



MONDAY MORNING

Patriotic program

Ritzie Willford, known for her storytelling and portrayal of Mother Goose, helps to organize a Fourth-of-July library program. /1B



SPORTS

Grand Prix victory

Gil de Ferran, of Midland's Hall Racing, wins the Grand Prix of Cleveland by 1.03 seconds over Alex Zanardi. /1C

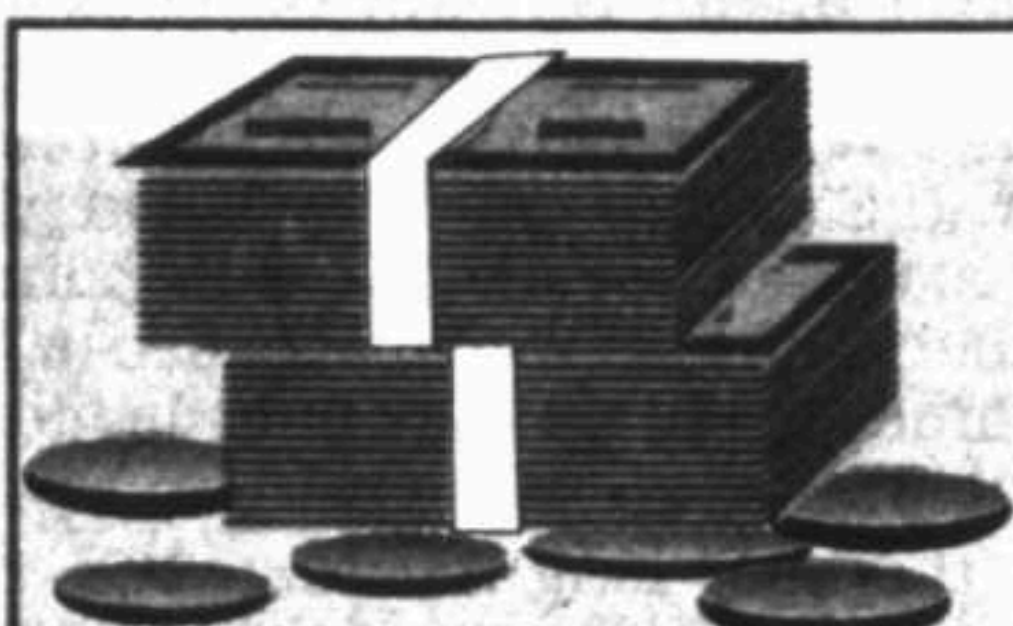
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**Billionaires**

The world's richest 10 individuals, as compiled by Forbes magazine, listed in billions of dollars with source of wealth and nationality:

- 1 \$18.0, William H. Gates III, computer software, U.S.
- 2 \$15.3, Warren Edward Buffett, stock market, U.S.
- 3 \$13.1, Paul Sacher, pharmaceuticals, Switzerland
- 4 \$12.7, Lee Shau Kee, real estate, Hong Kong
- 5 \$12.2, Tsai Wan-lin, insurance, financial services, Taiwan
- 6 \$10.6, Li Ka-shing, diversified, Hong Kong
- 7 \$9.2, Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, real estate, transportation, Japan
- 8 \$7.5, Paul G. Allen, Microsoft, U.S.
- 9 \$7.4, Kenneth Thomson, media, retailing, real estate, Canada
- 10 \$7.0, Tan Yu, real estate, Philippines

AP/Photo

World's billionaires

NEW YORK — Bill Gates ranks as the world's richest private citizen with an \$18 billion fortune from his Microsoft Corp. software empire, but a growing number of Asian billionaires are gaining on him, Forbes magazine reports. In the magazine's annual billionaires ranking released Sunday, Forbes estimated Gates' worth grew 40 percent from \$12.9 billion last year, making him the wealthiest billionaire for the second straight year. No. 2 for the second straight year was Omaha, Neb., investor Warren Buffett, now worth \$15.3 billion, up 43 percent from a year earlier.

Karadzic steps down

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader indicted for war crimes, bowed to international pressure to step aside Sunday, handing his powers to an equally nationalist deputy. Karadzic's move eased the immediate threat of new international sanctions against the Bosnian Serbs. Page 2A

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Medicare law quirk causes bigger outpatient-care bills

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Because of a quirk in the federal Medicare law, elderly people are being required to pay more than their normal share of the bill for hospital outpatient services. It is far more than Congress originally intended and the burden is rising rapidly as such services account for a larger portion of all health care in the United States.

Beneficiaries are ordinarily responsible for 20 percent of the cost of services under Part B of the Medicare program. But because of the law, they are now responsible, on average, for 37 percent of the total payments to hospitals for outpatient services, one of the

most important benefits under Part B, according to a recent report to Congress by a federal advisory panel.

For many such services, the patients' share is even larger. Donna Shalala, the secretary of health and human services, said beneficiaries were paying more than 49 percent of the total Medicare payment to hospitals for outpatient surgery, radiology and other diagnostic services.

And Shalala said, "We expect that the beneficiary share of total hospital payments for these services will continue to increase rapidly," to 68 percent in 2000.

Since 1983, the government has

paid a flat amount for each Medicare patient admitted to a hospital, depending on the diagnosis. But there are no such limits on outpatient services. A hospital can often increase its Medicare revenue "by simply increasing its charges" for outpatient services, the Department of Health and Human Services told Congress. When the hospital increases its charges, the beneficiary pays more.

The Clinton administration acknowledges that the costs are already causing hardship for many Medicare beneficiaries. But administration officials say they lack the authority to limit what

hospitals charge for outpatient services under Medicare, and they are fighting a lawsuit by Medicare patients who insist that the government is supposed to set such limits.

The new Medicare handbook, sent to all beneficiaries in May, explains the situation this way: "When you use your Part B benefits, you are responsible for paying the first \$100 each year of the charges approved by Medicare. This is called the Part B annual deductible. After the deductible is met, Medicare pays 80 percent of the Medicare-approved amount

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Because of the law, beneficiaries are now responsible, on average, for 37 percent of the total payments to hospitals for outpatient services under Part B, instead of the usual 20 percent.

Saudis OK barrier at complex

Workers build new security structure 400 feet from site of blast



AP Laserphoto

At time of bombing, wall was only 100 feet from buildings housing American personnel.

Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Workers built a new security barrier Sunday 400 feet from a U.S. military housing complex — a move Saudi authorities had refused in the months before last week's deadly truck bombing.

Seven trucks carried concrete barriers into the parking lot as work began early Sunday morning at the Khobar Towers, site of the terrorist bomb blast Tuesday that killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds of people.

"They stopped work a little while later due to the heat but will be resuming when it gets cooler," U.S. Air Force spokesman Capt. Scott Vaden said Sunday afternoon as temperatures soared to 106 degrees.

In Florida, President Clinton presided over a memorial service at Eglin Air Force Base, home of 12 of the Americans killed. A lone bagpiper and a military orchestra played, and four jets roared overhead in a "missing man" formation before Clinton intoned the names and ranks of the dead servicemen.

At the time of the bombing, the security barrier was just 100 feet from buildings housing American personnel. Shortly after the attack, security checks were moved out to 400 feet, but the new physical barrier had yet to be completed.

The commander of the U.S. Air Force in Dhahran, Brig. Gen. Terry Schwalier, said that before the bombing

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Above, Air Force Sgt. Michael Goff, left, and Sgt. Leslie Guillory, hug Sgt. Tyler Christie, center, following a memorial service Sunday for slain members of the 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. At right, President Clinton speaks during a memorial service at Patrick Air Force Base near Cocoa Beach, Fla., Sunday.

President leads services for bombing victims

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — President Clinton paid last respects to the dead and wounded from the bomb attack in Saudi Arabia on Sunday, telling mourners, "America stands with you in your sorrow and outrage."

In services at this Atlantic Ocean-side base and earlier at Eglin Air Force Base in northwest Florida, Clinton eulogized the 19 American servicemen killed in the blast — 17 of whom came from these two bases.

"They represented the best in America and they gave America their best,"

he said, using near identical language in both speeches.

Of the 19 deceased, 12 were based at Eglin, five at Patrick and the other two at air bases in Nebraska and Ohio.

Clinton, who cut an overseas trip short by one day to attend the two services, met privately with grieving family members in both locations.

At Patrick, near Cape Canaveral, one grieving parent told Clinton, "You need to think about this every day when you see your daughter, Chelsea: One day your children are there, and the next day they're not, and it's hard to know

why."

Clinton nodded understandingly, said White House spokesman David Johnson who relayed the moment but declined to identify the parent.

At both services, Clinton vowed a relentless hunt for those responsible for last week's truck bombing at the U.S. complex in Dhahran.

"In our time, terrorism is the enemy of peace and freedom," he said at Eglin. "Americans must not and Americans will not be driven from the fight against terrorism."

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Erik Menendez wants to send message to abused children

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Facing a life sentence, Erik Menendez says his true punishment for his parents' murders is the agony of self-hatred, and he is seeking salvation by telling abused children that killing solves nothing.

"What I did was completely wrong," Menendez said. "Taking my own life would have been better."

Menendez, 26, and 28-year-old brother Lyle are scheduled to be sentenced Tuesday for the 1989 shooting deaths of their parents, Jose and Kitty Menendez.

In the days before their sentencing, the brothers gave their

first interviews, one on TV, one to The Associated Press.

"I just wanted to diminish some of the hatred," Erik Menendez said of his reason for giving the interviews. "What's sad is there are so many people that hate me and they don't even know me."

The brothers acknowledged killing their parents but said they acted out of fear after years of sexual and emotional abuse. Prosecutors maintained that the two were spoiled children who murdered to inherit the family's estimated \$14 mil-

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'What I did was completely wrong. Taking my own life would have been better.'

— Erik Menendez

NASA to select new spaceship design, fulfill longtime dream

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Imagine spaceships taking off with almost as much ease as airliners and ferrying people and cargo quickly — and cheaply — into orbit and back. It's the longtime dream of rocketeers, and something NASA's shuttle has failed to do.

Enter the X-33, a test vehicle expected to lead to completely reusable rockets for replacing the finicky, expensive and aging space shuttle fleet.

On Tuesday, Vice President Gore will announce the winner of a yearlong X-33 competition held by NASA. One of three designs submitted by California

aerospace companies will be chosen.

Will it be the unusual-looking Lockheed Martin Corp. wedge-shaped wonder? The familiar-looking Rockwell International Corp. shuttlelike ship? Or the only one to launch and land vertically, McDonnell Douglas Corp.'s flying nose cone?

It's been nearly a quarter-century since NASA took a major step toward a new space transportation system — the shuttle was announced by President Nixon in 1972 and first flew in 1981. Columbia is now cir-

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WEATHER WATCH

20 percent chance of rain for today

Staff Report

The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy skies and widely scattered thundershowers in the afternoon with a 20 percent chance of rain. The high will be in the mid-90s with southeast winds at 10-15 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a low near 70, according to the National Weather Service in Midland. Tuesday should be partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of rain and a high in the mid- to upper-90s. After an overnight low of 70, Sunday's high reached 94, compared to the record high for that date of 107, set in 1994. The record low was 60 set in 1967.

STATE

Skies across North Texas were mostly sunny with no rain Sunday afternoon. Winds across the area continued light out of the southeast as temperatures climbed into the mid to upper 90s. By 4 p.m., readings ranged from 91 degrees at Paris to 99 degrees at Fort Worth. The North Texas forecast called for partly cloudy skies today with a slight chance of thundershowers in the southeast and a chance of evening thundershowers in the south.

In South Texas, skies were partly to mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thundershowers were again riding the seabreeze over the coastal sections of Galveston and Corpus Christi. Temperatures ranged from the upper 80s along the coast to the mid 90s from the Piney Woods to the Rio Grande plains.

The forecast for South Texas called for partly cloudy skies and a slight chance for showers and thundershowers along the entire coast.

West Texas experienced midafternoon, widely scattered showers and thundershowers over portions of the Panhandle and the South Plains. Elsewhere skies were mostly sunny. Temperatures at 4 p.m. were mainly in the 90s but ranged from 78 at Guadalupe Pass to 94 at Childress.

West Texas expected partly cloudy skies and mainly late afternoon and evening showers and thundershowers. Highs today and Tuesday were expected to be mostly in the 90s.

NATION

Rain fell across parts of the East Coast on Sunday, with some places getting more than an inch during the morning. Rain also fell over sections of the Southwest and western Plains.

A warm front kicked off the wet weather along much of the Atlantic coast, with rain extending from Virginia to Vermont.

The heaviest rain fell during the morning in Pennsylvania, with 1.19 inches at Allentown and 1.43 at Williamsport.

Other morning rainfall amounts included .44 of an inch at Wilmington, Del., and .27 of an inch at Washington, D.C., and Newark, N.J.

Behind the warm front, showers and thundershowers were widely scattered across the upper Ohio Valley and lower Great Lakes.

Farther south, thundershowers piled up over parts of Florida.

A cold front draped across the southern Plains helped spawn showers across sections of Colorado, northern New Mexico and the southwestern Plains. Showers also were likely to spread westward from New Mexico into eastern Arizona.

Thundershowers were possible for sections of southwestern Kansas, southeastern Colorado and the panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas.

Sunday's temperatures around the Lower 48 states ranged from a morning low of 31 at Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., to an early afternoon reading of 98 at Glendale, Ariz.

The highest heat index, the rating combining the effects of temperature and humidity, was 114 at Brunswick, Ga., and the lowest wind chill was 28 at Ely, Nev.

Also see our expanded weather coverage and map on page 4B.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Saturday

Burglary of a residence: A refrigerator and mini blinds were taken from 406 W. Nobles Ave., Jackie Daniel reported at 1:46 p.m.

Vandalism of a vehicle: A car was scratched at 4511 N. Midkiff Road, Clarissa Thomas reported at 3:20 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A VCR and telephone were taken from 505 Canyon Dr., Vincent Bayquen reported at 3:25 p.m.

Sunday

Burglary of a vehicle: Speakers and an amplifier worth \$300 were taken at 1721 S. Mineola St., Jessica Lozoya reported at 10:02 a.m.

Theft: A purse was taken at 2800 N. Midkiff Road, it was reported at 8:27 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A wal-

let, speakers and a lawnmower were taken at 4715 W. Wadley, Joe Greer reported at 10:49 a.m.

Theft: A paint sprayer worth \$1,500 was taken from 3417 N. Midland Dr., Hector Hernandez reported at 11:08 a.m.

Theft: A 1-year-old Rottweiler dog was taken from 1308 E. Oak St., Cruz Dominguez reported at 11:15 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: Walls were damaged and keys taken from 3913 Northfield Ct., Linda Dryer reported at 11:33 a.m.

Vandalism of a vehicle: A car was damaged at 4501 Crockett Ave., Vicki Allcorn reported at 12:40 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning these crimes should call the Police Department at 685-7108, the Sheriff's Office at 688-1228 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

MESSAGE: Menendez brothers scheduled to receive sentences from judge this week

(From 1A)

lion fortune.

They were convicted in April in their second trial, conducted with only one jury — their first, in 1994, ended in two hung juries — and the panel recommended life in prison without the possibility of parole. The judge is not required to follow that recommendation, but is expected to do so.

Erik Menendez, speaking with an AP reporter Saturday by phone from jail, said he's convinced he would be dead now if he and his brother hadn't killed their parents. "I was feeling horribly empty. I didn't think I had much to live for," Menendez said. "Within that week I would have killed myself."

Calls to the office of David Conn, the lead prosecutor in the second Menendez trial, rang unanswered Sunday.

Menendez said he feels deep ambivalence over his actions. He insists he loved his parents at some level and believes they loved him. He wishes he could bring them back for one last conversation.

Yet he contends that life with his father, an entertainment executive, was "impossible."

"One of the disturbing things is I've been getting letters from kids who have been abused. They say, 'You did the right thing.' These letters disturb me because what I did was completely wrong," he said. "Taking my own life would have been better."

He wants to tell those youngsters: "If you kill (your abusers) you won't be able to live with it because you also love them."

But is it not a relief to be rid of a tormentor?

"Certainly I'm relieved I no longer have to fear anyone coming into my room at night," he said. "But suddenly they are dead and you can't say, 'Wait a minute, I need to talk to you about this.' And it's silence forevermore."

"I wanted (the abuse) to end," he said. "But I didn't want them out of our lives."

His most frequently asked question, he said, is: "Why didn't you run away?"

"Many people who are physically or sexually abused understand. It's just not possible. I very much doubt there are any wealthy kids being abused who run away."

They know, he said, that their parents have the funds to find them.

The brothers' lawyers have begun preparing an appeal, expected to focus on grounds that the defense wasn't allowed to argue that the brothers were in fear for their lives when they killed, whether that fear was justified or not. That's called imperfect self-defense.

The defense also plans to argue that Judge Stanley Weisberg should have permitted testimony from about 40 witnesses who testified at the first trial that Jose and Kitty Menendez were abusive parents.

Although there is always the chance of an appeal leading to a reversal, Erik Menendez said he knows it's remote.

"I'm very afraid," he said. "I know the judge is going to say, 'You are sentenced to life without possibility of parole.' But I'm afraid to hear the words."

Leader of Bosnian Serbs yields, steps down

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader indicted for war crimes, bowed to international pressure to step aside Sunday, handing his powers to an equally nationalist deputy.

Karadzic's move eased the immediate threat of new international sanctions against the Bosnian Serbs and their former patrons in Serbia, but left up in the air the question of who speaks for Bosnian Serbs.

International officials insisted Karadzic was out. But the hard-line deputy who assumed his powers, Biljana Plavsic, said Karadzic remained president — just without his powers.

The prime minister of Bosnia's Muslim-led government, Karadzic's enemy in the 3 1/2-year war,

called the move a trick.

Karadzic is regarded as a major impediment to Sept. 14 elections that international officials see as a key step in their effort to stifle a Bosnia back together.

It was clear that the international community has hard work ahead to finally crack the flamboyant psychiatrist's power and force him to answer war crimes charges before a U.N. tribunal.

"As of today, Mr. Karadzic cannot exercise any public functions or public powers as president of Republika Srpska," the Serbs' self-proclaimed state, said a statement from Carl Bildt, the top international civilian official in Bosnia.

"The document is signed and sealed by Mr. Karadzic," he said.

Bildt said there were no conditions attached and that it is now ille-

gal for any Bosnian Serb official to take orders from Karadzic.

He acknowledged that Karadzic would still exert influence, but said it was a "losing battle." Forcing the Bosnian Serb leader to formally step aside was one in a series of steps to crack his power, Bildt said.

Sunday's move, Bildt said, "is an important step towards the cleansing of Republika Srpska from the association with the crimes for which Mr. Karadzic and others have been indicted by the international tribunal."

"But it is by no means the final step."

Karadzic is prohibited from holding office by the Dayton peace accord, and the pressure on him to quit has been growing for weeks. Bildt had threatened to seek reim-

posed economic sanctions against Bosnian Serbs and their former patrons in Serbia if Karadzic did not step down by July 1.

Plavsic immediately sought to poke a hole in the agreement, saying that Karadzic remained president, but he had delegated his powers only because he could not carry them out himself.

"His replacement can only be accomplished in a free election, no other way," she told Serbia's BK TV.

"The prospects for peace, Israel and ending war of world..."



Karadzic

BARRIER: Saudi Arabia accedes to U.S. request

(From 1A)

Saudi officials twice refused to allow the barrier to be moved to 400 feet.

"We asked them to move it to the outside of the parking lot," Schwalier said Saturday. "The answer was, 'Not at this time.' He explained their refusal by saying 'the pace is different' in the kingdom."

Schwalier said that after a November bomb attack that killed five Americans and two Indians in the Saudi capital Riyadh, Dhahran base officials conducted a "vulnerability assessment" and identified 40 necessary measures for beefing up security — including moving the perimeter.

Measures taken included moving the main gate; erecting barriers to slow vehicles approaching the entrance; stringing a second tier of concertina wire around parts of the perimeter fence; and increasing patrols.

Since the blast, Americans also have been moved from exterior rooms to rooms closer to the center of the buildings, where they are safer in the event of a bombing.

U.S. and Saudi investigators pushed ahead with their search for clues that could lead them to the bombers. Saudi authorities reportedly plan to release composite sketches of the two suspects soon.

Nearly two weeks ago, a Saudi woman saw a truck matching the description of the one in the bombing jump a curb at the edge of the mil-

itary housing complex and head toward the compound, a senior Air Force officer said Sunday.

The truck apparently left when the woman confronted its driver. The woman gave Saudi police its license plate number, the officer told reporters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The FBI now has the number, and is checking to see if matches a serial number found on the chassis of the fuel truck that carried the bomb, the officer said.

Although the incident may have been unrelated to the bombing, the officer said he wished Saudi police would have passed the woman's account on to U.S. authorities earlier.

Suspicion in the attack is focused on Muslim militants who want to drive the roughly 5,000 U.S. troops out of the kingdom, home to Islam's holiest shrines.

U.S. Defense Secretary William J. Perry, on a brief tour of the bomb site Saturday, revealed that security had been stepped up prior to Tuesday's blast due to suspicions that people were scouting out the complex that houses some 2,000 American servicemen.

Perry wrapped up his quick visit to Saudi Arabia by meeting with King Fahd at his palace in the Red Sea port city of Jiddah. The meeting apparently reflected Saudi determination to highlight a special relationship between the kingdom and the United States, because Fahd has met only infrequently with foreign visitors since he suffered a stroke last year.

SERVICES: Clinton pays last respects to blast victims

(From 1A)

About 700 friends and relatives attended the service in the base theater at Patrick. The earlier one at Eglin was held in a cavernous flag-draped hangar. Open to the public, about 5,000 people showed up.

At both services, victims of Tuesday's bomb blast were in the front row.

"Thank God for your presence here today," he told a group of 11 at the Eglin service, some in wheelchairs and on stretchers.

At Eglin, home of the 33rd Fighter Wing, a lone bagpiper sounding a mournful tone and a military orchestra playing "Amazing Grace" opened the service. Four jets roared overhead in a "missing man" formation to close it.

At Patrick, home of the 71st Rescue Squadron, Clinton stood on a platform decked with funeral wreaths. As taps were played, Clinton, facing the wreaths, bowed his head.

"We will not rest in our efforts to capture and prosecute and punish those who committed this evil deed," Clinton said at both services. "But let us put aside our anger for a moment to remember and honor those who were lost."

In his meeting with families at Patrick, the parents of Master Sgt. Michael G. Heiser of Palm Coast, Fla., gave Clinton a picture of the president and their son taken near Air Force One last November at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. Their son had been part of the ground crew that had serviced the president's plane.

In slow cadence, Clinton gave the names and ranks of each of the dead servicemen — reading the names of the 12 from Eglin at that service, and the names of the other seven at the service here.

