



Sports

Pudge KO'd

Thursday night hardly seemed the time for the Texas Rangers to break out of a slump. But they did. Ivan Rodriguez, a seven-time All-Star, sustained a slight concussion in the first inning when Matt Lawton slammed into him on a bone-jarring play at the plate./1C

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countdown to 2000

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TODAY

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Special effects

Illusion, deception and misdirection form part of the stock in trade for the creators of film's special effects. From Georges Méliès' mechanical marvels and grand illusions of the early 20th century to John Gaeta's reality-bending computer graphics of the 1990s, the sleight-of-hands wizards have entranced audiences with their film magic. Reviews & Previews/1B

Wind power

BIG SPRING — According to the old adage, everything in Texas is bigger, and Big Spring residents proved it Thursday afternoon by dedicating the nation's tallest wind turbines. Officials from York Research, the owners and operators of the Wind Project facilities, and TU Electric's Big Spring manager, Mike Hammock, were on hand for the ceremony that set the blades of the 370-foot-tall turbine in motion. Story page 9A

Milosevic caves

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — President Slobodan Milosevic has accepted the idea of a U.N.-controlled "international presence" in Kosovo if the NATO bombing stops and the alliance withdraws troops from Yugoslavia's borders, a Russian envoy said Thursday. It was unclear, however, whether such a force would be armed and under what guidelines it would operate. NATO has insisted on an armed presence in Kosovo to enforce any peace agreement. Milosevic has so far rejected NATO demands to withdraw his troops from Kosovo and grant autonomy to the ethnic Albanian majority there. President Clinton, asked in Washington to comment, said he had not studied the offer but added, "I suppose that represents some step forward." Story page 7B

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Former Midlander mistaken for father of Trenchcoat Mafia youth

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Texas native Larry Klebold has been drawn into the tragedy surrounding Columbine High School by an accident of birth. The son of native Midlander L.A. Klebold and his widow, Margaret, the family name is now causing concern for the former Midlander who moved to Colorado decades ago following his 1968 graduation from Lee High School.

He and his wife, Karen, are the only Klebolds listed in Colorado information. Yet he is not the father, uncle or close relation of 17-year-old Dylan Klebold, one of two students who left 15 dead, including themselves, and more than a dozen others wounded in Tuesday's shooting in Littleton.

"This is not about me, nor is it about my family," Klebold said in a telephone interview from his Denver office Thursday. "And I don't want to come off as being self-serving because the family that shares my name has more grief than they will most likely ever get over in their lifetime. And this town, this large city of Denver, Colo., has as much grief as I think I've ever seen in the years I've been up here."



Larry Klebold as he appeared in the 1968 Lee High School yearbook

"I do, however, want out of the loop."

For Klebold, that loop began at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, fewer than two hours after the first shots were fired at Columbine High School. But Klebold didn't know he'd

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■ Administration hopes shootings inspire more gun control/8B

■ Powerful bomb found inside school/7B

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MISD enforces zero tolerance in wake of Colorado tragedy

The Midland Independent School District Police Department is pursuing a "zero tolerance" policy in city schools in the aftermath of the tragic Littleton, Colo., high school incident.

A total of three MISD students - one on Wednesday and two on Thursday - have been charged by MISD police with Class B misdemeanors as a result of incidents involving threats of a copycat crime.

"We cannot and will not tolerate any jokes or any statements of any kind," MISD Chief of Police Dan Walkenshaw said.

In addition, security has been beefed up at MISD schools. Among other measures, all officers are armed with hand-held metal detectors.

"We don't intend to glamorize these kids, because what they are doing is plain wrong," Walkenshaw added. Anyone with information about any such incidents may call Crimestoppers at 694-TIPS and report them to authorities.

Work crews begin to clear debris

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

The sun climbed over the Midland horizon Thursday morning to find work crews trying to clear away debris from the tornado storm of April 13.

"We got out here around 7 a.m.," Doy Harring with the Midland County Road and Bridge Department said. "We thought we could wrap it up today, but it looks like we are going to need an extra day to finish."

What the crew didn't do on Thursday will be finished Monday, workers said.

Before then, the workers with the road and bridge department plan to volunteer their services for the annual "Christmas in April" work day, scheduled for Saturday, according to Mike Bradford, county commissioner for Precinct 2.

The crew had already cleared away three destroyed mobile homes and were trying to move three large trees out of Bill Caswell's yard Thursday afternoon.

Caswell said he was glad to find out the county would be helping people get their property cleaned up.

"It is a big help," Caswell said. "When I saw my big trees uprooted I was thinking, 'there is no way I can get this cleaned up by myself.' There is a lot of wood to cut and the crew has been here all morning moving this stuff out."

Bradford said that the success of the cleanup was because of the tremendous efforts by Midland residents.

"We have had a number of offers from cities and counties to help," Bradford said. "Fortunately, our friends at the city and TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) have given us their manpower, equipment and sweat and the result is what you see out there today. The willingness and understanding of the citizens of Precinct 2 has been wonderful. It took all their help to get this done."

Bradford said that they have gone to the homes of everyone who requested help and have removed debris from the property.

"If they wanted it hauled off we hauled it off," Bradford said. "All the wood and trash will be taken to the city landfill and the metal will be sold and the money given to the Red Cross and the Salvation Army."

Bradford pointed out that families who are getting rid of their own trash can take it to the city landfill up until next week for free, but must present identification as proof that they live in the tornado-stricken area.

Bradford mentioned two families who

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Brenda Reuntree with R&R Rabies Control looks for two kittens in the rubble of a house on South County Road 1169. She had already found two other kittens and the mother.

Underfoot the cat survives brush with tornado

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

When Elizabeth Smith woke up 11 days ago, the stories she would tell friends about her cat, Underfoot, concerned how every time a door opened, the cat would, without fail, either go into or out of her family's house, south of Midland.

When Elizabeth Smith woke up 10 days ago, she, her younger brothers and her parents had no house. And no Underfoot. And the stories she told that day were about how every time her Mom, Jane, called out for Underfoot, he wouldn't come.

The Smiths feared the worst. They feared their pet had been killed somehow

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Jane Smith and her children, Ethan, 5, Elizabeth, 9, and Ryan, 8, pet their cat, Underfoot. The cat had been missing for a time after the tornado destroyed the Smiths' home April 13.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Volunteers honored for 'lighting the way'

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Community volunteers were showcased Thursday at a ceremony in Centennial Plaza designed to show how "Volunteers Light the Way."

■ Abell-Hanger Society inductees/4A

■ Girl Scouts clean up/2A

check bearing the dollar value of those contributions was presented to City Council member Don Washburn.

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Pat and Joan Baskin were the guest speakers Thursday at a ceremony honoring Midland's volunteers.

DA Schorre disputes defense team's theory

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Defense attorney John Cook shared his theory Thursday that a shabby electrical cord started a house fire that killed a Midland mother and her two children.

Cook, one of two attorneys defending Garland "Butch" Martin, claimed that County Fire Marshal Dale Little overlooked that possibility during his month-long probe.

Martin, a 36-year-old welder, is on trial on capital murder charges in connection with the family's death. Prosecutors allege that he

set fire to his home Feb. 25, 1998, because his common-law wife, Marcia Stephens, had intentions of leaving him again.

But Cook claims the fire began with an electrical short from a tattered extension cord that ran from a southside bedroom to a refrigerator on the back porch.

The thin, taut cord ran through a door frame for long time and probably shorted after resisting too much weight, Cook said.

As a result, the cord sparked a fire that burned slowly until a

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EDUCATORS HONORED
Carroll Harris, principal of Midland's Lamar Elementary School, and Mary Smith, principal of Emerson Elementary School, were chosen to participate in The Academy VI, a program offered by Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association. They are among a group of 115 Texas educators who are taking part in the program.

The Academy is "an intensive experience in which educators work collaboratively to become a professional cadre of highly skilled

instructional leaders. This gathering of minds fosters a 'think-tank' forum for promoting creative problem-solving of current and future educational issues," according to information from Midland Independent School District.

The academy has a two-year instructional program that offers continuous instructions on such topics as improving schools from the inside, nurturing professional growth of school leaders and fostering learning and growth for everyone.

Workshops at the academy are

led by nationally known educational experts.

And that's not all.

Three other Midland educators have received awards from the New Jersey Writing Project in Texas (NJWPT) in recognition of their outstanding service. The awards were presented at the state conference in Dallas in March.

The honorees are: Dalia Benavides, administrative intern at Emerson; Lilia Nanez, administrative intern at Jones Elementary School; and Ann Parish, site direc-

tor for Midland NJWPT and director of language arts. They received the Sue German Award for Excellence, the highest award NJWPT grants.

Ms. Benavides and Ms. Nanez generally work as a team, training teachers to teach writing. They have taken the program to Midland schools, as well as other Texas schools and occasionally to schools in other states. They are co-authors of "Bilingual Books and More," and are at work on a second book about teaching writing.

In 1996, the Sue German Award

for Excellence was given to Lucinda Windsor, who brought the writing project to Midland in 1989 and served as its first site director. Ms. Windsor is writing a book about grammar, which is scheduled to be published by Absey Press, publishing arm of NJWPT.

ODESSAN APPOINTED

John E. Commander of Odessa has been appointed a chapter specialist by American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). He will serve a two-year term.

His duties will include organiz-

ing, maintaining and enhancing AARP chapters in the area, and ensuring that existing chapters maintain an active role in the community.

Commander has been active with AARP for the past nine years, specifically with AARP/Vote. He also serves on the Silver-Haired Legislature, was past president of Texas Shrine Association and was past chairman of the board for Galveston Shriners Burns Hospital and Medical Center Hospital.

He was district manager with Tesoro Petroleum.

Girl Scout troops cash in plastic bags from March cleanup project

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

About 100 Midland Girl Scouts effectively cashed in most of the 10,000 littered plastic bags that they collected last month in a BANish-Plastic-Bags campaign for a dime a bag.

"For every plastic bag they picked up, I bet they picked up 10 bags of trash," leader Lela Hunt said Thursday.

Thirteen Girl Scout troops that participated in the March 20 BANish-Plastic-Bags campaign got their due on Thursday from Duncan Disposal and John Bergman — a Midland oilman who is a former Keep Midland Beautiful board chairman — at a Permian Basin Girl Scout Council's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

Duncan Disposal management



Lanning



Bergman



Todd

and Bergman each pledged to pay the Girl Scouts a nickel a bag for up to 5,000 bags they collected. But they upped the commitment to a nickel a bag each on 7,000 bags after they figured the scouts would

pick up more than 5,000 discarded bags.

Debra Canady, who is Mrs. Hunt's troop co-leader, said the "bags are right back over there" after the cleanup. "It's kind of dis-

couraging."

To encourage the recycling of plastic shopping bags, KMB director Cindy Lanning said Albertson's "will give you a nickel a bag for every bag you bring in to use yourself."

Ms. Lanning saluted the "community-minded" Girl Scouts who carried out "such a neat idea" in attacking litter.

"I think it is really good," said Shauna Todd, a former Girl Scout who is Duncan Disposal's office manager. "It helps the community, and it also helps the Girl Scouts to be involved in the community."

In considering the overall litter problem, Bergman said "the thrust is more toward all litter, any kind of litter," and not just bags.

"One of the big problems is people leaving Dumpsters open or the Dumpsters with the light plastic

lips blowing open" and trash blowing out and away, Bergman said. "We want to aim at all kinds of trash."

Plastic bags are probably one of the more visible kinds of litter," he said. "Our thrust is not so much to banish plastic bags as to control how litter gets out there."

Girl Scout adult volunteer Patricia Stevens said she avoids the convenience of plastic bags by using "my own string bags," similar to those used in Europe.

"I don't want America messed up," Ms. Stevens said. "We need to be cleaning it up."

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The horror of Littleton, Colorado grips us as 15 may be dead, and many others injured in the attack by students in fatigues and black trench coats boasting of guns, bombs, and hate for minorities. God, what is happening to our families and the minds of our youth? They are being poisoned by the regurgitation of a sick society filled with hate, self-worship, and disrespect for life, living, and the pursuit of happiness.

Proverbs 1:11 says, "if they say, come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit; My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path." Lord, chastise this nation and teach us how to live again.

Study each Sunday with Mack Lyon "In Search of the Lord's Way" 7:30 a.m. KPEJ Ch 24, Cable Ch 5

Lions welcome camp applications

From Staff Reports

Children in the Permian Basin with disabilities and diabetes are eligible to attend the Texas Lions Camp special summer camping programs, according to Lions Club officials.

Six one-week camps will be offered this summer for children ages 7 through 16 with physical disabilities. The camp offers a wide variety of activities including arts, crafts, field sports, horseback riding and swimming. Children attending must have some self-help skills in the areas of dressing, eating, toileting and bathing.

Medical teams in attendance

provide monitoring and individual attention for diabetes and other medical problems. "Diabetic children face a challenge to take proper care of themselves and take an active role in controlling their disease. Our goal is to assist them with these needs," said Stephen Mabry, executive director.

Since it was opened in 1953, the Texas Lions Camp has allowed more than 40,000 children with physical disabilities and diabetes to enjoy outdoor activities. Parents interested in applying to send a child to the camp may call a local Lions Club or contact the Texas Lions Camp at Box 247, Kerrville, Texas 78029 or call (830) 896-8500.

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Lamar Eschbe

Lamar Eschbe, Texas, passed away, April 21, 1999, at his home, January 19, 1920, to Oscar and Pearl Eschbe. He graduated from School in 1937 at University of Texas degree in petroleum engineering. In 1938, Lamar

DEATH NOTICE

Leon K. Suhm

Leon K. Suhm, April 22, at his home.

There will be services. Arrangements by Douglas S. Suhm, direction of Ellis.

He was born in Wichita, Kan.

He owned Leon Bridge and Road then was deputy of the city of Denver retiring in 1983. He land a year ago.

Survivors include Dorothy Suhm of Douglas, Calif.; two daughters of Seattle, and Midland; and four

Margaret V.

SARASOTA, Fla. — Margaret V. Midland, 87, of Sarasota, Fla., died April 21.

Services are to be held on Thursday, April 24, at 10 a.m. at the Baptist Church in Midland.

She was born in Blue Vale, Neb.

She moved from Sarasota in 1978.

Odessa's Globe and the Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Lamar Eschberger

Lamar Eschberger of Midland, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, April 21, 1999. He was born on January 19, 1920, in Austin, Texas to Oscar and Pearl Eschberger. He graduated from Austin High School in 1937 and entered the University of Texas to obtain a degree in petroleum engineering. In 1938, Lamar joined the 56th

Calvary Brigade, Texas National Guard. His brigade was called to active duty in 1939, stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso with maneuvers in Louisiana until 1940. In 1940, Lamar applied for and was accepted into the Army Air Corps Flying Cadet Training Program; he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and received his pilot wings in May 1942, at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas. His assignment out of pilot training was Midland Army Airfield, where he flew bombardier training missions. His next assignment took him overseas to Italy, with the 456th Heavy Bomb Group, flying B-24s. In late 1944 over Mosbierbaum, Germany, while flying lead aircraft for his bomb group, Captain Eschberger was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire, while bombing a synthetic gasoline plant, which was heavily defended by anti-aircraft guns. He was able to guide his disabled plane to a forced landing on a snow-covered abandoned German fighter strip southeast of Lake Baleton in Hungary. He and his crew were met by the Russian army. They were assembled with 40 other airmen, who had been shot down that day. Being the highest-ranking officer in the group, Captain Eschberger

was put in command of the American airmen. For the next month, he was listed as missing-in-action, while the Russians were leading the group back toward Bucharest, Romania, so that a plane from American forces could pick them up and return them to southern Italy. He then rejoined his group and continued flying combat missions, until completing his tour in 1945. He returned to the United States and was discharged from active duty. For his gallantry in action, he received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. Mr. Eschberger was commissioned, as an Honorary Texas Colonel by the governor of Texas on October 21, 1948.

In the fall of 1945 Lamar enrolled in the University of Texas in Austin, where he received his degree in petroleum engineering in the spring of 1947. He was employed by Gulf Oil Corp. at Goldsmith, Texas. He established West Texas Oil Reports in 1948. He remained active as a consulting petroleum engineer in Texas and New Mexico with West Texas Oil Reports, until his retirement in 1997. Mr. Eschberger was an active member of the Lone Star Region Classic Car Club, collecting

antique cars from 1950 until shortly before his death.

While stationed at Midland Army Airfield he met, and married Nell Ruth Bedford, a member of a Midland pioneer ranching family. They had three children, Craig, Ann and Mark.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nell Ruth; and his son, Mark.

In 1990, Lamar married Jessalyn Tuttle Tarwater of Midland. He is survived by his wife, Jessalyn; his son, Craig, and his wife, Mary, and their sons, Sean and Eric Eschberger; and his daughter, Ann and her husband, James M.C. Ritchie Jr. and their children, Spencer, Abby and JMC (Bo) Ritchie III. He is also survived by his nephew, Tom Hyltin and his wife, Joanne, of Punta Gorda, Fla.; his niece, Nell Hyltin of Orlando, Fla.; his stepchildren, Adelle Dowling and Debbie Owen of Midland, and Jim Tarwater of Tres Piedras, N.M.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial gifts be made to the Confederate Air Force of Midland and Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday in

the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Serving as pallbearers will be John Mays Hyltin, Andrew Mays Hyltin, Sean Eschberger, Eric Eschberger, Spencer Ritchie, and Bo Ritchie.



Alla Lamb

Alla Ree Lamb died Sunday, April 18, 1999, in a local hospital.

Funeral services for Alla Ree Lamb will be held on Saturday, April 24, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Stamford, Texas, with the Rev. Jesse Earl Hooper, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Stamford. Arrangements are being handled by Jackie Warren Funeral Home of Midland, Texas.

Alla Ree was born May 24, 1952, to Freddy Lee Coleman and Jewel Coleman in Stamford. She was a resident of Midland for 10 years before moving back to Stamford.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Lee Clemons, and a stepbrother, Willie Warwick.

Mrs. Lamb is survived by her husband, Chester Lamb; her mother, Mrs. Jewel Clemons of Midland; two sons, Billy Coleman of Dallas, Texas and Tony Coleman of Colorado City, Texas; one daughter, La Toshia Coleman of Midland; three sisters, Virgie Coleman, Rita Johnson and Darlene Coleman, all of Houston, Texas; one brother, Donald Coleman of Houston; three stepdaughters, Patricia Reed of Midland, Sarah Hubert of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Janet Lee Clemons of Lubbock, Texas; two stepbrothers, Roy Jones of Dallas, and Curtis Clemons of Midland; and nine grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICES

Leon Suhm

Leon K. Suhm died Thursday, April 22, at his home.

There will be no funeral services. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 14, 1916, in Wichita, Kan.

He owned Leon K. Suhm Inc. Bridge and Road Construction, then was deputy city engineer for the city of Denver for 15 years, retiring in 1983. He moved to Midland a year ago.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Suhm of Midland; a son, Douglas Suhm of Sunnyvale, Calif.; two daughters, Louise Fritz of Seattle, and Janet Chinn of Midland; and four grandchildren.

Margaret Wilson

SARASOTA, Fla. — Former Midlander Margaret S. Wilson, 87, of Sarasota, Fla., died Wednesday, April 21.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Tatum Ridge Baptist Church in Sarasota. Burial is to follow at Palms Memorial Park under the direction of Toale Brothers Funeral Directors in Sarasota. Visitation is to be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today, April 23, at the funeral home.

She was born April 11, 1912, in Blue Vale, Neb.

She moved from Midland to Sarasota in 1978. She retired from

South West Bell Telephone after 32 years. She was a member of Tatum Ridge Baptist Church, Telephone Pioneers of American and P.O.W.'s Bradenton Chapter.

Survivors include her husband, Ira Wilson of Sarasota; two daughters, Rosie A. Turner and Bonnie Cyr, both of Sarasota; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Tatum Ridge Baptist Church, 7811 Kennedy Lane, Sarasota, Fla.

Georgia Hall

Georgia Ann Hall died Wednesday, April 21, at her residence.

Services are to be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Goodwill Baptist Church with the Rev. Leroy Lengyon officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

She was born July 25, 1944, in McCamey.

She moved to Midland 25 years ago.

Survivors include two sons, Anthony McMaryion and Carl E. McClendon; five sisters; four brothers; and two grandchildren.

Madge Rogers

BIG SPRING — Madge Rogers of Big Spring died Thursday, April 22, at her residence.

Services are pending with Nal-

ley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

John Reid

John Reid died Thursday, April 22, at his residence.

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Jerry Hilton, Pastor
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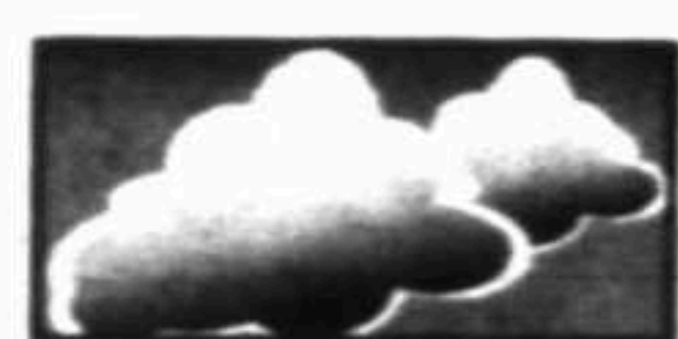
WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 88
Low 60



Saturday
Mostly cloudy
High 83
Low 55



Sunday
Partly cloudy
High 86
Low 60

Today's forecast calls for skies becoming partly cloudy and breezy with a high in the upper 80s and south to southwestern gusty winds blowing at 15-25 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low around 60. Saturday's forecast calls for skies becoming mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with a high in the lower 80s.

After an overnight low of 62, Thursday's high reached 95, compared to the record high for that date of 100 set in 1989. The record low of 36 was set in 1931.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Thursday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.09 in.
Total for year 1.64 in.
Normal total yr to date 2.06 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 95
Low 62
Normal high 81
Normal low 51

Sunrise 7:11 a.m.

Sunset 8:23 p.m.

MC students inducted into Abell-Hanger Society

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The volunteerism that changed Traci Moreland's life and that of her peers also enhanced Midland College and the community.

"At first I didn't want to do it. I wasn't looking forward to it," Ms. Moreland said Thursday night at the Abell-Hanger Society induction ceremony in MC's Chaparral Center. "But I did it, and in a lot of ways, it changed my life... the volunteer work. It just makes your life more worthwhile."

She was one of about 170 MC students who were inducted into the society for their academic and volunteer achievements as recipients of the 1986-founded Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarships at MC.

In her award-winning essay on volunteerism, Ms. Moreland expressed the soul of giving lovingly to others through volunteer work, noted MC speech instructor Dianna Wynn.

"They (student volunteers) all walked away with important life lessons that they didn't anticipate learning but they clearly appreciate," Ms. Wynn said. "Only by experiencing something can we truly understand it."

And that was a salient idea propounded in Ms. Moreland's essay. "Experience is life's best, and most important, teacher. Only by personally experiencing something can we (truly) understand it," Ms. Moreland penned. "We learn... a little bit about ourselves."

"Volunteering has made me open my eyes, become more sympathetic to those around me, and to reassess some of my own values," Ms. Moreland wrote. She did volunteer for Harmo-

ny Home for children and families in crisis.

Other students did volunteer work for Hospice of Midland, The American Red Cross, and the Girl Scouts Summer Day Camp.

Midland playwright Linda Bond, who was the event's guest speaker, noted that the volunteerism that is linked to the tuition scholarships has helped the youthful students acquire "a sense of compassion, and it changed their lives."

To be inducted into the society, students must have completed at least 40 hours of volunteer service in addition to upholding academic standards.

In 1986, the Abell-Hanger Foundation, administered by Executive Director David L. Smith, offered to pay up to \$598,000 for tuition and books at MC for the 910 June graduates of Midland's three high schools. Since then, the foundation has continued to provide MC scholarships to more than 2,599 Midland-area graduates who have contributed more than 83,277 volunteer hours in exchange for their scholarships.

Ms. Bond noted that the Abell-Hanger Foundation, which was established by the late George and Gladys Abell, and "the good that it does has made" MC President David Daniel "the envy of college presidents all around Texas."

"They (the foundation's trustees) are not giving away money, but they are making an investment in people," said Ms. Bond, who is executive director of the Arts Assembly of Midland. The students who benefit from the scholarships and volunteerism "learn to prioritize, to evaluate... to live up to (high) standards."

The Abell couple "were very modest people" who "gave education a really high priority," Ms. Bond said.

The year when the Abell-Hanger Foundation's

scholarships were set up was "a rough, rough year" for Midland, said Ms. Bond, who, turning to the inductees, said, "You were children (then)."

"Oil was down to \$8.75 a barrel," Ms. Bond recalled. "And there were parents who had planned all of their lives to send their children to college and found they could no longer afford to do that." The Abell-Hanger Foundation "gave a gift of hope: ... All high-school students would have paid tuition and books. That is an enormous, astonishing gift."

The tuition program has been expanded, Daniel noted, but the book phase of the scholarship has been phased out.

Research indicates, Ms. Bond said, that volunteerism "makes a tremendous difference" in people's lives. Volunteering "extends longevity" of the giver while helping the community.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation's MC scholarship was a "trail-blazing effort," Daniel said, and has expanded dramatically. The foundation trustees are "always looking for ways to invest in people. We will always be grateful to them. He (David Smith) is a wonderful fellow... and quite an intellect."

For scholarship recipient Jennifer McKee, 18, "holding the scholarship" is a privilege. "It has been a big help to me and to my mommy (Teresa Jackson, 36) to attend school (at MC)," she said. "That's a lot of money. It helps out a lot."

Ms. McKee is studying occupational therapy at MC. Her mother, who is a teacher's aide in Midland Independent School District and who is attending MC on a MISD scholarship, is concentrating on physical therapy.

NAME: Calls to Klebold's home have come from Toronto, Australia

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been called until that evening.

"My youngest son (Corry) had a baseball game," Klebold said. "I watched the game and chatted with folks. We talked about how horrible it was. I came home, and I had 20 messages on the phone. Hers (a Channel 4 on-site reporter) was the first one."

Klebold spoke with the Channel 4 reporter, who he said was in her production truck on site, via telephone. She may have been the first reporter who called him, but she was hardly the last.

"I have been contacted twice by the New York Times, the New York Daily News, by every newspaper in Denver, by every station in Denver, by Fox News network, CBS Phoenix, Inside News New York, Larry King Live, a Channel 7 in Australia, a Tampa Bay radio station, Inside Edition, Dateline (with) Stone Phillips, Toronto News 2, a Philadelphia newspaper came into my office, a Newsweek national correspondent came to my house. Chicago Human Rights — it's a group — Dan Rather's office, and the Midland Reporter-Telegram."

"Until Thursday afternoon, the only irate call the Klebolds had received came at 3 a.m. Wednesday. The caller asked Klebold if he was the 'man responsible for raising this little bastard.'"

"I answered him," Klebold said. "I've talked to everybody. It's almost as if, at this point, I have run interference for this other family. I am the only Klebold listed in the phone book and in directory assistance in

the state of Colorado."

The other calls to Klebold's home and office have been from the media until Thursday afternoon when he received a call from a Columbine High School parent, who refused to identify himself. The angry caller said his son was sitting next to a student who was killed.

"He started screaming at me, 'Are you the SOB that's related to this guy?'" Klebold said. He told the caller, "Hold it."

"I know you're related," the caller said. "Why would I tell you," Klebold said. "Would you tell me your name?"

"You're related," the caller said. "You are related."

"What difference does it make if I am or not, why did you call?" Klebold said. "You're related. That SOB you're related to almost killed my son," the caller said.

"Stop it. Stop it," Klebold said, repeated his words several more times, then said, "Let me tell you something. I probably am related. I don't know if I am or not. But I don't know this family."

"My son almost got killed," the caller said.

"Have you read the paper today?" Klebold asked.

The caller said he hadn't. Klebold told him the Denver Post, the Daily Sentinel and the Rocky Mountain News wrote articles explaining that Larry Klebold was not the father, uncle or close relation of Dylan Klebold, who was the son of Tom and Sue Klebold of Deer Creek Canyon.

"All you guys try to avoid the media," the caller said.

"I've taken every call," Klebold said. "I took yours. I know you're hurting, and we're hurting for you. But you've got the wrong family."

"The caller broke down and cried," said Klebold, who then told his anonymous caller, "Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I have the bad fortune at this time to share the same last name as a brutal monster. There's a part of me that wishes I didn't have this name, but to be real honest with you, I like this name. I wish he didn't have my name."

Klebold said that the caller, still sobbing said, "You're really not involved" and began to calm down.

Klebold asked him to tell his friends that his family wasn't involved and to hug his son that evening.

"He's 17," the caller said. Klebold said, "Hug your son. Grab a hold of him."

The caller said, "People like this often do have their number unlisted, don't they?" Klebold replied, "I don't know. I don't know people like that. I don't think I've ever known anybody that killed 15 people."

The name, which is of German origin, is unusual, Klebold said, noting that his concern is threefold — for his family, his business and himself.

On Tuesday, Klebold worked to avert a potential business disaster.

"We deal with 125 banks," Klebold said of his company, Klebold Consulting Group Inc. "It was a serious scramble yesterday morning to put out a heads-up FYI letter to all my clients, not only for my clients, but for their clients."

"I was quite concerned. It took me 15

years to build and all of a sudden someone who just shares my last name is going to destroy it? No thanks."

Thursday afternoon's call renewed the Klebolds' concern for their family and their personal safety.

"In tragedy situations, people get glued to the television," Klebold said, noting that such a focus may serve to encourage people to become involved and take actions they might not ordinarily pursue.

"It's the most horrific catastrophe in American school history," Klebold said. "It's all people can talk about here. Most of the talk in the metro area has been about trying to find a why."

"And I'm not so sure there is a why other than there were two kids who went nuts and killed 15 people. I'm not sure it goes further than that they just snapped."

Since Tuesday, Klebold has been "absolutely astonished at the amount of information that's available to the media and at the speed with which they work."

The lady in Toronto called and asked if I was related to Dylan Klebold, and I said, 'I couldn't imagine that we weren't; however, I don't know the family at all.' And she said, 'Are you related to Mason Klebold?'"

And that's where I drew the line. Mason is my son. I asked her how she got the name Mason, and she said from the Internet. She said he must be a pretty good baseball player in Broomfield, Colo.

"If you followed the story of the shooters, the main target these young men took on were jocks. Ironically, my son was all district, all conference and honorable mention all state and is going to junior col-

lege on a baseball scholarship."

When he was a teen-ager, Klebold was active in school affairs at Lee High, serving as freshman class secretary in 1964, student council member from 1964-68, cabinet member 1967 and treasurer in 1968. He played tennis 1966-67 and was a (Kiwanis) Key Club member 1965-68. He was also an Eagle Scout. His father, L.A. Klebold, was director of maintenance and transportation for the Midland Independent School District.

So far, the calls he has received from the media have been "easy to deal with" once they know Dylan Klebold was not his son. But he wonders what their questions would have been had his answer been different.

"What were they going to ask me if I was Dylan's father? How I felt? How I'd raised him? Did I hug him?"

The father, Tom Klebold, "called the SWAT team when he had heard there were problems or shots fired," Klebold said. "He thought his son was involved."

"I tried to put myself in that position. I was talking with Karen and said, 'They would have been hard-pressed to keep me away. I'd want a bull horn. I'd want to start yelling at him. The only two people I know who might have pulled them out of their trance were their fathers, with big megaphones. That's the only way they might have stopped. Then, the odds were only 50-50."

"And if I'd been the father of one of the kids who got killed and they wouldn't let me in, they'd have to make a choice, arrest me or shoot me. I would be going in. Those kids lay in there for two days."

LIGHT: Philanthropic foundations help fund facilities like museums

(From 1A)

The value of the 18,611 volunteer hours reported for 1998: \$6,395,990.61. The contributions to Partners in Education/Volunteers in Public Schools was worth \$1,085,430, for example, and to Meals on Wheels \$110,000 and \$203,989 to Hospice of Midland.

Featured speakers, Judge Pat and Joan Baskin detailed the many local programs and facilities available that were founded through volunteerism. Among them, the Midland County Public Library, Confederate Air Force, Museum of the Southwest, Petroleum Museum, Lions Clubs, Rotary Club, Midland College, University of Texas at the Permian Basin, United Way, Little League, Salvation Army, Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorus, Midland Community Theater, Habitat for Humanity, Centennial Plaza and Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Baskin explained that one program was founded when a resident noticed that an elderly neighbor's house had a leaking roof, broken windows and a rundown porch and decided he could do something to help. With a group of friends and fellow church members, Bobby Trimble began Christmas in April, which has spread throughout the country.

Other examples include efforts to gather voter support for the new Midland International Airport terminal. "No one knows when that first intrepid volunteer raised his hand, but it's suspected he was wearing animal skins," Baskin said. "Western tradition is chock-full of the volunteer spirit — people participating in barn raisings, harvesting, quilting, teaching the neighbor's children reading, writing and math. It's part of the Judeo-Christian tradition."

Volunteers serve on the City

Council, school, hospital and Midland College boards and philanthropic foundations like the Mabee, Abell-Hanger and Fasken foundations have helped fund facilities like the museums and service organizations.

"But without you to work in them, they wouldn't operate," Mrs. Baskin told the assembled volunteers.

Mary Helen Metts, newly appointed executive director of the Area Methodist Outreach Service, agreed.

"I couldn't do my job without my volunteers," she said. "I couldn't carry out the responsibilities of the agency without my volunteers. They are truly an asset as far as I'm concerned. My work begins with them. They sack groceries, tend to the clothing, take time to counsel clients. So a day like today is fitting; I think we should do more for volunteers."

Volunteers like Wendell Edgell,

Michelle Clements and Chris Ortiz with AmeriCorps at Casa de Amigos find their service rewarding.

"Especially when you see the results," Ortiz said.

They work with children at Casa de Amigos, providing one-on-one tutoring for those in grades one through three who are falling behind their grade level in reading and math.

"Most of the time it's fun," said Ms. Clements. "You can see a big improvement. It's rewarding and I'm happy to be a part of it."

Ludi Navarro, community relations specialist for Casa de Amigos and vice chairman of the Leadership Midland Alumni Committee that sponsored the showcase, said the event honored the spirit of the Midland community just as Midland honors other communities who demonstrate volunteer spirit.

Washburn, reading a proclamation from Mayor Bobby Burns honoring the Community Volunteer

Showcase, noted that "Growing in Midland, the thing that sets Midland apart is its volunteer spirit."

Don Craig, who is completing his third year on the Casa de Amigos board, agreed, observing that as a career military man, he has lived throughout the nation "and some special cities are recognized by their volunteers. I would rank Midland among the top cities for volunteerism."

In closing their talk, the Baskins read a column by the late Erma Bombeck entitled "The Day the Volunteers Left" detailing the void that volunteers would leave at schools, hospitals and theaters.

"I thought the reference was fitting," Craig said. "I can picture that happening in Midland because volunteers serve Midland in areas people don't even imagine."

As a volunteer, he said, "the real gift is what you're giving of yourself to that organization or that individual."

TRIAL: Analyst says material tested positive for chemical used in lighter fluid

(From 1A)

nearby window shattered from extreme heat. Outside winds made the fire more violent, Cook said.

"That's why there was very little fire inside the bedroom," Cook said. "This may be hypothetical, but the facts are in the evidence."

Cook criticized Little for not keeping an extension cord he found at the fire scene. Little claims that he inspected the cord closely and concluded that it didn't contribute to the fire.

In fact, the cord he found was actually outside the house, Little testified.

"You mean all this talk about the extension cord, and it wasn't even there?" District Attorney Al Schorre said.

"Yes sir. It was outside," Little said. "You mean, when he (Cook) was giving this long, drawn-out hypothesis, there was not even a wire in the room?" Schorre asked.

"Yes sir," Little replied.

The defense team's explanation lacks sufficient evidence to support it, Schorre said during the first break from Cook's two-day cross examination of Little.

"In the defense counsel's theory of how this fire began, wouldn't that cord have been found along the wall when they (investigators) were chiseling at debris?" Schorre queried.

Cook defended his theory by saying the cord might have become brittle with the 1,000-plus-degree heat; thus, making it almost impossible for authorities to find. It

could have also disintegrated if not handled delicately, Cook said.

"It's very possible you missed it, Mr. Little," Cook said.

"No, we went through every inch of that room," Little replied.

Prosecutors called three other witnesses to testify Thursday — including John Michael Corn, an expert hydrocarbon analyst with Amrstrong Labs of Arlington.

Corn said that several floor and wall samples taken from the fire scene tested positive for Norpar, a trademark chemical used in the production of charcoal lighter fluid.

A paramedic testified last week that he smelled the odor of lighter fluid on Martin as he escorted him to a psychiatric hospital in San Angelo. However, one of Martin's friends

who was with the defendant before and after the fire testified that he didn't notice it.

Little testified that he tried testing the defendant's clothing, but hospital workers had washed them three times. He submitted Martin's boots for testing, but Corn said the results were negative.

Other samples collected from the scene tested negative for Norpar, but positive for kerosene, Corn said.

The defendant's 3-year-old stepson, Michael Brady Stephens, and his 18-month-old daughter, Kristen rhea Martin, also died in the blaze.

His trial will continue at 8:30 a.m. today in the 142nd District Court of Judge George "Jody" Gilles.

CAT: Underfoot had been hiding beneath neighbor's house missed by tornado

(From 1A)

in the tornado that ripped through the Valley View area of Midland last week, destroying their home as well as almost 40 others.

"I don't think we'll find him," Elizabeth said last week from her school room. "My Mom keeps calling for him."

But two days after the storm hit, after the Smiths had lost their home and the family faced challenges that will remain with them for some time, they received a call from a neighbor saying that their lost cat had been found — under a

next door neighbor's house that remained standing through the storm.

"There was no home for her to go under, so she's been under the next door neighbor's house," Elizabeth, 10, said. "If she would've stayed under our house during the storm, she probably would've been killed."

The Smiths have moved Underfoot's food to the neighbor's house because the cat still seems afraid.

"She jumps at everything," said Jane Smith, Elizabeth's Mom. "Every little sound makes her jump. The only people she'll come

out from under the house for are the kids."

"I just thanked the Lord when I saw him," Elizabeth said.

A Midland resident called last week and offered to fund a set of shots had Underfoot not been found and the family been forced to find another pet. In addition, up to 20 people called Elizabeth's school offering to provide clothing after Mrs. Smith told her daughter's teacher that she didn't have her costume for a musical the school was to stage that Thursday.

"We've had so many people donate clothing that after we

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Midland Police Department Tuesday
Burglary: A vehicle was broken into at 3601 Andrews Highway 1603. It was reported at 11:03 p.m.
Burglary: A burglary was reported at 3602 Story Ave. at 9 p.m.

Wednesday
Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 6060 W. Missouri Ave. at 11:45 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Two dents and a broken side mirror were reported at 4201 N. Garfield St. at 2:30 p.m.

Theft: A wallet was taken at 2929 W. Kansas Ave. It was reported at 7:01 p.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 1825 E. Scharbauer Drive. No time was reported.

Burglary: A CD player was taken at 4301 Raleigh Circle. It was reported at 9:30 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Thursday
Criminal mischief: Vandalism was reported at 5113 S. County Road 1189 at 1:08 a.m.

Theft: Tools were taken at 2801 S. County Road 1220. It was reported at 1:25 p.m.

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

Police identify dead children, look for mother

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Authorities investigating the slayings of two toddlers found lying in a creek earlier this week entered Thursday armed with an important break in the case: the identities of the children and their missing mother.

Capt. Linda Bunte, the lead investigator for the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, said the critical information came late Wednesday afternoon from workers at an Austin day care center. "They recognized the sketches and called us," Ms. Bunte said.

Police identified the children as Dominick Logan Cornelius, 2, and Amanda Lee Miller, 3. Their mother is Tina Marie Cornelius, 22.

Dominick and Amanda had last stayed at the center, which she refused to name, on April 14, Ms. Bunte said.

"We have not been able to find her and speak to her in regard to her children," she said.

Ms. Cornelius' relatives told detectives they had not seen the woman or her children since a week ago — roughly four days before the toddlers were found dead along a quiet creek near Hutto, 20 miles north of Austin.

Investigators Thursday said they were not considering Ms. Cornelius a suspect, and said she might be in harm's way.

