, would disclose what the network will pay to keep "ER," but industry sources said it will range from \$10 million to \$13 million per episode.

That price, the highest by far any network has ever paid for a show, could ratchet up the prices production companies charge for other prime-time programs and possibly lead to an era of sports-style "free agency," in which the most popular TV shows jump networks for the highest bidder.

At a minimum, at a time when networks are more hit-dependent than ever, it illustrates that No. 1 shows are firmly in the driver's seat. "The next time there's a hit of the magnitude of 'ER,' the networks will pay through the nose," said Jessica Reif Cohen, a media analyst for Merrill Lynch in New York.

It's already becoming something of a habit. The "ER" deal climaxes a jaw-dropping week in the economic stratosphere for television. Earlier, CBS, Fox, and ABC agreed to pay a total of \$17.6 billion for football broadcast rights.

Now, NBC has decided that with "Seinfeld" drawing to a close, "ER" is so vital to the network that it warrants a total cost of at least \$220 million per year (based on 22 episodes). That is more than it cost to film "Titanic," the most expensive movie ever made.

"ER," which was inspired by creator Michael Crichton's stint as a medical resident at Massachusetts General Hospital, has helped make NBC the No. 1 network. It premiered in 1994 and has been the top-rated show since then. But Warner Bros. Television was prepared to take "ER" to another network — and CBS, ABC, and Fox were eagerly lining up to offer bids — if NBC did not meet the show's asking price.

The Peacock Network could ill afford not to re-sign "ER," even at a price more than five times the current per-episode cost of the show, even at a price that dwarfs the \$6 million per episode paid for "Seinfeld" (the previous per-episode record) and the \$4 million per episode paid for "Frasier" and ABC's "Home Improvement."

The reason NBC desperately needed to retain its crown jewel is that the past two weeks have been an unending tale of woe for the network. First, Jerry Seinfeld announced that his self-titled sitcom will end its wildly successful nine-year run in May. Then, this week, NBC became the only major network to be shut out of the NFL, meaning that NBC will be without football broadcasts for the first time in 33 years.

In that competitive context, "ER" was must-keep for the network that made "Must-See TV" its watchword.

The relief of NBC executives in stemming the recent tide of bad news and hanging onto a show that has won 12 Emmy Awards was evident in the reaction by NBC Entertainment

president Warren Littlefield.

"As a fan and a Peacock employee, I am thrilled to have these negotiations behind us," he said of the "ER" deal.

John Wells, executive producer of "ER," said: "We on the show are delighted that we are staying at our home on NBC. We all consider ourselves very lucky." Added Tony Jonas, president of Warner Bros. Television: "We are thrilled to continue our wonderfully collaborative relationship with NBC."

Although NBC had exclusive negotiating rights with Warner Bros. Television through the end of February, the network moved quickly this week to re-sign "ER" after rival network executives, including Fox's prodigiously deep-pocketed owner, Rupert Murdoch, made it clear that they were ready to open their wallets to land the show.

"It's like Michael Jordan being a free agent," said CBS Television president Leslie Moonves. "ER" is a monster. It doesn't just win; it wins by a mile."

Just Wednesday, even while basking in ABC's triumph in retaining "Monday Night Football," ABC president Robert A. Iger told TV critics here that "ER" is "a high-quality program, one that I'd love to have on our network."

What Iger and other executives may instead have on their networks is a succession of bidding wars, if the more dire predictions about the impact of "ER" prove true. Some TV executives fear that, as in sports, the astronomical price commanded by one superstar will have a spillover effect that ratchets up the price everyone else can demand.

However, other analysts say that the leverage enjoyed by Warner Bros. Television may be unique, given the combination of the ratings "ER" enjoys and NBC's need to keep the show to anchor a Thursday night lineup that next year will be without "Seinfeld." By being such a powerhouse at 10 p.m., with an estimated 32 million viewers tuning in every week, "ER" delivers a sizable lead-in audience to local NBC affiliates across the country, and to the network's own late-night "Tonight Show."

"ER" is a show unto itself," Moonves said.

Moonves and other TV executives had better hope so. Or perhaps they will do more than just hope. In the long run, one result of the "ER" sweepstakes could be the acceleration of a recent trend toward network ownership of the TV programming.

Rather than continue to pay high license fees to studios that supply programming, such as Warner Bros. Television, and rather than be subject to the kind of bidding war that NBC has narrowly averted with "ER," networks may try to cut out the middleman by owning more shows outright.

"ER" is not the first established show to start bidding between networks. After eight years on ABC, the sitcom "Family Matters" moved to CBS this season. In the past, shows remained with networks through tradition and leverage the networks have with the suppliers who want to sell them other shows. Warner Bros., for example, has more shows on NBC than on any other network — including the one that matters most.

'Ruby Bridges' tells powerful story

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — A woman stands on a street in a Southern town and sees the past: A young black girl climbing into a car that will whisk her to a new, all-white school, and into American history.

The 6-year-old New Orleans girl doesn't know what she faces; the woman, Ruby Bridges, knows too well. In 1960, Bridges was the child who was exalted and vilified as one of the first to break the back of segregation in a New Orleans public school.

She watched that year unfold again while visiting the set of the ABC movie "Ruby Bridges" (airing 6 p.m. CST Sunday on "The Wonderful World of Disney" with a taped introduction by President Clinton).

"When the car passed me, I tell you, it was so eerie," said Bridges. "It was like being in the Twilight Zone. I was OK the whole time during filming, but the first time I saw the movie all pulled together, I broke down."

Her childhood bravery was captured in a 1964 Norman Rockwell painting, "The Problem We All Live With," which shows a tiny, soldierlike Ruby moving past a wall marred by thrown tomatoes and the epithet "nigger." Four U.S. marshals march with her.

Now her contribution is on film. But as powerful as she considers it to be, Bridges notes that some scenes were softened to make it palatable for young viewers.

"People need to know it was worse, much worse," she said.

One example is the re-creation of the anti-integration mob that greeted Ruby (Chaz Monet) and her mother Lucille (Lela Rochon of "Waiting to Exhale") at

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'Ruby Bridges' airs Sunday at 6 p.m. on KMID (Ch. 2).

the entrance to the William Frantz elementary school.

Newsreel footage shows the faces of protesters twisted with anger — more viciousness than is seen in the movie. Bridges also calls attention to another scene, one in which a toy-like coffin is used to threaten Ruby.

"I have an 8-by-10 photo given to me by a friend at a news station. These crowds came by the busloads to the school and they had this coffin, a real baby coffin, nothing like what you see in the movie. And there's a black baby (doll) in the coffin."

Although the Supreme Court had outlawed segregation in schools six years earlier, Bridges had to be driven to school daily by four U.S. marshals. White parents withdrew their children, leaving Ruby the sole pupil for a year in which teacher Barbara Henry, a transplanted Bostonian (Penelope Ann Miller), was her only companion.

Besides the dedicated Henry, young Ruby relied on now-famed child psychologist Robert Coles (author of the 1995 children's book "The Ruby Bridges Story") for support.

Bridges wonders how her mother could subject her to such an ordeal, no matter how worthy the cause.