"Let us now praise these quiet American heroes who gave their lives in service to America. May they rest in peace and may their names live on forever," he said.

Naveed Siddiqi, an engineer with a defense contractor at Eglin who emigrated here from Pakistan 26 years ago, said he came to the service because "I felt bad about what happened. And I wanted to give my concern about that."

"In general people think Muslims are terrorists. But we are not terrorists. We are just human beings,"

Arthur Y. Rodriguez, a retired

serviceman who escaped from a POW camp in Korea and now lives in Crestview, Fla., said after the Eglin service. "We should stay over there and show them we never back down and we are not going to do it now."

Clinton has assigned retired Gen. Wayne Downing, a former chief of special operations forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force, to assess security at U.S. military bases throughout the Middle East in light of the truck bombing.

Clinton called the blast that claimed the 19 American lives and wounded nearly 300 others "an act whose savagery is matched only by its cowardice."

The Eglin victims died just two days before their 90-day deployment was to have ended.

DESIGN: Three California aerospace companies compete

(From 1A)

clinging Earth on shuttle flight No. 78.

"We're sitting at the starting line with the engines revving real fast, cutting the motor and waiting for the green flag," said Paul Klevatt, X-33 program manager for McDonnell Douglas. "It's like being in the Indy 500 and you know you're going to win the race."

That's what the others say, too.

The winner will receive some \$900 million from NASA to develop an X-33 rocket and, in 1999, to conduct a dozen or so unmanned, sub-orbital test flights up to Mach 15, or 15 times the speed of sound.

Then it will be up to the company and investors to determine whether it's economically feasible to proceed with a twice-as-large, operational RLV, or reusable launch

vehicle. The companies estimate it will cost between \$4 billion and \$8 billion to develop and build an RLV system.

It's anyone's guess whether there will be enough investors and customers to make the enterprise pay off. The U.S. share of the world launch market has dwindled to 30 percent.

"There's a little, 'Build it they may come.' 'Build it we hope they come,'" said John Logsdon, director of the space policy institute at George Washington University. "They're hoping it will create new markets as well as serve the existing market."

NASA envisions itself as just one of many users of this next-generation reusable launch vehicle, intended to fly with or without crews and carry satellites or space station supplies. The future international space station would be a major destination once the RLV became operational around 2006 or 2007 and gradually began

replacing the shuttle, said Gary Payton, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's reusable launch vehicle program.

The goal is to reduce the cost of U.S. space transportation from \$10,000 to launch a pound of payload into orbit to \$1,000 or less. At the same time, the RLV would be expected to fly 40 to 50 times a year and launch on demand, with just a few days' notice.

"The cost of getting into orbit is a terrible constraint on the total space program, government and commercial," Payton said. "There's no reason to tolerate it any longer than we have to, especially with the budgets going down in the future."

The X-33 contenders insist launch costs can be reduced and flights increased with better engines, lighter fuel tanks and improved thermal insulation, among other things.

QUIRK: Patients often pay more than usual 20 percent

(From 1A)

for most services. You are responsible for the remaining 20 percent."

But, it states, there is one big exception: "If you receive outpatient services at a hospital, you are responsible for paying 20 percent of whatever the hospital charges, not 20 percent of a Medicare-approved amount."

The beneficiaries costs are rising because of a peculiar feature of the Medicare law: Whereas the beneficiaries' financial liability for other Medicare services is limited by law, there is, in effect, no limit on what they may be charged for hospital outpatient services.

In March, the federal advisory panel, the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, urged Congress to correct this problem. "The growing financial burden for Medicare enrollees who receive services in hospital outpatient departments should be alleviated immediately," the panel said. "Beneficiary coinsurance for these services should be limited to 20 percent of the Medicare-approved payment."

But neither Congress nor the Clinton administration is pushing for a quick solution, partly because of the complexity of the problem and partly because of disagreement over who would foot the bill. If beneficiaries paid less, then the

federal government would have to pay more or hospitals would have to accept less over all. Any solution would increase federal Medicare costs, reduce hospital revenue or both.

For example, a 74-year-old woman named Marie Lohse had outpatient cataract surgery on one eye at a Los Angeles hospital. The hospital charged \$6,277. She was responsible for 20 percent of that amount, or \$1,255. But, she later learned, Medicare paid the hospital only \$1,280. So the hospital received a total of \$2,535, and Ms. Lohse paid 49.5 percent of the total reimbursement.

If she had paid 20 percent of the Medicare-approved amount, as required for many other Part B services, she would have paid only \$507.

Robert Myers, who was chief actuary of the Social Security Administration for 23 years, said of the current formula, "It's a raw deal, a gross injustice to beneficiaries that ought to be remedied."

Myers said it had always been "the general philosophy, the general principle of the Medicare program, that the beneficiary should be responsible for 20 percent of what Medicare recognizes as the reasonable and appropriate amount for a service."

And in most cases that is true. But hospital outpatient services are dif-

ferent: the patient is responsible for 20 percent of whatever the hospital charges. Originally, what hospitals charged and what Medicare recognized as reasonable were about the same. But in recent years, hospitals have charged far more than Medicare pays for outpatient services. So in paying 20 percent of the hospital charges, beneficiaries end up paying much more than 20 percent of what the hospitals ultimately receive for such services.

Earlier versions of the Medicare handbook, in 1991 and 1992, said inaccurately that beneficiaries were responsible for only "20 percent of the approved amount." The handbook now says "20 percent of whatever the hospital charges."

The financial burden on patients has been increasing because outpatient care accounts for a rapidly growing share of all medical care.

New surgical technology and advances in anesthesia have reduced the need for overnight hospital stays. Common outpatient services include colonoscopy, breast biopsy and hernia repair. But complex procedures like hysterectomies and reconstructive knee surgery can also be done in hospital outpatient departments.

The demand for such services increases as the procedures become safer and easier to perform. In addition, said Dr. Richard Reil-

ing, chairman of the ambulatory surgical committee of the American College of Surgeons, "Managed care and financial considerations have given us incentives to do more procedures on an outpatient basis."

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Concerns about Yeltsin's health on rise after he misses campaign stop

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin missed one of his last campaign appearances Sunday amid mounting concerns about his health, but sought to reassure Russians he was well enough to serve a second term.

"Every day I have been working with my campaign headquarters, holding consultations with allies, negotiating the composition and structure of the future government," Yeltsin said.

The 65-year-old president, who spent weeks last year recovering from heart trouble, has canceled

several appearances over the past week in his campaign against Communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov for Wednesday's presidential runoff election.

Yeltsin left his country home outside the capital on Saturday for a short working day in the Kremlin. TV newscasts showed a smiling but slightly weary-looking president talking with an aide.

But concerns about Yeltsin's health increased as he stayed away Sunday from a support festival organized by a popular newspaper, Moskovsky Komsomolets

— missing one of his last chances to campaign. By law, the candidates must stop campaigning on Monday.

Yeltsin's aides have done their best to bury the health issue, saying the president was merely worn out from frenetic campaigning and would be back in fighting shape by election day.

The president told the Interfax news agency he lost his voice after granting dozens of interviews to regional TV and radio companies. Officials at Interfax said they interviewed Yeltsin on Sunday but

gave no further details.

The president used the sweeping interview to promise voters government changes, massive foreign investment, an assertive foreign policy and closer union with other former Soviet republics if he is elected for a second term.

While pledging to continue economic reforms, he appeared to adopt some of his rivals' slogans, calling for more government control over key sectors of economy.

"At the time of serious economic reforms, the government must strengthen and not weaken state

control in the sphere of economy," Yeltsin said, listing the fuel and energy sector, transport, machine-building, defense industries and agriculture.

"You must make the right choice," in Wednesday's election, the president urged voters.

"On this day, we will not be simply voting for Yeltsin or Zyuganov," he said. "We will be voting for ourselves, our families, for the future of our children."

In another attempt to boost his election chances, Yeltsin said he was willing to implement many pro-

posals of Grigory Yavlinsky, the liberal economist who finished fourth in the first round of voting on June 16, and give him a role in the new government.

"I consider Grigory Yavlinsky my ally," Yeltsin said. "I hope Grigory Yavlinsky will join the work."

Yeltsin needs the support of Russians who voted for other democratic or centrist candidates in the first round if he is to defeat Zyuganov in the runoff. He brought Alexander Lebed, on board by naming him national security chief.

Israel, Syria engaged in war of words; peace talk chances slim

JERUSALEM (AP) — Instead of talking peace, Israel and Syria are engaged in an escalating war of words.

Syrian President Hafez Assad's government newspaper issued an almost unforgivable insult last week, saying that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu aspired to be a leader of "fascism and racism" like Adolf Hitler.

Netanyahu retorted that Syria "acts today as a terrorist state and serves as a center of terrorism." He blamed Syria for an Arab guerrilla attack that killed three Israeli soldiers on the border with Jordan on Wednesday.

U.S.-mediated peace talks at the Wye Plantation in Maryland were broken off by Israel March 3 after a series of suicide bomb attacks by Islamic militants which claimed 63 lives in February and March.

The prospects for renewing talks soon are

remote. Israeli insiders suggest a settle-for-less approach that would set aside for now the pursuit of a peace treaty and Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

But more terrorism against Israel, and its partner in peace, Jordan, can be expected in the meantime, said Avram Sela, a political scientist at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Netanyahu was elected May 29 on promises of a get-tough approach on terrorism. He issued guidelines saying Israel did not intend to relinquish the Golan, a strategic plateau captured from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war.

The previous Labor Party government had raised expectations that it would meet Syria's demands for a full withdrawal from the Golan in exchange for a full peace treaty with embassies, trade and tourism.

Last month, Assad said the resumption of talks was "out of the question now" because of

the changed Israeli stance. "We have to be fully alert and on guard," he said.

But Netanyahu says he won't play by "Syrian rules" — negotiating a peace agreement while allowing guerrillas in Syria-dominated Lebanon to attack Israeli forces to increase the pressure on the Jewish state.

One approach the new government has in mind is a deal that will allow Israel to withdraw its troops from a buffer zone it occupies in southern Lebanon in exchange for Israeli recognition of Syria's presence in Lebanon.

"There can be creative ideas ... pertaining to matters of southern Lebanon which could at least bring us nearer to peace, even if not yet a complete treaty, which may not be attainable at the present time," said Zalman Shoval, a top Netanyahu aide and former ambassador to Washington.

China's Communist Party turns 75: Officials clean house, recruit younger Party members

BEIJING (AP) — As it turns 75, the Chinese Communist Party is trying to recapture the vigor of its youth by recruiting younger members, kicking out corrupt officials and showing it cares about the masses.

The party remains firmly in control of the government, the military and the media, but is struggling to win back credibility among a vast population alienated by rampant corruption.

As General Secretary Jiang Zemin put it in a speech before the party's Monday anniversary, its sole purpose is "to serve the people wholeheartedly, to maintain close ties with the masses and to safeguard the people's interests."

Such an effort wouldn't seem necessary given the prosperity that the 57 million-member party has produced in 18 years of market-oriented economic reforms. But success has left many Chinese cynical about socialist ideology and scornful of rampant corruption among officials.

"Corruption is the big problem the party faces," said Yin Pinduan, a senior editor at the party's newspaper, the People's Daily. Corruption cases are getting bigger and more numerous, and pressure is mounting to solve them, she said.

Yin believes the party is sincere about ferreting out corruption at

all levels and is winning the confidence of many Chinese. "The party has shown we not only beat the flies but also beat the tigers," she said.

For instance, Chen Xitong, Beijing party chief and a Politburo member, was ousted last year for allegedly presiding over a corrupt city administration. Chen may be among 18 people to be put on trial later this year on charges of embezzling as much as \$2.2 billion in city funds.

The capital's government has started a "One Million Party Members Care About the People" movement. As part of the campaign, party members in one city district started manning a hotline in June to take complaints about sloppy housing repairs, sanitation problems, shoddy goods and other woes of urban life.

Officially founded by Mao Tse-tung and a group of leftists in Shanghai on July 1, 1921, China's Communist Party does not miss an occasion to trumpet its achievements.

At the Museum of the Chinese Revolution on Beijing's Tiananmen Square, a special exhibit charts China's history from the 19th century, when China was carved up by colonial powers, to 1949, when the Communists won a civil war and took power.

Outside the museum, a count-

down clock ticks away the minutes to July 1, 1997, a constant reminder of the day that China takes back Hong Kong after 156 years of British rule — and of the Communists' triumph at getting it back.

The exhibit's intent, the museum says, is to show "there would be no new China without the leadership of the Communist Party."

"The party is quite innovative," said Huang Yasheng, who teaches political science at the University of Michigan. "Although communist ideology has declined, they now use nationalism as a legitimizing ideology, to great effect."

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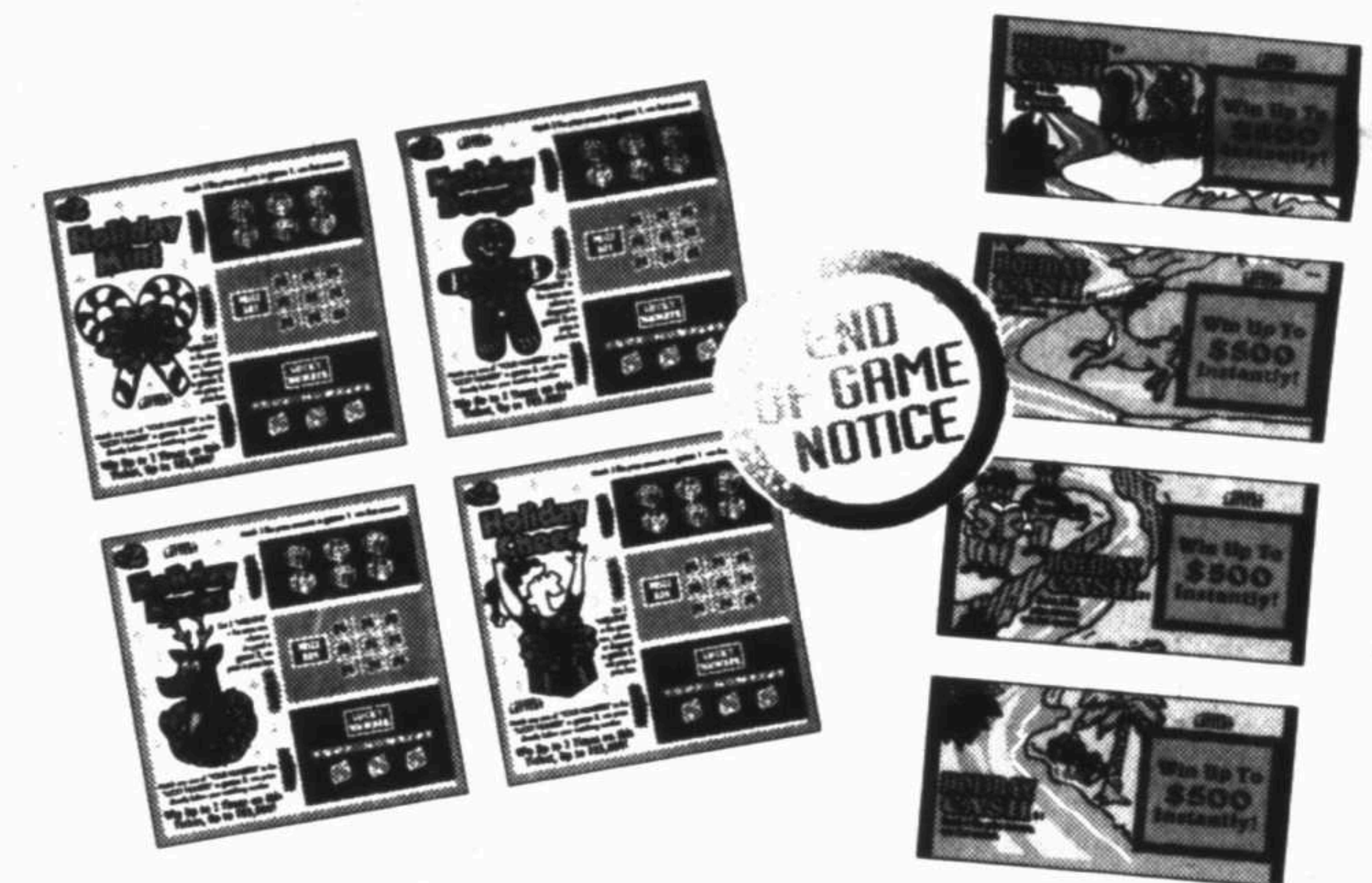
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Lott takes energetic strides to make mark on Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only three weeks into Trent Lott's reign as majority leader, he is beginning to put his own bustling imprint onto the staid old Senate.

The partisan stalemate over the minimum wage that had slowed Senate work to a crawl is over for now. So is the impasse over Alan Greenspan's third term as Federal Reserve chairman. More senators are consulted for tactical and legislative advice than under Bob Dole, by all accounts.

The Senate remains a place where formality rules and legislation can move at a snail's pace. But in ways large and small, the Mississippi Republican is making his mark on the majority leader's job.

Hurting through Senate corridors from one meeting to another with a cellular phone ringing constantly in his pocket, the 54-year-old Lott is a whirlwind of energy. The velocity of his rapid-fire speech is more common in Manhattan than his native Grenada County, Miss., though his perennially genial manner and dapper, conservative dress speak of the South.

Despite the expectation that he will aggressively help Republicans frame issues for use this election year, he so far has pragmatically reached out to Democrats to try to resolve

long-term disputes. Besides the minimum wage and Greenspan, these have included health-care legislation and a passel of other nominations.

"The Senate never accomplishes very much unless you have cooperation with all senators, and across the aisle with the Democratic leadership," he said this week in one of the numerous impromptu conversations he has daily with reporters. "I'll always begin with an effort to see if we can work it out."

Says Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, "At least to date, my relationship with the majority leader and his effort to work with us and accommodate some of our interests is about as good as I could hope."

Though he's been in Congress since 1973, Lott's recent ascension to the Senate's top job means his every word and deed are watched closely. So far, they reveal a man intent on leading his way.

Lott laments what he calls unsafe conditions on the Capitol's sprawling east plaza, where tourists and congressional aides walk amid occasional delivery trucks and cars ferrying lawmakers and dignitaries. But he and the Capitol Police said Lott had nothing to do with this week's stepped-up enforcement of a

requirement that pedestrians stay inside the plaza's painted crosswalks.

The new rules prompted Daschle to joke to reporters Friday that some Democratic senators had left town "but they didn't jaywalk." He added, "I told them I didn't want to catch any of them doing it. If I catch any of them they are going to be here late the next night."

Republicans, too, have noticed the change. Many said they feel more involved in the leaders' decision-making than before.

"I have more input at the ground level," said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., adding, "Bob's style was to take the approach that if you control information, you control the activity around here."

Paradoxically, Lott has been more inclined than Dole to try foisting his views on committee chairmen. In a current dispute, Lott wants Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., to initially apportion \$1.3 billion less than Hatfield prefers for the upcoming 1997 spending bills.

Change comes in smaller ways as well. Some GOP congressional aides claim Lott enforces a dress code for his staff that includes lipstick and skirts for women and suits or blue blazers but no khaki pants for men.

White House denounces former FBI agent's new book

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Sunday denounced a book by a former FBI agent as a pack of unbelievable tales that are part of a Republican campaign to "destroy the president." The book's author acknowledged that much of what he wrote would be hard to prove.

Meanwhile, the book was criticized by two prominent conservative journalists, including the apparent source of its wildest allegation — that President Clinton sneaks out of the White House for hotel trysts.

"I never knew I would be used as a source," David Brock, a writer for the American Spectator, told Newsweek, saying he had traded "wild speculation" about such alleged presidential outings with Gary Aldrich and didn't know he would put it in his book.

Conservative columnist George Will, who quizzed Aldrich on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," said Brock told him he was "appalled" to see the unverified rumor published.

"Can't someone say that in fact your book is a raw file and that you have gone into print with the kind

of evidence that no prosecutor would ever go into court with?" Will asked Aldrich.

"This is not a case presented to a grand jury," Aldrich replied, saying he had relied on his observations and untaped interviews for his book.

Aldrich, who retired from the FBI in 1994 after 30 years as an agent, said he would be willing to go before Congress to reveal his sources and back up his insider tales of sloppy White House security and alleged former drug use by some officials, including a senior staffer.

"I'm willing to swear under oath to anything that I have in this book," Aldrich said on ABC.

White House adviser George Stephanopoulos, who had urged ABC to cancel Aldrich's appearance, characterized him as an uncredible and his book as a right-wing medley of unsubstantiated rumors.

"His story couldn't get past the fact checker at the National Enquirer," complained Stephanopoulos, who appeared after Aldrich on ABC.

Stephanopoulos said that

Aldrich's book was being promoted by people with Republican connections. He said several "GOP operatives" were present for the ABC show's taping, including those with ties to GOP presidential candidates Bob Dole and Pat Buchanan.

He named Craig Shirley, a paid adviser for Dole in his 1988 presidential campaign. His company, Craig Shirley & Associates Inc., is promoting the book, published by the conservative Regnery Publishing Inc.

"If you look at the people behind him they're right-wing Republican political operatives who are determined to destroy the president," Stephanopoulos said.

Stephanopoulos urged Dole to distance himself from those Republicans.

"You have a smear campaign being conducted by Republican Party operatives. So I think right now we have a character test with Senator Dole," he said. "He should denounce the book and he should cut all ties to all those connected with this campaign of character assassination."

Nelson Warfield, a spokesman for Dole, said Shirley had done some volunteer work for the campaign during the recent Republican primaries, but he said Shirley had no ongoing adviser role.

"If Bill Clinton's top aides are confused about who's on the Dole payroll, they must be reading the wrong FBI files," Warfield snapped.

Aldrich's book, "Unlimited Access: An FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House," also discusses lax security and supervision that allowed White House staffers to review several hundred FBI files of former GOP officials.

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Presbyterians select new leader at 208th assembly

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — In a precursor to a vote on ordaining homosexuals, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has chosen as its leader a pastor who does not object to the idea.

The Rev. John Buchanan of Chicago was voted in Saturday as moderator of the 3 million-member church over a candidate who strongly opposes gay ordination and another who firmly supports it.

Buchanan was elected by commissioners to the church's 208th General Assembly, the same group that will decide Friday whether to permit homosexual ordination. The commissioners are representatives of the church's 171 congregations.

Losing out to Buchanan were Norman Pott of San Rafael, Calif., a supporter of gay ordination; and John Poling of Las Cruces, who strongly opposes ordination and considers homosexuality a sin.

Buchanan received 309 votes, Poling 210 and Pott 30. As moderator, Buchanan will serve as church spokesperson and goodwill ambassador beginning in 1997.

In debate prior to the vote,

Buchanan sought middle ground on the issue of gay ordination.