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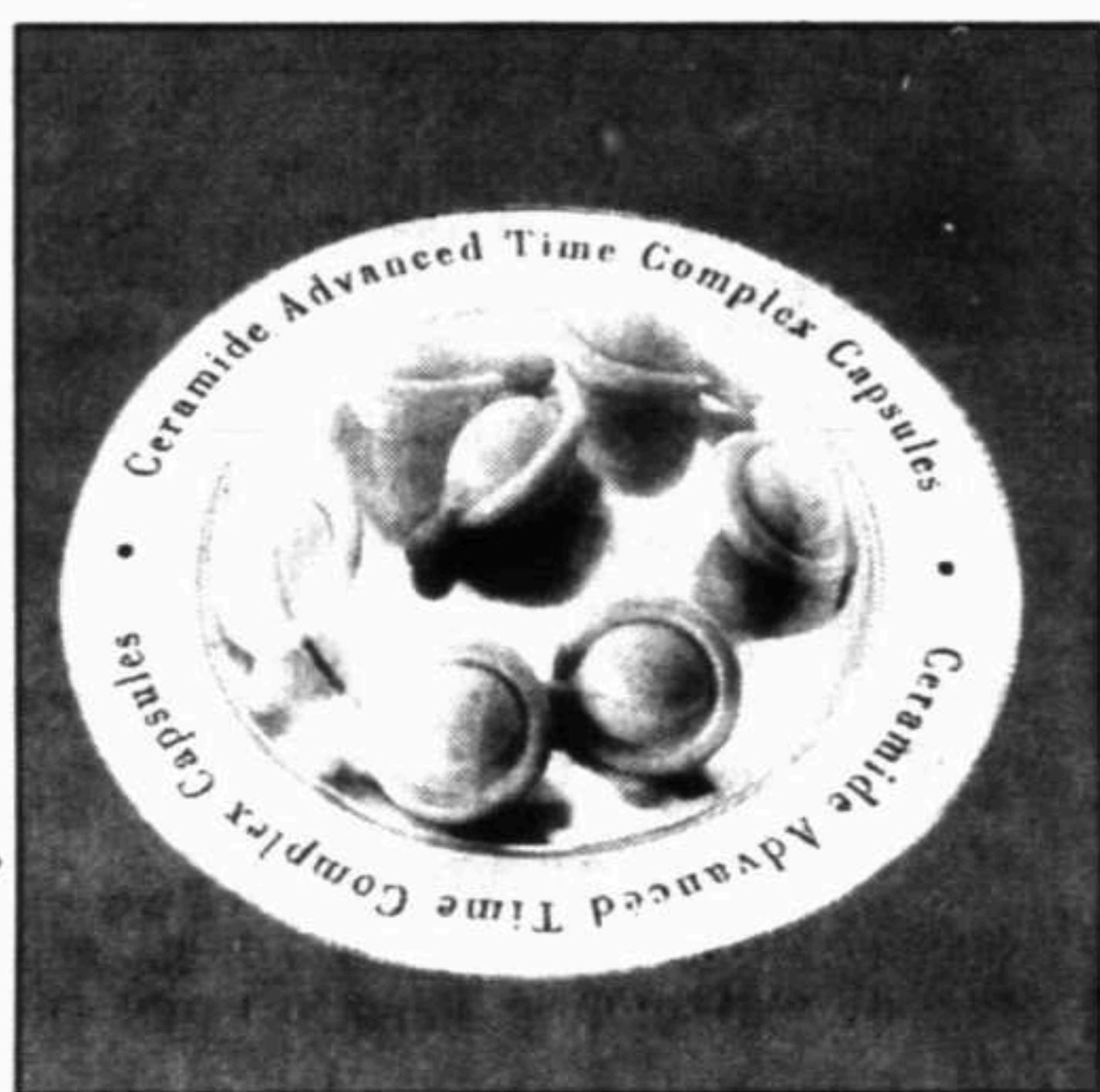
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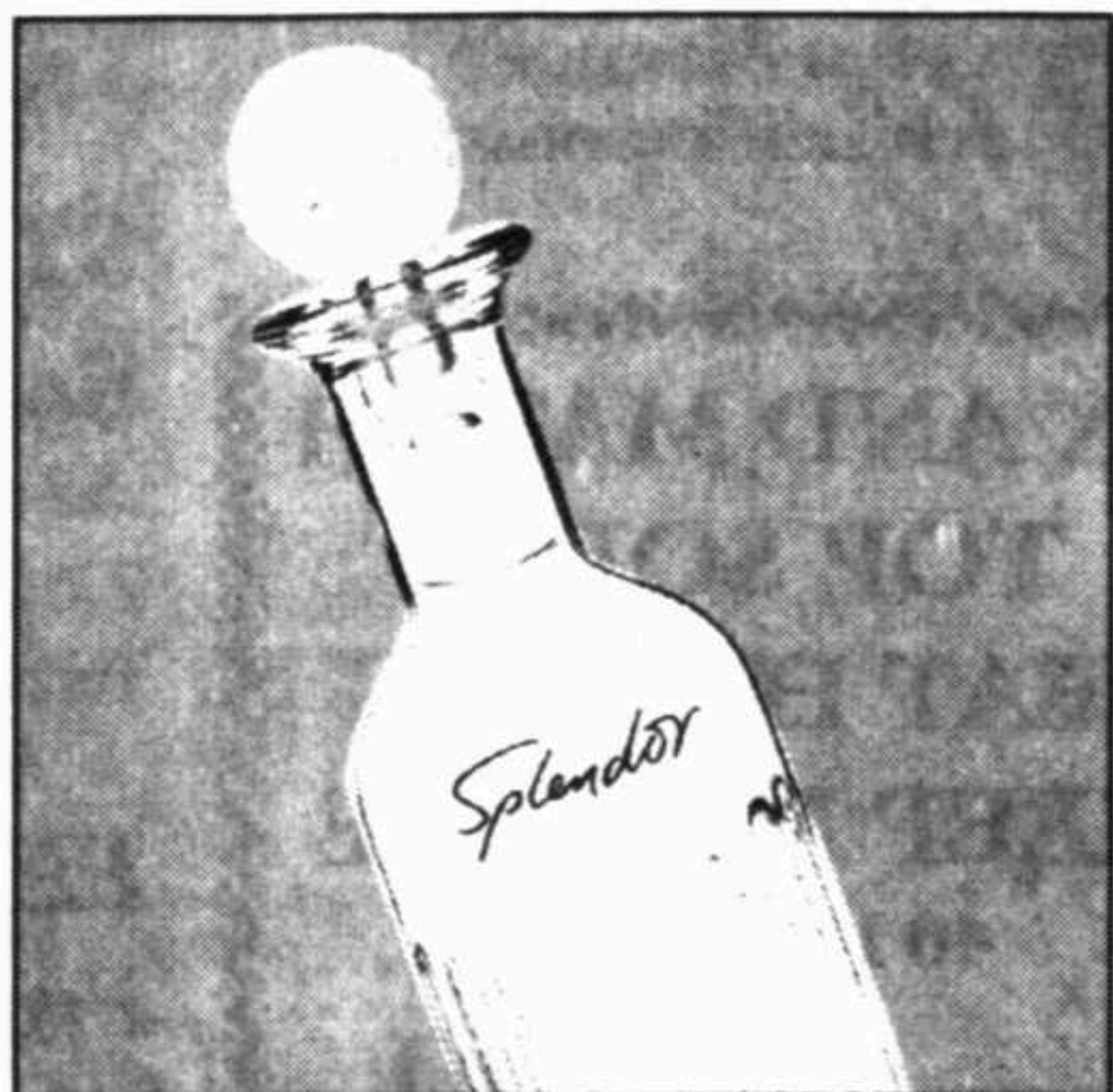
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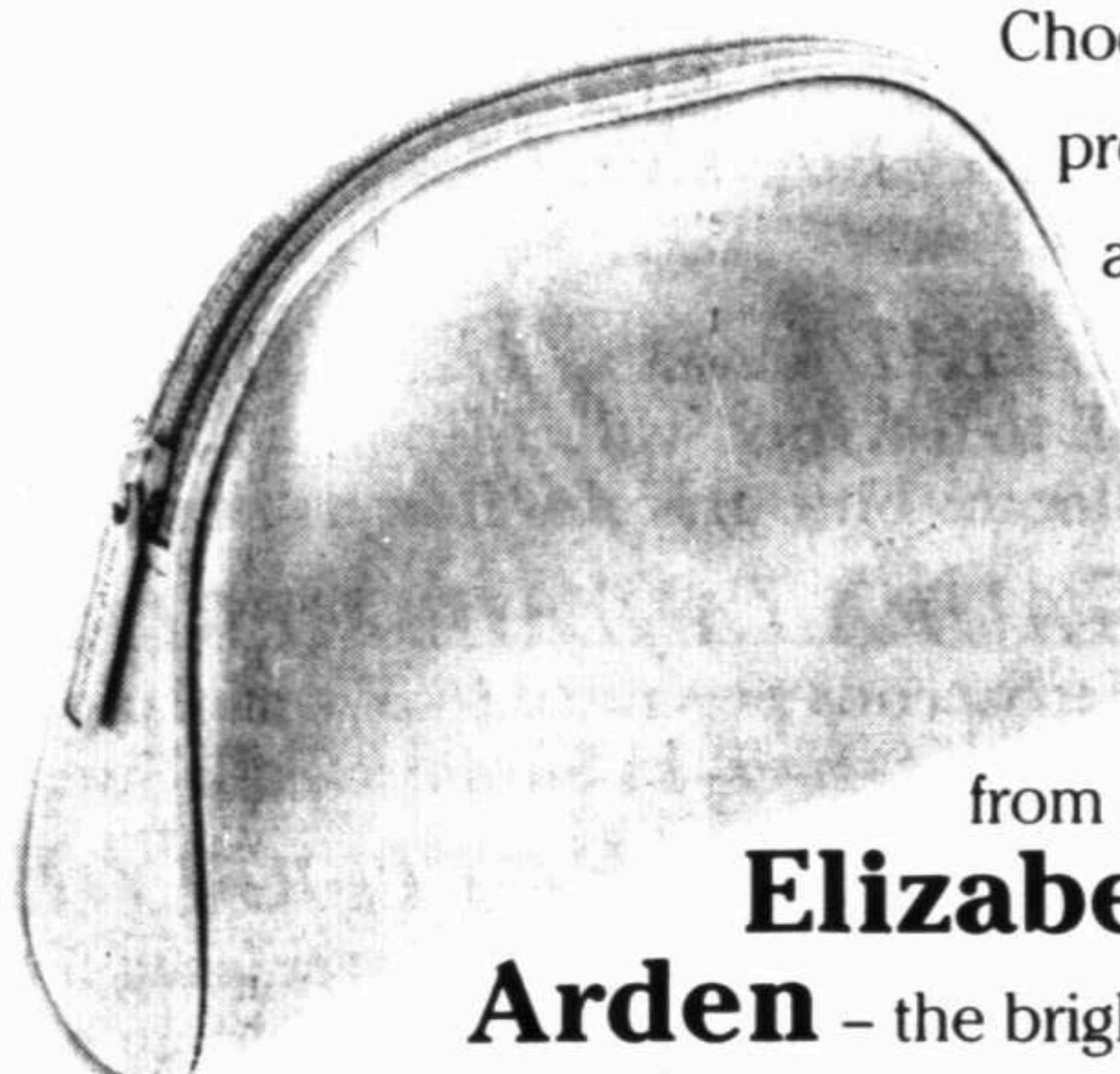
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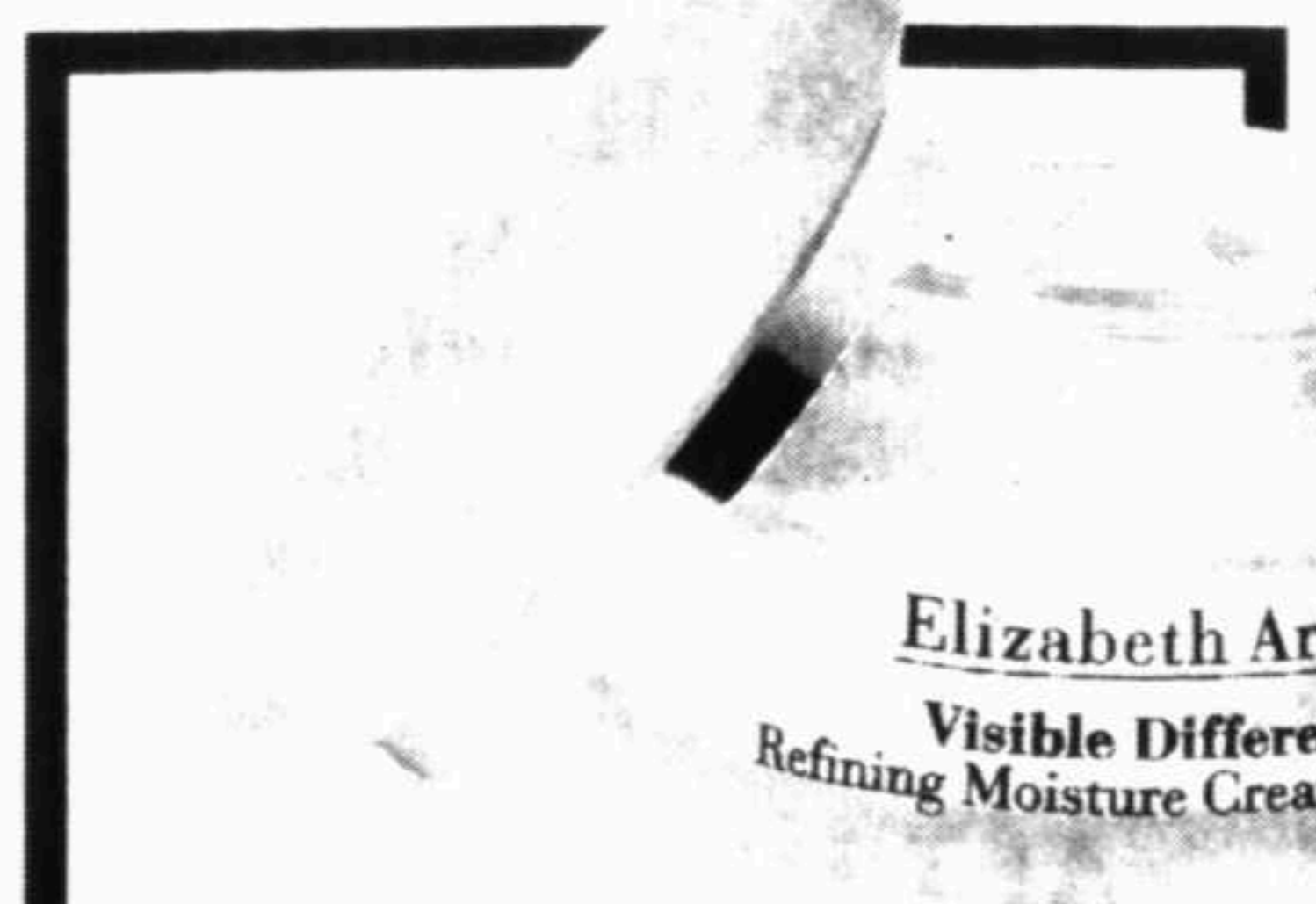
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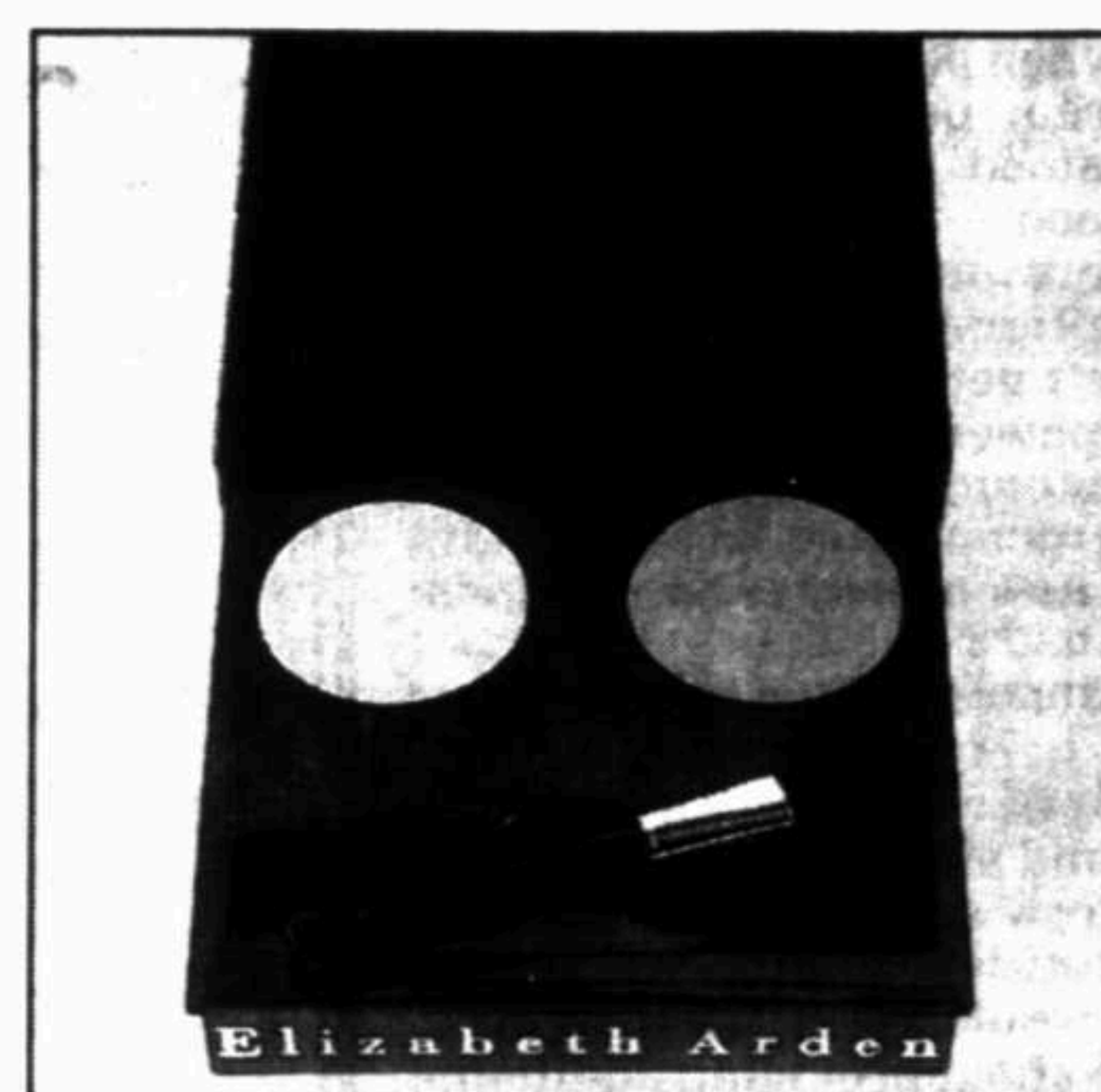
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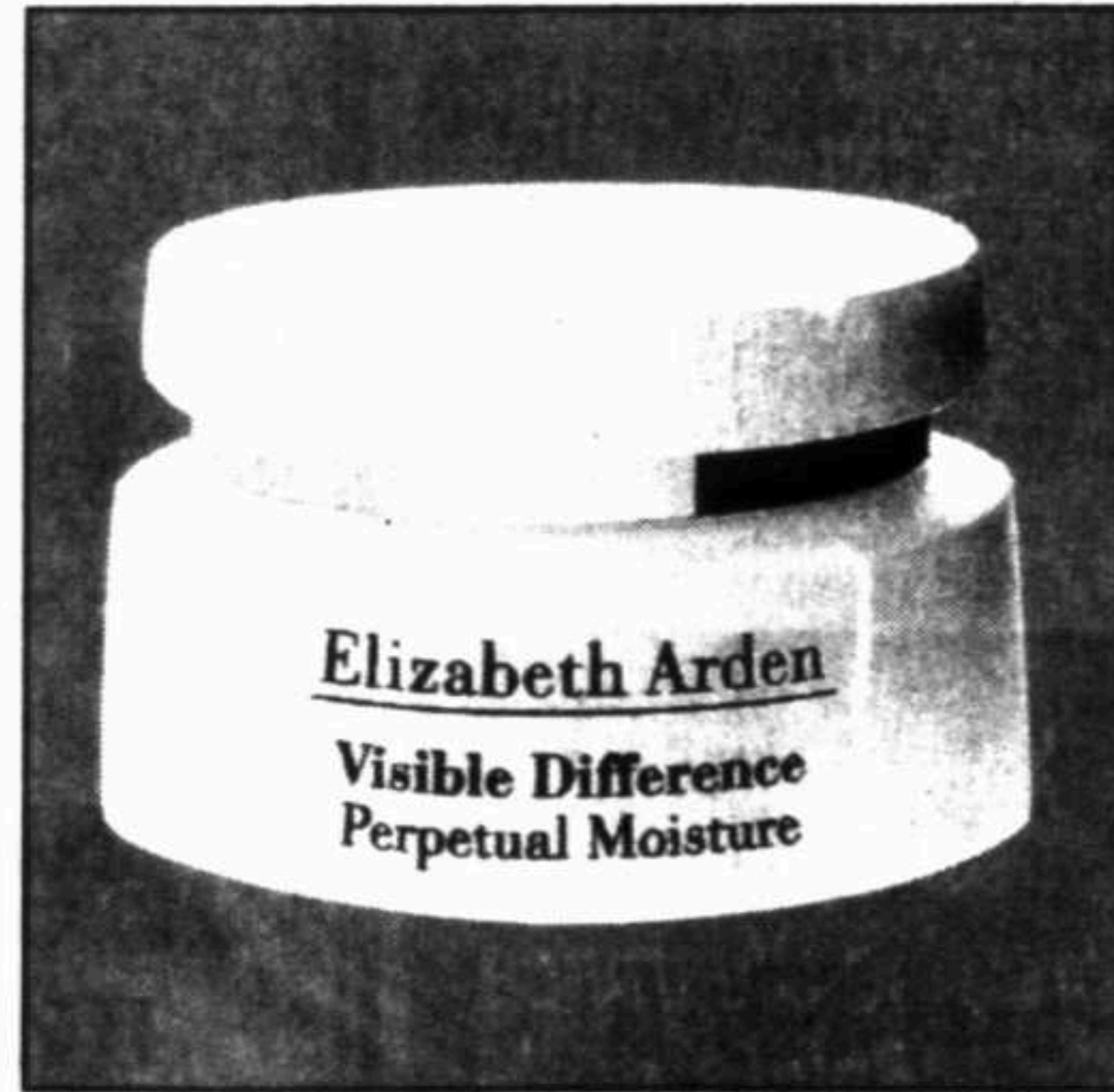
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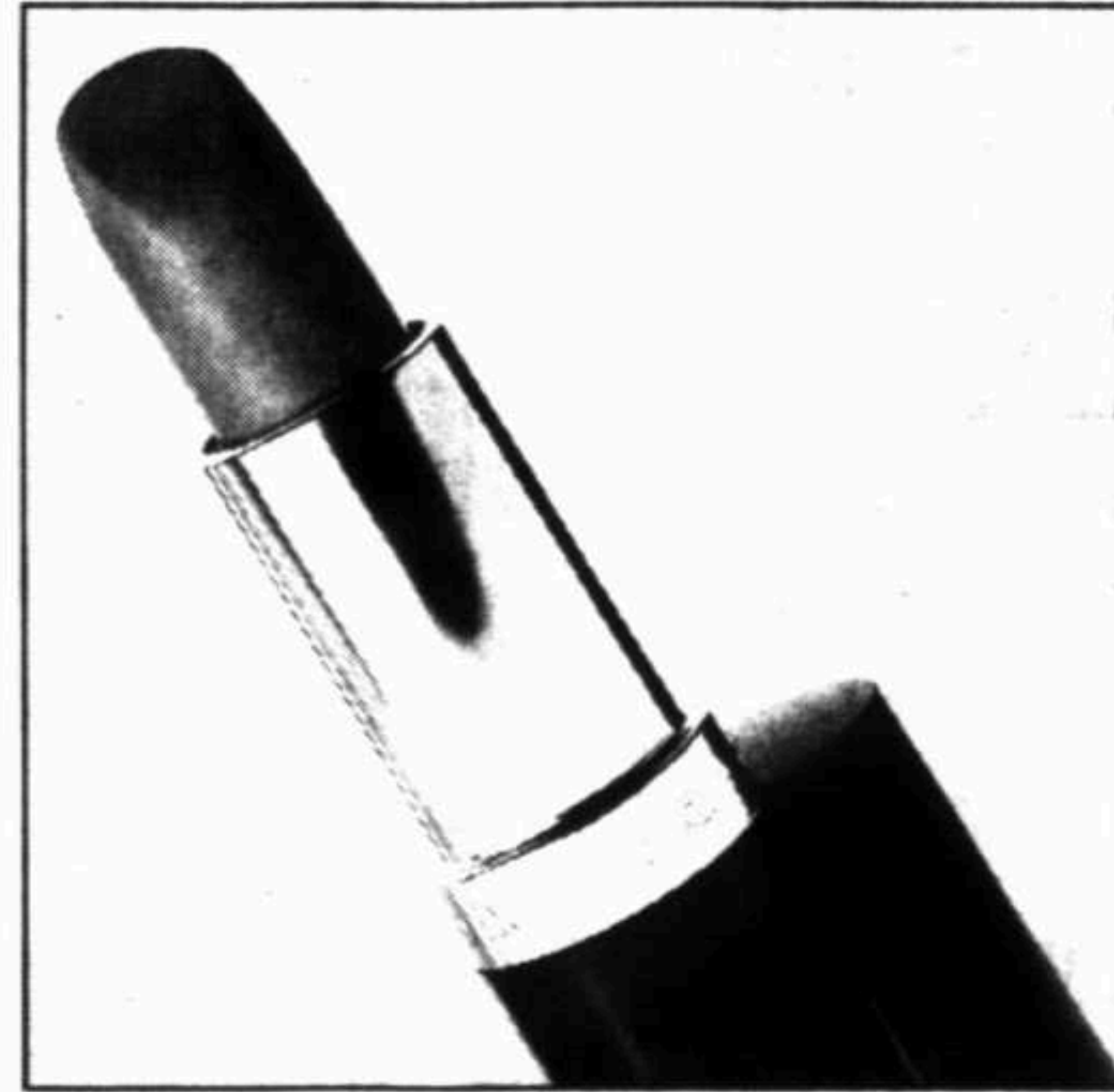
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CLEAN: Judge Morrow praises 'Spirit of Midland'

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helped law enforcement personnel. The Stegalls allowed the Midland Police Department to park the mobile substation in their driveway, offered their house and made coffee for the workers and volunteers, he said.

"The Midkiff family allowed us to keep all our equipment on their land. This was a great help because if it were not for them we would have to haul the equipment in and out of town everyday."

Midland County Judge Bill Morrow said he thought the effort put forth by the community falls in line with the mentality of Midland.

"We always brag about and talk about the 'spirit of Midland,'" Morrow said. "I believe we saw its zenith in what the people of Midland have done. This storm effected over 100 homes, but we had far more than that helping with food, money and clothing. We also had law enforcement officials respond so quickly they had a perimeter set up about the time the tornado got out of the county."

Morrow said that during the time when people were kept out of the area, people may not have understood that it was for their own good.

"There have been lots of misconceptions as to why people couldn't get back to their homes. With power out and electricity out, law enforcement made the call to keep people out and everyone at the command center backed them up."

"The rescue crews had enough to do in keeping themselves safe without having to deal with traffic jams and sightseers."

Morrow said he heard that representatives from Gov. Bush's office would meet next week to decide about providing additional support.

Students charged with bringing bombs to high school

CENTER POINT (AP) — Three teen-agers accused of making crude bombs and detonating them as a school prank were in juvenile custody Thursday.

Two boys from Center Point High School and one from Tivy High School student were arrested Tuesday, said Kerr County Sheriff Frances Kaiser, who revealed the arrests the next day.

Nine bombs were discovered April 10 by school officials after they heard explosions at Center Point High School, the Kerrville Daily Times reported.

Two coaches were slightly injured when one of the devices, contained in a plastic gallon jug, exploded, the sheriff said.

Another device blew open a vent on a door to a gymnasium, where an activity was being held, and caused minor damage, officials said.

Robert Payne, Center Point Independent School District superintendent, said he was not sure how many people were in the gym at the time.

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District 2 forum focuses on issues

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

The first and perhaps only public debate before the May 1 elections was held in the District 2 school board race Thursday evening.

For the 35 or so who showed up from south and east Midland to fill the fold-out chairs at the Federated Black Women's Clubhouse, the meeting was a primer on educational issues and each of the candidates' stands.

Incumbent Adela Marmolejo and her challenger, George Lara, refrained from making any negative comments about each other at the NAACP-sponsored event.

Facilitator James Bradford, the now retired chair of the social studies department at Lee High School, steered the candidates through questions written by audience members on index cards, and asked a few questions of his own.

To begin, Bradford asked each candidate to outline what they felt were the "most pressing issues" facing the school district.

Both shared two concerns in common: the Agreed Judgment in the desegregation lawsuit against the school district and shrinking finances.

"I'm really concerned about finance," said Ms. Marmolejo, who said it was too early to tell — with the Legislature still in session, what would need to be cut in the budget to compensate for lost tax revenues. "There's one thing I do know: we will not cut back on curriculum or materials to the students... [and] it will not be teacher salary."

Lara added one concern to Ms. Marmolejo's list: parental involvement. He said he thought Midland Independent School District did not publicize its recent



Lara



Marmolejo

community forums well enough, adding that they were poorly attended.

"Some of the staff will take it for granted — if they don't show up, they don't care. And that's not necessarily true," Lara said.

As for the Agreed Judgment, both had harsh words for the school district.

"Definitely, MISD to this point has not shown good faith," said Lara. "In order to achieve unitary status, we need a long-range plan. They haven't come up with a plan in 19, 24 years."

Ms. Marmolejo expressed frustration that the vote was always 5-2 in matters affecting not only unitary status but other issues.

"I've told them. I've voiced my concerns, but I'm just one vote," she said.

Each agreed on another hot-button issue: the current three-tiered tracking system. A federal judge has virtually ordered the school district to move to a less racially identifiable two-tiered track, but some school board members continue to oppose the move.

Both Ms. Marmolejo and Lara said they supported a two-tiered system that would integrate general students into advanced courses.

"I feel that our kids are not being

challenged. And I experienced that with my son," said Ms. Marmolejo.

She said her son had been told he did not have high enough test scores to move into the honors track, but Ms. Marmolejo continued to push until she got him in. He ended up graduating in the top 10 of his class, she said.

"You just need to tell that teacher — I want my son or I want my daughter in this class," said Ms. Marmolejo.

"I concur with you that a three-tiered system is another version of a segregated system within a desegregated system," said Lara.

One audience member seemed concerned that money from outside District 2 can often influence candidates running in District 2.

"Would you tell us where most of your financial help is coming from?" read Bradford.

"A majority of my contributors are business owners in District 2," said Lara. He invited the public to peruse his contributions and expenditures, which he reminded them were public record.

Each was also asked if they were a Democrat or Republican. Both said they were Democrats, though Lara added he did not necessarily vote "straight-line party ticket" every time.

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League confab offers Midland special status

Midland will play host today and Saturday to the state convention of the League of Women Voters and members of that organization from throughout Texas will converge on the city for the event.

Keynote speaker will be Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, the League's national president, who will address those present for the fifth annual "Excellence in Environmental Awareness" awards luncheon on Saturday.

Most residents of Midland should be aware of the fine work done by the League of Women Voters. The League chapter here regularly provides detailed information about the various candidates for political office to voters as an informational service. That is a valuable source of unbiased, factual data for voters.

The League also conducts occasional forums for the discussion of topics important to the general public. A good example was the forum conducted in March this year at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification between Midland and Odessa at which Midland-area residents had the opportunity to obtain first-hand information from state officials and others about a proposal for the disposal of radioactive waste in Andrews County.

That forum was highly productive, bringing together state officials, spokesmen for the company seeking the permit, proponents and opponents of underground burial of radioactive waste, and other interested people. It allowed a forum for people to discuss the matter openly and offered a stage for a healthy exchange about the issue of radioactive waste disposal overall.

That indicates just one aspect of the value of the work provided by the League of Women Voters here in Midland. The League's work throughout Texas is equally impressive; the organization provides a much-needed public service to the people of Texas.

We're glad that Midland is the site of their state convention this year — and we hope they'll return in the future!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 23, the 113th day of 1999. There are 252 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On April 23, 1899, Russian-American author Vladimir Nabokov was born in St. Petersburg.

On this date:
 In 1564, English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare is believed to have been born; he died 52 years later, also on April 23.

In 1789, President-elect Washington and his wife moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Penn.

In 1896, the "Vitascope" system for projecting movies onto a screen was demonstrated in New York City.

In 1940, about 200 people died in a dance hall fire in Natchez, Miss.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs, in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.

In 1985, the Coca-Cola Co. announced it was changing the secret flavor formula for Coke Negative public reaction forced the company to resume selling the original version.

Ten years ago: Troy Aikman of UCLA became the first player chosen in the NFL draft in New York City as he was selected by the Dallas Cowboys.

Five years ago: Mourners left red roses, burning candles and cards at the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, Calif., in memory of the 37th president of the United States, who had died the day before at age 81.

One year ago: James Earl Ray, the ex-convict who confessed to assassinating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 and then insisted he was framed, died at a Nashville hospital at age 70.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Janet Blair is 78. Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 71. Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 69. Actor David Birney is 60. Actor Lee Majors is 59. Actress Sandra Dee is 57. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 52. Actress Blair Brown is 51. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 50. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 50.

JACK ANDERSON

Parties could unite to reform forfeiture program

After a year of sordid partisan warfare, both Rep. Henry Hyde and President Bill Clinton have serious image problems. What follows is a modest proposal for how these two political enemies can start to mend fences — and perhaps do some image-polishing in the process. It might also do a lot of good.

Hyde, the Illinois Republican who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, spent a quarter-century on Capitol Hill forging an impeccable reputation for judicial sobriety — and a brief six months indelibly staining it as the leader of a partisan crew of House managers clamoring for impeachment.

Still, Clinton, who frets endlessly about his place in history, can only dream of a reputation like Hyde's. Often left unsaid in the critiques about the president's character is his administration's cynical approach to civil liberties. From the tragedy at Waco, Texas, which Clinton used as an excuse to expand the government's right to pry into our lives, to the more recent "know your customer" regulations that would've forced banks to develop detailed profiles of their depositors, the administration has shown, at best, a cavalier attitude toward the right of Americans to be considered innocent until proven guilty.

But there exists a golden opportunity to amend this sorry record by correcting a serious sin of omission: the administration's seeming indifference to reforming the asset forfeiture program.

For those unfamiliar with asset forfeiture, it is a system as old as law itself, but one that's also ripe for abuse. Essentially, it gives governments — federal, state and local — the right to seize property they think may have been used in a crime or bought with criminal proceeds, even if the owner is not convicted.

Recent Supreme Court cases have added a semblance of sanity to this system — no longer can the Coast Guard seize a million-dollar yacht if a single marijuana cigarette is found on board. But abuses still exist. Former Atlantic City, N.J., resident Diane Antonelli can testify to that.

Antonelli and her common-law husband were, admittedly, dealing marijuana from their home when the law came crashing down in the early 1990s. When the police showed up, they found no drugs on the premises but had enough evidence to convict them both nonetheless. Since it was Antonelli's first offense, however, she managed to avoid imprisonment.

But the government wasn't done. Officials also decided to seize her \$130,000 home, in which she was raising 10 children, most of whom were under the age of 18.

Giovanni LoPresti, a paralegal who volunteers as a child-placement specialist, heard about the case from a co-worker and decided to get involved. He helped Antonelli file a series of appeals starting in 1995. Ultimately, the appeals were unsuccessful, though they did stave off the inevitable for almost four years.

"Bottom line, it was the kids who caught my heart," LoPresti says. "I can't see our own government booting kids out in the street.... In the worst-case scenario, let the youngest sibling stay until 18 and then take the house."

This is where Clinton and Hyde can step forward. For the last decade or so, Hyde has waged a lonely

battle on Capitol Hill to reform this system. He wants more due process: wants to shift the burden of proof to the government rather than the person whose property is being seized. And he wants to allow the release of property when keeping it would bring special hardship to families. This year he's once again introduced a bill to reform asset forfeiture; once again it stands little chance of becoming law.

Mind you, there's not much to be gained politically by supporting Hyde's plan. And it might not have done much of anything to help Antonelli, whose house was seized through criminal forfeiture (most of the controversial cases involve civil forfeiture). Police departments aren't eager to reform the system, since they're allowed to keep part of the assets they seize. Most politicians are loath to support any measure that might get them painted as "soft" on drugs — even if maintaining a hard-line stance means a few innocent people get their homes and businesses taken away by Uncle Sam.

But now might be just the right time to make long-overdue changes to asset forfeiture. The killing of an unarmed immigrant by New York City police officers has focused attention on overreaching by law enforcement like no political speech ever could. The public outcry over the "know your customer" bank regulations proved that Americans still care deeply about being secure in their privacy and property. By offering public support to Hyde's efforts, the administration would lend political cover to Democrats who might otherwise not dare support such a measure. This might show the country that two political enemies can work together for the common good. Most importantly, it would reaffirm the bedrock American principle that we are all innocent until proven guilty.

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CHARLEY REESE

Serbs are victims of propaganda campaign

The Serbs, as Slobodan Milosevic said on American television, are not angels, but neither are they devils. They are also the victims of a massive anti-Serbian propaganda campaign.

Starting with the civil wars, Serbs have been blamed for things they never did, while atrocities committed by Croats and Muslims were ignored. What the Serbs were and are up against are powerful American public relations firms, Western intelligence agencies and biased or incompetent Western reporters.

Maybe you recall a famous picture of an emaciated man standing behind a barbed-wire fence. This was reported as a Muslim being starved in a Serb concentration camp. In fact, the man was a Serb who had been arrested by the Serbs for looting, and he was not emaciated from lack of food but from suffering with advanced tuberculosis.

Yohanan Ramati, director of the Jerusalem Institute for Western Defense, wrote of the campaign against the Serbs: "This organized anti-Serb and pro-Muslim propaganda should cause anyone believing in democracy and free speech serious concern. It recalls Hitler's propaganda against the Allies in World War II. Facts are twisted and, when inconvenient, disregarded. The selectivity in reporting and comment is far too blatant to be accidental."

Ramati quotes from an interview given on French Two television by James Harff of Finn & Rudder, the public relations firm representing the Muslims. He boasts that the firm's greatest achievement was to get American Jews on the side of Muslims by peddling the concentration camp story published by a New York newspaper. This business of death camps, by the way, was later proven to be a hoax.

But here is a good lesson in how the real world works behind the scenes. Finn & Rudder didn't commit the hoax. It simply took the published story to

three major Jewish organizations with a suggestion that they run ads condemning it. The PR guy says that once the Jewish organizations came in on the side of the Muslims, it was easy to equate the Serbs with the Nazis.

Some of the hoaxes perpetrated on Americans include the so-called bread line massacre, a funeral shown on television of a girl said to be a Muslim victim who was instead a Serb child killed by the Muslims, and, of course, the mass rape hoax, which has cropped up again in Kosovo.

Original allegations in the past of 60,000 rapes boiled down, after a U.N. investigation, to 126 alleged victims. Certainly in civil wars women will get raped, but the mass, organized rape story was a pure hoax.

This kind of stuff is still going on because the NATO campaign against Yugoslavia rests on a foundation of lies. I've seen claims by Western journalists that "thousands of refugees have all told the same story." Use common sense. Do you really think the handful of Western journalists over there have questioned thousands of people? If so, why do they keep using the same video of the same people so often?

And how many of these Western journalists speak Albanian or Serbo-Croatian? My guess is none. That means they have to rely on translators who are probably being furnished by the Kosovo Liberation Army. The refugee can be saying one thing and the translator another, and the reporter will be none the wiser. That happened in Vietnam, where translators sometimes turned out to be Viet Cong intelligence agents.

Just remember: NATO is breaking international law, and the United States has no business being involved in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia. One day, we may elect a government that won't lie to us so much.

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

Politicians won't even try to find better way to educate children

All — I mean all — Gov. George Bush wants to do is try — I mean try — school vouchers; a limited experiment; see if it works, OK? Not one bit OK with the 11 Senate Democrats who say, NOOOO!! NEVER!!!

In other words, the senators pledge to block a vote on the pilot voucher program Bush proposes for six urban areas.

Not even a little bitty test to see how the thing works? NOOOOOOOOO! comes back the thunderous response.

Well, all right; something slightly political is going on. Democrats can't fail to notice a chance to smudge the shining armor in which presidential aspirant Bush hopes to encase himself. On the other hand, partisan politics never explains everything. The public schools have a large constituency that equates vouchers with the powers of the Hot Place.

This viewpoint is shared by 1) the educational establishment, including teacher unions, and 2) self-styled spokesmen for the poor. The thinking is, public schools provide 1) employment, 2) political influence and 3) last refuges for the economically and academically destitute.

All of which is true. Here is the question, though: Do such considerations rule out attempts to find better ways of providing education? Last-ditch supporters of the public school monopoly call to mind those English workmen of the early industrial era who went around setting fire to factories and smashing labor-saving machinery.

The anti-voucher folk are academic Luddites. I mean, talk about conservatives! These would put William McKinley to shame.

What follows is not an argument for vouchers. Vouchers — grants of money that students may plow down at any school, public or private, willing and able to accept them — are not the educational summum bonum. They are a means, maybe, to an end: that of giving students more than they presently get. Is that so evil an objective we shouldn't even pursue it? Voucher foes, in effect, nod their heads yes.

Why so? Well, those jobs — of course. Unemployed teachers (assuming vouchers were to precipitate mass exodus from the public schools) don't pay union dues. There is likely an even larger factor: egalitarianism. The public schools are a great social leveller — performing a service many Americans deem vital.

Because not all students are capable of choosing the school best suited to their needs, No One Should Get to Choose: Voucher opponents come close to saying something of this banal nature. More explicitly they argue that, with a full voucher system in place, the public schools would become a "dumping ground" for the very poor and the very undisciplined.

That would be a problem all right. Is there just one way of addressing it — namely, by embalming the status quo?

The assumption that if you're poor you're irredeemably stupid is insulting: besides contrary to the atmosphere of freedom animating most spheres of life today. Government doesn't tell people what kind of car to drive or what movie to see, but it enthusiastically describes the kind of educational environment they supposedly require.

Won't even allow a measly experiment with choice! Can you beat it for backwardness? The anti-voucher minority in the Texas Senate may be able to deny George Bush a political pelt, but only by muddying the high aspirations they profess. More and more Americans are choosing the path of educational liberation: home-schooling, air kids or sacrificing to put them in private schools, or perhaps higher-quality public schools in the suburbs.

Vouchers is largely about helping those low-income families for whom such expedients aren't readily obtainable. Kick the poor to help the poor — it's an odd political program, but these, you'll doubtless agree, are odd times.

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Big Sp... begins

By T.E. Jenkins
 Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — old adage, everything bigger, and Big S proved it Thursday dedicating the nation's turbines.

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Big Spring's wind project begins 'catching clouds'

By T.E. Jenkins
Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — According to the old adage, everything in Texas is bigger, and Big Spring residents proved it Thursday afternoon by dedicating the nation's tallest wind turbines.

Officials from York Research, the owners and operators of the Wind Project facilities, and TU Electric's Big Spring manager, Mike Hammock, were on hand for the ceremony that set the blades of the 370-foot-tall turbine in motion.

The Wind Project is to provide electrical power for a large portion of Big Spring and surrounding Howard County.

The monster turbine, along with three others, are billed as larger than the Statue of Liberty, the U.S. Capitol or a 747 jetliner. Each turbine generates an estimated 1,650 kilowatts of energy.

Hammock said TU Electric has contracted with York Research to purchase electricity for the next 15 years.

"It costs a little more to produce, but we feel it is important to explore the idea of a renewable energy source, and the people of Texas have made it clear as well that they want to see more renewable energy."

"All of the sources of energy that we have right now are either limited to fuel or emit things into the air that we really want to keep to a minimum," Hammock said.

"These turbines can provide us with an energy source that will never run out, and that's the wind. We can produce energy like this without it having a negative impact on the Earth, and that's really what Earth Day is all about."

"Of course, there are some disadvantages to the wind turbines. It is slightly more expensive than conventional methods, and it takes a great deal of land to make a project like this work. We are looking at this as a pilot project, though, and we hope it will spur others into looking for ways to use these renewable energy sources."

Hammock reported that testing of the facilities began Wednesday and all tests so far looked good.

"This really does represent a major achievement," he said.

York Research's Robert Palodino, also on hand for the ceremony, said the project has been well-received by consumers and the community.

"A lot of people are really excited about the idea of renewable energy, and they should be," Palodino said. "We need to find a better way of producing energy, and that is our goal with this project. We want clean air and clean water and a source of energy that won't be depleted in the future."

"The project has gone really well. We are actually ahead of schedule right now, and we have had a lot of help and support from the community of Big Spring. Of course, we are still working out some of the kinks in the system, but that is expected when you are dealing with brand new technology. We are very pleased with the way the project has gone."

The turbines, Vestas-66 (V-66), "are a colossal example of TU Electric's commitment to clean air," said Texas Utilities President and Chief Operating Officer David Biegler. "Our customers told us they wanted green power, and we responded. It's just fitting the

start-up day be on Earth Day."

Along with the dedication of the turbines was the naming of one of the V-66 towers. Bauer-Magnet Elementary fourth-grader Robert Martinez, 11, who threw the ceremonial switch that started the blades of the turbine in motion, came up with the winning name: Cloud Catcher.

Robert was one of more than 60 children who submitted names for the turbine.

When asked how he came up with the name, Robert simply said, "It looked like it was catching the clouds, so that's just what I named it."

Robert received a certificate, a \$125 check from York Research and a \$125 check from TU Electric. A check for the same amount, \$250, was presented to Robert's teacher for the school.



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Living up to history

Midland student takes state prize in Barbara Jordan essay contest

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

Midland students in the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Contest had a lot of history to live up to this year — in more ways than one.

Not only were they writing about controversial issues and figures shaping an ever-evolving history of race relations in their community, but in each of the previous three years the contest had been offered, a Midland student had taken a prize at the state level.

Make that four.
Poppy Goodin, a junior at Lee High School, took third place and a \$1,000 prize at the state competition Friday. The topic of her winning essay was James Bradford, former social studies chair at Lee and a prominent educator and civil rights figure in the community.

"He had never been written about," said Miss Goodin. "He's a really remarkable man."

Miss Goodin said she was impressed with Bradford's perseverance over the years. As social studies chair at Carver High School until its closing in 1968, Bradford endured the injustices of institutionalized racism — substandard facilities and textbooks rejected by white schools.

