3 former officers sue city

Odessa policemen in canine division claim they weren't compensated for off-duty work with dogs

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Consortium of Western companies, Russian government agree to develop major deposit of oil, gas

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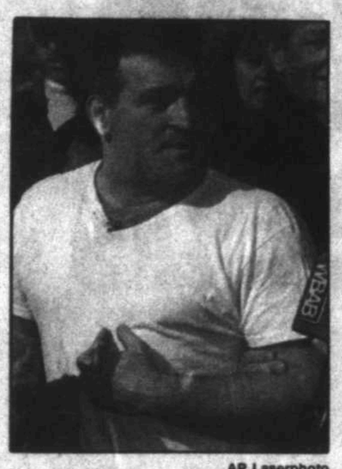

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Joey Buttafuoco gestures while answering questions after his release from the Nassau County Jail in East Meadow, N.Y., on Wednesday. Story/10B

Zachery autopsy

Official autopsy results received by Midland police on Tuesday from Dallas concluded that a well-known Midlander died in January due to injuries to the head. The autopsy results, sent from Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas, indicated that 35-year-old James Zachery died of blunt force injuries to the head after he was assaulted in the early morning hours of Jan. 25. The death was listed as a homicide./4A

Governor on crime

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards announced the second straight drop in the state's overall crime rate Wednesday and said Texans who don't feel safe are influenced by television bringing crime reports into their living rooms. The Democratic governor, waging a battle for her job against GOP challenger George W. Bush, also said she believes juvenile crime has risen to become "one of the biggest problems that we face today."/1B

Assassination

TIJUANA, Mexico — The man expected to become Mexico's next president, Luis Donaldo Colosio, was shot to death Wednesday during a campaign appearance in the border city of Tijuana. Colosio, candidate of Mexico's governing party, was rushed to Tijuana General Hospital with gunshot wounds to the head and upper body. A hospital spokeswoman said doctors operated on the less-serious wound in the lower body first, then had started a second operation on the head wound./3A

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Fiery F-16 crash kills 16

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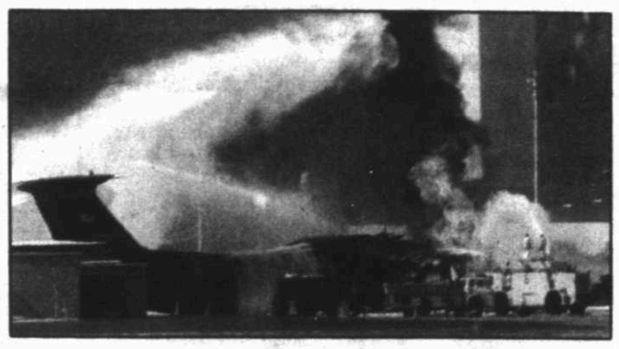

An Air Force C-141 burns on the runway at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., Wednesday after being struck by debris from a crashing F-16.

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■ Fatalities are on ground and in C-141 preparing for takeoff with paratroopers.

Associated Press

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. — An Air Force F-16D collided in the air with another plane while trying to land Wednesday and crashed to the runway in flames, spewing debris that ignited a huge transport plane and skidding into a staging area filled with paratroopers. Sixteen people were killed and 82 injured.

The two pilots aboard the F-16D ejected successfully and the other plane, a C-130 transport, landed safely with five crew members aboard, said Air Force Brig. Gen. Bobby Floyd. All seven crew members were in good condition.

The fatalities were on the ground and in the C-141 transport plane that was preparing to take off with paratroopers for training exercises, said Gene Sexton, deputy chief of public affairs at nearby Fort Bragg. Most of the injuries consisted of burns and broken bones.

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Questions flow on Whitewater; agenda drowns

By Terence Hunt

Associated Press News Analysis

WASHINGTON — With stunning swiftness, the Whitewater affair has drowned out President Clinton's message about jobs and health care. It's demoralized his staff and stolen time from other White House work. And to Clinton's dismay, it's not about to go away.

There's no sign that the affair has slowed President Clinton's legislative program. At least not yet.

The worry now at the White House is that Whitewater could change Americans' perception of Clinton as an active, can-do president, casting him instead as a leader preoccupied with nagging troubles.

"People are frustrated by this," said pollster Andrew Kohut of the Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press. "This isn't what they expected when they elected him or when they began to have high expectations about his agenda."

Most polls show Clinton's personal negative ratings going up and his approval ratings going down. The public has always had suspicions about Clinton's character, Kohut said, and, "This won't make it any better."