"We need to either find a way to resolve the issue of gay and lesbian ordination or at least find a way to disagree and stay together," Buchanan said in a speech to some 2,000 Presbyterians gathered at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

Poling disagreed, arguing the church should maintain its policy that "self-affirming, practicing homosexuals" are ineligible for ordination as ministers, elders or deacons.

"It is not within God's purpose to have a sexual relationship with someone of the same sex," said Poling. "When we take God's order and turn it around, we find disharmony in human relationships."

Calling for an overturning of church policy, Pott argued that "the primary teaching of Paul

toward homosexuals is found in Romans 13: 'Love is the fulfilling of the law.' The current policy of the Presbyterian Church is biblically deficient because it is doing harm to the neighbor."

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■ Columbia astronauts feeling energized

SPACE CENTER — The astronauts aboard Columbia said Sunday they felt energized as they faced the longest flight yet for the space shuttle program.

"I think we're all just feeling fantastic, and I think we could stay up here forever," Charles Brady Jr. said.

"I've been getting exercise and eating well and sleeping well," added Susan Helms. "The next time around, maybe my next flight will be even longer than this one and that would be great."

NASA decided Saturday to keep Columbia in space for a 17th day on its medical-research flight with a U.S., French and Canadian crew. The current shuttle endurance record, at 16 1/2 days, was set last year by Endeavour.

On Sunday, with seven days to go, the seven astronauts took a second half-day off from their medical experiments.

■ Justice Department releases study

WASHINGTON — Almost three out of every 100 American adults were in prison or on probation or parole in 1995, according to a Justice Department study released Sunday.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics said there were 3 million people on probation at the end of the year, up 4 percent during the year; 700,000 on parole, up 1 percent; and nearly 1.6 million in federal, state and local jails, up six percent.

That total of 5.3 million people was 2.8 percent of American adults.

The department said that since 1980 the total number under correctional supervision had almost tripled, from 1.84 million to 5.36 million, with an average annual growth rate of 7.4 percent.

The study, which focused on the probation and parole populations, found that the numbers in those two categories was up 3.2 percent in 1995, slightly down from the average 3.4 percent growth rate increase since 1990.

Half of those on probation were on probation for a felony. Among the states, Texas had the greatest number of people on probation or parole, with 518,000, followed by California with 378,000.

Nearly 3,900 out of every 100,000 Texan adults were on probation or parole. That compared to 510 North Dakotans and 512 West Virginians at the low end of the scale.

Women made up about 21 percent of the nation's probationers and about 10 percent of parolees.

■ Rooster champ crowned in Oregon

ROGUE RIVER, Ore. — Noise is a virtue this time of year around Rogue River — even if it's from a Fowl Mouth.

That's the name of the rooster who collected a championship title and a \$150 prize for raising a racket more than any of his competitors. He crowed 80 times in just 30 minutes Saturday to win the annual Rogue River Rooster Crow crown, out-crowding 63 other birds.

"Good boy," owner Bob Lynd told the bird. "I'll take you back to the hen house and your favorite hens."

Lynd believes Fowl Mouth's domed cage made the difference. "That way he can stretch his neck and let loose," he said.

Last year's winner, Mr. Skinhead, managed 69 crows in a half-hour. The record is 112 crows, set in 1978 by a rooster known as White Lightning.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Adoption picnics help 'hard to place' children

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (AP) — Sarah hung out by the dunking booth but refused to throw the ball. She was in no mood for hijinks.

Sarah knew someone at this picnic might be setting up her future. The brass band, face painting and hot dogs did not distract her from the whispers and pointing fingers.

"I just feel awkward," the 12-year-old said. "I just feel like everybody is just staring at me, like they're observing me."

She was right. Like 53 other children at the picnic, Sarah lives in state custody, bouncing from foster home to foster home, and she needs a family.

But finding suitable homes for "hard to place" children — older kids, sibling groups, children with physical and emotional disabilities — is a difficult task. And with drugs, alcohol and AIDS adding to the number of America's orphans, their advocates are increasingly turning to more aggressive techniques to find them parents.

One such proven course is the "adoption picnic," where children are basically put on display.

As good-hearted as the goal is, the picnics invite comparisons to meat markets, used-car lots and the historic orphan trains. From 1854 to 1930, the trains took more than 150,000 abandoned, orphaned and mostly immigrant children from New York City to rural America and lined them up to be taken by families, many of whom were looking for cheap farm labor.

"I know the kids have to be circulated, but I have a name for it. I'm calling it a cattle call," said Tonie Washington, who nevertheless hoped to find a toddler to adopt with her husband, Willie, who is stationed at this Army base in south-central Missouri.

Despite the organizers' insistence that they don't mislead the youngsters about finding families, few of the children are fooled into thinking the day is just for fun, said Autumnrose Swento.

Autumnrose, 14, returned to Thursday evening's picnic after finding a family at last year's

event. She spoke like a veteran of this year's crop, aged 3 to 14.

"They're kind of excited, but they're kind of nervous because they're scared," she said. "I came with a lot of hope (last year), but also I was really scared. I didn't know there was going to be anyone who wanted me because I figured I was too old."

Autumnrose was one of the lucky few.

Nationally, about 70,000 of the estimated 600,000 children in foster care are legally cleared for adoption, said Charlotte Vick, assistant director of the North American Council on Adoptable Children, a support and advocacy group based in St. Paul, Minn.

Vick acknowledged most children know the purpose of the picnics but said they willingly endured the awkwardness if it might find them a home.

"There are always downsides to these things. Nothing's perfect," she said. "On every occasion, I

would err on the side of parading them around if it meant a way of finding them a family, a place to belong."

No child leaves a picnic with a new family. Parents must complete applications and pass home visits and criminal background checks. There are training sessions, transitional visits and court hearings before the child moves in.

That's what officials say distinguishes these picnics from the orphan trains.

"The orphan trains had people waiting on the other end who hadn't been studied, who hadn't been trained," said Arlene Oney, program and policy developer. "These families have gone through the complete home evaluation process."

In Missouri, the annual picnics at Fort Leonard Wood began four years ago, sponsored by the Pulaski County office of the state Division of Family Services.

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Kennedy shooting film find promising

Although it has been more than 32 years since President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was shot to death while riding in a motorcade in Dallas, that assassination is still the topic of widespread public interest.

So when Corey Cooper of Fort Worth found the original television footage of that tragic event in his father's film canisters, it raised interest for thousands of people who have thirsted after every revelation about the Kennedy killing for the past three decades.

Cooper's father, the late Roy Cooper Jr., was a cameraman for television station KTVT and had saved the footage from the cutting room floor at the station.

Why is this find so important when so many inquiries have already been made into the

assassination and so much footage of the actual killing has already been scrutinized?

Gary Mack, an archivist for the Sixth Floor assassination exhibit in Dallas, put it in perspective when he said, "Historians will need to sit down in front of a monitor and listen very closely to what is said and when it was said and compare that with what we know now. Back then, the Kennedy assassination seemed very simple. Now we know so much more."

Yes, our understanding of any event can be altered by the amount of information and the details we know about it. If this film footage can shed additional light on the Kennedy assassination, it will prove extremely valuable.

ANOTHER VIEW

Farrakhan made mistake with claims about Sudan

Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan has egg on his face today. And the press, especially the Baltimore Sun, can take great pride in the embarrassment it should cause him.

The situation is reminiscent of the 1988 Gary Hart episode, when the Democrats' leading presidential contender flippantly challenged reporters to catch him in an adulterous liaison — and they did. This time, Farrakhan dared the press to prove there are Arab slave traders in the Sudan — and the Sun did just that.

While on an America-hating visit in March to several fundamentalist Islamic states, including the Sudan, Farrakhan was asked why he denounced U.S. slave practices that ended in the last century while ignoring the ongoing slave trade of his Sudan hosts.

"Where is the proof?" an irritated Farrakhan snapped. "If slavery exists why don't you go, as a member of the press, and look inside Sudan, and if you find it,

then you come back and tell the American people what you found." Sun foreign correspondent Gilbert Lewthwaite, who is white, and columnist Gregory Kane, who is black, accepted the challenge. They flew deep into the Sudanese interior where they paid \$500 each to buy two African slaves, ages 10 and 12, from an Arab slave trader.

The boys were seized six years ago in a raid on their village by the government-backed Arab militia. Since then, they told their Sun rescuers, they were forced to work in the fields long hours, day after day, while being paid only with the scraps of food they were fed. (And American kids think they have it tough.)

Today the youngsters are back at their homes, safely in the hands of their grateful parents. If they're lucky, maybe they won't be snatched up again by Farrakhan's friends.

— The Augusta Chronicle
 Augusta, Ga.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, July 1, the 183rd day of 1996. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on July 1, 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific, using dozens of surplus ships as targets.

On this date: In 1863, the Civil War Battle at Gettysburg began.

In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Theodore Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" waged a victorious assault on San Juan Hill in Cuba.

In 1916, Dwight D. Eisenhower married Mary ("Mamie") Geneva Doud in Denver, Colo.

In 1943, "pay-as-you-go" income tax withholding began.

In 1963, the U.S. Post Office inaugurated its five-digit ZIP codes.

In 1966, the Medicare federal insurance program went into effect.

In 1968, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and 58 other nations signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

In 1989, Britain's Prince Charles was invested as the Prince of Wales.

In 1971, 25 years ago, the United States Post Office was replaced with the United States Postal Service.

In 1980, "O Canada" was proclaimed the national anthem of Canada.

Ten years ago: The White House welcomed signals from Moscow of a willingness to resume preparations for a summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, but U.S. officials said there was still no evidence of progress on a date and an agenda.

Five years ago: President Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court, beginning a confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment. Actor Michael Landon died in Malibu, Calif., at age 54.

One year ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin's government survived a critical no-confidence vote. Rock 'n' roll disc-jockey Wolfman Jack died in Belvidere, N.C. at age 57.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olivia De Havilland is 80. Actor Farley Granger is 71. Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 65. Actress Jean Marsh is 62. Movie director Sydney Pollack is 62. Actor Jamie Farr is 62. Bluesman James Cotton is 61. Cookie-maker Walter Amos is 60. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 55.

JACK ANDERSON

Pentagon knew about chemical weapons

WASHINGTON — The recent announcement by the Pentagon that some U.S. soldiers in the Gulf War may have been exposed to chemical weapons left several observers shaking their heads with disbelief.

In a hastily called June 21 press conference, Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon claimed that "new" information about the bombing of an Iraqi bunker prompted the sudden announcement. But a senior government official — and others who've been following the issue for years — claim the Pentagon has known about this for almost five years.

"The Pentagon has known about it since October of 1991," the senior official told us. "(The Pentagon) wanted to low-key (the announcement). The big questions are going to be: When did (the Pentagon) find out they had (the evidence), and how long did they have it? How come it wasn't put forward for the last five years?"

The new disclosure opens up many new questions, but it also caps off five years of excuses by the Pentagon.

Defense Department officials have steadfastly denied that exposure to chemical agents could be a cause for the mysterious Gulf War syndrome. When veterans first began complaining of unexplained symptoms, the Pentagon tried telling them it was all in their heads by blaming it on post-traumatic stress disorder. When that didn't work, the DOD began speculating on other possible causes including insect bites, bad food supplies, insecticides and oil-fire fumes.

At one point, and without any factual basis

except the lessons learned 20 years earlier in Vietnam, officials offered up the "alcohol substitute" theory.

"No inquiry has been made on the extent of substance abuse (e.g. solvent sniffing, etc.) in a population that was abruptly deprived of alcohol," claims a 1994 Pentagon report reviewed by our associate Aaron Karp. "Some troops in the Vietnam War are known to have injured themselves by ingesting RDX, a plastic explosive, and a small number of individuals were bound to have experimented with these and other substances."

As we reported last week, the timing of the Pentagon's announcement has also raised eyebrows. In fact, the Pentagon came clean

only after receiving an ultimatum from a special presidential commission investigating the mysterious symptoms.

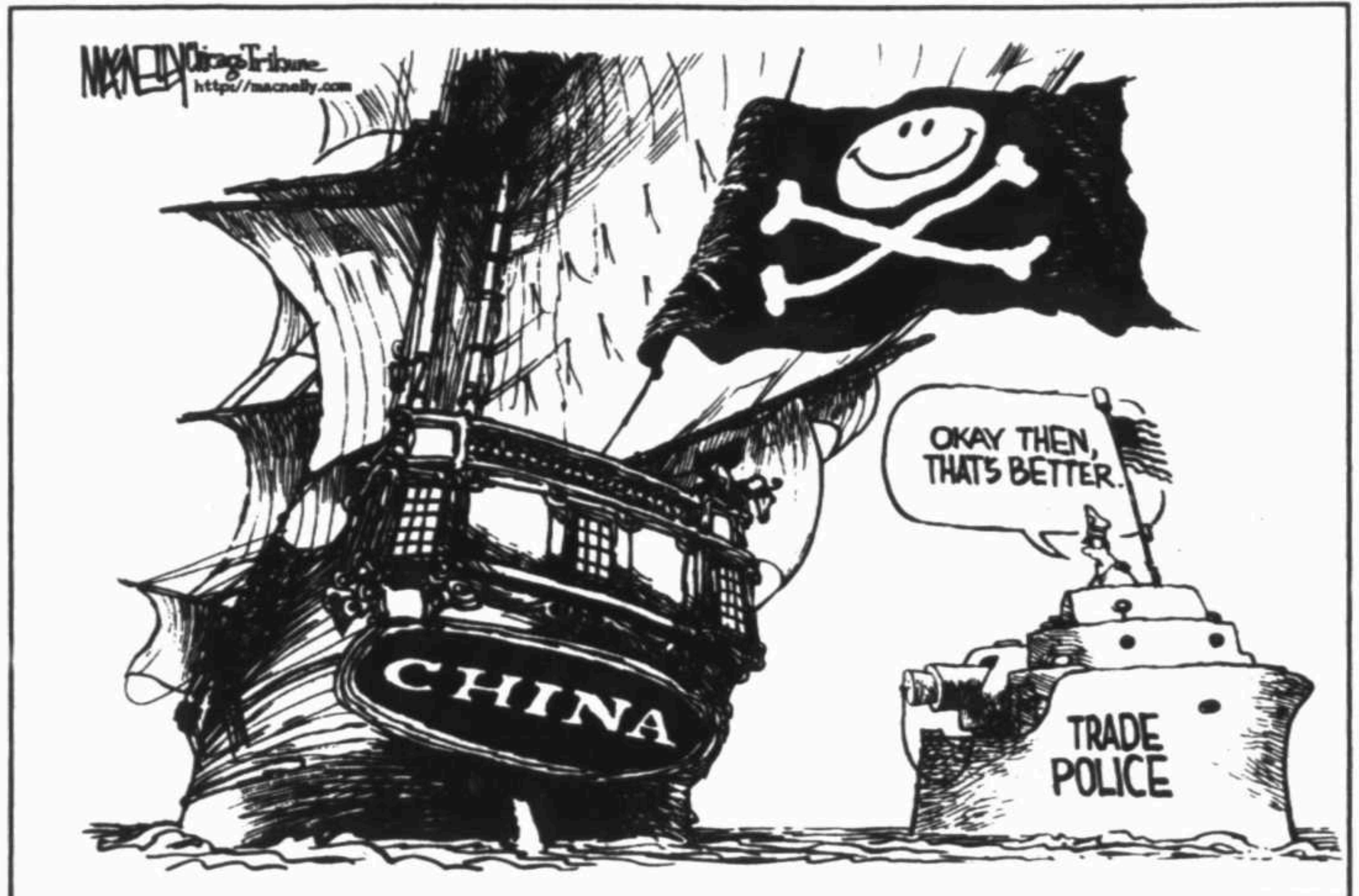
A commission investigator discovered an October 1991 United Nations report buried in Pentagon files revealing that chemical weapons were probably present at the Kamisiyah Ammunition Storage Depot, which was destroyed by air strikes in the days shortly following the cease-fire.

The commission threatened to release the information itself in early July if the Pentagon continued to stay silent.

Jack Anderson's and Jan Moller's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



Anderson



MIKE ROYKO

'California pecan burgers' can drive you nuts

I should have become suspicious when I looked in the window and saw all the ferns hanging from the ceiling and walls in the bar section of the restaurant. Bars that have ferns everywhere are not part of the Chicago tradition of interior design.

More suitable Chicago barroom decor includes softball and bowling trophies, hand-printed signs that say, "No Checks Cashed," and somebody taking a nap on the shuffleboard.

But we were looking for a fast lunch and the sign outside said the place served food, so we went in and took a table.

"Hamburger," I said to the waitress.

"With or without pecans?" she said.

"With or without what?" I asked.

"Pecans," she said.

"Uh, maybe you misunderstood me. I asked for a hamburger."

"Yes, I heard you. With or without pecans?"

Well I didn't know what to say. I had never heard of pecans with a hamburger.

So I asked: "How do you serve the pecans? As a side dish or what?"

"No, they are in the hamburger."

"Ah, of course," I said, trying not to appear unsophisticated. "Of course, I'll have it with the pecans."

"How do you want it done?"

Now she had me. I had stepped right into a trap. I always get hamburgers well done. As Slat's Grobnik once told me: "Real hot grease kills all the germs."

But what about pecans? Should pecans be rare, medium, or well?

So I asked: "Could I get the pecans rare and the rest of the hamburger well done?"

She blinked at me. "The pecans are in the hamburger."

"OK, well done for both of them."



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Then she asked if I wanted cheese, and I said yes. And she asked: "Swiss, cheddar, blue cheese?"

There is only one cheese for a hamburger — plain American cheese. The processed kind. My favorite is Velveeta. That's why I never go to Paris. You can't get real Velveeta from those barbarians.

"Do you have Velveeta?" I asked.

"Velveeta? No, but we have some American cheese."

"God bless America," I said. "I'll have it."

She returned in a while and put a plate in front of me. I gaped at it and asked: "What is this?"

"Your hamburger," she said. "That's what you ordered."

I had ordered a hamburger. Everybody knows what a hamburger is. And this was not a hamburger.

It was the size and shape of a baseball. And it was wrapped in bacon and covered with the melted cheese.

It sat atop half a roll, and the other half was on the side. There was no onion. There was no mustard or ketchup.

I pointed this out and she said: "You didn't order onion. But I'll bring you mustard and ketchup."

I doused the "burger" with the condiments and put the top half of the roll on it and picked it up.

"How do you eat this thing?" I asked my companion.

"I don't know. Maybe you should sort of press down on it with your hand to flatten it out."

I tried. Mustard squirted out on my shirt.

I looked around to see what others were doing. They were eating hamburgers, too. With knives and forks. Knives and forks.

There are many gray areas in life. Some things can't be called right or wrong.

But it is wrong to eat certain foods with knives and forks. Ribs, hot dogs, fried chicken, egg rolls, and hamburgers — they should all be eaten with hands.

To eat a hamburger with a knife and fork is as unnatural as drinking a shot and beer

through a straw.

"It's the California influence," my companion said. "That is a California-style burger."

Of course. The ferns should have told me that. And the pecans and foreign mustard.

And the fact that a wan young man at the next table was sipping white wine with his hamburger.

As we were leaving, the waitress said to me: "Was everything all right?"

"Everything was subversive and un-American," I said.

That evening, I stopped at the Billy Goat Tavern, where a hamburger is still a homburger and a cheeseburger is still a chizbooger: flat circles of meat cooked on a greasy grill, with onions and yellow mustard and slices of pickle.

And I warned Sam Sianis, the owner, that times were changing and he should consider changing with them.

"Ferns, Sam, you had better think about ferns."

"How you cook dem?"

"You don't cook them. They're plants. You hang them from the walls and ceilings."

He shook his head. "No plants een dees place. Plants got bugs. I no like bugs."

"Well, then you should consider pecans in your burgers. It's the coming thing. It's already here."

"Pecans?" he said. "You mean knots?"

"Yeah, nuts."

He thought for a moment. Then he went a got a hamburger and put it in front of me. Next, he turned around and pulled a package of beer nuts from the nut rack on the back bar.

He lifted the top of the bun and put the package of beer nuts on the hamburger. Then he replaced the bun.

"OK, you got nuts in your chizbooger."

Ah, sanity prevails.

(Mike Royko is on vacation. In his absence, we are reprinting some of his old favorites. This column originally ran on July 20, 1983.)

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CHARLEY REESE

Political demagoguery as disgraceful as church fires

First, the ritual denunciation. I heartily condemn arson, especially arson of religious houses of worship, not to mention, murder, theft, etc.

In sadder times, a writer did not have to insult

the intelligence of readers with ritual denunciations of heinous crimes. It was assumed that all decent people disapproved of the indecent.

These days, however, if you just plunge into a discussion without the ritual denunciation, some beady-eyed character from the Politically Correct Gestapo will surely accuse you of (a) condoning the unconscionable, or (b) being insensitive — whatever the heck that is.

But ritual performed, I now say that the political demagoguery surrounding the recent church fires is just about as disgraceful as the acts themselves. Politicians and the demagogues in the fund-raising business, and some in the pundit business, are all implying that the fires are somehow the responsibility not of the individuals who set them, but of society in general. The old let-me-lay-a-guilt-trip-on-you

game.

To which I reply, "Baloney."

In the first place, the fires of black or predominantly black churches, which Democrats and Republicans alike are trying to make a campaign issue, are not even connected to each other, so far as we know.

Nor is there evidence that any local or state police agency has not been diligent in investigating them. That has been implied by some demagogues, and it too is baloney.

Arson, as any arson expert will tell you, just happens to be one of the most difficult crimes to prove. A number of arrests have already been made.

As I write this two black fellows in North Carolina were charged with torching one black church; a white fellow was charged with torching another, though the cops say there was apparently no racist motive. Some arrests have been made in some of the other fires weeks ago.

On average, about 600 churches, synagogues and other places of worship burn each year in the United States. Most of the fires are accidental, but it cannot be assumed that even the arson fires are all related to prejudice. Pyromaniacs set fires because they love fires and because houses of worship are generally easy targets; most, especially those in rural areas, don't have expensive security systems.

Here's President Clinton blaming Southern racism when no one knows for sure if, any,

much less all, of these fires have anything to do with racism. No doubt some do, but it's time we stopped allowing cheap demagogues to use the evil acts of individuals to broad-brush society in general.

The Republicans — envious that Clinton got the jump on them in the self-righteous anguish contest — performed their usual trick of trashing the Constitution by making setting fire to a small country church a federal crime. What, pray tell, does a small country church, intact or burned, have to do with regulating interstate commerce? Nothing, of course, yet that was the excuse Congress used to federalize the problem.

It's sad to say that we have no leadership in the country worthy of that name. It's also true that race relations will never heal as long as demagogues seize the acts of individuals, whether race-related or not, to whip the flames of racial animosity.

It is the role of a leader to put events into perspective, to help people understand them. All we hear out of Washington are self-serving distortions.