"She said she never really knew exactly what she was getting into until she got

back home after the first day, turned her television set on and saw that President Kennedy was talking about it and the whole world was looking. She said, 'Oh, my God,'" Bridges recalls.

Now married to New Orleans builder Malcolm Hall and the mother of four sons, including a 6-year-old, Bridges has asked herself whether she could do the same.

"I don't think I could. ... To send my 6-year-old to school, and I can't stay there with him, and I'm going to wait and pray to see him in the afternoon. I just could not do that," she said. "But I realize it was a different day, a different time."

"I think my mother just felt like she didn't have an education and she wanted something better for her children, which most people want. And she felt this was the way to get it."

Bridges, a consultant on the film, said her mother was not involved and hasn't seen it.

The struggle for equal education and against racism is far from completed, Bridges said. She is doing her part with a cultural arts program at the school she integrated, funded with royalties from Coles' book.

It's a program she is seeking to expand to other money-strapped inner-city schools that have to forgo music and art education — the things that keep children "dreaming and hoping," Bridges says.

She also challenges herself and others to defeat prejudice. "We could be much further ahead if we would not pass this torch on, this racism. You and I may never get past whatever differences we have, but that doesn't mean you have to teach your child to hate, and that I need to teach mine."

NEIGHBORHOOD: Rogers thoughts on what's important about TV can benefit all

(From 9C)

show he co-created.

He studied child development in graduate school, then became an ordained Presbyterian minister, making his mission children's television. In the mid-1960s, when he was making a pilot of a children's show in Toronto, he was persuaded to stand in front of the camera.

Rogers has long been the poster boy of nerdiness, parodied like mad, most memorably by Eddie Murphy. Speaking on this, Rogers smiles and says, "I hear from people who grew up with the Neighborhood who are

now parents. What interests me

is that there are some people who used to make fun of it when they were teen-agers or young adults. Now, as they watch with their children, they are able to see what we're doing. It's gratifying."

In many ways, Rogers is the first human video-friend of millions, an icon of American culture. But he deflects labels. He speaks carefully, slowly, asking as many questions as he answers, even long after his question-and-answer session ends and he makes his way from

the ballroom through the hotel lobby.

There, a young man stops him to show off a splendidly vivid high-definition television, explaining its you-are-there picture quality and vibrant colors, not to mention its whopping price tag.

The response was quintessential Rogers.

"It doesn't matter how it looks," he reminds the young man. "What matters is what's going to be on it."

CRACKER: Producer looks for silver lining in show's move to Saturday

(From 9C)

Posted on Sadwith's office bulletin board is a vow of support from ABC programming head Jamie Tarses: "We're in this for the long run. We're completely committed to you," Sadwith reads aloud. "She said that on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m."

That was shortly after "Cracker" bowed in the daunting Thursday slot opposite NBC's "Seinfeld," and the low ratings that followed were predictable. Then came preemptions during November "sweeps," a standard network tactic to protect ad rates but one damaging to a show struggling to cultivate an audience.

News that this is to be "Seinfeld's" last season might have buoyed Sadwith and company. But they won't be around to savor the new Thursday world order: In a step that seems to fall short of "completely committed," ABC already had announced it was moving "Cracker" to Saturday.

In the TV world, this is akin to being told a very nice room is being readied for you in Siberia. It's tough to attract viewers on

date night, especially when it comes to unsparring, adult fare like "Cracker." It's the escapism shows (such as CBS' "Walker, Texas Ranger") that tend to prevail on Saturday.

"Saturday's been a graveyard," said Sadwith. "I died there with 'Gun,'" an acclaimed but short-lived drama series he did recently for ABC.

But the producer has an eye open for the silver lining. It's clear, he says, that "Seinfeld's" audience will grow as the sitcom heads toward its finale, so matters would only have worsened for "Cracker" on Thursday.

"Hopefully, some new people will find on on Saturday night, the old people will stay with us, we'll improve (in the ratings). And then next year they'll stick in the old 'Seinfeld' slot."

He's also quick to recite the histories of successful dramas that started slow in their debut years, including "Hill Street Blues" (87th out of 96 shows) and "Cheers" (75th out of 98 programs).

"We're in very good company," he said.

While Sadwith indulges in a bit of morale-boosting, there's one thing he refuses to do: Soften the show.

"'Cracker' is 'Cracker,' and they'll either love us or they won't," he said.

The drama's roots are in a

British series of the same name, a ratings hit there that starred Robbie Coltrane as a forensic psychologist with big vices and a brilliant ability to understand the criminal mind.

In the new version, Fitz works with the Los Angeles Police Department to help solve crimes. He's an atypical lead character for American TV, Pastorelli concedes.

"Despite all the bravado, he's a coward," the actor said. "We tend to like our heroes polished ... but there's more Fitzes around than there are Clark Kents."

In portraying this talented, flawed man, Pastorelli demolishes all traces of his onetime TV persona, eccentric Eldin the housepainter on "Murphy Brown."

Fitz's dissections of criminal character and motivation are virtual arias, delivered note-perfect by Pastorelli. And he doesn't shrink from giving full voice to his character's less appealing traits.

When Fitz's estranged wife (strongly played by Carolyn McCormick) attempts a reconciliation, she admits to a single infidelity. He excoriates her, nearly assaults her and then orders her from their house. His selfish arrogance seems boundless.

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KINLEYS: Close harmonies resemble the Judds

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said. "We were just shaking and crying happy tears. We immediately called our parents, and we all started crying again."

On "Please" and the rest of "Just Between You and Me," The Kinleys show some of the same strengths as Naomi and Wynonna Judd. Most obvious are the close harmonies.

The songs are catchy, and cater more to adults than the tunes of teeny-bopper idols Mindy McCready and Shania Twain.

The Kinleys' songs range from the standard love sentiments of the first two singles to more meaty fare, like the tough-love anthem "Contradiction."

On the mildly risqué "Dance in the Boat," the twins sing: "I know a good time when I see one."

"And when I'm in the mood I can even be one."

This year, The Kinleys say their good times will come from hard work. They spent much of 1997 visiting radio stations to promote "Please" and are ready to hit the road in 1998. They'll open shows for Clint Black and Trace Adkins from March until June.

If their performances bring comparisons to The Judds, that's fine with The Kinleys.

"If we get half as far as they did, I'd be thrilled," Heather said.

Elsewhere in country music...

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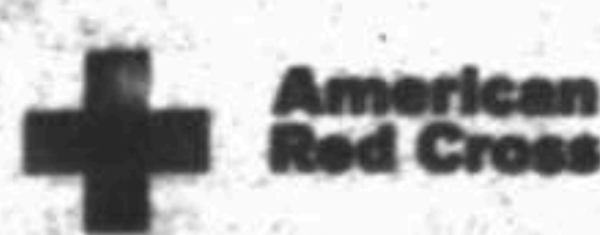
AWARD SHOWS: Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntire, Bryan White and LeAnn Rimes are set to appear on the American Music Awards,

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but you already know everything about everybody, so why bother," says Judith Fitzgerald. If that includes how to woo Saturday night viewers, "Cracker" could be home free.