"It was hard listening to him, and you could tell it was hard for him to talk about the change," said Miss Goodin.
Miss Goodin got to travel to Austin last Friday for the awards ceremony and a keynote address by renowned poet Nikki Giovanni — as did the other two regional winners: Kathryn Burke, who won first place, and Cody Hansen, who won second. Miss Goodin also won third at the regional level before winning her state award.

Miss Burke wrote her paper about Margie Titus, president of the Midland NAACP.
"I didn't know who she was at first," said Miss Burke, but she learned quickly from Ms. Titus, whom she described as "very friendly and very outgoing."

"She was one of the neatest ladies I've met," she said.
Miss Burke also said Ms. Titus changed her point of view on the cluster system of busing students to achieve integration.

"When we were little, we got shipped around pretty much everywhere," said Miss Burke. "I really hated it, because it was hard going to different schools for me."

Hearing Ms. Titus' very different viewpoint about the cluster system as the only way integration in Midland schools can happen "helped me in the long run," Miss



Goodin

Burke

Hansen

Burke said.

Hansen's topic was perhaps the most controversial — not to mention the most sought-after among the group of 13 LHS students who entered the contest: The Confederate battle flag.

Both Miss Burke and Miss Goodin said they wanted to do a paper

research.
"Surprisingly enough, it did not fall along racial lines. I found people from both races who were for or against it," said Hansen.

For the Midland students who entered the contest, the experience of writing and researching was

on the flag, but Cody, who is in their English class, beat them to it.

Hansen said a recent controversy over a Lee High School student's censored editorial on the sensitive topic was the spark for his

eye-opening, as was the irreverent keynote address by Ms. Giovanni Friday.

Following a poetry slam competition in which she did not participate, Ms. Giovanni was just as energetic, they said — speaking about topics from cell phones to race relations to homosexuality.

"She talked about pretty much everything," said Miss Burke. "It was an awesome experience for us."

Aside from the 13 LHS students, one Midland High School student also entered in this year's Barbara Jordan Essay Contest.

First- and second-place winners at the state level were Emile Carrillo from Eisenhower High School in Houston and Marie Delahousy from LBJ High School in Austin.

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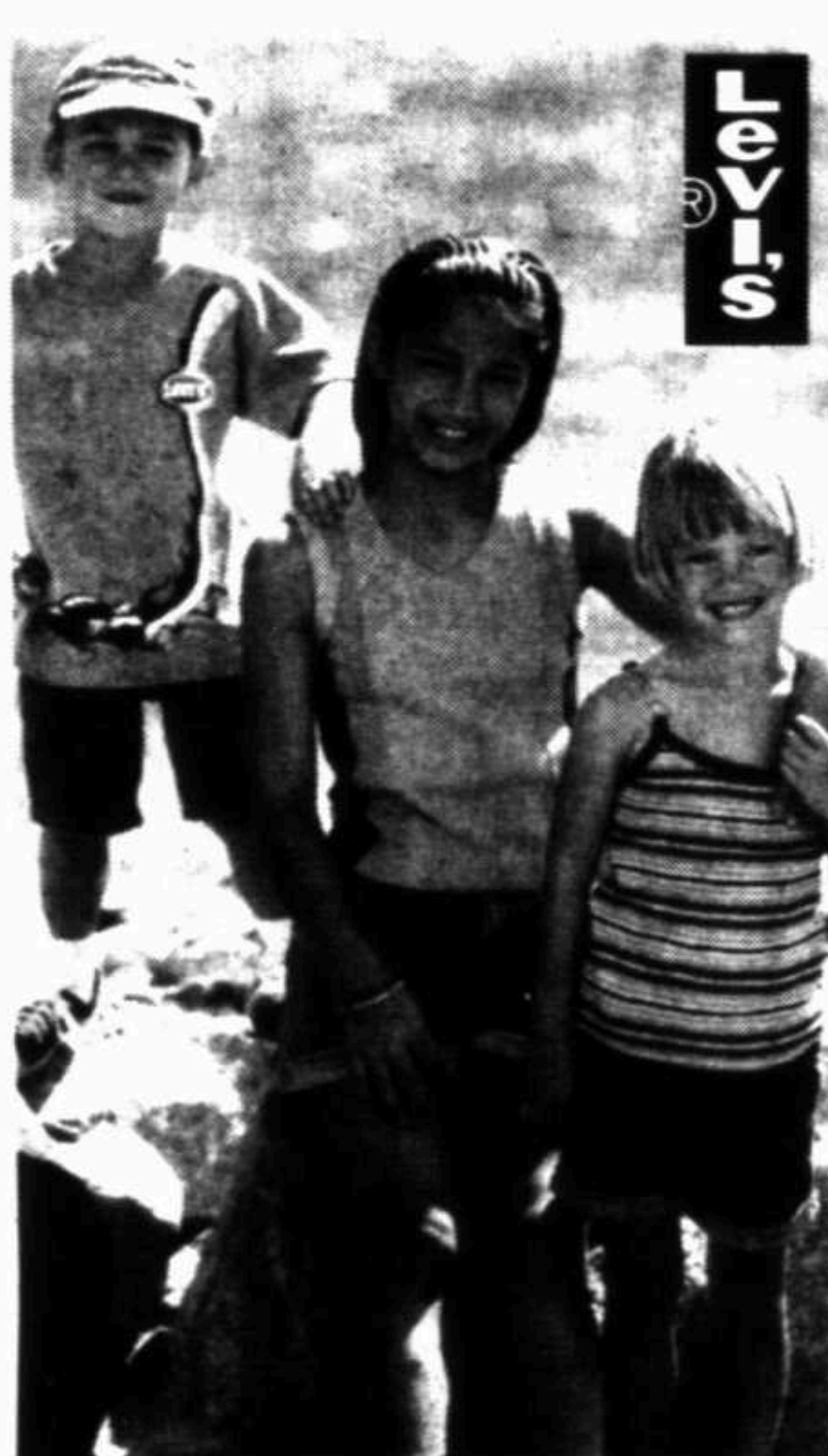
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Milosevic 'intern

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA — President Slobodan Milosevic has accepted the controlled "interference" in Kosovo by withdrawing troops from the borders, a Russian official said Thursday.

It was unclear whether such a move would operate as an armed provocation to enforce a NATO demand for troops from Kosovo autonomy to the majority there.

Following a day with Milosevic, former Premier Viktor told reporters the conditions for the refugees' and international aid agency province.

"We considered an international peacekeeping force in which take part. Those principles we agreed on myrdin said.

He added that the continued about wide autonomy the possible decision forces in Kosovo and withdrawal of NATO the Yugoslav border.

President Clinton Washington to command had not studied added. "I suppose some step forward."

"It is true, it is acknowledgment that a security force there," Clinton said.

Before departing Chernomyrdin said of international force from which count assembled had no cussed.

A statement from the office, however, mentioned.

Chinese build new generation warships, v

BEIJING (AP) — China is modernizing its navy with power far out of the country has much ground to up with the United States, a commander said.

Commander Shi comments, carried by a news agency interview marking the anniversary of the People's Liberation Army's navy.

Shi said the new ships and weapons are to intercept invading forces in the ocean and not close to China's navy was in the past.

Shi said the navy is still more modern missiles and torpedoes to narrow the gap between the official Agency reported.

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Milosevic reportedly ready to accept 'international presence' in Kosovo

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Slobodan Milosevic has accepted the idea of a U.N.-controlled "international presence" in Kosovo if the NATO bombing stops and the alliance withdraws troops from Yugoslavia's borders, a Russian envoy said Thursday.

It was unclear, however, whether such a force would be armed and under what guidelines it would operate. NATO has insisted on an armed presence in Kosovo to enforce any peace agreement.

Milosevic has so far rejected NATO demands to withdraw his troops from Kosovo and grant autonomy to the ethnic Albanian majority there.

Following a daylong meeting with Milosevic, former Russian Premier Viktor Chernomyrdin told reporters the two "considered conditions for the return of the refugees" and allowing international aid agencies into the province.

"We considered the possibility of an international presence led by the U.N. in which Russia would take part. Those are the basic principles we agreed upon," Chernomyrdin said.

He added that they also discussed "the continuation of talks about wide autonomy for Kosovo, the possible decrease of Serb forces in Kosovo and simultaneous withdrawal of NATO forces from the Yugoslav borders."

President Clinton, asked in Washington to comment, said he had not studied the offer but added, "I suppose that represents some step forward."

"If it is true, it is at least the first acknowledgment by Mr. Milosevic that a security force is needed there," Clinton said.

Before departing for Moscow, Chernomyrdin said that what kind of international force it will be or from which countries it would be assembled had not yet been discussed.

A statement from Milosevic's office, however, made no mention

of any international force. It also gave no indication the Yugoslav leader had softened his hard-line stance.

It said Milosevic and Chernomyrdin "condemned the aggression of NATO" and said it must be stopped immediately.

The statement added that Yugoslavia and Russia were committed to "jointly work for a peaceful resolution of the problems in Kosovo, and that can be achieved only through political means."

Earlier Thursday, Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev said in Moscow that the country will keep its nuclear forces on the "highest level" of combat readiness because of the NATO airstrikes.

A top official at the military's General Staff, Col. Gen. Valery Manilov, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying Russia may begin supplying weapons to Yugoslavia if NATO sends in ground troops.

President Boris Yeltsin, however, has insisted that Russia would not intervene militarily, despite its anger over NATO's actions. And NATO has so far denied plans to send ground troops to Yugoslavia.

Sergeev has said Russia could beef up combat units because of the Kosovo crisis, but it remains unclear whether the government will find the cash to do so.

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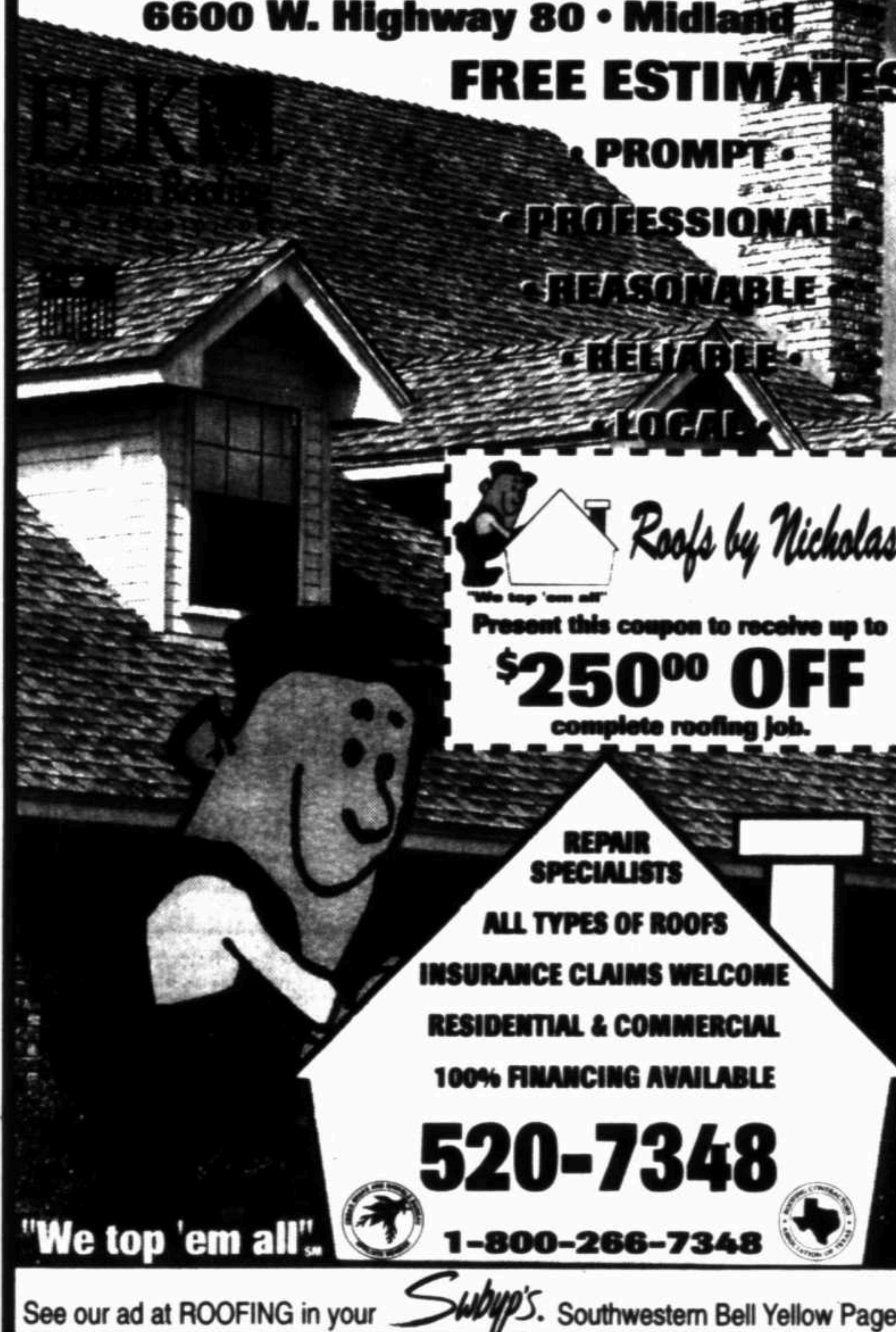
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BEIJING (AP) — China is modernizing its navy so it can project power farther out to sea, but it still has much ground to cover to catch up with the United States, a navy commander said.

Commander Shi Yunsheng's comments, carried by China's official news agency, came in an interview marking Friday's 50th anniversary of the People's Liberation Army's naval forces.

Shi said the new generation of ships and weapons will allow China to intercept invaders in the open ocean and not close to shore, as China's navy was limited to doing in the past.

Shi said the navy also is developing still more modern warships, missiles and torpedoes as it strives to narrow the gap with other powers, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

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NATO jets destroy Milosevic's main residence in latest airstrikes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Striking directly against Slobodan Milosevic for the first time, NATO destroyed the luxurious mansion that serves as the Yugoslav president's main residence in a pre-dawn missile attack Thursday.

Russia, meanwhile, continued its diplomatic efforts with special envoy and former prime minister Viktor Chernomyrdin holding talks with Milosevic in Belgrade.

As allied leaders gathered in Washington for a 50-year alliance anniversary summit, NATO's war-torn delivered a graphic message to Belgrade that it remains resolved to crush Milosevic's forces if he won't pull them out of Kosovo and commit to peace in the embattled province.

Milosevic and his family were not home during the attack, according to state officials; he has at least one other residence in the capital. NATO says that since the bombing campaign began March 24, Milosevic has spent each night in a different bunker.

As refugees continued to stream out of Kosovo, where hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians remained displaced from their homes, NATO jets rained dozens of missiles on the Pristina area in what the Yugoslav state news agency Tanjug called the fiercest daytime attack there yet.

"NATO cannot permit a rebirth of fascism in Europe," a half-century after the Holocaust, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said in Washington. "Our military

campaign is proving effective." Missiles also targeted Yugoslavia's second-largest city, Novi Sad, in a rare daytime attack.

But the most startling strike was the one before 4 a.m. that ripped into the white two-story mansion in Belgrade's Dedinje district where Milosevic sometimes lives.

Tree limbs, pieces of concrete, shards of glass and other debris carpeted the columned mansion's grounds. Streaks of black soot dirtied arches where elegant windows once stood, and one side had a gaping hole.

Yugoslav officials expressed outrage over what they said was an attempt to kill their leader, saying three laser-guided bombs blasted

Milosevic's bedroom, living room and dining room.

"NATO committed a criminal act without precedence — an assassination attempt against the president of a sovereign state," said Goran Matic, a government minister.

NATO and other Western officials called the building a presidential command post and legitimate military target.

"Milosevic himself is not a target," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. "The command and control center is."

American officials have insisted they are not trying to kill the Yugoslav leader. U.S. law bans assassination attempts on other countries' leaders but no prohibition exists for hitting facilities —

which may also be a leader's residence — that are considered command and control centers.

Last December, several of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's palaces and a house belonging to Saddam's daughter were hit during U.S. and British air attacks. And in 1989, the Air Force took out Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's house and his tent in a raid on Tripoli.

The NATO attack Thursday signaled a new, more personal phase in its military campaign against Yugoslavia, coming one day after missiles slammed into a Belgrade high-rise that housed Milosevic's governing party and a radio and TV station owned by his daughter.

The house, surrounded by a high fence and typically patrolled by

guards, had belonged to Yugoslav communist leader Josip Broz Tito, whose marble tomb stands just 50 yards behind the house.

The attack came hours before Russia's Chernomyrdin arrived in Belgrade to talk with Milosevic about the conflict. Russia, which shares cultural and Slavic ties with Yugoslavia, hopes to use its influence to help Belgrade reach a settlement with the Western powers who are launching the airstrikes.

Chernomyrdin held talks with Milosevic in the Yugoslav president's White Palace that lasted into the evening while air-raided sirens wailed outside.

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Yeltsin persists in bid to remove top prosecutor

MOSCOW (AP) — Ignoring a strong rebuff from parliament, Boris Yeltsin barreled ahead Thursday with his bid to oust Russia's top prosecutor, who threatened to challenge the president in court to keep his post.

Yeltsin insisted an order issued earlier this month suspending Prosecutor General Yuri Skuratov remained in force despite parliament's decision Wednesday to keep Skuratov in his job.

Skuratov, who has been investigating alleged Kremlin corruption, said he was again barred Thursday from entering his office. He said he may appeal Yeltsin's order in court.

Russian media and some politicians suggested the decision in Skuratov's favor by the upper house of parliament, the Federation Council, has tilted the political balance even further against Yeltsin and may push him to crack down on his enemies.

Yeltsin has long been trying to get rid of Skuratov. The Federation Council has now voted twice not to fire him.

Yeltsin has argued the prosecutor should be dismissed on moral grounds after the release of a videotape showing a man bearing a strong resemblance to Skuratov having sex with two women identified as prostitutes.

The president has suspended Skuratov while investigators check whether criminal suspects provided him with the women in the videotape on condition that he drop cases against them.

The business daily Kommersant and other media speculated Thursday that Yeltsin may reshuffle the Cabinet and disband the Communist-dominated lower house, the State Duma, which is scheduled to begin an impeachment debate against him in May.

The presidential envoy to the Duma, Alexander Kotenkov, denied Thursday that any such moves were in the making.

Yeltsin on Thursday dismissed Ruslan Orekhov, his senior legal aide who was recently appointed as his liaison with the upper house.

The upper house set up a panel Thursday to look into Skuratov's claims of high-level corruption. Yeltsin said through spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin that he supported the move but warned lawmakers against making the anti-corruption efforts a political issue.

Skuratov's probe has focused on alleged bribe-taking by top government officials responsible for awarding large construction contracts to the Swiss company Mabetex. Kremlin officials and Mabetex have denied any wrongdoing, and no one has been charged.

Polish Senate votes to remove crosses, save one, close to former death camp

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's Senate amended a law on former Nazi death camps Thursday to allow a giant cross erected in 1988 to remain by the Auschwitz museum, but to remove some 200 smaller crosses planted around it over the past year.

Jewish organizations had said the crosses disturb the memory of more than 1 million Jews killed at Auschwitz and nearby Birkenau and should be removed.

The Senate voted 58-7 with 26 abstentions for the amendment, which now goes to the lower house, the Sejm. A vote could be held as early as Friday.

The tall cross, which stands 26 feet high, was used during the 1979 mass celebrated by Polish-born Pope John Paul II at Birkenau. It was placed outside the gates of Auschwitz in 1988 to commemorate 152 Poles executed on that site by Nazis in 1941, and is visible from inside the camp.

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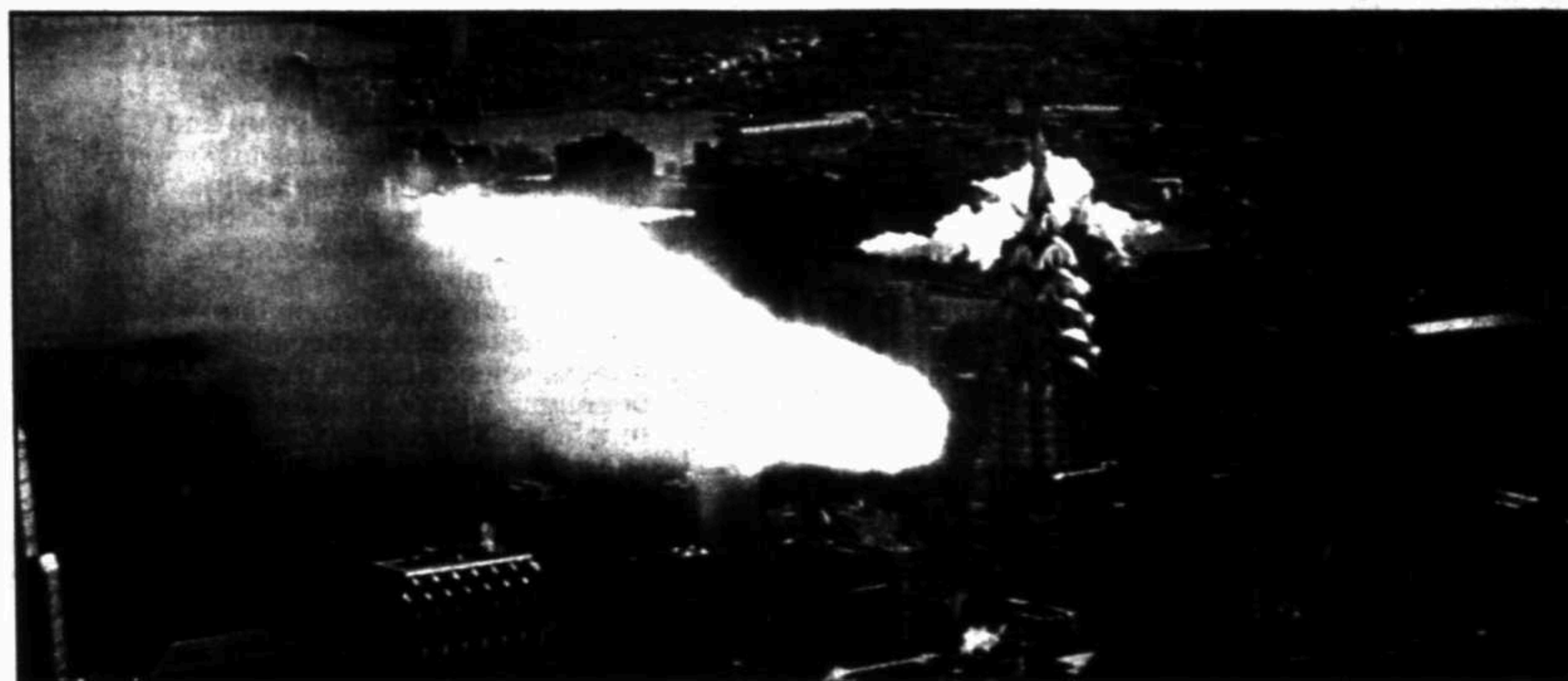
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SPECIAL EFFECTS

Fooling the eye into believing it's not what it is...

—Reggie Noland, Blockbuster manager



Movie buff Pat Stanton says she'll probably see "The Matrix," not because the story necessarily appeals to her, but because the film is touted as carrying the art of special effects to a new level.

By Georgie Temple

Illusion, deception and misdirection form part of the stock in trade for the creators of film's special effects. From Georges Melies' mechanical marvels and grand illusions of the early 20th century to John Gaeta's reality-bending computer graphics of the 1990s, the sleight-of-hands wizards have entranced audiences with their film magic.

A successful special effect must fool the eye into believing it's not what it is, a special effect. At least, that's what Reggie Noland, manager of Blockbuster, looks for. He also appreciates those that make him question: "How'd they do this?" And for me not to know how they did it is important. "You know it's all fake, but you don't pick where you know it's fake."

He cited as an example of a movie that failed to create the illusion successfully "Escape from L.A." with Kurt Russell. "It was obvious what they had done," Noland said. "It wasn't even believable, and that's what turns most people off. It looks like a special effect, and he's supposed to be doing something, and you say, 'Right.' To me, that's what killed the movie really quick."

Noland cited such movies as "Blade," all the "Star Wars" films, "Armageddon," "War of the Worlds," "Independence Day" and the latest "Godzilla" as containing effective special effects.

As for "The Matrix," currently a box office hit financially, Noland said, "I'm sure for a lot of people it's a big deal. But I know how it's done. It's not a big deal to me. I guess I know too much for my own good."

Rick Prue, manager of Hastings, cited "The Fifth Element" with Bruce Willis as "a pretty good movie," and mentioned "Armageddon," "Star Trek Insurrection" that comes out on video in May, and the upcoming "Star Wars" film as "the kind of movie that I like." He laughed. "I like all movies. Who am I kidding?"

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Gaeta: Guru behind tricks of 'The Matrix'

By Jim Sullivan
N.Y. Times News Service

The Matrix, the semi-dark \$60 million sci-fi flick that has resurrected Keanu Reeves' career, has been the No. 1 movie in the country for the last two weeks, grossing \$72.9 million. Some people find the plot a bit muddled or, at the least, hard to follow: The dreams keep blending into reality, and reality itself seems to play out inside a computer. Others find the tangled web a very cool thing, an "Alice in Wonderland"-cum-"Blade Runner" for the pre-millennium computer-graphics generation. Or they just don't care. That's because the buzz is about the jaw-dropping special effects. Those are the work of John Gaeta, 33; the people at his northern California company, Manex; and two Australian companies, DFilm and Animal Logic. Over the phone from his San Francisco office last week, the visual-effects supervisor is tossed a big fat softball, right over the plate:

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Films cited by Midlanders as special effects wonders include: At top, "The Matrix"; Next, from left, "Jurassic Park," and "Armageddon"; above, "The Matrix"; above right, "Toy Story"; and at right, "What Dreams May Come."

Design by Missy Hallmark



'Sorcerer of the Screen'

Melies opened door to special effects in late 1800s

By Georgie Temple

Darkness shrouded the basement of the Paris cafe. A train hurtled toward the 35 guests gathered for the premiere demonstration of the Lumiere brothers' Cinematographe.

Women screamed. Men ducked under their seats. A few swooned. Georges Melies watched, fascinated. A magician who had spent years equipping the Theatre Robert Houdin, which he had bought when he was 27, Melies saw a new way of making magic.

The program the world's first filmgoers viewed on Dec. 28, 1895, "consisted of little more than a collection of home movies: workers leaving a factory, a baby eating its dinner, a train pulling into a station," said Harold Schechter and David Everitt in their

book "Film Tricks: Special Effects in the Movies." "The audience, however, couldn't have reacted more emotionally if they had been watching 'The Exorcist.'"

So taken by the demonstration was Melies that he attempted that night to buy the revolutionary machine, which was capable of photographing, printing and projecting motion pictures. He was willing to pay any price. When he spoke with the inventors' father, Antonio Lumiere, he was advised to save his money.

"In a remark that has to rank as one of the world's most short-sighted predictions" Schechter and Everitt said Lumiere senior told Melies "that the motion picture 'may be exploited as a scientific curiosity, but apart from that it has no commercial future whatsoever.'"

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GURU: Gaeta sees himself as designer who wants work to be more than just glitter

(From 1B)

How many times should a fan plunk down his or her \$7.75 to figure this "Matrix" thing out?

"Three," he says, without a moment's pause. "One: for the emotional impact. Two: to understand the story. And three: to understand the deeper story."

He doesn't, you may note, mention that he wants people to gorge on and marvel over the special effects. "It's inevitable" that folks will, he says, "but it's not my goal. My goal, actually, is to have shots that work seamlessly. That is, the most gratification I have ever gotten has been on this project and with people saying it was seamless. We're filmmakers. We're desperate to feel part of the process, and when we're detached and used as glitters, then — I mean, some people are content with that, but that's not the case with someone like myself who is a designer."

"The Matrix," which opened March 31 to mixed reviews, stars Reeves as a computer hacker who lives in a future disguised as the present, controlled by computers

(the Matrix). There are rebels, and they think Reeves is their savior. But it was the effects, not the plot, that pushed the movie to set box-office records for early spring.

On "60 Minutes" a few weeks ago, "Star Wars" maven George Lucas discussed with Diane Sawyer the artifice involved with special effects — and the people who complained about what they saw as this newfangled computerized trickery. Hey, he said, in effect, wake up. It's movies! It's all make-believe, every bit of it. Filmmakers have always used whatever tools and technology have been available to attempt to enhance the cinematic experience. Georges Melies did it in "A Trip to the Moon" in 1902. Even poor old Ed Wood did the best he could with strings and wires in "Plan 9 From Outer Space" in 1959.

"Totally, absolutely," says Gaeta, wholeheartedly backing Lucas's comments. "It's like Impressionism. What are you going to do? Shoot down Impressionism because it's not totally

realistic paintings like the masters did?" The anti-special-effects comments "are like a joke as far as I'm concerned. Technology and movies were made for one another."

A CURIOUS ROLE
But the special-effects teams are in a curious position: They're an integral part of the overall package, yet they are detached from the actual assembly of the film.

"Yeah," says Gaeta, "it's up to the creators of the film, the producers and directors, to decide whether it's going to have a seamless integration, and most of them decide not, because of, I guess, naivety or thinking visual effects is a service that is snapped on as a post-(production) process to attract viewers in a razzily-dazzly way, but not necessarily with any shots they rely on to tell stories."

And what movies might fall into that category? "Without naming names?" says Gaeta, with a laugh. "There are a lot of films that I find so absolutely pristine that it seems the stories were propped up to deliver that visual,

whether these be dinosaur movies or where there's a twister" and the plot seems "a vehicle to get you to that image." (Wheh. At least Gaeta didn't name names.)

"That wasn't the case with 'The Matrix,'" he continues. "The Wachowski brothers (writer-directors Larry and Andy) and I hit it off from the beginning. We're the same age; we have the same interests."

Which are? "The whole Gen X alternative entertainment needs, ranging from comic books to deviant cult movies to taste in sci-fi and music in general, which is an unspoken tie." Also, and obviously, a love of the Japanese-style animation called anime, in which a camera follows an object in motion while moving the audience's viewpoint.

Gaeta relates the techno flash of "The Matrix" — its sometimes dizzying pace, its mix of darkness and light, of edginess and seeming randomness — to the mostly instrumental musical genre known as electronica. "It's a movie made for and by people who have grown up with computer

technology, digital presentation, and electronica, where the end result is a composite of samples of other things, a blend of influences leading to a higher state. I think the movie business is going to experience some form of this digital blender, and I think the Wachowski brothers ... hit an audience which is basically comfortable with snappy digital presentation, the nuances."

Warner Bros., the studio that released the film, liked the early scenes Gaeta and company were working on so much it allowed the filmmakers to more than double the number of special-effects shots to more than 400.

THE BEAUTY OF FLO-MO
Gaeta has a lot to be proud of, including a scene in which Reeves appears to dodge and outrun bullets. This is a multiple still-camera effect that Gaeta equates with stop-motion photography, something he calls "flow-mo." (The cameras shoot multiple images of an undulating Reeves.) There are several scary roof-to-roof-in-a-single-bound jumping scenes. (How'd he do that?) There are

many odious creatures and face-bending effects, but Gaeta says after the flow-mo he is most pleased with the creepy "fetous field," in which the machines that look like men harvest the humans they need to supply their life-giving electrical charge. "It took over a year to do, and it's a miraculous achievement in computer graphics," he says. "It contains some of the most complex textures I've ever seen."

Gaeta, who admires the work of H. R. Giger, the designer of the aliens in the "Aliens" movies, went to film school at New York University, worked on the "Saturday Night Live" animations, and cut his teeth on animated-TV ads. He spent five years in the Berkshires with Mass Illusions, the company that evolved into Manex when it moved to the West Coast 1 1/2 years ago. (Manex employs between 20 and 100 people, depending on the work needed to be done, and 40 at the moment.) Gaeta says he served as an associate visual-tech supervisor on "Starship Troopers," "Eraser," and "Judge Dredd."

THE MOVIE GUYS

Black Gold Review



"The Matrix," a sci-fi thriller starring Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne, opened recently in Midland. "The Matrix" was directed by the Wachowski brothers.

TIM: When you think about great movies, you should think about the experience of attending this movie. Did the story or setting transport you away from your daily life and into the world of the movie? "The Matrix" not only creates a new world, it even challenges the current world we live in. "The Matrix" itself is a computer program for humans in the 22nd century. It replicates the late 20th century for human slaves, while their bodies are used as sources of energy for machines. Several 22nd century humans have escaped, and are revolting against their machine controllers. It is both an exciting and intriguing environment.

DAVID: I agree with you, Tim. Every once in a while a film comes along that creates a world so vivid, so unusual, and so thought provoking, that it haunts you long after your first viewing and begs you to come back for a second look. Like "Blade Runner" and "Dark City," "The Matrix" mixes equal parts science fiction and film noir into an action film that will frighten, amaze, and even enlighten you. Based on a good book most of us read, "The Matrix" tells the story of Neo, a computer hacker. Neo discovers that the world he thought was real is only a computer simulation. Making this discovery as he is reborn into the real world. Neo must look into his own soul to find the strength to become humanity's savior.

TIM: In many ways, I was excited by this film. The concept, much like the Terminator movies, is believable, yet futuristic. Some of the best science fiction results in a world so believable that we are frightened by the possibilities. Some might even call these futuristic horror movies. The film style of "The Matrix" is a mix of action, sci-fi, Japanese kung fu and even a little romance. In addition, the special effects are out

of this world. Even if you end up not liking the story, you've got to love the visuals.

DAVID: With a dazzling array of unbelievably believable special effects, a tight thriller/action script, martial arts like you have never seen before, and razor sharp performances by the entire cast, especially Reeves as Neo and Laurence Fishburne as Morpheus, "The Matrix" turns a strangely familiar plot into a heart-pounding maze. It will make you think twice about the reality of the world you see as you exit the theater and may even bring you closer to God. A word of caution: This film contains violence, language, and disturbing images that may not be suited to everyone's taste. If you dislike loud music, long sequences of gunfire, or the occasional gory effect, you may not like this movie. However, if you want to be entertained and challenged, then "The Matrix" may be a revelation for you.

TIM: I agree — this movie is not for everyone. Those who enjoy action and science fiction will get a kick out of this movie. In addition, the fight sequences are very entertaining, and the bad guys are both scary and funny — not an easy task. In the end, I believe that the brothers Wachowski have created a very entertaining movie. However, their mixture of styles — the gunfight in the subway might remind you of a shoot-out at the OK Corral — and the lame love twist at the end slightly weaken the overall movie. However, it does not prevent it from getting a Gusher.

DAVID: "The Matrix" is filmmaking and storytelling at its best. In a year when one would expect the new Star Wars film to take all the Oscars for special effects and design, "The Matrix" may surprise everyone, even George Lucas. For an exciting film experience get caught up in "The Matrix." It is not only a gusher, it's a full-fledged blowout!

Two players for "The Matrix" — now playing at the Hollywood Tall City Ten.



By David Allen, MC drama instructor, and Tim Jensen, MCT executive director

LOCAL: Midlanders have their favorite special effects films

(From 1B)

Cathy Smith, a reference librarian at Midland County Public Library, also "loves movies" but watches "art films. I just don't like special effects movies."

"I haven't given them much of a chance. I'm sure they are wonderful. I've always been disappointed — blowing things up and people peeling their faces off just doesn't do anything for me. I'm more into the people-sitting-at-the-dinner-table-talking-for-two-hours movies."

Movie buff Pat Stanton has her favorites in the special effects/science fiction category beginning with "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which she called "very intelligent."

"The special effects at the time, I would say were cutting edge. I'm a fan of 'Star Wars' movies, but they're not my personal favorites. However, I'm really looking forward to 'Phantom Menace' to see what that's like."

"Contact" I personally loved. Again, it was intelligent. That's what draws me to films a lot. I think the acting was outstanding and the special effects very good. I did notice a similarity of the special effects in "2001" when I reviewed those films together, and that, needless to say, is a classic.

Ms. Stanton also enjoyed "Gat-tica," calling it a "futuristic movie that posed some very interesting questions," and the "Star Trek" movies "because I grew up watching 'Star Trek.'"

Most likely Ms. Stanton will see "The Matrix," not because the story necessarily appeals to her, but because the film is touted as carrying the art of special effects to a new level.

"The Matrix" is, Prue said, "into the inter-dimensional stuff."



"Godzilla"

Like "Contact," but not about space travel, but about other dimensions."

"I think the commercial says, 'No one knows what 'The Matrix' is," said Rob Gilbert of Hollywood Video. He laughed and added, "I don't think anyone knows."

Gilbert spoke of the trend-setting movies that "made the mark higher," citing "Terminator II," "Toy Story" and "Jurassic Park," calling the latter "the first big animal movie, and many have followed suit. How many times can you watch a big, giant animal tear up a city?"

He also mentioned "The Lawnmower Man," "Armageddon," "Blade" and "The Fifth Element" as having good special effects.

"There's so many great science-fiction movies," Gilbert said. "For every generation, someone has a new high mark. 'Jaws' was a real good movie for when it was made, or the 'Star Wars' movies. Can't forget

them."

Gilbert looks for a "believability factor" in movies. "If something looks really terrific but still looks reasonable, then I'd rather watch that type of movie than something that's way outlandish."

The best looking movie he's "seen in his life" isn't listed above and isn't one that most think of when it comes to special effects despite being packed with them — "What Dreams May Come" starring Robin Williams.

"That to me is probably one of the best looking movies I've ever seen in my life," Gilbert said. "A lot of people didn't really care for the story, but from a visual point of view, it's really stunning."

A question currently buzzing among movie buffs is one that also could be asked of "The Matrix." How will the new "Star Wars" affect movie making?

"It's my understanding that all the movie ('Phantom Menace') was shot on sound stages that only had scenery that was six feet tall," said Tim Jensen, executive director of Midland Community Theatre. "And all the rest was added by computers."

"So, you're almost starting to see the elimination of physical scenery and the insertion of computer-generated scenery, and that will change people's perception of the possibilities of where movies can go. It's almost a reverse of what happened in the '30s and '40s and '50s when all the movies were shot in Hollywood on sound stages and then moved to shooting on location."

"Now there may be no need to go on location if you can add the scenery later and have a great scene. Eventually, what you can do in a \$40 million movie may expand to be more than it used to be."

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Midland Community Theatre: DRAMA: Dancing at Lughnasa, through April 24, 8 p.m., Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley. Reservations: 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

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ODESSA — Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa College campus, today and Saturday, Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," 8 p.m. Call: 580-3177 or (915) 332-1586.

ODESSA — Live entertainment 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Chelsea Street Pub, Music City Mall. No cover charge. Use outside entrance after mail hours. Entertainment for May 3-8, Rocky Richardson.

Movies: opening today in Midland: "Lost & Found" and "Pushing Tin" at Hollywood Tall City 10. Oscar winners currently showing: "Life is Beautiful" and "Shakespeare in Love," Midland Park Mall, and "Saving Private Ryan," North Park Cinema.

Saturday, April 24

American Airpower Heritage Museum: 9600 Wright Drive, Midland International Airport, seminar, 2:30 p.m., "The Other Side: Growing Up in Hitler's Germany," Remembrance of War series. Call: 563-1000.

Bingham Dance Center: 2:30 Junior Division, 6:30 p.m. Senior Division, Lee High School Auditorium, 46th annual Spring Program, "Tumbleweed County."

Blakemore Planetarium Sky Show: 1705 W. Missouri, Destiny in Space, 1 p.m., and Sudden Impact, 2:30 p.m. Call: 683-2882.

Sunday, April 25

Blakemore Planetarium Sky Show: 1705 W. Missouri, Destiny in Space, 2:30 p.m., and Sudden Impact, 4 p.m. Call: 683-2882.

Wednesday, April 28

The Press Box Sports Cafe, 3303 N. Midkiff Road, live entertainment weekends and some weekdays. Show time is 8:30 weekdays and 9:30 p.m. weekends unless noted otherwise.

This week: today, Psycho Tropical Phunk; April 29, Falling Jupiter; April 30 and May 1, Oil Pan Jack.

Thursday April 29

Midland College: 6:30 p.m., Student Art Show, McCormick Gallery, 8 p.m. concert, Chaparral Singers, Wagner and Brown Auditorium, both in Allison Fine Arts Center, campus. Free.

Midland High School Auditorium: MHS Theatre presents "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," 7 p.m. Tickets: \$4 adults, \$2 students. At the door.

Coming Up

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale: 3 p.m., May 2, Lee High School Auditorium, Landis & Company Theatre of Magic, "Magic Vaudeville at the Pops," call: 563-0921.

Summer Mommers: kick off party, 7 p.m., April 30, Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Auditions: May 2-4, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Call: 682-4111.

Midland College Fine Arts Center: Wagner and Brown Auditorium: 8 p.m., April 30, art song and arias, Lisa Schaffer-Harris.

USO Show: Retired & Senior Volunteer Program: "Victory on Stage," 8 p.m., May 1, Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave., 8 p.m., dinner 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call: 683-1933.

West Texas Jazz Society & First Presbyterian Church: 7 p.m., May 2, "Duke Ellington Sacred Concerts," 800 W. Texas Ave. Free.

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REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

SORCERER: Melies was first, foremost a magician

(From 1B)

Fortunately, for all the 20th century fans and creators of special effects in film, Melies was determined to have what he wanted. He went to London where he purchased a motion-picture projector from another inventor and film pioneer, Robert W. Paul, and converted the machine into a camera.

"His earliest films were very much like the Lumieres': straightforward recordings of such everyday subjects as a group of men playing cards, a ship leaving port, a gardener burning weeds," said Schechter and Everitt.

His creative drive pushed him to film one of his pet presentations. The result was disastrous.

"Although Melies had instantly recognized the magical potential of motion pictures, he apparently still did not know how to exploit fully their unique capacity for creating illusions," Schechter and Everitt said. "He had yet to learn that the secret of creating successful visual effects is not to make magic in front of the camera, but to make magic with the camera."

How he learned the latter is an often-told tale regarding a fortuitous accident that happened when Melies was filming a street scene at the Place de l'Opera in Paris in 1896.

His camera jammed. Some minutes passed before he had his equipment working again. Later, when he developed the film, he was shocked to discover a bus turned into a hearse and a man, while crossing the street, became a woman.

"A single glimpse of this startling transformation, so the legend goes, was all it took to set Melies on the road to inventing special effects," said Schechter and Everitt, who find "it's entirely possible that some such cinematic accident did play a part in Melies' discovery of stop-motion photography," but note that "it's not strictly true that he invented the technique, since the Edison company had used it as early as 1893 in its film 'The Execution of Mary, Queen of Scots.'"