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Paging Mr. Smith

If you try paging Mr. Smith aboard a Commodore Cruise Line ship this October, hundreds of people will be running for the phone. Same thing if you want Mr. Jones. The cruise line is sponsoring a trip to the Caribbean for people with the surnames of Smith and Jones. People with different last names can go too, but they might not be interested in some of the entertainment, which includes a genealogist who will trace family histories. Movies scheduled for the cruise include "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and the Indiana Jones series.

Broiler cycle

Besides fielding questions on how to use dishwashers, microwaves and other household appliances, the people who work at the GE Answer Center occasionally have to handle some strange requests from customers. GE reports that one winter, a frantic man called to find out how to get rabbit fur out of his washer; apparently he put his wife's rabbit coat in with the laundry. Another time, a woman called to see if she could get a spare refrigerator door — she had run out of room for her children's art work. And on another occasion, a customer called to see if she could defrost a chicken in her clothes dryer.

Crime, punishment

Wailing car alarms tend to annoy neighbors more than thieves, so stereo maker Pioneer Electronics says it has a solution — an alarm that's inside the car. A new line of Pioneer car CD and cassette players sends a high-pitched, piercing tone through the car speakers, hurting the ears of the would-be thief, not people outside. Additional options can trigger the car's lights, horn and, yes, an external siren, too.

At-home profile

People who work at home tend to skip breakfast but drink more coffee, according to Income Opportunities magazine. In its August issue, the magazine reports the results of a survey of readers who run businesses out of their homes. Despite the common wisdom that breakfast is the most important meal, 79 percent of the work-at-home respondents don't eat it. Sixty-five percent down coffee, and of these survey participants, 70 percent want it with caffeine. On the healthier side, 45 percent say they exercise more often now that they're working at home.

Soupies are here

For people who collect Campbell's soup memorabilia, Nirvana was Napoleon, Ohio, in mid-June, when the first Campbell's Soup Collectors Convention was held. The gathering gave collectors a chance to exhibit, buy and sell dolls, pot holders, dishes, puzzles, radios and other items that have been imprinted with the company's logo or likenesses of the Campbell Kids over the years. According to the company, among the most prized Campbell's items are an inflatable raft and a can of chicken noodle soup housed inside a bottle.

Dream rooms

If you're tired of the same old motels and hotels with their standard-issue furnishings and restaurants, Travel Weekly, an industry newspaper, offers some alternatives. In Strasburg, Pa., there's the Red Caboose Motel, where guests sleep in rail cars, most of which were used on the old Pennsylvania Railroad. At the Heritage Inn in Evans, Colo., the Wild West Suite includes a tent and a covered wagon for sleeping. And for the ultimate fairy-tale vacation, there's the Cinderella Palace Suite at the Ramada Inn Grand Court in Mundelein, Ill. Guests can sleep in Cinderella's coach, with a life-size Plexiglass horse standing guard nearby.

Olympicopoly

Over the years, the board game Monopoly has been manufactured with some interesting twists, including editions based on London or New York City instead of the original Atlantic City. The latest version has an Olympic theme, with spots on the board like Marvin Gardens and Boardwalk replaced by posters representing each of the summer games since 1896. The game, designed for collectors, costs \$35, more expensive than the standard Monopoly. But beware: If you play the game, you can still go to jail, and if you land on Luxury Tax, you still have to cough up \$75.

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Fair choices exist for income investors

By Chet Currier
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Thanks to recent divergent trends in the financial markets, income-conscious savers and investors have some interesting opportunities to consider at midyear 1996.

Interest rates have risen in the bond market since the start of the year, pushing bond prices lower, while the stock market has kept climbing to record highs. Long-term Treasury bonds that offered yields of around 6 percent last winter have lately sported interest returns in the 7 percent to 7.1 percent range.

So while many analysts grow more and more nervous about the possibility of a setback for stocks, hardly anybody is very worried about excessive enthusiasm in the bond market.

At the same time, rates have held relatively steady in the short-term money markets, leaving yields on many money market mutual funds in the

range of 4.8 percent to 5 percent.

All this adds up to a reasonable, if not exactly tantalizing, menu of choices for people who want or need to get current income from their investments — especially when you consider that reported inflation has been limited to annual rates of between 2.5 percent and 3 percent of late.

"The bond market's weakness reflects fears of future inflation more than any current developments," says Norman Fosback, editor of the advisory letter Income Fund Outlook in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

If you think those fears are overblown, you can invest in medium- to longer-term interest-bearing securities in the hopes of getting a pretty generous yield that will stand up well against inflation.

On the other hand, if you think inflation worries are justified, you can channel your money to short-term investments such as money funds, figuring that yields in the money market will rise as inflation

heats up.

Money rates also would stand to climb if the Federal Reserve, moving to head off inflation, tightens credit conditions in the next few months, as some analysts think it might.

Perhaps bond yields would also increase further, pushing bond prices lower still, on a Fed tightening. But maybe not, if bond traders saw the central bank's action as a timely step to keep inflation in check.

And what if you haven't a clue what inflation will do? You can split your money between the long- and short-term markets, and consider yourself hedged against that uncertainty, while still getting fairly well paid.

Another reason to consider diversifying maturities: The bond market remains a volatile place. "Bond prices are due for an interim rally," Fos-

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Land of the rising 7-11

By Peter Landers
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO — It offers the services of a post office, a bank, a bookstore and a ticket agency. It also sells snacks.

The fluorescent glare and the "Open 24 Hours" sign may look familiar, but Japanese convenience stores have blended a unique native element — high technology — into the classic American invention.

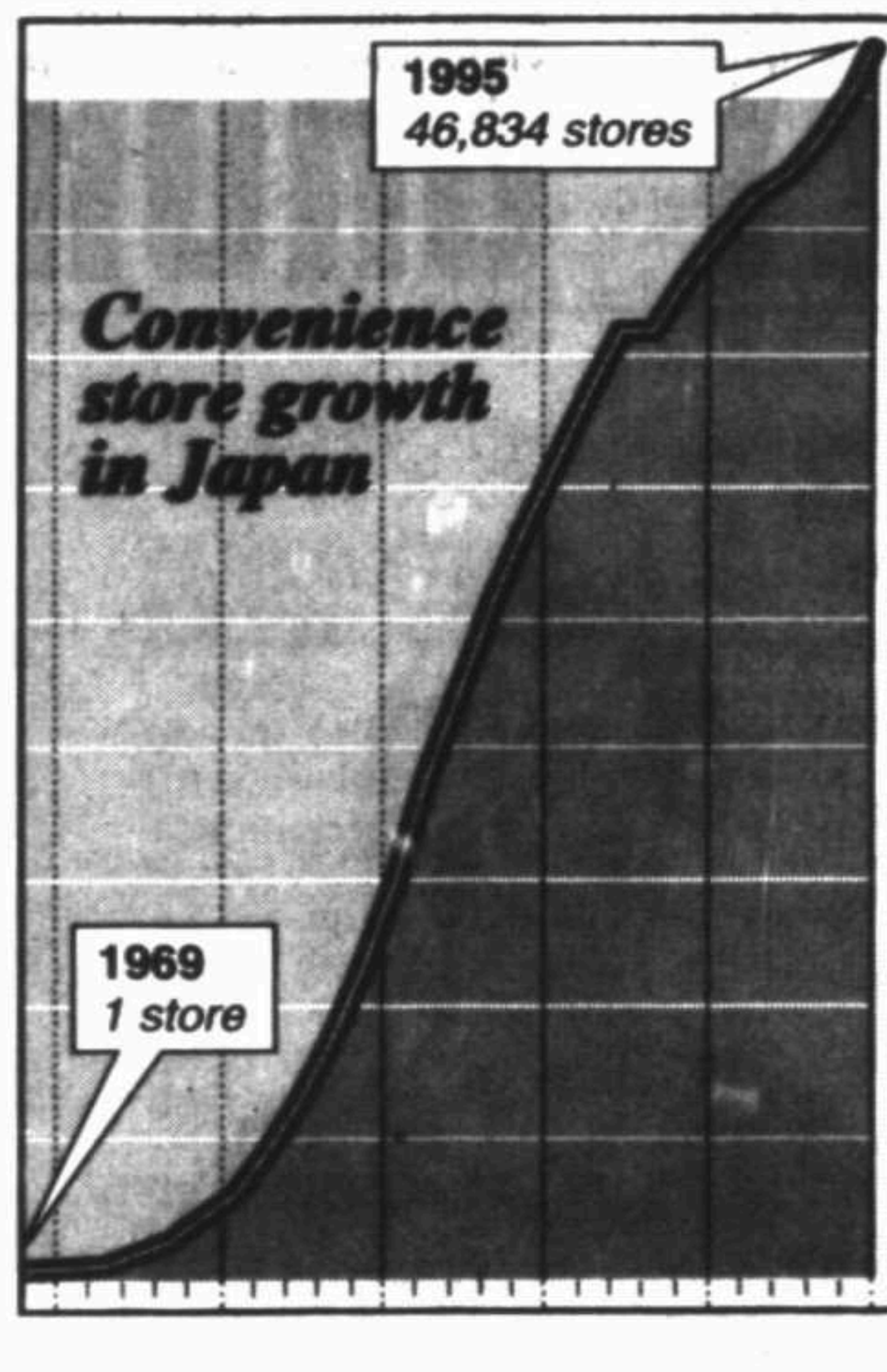
Combinis are Japan's answer to American convenience stores.

Japan caught on relatively late to the convenience store, but it's making up for lost time. The growth has been phenomenal: from 1,000 stores in 1974 to 47,000 now, with the figure increasing by 1,500 every year.

Computers are the secret of their success, controlling distribution, tracking even tiny changes in customer demand and making possible all the services that get customers into the store.

"Of all the industries in Japan, convenience stores are the one where the use of computers is most deeply rooted," said Taizo Deguchi, a retail industry analyst at the Daiwa Research Institute.

Each chain of combini stores, as they're known here, has a central computer system that receives data on every purchase, including the customer's gender and estimated age. Combini owners check sales data and make orders through the com-



"In the old days, Japan was full of specialty stores selling fish or vegetables or books. But those stores are gradually disappearing."

— Ken Sakurai,
Tokyo combini store owner.

puter.

The technology enables chain managers to make virtually instant decisions on products. Say a new brand of potato chips goes on sale. Product buyers watch its sales on a day-by-day, even hour-by-hour basis. If it's not a success after two weeks, they yank it.

Suppliers get access as well. If soft drink sales are booming, beverage makers find out right away, so they can boost production to keep up. But the merchandise is only half the story. The combini is also a place to send packages, pay bills, make photocopies, and in many cases, to buy concert and event tickets.

In the past few months some stores have even installed plane ticket machines, enabling customers to reserve a seat and pay for it by credit card.

The rise of the combinis have dealt a blow to mom-and-pop competitors, who don't offer high-tech services and in any case have seen their market niche shrink as young Japanese turn away from traditional dishes in favor of junk food and microwaved meals.

"In the old days, Japan was full of specialty stores selling fish or vegetables or books," said Ken Sakurai, 66, who owns a Tokyo combini with his wife. "But those stores are gradually disappearing."

The Sakurais' store is typically tiny — only 650 square feet or not much

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If work is survival of the fittest, why not exercise?

By Diana Kunde
Associated Press

DALLAS — There was no sudden shortness of breath or stern warning from his doctor.

At age 51, Charlie Bechtel just decided he needed to exercise. Bechtel, vice president of sales for Quaker State Corp., now works out on a treadmill at least three times a week. He also does flexibility exercises and weight training. Carving out the time wasn't easy, he said.

"It's hard to get into a routine. Some people do it. Some people are lazy, like me. One of those days, you just wake up and say, 'I'd better do something here,'" Bechtel said.

If most Americans have trouble finding time for the aerobic and weight-bearing exercise that physicians say is key to good health, executives and professionals who work 11- and 12-hour days can find it even tougher.

Add high-fat business dinners and lunches to long days and stress, and you could have a recipe for physical disaster.

The issue is important enough that the Center for Creative Leadership, a North Carolina organization that trains executives, added a health and fitness component to a five-day program for chief execu-

tive officers and senior vice presidents.

"When we introduce the program, we talk about the fact that they're not average individuals because the physical demands on them are so great," said Laurin McCrary, an exercise physiologist.

There are some signs that executives are starting to pay attention starting to pay attention. A recent survey of 87 CEOs by the Center for Leadership and Career Studies at Emory University, for instance, found that top executives were more likely to budget scarce personal time for exercise than for community activities or public appearances.

In Dallas, Vickie Henry, owner and CEO of Feedback Plus Inc., solves the time problem by doing two things at once. The only time she gets to read, she said, is when she's working out on the stair-master or reclining exercise bike.

"Or listen to a tape. So, I feel I'm accomplishing more than one thing at a time," she said.

At Quaker State's new Dallas headquarters, CEO Herb Baum — a health and fitness buff — converted the last tenant's executive dining room into an exercise center. In a hard-work culture that includes long days, it's a bonus to have facilities on site, several executives said.

"It's air conditioned and it has a TV monitor where you can watch CNN. It's a very pleasant situation," said Paul Konney, vice president, general counsel and secretary.

"I don't do a lot of dinners out. I do a lot of long days," said Konney, whose typical workday starts at 8 a.m. and ends about 7 p.m. "That's one reason this is convenient. I do it on my way out or my way in."

Ron Haddock, president and CEO of Fina Inc., finds his exercise time by hitting the streets at 6 a.m. for a daily four-mile run.

"Other than me and the guys delivering papers, it's a relatively quiet time," he said.

There are, of course, the zealots. Like Fred Meyer, the 68-year-old chairman and CEO of Alladin Industries in Nashville, Tenn.

"I run because I think it's terrific from a stress standpoint," said Meyer, who plans his run into every day. He logs his miles and is close to a lifetime 25,000. He ran marathons as a vice president of Tyler Corp. but had to stop when he took the chairmanship of the Dallas County Republican Party, he said.

Twelve-hour days or not, basic good health is a matter of discipline and persistence, said David Pillow, emergency physician at St. Paul Medical Center.

Avoiding mistakes on retirement payouts

DENVER (AP) — Most workers understand the value of saving for retirement through a qualified retirement plan such as a 401(k) or an individual retirement account (IRA).

But some of that value can be lost if you fall into one of the many tax or planning traps that await you when you begin to take retirement payouts. Indeed, according to the IRS, 3 million taxpayers are penalized every year for making payout mistakes.

"People saving for retirement need to be as cautious about how they take their money out of their retirement accounts as about how they put their money into the accounts," says Sandra Phillips, an academic associate at the College for Financial Planning, a division of the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE).

Some of the more common distribution traps, according to Phillips:

■ Taking your money out too early. If you withdraw funds from your retirement account before age 59 1/2, you'll probably pay a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty in addition to paying regular income taxes on the amount. There are exceptions to this rule. If you turn 55 before you retire or are terminated from a company, you can then start drawing on your 401(k) account or take out all the funds in a lump sum without penalty. This does not apply to an IRA. You also can take out equal periodic lifetime payments free of penalty.

■ Making a direct rollover yourself. If you directly handle rollovers between retirement accounts (such as shifting funds from a 401(k) to an IRA), 20 percent of that rollover automatically will be withheld for federal income tax. This rule applies even if you roll over all the funds within 60 days. Fail to replace that missing 20 percent and

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PAYOUTS: Failing to forward average a trap

(From 7A)

you could pay a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. Phillips says you can avoid this situation by having the account trustees directly transfer the funds (for example, from your company pension plan to an IRA.)

■ **Starting withdrawals too late.** You must begin making minimum withdrawals from your tax-deferred retirement accounts by April 1 of the year after you turn 70 1/2. If you don't, you will pay a 50 percent penalty tax on the money you should have taken out but didn't.

■ **Taking out too little money.** You have to take out a minimum amount from the total value of all your retirement accounts. Take out too little, and you will

pay a 50 percent penalty on the required amount you failed to withdraw. You'll also have to withdraw that required amount and pay ordinary income tax on it.

■ **Taking out too much money.** On the other hand, you can be penalized for taking out too much in a single year, either as an annual payout (\$155,000 in 1996) or as a single lump sum (\$75,000). If you go over those limits, you'll pay a 15 percent penalty tax on the amount above the thresholds.

The thresholds are indexed to the Consumer Price Index, so they will rise each year and may not be a problem. However, if you've accumulated a large nest egg, Phillips says you may want to begin taking payouts sooner

than age 70 1/2 to lower the minimum withdrawals. There are some exceptions to this rule, and there's a loss of tax deferral, so you may want your financial adviser to run the numbers.

■ **Failing to forward average.** Taxpayers often fail to understand how five-year forward averaging on a lump-sum withdrawal works, Phillips says. (Ten-year averaging is only available to a limited number of older retirees.)

"They think it means you can pay taxes on a lump-sum withdrawal over a five-year period. Rather, it allows you to calculate your tax on the lump sum (excluding all other income) as if it had been paid out over five years. Hopefully, this will result in a lower tax rate. Then, you

add up the five yearly tax liabilities and pay the tax in a single up-front payment."

Phillips says you must be in the retirement plan for at least five years to forward average (you can't forward average a lump-sum distribution from an IRA), be age 59 1/2 or older, and the lump sum must represent the entire account balance. If the lump sum is less than \$70,000, you receive additional tax breaks.

■ **Putting your retirement plan in certain trusts.** For a variety of reasons, it's sometimes recommended that trusts be made the beneficiary of retirement plan assets. However, in the case of some trusts, Phillips says, that can be a mistake.

CHOICES: Try not to out-think markets

(From 7A)

back ventures. "But near-term prospects aside, we believe risk-averse income investors should continue to avoid long-maturity holdings."

At the same time, however, bond interest rates today look pretty generous when you compare them to the yields available on the main competition, stocks.

Even six-month Treasury bills, a very short-term and safe investment, recently were yielding almost 2.5 times the aggregate yield of the 500 stocks in Standard & Poor's

composite index.

That's the highest level for that ratio since the late 1980s, Standard & Poor's analysts point out in their weekly advisory *The Outlook*.

In the midst of all this, most analysts agree it's wise not to put too much confidence in your ability to outthink the credit markets.

Over the past few years, the markets for interest-bearing investments of all types have repeatedly and convincingly demonstrated their ability to confound even the professionals who spend all their working lives striving to figure them out.

STORES: Combinis an engine of growth for retailers

(From 7A)

bigger than a large living room. Yet it manages to squeeze in a large variety of instant and fresh foods, daily necessities and an extensive selection of magazines.

For big-city dwellers, especially in the Tokyo area, combinis like the Sakurais are everywhere. Because the computerized distribution allows them to stock a broader range of products, analysts say Japan can support one combini for every 2,000 people, compared with one per 8,000 in the United States.

The fast spread of the combini has proven an engine of growth for retailers that have long been shackled by government regulations restricting big stores.

Ito-Yokado Co., Japan's second-largest supermarket operator, set off the combini boom with its 7-Eleven chain, while the No. 1 Japanese retailer, Daiei, owns the second-ranking Lawson's combini chain.

The customers are predominantly young and male, with tastes that older Japanese find a bit hard to appreciate.

Sakurai's wife, Yasuko, 65, still can't understand how anyone could enjoy "onigiri" rice balls with mayonnaise inside, but they're a big seller at most combinis.

"(Combinis) have invented many new products, and that's giving them the power to grow and keep high margins," said Susumu Takeuchi, an analyst at Yamaichi Securities' research institute.

In recent years, elements of the combini strategy have spread back to the United States. In 1990, Ito-Yokado's 7-Eleven Japan bought a majority stake in Southland Corp., which operates 7-Eleven stores in the United States, and returned it to profitability.

And this year, several top chains have talked of expanding into China.

But there's one crucial element in the success of Japanese combinis that can't be easily exported to the United States: the low crime rate here. In Japan, keep-

ing late hours doesn't make retailers and their customers inevitable targets of robbers.

"Even at this hour, I can walk on the streets and no one's going

to touch me," said shopper Kikong Lee, leaving a central Tokyo combini as the clock neared 1 a.m. one recent night. "The U.S. is dangerous."

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The advertising and business offices of the Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed Thursday, July 4th to celebrate Independence Day. The following advertising deadlines will be observed.

Saturday, July 6	Wednesday, July 3, 3pm
Sunday, July 7	Wednesday, July 3, noon
Lifestyle, Entertainment	Wednesday, July 3, noon
Permian Basin Oil Report	Wednesday, July 3, noon
Sports Plus	Wednesday, July 3, 3pm
Main, Local, Sports	Wednesday, July 3, 3pm
Monday, July 8	Friday, July 5, noon
Tuesday, July 9	Wednesday, July 3, noon
Expressline, July 10	Wednesday, July 3, noon
TV Times, July 14	

The circulation department will be open until 11:00am and can be reached at 688-2700.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

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Dave's Top 10

- "Signs You Won't Be Qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Team"
10. Keep accidentally burning your wrestling opponents with your cigarette
 9. You need an advanced pulley system to get over the high hurdles.
 8. When you hear the starter's pistol, you ball up like a frightened armadillo.
 7. To get you to the trials, firemen had to remove the side of your house.
 6. When you started running the 100-meter dash, Bob Dole was still in high school.
 5. Boxing opponents get their gloves caught in your stomach.
 4. You train by standing in front of a mirror trying to smile like Mary Lou Retton.
 3. "Being 35 and still living at home with your parents" not yet an Olympic sport
 2. When your relay partner tries to take the baton, you shout, "Get your own stick!"
 1. Can't get through the parallel bars.

Late Night Lines

On Clinton vs. Dole: "President Clinton is reportedly feeling so confident about his lead in the polls over Bob Dole that he's ready to start dating again."

On "Prison Reform": "Prison is getting way too costly. It has been estimated that keeping a guy behind bars can cost upwards of \$20,000 a year. You know, it would be a lot cheaper just to put these people in a Motel 6."

"Our system actually lets inmates sue if they don't like the guards or the food or the work or the reception on the giant screen TV. Why are they able to sue? The broke the law, so they shouldn't get to use it anymore."

"Perhaps we should look into a system like the dry cleaners have. We just put 'em on hangers in alphabetical order, then after a while we go in with a claim ticket, the line whizzes around 'till we get the right guy, we check carefully to see if they got the stain out, and if not, back they go."

"You think prisoners should have privileges? Okay, but let's compromise. They want cable television? Fine give 'em a 24-hour feed of the security-cam at the convenience store they knocked off. You want a weight room? You got a weight room. It's spelled W-A-I-T. It's your cell, now get in it and wait."

— Dennis Miller

"By the way, I forgot last night -- congratulations to the Chicago Bulls for winning their fourth NBA championship. It's an amazing accomplishment. And also, congratulations to Michael Jordan, who was named MVP of the play-off series. And also, my congratulations to Dennis Rodman, who won the evening gown competition."

