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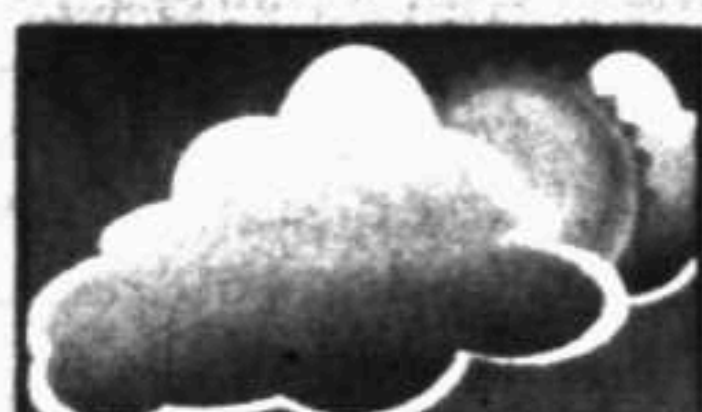
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Indonesia protest

An Indonesian demonstrator with banknotes in his mouth protests in front of the central bank in Jakarta Monday. About 1,000 people protested rising food prices as Indonesia continues to battle its worst economic crisis in three decades. Story page 5A

Oprah trial

AMARILLO — A Texas cattleman suing Oprah Winfrey for slander testified Monday that a talk show she did on mad cow disease was a "bomb" that caused him to lose millions of dollars as the cattle market dropped. Paul Engler, chief executive officer of Cactus Feeders Inc., took the stand as the civil trial against Ms. Winfrey began its fourth week. Story page 1B

Seinfeld finale

NEW YORK — NBC may ask as much as \$2 million for a 30-second commercial on the final episode of "Seinfeld" — a figure that would break the record set just a few weeks ago by the network's Super Bowl broadcast. The last original episode of the popular sitcom, slated for a full hour on May 14, is expected to attract a huge audience. Story page 7A

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Up to 3,000 U.S. troops going to Gulf

By Susanne M. Schafer
Associated Press

AL-JABER AIR BASE, Kuwait — The Pentagon is sending up to 3,000 troops to Kuwait — tripling U.S. ground forces in the country — "to discourage any creative thinking" by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. At the same time, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ruled out any massive military invasion of Iraq. "The administration does not agree with those who suggest we should deploy hundreds of thousands of American troops to engage militarily in a ground war in Iraq," Albright said in a speech in Washington. The latest deployment of U.S. ground forces was disclosed by a senior military official traveling in the region with Defense Secretary William Cohen. He said up to 3,000 troops from Fort Hood, Texas, will be sent

to Kuwait over the next 10 days or so to help defend Iraq's southern neighbor.

"The purpose is to ensure the security of Kuwait," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's to discourage creative thinking on (Saddam Hussein's) part."

Although Cohen had not formally signed the deployment order, a Pentagon official said Monday "the forces have been requested and that request is being considered and processed."

They will join 1,500 Army troops who have been using M1-A1 tanks, armored Bradley troop carriers and other vehicles during a scheduled exercise in the desert emirate. The United States deployed 541,000 ground troops during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The armored vehicles were stored in Kuwait after the Gulf War and have been used repeatedly by U.S. troops

in training exercises.

For its part, Iraq appeared to be preparing for a U.S. attack. Troops of Saddam's elite Republican Guard, for instance, were being scattered throughout the country in an effort to ensure that his government remains in power, according to Iraqi travelers arriving in Jordan.

Iraq also dispatched diplomats to several Arab countries that joined the U.S.-led coalition in the Gulf War, seeking their support.

In Ottawa, Prime Minister Jean Chretien said Canada joins with the United States in supporting the use of military force against Iraq if diplomatic efforts fail to end the impasse over U.N. weapons inspections. He spoke at the start of a special session of the House of Commons called to discuss Canada's possible partici-

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Ed McMahon introduces his wife Pam, a fashion designer whose fashions were part of the Junior Women's Association Annual Style Show and Luncheon. Approximately 400 attended the luncheon, which benefited both the Community Children's Clinic and the Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Pediatric Fund.

McMahon touts wife's fashions, new network

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Former Ed McMahon is playing two roles on his trip to Midland — that of supportive husband and of loyal network employee.

His wife, Pam, exhibited her fashion designs at Monday's annual Junior Women's Association Style Show and Benefit Luncheon. At the same time, he is taking advantage of the surrounding publicity to promote both the Warner Brothers (WB) Network and his new series, The Tom Show starring Tom Arnold.

McMahon is best known for his 30 years as announcer of The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson as well as for other television, movie and commercial appearances. He took a break from a showing of his wife's clothing at Robbie Casey's boutique to look back over his broadcasting career.

Noting that the 50th anniversary of television will be offi-

cially celebrated in 1999, McMahon pointed out that he's been in the industry 49 of those 50 years, graduating from Catholic University with a degree in speech and drama in 1949 and getting his first broadcast job in Philadelphia that same year.

"I started out at the age of 10," he recalled. "I've always known I wanted to be a broadcaster. And that began when I was about six, when my grandfather built a radio, a crystal radio set and wrapped the house with radio wire. He let me listen through some headphones and I heard an announcer on KDKA, a 50,000-watt clear channel radio station in Pittsburgh. Here I was in Lowell, Mass., and I was fascinated by this guy in Pittsburgh. I said to myself, 'I want to be that guy on the radio' and started working as a carnival announcer, anything to do with a microphone."

At the age of 18, he enrolled in Boston College and became the night announcer on WLLH, working from 6

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Photos by Curt Wilcott

Starr seeks testimony of Lewinsky

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turning up the pressure on Monica Lewinsky, prosecutors are demanding that the former intern appear before a federal grand jury this week, an appearance that her lawyers worked Monday to block unless she is granted full immunity from prosecution.

After a weekend in which tensions with Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr exploded publicly, lawyers for President Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky crafted their next moves in secret court filings.

David Kendall, the president's private lawyer, followed through with a promise he made Friday and filed a complaint in U.S. District Court over leaks of secret grand jury information in the investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

"The filing is under seal, and we will have no further comment," said Kendall, who had promised to ask for contempt sanctions against the prosecutor's office.

In California, Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, was preparing a motion to quash a subpoena issued two weeks ago that compels his client to testify before the grand jury.

Prosecutors initially did not schedule a date for the appearance as they tried to reach a deal to secure Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation. But last week they withdrew an offer to give her full immunity in exchange for her testimony and then demanded that she appear before the grand jury this Thursday.

Individuals close to Ms. Lewinsky's defense said Ginsburg was preparing to go to court Tuesday to ask a judge to enforce the immunity deal or block Thursday's appearance. Such a filing would have to be kept confidential under grand jury secrecy rules.

Ginsburg declined to discuss the content of his motion, but told The Associated Press of "how damaging these leaks have been to Monica Lewinsky in terms of her getting a fair public hearing, much less a trial if that is necessary."

Prosecutors have already informed Ms. Lewinsky she is a target likely to be indicted. Among the possible charges prosecutors are investigating are whether she lied in an affidavit in the Paula Jones lawsuit when she denied a sexual affair with Clinton and whether later she encouraged a friend to do the same.

There was talk — albeit hypothetical — about what would happen if Starr were to refer the results of his investigation to the House, where impeachment proceedings begin. An aide to House Speak-

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Reaction to Thomas sentence mixed among local law officers

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

The sentence handed down by a Midland jury in the attempted capital murder trial last week of a 19-year-old Midland man has drawn a variety of reactions, including criticism, from Midland's law enforcement community.

A six-man, six-woman jury sentenced Jody Charles Thomas to seven years in prison for raising an assault rifle toward Midland County Sheriff's Officer Kent Spencer as the SWAT team was executing a narcotics search warrant of Thomas's apartment.

Sgt. Terry Lowe, who testified in the case, said he had received a number of calls from other law enforcement agencies interested in the outcome of the trial. "Where the interest comes in is any time an officer is threatened with deadly force," Lowe said. He added that he had also been contacted by officers from Odessa and the surrounding area. "Something that affects one cop affects all cops," Lowe said.

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Western storms

Golfo Garcia wades through a river of debris to salvage wood to rebuild his home Monday near Rosarito Beach, in Mexico. A flash flood hit the area early Sunday morning killing six people living near the banks of the Arroyo Guagatay.

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AP Photo

Attacks on farmers mar S. Africa's heartland

SCHWEIZER-RENEKE, South Africa (AP) — The heart of South Africa's corn belt boasts sprawling farms, cattle ranches, grain silos — and farmers packing assault rifles.

Targeted in a series of killings, white farmers have organized rapid-reaction forces, set up roadside checkpoints and linked themselves through an emergency radio network. They also have crossed the line into vigilantism, possibly even killing a suspect.

President Nelson Mandela has ordered an investigation into the attacks on the whites, which some farmers claim are part of a black conspiracy to run them off the land. Authorities say robbery, not race, is the motive.

Mandela's chief investigator, Police Superintendent Karel Brits, told The Associated Press that most of last year's 270 attacks were motivated by robbery. Mpho Mavedu, the mayor of Schweizer-Reneke and a member of Mandela's African National Congress, believes there is more to it.

Conditions for black farm workers have improved little since apartheid ended with the ANC's 1994 victory in the country's first all-race elections.

Farmhands in this north-central Afrikaner stronghold have no guaranteed minimum wage and complain of abuse.

"Many black workers are treated inhumanely and some are even killed," said Mavedu. "It's a slavery of a special type. Parents are beaten in front of their children."

"Vengeance becomes their character — they come back to that white farmer who abused him, or abused his parents, and settle things."

Anell Boonzaaier, a thin woman in a flower-print dress, says murder was in the hearts of

News analysis

four black men who came to her farmhouse on Nov. 30 when she and her husband Nico were away.

They pocketed her jewelry, took her husband's shotgun and pistol, and waited for their return. They shot her husband dead; she fled, running barefoot the mile to another farm and fracturing her right arm along the way. She doesn't recall breaking it.

Word of the attack spread on the radio network, and 100 pickups carrying heavily armed farmers converged on the Boonzaaier farm.

The farmers are army reservists and members of the Rural Safety Committee, created by the government last year and credited with reducing the number of farm killings from 109 in 1996 to 61 last year. Civil defense officials, farm unions and police participate as well.

The farmers caught the suspects in a cornfield, beat them and turned them over to police. One suspect, Frank Masilo, grew up on a neighboring farm and briefly worked for the Boonzaaier last year.

"They didn't do anything to conceal their identities," Mrs. Boonzaaier said at the courthouse recently, waiting for a hearing in the case. "They came to rob and to kill."

After the judge postponed the case, Mrs. Boonzaaier, the cast still on her arm, stood and stared into Masilo's face. Masilo averted his eyes.

Eleven days after the Boonzaaier attack, Schalk Bruwer and his wife were shot in their general store about a mile away. They survived. Nothing was stolen.

"If we were extreme right wing, we could

maybe understand it," said Bruwer, who didn't recognize the assailants. "But we've been doing business with the local black community for 19 years in this store. We didn't deserve this."

Three of the alleged assailants were arrested. Police say a fourth shot himself when farmers closed in.

The mayor suspects it was farmers who killed the fourth man. "I don't really believe that person killed himself," Mavedu said.

Down at the Bullet Bar, beefy farmers hoist beers and, with a nudge, tell about how the man "committed suicide." They won't discuss specifics.

John Franzsen, chairman of Schweizer-Reneke's Rural Safety Committee, denied farmers have killed any suspects, but acknowledged abuses.

"If your neighbor is shot and you catch the person, your adrenaline is running," Franzsen said. "There has been some heavy-handedness at roadblocks — people were pulled out of their cars. But we're putting a stop to that."

While killings of white farmers make headlines, abuse of black farmhands passes almost unnoticed. Farmers allegedly beat Henrik Shabalala to death in 1995 for using a tractor without permission.

Shabalala's two daughters, ages 7 and 3, ask where he is.

"It's heartbreaking," Shabalala's mother, Maria, said. "I've told the girls he's visiting somewhere. The older daughter then says she hears he's missing. She still doesn't know what happened, but she's suspicious."

With witnesses afraid to testify, there have been no arrests.

Tunnels remind visitors of Japan's darkest hour

MATSUSHIRO, Japan (AP) — The tunnels zigzag for more than three miles, stretching eerily into darkness over pebbles and chunks of gray rock.

At the mouth are memorials. One promises no more war. Another reminds visitors that some 300 workers — and possibly 1,000, mostly Koreans — died from malnutrition, dynamite blasts and cave-ins while building the vast underground chambers.

Just a half-hour bus ride from the Olympics lies a darker side of history that many Japanese would rather forget.

During the final, desperate months of World War II, when Japanese imperial rulers were sending youngsters off to die in kamikaze attacks, they also brought thousands of workers to a mountainous area in Nagano to build a tunnel network that would hide the emperor, Japan's entire government and a food storehouse.

There, they planned to hold out. The digging, which began in November 1944, continued right up to Japan's surrender in August 1945 at a furious round-the-clock pace.

Some residents of Nagano wanted those who died to be remembered in some fashion at the Olympics as a testament to peace, but they were snubbed repeatedly by the games' organizers.

"We welcome all the themes. We happened to choose a bigger, more global issue," said Akio Yoshida, spokesman for the Nagano Olympic committee, referring to the anti-land mines campaign that was chosen as the games' main message.

The organizers have been more than eager to promote Nagano's famous Zenko-ji temple, which attracts 7 million visitors a year.

The tunnels — which draw about 100,000 visitors a year as a major tourist spot — were left out of the official 1996 English Nagano Olympic guidebook.

Organizers say the omission was purely technical — the English translation turned out to be longer than the Japanese.

But the reference to the tunnels in Matsushiro, about five miles south of Nagano, was restored in the version published the following year, after residents protested.

Sonoko Kobayashi, who runs a small museum on the tunnels, doesn't believe the Nagano organizers made an honest mistake. She suspects they prefer to ignore the painful periods of Japanese history.

"They are evidence of the insanity, the absurdity of the military," Kobayashi said.

Japanese have long been uneasy about coming to terms with their past and are more apt to see themselves as victims of war, exemplified in the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, rather than as causing suffering to others.

Only a part of the tunnels, which span seven miles in three sections, is open to the public.

A section that was to have housed the emperor includes an above-ground room with sliding paper screen doors to allow him sunlight. It connected to an underground shelter to allow him a quick escape.

The tunnels are a stark reminder not only of the self-centered zealotry of the military leaders but also of Japan's invasion of Asia, including its 35-year brutal colonization of the Korean Peninsula.

Most documents about the tunnels have not survived. But those who collected worker accounts say that about 7,000 of the 10,000 workers brought in for the tunnels were Korean, and some were brought in by force.

Tsunehiro Yamamoto, a 36-year-old Olympic volunteer from a Tokyo suburb, was using his day off to see the tunnels, only because he got so many questions from Western visitors. Like many other Japanese, he never knew the tunnels existed.

American Jewish Committee opens Berlin office

BERLIN (AP) — With prayers and the nailing of a mezuzah to the doorpost, the American Jewish Committee opened offices in Berlin on Monday — one more sign of the renaissance of Jewish life in Central Europe.

Germany's Jewish community, which numbered more than a half-million members before the Holocaust, has rebounded to more than 60,000 and is growing fast, fueled by Jewish immigration from Russia and former Soviet countries.

The Washington-based AJC hopes its Berlin office — its second overseas branch after Jerusalem — will promote understanding between Jews in Germany and the United States.

It also hopes to participate in Germany's reconciliation with its Nazi past, an agonizing process often played out on the urban landscape.

The new AJC headquarters, 10 stories of granite, glass and limestone, rests on the site of the former Mosse house, the residence of a prominent Jewish family before World War II.

Publishers of the former Berliner Tageblatt newspaper, the Mosses held Jewish community meetings in their home and opened their

library and art gallery to the public. The family lost its property and business when it fled the country.

"The house itself symbolized the deeply held liberalism of a tolerant and educated bourgeoisie," George Mosse, grandson of the family patriarch, said at the inauguration of the new building, called the Mosse Palais.

"Let us remember the traditions which were once shared by Germans and Jews alike — the traditions of a better Germany."

Symbols of this "better Germany" surround the AJC headquarters, which rests smack in the heart of the construction sites that characterize Berlin as it prepares for the government's move here in 1999.

In one direction is Potsdamer Platz — acres of concrete blocks, bulldozers, cranes and enormous muddy holes awaiting foundations for the city's new business center.

In another, the skeletal dome of the under-renovation Reichstag, or capitol.

But what is perhaps the most striking symbol of the struggle of German-Jewish reconciliation is also nearby: the planned site of Germany's controversial National Holocaust Memorial, a stretch of

former Nazi housing where construction workers recently found the bunker of Hitler's propaganda chief, Joseph Goebbels.

With hundreds of Jews immigrating to Germany — Berlin's community doubled in recent years, with the influx of 7,000 Russians — the AJC hopes to be instrumental in extending the reconciliation to the United States.

On one hand, says the AJC's Berlin director Eugene DeBow, Germany's fledgling Jewish communities can learn from Americans in setting up programs and institutions.

But on the other, American Jews need help understanding the strength of Germany's democracy since World War II. DeBow characterizes most Americans as feeling torn between a visceral distrust of Germany because of the Holocaust and awareness of postwar

Germany's political ties with the United States.

"American Jews' perceptions of Germany remain split, and not very positive," DeBow said last month, when the privately funded AJC announced its Berlin office plans.

The AJC hopes to change that perception through exchange programs between the United States and Germany, as well as Central Europe.

Here in Berlin, the new office laid out its welcome to all at the entrance by hanging the traditional "mezuzah," a glass vial containing a Hebrew prayer to protect those who come and go.

The welcome was reciprocal: For the next 10 years, the AJC will have its office rent-free, a gift from Mosse Palais Building developer Hans Roeder — and yet another gesture of reconciliation.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

■ Parliament suspends blood drive

JERUSALEM — Israel's parliament suspended its blood drive Monday after an Ethiopia-born legislator charged racial bias, saying he was the only lawmaker not asked to donate blood.

"This is serious discrimination," said legislator Adisso Massala, who emigrated from Ethiopia in the 1980s. "It stems from the claim ... that our blood is filthy and we could transmit certain diseases."

In 1996, thousands of Ethiopian immigrants rioted over revelations that Israeli blood banks secretly discarded Ethiopian donations, fearing the blood might be tainted with AIDS.

The organizer of the blood drive, the Magen David Adom medical emergency service, dismissed Massala's accusations. Spokesman Shuki Gutman said no personal invitations were sent out to the legislators.

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza insisted there was no longer discrimination against blood donors of Ethiopian origin.

■ Israel recovers MIAs' remains

JERUSALEM — An Israeli team searching Egypt's Sinai Peninsula brought home the remains of two soldiers who disappeared in the 1973 Middle East War, officials said Monday.

The hunt for 18 Israeli MIAs started there last year after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak agreed to allow the Israeli team into the Sinai.

The team first found one marked grave, believed to be that of the navigator of an Israeli Phantom jet shot down by Egyptian forces during the war, Israeli media reported. Locals then led the Israelis to another grave, probably that of the pilot.

The bones were sent to London for DNA testing, Foreign Ministry spokesman Efi Ben-Matityahu said.

A military official said that the 18 MIAs included four airmen, two fighters of an elite amphibious force and 12 soldiers from a tank unit.

Israel returned the Sinai to Egypt under a 1979 peace treaty.

■ Teacher rebuked for Nazi salute

ENSCHDEDE, Netherlands — A Dutch math teacher was reprimanded for making the Nazi salute in front of his students, a newspaper reported Monday.

The teacher shouted "Sieg Heil!" several times during a math exercise when students had to raise their right arms to show the degree of an angle.

Students at the South Municipal Lyceum in this Dutch-German border city complained to the school board because the teacher had made the salute in the past, according to the national daily *Algemeen Dagblad*.

The teacher later apologized, saying "it just happened."

The Dutch are especially sensitive to neo-Nazi behavior since the country was occupied by Nazi forces during World War II.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Professors urge postponement of euro

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — German economic professors appealed to European leaders Monday to postpone the debut of a common currency for the continent, saying financial conditions are "most unsuitable" for the euro.

A petition signed by more than 150 professors and published in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine* and London's *Financial Times* was just the latest warning from Germany's leading experts that Europe should delay the euro's Jan. 1 debut.

The critics say European countries have failed to reduce their deficits and debts to levels low enough to make a single European currency successful.

European leaders want a single currency, believing it will become a rival to the U.S. dollar and make the continent an economic power house.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has made the euro central to his platform for his race for an unprecedented fifth term, said the currency union would begin as planned — despite the criticism.

"The time is right for the euro," Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel added, noting that dozens of other economics professors have endorsed the plan.

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Aid arrives in frozen, quake-stricken villages

By Zaheruddin Abdullah
Associated Press

RUSTAQ, Afghanistan — The first desperately needed aid trickled in Monday for earthquake victims in Afghanistan's mountains — on trucks where roads were passable, on donkeys where snow and ice were too deep.

Survivors slowly walked out, with stories of whole families lost.

Frozen bodies were strewn across devastated towns and villages, many still unburied after Wednesday's 6.1-magnitude quake crumbled hillside homes of mud and brick or buried them under landslides.

Rescue workers say as many as 5,000 died in the quake and a series of ruinous aftershocks.

One girl wept as she tried to recount how her entire family of seven was crushed under the rubble of their home in the northeastern village of Khojah Khirah.

"It's so painful, so painful," 7-year-old Bahrish whispered, her eyes brimming with tears. "I don't know if I have any relatives left."

She was among more than 100 people Monday in the only clinic in the hard-hit town of Rustaq, reached by an Associated Press reporter on one of the first aid flights into the quake area.

The patients lay in darkness on the building's dirt floor — the clinic's power had gone out.

Hundreds of villagers carried heavy bundles and led goat herds down muddy roads in the region, seeking shelter or fleeing in fear of more tremors.

A Pakistani air force cargo jet and a Red Cross turbo-prop plane landed in nearby Hajaghar on Monday, bringing medical and sanitation supplies, blankets and tents to the

thousands left homeless in temperatures below freezing.

Military trucks carrying the relief supplies lumbered slowly toward Rustaq, 25 miles away, where hundreds of quake refugees were seeking shelter.

"We don't know where the (refugees) will stay, and we are trying to organize a camp so they don't just spread around the town," said Juan Martinez of the Red Cross.

Qari Amir Allam, an official with the military alliance that controls the region, said Monday that at least 4,000 people were killed in the quake and subsequent aftershocks. Previous estimates have ranged from 2,000 to 5,000.

Twenty villages were destroyed or damaged by the landslides, said Allam, who met the cargo flight.

"The dead bodies now are frozen," Allam said. "We must dig them up and bury them properly."

Allam said the latest aftershock rumbled through one or two villages Sunday, killing more than 200 people.

"We desperately need outside help," he said, as Pakistani cadets and Afghan forces unloaded more than 200 blankets and 200 tents from the cargo jet, which later returned to Islamabad.

Aid groups have been scrambling to reach the area, nestled at the junction of the Hindu Kush and Pamir mountains, since Friday, when reports of the first quake emerged.

A U.N. team was approaching Rustaq on donkeys and horses after a U.N. truck convoy proved unable to make its way through snow-covered mountain passes.

The team reached a village on the outskirts

of the affected area, where it reported 320 people had died and 400 were injured, local officials told Khalili.

The U.N. trucks, carrying thousands of pounds of blankets, plastic sheeting and high protein biscuits, were expected to reach Rustaq on Tuesday by another route.

Volunteers from neighboring areas were bringing whatever food they could spare and even a few pairs of shoes for homeless survivors, Khalili said.

Aid workers initially were skeptical about the high casualty figures Afghan officials gave, noting that the region is sparsely populated and that officials have exaggerated natural disasters in the past.

But physicians from Doctors Without Borders, the first foreign aid agency to reach the area, have reported that 1,800 people died in one village alone, the Red Cross said.

Afghan military helicopters were helping ferry medical and sanitation supplies because the tremors cracked local roads, Afghan officials said.

The Doctors Without Borders team reported a shortage of clean water and have expressed fears that disease and dehydration could cause more deaths.

A Red Cross convoy passed safely Sunday through front lines where the Taliban Islamic militia is battling the opposition alliance that controls 15 percent of northern Afghanistan, including Takhar.

The Taliban, which controls 85 percent of Afghanistan, including the capital, Kabul, announced a unilateral three-day cease-fire starting Saturday for relief efforts.

Shevardnadze survives assassination attempt

By Misha Dzhindzhikhashvili
Associated Press

TBILISI, Georgia — Attackers armed with a grenade launcher and machine guns ambushed President Eduard Shevardnadze's motorcade Monday, opening a 10-minute battle that killed one attacker and one bodyguard.

The president escaped unharmed, aides said.

State television showed the 70-year-old leader talking by phone later with Azerbaijan's president, assuring him, "I am OK."

The gunmen attacked about a half-mile from Shevardnadze's residence in the capital, Tbilisi, as the Georgian leader's four-car motorcade was returning home, presidential spokesman Vakhtang Maskhuliya said.

The slain bodyguard had been in Shevardnadze's car, which was badly damaged by a rocket-propelled grenade, officials said.

Two other bodyguards were wounded in the shootout.

There was no claim of responsibility for the brutal attack, and authorities said they had yet to determine the motive. Shevardnadze said on state TV the dead attacker had not been identified, and there were no reports of any arrests.

Police and security forces stormed the area, searching vehicles and buildings for the assailants — although they didn't even know how many men they were looking for.

The attack appeared to be the second assassination attempt in four years on Shevardnadze, who once served as a Soviet foreign minister before Georgia gained independence from the Soviet Union.

Shevardnadze was cut by flying glass when a bomb exploded in his motorcade on Aug. 29, 1995, as the president was leaving for a ceremonial signing of the country's constitution.

Georgian prosecutors have charged 14 people in connection with that attack. The suspects include Shevardnadze's former supporter Dzhaba Ioseliani, who along with some of the other sus-

pects had been a member of the outlawed Mkhedrioni organization.

Mkhedrioni is an armed group that helped oust the former Soviet republic's first popularly elected president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, in 1992. Shevardnadze took over as president after Gam-

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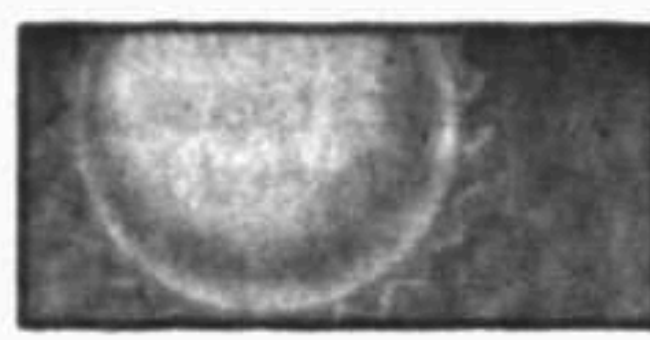
WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 62
Low 33



Wednesday
Sunny
High 60
Low 27



Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 72
Low 35

The National Weather Service at Midland International Airport is calling for a peak daytime temperature in the low 60s and northwesterly winds at 15 to 20 mph and gusty.

The sky is to be clear tonight when the low temperature is to be near 30 degrees.

For Wednesday, the forecast predicts sunny skies and high temperatures near 60 degrees.

Monday's peak temperature was 70 degrees, and the overnight low temperature was 44 degrees.

The record high temperature for Feb. 9 is 88 degrees in 1932, and the date's record low temperature is 12 degrees in 1936.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Sunday .00 in.
Rainfall Saturday .00 in.
Total for month .040 in.
Total for year .056 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High 70
Low 44
Normal high 60
Normal low 31

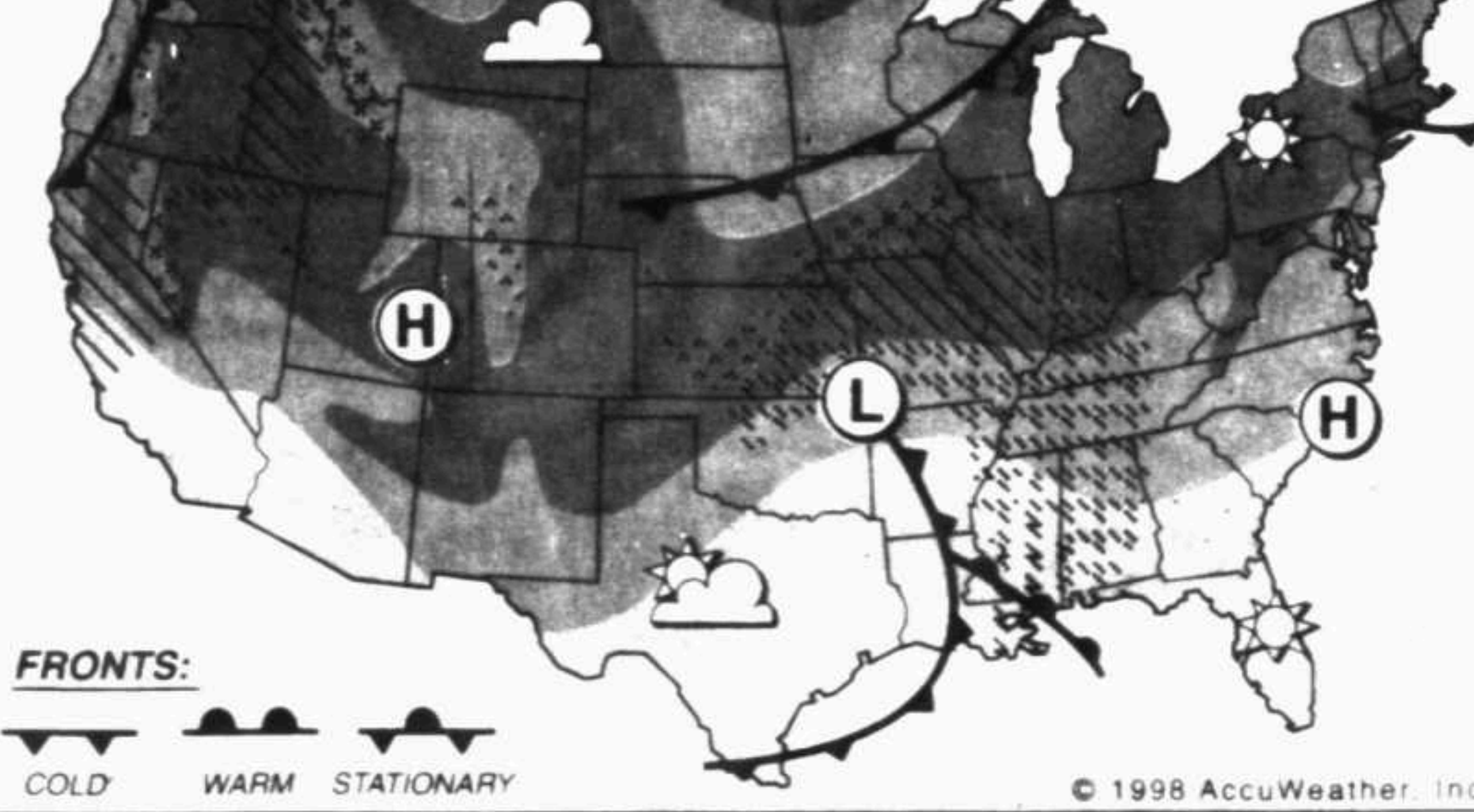
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National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 10.



Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.

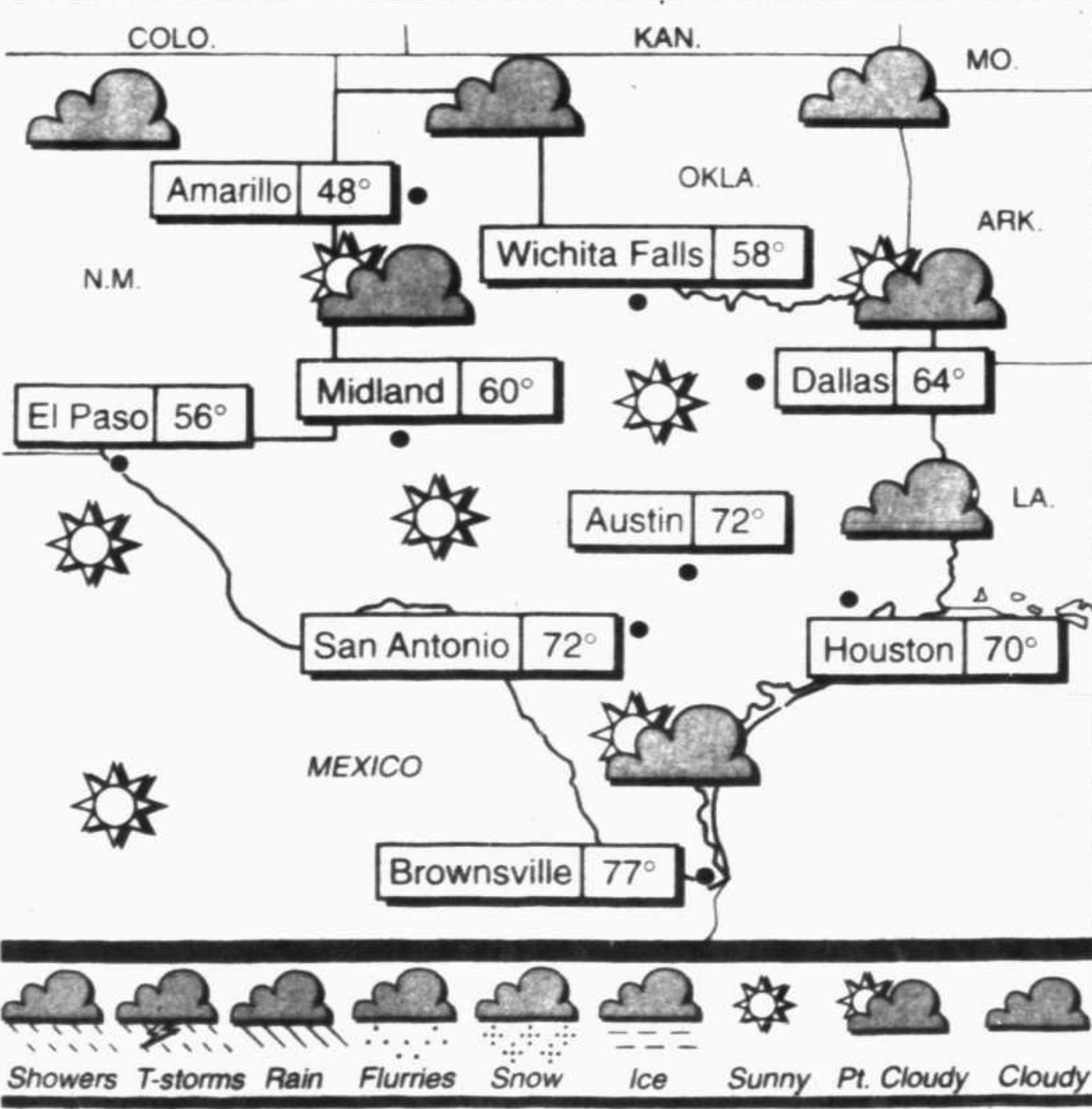


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:33 p.m. EST.

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Outk	City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Outk
Albany, N.Y.	47	13	cl		Las Vegas	59	45	cl	
Albuquerque	47	13	cl		Little Rock	56	33	cl	
Anchorage	30	19	cl		Los Angeles	63	48	cl	
Asheville	52	37	03	cl	Louisville	50	30	cl	
Atlanta	57	32	cl		Memphis	59	31	cl	
Atlantic City	47	25	cl		Miami Beach	66	50	cl	
Baltimore	48	24	cl		Milwaukee	34	22	cl	
Bellingham	46	31	01	cl	Minneapolis	36	25	cl	
Birmingham	59	27	cl		Nashville	56	35	cl	
Bismarck	32	23	cl		New Orleans	60	46	02	cl
Boise	46	32	cl		New York City	48	30	cl	
Bozeman	41	22	cl		North Platte	34	20	cl	
Buffalo	46	22	cl		Oakland	64	41	cl	
Burlington, Vt.	40	7	cl		Oklahoma City	60	36	cl	
Casper	39	30	cl		Omaha	47	29	cl	
Charleston, S.C.	57	37	cl		Orlando	64	41	cl	
Charleston, W. Va.	53	26	cl		Philadelphia	48	27	cl	
Charlotte, N.C.	58	42	cl		Phoenix	61	50	cl	
Cheyenne	38	29	01	cl	Pittsburgh	53	28	cl	
Chicago	46	23	cl		Portland, Me.	36	12	cl	
Cincinnati	45	22	cl		Portland, Ore.	49	43	14	cl
Cleveland	44	19	cl		Providence	43	24	cl	
Columbia, S.C.	57	43	cl		Raleigh, Durham	47	27	cl	
Columbus, Ohio	51	24	cl		Rapid City	34	30	cl	
Concord, N.H.	46	6	cl		Richmond	47	28	cl	
Dayton	48	23	cl		Sacramento	55	39	03	cl
Denver	42	32	cl		St. Louis	55	26	cl	
Des Moines	46	28	cl		Salt Lake City	41	30	09	cl
Detroit	44	24	cl		San Diego	62	54	42	cl
Duluth	35	22	cl		San Francisco	54	42	cl	
Evansville	45	18	cl		San Juan, P.R.	82	73	cl	
Fairbanks	5	9	cl		Santa Fe	44	28	14	cl
Fargo	27	13	cl		St. Ste Marie	45	26	cl	
Flagstaff	33	25	cl		Seattle	49	41	02	cl
Grand Rapids	44	20	cl		Shreveport	62	49	cl	
Great Falls	49	25	cl		Sioux Falls	45	31	cl	
Greensboro, N.C.	49	32	cl		Spokane	45	36	01	cl
Hartford, Spgld	46	18	cl		Syracuse	42	14	cl	
Helena	44	28	cl		Tampa-St. Pbsbg	62	49	cl	
Honolulu	81	68	cl		Topeka	51	29	15	cl
Indianapolis	52	25	cl		Tucson	53	46	49	cl
Jackson, Miss.	66	33	cl		Tulsa	58	36	02	cl
Jacksonville	63	40	cl		Washington, D.C.	49	28	cl	
Juneau	36	33	cl		Wichita	45	37	22	cl
Kansas City	54	32	11	cl	Wilkes-Barre	48	22	cl	
					Wilmington, Del.	46	24	cl	

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT.

City	Hi	Lo	Pcp	City	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	74	45		Galveston	70	55	
Albino	74	45		Hondo	73	40	
Amarillo	63	35		Houston Hobby	78	55	
Arlington	71	44		Huntsville	75	55	
Austin	72	44		Junction	77	55	
Austin Bergstrom	73	38		Lubbock	64	40	
Beaumont	74	55		Lufkin	72	55	
Brownsville	80	57		Marfa	63	28	
Burnet	69	43		McAllen	87	67	
College Station	77	54		Mineral Wells	78	41	
Corpus Christi	78	54		Navy Corpus	75	64	
Corpus Christi	78	54		New Braunfels	76	41	
Cotulla	83	50		Palacios	75	58	0.01
Dallas	58	35		Paris	64	37	
Dallas	58	35		San Antonio	75	42	
Del Rio	84	42		San Antonio	72	42	
Denton	71	37		Tarleton	68	43	
DFW Airport	70	43		Texasiana, Ark.	65	40	
El Paso	55	44	0.06	Victoria	74	52	
Fort Stockton	72	45		Waco	72	36	
Fort Worth	71	41		Wichita Falls	74	40	
				Wink	68	46	

IRAQ: Strike would be 'substantial,' officials say

(From 1A)

pation in a U.S.-led military operation.

Cohen flew about 50 miles outside Kuwait City on Monday to visit this desert air base, which is surrounded by the broken and bombed-out remains of concrete bunkers hit by U.S. strike aircraft in 1991 after the Iraqi invasion.

"You are the best and the brightest America has to offer," Cohen told the crowd of mostly U.S. Air Force men and women. "You are great warriors and diplomats."

Walking through the crowd, the former senator from Maine told them, "It's important to look at your faces so when I sign a deployment order I take into account those faces." The defense secretary spent nearly an hour handing out special medallions and posing for photos.

"We're locked and loaded," said Col. James Coning, a deputy commander for Air Logistics with the Ohio National Guard, who turned out to hear Cohen. "Just let us

'Not that we want war, no. We're trained to protect the United States, and we want to be able to do what we're trained to do.'

— F-16 pilot Buck Buckingham

loose."

Buck Buckingham, an F-16 pilot from Denver due to return home in a week with his unit from the Colorado National Guard, said he would be disappointed if military action was ordered after he left.

"Not that we want war, no," said Buckingham, whose jet is armed with Maverick infrared missiles designed to destroy tanks and armored vehicles. "We're trained to protect the United States, and we want to be able to do what we're trained to do."

Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, the top U.S. military commander in the region, accompanied Cohen on the tour.

Deployment of additional soldiers to Kuwait had been rumored for weeks at the Pentagon.

Another senior official traveling

with Cohen stressed that the ground troops would not take part in any ground attack against Iraq.

Should President Clinton decide to take military action against Iraq, Pentagon officials have said it would be a substantial airstrike involving combat aircraft based in Kuwait, Bahrain and the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia. There also would be strikes from cruise missiles launched from the Navy ships in the Persian Gulf region.