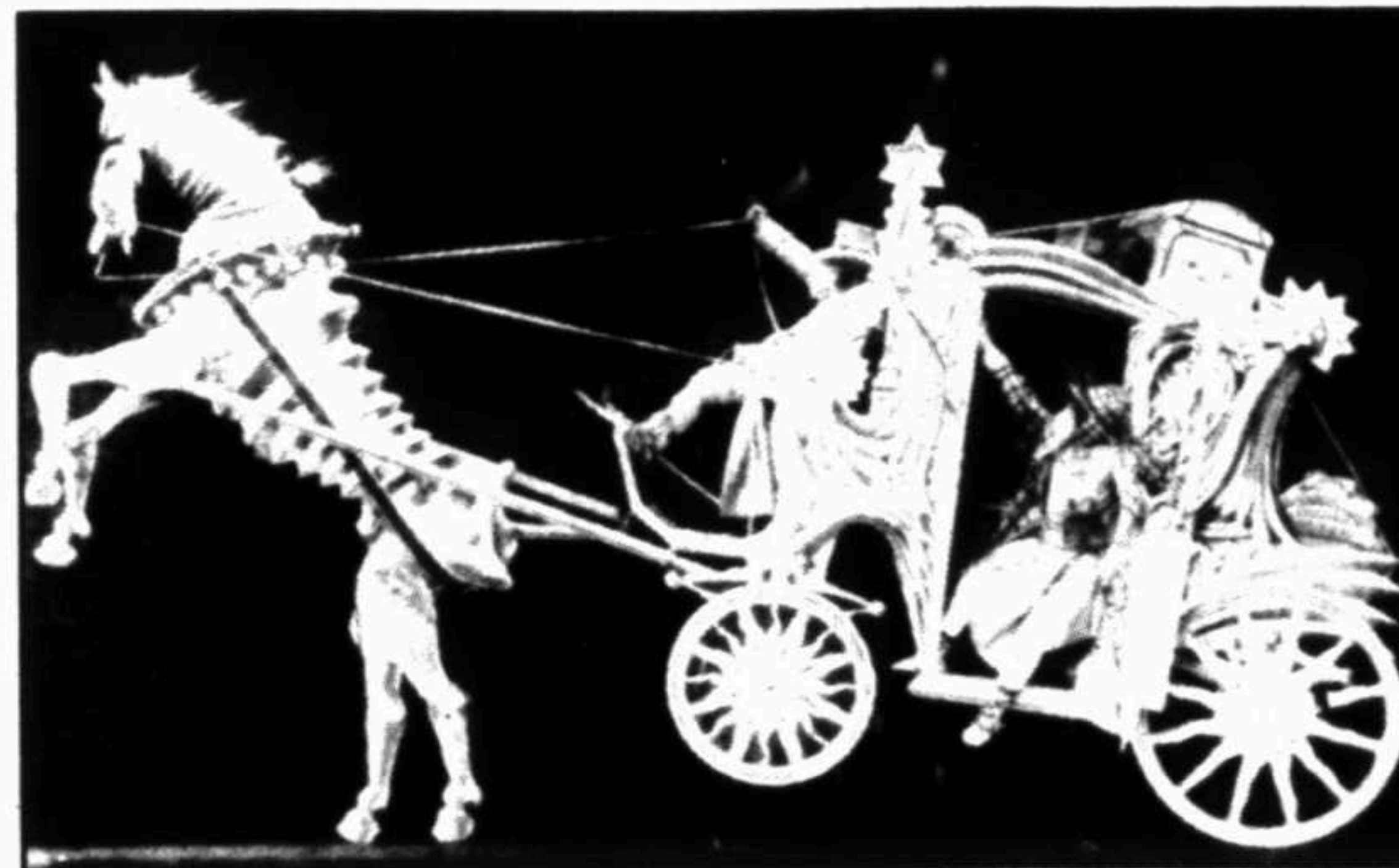
Many of the special-effects techniques pioneered by Melies were adaptations of camera tricks still photographers had used for years, such as multiple exposures, mattes and black backgrounds, said Schechter and Everitt who described Melies as "a modern Merlin" and his work "as theatrical performances recorded on film."

The "Sorcerer of the Screen" was first and foremost a magician, said Schechter and Everitt. "His primary interest was filmed prestidigitation, not film as an art form."

Leon Barsacq presents another perspective in his book "Caligari's Cabinet and Other Grand Illusions: A History of Film Design."

He calls Melies "the first to consider cinema as an art" and credits him as the "real creator of the cinematic spectacle" citing "The Devil's Manor (fantastic scenes)," "The Last Cartridges (historical scenes)" and "A Terrible Night (comic scenes)" as examples of the variety of films Melies imagined, produced and acted in himself in 1896.

"His very first films contain in embryo all the comic, magical or dramatic films made since,"



Some of Georges Melies' films include at top: "The Conquest of the Pole," and above, "The Merry Frolics of Satan."

Barsacq said. "While the inventor of the Cinematographe, Louis Lumiere, only 'caught' nature in the act," Melies invented the set."

From the birth of motion pictures, a "dialectic" developed, said Rene Clair in the forward to Barsacq's book. "The Lumiere brothers, who came to films from photography, focused on aspects of reality — today their followers talk of cinema-verite."

"In turn, Melies, who came to films from illusionism and the theater, was less interested in reproducing what he saw than in transforming it into what he imagined. A magician, he produced as if from a hat a surreal world that prefigured both the distortions of Caligari and the contemporaries of science fiction."

Melies employed conjuring tricks, stage mechanisms, pyrotechnics and chemistry, Barsacq said. "And he also discovered — by chance — all the cinematic tricks still used today: the freeze frame, substitution, the fade, superimposition, matting and counter-matting, and so on. He was also a brilliant pioneer in the field of set design."

His great achievement, Schechter and Everitt said, "was that he managed to develop or successfully adapt from other art forms — primarily theater and still photography — techniques which form the basis of nearly every type of cinematic effect, including today's highly sophisticated wonders. "To a large extent the history of special effects consists of the constant refinement, as motion-picture technology has become increasingly advanced, of methods introduced at the turn of the century by Georges Melies."

In addition to his talents as an inventor, director, designer and actor, Melies was an entrepreneur, said Barsacq. "He put his brother, Gaston, at the head of his New York branch (of Star Films), sold his films throughout the entire world, and in 1909 presided over the International Congress of the Cinema, during which a standard size film was adopted."

Between 1896 and 1912, Melies made more than 500 films, including in 1900, "The One-Man Band," where he appears as every member of a seven-man ensemble; in 1906, "The Merry Frolics of Satan," which contains a supernatural deed that remains today as one of the screen's most imaginatively macabre creations; in 1903, "The Melomaniac," his most famous musical fantasy; and in 1912, "The Conquest of the Pole," which features the Frost Giant, another of Melies' mechanical marvels.

Among his most famous short films is "The Man with the Rubber Head," shot in 1897. The film features an oddball chemist, acted by Melies, who takes a living, smiling replica of his own head,

places it on a table and begins pumping it up to a giant size.

Today, Melies is best remembered for his enchantments, films like "Cinderella," "The Palace of the Arabian Nights," "The Impossible Voyage," "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" and "A Trip to the Moon," which are considered an important contribution to the development of the cinema.

"They were the first sustained, imaginative narratives ever made for the motion-picture screen," said Schechter and Everitt.

Fewer than 90 of Melies' films have survived.

"Unfortunately, he ran his business like an artisan, refusing to enter into partnership or to become a limited company," Barsacq said. "Finally the large film companies, supported by the banks, plagiarized his films and ruined him. His work was largely destroyed or scattered, and he finished his days in a charitable institution at Orly."

In his later years, the man who had started his career against his will working in his family's shoe factory, sold toys in a Paris subway station. He died of cancer at the age of 77 on Jan. 21, 1938.

Of himself, Melies said: "I was born an artist in my soul, very dexterous with my hands, skillful in most things, inventive, and an actor by nature. I worked with both brain and hands."

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Texon Reunion is scheduled for June 12 and 13 at the Reagan County Community Building in Big Lake. The event will open with coffee and sandwiches served at 5 p.m. June 12. Sunday morning coffee is planned for 9 a.m. June 13, with lunch set for noon that day.

Hook-ups will be available at the park; corporate room rate will be available at the Derrick Inn. People who are planning to attend are asked to bring any pictures, scrapbooks or other mementos they want to share.

For more information call (915) 223-9308 or 1-800-380-5549.

...DELTA SIGMA Theta, a non-profit organization, will host its annual Esquire Ball 8 p.m. April 24 at Midland Hilton Towers. Tickets are \$12 per person. For more information or tickets call 697-7503 or 570-5403.

...SUN COUNTRY Gentlemen, the local chapter of Society for the Promotion and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.), will meet 7 p.m. April 26 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, corner of Neely and Midkiff streets in Midland. All men who are interested in the art of barbershop singing are invited to attend.

...WEST TEXAS Harmony Chorus, a prospective chapter of Sweet Adelines International, will meet 7-9:30 p.m. April 26 in the choir room of Memorial Christian Church, Cuthbert and Andrews Highway in Midland. Visitors are welcome. Call 694-2035 or 333-5838.

...PERMIAN BASIN Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary will meet for buffet luncheon and program 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 13 at Midland Country Club. For reservations call 694-5463 by noon May 11.

...MIDLAND NEED to Read, an adult literacy organization that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for volunteer tutors 6:30-9 p.m. May 11 and 13 at Midland College. Prospective volunteers are asked to attend both nights. Call 685-4572.

...TWENTIETH CENTURY Study Club, TFWC, will have a luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. May 11 at Midland Woman's Club. Call 694-3392.

...VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, will meet for craft-making session 10 a.m. April 28 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Persons attending are asked to bring sack lunches. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

VAN's support group for men who want to learn about living with visual impairment will meet 10 a.m. April 27 at the VAN House.

For information about either of these events, call 694-2648.

...39TH ANNUAL Parade of Homes, presented by Midland Junior Woman's Club, will be 1-5 p.m. May 2. The four homes on this year's tour are the homes of Gina and Corky Allen, Suzanne and Mike Conaway, Paula and Dave Duncan, and Wynon and Charles Rogers.

This year's parade will benefit The Bynum School, Community Children's Clinic and Make-A-Wish Foundation. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from members of MJWC, or at Domain, Jamie's Hallmark (Cuthbert location), Ivy Cottage, Expressions and Jonnie's (Odessa). No one younger than 12 will be admitted.

For more information call 689-6752, 697-0901 or 697-3922.

...IN CELEBRATION of the Week of the Young Child, West Texas Association for the Education of Young Children will host Kidfest '99 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 24 at West Early Childhood Center, 2101 W. Missouri St. in Midland.

McGruff and a child-finger-printing booth will be presented by Midland Police Department. Information from the Texas Department of Health, Prevent Blindness and WIC (supplemental nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children) will be available. Entertainment will include clowns, face painting booths, and arts and crafts. For more information call 529-3968.

TB is tough to defeat

By Carol Bidwell
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — For nearly as long as man has been on this Earth, mycobacterium tuberculosis — the bacteria that causes tuberculosis — has been his deadly partner.

Despite the discovery that antibiotics can cure most cases of TB, the disease — which continues to infect an estimated one-third of the world's population — is growing more drug-resistant.

That has doctors worried. "Tuberculosis is the Slobodan Milosevic of infectious organisms," said Tarzana internist Dr. Michael Hirt, who diagnoses and treats a half-dozen TB patients annually. "It requires prolonged bombardment in order to make it surrender. And sometimes even that doesn't work. It's survived this long because it's built strong."

The World Health Organization estimates that about 8 million people worldwide are newly infected by TB each year, and that in 1999, 3.1 million people worldwide will die from the ailment. Only 16 percent of sufferers get treatment, according to WHO.

The picture is rosier in the United States. In 1998, the fifth straight year of diminishing cases, 18,371 cases of TB were reported, down 7.5 percent from 19,851 cases in 1997, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But doctors who gathered in Florida on March 24 — on World Tuberculosis Day, the 117th anniversary of the day the TB bacteria was first identified under the microscope — were reluctant to cheer the apparent success.

"We spend more in the U.S. on (thinning) hair-care treatments than tuberculosis treatment,"

Tuberculosis facts:

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — The Egyptians documented the disease in tomb paintings dating back to 3000 B.C. A century ago, most people died from what was then called "consumption."

The bacterial infection, now known as tuberculosis, afflicted all classes, including famous folks such as gunslinger "Doc" Holliday, pianist Frederic Chopin, former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt and novelist Robert Lewis Stevenson.

Q: What are the symptoms?
A: Coughing, fever, night sweats, chest pain, fatigue and weight loss.

Q: How is TB diagnosed?

A: There are three stages of testing: a skin test, in which a testing medium called tuberculin is injected under the skin; a chest X-ray; and a sputum test. If the skin test is negative, the person has not been exposed to the TB bacteria; if the test is positive (the bump at injection site grows in size and becomes red), a chest X-ray will be taken; if that shows a shadow on the lung, a sputum test is ordered to confirm the diagnosis.

Q: How is TB treated?

A: Generally two, or as many as five or six, antibiotics are given, generally twice a week for six to nine months. But some TB sufferers have such serious infections that antibiotics will not cure them; eventually, they die.

Q: How soon does a TB infection show up?

A: It may show up within weeks, or may lie dormant in the body for years.

complained Ray Collins, superintendent of the A.G. Holley State Hospital in Florida, the nation's last TB treatment center.

But there are doctors trying to find a cure for the worldwide scourge. St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in New York has launched a national study to see whether ultraviolet germicidal irradiation and better ventilation will kill TB germs. This summer, the Los Angeles Mission will be one of the study's test sites.

And the National Institutes of Health, the CDC and the WHO are working together on plans to develop a vaccine to prevent TB. But medical experts say the cure — if it is ever found — is probably many years away.

"It's like trying to find a vaccine for HIV," said Dr. Paul Davidson, director of the Tuberculosis Control Program for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. "It's a very complicated thing. I think it'll be a minimum of 20 years before a vaccine is developed and tested. And we're talking about probably 50 years before it's available to the world as a whole."

In those decades, many more people will contract the disease. Even in the U.S., which has the highest treatment and cure rate, medical experts fear the disease has the potential to mushroom as the population of people with compromised immune systems (the aging and people with HIV/AIDS, for example) increases. WHO estimates that every person with TB infects 15 to 20 others in just one year.

It's a frightening prospect, especially because the potentially fatal disease can be spread to a susceptible person by a cough or a sneeze, a laugh or a song, or even a conversation, said Paula Rutan, a Los Angeles County Department of Health Services public health nurse. Once a person is exposed to the disease, it can lie dormant in the body until the bacteria finds a way past a person's immune system, when it can flare up and spread, she said.

A person's chances of being exposed to the disease are just as close as the person in the next seat on an airplane, in the library, or at a restaurant.

"It's a disease that truly knows no boundaries," Hirt said. "Wrong time, wrong place, and you can be exposed to somebody with TB very briefly and be infected."

FAMILY MATTERS

Teen-ager's chemical abuse frightens mom

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: Three years ago my son started acting different. I thought that he was just being a normal teenager and was getting hard to live with. His grades started a slow drop until he's barely passing (he may not be). He wants to go to Coleman, but I've tried to hold my ground on that so far.

I made every excuse in the book for the way he was acting, but I knew in my heart that there was something more wrong. When he was arrested for a minor-in-possession, I believed him when he said that he wasn't drinking, that he was just at the wrong place at the wrong time. Then he started coming in past his curfew, but he always had a "good" story.

Believe me, I tried to keep track of him, but no matter what I did he would convince me that there was something else going on. I tried to give him rules to follow and he wouldn't. I tried to ground him or take away the telephone, and he just went out or talked on the telephone anyway. It got so bad that for a while I just let him come and go as he pleased. That was really a bad decision on my part, but I was just sick and tired of fighting. I was trying to raise my other son too.

Now he's gotten arrested for being with some other boys who were shoplifting chewing tobacco from a store. He swore that he didn't take anything, but I don't believe him this time. I've made him promise to stay away from those friends.

What can I do to help my son? He's a good boy, but out of control. I can't do anything to help and it's killing me to see what he's doing to himself. I'm so afraid that he's going to end up a worthless drunk just like his father. BROKEN HEARTED MOTHER



May

DEAR BROKEN: You do have a challenge on your hands. I gather that his father probably is not a good role model, so you are left with a virtually impossible task — saving a teen-ager from himself. Chemically-abusing adolescents are very resistant to any help. However, the size of the challenge cannot stop you from taking right actions to try to save him.

First, learn how you might help him. The techniques you have tried so far were quite reasonable, but they did not work. You need to add to your arsenal. Begin your new approach by learning some of the parenting techniques that other parents in your situation have found helpful. You are not alone in facing such teen-agers. Call the Palmer Drug Abuse Program (685-0686) and attend some parents' meetings. You will find some good ideas and lots of support in their midst.

Also, call Al-Anon Program (682-8162) and attend their meetings to get support for yourself while you try to help your son. You must be strong and well-grounded in wisdom used in helping alcoholics help themselves.

Talk to your minister. What can be done to help your sons get more involved in the church? There is strength and healing in prayer in community. Set an example for your son by attending PDAP and Al-Anon meetings, and by going to church with his brother. I doubt he will be interested in attending any alcohol- or church-related programs at first, but have faith. God can and does work miracles.

Next, start practicing a parenting style that allows your son to suffer the consequences of his actions. I know this is very hard for a parent to do, but it is far, far better for him to suffer the embarrassing direct legal consequences of his drinking and stealing now and maybe find a reason to change. Imagine how this will be if his behaviors continue and he becomes another high school drop out with a drinking problem? He will most likely meet the legal system as an adult in that case if he does not make the choice to change. Allow the legal system to create an article "bottom" for him as a minor now, rather than bailing him out for future problems as an adult.

There are answers for you and your son. Follow the path of those who have been there before. You are well on your way toward the first step in recovery — admitting that you are powerless over his drinking problem.

THE FOLLOWING TIPS ON ESTABLISHING ROUTINES FOR YOUR CHILDREN ARE OFFERED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- Focus on one problem at a time.
- When everyone is calm (not at the time of conflict), discuss the problem with the child.
- Involve children in developing a routine. Ask for their ideas.
- When their ideas are not appropriate, use limited choice; for example, "Do you want to do it before or after breakfast?"
- Use visuals such as charts, lists and timers.
- Practice through role-playing.
- Follow through with action in a firm and kind manner. (J. Nelson, "Clean and Sober Parenting")

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

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

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DR. PAGE

Assisted-living communities helpful

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

Hark back to Jonathan Swift's (1667-1745) portrayal of a gargantuan Gulliver bound helplessly by multiple gossamer silken strands applied by Liliputians. It is thus that a large body of older citizens is kept from enjoying the additional years modern society has bestowed upon them.

Older folks, since they are slower to react and not as strong as of yore, tend to become engulfed with the many stresses of everyday living. They lack the energy to exploit their gift of leisure with its opportunity to socialize, travel, savor family and friends; indulge in mental and physical exercise, spiritual reinforcement and otherwise join the main stream of human activity.

These tiny strands represent the multiple small problems of everyday living, with each possibly being so insignificant that it lacks recognition as a cause of stress.

But fear not, there is good news today! Relief from that bondage is at hand in the form of residential assisted living (personal care) communities.

In Midland, their evolution commenced in 1970 with



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the establishment of Trinity Towers. Now this type of accommodation has developed greatly in number and sophistication — some excellent, some questionable — so be sure to look the gift horse in the mouth prior to buying. Support can now cover the entire spectrum from individual residence to full-care nursing.

Personally, I now live in such a residence and exult in my freedom from all such mundane duties as pushing vacuum cleaners, dusting, changing bed clothes, mowing lawns, tending outdoor plants, phoning repairs, traveling to doctors and stores, finding a beauty shop for hair and feet, and socializing without strain, just to name a few.

All such activities become more and more difficult with aging, but now are available with only one phone call to the office with the assurance of a rapid response. All this ensures a happy, relaxed independent way of life full of purpose and meaning, for which I am eternally grateful.

To paraphrase Samuel Johnson (1709-1784): There is nothing which has yet been contrived by man by which so much happiness is produced as by a good retirement community.

Henry F. Page, M.D., F.A.C.P., is health and safety consultant to Manor Park Inc.

DEAR ABBY

Couple's wedding rings nontraditional

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm a desk clerk at a hotel in Arizona, and I get hit on a lot. I think the reason probably is that I do not wear a traditional gold wedding band. I am not into diamonds and gold. My husband and I prefer simple silver and turquoise rings.

You would not believe how many rude comments I receive about my ring. When I pointed to my ring and told one man I was married, he said in an exasperated tone, "But that's not a wedding ring!" Says who? I wanted to sock him.

A co-worker referred to my husband as "your husband, your boyfriend — whatever." I said, "Husband! We're married." He said, "Well, where's your wedding ring?"

Abby, women are the worst. Once I mention I am married, I see their eyes glance to see what kind of "rock" I have, and a mixed expression of revulsion, pity and disbelief washes over their faces. It makes me feel uncomfortable and angry. Sometimes I feel like hiding my hands to avoid this treatment. Why should I have to feel ashamed of my wedding ring?

I have considered trading in our silver and turquoise rings just to please the crowd. Abby, short of totting my wedding certificate around in my backpack, what can I do to fend off this rudeness? — MARRIED (REALLY!) IN ARIZONA



Van Buren

would be to keep a small, framed wedding photo nearby to present when words fail you.

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for years but have never written. However, I felt compelled to do so after reading the letter from Donna R. Berryman, stating: "Bookstores are just what the name implies — stores."

Abby, my husband and I own a bookstore. We do research and place special orders for our customers as well as provide many other services. We have a terrific staff consisting of teachers, math and science majors, and other college students.

Our store works hand-in-hand with a local library, and we have donated books to it as well as sent customers their way. In return, they refer people to our bookstore.

I ask that Ms. Berryman not pass judgment on bookstores. I also invite her to visit ours — we welcome the opportunity to show her how we compare with a library. I think she would be impressed. — SUZANNE E. LAYFIELD, LITTLE PROFESSOR BOOK CENTER, MC KINNEY, TEXAS

DEAR SUZANNE: It sounds as though you have a wonderful bookstore. Many people find it helpful to use both bookstores and libraries for their needs. Over the last 10 years, bookstores have become increasingly diverse, dynamic and customer service-oriented. However for those who cannot afford to buy books, or need help researching what they need, the library is an invaluable resource.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

- Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.
- By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 1-1:45 p.m. P.A.C.E. class, dry land class for people with arthritis (arthritis classes co-sponsored by Northwest Texas chapter of the Arthritis Foundation).

- Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.

- Saturday: 1-4:30 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.

- Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30-10:30 a.m. aqua aerobics.

- Friday: 9-10 a.m. aqua aerobics.

Water therapy by appointment.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for April 19-23 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class and ping pong; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch and nutrition talk; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes, ceramics class and exercise; 9:30 a.m. ping pong; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch and April birthday party; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. county western dancing and line dancing; 10 a.m. craft class; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. ping pong; 11:30 a.m. lunch and diabetes video program (in ceramics room); 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 5212 Sinclair. The center is closed for major holidays. For more information call 522-1221. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., singing or live music; noon lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

- Activities include visits from Gospel groups, line dancers and country groups, and golfing.

Skilled nursing services with registered nurse director and certified activity director. Medicaid licensed, with adequate, caring skilled staff and transportation available.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

- Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

- Tuesday: 7-10 a.m. water walking; 10-10:45 a.m. arthritis plus; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus.

- Wednesday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

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- Friday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

- Saturday: 10:30 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

- Tuesday: 9 a.m. wellness clinic at Hillcrest Manor; 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3:30 p.m. senior update at Hillcrest Manor.

- Wednesday: 9 a.m. wellness clinic at Langtry Village; 10 a.m. bingo at Parker Place; 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor; 3 p.m. crafts at Langtry Village.

- Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

- Safe Place needs storytellers to read to children and serve a mentors to them. Shifts are 12:30-1 p.m. one day a week. Training and instruction provided.

- Midland Senior Center needs monogramers to operate a Memory Craft 4000 for special program participants. Volunteers will monogram clothing with MSC insignia for performing groups from the center. Orientation provided.

- Alzheimers Association needs three or more volunteers to help with clerical chores in the office. Duties include answering telephones, stamping and labeling brochures, etc. Shifts are 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. one or more days a week. Training on office equipment provided.

By Lana Cunningham

He was tired of those harsh cold winters in Iowa, and Eugene Saeugling figured his way out was to join the U.S. Navy. The only Naval Training Station still open was in San Diego, and Saeugling imagined himself in sunny California while his friends and family struggled in the freezing temperatures.

True to the Navy's word, Saeugling completed his basic training in California. Then came his first assignment — Adak, Alaska. Then came another assignment to the same place, and a final designation on an ice breaker that went north of the Alaska Aleutian Islands. After his discharge, Saeugling found work with the National Park Service in Sequoia National Park — digging through 18 feet of snow that first winter.

Finally, Saeugling is enjoying the warm winters he dreamed of as a teen-ager, first in Mesa, Ariz., and for the last year in Midland.

Soon after moving to the Tall City, he and a friend, LaVon Woodcock, checked out the Midland Senior Center for activities and it's there they picked up a brochure on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). They signed up and have been doing whatever they're called on — making decorations for a fund-raiser, sticking mailing labels on newsletters or answering telephones. "We stuff, fold, staple and tape things," he said.

When RSVP announced its fund-raiser would be the music and dance tribute, "Victory on Stage," on Saturday, May 1, the theme evoked memories for Saeugling, who grew up on an Iowa farm during World War II.

Born in 1927 in Clayton County, Saeugling was old enough to join the service toward the end of the war. But his flat feet got him rejected and it was back to the farm for him.

People throughout the country planned their lives around rationing stamps. "People in town got stamps for three gallons of gas a week," said Saeugling. Farmers received more stamps. "We had to figure out our previous year's tickets to tell the Rationing Board how many gallons of fuel we needed for the tractors and farm equipment. If we had a tire that went flat, we had to go to the board and plead our case for a new tire."

"Everything was in short supply. I remember one woman said she stood in line for an hour and a half to buy a set of sheets."

Music, however, was plentiful. His family listened to the radio and tuned in to the shows featuring music from two dinner/dance halls in Chicago. "We listened to live music from those places."

The Big Bands, such as Lawrence Welk, Russ Morgan, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Woody Herman, all made stops in the town near where Saeugling lived.

"A bunch of bands came from Chicago to Minnesota and we (the town) were on the train route. They'd stop for a one-night stand," and his family would attend the concerts. "I have a lot of their recordings now."

Saeugling said he's looking forward to hearing some of those songs performed by the Cherry Jones Dance Studio group at the event at Yucca Theatre. (For more information about "Victory on Stage," contact the RSVP office at Community & Senior Services, 689-6693.)

Life on the 160-acre Iowa farm meant a lot of work, but the family never went hungry. "We had 12 to 15 milk cows, 30 sows and they'd

Long-time usher is remembered

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Despite the sellout crowd for the Pittsburgh Pirates home opener, there was a big empty space in Three Rivers Stadium's Section 235.

Henry Sepp, the man who prowled the aisles for 59 years as an usher, was gone.

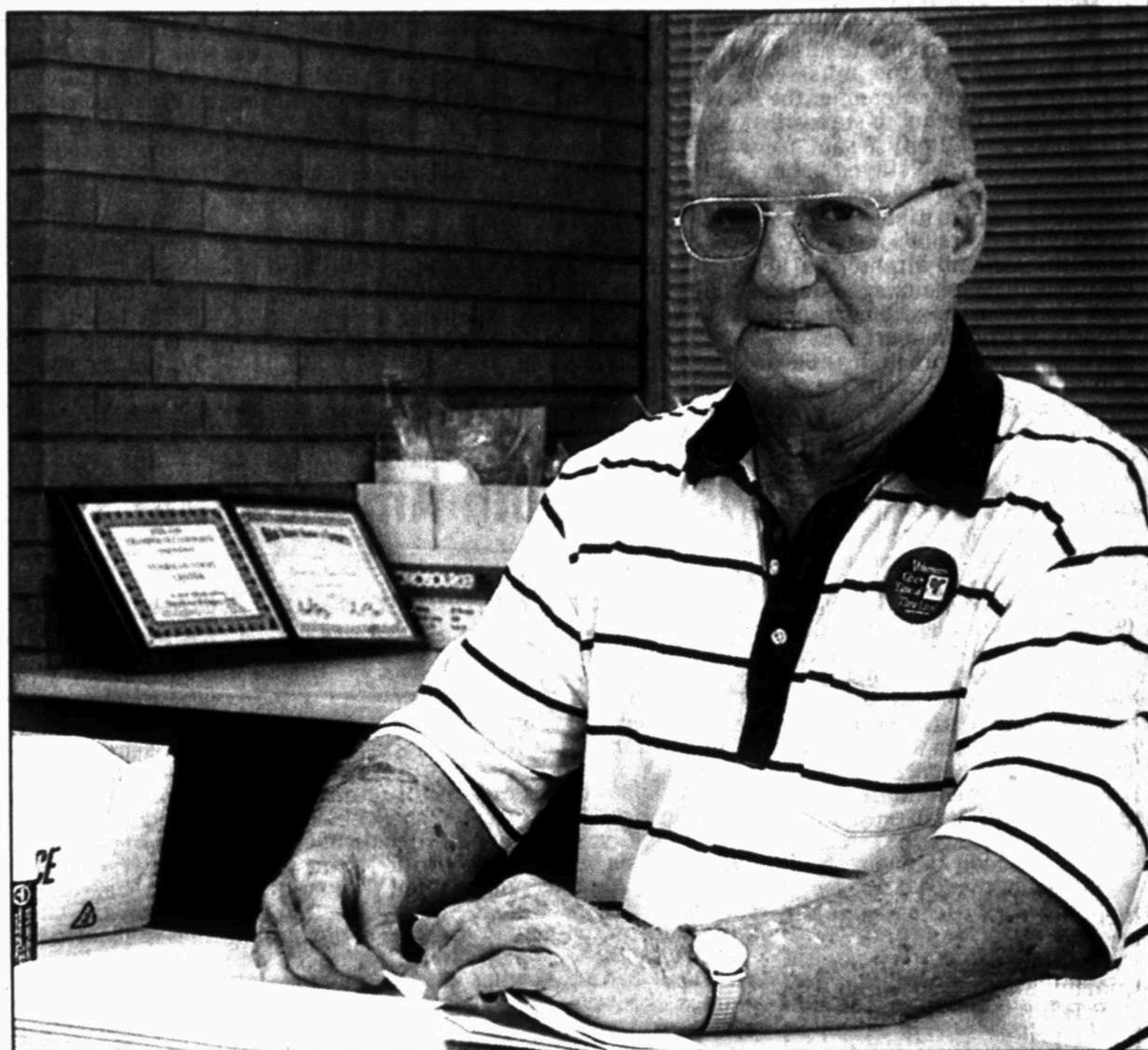
Sepp reluctantly retired last May. The 87-year-old was such a fixture on the second level above the Pirates dugout that he was dubbed "Lord of Section 235."

He died April 3 at West Penn Hospital following a brief illness. But his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and dozens of fans remembered him April 5 as the Pirates began their season.

His family had a tough time convincing the octogenarian last year that he could no longer keep up with the demands of being an usher. "He thought he could still do it," said Henry Sepp Jr. "He didn't want to leave those people. Those fans were like a second family."

"A lot of times when he was singing 'Take Me Out To The Ballgame,' he'd get the whole section going," his son said.

He started in Forbes Field and gained new friends when the Pirates moved to Three Rivers Stadium in 1970 because he added football fans. Each December, Steelers fans in his section brought him a birthday cake, his children said.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Eugene Saeugling, a former resident of Iowa, searched — through service in the U.S. Navy and work with the National Park Service — for some warm weather. He found it in Midland, where he moved about a year ago. Now he's spending some of his retirement working as a volunteer for RSVP, where he helps with mailouts.

have about 200 baby pigs, 100 to 200 chickens, and a big garden. I started milking at an early age, and I've done a lot of canning."

After graduating from high school, Saeugling didn't think he could handle one more Iowa winter. But the Navy's Alaska assignment didn't faze him. "Someone told me I was lucky — there was a girl behind every tree in Adak. I got up there, and there were no trees," he said with a laugh.

The ice breaker took two trips north a year — in the summer and

winter. One trip might include a load of midshipmen for training. Another might include scientists who spent 24 hours a day charting the ocean floor. "They would drag the ocean floor and look at the samples. Some samples came up with tropical plants" and the scientists were researching how the North Pole area used to look.

After his discharge, Saeugling was planning to marry a California girl and he needed a job. He learned the Park Service was hiring and applied. It meant clearing

roads during the winter. But he wasn't deterred. He stayed with the Park Service until retiring in 1980. "A man told me one day how lucky I was. He had driven thousands of miles just to see Sequoia National Park for one day, and I got to eat lunch under the trees every day."

Moving to Midland has meant Saeugling looks at a flat terrain with few trees every day. But he has no regrets: Midland's winters are very warm compared to those in Iowa.

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Kosovo Albanians say nearly deserted capital 'like a dead city'

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — Hiding behind drawn blinds, huddling in dank basements, listening to the daily thunder of NATO bombardment, Kosovo Albanians who have stayed behind in Pristina describe a daily life dominated by both terror and tedium.

A ghost town, they say, has replaced the small but vibrant provincial capital they knew before the start of the allied bombing campaign and the massive Serb crackdown on ethnic Albanians the NATO airstrikes were meant to stave off.

"It's like a dead city," said Tolga, an ethnic Albanian who stayed behind with his wife and 1-year-old son, speaking by telephone from Pristina.

"We stay indoors. We watch TV. We listen to the air-raid sirens. It's just like being in jail," he said, speaking on condition his last name not be used for fear of reprisals from the Serbs.

Reliable figures are impossible to come by, but by refugee accounts and Western estimates, perhaps two-thirds of Pristina's prewar population of 250,000 — predomi-

nantly ethnic Albanians — has fled or been driven out.

Serb military installations in Kosovo, many of them in and around Pristina, have been prime targets during the monthlong NATO campaign. The capital has been hammered by almost round-the-clock strikes that have destroyed the provincial airport and wrecked large areas in the city center. Dozens of missiles slammed into the area on Thursday afternoon alone, according to media reports.

Serb-controlled TV footage from the capital has shown scenes of blasted buildings, some with dead bodies visible in the rubble. The Serbs do not disclose damage to military targets.

Pristina tradesman Zymer Zeqiri and his wife Lule, who is eight months pregnant, spent the past month — almost the entire bombing campaign to date — living in a cramped basement room with their three children.

They didn't pick it as a bomb shelter; it was their only refuge after being ordered by Serb police to leave their comfortable

apartment upstairs. The family failed in one attempt to get across the border, but finally managed to make it out Wednesday, arriving at Macedonia's Brazda refugee camp.

"We were afraid all the time in Pristina," said Zeqiri, 32. He stayed off the streets because, he said, there was no telling what would happen to a fighting-age ethnic Albanian man who encountered Serb paramilitary men.

Lule Zeqiri did the shopping, slipping out every few days for bread and hurrying home again. She tried to go to the main hospital for prenatal care, but was turned away.

"They said, 'Why are you here? You don't belong in this city any more,'" she recounted, her belly protruding beneath a pair of blue overalls.

The family's building was close to the bus station, which has been hit repeatedly. But the enormous explosions, though frightening, heartened them, they said.

"We know NATO is our only chance," Zeqiri said.

The Zeqiris left almost everything behind when they fled, arriving at Brazda with only a few bundles and knapsacks tied with twine.

Those ethnic Albanians who have remained behind in Pristina have different reasons for doing so.

Some hoped to watch over homes and property; others, like the Zeqiris, were turned back at the border when they tried to get out.

Hafik Toverllani, 29, left the city two weeks ago. He, his wife and their 2-year-old daughter stayed on for five days with a friend after being driven from their home in an affluent neighborhood.

At their own house and their temporary refuge, they stayed inside with blinds drawn and ate mainly canned food — "nice things like pate, which was funny in a way," he said.

After weeks in hiding, it was a shock to emerge and see the destruction of familiar landmarks, he said.

"Even though we could hear bombardment very close by, it was strange to see

the shops and cafes where I always used to go destroyed," he said.

Like others, however, he expressed no qualms about the bombing. "We'll rebuild," he said with a shrug.

Nearly all ethnic Albanians remaining in the city have had their telephone service cut, but Tolga has stayed in contact with the outside world through a Serb friend.

"Of course we can't go outside or do anything," he said in a telephone interview from the friend's house. "Maybe we'll have a chance to get out of here, but I wonder where we could go. It's very hard to picture."

Tolga said he had heard the Serb police and paramilitary forces were too busy elsewhere these days to make house-to-house sweeps in the capital. He could only hope it was true.

"Of course, I can't be sure of this," he said. "I'll only know if I hear a knock on the door."

On the back roads of South America, the Tibet Cafe flourishes

USPALLATA, Argentina (AP) — The British traveler did a double-take when he saw the modern-day pagoda, its engraved stone columns and red-shingled roof rising up against the South American Andes.

Wary from trekking through the mountains, Tim Stewart puzzled over the apparition in a remote mountain village along the Argentine-Chilean border.

"Kind of weird, huh?" the 27-year-old London lawyer said. "You wouldn't expect to see a Tibetan-themed bar in the middle of the Argentine desert."

The Tibet Cafe is a remnant of Uspallata's transformation two years ago into the set for the Hollywood film, "Seven Years in Tibet." Hundreds of Hollywood actors and native Tibetans flooded Uspallata (pronounced oos pah SHAH tah) an arid village of 5,000.

With them came jobs and months of attention, a short-lived phenomenon the sleepy settlement still talks about over coffee and sodas at the Tibet Cafe.

Seeking an escape recently from the mountain sun, local resident Mariana Mojo slid into a corner chair and leaned against a wall filled with black-framed pictures

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of a bearded Brad Pitt surrounded by Tibetan monks in burgundy robes.

"This cafe reminds me of a different time, a different world," she said wistfully, glancing at the cafe's wooden bar decorated with miniature Buddhas and golden prayer wheels. "The place brings back really good memories."

When the camera crews left in January 1997 following three months of filming, the celebrity, hustle-and-bustle — and jobs — brought by the Hollywood production went with them.

In "Seven Years in Tibet" Pitt portrays Austrian mountaineer Heinrich Harrer, whose 1953 memoir was the basis for the film about his flight from a British POW camp in India to the northern Himalayan Mountains. There, Harrer stumbled across the Tibetan capital of Lhasa and befriended and tutored a young Dalai Lama.

The wilds around Uspallata — a

bare and unending desert plain surrounded by Andean peaks — were chosen for the film's location after Chinese authorities refused to allow it to be filmed in Tibet.

Suddenly it was hard to get a room in the normally vacant Hotel Uspallata and the barren dirt roads leading to the town center — a gas station and a mini-strip mall of four stores — buzzed with commotion. Job opportunities in the struggling provincial town were no longer limited to a nearby army base, the hotel, or a handful of mom-and-pop restaurants grilling up Argentina's famed beef.

"Uspallata changed almost overnight, it was incredible. Big trucks were roaming around, huge crowds were gathering," Daniel Vicent Huittirrez, 20, recalled wistfully.

"People still talk about all the work then," said Juan Pizarro, 17, who made \$30 dollars a day helping Pitt's security entourage. Now, he gets by doing odd jobs around

Directors head varied slate at Cannes festival

PARIS (AP) — Such well-known directors as David Lynch, Atom Egoyan, Jim Jarmusch, Pedro Almodovar, Chen Kaige and Tim Robbins will be among those seeking glory at the 52nd annual Cannes Film Festival.

Lynch, the American whose "Wild at Heart" won the 1990 Golden Palm at Cannes, will be trying again with "The Straight Story," one of four American films in the lineup announced Thursday. The festival runs from May 12-23.

Egoyan, the Canadian whose mournful film "The Sweet Hereafter" won the runner-up prize in 1997, is entered with "Felicja's Journey."

The celebrated Spanish director Almodovar will be showing "Todo Sobre Mi Madre," or "All About My Mother," his first time in Cannes competition. Jarmusch will be there too, with "Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai." Robbins will be showing "The Cradle Will Rock."

Another prominent American director, John Sayles, will be at the festival with "Limbo," described by organizers as the only big studio film among the American entries.

Chen, whose "Farewell My Concubine" shared top prize at the festival in 1993, has frequently run into trouble with China's government censors. He will be showing "The Emperor and the Assassin."

In addition to the 22 films in competition, organizers announced that "The Barber of Siberia" by Russian director Nikita Mikhalkov, starring Julia Ormond, will open the festival and Oliver Parker's "An Ideal Husband" with Cate Blanchett, Rupert Everett and Minnie Driver will close the proceedings.

"Kadosh," directed by Amos Gitai, is the first entry from Israel in 25 years to be in the lineup. The Iranian entry is "The Tales of Kish" by Mohsen Makhmalbaf. Abolfaz Djilili and Nasser Taghvai. Portugal is represented by "A Carta," directed by Manoel de Oliveira.

The two British films in competition are Peter Greenaway's "8 1/2 Women" and Michael Winterbottom's "Wonderland."

There are four French films, including "Pola X," by Leos Carax; "L'Humanite" by Bruno Dumont; "Nos Vies Heureuses," a debut film by Jacques Maillot; and "Le Temps Retrouve" by Raoul Ruiz.

Besides Chen's film, other Asian entries are Japan's Takeshi Kitano with "The Summer of Kikujiro" and "Love Will Tear Us Apart," a debut film by Hong Kong director Yu Lik Wai.

There will also be special showings sure to grab attention, including "The Limey" by Steven Soderbergh, also a former Golden Palm winner.

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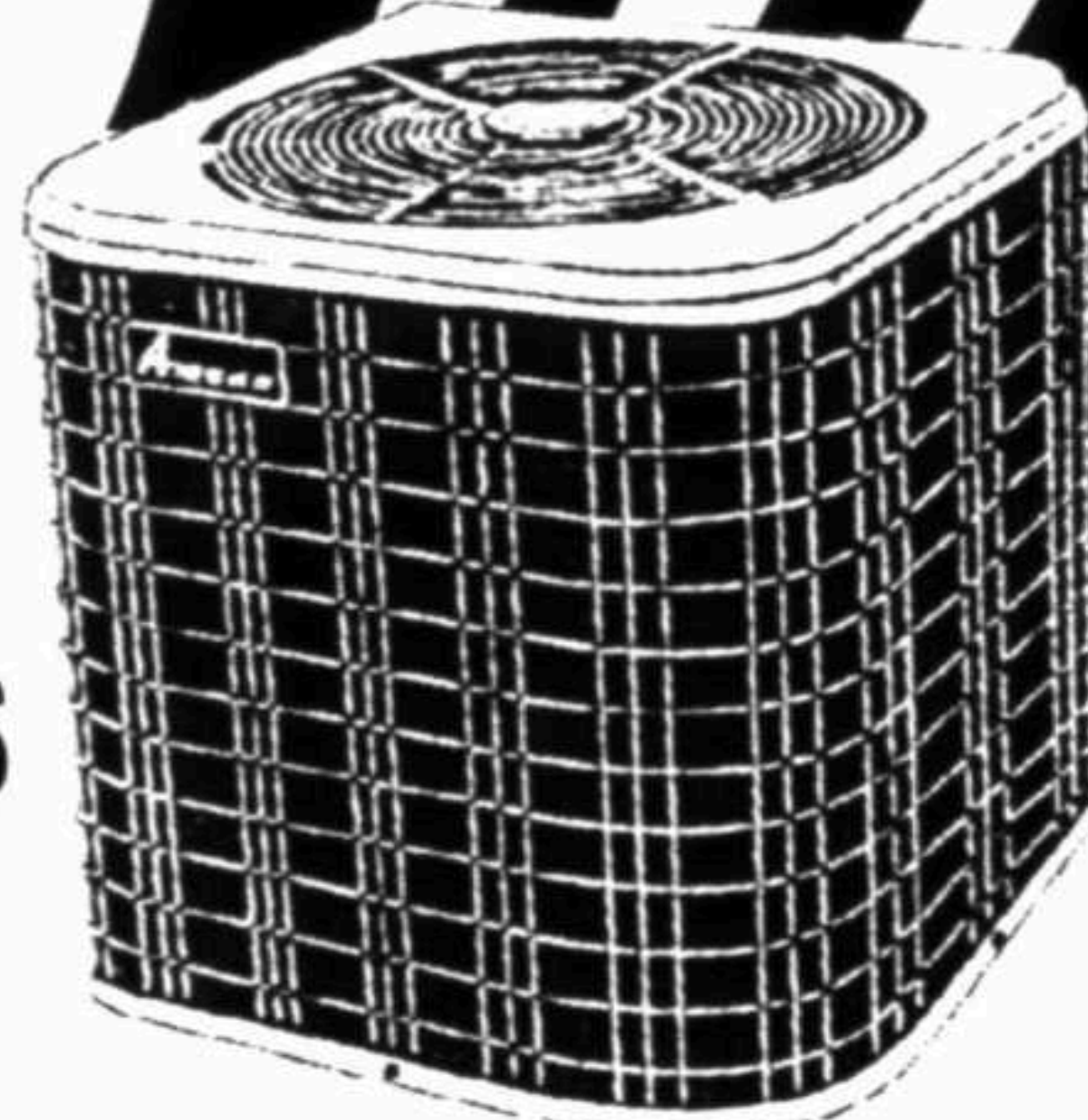
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LITTLETON, CO — Two gunmen in a High Massacre blew up their school had help from other said Thursday after two powerful bombs that had been built tanks.