"Bob Dole is now upset because people are doing jokes about the man being old and running for President... Bob Dole actually challenged me, he said, Dave, you know, make all those jokes about me being old, but look, if you think you're such a big shot, come with me on my campaign plane and see how well you do." And I said, Thanks very much, Bob, that's a very, very generous offer but I can't get on the plane with you because I'm not eligible for pre-boarding."

"According to the latest report from the Senate, Hillary Clinton has been implicated in the Travelgate scandal, the Whitewater scandal and the F.B.I. files scandal. Hillary Clinton, wife of President Bill Clinton, implicated in these three things. I think this raises one question: Does President Clinton do anything?"

— Letterman

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services

Hats off ...

... to students, teacher and administrators at Midland's Alamo Junior High School. Students there have scored on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests (TAAS) the highest of any junior high in Midland and Odessa and above the state average. Alamo has also been notified that it has been selected as a mentor school and will serve as a model for junior high schools across the state.

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Inhaler causes man to cough up money

Associated Press

WICHITA FALLS — Police say a local man huffed, and he puffed, and he blew his chance at a clean getaway after robbing another man of \$37.

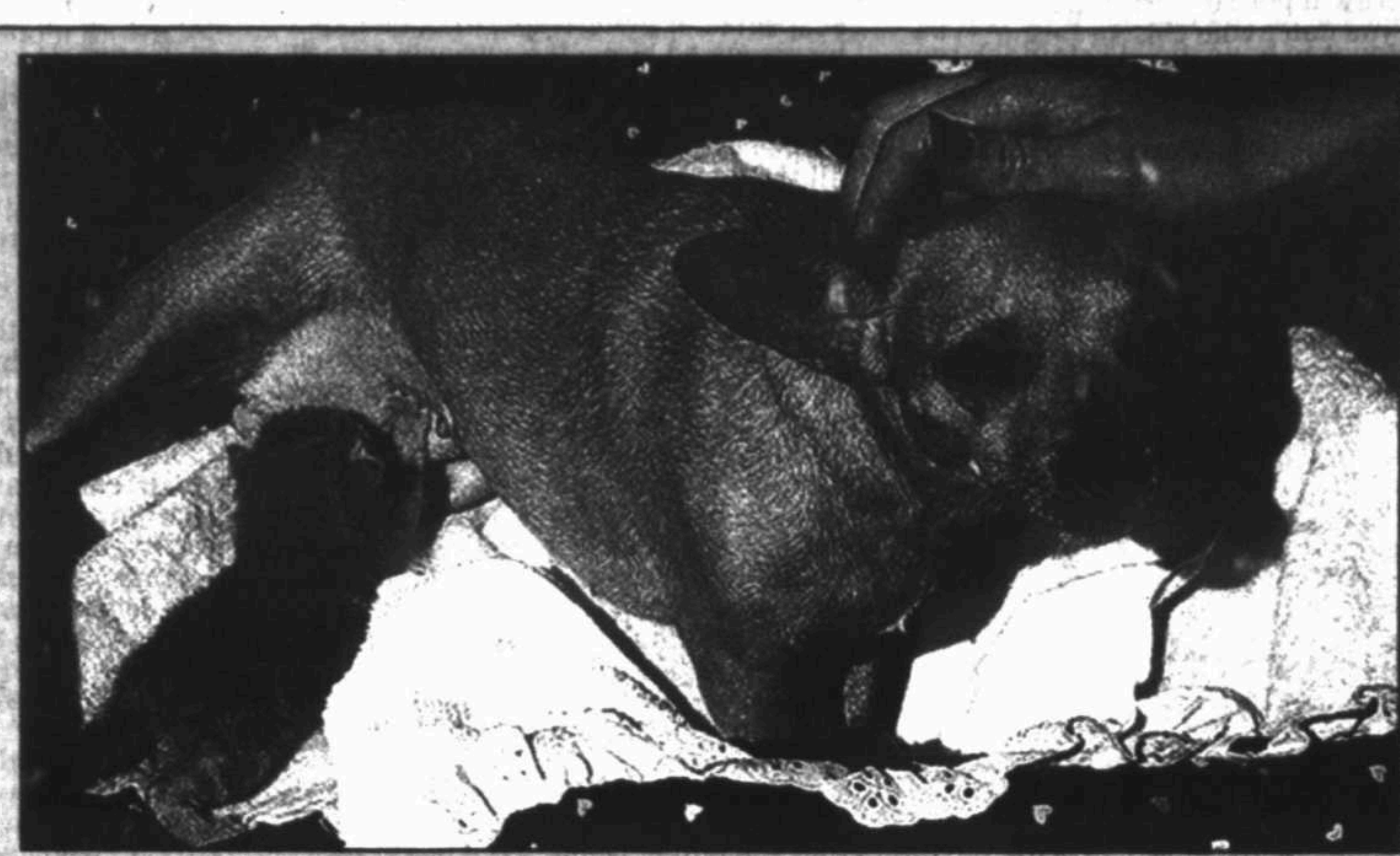
William Thomas Luster, 41, might have succeeded at a late Thursday night crime if he hadn't left his shiny asthma inhaler on the victim's dashboard, police said.

According to a police report, Luster flagged down a motorist and offered to sell him a VCR. The unwanted salesman's pitch changed when he presented a "shiny object" and demanded cash.

The driver, expecting the object to be loaded with bullets instead of breathing medication, handed over some money. The robber got the cash, but left behind his puffer.

Police found Luster sweating and breathing heavily at a nearby apartment about a half-hour later, the report continued. The victim identified Luster, who was carrying a spare inhaler similar to the one the motorist found in his car.

Luster was charged with robbery. He was being held Tuesday at the Wichita County Jail on \$10,000 bond.



Maternal instincts

Tiny, a 4-year-old Chihuahua, shows off her mothering skills with her adopted kitten, Tiger, in Vero Beach, Fla. Craig & Kim Lawson found the abandoned new-born kitten last week and took it home to see if Tiny might be able to serve as wet nurse, now that the dog had finished nursing her own brood. The experiment worked.



Ritzie Williford, known for her storytelling abilities and portrayal of Mother Goose, is helping spearhead a program honoring America's patriotic roots.

Mother Goose gets patriotic

Tuesday program to celebrate birth of nation, honor all veterans

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Mother Goose Ritzie Williford has played many roles in her lifetime, including serving in a singing platoon of the United States Navy WAVES.

"I loved it," said Mrs. Williford, who is one of the organizers of a Fourth of July commemorative program set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the downtown Midland County Public Library. "I had more fun than a barrel of monkeys. That's because I was given such a wonderful assignment."

The commemorative program is sponsored by Women's Veterans of the West Texas area. "It is to celebrate the birth of our nation and the signing of the Declaration of Independence and to honor all veterans."

A military presentation of the flag ceremony will be performed by men and women still in uniform. Small flags will be pre-

sented to all children attending the program, donated by D & L Flag Co. The children will be entertained with the story "The Fabulous Flying Flag Farm" by Texas author Nancy Robinson Masters. Carlos Zachery will sing a medley of patriotic songs.

Organizers hope to reach other women veterans. "We're trying to contact all women veterans in the West Texas area," Mrs. Williford said.

Mrs. Williford's patriotic fervor dates back to her childhood, and her father, Benjamin Bernard Putter, who served in the U.S. Army during World War I and II and between both wars. "If he heard the 'Star Spangled Banner' on the radio, he made everybody stand up and put their hand over their heart. He felt that strongly about it."

Mrs. Williford, who was born in Tulsa, Okla., July 4, remembers when she enlisted. Although she had attended several colleges and

universities because her family traveled "so much," she moved from a Mississippi junior college and finishing school, Whitworth School for Girls, into the Navy.

"We were very well chaperoned. It was hysterical when we went into the WAVES. We had all this freedom."

"We didn't have to go through a lot of the hardships like the women do today. I feel very fortunate that we didn't."

Mrs. Williford was among the first women to enlist.

"They were real proud of the fact that they had women in the service. I was in one of the few beginning troops that they started training for the Navy WAVES. At that time, that's what the women were called."

Although women first served the U.S. Navy during World War I, performing clerical and secretarial duties to release enlisted men

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Auto reviewers complaining of perfect streets

Associated Press

EAST HADDAM, Conn. — The folks who test new cars for Consumer Reports magazine have a big problem with roads in central Connecticut — they're too darn smooth.

Now Consumers Union is looking to build a teeth-rattling ride, complete with wicked turns, dependably large potholes and other bone-crushing impediments to comfort.

And they plan to spend \$600,000 to make sure it stays that way.

Consumers Union already has two smooth tracks on its property, which it uses to test acceleration, braking and the like.

In the past, nearby bumpy roads served for suspension, steering and shocks testing. But not anymore.

"They're making the roads all around us better and better, and that's a problem," manager Alan Hanks said Monday after the organization requested a zoning variance for the 12,000-foot road.

Thank You Note...

For 15 years or more, the Visual Aids News-Mobile, a volunteer organization for the blind and physically handicapped, has hosted a backyard party for our clients. Each year this is made possible with the help of our many friends in the business community.

This year, about 100 visually impaired and disabled people enjoyed food, entertainment and fellowship, and many left with a door prize. All left with a bag of small gifts. We would like to thank the many donors who participated.

For many of our homebound clients, this annual party is one of the few times all year they get out and enjoy themselves. We couldn't do it without these donations and the help of our faithful volunteer workers.

— Fena Berry

JIMMY PATTERSON

What compels us to stare during potty training?

They stood together, the young boy and the older man, peering downward. The young boy's eyes were fixed and bore a look of awe; the older man was just bored.

The older man had seen the bowl numerous times before and was, at this point in his life, unmoved; but the young boy looked on in wonder, partly intimidated, somewhat excited.

This is going to be a job, the older man thought to himself. A job that he wouldn't wish upon anyone. A job that would test his patience; his credentials as a father; his very existence as a man.

The old man suddenly remembered what his wife told him several months before. "I did the girls. You're in charge of The Boy." The words still echoed around in his head. There seemed no possible way of getting out of this. It was his responsibility and he knew it. He would be forced to finish the job, but not until the young boy decided it

was time to start the job.

The man couldn't help but recall the words of Vince Lombardi, the famed Green Bay Packers football coach. He thought he'd paraphrase the legendary gridiron mentor, and see if maybe that approach didn't work.

"This," the father said to his son, "is a toilet." And to that, his son, himself the owner of an impressive vocabulary for a 2-year-old, was rumored to have said, "Not so fast, dad."

Potty training.

Up until the teen-age years, there is no other task so formidable for parents.

Under normal circumstances, there should be no deep-seated psychological reasons for a kid not wanting to be potty-trained, although there have been entire books authored on the subject. Next time you walk through a bookstore with a screaming 2-year-old in tow, resist shelling out \$24.95 for a "how-to" or "why-won't-she" book by some Ph.D. who spends more time on his or her radio show than down in the trenches.

And just remember this: A 2-year-old's stubbornness far outweighs a loaded diaper. If the kid doesn't want to give up the diaper, he's not going to give up the diaper. Plain and simple (and free, I might add).

There are as many potty-training theories as there are moms and dads. The best theory is, frankly, whichever one works best and fastest.

It's no wonder that children don't pick up on potty training quickly. Two weeks ago, the following scenario played itself out in my casa:

The Boy walked cautiously, bravely into the front bathroom and stared down — eyes half open, half shut — at his starter toilet, a sort of potty with training wheels.

The green and purple chair with the hole in it had sat empty and had been collecting dust in the six weeks since it was purchased by a pair of over-eager parents who thought their brilliant boy would pick up on this aspect of growing up with little or no problem.

But his obstinate nature quickly took over, and the

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Superman didn't have visible abs, why should I?

What I want to know is: Why is it important to have visible stomach muscles?

I grew up in an era (the Paleolithic) when people kept their stomach muscles discreetly out of sight. Most of us didn't even realize we HAD stomach muscles; the only people who ever actually saw them were courageous surgeons willing to cut through fat layers the thickness of the Cleveland white pages.

I'm not saying we weren't in shape; I'm just saying we had a different concept of what the shape should be. For example, our idea of a stud-muffin prototype male was somebody along the lines of George Reeves, who starred in the black-and-white TV version of "Superman," playing the role of the mild-mannered newspaper reporter Clark Kent, whom nobody ever



Barry

suspected of being Superman because he disguised himself by wearing glasses. (It is a known fact that if you put on glasses, even your closest friends will not recognize you; that's why, despite all the eerie similarities, nobody has ever figured out that Sally Jessy Raphael and Mike Tyson are actually the same person.)

The TV Superman, who was more powerful than a locomotive, did not have visible stomach muscles. In fact, he didn't have much muscle definition at all; he pretty much looked like a middle-aged guy at a Halloween party wearing a Superman costume made from pajamas, a guy who had definitely put in some time around the onion dip. From certain angles he looked as though he WEIGHED more than a locomotive. But he got the job done. He was always flying to crime scenes faster than a speeding bullet in a horizontal position with his arms out in front of him.

STUDY QUESTION: Did he fly in this position because he HAD to? Or was it that the public would have been less impressed if he had flown in a sitting position, like an airline passenger, read-

ing a magazine and eating honey-roasted peanuts?

When Superman arrived at the crime scene, he would knock down the door, played by a piece of balsa wood, and confront the criminals, who were usually suit-wearing men with harsh voices. (You had a better-dressed criminal in those days.)

"Superman!" the criminals would say. This was the signal for Superman to put his hands on his hips so the criminals could shoot their revolvers at his chest, an effort that always caused Superman to adopt a bemused expression because, as a native of Krypton with special powers, he knew that the criminals were shooting blanks. Then Superman would turn the criminals over to the police, played by Irish character actors in their mid-60s, after which he would fly in a horizontal position back to his secret Fortress of Onion Dip.

The point is that, in my era, Superman did not have visible stomach muscles, and neither did Hercules or Tarzan, who needed steel-reinforced vines. But now, suddenly, everybody is supposed to have rippling abdominals.

They are hot. If muscle groups were rock bands, the abdominals would be Hootie & the Blowfish. Turn on your television, and if you do not see a commercial in which a leading economist such as Candice Bergen, Michael Jordan or Whoopi Goldberg explains which long-distance carrier is best for your individual case (Answer: Whichever one is paying millions of dollars to Candice, Michael or Whoopi) you will see the Abdominals People — and I do not wish to generalize here, but these people display the intelligence of sherbet — selling abdominal devices, demonstrating abdominal exercises, and of course proudly showing off their abdominal muscles, which bulge and writhe beneath a thin sweaty layer of skin, so that the people look as though they're smuggling pythons down there.

What I want to know is, why is this considered attractive? And how important, really, are abdominal muscles? I mean, I'm sure they serve some medical function, such as keeping your intestines from falling into your lap, but do they have to be HUGE? Do these people who spend 17 hours a day building up their abdominals ever actually

use them for any practical purpose? If so, what? Moving furniture? ("OK, Thad, you push your awesome stomach muscles against THAT end of the bureau, and I'll push mine against THIS end, and we'll just ... Huh! It's not moving!")

What I also want to know is: What's next? I mean, when the Abdominals People — formerly the Biceps People; formerly the Thighs People; formerly the Buns People — have made all the money they can from our stomachs, where will they go? Are they going to work their way through ALL of our muscles? Will there come a time, say 10 years from now, when they're going to announce that we all need to build up, say, our eyelid muscles? Will we turn on the TV and see commercials for the Lid-A-Cizer, featuring enthusiastic men and women with form-fitting workout outfits and bulging eyelids the size of golf balls? Are we going to fall for THAT, too? Or are we going to draw the line somewhere? Think about it!

And while you're thinking, pass the dip.
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YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Guidelines for submissions to Yours for the Asking:

■ Contact the Reporter-Telegram in writing if you are an individual with something to give away, or a non-profit organization in need of an item or items. Requests should be sent to "Yours for the Asking," c/o Monday Morning, The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, 79702, or faxed to 682-3793.

■ Non-profit organizations should be prepared to provide a brief description of your organization and a copy of its 501(c)(3) status.

■ "Yours for the Asking" items are printed with the intent they be given away — not sold — and are published at the newspaper's discretion.

■ If you'll be calling someone having something to give away, make sure you wait until after 7 a.m. to call the owner.

■ Look around your home for something someone else could use. Almost everyone has something no longer needed that someone else may benefit from.

Interesting stuff:

Pepsi's giveaway offer was far too successful

NEW YORK (AP) — Would you drink 600 2-liter bottles of Pepsi for a leather jacket?

Plenty of people did, or at least bought the bottles. So many, in fact, that PepsiCo Inc. announced Thursday it is cutting back on the advertising campaign for its "Pepsi Stuff" promotion, which runs through October.

Pepsi bottlers say the number of people cashing in proof-of-purchase stickers to get the "stuff" — leather jackets, T-shirts, baseball caps, sunglasses and other goods emblazoned with the Pepsi logo — exceeded predictions by 50 percent.

It's not as if they tried to make it too easy. For instance, a customer would have to buy 600 2-liter bottles to get a leather jacket.

While the bottlers are happy about the increased sales of Pepsi, they told The Wall

Street Journal that the giveaway has cut into profits because they must pay half the costs for all the prizes.

Pepsi spokesman Brad Shaw wouldn't disclose what percentage of the \$125 million in available giveaways has been claimed, but he called Pepsi Stuff "by far our most successful promotion."

There haven't been any shortages of prizes, Shaw said. That makes Pepsi luckier than some other companies whose giveaway programs were too popular.

Hoover suffered a major embarrassment in 1994 when too many people in Britain and Ireland bought its vacuum cleaners, taking advantage of its offer of free international flights. The company shelled out an extra \$50 million to honor unanticipated ticket requests from tens of thousands of customers.



Karen Wellen holds her newly adopted cat, Scarlet, during a news conference at the North Shore Animal League in Port Washington, N.Y.

Someone does give a darn, Scarlet

PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y. (AP) — Scarlet and her kittens have earned a life of luxury, and that's what they were promised as they headed for their new homes.

"They have their own room, and my husband is building them a 10-foot cat condo, and they'll have special treats," said Debbie Palmarozzo, who got two of the kittens. "They'll have it made; they won't want for anything."

"I feel like I won the lottery," she said. The mama cat became an instant celebrity when word got out about how she plucked her five kittens one-by-one from a fire in an abandoned building in Brooklyn on March 30.

A firefighter who observed the amazing scene took the badly burned mother and her 4-week-old babies to the North Shore Animal League. The shelter got thousands of letters from around the world, including 2,000 offering homes for the cats.

One of the kittens died after contracting a virus. After a nearly a three-month convalescence, the league felt the others cats were ready to be adopted and on Thursday it introduced their happy owners at a news conference.

Scarlet went home with Karen Wellen. She had kept a cat for 21 years and "vowed if I ever let a cat enter my life it would be one with special needs."

Scarlet's scarred skin and singed fur have healed but she

may require further surgery for scarring around the eyes.

The kittens were adopted in pairs. The other pair went to Jinette Vercillo, who began campaigning early. "She has been wanting these kittens, she's been visiting them right from the beginning," shelter spokeswoman Marge Stein said.

All the adoptive families are in the New York area, because shelter officials wanted to keep an eye on the cats.

Asked why Scarlet was separated from her kittens, Stein said, "She has gotten so much attention and adulation, she became a star. She wants to be the only animal in the home. That narrowed the field considerably."

RITZIE: Discharge of women led to exit

(From 1B)

for active duty at sea, it wasn't until 1942 that Congress authorized the establishment of the Women's Reserve of the United States Naval Reserve, who came to be known as WAVES — Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. In 1948, women officially became a permanent part of the Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve. Now, women in the Navy don't form a separate organization or unit, except for those in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Mrs. Williford, then Miss Putter, sang for the Navy. "That was when I first went into boot camp," she said. "The singing platoon sang for the Waldorf and several other areas. They were trying to show us off, I guess."

"After I got through with boot camp, there were 500 selected out of all the boot camps to be sent to Chicago. And, mainly, I think we were chosen because of our ability to speak with the public. We worked with the Chicago bond shows. We got to meet all the wonderful stars that came to Chicago for the bond shows like Bob Hope, Walter Pidgeon, Jerry Colonna, Cesar Romero."

She also worked in Cleveland, Ohio, in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

"We trained on the IBM machines. When shipboard would send in pay-check rosters, we would punch them in, and we were sending out paychecks. I was a good typist until I learned to use the IBM machine. No capitals. You had to punch holes instead of letters, so when I got out of the service, I had to learn

how to type again."

Mrs. Williford didn't leave the U.S. Navy by choice. "They started discharging women after World War II."

When she thinks back on her two years and 16 days in the U.S. Navy, she said, "I really couldn't have had a better assignment because I love stage shows and working with people."

She came by both naturally. "My parents had a theater arts school for about 40 years in Tulsa — off and on."

During the time he was in the U.S. Army, Putter, along with his other duties, also directed USO shows at Camp Wolters, Texas. "Many talented young men were drafted into the service, and he was able to draft them into the programs."

"He was very much like Art Cole (director emeritus of Midland Community Theatre). He was small, and he was very, very congenial. He loved working with people, and he had a wonderful stage personality. He enjoyed clowning. He did all kinds of things."

"In fact, that's the reason I got my degree in theater. In the beginning, I really wanted to be a kindergarten teacher, and it was this love of children that in my later life caused me to turn to storytelling," said Mrs. Williford, who is a member of the Storytelling Guild, the West Texas Writers, and is better known to some West Texas ages as Mother Goose.

The school, run by Putter and his wife, Betty Ann, was unique.

"When I was a very, very small child, my parents started the first musical kindergarten for children in Tulsa and maybe

in the country. It was just an excellent idea on their part, combining the children's learning their ABC's along with music and dance and drama."

After she was discharged, Mrs. Williford returned to Tulsa and re-enrolled in Oklahoma University, where she met her husband, J.L. Williford.

"We both got out of the service (he was an officer in the U.S. Army). We were both from Oklahoma. We never met each other, and we were born and raised just 20 miles apart."

They might have remained strangers had Mrs. Williford not been convinced by a roommate to go on a blind date. "I said I'd never go on a blind date in my entire life," she laughed. "I guess it was what you would call, love at first sight."

Exxon brought the couple to Midland, when Williford, who had majored in geology and paleontology, signed on with the oil company. They have a daughter, Carol Ann Sanford, who lives in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Williford, has been active in the University Graduate Women of Midland and, when her daughter was growing up, Girl Scouts and Brownies. Her only regret during her years of service in the U.S. Navy WAVES is that she wasn't 22 years old when she was in the service.

"The only women who were allowed to go overseas at that time were those who went to Hawaii. And you weren't allowed to go to Hawaii unless you were 22, and I didn't quite make it. I was really unhappy about that. I would have loved Hawaii."

PATTERSON: Books should be about parents

(From 1B)

chair became an antique before it was even used. Finally, The Boy approached the chair, and sat down upon it. BIG moment.