Cohen has been seeking support for Washington's hard-line stance against Iraq during several days of talks with Persian Gulf leaders.

In Washington, Senate Republican leader Trent Lott said the United States should consider steps in addition to military force, such as support for democratic

opposition to Saddam.

In her speech, Albright said: "We do agree fully with the bipartisan leadership of Congress that Iraq cannot be allowed to get away with its flagrant violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions."

Blaming the crisis on Saddam, she said the Iraqi president had pursued a fantasy in thinking he could get economic sanctions lifted without opening suspected weapons sites to U.N. inspections.

"Saddam's dream is the world's nightmare," she said.

Meanwhile, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in a Senate floor speech Monday, decried as "deeply disturbing" the Saudi government's decision against supporting air strikes.

State Department spokesman James Foley said, however, that if it came down to military action, "we are going to receive the support that is required from the Saudis."

INTERN: Leaders discussed impeachment, newspaper reports

(From 1A)

er Newt Gingrich confirmed that GOP leaders last week discussed bolstering the Judiciary Committee staff in the event that Starr does just that.

"It was a passing acknowledgment that should Starr turn over papers, the committee would need more personnel," said spokeswoman Christina Martin.

The Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call reported Monday that Gingrich and other GOP leaders who met at a committee chairman's meeting last week discussed dipping into a \$4.4 million fund to help bankroll impeachment proceedings. The fund was set up to cover unexpected investigative costs.

Gingrich has not been in contact with Starr and has received no documents from the independent counsel's office, according to Martin.

Asked about impeachment preparations, Rep. Steve Largent, R-Okla., played down the likelihood but added: "In Washington, you have to be ready for anything."

In the absence of a deal to give Ms. Lewinsky full immunity, she could invoke her Fifth Amendment right against testifying or prosecutors could compel her to testify under a grant of limited immunity. Under such a grant, Ms. Lewinsky would have to testify or face possible jail for contempt of court. If she testified under such a grant, prosecutors couldn't use her testimony against her.

Republicans and Democrats lined up behind Starr and Clinton, respectively.

Ginsburg held out the possibility of further negotiations with Starr's team, saying, "I'm available at all times to Mr. Starr."

He also signaled Ms. Lewinsky may not appear for her grand jury date, saying their return to Washington could be "Wednesday, Thursday, Friday probably, but that will be decided on my caseload here and Monica's personal desires."

Peter Straus, a wealthy New York media executive who is engaged to Ms. Lewinsky's mother, Marcia Lewis, said Monday that Lewis spoke to former White House deputy chief of staff Evelyn Lieberman about her daughter when the two met at a reception in Washington last fall.

A year and a half earlier, in April 1996, Lieberman had Ms. Lewinsky transferred from the White House to a Pentagon job because she thought the young intern was immature. Straus said he did not know what his future wife discussed with Lieberman.

Beyond his broad denials, Clinton has refused to explain how well he knew Ms. Lewinsky, citing the pending investigation as keeping him from commenting further.

White House deputy press secretary Joe Lockhart acknowledged Monday there is no firm order barring Clinton from addressing the matter, but said the president is adhering to "the common sense rule" on when it is wise to refrain from speaking.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans and Democrats lined up behind Starr and Clinton, respectively.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said the Clinton lawyer's complaints about leaks were unfair to Starr and reflected poorly on the president.

"It demeans the office of the presidency in this case for his lawyers to use the same kind of tactics that the lowest kind of defense lawyers would use in defending a party who is probably guilty of a heinous crime," he said.

Kendall alleges that many of the revelations in the Lewinsky matter are traceable to Starr's office, but the information could be coming from many sources. While prosecutors and grand jurors are prohibited from discussing their investigations, the witnesses who appear before a grand jury and the people under investigation are free to speak about their own roles.

Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, pressed his calls for a Justice Department investigation into Starr's operation, telling NBC's "Today" show that Starr had "created a monster of a special prosecutor that we never had in mind."

SENTENCE: Police officer cautions against 'mixed message'

(From 1A)

Sgt. Bernie Kraft with the Midland Police Department said the sentencing "kind of sets what the community thinks about law enforcement." He characterized the verdict as a "mixed message."

Kraft, who was formerly with the Midland Police Department gang unit, said, "I was glad it was not probation, but I was still disappointed with the time he got."

Kraft said he had encountered Thomas on a number of occasions while working with the gang unit. He worries that an officer will have to be injured before the community will hand out a tougher sentence in this type of case. "Unfortunately, it's probably going to take a cop getting shot."

Lowe noted that the number of law enforcement officers nationwide killed in the line of duty in January of 1998, has doubled from the number of officers killed in January of 1997.

Deliberations in the punishment phase of the trial lasted nearly five hours. Lowe said he realized the deliberations had been arduous for the jurors.

Sheriff Gary Painter also offered his opinion. "We abide by the jury's decision," he said. Painter added he was grateful that the jury had found Thomas guilty of the charges. "But we are curious as to how they arrived at their decision," he said. "We all feel like more time was justified."

When asked if law enforcement officers were Thomas's intended

targets, Painter answered, "Yes, it was without question." He added, "This is one individual we knew that we'd have to confront one day."

In writings by Thomas that were entered into evidence during last week's trial, Thomas calls himself a "hit man for hire" with references to Timothy McVeigh and blowing up the police mobile substation. Thomas's defense attorney, Adrian Chavez, contended the writings were actually rap music lyrics.

Lowe said, "The normal citizen in Midland, Texas does not sit around watching TV in a bullet proof vest with loaded assault weapons." Thomas was wearing body armor and had four semi-automatic firearms in his posses-

sion at the time SWAT officers stormed his residence.

Midland District Attorney Al Schorre said that he rarely comments on cases after the fact. But he told the Reporter-Telegram, "We were rather surprised that they (the jury) selected that range of punishment for that type of offense."

According to testimony during Thomas's trial, the state of Texas will be seeking narcotics charges against Thomas as a result of the July 1997 raid on Thomas's apartment. Charges have been filed, but the case has not yet gone to a grand jury for consideration.

McMAHON: Sitcom requires same discipline as 'Tonight Show' tenure

(From 1A)

p.m. to 1 a.m. Service in World War II — he joined the Marines, becoming a fighter pilot instructor — only temporarily interrupted his broadcasting career.

"Even in the Marines, I'd emcee any show I could," he said.

After the war, television was appearing on the horizon and McMahon realized he'd better get ready for the new medium and that's when he enrolled in Catholic University and then worked as host of a breakfast show, a noon cooking segment, movie host and music record program, among other segments, earning him the title of Philadelphia's "Mr. Television."

Service in Korea again interrupted his broadcasting career and he returned to Philadelphia to a five-minute segment after the 11 p.m. news.

In 1956, he first saw Johnny Carson appearing on television and, within a year joined Carson on the air as announcer on Carson's "Who Do You Trust" quiz show.

"Johnny and I were a good marriage," McMahon said. "In his early days he also wanted to be a broadcaster. We realized that, growing up, I was in Lowell, Mass., stretched out on the living room floor looking at the radio — that's what you did, look at the radio; it was a beautiful piece of furniture — listening to Jack Benny on Sunday nights. At the same time, he was in Omaha stretched out on the living room floor looking at the radio listening to Jack Benny on Sunday nights."

It was a partnership that lasted until May 1992, and McMahon said Carson was absolutely right to quit when he did, on top. During their time on the air, he said neither of them realized the show was becoming an institution.

"We took it year-by-year. Sometimes during the last commercial, he'd look at me and say 'Shall we

do another year?' and I'd say 'Why not?'"

What he and Carson did with "The Tonight Show," he said, was to stress family — to create for viewers the sense that he, Carson, band leaders Doc Severinson and Tommy Newsome were a family.

"That's what we're trying to do with 'The Tom Show,'" he said.

As he nears the age of 75, McMahon finds himself in the position of helping create another network.

"Johnny and I, along with my good friend Dick Clark, were instrumental in building ABC," he said. "Johnny and I would come on at 2:30 with 'Who Do You Trust,' and Dick would follow us."

He has seen the television industry grow by leaps and bounds, not in just the number of television sets in each home but in the sheer number of viewers, and he said television now has the ability to tremendously influence society's style, fashion, attitudes and mores.

"There are things going on in our world, many serious and consequential things, that television can shine a light on, and Jay Leno can come on television and not only shine a light on events but lighten the mood."

Now McMahon finds himself co-starring in his first situation comedy on the WB Network, which is less than two years old and is the fifth most popular network on the air.

He finds working on the show little different from his years on the Tonight Show in some regards.

"In sitcoms, you have to say the

same lines. I had to do my lines

right so Johnny could have something to build a joke on. So there's the same strictness and discipline there. The only difference is now I get some funny lines with Tom. I get some good lines. It's like doing a little play each week. We go before the audience each Friday and perform a script we just got that Monday. There's no cue cards or aids; we have to know what door to come in and where we're supposed to sit, and we have to learn that in a week. I tell the younger players, 'You're not just building a show, you're building a network.'"

At the time he was offered the show, he noted, he was trying to get some movie roles. "All of a sudden I had three television shows and forgot about the movie roles. But I fell in love with this character. He's doing what I did in the 50s — he's a long-time host of a breakfast show."

McMahon is also busy supporting his wife as she develops her high-end fashion line, attending her showings around the country.

"Pam and I are able to share things. She's been very helpful in my career, she gives me good advice. And I'm getting a great kick out of learning the garment business."

He noted

Curfew imposed after Indonesian price riots

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed Monday in an eastern Indonesian town after rioters, angry over rising prices, attacked stores and homes owned by ethnic Chinese.

It was the second day of rioting in Ende and came as Indonesia battles its worst economic crisis in three decades. Inflation and unemployment have risen dramatically, and austerity measures enacted under a \$40 billion bailout by the International Monetary Fund have added to the discontent.

Although ethnic Chinese make up only about 4 percent of Indonesia's 202 million people, they dominate commerce and are often targeted when prices rise.

On Sunday, a mob of about 1,000 rioters burned 21 Chinese stores in Ende, 370 miles east of Jakarta. After an uneasy night, protesters returned to the streets Monday, throwing rocks at other stores and homes, and smashing windows and damaging buildings.

Sixty to 70 ethnic Chinese sought refuge with police, and later were escorted to relatives' homes, authorities said.

The violence in Ende was the worst so far linked to Indonesia's deepest economic crisis in 30 years.

Ende authorities imposed a 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew and dispatched hundreds of troops to patrol the streets overnight, army Sgt. Lalu Syaiful said. He said there were no reports of violence or injuries.

In the capital, Jakarta, about 300 people chanted "Hungry! Hun-

gry!" in a noisy protest Monday outside the nation's Central Bank, but there was no violence. Some protesters waved rupiah notes and U.S. dollars to symbolize the local currency's 80 percent slide over the past seven months.

The demonstrators then staged a street march to the office of a government body that controls the price of rice.

The protest in the capital came despite a three-day show of force last week by thousands of police and soldiers who took part in anti-riot exercises ahead of presidential elections next month.

The security forces have warned government opponents that violent protests in Jakarta during the election period will be put down with force.

President Suharto, 76, is expected to win a seventh consecutive five-year term when a 1,000-member assembly votes on the presidency.

In a meeting with Muslim leaders Monday, Suharto told them to urge their congregations not to believe reports of food shortages and price increases. Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population.

During Sunday's rioting in Ende, authorities said stones hurled by rioters fell near a house where a wedding ceremony was under way. They said one guest died of a heart attack.

More than 100 security personnel, including 60 riot police from Jakarta, tried Monday to contain the crowd, which dispersed in the afternoon when heavy monsoon rains fell.

Thirteen dead as storms ravage Tijuana

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Soldiers and rescue workers scraped away mud and debris Monday after El Nino-fed floodwaters roared through a border shantytown, killing 13 people and forcing hundreds to flee their homes.

Three teen-age girls were killed after fast-flowing mud swallowed their family's car at the foot of the eastern shantytown of Mexico Lindo, or Beautiful Mexico. Swirling floodwaters dragged an 18-year-old girl from her house to her death.

Some 500 people took refuge at shelters because their neighborhoods were buried in mud, water and debris.

North of the border, Californians took advantage of a break from the storms that have battered the West Coast for a week. They cleared roads, cleaned catch basins and drains and rebuilt sandbag barricades. Sunshine bathed Southern California, which saw up to 2 feet of rain in some areas.

California authorities said the last week of storms had caused \$275 million to \$300 million in damage, and so far that included only 22 of the 27 affected counties.

Forecasters said the next storm was expected to blow ashore farther north Monday night, with the brunt of the bad weather hitting Oregon and Washington state.

But California was still far from drying up. Seven-foot waves coupled with a 6-foot-high tide pounded San Clemente beach homes and ate away 100 feet of sand at Malibu's Broad Beach, 80 miles south.

The Malibu beach retreats of Steven Spielberg, Danny DeVito, Frank Sinatra, Goldie Hawn,

Jack Lemmon and Dustin Hoffman weren't threatened, but one home was destroyed and four others were seriously damaged.

In San Clemente, Greg Rhys piled sandbags Monday only to see the sea carry them away.

"There's nothing you can do. I've given up on the front of my house," neighbor Al Lundberger said as still another huge wave crashed against his beach house.

In Northern California, the waters of the state's largest natural lake crept higher and threatened homes along the shore of Clear Lake. Authorities ordered 500 families to evacuate, but most of them decided to stay put.

"I'm not worried yet," said Dolly Stinson, who ignored the evacuation order. "The ducks are having a ball."

Across Northern California, residents hauled sandbags to weakened levees, swept floors clean of mud and braced for more rain. Seven deaths have been blamed on the storms and more than 1,400 houses and buildings have been damaged or destroyed.

Authorities took the chance to drain off overflowing reservoirs; California's large dams have fared well during an almost uninterrupted week of storms, but smaller reservoirs in many communities were at their limits.

Near Tijuana, 600 soldiers helped two Baja California cities that were hammered by heavy rain over the weekend.

"We are not in chaos. We can work very well with the disaster," said Guillermo Ruiz de Teresa, national coordinator for civil protection.

More than 2 inches of rain dur-



Waves smash ashore during the morning high tide at Capistrano Shores Mobile Home Park, in San Clemente, Calif. Monday. Seaside homes were further damaged in the aftermath of a 12-hour rainfall.

ing a six-hour period ending Sunday sent runoff waters through Tijuana and sections of Rosarito, overturning cars, tearing down walls and dumping mud, rocks, cars and debris into homes and businesses.

The most serious damage was to newer, poorer neighborhoods in outlying sections of Tijuana. At least two areas were inaccessible until Monday and residents depended on helicopters to get food and medical help.

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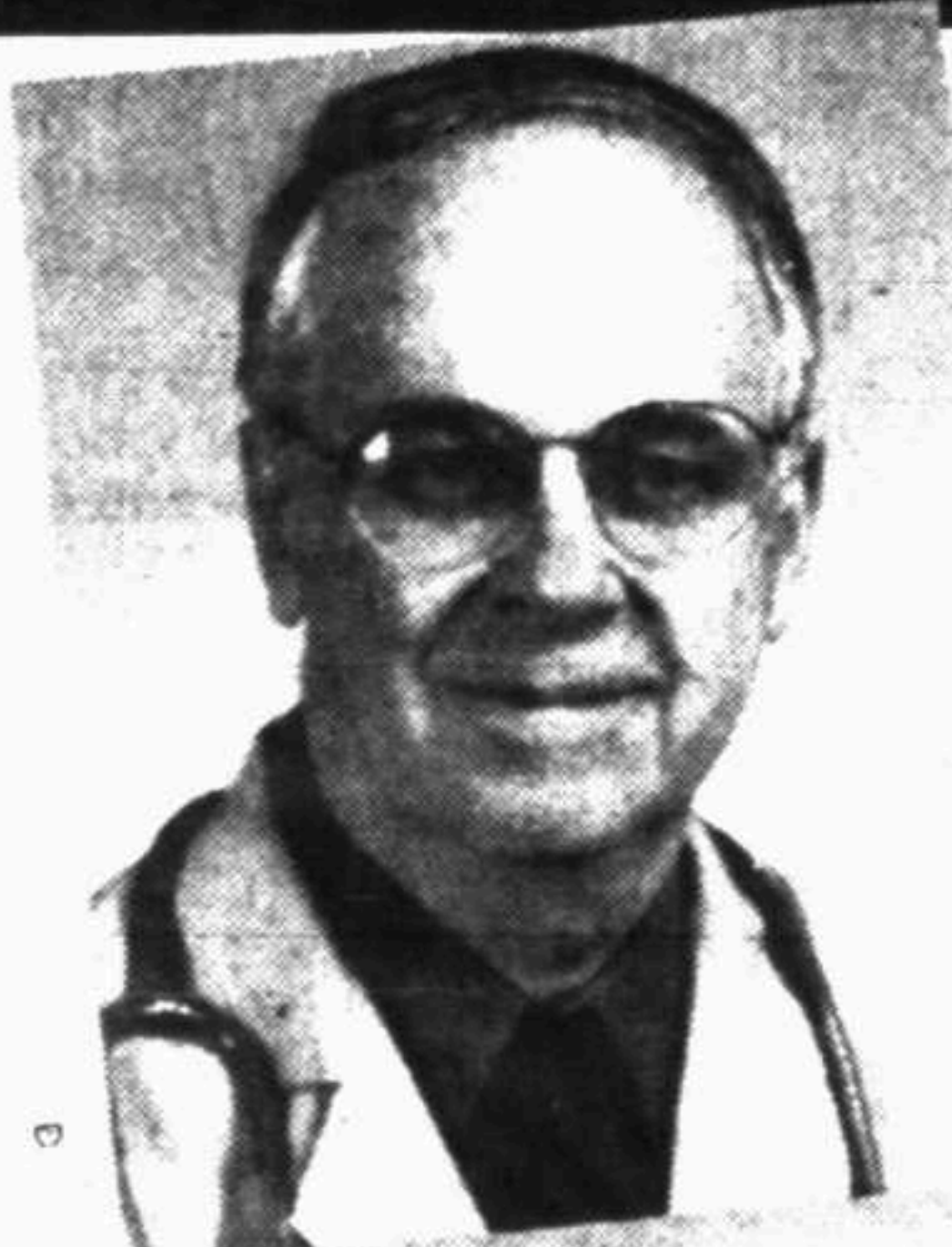
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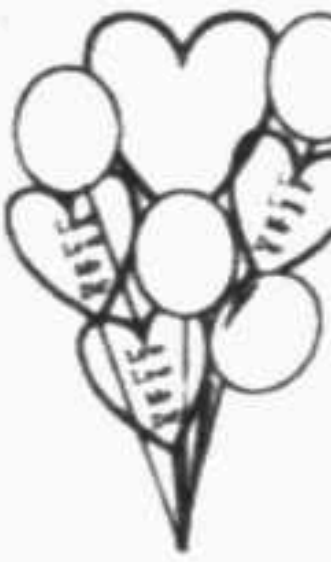
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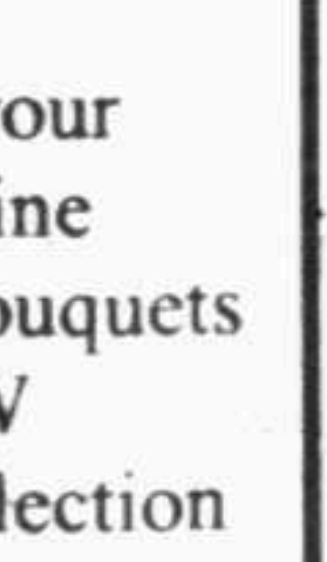
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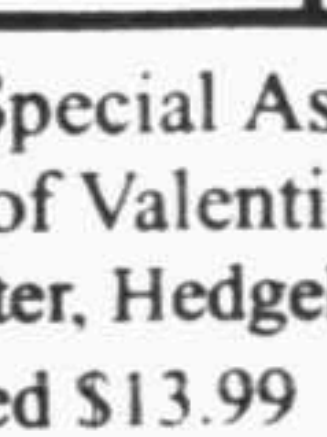
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El Niño's wrath unleashes misery for hundreds

The hard fact of life about El Niño crashed home for Peru and Ecuador during the past week as floodwaters and mudslides devastated cities — leaving almost 200 people dead in the two countries.

The threat of disease hangs over the two countries that bore the wrath of El Niño. Already, twin outbreaks of cholera and an unidentified fever have killed 27 people and left hundreds infected, according to health authorities. In Ecuador there are fears of an outbreak of the bacterial disease leptospirosis, which thrives in stagnant water.

Miguel Eggart, whose family in Peru has lived in a house waist deep in floodwater, sewage and floating garbage, said, "If the water is not cleared quickly, epidemics will come. The children are coughing and getting skin infections. A dead animal floated into our house the other day."

Government officials had planned for El Niño this year, using the 1982-83 devastation as a model, but El Niño this time swept well beyond the prior damage. "It took us by surprise," noted Energy Minister Daniel Hokama.

Obviously, a major relief effort is needed to clean up the devastation and provide clean water, food and a safe, dry place for the affected residents to live while their homes are replaced or restored to safe conditions. Without assistance, literally hundreds of people could die.

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ANOTHER VIEW

President is only as credible as his word

Allegations of sexual misconduct and perjury engulfed the president for a week before he told the American public that he did not have a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Most Americans believe Lewinsky's claims. But many don't care even if the Arkansas Wonder has lied to the public.

Clinton's authority ultimately rests on his word. When Bill Clinton threatens Iraq or promises to fix Social Security, Americans and world leaders are supposed to believe him. But who can possibly believe anything this man says?

The programs the president promised during last week's (Jan. 27) State of the Union Address won't cost much, he says. But what will we say a few years down the road when the costs boost the deficit or eat further into our pay?

By then, we hope, Americans will have learned that a person — even the president — is only as good as his word.

— The Lima News
 Lima, Ohio

CHARLEY REESE

Private Clinton and public Clinton are the same man

Whenever the Washington slime eventually settles, Americans should have learned once and for all that character counts and there is no separation between a person's private life and his public life.

Just as a person has only one body, he has only one life and one character. A person who lies and cheats in his private life will lie and cheat in his public life. A person incompetent to manage his private affairs will be incompetent to manage public affairs.

How this silly notion that the same person could be a devil in private and a saint in public lodged itself in so many heads defies rational explanation. Certainly history provides no such examples unless you want to claim that Hitler was a good fellow because he liked dogs and was a vegetarian. Who but a fool would think that a man who betrays his wife and the mother of his children would be faithful and steadfast to an anonymous public?

William Jefferson Clinton is a liar, a manipulator, a philanderer, an adulterer and a draft dodger. He was before he was elected and he is today. Only naive and partisan fanatics believe him; otherwise, his credibility is zero.

When Clinton leaves office, the White House will



Reese

need to be fumigated. No president has ever before brought such disgrace to the office and to the country. Richard Nixon broke laws because in his paranoid mind he saw his enemies as enemies of the country. Some of them were, too. American communists never forgave Nixon for nailing the Soviet spy, Alger Hiss.

The purpose of the Watergate burglary was to determine if communist Cuba was funding the Democratic campaign. The other break-ins were directed at people who were leaking classified documents during a war. The coverups were Nixon's attempts to protect people he considered loyal.

But Clinton's loyalty is only to himself. If he leaves office before his term is up it will be because of sordid acts of adultery with a girl young enough to be his daughter and an endless stream of lies designed to protect no one but himself.

Clinton, being a psychopathic person, will not voluntarily leave office. If he goes, Democrats will have to force him by threatening to vote for impeachment.

Republican partisans, naturally, would prefer that he stay in office. Otherwise, Al Gore will have a two-year jump on the presidential election in 2000. The worst possible scenario for Gore is to be forced to remain the loyal subordinate of a thoroughly disgraced and ineffective president.

As much as I disagree with Gore's political ideas, it would not be in the best interests of the country for Clinton to stay. He's hopelessly tarnished and does not have the moral standing to be a leader either domestically or internationally. He's made

the United States a laughingstock. Maybe you wouldn't buy a used car from Nixon, but I don't think you'd trust this man with your teen-age daughter.

The electoral success of Clinton was a product of the times. In part it was due to the arrogance of George Bush. In part it was due to the stupidity of the Republicans, many of whom think a presidential nomination is a sort of gold watch to be awarded for party loyalty. In part it was due to the low morals of the American people, many of whom are as sleazy as Clinton.

We are seeing the logical consequences of the deliberate rejection over the past few decades of morality, tradition and religion. When the only standard is success, and success is measured only by money, power or celebrity, the civilization has pretty much been hollowed out and is ready for the proverbial ash heap of history.

Eric Hoffer, the old waterfront philosopher, said in his last book that he didn't think the United States would survive the 1960s generation. If the United States does survive, it will be because of a moral and religious revival, not because of politics.

The state of the union is beyond the help of mere elections.

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A.M. ROSENTHAL

Washing away the muck of latest scandal

For four hours, at a meeting in Washington on Wednesday, I felt I was standing in a wonderful warm, soapy shower that washed off the muck and meanness of the White House scandal and scrubbed away the itchy rash of embarrassment that a great nation had to deal with that kind of nastiness. I thought — how lovely if every American could stand under the water and feel the lightness of cleansing.

Then I realized they could — by joining the work of the people at the meeting. They were working for a specific goal that embodies American decency and history — freedom from religious persecution, wherever found.

The people in the room had taken the essential step of combining their power in coalition. So there were members of Congress, both houses and both parties. There were evangelicals — who have done much of the hard work — and other Protestants, Buddhists, Jews, Copts, lay people and clerics, representatives of conservative and liberal religious organizations, writers, academics.

Members of the coalition differ on some bone issues — abortion, gun control, the death penalty, the role of government. But they demand no political test, just willingness to help the religiously persecuted.

What they have in common gives them growing strength and can create a new human rights force in America. At the meeting it brought messages of support from a great company of men — the Dalai Lama, Cardinal John O'Connor and Natan Sharansky.

The coalition members had all heard the screams of the religiously persecuted — most often from Christians, and from Buddhists in Tibet.

They had decided that though the screams came from far away, the responsibility to help has no mileage limit. And they decided not just to stand around looking doleful but do everything within their power and passion to fight the persecutor and give succor to the persecuted.

They set a first goal: congressional legislation that would recognize the reality of religious persecution, exact some price for it and build a foundation for further action and coalition growth.

They met to plan the tactics and strategy of passing the Freedom From Religious Persecution Act, introduced by two Republicans, Rep. Frank Wolf of Virginia and Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania. The bill would set up an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring in the State Department, reporting to the secretary of state and the president; the administration wants the bill killed or maimed.

Countries practicing persecution could lose "non-humanitarian aid" from America. Washington would be required to oppose loans to them from taxpayer-supported international organizations.

Coalition members are hardly naïfs. They knew they would have to convince Americans that people are still being persecuted for their religion, particularly Christians.

The bill would help all persecuted religions. But the coalition thinks it important to recognize that the most persecuted now are Christians, in China and Muslim dictatorships, and occupied Tibet's Buddhists. The International Campaign for Tibet, a coalition member, calls the bill a top priority.

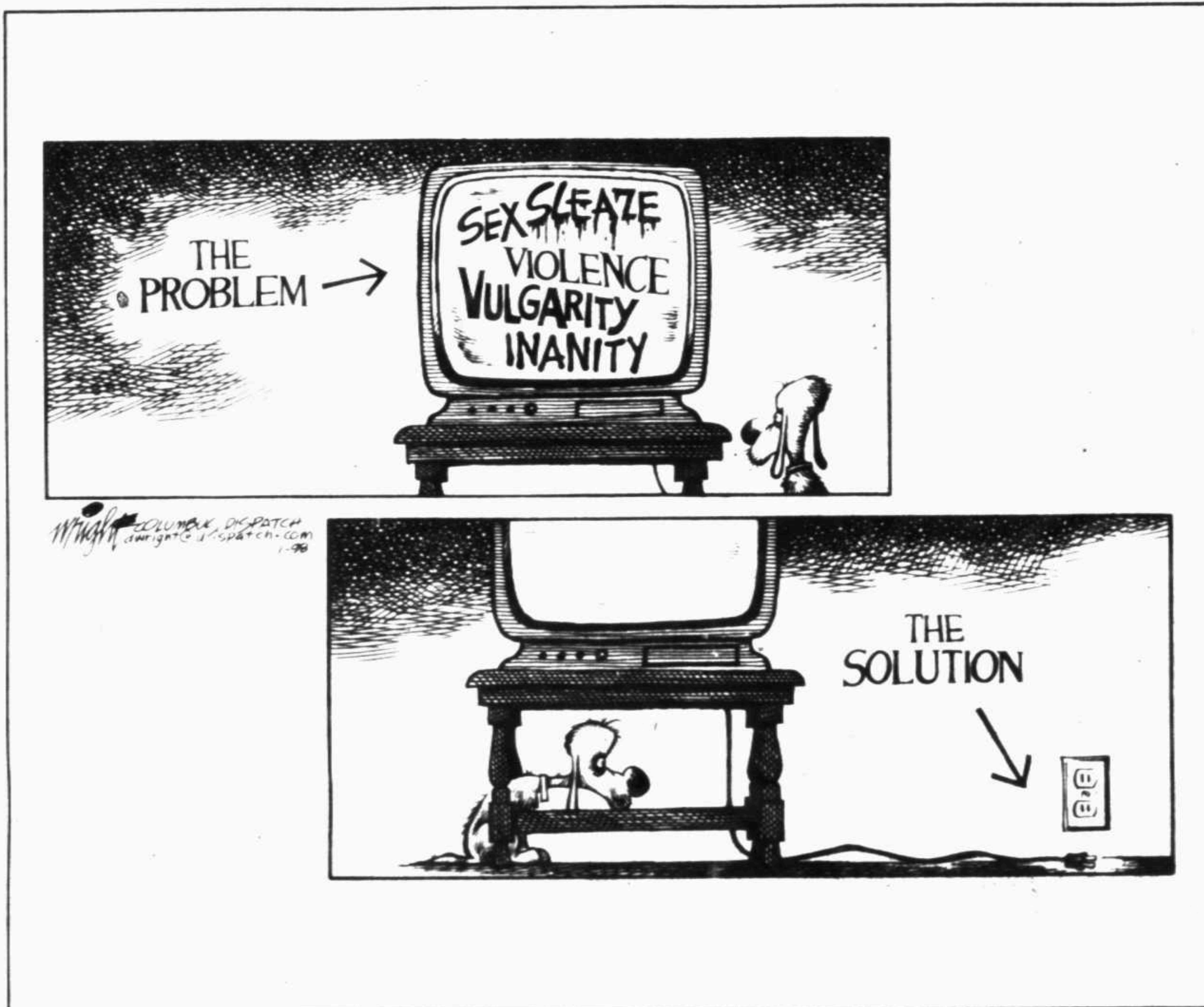
The coalition knew its mission would be fought by some Americans of their own parties and faiths — people who had profited by trade with persecuting countries, or who feared for their own religious turf.

Other Americans refuse to join the fight against persecution because it gets so much strength from evangelicals and other conservatives. Ask the Chinese persecuted if they want help from evangelicals. Ask Natan Sharansky. Ask the U.S.-China lobby whether it is eager to take on evangelical voters.

Longtime members of Congress say they rarely have seen China money thrown more quickly into defeating a bill. So to save the bill, its supporters were driven into doing almost everything possible not to make it specifically about China. But I have become more sympathetic about what legislators and political veterans like William Bennett and Michael Horowitz have to do to save a human rights bill. The whittlers are still trying to cut this one back.

Passing it would be an act of tenderness and help to the persecuted. We would all feel cleaner.

A.M. Rosenthal's column is distributed by the N.Y. Times News Service.



HOWARD KLEINBERG

Behind the times and grateful for it

The news from Washington, D.C., is unnerving. It has nothing to do with Monica and everything to do with computers — yet another subject that, for many, carries with it a modicum of distaste.

It was revealed last week by the head of the Federal Aviation Administration that the agency's computers will not know how to cope with the year 2000 when it comes around and, consequently, air safety and flight schedules could be threatened by a computer crash.

Tough word to use around FAA circles: crash. Causing this, I am told, is a concern that because of similar two-digit endings, the computers might think 2000 is 1900 (not a banner year for computers) and simply freak out.

My technical knowledge of computers does not go far beyond the on-off button, but I do know that whatever crash occurs at the FAA and on computers all over the world when 2000 appears, it will not happen on mine — and the FAA is welcome to use it, for a moderate fee.

For whatever reason, my computer thinks we still are in the 1980s.

According to it, there is nothing in my word processing system that I have written that is dated beyond 1982. I didn't have a computer in 1982 but go tell that to it.

Therefore, I have 18 more years to figure out how to cope with 2000, not that I will be able to but at least it will give me time to fiddle around, maybe strut while more up-to-date computer commandos tear at their hair.

I don't know how this happened, but I do know that over the last two or three years, there have been a multitude of computer guru hands on my machine, and somewhere in that pack is the person or thing responsible for this. The FAA needs to find him or her — or it.

Buying 18 years of time might allow the world to

figure out the problem, whatever it is.

Interestingly, my directory used to register material written in the 1990s to be written in the 1990s, until just a short while ago. Now, everything shows to have been written between 1980 and 1982, including what I now am writing.

The FAA's problem, as I understand it, has to do not so much with being caught unprepared for the fact that 2000 was coming up shortly, but because the person to whom they entrusted this technical dilemma retired at the end of last year and has not been replaced; nor have the critical factors been identified.

I do not pretend to understand all this, just as I do not pretend to know much about the vernacular of computers or the operation of such. It's much like when I was in the service and was trained in a field in which I was bereft of any aptitude: field radar operator in anti-aircraft artillery battalion.

They taught me to push the buttons by rote, which I did fairly well, although I still cannot explain why I once was unable to locate on the screen the B-36 bomber that I could see with my own eyes flying directly overhead.

I was incapable of fixing anything that didn't work. I was the operator. You wanted a technician, get on the field phone and find one. It's the same with computers. You want me to write on one, fine. But if you think I can get in there and fiddle with the programs, forget it.

These are happy days, back writing in the 1980s. I have no concern about 2000 coming up in two years. In fact, when it finally arrives on my computer, I will have surpassed the limits of male life expectancy so it probably will be someone else's problem.

Some times it pays to be behind the times. This is one of those times.

Howard Kleinberg's column is distributed by the N.Y. Times News Service.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 1998. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

On this date:
 In 1763, France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

In 1846, members of the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Illinois.

In 1933, the first singing telegram was introduced by the Postal Telegram Company in New York.

In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1992, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America contestant.

In 1992, "Roots" author Alex Haley died in Seattle at age 70.

Ten years ago: A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco struck down the Army's ban on homosexuals, saying gays were entitled to the same protection against discrimination as racial minorities. However, the ruling was later set aside by the full appeals court.

Five years ago: The Clinton administration said U.S. troops could be sent to enforce peace in former Yugoslavia provided warring factions there negotiated a settlement.

One year ago: A civil jury heaped \$25 million in punitive damages on O.J. Simpson for the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend, on top of \$8.5 million in compensatory damages awarded earlier. The Army suspended its top-ranking enlisted soldier, Army Sgt. Major Gene McKinney, following sexual misconduct allegations.

NBC may ask for \$2 million for ads on Seinfeld's finale

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC may ask as much as \$2 million for a 30-second commercial on the final episode of "Seinfeld" — a figure that would break the record set just a few weeks ago by the network's Super Bowl broadcast.

The last original episode of the popular sitcom, slated for a full hour on May 14, is expected to attract a huge audience.

The trade magazine Advertising Age said in Monday's edition that NBC started floating the \$2 million asking price among media buyers last week and has no takers so far. The trade publication Mediaweek said media buyers were told NBC wants \$1.7 million to \$2 million for a single ad spot on the finale.

But Larry Hoffner, president of network sales for NBC, said Monday there had been no final determination on what NBC is going to seek for the last "Seinfeld."

"We're not out in the marketplace with this right now, but we expect to be shortly — in the next week or so," he said. He said none of the nine to 10 minutes of commercial time on the last show had been sold yet.

NBC set the record for the most expensive commercial time only a few weeks ago when it raked in an average of \$1.3 million for 30-second commercials on the Super Bowl.

The game, which saw the Denver Broncos upset the Green Bay Packers for the National Football League championship, had an average rating of 44.5. A ratings point represents 980,000 households.

"Seinfeld" has been among the highest-rated series on TV in the past few seasons, with ratings this season in the low 20s. Hoffner said "we are looking at Super Bowl ratings" for the finale.

Commercial time in original episodes of "Seinfeld" this season have reportedly been going for as much as \$550,000 for a 30-second ad.

Hoffner also said the "Seinfeld" audience contains a large number of relatively affluent people who make the show the only prime-time program they watch regularly. He added that advertisers often pay extra to reach that type of viewer.

Jon Mandel, who oversees network ad purchases for the agency Grey Advertising, said the reported \$2 million asking price was designed to "get some headlines" and expects the real price will be lower.

But he said NBC will get a high price for the program, and it may make sense for an advertiser like a movie studio that wants "to do something that reaches the maximum number of people in the shortest period of time."

Indian tribe banks on cigarettes to survive

By Joe Ruff
Associated Press

MACY, Neb. — An Indian tribe gasping for jobs has turned a health club into a cigarette factory.

In a building that once featured basketball courts and treadmills, the Omaha Nation Tobacco Co. produces about 50,000 cartons of cigarettes a month. It is the only tribally owned cigarette plant in the country.

Omaha brand cigarettes with an Indian head on the package are machine-rolled from North Carolina tobacco and sold in regular, light, ultra-light and menthol varieties by 27 tribes across the country and at some off-reservation stores.

The plant's machines keep 18 working people full time at wages starting at \$6.50 an hour.

Gary Lasley, chairman of the Omaha Tribe, said the plant is all about jobs on the 3,000-person reservation 75 miles north of Omaha. Unemployment on the reservation stands at 60 percent.

The tribe long has had trouble building an economic base. Like other tribes across the country, the Omahas saw potential in gambling, and they built a casino in Iowa across the Missouri River. But revenue fell with the rise of riverboat gambling in Iowa.

"We are proud that we are trying to control our own economic destiny," said plant manager Jerry Montour, a Mohawk from Canada who was brought to Macy because his tribe put together a similar factory two years ago.

The Omahas' plant has operated since September and has yet to turn a profit. But the tribe hopes to win a small part of the business

held by the huge tobacco companies. It believes that the industry's billion-dollar settlements could drive up the big companies' prices.

"What is going to happen when those cigarettes go sky high?" Lasley asked. "They're going to look at these generic brands."

Some members are troubled by the idea of manufacturing cigarettes.

"It makes revenue, I know, and that is good," said Luther Thomas, coordinator of the tribe's health club, which was moved to a new location. "But smoking is bad. For us here, trying to promote a healthy lifestyle, it is a contradiction."

Montour and Lasley said that the tribe does not encourage underage smoking and noted that tobacco is used in the Omahas' religious rites.

"We're the ones who introduced it to the guys who came over on the boat," Lasley said.

Plant worker Rita Reynolds, a smoker herself, said she feels good about helping her people start a business. "People are going to smoke anyway," she said.

The cigarettes sell for 80 cents a pack on the reservation and the neighboring Winnebago reservation, well below premium brand prices of more than \$2.

The tribe does not have to pay

the state's 34-cent cigarette tax on smokes sold on Indian land. Off tribal land, the Omahas are subject to the usual taxes and have no competitive advantage, Montour said.

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Former mayor sues to get his old job back

MIAMI (AP) — Former Mayor Joe Carollo's lawyer asked a judge on Monday to throw out absentee ballots from the Nov. 4 mayoral election because of "rampant fraud" and declare Carollo the winner.

Carollo came just 155 votes shy of a majority in the Nov. 4 general election, forcing him into a runoff with current Mayor Xavier Suarez. Carollo sued, then was beaten in a Nov. 13 runoff. Suarez forced the runoff in part on the strength of absentee votes, 63 percent of which went his way.

"There is rampant evidence that fraud, abuse and illegality have been going on," Carollo's attorney, Kendall Coffey, said in opening statements of Carollo's lawsuit. "The voting probe has been corrupted."