The subjects a killing rampage to destroy the school. John Stone said going to burn the school.

The discovery, pound propane, suspicions that the help from other people building the 32 bomb so far or getting the school.

"It's a feeling of gators that the very good that we two people involved spokesman Steve CNN reported that one of the gunmen note that indicate pagers acted alone. we want to go out according to CNN unidentified source.

Davis said he had a note that was for gunmen's homes. Eric Harris, 18, bold, 17, armed shotguns, a semiautomatic pistol and home stuffed with nails shells, killed 12 students Tuesday their own lives.

The two bombs used propane tanks on backyards. Nails and BBs had the tanks to create "Twenty pounds create quite an amount of damage," Davis District Attorney said. "No one saw into the school and them enter. So we how that device school."

Authorities had looking into the potential suspects amount of ammunition left behind. "It's drawing so that they would have much ordinance they did without sheriff said.

Fourteen people hospitalized, eight in serious condition. Meanwhile, sniffing dogs as picked through the packs, briefcases strewn across the

Legislation to give health care self-employment

WASHINGTON — er health care was to millions of under legislation small companies as their Fortune.

The proposal the self-employed business owners joining health plans, boost power and trim costs.

"I don't see why should be any federal government Corp.," said S. owns two Washington restaurants and 140 people.

"As a small-business can't afford to give insurance, because I can't fit."

About 70 percent restaurants are. More than half million uninsured companies or an Rep. Jim Talent Wednesday.

Talent, chair Small Business Rep. Cal Dooley's sponsors, are professional association the National Independent Business Farm Bureau National Restaurant offering insurance.

Typically, smallers pay \$4,342 per family plan, the bill's sponsors are to push the figure Fortune 500 cost estimated \$3,521.

The measure create a law all business owners and to deduct the health insurance bill, the current health insurance be pushed to 100 percent, so the claimed on 1999.

Talent said includes tough standards and other provisions.

Opponents have provisions, which government an over five years, and would require.

Pentagon, NATO to keep hitting high-profile 'leadership' targets

WASHINGTON (AP) — By bombing Slobodan Milosevic's presidential mansion and promising to hit other "leadership facilities," NATO is aiming to paralyze Yugoslav military forces in Kosovo by severing the link to their command structure, U.S. officials said Thursday.

"They are fair targets," said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon, dismissing a Yugoslav contention that attacking one of Milosevic's two main residences was tantamount to an assassination attempt.

In an exchange with reporters at the White House, President Clinton was asked if Milosevic was a target.

"No," Clinton replied. "But we are targeting command and control facilities, and I think it is important." He alluded indirectly to the attack on Milosevic's home by saying NATO was increasingly focused on hitting "facilities used to incite and direct" ethnic repression in Kosovo.

Pentagon officials said that Milosevic's columned mansion was hit because it contained "command and control" facilities, meaning it was part of the communications network directing military operations in Kosovo. NATO is hoping that such strikes will weaken Milosevic's will, isolate his troops in Kosovo and undermine his political support in Serbia.

On Day 30 of the NATO bombing campaign, Clinton called "wise and prudent" NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana's decision to order a fresh estimate of how many troops it would take to begin a ground offensive in Yugoslavia. But he insisted this was not a step toward a land campaign. A NATO estimate developed last year said as many as 200,000 allied troops would be needed for a ground campaign.

"A vigorous prosecution of the air campaign, an intensification of economic pressures, along with our continuing

diplomatic efforts I believe is the correct strategy, and I believe it will succeed," Clinton said.

"We do not favor the employment of ground forces in a hostile environment," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said earlier.

In an apparent effort to discourage the idea that a new NATO assessment of its ground options is a sign that the air campaign is stalemated, Pentagon officials presented perhaps the most comprehensive, detailed and optimistic briefings of damage inflicted so far by U.S. and allied warplanes.

"It's a systematic increase in the attack, and we will see it ratchet up further and further as it goes along," Bacon said.

He said NATO planes flew 324 missions Wednesday and have made 9,300 flights since the campaign started March 24.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Wald, a

strategic planner on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said people are underestimating the amount of damage done in the air campaign and overestimating how quickly air power can accomplish its mission. He suggested that NATO has been so effective in crippling Milosevic's lines of communication to Kosovo that the Yugoslav president probably does not know the full extent of bomb damage.

Rear Adm. Thomas Wilson, director of intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the same Pentagon briefing that the cumulative effect of NATO bombing has left the Yugoslav military's ability to sustain its surface-to-air missile defenses and its aircraft fleet "severely degraded." He said 16 early warning radars had been destroyed, though that was a "relatively small" share of the total in use.

Wilson provided unusually specific estimates of the damage done by NATO bombing. He said, for example, that

about 30 percent of Serb SA-3 surface-to-air missile forces have been knocked out of action, as have 10-15 percent of the mobile SA-6 missile forces. He also said 16 MiG fighters and 35 other types of aircraft have been destroyed, including ground-attack planes.

NATO has lost just one plane, a U.S. Air Force F-117A stealth fighter-bomber that crashed March 27. There were no casualties.

The attacks on Serb aircraft have reduced by about 50 percent Milosevic's ability to conduct offensive air operations in Kosovo, Wilson said. Serb ground forces, however, have done most of the offensive operations in the rebellious province. Wilson said NATO has hit 10-20 percent of Serb tanks in the field, roughly 30 to 60 tanks out of a force of roughly 300.

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NATO summit: Seeking tougher course of action in Yugoslavia

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair said NATO's summit would send "the clearest possible message of will and resolution" that Slobodan Milosevic will not prevail.

President Clinton conferred at the White House with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana, who a day earlier ordered an update of plans for a possible ground invasion of Kosovo. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the United States continued to oppose sending ground troops into a hostile environment but

added that it was "prudent to update our plans and assessments."

From across Europe, a swarm of VIP jets began delivering presidents and prime ministers of 19 NATO nations and 23 partner countries to the capital for three days of summitry beginning Friday. The meeting originally was planned as a 50th anniversary celebration of NATO's founding, but the festivities were recast into more serious discussions as the alliance confronted the crisis in Kosovo.

Washington braced for limousine gridlock and tight restrictions in a 100-block downtown security zone, including much of the National Mall. City schools were to be closed Friday and thousands of federal workers were given the day off.

The summit opens in the fifth week of

airstrikes against Yugoslavia, with no sign that bombing has stopped the violence on the ground or the forced expulsion of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo.

NATO brought its firepower closer to Milosevic, destroying one of his Belgrade homes in an attack that Yugoslav officials protested was an attempt to kill their leader. Milosevic was not inside the house. The United States said the home was a command and control center and that the attack was not an assassination attempt.

Clinton, eager to repair his impeachment-marred record, is counting on the NATO meeting to increase the pressure on Milosevic with an oil embargo and a message of unmistakable resolve to stop his aggression.

Blair met with congressional leaders in

the Capitol after private talks with Clinton. The prime minister said it was essential that NATO "give the clearest possible message of will and resolution that Milosevic and his policies will not prevail."

"It means we carry on with the campaign that we have launched, that we make sure that that campaign is intensified and successful ... and we make all assessments necessary to make sure we succeed," Blair said.

Robin Cook, the British foreign secretary, said that NATO "cannot tolerate the rebirth of fascism within Europe. And that is what we are witnessing at the present time."

He echoed Albright's assertion that NATO would not send ground forces into a hostile environment but did not spell out

in what circumstances they might be introduced. "Time is our greatest ally," Cook said. "As President Milosevic gets weaker with the passage of time, so too does the strength of our case for returning the Kosovars under international protections."

NATO leaders came to Washington seeking a new mission for the alliance, which was formed a half century ago to prevent a Soviet invasion of Europe. With that threat removed, the alliance is casting about for a new purpose beyond its traditional collective defense against threats to any member.

Albright pointed to the violence in Kosovo as the type of threat NATO will have to confront in the new century.

Some question use of tobacco prevention ads

The Associated Press

In their pursuit of billion-dollar settlements with the tobacco industry, states repeatedly used one of their most powerful weapons: children.

Attorneys general and legislators accused Big Tobacco of marketing to teens. Scientists testified that the younger a person begins smoking, the harder it is to quit. Anti-tobacco forces used images of children lighting up in commercials.

But now that the states have won the settlements and money is beginning to pour in, some legislators are asking a controversial question: Are anti-smoking programs aimed at youth such a wise investment?

Key lawmakers in Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Texas and Washington state want to either reduce spending on youth-related tobacco programs or keep tight purse strings on any new ones. They're unconvinced, they say, that education programs and advertising have any effect on young smokers.

"We've never looked behind the numbers. We don't know for sure that kids can be convinced," said Texas state Sen. Bill Ratliff, head of the Senate Finance Committee.

The Texas Legislature is debating two plans — one that would have \$10 million to \$20 million of the \$1.8 billion Texas will get over the next two years go toward anti-smoking programs, and another that would allot \$40 million to \$50 million. Ratliff said the settlement money should go toward health matters, not into the general revenue pot, but he is skeptical of the effectiveness of smoking prevention programs.

The debate is intense in Massachusetts and Florida, whose youth programs that are regularly held up as national models for reducing smoking.

The Florida House wants to cut the \$70 million budget of the year-old "Truth" advertising campaign, which has been credited with drastically reducing teen smoking. While Gov. Jeb Bush and the Senate proposed about \$61 million for the program, the House wants to reduce it to \$30 million — after initially balking at giving anything at all.

State Rep. Debby Sanderson said that the program shouldn't be eliminated but that she isn't sure how effective it is. And, she said, the ads are in questionable taste: One features a flabby man in a bikini, smoking. Another shows a tobacco executive in hell.

Massachusetts Gov. Paul Cellucci came under fire earlier this year when he proposed adding no settlement money to the state's tobacco control program budget except for \$500,000 to study whether it works. He also proposed diverting \$4 million in cigarette tax revenue from smoking prevention to a program that has firefighters give safety lessons in schools.

Amy Fisher could be out on parole within a few days

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — A judge Thursday opened the way for Amy Fisher's possible parole within days after the Long Island Lollita apologized in court to Mary Jo Buttafuoco, the woman she shot in a jealous rage.

"What happened to you — it wasn't your husband's fault ... it wasn't my father's fault. It was my fault and I'm sorry," the 24-year-old Ms. Fisher said in a barely audible voice, looking directly at Mrs. Buttafuoco.

As Ms. Fisher walked past Mrs. Buttafuoco in the courtroom, they brushed fingers and the younger woman mouthed, "I'm sorry," holding back tears.

"Through faith in God I am able to forgive," Mrs. Buttafuoco said. "It did not come easily or quickly."

In 1992, Ms. Fisher, then 16, knocked on the door of Mrs. Buttafuoco's Massapequa home and shot her in the head. At the time, Ms. Fisher was having sex with Mrs. Buttafuoco's husband, Joey. He later served six months in jail for statutory rape.

Ms. Fisher had already won Mrs. Buttafuoco's forgiveness through letters the two began several months ago. But Thursday was the first time they had seen each other since 1992.



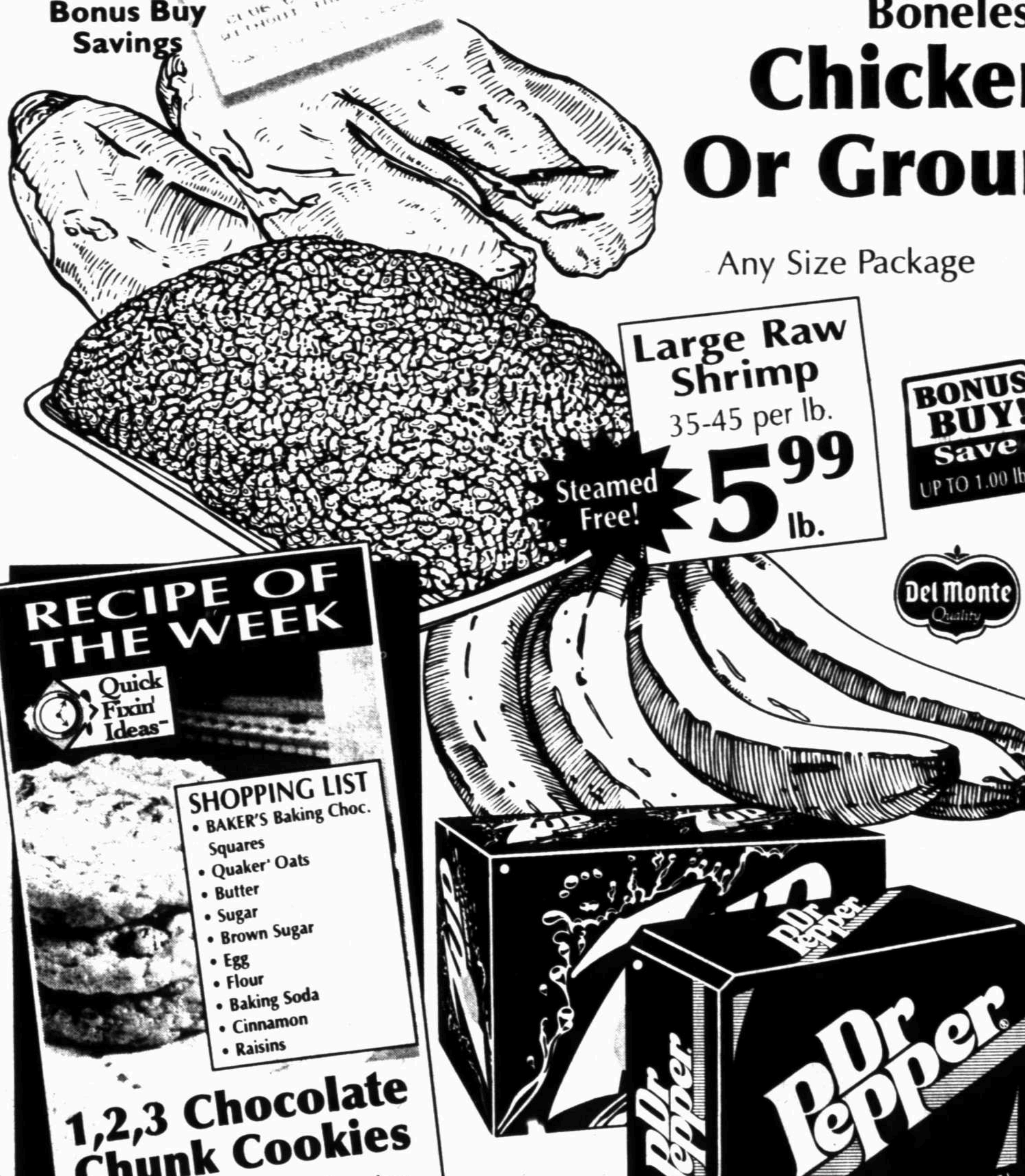
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U.S. has oil reserves to withstand shortages, experts say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite concerns about some foreign oil suppliers, the United States has the reserves needed to withstand some shortages caused by Year 2000 computer breakdowns, oil experts told a Senate hearing Thursday.

Meanwhile, on the Senate floor, lawmakers began debate on a bill aimed at curbing what many fear could be an economically disastrous flood of lawsuits arising out of computer problems that might occur on or after Jan. 1.

"We would urge prudence in planning but certainly not panic," said Robert Kripowicz, the Energy Department's principal deputy assistant for fossil energy, told a special Senate panel on the so-called Y2K problem.

Kripowicz expressed "cautious optimism," citing the oil industry's built-in flexibility because of its experiences in handling natural disasters, its financial incentive to keep oil flowing and the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which now holds an inventory of 561 million barrels of crude oil.

The United States imports some 10.4 million barrels a day, 56 percent of the nation's consumption. Kripowicz said up to 4.1 million barrels a day could be withdrawn from the reserve.

Oil supply has been one of the biggest worries of those studying the Y2K problem because of the high reliance on imports and the possibilities for disruptions in shipping, docking and unloading, and refining.

Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, head of the Y2K panel with Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., noted that even the slight reduction in OPEC production recently has resulted in a 20 percent increase in gas prices. "Clearly a minimal reduction in world supply can have disproportionate effects on price."

Kripowicz said the four largest suppliers of oil to the United States — Venezuela, Canada, Saudi Arabia and Mexico — are making serious efforts to fix their computers and expect to be prepared by the end of the year.

But less is known about other suppliers, and there is concern that infrastructure problems in some countries, such as electric power or telecommunications shut-

downs, could disrupt oil supplies.

He cited estimates that gas prices would jump seven to 12 cents a gallon at the pump if supplies drop 1 million barrels a day.

Red Cavaney, president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, said oil companies were moving well in preparing for the millennium bug and that one of their big worries was the "unintended consequences" of people overreacting and hoarding gasoline.

The litigation bill introduced on the Senate floor is aimed at staving off what many predict could be \$1 trillion in lawsuits filed by those claiming damages from computer breakdowns.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. John

McCain, R-Ariz., would establish a grace period allowing companies to fix computers before suits could go forward, encourage mediation and cap punitive damages at three times compensatory damages or \$250,000, whichever is greater, or, in the case of a small business, whichever is less.

Most Democrats and the White House opposed the bill as it came out of McCain's Commerce Committee, saying it was an effort by businesses to avoid responsibility and change tort law.

But Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said he and McCain had made changes to ensure that consumer interests would continue to be protected and that punitive damages would still apply in egregious cases.

Houston TV analyst wins interview with Milosevic

NEW YORK (AP) — The first American interview given by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic since the NATO bombing began went to a local TV analyst from Houston whose trip was paid for by a businessman of Serbian and Croatian descent.

The scoop by Houston's KHOU-TV came despite efforts to speak to Milosevic by major network correspondents, including CBS's Dan Rather.

But it left the station defending the propriety of having interviewer Ron Hatchett's trip paid for by someone with a clear point of view on the conflict.

The trip's sponsor, Bob Koprivica of Butte, Mont., has called reports of ethnic cleansing in Kosovo "a lie."

KHOU news director Mike Devlin said the Yugoslavs placed no restrictions on what Hatchett could ask during Monday's interview.

"This guy nagged the hell out of the Yugoslavs and he got in," Devlin said. "He asked all the appropriate questions."

Hatchett is director of the Center for International Studies at Houston's University of Saint Thomas and is a paid military analyst for KHOU. Koprivica is an 80-year-old retired beer and wine wholesaler who heads an organization called Peace Without Violence and has close ties to Yugoslavia.

Koprivica's group was invited to Yugoslavia by the Serbian Orthodox Church and the interview with Milosevic was brokered by peace groups, said Mary Paich, secretary of Peace Without Violence.

KHOU might not have accepted the interview if Hatchett's questions were censored, Devlin said. In his first question to Milosevic, Hatchett noted that President Clinton has compared the Yugoslav leader to Hitler and called him the butcher of the Balkans.

"Who are you really?" Hatchett asked. "Who are you as a person?"

During the interview, Milosevic pledged that the three captured American soldiers would be well treated and that the Red Cross could visit them.

New study questions 'gay gene' existence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Canadian scientists are questioning whether a gene inherited from mothers influences men's sexual orientation in a study that attacks U.S. researchers' hunt for a "gay gene."

Scientists still can't explain what determines a person's sexual orientation, although many studies have suggested that it is biology and not choice.

The first such evidence came in 1991, when researchers discovered that identical twins of gay men were much more likely to also be gay than were fraternal twins.

Then National Cancer Institute geneticist Dean Hamer made headlines in 1993 by suggesting that one such gene resides in a region of the X chromosome, one of the microscopic structures that carry genes. Men inherit that chromosome from their mothers.

Although Hamer never identified the gene itself, his research suggested its location by finding that 33 of 40 pairs of gay brothers shared certain genetic "markers" that heterosexual brothers didn't.

But in a report to be published in Friday's journal Science, Canadian scientists said they tried to reproduce Hamer's study and found no link.

Neurologist George Rice of the University of Western Ontario studied gay brothers from 48 families and said they were no more likely to share X-linked genetic patterns than would be determined by chance.

Hamer vehemently defended his research, saying other scientists have found evidence supporting it. "This study doesn't disprove that," he said.

Hamer said Rice may have diluted chances of finding an X-linked gene by studying families with homosexuality mostly on the father's side instead of the mother's.

Rice said he didn't single out families — and that excluding those that concerned Hamer wouldn't affect the results.

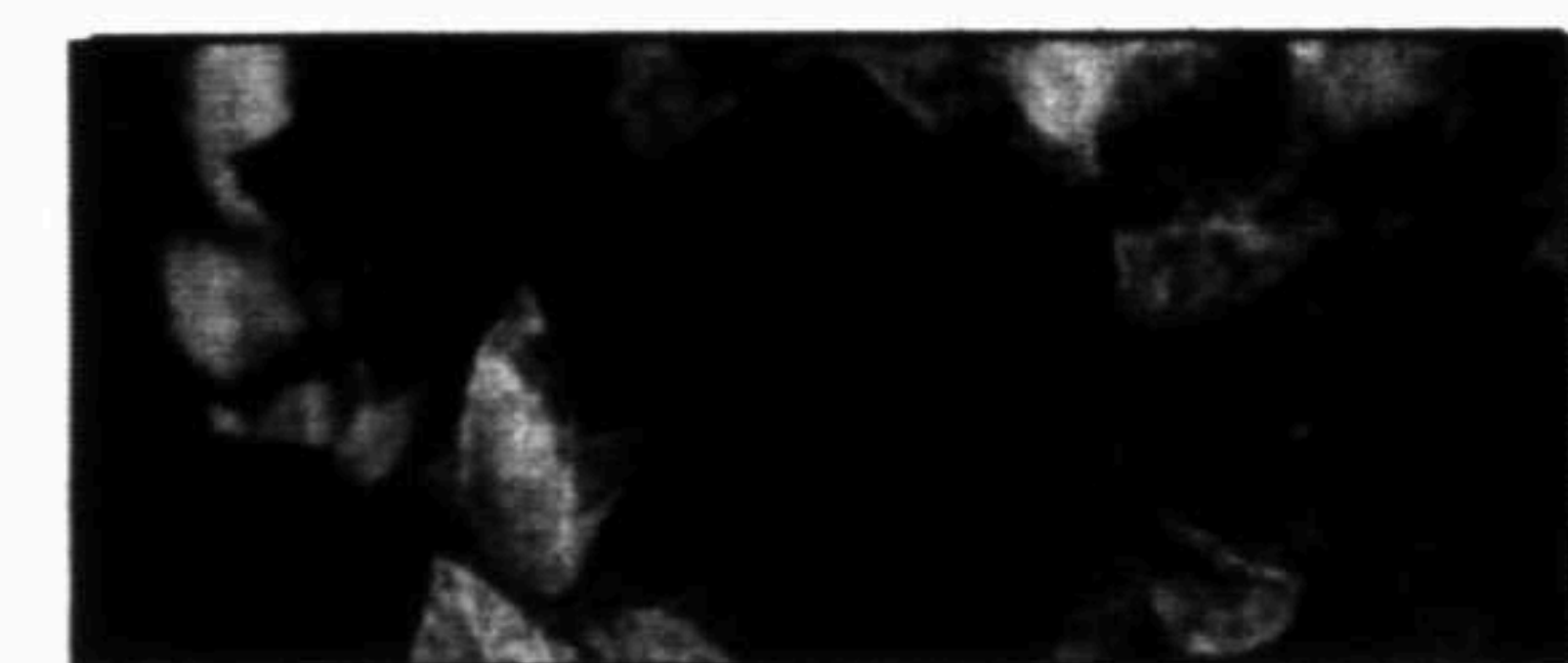
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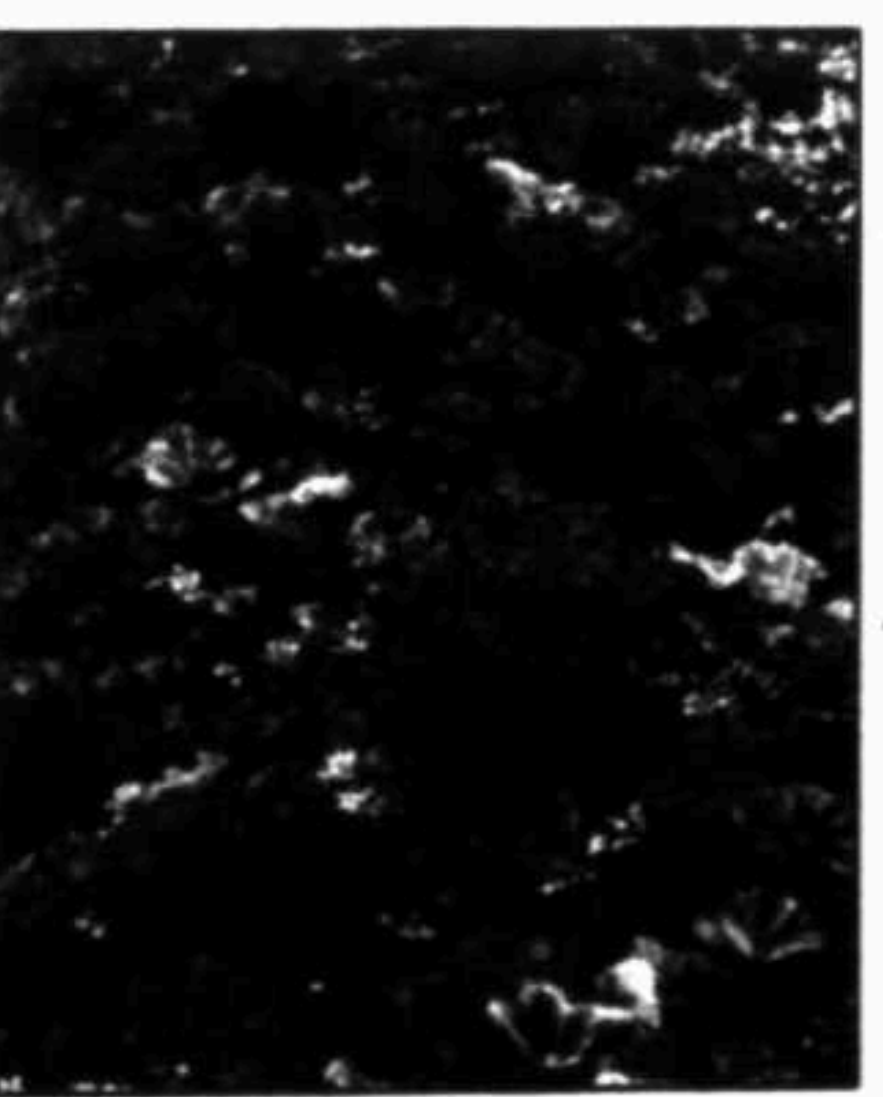
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Midland RockHounds 9,
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Midland 10, El Paso 2
Midland 6, El Paso 3
El Paso 4, Midland 3
Midland 9, El Paso 8 (10)

Next 10 Games
Tonight El Paso 7:11
April 24 Wichita 7:11
April 25 Wichita 6
April 26 Wichita 7:11
April 27 Wichita 7:11
April 28 Wichita 7:11
April 29 at El Paso 7:30
April 30 at El Paso 7:30
May 1 at El Paso 7:30
May 2 at El Paso 7:30

TV Sports

TENNIS — Monte Carlo Open, quarterfinal match (same-day tape), noon, ESPN.

GOLF — PGA Chick-Fil-A Charity Championship, first round, noon, ESPN2.

Senior PGA Home Depot Invitational, first round, 2 p.m., ESPN.

PGA Greater Greensboro Open, second round, 3 p.m., FSX.

BASEBALL — New York Mets at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m., WGN.

Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins, 6 p.m., TBS.

AUTO RACING — NASCAR, qualifying for Winston Cup Diehard 500, 3 p.m., ESPN2.

NHL — Anaheim Mighty Ducks at Detroit Red Wings, game 2, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars, game 2, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2.

NBA — Toronto Raptors at Orlando Magic, 7 p.m., TNT.

Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz, 9:30 p.m., TNT.

Texas Scores

NBA — San Antonio Spurs 103, Dallas Mavericks 76.

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 6, Minnesota Twins 4.

Houston Astros at Chicago Cubs, postponed, rain.

Dawgs honored

Midland High basketball players Jay Christian and Charles Tatum both were named on USA Today's list of All-USA honorable mention players.

Both MHS seniors were among 30 players from Texas mentioned in the April 21 edition of the national newspaper. Others included Chris Oden of Seminole, as well as Brian Boddicker and Roosevelt Brown from Duncanville, the team that defeated Midland High in the Region 1-5A finals.

Christian and Tatum were both integral parts of MHS' 1998 state championship basketball team, and both signed to play basketball for Division I schools: Christian at Rice and Tatum at Arkansas.

Eller denies charge

NORTH MANKATO, Minn. — Former Minnesota Vikings great Carl Eller was released from jail Thursday while police investigated a woman's report that he sexually assaulted her.

North Mankato police received a 911 call at 1:55 a.m. Wednesday and arrested Eller without incident at the scene where the alleged assault happened, Capt. Wayne Hoffman said.

Eller was held in the Nicollet County Jail in St. Peter and was released Thursday pending further investigation, Hoffman said. No charges have been filed.

Eller, in a statement issued Thursday night, denied the allegations.

"I am extremely troubled concerning allegations surrounding this matter," he said. "I know that I have done nothing wrong."

'Hounds get heroics from Piatt, Espada

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Josue Espada poked a bases-loaded single to left field, capping a two-run rally in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Midland RockHounds a 9-8 win over the El Paso Diablos Thursday night at Christensen Stadium.

Espada's hit on an 0-1 pitch from Erik Sabel (0-1) with one out brought home Mario Encarnacion with the game winner in an exciting contest which clocked in at just under four hours. But the biggest reason the 'Hounds won was the heroics of third baseman Adam Piatt.

Trailing 8-7 entering the bottom of the 10th, Piatt, who got Midland on the board with a two-run home run in the first, hit the first pitch from Sabel deep to left-center for his second homer of the game which tied it. Piatt

leads the Texas League with six homers and 19 RBIs.

Following Piatt's second homer, T.R. Marcinczyk, called up from the disabled list earlier in the day, singled to left. Encarnacion then reached on an error by El Paso shortstop Julius Matos, putting two runners on base.

David Skeels tried to sacrifice the runners up, but Sabel picked up the ball and threw out Marcinczyk at third. Then, after getting Dionys Cesar down 0-2 in the count, Sabel hit Cesar with the next pitch to load the bases. Two pitches later, Espada, in his first at bat of the night after replacing Jose Castro at shortstop,



Piatt

stroked the ball in the hole between short and third to bring home the winning run.

The Diablos took the lead in the top of 10th when 'Hounds reliever Benito Baez gave up consecutive singles to Jamie Gann and Julius Matos with one out before walking Jackie Rexrode to load the bases. Andy Kimball (2-0) came on in relief, and after striking out Keith Johnson on three pitches, he walked Jerrod Patterson on four pitches to bring home Gann and make the score 8-7.

Kimball then struck out Rod Barajas to end the inning, setting the stage for the dramatic ninth.

After the Diablos got on the board with a run in the top of the first off Midland starter Jason Anderson, Piatt answered back with his first homer in the bottom of the

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Texas overcomes loss of Pudge

■ Rangers beat Twins, 6-4, despite losing Rodriguez after collision at plate.

By Ron Lesko
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — With their best player struggling and the AL's best catcher on a hospital X-ray table after a home-plate collision, Thursday night hardly seemed the time for the Texas Rangers to break out of a slump.

But they did. Aaron Sele boosted the

Rangers' struggling rotation with 5 2-3 solid innings, and Rafael Palmeiro and Lee Stevens homered in a 6-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

It was only the second win in six games for the Rangers, who lost catcher Ivan Rodriguez in the first inning and watched 1998 AL MVP Juan Gonzalez sputter through another punchless game. Gonzalez was 0-for-3, remains homerless for the season and has gone seven games without an RBI.

Without contributions from their two stars, the Rangers won with a balanced offense. Along with the homers from Palmeiro and Stevens, Roberto Kelly and Rusty Greer each had two-run doubles in the eighth.

"We picked up the slack well," said rookie reliever Jeff Zimmerman, who followed Sele with 1 2-3 scoreless innings. "Gregg Zaun came in and did a great job behind the plate, he called a real good game. Aaron kept the hitters off-balance and moved the ball around."

Rodriguez, a seven-time All-Star, sustained a slight concussion in the first inning when Matt Lawton slammed into him on a bone-jarring play at the plate. Rodriguez lay virtually motionless in the dirt for several minutes before walking slowly to the dugout, complaining of dizziness. X-rays were negative, and he was diagnosed with a slight concussion and a bruised left cheekbone and was listed as day to day.

"It was a nasty looking play," said Lawton, who left in the third with a sore right shoulder.

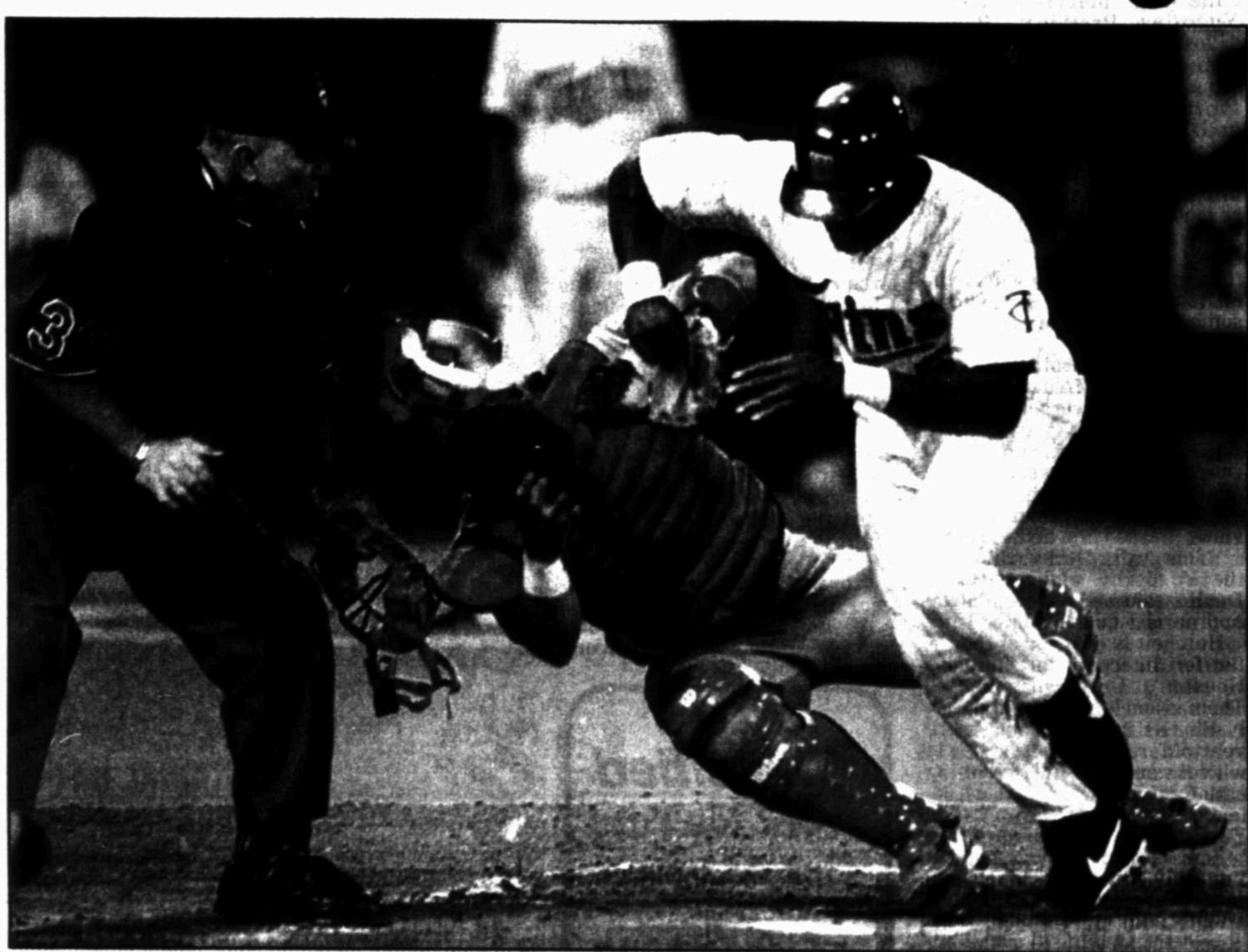
Lawton, who doubled in his only at-bat and is hitting .522 in the last six games, expects to be able to play Friday.

Texas manager Johnny Oates, a former major league catcher who missed two months after a similar collision with Dave Parker in 1976, took no exception with Lawton's unsuccessful attempt to jar the ball loose from Rodriguez.

"You play hard, and I want my guys to play hard," Oates said. "Matt was trying to score and just through his body at the catcher."

Texas' starting pitchers had allowed 20 runs in 21 1-3 innings over the previous five games, and their 7.70 ERA coming in was third-worst among AL starters.

Sele (3-1) gave up one run and seven hits before leaving with two on and two outs in the sixth. The Twins got only one



The Minnesota Twins' Matt Lawton plows into Texas Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez as he tried to score from second on a single in first inning of Thursday's game in Minneapolis. Rodriguez, who made the tag for the out, spent several minutes on the ground as trainers attended to him. Rodriguez suffered a slight concussion; his status is day-to-day.

runner past first base through the first five innings.

"Aaron through the ball well for us," Greer said.

So did Twins starter Eric Milton (0-1). He allowed just three hits in seven-plus innings, but two of them were homers and he also gave up four walks. Milton was charged for four runs, and the Twins lost for the first time in his four starts despite a three-run rally in the ninth.

"Milton certainly pitched a good game and gave us a chance to win," manager Tom Kelly said. "We couldn't do anything offensively to help him."

Notes: The Twins also lost left fielder

Chad Allen, a product of Texas A&M and native of Duncanville, when he was hit on the right forearm by a Sele pitch in the fourth inning.

This is the last stop for the Rangers on the longest road trip in franchise history. By the time they get back to Texas after Sunday's game, they will have logged 6,779 air miles for stops in Seattle, Oakland, New York and Minnesota. That tops a 6,308-mile trip in 1979.

Zimmerman extended his scoreless innings streak to 10 innings, setting a Rangers record for the start of a career. Barry Manuel went 8 2-3 innings without giving up a run in his first major league stint in 1991.

Stars expect more physical play in series

Associated Press

DALLAS — Blood dripped on the ice during the Dallas Stars' 2-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers in Game 1 of their playoff series, with veteran Guy Carbonneau receiving a gash on his left cheek.



Both teams say Game 2 should be just as physical when they meet again Friday night.

"The more physical the better," Oilers coach Ron Low said. "If you think this series is going to go more

than four games, and some people don't, then physical is the way we have to do it."

Game 1 included an astounding 110 hits and ended with five players receiving misconduct penalties.

"I don't know where people got this idea that we're not a tough team or that they can push us around," said Stars defenseman Craig Ludwig. "We've played tough against (the Oilers) before; we played tough against Phoenix. We'll play whatever game they want to put out on the ice."

Carbonneau, who scored the game-winning goal against Edmonton in Game 1 of the Western Conference quarterfinals Wednesday night, thrives on this time of year, said teammate Mike Modano.

"He puts everything he has into the playoffs," Modano said. "He gets a little bit of fire in his eyes. It's the eye of the tiger."

At 39, Carbonneau is the third-oldest player in the NHL — and he led the Stars with seven hits. Another Stars veteran, Ed Belfour, celebrated his 34th birthday by stopping 12 of 13 shots.

"It's really hard sometimes to play against these young lads," Carbonneau said. "Once in a while, we (the older players) have just got to chip in."

One Oiler — goalie Tommy Salo — was so tough, he vomited right before the game and still stopped 29 of 31 shots. He said dinner had upset his stomach.

Afterward, Salo said, "With a performance like this, and



Dallas goalie Ed Belfour keeps his eyes on the puck during an afternoon practice at Thursday in Irving. The Stars take a 1-0 series lead into tonight's game against Edmonton.

if we continue to play like this, we can continue to cause them some trouble."

Wednesday's game played out before a record crowd of 17,001 at Reunion Arena, and by Thursday afternoon only about 100 single seats were available for Game 2.

But those in attendance won't see Stars lead defenseman Derian Hatcher. Game 2 will be the fourth of a seven-game suspension Hatcher is serving for a late-season, jaw-breaking hit on Jeremy Roenick of the Phoenix Coyotes.

Coach Ken Hitchcock started Doug Lidster in Hatcher's place Wednesday night.

Stars right wing Pat Verbeek also will miss Game 2 with a knee sprain. Hitchcock said he expects Verbeek to start skating again this weekend and hopes Verbeek will play in the Edmonton series.

Pippen gets arrested on DWI charge

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Scottie Pippen's struggles as a Houston Rockets player spilled off the court Thursday, when he was arrested in the wee hours on suspicion of drunk driving.

The star forward released a statement through his agent that denied the charge against him.

"I was not intoxicated when arrested after the game last night and I'm confident the evidence will support me in the end," the statement read. Pippen added that he had no further comment and was turning the matter over to his lawyer.