Elsewhere in television PARDON THEIR FOE PAW: "Seinfeld" is in the dog house with the Ark Trust, an animal protection organization that keeps an eye out for what it sees as anti-animal messages in the media. In the group's third annual "Foe-Paw Report," "Seinfeld" is criticized for an episode in which Kramer gets involved in cockfighting. The Ark Trust also called NBC's "3rd Rock from the Sun" on the carpet for a story in which a character adopts a lifestyle free of animal cruelty then renounces it as an "insane kick." Others criticized by the Ark Trust include "The Maury Povich Show" for a "When Pets Attack" segment and the film "Good Will Hunting" for depicting greyhound racing.

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RAIN: A calamity according to the Bible and the Boss

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director Mikael Solomon and scriptwriter Graham Yost begin things mid-maelstrom.

It's already pouring rain when determined courier Tom (Christian Slater) and his uncle Charlie (Edward Asner) take to their armored car to move \$3 million from the local bank to dry land, well away from the overflowing Ohio River.

Keeping their own eyes on the loot are resident baddie Jim (Morgan Freeman) and the local sheriff (Randy Quaid) of the now-abandoned hamlet of Huntingburg, Ind.

Well, not quite abandoned. In a presumed sop to the older audience, Doreen (Betty White) and Henry (Richard Dysart) linger on, an elderly couple worn down by years of sparring. "If you so much as breathe funny, your head goes back out that window," snaps Doreen while Henry snoozes.

In the meantime, the younger generation gets the whiff of romance. Tom, who apparently thinks nothing of stalking around in water up to his eyebrows wielding a pistol, falls for local beauty Karen (Minnie Driver), who is committed to saving the town church.

And, as if the flooding and

guns weren't lethal enough, there's the dialogue:

"I know where he's going. What I'd like to know is where he came from," says Jim, in one of the more gnomish pronouncements in the screenplay by Yost, who also wrote "Broken Arrow" and "Speed."

Elsewhere, such disparate sources as the Bible and Bruce Springsteen are invoked to explain a calamity of epic proportions.

Viewers might wonder if the plight of the principals is worth their attention, since the community — even at its driest — is reported to be shady.

Still, it's pointless taking a critical cudgel to "Hard Rain" if

it allows Freeman and Driver, among others, to subsidize their generally excellent work elsewhere.

As for the rest, this is one movie whose actors truly deserve full credit for keeping their heads above water. And if you see the film, sit near an aisle. All that rain means you're guaranteed a trip to the restroom.

A Paramount Pictures release, "Hard Rain" was produced by Gary Levinsohn, Mark Gordon and Ian Bryce. Slater co-produced and Alison Segan was executive producer. Rated R, it runs 96 minutes.

OSCARS: Cameron, Brooks expected to head director's race

(From 9C)

intelligence. This could be either a plus or a minus in a year when minimal thought and maximum emotional stroking seem the most award-worthy qualities.

Which brings us, somewhat ironically, to "Good Will Hunting." Allegedly a movie about genius, it's really just a shrewd celebration of manipulative feigning. Since the Hollywood establishment wants to feel good about itself this year, expect this independent-in-name-only production to cop a lot of nominations. These will likely include the Best Picture berth that truly challenges indies — "Boogie Nights," "The Sweet Hereafter," "Deconstructing Harry," "The Ice Storm," "Oscar and Lucinda" — are just too darn independent to be likable enough for.

If any other indies are going to make the Best Picture race, they'll either be the cuddly (and nonthreateningly nonexplicit) "naughty" hit "The Full Monty," the ravishingly costumed "The Wings of the Dove," or "Wag the Dog," a political/Hollywood satire that may be too smart for academy tastes but boasts so much Oscar-winning talent that it has an outside chance of getting appreciated.

Of course, previous winners and pretty period pictures and sentimental entertainments with foreign accents are traditionally catnip for academy voters. Some of those tendencies have given way to more rigorous artistic standards in recent years, but it would make sense if they rebound along with the love of epic expense this year.

Not all of Oscar's traditions are that bad, though. The acting categories should play out in an exceptionally satisfying manner this year, not in spite of, but because of the old voter reflex to honor someone who's due. Or due again.

The hotly contested Best Actor field should be led by two oft-nominated multiwinners: "As Good as It Gets" Jack Nicholson and "Wag the Dog's" Dustin Hoffman. Both veterans delivered their strongest, wittiest, most engaged performances in

more than a decade. Both could also be considered the top actor of their generation, and so eminently worthy of entering the small company of three-time Oscar winners. I'd give Nicholson the edge; even if Hoffman is a tad more talented, this is one inarguable case for honoring the guy who's loved the best.

So many of this pair's contemporaries — Al Pacino ("Donnie Brasco"), Peter Fonda ("Ulee's Gold"), Ian Holm ("The Sweet Hereafter"), Robert Duvall ("The Apostle") — did wonderful work last year that Best Actor deserves to be an all-grandpa race.

But it won't be, since there's young DiCaprio surfing the "Titanic" tsunami, Djimon Hounsou stealing the show from "Amistad's" flowery English speakers and Matt Damon, clearly the idol of actors everywhere for writing himself a showcase role as flatterer of Will Hunting. One or two of these younger men should make the cut; sadly, the most impressive work from their age group, Mark Wahlberg's sweetly stupid "Boogie Nights" stud, is probably a little too potent for academy tastes this year.

Best Actress is shaping up as Helen Hunt and four Brits: Helena Bonham Carter ("Wings of the Dove"), Julie Christie ("Afterglow"), Judi Dench ("Mrs. Brown") and "Titanic's" Winslet. Conventional wisdom says the offshore quartet will cancel one another out and our "Good as It Gets" homegirl gets the goods. But even more conventional wisdom says that Bonham Carter has served enough time in Merchant-Ivory purgatory. Without Emma Thompson outshining her for a change ("The Winter Guest" is too much of a snooze, even for timid academy types), Bonham Carter gets her reward. The fact that "Wings" is her best performance ever might even mean something.

I don't know if anyone really feels that Burt Reynolds deserves anything other than slaps upside his head — he fired his agent after getting him the best job of his career. But he is riding both a nostalgia factor

and some uncharacteristically great work ahead of the Supporting Actor pack. Plus, he's the only guy who doesn't take off his clothes in "Boogie Nights," making him the most palatable honoree from the artistically impressive but hard-to-take porn-biz epic.

Expect two outstanding portrayals of gay guys (Rupert Everett's in "My Best Friend's Wedding" and Greg Kinnear's in "As Good as It Gets") and maybe even a third ("In & Out's" Tom Selleck) to register. More straightforward work from Robin Williams ("Good Will Hunting") and Anthony Hopkins ("Amistad") looks highly nomlatable. Kevin Spacey is the likeliest contender from "L.A. Confidential's" starless cast. Danny DeVito (for either "Confidential" or "The Rainmaker"), "Full Monty's" chubby Mark Addy and Sam Jackson's work in "Eve's Bayou" top a long list of outside possibilities.

Supporting Actress, the category where voters go a little nuts, is always the least predictable major race. "Titanic's" Stuart, "In & Out's" Joan Cusack and "Boogie's" Julianne Moore seem the most likely contenders, with "Confidential's" Kim Basinger, "Good Will's" Minnie Driver and "Ice Storm's" Sigourney Weaver not far behind. But this competition is traditionally so screwy, I wouldn't be surprised if the Lady Chablis, the real-life drag queen

in "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," gets a nomination.