Coffey said he would present evidence of hundreds of questionable absentee ballots to prove that the will of Miami voters who cast machine ballots was subverted. He planned to enter as evidence the results of a grand jury probe that found widespread fraud and an investigative report from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

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The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

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Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

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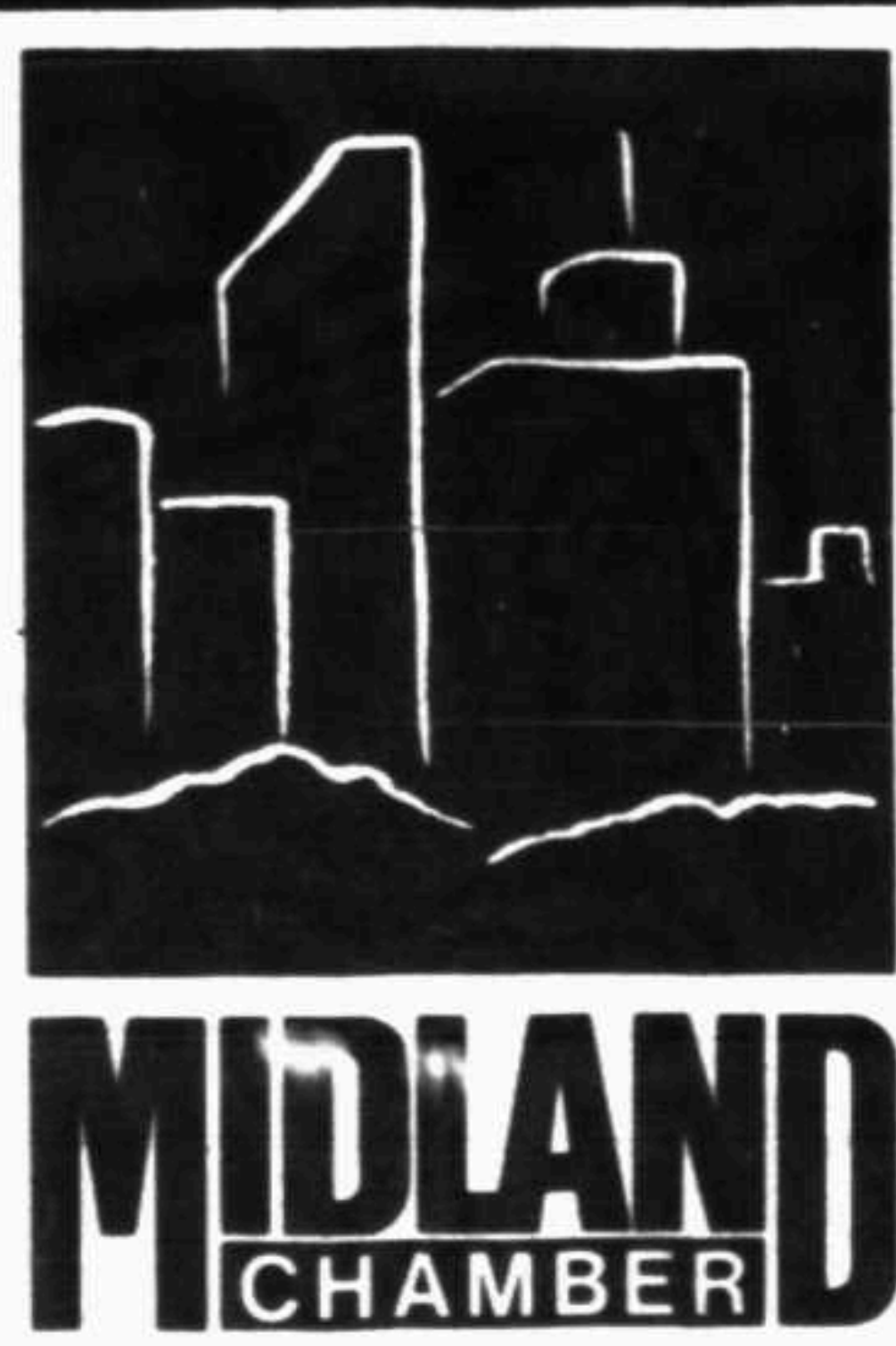
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Study: Car occupants fare worse in crashes

By Catherine Strong
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the most detailed look yet at crashes between cars and light trucks, researchers found that people in the auto were four times more likely to die than those in the pickup or sports utility vehicle. The numbers are even grimmer when a light truck strikes the side of a car.

The study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that when pickups or sport utility vehicles strike cars on the side, there are 27 deaths in cars for each fatality in a pickup or sport utility.

By comparison, when a car hits another auto in the side there are six deaths in the car being hit for every one in the striking vehicle.

"While you gain some benefit from being in a pickup truck or utility vehicle in two-vehicle crashes, the consequences for the occupants of other vehicles are very dramatic and very bad," said Brian O'Neill, president of the institute. "That's a problem."

And it isn't just the difference in weight that matters in a wreck, the height of the vehicle is also an issue.

Sport utilities and pickups ride high enough off the ground that their frame strikes the car in the middle of the door, above its protective frame. Most light truck frames are also stiffer, meaning they absorb less energy in a crash and transfer more to the other

vehicle.

O'Neill, whose research institute is funded by automobile insurers to find ways to reduce highway fatalities, injuries and property damage losses, said the frame rails on sport utility vehicles "need to come lower," as on the new Mercedes M-class sport utility.

The M-class sport utility is designed to ride 19.5 inches above the ground, which Mercedes says is within one inch of the height of typical passenger cars. The height of sport utilities' frame rails range from 21 inches to 28 inches off the ground.

Sport utilities are rapidly gaining in market share, and manufacturers are also making them bigger.

"With pickups, people do have some cargo-carrying needs. One question the needs for most people who are buying Expeditions or Suburbans," said O'Neill.

Currently, roughly 19 percent of the vehicles on the road are pickups, 8 percent are sport utility vehicles, 65 percent are cars and 5 percent are minivans.

About 10 percent of all car occupant deaths occur in crashes with pickups and about 4 percent occur in crashes with sport utility vehicles. Most of the people killed in cars are involved in collisions with other cars, big trucks or in single-vehicle crashes, so making light trucks safer is no panacea, O'Neill noted.

A similar side-impact study is

under review at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and has not yet been released.

Side-impact crashes account for roughly 30 percent of the 32,000 deaths in cars and trucks each year, superseded only by deaths in head-on or nearly frontal crashes, which account for half the fatalities.

Overall, the risk of death in crashes involving a car and a pickup or sports utility vehicle was four times greater for those in the car.

The institute based the study on crash statistics reported to NHTSA. But in general in any two-vehicle accident involving a pickup, people are dying at a higher rate.

For example, when pickup trucks in the 3,500-4,000 pound class, such as the Ford F150 or GMC 1500, tangle with some other vehicle, more than twice as many die in the other vehicles than the trucks: 115 to 52.

Municipal Court Outstanding Warrants

On March 1, 1998, the Municipal Court will be publishing a list of names, who according to our records, have outstanding warrants of arrest as a result of failing to appear or failure to comply with a court order. If you feel you have outstanding warrants, you may contact the court at 685-7308 or appear in person at 406 E. Illinois. Only the amount owed will be given over the phone. No other information regarding warrants will be given. Payment arrangements may not be made over the phone.



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Agents sieze bombing witness' pickup truck

MURPHY, N.C. (AP) — After being checked for booby-traps, the pickup truck owned by a man sought as a witness in the fatal Alabama clinic bombing was towed out of a backwoods pasture Monday.

The truck's owner, Eric Robert Rudolph, was nowhere to be seen.

As 20 armed law enforcement agents looked on, a bloodhound checked the 1989 gray Nissan truck for booby-traps but found none. Then the truck, mired in a thicket of trees at the pasture's edge, was loaded onto a flatbed wrecker, wrapped in a tarpaulin and driven to the National Guard Armory in Murphy.

Found at about midnight Saturday, the truck appeared to have been stuck in the mud and abandoned, federal agents said. Tow truck driver Steve Dockery said it had a cross hanging from the rear view mirror and fast food wrappers and scattered change inside.

Earlier, FBI agents armed with automatic rifles questioned neighbors in the area south of Murphy and searched an abandoned clapboard farmhouse near where the truck was found.

Rudolph, 31, is being sought as a material witness in the Jan. 29 bombing of the New Woman All Women Clinic in Birmingham, Ala., the nation's first fatal abortion clinic bombing. Witnesses reported seeing Rudolph's pickup truck near the clinic.

Even before the truck was found, the hunt for Rudolph had been concentrated in the rugged mountains of the western tip of North Carolina, where authorities had several addresses for him.

Rudolph had been staying at a rented trailer in Murphy, about a four-hour drive from Birmingham, and was seen visiting a video store there late on Jan. 29 and again on Jan. 30.

Federal agents last week searched Rudolph's former home in Marble, about 20 miles north of where the truck was found, and storage facilities Rudolph once was believed to have used. They also have questioned residents and business owners in Murphy.

The region around Cherokee County has become a haven for

political and religious extremists: tax protesters, survivalists, white supremacists, Freemen and others. It is not known whether Rudolph had ties to any extremist groups in the area. But neighbors and former teachers said Rudolph had a strong distrust of governmental authority.

Responsibility for the bombing was claimed by a group called the Army of God, which sent letters to news offices. The group claimed it bombed a women's clinic and a gay bar in Atlanta last year, but the claims haven't been confirmed by investigators.

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BASIN BRIEFING



AP Photo

Dump protest

A demonstration was held to protest a proposed nuclear waste dump site to be located near Sierra Blanca. Some of the 200 protesters, many dressed as clowns, march past the Capitol, background, on Monday in Austin.

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Rebel band day

In honor of the Lee High School band's invitation to play a New York City's Carnegie Hall in April, Midland Mayor Bobby Burns has proclaimed today as "Lee High School Rebel Band Day." The band is still looking for donations for its trip. For more information, call 689-1620.

Heroin deaths

DALLAS (AP) — A 17-year-old Plano girl on Monday became the 11th young person in the prosperous suburb to die of a heroin overdose since 1996. Natacha Marie Campbell lost consciousness early Saturday while a friend drove her home from a party. Police said it appears she took a lethal combination of heroin and cocaine called "speedball." Miss Campbell's family released a statement saying it planned to establish a memorial fund dedicated to prevention, education and awareness of drug abuse.

Story page 2B

Renfro executed

HUNTSVILLE — Condemned killer Steven Renfro was executed Monday, less than a year after he was condemned for a 1996 East Texas shooting rampage that left three people dead and a police officer wounded. Renfro, 40, was pronounced dead at 6:18 p.m. CST. In a brief final statement, he turned to three members of his victims' families and asked for forgiveness.

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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.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital. Battered Anonymous Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., 689-8428. Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018 or 697-0539.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria. 55-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-3422.

Midland Outreach Aglow Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 756-3688 or 332-9151.



For Local, National and World Updates, call CITYLINE, and enter category 1200 for the main news menu.

Midland surgeon unveils new laser

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Local plastic surgeon Sylvan Bartlett has brought the latest advance in laser cosmetic surgery to Midland, with new technology allowing the direct and painless removal of hair and spider veins.

Spider veins are threadlike strands of color beneath the skin, which can be shaded from bright red to deep blue. Past laser treatments have been partially successful in removing the red-

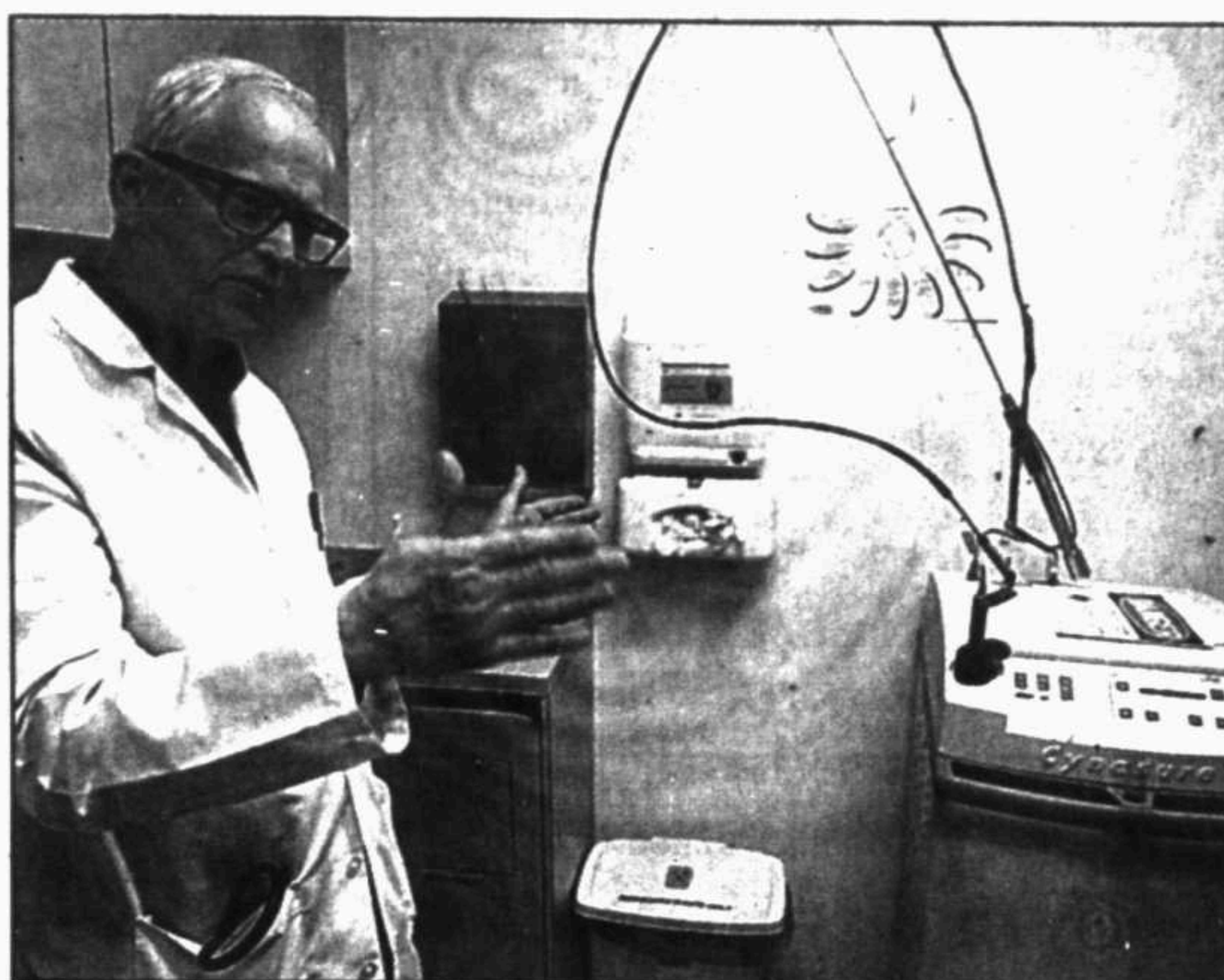
dest of those, but only in people who are fair skinned, Bartlett said.

The old lasers were completely ineffective on the darker spider veins.

For years, Bartlett has been telling his patients that the laser is not an effective means of removing spider veins, "and now I have to eat my words," he said.

Current hair-removal systems include the old standard of electrolysis, which can leave ingrown hairs and

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Dr. Sylvan Bartlett shows the new laser he is using to remove spider veins. The laser, which is tuned to emit only a single, long wavelength of light, penetrates the skin and is absorbed by the hair bulb, killing it. That light is also absorbed by both red and blue spider veins.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

A Day in the Life of Charlsye Cummins



Charlsye Cummins is owner and operator of Cummins Mobile Grooming, a dog grooming business she started two and a half years ago at the urging of her husband.

Groomer develops rapport with canine clientele

Like most Midlanders, Charlsye Cummins gets up every weekday morning and goes to the office.

Unlike most Midlanders, she takes her office with her.

Ms. Cummins is owner and operator of Cummins Mobile Grooming, a dog grooming business she started two and a half years ago at the urging of her husband.

"My husband told me I needed to go mobile, to quit working for other people and to go around doing this on my own schedule," she recalled. "I wanted my own business but I didn't want

a job; this has turned into a full-time job."

She said she works about five hours a day during the week and limits her daily schedule to five or six dogs. "I don't want to work myself to death and then be short with the dogs," she explained.

Like other groomers who have their own shop, she said she trims the dog's coat and nails, bathes them and cleans their ears, a process that takes about an hour. However, "I go to the customer's house and plug in. The dog's not in a cage all day; he's not in a cage at all; he's on my table, in my

hands, in the tub, back on the table and then back in his front door."

She limits her work to breeds that are cocker spaniel-size or smaller, because larger breeds won't fit her equipment.

Ms. Cummins said her four-legged clients are less nervous because they're in their own environment and they can see their own home. And, she said, the owner is less nervous too.

"They love me; they run up to me when I arrive; they don't run off," she said.

She said she has developed a good

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Story by Mella McEwen Photo by Brian Adamcik

Cowboy preacher ropes in believers off rodeo circuit

By Ed Todd

Staff Writer

Monty Price is a cowboy-circuit rider whose church is in the rodeo arenas from the West Texas plains to the piney woods of East Texas.

"I am a cowboy. I rope steers and calves. I compete (in the rodeo arena)," the 40-year-old cowboy from Iraan said.

And he preaches the Gospel to cowboys and ranchers who may be intimidated by the traditional church atmosphere or who simply can't attend regular weekend church services because of their schedule.

"It's a tremendous response," Price

said. "People really appreciate the non-threatening environment, the casual dress, and the laid-back atmosphere. It's something that people appreciate more nowadays."

His circuit is to include services of Cowboy Church of the American West in the Midland County Rodeo Arena east of town, he said following his appearance before the Midland County Commissioners' Court.

Price, who has been "cowboy preaching" for 10 years, noted that "ministries (are) cropping up everywhere" particularly since the secular "pro-

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Monty Price, a cowboy-preacher from Iraan, is on the gospel trail to preach the Gospel to cowboys and ranchers who may be intimidated by the traditional church atmosphere or who simply can't attend regular weekend church services because of their schedule.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

GARY OTT

It's impossible to get excited about the Winter Olympics

More rambling thoughts...
— Personal opinion: "Help Me Make It Through the Night" just might be the prettiest country-western song ever written.

— There was a time when stealing hubcaps was considered the worst crime juvenile delinquents committed. Now they kill.

— It was, as I recall, Samuel Johnson who first said, "He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything."

— I've never understood why certain people turn their car's headlights on during broad daylight.

— Regardless if the allegations are true, I would think President Clinton is

having an increasingly difficult time getting a full night's sleep these days. There has to be a lot of tossing and turning going on.

— Prediction: Oprah Winfrey will win her case.

— The publicity surrounding the attempts to halt the death penalty for Karla Faye Tucker brought back memories of the most bizarre case in recent time... Gary Gilmore wanting to be put to the death while the judicial system did everything possible to keep him alive.

— I can't remember the last bachelor's party I attended.

— One of my favorite new words is "misspoke."

— Try though I might, I can't get excited about this year's Winter Olympics.

— As a general rule, I don't care for songs where the performer speaks the words rather than sings them.

— Overheard: "If you drink like a fish, don't drive. Swim."

— If I could have only one more vacation I would spend it in New York City, especially if money were no object.

— It is an ego thing, of course, but all of us are flattered when we meet a prominent stranger and some 15 minutes later that person remembers our name.

— Am I the only person who is taking a certain delight in watching Jerry Jones struggle to find a head coach willing to put up with his hands-on, meddling style of ownership?

— Sometimes it feels good to get all dressed up and to go out on the town.

— Other times it feels good to stay at home and do nothing.

— It sure is nice to drive around town and see that a gallon of gas is going for less than a dollar.

— Israel Zangwill once said, "The

only true love is love at first sight; second sight dispels it."

— Do teachers still chastise first graders for having poor posture?

— One of the best things about frying bacon in the morning is that the smell lingers for several more hours.

— Just wondering: Why do women, when sampling a new perfume, always spray a little dab on the inside of their wrists? Is it so when they slap a guy, he immediately thinks, "My, she smells good"?

— And today's final quote comes from Ogden Nash, who once said, "The only incurable troubles of the rich are those troubles that money can't cure, which is a kind of trouble that is even more troublesome if you are poor."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

DEATHS

Blanche Sers

Blanche Beard Sers of Midland died Sunday, Feb. 8, at a local care center.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at First Baptist Church in Natchitoches, La., with Dr. W. Reagan White, Jr., officiating. Burial will be at Fern Park in Natchitoches, La., under the direction of Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home.

She was born April 29, 1912, in Boline, La.

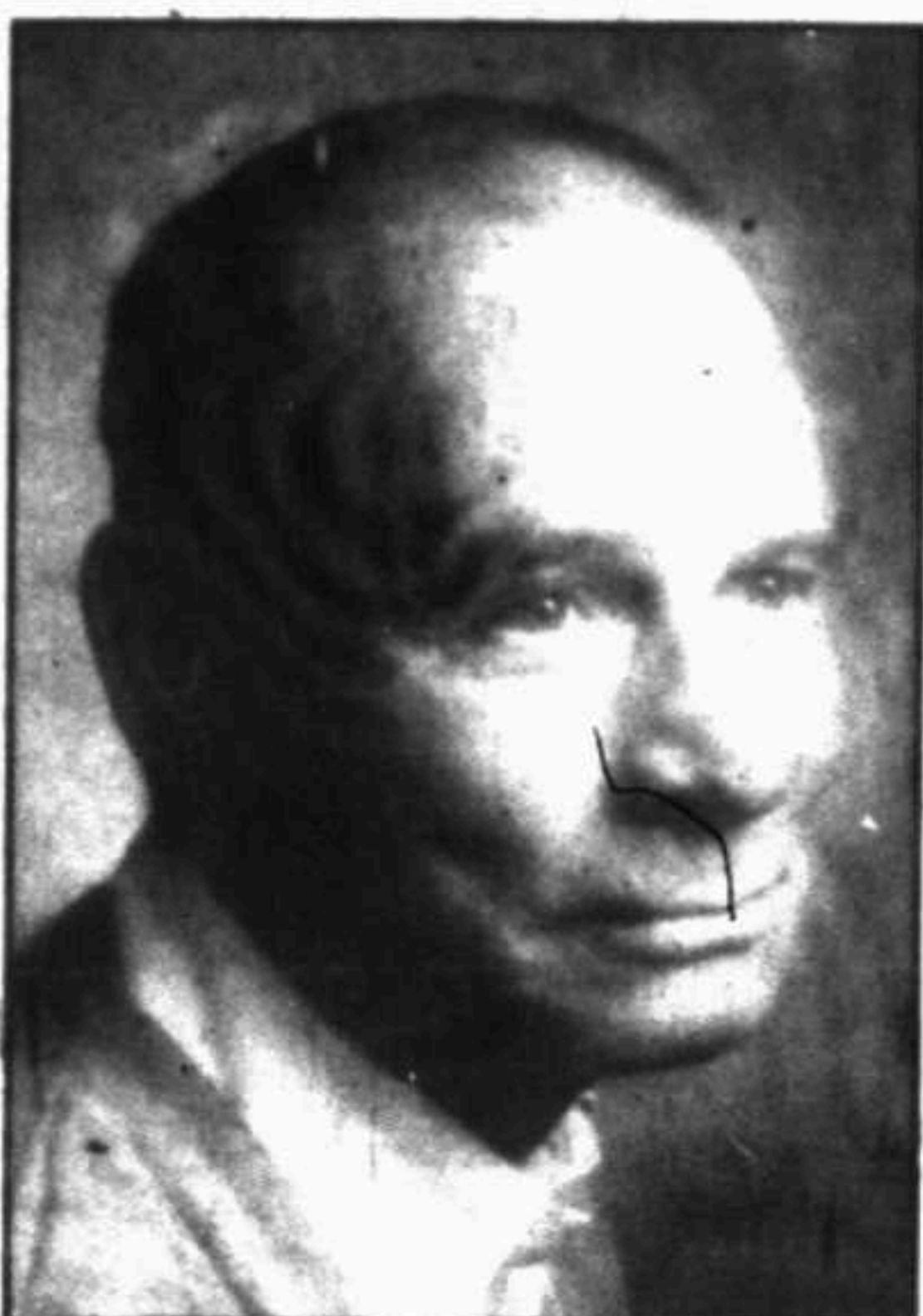
She spent her life as a homemaker. She lived in Natchitoches most of her life and was a member of First Baptist Church. She moved to Brown-

wood in 1980 and then to Midland in 1983. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Midland.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Sidney Sers of Midland; a son, Sidney W. Sers of Brownwood; a daughter, Sally White of Midland; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Omilee Isom of Searcy, Ark.

Family visitation has been scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702.

OBITUARIES



Jack Irion

Jack G. Irion was born August 4, 1918, in Ralls, Texas, to Mack and Mollie Scott Irion. He joined the Marines during World War II and served in the Pacific. He was a

member of Masonic Lodge #623 and VFW 4149.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores Irion in October of 1992.

He is survived by his daughters, Kay Woolard and her husband, Jere, and Betty Chatwell and her husband, Robert, all of Midland; his brother, O.B. Irion of Alvin, Texas; grandchildren, Kelly Woolard, Kevin Woolard, Greg Chatwell, Bryan Chatwell and Lisa Estes, all of Midland; and his mother-in-law, Ora Higgs of Midland.

Mr. Irion died Monday, February 9, 1998, in a local hospital.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 11, 1998, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be his grandsons and his sons-in-law.

Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Estes and Royce Woolard.

Texas police stopped suspects days before bodies were found

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Police in Texas and New Mexico stopped two teen-agers for driving with temporary Missouri license plates last week, then let them go because they had no reason to hold them.

Days later, Missouri police gave them a reason: The two were charged with three counts of murder in the slayings of a woman and her two children. The bodies were found in a farm pond about a half-mile from the victims' mobile home.

"We had them right here," Joe Daniels, police chief in the Texas panhandle town of Shamrock, said Monday. "It seems frustrating, but they'll catch them."

Police say Mark Anthony Christeson, 18, and Jesse Carter, 17, were driving a stolen tan 1984 Bronco II owned by victim Susan Brook.

The 36-year-old Mrs. Brook, her 12-year-old daughter, Adrian, and 9-year-old son, Kyle, were found dead Feb. 5 near their home in Vichy, in southcentral Missouri.

State police then issued a nation-

wide alert for the two suspects, although they have refused to elaborate on how the three were killed, evidence that led to the charges or a possible motive.

On Feb. 2, Daniels stopped the suspects in Shamrock, a town of about 2,000 less than 20 miles from the Oklahoma border.

"The vehicle just had a paper tag in the back window, and in a small town like this, things like this tend to stand out," Daniels said. "They were noticed and simply reported as being suspicious."

Daniels said he asked Christeson why he was driving a vehicle registered to Mrs. Brook.

"He said he borrowed it from his girlfriend," the chief said. He added that the pair didn't appear to be nervous, and told him they were headed for Arizona.

Shortly before midnight on the same day, the two suspects were stopped in Gallup, N.M., about 16 miles short of the Arizona border, for the same reason.

But again, police let them go.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Garfield St. at 6:20 p.m.

Sunday
Graffiti: The letters "SOU" were spray-painted in blue on a fence at 603 W. Kansas Ave. The incident was reported to police at 6 a.m.

Seized Fireworks: Fireworks, which are prohibited within the city limits, were seized by police in the 5200 block of Ric Drive.

Criminal Mischief: Calvin Davenport at 3:15 p.m. reported vandalism to a 1995 Chevrolet Camaro at 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

Theft: Theft by shoplifting was reported at Claire's Boutiques at 4511 N. Midkiff Drive, Midland Park Mall. A 13-year-old Midland girl, who was cited for the theft, was released to her parents. The theft was reported at 5:25 p.m.

Cruelty to Animals: In the 1500 block of Manor Court, a neighbor who was upset by a neighbor's barking dog took BB-gun shots at the offending dog on "several occasions." Profanity ensued following neighbor-to-neighbor confrontation. The incident was reported at 6 p.m.

Criminal Mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 4201 N.

Burglary of a Vehicle: A vehicle was burglarized at 4616 Pasadena Drive. The incident was reported at 8:09 p.m.

Criminal Mischief: Damage was reported to a 1994 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck at 516 N. Loop 250 West. The incident was reported at 4:30 p.m.

Burglary of a Residence: A burglary was reported at 2814 Metz Drive. The incident was reported at 8:30 p.m.

Theft: The theft of a furnace and hot-water heater was reported at 2102 N. Benton St. The incident was reported at 10 p.m.

Monday
Stolen Pickup: A 1990 red Chevrolet pickup truck was reported stolen at 313 E. Oak St. The pickup was reported stolen at 2:30 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Department

Sunday
Theft: Mobil Oil Corporation spokesman at 8:59 a.m. reported theft from a hot-oil truck at 12201 West Farm-to-Market Road 1787.

COWBOY: Young Price wasn't fulfilled by honky-tonk lifestyle

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grams of men ... in dealing with the needs in people's lives don't work. They have been a failure," he figured. "It's been an exercise in futility."

Instead, people "need the Lord" in their lives to experience peace and fulfillment, he said.

"Even religion has been a failure," Price surmised. "There's a far cry, a big difference, between religion and true Christianity."

In the ministry which he proposes, "We're not talking about the traditional, Sunday-go-to-meeting religion. We're talking about a true relationship with the Lord."

"People are finding out that God is concerned about them today. He wants to fill their needs ... to heal their bodies ... to bless their finances. He's concerned about their children. He's concerned about the most smallest aspect of your life. There is real joy in knowing Jesus Christ."

The blue-eyed, 6-foot-1 cowboy, who has been living in ranching country in Iran for the past seven years, does ranch day work, rodeos and ropes.

And for the past year, he has been "on the road" in preaching in arenas. His wife, Susan, teams up with their 18-year-old daughter, Leann in singing gospel songs. Their 14-year-old son operates the sound equipment.

"We're country girls," Mrs. Price said in a telephone interview, "and we sing gospel (music), but we don't sing country gospel."

His wife and daughter perform the more "contemporary type" of music as opposed to the old standards in gospel and cowboy music.

"The American cowboy today is not like the old Gene Autry type," Price said. "It's a little bit more modern."

Price's preaching style is geared for people who are comfortable in a "very laid-back environment" where they will "just enjoy the fellowship, enjoy the Word, and just have a good time in

a Western setting.

"Western people, cowboys and, especially, rodeo cowboys, most of them grew up in the arenas, on ranches, and things like that," he noted. "It's a lot more comfortable for them."

He has preached at George Strait Team Roping events on the Gulf Coast and is lined up for the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association convention in Dallas this spring. His "cowboy preaching" has landed him at San Angelo, Sonora and Odessa.

Price, a second-generation rodeo cowboy, allowed that he "grew up in beer joints there in East Texas."

And just like the honky-tonk lifestyle of his youth didn't accord him peace, today's drug-oriented and entertainment-seeking society "doesn't fulfill" people who seek serenity.

"I grew up in beer joints there in East Texas," Price said. "I tried all that."

"Nothing fulfills like Jesus Christ," Price asserted. "People on drugs are looking for relief. They are looking for help. Drugs and things like that are just a bad imitation — a poor second compared to knowing Jesus Christ."

"We preach Jesus. That's the truth of it," said Price, who noted that he preaches from the 1611 King James Version of the Bible.

"Cowboys have a way of being pretty simple," allowed Price, the modern-day circuit rider in down-home settings.

"It's pretty cut-and-dried, pretty black and white, for cowboys. We're talking about salvation that comes through Jesus Christ and not through church affiliation. We're not against church," said Price. "But we understand, according to the Bible, that salvation comes through Jesus Christ. Our works can't do it."

And, so, Price, the cowboy-preacher, is on the gospel trail.

GROOMER: Whole family is animal-oriented

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set of clients who care about their dogs and who book appointments ahead and on a regular basis.

"My clients know what to do if their dog's coat is matted; some have their dogs shaved every few months, some every month or every other month. I always call the night before and remind them of their appointment."

Ms. Cummins got her start in the dog grooming business 20 years ago when her mother-in-law taught it to her, probably, she said, because she sensed Ms. Cummins' love for animals.

"I've always loved animals," she said. "My daughter wants to

be a veterinarian; my whole family is animal-oriented."

She has worked in the business a total of about 15 years, taking several years off to work at Animal Control and taking another four-year break about five years ago to work as a nanny.

Still, she loves the grooming business, saying that "I've met a lot of neat people doing this. Most of my clients really care about their dogs. They're not picky, they tell me to do what's best for the dog. They're as much animal nuts as I am."

Ms. Cummins has no plans to expand or hire additional help, she said. "I don't want to get too big for my britches. Right now

LASER: Light is pulsed at intervals to avoid burning

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cysts, according to Bartlett.

One of the newer treatments include ultra-brilliant lights that heat up and destroy the hair bulb, which is the part of the hair follicle from which the hair grows.

That, however, also heats up and destroys other elements of the skin, which often leads to swelling and pain.

The new laser, which is tuned to emit only a single, long wavelength of light, which penetrates the skin and is absorbed by the hair bulb, killing it. That light is also absorbed by both red and blue spider veins, killing the cells that comprise them without damaging the surrounding tissue, Bartlett explained.

However, the skin pigment melanin is also heated by the

wavelength of laser light, and if a steady beam of that laser light was applied to the skin it would lead to severe burns.

To avoid that, while retaining the laser's effectiveness, the light is pulsed at an interval measured in microseconds.

Those pulses of laser light heat up hair bulbs, spider veins and melanin particles, but because the melanin particles are tiny in comparison to the other structures, they cool almost instantly between the light pulses.

"The hair bulb, mass wise, is huge in comparison to the little melanin particle," he said.

By the simple virtue of being larger structures, the hair bulbs or spider veins retain the heat between pulses and get hotter with repeated pulses of laser light until the cells that make them up are

At a Glance: Charlsye Cummins

Place of birth: "I was born and raised in Midland."

Favorite entertainer: Lucille Ball.

Favorite movie: True Grit.

Favorite food: Mexican food.

Favorite vacation spot: New Mexico or Colorado.

What are you proudest of? "My daughter, Quennah Jenkins."

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be? "It would be my bluntness."

If you won the lottery, what would you do? "I would finish my house in the country and live the way I always do, keep working and live like a normal person. I always hoped when I got rich I wouldn't turn into a snob but still be the same person I am now."

I'm booked up for the next two weeks; I stay booked two weeks ahead, so customers need to call two weeks to a month ahead of

time to get scheduled. I work alone; I'm doing this for the dog, not the money or the dog's owners."

Heroin claims 11th victim in Plano this year

DALLAS (AP) — A 17-year-old Plano girl on Monday became the 11th young person in the prosperous suburb to die of a heroin overdose since 1996.

Natacha Marie Campbell lost consciousness early Saturday while a friend drove her home from a party. Police said it appears she took a lethal combination of heroin and cocaine called "speedball."

Her parents removed her from life support at 4:36 p.m. Monday and she was pronounced dead seven minutes later, according to Baylor/Richardson Medical Center.

Miss Campbell's family released a statement saying it planned to establish a memorial fund dedicated to prevention, education and awareness of drug abuse.

"Natacha's death was needless, and we want other parents and children to understand drugs are a serious problem in our community," the family said. "We also wish to thank everyone for their prayers and support."

Two other overdose victims were friends of Miss Campbell, said Patricia Riley, a Dallas attorney and family friend.

Mrs. Riley, who spoke from the hospital on behalf of Miss Campbell's family, said it would have been a miracle for the teen-ager to survive, with her organs failing and brain malfunctioning. She was kept alive on a respirator.

Michael S. Vigil, assistant spe-

cial agent in charge for the Dallas division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, said Miss Campbell's case is still under investigation.

"Initial reports indicate there may have been multiple drug usage that led to this," he said.

It is not known if the other Plano overdose deaths resulted from heroin in combination with cocaine. Vigil said such use among addicts is common.

"The vast majority of hard drug users have gone up the ladder — from marijuana to cocaine to heroin — and many have used the combination with heroin and cocaine," he said.

Jane Maxwell, chief of research for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, said Monday many addicts use heroin in the morning to prevent withdrawal symptoms, then add cocaine in afternoons and during parties to "speed" them up.

"It's a different kind of high," she said. "Cocaine is a party drug. But these overdoses are tragic. It's a shame."

She said the traditional addicts' pattern is then to use heroin before bed.

"Speedball's been around for many, many years," said Ms. Maxwell. "It's a pattern of use in a number of different communities. Sometimes it involves putting both heroin and cocaine in the same syringe and other times it's done sequentially."

destroyed, Bartlett explained. Because of that, the new laser is effective on dark-skinned as well as light-skinned people, he said.

Even with those flashes taking place in tiny fractions of a second, the laser can still kill every hair bulb in a square centimeter of skin each second. Therefore, the laser can defoliate large areas of skin in a short amount of time.

Older methods that treat each hair separately, such as electrolysis, move at a snail's pace by comparison, according to Bartlett.

This laser technology was only approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in June, and this is the first of its kind in West Texas, Bartlett said.

Bartlett was drawn to the new technology by promising reports in medical journals regarding its effectiveness.

Actor John Belushi died of a 1982 overdose from a combination of heroin and cocaine.

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TRIAL: Gag order prevents attorneys from saying whether Zamora will take stand

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er seemed to make a connection between the accident and her ability to participate in the crime.

Prosecutor's countered by confirming that Ms. Zamora was right-handed and healthy enough to pass a Naval medical exam months later.

Later, the defense called an attorney who testified that he thought the police officer who took Ms. Zamora's confession was dishonest.

But under prosecution questioning, the witness conceded he had never met the officer and was basing his opinion on a police report.

After that testimony, the defense requested an early recess Monday afternoon, prompting speculation among those watching that Ms. Zamora

might take the stand early Tuesday.

"If they don't call her, they might as well fold up their tent and go home," attorney Bill Lane said after watching Monday's testimony.

A gag order on the case has kept attorneys from revealing whether they will put Ms. Zamora on the stand. If convicted, she faces life in prison.

Defense attorneys have said they will try to use possible discrepancies between evidence and Ms. Zamora's confession to show she was lying.

"We're going to show that the statement Diane made to police could not have been accurate and was given under duress," lead defense attorney John Linebarger said last week. "She did not commit capital murder."

Based largely on the written statement, prosecutors contend

she helped then-fiance David Graham kill Miss Jones because of a one-time sexual encounter she had with Graham. Graham will be tried separately for capital murder later this year.

The confession is crucial for state attorneys because they're prosecuting Ms. Zamora under the "law of parties," a statute that makes any accomplice to a crime guilty of the worst offense committed in its commission.

Both sides agree that Graham allegedly fired two fatal shots at Miss Jones but prosecutors have used the confession and other evidence to show that Ms. Zamora helped by hitting Miss Jones over the head and telling Graham to shoot her when she fled.

Also Monday, defense attorneys tried to show that Ms. Zamora was led to believe by police that she was assigned a lawyer during a September 1996 inter-

view in Annapolis, Md.

Lt. Cmdr. Patrick McCarthy testified that he was assigned to find an attorney to represent Ms. Zamora after she requested counsel.

While looking for a lawyer, McCarthy said he was told by police Ms. Zamora waived her right to one. He said that he spoke to her, but never said he was her lawyer.

"I gave her some instruction on the honor code," McCarthy said. "She wanted to know what the implications were of her telling her friends she had been involved in a murder in Texas and if it would adversely affect her career at the Naval Academy. She said she had lied about the murder...."



Diane Zamora enters court on Monday with Bailiff Yvette Johnson for the start of week two of her capital murder trial in Fort Worth. Lawyers for a former Naval Academy midshipman accused of killing a 16-year-old romantic rival tried to show Monday that blood stains at the scene indicate she lied in a written confession.

Nuclear dump opponents protest licensing hearing

AUSTIN (AP) — By the sight of it, Monday's protest of a proposed nuclear waste site in West Texas was hard to distinguish from a circus parade.

But the sounds were clear: "Governor Bush, no nuke dump." And the colorful writing on banners and posters left no doubt: "Hell No, We Won't Glow" and "The nuclear circus is sure to make us die laughing."

A menagerie of nearly 200 protesters, many dressed as clowns and some wearing protective jumpsuits, paraded through Austin's downtown, past the governor's mansion and the Capitol to the site of hearings on whether a nuclear waste facility should be licensed and built near Sierra Blanca to hold low-level nuclear waste from various sources in Texas, Maine and Vermont.

A deal between the three states, which would send millions of dollars to Texas for the facility, is pending in the U.S. Senate. The U.S. House already has approved it.

Federal lawmakers have ordered all states to figure out on their own, or in cooperation with other states, what to do with low-level nuclear waste.

Such waste generated in Texas currently is going to South Carolina. But the long-term availability of that site is unclear, according to supporters of the Texas facility.

"This is going to be buried in our backyard," Maria Mendez, who lives 15 miles from the proposed site, told the crowd. "I'm not saying it should go to someone else's backyard. It should go nowhere. It should stay where they created it."

Impossible, said three medical experts who support the licensing and construction of the Texas site.

"It is absolutely necessary to have a system for low-level nuclear waste disposal," said Dr. Robert Bernstein, the

state's former health commissioner. "My job was to ensure the health and safety of all the people. I wouldn't be doing it (supporting the facility) if it were not safe."

Margaret Maxey, a biomedical engineering professor at the University of Texas, said there is more nuclear activity in a human body than what will be present in any material buried at the proposed site.

"A human body couldn't be put in this repository," she said, calling the protest unnecessary hysteria.

Protesters called safety assurances lies.

"What we have here is a classic case of environmental racism," said Ruben Solis, of the Southwestern Network for Environmental and Economic Justice. "Whether they call it low-, medium- or high-level waste, it equals one thing: death. They would not dream of siting it in the bedroom communities north of Austin or in Alamo Heights, in San Antonio."

Dr. Robert Ellzey, a retired member of the Austin Radiological Association, said the reasons for locating the facility in Sierra Blanca are clear: ground water pools are 800 feet below ground; the low-level nuclear waste will be buried in leak-proof, cement containers that reach about 50 feet below the ground; and even the hardest rains (Sierra Blanca gets about 10 to 12 inches per year) reach only 11 feet below the ground.

Asked the level of danger posed by the waste, Ellzey touched his index finger to his thumb. "Zero," he said.

Licensing hearings before state administrative judges are expected to continue for several weeks. A decision by the judges will be forwarded to Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a final decision.

Nearly 900 more students at UT this spring

AUSTIN (AP) — Preliminary spring enrollment figures at the University of Texas at Austin show an overall increase from last spring, but the number of black students has remained the same and the number of Hispanics has declined slightly.