Clinton's own assessment is that while he's taken a lot of hits, Whitewater hasn't killed his legislative program.

"I don't think it's stalled us in the Congress. It may have stalled us in the country. Which is, of course, one of the things it's designed to do. The enemies of health care reform or the people who

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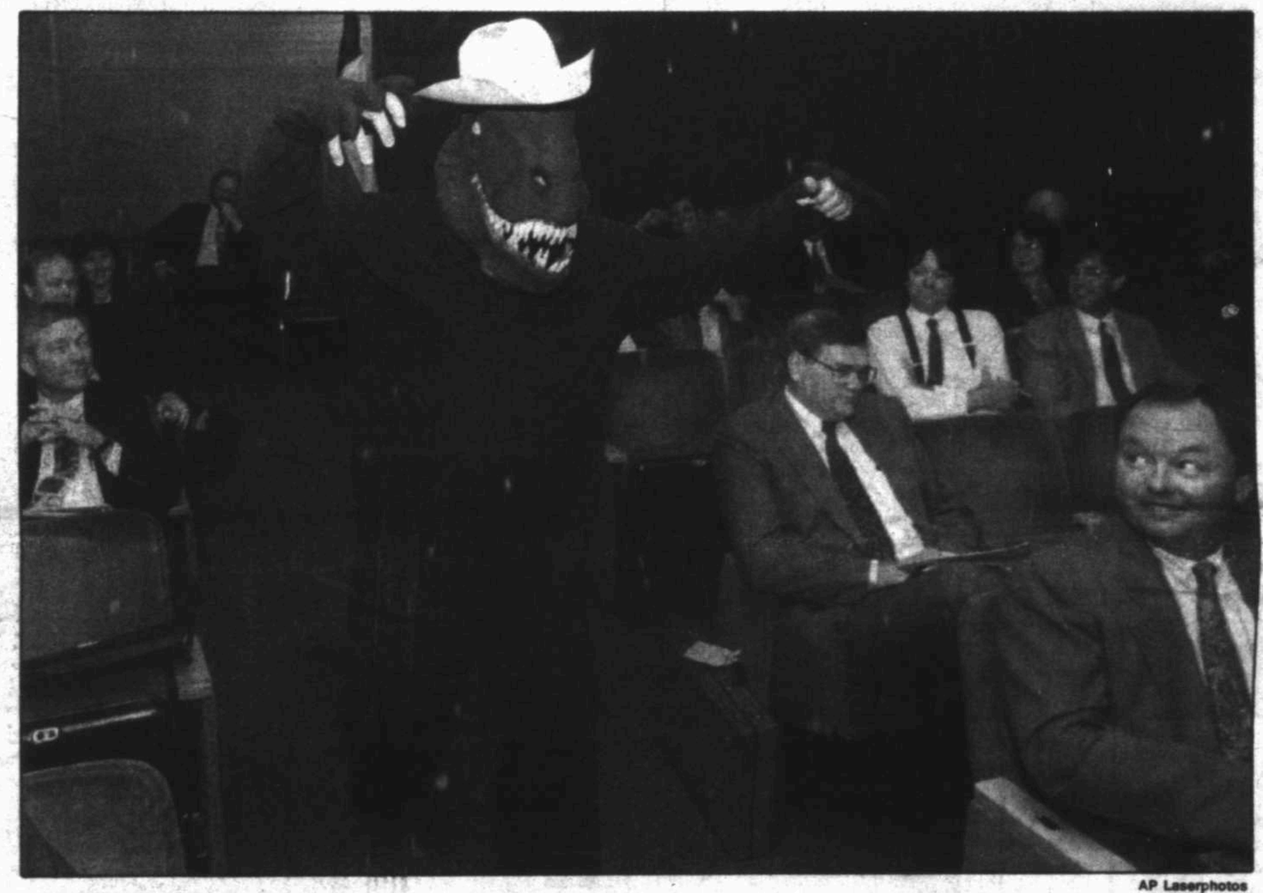