The Best Director race usually differs from Best Picture by one. Cameron, Brooks and "Confidential's" Curtis Hanson will not be among the unmentioned.

"Good Will's" Gus Van Sant, who's expected to deliver much edgier stuff, might suffer from the perception that he sold out. On the other hand, this could be Spielberg's consolation nomination if "Amistad" fails to make the Best Picture cut.

This could also be the category where "Boogie's" Paul Thomas Anderson, "Ice Storm's" Ang Lee, "Hereafter's" Atom Egoyan, "The Boxer's" Jim Sheridan, "Jackie Brown's" Quentin Tarantino, "Eve's Bayou's" Kasi Lemmons or "Wag the Dog's" Barry Levinson could be recognized. But expect the majority of those films to be appreciated most by the writers branch, along with the carefully modernized adaptation of Henry James' "Wings of the Dove" and Woody Allen's lacerating self-revelation "Deconstructing Harry."

Of course, these guys could just as likely go for "Titanic's" screenplay. When the Oscars are driven by giddy success like they are this year, it's tough for voters to distinguish work that should rise to the top from stuff that belongs at the bottom of the ocean.

Loeb's latest: Dependably whiny

Associated Press

"Firecracker" (Geffen) — Lisa Loeb — "Firecracker" welcomes the sophomore effort of Lisa Loeb, following her immensely popular debut album, "Talis." There are two good songs on the 12-cut CD "I Do" — "Falling in Love" and "This." Unfortunately, Loeb is otherwise shackled by the same litling, ethereal melodies which have quickly defined her as dependably whiny at best. Too often, Loeb's edgeless crooning washes out against a blurry background of muted guitars and uneven mixing. The listener is left with a pale, undefined aural landscape fraught with sappy symbolism.

Bottom line: Loeb consistently produces music by which to shop for potpourri.

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THINGS TO DO IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

YOUR PLACE: "Eldon Bruce"

MUSIC CITY MALL: "Linda Shortes" 6:30 & 7:45 (Mr. Penguin); "Women in Black" 7:00 & 8:00 (Corn Dogs +); "Elena Campos" 1:00 - 2:00 (Luby's); "Steve Davis" 5:30 & 6:45 & 8:00 (Luby's).

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM: 1500 Interstate 20 West, is displaying the Cultural Exchange Exhibit depicting life in Dongying, China and the surrounding area. It includes photographs, folk art, handicrafts, calligraphy and Chinese opera masks. Museum hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 683-4403. Admission charged.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

YOUR PLACE: "Blue Midnight" (from Austin).

PERMIAN BASIN GUN SHOW: Ector County Coliseum, Building G. 8AM-6PM, Odessa, TX.

MUSIC CITY MALL: "Cozy the Pianist" 12:00-1:00 (Luby's); "Jean Ervin" 1:00-1:30 (Luby's); "Steve Davis" 3:00 & 4:15 & 5:30 (Luby's); "Elena Campos" 7:00 & 8:00 (Luby's); "Murfin Barnett" 2:00-3:00 (Mr. Penguin); "Sandhills Bluegrass" 5:00 & 6:15 (Mr. Penguin); "Aaron Mingus" 1:00 & 2:00 (Corn Dogs +); "Texas Sweethearts" 3:30 & 4:30 (Corn Dogs +); "Shylo" 12:00-4:00 (MasterCuts); "Balloon Man" 4:00-9:00 (MasterCuts); "Midland College Jazz Band" 7:00-8:30 (Grand Stage).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

SAM'S BAR-B-QUE: Larry Garner & his Boogaloo Blues Band, 7-11pm, at Sam's Bar-B-Que (Blues Alley), 220 N. Grandview, Odessa. Free buffet. \$5 cover charge.

PERMIAN BASIN GUN SHOW: Ector County Coliseum Building G, 9AM-5PM, Odessa, Texas.

GALLERY 1114: AS BLUE AS I WANNA BE, Mail Art Exhibit, includes pieces from

around the world, through Feb. 22, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 685-9944, Free.

MUSIC CITY MALL: "Ann Russell" 1:00 & 2:00 (Luby's); "2 Blu" 3:00-6:00 (Luby's); "Bill Ervin & Marty Connally" 2:00 & 3:15 & 4:30 (Original Cookie Co.); "Phelps Trio" 2:00 & 3:15 & 4:30 (Grand Stage); "Al Fellers" 2:30 & 3:45 (Corn Dogs +).

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: **EXPEDITION INDIA:** Jan. 17-March 22, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

HEB Wine Department: **Exhibition:** The Works of Jan Foust Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: **EXHIBITION:** A Visual language, works by Sculptur James Tisdale, through Feb. 15, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4500, Free.

Midland Arts Association: **SLIDE AND VIDEO PRESENTATION:** Finding Your Vision, by Mary Lou King, Midland Arts Association general meeting, Stables Gallery at the Museum of the Southwest, 694-1078, Free, 1998 **SPRING ART SHOW:** Show opens March 6, Jurors are Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, call 699-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: **EXHIBITION:** LaSalle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5pm, Admission free, call 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: **EXHIBITION:** The Dongying Sister City Cultural Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy. **SUNDAY RIG TOURS:** tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5, call 683-4403, Admission charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of

the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Selections from the Mari and James C. Michener Collection of Twentieth Century American Art, through January 18, 1998, **EXHIBITION:** JOIE DE VIVRE, paintings by Santa Fe artist, Evelyn Boren, Jan. 20-Feb. 26, **EXHIBITION:** The Inventions of Leonardo Da Vinci, through February 8, 2-4pm Weekends Only, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues.-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 550-3811, Free.

American Airpower Heritage Museum: **EXHIBITION:** The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at <http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html>, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation. Film Series: Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II, Free showing every other Saturday at 1pm, moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midland's oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Mid-

land County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931, Admission free.

Museum of the Southwest: **EXHIBITION:** Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of Twentieth Century American Paintings, through January 18, 1998, **EXHIBITION:** Audubon's Texas Animals, through July 26, **EXHIBITION:** Works by Andy Warhol from the Cochran Collection and Eclectic Visions: Contemporary Artists Series featuring Jim Wagner, January 15-Feb. 22.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-10pm, Fri. 7:30am-5pm, Sat. & Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E. Murphy St., Tues. 12pm-3pm, Wed.-Fri. 10am-3pm, Sun. 2pm-5pm, call 1-333-4072, Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Palimpsest: Erasure and Recovery, exhibit of paintings from WAVE, a Women's art organization in Dallas/Ft. Worth, through Feb. 20, Panel discussion Jan. 21. UTPB Gallery, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 1-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

Midland Community Theatre: **MUSICAL:** Godspell, rock musical, performed by MCT's Pickwick Players, 2 p.m. Yucca Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

YOUR PLACE: Pool & Games.

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: **EXHIBITION:** Guy Coheleach, In His Sights, nationally acclaimed wildlife artist, Main Galley, through Feb. 6, 1998, Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

YOUR PLACE: Pool & Games.

Midland High School: **WINTER PERFORMANCE:** Drama, through January 30, call 689-1000.