Enrollment of 46,364 is an increase of 890 students from spring 1997, UT said Monday. Final enrollment figures will be available in March.

Preliminary figures show 30,307

white students, compared with 29,718 in spring 1997. Black students total 1,660, the same as last spring, while the number of Hispanic students has dipped from 5,872 last spring to 5,828.

The number of Asian American students, meanwhile, has increased from 4,722 in spring 1997 to 5,084. The number of American Indian students also has risen, from 201 to 217.

Ethnicity was unknown for 30 students.

Cattleman testifies Oprah show a 'bomb' for business

By Chip Brown
Associated Press

AMARILLO — A Texas cattleman suing Oprah Winfrey for slander testified Monday that a talk show she did on mad cow disease was a "bomb" that caused him to lose millions of dollars as the cattle market dropped.

Paul Engler, chief executive officer of Cactus Feeders Inc., one of the largest cattle feeders in the world, took the stand as the civil trial against Ms. Winfrey, her production company and vegetarian activist Howard Lyman began its fourth week.

Ms. Winfrey's attorney, Charles Babcock, said other TV programs had raised questions about the possibility of mad cow disease infecting U.S. cattle by the time she discussed the subject on April 16, 1996.

But Engler responded, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" was the bomb that set it all off. The market was living with the other information. The market didn't drop until her show."

Texas cattlemen are suing for more than \$10 million in damages

under a state law that protects agricultural products from defamatory remarks.

Babcock attempted to show that \$4 million of the \$5.78 million Engler claims to have lost resulted from trades or "hedged" the stock market made on the cattle futures market May 2, 1996.

By that time, Babcock said, cattle prices had rebounded to higher than the date of the mad cow episode and a cattleman's survey had shown Americans still had 80 percent confidence in beef.

Also, Ms. Winfrey had aired a follow-up episode on April 23, 1996, allowing only pro-beef comments.

"Yet, you want Ms. Winfrey to pay for your bad business decision made on May second. Is that right?" Babcock asked.

"Yes, sir. Absolutely," Engler responded. "The damage was done on the initial show."

He also blamed the talk show for reduced beef exports to Japan.

When Babcock told him the show didn't air in Japan, Engler replied, "I didn't know that, but many of the Japanese beef buyers are based in the United States."

Engler, 68, contended the price

decline after Ms. Winfrey's mad cow program forced him to sell his cattle at a loss.

"I thought the market would bounce back, but it was obvious that the impact of Ms. Winfrey's show was profound because cattle prices just kept going down," he said.

Babcock showed, however, that prices had been falling in the days prior to Ms. Winfrey's episode on mad cow. He suggested that the market was already in decline because of drought, poor exports, high milo and corn prices, other media attention on mad cow disease, the North American Free Trade Agreement and too much supply.

But Engler discounted each of those factors.

"Our exports were doing very well until 'The Oprah Winfrey Show,' which put fears in the countries that bought our cattle," Engler said.

Engler blamed what he claimed were "false statements" on Lyman.

During the show, Lyman suggested that as long as ground up cattle parts were being fed back to herds — known as ruminant feed-

ing — mad cow disease was a risk in the United States and could make AIDS look like the common cold.

The feeding practice is now banned.

The cattlemen contend Ms. Winfrey edited the show to eliminate pro-beef comments in favor of more alarming statements by Lyman, a former rancher.

During the show, Ms. Winfrey swore off hamburgers.

Last week, Ms. Winfrey testified for most of three days, using her skills as a talk show host to turn questioning by cattlemen's attorneys into a chance to make her own case.

Large numbers of spectators had been waiting in line to get into the courthouse. But now that the star witness has spoken, those numbers are dropping off.

There were enough empty seats in the courtroom Monday for an entire high school government class to attend the trial.

The cattlemen were expected to wrap up their case this week, clearing the way for Ms. Winfrey and Lyman to begin calling witnesses.

Steven Renfro executed for 1996 shooting rampage

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Steven Renfro was executed Monday, less than a year after he was condemned for a 1996 East Texas shooting rampage that left three people dead and a police officer wounded.

Renfro, 40, was pronounced dead at 6:18 p.m. CST, seven minutes after a lethal dose of drugs was released into his arms.

In a brief final statement, he turned to three members of his victims' families and asked for forgiveness.

"I'd like to tell the victims' family how terribly sorry I am," Renfro said. "I am so sorry. Forgive me, if you can. I know it's impossible, but try."

He then began praying. "Take my hand, Lord Jesus, I'm coming home. Glory be to God," he said.

As the drugs took effect, Renfro blinked his eyes and gasped three times before he stopped breathing.

"I think it should have been rougher," said James Carpenter, whose stepbrother, George Counts, was among the people killed by Renfro and who watched the inmate die. "I can't forgive him. He turned to us and apologized. He had a smile and then gasped. All I could think of was: He's lying."

Renfro, who had asked that no appeals be pursued in his case,

went to his death with little of the fanfare that marked the execution of Karla Faye Tucker six days earlier.

About two dozen death-penalty opponents showed up, arriving less than 45 minutes before Renfro was to die.

Renfro, who was convicted and condemned less than 10 months ago, had asked that his lethal injection be carried out as soon as possible.

"I think there are some religious overtones, that he believes this is a way to get to heaven," said Rick Berry, a high school classmate and the Harrison County District Attorney who prosecuted Renfro. "By voluntarily going ahead and being punished, it's like an atonement. He's pretty adamant about this."

Last week, an estimated 1,200 singing, praying or cheering spectators and some 200 reporters and photographers from around the world, accompanied by a fleet of television satellite trucks, converged on the grounds of the prison in downtown Huntsville as Ms. Tucker became the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War.

The scene Monday outside the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice was much more tranquil, with little indication an execution even

was scheduled.

Dennis Longmire, a routine execution protestor, called the scene surrounding Tucker's lethal injection "a circus, absolutely baffling."

"I was dumbfounded," Longmire said outside the death house Monday. "The celebration on both sides seemed to be inappropriate."

Renfro had avoided the media, rejecting requests for interviews. No legal steps were taken to try to spare him.

On Aug. 25, 1996, after taking what he told authorities were 70 doses of the tranquilizer Valium along with liquor, Renfro put on camouflage clothing, blackened his face and armed himself with four guns, including a military assault rifle, and some 500 rounds of ammunition.

He shot and killed his live-in girlfriend, Rhena Fultner, 36, then an aunt who lived with them, Rose Rutledge, 63. Then he went to the nearby trailer home of Counts, 40, an acquaintance against whom he had a grudge, and fatally shot him, firing more than 150 rounds into

Counts' mobile home.

When police responding to reports of gunfire arrived, he opened fire again, wounding Marshall Officer Dominic Pondant in the shoulder and turning his patrol car "into Swiss cheese," as authorities described it. Police exchanging fire were outgunned by Renfro's 45- and 50-caliber handguns and an AR-15 rifle, but one of his weapons malfunctioned and Pondant was able to hit the gunman.

"I killed them all," the wounded Renfro told officers who arrested him.

Renfro was known to authorities in Marshall, with frequent arrests for drunken driving and assault. Berry said even in high school Renfro was known for a quick temper made even worse by alcohol.

"When he's drinking, he'd hit you with a pool cue, shoot you, try to stab you or just beat you to a pulp," Berry said. "If drinking, he's the kind of guy who would fight a grizzly bear."

In April, after a jury convicted him of capital murder, he ended his trial by telling jurors he should be put to death. They agreed.

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Actress Sigourney Weaver holds up the the Hasty Pudding Theatrical 150th Woman of the Year Award, a pudding pot, Monday in Cambridge, Mass. The annual award was established by Harvard students to honor entertainers.

Ex-Servicemen's Organization.
Charles is the colonel-in-chief of the Royal Gurkha Rifles and patron of the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Fighters from Nepal's Gurkha community have served in the British army for nearly two centuries. In recent months

they have been campaigning for pensions matching those of their British counterparts.

Charles didn't publicly address the

Bhanubhakta Gurung, a Gurkha who in 1945 was given the Victoria Cross — the highest award Britain gives foreigners — for his services in the army during World War II.

LONDON — A fund to lend a financial hand to **Louise Woodward** is fast running dry, her father said Monday.

The agency that employed the 19-year-old British au pair paid for her legal costs through her trial but has since ended the support.

"Basically, we couldn't afford a retrial. The fund has paid for the past two months' legal fees. The fund is disappearing rapidly," Gary Woodward told BBC Radio.

A jury in Cambridge, Mass., convicted Woodward of second-degree murder in November in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen.

After the judge reduced the conviction to manslaughter and set her free, the Woodward family declared they were determined to clear her name entirely. Bu-

In Elton, the head of the support fund said \$330,000 remained.

Much of the money was spent on Ms Woodward's housing, as well as on housing for her parents and their transportation between the two countries.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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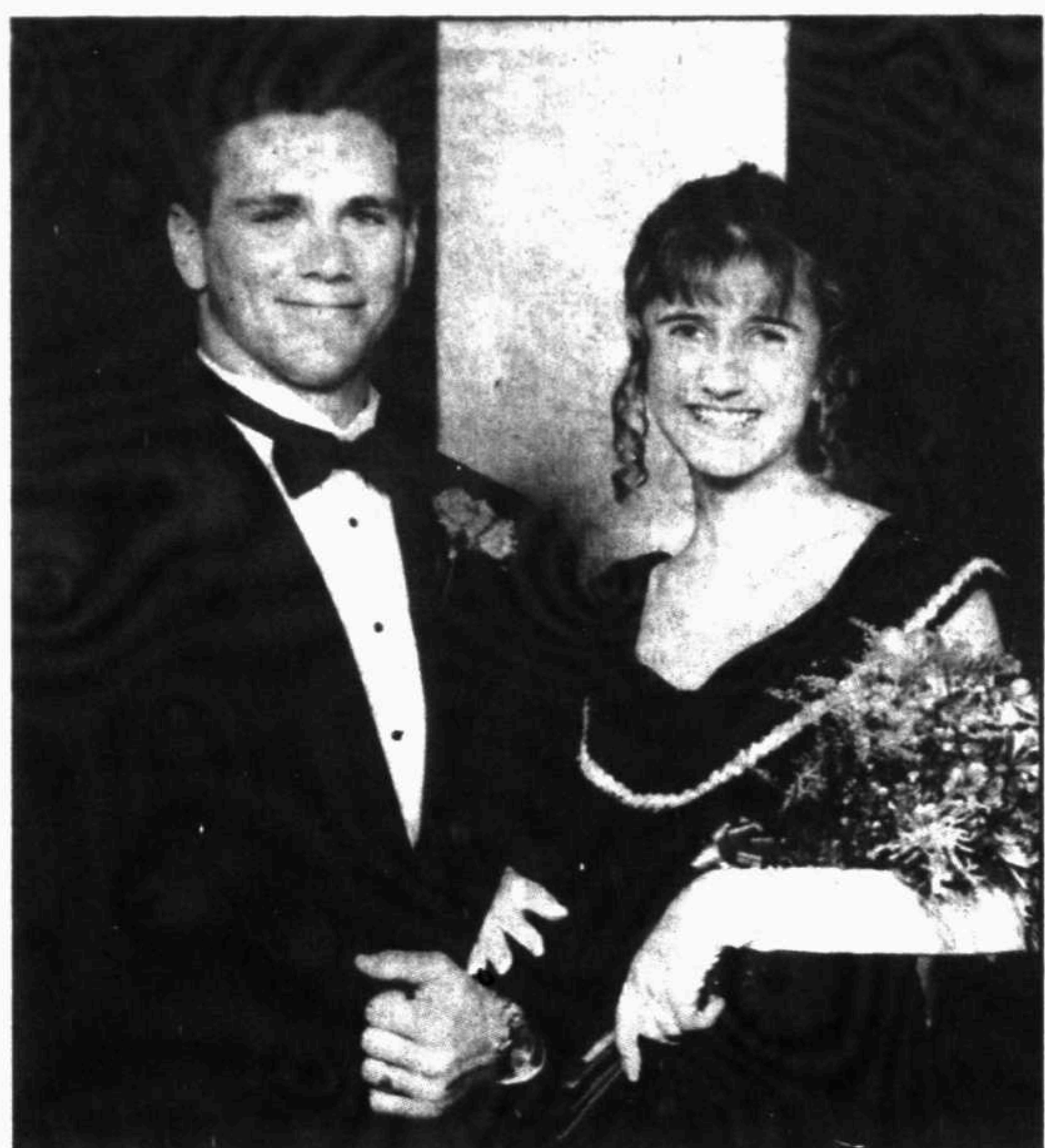
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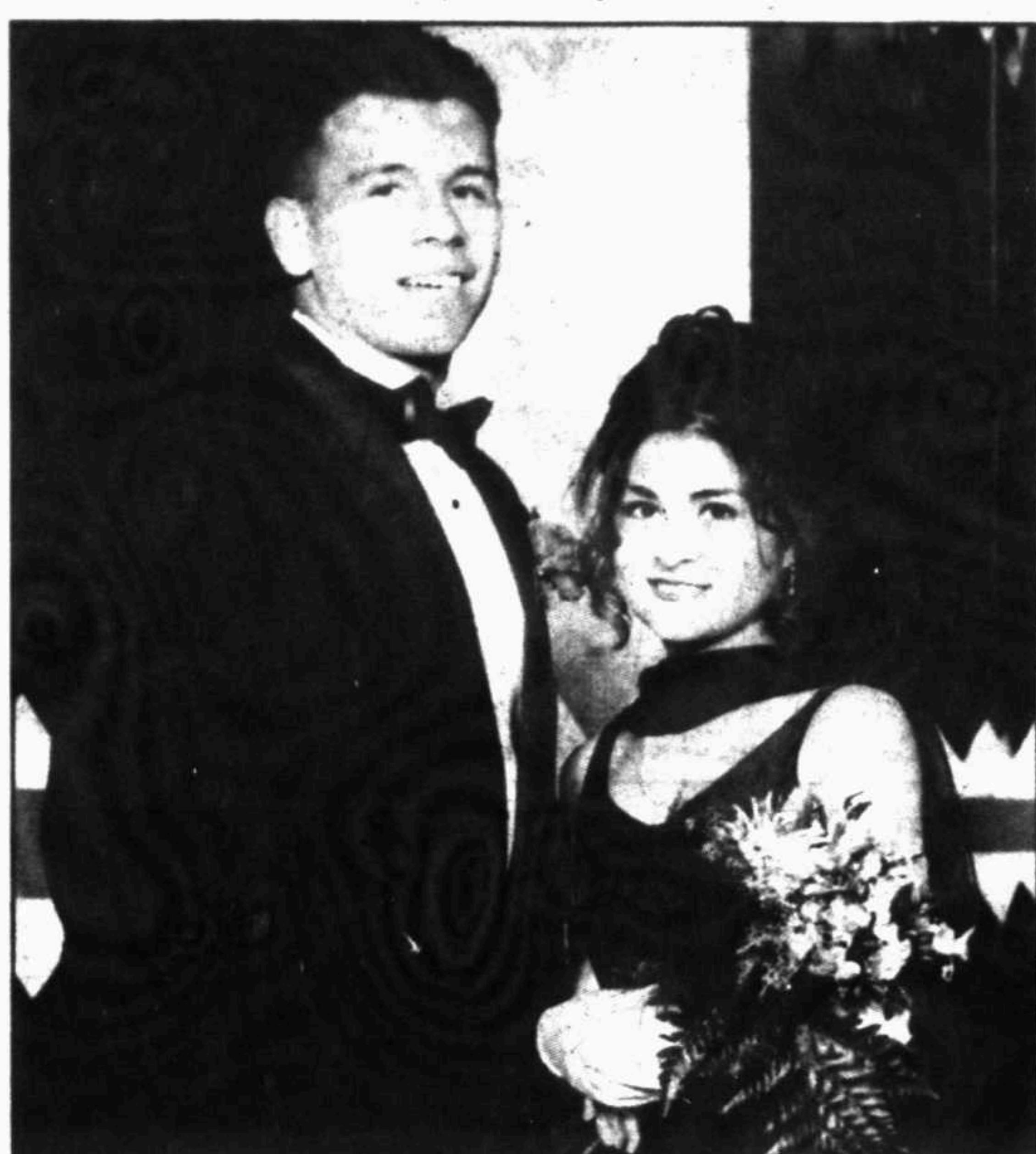
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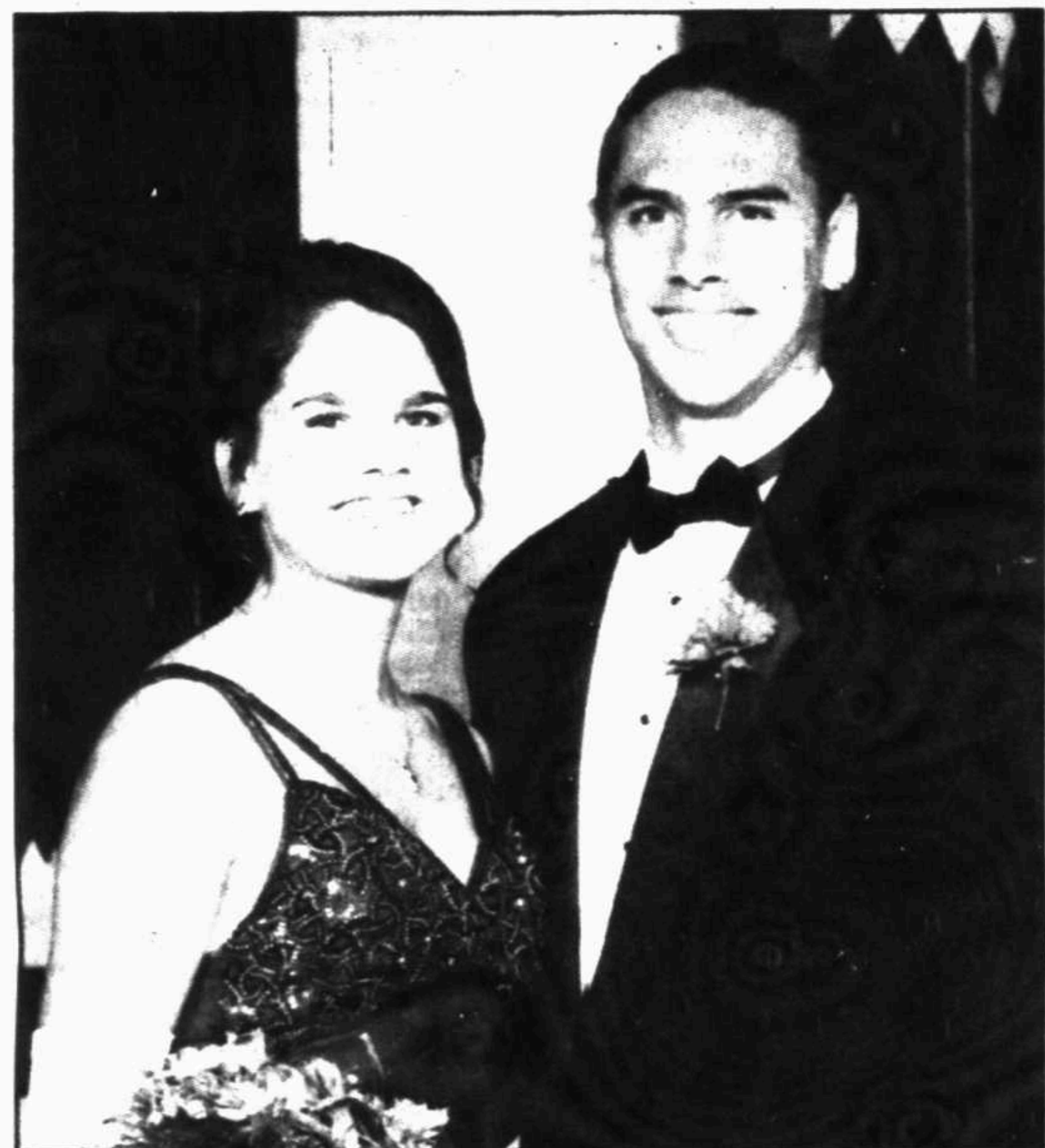
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Ashley Greenwood and Gerardo Diaz

1998 Rebelee Court

Staff Reports

The 1998 Rebelee Court was presented Sunday at Lee High School. Each year the student body elects outstanding students to be Mr. and Miss Courteous, Mr. and Miss Talented, Mr. and Miss Congenial, Mr. and Miss Integrity, Mr. and Miss Valuable, Mr. and Miss Academic and Mr. and Miss LHS.

The presentation is coordinated by the student council. This year, student council officers are Laura Lyn Withrow, president; Annie Parchman, vice president; Cassie Goodin, corresponding secretary; Devann Franco, recording secretary; Matt Lewis, treasurer; and Dee Lynn Frazier, Elianna Marziani, Rekha Reddy and Ryan Smith, executive directors. Miss Withrow, Miss Parchman and Miss Reddy were mistresses of ceremonies. Miss Goodin and Miss Franco were train bearers. Lindsay Kellum, Ryan Smith, Shari Santorelli and Joelle Glaser provided musical entertainment. Juanita Fleming Harman is student council sponsor.

This year's court members are:

MR. AND MISS LHS

■ Tamika Thurman, daughter of John and Sandra Thurman, is president of National Honor Society, a varsity letterman in basketball, and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, PALS, T.A.M.E., D-Fy-It, Senior Girls and D.A.R.E., where she is a Role Model. She is a Texas Scholar and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

■ Kyle King, son of Robert and Kay King, is a varsity soccer player and team captain, is a huddle leader for FCA, was a member of Lee Choir and is a member of D-Fy-It and Spanish Honor Society. He has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a Texas Scholar. He was the 1997 Homecoming King.

MR. AND MISS ACADEMIC

■ Elianna Marziani, daughter of Nicholas and Joanne Marziani, is student council executive director, Spanish Honor Society secretary and projects committee member of National Honor Society. She is a member of Senior Girls, PALS, Academic Decathlon, quiz team, Federal Reserve Team, UIL literary criticism, UIL ready writing, UIL math and science and UIL computer science teams. She is a National Merit semi-finalist, an academic letterman and a student council letterman. She has won the U.S. Achievement Academy Leadership Award, All-American Scholar Award, Student Council Award and several subject awards. She has won UIL awards, been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a Texas Scholar.

■ Stacy Jones, son of Tessa and Johnny Whitley and Dennis and Elaine Jones, is a football, baseball and academic letterman; was a member of the 1996 football team, earned an honorable mention All-District as a member of this year's football team; earned an honorable mention All-District in baseball, was a member of track and field, and is a member of National Honor Society and a Texas Scholar. He was Mr. Lee Freshman, was a member of the 1997 Homecoming Court, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and earned the U.S. Achievement Academy Award.

MR. AND MISS VALUABLE

■ Trisha Torres, daughter of Andy and Kathy Torres, is a member of Lee Band, where she is first lieutenant and squad leader in color guard. She is president of the senior class and was 1997 Homecoming queen.

■ Jose Primera, son of Rene and Juliet Chavez, is a football letterman and a member of National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. He received the American Legion Certificate of School Award and U.S. National Minority Scholarship Award.

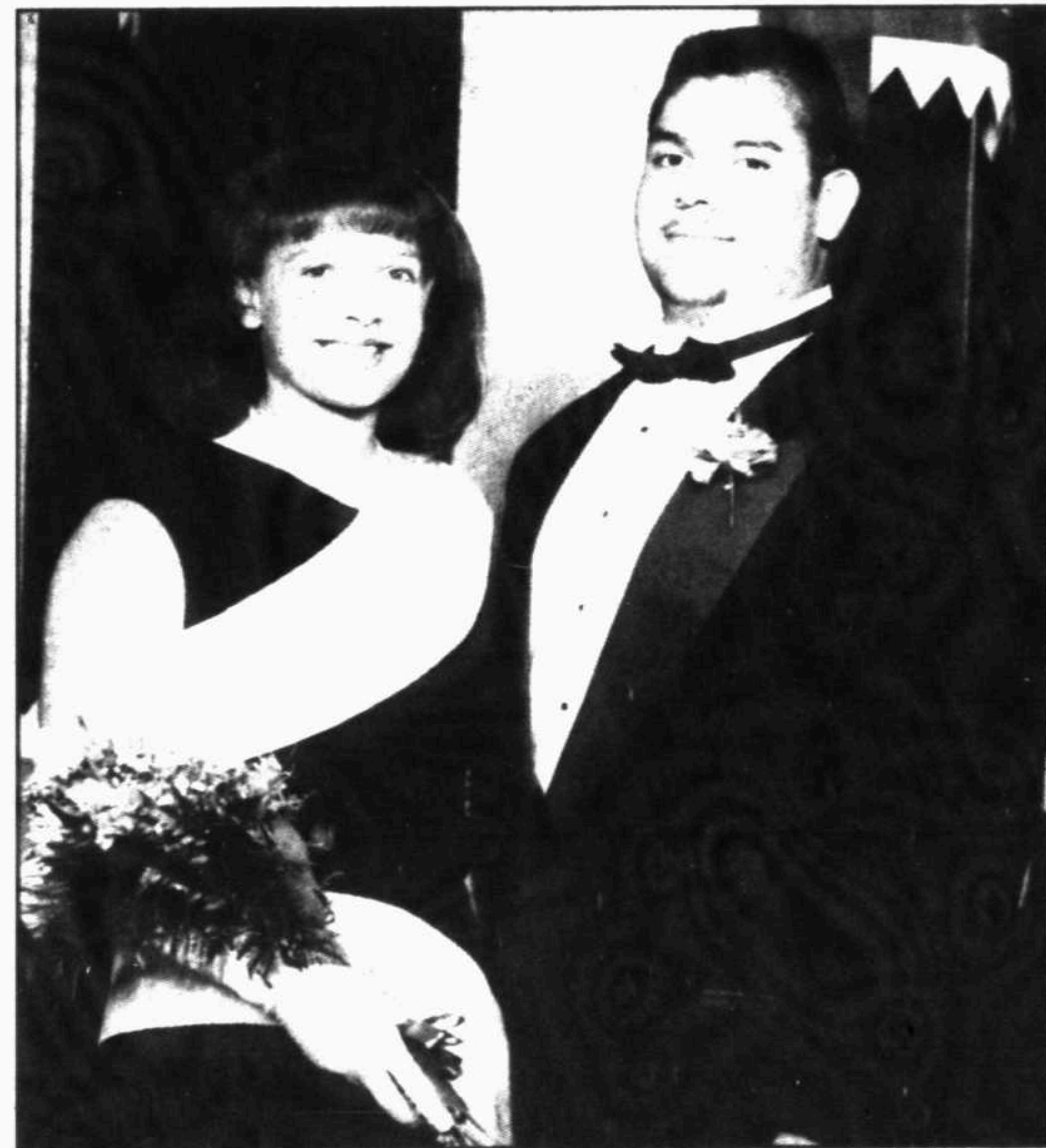
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■ Ashley Greenwood, daughter of James and Michelle Greenwood, is a member of Honor Band, National Honor Society and PALS, and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She has been on All-City band, state solo and ensemble and is a colorguard captain and chaplain of the band.

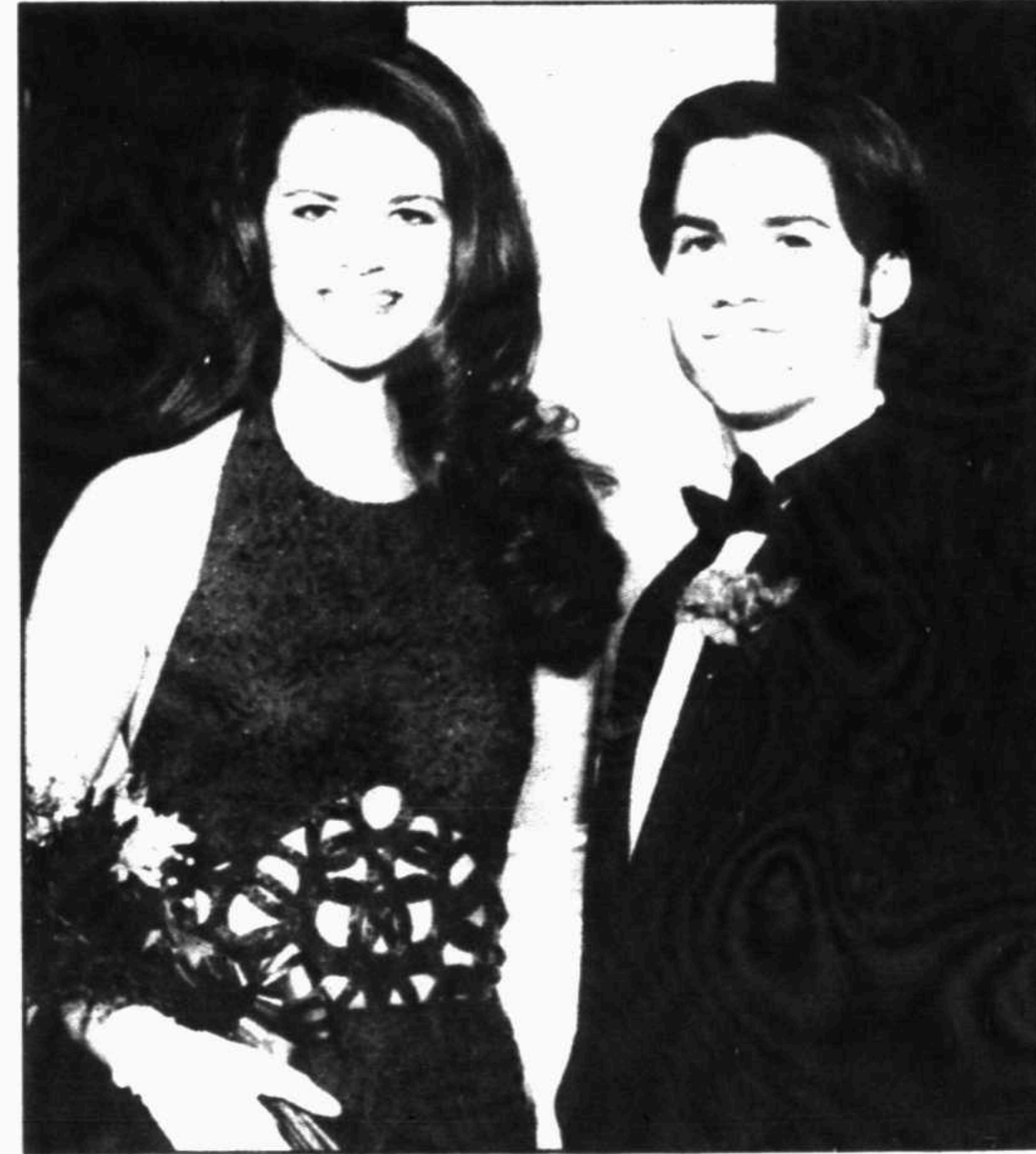
■ Gerardo Diaz, son of Carla and Gerardo Diaz Sr., was a member

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Ritha Belizaire and Paul Villereal



MR. AND MISS COURTEOUS
Sharee Whitehead and Brian Massey



MISTRESSES OF CEREMONIES
Rekha Reddy, Laura Lyn Withrow and Annie Parchman



TRAIN BEARERS AND CROWN BEARERS
Devann Franco, Ross Rasberry, Kirsten Ochsner and Cassie Goodin



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of the 1996 football team; and is a member of this year's football team and 1997 Homecoming Court. He was an alternate member of the mile-relay team.

MR. AND MISS CONGENIAL
■ Raquel Moreno, daughter of Marcos and Carolyn Moreno, is a member of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and Cosmetology, and was a member of the 1997 Homecoming Court.

■ Jason Galindo, son of Natalie Lock, is a member of the varsity baseball team and a Texas Scholar.

MR. AND MISS TALENTED
■ Ritha Belizaire, daughter of Roger and Amelia Belizaire, is vice president of National Honor Society, a letterman in varsity soccer and a member of Spanish Honor Society and Blast '98 girls soccer team. She is a National Merit Commended Scholar, a National Achievement semi-finalist, an academic letterman, and offensive district soccer MVP and Lee offensive soccer MVP in 1997. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

■ Paul Villareal, son of Gilbert and Sylvia Vil-

lareal, is a letterman in football and track, was on the first team All-District football team in 1996 and 1997, is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

MR. AND MISS COURTEOUS
■ Sharee Whitehead, daughter of Don and Glendy Whitehead, is a member of girls varsity track and cross country teams, Senior Girls, D-Fy-I and National Honor Society, is a Texas Scholar and received the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award.

■ Bryan Massey, son of Rick and Diane Massey, is a member of National Honor Society, Texas Scholar and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was a member of varsity basketball team. He is a varsity basketball letterman, an academic letterman, won the U.S. Achievement Academy Award in government, was named All-American Scholar and was 1997 Dixie Doll Beau.

Crownbearers were:
■ Kirsten Elizabeth Ochsner, daughter of Robert and Lyn Ochsner, attends pre-school at First Presbyterian Church.

■ Ross Raspberry, son of Mitchel and Tyra Raspberry, attends Harrison Montessori Academy.

DEAR ABBY

Forgiveness is divine idea during week of reflection

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I love reading your column. A couple of years ago, I read a piece on forgiveness and realized that, like many other people, I don't know how to forgive or ask for forgiveness. Your column helped. Would you please run it again? — MRS. G.S.K.P., LAKE WORTH, FLA.

DEAR MRS. G.S.K.P.: Pleased to oblige. Since this is International Forgiveness Week, your letter is timely. The poem you requested was written by George Roemisch.

FORGIVENESS
Forgiveness is the wind-blown bud which blooms in placid beauty at Verdun.

Forgiveness is the tiny slate-gray sparrow which has built its nest of twigs and strung among the shards of glass upon the wall of shame.

Forgiveness is the child who laughs in merry ecstasy beneath the toothed fence that closes in Da Nang.

Forgiveness is the fragrance of the violet which still clings fast to the heel that crushed it.

Forgiveness is the broken dream which hides itself within the corner of the mind off called forgetfulness so that it will not bring pain to the dreamer.

Forgiveness is the reed which stands up straight and green when nature's mighty rampage halts, full spent. Forgiveness is a God who will not leave us after all we've done.

So, dear readers, a gentle reminder: If perchance you are the "heel" that crushed a violet — this is the week to seek forgiveness.

DEAR ABBY: I received a down comforter for Christmas. It has done such a great job of keeping me toasty warm, I wake in the middle of the night sweating. Yet if I throw off the comforter, I find myself freezing again. (My parents gave me the comforter because I constantly complained about how cold the house is.)

One of my friends suggested that I sleep in the nude. She started doing it herself after she got an electric blanket. I tried it a few times and it works. I no longer wake up sweating.

I am writing because I feel guilty about sleeping in the nude. Nobody knows that I sleep in the nude. I keep a full-length robe that completely conceals my body to slip on when I get out of bed, but I still fear that I'm doing something wrong.

My friend, who also sleeps in the nude, tried to reassure me that what I am doing is not immoral — and she is more active in our church than I am. But it hasn't erased my doubts. Can you help? I want to continue sleeping in the nude, but want to do so guilt-free.

— NAKED UNDER THE FEATHERS



Van Buren

DEAR NAKED: As long as you sleep alone, why should you feel guilty? Sleeping in the nude is harmless. It's neither indecent nor immoral. And since you keep a bathrobe handy, I see no reason why you shouldn't continue if you're more comfortable that way.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old boy with an older brother who attends an out-of-town college. Since he entered college over a year ago, I have tried to convince my parents to let me switch bedrooms with him.

Except for summer vacations, my brother rarely comes home, so his huge room is vacant most of the year. Although I am able to make use of his room in his absence, it is not truly mine, and I think it's unfair that I have been relegated to the smaller bedroom.

My parents don't want my brother to feel dispossessed. They want him to know that he is always welcome here and that his things will be exactly the way he left them.

I don't want him to feel dispossessed either, but couldn't he feel just as welcome in a smaller bedroom? Abby, why does the younger brother always get the shaft? Please help me. — FRUSTRATED IN NEW YORK

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Ask your brother how he feels about his bedroom. Now that he is a college man and has been away from home for a year, he will probably agree to trade his large bedroom for your smaller one. If you can persuade him to tell your parents that he would be comfortable in your bedroom, you'll have it made.

DEAR ABBY: Before we were married, my husband, "Tony," had card parties for his buddies every Tuesday night. The parties lasted until at least midnight, but it didn't matter then because I could go home and get my sleep.

Now that we are newlyweds, this presents a problem for me. I start work early every morning (his hours are later) and I'm exhausted for the remainder of the week.

I've spoken to Tony about this and he's promised to end these parties earlier, but it never seems to happen. I've suggested rotating the parties to the other players' homes, which he did a few times. But now, because we've argued about it so often, he stubbornly refuses to do that. He claims, "This is the way it's always been." What can I do? — I'VE DEALT MY HAND

DEAR DEALT: Marriage is compromise. Try to accommodate Tony on this issue, bearing in mind it is only one night a week. Buy earplugs and a sleep mask, turn on some soft music in your room and go to bed. You can learn to sleep with a little noise, knowing that your husband is home where he belongs and proud that he has such an understanding wife.

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

L.A. fashions are 'tamer than you'd think'

By Barbara De Witt
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — L.A. is tamer than you'd think in terms of fashion. Oh sure, this is the place where movie stars wear sequins by day, but the rest of you prefer the quieter fashions of Donna Karan, Liz Claiborne and local designer Carole Little.

At least that's what you said in a recent poll. Overall, there was a lot of shameless cross-shopping going on. Some women splurged on designer clothes but bought drug-store cosmetics.

Sharon Frascatore of Burbank summed up the apparent lack of product loyalty, commenting that she had no favorite designer, but purchased whatever looks good on her. She added that she loves Don-

na Karan pantyhose (they're kind to curves), but in our poll they came in second, behind Hanes.

When it came to naming a favorite fashion personality you also went schizo with a tie between that nasty Mr. Blackwell and supermodel Cindy Crawford.

For favorite perfume, you were all over the board, but Pleasures by Estee Lauder was the winner. Tied for second place were Eliza-

beth Taylor's White Diamonds and Calvin Klein, with Angel, Shalimar and Oscar de la Renta scents trailing close behind.

In the favorite jeans category, the popular winner was Levi's, usually 501.

Asked to name a favorite fashion accessory, hair clips and barrettes, cocktail rings and high-heeled boots — all '70s retro items — topped the list.

One angry parent changes school's reading program

By Doug Cumming
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON, Ga. — The day Allen Tyler barged into the office at Washington-Wilkes Middle School mad as a hornet, ready to inflict some serious accountability after discovering that his sixth-grade son could not read a lick, is a moment the principal can appreciate — now.

Four years after that confrontation, principal Joyce Williams can admire how the machine-shop foreman in grease-stained work clothes got all those degree-flapping educators to teach Eric Tyler to read, and how their efforts later were repeated with other struggling students.

Many of those successful methods of teaching reading in rural Wilkes County, between Athens and Augusta, Ga., are continuing under a program called Reading First, and Williams says Tyler's surprise visit probably was the best thing that ever happened to her school.

"His body language told me he was not intimidated like most parents," recalled Williams, a seasoned educator from Atlanta.

IN HIS OWN WAY, Tyler forced this 2,000-student school system two hours east of downtown Atlanta to take a closer look at the way reading was taught — or rather, not taught. Like too many students, Eric had drifted from kindergarten to sixth grade without learning how to read more than basic one- or two-syllable words. He could almost figure out Nintendo Power magazine, he said, because he needed to know about the video games he played. But he didn't read anything else, even his assigned textbooks.

Instead of giving Eric's problem their attention, teachers instead gave it a technical label, and let it slide. They did not have the right materials or the right training to teach him what he needed, particularly phonics, according to Wilkes County schools' reading director Marcia Delany.

"Did you know he can't read?" Eric's father asked Williams during that fateful confrontation.

Now the whole state of Georgia is taking a closer look at how it has failed to teach reading to many of its children. The latest scores from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, from 1994, show that 48 percent of the state's fourth-graders lack basic reading skills. Slowed or stymied by the printed page, these students fall behind in other subjects, grow restless and consider books a drag, experts say. Even when their reading problems are not as dramatic as Eric's were, by eighth or ninth grade they are lost, slipping by or dropping out on their way to a dim future.

Experts still debate the proper way to teach reading. In the past decade, the dominant theories encouraged reading and writing as fun, relevant activities — an approach called "whole language." As reading scores fell among some groups of students, a backlash demanded the older teaching methods known as phonics, which entail memorizing simple "sight words" and sounding out letters and syllables. The most dramatic about-face was in California, where bottomed-out read-

ing scores inspired a 1996 law repudiating whole language and ordering explicit, systematic phonics.

MORE TYPICALLY, a consensus emerged for a balance of the two, teaching phonics as needed but surrounding students with the rich children's literature and writing activities of whole language.

Robin Morris, chairman of the Psychology Department at Georgia State University, laments the politicizing of the debate into rival camps, calling both concepts essential parts of how children learn to read.

In Georgia, school Superintendent Linda Schrenko wanted to move the state toward phonics, so she created a Division of Reading in 1996 and hired Cindy Cupp to run it. Cupp, who says she had been getting in trouble with school officials in Georgia — but having success with poor children — since 1970 because she used phonics-based reading instruction, had a lot of battles to fight across the state.