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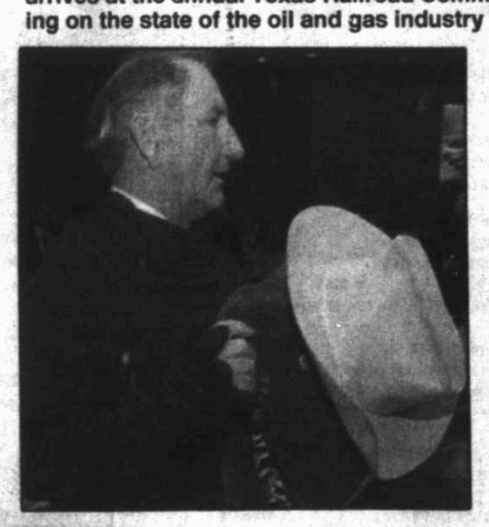
Clayton Williams, dressed as a dinosaur, roars as he arrives at the annual Texas Railroad Commission hearing on the state of the oil and gas industry Wednesday in Austin. Below, Williams removes his mask before outlining his "stay alive" strategy for producers. Williams lost his bid for governor in 1990.



Energy blues: Clayton Williams leads producers' pitch for help

By John Powers

Reporter-Telegram Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Midland oilman Clayton Williams showed up dressed as a dinosaur to make a point: Low oil prices are apt to make independent producers extinct.

Williams was one of two dozen industry leaders who spoke Wednesday at the Texas Railroad Commission's annual hearing on the state of the oil and gas industry. He wore a brown dinosaur suit — complete with a rubber mask and gloves with claws — topped by his trademark cowboy hat.

Saying he was "damn-near extinctus," Williams claimed he lived in a "very hostile environment" and that "if my environment doesn't improve, I will be more than an endangered species — I will be gone."

In 1993, Texas Railroad Commission members criticized U.S. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary for suggesting that smaller independent producers

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Pear-tree blossoms greet the advent of spring in hopes they will survive if a killing frost occurs.

Joe D. Williams Reporter-Telegram

Last-freeze date prediction theories abound

By Ed Todd

Staff Writer

Spring is here, and the buds are ablooming or fixing to.

Meanwhile, every gardener's nemesis — spring's sneaky last frost — may be looming. But who knows when the season's last freeze will come?

The average last-freeze date in Midland is April 1, according to a forecaster at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

But the certainty is that the weather is unpredictable.

"Old-timers have said that they have seen the last freeze later into April," said Midland nurseryman Donna Manning of Manning's Garden Center. "But in the last few years, it hasn't. The main thing they say is, if you ever try to predict the weather in West Texas, you're a fool."

The record early last freeze is March 5, said the forecaster, while the record late last freeze is April 28. The latter came in 1934 when the temperature fell 1 degree below

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Dust clears, races emerge as city's election filing deadline passes

By Michael Kashgarian

Staff Writer

Two people are in the running to be mayor, while three people seek positions on the City Council in the May 7 municipal election.

Two people are vying for the District 3 seat, while District 4 representative Claudia Egan will run for re-election unopposed.

Wednesday was the last day to file for municipal office and for seats on the boards of Midland and Greenwood independent school districts, Midland College, and Midland County Hospital District.

Applications turned in for the mayoral race are from:

■ Mayor J.D. Faircloth, 44, seeks a second term. Faircloth, a certified public accountant, is a former at-large City Council member.

■ Bobby Burns, 43, Midland businessman and Planning and Zoning Commission chairman, is the sole challenger. Burns is the owner of Robt. Burns & Associates Insurance and Financial Service.

Both Faircloth and Burns have said that economic development is one of the key issues in the race.

In the running to represent District 3 — central Midland — are:

■ Ed A. Vogler, 78, is a consulting geologist and a former airport advisory board chairman.

■ Tom Dollahite, 61, is a pilot.

The incumbent, L.D. "Buddy" Sipes Jr., is not seeking re-election. He has held the seat for three years.

Claudia Egan, 42, the unopposed candidate for District 4 — west and southwest Midland — is set to serve her second term.

Swearing-in ceremonies for the positions will be June 6.

The mayor is paid $75 a month for his or her services, while City Council members are paid $25 a month.

On election day, polls throughout Midland are to be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting is set for April 18-22, April 25-29, and May 3, at the Elections Administration Office, 709 W. Washington Ave.

There are no runoffs for city and hos-

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North Korea warns U.S. not to forget lessons of Korean War

South Korea puts 650,000 troops on special alert, North increases military activity by 50 percent, analysts downplay possibility of invasion.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Stepping up its rhetorical offensive, North Korea warned the United States on Wednesday not to forget the lessons of the Korean War. South Korea put its 650,000 troops on special alert.

The South Korean military was ordered to cancel leaves and keep commanders at their posts. Land, sea, and aerial patrols were increased, officials said.