Museum of the Southwest: **ARTIST TALK:** and Reception, 7pm, for contemporary artist Jim Wagner, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Presidential Museum: **EXHIBITION:** PARTNERS ACROSS AMERICA: Girl Scouts & First Ladies, Other Displays: Every Four Years, new portrait of Bill Clinton, the new First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton miniature, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123, Admission charged.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

YOUR PLACE: Pool & Games.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

YOUR PLACE: Pool & Games.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

YOUR PLACE: "Cap'n Jack"

Midland Community Theatre: **MUSICAL:** "Godspell," 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

West Texans For Life: **FUND-RAISER DINNER:** Oliver North, speaker, Midland Center, call 580-9835.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

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Midland Masonic Lodge #623 1800 W. Wall P.O. Box 1758 13th Degree Thursday 1/15/98 7:30 PM, Dinner 6 pm. Tom Arnold, WM Robert G. Kiker, Sec.
ATTENTION: All members of the Permian Basin Masonic Lodge #2982, be a special meeting January 21st, 1998 at 7:30 PM. Please be present.
CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448 1000 Upland Reg. stated 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am. Jerry Cowin, W.M. Bob Elwood, Sec.
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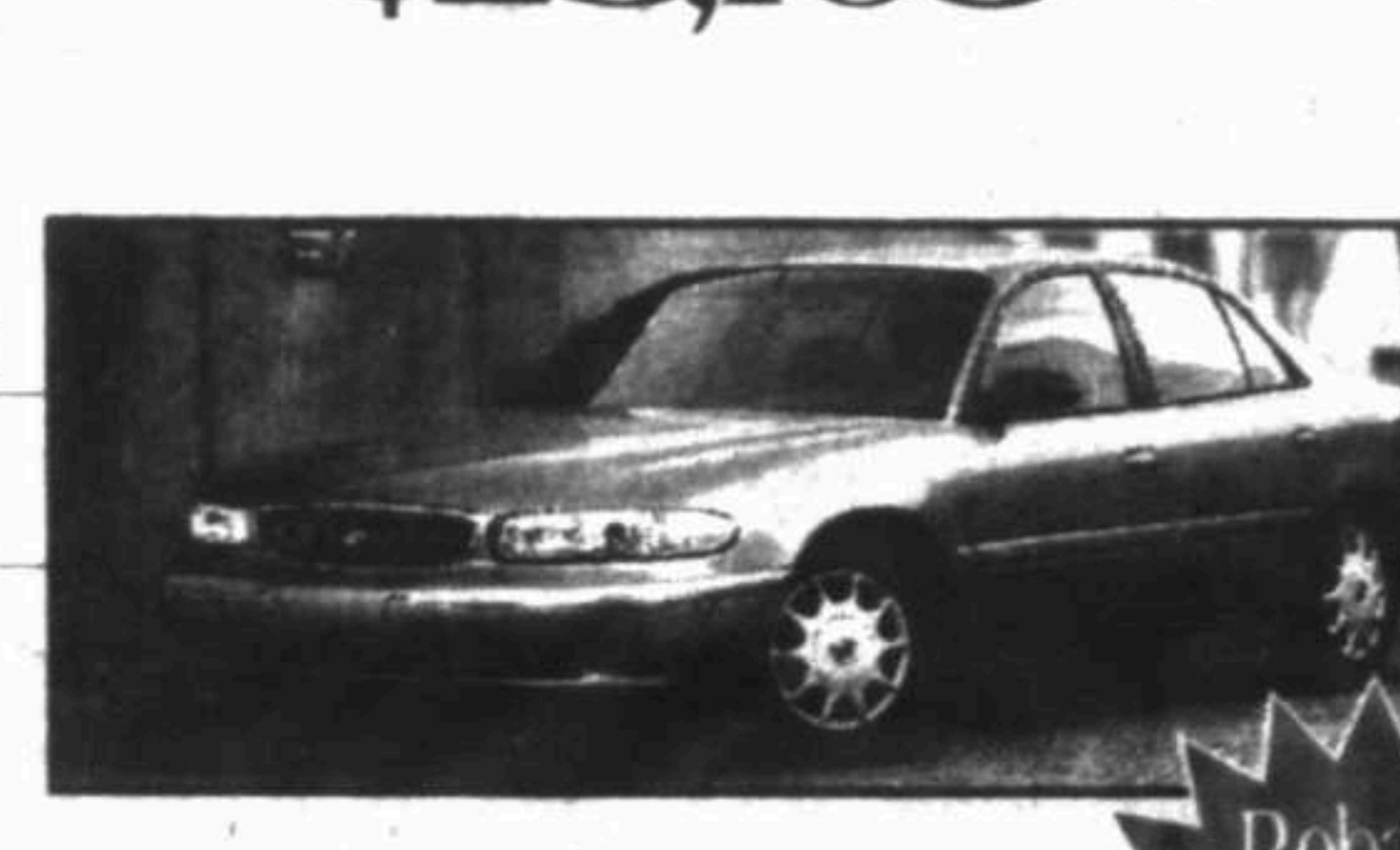
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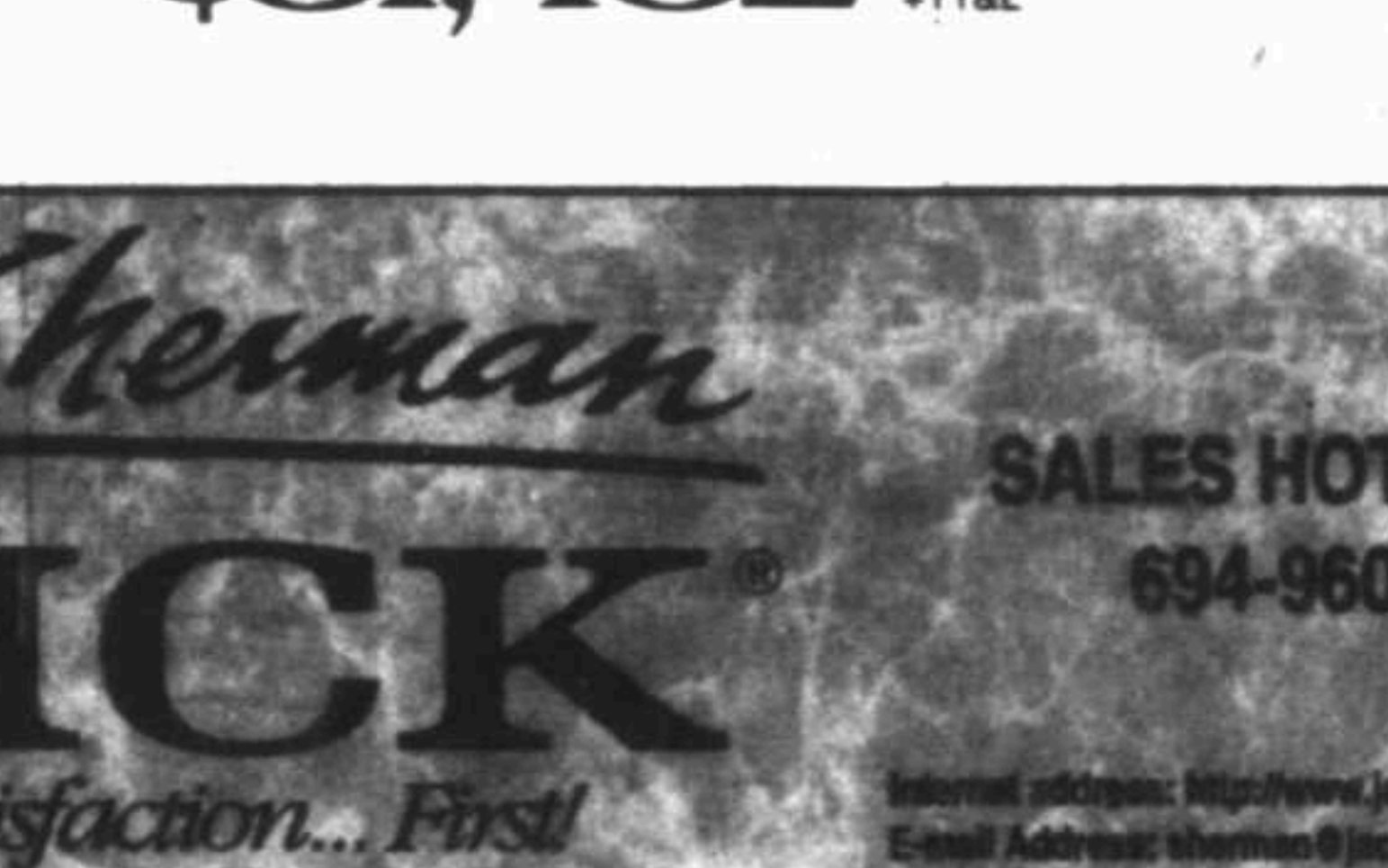