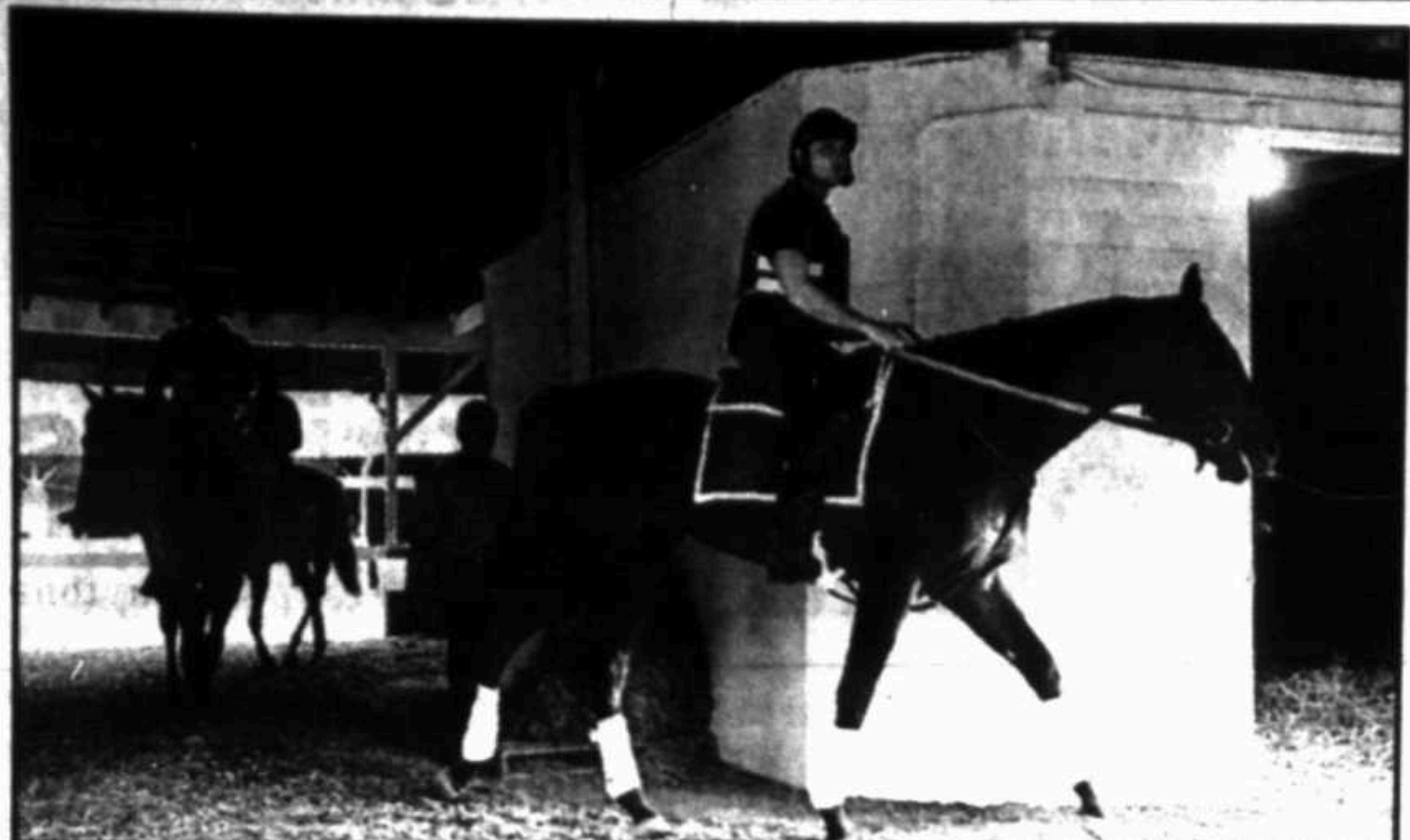
Teammates supported Pippen during a brief practice before jetting to Los Angeles for a game with the Clippers on Friday. Pippen didn't attend the workout, but coach Rudy Tomjanovich said he would accompany the team.

"I'm hoping it won't be a distraction," Tomjanovich said. "We are trying not to make any assumptions. It would be unfair to comment when nothing has been established. I'm sort of used to unexpected things happening. You just try not to lose your composure."

Houston, currently fourth in the Western Conference, was beaten by the Dallas Mavericks 109-95 Wednesday night, keeping the Rockets from clinching a spot in the playoffs and snapping an 11-game losing streak to the Rockets.

Pippen had four points and three rebounds and was repeatedly beaten defensively in one of his worst games as a Rocket.

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Kentucky Derby contender Worldly Manner is walked by an unknown rider in shed row early Thursday morning at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The Kentucky Derby will be run May 1.

Mystery horses hit track at Churchill

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The two "mystery" horses from the desert got their first look at Churchill Downs with gallops Thursday morning, while trainer Bob Baffert primed the two colts with whom he will try to win an unprecedented third straight Kentucky Derby.

Worldly Manner and Aljabr, owned by the Maktoum family of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, arrived at the track on Wednesday from Keeneland in Lexington, where they spent 48 hours in quarantine after their flight from Dubai.

The 1 1/4-mile Derby will be the first race this year for the two colts, who have run in 1 1/8-mile trials in Dubai.

After Worldly Manner and Aljabr galloped, Baffert sent out Prime Timber to work with another horse for three-quarters of a mile, run in 1:12 3/5. Stablemate General Challenge went in 1:12 flat, working alone.

General Challenge and Prime Timber finished first and second in the Santa Anita Derby. Baffert's last two Derby winners, Silver Charm (1997) and Real Quiet finished second in the Santa Anita Derby.

Baffert also could start one of his two star fillies, Silverbulletday and Excellent Meeting, in the Derby. He has indicated he's more likely to start Excellent Meeting in the Derby and run Silverbulletday in the Kentucky Oaks on April 30, the day before the Derby.

"I really don't want to run either one of them (in the Derby), but you can't tell what will happen. They (owners) are leaving it up to me," Baffert said.

Excellent Meeting is owned by John and Betty Mabee, owners of General Challenge. Silverbullet-

day is owned by Mike Pegram, owner of Real Quiet. Aaron and Marie Jones own Prime Timber.

It could be decided that Excellent Meeting has as good a chance to win the Derby as she has of beating the sensational Silverbulletday in the Oaks.

There will be one filly in the Derby, which is almost certain to have a full field of 20 starters. She is Three Ring, who won the 1 1/16-mile Bonnie Miss at Gulfstream Park.

Worldly Manner seemed unfazed by his first experience with the famed Churchill Downs track.

"He looked relaxed going around," said Tom Albertroni, an assistant trainer for the Maktoum's Godolphin Racing stable.

On the other hand, Aljabr is the nervous type and he came back foamy after his gallop.

"Tomorrow, he will be getting used to his surroundings and he should be a little better," Albertroni said.

Worldly Manner was bought from the Mabees for \$5 million after the colt won the Del Mar Futurity on Sept. 9. It was one of his three wins in four starts as a 2-year-old, all in the United States.

Aljabr won all three of his starts as a 2-year-old, two in Britain and one in France.

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Ali backs Senate's boxing reforms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — He uttered not a word, but the presence of Muhammad Ali at a Senate hearing to lend support to efforts to clean up boxing spoke volumes.

The former heavyweight champion, who suffers from Parkinson's syndrome, told the Senate Commerce Committee through long-time friend Howard Bingham that the controversial Lennox Lewis-Evander Holyfield draw last month was the "lowest point" for a sport beset with problems.

"Ali has become increasingly upset about the scandals that have occurred in professional boxing," Bingham said as Ali gazed intently at committee members from a witness table.

Ali is particularly interested in the parts of Sen. John McCain's boxing reform bill that would stop exploitation of boxers by promoters, such as a prohibition on "coercive option" contracts that prevent fighters from controlling their careers.

"Muhammad Ali believes that fighters deserve the same R-E-S-P-E-C-T, respect, as all other professional athletes in this country," Bingham said. "Currently, they aren't respected."

McCain, an Arizona Republican and 2000 presidential aspirant, told Ali: "Your support of this legislation is absolutely vital to our chances of passing it."

Among other things, McCain's

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bill would establish new standards for sanctioning organizations that rank fighters, create new financial disclosure requirements for promoters and event organizers, and require that state boxing commissions be informed when charges, costs and fees are taken from a boxer's purse.

McCain, an avid boxing fan who attended the Lewis-Holyfield fight, said the sport has too few ethical boundaries and a ranking system controlled by promoters that "defies all reason."

"When honest and open competition is inhibited, it is the boxers who suffer most," McCain said. "But millions of ticket-buying fans in America are also hurt by monopolistic practices in boxing."

Former boxing referee Mills Lane, now a judge on a TV court show, said boxing's credibility suffers because sanctioning bodies — the IBF, WBA and WBC — play too large a role in which judges and referees work the matches.

"These subtle pressures are there and nobody can tell me they're not," Lane said.

But Walter Stone, counsel to the International Boxing Federation, said fight organizers are already working to address the problems, such as a new IBF rule in which the No. 1 ranking cannot simply be assumed by a boxer moving up due

to others' losses. Instead, one ranked boxer would have to beat another ranked boxer to take the spot.

"We've recognized what the problems are and we've moved to try to correct them," Stone said.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., expressed concern that the McCain bill might unfairly target certain promoters and invite numerous court challenges. He said the bill must address multi-year broadcast contracts in which contenders stay under a network's control in return for a shot at the champion.

"There is no question when it comes to revenues, the broadcast industry packs the biggest wallop," Reid said.

McCain is likely to move the bill through the Commerce Committee later this year. An identical measure last year passed the Senate but went nowhere in the House.

Open scoring to get a fighting chance at MCI Center

WASHINGTON — Three championship fights makes for an attractive card, yet it's the controversial open scoring system that could make Saturday's night of boxing at the MCI Center an

event to remember.

The World Boxing Association will post scores from the ringside judges after each round when Sharmba Mitchell defends his super lightweight title against Reggie Green. The other two bouts will employ a different type of open scoring, which has not been used in any form this decade.

Scores will be announced after the fourth, eighth and final rounds in the World Boxing Council middleweight fight between Hassine Cherifi of France and Keith Holmes of Washington. That system will also be used when Washington's Mark Johnson meets Ratanachai Vorapin for the vacant International Boxing Federation junior bantamweight championship.

Virtually everyone associated with the sport has an opinion on open scoring, which has become fashionable again in the wake of last month's questionable draw in the heavyweight unification bout between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis.

Open scoring advocates, including promoters Don King and Bob Arum, insist that open scoring will deaden the cries of "fix."



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Kelly 4 5 1
Green 4 4 0
Juarez 4 3 0
RPMO 4 1 1
Rdrgz 4 0 0
Zau 4 0 0
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Stevens 103 2
Clyton 53 3

Totals 32 6

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E-Zau 1
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CS-Thurter
SF-Latham

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Zimmerman
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Minnesota
Milton L-0-1
Bells
Guardado
Trombley
Sampson

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ATHLETIC

OAKLAND

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Raines 4 1 1
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Jaha 4 3 0
Greve 4 0 0
McDnd 4 0 0
Spezz 204 0
Chavez 304 0
Tejada 44 1 1
Hinch 4 3 0
Totals 33 4

Oakland

Cleveland

E-Chavez
Milton pitched
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Oakland

Candotti W-2-2

Mathews

Taylor S-3

Nagy L-2-1

Langston

Shuey

PB-Hinch 2

(42.865)

BLUE JAYS

ANAHEIM

Erstad 104 1 2

Olmo 104 1 2

Wiback 4 1 0

Vgln 4 1 1

Salmon 4 0 0

Glaus 30 2 2

GArdn 44 1 2

Grene 4 1 1

Velarde 204 0

Huson 30 3 0

Shells 4 1 0

Totals 35 7

ANAHEIM

Toronto

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2B-Erstad (5)

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Belcher

Levine

Holtz

Petrovsk L-0-1

Schoeneweis

Percival

Toronto

Herger

Rodriguez

Plesac

Cavey W-1-0

Lloyd S-2

T-3.00 A-

DEVIL RAYS

BALTIMORE

Amari 4 2 0

Bordick 4 2 0

Conine 102 0 0

Baines 4 1 0

JGria 20 0 0

Belle 4 2 0

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BAndm 4 1 0

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Totals 24 0 1

Baltimore

Tampa Bay

DP-Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay 7 25

Belle (4) Winn (3)

Conine SF-Bog

Baltimore

Ponson L-0-2 5

Rhodes 2

Tampa Bay

Saunders W-2-2 7

McCr

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2:37 A-17.334

TIGERS

BOSTON

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JWYln 303 0 0

Grprr 30 0 0

Stanley 4 2 0

Bulard 4 3 0

Merlon 103 0 0

Gubnich 4 3 0

Sader 4 3 0

DLand 4 2 0

Jffson 4 1 0

Totals 27 0 2

Boston

Detroit

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LOB-Boston 1

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Boston

Portugal L-2-1

Detroit

Thompson W-2-2

ToJones S-2

Thompson pit

9th T-1.49 A-

NL BOX

METS

NEW YORK

ab r h

Hndrn 4 3 1 0

JFmco 4 0 0 0

Alfonzo 204 1 2

Oland 104 0 2

Bonilla 4 1 0 0

Almswt 4 4 0 0

Vituro 304 0 0

McRae 4 0 0 0

Pratt 4 3 1 2

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AL Boxes

RANGERS & TWINS 4		MINNESOTA	
McMurry 2b 4.1	1.0 Walk 2b 5.0	0.0	0.0
Kelly 1b 5.1	2.0 Run 1b 4.0	1.0	1.0
Greer 1b 4.0	1.0 Walk 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Julian 1b 3.0	0.0 Hitting 1b 4.0	1.0	1.0
PHRMO 4b 1.1	1.0 Coda 1b 5.1	3.0	3.0
Rodriguez 3.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Zaun 2.0	0.0 Coda 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Zeile 3b 4.0	0.0 Latham 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Silvers 1b 2.0	1.0 Kossie 3b 2.0	0.0	0.0
Clyton 3b 1.0	0.0 Gales 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Gibson 2.0	1.0 Coda 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
CGZmm 3b 4.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Texas 32 6	1.0	1.0	1.0
Minnesota 001 000 000	0.0	0.0	0.0
E-Zaun (1), Bwells (1), DP—			
Texas (1), Minnesota (1), LGB—			
Texas 9:26, Minnesota (4), Kel-			
ly (3), Greer (7), Latham (7), 3B—			
Thurmer (1), HR—Ripstein (3),			
Stevens (5), SB—Zaun (1), Callen (1),			
CS—Thurmer (1), S—McMurre (4),			
SB—Latham (1)			
IP H RER BBSO			
Texas			
W 3.1	5.2	3.1	1.3
Zimmerman	1.2	3.0	0.0
Munoz	2.3	2.2	0.0
Crabtree	2.3	2.2	0.0
Wheeler	5.1	3.1	0.0
Minnesota			
Milton 1.0	7.3	4.4	4.4
BWells	0.1	1.2	0.0
Guardado	2.3	1.0	0.0
Trombley	1.0	0.0	0.0
Sampson	1.0	0.0	0.0
Munoz pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.			
BWells pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.			
HBP—by Sale (1), T—8:05.			
A—11,221 (48,678)			

ATHLETICS & INDIANS 1		CLEVELAND	
Phillips 1b 3.2	1.0 Lofgren 1b 4.0	0.0	0.0
Raines 1b 4.1	1.0 Vazquez 1b 2.0	0.0	0.0
Jahs 1b 4.0	2.0 Mire 1b 4.0	0.0	0.0
Grieve 1b 4.0	2.0 Mire 1b 4.0	0.0	0.0
McDuff 1b 4.0	2.0 Mire 1b 4.0	0.0	0.0
Spezio 2b 4.0	2.0 Mire 1b 4.0	0.0	0.0
Chavez 3b 4.0	2.0 Mire 1b 4.0	0.0	0.0
Tejada 3b 4.1	1.0 Mire 1b 4.0	0.0	0.0
Hinch 3.0	0.0 Mire 1b 4.0	0.0	0.0
Totals 33 4	1.0	0.0	0.0
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Erstad 1b 4.1	2.0 Stewart 1b 4.0	0.0	0.0
PHRMO 4b 1.1	1.0 Coda 1b 5.1	3.0	3.0
Rodriguez 3.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Zaun 2.0	0.0 Coda 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Zeile 3b 4.0	0.0 Latham 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
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DEVIL RAYS 1, ORIOLES 0		BALTIMORE	
Amari 1b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Bordick 3b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Corino 1b 2.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Barnes 1b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Grubbs 2b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Belie 1b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Wobster 2b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Barnum 1b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Shurtliff 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Ortiz 3b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Rodriguez 3.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
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TIGERS 1, RED SOX 0		BOSTON	
Offman 2b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
JWVtn 3b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Grprr 3.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Stanley 2b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Buford 3.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Merton 1b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Gubch 3.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Sadler 1b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
Dwies 1b 4.0	0.0 Mire 1b 1.0	1.0	1.0
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Totals 27 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Rodriguez	2	1	2	2	3	
Plesac	1	1	3	0	0	0
Davey W, 1-0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Lloyd S, 2	1	0	0	0	0	0
T—3:00. A—28,212 (51,000)						

DEVIL RAYS 1, ORIOLES

Mavs fall back to earth in rout by San Antonio

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — After losing to lowly Dallas nine days earlier, the San Antonio Spurs wasted no time regaining their dominance over the Mavericks.

NBA Roundup

David Robinson scored 18 points and Tim Duncan added 14 points and 10 rebounds as the streaking Spurs routed the Mavericks 103-76 Thursday night.

The Spurs won their fifth straight overall and 10th in a row at home. They have won 24 of 28 games since March 1 to move within two games of first-place Utah in the Midwest Division.

"I'm very pleased with the team's attention to detail," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. "The mental toughness and focus tonight was impressive."

Reserve Malik Rose added 14 points for the Spurs, who averaged a 92-86 loss at Dallas on April 13. Michael Finley scored 20 points for the Mavs, who have lost 10 of their last 12 meetings with the Spurs.

"Malik continues to play with a heart as big as the Alamodome," Popovich said. "He is an unbelievable energy guy."

Popovich also praised point guard Avery Johnson, who had 10 points, eight assists and no turnovers.

"AJ was great tonight," he said.

The Mavericks scored the first two points of the game, but that was their only lead of the night.

The Spurs led 32-23 after one quarter and 52-41 at halftime. Dallas closed to 59-51 on Hubert Davis' 3-point midway through the third period, but the Spurs then went on a 19-2 run to blow it open and their starters sat out the final period.

Heat 75, Magic 70
ORLANDO, Fla. — Alonzo Mourning had 18 points and 17 rebounds, and the Miami Heat overcame a 23-point first half to beat the Orlando Magic 75-70 Thursday night in a battle for first place in the Eastern Conference.

The Heat (29-13) opened a one-game lead over the Magic (29-15) in the East, where the team with the best record gets homecourt advantage throughout the conference playoffs.

Miami shot a franchise-low 22.9 percent (8-for-35) in the first half and trailed 36-23 at the break. The 23 points were only three more than the NBA-record low for a half, set by New Orleans at Seattle in 1975.

But the Heat made their first seven shots of the third quarter and outscored the Magic 33-13 in the



The San Antonio Spurs' David Robinson (50) knocks the ball from the hands of Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki during first-quarter action Thursday in San Antonio.

period to take a 56-49 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Hawks 106, Celtics 94
ATLANTA — Steve Smith scored 26 points and the Atlanta Hawks held Boston without a field goal for nearly seven minutes in the third quarter.

The Hawks, fourth in the Eastern Conference, closed to within two games of Indiana for the Central Division lead as they try to secure homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Boston, playing without Ron Mercer (back spasms) and Antoine Walker (sprained ankle), led through most of the second period but the Hawks took control by starting the third with a 10-0 run.

76ers 104, Pistons 96
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Allen Iverson scored 28 points and Theo Ratliff added 19 points and 13 rebounds as the Philadelphia 76ers defeated the slumping Detroit Pistons.

The win moved Philadelphia into fifth place in the Eastern Conference playoff race, a half-game ahead of Milwaukee and one game ahead of Detroit. The Sixers have won three straight, while the Pistons lost their third in a row and sixth in seven games.

Joe Dumars led Detroit with 19 points and nine assists, but Philadelphia held Grant Hill to just 12 points, including four in the second half.

Bichette's homer sparks Rockies

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Dante Bichette's two-run homer highlighted a five-run first in which the Rockies had seven straight hits as

NL Roundup

Colorado defeated the San Francisco Giants 8-5 Thursday.

The Rockies, playing for the first time since 15 people died Tuesday in the shootings at Columbine High School in suburban Denver, had "CHS" patches on their right sleeves in memory of the victims.

Nefti Perez began the first-inning outburst with a double off Kirk Rueter (1-1) and Larry Walker followed with an RBI single. Bichette then hit his second homer of the season down the left-field line.

Brian Bohannon (3-0) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings for the Rockies. Dave Veres pitched a perfect ninth for his third save.

Mets 4, Reds 1
CINCINNATI — Todd Pratt, fill-

ing in at catcher while Mike Piazza is on the disabled list, homered for the second straight game.

Pratt has driven in nine runs in the 11 games since Piazza hurt a knee and has three homers — one more than his 1998 total. He is batting .318 (14-for-44) this season after hitting .275 with 18 RBIs last year.

Al Leiter (1-2) struck out eight in 6 1-3 innings, allowing one run, five hits and two walks. John Franco, New York's fourth pitcher, threw a 1-2-3 ninth for his sixth save in six chances.

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'HOUNDS: Espada's hit is difference

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inning to make it 2-1. In the next inning, Tim Garland, who was 4-for-5 with a pair of doubles, smacked a two-run double to left to stretch the 'Hounds lead to 4-1.

El Paso got to Midland reliever Tim Manwiller for four runs in the top of the seventh to take a 7-5 lead. The RockHounds tied the game 7-7 in the bottom of the eighth when El Paso reliever Byung-Hyun Kim committed a balk, allowing Encarnacion to score from third base.

The two teams combined for a staggering 30 hits in the game. The Diablos had 14 hits, and everyone in their lineup had at least one hit, led by Gann, who had three hits and scored three runs.

Roberto Vaz was the first RockHound to be called up to the Oakland Athletics Triple A affiliate in Vancouver. Vaz, who was hitting .406 with 12 RBIs, was replaced on the roster by Marcinczyk, who hit a solo homer in the sixth and had three hits.

Encarnacion had two hits and scored three runs.

Midland RockHounds 9, El Paso Diablos 8, 10 innings									
El Paso	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Renez	5	0	2	1	Garland	5	1	4	2
Johnson	3	0	2	1	DaVanon	4	0	1	0
Patterson	1	0	2	1	Garrison	1	0	1	0
Samuel	6	1	2	2	Platt	3	0	5	2
Clark	3	0	1	1	Marinczyk	5	1	3	1
Sandoval	1	0	1	1	Encarnacion	4	3	2	0
Sell	5	0	1	0	McKay	3	0	0	0
Gann	3	3	3	0	Steele	1	0	0	0
Matos	4	2	2	0	Cesar	2	1	0	0
					Castro	1	0	0	0
					Bowles	1	0	0	0
					Espeada	1	0	1	1
Totals	42	8	16	7	Totals	39	9	14	7
El Paso					Midland				
						100	620	400	1-8
						220	001	110	2-9

One out when winning run scored.
E — Knott, Sell, Matos, Anderson. DP — Midland 3, LOB — El Paso 11, Midland 8, 2B — Johnson, Patterson, Barajas, Garland, 2, Garrison. HR — Platt (16), Marinczyk (2), 3B — Garland, CS — DaVanon, Encarnacion. S — Matos, Steele.

BP — Gann 2 (by Anderson, D'Amico), Cesar (by Sabel), A — 1, 994, T — 3, 59.

Texas League				
Eastern Division				
Arkansas (Cedar) 1	W	L	Pct.	GB
Shreveport (Dart)	5	4	.562	—
Tulsa (Pawnee)	5	6	.455	1 1/2
Jackson (Astros)	4	10	.286	5 1/2
Western Division				
Midland (Astros)	6	6	.500	—
Wichita (Pirates)	5	6	.455	1
El Paso (Diamondbacks)	7	7	.500	1
San Antonio (Dodgers)	5	9	.357	3
Thursday's Games				
Arkansas at Jackson	7:00			
Shreveport at Tulsa	7:00			
Midland at San Antonio	7:00			
Wichita at El Paso	7:00			

Angels lose to Blue Jays despite return of Vaughn

Associated Press

AL Roundup

TORONTO — Pat Kelly homered twice as the Toronto Blue Jays overcame a five-run deficit to beat Anaheim 8-7 Thursday night for their eighth consecutive win and the Angels' fifth straight loss.

Mo Vaughn, Darrin Erstad and Garret Anderson hit two-run homers as Anaheim built a 7-2 lead in the fifth.

Vaughn, who sprained his left ankle in the season opener, was activated before the game and sent his first pitch from Pat Hentgen, an estimated 451 feet off the roof of the SkyDome restaurant in the first.

Kelly's homer off Alan Levine tied it at 7 in the sixth. Toronto scored the go-ahead run in the eighth when Troy Percival walked. Tony Fernandez with the bases loaded.

Kelly singled off Mark Petkovsek (0-1) leading off the eighth. Shannon Stewart sacrificed and Jose Cruz Jr. walked.

Scott Schoeneweis relieved and struck out Shawn Green, then walked Carlos Delgado, and Percival walked Fernandez, forcing in a run.

Tom Davey (1-0) got two outs for the win, and Graeme Lloyd pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

Toronto leads the AL East at 12-4 heading into a weekend series in New York. The Blue Jays' winning streak is their longest since an 11-gamer last Aug. 27-Sept. 7.

Vaughn, signed by Anaheim for \$80 million over six years after Boston decided not to re-sign him, was 1-for-4. Erstad homered in the second and Anderson connected in the fifth, two innings after his RBI double.

Shawn Green hit an RBI single in the first. Kelly hit a solo homer in the fourth, and Green and Darrin Fletcher hit two-run homers in the fifth as Toronto closed to 7-6. Green became just the second player to reach the fifth deck in right, hitting a 449-foot drive.

Angels starter Tim Belcher gave up six runs and 10 hits — three of them homers — in 4 2-3 innings, raising his ERA to 8.53.

Tigers 1, Red Sox 0
DETROIT — Justin Thompson and Todd Jones combined on a two-hitter, and Brad Ausmus hit an eighth-inning home run to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Boston Red Sox 1-0 Thursday for their fifth win in six games.

Thompson (2-2) allowed one hit in eight-plus innings, and Jones finished for his second save of the sea-

son, 100th of his career.
Boston, which has lost four of five, scored just three runs in the three-game series. Mark Portugal (2-1) pitched a three-hitter for his first complete game of the season. He retired 19 straight before the homer.

Devil Rays 1, Orioles 0
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tony Saunders came within four outs of a no-hitter, and Tampa Bay sent Baltimore (3-12) to its sixth straight loss. The Orioles are off to their worst start since going 0-21 in 1988.

Saunders (2-2), who walked seven, didn't allow a hit until Mike Bordick's soft liner to center with two outs in the eighth. Jim Mecir relieved and struck out pinch-hitter Harold Baines, and Roberto Hernandez pitched a perfect ninth for his sixth save in six chances, completing the one-hitter.

Athletics 4, Indians 1
CLEVELAND — Tom Candiotti (2-2) allowed one unearned run and three hits in seven innings, sending Cleveland to just its second loss in its last 14 games. T.J. Mathews and Billy Taylor each pitched one scoreless inning, with Taylor getting his third save.

Scott Spiezio hit a two-run double in the first off Charles Nagy (2-1), who allowed all four runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

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Parnevik shoots 65, takes 1-shot lead at Greensboro Classic

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Only Jesper Parnevik's unusual style of dress remained the same heading into this week's Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic.

So far, the changes are paying off. Parnevik, sporting his trademark baseball cap with the upturned bill, a black shirt and bright red pants, fired a 7-under-par 65 on Thursday to take a one-shot lead after the first round of the tournament at the Forest Oaks Country Club.

Parnevik recorded six birdies and an eagle with a new putter, a new set of irons and a new caddy, part-time touring pro Lance Ten Brock, one of his close friends. He fired his longtime caddy, Lorne Duncan, after he was disqualified in last week's MCI Classic.

Parnevik said rumors that he and Duncan had a bitter disagreement in the aftermath of the disqualification are untrue.

"This was a long run for us. Sometimes, even though you're very good friends with someone, it's better to just part," Parnevik said. "You're always looking for a change."

Parnevik missed a short birdie putt on the first hole but rolled in a 30-foot eagle putt on the par-5 second. He sank another long birdie putt at the seventh hole and shorter ones at Nos. 8-9 to make the turn one shot off the lead.

"Five-under on the front nine was not really something I expected," Parnevik said. "With the wind kicking up and the rough as high as it was and the greens as firm as they are, I thought all the

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scores would be high in the afternoon. But it seems like everybody played well."

Parnevik missed a short par putt at No. 11 but regrouped with birdies at 14 and 15. He capped his round with a 13-foot birdie putt from the back fringe on the 18th hole with a blade putter he's been using for less than two weeks.

"It's hard to accept when you miss a putt, so you're looking for a magic wand that might turn your career around and work every time," Parnevik said.

Dudley Hart and Steve Lowery were one shot back after first-round 66s.

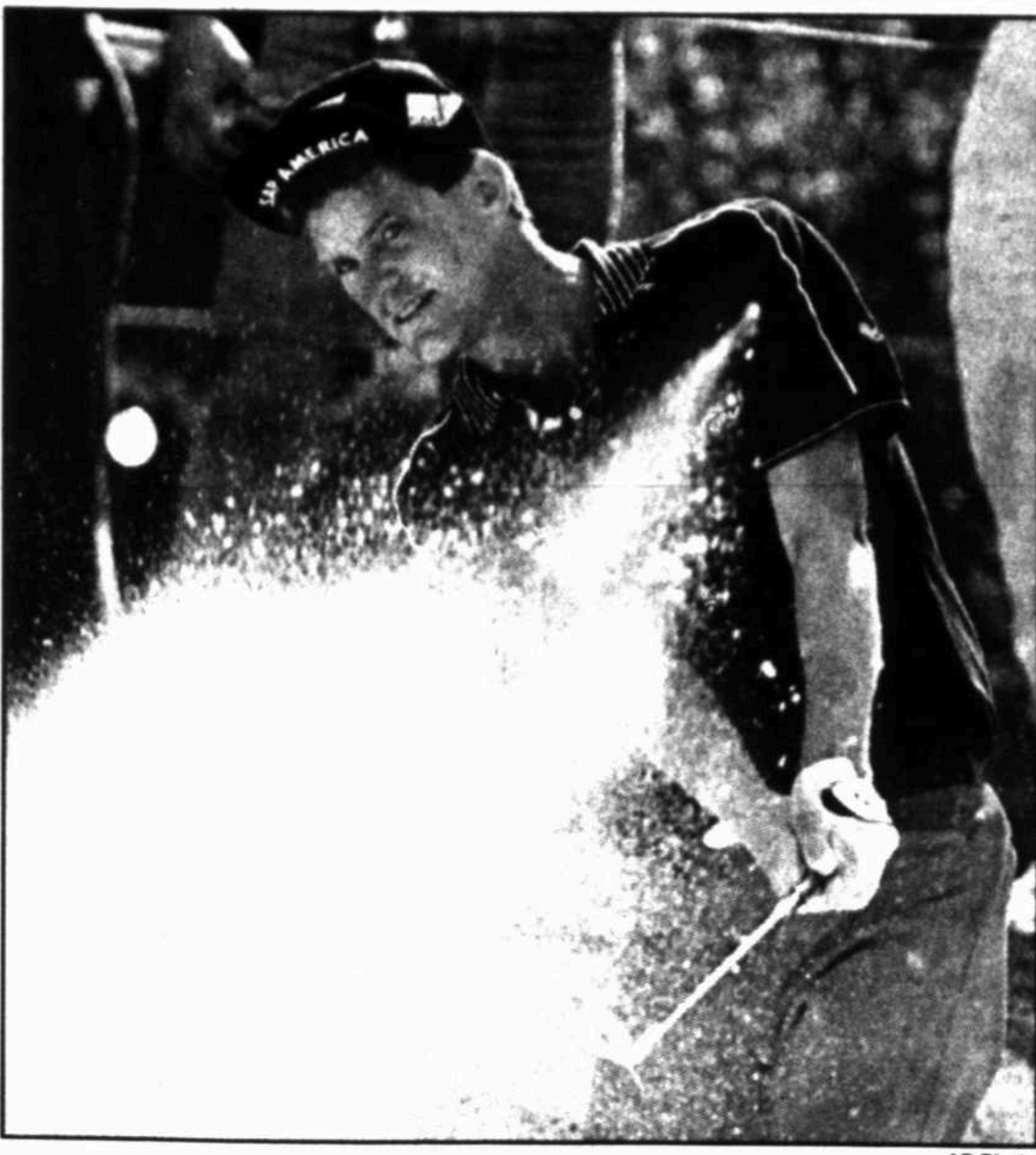
Hart teed off in the morning and said the key to his round was staying clear of Forest Oaks' notoriously snarly rough. He drove into the rough on Nos. 2 and 5 but avoided it the rest of the day, notching five birdies over the final 13 holes.

"Any time you get off to a good start the first day, it can set you up for a good week," Hart said. "But obviously, it doesn't guarantee you anything."

Robin Freeman and Jim Furyk were two off the lead with 67s. Freeman tallied seven birdies after a double bogey on the first hole.

Sunny skies and warm temperatures turned Forest Oaks hard and fast, a stark change from previous years when heavy rain softened the fairways and greens.

"I've never seen this golf course play short like this," said Fred Funk, who was one of five players at 68. "It's usually pretty wet but



AP Photo
Jesper Parnevik hits from a sand trap near the 15th green during Thursday's first round of the Greater Greensboro Classic at Forest Oaks Country Club near Greensboro, N.C. Parnevik has a one-stroke lead after shooting a 7-under-par 65.

this year, it's really dry and the balls are running."

Garcia gets off to great start in pro debut

BARCELONA, Spain — Sergio Garcia made a sparkling start in his pro debut Thursday, birdieing three of the first four holes to briefly lead the Spanish Peugeot Open.

At the end of a hectic day, the 19-year-old Spaniard, top amateur at the Masters earlier this month, had a 5-under-par 67 to sit two strokes behind the five leaders.

"It's been a very good day," Garcia said. "I played some great golf, and if I had been a little bit

more lucky on the greens it could have been much lower."

Fellow Spaniards Ignacio Garrido and Juan Carlos Aguero, Sweden's Max Anglert, and England's Jamie Spence and Anthony Wall all had 65s.

Alberto Binaghi of Italy, Jarmo Sandelin of Sweden and Paul Lawrie of Scotland were tied for sixth place with 66s on the 6,639-yard El Prat course.

Last year's winner, Denmark's Thomas Bjorn, did not play because of a neck injury.

Jose Maria Olazabal, in his first tournament since winning the Masters, shot a 72.

LOCAL SPORTS

Dickson wins PBLA Playday

Jo Dickson won the Permian Basin Ladies Association Playday held Thursday at Hogan Park.

Dickson, a multiple winner of the Women's City title, shot a 76 to win the playday by six strokes over Mary Robinson. Both players are members at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

Eileen Boen, of Sunset Country Club, won the low net with a 70.

Results from the Permian Basin Ladies Association Playday held Thursday at Hogan Park:

First Flight: 1st Gross - Jo Dickson, RHCC, 76; 2nd Gross - Mary Robinson, RHCC, 82; 1st Net - Eileen Boen, Sunset, 66; 2nd Net - Lane Reynolds, Big Spring CC, 70; Low Putts: Sandra Hill, Mission, 29.

Second Flight: 1st Gross - Norma Pyle, RHCC, 88; 2nd Gross - Dee Jenkins, Comanche Trail, 92; 1st Net - Liz Lara, Sunset, 66; 2nd Net - Pierrette Demers, Hogan Park, 71; Low Putts: Pebble Corbell, RHCC, 29.

Third Flight: 1st Gross - May Fisher, Sunset, 96; 2nd Gross - Judy Graham, Hogan, 98; 1st Net - Ginny Plette, Hogan, 68; 2nd Net - Maurice Phillips, RHCC, 70; Low Putts: Linda Crume, Mission, 30.

Fourth Grade

Team Standings: 1. Abell 213; 2. San Jacinto 132; 3. Goddard 97; 4. Alamo 87.

100: 1. Jamie Scheele, Abell, 13.13; 2. Taneisha Ross, SJ, 13.17; 3. Dani Adams, Alamo, 13.27; 4. Sarah Brasher, Alamo, 14.05.

200: 1. Shana Washington, Abell, 29.53; 2. Treva Goach, Abell, 29.69; 3. Tricia Cunningham, SJ, 29.82; 4. Christie Rasmussen, Abell, 30.43.

400: 1. Shara Crisp, Goddard, 1.05.21; 2. Megan Rhoads, Abell, 1.09.21; 3. Lysa Garcia, Abell, 1.09.46; 4. Laura Copeland, SJ, 1.10.40.

800: 1. Allison Tiedale, Abell, 2.46.03; 2. Beth Craig, Goddard, 2.46.39; 3. Summer Ragadale, Abell, 2.46.60; 4. Tova Orm, SJ, 2.47.19.

1600: 1. Beth Craig, Goddard, 6.29.03; 2. Jessica Gray, Abell, 6.43.86; 3. Sarah Taylor, Abell, 6.45.63; 4. Jessica Cochran, Abell, 6.53.83.

100 Hurdles: 1. Jashe Fuller, Abell, 18.61; 2. Jenna Rountree, Alamo, 19.00; 3. Ceelle Babcock, SJ, 19.03; 4. Celeste Nunez, SJ, 19.34.

300 Hurdles: 1. Jashe Fuller, Abell, 56.11; 2. Angela Hoelscher, Abell, 56.76; 3. Celeste Nunez, SJ, 57.40; 4. Amber Rosales, Alamo, 57.42.

400 Relay: 1. San Jacinto 54.81; 2. Abell 55.30; 3. Goddard 55.57; 4. Alamo 56.43.

800 Relay: 1. Abell 1:59.69; 2. Goddard 1:59.77; 3. San Jacinto 2:01.73; 4. Alamo 2:06.61.

High Jump: 1. Lydia Morgan, Abell, 4-6; 2. Jenna Rountree, Alamo, 4-4; 3. Traci Mayfield, SJ, 4-4; 4. Kari Evans, SJ, 4-4.

Long Jump: 1. Traci Mayfield, SJ, 14-1 1/2; 2. Jamie Scheele, Abell, 13-11 1/2; 3. Shara Crisp, Goddard, 13-9; 4. Tessa Turland, SJ, 13-2 1/2.

Triple Jump: 1. Traci Mayfield, SJ, 31-6; 2. Jamie Scheele, Abell, 29-8 1/2; 3. Kendal Pavlis, Goddard, 27-8 1/2; 4. Sara Vest, SJ, 27-8.

Shot Put: 1. Ashley Thurmon, Goddard, 27-1 3/4; 2. Holl Hiltman, Abell, 26-9 3/4; 3. Samantha Harris, Goddard, 26-3 3/4; 4. Felicia Norris, Abell, 26-00 1/2.

1600 Relay: 1. San Jacinto 4:54.82; 2. Abell 4:56.79; 3. Alamo 4:58.85; 4. Goddard 5:06.64.

Fifth Grade

Team Standings: 1. Abell 137; 2. San Jacinto 136; 3. Alamo 126; 4. Goddard 110.

100: 1. Ashley Haven, Goddard, 13.00; 2. Deyna Griffin, Alamo, 13.52; 3. Kati Brodington, Abell, 13.57; 4. Danielle Randolph, Goddard, 13.64.

200: 1. Crystal Givens, San Jacinto, 28.42; 2. Ashley Haven, Goddard, 28.42; 3. Danielle Roberts, Abell, 28.60; 4. Kati Brodington, Abell, 29.14.

400: 1. Barbara Butts, Alamo, 1.05.28; 2. Ashley Decker, Abell, 1.05.36; 3. Lauren Lee, SJ, 1.05.57; 4. Amy Schertz, SJ, 1.05.94.

800: 1. Tere Strambler, SJ, 2.44.29; 2. Kaleigh Wentworth, SJ, 2.44.67; 3. Stephanie Byrd, 2:51.63; 4. Sandy Nelson, Goddard, 3:53.76.

1600: 1. Kaleigh Wentworth, SJ, 6:18.81; 2. Melissa Tinsler, Goddard, 6:24.83; 3. Lindsey Farris, Abell, 6:27.36; 4. Sandy Nelson, Goddard, 6:30.51.

100 Hurdles: 1. Amber Zant, SJ, 18.66; 2. Shelly Webb, Alamo, 20.09; 3. Mandy Veach, Abell, 20.12; 4. Trina Young, SJ, 20.71.

300 Hurdles: 1. Traci Mayfield, SJ, 55.56; 2. Mandy Veach, Abell, 57.61; 3. Shelly Webb, Alamo, 57.85; 4. Trina Young, SJ, 58.41.

400 Relay: 1. Abell 52.72; 2. San Jacinto 53.17; 3. Goddard 53.74; 4. Alamo 54.29.

800 Relay: 1. Abell 1:54.47; 2. Alamo 1:57.48; 3. San Jacinto 1:58.37; 4. Goddard 2:01.93.

High Jump: 1. Candy Morris, Alamo, 4-8; 2. Kati Denny, Goddard, 4-6; 3. Ashley Decker, Abell, 4-6; 4. Holly Sheppard, Alamo, 4-6.

Long Jump: 1. Lauren Lucas, Goddard, 14-10; 1. Ashley Decker, Abell, 14-10; 3. Deyna Griffin, Alamo, 14-9 1/2; 4. Ashley Haven, Goddard, 14-0 1/4.

Triple Jump: 1. Lauren Lucas, Goddard, 32-11 1/2; 2. Stacey Stewart, Alamo, 30-1 1/2; 3. Shelly Webb, Alamo, 29-6; 4. Stephanie Byrd, Abell, 29-4 1/2.

Shot Put: 1. Liz Dill, Alamo, 27-1 1/4; 2. Natasha Rountree, Abell, 25-1; 3. Shaquitta Taylor, SJ, 24-11 3/4; 4. Cara Hill, Alamo, 24-9 1/4.

1600 Relay: 1. San Jacinto 4:35.25; 2. Abell 4:42.64; 3. Alamo 4:51.87; 4. Goddard 5:47.71.

Sixth Grade

Team Standings: 1. Abell 137; 2. San Jacinto 136; 3. Alamo 126; 4. Goddard 110.

100: 1. Ashley Haven, Goddard, 13.00; 2. Deyna Griffin, Alamo, 13.52; 3. Kati Brodington, Abell, 13.57; 4. Danielle Randolph, Goddard, 13.64.

200: 1. Crystal Givens, San Jacinto, 28.42; 2. Ashley Haven, Goddard, 28.42; 3. Danielle Roberts, Abell, 28.60; 4. Kati Brodington, Abell, 29.14.

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PIPPEN: Barkley defends star as 'role model'

(From 1C)

"Scottie Pippen is a role model. If all the kids grew up to be like Scottie, the world would be a better place."

Barkley planned to offer serious support to his teammate but also said Pippen wouldn't get off lightly with the team.

"I'm going to get on the plane and take the PA and say, 'Attention Mr. Pippen, last call for alcohol,'" Barkley joked.

The officer who stopped Pippen around 1:30 a.m. said the Rockets star ran a red light. A member of the department's DWI task force was called after suspecting Pippen was intoxicated,

said police spokesman Fred King.

Pippen, 33, did poorly on the field sobriety test and was taken into custody, where he was videotaped and given the opportunity to take a Breathalyzer test, King said.

After he refused the Breathalyzer, Pippen was booked on suspicion of DWI and released on \$500 bond just before 7 a.m. His arraignment is set for next Thursday before Harris County Court-at-Law Judge Sherman Ross.

Pippen has not formally hired a lawyer, but Houston lawyer Rusty Hardin said he is set to meet with Pippen next week after both men return from road trips. The Rockets go on to play at Phoenix on Sunday.

"He adamantly denies he was intoxicated," said Hardin, who spoke with Pippen after the arrest.

Pippen has struggled to fit into the Rockets' alignment after earning seven NBA All-Star appearances and helping the Chicago Bulls win six NBA championships. He broke out with a season-high 31 points on April 15 against Portland and had 22 points and 11 rebounds in a victory over Seattle on Monday night.

In January, Pippen was traded from the Bulls, with whom he had spent his 11-year pro career, and signed a five-year, \$67.2 million contract with the Rockets.