While the militaries of both Koreas are frequently put on alert, Wednesday's order was a higher level than usual and took on special significance as North Korea grows increasingly belligerent over accusations it is developing nuclear weapons. The move expanded an alert ordered by President Kim Young-sam at an emergency national security meeting Monday.

"We need watertight security. There must be no letup," Defense Minister Rhee Byoung-tae told a parliamentary committee.

Rhee said the high alert will remain in force at least until the president returns from a weeklong trip to Japan and China next Wednesday.

Rhee said there are no signs of an impending invasion, although North Korea's 1.1 million-strong army has increased its land and aerial activity by 50 percent.

In Beijing, North Korean Ambassador Chu Chang Jun said war may break out if the United States ships Patriot missiles to South Korea and goes ahead with joint military exercises.

"The American side should not forget the historical experience from the Korean War of the 1950s and should use it as a lesson," Chu said.

About 54,000 American soldiers were killed in the three-year Korean War, which ended in 1953. About 400,000 South Koreans died, and Chinese and North Korean casualties were estimated at 1.5 million.

In a report monitored in Tokyo, the official Korea Central News Agency accused the United States of escalating tensions by sending the missiles and reviving the joint exercises.

The Pyongyang government will not be intimidated by the American actions, the report said. The North "is prepared for both dialogue and war. This is its unshakable stand and will."

The 151-mile Korean border, the world's most heavily armed, was calm Wednesday, Rhee said. North Korea's military held a routine winter field training exercise, he said.

Rhee said South Korea has strengthened early warning systems along the border in cooperation with the 36,000 U.S. troops stationed in the country.

North Korea, which is suspected of building nuclear weapons, refused to let inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency fully inspect its nuclear sites earlier this month, prompting a new standoff with the United States. On Monday, North Korea threatened to pull out of the international nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

North Korea insists its nuclear program is peaceful, but some Western experts say the hard-line Communist state may have enough plutonium to make at least one atomic bomb by next year.

Rhee said Patriot missiles were being shipped from the United States for deployment in April. Discussion was underway to conduct "Team Spirit" military exercises with the United States either in late spring or fall, he said.

The war games and Patriot deployment had been put on hold in an effort to coax North Korea into accepting full nuclear inspections.

On his visits to Japan, which has economic leverage over North Korea, and China, Pyongyang's only major ally, President Kim is expected to seek help in defusing the nuclear standoff.

Civilians cross Sarajevo's unity bridge

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — To cheers and applause, 41 civilians crossed the Brotherhood and Unity Bridge linking the Serb- and government-held parts of Sarajevo for the first time in two years of civil war Wednesday.

"If this was the Sarajevo 'Wall,' then it is falling apart," said Borislav Cuh, 68, as he crossed to see his two sons on the government-held side for the first time since shooting began.

"The time was so short. It passed in a moment," Sofija Corovic, one of the first to cross, said when she returned.

Not all the journeys across the bridge spanning the Miljacka River ended pleasantly. An elderly man, Hazan Bejic, returned after a half-hour, stunned at the news that his son was killed by a sniper Jan. 11.

In another sign of Sarajevo's slow return to normal, a link to the outside world was reopened on a limited basis Wednesday. The road goes north through Serb siege lines to a region controlled by the Muslim-led government and allied Croats.

Routes also opened to thread past front lines around the Sarajevo airport and link separated Serb and Muslim areas.

But Wednesday's looting of a U.N. relief convoy 50 miles north of the capital put a damper on rejoicing.

Bosnian Serbs stripped a 10-truck U.N. convoy bound for the Muslim enclave of Maglaj of its 94-ton cargo of food and medicine, scattering or stranding its drivers, U.N. officials said. The trucks' two-way radios were also taken.

In Zagreb, Croatia, U.N. spokesman Peter Kessler called it "the most serious incident since last June, when Bosnian Serbs shelled a convoy for Maglaj."

A U.N. convoy reached Maglaj across mostly Croat territory Sunday — the first overland shipment to reach there since October. U.N. officials had viewed the latest convoy, which had to cross a wider Serb-controlled area, as a test case for Serb compliance with U.N. demands for access to Maglaj.

Kessler said British peace keepers apparently found most of the 10 drivers near Teslic, where the looting occurred, about 50 miles northwest of Sarajevo.

Kessler said two drivers later saw what seemed to be U.N. trucks, markings removed, driven into Teslic by Bosnian Serb military and civilian police.