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Aggressive Independent Oil & Gas Company seeking candidate with 5+ years as an Executive Assistant or Legal Secretary. Applicant should possess strong administrative, communication and organizational skills. A self-starter with strong spelling and grammar skills. Word and Excel experience a plus. Excellent working environment with great benefits and people. Paralegals please apply. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send references & resume in confidence to:

Box B-04018
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

Internal Auditor

A large publicly-owned oil & gas well service and drilling company has an immediate opening for an internal auditor. Candidate must have a degree in accounting, with a minimum of two years audit experience or oilfield service accounting experience, and be willing to travel extensively. Company offers an excellent benefit package, salary commensurate with experience. Please send your resume in confidence to:

Chief Accounting Officer
Key Energy Group, Inc.
6 Dista Drive, Suite 500
Midland, Texas 79705

SEC MANAGER

Oil & Gas Company seeking candidate with 10+ years experience in SEC Reporting & Compliance. Candidate is required to have experience in Oil & Gas Accounting, Auditing and Management. Candidate must possess strong communication and organization skills. Accounting or Finance degree and CPA required. Company offers an excellent benefit package, salary commensurate with experience. Please send your resume in confidence to:

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c/o Midland Reporter Telegram
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Midland, Texas 79702

SOUTHWESTERN BELL WIRELESS

Position available: **Agent Coordinator** in the Midland/Odessa area. Responsible for motivation of agents and retail sales reps selling Southwestern Bell Wireless service in Midland/Odessa. Includes keeping vendors supplied with materials, training, staff and coordinating monthly promotions. Please forward resumes to:

Connie Short, Human Resource Manager
1901 University, Suite 200
Lubbock, Texas 79410
Southwestern Bell is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PERSON TO RUN

Work on mechanical project. 5 year minimum experience in supervisory capacity for Abilene, San Angelo area. Experience in plumbing and HVAC a must. Send resume to P.O. Box 607, Abilene TX 79608. Attn: Personnel.

Let Classified Work For You!

Call 682-6222

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Major Texas Company has an immediate opportunity available for a Sales Representative. The individual we seek should possess coaching and teaching abilities. Strong communication skills are a must. This lucrative position offers an excellent benefit package and opportunity for advancement. For confidential consideration, please forward resume to:

PO Box 2375, Midland, Texas 79702
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One Good Car Salesperson.
Experience Not Necessary.
Apply in person only

Dotson Nissan, Inc.
3917 W. Wall
See George Head

GAS COMPRESSION SALES

We are a small but growing gas compression company in search of an aggressive field representative to cover the Permian Basin Area in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico. This position requires a minimum of three years successful sales experience in the Permian Basin and a strong background in oil and gas field operations. Preference will be given to those with oil and gas experience encompassing a basic understanding of engineering, oilfield production practices and geology; computer experience would be beneficial. The position entails travel over the entire Permian Basin Area, occasionally overnight. Annual compensation is based on \$20,000 to \$25,000 base salary, company average commissions of \$20,000 per year, expense reimbursement and a company car. We have different successful approaches to marketing a niche product- we require individual initiative to achieve company goals. Please forward a detailed resume, with salary history and references, to: Box T-5078, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PROFESSIONAL

Need caring, sensitive people willing to give of their time and energy to become volunteers for agency dealing with sexual assault issues. Training program required and provided by agency. Please contact Shellah at 682-7273 for further details.

SAFETY DIRECTOR

20 Years + experience. Must have good marketing skills. Send resume with salary & benefit requirements to: Box B-04020, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

TROTT & COMPANY LTD.

Certified Staff Accountant. Needed Staff Accountant with 1-4 years tax experience, CPA preferred but not necessary. Part time possible. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: Tressa Murley, 110 N. Marfield, Suite 500, Midland, Texas 79701.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

for non-profit agency. experience desired. Resumes only to: 3301 Sinclair Ave. 79707. Please include salary requirements.

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NEW YEAR/NEW CAREER
*Secretarial
*Word Processing
*Oil & Gas
*Never a fee

TEMPORARY RESOURCES
684-0527

CLERICAL OPENINGS

at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today. 689-6607.

CLERICAL

Immediate opening. Qualified automotive accounts receivable and payable. Title clerk experience preferred. Computer experience required. Send resume to: Toyota of Midland, 3110 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701.

GENERAL OFFICE help

Smoking environment. Call for an appointment- 687-1721, ask for Jim.

JOBS AVAILABLE

Select Staff
915-687-1545

PART TIME Administrative Assistant

Some bookkeeping and hotel experience a plus. Apply in person, Lexington Hotel and Suites, 1003 S. Midfield. No phone calls please.

RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY

needed for 30 year established company. Candidate should be self motivated, dependable and organized. Position requires outgoing personality, professional phone etiquette, computer knowledge, 10 key, typing and filing. Drug screen required, non-smoking environment. Call 561-9822 for Marla.

SECRETARY

Light bookkeeping/ computer skills preferred. Send resume to P.O. Box 8762, Midland, Texas 79708.

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686-9722.

GRANT GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES, INC.

We have immediate openings for the following positions:

- VIBRATOR OPERATORS
- VIBRATOR MECHANICS
- FIELD HANDS

Please send resume, call or come by for an application.

110 W. Louisiana, Suite 440
Midland, TX 79701
(915) 685-3090 (Phone)
(915) 685-3098 (Fax)

CONTRACT OIL

Field Mudloggers needed. Experienced inquiries only. On shore work. 830-460-8471.