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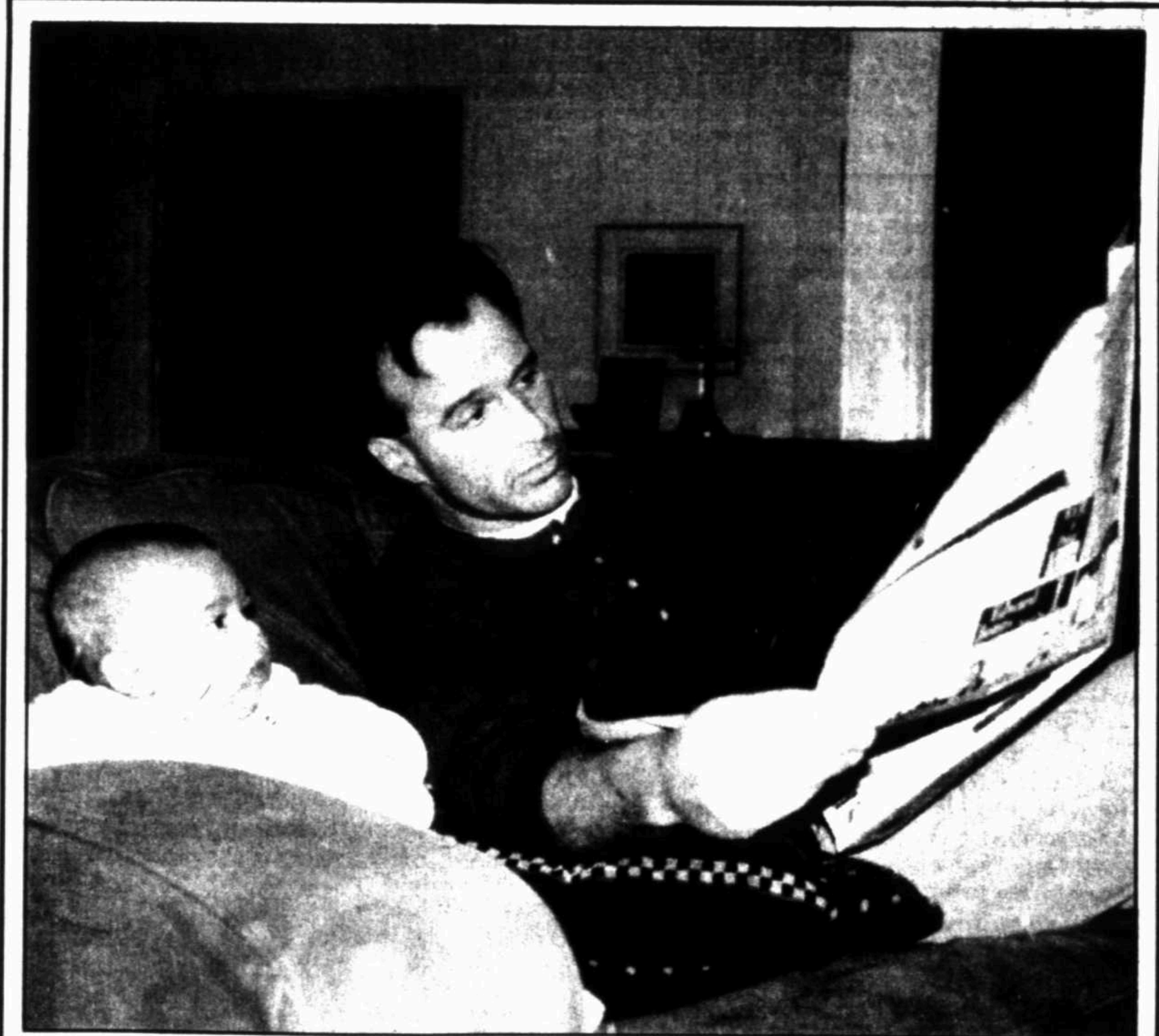
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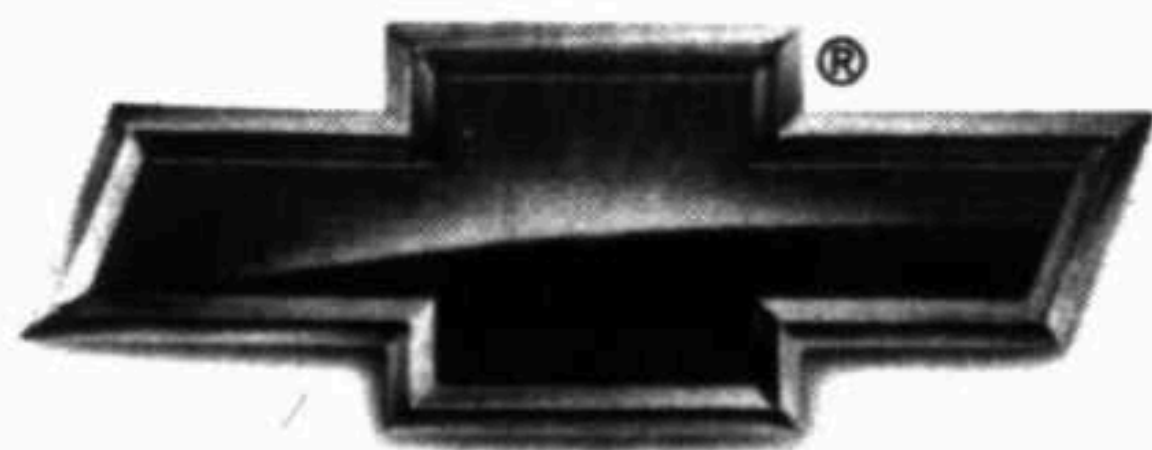
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Crude surges

NEW YORK (AP) — Crude oil futures surged above \$18 a barrel Thursday, continuing a remarkable recovery from 12-year lows amid concerns that output cuts and production problems will sharply reduce supplies going into the peak driving season.

Crude oil prices finished at their highest level in 16 months on the New York Mercantile Exchange, showing no signs of slowing down despite a lack of proof that world oil producers are adhering to promises to slash 2.1 million barrels, or 2.7 percent of daily world production, from the market.

Venezuela added to the worries, announcing it would reduce production through April because of an explosion at a key pipeline site.

On top of those concerns, investors digested market talk that Exxon Corp. was actively buying spot gasoline because of a reformer snag at its 140,000 barrel-a-day Baytown, Texas, refinery.

Light, sweet crude for June delivery rose 26 cents to \$18.18 a barrel; May heating oil rose .59 cent to 44.12 cents a gallon; May unleaded gasoline rose 1.02 cents to 53.45 cents a gallon; May natural gas rose 5.4 cents to \$2.225 for each 1,000 cubic feet.

Dow hits new high

NEW YORK (AP) — A strong profit report from IBM gave investors the signal to buy technology stocks again on Thursday, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average to yet another new high.

The Dow climbed 145.76, or by 1.4 percent, to 10,727.18, moving well past Wednesday's new closing high of 10,581.42 and posting its 10th record close in 14 sessions. The Dow is now up nearly 17 percent for the year.

Broader stock indicators also moved higher as Monday's fierce selloff in technology shares became a distant memory. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 22.70 at 1,358.82, just eclipsing the previous closing high of 1,358.63, which was set April 12.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 72.53 to 2,561.61.

IBM led the Dow higher, advancing 22 5/8 to 194 1/2 and pushing other technology stocks higher. After the market closed Wednesday, IBM reported first-quarter earnings of \$1.55 a share, decisively beating year-ago results of \$1.06 and analysts' estimates of \$1.41.

IBM's results reassured investors who have been nervously shuttling between technology issues and more conservative blue-chip issues.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar edged lower against the yen and the euro Thursday, unable to hold onto gains made during a roller-coaster day of trading. The euro hit its lowest level yet and the dollar rose above 120 yen before reversing course.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at \$1.0614, up from \$1.0611 late Wednesday. During the day, the euro fell to \$1.0561, its lowest level since it began trading in January on behalf of 11 European nations. The dollar was worth 119.52 Japanese yen, down from 119.73 yen.

The dollar initially rose in Asia as high as 120.40 yen as traders anticipated the actions of finance officials from the Group of Seven industrialized nations meeting Monday in Washington. Traders expected Japan to seek a public commitment for keeping the dollar above 120 yen.

Program gives former convicts job-hunting skills, a second chance

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Finding a job in Midland in the current economy is a tough enough task. But members of Project RIO (Reintegration of Offenders) at the Texas Workforce Commission have to work even harder.

"We have to double our efforts to contact potential employers," said Gerry Edney, Project RIO manager in Midland. "With the economy like it is — and I've been through this before — you have to work harder and the people looking for jobs have to work harder, and they already have one strike against them."

Tony Brent, a native Midlander participating in a weeklong Project RIO workshop, agreed that finding a job requires more work.

"I had a lot of great jobs in the past, but with a record now, it's hard to get certain jobs. I have to work harder at getting any job. But working at Burger King or McDonald's for minimum wage won't pay my bills. I have to work harder in the interview process; I have to explain my record."

Brent, who served four years in prison for forgery, said that explaining his record is the easiest part of the process. Participating in Project RIO helps because Edney lets potential employers know ahead of time that

he is on parole.

He said that the program has "enhanced my knowledge of applying for jobs" by teaching how to dress properly and prepare for interviews, write resumes, cover letters and thank you letters and what credentials should be taken along to a job interview.

"Mostly, I'd say it's gaining confidence in myself instead of putting myself down because I'm an ex-con," he said.

He calls himself "an average man. I made mistakes in my life that I've paid for. Instead of wallowing in those mistakes, I've decided to make changes in my life."

By committing a crime, he said that he's aware he gave away his trust but he'd like employers to give him a chance to earn that trust back.

He understands that potential employers may have a negative reaction when they learn an applicant has a record.

"I put the shoe on the other foot and ask myself 'What would I do if I were in his position?' Most of us recognize our mistakes and want to get back into the work force. We've paid our debt and want to get back on the right foot. But it's hard to get back on the right foot if doors are always slammed in your face."

Interested in a retail career, with the ultimate goal of owning his own clothing store, Brent said he has reg-

istered with several employment agencies and received only a couple of calls, which he blames mostly on the slow economy. He earned other work experience while serving time, something he called turning a negative into a positive.

Helping clients like Brent find meaningful long-term jobs is the goal of Project RIO, said Edney, who is nearing his fifth anniversary working with the program.

Participants can receive support services for housing, clothing, food, assistance with education or finding a more meaningful job, he said.

They are required to visit or call him once a week and he really pushes them to network their friends and family to utilize every possible lead in finding a job.

He said he treats them like paying clients and urges them to have reasonable expectations.

"And I tell them that just because they've been in jail they have not lost all their rights or their responsibilities. It's their responsibility to find a job and to stay out of trouble. It's their right to use these services, to be treated fairly and to be treated with respect."

In the last program year, 92 percent of those in the program found work, he said.

Whether those jobs can be attributed to the efforts of the program, his efforts or the client's own efforts, he said, "overall the program works."

CEED director: Oil prices could rebound

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Basic economic laws of supply and demand helped cause oil prices to crash in late 1997 and into early 1999. But those same laws could benefit oil producers in the future.

The recent price crash, said Vince Matthews, director of the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, was caused by increased production in the Middle East and falling demand. The falling demand in turn was caused by an economic recession in the Far East that spread to Russia and parts of Latin America.

Those same factors caused the price collapse of 1986, he said.

Matthews addressed a Midland Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday to discuss current price and supply levels and what the future could hold.

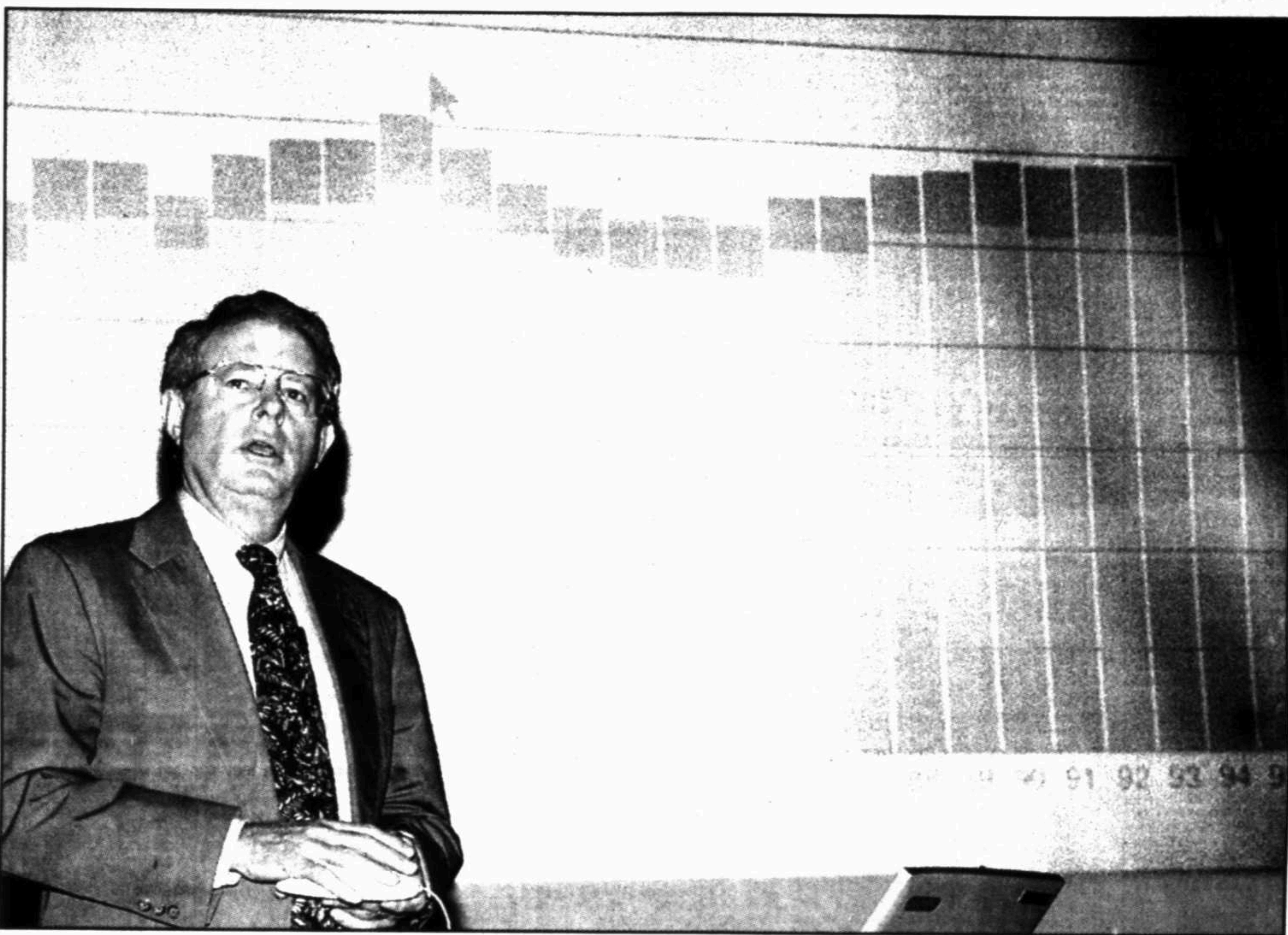
First, he compared the two price crashes, telling those in attendance that the recent crash was worse than the one in 1986.

"Prices fell lower and were lower longer," he said. "In 1986, the average price, adjusted for inflation, was \$15. Last year, it was \$8 a barrel. In 1986, it was still around \$17 in January-February; in January-February of this year, it was still below \$10."

The recent price rebound, with futures prices closing above \$18 Thursday, is attributed to psychological factors from efforts by OPEC and non-OPEC countries to remove 2 million barrels of excess production from the markets, he said.

"Prices rebounded before one drop of crude was off the market, and I've heard lots of people say 'If OPEC can get its act together,' prices will rise," said Matthews, a geology professor at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

He told producers that "there is some



Vince Matthews, a geology professor at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, discusses the "Oil Glut: When Will It End?" Thursday during a luncheon at Midland Center. The slide in the background shows production between 1972 and 1997 and indicates that production didn't change much during that time.

hope ... in the future" because studies, which he thinks are credible, are forecasting worldwide energy production peaking as early as 2001.

United States production, he pointed out, has been declining for 29 years. Today the country produces 1.5 billion fewer barrels than in 1970.

"Once the world starts down that path, it will be good for prices. It will certainly be good for this area. There's probably a brighter day out there."

Disgruntled Compaq shareholders grill managers

HOUSTON (AP) — Cranky shareholders grilled Compaq Computer Corp.'s new interim leadership Thursday, seeking explanations for why the value of their investments has tumbled more than 50 percent so far this year.

"I've lost half of my investment in the last 2 1/2 months," said one of the nearly two dozen shareholders who addressed executives at Compaq's annual meeting. "I'm not a happy camper."

"Me, too," replied Benjamin Rosen, Compaq board chairman who temporarily has replaced Eckhard Pfeiffer as chief executive officer.

Rosen, while providing few specifics, promised a new energy in Compaq's management that will take advantage of what he believes is unfulfilled potential at the world's largest personal computer maker.

Pfeiffer, president and CEO since 1991, was ousted Sunday, forced to resign a week after blaming stiff price competition among PC mak-

ers and slow sales of business computers for Compaq's weak first quarter.

Compaq reported Wednesday a \$281 million first-quarter profit, well above year-ago figures but 50 percent below what Wall Street had been expecting.

"The loss of credibility on Wall Street is a terrible thing for the company," said Rosen, who heads the three-man Office of Chief Executive that is running Compaq's day-to-day operations until a new CEO is selected. "I can tell you, I'm personally extremely sensitive to that."

Many of the more than 300 shareholders who crammed into an auditorium at Compaq's campus in suburban Houston were peeved, noting stock which topped \$50 per share in January was now in the low \$20-range.

"This is ridiculous," Joan Ballard told Rosen. The tone of stockholders was established quickly. Reporters attending the meeting were directed to sign in at a table marked "Press."

One shareholder in an adjacent line remarked: "They're the press. We're the depressed."

Other shareholders groused to Rosen about poor communication between them and the company, inability to speak with a "real person" to answer their inquiries, and what they perceived as insider selling of stock, saying some company executives moved large amounts of stock in January when Compaq shares were peaking.

Rosen denied any wrongdoing.

"Executive officers and the board are allowed to sell only during certain windows of time," he said. "All sold properly."

One shareholder challenged Compaq executives seated in the audience to stand if they were "insider buyers." No one stood.

"We really hear what you're saying," Rosen told the shareholders. "We're going to try to fix it, address the problems you've raised, increase the long-term value of this company."

'I've lost half of my investment in the last 2 1/2 months. I'm not a happy camper.'

— Compaq shareholder addressing management at the company's annual meeting Thursday

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Specialists play powerful role with potential for profits

By Eric Tyson

Q: From time to time, I will see a stock exchange specialist interviewed on the floor of the exchange. What exactly do these folks do? Given their vantage, don't they have a better ability to see what's going on and profit from it?

A: Although not officially recognized until the Exchange Act passed after the Great Depression, the specialist system of trading actually began on the New York Stock Exchange around 1865. A specialist firm is a member of the exchange, owns a seat and is the focal point for trading in a listed stock. Getting into this specialist's club requires a lot of money, in order to make a market in the securities the specialist is responsible for, and selection by the Board of Governors of the Exchange.

In most stocks, all trading centers around one specialist (several dozen stocks have two specialists). Specialists are responsible for maintaining a continuous and stable market in the stocks that they handle. Specialists perform numerous functions, which earn them megabucks. First, they execute the trades that brokers place with them by matching up buy and sell orders —

in other words, they, too, earn a commission or cut of every deal.

Second, specialists themselves can trade and hold stock positions in their own accounts. It is in this capacity that a few people and studies have raised questions about specialists' potential for conflicts of interest in their work. Specialists can only trade for their own accounts when all the orders from other investors have first been fulfilled. Thus, specialists can only step in and buy for or sell from their own accounts when an excess of sell or buy orders exists.

Although specialist firms are not required to disclose the profits from their own investment accounts, several studies of periods of high market volatility demonstrate that specialists profit handsomely. For example, when President Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963, the stock market plunged. The next day, the market opened sharply higher. A House subcommittee investigation found that specialists didn't step in to buy shares during the heavy selling on Nov. 22 until after they allowed prices to plummet, rather than attempting to support prices.

Prior to the 45 percent stock market drop in 1973 and 1974, specialists made near-record use of a trading technique known as short selling, which enables an investor to profit by first selling the stock and later rebuying it when stock prices go down.

Q: I am in my late 40s and want to buy a home for \$300,000 and have the cash to pay for it upfront. I am trying to decide whether or not to go with an all-cash purchase or pay \$100,000 down, invest the \$200,000 difference and take out a 15-year mortgage at 7 percent. What do you think?

A: As I have written about in the past, it makes sense financially to borrow mortgage money even if you don't "need" it if you think that you can earn a higher return investing the money than the interest rate you're paying to borrow it.

In your case, if you can earn more than 7 percent investing the money, then you should come out ahead borrowing on the mortgage and then investing. Of course, you will need to take a fair amount of risk to earn more than 7 percent. To get that high a return, an investor today needs to go with such investments as lower quality (junk) bonds and/or stocks.

For investors who are not risk takers and who don't want the hassles and stress of investing, paying all cash for a home can be the right move.

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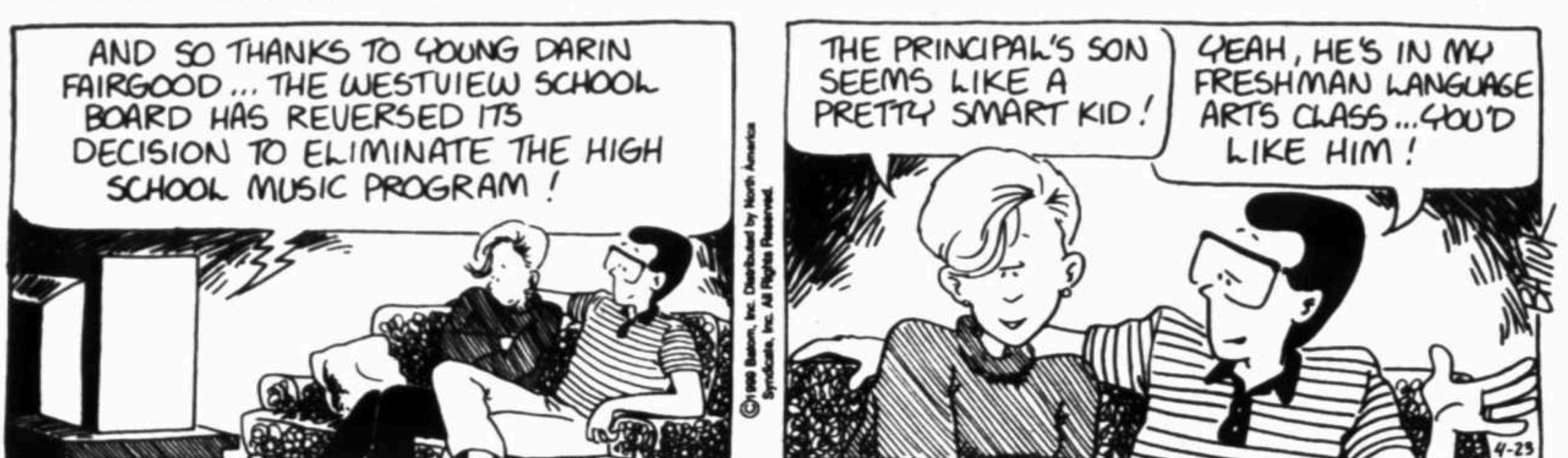
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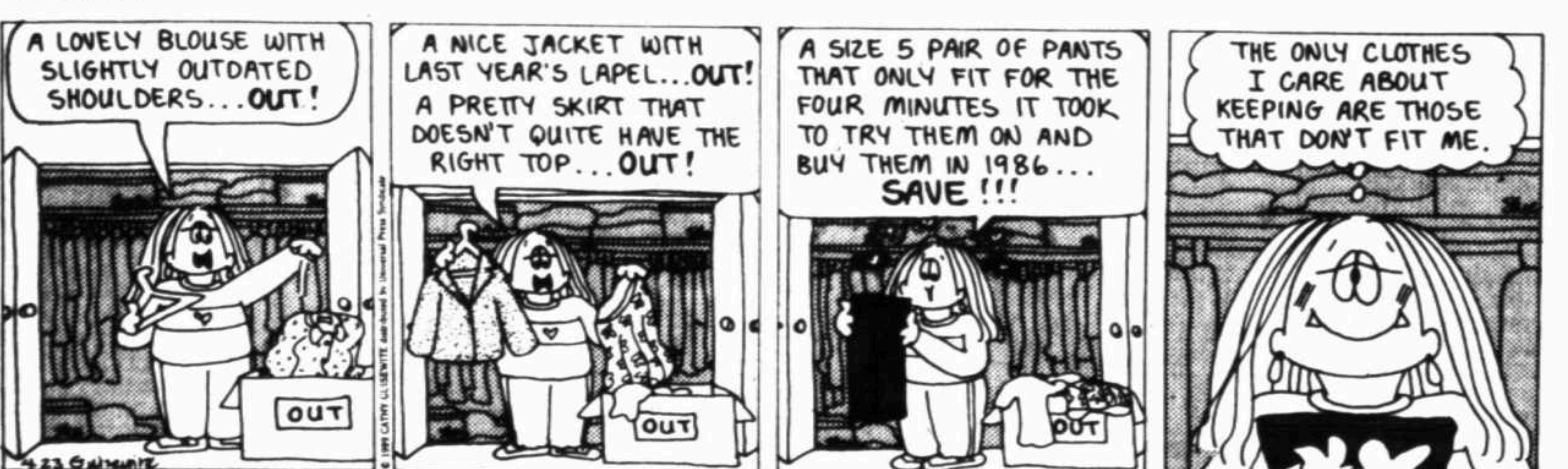
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Keep your personal and home lives your highest priorities. Don't kid yourself about partners and work. Be realistic about what you want and what will work for you professionally. You might consider taking a seminar or going back to school to become more specialized in your field. You have high ideals — start living them. If you are single, there could be a tendency to become involved with a married or emotionally unavailable person. Check out a potential partner carefully. Early summer proves to be steamy. If attached, your relationship will blossom as you open up and express vulnerabilities to your mate. LEO is an anchor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Despite the best intentions, everything gets flubbed up. Keep thinking positively and working with the unpredictable. In the long run, communication wins out. A partner comes through for you. Tempers flare, but avoid getting in the middle. Clarity might not be all that important today! Tonight: Play.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Build on what you know. Don't let another push you into a corner. Your understanding of a situation is very different than associates'. Intuition serves you with those in charge. Be diplomatic; there are many ways of asking a question. Balancing work and your home life might be tough. Tonight: Head home, with a grin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your desires manifest because you maintain your sense of direction. Others are contrary and unpredictable. A work project you thought was a done deal might need to be revamped. Ouch! Stay positive

and remember your long-term objectives, and you can weather a minor tempest.

Tonight: Hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Be careful about making commitments that could affect you financially and professionally. You might take on too much. Use good sense. The unexpected occurs where you least expect it. Don't sell yourself short; ask for what you deserve. A child or loved one acts up. Tonight: Indulge — it's Friday!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Use your charisma and winning smile with a difficult family member. Taking an overview might help you, but it won't help another. Unexpected behavior can be annoying or interesting, depending on how you choose to look at it. Another clearly doesn't understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Run the show!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Think before you say something that could be damaging in a work-related situation. How you handle a problem could change considerably if you analyze your fundamental objectives. Chill out, rather than blurting out a comment. A partner helps you find resolution. Tonight: Vanish with a favorite buddy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Finding the winning solution could be challenging. A child or loved one does the unexpected. Watch spending; resist the urge to try to be all things to all people. Let others express their desires. You could receive a pleasant surprise. Network. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You could bark a statement and hurt a close friend's feelings. Use caution; don't just say whatever comes to mind. Concentrate on work. You accomplish a lot, quickly.

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Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

For more than two decades the pillar of the powerful Australian bridge teams, which contended for international honors, was Sydney's Tim Seres, a Hungarian expatriate. In a recent rubber bridge game, Seres demonstrated that he had lost little of his skill in presenting the defense with a losing option.

To protect the king of diamonds from a lead through at the opening gun, Seres chose to balance with one spade rather than a takeout double. North's jump raise was invitational, and Seres carried on to game.

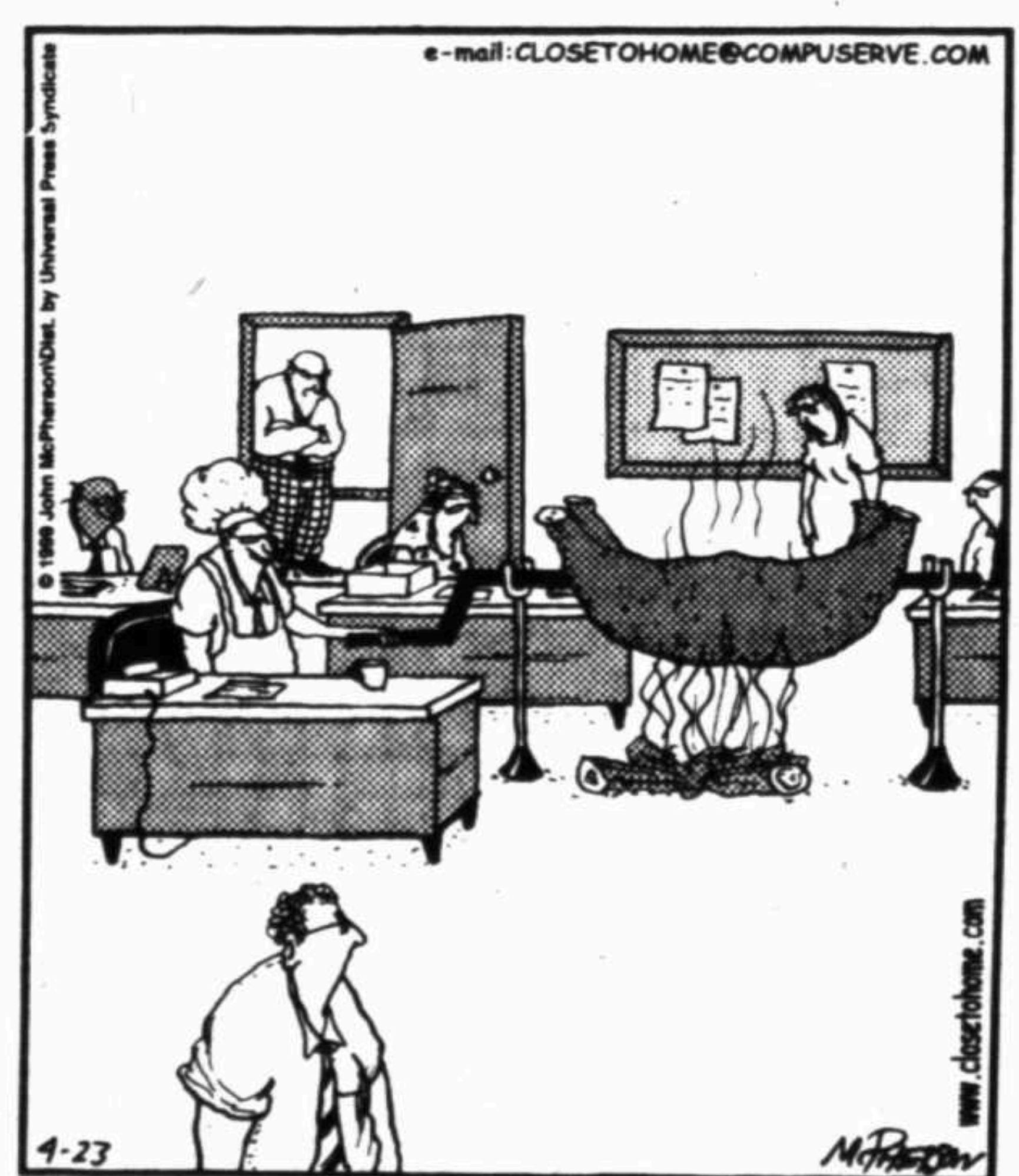
The queen of clubs opening lead was won in the closed hand. Obviously, East had to be kept off lead to prevent a diamond shift through the king, and an endplay had to be engineered. Seres started off by cashing the ace of clubs at trick two and ruffing a club, noting the fall of the jack and ten from West. Next came the ace and queen of hearts, on which both defenders echoed to show

an even number of cards in the suit, and Seres decided to accept East-West's carding at face value.

It looked as if West's distribution was 2-2-6-3, in which case it seemed that declarer would have to find West with both high spades. Seres spotted an extra chance. He now led a low spade from dummy and, when West followed with the seven, covered with the eight!

Dazzled by the lure of winning a cheap trick, West took the ten. Now that defender could cash the ace of trumps, but then had to open the diamond suit. The king of diamonds became the fulfilling trick.

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PEOPLE TODAY

Usher dislocates shoulder while rehearsing

ATLANTA — Rhythm and blues singer Usher canceled three concerts after dislocating a shoulder while rehearsing dance steps.

The 20-year-old star was placed under the care of an orthopedic surgeon after injuring himself Wednesday, spokesman Courtney Barnes said.

Usher, who lives in suburban Atlanta, had been scheduled to tour New Zealand and Australia later this month.

The singer — whose second album, "My Way," sold 5 million copies and produced two No. 1 hits, including the Grammy-nominated "You Make Me Wanna ..." — will make up the tour dates once he recovers, Barnes said.

BOSTON — Sens. John McCain and Russell Feingold, who crossed party lines to propose campaign finance reform legislation, were named Thursday as winners of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

McCain, a Republican from Arizona, and Feingold, a Wisconsin Democrat, were honored for addressing fund-raising excesses and trying to regulate the flow of special interest money to campaigns. The McCain-Feingold bill was ultimately defeated last year.

This is the 10th Profile in Courage Award and the first to be shared by two elected American politicians.

The award, which comes with a \$25,000 stipend, is presented to elected officials who fight for what they believe is right, despite opposition from constituents, interest groups or others.

It is named for President Kennedy's 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Profiles in Courage."

CHICAGO — When fists fly and hair is yanked on the set of "The Jerry Springer Show," guests shouldn't just be separated — they should be arrested, a City Council member says. Alderman Edward Burke, a former policeman, said the off-duty Chicago officers who provide security for the show should enforce the law. He wants to call those officers before the council's Police and Fire Committee.

"If they are committing batteries, assaults and other offenses, then why isn't the police department taking appropriate action?" Burke asked Wednesday.

A spokeswoman for the show had no comment. Some critics contend the fights are staged. Springer has denied it.

SEOUL, South Korea — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II marked the end of her four-day visit to South Korea by meeting with Korean War veterans.

The queen, who celebrated her 73rd birthday in the Korean village of Hahoe on Wednesday, met with veterans from Britain, Australia, Canada and New Zealand before leaving Thursday. The veterans were staying in South Korea as part



With a birthday feast of rice cakes and fruit in front of them, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and a South Korean mask dancer toast their respective birthdays in the 400-year-old traditional village of Hahoe, near the city of Andong Wednesday. The queen, who celebrated her 73rd birthday in the village, enjoyed watching a traditional Korean mask dance and toured the ancient village.

of an annual reunion.

Earlier in the day, the queen presented scholarships to two Korean students and visited an Anglican church that was founded by an Englishman in 1890.

Talk to any Latino actor and invariably the conversation turns to typecasting. There isn't a working Hispanic actress in Tinseltown, for instance, who hasn't been offered a role as a prostitute, a maid, or a welfare mother.

Elizabeth Pena is no exception. The difference lies in how she approaches such roles. "We're showing more self-respect in the way we handle roles and offers," Pena said in an interview with the Los Angeles Times. "I've seen actors fight to put flesh on roles, refusing to play a cartoon character."

For example, Pena, in her late 30s, beefed up her role as Carmen, the Salvadoran maid in the 1986 comedy "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," with humor. She managed not to make a caricature of the young Salvadoran illegal alien. She also gave an unforgettable performance as Rosie, the abused wife of Richie Valens' elder brother, in the 1987 crossover hit "La Bamba."

Since 1986, she has continued to win meatier roles. In 1990 she played Jezebel, the alienated girlfriend of Tim Robbins in "Jacob's Ladder." She appeared in "The Waterdance," "Across the Moon," "Dead Funny," and "Vibes" on the big screen.

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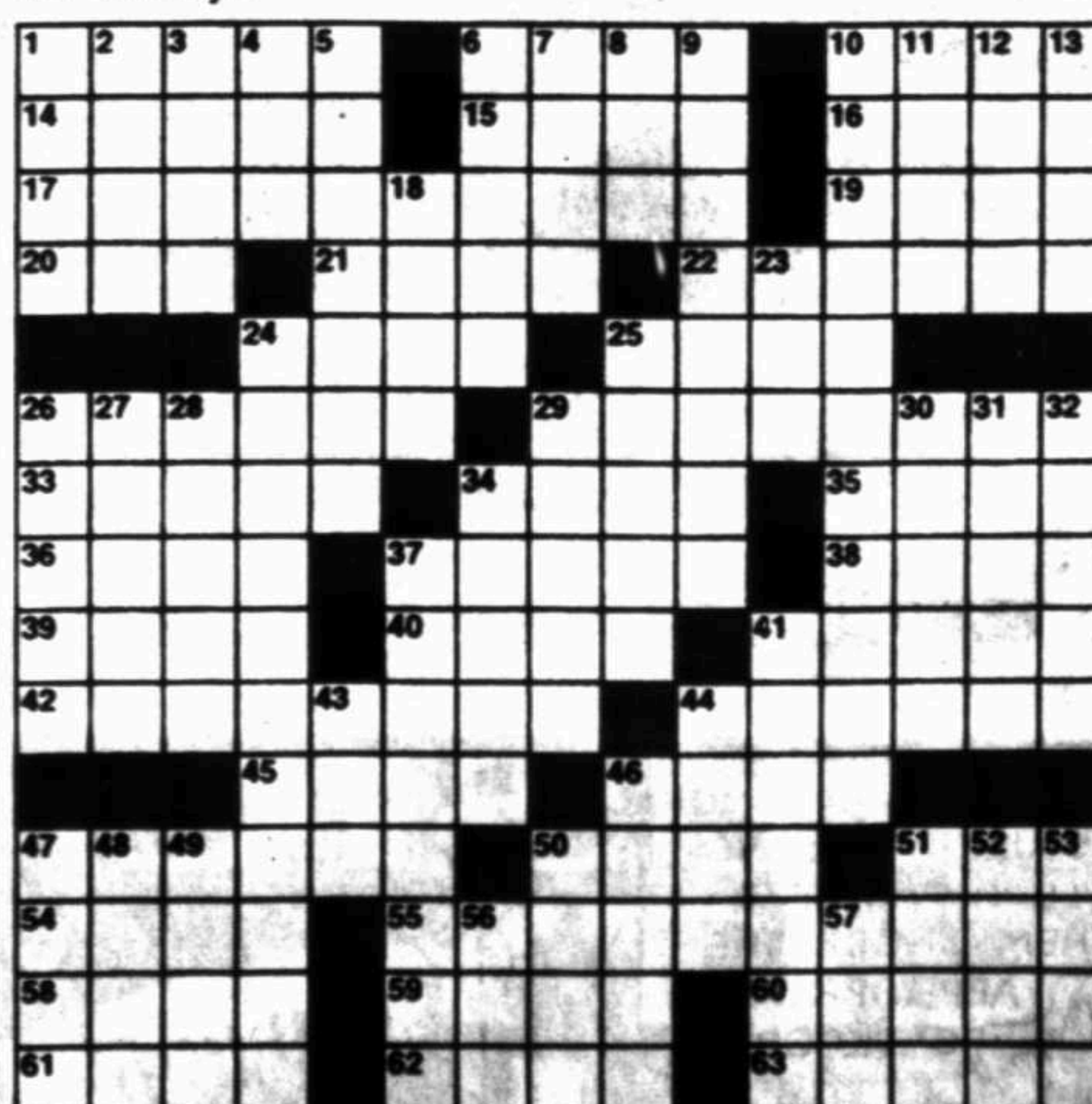
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Hardwood Music - Percussion - 6:00 & 7:00 & 8:00
Balloon Man - Balloon Sculpture - 4:00 - 9:00

Saturday - April 24
Marty Banner - Piano/Jazz - 11:30 & 12:30 & 1:30
Mary Beth Cole - Piano/Variety - 4:00 & 5:00
Matt Riley - Piano/Vocals - 6:15 & 7:15
Marcos Mendoza - Spanish Guitar - 1:00 & 2:15 & 3:30
John P. Martin - Country - 5:00 & 6:00
Joe Takeda - Country - 7:00 & 8:00
Majestik - Gospel Trio - 1:30 & 2:30
Sandhills Bluegrass - Bluegrass - 5:30 & 6:30

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Philippoussis, Rios make quarters

Associated Press

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Taking advantage of warm, dry conditions, Mark Philippoussis succeeded where fellow hard-court specialists have failed at the Monte Carlo Open Thursday with a 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 victory over Sebastien Grosjean.

Marcelo Rios, Gustavo Kuerten, Carlos Moya and Albert Costa were among other seeded players to advance.

A day earlier, damp conditions worked against grass and hard-court specialists. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Thomas Enqvist and Greg Rusedski won a total of only nine games on their way to defeat.

But the change in the weather at the Monte Carlo Country Club on Thursday helped Philippoussis' style.

The Australian, ranked a career-high No. 8 and seeded No. 5 here, set up a quarterfinal clash against Rios by beating Grosjean, a 20-year-old Frenchman.

"I have worked hard to develop my game on clay. I feel confident on the baseline," he said. The match had a moment of controversy in the middle of the second set.

After breaking Grosjean's service, Philippoussis hit the ball into the stands and threw his racket in celebration — and found himself penalized by one point.

"Grosjean asked for that, which was really bad sportsmanship. I didn't deserve that, but it really spurred me on," the Australian said.

"I just asked the referee to do his job," Grosjean replied. "At the start of the match he said 'if you throw your racket you will get a warning.'"

Rios moved a step closer to repeating his 1997 triumph here with a 6-3, 6-3, win against Morocco's Hicham Arazi. Arazi, who has already ousted No. 11 seed Goran Ivanisevic and Argentina's Andre Agut, beat compatriot Fernando Meligeni in straight sets in another third-round match.

Tennis Roundup

Kuerten will meet unseeded American Vince Spadea in Friday's quarterfinals. Spadea beat Francisco Clavet of Spain, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Moya, the No. 1 seed, beat Morocco's Karim Alami 6-4, 6-1.

In the next round he faces Jerome Golmard, a 6-1, 6-4, winner over Arnaud Di Pasquale in a contest between two unseeded French players.

Costa, the No. 10 seed, made it to the last eight with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, victory against Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic.

Costa faces countryman Felix Mantilla, the No. 15 seed, in Friday's quarterfinals. Mantilla breezed to a 6-2, 6-2, win against Ivan Ljubicic, the 198th-ranked player who thrashed Kafelnikov in the last round.

Pierce advances in Egypt Classic
CAIRO, Egypt — Second-seeded Mary Pierce of France advanced to the quarterfinals of the Egypt Classic on Thursday, beating Seda Noorlander of the Netherlands 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

Pierce, No. 8 in the WTA Tour rankings, will face fifth-seeded Irina Spirlea of Romania, a 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (7-1) winner over Kristie Boogert of the Netherlands.

"It was a difficult match, the conditions were

hard and the strong wind made it difficult," Pierce said. "The court had a lot of bad bounces — it's very uneven and the lines are very slippery. In these conditions anyone can win."

Third-seeded Patty Schnyder of Switzerland also advanced along with compatriot Emmanuelle Gagliardi. Australia's Jelena Dokic, and Belgium's Laurence Courtois.

Schnyder beat Spain's Angeles Montolio 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 to advance to a quarterfinal match against Canada's Maureen Drake. Dokic edged France's Alexia Dechaume-Balleret 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 to set up a match with top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain.