Phonics had never been used much in Georgia classrooms, except quietly by maverick teachers like herself, Cupp said. For decades, reading coordinators with Ph.D.s from the University of Georgia have favored whole-word recognition over phonics, Cupp said. And because education professors control the national textbooks, and state-level experts controlled which textbooks were funded in Georgia until recently, a single philosophy tended to dominate. The kindergarten and first-grade teachers who taught reading by practical instinct rather than theory were afraid to speak out, Cupp said.

Another problem with Georgia's reading instruction, Cupp said, was the rejection of a controlled vocabulary of about 200 basic words like "look" and "run," which children previously had been drilled to recognize on sight with the goal of making comprehension automatic. While most students learn these words without such attention, some need the help, research indicates, and those students will suffer during the next five to 10 years in Georgia, Cupp predicted. When new Language Arts textbooks and materials were adopted in Georgia in 1982, they replaced materials with controlled vocabulary. When the next cycle was adopted in 1989, whole language was favored over phonics, which was ridiculed as "drill and kill." In 1996, most of the new materials still were dominated by whole language, Cupp said.

READING FIRST, the pilot program adopted in Wilkes County and in seven other Georgia schools last January, incorporates Cupp's ideas of the right mix of methods. It stresses phonics. Teachers in the program have each student read aloud, checking off scores on an assessment of phonics, sight words and comprehension. The program also gives every teacher the training needed to use a variety of approaches — which teachers say they never received in college. Very few elementary education teachers have degrees or majors in reading, but most of them are expected to teach it.

In Wilkes, where students had been reading way below the

national average, teachers say they were eager to try something new. Delany, the reading director who helped develop new approaches in response to Eric Tyler's problem, encouraged Washington-Wilkes Primary, Elementary and Middle schools to apply to become a Reading First pilot site.

At the primary school, students spend three hours a day in reading: one hour in a small group, another in a reading lab and a third in the full class for directed reading. Students have special materials that include phonics and match reading to both their age and skill level. Grandmothers sit in the school library, reading with students one-on-one.

AFTER JUST THREE months of the program, scores on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills jumped 8 percentage points in first-grade reading and 12 percentage points in second-grade reading. In the eight Reading First pilot schools, discipline referrals fell 50 percent, the number of students diverted into special education fell by 40 percent and the number of library books checked out rose 8 percent.

Gov. Zell Miller has been so impressed that he is pushing for state funding to expand the program broadly. Cupp is training hundreds of teachers and soon will distribute an eight-hour training video to infuse classrooms statewide with these teaching methods.

But because teachers rarely stop to find out exactly how well each child reads, and because schools are still dominated by a whole-language dogma that scorns systematic phonics, it takes an Allen Tyler to shake things up, Cupp believes. For the past two years, Eric Tyler has been reading at his proper grade level.

Cupp has told his story to federal officials, and to teachers across the state, because she sees it as a symbol of Georgia's turning point in reading.

Williams, the principal, had convened six or seven teachers and administrators to explain the situation to the angry Allen Tyler, but he immediately took control of the meeting and asked if he could bring in Eric, then a sixth-grader. Sure, the educators said.

"Eric, you know all these people?" said the father.

"Yes, sir."

"Tell you what. Get out your social studies book. Now turn to a section you've covered."

Eric stumbled over one-syllable words. It was the best he could do, at age 12. But the father, a high school dropout, knew the boy had to learn to read or he would not be able to hold a job and family together.

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Campus crime raises questions about police involvement

N. Y. Times Service

The alleged rape of a Harvard University undergraduate late last month, and its omission from the police blotter when a suspect was arrested, is fueling the debate over how university police and administrators should report campus crimes.

For years, federal and state laws have required colleges to keep statistics on certain crimes, such as murder, assault, and underage drinking, and to make them available to everyone, including students, parents, and employees. Schools must also keep their police logs open to the public.

But over the past six months, student newspapers at both Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have uncovered at least three high-profile cases that were either partially or completely omitted from police-issued logs, raising suspicions among students and critics that the schools are trying to hide such information.

■ In August, Harvard police arrested

Sung Hoon Cho, a 25-year-old male summer school student, for allegedly raping a female student. Although the alleged rape was reported on the police blotter, it was not placed on the department's Internet log, the version that is most often picked up by campus newspapers.

■ The death of MIT freshman Scott L. Krueger from binge drinking at an MIT fraternity in September was never included on the MIT police logs that are sent to campus publications, even though the death had been quickly reported by Boston news media. Two subsequent incidents involving underage drinking at MIT fraternities were also omitted from the "Crime Watch" logs.

■ Last week, Harvard police logs failed to note Joshua Elster's arrest for allegedly raping another student. As a result, the allegation was not reported by the student newspaper until four days later.

"The campus police department is happy to go public about a new program or a public service project," MIT students wrote in a December editorial in the news-

paper, The Tech, after noting the missing items from the reports they received from police. "But when an incident causes controversy or brings damaging media attention, it's another story altogether."

The police chiefs at Harvard and MIT acknowledge inconsistencies in the ways they keep their records, but they attribute the flaws mostly to human error. They and many of their counterparts at other colleges say the problem is not about trying to cover up information, but managing it.

"We're really trying hard to get information out to students and faculty so that they can see the types of calls we're responding to for them," said Harvard Police Chief Francis "Bud" Riley, a former State Police officer who took over the Harvard job two years ago. "We just haven't gotten over the threshold of total accuracy yet."

Many campus police departments today are still trying to catch up with the requirements of federal laws enacted seven years ago. At the same time, the

departments are trying to bring their information systems into the 1990s.

But Reilly and his counterparts may soon have even bigger headaches if a bill passes Congress this year that would add more rules for reporting campus crimes.

The bill, the Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act, would add several categories of crimes that colleges must include in their annual reports and would require them to report all incidents, not just those that result in an arrest.

At MIT, where police often edit the logs that are sent to newspapers by removing some information, such as medical transports to health services, Chief Anne Glavin called that proposed requirement "ridiculous."

She added, "We give out the highlights on campus. It's burdensome to record every single incident."

Unlike the 1990 Campus Security Act, which many schools have failed to comply with, the new bill also proposes to punish schools that violate the law by withholding a small but significant portion of

federal money they receive.

William A. Healey, a Framingham, Mass. consultant who compiled a ranking of dangerous college campuses last fall based on crime reports filed by hundreds of colleges, said the new bill would help eliminate some of the disparity that currently exists in the ways colleges report crimes.

"What goes on in campus crime logs is unaudited except by the police chief at a local university," Healey said. "I think cops try hard, but the data is scattered all over the place."

A controversial provision to the bill would require universities to open their judicial proceedings, although that requirement, congressional sources say, is likely to be removed when the bill is redrafted in committee. Many college administrators argue that opening up disciplinary proceedings would violate students' privacy rights, especially in rape and sexual assault cases.

American jet crash lands, passengers avoid injury

CHICAGO (AP) — An American Airlines jet carrying 121 people missed a runway when it landed at O'Hare International Airport on Monday, heavily damaging the plane and leaving frantic passengers screaming.

No one was hurt on Flight 1340, although a firefighter helping evacuate passengers from the Boeing 727 cut his head.

"It was pretty chaotic. Everybody was screaming," an unidentified passenger told WGN-TV.

A passenger on the plane told WBBM-AM radio that the plane bounced a couple of times, tearing his seat belt and causing the seat in front of him to come loose from its floor mount.

"I think we all feel pretty fortunate," he said.

Fog was dense and visibility was a quarter-mile at 9:57 a.m. when the plane landed, although authorities could not say if weather was a factor.

American spokesman Al Comeaux said the airline would not discuss damage to the aircraft. But television footage showed the plane resting on its belly in a muddy field with an engine broken off and a piece of landing gear lying several yards away. Damage to a wing could also be seen.

Shelly Hazle, a spokeswoman for the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, said the jet landed 200 yards short of the runway and eventually came to rest in the mud.

Ms. Hazle said the NTSB was sending a team to investigate. She had no information on plane damage beyond the landing gear. She did not know if the plane notified air traffic controllers of any problem before landing.

Terry Nichols asks for new bomb trial

DENVER (AP) — Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols asked for a new trial Monday, contending the government failed to disclose "tens of thousands" of witness statements.

The defense said it learned late in the trial, after Nichols' defense had finished, that the government failed to disclose "an enormous number" of witness statements considered leads by the FBI.

Some FBI leads led to damaging information against the government's case during the trial.

Among them were notes from FBI agent Chris Budke that showed a witness told him it was a gray pickup, not a dark pickup like the one owned by Nichols, that was seen at a park where investigators said the bomb was built.

Also submitted Monday were documents regarding Nichols' sentencing, which has yet to be scheduled.

The defense argued in the documents that Nichols should serve no more than six years in prison. Prosecutors pressed for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

Nichols' attorneys argued he deserves the lesser sentence because he faces a state trial for murder charges that he was acquitted of at his federal trial. He was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter.

Prosecutors in Oklahoma have vowed to seek the death penalty at the state trial. Co-conspirator Timothy McVeigh also faces state charges.



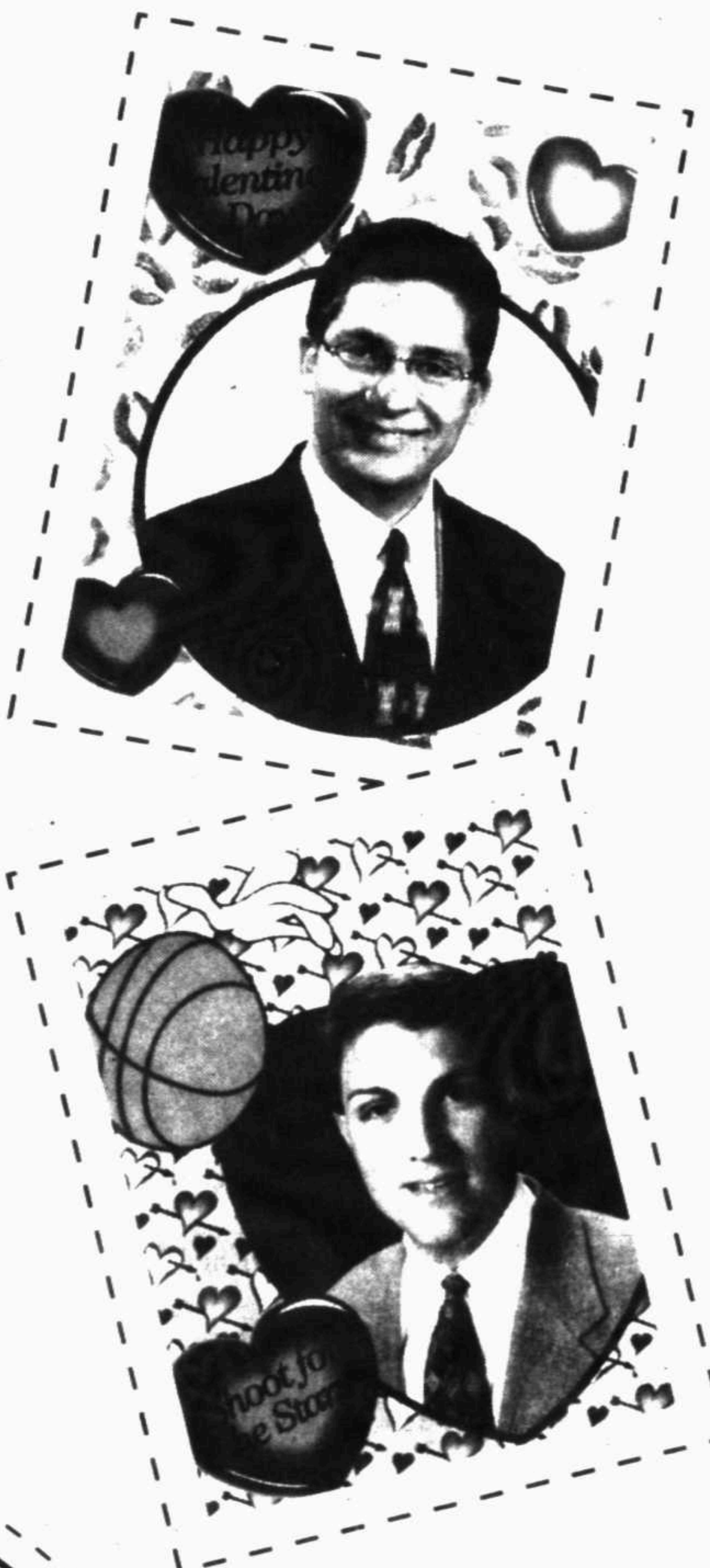
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OLYMPICS — Winter Games, luge (women's singles, run 1), nordic skiing (women's 5k classic), curling (men's and women's competitions), figure skating (pairs free skate), at Nagano, Japan (same-day tape), noon, TNT.

Figure skating (pairs, free program), ski jumping (individual, normal hill), speed skating (men's 500m, second race), luge (women's singles, runs 1 and 2), cross-country skiing (women's 5km classic), at Nagano, Japan (same-day tape), 7 p.m., CBS.

NCAA BASKETBALL — Indiana at Purdue, 6:30 p.m., ESPN. Arkansas at Georgia, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.

NBA — Dallas Mavericks at New Jersey Nets, 6:30 p.m., FSS. Seattle SuperSonics at Houston Rockets, 7 p.m., TNT.

BOXING — USBA champion Brian Barbosa (22-3-0) vs. Antwon Echols (23-3-0) for USBA/NABF middleweight championship; junior middleweights, Anthony Jones (37-7-2) vs. Alex Bunema (13-0-0), 8 p.m., USA.

SOCCER — CONCACAF Gold Cup IV, semifinal 1, teams TBA, 10 p.m., FOX.

Sports Today

PREP BASKETBALL — Midland High boys vs. Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Chaparral Center.

Abilene High girls at Midland Lee, 7:30 p.m.

Midland Lee boys at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.

Midland High girls at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.

PREP SOCCER — Odessa High boys at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.

Odessa Permian girls at Midland Lee, 4:30 p.m.

Midland High girls at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.

Midland Lee girls at Odessa Permian, 5:30 p.m.

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	Conf.	Season
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Midland College	8 1	19 6
Howard College	8 1	23 1
South Plains	7 2	17 9
Clarendon College	6 3	15 4
New Mexico JC	4 5	10 9
Odessa College	1 8	8 14
Frank Phillips	1 8	5 14
Western Texas	1 8	6 18

Monday's Results
Midland College 87, New Mexico Junior College 57; South Plains 87, Frank Phillips 50; Clarendon College 60, Odessa College 58; Howard College 79, Western Texas 54.

Thursday's Games
Midland at Howard; Odessa at Frank Phillips; New Mexico Military at Clarendon; New Mexico JC at South Plains.

WJCAC Men

	Conf.	Season
	W L	W L
Howard College	7 2	14 11
Midland College	6 3	20 3
South Plains	6 3	15 10
New Mexico JC	5 4	14 9
Odessa College	4 5	11 17
Frank Phillips	4 5	11 13
N. Mexico Military	3 6	8 14
Clarendon	1 8	9 10

Monday's Results
Midland College 78, New Mexico JC 72; Frank Phillips 82, South Plains 76; Odessa College 89, Clarendon College 59; Howard College 86, New Mexico Military 78.

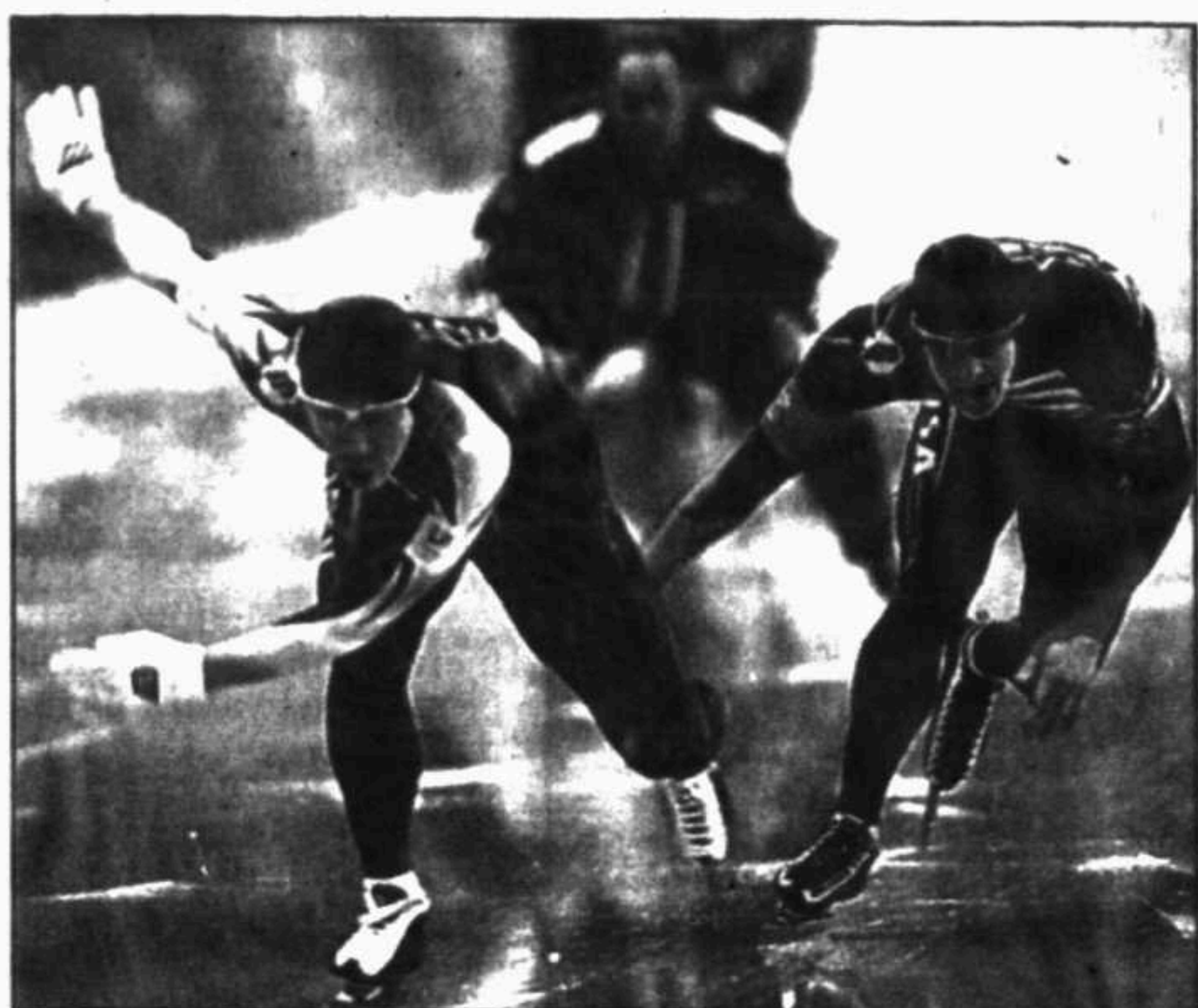
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AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 8, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Carolina (68)	24-1	1,748	2
2. Duke	21-2	1,624	1
3. Arizona (2)	21-3	1,608	4
4. Kansas	26-3	1,589	3
5. Utah	20-1	1,437	5
6. Connecticut	21-3	1,368	7
7. Kentucky	21-3	1,300	8
8. Purdue	20-4	1,230	10
9. UCLA	18-4	1,147	6
10. Princeton	18-1	1,077	11
11. New Mexico	18-3	1,024	12
12. Arkansas	20-3	999	14
13. Michigan St.	17-4	907	16
14. Stanford	19-3	894	9
15. South Carolina	17-4	748	13
16. West Virginia	19-4	572	15
17. George Washington	20-3	519	22
18. Mississippi	15-5	486	17
19. Cincinnati	17-5	385	20
20. Massachusetts	17-6	382	23
21. Michigan	17-7	298	18
22. Texas Christian	20-4	256	—
23. Syracuse	17-5	245	19
24. Maryland	17-7	239	25
25. Rhode Island	17-5	176	—

Others receiving votes: Xavier 128, Indiana 100, Illinois 63, St. John's 54, Iowa 20.



U.S. skater Casey FitzRandolph from Verona, Wis., right, was in third place on the first day of the 500 meters men's speed skating competition of the Winter Olympics in Nagano.

Native skater flies

■ Shimizu leads 500 speed skating, American FitzRandolph 3rd.

By Nicholas D. Kristof
N.Y. Times News Service

NAGANO, Japan — Eleven men surpassed the old Olympic record in the 500-meter speed-skating competition Monday, as Hiroyasu Shimizu emerged in first place in the first day of racing and raised hopes that he might become the first Japanese athlete in the 1998 Winter Games to win a gold medal.

Kevin Overland of Canada was in second place after the first day, and Casey FitzRandolph of the

United States was in third. Shimizu, a shy, mild-mannered 23-year-old skater who is also the world record-holder, did not claim any credit but instead scolded himself in front of a crowd of thrilled Japanese reporters.

He said he was stiff around the first corner and did not concentrate enough during the race. But then, with a twinkle in his eye, Shimizu added that he might be able to come up with an even faster time on Tuesday.

"If I get a good start tomorrow, I should be OK," he said.

Shimizu, a small man with longish dyed-brown hair in the current fashion of young rebels in

Japan, comes across in person as relaxed and diffident. He is just the opposite on ice, cutting an intense figure, speeding along like a bullet in his black uniform, only his face visible peeping out of his aerodynamic suit.

The skaters will race again on Tuesday, and the medals will go to those with the lowest combined time for the two races. The gap between the top racers is slim enough that it would be quite possible for another good racer to come up with an extra-fast second race and emerge with the gold.

The blizzard of records in part reflected new technology, for many of the skaters — including

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Midland College scores crucial sweep

Lady Chaps recover with 30-point win to stay tied atop WJCAC

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

The perception was that the Midland College women went into Monday's game with New Mexico Junior College as the favorites.

Of course, the 24th-ranked Lady Chaps were also the ones to beat last Thursday at South Plains College.

However, Monday's reality was different. A different MC team took the court at the Chap, and the result was an 87-57 win over NMJC in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

"Tonight was way, way better," said MC freshman post Janice Thomas, who tied for a game-high 21 points and pulled down eight rebounds. "I don't think we came ready to play (against South Plains). Tonight, we were ready. If all 13 of us come out ready to play, we will be a better team. Thursday, we weren't on the same page."

The win puts MC at 19-6 overall, but more importantly, 8-1 in conference which places MC in a tie with Howard College — which defeated Frank Phillips Monday — on top of the WJCAC standings. It sets up a contest for the conference lead, and probably the outright conference title, Thursday in Big Spring.

"It will be tough," MC coach Ron Jones said. "We have never won over there. Last year, we shared the title with Howard and now we have a chance to win the conference."

"Howard is a really big game," said MC's Jill Davis, one of five sophomores on the team. "We want to go out and win the conference and we have been waiting for this game since we played them the first time."

Although there is now anticipation towards the Howard game, the focus Monday was on NMJC. The Lady Chaps played solid defensively, forcing 38 turnovers and holding NMJC to 36 percent (21-of-58 shooting).

MC also won the battles on the boards, outrebounding NMJC 49-32. Last Thursday, a smaller SPC team out-rebounded MC 52-43.

"Defensively, we had a lot of people have a good game," Jones said. "Our half-court defense gave them a lot of trouble. I was happy with our defensive effort."

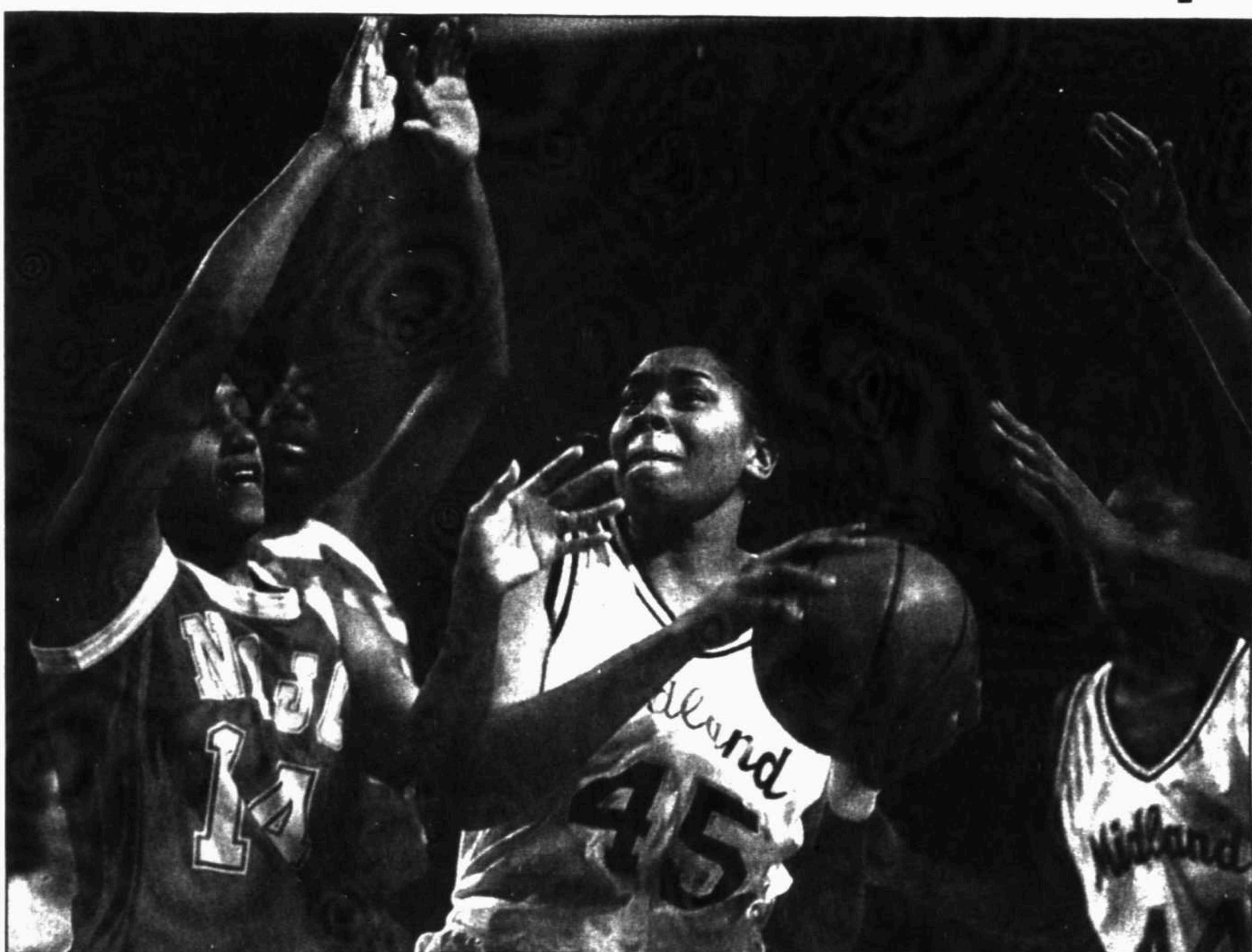
Offensively, MC spread out the scoring, although Thomas, the team's leading scorer, had her way inside with 21 points on 9-of-11 shooting.

Candy Mitchell added 12 and Amie Kane scored 10. The Lady Chaps shot 44 percent, which isn't exceptional, but MC made up of the misses with 23 offensive rebounds. Thomas had five.

"There was lot more intensity," Jones said. "We did a lot of things better."

The Lady Chaps blew open the game in the

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Autumn Johnson (center) goes up with the ball for Midland College while being defended by LaToya North (left) of New Mexico Junior College in the Lady Chaps' 87-57 victory Monday night at the Chaparral Center. Looking on for Midland College is Janice Thomas.

Chaps get even with win over NMJC

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

This time, the last three-tenths-of-a-second didn't decide the outcome of the game between Midland College and New Mexico Junior College.

Instead, the Chaparrals showed intensity, fire, and had some sweet revenge on their minds in a 78-72 victory over the Thunderbirds at Chaparral Center Monday night.

What happened the night of Jan. 15 in Hobbs, N.M., — a 66-65 loss to NMJC — when the Chaps were called for a technical for players leaving the bench with 0.3 left in the game is erased for now. The Chaps got their revenge, and more importantly, the win which improved MC to 20-3 overall and 6-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. The Chaps

are tied for second with South Plains after the Texans lost 82-76 at Frank Phillips.

The Chaps next turn their attention to Howard on Thursday. Midland College, however, will savor the win at the moment.

"This was a good win," said an emotionally-worn-out MC coach Pat Rafferty. "I thought we played better than what the score indicated. We had great shots and good execution. I thought our purpose of play, offensively, was good tonight. I thought our defense was solid. We forced some turnovers and some traveling calls against them."

"They (Chaps) had more interest tonight. I think they wanted to win and I think they wanted to do some things. It was a good win for this one game but

we've got some more to go."

For the MC players, this was also a satisfying win, but they know that there's still work to do if they want to win the conference championship.

"We really wanted this game for revenge," said 6-foot-4 forward Dejuan Daniel, who along with Harold Arceneaux had a game-high 21 points. "Another reason we wanted this was because this was a game we needed. We still have a chance to win the conference. This wasn't the best win, and we know that we can't get satisfied."

"We just felt we had to get back to where we were," said Arceneaux, the 6-5 forward from New Orleans. "We knew we had to come out and play hard. We're not quite back to where we were but we're getting there."

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Now is time for local hoop squads to make move

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Area Basketball

With the postseason getting closer and closer, making the playoffs is coming down to a combination of scenarios and on-the-court play.

It is a time of year in which players and coaches live for.

At Greenwood, the scenarios have been drawn out and game plans studied, because tonight in a road doubleheader at Colorado City, the boys and girls teams start their most important stretch of games — important because their future playoff lives, or lack thereof, depend on their performances now.

"Being in a position to have a big game is what makes it fun this time of year," Greenwood girls coach Allan Wootan said. "To play it out it is more fun when you are playing for something."

The Greenwood boys (15-11 overall) are in a three-team fight for one spot in District 4-3A. Greenwood, Colorado City and Crane all share 4-3 district records, making this race one which is sure to go to the last game.

In looking for a team with an advantage with three games to go, Greenwood and Crane come to the forefront due to scheduling. Greenwood plays at Colorado City and then hosts Reagan County and Crane. Colorado City hosts Greenwood before playing Crane and Sonora. Crane goes to Kermit, hosts Colorado City and travels to Greenwood.

All three teams play each other once, but Greenwood has 0-7 Reagan County as its third game. Crane has 2-5 Kermit while Colorado City has 7-0 Sonora.

That advantage, and having Crane at home in the district finale, could make a win tonight at Colorado City that much more important.

"If we win tomorrow, we are in control of our own destiny," Greenwood boys coach Justin Morett said. "That will help to be at home the last two games. Our fans have been great, so home court advantage will mean a lot. We need to win out really."

Greenwood is coming off a tough loss Friday to Sonora, which will clinch a district title with one more win. In the 57-54 overtime loss, the Rangers made just eight of 21 free throws.

It was the second time free throw shooting prevented the Rangers from walking away with a win. The other came in a first-round loss at Crane.

"They carried out their game plan," Morett said. "Coming short by two points

at Crane and three at Sonora made it tough, but this is a hard working group."

"They will stay hungry. They have been playoffs before and it would mean a lot to them and the school to get there again."

In two of Morett's previous three seasons at Greenwood, the Rangers have made the playoffs. In those two seasons (1995 and 1997), the Rangers captured district crowns.

"We just want to get in right now," Morett said. "I wish we were district champs, but if we can get in the playoffs and do something positive, we can hold our heads up."

THE GREENWOOD GIRLS can also make a run at the playoffs, but have to go through a couple tough teams to do so. Greenwood, which is 14-13 overall,

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Jones calls back Lewis for 3rd coaching interview

DALLAS (AP) — The Jerry Jones coaching combine continued in Indianapolis Monday as the Dallas Cowboys owner interviewed Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis for a third time.

Jones, whose hunt for a head coach has dragged into its fifth week, also talked for a second time with Pittsburgh Steelers offensive coordinator Chan Gailey.

Jones told Dallas TV station KDFW his quest could be over by the end of this week.

He previously had promised a decision by the middle of last week, before former UCLA coach Terry Donahue reportedly turned down Jones' job offer. Jones has been conducting interviews this week at the NFL combine in Indianapolis.

"I get fired up about being a part of the Dallas Cowboys because the people and the individuals I've talked to are fired up about being a part of the Dallas Cow-

boys," Jones said.

The candidates hoping to succeed Barry Switzer say they don't mind waiting for Jones' decision.

"He's taking his time," Lewis said Monday. "I think he made some pretty quick decisions when he hired Jimmy (Johnson) and when he hired Barry because he knew them. They were great friends of his."

Lewis said he feels no more confident about his chances just because he has had three interviews.

"They're all outstanding candidates he's talking to, all outstanding football people. I'm just happy I had a chance to visit with him again," he said.

Jones also has spoken with former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert and says Donahue is still in the running. Gailey emerged as a candidate during the combine.

Jones had plans to talk further with Gailey on Monday night.

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Local Basketball today

Boys

Midland High
Opponent: District 4-5A foe Abilene Cooper.
Where: Chaparral Center.
When: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Midland High, having clinched the district championship, is 26-2 overall and 9-1 in district. Cooper is 16-12 and 5-4.

4-5A Significance: Almost nil for Midland High, but Cooper has plenty of incentive. The Cougars, tied for fourth with Midland Lee, must win if they are to have a realistic shot of claiming one of the two remaining playoff spots.

Notes: This will be the first of what amounts to two tune-up games this week for Midland High, which will have a first round bye due to winning the district championship. After learning that they had to forfeit a win because of an ineligible player, the Bulldogs made it a moot point by blowing out San Angelo Central 90-55 Friday night. The Big Three of Kirby Lemons, Charles Tatum and Jay Christian contributed equally to the onslaught, each scoring 23 points. Cooper should offer more of a challenge. In the first meeting between the two teams, the Cougars actually led by a point entering the fourth quarter before Midland rallied for a 65-55 victory. Tatum led the Bulldogs in that game with 28 points.

Next Action: Midland High closes its district schedule on the road Friday at 7:30 p.m. with a game at Odessa High.

Midland Lee
Opponent: District 4-5A foe Abilene High.
Where: Abilene High gym.
When: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Lee is 16-12 overall and 5-4 in district, tied for fourth. Abilene High 19-12, 6-4, tied for second.

4-5A Significance: To say this is a vital game for both teams would be an understatement. If Lee wins and Cooper loses to Midland High, the Rebels will move into a tie for second with Odessa Permian. A loss, and Lee would need a lot of help to make the playoffs. Abilene High would be in second place all alone with a victory.

Notes: The Rebels are returning to action after a bye Friday. They suffered a heartbreaking loss in their last game, falling to Cooper 53-56 when Cooper's Clay Jowers hit a desperation 3-pointer to win the game. Abilene High is coming off a tough loss as well, having fallen 69-66 to Odessa High. When AHS and Lee met at the Chap Center on Jan. 16, the Rebels won a thrilling double overtime game 82-81. Chancy Ephraim, Lee's leading scorer, had 27 points and scored

the game-winning shot on an offensive rebound in the second overtime. Ephraim rebounded a miss by Matt Winston, who also had 27 points, a career high.

Next Action: Lee will host Odessa Permian in a district game Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Chap Center.

Midland High Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Kirby Lemons	28	284	122	712	25.4
Charles Tatum	28	189	71	519	18.5
Jay Christian	28	149	83	397	14.2
Blake Johnston	20	41	26	113	5.7
Ross Nobles	28	33	28	114	4.1
Patrick Anderson	28	48	11	107	3.8
Camar Jackson	28	36	9	86	3.1
Chris Cox	14	14	4	33	2.4
Josh Fernau	22	16	4	36	1.8
Brent Winter	25	10	9	30	1.2
Eric Patterson	19	9	4	22	1.2
Jessie Nicholson	20	4	9	19	1.0
Jason Williams	21	3	11	18	0.9
Kris O'Brien	22	7	1	17	0.8
Antone Lathan	13	4	1	10	0.8
Taylor Moody	18	4	3	13	0.7
Randy Gardner	17	2	7	11	0.7
Geoffrey Jameson	19	2	1	5	0.3
Robert O'Neal	3	0	0	0	0.0
Melvin Jackson	7	0	0	0	0.0

Three-Point Goals: Tatum 20, Nobles 20, Christian 14, Williams 8, Fernau 3, Nicholson 2, O'Brien 2, Lemons 2, Johnston 1, Cox 1, Lathan 1, Moody 1.

Midland Lee Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Chancy Ephraim	28	245	98	617	22.0
Robert House	28	94	14	280	10.0
Aaron Erdwurm	25	63	30	157	6.3
Blake Hensley	26	54	12	159	6.1
Matt Winston	26	53	35	147	5.7
Josh Brewster	23	46	10	102	4.4
Jake Lacy	28	33	19	92	3.3
Jeremy Conaway	6	8	3	19	3.2
Orlando Castillo	29	21	7	52	1.8
Ken Myer	10	8	3	20	2.0
Keith Rotan	15	9	6	26	1.7
Brandon Cobb	22	2	2	14	0.4
Derrick Walker	8	3	2	11	1.4
J.R. Norman	1	0	1	1	1.0

Three-Point Goals: House 78, Hensley 39, Ephraim 29, Lacy 8, Winston 5, Walker 3, Castillo 4, Cobb 2, Rotan 2, Erdwurm 1, Myer 1.

Girls

Midland Lee
Opponent: District 4-5A foe Abilene High.

Where: Lee High gym.

When: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Lee is 6-19 overall and 2-9 in district. Abilene High is 12-15 and 3-8.

4-5A Significance: Only pride is at stake. With a win, the Lady Rebels would avoid ending the season alone in the 4-5A cellar.

Notes: Lee is looking to avoid both a 20-loss season and a 10th straight district defeat. The Lady Rebels, who were off Friday, lost to Abilene Cooper 75-49 last Tuesday. Abilene High, on the other hand, has played better than its record has indicated over the last three games, winning two in a row, including a 72-61 triumph over Odessa High Friday. The Lady Eagles defeated Lee 58-53 in the first meeting

between the two teams. Lee coach Elise Kall has indicated that post Tamika Thurman, the team's lone returning senior, could possibly be cleared to play tonight. Thurman, the team's second leading scorer, has been out since Dec. 31 with a broken left foot and would be returning tonight for her final home game.

Midland High

Opponent: District 4-5A foe Abilene Cooper.

Where: Cooper High gym.

When: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Midland High is 15-11 overall and 6-5 in district. Cooper is 17-11 and 7-4.

4-5A Significance: As cut and dried as it gets, Midland High must win to force a playoff for the district's third and final playoff spot. If the Lady Dawgs win, they will play Cooper again, most likely Friday night. A loss, and their season is over. With a win, Cooper still has a shot at a district championship, but has to hope San Angelo Central loses to Odessa High.

Notes: After comfortably sitting in first place with a 6-2 mark, Midland High's season now comes down to this one game. The Lady Dawgs have lost three straight, including two in a row by two points when last-second game-tying shots wouldn't go in. The last-breaker was a 47-45 loss at Central Friday. Morgan Kelley had one of her best games of the season with 14 points. Thoughts of close games won't be any more pleasant when the Lady Dawgs face Cooper. When the two teams played in Midland, Cooper won 49-46.

Midland High Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Hedi Lange	26	128	80	355	13.7
Rebecca Nobles	26	112	60	288	11.1
Michelle Acosta	25	45	43	136	5.4
Edrea Rogers	26	55	14	138	5.3
Morgan Kelley	26	53	30	136	5.2
Blanca Lane	22	35	32	102	4.6
Sonia Castillo	25	36	27	103	4.1
Lindsay Jones	23	19	15	53	2.3
Tawney Foy	26	23	7	57	2.2
Heather Wells	21	9	2	22	1.0
Misty Calhoun	16	4	7	15	0.9
Erin Rogers	5	2	0	2	0.5
Clanessa Leonard	4	1	0	2	0.5

Three-Point Goals: Lange 19, Edrea Rogers 14, Nobles 4, Foy 4, Acosta 3.

Midland Lee Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Maureen Strambler	25	128	72	365	14.6
Tamika Thurman	15	66	34	169	11.3
Rochelle Warren	21	53	26	133	6.3
Valerie Morgan	25	39	25	127	5.1
Heather Wells	39	39	93	93	4.9
Christina Brown	24	36	21	93	3.9
Dee Frazier	25	22	18	69	2.8
Danielle Dickey	26	11	2	24	0.9
Julie Jay	23	13	18	42	1.8
Clanessa Leonard	19	9	6	27	1.4
Andrea Long	22	10	5	29	1.3
Alison Newton	22	7	19	0	0.9
Katie McLane	19	5	6	16	0.8

Three-Point Goals: Strambler 37, Frazier 7, Wells 4, Long 4, Thurman 3, Valenzuela 1, Dickey 1.

Niners release vets in cost-cutting move

By Dennis Georgatos
 AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Rod Woodson and Kevin Greene, former Pro Bowlers who helped the San Francisco 49ers defense attain a No. 1 ranking last season, were waived Monday in a dramatic cost-cutting move.

The 49ers gained \$5.9 million in salary cap space by releasing the two, both of whom starred elsewhere and had productive campaigns for San Francisco in their only season with the team.

"Even though we anticipate an increase to the salary cap, it won't be enough to allow us to keep Rod and Kevin at their current salaries," general manager Dwight Clark said in a statement.

Clark left the door open for the possible return of the players, though it would be at lower pay.