At about the same time, one of The Boy's sisters happened to walk by the bathroom. She looked in and saw him sitting by himself upon his toilet. Amazed, she called to another sister, who then called dad, who then called mom. "Come here and look at this!" they all said to each other. And before long, four people

stood lurking over the tiny child as he, for the first time in his short life, attempted to relieve himself into an approved receptacle that was not taped to his midsection.

Lesson learned: No one in his or her right mind would ever wee-wee in front of a crowd of people that is looking on with genuine interest. Think about it. If you have someone peering at you, even rooting for you to "go potty," are you going to do it? Not a chance.

So therein lies the greatest

mystery of potty training: We, as parents, feel the urge to stare endlessly while our offspring try to break in their new chair. It's not the inability to potty train that needs to be written about by scholars and pop psychologists; it's the fact that we adults feel so compelled to stare as it all unfolds.

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DEATHS

Vernie To

Services for are planned for July 2, in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating. Burial will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ms. Townsend died Saturday, home.

She was born in Van Zandt Co. Arita Jackson.

After graduation School, she moved to Townsend in 1941.

The couple married in 1954. She taught day School Class First United Methodist. She worked at the office and the also worked for Gearhart Inc. and First United Methodist Sunday School for Hospice and Memorial Hospice.

She is survived by Cathie Graham, brother, D.N. J. four grandchildren.

DEAR ABBY

Holiday

DEAR ABBY: I have grown children of 30 and 40. Today, I receive from any of the finally left a answering machine late in the evening after I had given up hope and gone to bed. (I found it the next morning.)

My heartache increased with every hour of Mother's Day and in the days that followed when I looked in vain in my mail card and waiting ring with a call.

I admit I have mother, but I'm being acknowledge Day. From the born, I have given and their child support and have been them on.

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DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: June of each year receive grad from nieces, nephews and have rarely seen they have had whatsoever.

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DEATHS

Vernie Townsend

Services for Vernie Townsend are planned for 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Townsend

Ms. Townsend died Saturday, June 29, at her home.

She was born December 21, 1927, in Van Zandt County to D.N. and Arita Jackson.

After graduating from Van High School, she married Raymond Townsend in 1943 in Van.

The couple moved to Midland in 1954. She taught second grade Sunday School Class for many years at First United Methodist Church.

She worked at Trinity Towers, in the office and the beauty shop. She also worked for B.J. Hughes, Gearhart Inc. and in the office of First United Methodist Church. She was a member of Buddy Wood Sunday School Class, a volunteer for Hospice and in the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Cathie Graham of Midland; a brother, D.N. Jackson of Dallas; four grandchildren; and numerous

nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland.

Jose Contreras

Services for Jose S. Contreras are planned for 3 p.m. today, July 1, in Church La Nueva Jerusalem in Andrews, with burial in General Norango Cemetery in Villa Union, Coahuila, Mexico. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Contreras died Saturday, June 29, in a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born January 30, 1974, in Allende, Coahuila, Mexico to Arnoldo Contreras and Mariana Zamora Contreras.

He resided in Villa Union Coahuila where he attended school. He later moved with his family to Andrews in 1980. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

He is survived by five brothers; Ernest, Raul, Manuel, Arnoldo and Manuel Virgilio Contreras, all of Andrews; three sisters, Amy Contreras, Aide Contreras Garcia and Maria Esparza, also all of Andrews; and several nieces and nephews.

Alice Bell

Services for Alice Larue (Graham) Bell are set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 2, at the First Baptist Church Sanctuary with Bob Gardner of First Baptist Church and

Mark E. Salmon, minister of First Presbyterian Church of Belton officiating. Burial will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ms. Bell died Saturday, June 29, in a local nursing home.

Robert Fitting

Services for Robert Dancy "Bob" Fitting are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 2, in the First Presbyterian Church with Jerry Hilton officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Fitting died Friday, June 28, in a Midland hospital.

Pallbearers are to be Bryne O'Neill, W. William Henry, George E. Clark, James W. Rasmussen, Barry Cribbs, J. Robert Jones and Carl E. Stewart.

The family requests memorials be directed to First Presbyterian Deacons Fund or to the YMCA or Boy Scouts of America, Buffalo Trail Council.

Kenneth Benson

Services for Kenneth Earl Benson, 52, will be at 1 p.m. today, July 1, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church with the Rev. Michael Jasper officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Benson died Saturday, June 29,

at an Odessa hospital.

He was born March 27, 1944, in Cushing, Okla.

He married Diane Hatten in 1961 in Odessa.

He graduated from the University of Texas in 1962 with a pharmacy degree and later owned Medical Center Pharmacy, Major Medical Supply, Option Care, Major Medical Home Care Services, Major Medical Nurses and the Institute of Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine.

He was president of Tri County Pharmaceutical Association and president of the Texas Association of Medical Equipment Dealers and served on the boards of numerous community organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Benson of Odessa; daughters Leslie Diane Benson of Odessa and Cynthia Benson Reed of Midland; his mother, Fern Benson of Odessa; a brother, James Benson of Dallas; two sisters, Patricia Brown of Lubbock and Fern Clemmer of Baytown; one granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to High Sky Children's Ranch or the St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Memorial Fund.

Merwin Haag

Services for Merwin H. Haag, 80, will be at 11 a.m. today, July 1, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating and the Rev. John Rech assisting. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Haag died Wednesday, June 26, at a local hospital.

Pallbearers will be Roy Davidson, Courtney Cowden, Frank Cowden Jr., Newbie Ellis, John Terry, James Ormand, Garland Lang, James Rhotenberry, John Nobles and James Mims.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Downtown Rotary Club and the Homer Fort Fellowship Class of the First United Methodist Church.

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DEAR ABBY

Holiday depressing for ignored mothers

DEAR ABBY: I have three grown children between the ages of 30 and 40. This past Mother's Day, I received no card or gift from any of them. Oh, one child finally left a message on my answering machine late in the evening after I had given up hope and gone to bed. (I found it the next morning.)



VanBuren

My heartache increased with every hour of Mother's Day, and in the days that followed when I looked in vain in my mailbox for a belated card and waited for my phone to ring with a call of apology.

I admit I haven't been a perfect mother, but I think I am worthy of being acknowledged on Mother's Day. From the time they were born, I have given my children -- and their children -- my love and support and have always remembered them on their special days.

Although my heartache has diminished, I cringe at the thought of facing another Mother's Day, and yet I don't want to chastise them for ignoring me because I would never know if future remembrances were done only out of a sense of duty.

Abby, do you have any words of wisdom to comfort me? -- IGNORED MOTHER

DEAR IGNORED MOTHER: Sorry, I have no words of wisdom to comfort you, but I do have a question: How do your children treat you the other 364 days of the year?

DEAR ABBY: About May or June of each year, people begin to receive graduation invitations from nieces, nephews, grand-nephews and grandnieces they have rarely seen and with whom they have had no communication whatsoever.

Well, what I do may not be right, but I write the graduates a letter to let them know that I am pleased with their status, and state that I wish I had the opportunity to know them better and hope they will make an effort to stay in touch with me in the future.

I send no gift, no check -- nothing but my congratulations. Abby, what do you and your readers have to say about how I handle the situation? -- IGNORED IN FLORIDA

DEAR IGNORED: I think you handle the situation admirably in view of the circumstances.

DEAR ABBY: Many people write to you complaining about receiving catalogs in the mail. They call it "junk mail."

I disagree. I'm an older woman and don't drive. If I want to shop locally, one of my children has to drive me, then wait until I get my shopping done. I hate to inconvenience them, so I shop through catalogs for birthday and Christmas gifts, clothing, shoes, even fishing gear. That way, I can shop at my leisure, compare prices and find items that are otherwise impossible to find. I love catalogs. You

may use my name. -- ELIZABETH MC GREW IN RENO, NEV.

DEAR ELIZABETH MC GREW: You are not alone. Many readers have written to say that catalogs are the answer to their prayers. Small wonder that catalogs are now a multibillion-dollar business.

DEAR ABBY: My wife's aunt and uncle were married for 46 years; then they divorced. Neither remarried during the next four years. They then decided that their divorce was a mistake, so they remarried and have been married for the past four years.

They now want to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Can they? Should they?

Some relatives think it's a great idea, but a few others think that because their 50 years of marriage have not been continuous, they do not qualify for this honor.

Abby, what do you and your

readers think? -- NO CITY OR STATE, PLEASE

DEAR NO CITY: I think they should go ahead and celebrate their 50th.

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TODAY
Partly cloudy and continued hot
High: 94
Low: 70

TUESDAY
Scattered afternoon t-storms
High: 96
Low: 71

WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated t-storms
High: 96
Low: 72

Texas Sunday

City	H / L / Pop
Abilene	94/72/0.00
Amarillo	87/64/0.27
Dallas/Ft. Worth	98/74/0.00
El Paso	90/67/0.00
Lubbock	89/67/0.00
San Angelo	94/70/0.00
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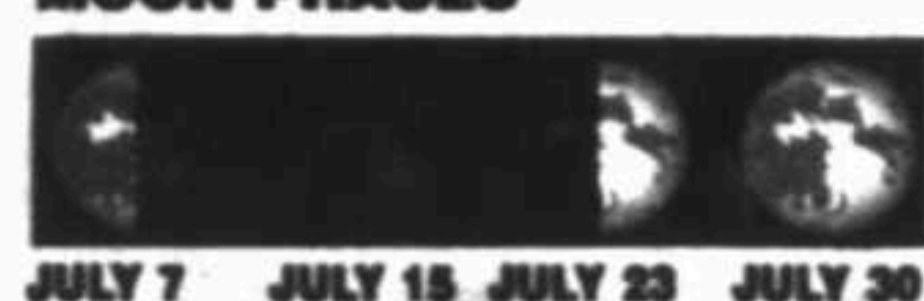
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Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	1.71 in.
Total for the year	3.17 in.
Normal for the month	1.55 in.
Normal for the year	5.96 in.

SUNDAY'S TEMPERATURES

High	94
Low	70
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AVIATION
VFR conditions throughout the day. Southwest wind at 10 to 20 knots.

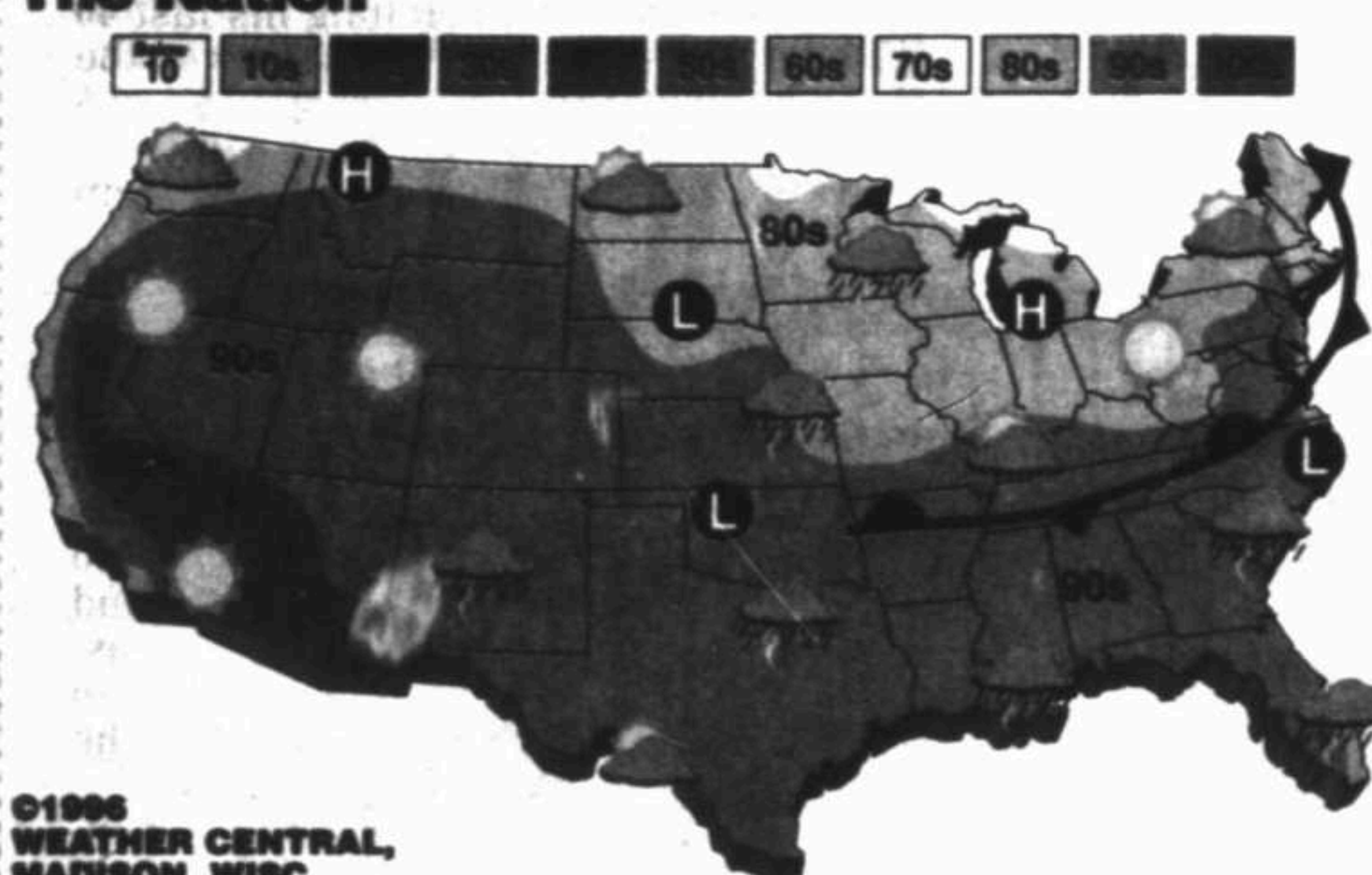
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SUNRISE & SUNSET

Sunrise today	6:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:59 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	6:47 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday	8:59 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:30 p.m.
Moonset today	7:25 a.m.

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Albany	85	60	pc	Colorado Spgs.	85	56	pc	Juneau	56	49	sh	Phoenix	108	85	s
Albuquerque	91	65	t	Columbia, SC	98	78	pc	Kansas City	89	71	t	Pittsburgh	84	60	s
Anchorage	69	52	s	Columbus, OH	87	63	s	Las Vegas	108	80	s	Portland, OR	86	58	pc
Aspen	83	56	pc	Dayton	86	63	s	Little Rock	96	72	t	Raleigh	94	73	t
Atlanta	95	74	pc	Denver	88	58	pc	Los Angeles	94	65	s	Reno	95	58	s
Austin	96	73	pc	Des Moines	87	69	t	Louisville	90	68	pc	Richmond	92	70	t
Baltimore	92	67	pc	Detroit	87	60	s	Memphis	94	76	t	St. Louis	87	67	pc
Birmingham	96	71	pc	Duluth	85	50	t	Miami Beach	88	77	pc	Salt Lake City	97	66	s
Bismarck	89	57	s	Evansville	90	68	pc	Milwaukee	87	64	s	San Diego	80	64	s
Boise	97	63	s	Grand Rapids	85	58	s	Minneapolis	85	63	t	San Francisco	85	56	s
Boston	87	65	pc	Great Falls	93	54	pc	Mobile, AL	95	72	pc	Seattle	79	56	pc
Buffalo	80	60	s	Helena	92	56	s	Nashville	93	73	pc	Sioux Falls	87	65	pc
Charlotte	95	74	pc	Honolulu	88	75	s	New Orleans	94	75	t	Spokane	89	54	s
Cheyenne	84	57	pc	Houston	93	74	t	New York	91	68	pc	Tampa	92	75	pc
Chicago	87	61	s	Indianapolis	87	65	s	Omaha	90	69	pc	Topeka	93	73	pc
Cincinnati	87	64	pc	Jackson, MS	93	72	pc	Orlando	94	75	s	Washington	93	71	pc
Cleveland	82	59	s	Jacksonville	92	73	pc	Philadelphia	92	68	pc	Wichita	95	72	t

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c-cloudy, dr-dizzle, f-fair, h-hazy, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, s-sunny, sh-showers, sn-snow, ts-thunderstorms, w-windy.

STORM TRACKER FACTS

The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy skies and widely scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon with a 20-percent chance of rain. The high will be in the mid-90s with southeast winds at 10-15 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with a 20-percent chance of rain and a low near 70.



Chad Hunsinger
Chief Meteorologist
5:30 & 10 p.m.



Meteorologist
Tina Simpkins
6 a.m.



Darrell Ward
Weekends

Pan American World

City	H	L	W	City	H	L	W
Acapulco	86	73	t	Bangkok	96	76	t
Bermuda	82	74	pc	Beijing	87	77	s
Cabo San Lucas	96	72	pc	Bogota	67	53	t
Chihuahua	96	68	t	Johannesburg	64	35	s
Guadalupe	78	64	t	London	73	55	c
Havana	88	72	pc	Montreal	81	61	s
Kingston	90	76	pc	Moscow	68	52	pc
Mazatlan	90	77	pc	Nairobi	75	56	c
Merida	97	74	t	New Delhi	95	80	s
Mexico City	74	54	t	Paris	68	58	s
Nassau	88	74	c	Rio de Janeiro	76	61	pc
San Jose	90	77	pc	Riyadh	108	78	s
San Juan, PR	78	62	s	Rome	76	60	pc
San Jose, CA	89	76	t	Stockholm	63	54	pc
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German captain Jürgen Klinsmann weeps as he embraces an unidentified member of his team after the Germans defeated the Czechs 2-1 Sunday for the European Soccer Championship. Story Page 4C.

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Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Seattle Mariners 4, Texas Rangers 3.
Houston Astros 9, New York Mets 3.
TEXAS LEAGUE — Wichita Wranglers 10, Midland Angels 3.

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TEXAS LEAGUE — Wichita Wranglers at Midland Angels, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium. Radio: KCRS (AM 550).

CBS, NFL?

SAN FRANCISCO — The blockbuster radio merger of Westinghouse and Infiniti could also mean that NFL games will be back on CBS television in two years. Earlier this year, NFL owners were talking seriously of extending their current television contracts — with Fox, NBC, ABC, ESPN and TNT — before they expired after the 1997 season. This was in the context of discussing the extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

May killed

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Jerry May, a former catcher with the Pittsburgh Pirates, was killed when a rotary brush cutter fell on him at his Augusta County farm, authorities said. May, 52, had jammed up the brush cutter Sunday to remove some wire that had become entangled in the blades, said Lt. J.E. Mader of the Augusta County Sheriff's Department. The small hydraulic jack slipped while May was working under the machine, and it fell on his neck and chest, Mader said.

Cuba 4, USA 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Omar Luis held Team USA to five hits over seven innings and struck out nine as Cuba's Olympic team proved poise and experience could handle the Americans' hard-hitting attack with a 4-2 victory Sunday night. It was Cuba's second straight win over the Americans, who had won 18 straight before running across the favorites for the gold medal in Atlanta.

U.S. 2, S. Arabia 0

ONEONTA, N.Y. — With a flag at half-staff because of the recent bombing that killed 19 Americans, the United States defeated Saudi Arabia 2-0 Sunday in an Olympic soccer tuneup for both teams. Jovan Kirovski scored twice in the first half for the United States in a game in which security was tightened but unobtrusive, with police quietly checking bags and backpacks at the entrance to Hartwick College's Elmore Field. Other than the lowered flag behind the north goal and a moment of silence before the game, there were few outward signs of Tuesday's truck bombing.



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Accused police officer attempts to have bail reduced

■ Police officer accused of Irvin murder-for-hire scheme should have examining trial date set today, attorney says.

Associated Press

DALLAS — A police officer accused of trying to solicit Michael Irvin's slaying should get the date for his examining trial this week and could receive a lower bail, an attorney says.

Johnnie Hernandez remained jailed Sunday at Lew Sterrett Criminal Justice Center in lieu of \$252,500 bail on a charge of solicitation of capital murder and bribery.

"He's not a danger to himself or others," attorney Frank Perez, himself a former Dallas police officer, said of the 28-year-old Hernandez.

Perez said he expects a date to be set Monday for an examining trial the week of July 8. He also said he'll pursue bail reduction next week and seek to learn more about the evidence against his client.

Hernandez has been jailed since Thursday, a day after police said he paid an undercover officer, posing as a would-be hitman, \$2,960 as a down payment for the Dallas Cowboys wide receiver's murder.

A fourth day of jury selection was scheduled Monday in Irvin's trial on drug charges that arose from a police raid on a motel room four months ago.

State District Judge Manny Alvarez refused Friday to declare a mistrial because of Hernandez's arrest, saying the latest events have nothing to do with whether Irvin possessed drugs in early March.

Law enforcement sources have said Hernandez sought Irvin's death because he believed that the foot-

ball star had repeatedly threatened Hernandez's girlfriend with violence if she testified against him in his drug trial.

The girlfriend, Rachel Marie Smith, 24, dated Hernandez in Denver and moved with him to Dallas after he joined the Dallas Police Department in 1991.