EXPLORATION GEOLOGIST

with 10 plus years West Texas experience to work for aggressive independent. Good salary and benefit package. Send resume to: Box P-06063, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MUDLOGGERS NEEDED

Call 915-689-7613. Double T Consultants. Up to \$150 per day depending on experience.

SALES PERSON

for retail sales floor. Knowledge of plumbing, lighting and appliances helpful. Send resume to P.O. Box 4939, Odessa, TX 79780.

RED WING Shoe store

taking part time and full time employees. Call 412 Andrews Hwy. No phone calls please.

SALES PERSON

for retail sales floor. Knowledge of plumbing, lighting and appliances helpful. Send resume to P.O. Box 4939, Odessa, TX 79780.

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Midland, Texas 79706
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Must be capable of all types of production and field work. Honest, dependable, drug screening required. See Terry, 1403 Garden City Highway.

LICENSED PLUMBER

for expanding plumbing company. Paid holidays and paid vacation. Send resume to: Arway Plumbing, 502 S. Deloach Street, Victoria, Texas 77901.

SHOP FOREMAN

HOLLAMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY is seeking an experienced shop foreman for its Odessa equipment repair shop. Position will require extensive knowledge of heavy equipment and truck repair and maintenance. Previous supervisory experience and familiarity with computers preferred. Excellent salary and benefits available for the right person. Send resume or list of qualifications and experience to:

Hollman Construction Co.
P.O. Box 69410
Odessa, TX 79769-9410

TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR

Dry Waller and acoustical ceiling hangers and helpers at Woodruff Drywall Systems Inc. 2915 W. Industrial, Midland. Between 7am & 8:30am.

WELDER

McMillan Welding now hiring experienced oil field welder. Oil field repairs, drilling rigs, etc. 3 year minimum experience, must have good driving record and be able to pass drug test. Call 687-4625.

MECHANIC & MACHINIST CRAFTSMAN

Requirements include a minimum of five (5) years of machinist experience and good mechanical skills. Must have knowledge of hand and power tools, as well as alignment and balance training, and MSDS. Experience with mechanical seals and bearing installation and an excellent safety record with PPE are essential.

WELDER CRAFTSMAN

Requirements include a minimum of five (5) years welding experience. Qualified applicants should be certified in P-1 Carbon Steel/ Stainless Steel and have chrome experience. Also, must have minimum pipefitting skills with ability to expand knowledge. Safety conscious and PPE knowledge required.

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Business Opportunities

HAIR SALON For Sale. High income area. Write to Box P-3009, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

HAIR & NAIL Salon, good location, 4 hair stations, 4 nail stations, 3 of each leased. Call 687-3634 leave message.

Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

LAWN SERVICE for sale. Established clientele, with or without equipment. 694-3762.

SUNBELT BUSINESS BROKERS, rated number one nationally, is seeking enthusiastic sales people for its Midland office. Complete training. Call Dan at 520-1515.

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Auctions

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Lost Their Lease! Must Vacate the Property ASAP!! The Largest Inventory of Used Building Materials in the Permian Basin. Plus: Machinery, Equipment, Vehicles, & More!

3016 W. Front St., Midland, TX
Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1998, 10:30 am

Auction Conducted by:
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5104 FM 715, Midland, TX 79705 687-0069
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BUSINESS - A Ready made deal! Open at the perfect time to make money. \$20,000, gets equipment, furnishings and customers along with experienced consultation. Own your own Tanning Salon. Call Mark 699-6362

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SAT. JAN. 17TH, 10 AM.
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GARAGE SALES
Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!
Call 682-6222 today. A Monthly Classified Coupon will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

Heloise Classified Hints!

HELOISE HINT: Looking for old milk bottles? As your grandmother will tell you, milk was delivered in glass bottles until the 1950's when paper and plastic became popular. Local dairies put their name and location on bottles, and you can collect them from all 50 states! they abound at garage sales and flea markets. Write to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000

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SATURDAY 8-7 206 Riddlea. Toys, Little Tykes and First Kids, children clothing and many miscellaneous.

79703

BIG SALE! Bunk beds, baby bed, glassware, curio cabinet, furniture and miscellaneous. 2900 W. Washington, Friday & Saturday.

***3610 ROOSEVELT* INSIDE SALE!**
Friday 8-6 Saturday 7 till?
Four Family Moving Sale! Gas range, queen size waterbed, oak table/4 chairs, king size bed, bedding, vibrating lounge chair, TV, dishes, clothes, books, lots of misc!

The Secret's..... Getting Out!
Midland's largest Craft and Antique Mall brings in the New Year with sales throughout the store! 10-60% off, January 15th, 16th, 17th.

Over 100 dealers specializing: Furniture, Glassware, Primitives, Costume Jewelry, Art Deco, Collectibles, Vintage Clothing, Handbags and Crafts.
Register for door prize.
Come See Us!
Craft Bazaar and Antique Mall
3712 W. Wall
Monday-Saturday 10-6

MOVING SALE Today! 9 am till?
4701 Princeton. Living room furniture, bedroom furniture, stereo equipment, gun cabinet, pictures, lamps, area rugs, clothes, yard tools and equipment, patio furniture, kitchen stuff, microwave, and lots more good junk! Priced to sell! Transfer forces move!

PATIO SALE, Saturday 8-7 3708 Monty. Early birds welcome. Furniture, ladies dress & western clothes, mens gold nugget ring & miscellaneous.

79705

WE HAVE IT ALL! Saturday only, 8 till 7. Clothes, shoes, jewelry, weight machines, rug, lamps, purses, belts, tapes, CD's and miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE! Saturday only from 8 am-1 pm, 2504 Maxwell. Relocation overseas! Must sell everything! Antique armoire, furniture, lots of kitchen items, clothes, shoes, and lots of miscellaneous!

SATURDAY 9-4 4814 W. Storey. Couch, microwave, TV, clothes, children's, adult, mini blinds, toys & miscellaneous.

FRIDAY 8-1, Saturday 8-3 3220 Camarie. Furniture, clothes, miscellaneous, computer monitors & tools.

LETS MAKE A DEAL!

2 Drexel Heritage sectionals, cherry and teal leather partners desk, Windberg prints! 1/2 price, sofas, bedrooms, desks all on sale.

BEST HOME BARGAINS
3326 N. Midkiff
699-5524

PATIO SALE, Friday & Saturday 9-4 1001 Shell ("C" and Shell). Enter from alley. Decorator items, linens, baby furniture, Christmas/ crafts, some clothes, lamps, antique potable wheastone bridge.

79706

5609 SO. CO. RD. 1156 682-4638 for directions. Football table, entertainment center, saddles, tillers, girls clothing and miscellaneous household items. Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 7-6 9709 WCR 152 (W. on I-20 service road, left before TL 3 miles R on 152 W). 5 tool boxes full of tools, chain boomers, brand new grinder, heaters, Christmas items, folding bed, saw, speakers, computer, vacuum, 7000# capacity trailer. 563-4117.

79707

*****INSIDE SALE 2100 Taretton** (off West Golf Course). Thursday-Saturday 9-5:30. Furniture, linens, china, kitchenware, exerciser, bicycle, Kasio keyboard, filling cabinet, clothes, cookbooks, wooden TV trays, tables of books. Antique lamps, jewelry, antique crocheted bedspread, yard tools, electric American flag, rollerblades/ helmet, much miscellaneous. Handled by Floy Maberry.