"We would like to have both players back and will continue to work with their agents, Eugene Parker and David Dunn, respectively, to see if we can agree on something down the line," Clark said.

Parker and Dunn did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment on the players' release or their future plans.

Woodson, a seven-time Pro Bowler in 10 seasons with Pittsburgh and a member of the NFL's 75th anniversary team, joined San Francisco prior to last season as a free agent. Greene also joined the

49ers as a free agent after being released by Carolina at the end of a bitter contract dispute.

Greene finished with 10.5 sacks as a situational pass-rusher after leading the league with 14 1/2 sacks while with the Panthers in 1996.

Woodson had three interceptions as a starting cornerback for the 49ers but struggled in his last game for San Francisco, a loss to the Green Bay Packers in the NFC championship game. The Packers successfully attacked San Francisco's secondary, using quick slants and turning them into big plays by breaking tackles.

The 49ers have been in administrative disarray as team owners Eddie DeBartolo and his sister, Denise DeBartolo York, struggle over control of the franchise. The feud has thrown the team's plans for a new \$255 million stadium, a major project into doubt.

But the releases of Woodson and Greene were not entirely unexpected. San Francisco is anxious to gain cap room so they can try to resign defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield, the defensive player of the year who becomes eligible for free agency later this week.

The 49ers also hope to retain full-back William Floyd, who like Stubblefield is eligible for free agency. At the same time, the 49ers gained flexibility in the free agent market and may go shopping for offensive line help and more overall team speed.

Boston U. wins touted local hockey tourney

By Howard Ulman
 AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Freshman Nick Gillis' overtime goal gave his senior teammates at Boston University an unprecedented honor — four Beanpot tournament championships in four years.

The Terriers beat Harvard 2-1 Monday night when Gillis scored 5:51 into the extra session on a power play when he tapped in Tom Poti's pass to the front of the crease.

BU had taken a 1-0 lead on Chris Drury's goal at 9:16 of the second period, but Harry Schwefel tied the game at 13:13 of the third.

In the consolation game, Boston College beat Northeastern 4-1. The Terriers (20-4-2) continued their domination of the tournament featuring Boston's four major hockey schools. They won for the 21st time in its 46-year history and for the seventh time in nine years.

And their six seniors became the first players to win it four times. The only other time a school won four consecutive Beanpots was from 1970-73 when BU did it. But freshmen weren't eligible to play then.

Drury gave BU a 1-0 lead with his 17th goal of the season and 102nd of his career. Poti carried the puck all the way up the left side and passed to Drury, just in front

of the crease. Drury scored as he was being knocked off balance by Mark Moore.

Harvard (8-11-2) became more aggressive in the third period and it paid off when Schwefel fired a 35-footer between Tom Noble's pads.

BU got its big break when Brett Chodorow was penalized at 5:28 of overtime for holding Drury. BU's all-time leading scorer.

Poti, who assisted on Drury's goal, skated to the right circle and spotted an opening as Gillis, who had just three goals before Monday, got behind Harvard captain Jeremiah McCarthy and forward Clayton Rodgers.

Gillis tipped the puck past sprawling goalie J.R. Prestifilippo. Part of Harvard's downfall was its failure on power plays, going 0-for-3. Harvard was 1-for-28 with the man advantage in its last six games.

Through the first 13 years, the Terriers won the tournament once. But they've won 20 of the 33 since then. And BU is 17-3 over the last 10 years of Beanpot play, losing only to Harvard.

Harvard had the worst record in the tournament but reached the finals with a 5-4 overtime win over Boston College a week earlier. BU advanced with a 4-1 win over Northeastern.

In the consolation game, Andy Powers scored two goals.

Rangers right-hander Sturte to have arthroscopic surgery

Bloomberg News

ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers right-handed pitcher Tanyon Sturte will have arthroscopic surgery on his pitching shoulder Wednesday, the team said.

Sturte, who had pain in the shoulder while pitching winter ball in Venezuela in December, will be out indefinitely and won't join the Rangers in spring training, the team said.

The 27-year-old Sturte was 8-6 with a 5.10

earned run average in 25 games at Triple-A Oklahoma City and 1-1 with an 8.27 ERA in nine games with the Rangers last season.

He has a career record of 2-1 with an 8.47 ERA in 17 games.

MEN: Chaps next face Howard College

(From 1C)

It probably was easy for the players to get up for this game — at least Rafferty made sure of that prior to the contest.

"We had a talk at shoot-around and about the problems we've been having," Daniel said. "We sat down and discussed it and we know what we have to do."

"We felt like they (NMJC) kind of stole it from us the last time," Arceneaux said. "I think we had good shots, and we did a good job of executing tonight. We continue to play like that, then there's nobody that should beat us."

What kept the game a six-point differential came from the Chaps shooting 42 percent from the floor, and the Thunderbirds ability to use their quickness and their ability to take advantage of offensive lulls by Midland College. The Chaps led by as many as 16 points (51-35) in the

second half. The Thunderbirds, which fell to 14-9 overall and 5-4 in WJCAC play, always seemed crawl back to within 10 or single digits.

"New Mexico is a good team," Rafferty said. "You can't relax against them because they will shoot it when you don't expect them to, they're very unpredictable."

The reason the game didn't come down to a referee's call this time around was the ability of some of the Chaps stepping up like freshman guard Calvin Williams, who had one his best offensive outputs of the year with 15 points, including four treys.

"I've been struggling in the past couple of games and I knew I had to do something to get the team back to where it was," Williams said. "I needed to get myself to the way I know how to play and I need-

ed to get my teammates to where they know how to play. We needed a good victory like this to pump us up."

In this conference, if the Chaps didn't know it before, they surely know it now that they have to be ready to play every night. The Hawks, another team that dealt MC a one-point loss (58-57) is the next obstacle, and a game the Chaps need if they want to win the WJCAC title.

"The game at Howard will be the biggest game of the season because we're still in the hunt," Rafferty said. "It's going to require our best 40-minute effort of the season."

Other WJCAC action: Howard stayed one game ahead of South Plains and Midland College in the conference standings with an 86-78 win over New Mexico Military Institute. The Hawks were led by

Elmer Brown with 25, Lamont Roberts with 15, Nate Clower 13, Clifton Cook 12 and Myron Brown with 11.

The Odessa College Wranglers won their third straight with an 89-59 win over Clarendon. "Michael Jacques led OC with 15 points, Will Mayfield had 14, Stan Blackmon 14, and Jacoby Johnson and Keith Stovall chipped in with 10 points each.

Midland College 78, New Mexico JC 72
 New Mexico JC (5-4, 14-9): Brian Russell 23, 2-2 8, William Arnes 13, 0-0 2, Brandon Ridenour 2-2, 0-0 5, Albert Crockett 5-12, 0-0 2, Phil Smith 0-0 0-0, Jerome Brown 6-12, 6-10 18, Rupert McClelland 4-12, 3-8 12, Rafi Stevens 3-5, 9-11 15. Totals: 23-49 40-26 72.

Midland College (63, 20-31): James Ware 29, 0-4 4, Calvin Williams 9-12, 1-5 4, Al Williams 2-6, 1-2 4, Calvin Williams 9-12, 1-5 4, Keith Leslie 2-0, 1-5 4, Dejuan Banks 9-17, 3-4 21, Harold Arceneaux 6-14, 5-5 21, Jason Banks 1-2, 0-1 3, Doug Wade 0-0 0-0 0, Totals: 30-70 11-78.

Halftime: MC 45, NMJC 33. 3-point goals: NMJC 6 (Russell 2, Arnes 0, 2, Ridenour 1, Crockett 2, Brown 0, McClelland 1-4), MC 7-24 (Ware 0-7, Kirk 1-2, Williams 4-8, Leslie 1-5, Banks 1-1). Total Fouls: NMJC 15, MC 19. Fouled out: Wade, Turnovers: NMJC 14, MC 11. Rebounds: NMJC 30 (Stevens 11), MC 35 (Arceneaux 10). Technical fouls: Brown.

WOMEN: Lady Chaps have easy time

(From 1C)

second half. NMJC, 10-9 overall and 4-5 in loop play, had closed the lead to three (41-38) just one minute into the second half, but that served as a wake-up call for MC, who went on a 18-2 run.

During that five minute span, MC held NMJC to 1-of-11 shooting and forced five turnovers. The lead stayed in the upper teens until MC recorded a 12-0 run over the last three minutes.

"We had to play with more inten-

sity," Davis said. "Going into that (the SPC) game we were overconfident. We realized that people weren't going to hand us games and that we had to play 40 minutes. Hopefully, this will get us on track for Howard."

LaToya North had 21 points, tying MC's Thomas for high point honors, however, NMJC's Rachel Grayson was the only other to get into double figures with 11.

CHAP NOTES: Midland College is now 11-1 against New Mex-

ico Junior College... Twelve of the 13 Lady Chaps who played scored... The Lady Chaps had 25 steals, seven coming from Amie Kane,

IN OTHER WJCAC ACTION: Clarendon College defeated Odessa College 60-58 to improve to 15-4 and 6-3. Clarendon was paced by Andrea Watson's 22 points. Kirl Neptune added 17. For OC, Pashon Murray score 14 and Sabrina Marshall 10. The Lady Wranglers fell to 8-4 and 1-8.

Midland College 87, NMJC 57

New Mexico JC (10-9, 4-5): LaToya North 6-11 9-18 21, Shannon Fleming 3-8 1-2 7, Scooter Gray 2-9 0-5 5, Shauna Horner 0-0 0-0 0, Vanessa Dunn 4-11 1-2 9, Rachel Grayson 4-12 3-8 11, Swadlow Genevieve 2-7 0-2 4. Totals: 21-58 42 57.

Midland College (19-6, 8-1): Fatimah Holiday 3-5 1-1 8, Jody Finley 2-8 2-2 6, Shelley Alderman 3-7 1-4 8, Taglie Hunter 2-5 0-0 4, Marie Noddy 3-5 1-2 7, Jill Davis 1-2 0-5 5, Candy Mitchell 3-5 7-9 13, Brooke Bowman 0-3 1-2 1, Holly Turnbough 0-0 0-0 0, Enca Levy 1-5 0-0 2, Janice Thomas 9-11 3-4 21, Autumn Johnson 1-3 0-2 2, Amie Kane 4-8 1-2 10, Totals: 32-72 19-32 87.

Halftime: MC 39, NMJC 32. 3-point Goals: NMJC 1-8 (Clay 1-5, Grayson 0-3), MC 4-18 (Holiday 1-3, Finley 0-4, Alderman 1-2, Davis 1-5, Bowman 0-3, Kane 1-1). Rebounds: NMJC 32 (Grayson 9), MC 49 (Thomas 8). Steals: NMJC 13, MC 25. Turnovers: NMJC 36, MC 28. Assists: NMJC 9, MC 16. Fouls: NMJC 19, MC 22. Fouled out: None.

PLAYOFFS: Greenwood girls need help

(From 1C)

has won its last three district games to improve to 5-3 in district. That places the Rang

LOCAL SPORTS

McAfee wins

55-meter hurdles

NORMAN, Okla. — Baylor's John McAfee, a Midland Lee graduate, won the indoor 55-meter hurdles in 7.34 seconds here over the weekend in the Oklahoma Classic.

The time provisionally qualifies him for the NCAA National Championships in Indianapolis on March 13-14. He also anchored the B-team mile relay to a third place finish with a 3:16.03. McAfee's split was 49.16.

McAfee owns the fifth fastest 400-meter time in the Big 12 with a 48.38. He also has a split of 46.7 seconds on Baylor's B-team mile relay team, which posted a 3:11.28 at the Iowa State Invitational recently.

Stallings runs

personal best

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Stanton graduate Jeremy Stallings ran a personal best time Saturday at the mile run of the Barnett Bank Indoor Track and Field Meet at the University of Florida indoor track. Stallings had a time of 4:01.22, a 2.2 seconds to qualify for the USA Track and Field Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Feb. 27-28.

Goddard soccer

stays unbeaten

The Goddard seventh grade boys soccer team remained undefeated in league play with a 1-0 shutout over Abell.

Goddard goalie Matt Simmons and Isaac Magta have not allowed a goal this season. Matt Kovach scored the lone goal on the day, unassisted.

Trinity sweeps

The Midland Trinity seventh and eighth grade girls posted basketball victories over Forsan Monday.

The seventh grade girls got 23 points from Susan Stasney for a 49-7 win. Olivia Holland and Stephanie Walton both added eight points as every girl on the team scored. Trinity is 13-5 for the year.

Stasney also led the eighth grade team (6-12) to a 33-26 win with 20 points. Holland also had six points.

The Trinity boys eighth grade also defeated Forsan, 48-14 to climb to 15-7 for the year as Jay Whisnand had 11 points and eight rebounds and Cole Meyer added 10 points.

The Trinity seventh grade boys now own a 23-1 record for the season after a 62-44 win over Forsan. Trevor Stoltz ran in 22 points while Andrew Anderson added 12.

Daytona 500 remains NASCAR's largest

By Mike Harris

AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Darrell Waltrip needed 17 years to do it. Dale Earnhardt still hasn't done it.

Winning the Daytona 500 is something special on a NASCAR driver's resume.

When Waltrip won, he danced from foot to foot in Victory Circle and looked into the television lens and screamed, "I just won the Daytona 500."

Earnhardt, the seven-time Winston Cup champion and winner of 70 races, will try for his initial Daytona 500 victory on Sunday in his 20th attempt on the historic 1 1/2-mile oval.

It gnaws at Earnhardt that he hasn't won the biggest stock car race of them all, especially since he leads all drivers with 29 other victories at Daytona International Speedway.

Earnhardt has become accustomed at Daytona to walking into a room and stating in a loud voice, "I still ain't won the Daytona 500," just to get the whole matter out of the way and make his case that losing isn't really all that bad.

But it must be particularly galling to the 46-year-old intimidator that 26-year-old Jeff Gordon, now the biggest star in the NASCAR firmament, is the defending Daytona 500 winner.

"It don't eat at me or anything," Earnhardt says of his 0-for-19 Daytona 500 streak, which includes 10 top-five and three runner-up finishes. "I want to win the race. I want to win it real bad. But if I end my career without winning the Daytona 500, it won't mean I've failed or anything."

"I've won a few other races and those championships, and I'm not done, yet. But I don't want Waltrip sitting in a rocking chair ribbing me about his Daytona 500 win and me not having won one."

Knobloch wants to make presence felt

By Ronald Blum

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Chuck Knobloch, in Yankee Stadium for the first time as a Yankee, sounded a lot like George Steinbrenner.

"I hate losing," he said Monday. "I never get used to it. I never will get used to it."

The All-Star second baseman, acquired from Minnesota last week for four minor leaguers and \$3 million, wanted to escape the low-budget Twins, 68-94 last season and 18 1/2 games out of first. After helping win the 1991 World Series in his rookie season, Knobloch wanted the chance to play in the postseason again.

As he pushed for Minnesota to trade him, Knobloch was labeled as moody, even selfish. He said it was a byproduct of the losses.

"People are going to say or do whatever they want to say or do whether I like it or not, so I don't really bother me," he said. "That part of my career is over. All I hope is fans appreciated the way I played every night."

Knobloch, unlike some of his predecessors, seems likely to thrive in the often kooky clubhouse in the Bronx. While most of the Yankees live in the suburbs, he plans on living in Manhattan, right in the middle of town.

He says those who claim the

Indeed, Earnhardt is primed to go after a record eighth series title, and he is determined to end a 59-race winless string, the longest in his career, as soon as possible. Winning the Daytona 500 would take care of two of his goals.

Gordon, who will be driving in his sixth Daytona 500, understands how fortunate he is to have won the biggest race so early in his career. "It's a big sigh of relief to get a big one like this in the record books so early in your career," the defending series champion said. "It was the greatest moment of '97."

But Gordon, who has now won all of NASCAR's major races, except the Winston 500 at Talladega, at least once, is still young enough that the real significance of his Daytona win hasn't hit him.

"If you look at a career like Earnhardt's and Rusty (Wallace) and even Terry (Labonte), and they haven't won the Daytona 500, you go, 'Man, look how important it is to those guys,'" Gordon said. "Those guys are thinking about different things than I'm thinking about right now."

"I can tell you that if I look at a list of the biggest races on the circuit, those are the ones I want to win. The Daytona 500 is at the top of that list, but there are other important races, too."

Practice and time trials for the Winston Cup drivers continued Monday, with more of the same Tuesday. The next serious business for the top competitors will be Thursday in the Twin 125-mile qualifying races.

Heralded rookie Steve Park, driving for a new team owned by Earnhardt, led second round qualifying Monday with a lap of 189.498 mph, which would have been good for 16th on the list if he had run it on Saturday in the opening round of time trials. Park was 24th that day.

media mob will rattle him don't understand him.

"I know there's a lot of things I've done wrong in the past and a lot of things I've done right. I know New York's the media mecca. I'm not going to shy away from that," he said. "I think it would be very tough to come in as a rookie, but with seven years under my belt, I think I'm prepared to handle any situation."

Joe Torre did his best not to salivate over his starting lineup, which is right up there with Seattle and Cleveland among the best offenses in the AL. Knobloch will lead off, probably followed by his new double play-mate, shortstop Derek Jeter.

With Tino Martinez, Bernie Williams, Chili Davis and Paul O'Neill following in some order, the Yankees appear set to score a lot of runs.

"It's a great lineup," Knobloch said. "It was hell to defense against as it was."

He hopes Yankees fans will appreciate his hustle. He models himself after Pete Rose.

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Daytona Qualifying

College Basketball

Women's Top 25

By The Associated Press

The top 25 women's college basketball teams, ranked by the Associated Press, are listed below. The teams are ranked by first-place votes in the poll, with first-place votes in parentheses. Records through Feb. 8.

First Round

1. (18) Baylor, 19-1

2. (15) Texas Tech, 19-1

3. (11) Duke, 19-1

4. (10) North Carolina, 18-1

5. (9) Stanford, 18-1

6. (8) Arizona, 18-1

7. (7) Tennessee, 18-1

8. (6) Florida, 18-1

9. (5) Connecticut, 18-1

10. (4) Virginia Tech, 18-1

11. (3) Louisiana Tech, 18-1

12. (2) North Carolina, 18-1

13. (1) Stanford, 18-1

14. (1) Baylor, 18-1

15. (1) Texas Tech, 18-1

16. (1) Duke, 18-1

17. (1) North Carolina, 18-1

18. (1) Stanford, 18-1

19. (1) Baylor, 18-1

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23. (1) Stanford, 18-1

24. (1) Baylor, 18-1

25. (1) Texas Tech, 18-1

26. (1) Duke, 18-1

27. (1) North Carolina, 18-1

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PETER WALPER on the commodities market

Hedging oil can offset fear of price declines

One of the most common commercial applications of futures is the short hedge, which relates to protection of inventory value. Once title is taken to a shipment of oil anywhere along the supply chain, from wellhead to consumer, its value is subject to risk until it is sold or consumed. Because the value of oil in storage or transit is known, a short hedge can be used to essentially lock in the inventory value or profits.

Here is an example of how you, the producer, can use a short hedge to offset the fear of price decline.

Let's say on June 15, you, the producer, anticipated selling in the July cash market 1,000 barrels a day at a July posting of \$20 a barrel. The expected receipts on 25 day's production (25,000 barrels at \$20 each) is \$500,000.

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Bottom line, the cash sale of \$475,000 plus a futures gain of \$25,000 equals the net sum of \$500,000, which is the budgeted sum.

The short hedge is a pretty simple strategy against declining prices. But remember, there can be risk. Sometimes your risk is dependent on basis. Basis is the difference between the cash and the futures price. For the futures trader, the critical period for assessing basis is between the time you enter the futures transaction and the time it is closed or liquidated. Basis can also exist as differences in delivery location, product form or quality.

If a short hedger (a seller of futures) experiences a widening in the basis during the holding of his hedge, a basis loss may result. This



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means cash prices have declined relative to the futures price.

The short hedger's cash loss in a declining market would exceed the gain on the short futures transaction. Or, conversely, the cash gain in a rising market would be exceeded by the loss on the futures transaction.

On the other hand, a basis gain would occur in the case of a long hedge and a widening basis because the futures price would rise relative to the cash price.

You could have used the short hedge strategy to protect profits against the declining oil prices during the fall of 1997. For those producers who didn't hedge, what opportunities are available?

Some examples of strategies to use in rising price markets are reviewed in the NYMEX brochure on energy hedging. If you are interested in receiving a copy, call Peter Walper of Wood Melville Commodity Traders at (915) 570-9535. The brochure is free.

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Strained calf delays Graf's return at Paris

Associated Press

PARIS — Steffi Graf's comeback from knee surgery will have to wait a little longer. This time, a strained calf has forced her to withdraw from the Paris Open.

Graf, the No. 1 women's player for much of this decade, had been set to make her return in this indoor event after an eight-month absence following a knee operation last June.

"It's a great disappointment to me as everything was going so well," Graf said.

Graf went home to Germany and said she hopes to return to tennis as soon as possible. The WTA said doctors expect this injury to clear up in about a week.

It was not immediately known whether she would play in a tournament in Hanover, Germany, Feb. 16-22. The seven-time Wimbledon champion said she injured her left calf while practicing with Barbara Rittner at Roland Garros Stadium on Sunday night, two days before the start of the tournament.

About 45 minutes into the workout, she went for a ball and felt a sharp pain. The trainer treated her with ice, electric stimulation, massage and stretching.

"Unfortunately, it's not responding quickly enough for me to compete here in Paris," Graf said.

This is Graf's fourth aborted comeback. She had hoped to play in a tuneup event in Brisbane, Australia, the Australian Open and then in Tokyo last week.

The 28-year-old German has not played a match since losing to Amanda Coetzer in the quarterfinals of the French Open last June. She had surgery on her left knee shortly after that defeat.

"The calf injury is not related to the knee problem," WTA spokesman Jim Fuhse said.

Graf, who held the top ranking for 374 weeks — longer than any other player — dropped to No. 49 in last week's rankings. However, under a special provision, when she returns she will be ranked No. 3, her position when she stopped last June.

Graf has won 21 major titles and is approaching the record of 24 held by Margaret Court. Graf will start her 16th season when she comes back.

MaliVai Washington defeats

Ramon Delgado in Sybase

SAN JOSE, Calif. — MaliVai Washington says he's happy just walking on the court these days.

After missing eight months of the 1997 season due to a knee injury, Washington saw his ranking drop to its current 354 from a top 20 ranking at the end of 1996. On Monday, Washington won his first-round match in the Sybase Open, defeating Ramon Delgado of Paraguay 7-5, 6-2 at the San Jose Arena.

In other first-round singles matches, seventh-seeded Tommy Haas of Germany beat Spain's

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Juan Albert Viloca 6-1, 6-4; Richey Reneberg defeated South Africa's Grant Stafford 6-4, 6-2; and Jan-Michael Gambill beat Sargis Sargsian of Armenia 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Washington looked strong in beating Delgado in straight sets.

"I was hitting the ball pretty good in practice, and it was a matter of carrying it over into the match," said Washington, who underwent surgery on his left knee on April 30.

"When I don't play for eight months, I feel giddy just walking on the court," Washington said. "It feels like the clock has been rolled back six or seven years. All that matters is just playing matches and staying healthy. Winning this event would be a great step on the way back."

Washington finished off Delgado with a net put-away.

Muster survives scare,

Mantilla cruises into 2nd round

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Defending champion Thomas Muster survived a tense three-set battle with Sandoz Stolle, winning his opening-round match in the \$1 million Dubai Open Monday.

The seventh-seeded Muster needed 2 hours, 9 minutes, to secure a 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4 victory. Spain's Felix Mantilla also advanced, beating Karim Alami of Morocco 6-4, 6-2.

Stolle, who upset Muster in this tournament in 1996, made too many backhand errors when he tried to attack in the first set, but turned the match around in the second set, breaking Muster's serve in the opening game. Although Stolle failed to serve out for the set at 5-4 after holding a set point, the Australian rallied to win the tie-breaker and even the match.

In the final set, Muster became frustrated at several line calls that went against him and he received a warning after arguing with the umpire. But he kept the pressure on Stolle, holding six break points in the first game, four in the third and another in the seventh before eventually breaking to lead 5-4 and serving out for the match.

Alami often rushed to the net, but failed to find the consistency he needed to turn his more aggressive play to his advantage against Mantilla.

Alami held three break points to lead 4-3 in the first set, but Mantilla held for 4-4, then broke to lead 5-4 with a perfectly placed cross-court winner. After serving out for the set, Mantilla then broke Alami to lead 1-0 in the second set, and had another break to lead 4-1, effectively ending Alami's challenge.

Meanwhile, Sweden's Magnus Norman defeated Albert Portas of Spain 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, and former Dubai Open champion Wayne Ferreira rallied to beat Javier Sanchez 6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 7-5.

Shields among Lobos in car when shots fired

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Three New Mexico basketball players, including leading scorer Clayton Shields, were riding in a vehicle from which a gunshot was fired early Sunday in downtown Albuquerque, police said Monday.

Nobody was injured and no arrests were made, officers said.

According to a police report, Shields and teammates Damien Walker and Roland Hannah were riding in the car shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday. The incident occurred five hours after No. 11 New Mexico defeated Colorado State, 77-62.

The police report said Kevin Ned, a former New Mexico football player who also was in the vehicle, told officers he fired one shot from a .22-caliber pistol. Police who heard the shot stopped the Jeep Cherokee with Walker at the wheel.

During a search of the Jeep, police also found a loaded 9-millimeter Glock pistol. Officers said Shields told them that weapon was his.

"It was fully loaded but had not been fired," Lt. Jan Mosher said. Walker declined comment, saying he was told to refer comment to the coaches. A message was left for New Mexico coach Dave Bliss late Monday at the coach's home. Shields couldn't be reached for comment.

Shields scored 25 points in the win over Colorado State and Monday was named player of the week in the Western Athletic Conference Mountain Division. Shields has scored 20 or more points in five straight games and is averaging just over 18 points a game this season.

Walker and Hannah are sitting out the season. Walker, a premier power forward, transferred last summer from TCU and won't be eligible until 1998-99.

Hannah, a redshirt, transferred to UNM from McCook (Neb.) Community College. Also in the vehicle was a basketball recruit from Houston, John Robinson, who was visiting UNM.

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A report filed by investigating officer Greg Gorel said the five athletes in the vehicle initially denied any knowledge of the shooting but that Ned later admitted firing one shot.

"Kevin Ned ... advised us he shot his gun in the air, but nobody else around him did anything," said Gorel's report. "Kevin could not give us an explanation on why he shot, except for it was 'stupid.'"

The report said the five men were removed from the vehicle and handcuffed. The .22-caliber pistol was found on Ned. The two guns were confiscated by police, and all five were released.

"The officer's discretion was to take the weapons for safekeeping," Mosher said. "They (players) were being cooperative. They weren't lying or trying to make excuses."

It's a misdemeanor to fire a weapon inside the city limits, Mosher said, but an officer must witness it before an arrest can be made or a citation issued. KU's Pierce, UT's Mihm take Big 12 weekly awards

DALLAS — Kansas junior Paul Pierce averaged 20 points in 60 percent field-goal shooting in two games last week to rate the Big 12 Conference player of the week citation, the league announced Monday.

Writers and broadcasters following Big 12 basketball also selected Texas freshman Chris Mihm the Big 12 rookie of the week for averaging 13.5 points and 2.5 blocked shots in two games.

Pierce, a 6-foot-7 forward from Inglewood, Calif., led the Jayhawks in scoring in KU's two games. He scored 19 points with six rebounds in the Jayhawks' 83-672 win at Iowa State, then scored 29 points in KU's 80-70 win at home against Missouri.

Mihm, a 7-foot freshman from Austin, blocked two shots and scored 18 points in UT's 81-80 win at Texas A&M, including the game-winning shot on a putback from a rebound.

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Is end finally coming for Jordan this time?

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — This might have been Michael Jordan's final All-Star game, and it will be followed by what might be a farewell tour and what might be a last championship push.

Through it all, there will be believers and nonbelievers. Some think it's the end of the Jordan Era, some think it's all a big charade.

"How many times do you want me to say it?" Jordan asked Sunday after winning his third All-Star MVP award. "I'll say it once more. If Phil (Jackson) is not in Chicago, I'm not playing."

Jordan did not change his stance during All-Star weekend. He simply reiterated what he has been saying for weeks: If the Bulls change coaches, as management maintains it will, he will retire.

Neither side figures to blink until the playoffs are over and it's clear whether the Bulls have added to their dynasty with a sixth title in eight years.

If they win, the pressure to capitulate will be on owner Jerry Reinsdorf and general manager Jerry Krause. If someone knocks the Bulls off, management will have an excuse to rebuild the team.

"He's such a great person, a great player, that it will really hurt if we lose him," Eastern Conference All-Star coach Larry Bird said.

Bird, like nearly everyone at All-Star weekend, heard the Jordan question over and over. And like everyone, he didn't know whether to believe it.

"Michael will be here again next year and will win the MVP again," Jayson Williams said. "I don't know why Mike needs so much drama in his life."

Added West coach George Karl: "The league will learn how to function without Michael, but I'll

go on record right now that I personally think Michael should continue to play.

"I think we all want to try to beat him. He has set the standard at such a height that anybody who has the opportunity wants to go after the best. And he has proven to be the best many, many times."

Jordan won the MVP award after leading all scorers with 23 points as the East beat the West 135-114. Jordan shot 10-for-18 with eight assists, six rebounds and three steals.

There is skepticism regarding Jordan's pronouncements because he has gone back on his word before.

When he retired in 1993 to become a baseball player, he said he was finished playing basketball. When he returned in 1995, he wore uniform No. 45 and said he would never wear No. 23 again.

In both cases, Jordan flip-flopped. Now, people are looking for any sliver of hedging on his part.

If he won't play or any coach other than Jackson, would he consider being a player-coach?

"No. That was just an appetizer thrown out by Phil," Jordan said.

Would he play elsewhere next season if Jackson gets a job coaching another team?

"Nowhere else," Jordan said.

Would he play for the Knicks?

"No. I said I'd only do that if I was single. I'm not single," Jordan said.

Why don't people believe him?

"I don't know," he said. "I guess you'll have to wait and see. People don't want to see it or people just don't want it to happen. But this day was going to happen sooner or later."

"I've always said I would not walk out of the game limping. If I walk out of the game, I want to walk out knowing I can still play. People have to believe that."



Charlotte Hornets' Anthony Mason, left, arrives at team practice Monday in New York. Mason, 31, is free on bail on alleged sex charges involving 14- and 15-year-old sisters.

Hornet Mason denies rape charge

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — An embarrassed Anthony Mason apologized to his family and teammates Monday and denied charges that he had sex with 14- and 15-year-old sisters.

"Did I do this? No, definitely not," the Charlotte Hornets forward said following the team's practice at an Upper West Side fitness club. "I'm innocent."

Mason was charged Sunday with statutory rape, sexual abuse and endangering the welfare of a child following accusations by the girls that he and a cousin had sex with them. Mason, who was released on \$20,000 bail, faces up to four years in prison if convicted.

"I'd like to say I'm sorry to my family and for the embarrassment of this situation," Mason said. "Once again, it's a silly situation. I'd like to say sorry to the team."

After making his short statement, Mason hurried out of the Reebok Sports Club and boarded a chartered bus with his teammates

for the short trip back to the Plaza Hotel. The Hornets play the Knicks Tuesday night.

Before joining Mason on the bus, his agent, Don Cronson, reiterated his client's stance.

"He did nothing wrong, nothing illegal," Cronson said.

Cronson was asked if Mason had an alibi.

"Alibi? I don't know if that's the correct term," he said. "He's innocent of the charges, that's his alibi. He didn't do it."

Many of the Hornets looked surprised when the team arrived for Monday practice to find TV crews and reporters staked out. The players and coach Dave Cowens refused to comment.

In their complaint, the girls said Mason and his cousin, William Duggins, an unemployed construction worker who was also charged, met them during a benefit basketball game then drove to Duggins' home.

Mason, who was in town visiting family over the weekend during the All-Star break, is accused of hav-

ing sex with the girls in a basement bedroom at the house. The sexual abuse charge stemmed from events in a limousine on the way there, according to the complaint.

Cronson said Mason was in the car with the girls but that all they were doing was "driving around."

Meanwhile, the Queens district attorney's office has asked Mason for a blood sample, which the basketball player will provide on March 9 when he next appears in court.

Mason was one of the Knicks' most popular players before being traded to Charlotte in 1996. But while he was with the club, he had other scrapes with the law.

In late 1995 and early 1996, the 6-foot-8, 250-pound Mason was involved in two fights at Manhattan nightclubs. In one, he was accused of hitting a woman; in the other, he said he was trying to break up a fight.

Later in 1996, Mason was charged with felony assault during a scuffle with police over a Times Square parking ticket.

Trio likely to move in NBA trades

By Scott Soshnick
Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — With the National Basketball Association trading deadline 10 days away, an All-Star, a future star and a most-improved player are among those on the most-likely-to-be-moved list.

The NBA's 29 general managers have until 6 p.m. New York time Feb. 19 to improve their teams by making trades.

Among the players that likely will be moved before then are All-Star Sacramento guard Mitch Richmond, who has begged for a trade; Toronto guard Damon Stoudamire, who has been unhappy since general manager Isiah Thomas resigned; and Miami center Isaac Austin, who won last season's Most-Improved Player Award.

"It's such a sensitive time of year because there's so much at stake," said Orlando Magic General Manager John Gabriel. "I've been talking to a lot of teams, kicking things around."

Much of the talk around the 32-year-old Richmond centers on championship-caliber teams. He could wind up in Miami in a three-way trade with Boston, according to several print and broadcast reports.

Austin could be part of that trade or another three-way swap that would put Richmond in Miami and Austin in Phoenix, CNN/SI reported.

While the Heat would love to keep Austin, his free agent status places in him position for a huge payday. It's unlikely the Heat will pay him what other teams will offer after the season.

"I want to stay in Miami," Austin said. "But I have no control over it. They're going to do what they're going to do."

Richmond's agent, Michael Sharpe, said Kings General Manager Geoff Petrie is fielding numerous trade possibilities, although none have been to his liking.

"I know they're listening," Sharpe said. "It's a tough process."

Meanwhile, the Toronto Star reported that point guard Stoudamire could be on his way to New Jersey, possibly by Tuesday or Wednesday. When asked about the possibility of such a swap, Nets General Manager John Nash was coy.

"It's only Monday," he said, "so we'll see."

Toronto General Manager Glen Grunwald was too busy to return phone calls, a Raptors spokesman said.

Tech's Thompson named Big 12 women's player of the week

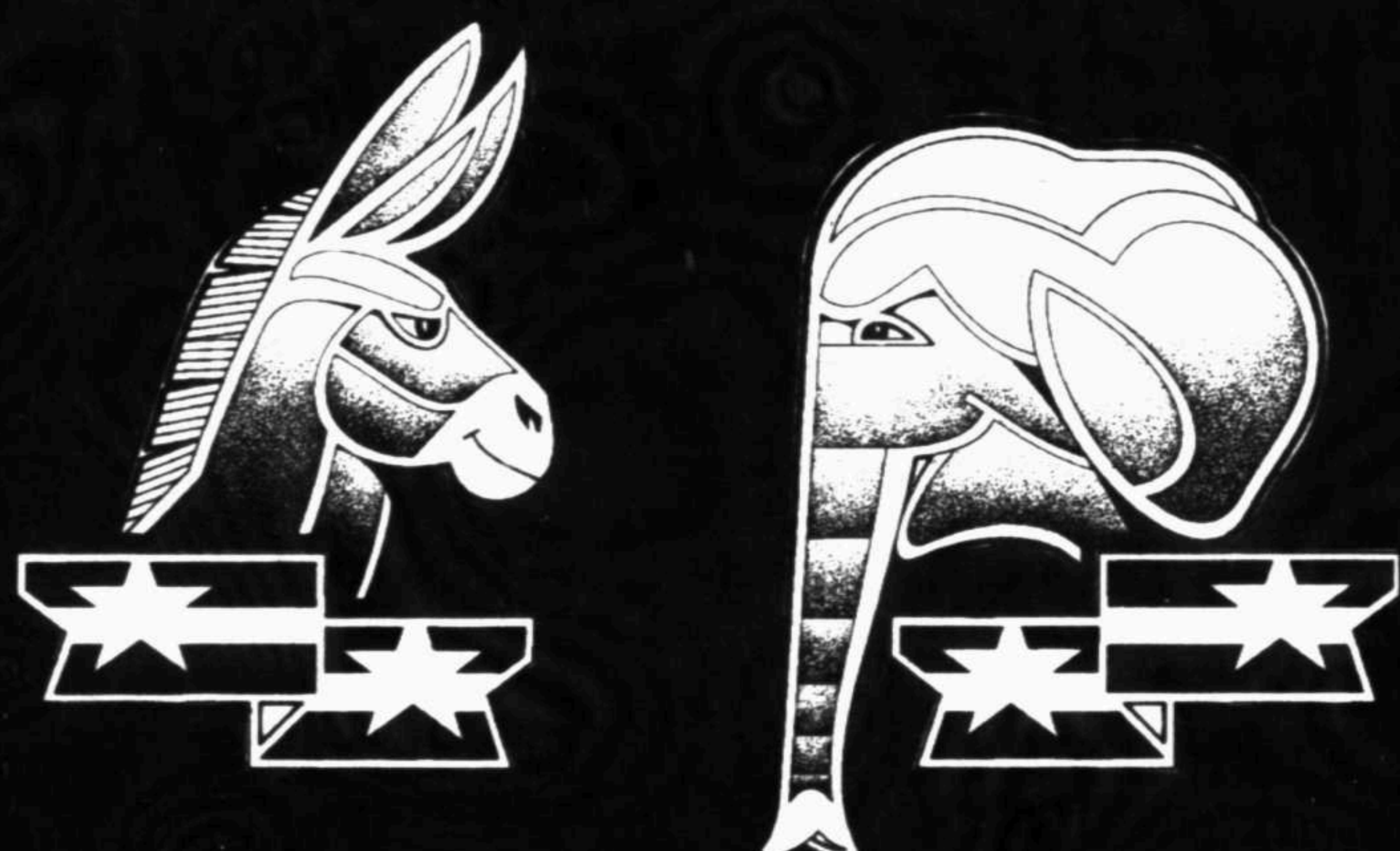
DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech center Alicia Thompson averaged 29.5 points and 11.5 rebounds on 59.5 percent field-goal shooting in two games last week to become Big 12 Conference player of the week in women's basketball, the league announced Monday.

Writers and broadcasters following Big 12 basketball also selected Iowa State guard Megan Taylor Big 12 rookie of the week for averaging 12.5 points and 11.5 rebounds in two games.

Thompson, a 6-foot-1 senior from

Big Lake who attended Reagan County High, accounted for 37 percent of the Lady Raiders' scoring last week in wins at Baylor and at home against Texas. Against Baylor, she scored 30 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and dished five assists.

Taylor, a 5-11 freshman from Roseau, Minn., scored 18 points and grabbed 16 rebounds in Iowa State's win over No. 22 Nebraska. In Iowa State's win over Oklahoma State, Taylor dished out 10 assists.



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Kwan finally arrives for Nagano Games

By Barry Wilner
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Figure skater Michelle Kwan finally arrived at the Olympics.

Michelle Kwan had a somewhat ragged first practice skate on Tuesday (Monday night EST) in front of about 100 reporters — five times the normal turnout — at the White Ring arena. She fell hard on her first jump, a triple lutz, but then skated without mishap.

Kwan's arrival leaves Nicole Bobek as the only member of the strong U.S. women's figure skating team in Japan.

By staying home for treatment of a foot injury that has healed — but kept her out of training for a month last fall — Kwan missed the opening ceremony. The U.S. champion expressed some regrets for missing the festivities, but admitted it probably was a wise decision.

"I wish I could have been there for my teammates, but I watched it on TV, so I kind of was there," she said. "I had therapy on my foot and didn't know if I was ready or not. I thought maybe I should stay home a little longer."

Kwan still is not up to her usual three practice sessions a day, and her left foot — a stress fracture of a toe kept her out of competition for almost two months — still is monitored.

Not only did she miss the opening ceremony, but Kwan will stay in a Nagano hotel rather than the village. That, too, will take away from the total experience, but Kwan said she will spend much of her off time in the village.

"It's important that she be comfortable and rest and get the sleep she needs," said Frank Carroll, her coach. "I stayed in many an Olympic village and it's noisy and distracting. You can ask Paul Wylie; he has lots of Christopher Bowman stories."

Bowman was known as something of a party-goer and his adventures at the 1992 Albertville Games are legendary in figure skating circles. Kwan isn't likely to get involved in any such shenanigans.

"What we're concerned about is it's wonderful to be part of the Olympic experience and it's fabulous to participate," Carroll said. "But Michelle will feel most fabulous if she skates well here."

"It was Michelle's decision. She has very strong opinions and feelings about things."

She also has a very strong chance for gold, so the Kwan contingent played it cautious.

Carroll, who did most of the talking Tuesday, said Kwan's doctors "monitored her on how much time she was on the ice and how many triple toes she could do." The triple toe loop was the most painful jump for Kwan while she was recovering from the injury; she even dropped it from her short program at nationals.

Kwan is the only one of the three American women figure skaters currently in Nagano. Tara Lipinski arrived last week and went to the opening ceremony, then headed to Osaka to train for several days. She's expected back Wednesday night.