Sanchez-Vicario, No. 7 in the world rankings, and Drake won second-round matches Wednesday.

Gagliardi will face Courtois in the other quarterfinal. Gagliardi led Nicole Pratt 6-2, 1-0 when the Australian retired because of a right ankle injury, and Courtois defeated seventh-seeded Anna Smashnova of Israel 6-3, 6-3.

Argentinian Gumy betters Stoltenberg

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Top-seed Jason Stoltenberg of Australia fell to Herman Gumy of Argentina 7-6, 7-6 in second-round play Thursday in the Clay Court Championships.

Meanwhile, defending champion Jim Courier cruised to a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Spain's Galo Blanco in second-round play.

Stoltenberg fought off six match points, including a 0-40 deficit while serving at 5-6 in the second set, before succumbing in the 2-hour, 28-minute match.

Courier, seeded fifth, faces Max Mirnyi of Belarus, who defeated France's Rodolphe Cadart 6-2, 7-6.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Softball Booster Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee High cafeteria...

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club will meet May 3 at 7 p.m. in the school library. For information call Debbie Butts at 520-0248...

The Midland Lee Golf Booster Club will meet on the second Tuesday of every month during the regular school year. Meetings will take place at 7 p.m. in the Lee Library. For more information, call Dan Pender at 689-0305...

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Lee Library...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet on May 10 at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A. For more information please call Bill Vallie at 685-1408 or Diane Harris at 520-8912...

The Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club will hold its final meeting on May 1 at 7 p.m. in the Lee cafeteria. Officers will be elected for the coming year. If you are interested in serving as an officer or committee member for the 1999-2000 season, or want additional information, call Paul or Vickie Jay at 694-5977...

Golf...

McCahey Country Club will host the following tournaments: May 15-16, Charlie Shepard Memorial 2-man lowball, \$140 per team. Call 652-8904 for more information...

Ladies Beginner Golf Clinic is April 26-29, 6-7:15 p.m. at \$60 per person at Masters Golf. Class is limited to call 570-4499 for more information...

Junior Golf Summer Clinic at Masters Golf is for ages 7-12 for weeks of June 7-10, June 14-17 and June 21-24. Clinic runs 9:15-10:45 a.m. and cost is \$60 per week. Class is limited to call 570-4499 for more information...

Softball...

The Midland Softball Association's summer season begins June 14. The entry fee is \$250 per team with players fees \$10 per person. Entry deadline is May 20. Divisions are open to men, women, church and co-ed teams. For more information, call 683-8741...

"Crush" Cinco de Mayo Softball Tournament is May 7-8 only with no games on Sunday. The event is sponsored by Curt Alvin Construction. Entry deadline is May 5. Call Jo Diaz at 520-9516, Bryan Reynolds, 70-9848, or Curt Alvin, 620-9222...

The Midland/Odessa Hispanic Festival Softball Tournament is May 1-2 at the UTPB complex. Divisions are Men's Class C & D and Women. Call 1-800-234-4878 or 1-915-332-6766 for more information...

Scorekeepers are needed for several softball tournaments that are coming up in next three months. The fee will be based on the tournament involved. Please call Janice Klein at 697-5722 after 6 p.m. for more information...

The Midland Softball Association is holding the 20th Annual May Classic at the Bill Williams Softball Complex in Midland.

Men's and Women's slow-pitch USSSA Class B, C, D, and E teams will compete for state and national berths in each class. The deadline for the entry fee of \$125 is 6 p.m. on April 28. USSA registration is also required. Entry fees can be mailed to M.S.A. Box 2862, Midland, Texas, 79702. For more information, call 915-683-8741 or 915-699-5559...

Baseball...

Mid-City Little League is holding a Home Run Derby at the baseball field at Wadley and A Street at 11 a.m. May 1 with individual and team competition available for ages 9-12. There is a \$10 entry fee for 15 pitches at the same speed pitches from a machine. Registration forms are available at Stadium Sports and Play It Again Sports. Barbecue and soft drinks will be available. For rules and information call Ben Strickling at 686-9801, Kerry Fender at 683-8473 or Steve Cole at 687-1234...

Tennis...

Clinics for ladies are being held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. Beginners clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The Club at Mission Dorado is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707...

The Midland Tennis Club will hold the following tournaments at the Midland College Tennis Center: April 24-25 Men's Doubles/Women's Singles; May 1-2 Men's Singles/Women's Doubles; May 15-16 Mixed Doubles; May 22-23 Men's and Women's Singles; June 12-13 Men's Doubles/Women's Doubles; June 26-27 Mixed Doubles. Club Levels are Open, A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, C and Senior (50 and over). Non-members can play in any tournament with a \$10 entry fee...

Basketball...

The Midland Police Department is playing the Midland Sheriff's Office in a basketball game benefiting the March of Dimes May 1 at 2 p.m. at Midland High School. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and are available at Play It Again Sports, Athletic Supply and the Ivy Cottage... There will be three Saturday only tournaments held in Midland for girls 12-under, 14-under and high school eligible age groups. The dates are May 8, May 22 and June 26. The cost is \$150 per team. For more information, call 915-697-1030...

Miscellaneous...

Area Boys Scouts are putting on a sporting clays shoot that will be held May 1 at WindWalker Sporting Clays Complex. Competition starts at 9 a.m., and prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$100 per

shooter, with proceeds going to the Buffalo Trails At-Risk Program. For more information, call Roy Loris at 570-7601.

The Midland Wrestling Club offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teens and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

Citizens for Midland Skaters is a local group dedicated to raising funds for the establishment of a city park for skateboarding and in-line skating. If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Permian Basin Area Foundation/Skate Park Project, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas, 79702. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Pam Sledge at 685-3227...

The Midland branch of the American Escrima Wing Tsun Organization is holding an adult self defense combat class in association with the Midland Wrestling Club. Classes will be held three times a week. For more information, call David Lesser at 687-6973 or 685-0531...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

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The COM Masters Swim Team is open to anyone 20-over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information...

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Job Opening...

Odessa Permian is looking for a swimming coach to begin with the 1999-2000 school year. Contact Don Ford, assistant athletic director of ECISD, at 1-915-334-7172, or submit resume to Department of Human Resources, ECISD, P.O. Box 3912, Odessa, Texas, 79760. Fax number is 1-915-334-6711...

Soccer...

The Bobby Moffat Soccer Camp will be in Midland June 7-11 at Windlands Soccer Complex for boys and girls 6-16. Please contact Connie Stall at the Midland Soccer Association at 684-5425 or 570-5461...

The Britannia Soccer Camp will be held in Midland on June 14-18 at the Windlands Soccer Complex for boys and girls ages 5-18. Please contact Connie Stall at the Midland Soccer Association at 684-5425 or 570-5461...

The British Soccer Camp will be held in Midland July 19-23 at the Windlands Soccer Complex for boys and girls ages 5-18. Please contact Connie Stall at the Midland Soccer Association at 684-5425 or 570-5461...

Summer Camps...

The Lee Rebel Football Camp is set for June 7-11, and the Lee Rebel Weight Training Camp is June 14-July 2. Cost for either camp is \$55, but students registering for both pay only \$95. For more information, call coach Scott Hicks at 689-1602...

The Midland High Summer Baseball Camp will run June 1-4 at Zachery Field. Youngsters ages 7-12 will attend from 9 a.m. to 14 p.m. Price for the camp is \$100 or \$30 per day. Instructors will be MHS varsity coaches Barry Russell and Danny Jordan as well as some alumni and college players. Registration is at Stadium Sports or the Midland High baseball office. For more information, call Russell at 689-1194 or 570-6681...

Camp Goodenough will be held at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Day camp for elementary school girls June 14-18 from 1-4 p.m. Overnight camp for girls from fourth grade through high school is scheduled for June 23-26. For more information, call Julie Goodenough at (915) 670-1435 or 675-5233...

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Janvrin wins 10th decathlon title at Drake Relays

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Make it an even 10 for Kip Janvrin in the Drake Relays.

A strong finish lifted Janvrin to his 10th decathlon championship in the Drake Relays on Thursday. He won the final four events — the discus, pole vault, javelin and 1,500 meters — to finish with 7,819 points, the fourth-highest total in the world this year.

The 10 championships are the most by any athlete in the Drake Relays. Janvrin, 33, who failed after six events, won his first Drake decathlon as a junior at Simpson College in 1987

and has won it the last five years. "Four or five years ago I kept thinking, well, maybe I could get to 10," said Janvrin, a track coach at Central Missouri. "I've been so lucky to be healthy and be able to get through all of these events and be able to stay in good shape as I get older."

"So I feel very fortunate that I've been able to come back every year and do well."

Kamau Sullivan, who is training under Janvrin, was second with 7,263 points and Montana State's Stevie Keller was third with 7,168.

Wichita State's Mellanee Welty came from behind to win the heptathlon with 5,185 points. Kathrine Nielsen of Illinois State was second with 5,076.

Sullivan led Janvrin by nine points after the first day and increased his lead to 47 by winning the opening event Thursday, the 110-meter hurdles. But Janvrin moved into the lead with a throw of 133 feet, 6 inches in the discus and continued to build it through the rest of the competition.

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Reida Luese Walker, Independent Executor of the Estate of George Alva Walker, Deceased, No. P12,449 in the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas. NOTICE OF SALE of personal property to satisfy landlors' lien, per Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. Contents of Unit(s): Kim Sims 104 W. 46th, #23 Odessa, TX 79764 At ABC Secured Storage, 3105 W. Industrial, Midland, TX will be sold as a closed bid at 9:00 AM May 12th, 1999. NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RACHEL LYMAN, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Rachel Lyman, Deceased, were issued to NationsBank, National Association, on April 21, 1999, in the proceeding indicated below by my signature, which is still pending, and that it now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate which is being administered in the County named below are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned in care of its attorney, Kristi N. Elsom, P.O. Box 1540, Midland, TX 79702, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before said Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. NationsBank, National Association By: Herbert Hutchins, Vice President and Trust Officer Independent Executor of the Estate of Rachel Lyman, Deceased, Cause No. P12,458, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas	90 Legal Notices NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given that AMRESO Commercial Finance, Inc. 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PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE COLLATERAL WILL ONLY BE SOLD IN A SINGLE BLOCK AND WILL NOT BE SPLIT UP OR BROKEN DOWN.	90 Legal Notices BID NOTICE The Upcon County Rural Fire Prevention District #2 is now accepting bids for construction of an 80' x 94' clear span metal building to be erected on 120' x 200' property located at 4th and Burleson in McCamey, Texas. Bid will include the following: 4' canopy over hang on roof line on north side of building 5-2" x 7" tinted insulated windows 5-36" x 70" x 1/4" steel doors and frames w/3 outside doors having dead bolt locks and same key fits all locks 2-24" x 70" x 1/8" wooden doors 5-36" x 70" x 1/8" wooden doors 16' walls w/ 1 to 12 pitch in bay area 12' walls w/ 1 to 12 pitch in office, meeting room, bathrooms and kitchen area - All plumbing and fixtures- 2-36" shower stalls, 1 urinal, 2 bathroom sinks, 2 toilets (handicap compliance), 1" gas line to be brought inside of building and terminated inside south wall - Footings around building 2'D x 1'W w/ 2 1/2' rebar - Concrete- 3000 psi, 6" in bay area and apron area (66' x 40' on each side of building), in office, w/ 6" x 6" x 10 gauge mesh wire in meeting room, bathrooms and kitchen area 6' x 6' x 4'- Concrete porch on north side of building at entrance door - Key ways and slick rods at each main frame - Key ways at each corner of drainage ditch at 45 degree angle to meet closest key ways - Drainage ditch 12"W x 8"D at north end of building w/ 3" slope to south end covered with steel grigged grate - Concrete formed mud and oil trap with center pettion wall on the outside of the south end of the building for a floor drain to be 2' x 4' x 3' deep - R11 insulation in all outside walls and ceiling, R11 insulation in all walls around meeting room, office, kitchen & bathrooms 14' x 14' x 14' overhead doors w/ controls 19' x 12' x 12' overhead doors w/ controls - Suspended acoustic ceiling in all areas except bays and shop area 16-6" x 6" bumper pipe, located on each side of overhead doors - Color coated rain gutter and down spout at each eave - Building to withstand 100 mph wind Bid will exclude the following: - Electrical wiring - Kitchen cabinets and sink - Floor covering - Light fixtures - Air conditioning & heating - Hot water heater All bids will be opened at board meeting on May 4th at 7:00 P.M. UCRFPD#2 reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. Plans may be viewed at McCamey City Hall for anyone interested. For more information contact: Frank Robbins (915) 652-3750 Richard Partney (915) 652-4217 Glen Welling (915) 652-3421 Max Tucker (915) 652-4210	90 Legal Notices LEGAL NOTICE Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, Suite 101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 200 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701 until 4:00 pm, May 19, 1999. The Proposals will be opened and acknowledged in the Purchasing Agent's Office, Thursday, May 19, 1999 at 4:30 pm. All interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgement and the pending court meeting. Proposal Number 99MC0212, Software for the D. A. Prosecutor Software. Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities. Proposal information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office. Paul M. Thompson Purchasing Agent	90 Legal Notices CAUSE NO. 11,342 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DOSSIE DON HARGROVE, DECEASED PUBLICATION TO STEPHEN HARGROVE, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR Notice is hereby given by publication to Stephen Hargrove, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Dossie Don Hargrove, Deceased that hearings have been set in the County Court of Midland County, Texas for May 25, 1999 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. for: (1) Motion for Removal of Independent Administrator under Section 149C; (2) Petition for Accounting and Distribution; (3) Motion for Final Account; (4) Application for Distribution; and (5) Motion for	90 Legal Notices Removal of Independent Administrator and Section 222 of The Texas Probate Code. Dated this 20th day of April, 1999. Respectfully submitted, HAL L. KEMPF, INC. By HAL L. KEMPF P.O. Box 10927 Midland, Texas 79702 Texas Bar No. 11260000 Telephone: 915/685-0707 Facsimile: 915/687-1930 ATTORNEY FOR GINGER LEIGH HARGROVE	90 Legal Notices Real Wheel Deals ONLY \$25 w/Photo Call for information 682-6222	95 Public Notices PUBLIC NOTICE The annual report of the Helen Fox Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund is available at the address below for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice Address: 1009 Ventura Midland, TX 79705 (915)682-4798 Principal Manager Robert K. Hudson Trustee	100 Notices NOTICES 100 90 Legal Notices 95 Public Notices 100 Midland's New Arrivals 105 Happy Ads 110 Lodge Notices 115 Announcements 130 Personals 140 Card of Thanks 141 In Memoriam 150 Lost & Found 160 Loans Wanted 162 Mortgages Wanted 163 Money To Loan 165 Investment Opport. 170 Schools/Instruction	110 Lodge Notices Midland Masonic Lodge #623 1600 W. Wall Regular stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm. 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If the ad is for you personally, we'll need your home phone number, address, etc. If the ad is for your business, we'll need your main office phone number, address, etc. As always, you can contact us by phone at 682-6222, or by fax at 682-6999. (Please allow 1-2 days for e-mailed ads. Text only please, no photos or logos accepted. If you want your ad to start tomorrow please contact us by phone or fax. Thank you...) 130 Personals Personally Speaking The Fun, Safe, & Convenient way to meet Midland Singles! Look for it on Fri., Sat., Sun., & Wed. in The Midland Reporter-Telegram Classified. Call 1-800-834-5294 to place your personal ad, or 1-900-656-2300 to respond or browse. \$2.19 Per minute. You must be at least 18 years of age or older to use this service. PPD PHARMACO Do you have Type II diabetes? PPD Pharmaco is looking for non-smoking men and non-smoking postmenopausal or surgically sterile women between the ages of 30 and 70 with Type II diabetes and who are not taking insulin. 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Don Allen, General Manager says, "This sale is necessary due to recent fluctuation in the used car market and the heavy inflow of 2 & 3 year old lease returns". During this one day \$99 dollar Used & New Car Slasher Sales Event every used vehicle will be sold for thousands below its retail price!

All cars will be on display at 1510 East 2nd Street, Odessa. Registration will begin at 8:30 am. At 10:00 am all vehicles will be opened so that buyers may inspect them. The retail price will be posted on each windshield. When the prices are slashed at 11:00 am, whoever is sitting in the vehicle will have the first chance to purchase it. Some cars will be sold for as low as \$99! When the sale is completed for the day, Jones Motors will resume business as usual.

Mr. Allen said that "customers can expect the slashed prices to be very close to public auction pricing without the auction fee." Due to the response to this event, this

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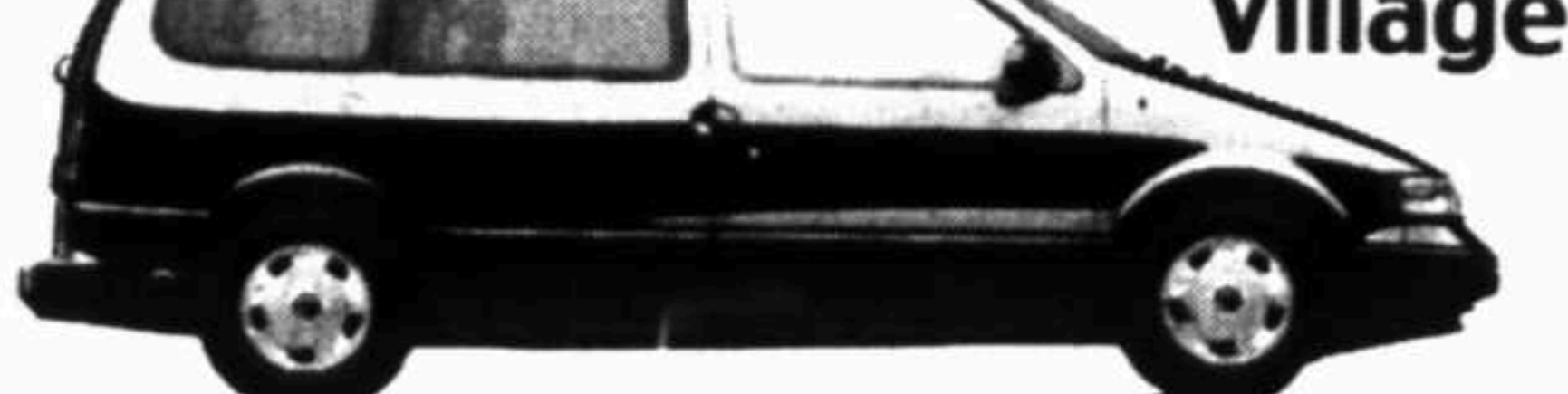
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ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Single Hispanic female, 35, 5'7", full-figured, with brown hair, who enjoys reading, movies and more, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 25-45, for a possible long-term relationship, Adf 7686

IT'S MY TURN

Easygoing single white mother of two, 43, 5'7", full-figured, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, computers and animals, is seeking a sincere, caring single white male, 42-47, with similar interests, Adf 8058

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

Meet this outgoing single white female, 35, 5'7", 120lbs, with auburn hair and green eyes, a retired professional. She enjoys museums, dancing, socializing and seeks a humorous single white male, Adf 8276

NOT TOO LATE

Single Hispanic male, 31, 5'7", with curly brown hair, is looking for a kind, sincere, honest single male, Adf 8280

LOVING HER

Sweet single white female, 19, 5'8", who enjoys spending time with children, swimming, dancing, and more, is looking for a handsome single white male, Adf 8287

THE KIND, INTELLIGENT SINGLE

This kind, intelligent single white mother of one, 44, 5'5", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys crafts, sports and spending time with her son, is seeking a single white male, 44-52, with a great sense of humor, Adf 5893

IS IT FATE?

If you enjoy sports, cuddling, sports and movies, you should call this single white male, 27, 6'2", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who wants to hear from you if you're an honest, affectionate single white male, Adf 9602

HONESTY COUNTS

Shy single Hispanic male, 31, 5'4", enjoys movies, traveling and time with his kids. He seeks an honest, single white female, 25-35, who is interested in getting to know him, Adf 7682

FOREVER TRUE

Outgoing, independent single white female, 33, 5'4", is looking for an affectionate single white male, over 27, Adf 9283

LOVE ALWAYS

Friendly, Hispanic single white female, 19, 5'4", 120lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys playing pool, dancing and spending time with friends, seeks a single white male, 18-25, who likes to have fun, Adf 8689

HAVE A HEART

Sincere, heart-headed single white female, 24, 5'1", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, is in search of an honest, kind, fun-loving single white male, 24-35, Adf 5830

DELIGHTFUL

Caring single white professional female, 44, 5'7", 130lbs, with long red hair and blue eyes, seeks an easygoing, fun-loving single white male, 38-55, Adf 7185

TIME FOR YOU & ME

Active single white female, 41, 110lbs, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys cooking, fishing, country dancing, golfing and more, is seeking a single white male, 38-55, Adf 7185

TREAT HER RIGHT

Loving, caring, sweet single Hispanic female, 19, 5'7", with brown hair and blue eyes, likes reading, writing and children. She's searching for a strong, respectful single white male, 18-25, who's looking for a relationship, Adf 8224

RESPECT ME

Easygoing, responsible single white female, 19, 5'7", with long blonde hair, is seeking a respectful single Hispanic male, 19-25, who enjoys caring for a single white male, 38-55, Adf 7234

RARE FIND

Writing, reading and meeting new friends are interests of the sweet single Hispanic female, 23, 5'7", with brown hair and blue eyes. She's a student, in search of a compatible single Hispanic male, 23-30, for friendship, Adf 8632

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Attractive single white female, 35, 130lbs, with blonde hair, brown eyes and a good personality, is looking for a single white male, 38-55, who is a non-smoker. She enjoys yard work, flea markets, cooking, movies, traveling and more, Adf 8689

DANCE THROUGH LIFE

Pleasant single white female, 49, 180lbs, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, reading, camping, fishing and horseback riding, seeks an honest, fun-loving single white male, 38-60, Adf 7894

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RESPECTING

Single black female, 25, 411, 120lbs, who enjoys reading, movies and more, seeks a single black male, 22-35, without children, Adf 8457

SILENT WITHIN

Call this outgoing single black mother of two, 49, 5'10", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys cooking, movies, reading and more, is seeking a single professional male, 40, who loves children, Adf 9423

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GOAL-ORIENTED

A Catholic single Hispanic mother of four, 39, 4'11", with dark brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, dining out, travel, quiet times and more, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 38-47, Adf 8632

GET TO KNOW ME

Reading, college student and spending time with her college friends are interests of this divorced Hispanic mother of two, 22, 5'2", with black hair and brown eyes, Adf 9212

ONE-ARM WARRIOR

Single white male, 32, full-figured, with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, walking her dog, dining out, and more, is seeking a single white male, 44-60, who is a true gentleman, Adf 7854

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UPBEAT

She's a single white female, 49, 118lbs, with blonde hair and hazel eyes. She's seeking a loving, compassionate single white male, 45-50, who is a good guy, Adf 8427

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LET'S MEET

Meet this single white female, 41, 110lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, movies and more, is seeking a single white male, 30, who enjoys children, Adf 8115

KEEP IT LIGHT

Hearty, honest and loving single white female, 18, 5'5", 130lbs, with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys reading, movies and more, is seeking a single white male, 21 or older, for friendship, maybe more, Adf 8692

YOUR LIKES?

Outgoing, fun-loving single Hispanic female, 20, seeks a single Hispanic male, 18-25. Her hobbies are: conversing, reading, poetry and listening to music, Adf 8692

APPROPRIATE

Petite single Hispanic female, 51, who enjoys bowling, movies and outdoor activities, is seeking an honest single male, 21 or older, to settle down, Adf 5879

PERSONAL

Outgoing single Hispanic professional female, 29, with dark brown hair, who enjoys dancing, movies and more, is seeking a handsome, single male, 25-40, Adf 4001

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Happy single white female, 52, 115lbs, a smoker, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys card games, country drives and more, Adf 8752

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Adventurous single Hispanic female, 29, who enjoys meeting new people, singing, crafts, sports and outdoor activities, is looking for a sincere, outgoing single male, Adf 4187

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Laid-back single white female, 22, who enjoys listening to music, working on her computer, going out with friends to eat, and more, is seeking a responsible, easygoing single white male, Adf 7051

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SHE WANTS IT WELL

Good-natured single Hispanic mother of two, 32, 120lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, family activities and more, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 25-36, Adf 7792

MAKING IT HAPPEN

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Full-figured single Hispanic Christian mother of two, 38, 5'3", with light brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys study, family activities and more, seeks a caring single white Christian male, 35-40, Adf 7754

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LOVE TAKES TIME

Single Hispanic female, 38, 5'2", who enjoys dancing, the outdoors and more, would like to meet an honest, dependable single Hispanic male, 38-45, Adf 9413

A WINNER

Fun-loving single female, 48, 5'4", 205lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, reading and more, is seeking a single white male, 40-45, Adf 8313

HOPES & DREAMS

Sweet single black mother of two, 23, 5'4", 140lbs, with black hair and brown eyes, enjoys movies, reading and sports. She seeks an open-minded, humorous single Hispanic male, 30-40, Adf 8087

TWO OF BEING ALONE

Handwriting single black mother of two, 33, with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys reading, movies and more, is seeking a hard-working single black male, 35-40, with similar interests, Adf 8112

INTERESTED IN YOU

Single black Christian male, 31, 5'7", 150lbs, with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys reading, movies and more, is seeking a single white female, 35-45, who is going to church, Adf 8112

DREAM GIRL

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FRIENDS TO START

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NEW TO THE AREA

This cheerful single white female, 42, 5'11", 157lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, movies, music, snowboarding and more, if you're a similar single white male, 35-45, don't wait to hear from me, Adf 8177

BREAK THE ICE

Single white female, 28, 5'5", 118lbs, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, a variety of music, and more, is seeking an intelligent single white male, 23-31, Adf 8167

INDEPENDENT

Employed single Hispanic male, 25, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, is seeking a handsome single male, 25-36, Adf 8124

LOVING LADY

Spends time with this single white female, 46, 4'10", with blonde hair and hazel eyes. She enjoys nature, a variety of music, reading, church and more, is seeking a single white male, 35-45, Adf 8124

ONE OF A KIND

She's laughing with this humorous, well-educated single white female, 49, 5'5", 165lbs, a blue-eyed blonde, non-smoker. She enjoys movies, sports, children, dancing and seeks a single white male, 45-50, Adf 7153

SEEMS LIKE

Here's a good-natured, attractive, professional single white female, 40, 5'4", with blonde hair, who enjoys dancing, church and more, is seeking a single white male, over 60. She enjoys reading, children, pets and sports. You'll have to talk to her, Adf 7845

GOOD DISPOSITION

Stender single white female, 26, 5'6", a blue-eyed blonde, who enjoys movies, hiking, horseback riding, camping and more, seeks a single white male, 25-32, Adf 8600

DESERVING

This single white female, 48, 5'8", 135lbs, with brown hair and gray eyes, who is seeking a single white male, 45-50, Adf 8600

COMMON BOND

Honest single white female, 41, 5'1", 108lbs, with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys reading, movies and more, is seeking a single white male, 35-45, Adf 8960

DESTINY

Single black female, 28, full-figured, who enjoys reading, romantic movies and more, is seeking a single black male, 30-48, Adf 7710

CALL ME

Single white female, 41, 5'10", 104lbs, who enjoys live theatre, racquetball and staying active, is seeking a single white male, 38-45, Adf 8385

PERFECT COMBINATION

Professional single white female, 43, 5'6", 134lbs, a blue-eyed brunette, who enjoys candid friends, dancing, reading, movies and more, is seeking a single white male, 35-48, Adf 8478



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79701

2406 W. GOLF COURSE. Bicycles all sizes. Much golf equipment. Thursday-Sunday 8-6.

1404 W. TENNESSEE. Saturday only 8 to 5. Furniture, exercise machine, clothing, miscellaneous.

304 E. Parker. Saturday and Sunday. Sheets, comforter sets, dishes, furniture, clothes, and much more.

2301 COLLEGE AVE. Saturday only 7-9. Country blue living suite, lots of clothes, two twin bedding, console TV, craft woodwork, bird feeders, and etc. Beanie Babies galore!

Garage Sale
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
1405 N. Garden Lane
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm
Proceeds Benefiting the Church.

504 East Estes. Friday and Saturday, 8-3. Miscellaneous items.

501 WEST CUTHBERT. Friday 7-2. Clothes, shoes, jewelry, household items, comforter, linens, and much more.

1706 WEST ILLINOIS
Saturday: 8:00 am
Whew!!!! We have cleaned our drawers, shelves, closets, etc..... PIEEEASE come buy our "stuff". We probably have something for everyone..... so, PIEEEASE stop, shop & buy!!!!

Palmer Drug Abuse Program
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TEXAS SIZE
Garage Sale
April 22, 23, 24
3200 Bankhead Street
(Directly Behind Berg Motor Co.)
Household items, Furniture,
Electronic items, clothes, and
much, much more!
PREVIEW SALE:
Thursday, April 22
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
\$3.00 Adult/ Children Free

✓ 1505 WEST OHIO. Friday/ 7:30-4:00 Saturday/ 7:30-12:00. Furniture, building materials, doors, shop vac, bikes, records, old sheet music, bedding, stereo equipment, jewelry, dishes and glassware, pictures and frames, collectibles and other treasures.

79703

110 N. EISENHOWER. Saturday only 8:30-? Gas stove, tailgate for pickup, couch & storage insert for pickup, clothes and miscellaneous.

4609 ANETTA. Saturday- 8:30 until 2:00! Decorative items, clothing, some furniture, miscellaneous household items!

350 NORTH. MIDLAND Drive. Suite "B". Now Open- Tots 2 Teens, taking consignments on Spring and Summer clothing.

1307 GODFREY. Saturday only 8-? Toddler bed, portable baby bed, car seat, toys, furniture, household items, drapes, computer printer, clothing baby thru adult, wedding dress size 5/7.

4624 LAURA DRIVE. Saturday, 8:00 am until 1:00 pm! Clothes, dresser, stove, computer, computer printers, computer monitors, TV's, Barbie car, much more!!

503 RAYMOND. Big garage sale- Antiques, furniture, household goods, exercise equipment, Pop- Up camper, lots more. Friday 7 am- 7 pm. Saturday 7 am- 2 pm.

4606 SEMINOLE DRIVE. Friday 8:30-? 1990 Chevrolet Astro van, chest of drawers, twin bed, love seat, sofa table, end table, Nintendo and games and lot of miscellaneous.

122 N. EISENHOWER. Saturday 8-1 Electronics, tools, garden equipment, some furniture, clothes, etc.

3707 TANNER. Friday and Saturday 8:00-? Clothes, furniture, and miscellaneous.

4614 Ric. Moving sale. Everything must go. Lots of adult/ children's clothing, breakfast table, speakers, dishes and lots of miscellaneous. Will sell cheap. Friday/ Saturday 8:30-1 No early sales.

79703

4731 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE. Friday 9-5. Miscellaneous household items, 40 long mens suits, lawn/ garden items, tools.

3411 DOUGLAS. Friday- Saturday 7:30-? Furniture, electric twin bed, swingset, clothes, shoes, toys and Knick- Knacks.

350 North Midland Drive, Suite D. Craft show, Saturday, April 24, 10-6. Hand crafted gifts.

5027 Pleasant, Saturday 8-?? King size waterbed includes accessories, sofa/ love seat, clothes, toys, miscellaneous.

4614 KIOWA. Friday & Saturday 9-5. Bunk bed, bathroom sink, clothes, miscellaneous, etc.

4616 RIC. Friday/ 8-5. Saturday/ 8-2. Three family sale! Clothes, exercise machine, kitchen items and lots miscellaneous.

420 STONEYBROOK. Yard Sale Friday & Saturday until 2 PM. TVs, games, microwave, bicycle, miscellaneous.

4318 TANNER. Stove, tires, patio set, clothes and other knick knacks. Saturday only 8-12.

4733 PRINCETON. Baby items, clothes (men waist 33/ 34, women's size 5, infant boy's 0 to 2T), like new golf items, kitchen table, refrigerator, stamper. Saturday only 8-12!

4301 LEDDY Dr. Huge garage sale. All the usually things plus much more. Come and get it before it's gone. Saturday 8-?

4702 W. Illinois- Garage sale. New French doors, some antique lamps, little boys clothes, miscellaneous. Saturday 8-1.

79705

2405 West Wadley, #A. Saturday only 8-2. Multi family- clothes, shoes, left- handed golf clubs, household items, lots of miscellaneous. Too many items to mention!!

105 E. OAK. Saturday 7:30-? Baby boy & girl clothes, full bed, household items.

3304 DURANT. Multi- Family Garage Sale! Saturday 8-2. Furniture, exercise equipment, home decor, glassware, Hooked on Phonics- Nice children thru adult clothes, toys, too much to mention.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

ESTATE SALE

4518 LANHAM
(behind Olive Garden, 1 block west)
Thursday: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 12:00

FURNITURE: Sofa, end tables, chair & ottoman, china cabinet, Magnavox Console TV with AM Fm & record player, sofa table, table/ chairs with casters, coffee table & More.

COLLECTIBLES: Russell Wright casual china, Irish Setter memorabilia.

APPLIANCES: Refrigerator, washer & dryer, small chest freezer, counter top appliances.

MISCELLANEOUS: "Rosepoint" Sterling by Gorham service for 8, "Windermere" china by Castleton, glassware, Club Aluminum, Reverse cookware, stainless, pottery, telescope, Black & Decker Workmate, treadmill, exercise bicycle, records, books, patio furniture & More.

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3209 N. Big Spring 699-1629

3200 BLOCK Frontier. Saturday 8-1. Neighborhood Sale! GMC pickup with roll top cover, twin/ king bedframe, clothing infant- xx-large, Beanie Babies and Buddies, furniture and toys.

79705

2505 BELLECHASSE (alley entry) Two blocks behind Office Depot. Friday and Saturday 8-5. TV, exercise walker, computer, baby items, infant- children's clothes and maternity. Books, much miscellaneous.

423 W. Dengar- Yard Sale. China hutch, furniture dishes, lots of stuff! Don't miss it!

2211 SHELL, Saturday only 8am- 3pm. Huge 10 family garage sale! Little Tykes toys, games, Elvis memorabilia, collectables, decorative items, King sized waterbed, towels, sheets, bathroom accessories, record albums, word processor, furniture, all sizes men's- women's- children's clothing (name brand), rugs, books, Christmas items, jewelry, cellular phone, Honda '90 trail bike, ski clothes/ equipment

SATURDAY ONLY
3301 Ward
8:00am- 'till ????

Lawn mower, gardening tools, antique bed, twin bed headboards, bookshelves, executive office chair, TV stand, bedding, household items, decorator items, good clothes, some new shoes and purses, new metal detectors, lots of miscellaneous. Everything must go! PARK ON WARD STREET. PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK ALLEY! SALE AT REAR OF HOUSE.

110 W. DORMARD. Huge 5 family garage sale. Refrigerator, beds, baby items, sewing machine cabinet, plus size clothes, Tupperware, lots of other treasures. Saturday 8-4.

2602 NORTHRUP. 8:00. Patio sale! Household items, all type clothing, baby items, toys, and much more.

2008 N. "H". Saturday 9-1. Baby items- clothing, shoes, etcetera. Petite women's clothing, miscellaneous.

79706

1905 SOUTH COUNTY Road 1083. (Greenwood area) Estate Sale! Dealers only Friday 5:00- 8:00 pm. Public welcome Saturday 8:30-4:00.

79707

5411 RIDGEMONT, GRASSLAND Estates. Beanie Babies, lots of baby and kids stuff, Little Tykes toys, girls clothes infant to 7, boys infant to 2T, bar stools, kitchen items, nice men's western boots, new work gloves, maternity clothes. Saturday, 8AM to noon.

5708 DEVILIN PLACE (Grassland Estates). Saturday 7 am- ? Lots of miscellaneous for everyone!

Church Wide Garage Sale!
Featuring a wide variety of furniture, household items, clothes and more. Proceeds benefit Methodist Conference Spirit Wind Choir. 8:00-2:00 Saturday May 1st. St. Luke's United Methodist Church 3011 West Kansas (Corner of Kansas and Powell Streets).

4204 DAWN CIRCLE. Saturday- 8:00 until 2:00! Color TV, VCR movies, Super Nintendo, Play Station games, glassware, toys, lots more!

3300 Northfield. Four family sale! Baby clothes, toys, kitchen items, pictures, lamps, home decorating items. Comforter sets/ linens, all size clothing, tools, Ethan Allen sofa- chair- ottoman set, Pine armoire with matching coffee table/ end tables, miscellaneous. Friday 8:30-???, Saturday 8:30- noon. Park in front.

✓ 2920 MCDONALD: Outdoor living estate sale. Furniture, antiques, arts and crafts, new arts and craft supplies, antique sewing machine, antique porcelain stove, antique pedestal sink, sturdy shelving, new decorative baskets, household items, too much more to list. Saturday only 9 am- 3 pm. No early birds.

4117 SPRINGFIELD. SATURDAY. 8-?? Huge moving sale. Furniture, electronics, exercise equipment, clothes, toys, tools.

6931 SUNRISE COURT. Saturday- 9:00 until 5:00! Moving sale!! Baby items, toys, patio furniture, ping pong table, clothing, skis, arts/ crafts, shoes!

2607 MARK LANE. Saturday- 7:30 until Noon! Clothes- baby, maternity, womens. Wedding dress, water softener, exercise equipment, lots more!

79707

✓ 3202 ELMA (In Alley off Aspen). Friday- Saturday, 7:30 am. Gigantic Garage Sale!! Tools, Black & Decker Workmate, Exercisers, Sewing Machine, Pressure Cooker, Blender, Kitchenware, New Coleman Camp Stove, Lots of King Size Bedding, VCR, Radio, Many, Many Items of All Kinds!!

3808 CRESTLINE Avenue. Saturday 8-? Washer and dryer, luggage, sound systems, TV, rugs, mens clothes- XXL, exercise equipment, women and teenager clothes, miscellaneous.

5405 HEARTLAND- Grasslands. Saturday 9-3 Moving- Four Family Sale! Treadmill, furniture, yard items, clothing, jet ski, miscellaneous. (Enter through West gate on Heartland do not use alley)

5506 CYPRESS COURT- Friday 12-4. Saturday 8-4. Lots of great items, miscellaneous.

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SATURDAY ONLY
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WESTWOOD SHOPPING CENTER
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TV's, Computers, Baby Items, Exercise And Sports Equipment, Clothes, Household Items, Furniture, Appliances, Books For All Ages

3311 DENTCREST. Friday 8-11. Copier, word processor, clothes and miscellaneous.

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720 Homes For Sale NEW TODAY 5007 LAVOCA: Sale or lease. Three bedroom, two bath, two living areas, fireplace. Sell \$62,500, lease \$695 monthly. Williams & Associates, 694-9663. BY OWNER: Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fresh paint inside and out. New carpet in living room and den. \$49,000. To see call 682-4264. REDUCED TO \$81,000: 1106 McDonald, three bedroom, two bath, two living areas. Sequestered master, sunroom, skylights, fireplace, built ins. Walk to Bonham, Alamo Junior High. 522-1981. BY OWNER: THREE bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, recently remodeled kitchen, carpets, and air conditioning. \$52,500. Can be seen at 3108 Barkley. Call 686-9559 or 694-7121.	720 Homes For Sale NEW TODAY #12 AUBURN COURT Four bedroom, three baths, two living areas, formal dining, beautiful yard, 2,900 square feet. \$129,500. Call 683-2321. BY OWNER: Four bedroom, two bath, two living areas. Sattilo tile, remodeled kitchen. \$85,000. For appointment call 520-0706. THREE BEDROOM, two bath, brick: Totally updated, green house, covered patio. Must see to appreciate. Priced to sell. 3505 Wadley. 689-8904 days, 694-3303 evenings. BY OWNER: 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, single garage, brick, nice neighborhood, large lot. \$39,500. 3202 Louisiana. 684-9008, after 5. EXQUISITE TOWNHOUSE on Elma, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Completely upgraded. Yard with wood deck. \$74,500. Call Williams & Associates. 694-9663.	725 Condo Townhouses SCHARBAUER Townhouses, \$8,500 for efficiency or 2 bedroom for \$26,500. Monthly dues. Jody Smith 694-9426. Chaparral Realtors 730 Suburban Property RESTRICTED AREA in Southwest Midland by owner: Four bedroom, two bath, two wells. 3% realtors commission. \$175,000. 686-0972. HORSEMAN'S DREAM in Northwest Midland! 3.76 pipe fenced acres, roping arena, 2 barns, 2 wells. 3,000'. 4 bedroom, 3 bath. 3604 NCR 1242. 3% Realtor Commission. \$195,000. 520-4267. NEW TODAY COUNTRY HOME - 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage and 2 car carport - 3 acres, barn, stables and fence. 7116 NCR 1298 (East Gardendale) \$80,500. 561-8231. Sell it in 10 or we'll run it again! Classified 682-6222 *Anything on wheels, 4 lines minimum. \$20 fee	730 Suburban Property RIDGE HEIGHTS by Owner: Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage on 1.71 acres in restricted area. Carport, 24x36 shop with office, catfish pond, sprinkler system, fruit, oak & Pecan trees, 2 waterwells, pipe fence. \$104,500. 686-0965. 750 Lots & Acreage 5 ACRES with water well, located 2 1/2 miles South of Midland on FM 715. \$1,000 down, \$245 monthly. Call 685-1875. 5 ACRES for sale in Great County neighborhood, \$14,000. Please call 570-8285 for more information. LARGEST LOT LEFT in Meadow Park. Builders welcome. 92 x 65. 683-5671/Day 522-2234/Evening. \$21,500. REATA RANCH Estates: East on Hwy 307, South on CR 1130, East on 105. 2 1/2 to 4 acre estate lots in Greenwood School District. Highly restricted. 2,000 plus sq. ft. homes minimum. Contact Karen Foster, Realtor at 570-8200.	750 Lots & Acreage RESIDENTIAL LOTS for sale on terms. 682-0470, owner/agent. 770 Resort Property LAKE IVIE. New family oriented subdivision, large 2 to 11 acre tracks, small subdivision affordable prices. New 1,580 square foot lake house also available on 3 plus acres. Grand opening May 29. (You can also look now!) Please call owner 915-468-2158. LAKE LBJ: Open Colorado waterfront. New 3 bedroom home. Must see to appreciate. Viewtiful. Only 295K. 915-388-6232 HORSESHOE BAY Townhome: 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths 1 1/2 garage. Fireplace, hardwood floors, near all amenities. \$159,000. (830)698-4977. NEW TODAY THE CLIFFS - PK. Prime Cliff lot large, flat, wooded. Golf membership included. \$165K firm. (817)236-3034.	770 Resort Property ROBERT LEE, Texas near Lake Spence 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Living Room, Den with Fireplace, Kitchen, Dining Room, Screened in Backporch, Ceiling Fans in all rooms including Porch. New Brick Roof, Central Heat/Air. 36 x 30 Metal garage. Call 915-686-0405 or 915-453-2305. SAN ANGELO: Located on South Concho River lot. Three bedroom, two bath remodeled mobile home. New air conditioning, plumbing, Storage building included. Perfect vacation or retirement property. \$20,000. 915-653-1442 after 5 pm. LAKE LBJ: Open Colorado waterfront. New 3 bedroom home. Must see to appreciate. Viewtiful. Only 295K. 915-388-6232	Super Seller I 15 words, 7 days, \$1050 Advertise your household item (priced under \$350) with this Classified special! Call 682-6222 for details...	Super Seller II 15 words, 7 days, \$550 Advertise your household item (priced under \$150) with this Classified special! Call 682-6222 for details...
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