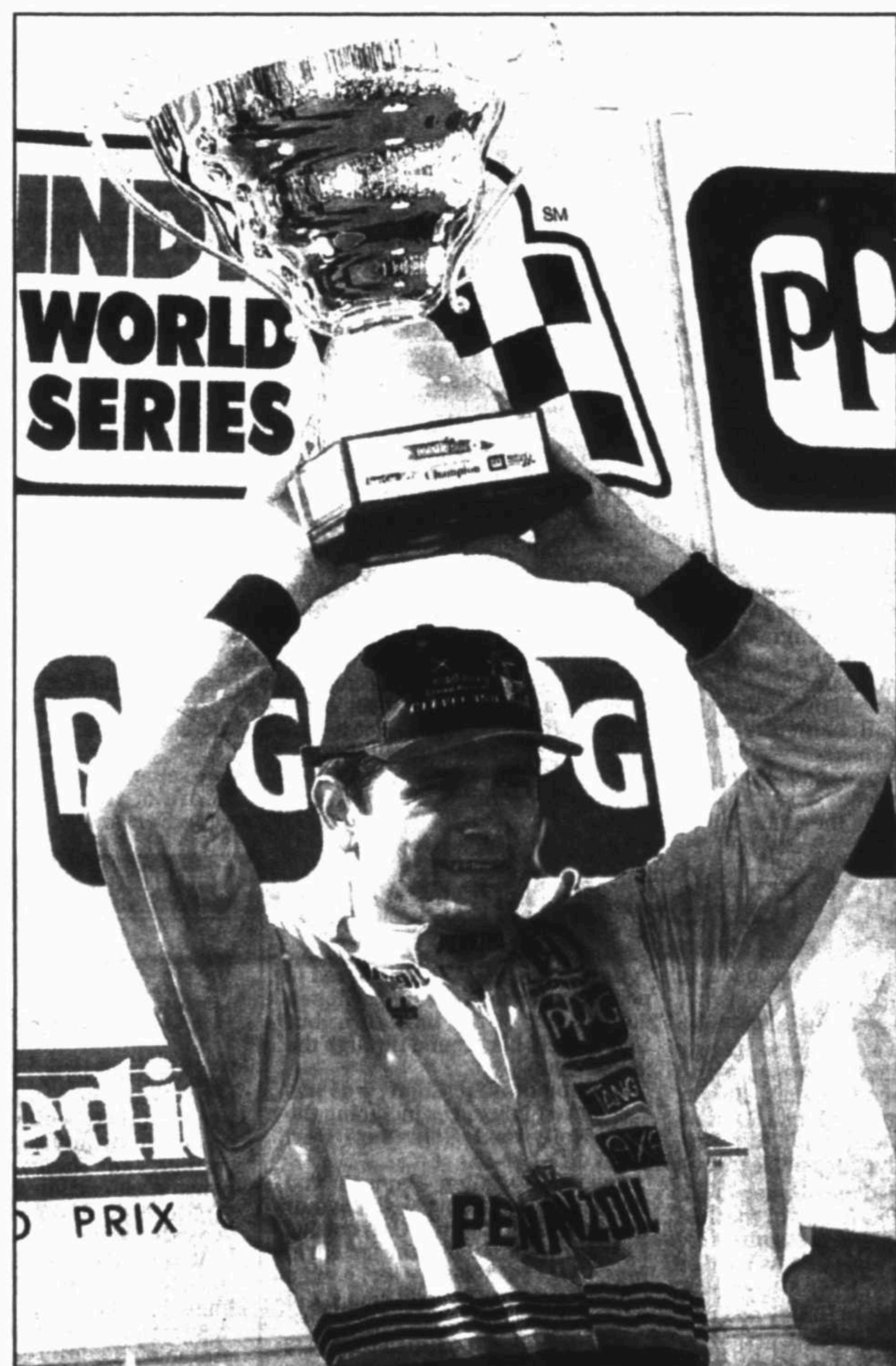
Like two women who were in a motel room with Irvin at the time of a police raid in the early morning hours of March 4, she is a topless dancer.

Drugs were found in the room, resulting in an indictment against Irvin, 30; Angela Rene Beck, 22; and Jasmine Jennifer Nabwangu, 22. Alfredo Roberts, Irvin's business partner and former teammate, also was in the room, but wasn't charged.

Earlier in the year, Ms. Smith put Ms. Beck up for a month in the Cedar Hill house she shared with Her-

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De Ferran good to last drop



■ Midland's Hall Racing gets first victory of season as de Ferran conserves fuel to win Cleveland Grand Prix.

By Mike Harris

AP Motorsports Writer

CLEVELAND — Every way his team calculated it, Gil de Ferran came up short on fuel.

Somehow, though, the 28-year-old Brazilian was able to conserve enough to hold off Alex Zanardi and win the Cleveland Grand Prix on Sunday at Burke Lakefront Airport.

"We had a race strategy meeting yesterday and we talked about pitting early and trying to make it on two stops," explained team owner Jim Hall. "The car didn't quite make the fuel mileage that we thought it would, so Gil had to start conserving fuel."

"We were actually about a lap short when we started the program. We leave one gallon of fuel in the car in case of error. We were going to be a little short even though we were going to use that gallon," Hall added. "Gil was able to make a little mileage by short shifting the car and being gentle with it. He just did enough, there's not much (fuel) there."

De Ferran took the lead for good when Zanardi, an Indy-car rookie who earned his first victory the previous week at Portland, Ore., had to stop for a splash of fuel 10 laps from the end of the 90-lap event.

With de Ferran stretching his last 40 gallons of fuel over the final 35 laps on the 2.369-mile, 10-turn temporary road circuit, Zanardi cut a lead of nearly five seconds to a matter of feet three laps from the end.

On lap 88, de Ferran's yellow Reynard-Honda was slowed by the lapped car of Stefan Johansson and Zanardi was able to drive past on the outside. But the 29-year-old Italian got too deep into the turn and had to get off the gas, allowing de Ferran to squeeze back into the lead.

"I lost a little momentum and Alex really came with full steam," de Ferran said. "I went to brake very deep to make Alex run wide. He almost made the pass. It was good racing."

Zanardi said, "I almost made it. I'm just very happy I could keep the car on the circuit and not go in the grass."

De Ferran, earning his second Indy-car victory for Midland's Jim Hall Racing, was able to hold off Zanardi at the end by 1.033 seconds — about 10 car-

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Indy-car Series Points

Jimmy Vasser	102
Al Unser Jr.	99
Gil de Ferran	92
Christian Fittipaldi	78
Michael Andretti	73



At far left, Brazilian Gil de Ferran celebrates his first win of the season on the Indy-car circuit. Left, de Ferran, who drives for Midland-based Hall Racing, raises his fist as he crosses the finish line. The victory is his second career win. AP Laserphoto

Wranglers take second straight at Christensen

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

This is the point in the second half of the Texas League West race where the Midland Angels have the league leading Wichita Wranglers on the home turf. Time to make up ground.

But after Sunday's 10-3 loss to the Wranglers, the Angels have put the wrong foot forward with two losses to Wichita, dropping into sole possession of last place at 5-9, four full games behind the Wranglers.

There are still four games left in the homestand and time for the Angels to make some noise, but not even the old 1972 Midland Cubs' uniforms could deter first-half champion Wichita from taking another win.

And although decisive by seven runs, this Wichita win wasn't a thing of beauty as the Wranglers had five unearned runs off Midland starter Pete Janicki (1-2) in the second inning. These Wranglers take wins any way they can get them.

"I wasn't even aware that the five runs were unearned," said Wichita TL All-Star second baseman Jed Hansen. "We don't really think about those kind of things. We just go out and play hard, but we will take anything the other team gives us."

Hansen, hitting at a .311 clip, is having a banner year. Sunday he drove in three runs, including a two-run homer in the third to stake Wichita to an 8-1 lead. However, Hansen says he is enjoying the season with the Wranglers for other reasons than the personal statistics he is putting up.

"This team has a lot of talent, but this team also has great chemistry," Hansen said. "We're pretty laid back in the clubhouse, but we're all business when we go on the field. This team always seems to play as hard as it can, and that has been fun to be a part of this team. It all comes down to team chemistry."

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Brazilian-born Siphon, right, is ridden by David Flores to a victory over Geri, ridden by Jerry Bailey, in the \$1 million Gold Cup Sunday in Inglewood, Calif. AP Laserphoto

9-1 outsider Siphon conquers Gold Cup

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Siphon, a 9-1 outsider who had never run a race longer than 1 1/16 miles in North America, became only the eighth wire-to-wire winner of the \$1 million Hollywood Gold Cup, holding off favored Geri for a one-length victory Sunday.

Ridden by David Flores and carrying 117 pounds, Siphon covered 1 1/4 miles in 2:00 2/5 in earning his fourth straight victory. The winning payoff was \$20.60, \$8.80 and \$5.

The win was the 10th in 18 lifetime starts for Siphon and was worth \$600,000 — nearly \$183,000 more than the 5-year-old Brazilian-bred son of Itajara had earned previously.

Siphon's career earnings stand at \$1,017,619. In his previous three starts, Siphon won the

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Dawes leads veterans to Atlanta

■ Shannon Miller, Dominique Moceanu watch and wait for other five members to make the U.S. Gymnastics Team.
By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Dominique Dawes soared so high, it's going to take her awhile to come back to earth.

A high-flying routine on the uneven bars gave Dawes the lead in the Olympic gymnastics trials Sunday night, and she held onto first place despite a few mistakes in her next routine.

By winning the trials with 78.157 points, the 19-year-old made her second Olympic squad. Kerri Strug, another 1992 veteran, finished second with 78.108.

"It's a dream come true to make two Olympic teams," Dawes said. "I'm a little in shock now, but I'm very excited even if I'm not showing it."

Jaycie Phelps, Amy Chow and Amanda Borden, who just missed the 1992 squad, also made the team that will compete in Atlanta. Shan-

non Miller and Dominique Moceanu, who were injured and couldn't compete, also made the team.

Miller and Moceanu's scores from the nationals were counted, and it was mathematically impossible for them not to finish in the top seven after Friday's low compulsory scores. Both scored higher than any of Sunday's competitors. Compulsories count for 60 percent of the score, and optionals are worth 40 percent.

Dawes earned a 9.95 for an uneven bars that had her soaring high above the top bar. The score tied Strug's effort on the vault for high mark of the night. Dawes was grinning as soon as her feet hit the mat, then she turned and waved to the roaring crowd that was behind her all night.

But Dawes put a little too much enthusiasm into her floor routine, stepping out of bounds on two tumbling passes, an automatic .20 deduction. Her mark of 9.612 was enough to keep a slim lead over Strug going into the final event.

"I was really nervous before my floor and I was worried about not having enough energy to hit my set," Dawes said. "I think I gave it more

than 100 percent and that's the result of it. It won't happen again."

After finishing the compulsories in third place, Strug was practically flawless Sunday. She opened with a near perfect vault that earned her a 9.95, the highest score of the night. Coach Bela Karolyi grabbed her in a bear hug afterward, before she ran off with television cameras chasing her.

She got the crowd rocking with her floor routine, grinning as she swayed and twisted to a Stray Cats medley. She flew across the mat on her tumbling passes, drawing appreciative cheers from the crowd, which gave her a standing ovation when she finished.

Karolyi was so excited by her routine he pushed his wife and fellow coach, Martha, as Strug finished. "I was telling her, 'Wake up, enjoy it!'" Karolyi said, still grinning nearly an hour after the meet finished.

Not everyone was as perfect as Strug. Phelps started the night in first, but a disastrous dismount from the beam dropped her into

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Hancock, Velarde lead California victory

Associated Press

ALBHEIM, Calif. — Former Midland Angel Ryan Hancock, making his second career start, pitched seven scoreless innings and former Midland Lee standout Randy Velarde scored from second on a wild pitch to lead the California Angels to a 1-0 victory Sunday over the Oakland Athletics.

AL Roundup

Hancock (4-0) shut down an Oakland attack which had scored 35 runs with 14 homers in the first three games of the series. He pitched in Midland last season.

Troy Percival pitched out of a one-out, two-on situation in the eighth, and worked the ninth for his 22nd save.

Hancock outdueled John Wasdin (5-2), who also allowed four hits, but permitted the Angels' run with his own mental lapse. He failed to cover home on a wild pitch which catcher George Williams couldn't locate, and Velarde alertly scored from second.

Mariners 4, Rangers 3

SEATTLE — Sterling Hitchcock was staked to an early four-run lead and Edgar Martinez hit two more doubles as Seattle won two out of three games in the weekend series. The Mariners cut first-place Texas' lead to five games in the AL West.

Hitchcock (7-3) allowed only one hit through five innings before giving up three

runs and four hits in the sixth. Martinez went 3-for-5 and hit two doubles, giving him a major-league leading 39 this season. He also leads the majors with 59 extra-base hits.

The Mariners led 4-0 by the fourth. Martinez hit an RBI double in the first inning off Bobby Witt (7-7). Paul Sorrento had a RBI single in the third, and Alex Rodriguez and Jay Buhner had RBIs in the fourth.

Red Sox 9, Tigers 4

BOSTON — Reggie Jefferson homered twice Sunday and had his second consecutive three-hit game, leading Boston to its third straight victory over Detroit.

Jefferson, who singled, doubled and tripled in three at-bats Saturday, homered his first two times up in the series finale. He also singled in the fifth and scored on Troy O'Leary's bases-loaded triple that made it 9-3.

Blue Jays 15, Brewers 2

TORONTO — Erik Hanson, backed by three home runs, pitched seven strong innings as Toronto ended a three-game losing streak.

Carlos Delgado, Joe Carter and Ed Sprague homered, and Alex Gonzalez had three hits for the Blue Jays. After giving up two runs in the first, Hanson (8-9) faced one batter over the minimum through the next six innings. He gave up two runs and five hits.

Orioles 9, Yankees 1

NEW YORK — David Wells pitched a four-hitter and Brady Anderson hit his 27th home

run as Baltimore salvaged a split of the four-game series between the top teams in the AL East and cut New York's lead to 4 1/2 games. Wells (5-7) allowed a seventh-inning home run to Bernie Williams, but finished for his third complete game this season. Wells struck out two, walked one and allowed only one other runner to reach scoring position.

Twins 5, Royals 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rookie Matt Lawton hit his first career grand slam and Frank Rodriguez won his third straight game as Minnesota beat Kansas City for the ninth time in 10 games.

Lawton, who hit a two-run homer Saturday night, hit his second of the season on a 3-2 pitch after the Twins loaded the bases in the third. Minnesota's Marty Cordova had his hitting streak end at 23 games — the longest in the majors this season — by going 0-for-4.

Indians 4, White Sox 2

CHICAGO — Orel Hershiser allowed five hits over eight innings for his fifth straight win and Sandy Alomar Jr. hit his first homer in 5 1/2 weeks as Cleveland split its series with Chicago. After losing twice to Chicago, the Indians were within two outs Saturday of falling into a first-place tie. Instead, they rallied to win that game in 10 innings, won again Sunday and exited the series the same way they entered it — three games up in the AL Central. Hershiser (9-4) is 5-0 with a 0.51 ERA since June 8.

Kile pitches Astros to 9-3 win

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Darryl Kile pitched a six-hitter and John Cangelosi's two-run single highlighted Houston's six-run fourth inning as the Astros beat the New York Mets 9-3 on Sunday.

The Astros, who have won four of their last five, remained tied with St. Louis for first place in the Central Division.

Kile (7-5) didn't allow a hit until the fifth when Jeff Kent singled off the glove of third baseman Orlando Miller with no outs. Kile struck out eight and walked two in his first win since May 27.

Cangelosi had three RBIs and stole two bases, on consecutive pitches, in the fourth off starter Jason Isringhausen (4-10).

Expos 6, Phillies 5

PHILADELPHIA — Pinch-hitter Cliff Floyd hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, capping a four-run rally that gave Montreal a victory over Philadelphia.

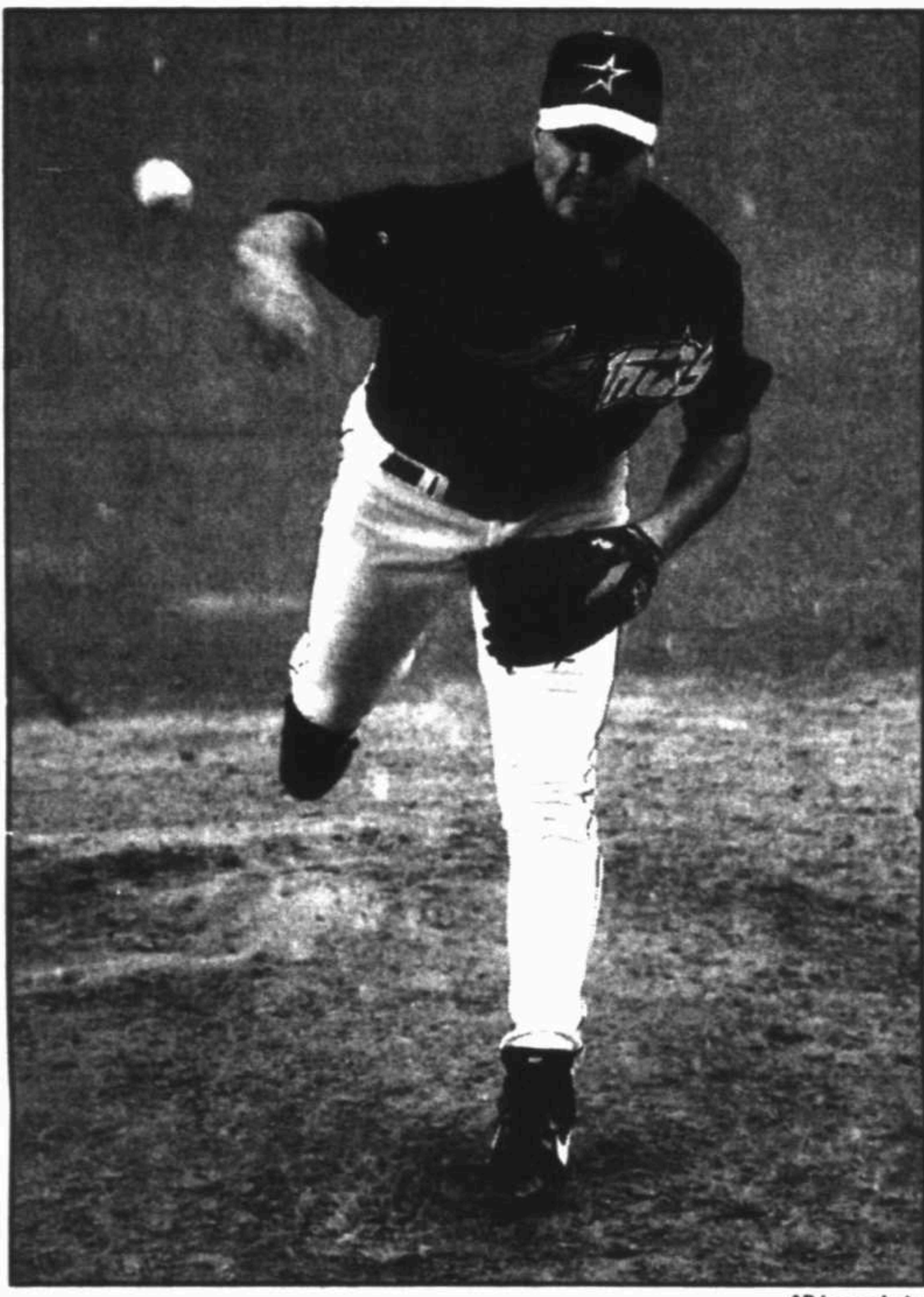
Floyd's second home run of the season came off Phillies closer Ricky Bottalico (2-4), who blew his third save in 19 chances.

Trailing 5-2 with two outs, the Expos scored their third run when Shane Andrews singled home David Segui. Pinch-hitter Darrin Fletcher walked and was replaced by Andy Stankiewicz before Floyd, hitting for Mel Rojas (5-3), lined a homer over the right-center field wall.

Cardinals 10, Pirates 3

ST. LOUIS — Todd Stottlemyre pitched six strong innings and helped himself with three hits, and Ron Gant drove in three runs as St. Louis completed a three-game sweep.

The Cardinals' sweep was their first of Pittsburgh since June 1993, and gave St. Louis its eighth straight win at home. St. Louis, which is tied with Houston atop the NL Central, has won 12 of 17 overall.



Kile pitches a complete-game win over the New York Mets.

Rockies 16, Dodgers 15

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies rallied for two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to end a wild wild four-game series with Los Angeles.

The teams combined for 85 runs in the set, with Colorado winning three games. The winning team scored 13 runs in each of the

first three games, with Colorado winning 13-1 and 13-4 before Los Angeles hung on for a 13-10 victory Saturday.

The two-run rally in the ninth was the seventh lead change in a game that had 10 home runs, six by the Dodgers, including three on three consecutive pitches in the third by Mike Piazza, Eric

NL Roundup

Karros and Raul Mondesi.

Braves 5, Marlins 4

MIAMI — Jeff Blauser's two-run homer capped a three-run seventh as Atlanta avoided a sweep.

The Braves trailed 4-2 entering the seventh before rallying against Florida starter John Burkett, who retired 15 straight batters during one stretch.

Jermaine Dye's bloop single scored Ryan Klesko to pull Atlanta within one run before Blauser hit his 10th home run off Burkett, who has lost five straight decisions to the Braves.

Cubs 6, Reds 0

CINCINNATI — Steve Trachsel pitched seven shutout innings in wilting heat, winning his career-high fourth straight decision and ending Cincinnati's seven-game winning streak.

Trachsel (7-4) limited the Reds to four hits and two walks. The right-hander has not allowed a run in his last 16 innings and has not lost since May 29, going 4-0 with two no-decisions.

Ryne Sandberg and Luis Gonzalez each drove in a pair of runs to help the Cubs avoid a sweep of their three-game series.

Padres 7, Giants 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Bob Tewksbury got his first win since May 12, and Steve Finley homered for the fourth time in four games as San Diego handed San Francisco its 10th straight loss with a win over the Giants.

San Diego's four-game sweep was its first ever in San Francisco, and also extended the Padres' road winning streak against the Giants to eight games. San Diego had dropped 16 of 22 games before its visit to Candlestick Park.

The Giants have lost 10 straight games for the first time since their 100-loss season in 1985.

'Golden' Germany nips European title

■ Oliver Bierhoff scores on disputed goal to lead Germans to soccer championship.

WEMBLEY, England (AP) — Germany is the European champion, beating the Czech Republic 2-1 on a "golden goal."

And Oliver Bierhoff is the golden substitute.

Bierhoff tied the score in the second half Sunday, then struck four minutes into overtime on a goal fiercely disputed by the Czechs, giving Germany its third European Championship title.

"It was just a sea of happiness," Bierhoff said. "I was aware that was a golden goal and I had scored it."

Czech players flung themselves to the ground in dismay. The Czechs entered the tournament as 80-1 longshots, and their play brought a surge of national pride in a country just over 3 years old.

For the first time in international soccer, a sudden-death overtime was in place after the first round. But until Sunday, no "golden goals" — goals during sudden death — were scored. Previously, a tie after regulation was followed by two mandatory 15-minute overtimes and, if necessary, a shootout.

Bierhoff made it 1-1 in the 73rd minute, scoring four minutes after entering the game.

"My wife told me 'take Oliver with you. He will thank you for it.' And he did it tonight," coach Berti Vogts said.

The winning goal went off both hands of goalkeeper Petr Kouba

and dropped behind him, just inside his left post. The Czechs protested, claiming offside on the play.

In fact, the linesman thought that as well, indicating offside with his flag aloft. However, referee Pierluigi Pairetto overruled, contending the infraction did not affect play.

"I didn't think it was offside," Bierhoff said. "I was just about to turn to my left when I heard Marco Bode shout, 'Now turn right.' So I did that and I just whacked the ball."

"I didn't even know whether the goalkeeper touched it. All I could see from the corner of my eye was the ball going in the far corner of the net."

German star Juergen Klinsmann, medically cleared to play right before gametime, collected the trophy from Queen Elizabeth II in the royal box. The Wembley Stadium crowd of 73,611 also included German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Czech president Vaclav Havel and British Prime Minister John Major.

This was the first major trophy captured by Vogts since he became German coach six years ago. It also avenged a penalty-kick shootout defeat of West Germany by what was then Czechoslovakia 20 years ago in which Vogts and two of his assistants played.

Patrik Berger of the Czech Republic scored in the 57th minute after a foul on Karel Poborsky by Matthias Sammer, although the foul appeared to come outside the penalty area. Berger converted the penalty kick to give the Czech Republic a 1-0 lead.