Bobek remains in Lake Arrowhead, Calif., and said she will arrive in Nagano on Friday.



Georg Hackl of Germany celebrates as he wins the Gold Medal in Men's Luge Monday at the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Hackl was first place in every run of Men's Luge.

He's a big luger: Hackl takes 3rd straight gold

By John Kekis
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Have patience, Armin. Your time is coming.

When Armin Zoeggeler sat down in the middle seat to answer questions about his silver-medal performance in men's luge Monday, the 24-year-old Italian was told that he was in the seat reserved for the Olympic champion. The red-faced Zoeggeler, the reigning World Cup champion and a rising star in the sport, quickly moved over and made way for Georg Hackl of Germany, who had just won gold for the third straight time.

"This is awesome!" said Hackl, who phoned his home in the Bavarian Alps after his final run to share the good news with his family and girlfriend.

The Olympics have become Hackl's winter playground over the last decade. Since he made his mark in singles at Calgary in 1988 with a silver, the beer-drinking, fun-loving soldier has been unbeatable.

The 5-8, 180-pound Hackl, who loves to play mind games with his rivals about as much as he loves his sausage, left the rest of the field of 32 sliders in his icy wake from start to finish. He won by a daunting half-second, which means Zoeggeler and everybody else hoping to replace Hackl at the top of the Olympic podium will have to hope that his health forces him to retire before the Salt Lake City Games in 2002.

Hackl, who has had back problems in recent years, indicated that was very possible. Maybe.

"I'm not sick or ill, but I'm 31-years-old. This was different when I was 20. We all grow older. Look at yourself," Hackl said with a laugh. "This is the third gold medal, and that is something unique in luge."

Hackl became just the sixth Winter Olympian to win the same event three consecutive times, but this triumph was not without controversy.

After he broke the track record on his first run of the competition while wearing a brand new pair of special, aerodynamic yellow booties, the United States and Canada had protested, saying the

gear wasn't made available to the rest of the field. The protest was denied.

Hackl said his neon feet had nothing to do with his fantastic finish.

"The secret this week was to drive well, lie flat on my sled, to have a fast sled and fast wax — secret wax," said Hackl, who plans to be around next year when the World Championships come to his home track in Königssee.

Hackl was fastest on each of the four runs and was the model of consistency: 49.619 seconds, 49.473, 49.614, and 49.630 for an aggregate of 3 minutes, 18.436 seconds.

Although he was only fourth on the World Cup circuit this year, there was an easy explanation for his stunning Olympic performances.

"I'm preparing years and years for one big event," said Hackl, who could be seen moments later rushing to a bus with a sausage sandwich clenched in his teeth.

Only one man has beaten Hackl in the Winter Olympics, and he finished with bronze this time.

"In retrospect, I can say that in 1988 I was in top form, very well-prepared," said fellow German Jens Mueller, who beat Hackl by a third of a second in Calgary but was more than six-tenths of a second behind this time. "I had very good material. Winning this medal was tougher."

Hackl spread the disappointment around. Burly Wendel Suckow, of Marquette, Mich., had finished fifth at Lillehammer and seemed perfectly suited to Nagano's 15-turn Spiral track. But he finished sixth in his Olympic finale as the United States remained without an Olympic medal in the sport.

"You're always looking to medal when you come to the Olympics," Suckow said. "But when you don't, you can't sit there and whine about it. You hold up your chin and congratulate the winner."

Only a crash could have ruined Hackl's day, and that was about as likely as Hackl turning down a frosty brew afterward. Instead, it was the little things that spelled victory for the greatest luger in Olympic history.

Alpine starts amidst inclement conditions

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

HAKUBA, Japan — Skiing through a heavy snowfall described as pure "chaos," Austria's Mario Reiter took the lead in the men's combined event Tuesday as Alpine racing finally began two days late at the Olympics.

But the storm postponed yet another event, the women's super-G, further complicating an already jumbled Alpine schedule. The super-G was rescheduled for Wednesday (Tuesday night, EST), bumping the men's downhill back to Thursday (Wednesday night, EST).

The snow and an icy course made it tough for skiers to turn sharply around the 55 gates on each run of the combined slalom, and plumes of snow trailed the competitors.

"It was chaos," said the world's top skier, Hermann Maier of Austria, who was eighth after the two slalom runs. "It was too difficult. I've never seen anything like it."

Reiter had an aggregate time of 1 minute, 31.85 seconds for the two runs, giving him a lead of nearly two seconds over Lasse Kjus of Norway. Andrzej Bachleda of Poland, a music student at the University of Denver, was third.

None of the three Americans entered in the combined event finished the two slalom runs. Matt Grosjean of Aliso Viejo, Calif., was third after the first run, but missed a gate on the second — burying his head in his hands in disappointment as he skied off the course.

About 8 inches of fresh snow overnight forced postponement of the women's super-G, meaning no Alpine medal will be awarded until at least Wednesday (Tuesday night EST).

Picabo Street will make her Nagano Olympic debut in the super-G.

"You want snow because it's a winter event, but it's like, 'WE'VE GOT ENOUGH NOW, THANK YOU,'" Street said, cupping her hands around her mouth and shouting into the driving storm.

The snow has wreaked havoc on Alpine events, which were supposed to begin Sunday with the men's downhill. That race was moved to Wednesday, but now has been moved again to Thursday — the same day as the downhill portion of the men's combined event.

The snow is expected to continue into Wednesday, but the sun is finally forecast to break through after that.

"The course was very icy

because they removed the fresh snow," said Italy's Kristian Ghedina, who finished 11th in the combined slalom. "I think to stage the Olympics here, it's really risky because everybody knew that Japanese weather is very unpredictable. For the athletes it is not good, because we are getting bored with all the postponements and of not knowing the exact day of the races."

Despite the work of 420 soldiers, whose green jackets stood out like dots on the whitewashed Happono course, snow gathered quickly. An additional 170 soldiers were deployed with shovels because of the heavy snow. And 197 volunteers joined them in clearing the course.

Reiter, a slalom specialist, had the fastest time on both runs — 47.37 seconds on the first and 44.48 on the second run. Kjus, who is a much better downhiller than Reiter, had an aggregate time of 1:33.66, while Bachleda's was 1:34.49.

"Lasse (Kjus) is a world-class downhill skier. And he is still the top favorite for the combined title," Reiter said.

Kjus, defending Olympic champion in the combined event, said he has a lot of time to make up on Reiter.

"I need to ski very well in downhill and he needs to ski slow," he said with a grin.

Maier, by far the best downhiller left in the event, had an aggregate time of 1:35.90 — meaning he'll need to make up 4.05 seconds on teammate Reiter in the combined downhill, a nearly insurmountable margin even for Maier.

He was fortunate to still be in the event: He nearly fell halfway through the first run, but managed to stay on course.

Grosjean, who finished fourth in a World Cup combined event in Switzerland this season, is a strong slalom skier but not as good in the downhill. So he pushed hard on the second run — too hard.

"I had to be fast in both runs of the slalom, and I was looking to make up time," he said. "I misjudged my line on the first roll there. I went over it too straight and there was no way I was going to make the next gate. When I saw where I had to be, I just kind of threw my body over there."

No American has won an Olympic medal in the men's combined event.

Only 26 of the 38 racers finished the first run. Among those to slide off the course were Jason Rosener of Breckenridge, Colo., and Chad Fleischer of Vail, Colo.

U.S. snowboarding's four women fall flat

By Stephen Wilson
AP Sports Writer

YAMANOUCHI, Japan — One by one, American snowboarders picked themselves up off the course, their high hopes for medals wiped out. Blame it on the "death cookies."

The quest for America's first medal of the Nagano Olympics collapsed when all four U.S. women crashed during the first run of the giant slalom Tuesday (Monday night EST). The only one who qualified for the second run finished 12th.

"Welcome to my nightmare," said U.S. head coach Peter Foley, who two days earlier watched the American men get shut out.

While the U.S. skiers faltered, French favorite Karine Ruby mastered both runs through steady snowfall to win the first Olympic gold medal in women's snowboarding. Her combined time was 2 minutes, 17.34 seconds.

Germany's Heidi Renoth took the silver in 2:19.17 and Austria's Brigitte Koeck got the bronze in 2:19.42.

Ruby, 21, won France's first medal of the Nagano Games and the first French gold of the Winter Games since 1992 in Albertville. Holding a lead of 1.96 seconds after the first run, she only had to complete the second to hold on for the victory.

"I didn't go all-out on the second run," she said. "I just didn't want to fall."

Asked how she will cope with her new fame, Ruby said, "If I can handle this race, I can handle the rest of it."

The Americans couldn't handle anything. They couldn't cope with the difficult weather and snow conditions and questioned whether the race should have been run at all.

"It's a race of survival," said Rosey Fletcher, the first of the Americans to wipe out on the Mount Yakebitai course. "There's like really hard death cookies — ice chunks. It's really inconsistent. They'll be powder, ice and death cookies. It's really difficult."

Asked if the race should have been run, Fletcher said, "I'm not sure. I just think for a high-caliber race like this, the snow conditions should be top."

Fletcher's fall set the tone as Betsy Shaw, Lisa Kosglow and Sondra Van Ert all failed to stay

upright.

Fletcher and Kosglow didn't finish, and Shaw was disqualified for missing a gate. Van Ert recovered after her fall and completed the race but was in 16th place, 8.56 seconds behind Ruby. Van Ert finished 12th in 2:26.56.

"We all had high hopes," Kosglow said. "All four of us could have been on the podium."

"It's a terrible showcase for the sport. The women are not this bad."

Ruby, winner of seven of eight World Cup races this season, finished her first run in 1 minute, 9.33 seconds. That put her 1.95 seconds ahead of another Frenchwoman, Isabelle Blanc, who was clocked in 1:11.28. Lidia Trettel of Italy was third in 1:16.68.

Visibility deteriorated on the second run as the snowfall increased. Ruby rode a clean, conservative run in 1:08.01 to hold onto the gold. Renoth moved up from fifth to second and Koeck from seventh to third.

The race had been postponed Monday (Sunday night EST) for 24 hours due to heavy snow and fog. The conditions improved slightly but the race was still affected by steady snowfall and limited visibility.

The Americans said they were not prepared for the fast, hard-packed snow conditions.

"They watered down the course a couple of days ago," Kosglow said. "That's the way to treat the course, but none of us have ever been on conditions like this before. Usually when the weather's like this, we race in powder."

"When I came out of the gate, I went, 'Oh, my God.' It felt like my feet weren't connected to the board."

Shaw said she, too, "was completely taken by surprise at what was under my feet. Everywhere else, it's ego snow, perfectly packed powder. I didn't feel like my feet were underneath me. I just felt like I was hanging on for dear life the whole way down."

The women's GS is the second snowboard event in Olympic history. In the first race, held Sunday, Canada's Ross Rebagliati won the gold medal in the men's giant slalom, while the U.S. team was shut out.

The competition moves next to Kanbayashi Snowboard Park for the men's and women's halfpipe

Russian woman wins gold in X-Country ski

By Robert Millward
AP Sports Writer

HAKUBA, Japan — For Larissa Lazutina, the numbers were one and 100 — the first individual Olympic gold medal for her and the 100th Winter Games gold for her nation.

Lazutina burst into tears after winning the women's 5-kilometer cross-country race Tuesday (Monday night EST).

Although the 32-year-old Russian had won two relay titles and took the silver in the women's 30K two days earlier, Lazutina broke down when she saw Katrin Neumannova cross the finish line in what she then knew was second place. Lazutina clocked 17 minutes, 37.9 seconds in snowy conditions on the rough Snow Harp course with the Czech 4.8 seconds slower.

World Cup standings leader Bente Martinson won the bronze in 17:49.4.

Lazutina's triumph makes it two out of two for Russia in women's cross-country skiing after Olga Danilova's triumph in the 15K. That takes the Winter Games total for Russia and its two predecessor teams, the Soviet Union and the Unified Team, to 100.

The powerful Norwegian team is yet to win a gold in either men's or women's cross-country events. Martinson's bronze goes with a third place for Anita Moen Guidon in the 15K race and a silver for Erling Jevne in Monday's men's 30K.

Russian skiers finished fourth and fifth in Tuesday's 5K, while Norway filled places 6, 7 and 8. Behind Martinson came Nina Gavryliouk and Danilova, and the three Norwegians were Marit Mikkelsplass, Moen Guidon and

Trude Dybendahl Hartz.

Kerrin Petty of Townsend, Vt., was the top American, 51st in 19:36.6.

The 79 skiers started out in near-buzzard conditions and it was still snowing steadily by the time the sun came out halfway through the race. Neumannova had a 4.4-second advantage over Lazutina by the 1.8K stage but the Russian, then in fourth place, steadily ate up that lead and took control of the race.

Skiing 62nd of the 79 starters, she had to wait eight minutes before she knew she was the Olympic champion and became very emotional when she realized she had captured the first gold that was all her own.

Tuesday's race also was the first leg of the pursuit competition and Lazutina's triumph means she will have a 4.8-second advantage in the second leg on Thursday, when the skiers return for a 10K race.

Italy's Stefania Belmondo, the 1992 30K gold medalist who was considered a leading contender for more medals here, finished 12th, 41.9 seconds slower than the winner.

Elena Vaelba, the Russian who dominated the 1997 World Championships with a sweep of five gold medals, missed the race altogether. The 29-year-old quadruple gold medalist from Albertville in '92 has been suffering from various illnesses all season and said here that she had been plagued by a chest infection.

Her absence means she also is out of the pursuit, is unlikely to be selected for the relay and now only has a chance of competing in the 30K freestyle on Feb. 20.

Street anxious to finally get going after foul weather, headache

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

HAKUBA, Japan — Picabo Street's head still hurts once in awhile from her crash a week ago in Europe. But it's a bigger headache waiting through the snow delays for her much-anticipated Olympic competition to begin.

"I'm still fuzzy sometimes," the American said Tuesday, shortly after her super-G race was postponed by heavy snow. "I still get a headache every once in awhile, and I have some pretty sore muscles in my neck that I've got to get worked on every day."

But other than that, I'm just waiting anxiously out here like everybody else."

Street's brilliant smile and effervescent personality have been noticeably absent in the early days of the Alpine skiing competition. Her coaches have decided to keep her under wraps so she can concentrate on the races.

Instead, she has stayed out of the spotlight

with her boyfriend, J.J. Lasley, her father, her brother and two of her agents.

She emerged briefly Tuesday for an interview outside the gondola lift in the village, where her teammates were riding up the mountain for a little free skiing in the fresh snow. Street decided not to go along.

"There's too much snow," she said. "Yeah, it would be nice to go up and powder ski and have a good time. But it's the Olympics. It's not time to go goofin' around."

Street said her left knee, the one she severely injured in December 1996, is doing fine. And she downplayed the seriousness of her headaches that are the product of a recent crash in the downhill race in Are, Sweden, one day after she recorded the fastest time in the training run.

"It's not like I'm disoriented or anything," she said. "My neck gets tight, and if I turn my head from one side to the other real quick, I'll get a headache sometimes. But it's not any-

thing serious. I'm not worried about it."

The treatment, she said, is sleep. Tuesday morning, a coach opened her door and told her to keep sleeping — the super-G race was postponed.

"I was actually kind of bummed I had to stay in bed," she said. "I was like, 'No! I'm still snowing. Darn! Because I want to get out and ski. I want to get out and do it.'"

Street likes the super-G course, which U.S. speed coach Jim Tracy says suits her gliding style. But she knows that it is the downhill, still scheduled for Saturday, that is her big show. It is the event where she won the silver medal four years ago in Lillehammer, then went on to win consecutive World Cup championships.

"If I win a medal in the super-G, that's wonderful, and I know I can ski to a medal performance," she said. "My chances are higher for sure in the downhill because it's my event. It's what I like. It's what I came here to win a medal in."

er, the record fell yet again, as Shimizu came in first with 35.76.

In all, 11 of the 42 skaters set times that surpassed the old record.

"It was pretty fast today," Derrick Auch, the Canadian coach, said.

Auch said that Jeremy Wother-

spoon, a Canadian student who has won four of the six World Cup 500-meter races so far this season, would try on Tuesday to overcome his seventh-place rank in the first day of racing, the result of a slip that forced him to touch the ice with his hand and slowed him down.

SKATE: Men's speed marks fall on first day

(From 1C)

Shimizu — who wore the new clap skates, which are designed with a hinge at the front of the skate. The design enables a skater to lift a foot without raising the skate by the same amount and is generally believed to produce faster times, at least after skaters get used to them.

The old Olympic record, 36.33 seconds, fell in the first heat, as Ermanno Ioriatti of Italy roared in with 36.30 seconds. Then FitzRandolph zipped around the course in 35.81 seconds, to set the record, and moments later Overland broke it again with 35.78. A few minutes lat-

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Booster Club's fourth annual Alumni Baseball Game will be Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at Ernie Johnson Field. All Lee alumni are welcome to come and play. Lunch will be served by the Lee Booster Club at noon. There will also be a Meet the Rebels Day Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Lee High Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Tickets for hot dogs and apple pie will be available at the door. Call Larry Crawford at 694-1279 or 683-4619 to sign up to play or to get information...

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster club will meet each Thursday during the baseball season at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School Library...

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Golf...

Masters Golf will offer a junior golf clinic during spring break beginning March 10-12. Times are 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for golfers age 9-11 and 11 a.m. to noon for those 12-15. The cost is \$39 and clubs are available if needed. The clinic is limited to the first paid entries per age group. For more information or to sign up, please call 570-4499.

Masters Golf will offer a Valentine's Day Special: Beginning golf lessons for couples. The cost is \$59 a couple and the times are 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The lessons are available to the first four paid couples. Call 570-4499 for more information and to sign up...

Hogan Park Golf Course will host a 27-hole 2-person tournament Feb. 21. Nine holes will be a scramble, nine a low ball and nine an alternate shot format. Play begins at 10 a.m. and players form own teams. All players must have established USGA handicap. Entry deadline is Feb. 18 by 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at the Hogan Park golf shop...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school exercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving program also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

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COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight thirty minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551...

Basketball...

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start this month. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A \$15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily - Half Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050; NE/YSMA Unit, 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

St. Mary Central Catholic School in Odessa will conduct the SMCCS Indoor 3-on-3 Tournament on March 21. The entry fee is \$80 per team and the deadline is March 14 and limited to the first 16 teams to play. Call Manny Salazar at 580-5704 or 557-2833...

Soccer...

The Third Annual Sooner Soccer Shootout will be held on Feb. 13-15 for boys and girls basketball teams in grades 3-10 in Midwest City, Okla. Team from several Midwestern states have already registered to play and those who are interested must call Gary

Vick at (405) 722-4518 as soon as possible...

The Force United (girls U-11) Soccer Club will hold tryouts Feb. 20-21 to fill openings on the team. Team is for girls born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987. If interested call Kelly Hunter at 367-1142...

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508...

The Midland Softball Association Spring Organizational Meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at the Holiday Inn. Entry fee for the 12-game season will be \$250 and games will begin April 6. Call the Midland Softball Association at 683-8741 for information...

Signups for the Midland United Girls Softball's Spring Season will take place at Midland Park Mall Feb. 14-15. All Saturday signups will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. while Sunday signups will last from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The last chance to sign up for the MUGS spring season will be Feb. 23-26 at the MUGS Complex from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call Robin Askew at 686-7025...

The West Texas Heat 11 and under girls fastpitch team is holding spring tryouts this month to fill openings for the upcoming season. The team will be participating in the B division during the upcoming season and playing in the competitive division of the Midland Odessa Competitive League. For more information, call Murray Hambrick at 570-7914 or 687-4018...

Baseball...

The Midland Junior Baseball Association will hold signups on Feb. 14 for all area players. The signups include T-Ball (ages 5-6), M-Ball (age 7), Little League (8-12), Junior League (age 13), Senior League (14-15) and Big League (16-18). Signups will be at Crestview Baptist Church Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Applications will be available at Stadium Sports and Play It Again Sports for late signups through the end of February. For more information, call Bill Rigney at 687-3133. Please do not call Crestview Baptist Church...

The Midland Challenger Little League Division, for ages 6-18 with physical or mental disabilities, begins play March 31 at the North Central Little League's Kelly Field, off Loop 250 behind Putt-Putt Golf. Players are assisted by buddies. Buddies can receive community service hours. The league needs buddies and coaches. Call 697-6536 if interested. Players may register at the Crestview Baptist Church Activities Building on Feb. 14...

Football...

Quanah High School needs a varsity opponent in football for the fourth game next year. Interested parties can contact coach Jim Wood at Quanah High School at 940-663-2791...

Tennis...

The USTA Adult Leagues for

men, women and mixed doubles and seniors play starts in April. Captains meetings are on Feb. 16-19. For more information, call coordinators Juanell Fort at 686-0277 and Lance Armstrong 687-4046...

Mike Carter and Kevin O'Shea from TTA will be conducting an inservice on the different USTA/TTA programs designed to help introduce the game of tennis to beginner players of all ages. Tennis pros, tennis coaches, P.E. coaches, volunteers can pick or choose the inservice of interest. Please RSVP by Feb. 18. You may call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360. Scheduled: 2-3:30 p.m., "Scoop it up" and levels 1, 2 & 3; 3:30-5 p.m., clinicians training for school assemblies. The inservice meetings will be held at the Kimber-Lea Swim Club and Tennis Club...

Beginner tennis classes at \$4 an hour for grades (K-3rd), (4th-6th), (7th & up) from Monday through Wednesday, 4-5 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Fridays will be "Scoop It Up play day" from 4-6 p.m. Sessions will be held Feb. 23-April 10 and deadline to register Feb. 17. For more information call 689-2237 or 683-5360 and ask for Luis Valdez at Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club...

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teams and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

The "I Luv to Run" Fun Run held by the Permian Basin Road Runners Club is scheduled for Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. starting at Chaparral Center. Registration will be from 1-1:45. There will be a three-mile race and a one-mile race for kids. The cost will be \$2 for kids, \$3 for PBRR members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, call Jerry Dutchover at 520-6188 or Al Steel at 550-9063...

The Midland Colts Semi-Pro football team will be practicing at Alamo High Junior High every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Spectators are welcome...

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association will be meeting Monday, Feb. 16 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED) building. Program at 7:30 p.m. by David Ham of Peyton's Bikes who will show the newest bikes, components and accessories. On Feb. 22 at 2 p.m., the Permian Basin Bicycle Association will have its Friendship Ride. Meet at Scharbauer Elementary School at Sch Grasslands in Midland. Plan on a 1.5 hour. For more information call 699-1718 or 697-5533.



Carrollton/Farmers Branch Independent School District's high school ice Hockey team player Tracy Kraemer skates in traffic during the team's game against Trinity High. Kraemer also plays on the Boy's Squad.

Metroplex girls take licks in prep hockey

By Lisa Kilborn
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — For Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD defenseman Tracy Kraemer, the difference between competing in a full checking league and the kind she was used to hit home recently.

She was hit from behind in a January exhibition, suffering bruised ribs.

"I don't like getting hit," said Kraemer, who has played hockey for 12 years. "I was real swollen and in a lot of pain. Some boys try to take advantage of us girls out there. They talk trash to us. It's mostly people who don't know who we are and obnoxious, but I try not to let it affect my game."

Kraemer and Sophie de la Barra of the Episcopal School of Dallas team are the only female skaters in the Southwestern Bell High School Hockey League, which is not sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League. There are three female goaltenders in the league, but coaches agree they are less at risk because of their equipment and the nature of their position.

Kraemer, 5-4 and a solid 163 pounds, said the hit knocked her on her back and caused her to slide into the boards. At first, she thought she might have broken ribs, but, thankfully, she didn't. And she hasn't missed a game this season, which began in January and runs through April.

De la Barra, a 5-6, 130-pound forward, said her worst injury came during Thursday's 7-1 victory against Lewisville. Episcopal was killing a penalty when de la Barra was run into as she passed the puck. She hurt her right shoulder but doesn't expect to miss any games.

"It was a clean check," said de la Barra, who had scored the game-winning goal in her team's opener against Keller. "I've been hit a few times, but it's part of the game. I wish I were bigger."

Kraemer and de la Barra, both 17, also officiate, teach and compete in other leagues. They play on Midget BB teams, which are higher-level but non-checking.

Although they are on rival teams in the high school and Midget leagues, Kraemer and de la Barra remain best friends. They said they like playing hockey with boys, even if it means getting the wind knocked out of them sometimes. They participated in an elite girls league in New Hampshire last

summer.

Marnie Hill, a private and team power skating instructor who has played for 16 years, has coached Kraemer and de la Barra. She said a small player, male or female, must learn how to elude a hard check wherever possible but recognize when to set up for an oncoming crunch.

"What we do away from the puck, as female hockey players, is our saving grace," said Hill, who plays in a men's senior league. "We don't necessarily want to hang out on the edges, but we have to be strategic."

Carol Wilson, a professional power skating instructor, said she would love to coach a girls team. She said girls over 12 playing in a boys checking league is too risky.

"At the younger ages, there is basically no difference," said Wilson, whose husband, Rick, is an assistant coach of the Dallas Stars. "At the onset of puberty, they should go to our all-girls situation. I think it's dangerous for them to play with boys, especially with checking, because there's a true discrepancy in size, speed and strength."

Power skating teaches ice hockey players the best way to skate. There are correct ways to turn, stop and start. Players learn power, balance and agility.

De la Barra, who attends the Greenhill School, will play Division III hockey at Williams College next season. Episcopal coach Scott Wenning said she is one of his best players.

"She works hard, skates well and is very coachable," Wenning said. "I would take a whole roster full of Sophie De La Barra's."

Kraemer, who also plays No. 3 singles for Carrollton Newman Smith's tennis team, wants to go to college in Colorado. Carrollton-Farmers Branch coach Curtis Chalmers said Kraemer stands her ground and often beats the opponent to the punch. She is ready to hit or be hit, but she doesn't have to like it.

"Those two ladies know exactly what to expect," Marnie Hill said, "and they certainly have the skills. They wouldn't be there if they couldn't handle themselves, ability-wise and physically. They're probably the biggest penalty-getters in our girls league. But the fact is, Tracy and Sophie are definitely a little bit kamikaze."

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Briggs wants to atone for less than stellar win against Lewis

By Ed Schuyler JR.
AP Boxing Writer

NEW YORK — The last time Shannon Briggs fought in Atlantic City, N.J., he beat George Foreman, got booed and listened to cries of "Fix, fix."

That fight was Nov. 22 when Briggs beat folk hero Foreman by a majority decision.

Now Briggs is getting ready to challenge WBC heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis on March 28, and the buildup is under way. Briggs' disputed win over Foreman is not being discounted at the box office.

"Sensational event," he's not to be underestimated," were the catchwords Monday for the fight, which will be televised live on HBO.

Briggs, however, has not forgotten past slights.

"They talked bad about me on HBO," the New Yorker said. "They read a list of fighters who Foreman could have fought, and I was the last one on the list."

He also mentioned the stories that had been written about him after the Foreman fight.

Then he said, with a smile, "Dis me now and when you wake up March 29 and Shannon Briggs is heavyweight champion of the world you're going to be hurt because you're not going to get any interviews."

There were calls for an investigation after Briggs upset Foreman. The New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement ruled on Dec. 23 there was no merit to claims that state boxing commissioner Larry Hazzard conspired with two judges to give Briggs the decision.

But Lewis may have put the fight into perspective when he said: "I was standing on a corner in London when a car whizzed by with five guys in it. The car braked and backed up, and someone said, 'Is that Lennox Lewis?'"

Lewis said it was, and the questioner asked him when he was fighting next.

"March," the champion replied.

"Who?"

"Shannon Briggs," Lewis said.

"Sharon Briggs? You better beat that girl."

Runner Clark makes record at Millrose Games

By Bert Rosenthal
AP Track Writer

NEW YORK — When Joetta Clark competed in her first Millrose Games in 1978, she was so overwhelmed with her surroundings, she found it difficult to concentrate on her race.

Friday night, when Clark competes for a record 20th year, she should have no difficulty focusing — unless she is distracted by being such a celebrity because of her longevity. Twenty years ago, Clark was only a 15-year-old high school sophomore at Columbia High in Maplewood, N.J., when she made her Millrose debut in the elite 880-yard race.

"I took third," she said Monday at the Metropolitan Track Writers' luncheon. "I don't know if I could have won, but I was too busy getting autographs instead of warming up."

"I also got a lot of autographs after the race."

Since then, the more mature Clark has won six times, the last in 1996. Despite her advancing age — she was 35 last Aug. 1 — Clark is not showing any signs of slowing down. In fact, last year, when she finished second to Maria Mutola of Mozambique in the Millrose 800 meters — the distance was changed to metrics in 1980 — Clark ran her fastest Millrose race ever, 2 minutes, .78 seconds.

Mutola, who never has lost in four Millrose

appearances and is the three-time world indoor champion, again will be the favorite. She already has run twice this indoor season in Europe, and broken two minutes each time, including a world-leading 1:58.73.

For Clark, it will be her first race of the season. Despite her lack of competition, Clark is not worried.

"Nothing like that scares me," she said. "Those are fast tracks (in Europe), and I knew her fitness level would be high."

"I don't have to run a lot of meets to run well. My training sessions are going well. I wouldn't take the chance of embarrassing myself if I wasn't in shape."

The 200-meter tracks in Europe also are bigger and faster than the high-banked, 11-laps-to-the-mile surface in Madison Square Garden, where the Millrose record is a modest 2:00.23, set by Mutola in 1994.

The scheduled six-woman field was reduced to five with the withdrawal of Clark's 20-year-old sister, Hazel, a junior at Florida. Hazel still is trying to qualify for the NCAA Championships next month at Indianapolis, and is committed to a collegiate meet this weekend.

"I hope to do a good job representing the family," Joetta said.

She certainly has done a good job representing the family over the years, having com-

peted in the past three Olympic Games and a total of nine World Championship meets, five outdoors, four indoors. Her best finish was third at last year's world indoors, in a career indoor best 1:59.82.

Clark has not yet set a time for retirement, but when she leaves the sport she will be well-prepared in the business field. She already has her own sports management consultant company, "Joetta Sports & Beyond," in Somerset, N.J., and was appointed a commissioner on the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority last June.

She also makes numerous appearances as a motivational speaker, and will talk about the most powerful women in sports Feb. 26 at the Meadowslands, with a group including WNBA commissioner Val Ackerman, sportscaster Robin Roberts and New York Liberty general manager Carol Blazejowski.

"I'm making the transition," Clark said. "I want to stay busy."

Will she continue until the 2000 Olympics in quest of her first medal?

"It's something that's out there," she said. "They're only two years away. When you get older, you don't project that far ahead. I wouldn't say no, but..."

"Right now, I'm trying to balance my jobs as an athlete and a businesswoman."

PGA presenting its final witnesses today in Martin cart trial

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press Writer

EUGENE, Ore. — Casey Martin's trial seeking to ride a cart on the pro golf circuit is winding up, with the PGA Tour putting on its final witnesses to argue that walking is a fundamental part of the game.

Judy Bell, president of the United States Golf Association, and Tim Finchem, commissioner of the PGA Tour, were to testify Tuesday.

Lawyers for Martin and the tour expect to make their final argu-

ments Wednesday to U.S. Magistrate Thomas Coffin. There was no word on how quickly he might rule.

Martin, 25, suffers from a rare circulatory disorder in his right leg that makes it painful and possibly dangerous to walk. His doctors say if the leg weakens to the point it breaks, it may have to be amputated.

His lawsuit argues that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires the tour to accommodate his disability by allowing him to ride a cart when everyone else is required to walk. The PGA contends riding would give Martin an

unfair advantage, taking an element of athleticism out of the game.

Granted temporary permission to ride a cart pending the outcome of this trial, Martin garnered widespread public support when he won the first tournament of the second-tier Nike Tour. Though he failed to make the cut for the second tournament, he ranked highest in all-around Nike Tour performance statistics.

Passersby who see him outside the federal courthouse here honk their horns, give the thumbs up, and yell, "Go Casey." Nike

showed its own support by signing Martin to appear in its "I Can" ads, and Bob Dole gave his endorsement on Capitol Hill.

Acknowledging widespread public support for Martin, the PGA Tour has maintained that it feels a responsibility to protect the integrity of tournament golf at its highest level.

Martin's case opened last week with a dramatic videotape showing his pale, withered right leg covered with varicose veins, and Martin's own testimony, during which he broke down in tears while describing his pain and frustration.

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Gas prices slump

Natural gas futures prices slumped Monday as the country's major heating regions continued to enjoy unusually warm winter temperatures, sapping demand for heating fuels at a time of ample supplies.

Natural gas prices have plunged more than 30 percent on the New York Mercantile Exchange this winter as the Northeast and Midwest, which use the fuel the most for heating, have generally had temperatures substantially above normal.

The National Weather Service on Friday — and again after trading had ended Monday — predicted most of the country would see temperatures remain above normal through Feb. 19. The relatively mild winter has helped suppliers build inventories to levels that are 19 percent higher than last year.

Natural gas for March delivery to Henry Hub, La., fell 13.8 cents, or 3.8 percent, to \$2.221 for each 1,000 cubic feet. It was the sharpest one-day decline since the beginning of January.

Among other energy futures, crude oil for March delivery fell 7 cents a barrel to \$18.63, and unleaded gasoline dropped 0.31 cent to 50.85 cents a gallon.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the German mark and other European currencies Monday amid renewed speculation about delays for a single European currency.

The dollar fell against the Japanese yen as traders remained pleased by prospects of Japan cleaning up its economic house, thus lending strength to the Japanese currency.

In late trading in New York, the dollar fell to 124.04 yen, from 124.12 yen late Friday. The dollar also settled in New York at 1.8167 marks, up from 1.8086 marks.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.4657 Swiss francs, up from 1.4605; 6.0885 French francs, up from 6.0611; 1.4333 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4315; and 1,793.50 Italian lire, up from 1,788.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.6300, down from \$1.6426.

Stocks slip

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks edged lower Monday as investors paused in a two-week buying spree that's boosted some indexes to new highs and put the Dow Jones industrial average on the verge of its first record in six months.

The Dow, up nearly 500 points over the prior 10 sessions, slipped just 8.97 to 8,180.52 after recovering from a 47-point slide. An early 27-point gain briefly put the Dow within 50 points of its Aug. 6 record close of 8,259.31.

Most broad-market indicators also posted narrow losses, although smaller-company measures managed some minor gains.

Declining issues barely outnumbered advancing ones on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 542.54 million.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 1.72 to 1,010.74, and the NYSE composite fell 0.34 to 525.97.

By contrast, the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 1.78 to 447.28, and the small-company dominated American Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.10 to 680.42.

The Nasdaq composite index, which surged 8.5 percent over the prior nine sessions, fell 3.92 to 1,690.43.

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Machine tool orders rise for fifth year

■ Industry expects continued growth in 1998, setting post-war record.

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. orders for machine tools rose in December, wrapping up 1997 with the fifth straight year of positive annual growth, an industry survey showed.

Orders from U.S. companies for domestic and foreign-produced machine tools jumped 15.1 percent to an estimated \$787.43 million in December, said a joint report from the Association for Manufacturing Technology and the American Machine Tool Distributors' Association. All regions reported an increase during the month.

December's gain in orders followed a revised 6.3 percent drop to \$684.09 million in November. Previously, the two industry groups estimated that November orders fell 12.7 percent to \$637 million.

For all of 1997, estimated orders for machine tools totaled \$8.6 billion, 24 per-

cent ahead of 1996. Moreover, December estimated orders were 32.6 percent higher than the \$593.72 million estimated for the same month last year.

"An annual growth in machine tool orders of 24 percent was stronger than expected and caps off five consecutive years of growth in both orders and shipments. This marks the first five-year growth period since 1966" for machine tool orders, said AMT President Don Carlson.

"The industry is poised for a strong 1998, which would set a new post-war record for continuous market growth," Carlson said.

Cincinnati Milacron Inc. reported its best fourth quarter showing ever, capping 1997 with record sales, orders, and earnings.

Company sales rose 9 percent to \$496 million during the fourth quarter of 1997, compared with the same period in 1996. Net earnings jumped 35 percent to \$26.8 million, and new orders totaled \$471 million, a 7 percent increase from a year earlier.

For all of 1997, company sales rose 10 percent to a record \$1.9 billion, and net earnings jumped 22 percent to \$80.6 million — a record when excluding non-recurring items. New orders reached a record \$1.9 billion, an 8 percent increase from 1996.

"Despite ongoing sluggishness in European markets, adverse currency effects, and disruptions stemming from the well-publicized problems in Southeast Asia, each of our major business segments made excellent quarter-over-quarter gains," said Daniel J. Meyer, president and chief executive officer of the Cincinnati, Ohio-based company.

"We look for continued gains in 1998," Meyer said, adding that the company sees 7 percent sales growth this year and a 12 percent increase in earnings as well.

Even so, the machine tool report — which analysts watch to gauge industrial output, consumer demand, and business investment — countered a recent government report that painted a subdued picture of U.S. manufacturing as the Asian financial crisis begins to dampen production.

Factory orders fell 2.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$336.203 billion, the Commerce Department said, the largest decline since August 1992. December's orders followed a revised 2.4 percent increase in November orders to \$344.833 billion.

Taking out the volatile aircraft and parts category, however, factory orders rose 1.2 percent in December, the strongest rise since last April. For all of last year, orders increased 5.3 percent, following gains of 4.6 percent in 1996 and 7.4 percent in 1995.

Though the full impact of Asia's woes loom, "the strength of the domestic economy and our machine tool domestic customers — including the aerospace, automobile, and contract machining — are expected to more than offset a weak Asian export market," said Patrick McGibbon, vice president-industry marketing services for the AMT. Exports of machine tools by U.S. manufacturers, which are counted separately from domestic orders, fell 11.4 percent to \$39.12 million in December from \$44.14 million in November.

GM to buy back stock for \$4 billion

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. stock shot up 4 percent Monday after the automaker said it would buy back \$4 billion of its shares.

The buyback will cover 10 percent of GM's outstanding stock and give the company a total of \$9 billion in stock repurchases since January 1997.

"It speaks to the strength of our financial position," said chief financial officer J. Michael Losh.

Wall Street reacted to the size of the buyback and the speed with which the company has conducted repurchases, said analyst Joe Phillippi of Lehman Brothers. "It was a surprise," he said. "The market clearly liked it."

GM's stock gained \$2.375 a share to close at \$62.93 3/4 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts said the automaker clearly views its stock as undervalued and can easily afford the buyback.

"They have a very substantial safety cushion already," said Scott Sprinzen, an auto analyst with Standard & Poor's Rating Services.

The No. 1 automaker ended 1997 with about \$17.5 billion in cash. GM officials said they need about \$13 billion to weather any business downturns.

The repurchases will begin in March and continue for 12 months, principally through open market transactions, GM said. A \$2.5 billion buyback announced a year ago was completed last June, and a \$2.5 billion repurchase announced last August will be completed in March, it said.

Six Flags parks to be sold

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Premier Parks Inc. is buying the Six Flags theme-park chain from Time Warner Inc. and its partner in a \$965 million deal that will make Premier the nation's No. 2 park operator behind Walt Disney Co.

Six Flags parks are in three Texas cities — Six Flags Over Texas and Hurricane Harbor in Arlington, Astro-World and Water World in Houston and Fiesta Texas in San Antonio.

Premier, currently the fifth-largest park operator, will have 25 parks in 14 states after buying No. 2 Six Flags, the companies said Monday. The company also will acquire the rights to use Time Warner cartoon characters such as Bugs Bunny, Batman and Superman at its theme parks.

Premier will leapfrog No. 3 park operator Anheuser-Busch Cos., owner of Busch Gardens, and No. 4 Seagram Co., which owns the Universal Studios parks.

For Time Warner, which owns 49 percent of Six Flags, the deal will help cut into its mountain of debt and allow the company to focus better on its main entertainment, publishing and cable businesses. An investor group led by

Boston Ventures owns the remaining 51 percent of Six Flags.