MOVING SALE! Saturday 8-12, 4001 Leigh Drive. Recliner, mower, super-single waterbed, Kenmore dryer, microwave cart, paint sprayer, clothes (all sizes), crafts, Christmas decorations and household items.

2505 IDLEWILDE, Friday and Saturday 8am. Oak bar stools, TV stand, bikes, baby items, more.

SATURDAY 7:30, 3603 Edgemont. Tell City rocker, couch, canning jars, breakfast table, baby items, Power Rider.

***GARAGE SALE Inside, Friday-Saturday, 8- Noon.** 5 Piece Living Room Suite, Dinette Set, Lamps, Stereos, Washer-Dryer, Recliner, Clothes Closet, Sheets, Towels, Mens & Womens Clothing, Books, Records, Some Tools & Lapidary equipment, Kitchenwares, Bunch of Miscellaneous!! 3616 Boyd.

SATURDAY ONLY 7-3 5111 Canadian. Lots of clothes & miscellaneous.

SATURDAY, January 17th, 8 am 3007 Marc Lane (in alley). Toys, children's clothes, furniture, more!

AREA SALES

MOVING SALE! 14032 W. County Rd. 124 (located a couple of blocks behind Peewee Dalton's off Hwy 80- follow signs). Saturday 8-3.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

Tami, Pam, Brandi, Pat, Paula or Sandy are ready to help you!

\$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE \$20

*7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)

*2 Days

*Star Stand Out Emblem

*Garage Sale Kit (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints, \$5 Value)

*Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)

*\$3 Off Classified Coupon (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get \$3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only \$24!

Call 682-6222 Today!

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Auctions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1998, 10:00 am Sharp 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Consists of Mark Finest & Billie Wine Estates. Absolutely No Minimums. No Reserves! Everything sold "As Is", "Where Is" without warranty. Items subject to change without prior notice. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. Auction to include: Heavy Equipment: Craftman radial arm saw 10", Miller welding machine 225V, cutting torch setup, bench grinder, band saw, portable nailer, stapler, jig saw, floor jack, lawn mower, lathe, woodworking tools, air compressor, electric motors, rolling tool box and much, much more. Office Equipment: Computer, desks, file cabinets, bookcases, typewriter. Household: Refrigerator, washer/ dryer, china hutch, antique bed set, entertainment center, china, end tables, TV's, chest, freezer, and more. Jewelry: Man's Old Derrick ring, 14K ladies diamond wedding set. Vehicles: 1992 Chevrolet pickup, 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass, 1985 International truck, 1988 Chevrolet pickup, 12' Big Tax trailer, 1989 GMC 9500, 1984 3002X, 1985 300 ZX, 1972 VW Bug. Miscellaneous: True commercial glass box cooler, glass showcase, ice cream freezer. Auction Conducted by: Auction Action Midland Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz, Auctioneer TX License #6250.

410 Misc. Sales

BIBLE TALK: "Does God Predestinate Some People to Heaven and Some to Hell?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

BROTHER Word processor, spreadsheet, address book, disk drive, ink jet printer, \$250. 699-5819.

PORTABLE STORAGE buildings/ shops starting at \$39 a month- various styles & sizes- delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

19 INCH Color TV, Secular desk. Please call 694-4558.

RESTHAVEN Memorial Park- 5 plots in the Garden of the Last Supper- Section EB, Lot 41- 3 plots, Lot 59- 2 Plots. (254)725-7851, W.D. Clark

NEW DIGITAL Westco Cadence 855 Electric Treadmill \$275. Nordic Track \$150. Call 697-6203.

ANNIVERSARY Special Edition Encyclopedia. Great Books. Annals of America with custom made bookcases \$2,400 697-6019.

MOBIL CAR Wash with trailer, tank, blind cleaning set up and miscellaneous supplies. \$1,500. Call 682-3124.

GO KART- Mancos 2 passenger with 5.5 HP. Excellent condition. \$975. 694-3941.

SLIGHTLY USED 2800 Onan gas generator with remote starter control, new \$1,900 asking \$1,300. Slightly used, 50 miles Moped, \$600. 697-4451.

10 MONTH MEMBERSHIP to Results Fitness Health Club, \$300. 694-5970.

ELECTRIC KEYBOARD with stand, Dorn refrigerator, Sharp 5 disc stereo (no speakers). Super single waterbed. 697-1407.

WEDDING GOWN, beautiful, white, special order, never worn, size 4. Call after 5:30, 915-634-9132.

OLD 5 FOOT 4 INCH refrigerator, excellent condition and working. Great for office, apartment, lake house, etc. \$75. Walk fit, superb condition, \$200. exercycle \$25. fitness mat, \$45. Call 684-4283 late afternoon or evening.

WOLFF System Tanning Beds- 24 lamp commercial unit. Call Mark 699-6362.

COKE MACHINE for sale. Make offer. Call 563-4311.

LARGE COUCH and matching recliner, camel in color. \$300 for both. Oak coffee & end table, \$150. 699-2032

LANDSCAPING ROCK for sale. 1 inch to 20 inch, Call 334-8158.

FREE New top of the line Motorola cellular bag phone. I will pay transfer fee for your contract with Southwestern Bell. 687-2444.

NORDIC TRACK Walk Fit, in Excellent condition, \$250. Call 699-1209 or 520-6270.

HERBALIFE & Natural ex Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERBI

25 INCH ZENITH color console TV \$150. Admiral, 18.6 Cubic Foot, frost free refrigerator, excellent condition, \$185. Call 570-8499.

5 PIECE Pastel Color Sectional, \$200. White Washed Coffee Table, \$75. Wooden Coat Tree, \$20. Patio Bench, \$30. Brother Word Processor, \$400. 35mm Minolta Camera, \$50. Call 694-1067 after 5:30 pm.

COOK STOVES, Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/ other. 570-4851.

(3) OAK CABINETS, heavy duty casters, 2 door/ 2 drawer. Perfect for customer service or cash register. Designed for computer or retail shop. 24x48x84. Paid \$750 each, will sacrifice for \$375 each. Call Scot at 699-0846 Monday-Friday, 8-6.

REMEMBER VALENTINES DAY! 2.0 carat marquais, diamond, certified. Asking \$8,900, see at D. Carols Jewelers.

'98 KICKOFF Sales Extravaganza

\$237⁴⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
Sale Price \$14,269.72, Residual Value \$8,159.20.
36 Mo. SmartBuy, 8.15% APR, \$500 Down +TT&L.
Low Mileage Plan.
GREAT ECONOMY CAR!

\$255⁰² mo

'98 CHEVY EXT. CAB
Texas/Oklahoma Special
VORTEC 4300 V6, AM/FM CASSETTE, A/C, TILT & CRUISE.
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KEY To Abbreviations
Bdr. Bedroom
Ba. Bath
Kt. Kitchen
Dbl. Double
A/C. Air conditioning
Mstr. Bdrm. Master Bdrm.
Gar. Garage
Bldg. Building
Cond. Condition
N-QA. Non-Qualifying
Ass. Assumable
QA. Qualifying
Ac. Acre
3/2/2. Bdr./Ba./Gar.

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