Moncassin takes first stage

DEN BOSCH, Netherlands (AP) — Frederic Moncassin of France emerged from a crowded sprint to the finish and captured the Tour de France's first stage Sunday.

The top of the overall standings remained relatively unchanged.

Moncassin collected his first career Tour de France stage victory by covering the flat, 129.6-mile course around this wind-whipped town southeast of Amsterdam in 5 hours, 1 second.

Alex Zulle, last year's overall runner-up, finished in a group of 37 riders credited with the same time as Moncassin and retained the leader's yellow jersey he gained in the prologue. He's trailed closely by five-time defending champion Miguel Indurain, who's in sixth by 12 seconds, and the handful of cyclists given a shot at ending the Spaniard's reign.

The overcast weather and hundreds of thousands of spectators lining the route contributed to a number of crashes. Colombia's Hernan Buenahora crashed with 24.8 miles left and fractured a bone in his left hand, forcing him to retire from the Tour.

Also among those who fell was Djamilidin Abdoujaparov, a top sprinter who's won eight Tour legs in the past. He was able to continue but finished 9:42 minutes behind Moncassin and dropped to

Tour de France

191st place in the overall standings.

"I didn't ride very fast because of the weather," said Moncassin, 27, who rides for the Gan team. "It was also difficult because the public was everywhere in the streets. I didn't know if I could win at the end because I was blocked by the other riders."

He pulled through between fading Dutch rider Jeroen Blijlevens and Italian national champion Mario Cipollini in the final 300 yards of the closing dash.

Cipollini was listed as 37th in the official results, last of the riders credited with the same time as Moncassin. He was penalized for bumping another rider in the final dash.

The cyclists stayed grouped together most of the afternoon, with the lone prolonged breakaway by world amateur champion Danny Nelissen of the Netherlands.

He moved out alone with 11.2 miles left and built a lead of as many as 23 seconds before the field caught him 3.1 miles from the finish.

Lance Armstrong of the United States, the 1993 world road race champion, was 154th Sunday, 34 seconds off the pace. He stands 53rd overall.

O'Neal, Payton nail down Olympic insurance

CHICAGO (AP) — On the eve of training camp for Dream Team III, free agent Olympians Shaquille O'Neal and Gary Payton made certain they were properly insured during the eight-day moratorium on player signings.

Questions arose over the weekend about the amount of insurance USA Basketball was carrying, and the Olympic team's organizing body agreed to pick up the cost of an additional policy for O'Neal.

Payton's agent said he would double a \$25 million policy to \$50 million today.

The issue came up because of Friday's 11th-hour labor settlement between the league and players. The delay on signings and trades left all free agents waiting at least another week to sign new contracts, increasing the waiting period in which a career-ending injury could occur.

"The risk is minuscule because they're in such a controlled environment," said Leonard Armato, O'Neal's agent, "but you have to make sure their policy is sufficient. Shaq obviously needs more protection than Reggie Miller, and we've secured as much insurance as the market will bear to protect him during this period of time when he'll be a free agent."

The insurance item was about the only piece of business left on

the day before training camp begins at Moody Bible Institute. The team will practice for two hours every day this week, then leave Friday for an exhibition game against the U.S. junior team led by Tim Duncan of Wake Forest.

Unlike 1992, the Dream Team will not scrimmage against a team of college all-stars. In fact, no outside competition will be brought in.

The team assembled for a dinner Sunday night and met the executives and representatives that will be traveling with them on a two-week tour around the country before the Olympics. The United States plays its first game in Atlanta on July 20 against Argentina.

Charles Barkley, David Robin-

son, Karl Malone, John Stockton and Scottie Pippen return from the 1992 team. Robinson and Mitch Richmond played on the 1988 team that won a bronze medal. O'Neal, Reggie Miller, Payton, Anfernee Hardaway, Grant Hill and Hakeem Olajuwon are first-time Olympians.

Much of the news before the Olympics figures to center on the free agent maneuverings of O'Neal, Payton and Miller and the rumored possible trade of Barkley. Barkley and the rest of the non-free agents have career-

ending injury insurance through their teams, and USA Basketball routinely picks up the cost of those policies for the duration of the team's existence.

There were no free agents on the 1992 team, so the organizing body had never dealt with the question of obtaining enough coverage for a player like O'Neal, who figures to get a four-year contract worth about \$60 million.

Payton could command \$50 million for four years, and his current \$25 million policy expires the moment he signs a new contract.

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Plan flaw

CROMWELL, D.A. Weibring's recent bout with Bell's palsy, a flawless golf from day to win the Open.

Weibring shot for a 10-under strokes ahead of fifth title and diagnosed with er this year.

"I had a lot on," Weibring said, a chance to win was important. "I experienced this time I worked out. I thought about like this. And I Kite played for his first title of his career, being four strokes the first nine holes. Kite was expected greens Sunday, close to making of the final three, finishing with a 68 finish since Jan. "I'm very, very now. I feel great. Kite, 47, said. "I know I'm back."

MASON, Ohio, three-foot putt, concentration — in a 5-under-par pulled away from three consecutive eagle on the first stroke victory in Classic.

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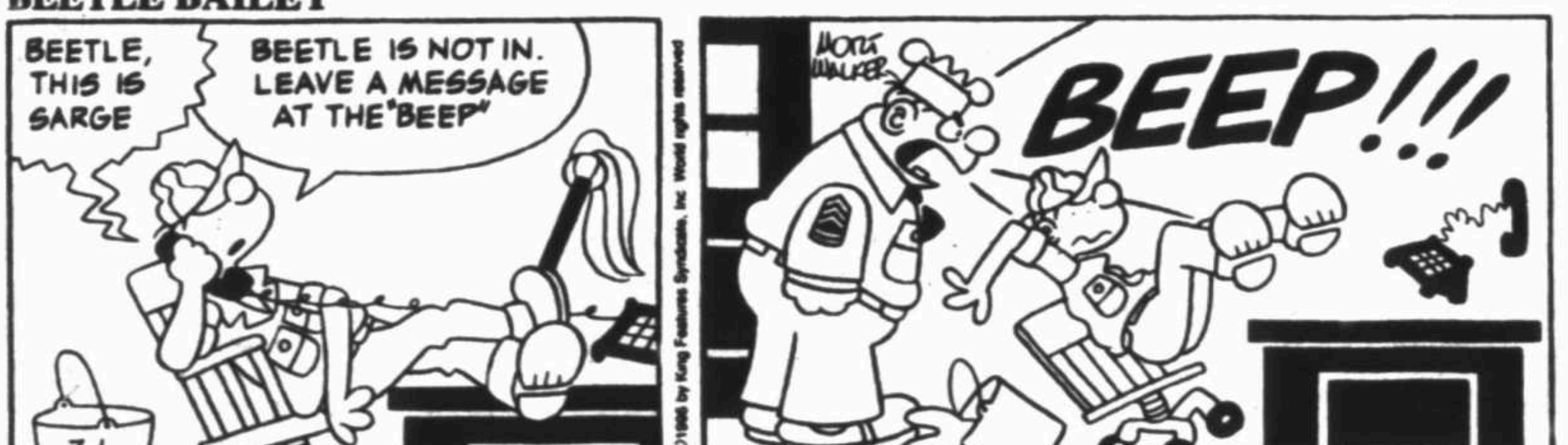
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MONDAY, JULY 1, 1996

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: A voyage of self-discovery makes you aware of talents you never knew you had. Focus on creative projects throughout the summer and fall. By Christmas, you may be ready to start a new business! Wait until early in 1997 when more clients sign up. Romance holds several surprises. A financial adviser may have designs on your heart. A family collectible could turn out to be a valuable collectible. Think twice before agreeing to a major change in lifestyle.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: cosmetics executive Estee Lauder, actor Dan Aykroyd, track star Carl Lewis, actress Karen Black.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Open a savings account earmarked for a special purchase. You need to shop around for the lowest interest rate when buying a car. Be firm. End a relationship that no longer meets your needs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Resist the temptation to fritter away your money. Fight for causes you believe in! Your practical attitude and business acumen help you solve someone's problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone may be watching your every move at work. Sequester yourself if possible and screen your calls. You may have to choose between two personal relationships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be prepared to compromise if doing so will keep peace in the family. Although strangers could bring you good financial luck, social events may take up too much of your valuable time. Know your priorities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Practicality is the key to greater success. Identify with projects that will enhance your ability to influence others. Romance reaches a new stage tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Avoid jumping to conclusions. Moving too far too fast would be counterproductive. Your self-preservation instinct is strong. Fall back on what you do best if presented with a difficult challenge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If a romantic relationship has grown stagnant, do something to revitalize it. Try marriage counseling or a support group. Older friends can be a big help.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Although work weighs heavily, you will find a way to do it all. Enlist the help of your associates. Do not let financial concerns get you down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Being outspoken can work to your advantage today. Be open to new ideas and unique opportunities. Outdoor activities like gardening hold considerable charm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep the pressure up in business or labor negotiations. Others will find you a force to be reckoned with. A carefully-calculated risk begins to pay off. Additional training will boost your chances for promotion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New activities keep you on the go. Heed the advice of a more experienced partner or consultant. Improved writing skills will help you land a better job. Act less competitive with your co-workers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take inventory of what you have accomplished and what still needs to be done. Concentrate on building a strong foundation for the future. Invest in ventures that will bring you long-lasting financial security.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

AKQ6 7 7 AJ76 4A543

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
Pass Pass 10 Pass
10 Pass 7 Pass
What do you bid now?

A - With 18 high-card points and a singleton, there is a temptation to jump to two spades. Since the hand could be a misfit and lacks a source of tricks, you need an unforced second bid from partner if you are to make game. Rebid one spade.

Q. 2 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

44 VAQJ6 1098742 4Q9

The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
14 Pass Pass 30
What action do you take?

A - Normally, we would not allow the opponents to play unmolested in one club. Here, however, there are danger signs. Where's the spade suit? Why couldn't partner overcall directly? Don't push the enemy into game by giving them a second shot. Pass.

Q. 3 - North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:

AKJ64 VAJ75 8 4AK42

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
14 Pass 14 20
What do you bid now?

A - No leap in spades does full justice to this very powerful hand in support of partner's suit. The only way to get your message across is to start with a cue-bid of three diamonds, then support spades next.

Q. 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

4J5 VA10872 0AK5 4K98

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
10 Pass 20 Pass

What action do you take?

A - With a magic fit, you might make four hearts on the combined holding. Unfortunately, there are more combinations where eight tricks are the maximum, so don't endanger a sound partial for an ephemeral game. Pass.

Q. 5 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

48 VK93 0AKQ762 4AKQ

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
24 Pass 20 Pass
30 Pass 30 Pass
What do you bid now?

A - Not vulnerable is not the same as invulnerable. Despite your four-card fit for partner's minor, this hand is going nowhere unless partner can force you to bid. Don't encourage North to take some rash action by raising clubs or responding one heart. Pass.

Q. 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

4K72 109542 03 49632

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
14 10 ?
What action do you take?

A - You are certainly in slam territory, but enlist partner's cooperation by bidding four clubs now.

Q. 7 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

48 VK93 0AKQ762 4AKQ

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
24 Pass 20 Pass
30 Pass 30 Pass
What do you bid now?

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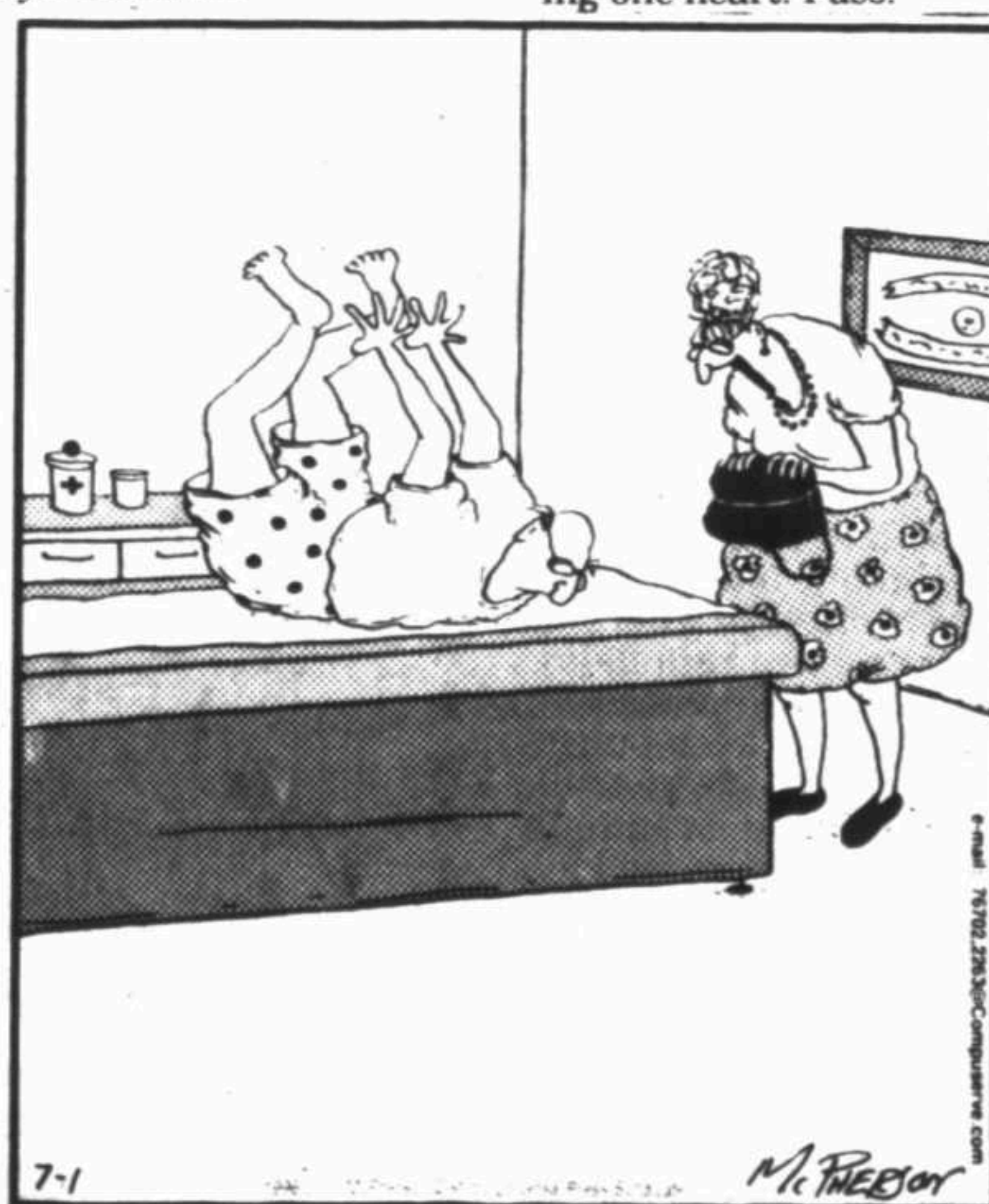
Q. 8 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

48 VK93 0AKQ762 4AKQ

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30 Pass 30 Pass
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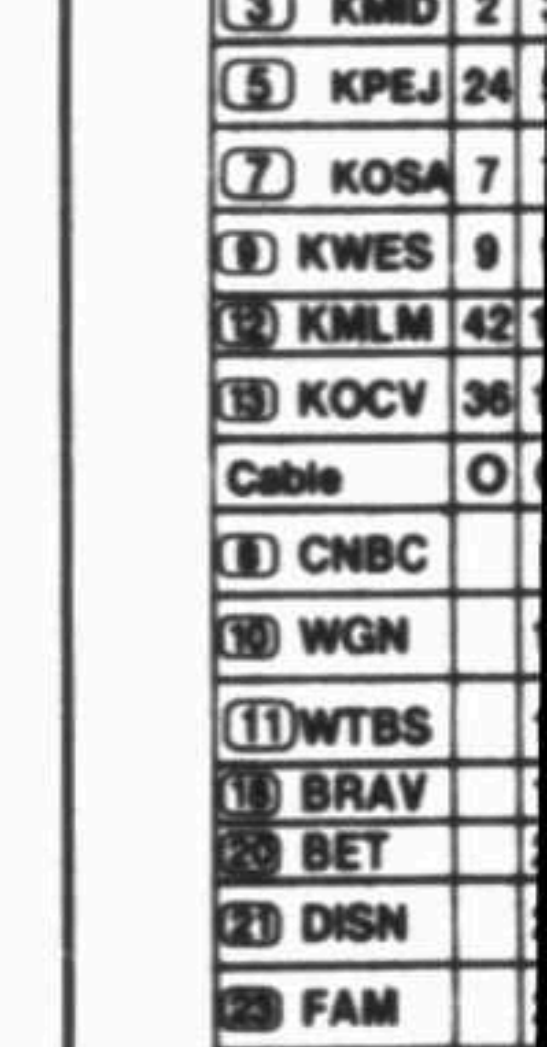
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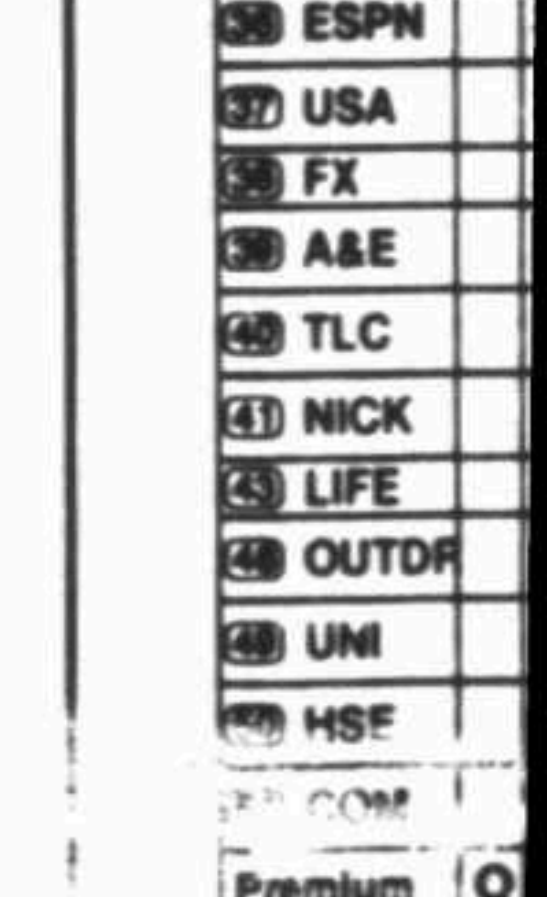
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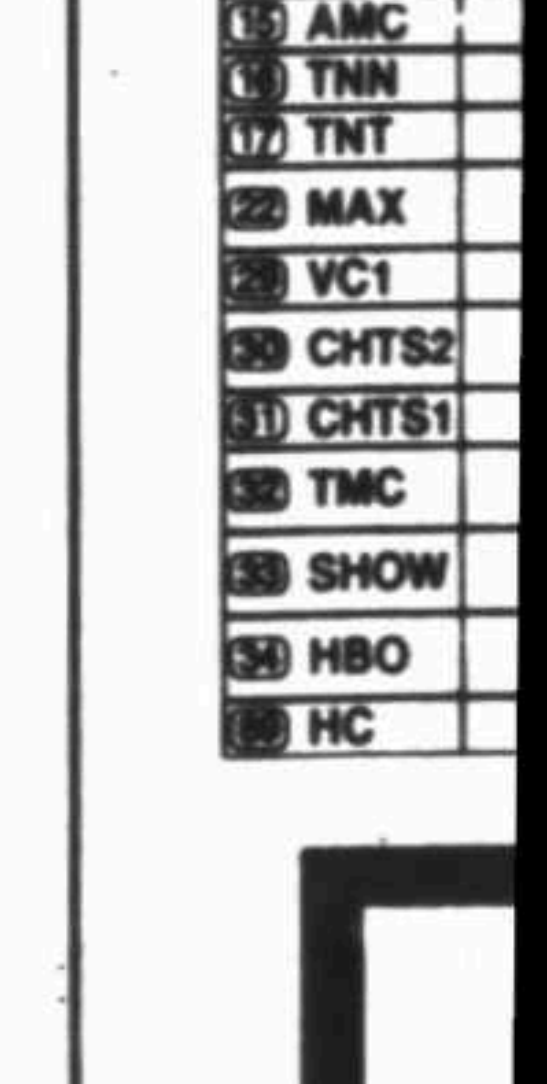
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Notices 100

075 Legal
080 Odessa Ads
085 New Arrivals
100 Heavy Ads
110 Landmark Notices
115 Announcements
120 Public Notices
130 Personal
140 Card of Thanks
150 Lost and Found
155 Lottery Info.
160 Loans Wanted
162 Money To Loan
163 Money To Loan
165 Invest. Opps.
170 Schools/Instit.

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
315 Medical Help
320 Professional Help
325 Clerical Help
330 Sales Help
335 Skilled Trade
340 Employment Wanted
345 Adult Care Needed
350 Child Care Needed
355 Bus. Opps.

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400 Auctions
405 Garage Sale Svcs.
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430 Area Sales
435 Misc. Sales
440 Jewelry
445 Misc. Wanted
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455 Trade/Swap
460 Household Goods

Who's Who For Service 800

100 Legal Notices
105 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT
The MHRM Services for the Concho Valley in San Angelo, Texas is requesting proposals from qualified public accounting firms to perform the annual audit for fiscal year 1996. RFP packets will be available the first week of July, special condition for all interested parties is a mandatory conference in Austin, July 11th. Contact Judy Churchwell at (915) 658-7750. Proposals are due July 22, 1996.

110 Lodge Notices
CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1000 Upland
Joint Installation of Officers with Acacia Lodge #1414
6/29/96, 10 AM.
Larry Ross, W.M.
Bob Elliott, Secy.

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Stated Communications June 25th
7:30 pm, joint installation
June 29, 10 am.
Rodney Wilson, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

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Reg. mtg. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
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Bob Cain, Pres.
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460 Store/Cafe Equip.
465 Bus. Shop Equip.
470 A/C - Heating
475 Bldg. Materials
480 Portable Bldg.
485 Machinery/Tools
490 Farm Equipment

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600 Rooms For Rent
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610 Rm. w/ate Water
615 Wanted To Rent
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630 Furn./Unfurn.
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645 Furn./Unfurn.
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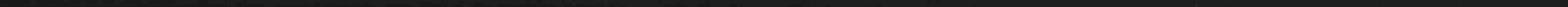
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KEY To Abbreviations

Bd. Bedroom
Bath Bath
Kil. Kitchen
Dbl. Double
A/C Air conditioning
Mstr. Bdrm. Master Bedroom
Gar. Garage
Bldg. Building
Cond. Condition
N-QA Non-Qualifying
QA Qualifying
Ac. Acre
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