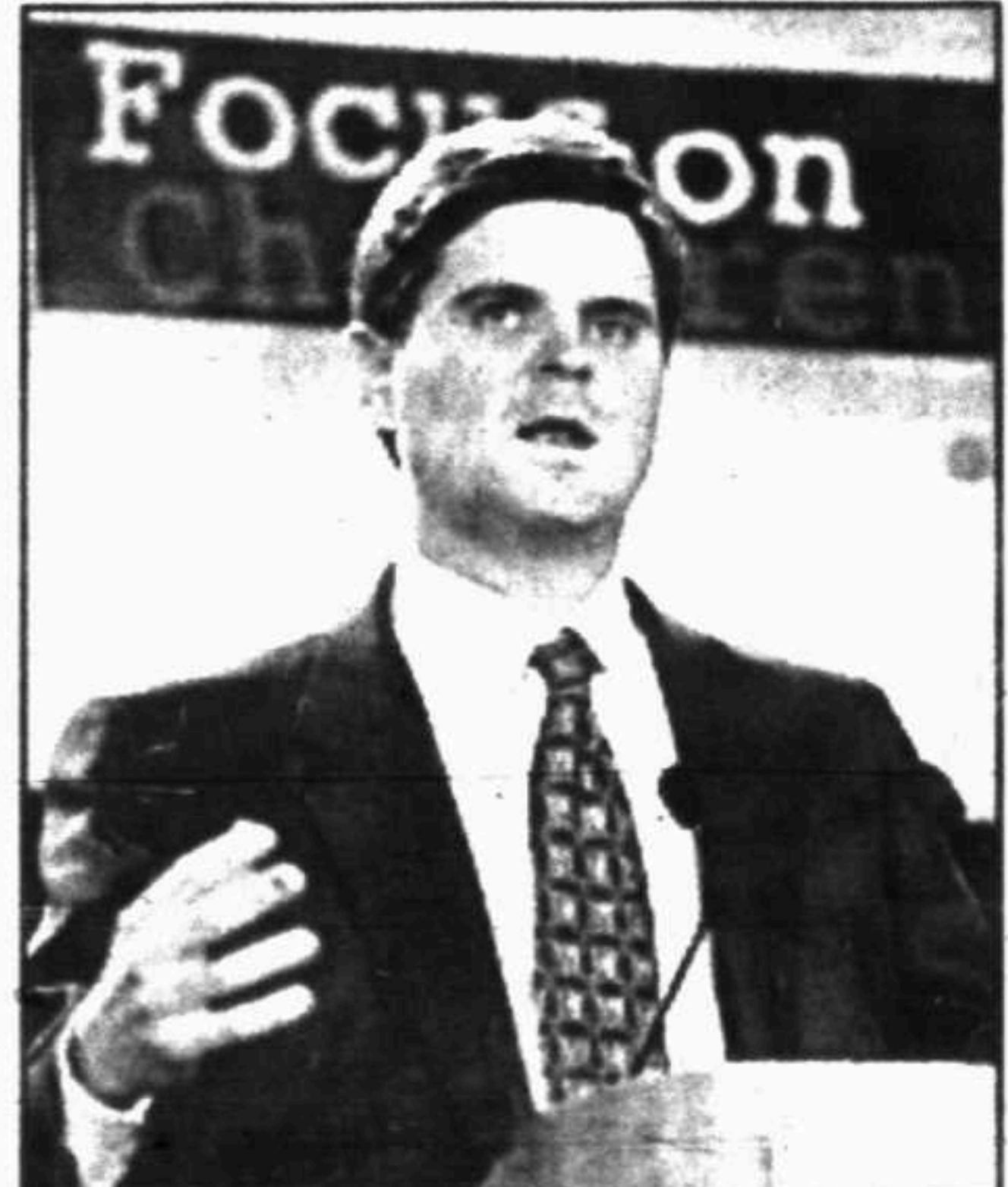
Oklahoma City-based Premier operates 13 parks under a variety of names including Adventure World, Paradise Island and Splashwater Kingdom. They drew 11 million visitors last year.

Under the deal, Premier will pay \$765 million in cash and \$200 million in stock for Six Flags, in addition to assuming about \$890 million in debt.

Time Warner plans to use its share of the proceeds to pay off some of its \$16.9 billion in debt. The entertainment conglomerate will continue to own the Warner Bros. Movie World parks, which are located in Australia and Germany with another to be built in Spain.

Premier has been expanding through smaller acquisitions. In December, Premier said it would buy a Belgian amusement-park operation for up to \$88 million, two months after striking a deal to buy the Kentucky Kingdom theme and water park for \$64 million.

In November, Time Warner and Boston Ventures beat out Premier in a bidding war to manage Six Flags Over Texas park, which attracts about 3 million visitors each year.



America Online Chairman Steve Case, shown in this December 1997 file photo, announced Monday that come April, members will pay \$2 more a month, a 10 percent increase in price. "The price increase is designed to offset the increase in cost incurred through increased usage," said Case.

America Online raises prices

■ Nation's largest online service cites high demand, need to upgrade network.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — America Online is raising its monthly fee for unlimited access by \$2, to \$21.95, saying it needs to upgrade its network to handle the onslaught of people taking advantage of its flat price.

AOL members are spending an average of 23 hours a month online, three times more than they did before the flat \$19.95-a-month price went into effect in December 1996, Steve Case, chairman and chief executive of the nation's biggest online service, said Monday.

The increase goes into effect in April. Case said the increase will pay for more upgrades of its network, which collapsed under an onslaught of new members early last year, forcing AOL to refund some customers' money.

The Dulles, Va., company grew to more than 11 million members in 1997

after it initiated the flat rate for unlimited access. Half of all American households that connect to the Internet now do so through AOL.

About 75 percent of AOL's members use the monthly rate. The rest pay \$4.95 for three hours a month, plus \$2.50 for each additional hour, and Case said those rates will not change.

Some customers were not impressed with AOL's explanation for the price increase.

"It's just not worth it," said Dave Kornbluth, a telephone technician in New York. "There are so many other companies that are \$4 to \$5 cheaper. This \$2 more is just not worth it."

Kornbluth said he is tired of "spam," or unsolicited e-mail usually offering pornography, get-rich-quick schemes or ways to lose weight. He also said the service is too slow and he sometimes has trouble accessing Web pages.

AOL investors apparently were not concerned about any customer defections. They bid up its stock a sharp \$11.93 3/4 a share to \$110.43 3/4 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Hasbro to buy electronic toy manufacturer

■ Hasbro hopes Tiger Electronics purchase will help it keep pace with Mattel.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hasbro Inc., struggling to keep pace with Mattel, struck a deal Monday to buy Giga Pets-maker Tiger Electronics Inc. for \$335 million.

Hasbro, best known for G.I. Joe and Monopoly, is the world's No. 2 toymaker. Mattel is No. 1 with toys such as Barbie and Cabbage Patch Kids.

"This will help Hasbro lock up the market in handheld electronics," said Chris Byrne, editor of Playthings MarketWatch, a toy trade publication.

In addition to Giga Pets, Tiger makes the popular Brain Warp and Lights Out.

Tiger, a privately held company in Vernon Hills, Ill., had sales of about \$400 million in 1997, while Hasbro had sales of \$1.13 billion.

Hasbro had announced just a few months ago that it would cut 20 percent of its work force and close plants to save \$350 million in the next five years.

Mattel tried to take over Hasbro with a hostile \$5.2 billion offer two years ago. The offer was withdrawn amid concerns antitrust regulators would raise objections.

Parks to be acquired

Associated Press

The locations of parks owned by Six Flags and Premier Parks:

- Six Flags**
 - Valencia, Calif. (Magic Mountain and Hurricane Harbor)
 - San Antonio
 - Houston (Astro-World and Water World)
 - Arlington, Texas (Six Flags Over Texas and Hurricane Harbor)
 - Atlanta
 - St. Louis
 - Gurnee, Ill.
 - Jackson, N.J. (Great Adventure and Wild Safari Animal Park)

- Premier Parks**
 - Sacramento, Calif.
 - Vallejo, Calif.
 - Concord, Calif.
 - Denver
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Networks seek affiliate help in paying costs

■ ABC wants help paying "Monday Night Football" contract while NBC wants help paying for "ER".

N.Y. Times News Service

NBC plans to seek contributions from its affiliates to help pay the soaring costs of "ER," television's most-watched program, as networks re-examine their economic relationships with the stations that broadcast their programs.

Robert C. Wright, the president of NBC, said that the network was developing a plan for "ER" after ABC decided to ask its affiliates to pay up to \$50 million toward that network's recent purchase of continued years of NFL "Monday Night Football." CBS and Fox have similar plans in place to seek financial help from stations to pay for their own hugely expensive new football deals.

But Neal Braun, the president of the NBC Television Network, said NBC's effort would go beyond "ER," adding that he had already approached a number of NBC affiliates, suggesting a new kind of "joint venture" agreement that would change the way networks and affiliates do business.

Braun said that he expected to have the details of that plan in place for presentation to all NBC's affiliates by April.

The NBC executives did not spell out how NBC intended to gain revenues from its stations to help pay the "ER" price next season — \$13 million an episode, up from about \$2 million this year, for a total of \$286 million for the season.

But local network stations receive a number of commercials — typically, six an hour — to sell within each network program and a network could realize more revenue by keeping some of those commercials for itself to sell.

Commercial time in "ER" is especially in demand, and NBC could easily sell the additional commercials.

One senior NBC executive, who insisted on anonymity, said the network would also consider pushing the end-time of "ER" back perhaps one minute to add commercials inside the show.

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- 075 Legal
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- 110 Lodge Notices
- 115 Announcements
- 120 Public Notices
- 130 Personals
- 140 Card of Thanks
- 150 Lost and Found
- 155 Lottery Info.
- 160 Loans Wanted
- 162 Mortg. Wanted
- 163 Money To Loan
- 165 Invest. Opps.
- 170 Schools/Instruc.

Transportation 200

- 200 Autos Domestic
- 205 Classic Cars
- 210 Autos Foreign
- 215 Autos For Lease
- 220 Trucks and Vans
- 230 Commercial Vehicles
- 240 Motorcycles
- 245 Trailers
- 250 Rec. Vehicles
- 260 Boats and Motors
- 270 Airplanes
- 280 Auto Services
- 290 Parts/Access.

Employment 300

- 305 Job Services
- 310 General Help
- 311 Medical Help
- 312 Professional Help
- 314 Clerical Help
- 316 Sales Help
- 320 Skilled Trade
- 330 Employment Wanted
- 335 Adult Care Needed
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- 409 Area Sales
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- 413 Jewelry
- 415 Misc. Wanted
- 420 Things To Eat
- 425 Trade/Swap
- 430 Household Goods

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- 440 Firewood
- 450 Sporting Goods
- 460 Antiques and Art
- 470 Music Instrum.
- 475 Crafts & Supplies
- 480 Camera/Supplies
- 485 Electronics
- 490 Computer/Access.
- 495 FOR FREE
- 500 Pets and Supplies
- 505 Livestock/Poultry
- 510 Office Supplies
- 520 Store/Cafe Equip.
- 525 Bus. Shop Equip.
- 530 A/C - Heating
- 540 Bldg. Materials
- 550 Portable Bldgs.
- 560 Machinery/Tools
- 570 Oilfield Supplies
- 580 Farm Equipment

Rentals 600

- 600 Rooms For Rent
- 601 Hotel Rms - Rent
- 603 Rm. mate Wanted
- 604 Wanted To Rent
- 605 Apts. Furnished
- 610 Unfurnished
- 615 Furn./Unfurn.
- 620 Houses Furn.
- 625 Unfurnished
- 630 Furn./Unfurn.
- 635 Condo/Townhome furnished
- 640 Unfurnished
- 645 Furn./Unfurn.
- 650 Mobile Homes: Furnished
- 655 Unfurnished
- 660 Mobile Home Lots
- 665 Bus. Prop./Offices
- 667 Comm'l Property
- 670 Warehouse/Stor
- 675 Rec./Resort
- 680 Out of Town
- 685 Hunting Leases
- 690 Oil/Gas Leases

Real Estate 700

- 700 Mfr. Homes
- 701 Real Estate
- 710 Open Houses
- 720 Homes For Sale
- 725 Condo/Townhome
- 730 Suburban Prop.
- 735 R.E. Wanted
- 740 Out of Area Prop.
- 750 Lots and Acreage
- 760 Farms/Ranches
- 770 Resort Property
- 780 Business Property
- 785 Warehouse/Stor.
- 790 Investment Prop.

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Legal Notices

NEW INFORMATION!
Legal Notices are now under class 590 & Public Notices are now under class 595.

110 Lodge Notices

Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr.
520-9206
Reg. mtg. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm, Bur. mtg. 8 pm.
Earl Selman, Sec'y. 687-4344

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Stated Meeting, 2nd & 4th Tue. at 7:30 P.M.
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CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1600 W. Wall
Reg. stated meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am.
Terry Cowin, W.M.
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
P.O. Box 1758
Grand Master's Conference, Saturday, 2/14/98 8 am.
Tom Arnold, WM
Robert G. Kikar, Sec.

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115 Announcements
HONDA CARS for \$100
Seized and sold locally this month. 800-522-2730 ext 3063.

130 Personals
COUPLE in Early 30's anxious and excited to welcome your baby into our hearts and home. Love, adventures and much more. For pictures and information, call Dexter or Robin at 1-888-834-0933 or TGC 1-800-299-4523. It is illegal to be paid for anything other than medical or legal expenses.

MARY KAY COSMETICS
Sylvia Wallace, 684-5464 Kay Gilly, 520-3167 Crete Arnold, 689-7002

I WILL PAY YOU to lose weight. Call 580-1374.

FAMILY WHO adopted 2 female cats, for daughters birthday, 1 black & white, 1 calico 520-8028

TO THE MEMORY OF JAKE
"You were a good friend and loving companion, not only to your adoptive family but also to the kids on the playground at Bush Elementary. Perman Basin Golden Retriever Rescue. Don and I hope your journey over the Rainbow Bridge was comforting and serene. You will surely be missed by all the people and critters that knew you."

From Your Loving Friends
150 Lost & Found
FOUND: Small female dog, Shepherd mix, wearing blue collar, no tags. 697-6737

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95 NISSAN PICKUP \$8,998 5 Speed, Air, Low, Low Miles	94 MERCURY COUGAR \$9,998 Air, Power Seats, Cruise/Tilt, Coach Pkg	96 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS \$14,998 Power Windows, Locks and Seats	97 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS \$16,998 Power Options	94 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS \$10,998 Air, Automatic, Power Windows & Locks
94 DODGE 1 TON DUALY \$17,998 Cummins Diesel, Power Windows & Locks, Air, Nice Truck	97 FORD THUNDERBIRD \$13,998 Air, Low Miles	93 CHEVY LUMINA \$7,998 Air, Automatic, Nice Car	97 DODGE NEON \$9,998 Automatic, Air, Power Steering & Brakes	93 LINCOLN TOWN CAR \$8,998 Leather, All Options, Real Luxury Special

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 Monday Friday 6:00 p.m.
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 Sunday Friday 6:00 p.m.

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 Thursday Tuesday 4:00 p.m.
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 Saturday Thursday 1:00 p.m.
 Sunday Thursday 4:00 p.m.

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Fax 682-6999
Toll Free 1-800-881-8164

Mailing Address
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To Place An Ad Call 682-6222 or 1-800-881-8164

"Sell It In 10" or We'll Run It Again"
3 LINES \$15
EACH ADDITIONAL LINE \$5.00
 If you have a car, truck, van, RV, motorcycle, boat or airplane we'll advertise it for 10 consecutive days. In the unlikely event you don't sell it we'll run it another 10 days at no charge. At the end of 20 days if it hasn't sold we'll run it another 10 days at no charge. If you'll reduce the price by 10%. Price must be in ad. Only one vehicle per ad. For private individuals only.
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Real Wheel Deals
ONLY \$25
 (Includes Picture)
 If you have car, truck, van, motorhome, motorcycle, airplane, bicycle or anything with wheels, your ad will be scheduled for 7 DAYS. When you get the desired results simply call us and we'll cancel it immediately for only \$25. For private individuals only.
 Photos Taken Each Tuesday From 2-3 p.m. At The Midland Reporter-Telegram

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 Items must be of a general household nature and can be properly classified in the following classifications: Miscellaneous Sales: Household Goods; Sporting Goods; Antiques & Art; Musical Instruments; Cameras & Supplies; Radios; Stereo & TVs; Computers & Accessories. Only one item per ad and price must not exceed \$350.

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130 Personals
As always, you can contact us by phone at 682-6222, or by fax at 682-6999.

130 Personals
Personally Speaking
 The Fun, Safe, & Convenient way to meet Midland Singles!
 Look for it on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Wednesday in The Midland Reporter-Telegram Classified.
 Call 1-800-834-5294 to place your personal ad. Or 1-900-656-2300 to respond or browse.
 \$2.19 Per minute.
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162 Mortgages Wanted
 COLONIAL Financial Services pays cash for residential and commercial real estate notes, business notes and structured settlements. Prompt professional service since 1984. Call 550-2025 or 1-800-283-2025.

163 Money To Loan
 IMPORTANT NOTICE: E-Z or No Qualifying Loans! You do not have to have perfect credit to get a mortgage loan from ABC & D Mortgage, Inc. of Texas. Good or bad credit, foreclosures, bankruptcy, etc. Even if you've been turned down by others. We Can Help! Self-employed high debt ratios. O.K. Refinancing for Debt Consolidation. Or Just Plain Cash! Call 682-1730.

163 Money To Loan
 ALWAYS STOP Bankruptcy Free debt consolidation application with services. Fast help. We care! 1-800-517-3406.

162 Mortgages Wanted
 LOCALLY Owned & Operated. Texas' largest volume note buyers! Free Quote - No Obligation. 620-8000 or 1-800-800-NOTE. South Plains Mortgage Company.

162 Mortgages Wanted
 Classified Card 682-6222

163 Money To Loan
 \$5 \$100 - \$1,000 \$5 NO CREDIT CHECK, NO HASSLE. Checking Account required. Not a Loan.
 15 Minute Approval
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 (915) 689-6893

163 Money To Loan
 Sales: Where your job is your credit. Some down payments as low as \$500. 500 W. Front St.
 We pay Cash for clean, used cars. Paid for or not.
 915-522-3115

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 CADILLAC 1987 DeVille Elegance Blue, blue leather interior, excellent condition. \$5,500. 694-1290 after 5 pm

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 PONTIAC 1996 FIREBIRD, 16 miles, take over payments under \$300/month, payoff \$13,100. Call 689-7301.

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1996 Chrysler Sebring JX Conv.
V6, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Cassette.
Low Miles - Still Under Factory
Warranty. Just in time for Spring.
\$15,995

1997 Ford Explorer XLT 4X4
PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Cassette.
Under Factory Warranty - Only
20,000 Miles. Stk. #045715
\$22,395

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563-0814

200 Autos Domestic

Jack Sherman Chevrolet
Geo, Buick, Mazda Sales &
Serv. 4100 W. Wall,
694-9601

LINCOLN 1994 Town Car,
Signature series, fully
equipped, 52K miles. Must see,
call Frank or Carl, 697-3293.

MERCURY 1988 Cougar, one
owner, good condition. \$2,700.
Call 686-0862.

MERCURY 1989 Sable GS,
station wagon, 116K, great
condition, power windows/
locks, or best offer air, am/fm
cassette. \$3,500. 685-6018.

MERCURY 1996 SABLE, LS.
Must sell immediately! Call
Mike or Eusebio 697-3293.

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL &
SALES, Midland International
Airport, 563-4412.

OLDSMOBILE 1988 CUTLASS
Supreme, 2 door, new tires,
excellent condition, fully
equipped, \$3,000. Call 689-
0722.

OLDSMOBILE 1994 Cutlass
Supreme, 4 door, 59,000 miles.
All electric. V6. \$7,995.
Financing and Warranty
available. Texas Auto Sales,
(806)872-3208, 806-893-0707,
Lamesa.

PONTIAC 1989 Trans Am
GT. 4 door, 59,000 miles. Full
engine. Full power. Close out
\$7,995. TOYOTA OF
MIDLAND, 3110 W. WALL.

BERG MOTOR COMPANY
OLDS CAD, GMC
For Full Sales & Service
3205 W. Wall 694-7741

ROGERS FORD
Sales & Service
4200 W. Wall 694-8801

SATURN 1995 SL2 Hunter
green, 26K miles, leather, CD
sunroof and power. Excellent
condition. \$13,000. Call Angela
682-4295.

CHEVROLET 1989 Corvette
convertible, excellent, 47K,
black, leather, Bose, all power,
engine GSC, garaged \$17,500
firm. 688-4631 day, 694-3200
evening.

CHEVROLET 1995 Already
rare Impala SS. Loaded,
leather seats, CD, keyless entry
with alarm, dark cherry red.
\$20,500. 570-4513

FORD 1996 Mustang LX, white,
bankers personal car. Cream
PUF, great gas, 5 speed,
power, CD player, wheels.
\$13,250. 550-3611

LINCOLN 1991 Towncar
White with red leather. Cellular
phone. 81K miles. Great shape.
\$7,500. 520-2952

LINCOLN 1983 Towncar, blue,
high mileage, excellently
maintained. Really must see to
appreciate! \$3,000 or best
offer. Call 694-8919

BUICK 1984 Regal Limited, 2
door, 1 owner, non-smoker,
low mileage, tires, automatic,
75K, \$3,000. Scott after 5, 685-
4041

LINCOLN 1988 Signature Town
Car. Attractive. Sandstone
color, vinyl top, excellent
condition. \$4,900. Call Travis
Busman, Freedom Lube & Gas,
682-8855

CHRYSLER 1997 Concorde
(Compares to Dodge Intrepid).
All power, 16,000 miles.
Immaculate, showroom
condition. Divorce forces sale!
\$17,900. Call 694-3796

CADILLAC 1989 Sedan Deville
Burgundy, leather, loaded, 58K
miles, super condition. \$7,995.
520-8718 or leave message.

CADILLAC 1991 Fleetwood
white, navy cabriolet roof,
leather, new tires, alarm
package, 64K miles, perfect.
\$12,500. Call 570-1602 or 686-
0686

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205 Classic Cars

CHEVROLET 1979 Corvette,
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GMC 1973 Sierra. Hot! 454 Big
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PONTIAC 1972 Grand Prix,
400 CID, new top and tires,
good body and interior. \$2,675,
with overdrive. Call Kevin 561-
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CADILLAC 1976 DeVille. Good
top, good paint, runs good.
Asking \$1,800 or best offer.
See at 1204 W. Michigan. 687-
3124

FORD 1964 1/2 Mustang.
Excellent shape, rebuilt engine,
new clutch/ transmission.
Chrome wheels, red. Was my
daughters car. \$4,450. 697-
7496

JAGUAR 1964 XKE
Convertible, needs restoration,
no rust all original parts. Call
Shawn at 570-7446

HUDSON 1954 Hornet, 308
engine. More than 95%
complete. Needs restored.
\$2,500. Call 683-5574

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FORD 1968 MUSTANG, good
condition, needs final touches
on restoration. \$5,000. Call
563-0500 after 6pm.

OLDSMOBILE 1971 442 Drag
Race Car. Racing is starting!
Good car, runs Street Class or
to learn. \$3,950. 567-6061,
697-8808

FORD 1964 1/2 Mustang
Maroon/black interior. 289 V-8,
air, new tires, excellent
condition! \$8,500. Call 682-
1966, days, 683-7268 evenings

PONTIAC 1966 GTO. Teal blue,
389 V-8, power, air, 76K actual
miles, matching numbers,
excellent condition. \$9,000.
682-1966 days, 683-7268
evenings.

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DRIVERS- KEY TRUCKING Service Co. (Div. of Yale Key). Looking for Truck Driver with CDL. Licensed with less than 3 tickets in 5 years. Will have to pass DOT physical and drug test. Must be 21 years old. Will take applications at the Stanton and Lamesa offices or call 1-800-522-0474 or 756-2975. Benefits include: Health Insurance, uniforms furnished, profit sharing plan, 1 week vacation, after 1 year employment 2 week vacation after 2 years employment. Will train qualified applicant with oil field experience.

HAIR STYLIST/ Nail Tech. Ambiance Hair & Nail Studio, now leasing. Great atmosphere! Call Susanna at 520-8022.

DRIVERS- Domino's Pizza. Now Hiring. Earn \$9-\$14/hour. Apply at the Domino's location nearest you! EOE.

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ADULT ARCADE Attendant- Night shift, 6pm to close. Apply at Gold Rush, 4411 W. Illinois.

ALAMO YMCA- needs certified lifeguards. Applications are being accepted at 901 North Midland Drive.

APARTMENT MAINTENANCE- experience required. Interviews 2:30-3:30 pm. Monday through Saturday at 2301 S. Cottonfield Road, Leisure Estates Office, or call Chris, 687-8784 to make appointment for another time.

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CLEANING, full time for apartments, home and offices. Experience required. Using ladder and doing windows. Call or see Holly, between 3-5:30 pm. Monday through Saturday, at 2301 S. Cottonfield Road, Leisure Estates Office, 685-3132.

DELIVERY- Murray's Delicatessen hiring cooks. Full time positions available. Apply in person, 3211 W. Wadley.

DELIVERY Sales. Service. Need self motivated individual with CDL/HazMat. Flexible hours. Send resume to: Natwel, 4505 Cardinal Lane, Midland, Texas 79707-2203.

DINING SERVICES. Applications are now being accepted for all dining service positions. Must have experience in restaurant, healthcare environment. Must be able to read, write and understand all written and oral instructions. Applications can be completed at Manor Park, Inc. 2208 N. Loop 250 W. Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please. EOE M/F.

WILDLIFE JOBS \$21.60 Hour. Game Wardens, Security, Maintenance, Park Rangers. Benefits. no experience needed. For application and exam call 1-800-813-3585, Ext 7607, 8 am - 7 pm, 7 days.

US GOVERNMENT Jobs. Hiring Now! Entry level to advanced positions available. Paid training, benefits. \$11-\$33 Hour. Call free 1-888-473-6623, Ext 3200.

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***SALES ASSOCIATES WANTED:**

Looking for courteous, self-motivated, reliable employees. Employees must have transportation and pass drug test.

FRIENDS CONVENIENCE STORES

341 Child Care Providers
INFANTS ONLY: Special care for the most important person in your life. Licensed for 11 years. Jan 697-2499.
CHILD CARE: Ages 2-6. Open 7 days. Hours 7 am - 6 pm. Call 694-6575.
SPECIAL CARE: in my home Monday through Friday, 6 am - 6 pm. Excellent references. 699-6959.

350 Business Opportunities

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.

WALK IN to a fully operational car rental business. In business 5 years. Excellent location, high traffic count. 915-655-4416, San Angelo.

WILD CHERRIES Gentlemen's Club for sale. Excellent income potential. Call 580-4884 after 6 pm.

SERVICE COMPANY for sale. \$75,000. 1997 net income \$59,300. Call Bennett & Associates, Business Brokers 684-5209.

LATE MODEL coke machines. 560 locations available. Call 870-8158.

COKE/PEPSI vending route. Many high traffic sites. \$2,500 a week potential. 800-342-6653.

WELL ESTABLISHED 24 hour Answering Service. Partial owner financing. 697-9445.

DEL FOR SALE Downtown Midland, great location. For more information call 520-6652.

GO KART: Carter Bros. single seat, 5 hp, great condition. Selling. \$395. 683-3212 8 am - 5 pm weekdays.

USED PINK/MAUVE carpet. For SMALL ROOM (10X10) solid color \$40. Keep calling. 683-9478.

ENTIRE PHOTO Studio inventory for sale. Complete Hasselblad camera system, lighting, backdrops, darkroom equipment and frame shop equipment. Call 915-558-2144 for information.

MAKE OFFER on new aluminum channels. Call 694-3390 after 5.

SIERRA ELECTRIC Mobility scooter for the physically impaired. \$400 firm. Cash only. 697-2734.

CHIPPER/GRINDER Shredder. Renegade 8 hp, runs great. \$450. 687-1832.

YOUTH BOW 30-55, includes full setup. 697-4440.

TRAMPOLINE \$100. Chevrolet fiberglass camper shell \$200. Chevrolet pickup rear bumper \$50. Used tool boxes & headache racks. 697-8051 or 682-7257 for James.

BRANHAM FURNITURE at 1211 S. Big Spring St. in Midland, formerly Rowe's New & Used. Check out our selection & prices. Also visit our Super Store in Big Spring, Texas at 2004 W. 4th St.

VALENTINE'S DAY Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring has lighted roses, rose bushes, gourmet chocolates, sugar free chocolates and home made candies. Order by Feb. 1 and Save! Call 570-7591.

PRINCESS Beanie Baby, First Generation. Mint condition. Call 691-697-3539.

COOK STOVES: Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/other. 570-4851.

LADIES CALLAWAY clubs, bag and bag boy, pull-cart, kitchen island, customized Dell computer with printer, lots of extras, classical CD's, G. Harvey prints. 697-8547.

410 Misc. Sales
REALISTIC 40 Channel C.B. with magnetic mount antenna. \$35. Please call 697-8376.

HERBALIFE & Natural products. Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 688-HERB1.

ORIGINAL TY Beanie Babies for sale. Have all kinds. Call 699-2075 after 5 pm.

GO-KART WKA Racing Kart Free roller by Coyote Chassis, US-820 Power Bee engine. Includes starter motor. Like new condition. \$1,695. Can be seen at ANCO Battery, 3011 W. Wall, Midland, 694-2052.

AIR COMPRESSOR, 2 horse power, extra air tank. Kenmore washer. Call 520-8146.

ANNIVERSARY Special Edition Encyclopedias, Great Books, Annals of America with custom made bookcases. \$2,400. 697-6019.

PICTURE FRAMING Equipment. Molding chopper. \$200. Dry mount machine \$200. V-nailer \$200. Oval mat cutter. \$250. 24 inch paper mat cutter. \$200. Frame square vise. \$175. Call 694-8144 or 570-8144.

ATT&T VOICE MAIL System 25, with battery back up. Excellent condition. Call 699-8900.

BIBLE TALK "What is the Nature of the Church?" Part 1. 520-0381. Free recorded message.

MUST SELL this week. Display model hot tub/spa, 5 to 6 person, financing and delivery available. 563-3108.

MECHANIC TOOLS and Tool boxes. Must see to appreciate. Call 620-0309 or 561-3609 beeper.

413 Jewelry & Furs
DIAMONDS ARE forever. 3/4 carat pear shape diamond set in a wide band. Appraised at \$3,500. Asking \$2,500. 686-8673 leave message.

ONE KARAT marquise engagement ring, paid \$3,500, appraised for \$6,400. Selling for \$3,000. 699-0687 or 699-6261, after 5 pm.

LADIES 14K white gold wedding band with approximately 1/2 carat diamond and matching mens 6mm, 14k white gold comfort fit band. \$900 or best offer. Call 686-8447.

415 Misc. Wanted
SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

432 Household Furniture
QUEEN SIZE bed, black wrought iron head board, frame, bedding, good condition. \$250. 522-7814.

WALNUT oval dining table (70x52) with 6 chairs, good, clean condition. \$300. Call 694-1715.

LOVE SEAT, green and white striped, \$125. Excellent condition. Call 684-7367.

QUEEN WATERBED with bookcase headboard and oval mirror on 8 drawer pedestal. \$400. Twin bed, complete with solid wood head/foot board. \$200. Washer & dryer \$150. Call 520-7107.

TWO SETS antique tables and chairs, buffet, area rugs, southwestern pictures, miscellaneous antiques. Call 700-8660.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards. Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

SOFA with fold out bed and two almost new twin beds, complete. Call 694-8557.

SOFA AND matching chair, good condition, \$100. Call 694-4837.

QUEEN SIZE waterbed, 4 poster, carved headboard, including mattress & heater, excellent condition, \$175. 699-2594.

PIONEER SURROUND Sound, home theatre system. Paid \$2,000 will take \$900. Has 5 speakers. 522-2076.

435 Household Appliances
APPLIANCES - reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

REFRIGERATOR 22 cubic feet, side by side, almost \$150. Call 684-3926.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

440 Firewood
FIREWOOD - SEASONED Oak, \$165 cord and \$85 half cord. Seaside oak, also available. Delivered and stacked. Call 520-5660 leave message or call after 4:30 pm.

DICK'S FIREWOOD, Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151. Fax 1-(915) 453-4322.

450 Sporting Goods
SOLOFLEX With all attachments, \$325. Call John after 5:30 at 684-9624.

WHY PAY more - buy now and get an above the ground pool complete at the lowest price of the year! Financing & installation available. 563-3108.

7 DEER FEEDERS with timers. Approximately 2 years old. 3 1/2 tripods, 1 box ground stand, 1 poly 14' box stand, \$1,950 or make offer. Contact John, 684-4233.

460 Antiques & Arts
THE CATS MEOW - 4000 sq. ft. of fine merchandise. We buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon - Sat 10 - 6 (915) 687-2004.

DUNCAN PHYFE dining room suit, cherrywood table has 3 center lyte pedestal legs. 6 matching lyte back chairs. \$600. 500-3706.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040. 687-2868, 694-5034.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

WROUGHT IRON fence, (14' 7" fence sections, 5 posts, 1 gate, built in mid-1800's. After 3 pm call 699-4054.

490 Computers/Access.
SERVICE AFTER THE SALE. Computers - New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am-8pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686-8835.

COMPACT 4120 Laptop, new in box, case and accessories included. \$1,500. Call 682-0135 after 5 pm.

CYBERNET INTEL Pentium II 233 MMX with monitor, software, warranty, loaded. Retail \$2,350, selling \$1,350. 1-800-862-8410.

495 FOR FREE
ADORABLE 12 Week Golden Lab puppy. Needs a good home. 689-0656.

8 WEEK OLD Mixed breed puppies, free to good home. Call 699-4616.

FREE PUPPIES, Females, 6 weeks old, beautiful mutts! Call 697-0598.

FREE TO GOOD home, black female cat, 1/2 years old, sprayed, all shots, house trained. 634-0220/694-8437.

500 Pets and Supplies
AKC STANDARD Poodle puppies, cream color, 3 weeks old - taking deposits. \$350 each. Call (915) 558-2717.

500 Legal Notices
WILLIAM S. Erskine will be responsible only for those debts incurred by himself after 11-25-97.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Shelley E. Crawford, Deceased, were issued on February 3, 1998, in Cause no. P12-038, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to JAMES P. CRAWFORD.

ALL persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to the Independent Executor as follows:

c/o: L. Shane Stokes
 Attorney at Law
 300 N. Marientfeld, Suite 700
 Midland, Texas 79701-0000
 DATED the 7th day of February, 1998.
 L. Shane Stokes

500 Pets and Supplies
2 MULES and 4 horse trailers. Mules excellent for riding, experience hunting & packing, good natured. \$2,000 all. 686-9955.

SHIH TZU puppies, adorable AKC females, will hold for Valentines Day \$300. Call 570-7360.

AKC REGISTERED MINIATURE Schnauzers. Black \$300. 685-0995 or 520-9262.

MINIATURE RAT Terners, born January 5th, full blood, no papers, parents on premises. Call 699-2087.

ONLY ONE LEFT! 7 week old male Collie for sale. Male, parents on premises. 687-5597.

PIT BULL puppies, \$50 each. Call 686-8534.

AKC REGISTERED English Bulldog puppies. Born 11/24/97, \$1,000. 915-576-3379.

AKC MALTESE Puppies, 3 Males, 2 Females. Ready for Valentines Day! Days, 687-1868 or Evenings, 697-3833.

CARALOT Obedience Training. Puppy, beginner and advanced classes. Board and train service available. 683-4718.

505 Livestock & Poultry
THREE YEAR OLD Grey Arab filly with western hunter blood. \$2,000. Rich Sun Arabians. 694-4015.

MUST REDUCE Herd. Small, Standard, paint Donkey and several registered miniature donkeys for sale. 684-7343. leaves message.

SLIGHTLY damaged 12x24 floor joist, heavy duty, floor joist, financing and delivery available. 563-3108.

HORSE BOARDING, Northwest area, tack closets, fed twice daily, arena, walker. Call for details. 694-4978.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.
MAGNIFICENT EXECUTIVE 84"x42" desk. Handcarved and finished by Enkolob, with 69"x21" left hand return, plus matching credenza and (2) 4 panel screens. 683-1675.

550 Portable Buildings
 We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings.
MORGAN (915) 563-1860.

WHY PAY Rent - storage buildings starting at \$39 a month, delivery and installation available. 563-3108.

560 Machinery/Tools
FOR SALE Sears jointer-planer (6 inch). Call 684-8310 or after 6 pm 682-2641.

SCROLLSAW, Excelsior, 24 inch, many features. Cost \$1,800, asking \$900. Call 682-1164 mornings.

15X72 CINCINNATI LATHE 6'x14" 10 hp Johnson Radial Drill/Mill. Excellent condition. Call 684-6620.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies
228 AMERICAN PUMPJACK 74" Stroke, FOB Menard. \$18,000. Call (507) 537-1508.

CATERPILLAR GEN Set D398/500KW, trailer mounted, ready to go. \$117,500. Albuquerque toll free 1-888-831-9249.

FOR SALE Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682-1546.

SONOLOG FLUID level machine for sale. Call after 5 pm, (915) 263-2879, Big Spring, Texas.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
 The Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging, a division of the Permian Basin regional Planning Co., is requesting bids for an Ombudsman, direct service project which includes coordination for the recruitment of nursing home volunteers and in-service trainings throughout the 17 county service delivery area. A copy of the project description with the available funding amount may be requested by calling Mrs. L. Wetendorf, Aging Director at (915) 563-1061. Bids must be returned by February 19, 1998 to PO Box 60660, Midland, Texas 79711. Attn: Mrs. Wetendorf.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Administration of the Estate of KENNETH ARNAUD ROGERS, Deceased, has commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to the undersigned on December 30, 1997, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas, styled in Cause No. P-12-007 acting "In The Estate of Kenneth Arnaud Rogers, Deceased" in which Court the matter is pending.

All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 6 day of February, 1998.

Respectfully submitted:
 BROCKETT & LINDEMOOD Attorneys at Law
 3101 N. Pecos
 PO Box 1841
 Midland, Texas 79705
 (915) 686-7743
 (915) 683-6229 (Fax)

By David G. Rogers
 State Bar No. 00788310

ON JANUARY 15, 1998 an application was tendered for approval by the Federal Communications Commission by American Family Association, Inc., for a construction permit for a new non-commercial educational FM broadcast station to serve Midland, Texas. The proposed facilities of 500 kW on Channel 215 from an Antenna Center of Radiation Height of 99 meters above ground level (946 meters above Mean Sea Level). The applicant proposes to locate its transmitter at North Latitude 32 degrees, 00 minutes and 25 seconds, West Longitude 102 degrees, 05 minutes and 13 seconds, to be located at 303 W. Wall Street, Midland County, Midland, TX.

The principals in the application are: Donald E. Wildmon, Timothy Wildmon, Forrest Ann Daniels, Bruce Green, Gayle Alexander, Tim Fortner, Bobby Hankins, Bert Harper, Tim A. Lamplsey, Curtis Petrey, Forrest Sheffield and Jack Williams.

Copies of the application and related materials are on file for public inspection at Midland County Public Library, 301 West Missouri, Midland, TX 79701 and the office of WAFR Radio at 107 Parkside Drive, Midland, Texas 79701. (915) 684-8888.

605 Apartments Furnished
TRAVEL INN MOTEL 401 E. Texas, Midland. 682-9793. Cable (Singles Weekly \$77 plus tax; Monthly, \$325).

LARGE EFFICIENCY, Frost free refrigerator, Central heat & air. Clean, small, quiet complex. 697-3510.

STUDIOS 1 & 2 Bedrooms. Available All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff. 697-3155.

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LAS COLINAS, Midland's foremost townhouses. One bedroom \$495, two bedroom, \$595, 3 bedroom, \$695. Models open 3-6 PM except Sunday, 697-8770.

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 ASK ABOUT OUR FEBRUARY SPECIALS

AWESOME 1 Bedroom Loft, new carpet & appliances, call 520-8670.

GARAGES, 2 bedroom, 2 baths \$449. Leisure Estates, call 682-5622.

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 Don't go just paying your first month's rent. Get your savings at 2613 N. Midland Drive 1, 2, & 3 bedrooms. \$227 - \$469. Mon - Fri 9 - 5, Sat 10 - 2 (915) 694-1646

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 New leasing. 1 & 2 bedrooms, starting at \$219. Great move in special. \$50 Off 1st Full Month's Rent. Open 7 days per week.
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4000 Crestridge \$1,300
 #11 Quail \$800
DENE KELLY REALTORS
 687-0595

NICE 2 bedroom townhouse. 2 bedrooms, bath, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer, covered parking. \$525 monthly. Ask for Willa Dean Cecil, Dene Kelly Realtors. 687-2384, evenings 682-5177.

2 BEDROOM duplex close to Midland College. Hollywood bath, carpet, fireplace, all appliances \$545 monthly. 570-9005.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments. \$250-\$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent. 684-8202.

AVAILABLE mid February. 4300 Armatist, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage. \$800 per month. \$800 deposit. Call 1-800-573-5459 ask for Carter.

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NEW-ON-MARKET immaculate, Gardendale, 4/2/2, 1-liv. acrg. Call DENE. \$165,000
BEING RE-DONE pool, 3/2/1 brick, lg. master. Call ANNA. \$52,000
JUST LISTED! townhouse, 3/2/2, lots of "new". Call LINDA. \$75,000
THINK NEW! New appl. roof, paint, floors, more! POOL. LISA. \$84,000
BUILT IN '96 just like new 3/2/2. See it with RAYCHEL. \$73,000
SQUARE FOOTAGE! 3/2/2, over 2000sqft. See it with DENE. \$80,000
NW AREA Re-do, too spiffy! 3/2, 2-liv. gotta see it! Call ANNA. \$52,000
"JUST LIKE NEW" 3/2/2, you search is over. Call RAYCHEL. \$81,000
SPOTLESS! 3/2/2, "just right", meets your needs. Call DENE. \$84,500
GORGEOUS in Crestgate! 3/2/2, call to see it with LINDA. \$110,000
TWO FOR ONE WITH OWNER FINANCING! Call DAVE. \$43,000
WORKSHOP to-maint. townhouse, 3/2/2, 2-liv. Call DENE. \$140,000
MAGNIFICENT! Trinity townhouse, new con. 3/2/2, call LINDA. \$134,900
GREENWOOD-MOBILE HOME 18x80, 3/2, nice. Call ANNA. \$40,000
POOL IN STANTON 4/2/2, extras, call & see it with LYNN. \$86,500
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A SWEETHEART! 3-liv, 3/2/2, reduced price. Call DENE. \$25,000
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