In the capital, 600 Sarajevans crowded two lanes of once-deadly "Sniper Alley" to watch the bridge opening, illustrating how much a 6-week-old cease-fire is changing life in the besieged city.

"My sister was shocked when she saw me at the doorstep," said Sofija Corovic, 55, a Muslim, after she returned from Serb-held Grbavica. "We didn't talk much. We only hugged and cried out of happiness."

Though the limited openings allowed some relatives and friends to reunite or leave Sarajevo, they hardly amounted to a lifting of the Serb siege.

People seeking passage must apply at least 24 hours in advance, and both sides must approve each name. Criteria for approval remain vague. Routes are open only a few hours daily.

Serbs agreed only after weeks of haggling.

Bosnia's Serbs say Sarajevo is a Serb city, and they want to keep at least part of it for their self-proclaimed state. The Muslim-led government, which hopes to preserve Sarajevo's cosmopolitan image, opposes any division.

Though occasional small-arms fire and explosions persist in Sarajevo, the U.N.-mediated cease-fire has worked wonders.

Streets are filled with people who stroll instead of dash through sniper zones. Some can even ride recently repaired streetcars in government-held districts.

Makeshift soccer games attract crowds. Cafes and restaurants are reopening, but siege and deprivation have driven prices far beyond the means of most of the city's estimated 380,000 residents.

Bosnia's war began when minority Serbs, armed by the Yugoslav army, rebelled at Croat-Muslim moves to secede from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

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Assassins kill Mexican ruling party candidate; riots rock capital

Luis Colosio dies after Tijuana shooting; President Salinas addresses nation on radio; Mexican TV reports arrest of 2 suspects; police clash with demonstrators.

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — The man expected to become Mexico's next president, Luis Donaldo Colosio, was shot to death Wednesday during a campaign appearance in the border city of Tijuana, the Mexican office of the presidency said.

Colosio, candidate of Mexico's governing party, was rushed to Tijuana General Hospital with gunshot wounds to the head and upper body. A hospital spokeswoman said doctors operated on the less-serious wound in the lower body first, then had started a second operation on the head wound.

An unidentified surgeon, interviewed on the Televisa network, said Colosio's wife, Diana, and a Roman Catholic clergyman were summoned into the operating room.

Leavano Saenz, Colosio's campaign press secretary, said he died at 11:10 p.m. EST.

Hundreds of people were milling about outside the hospital. Some were standing vigil, lighting candles and placing them on the front steps. The hospital is in the Zona Rio near the U.S./Mexican border.

In Mexico City, President Carlos Salinas de Gotari went on national radio and lamented the attack as an "infamous act." Colosio's death was confirmed by an official statement from Salinas' office.

"This is an attempt against a noble human being, a good man who sought only to serve his country," Salinas said in a brief message before the death was announced. He said he had ordered his attorney general to Tijuana to head the investigation.

Mexican TV reported two people were involved in the shooting and that both were arrested. Their identities were not immediately known.

The assassination was sure to only add to the nation's sense of crisis following an armed New Year's uprising by Indian peasants in the south. The rebels were seeking improved living conditions and reforms to clean up Mexico's fraud-ridden electoral system.

Colosio, 44, has been under attack by political opponents since Salinas named him Nov. 28 as standard-bearer for the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which has won every presidential election for the past 65 years.

In Mexico City, riot police clashed with up to 1,400 demonstrators who had marched to the Congress building Wednesday to demand greater election reforms than those being debated at a special session inside.

Scuffling broke out and protesters claimed at least 10 marchers were injured by helmeted police blocking entrances with plastic shields.

"They beat us, they kicked us!" screamed Alejandra Ramirez, one of about 30 protest leaders finally allowed to pass with hands raised through two lines of police holding wooden clubs.

"The deputies say this is their house, but it's not! This is the house of the people and we want real election reforms!"

One demonstrator shouted, "Next time we'll be back wearing American football helmets and shoulder pads!"

He joined others in signaling V-for-Victory and chanting: "The fight will continue!"

No protest leader appeared seriously hurt.

The Assembly of Barrios organized the protest to demand significant election reforms. Unease has followed a New Year's rebellion in southern Mexico that has made democracy a chief demand in a presidential election year.

The Assembly, a coalition of dozens of urban groups, has long expressed unhappiness with one-party rule. Its march to Congress in October over new housing laws ended with protesters smashing windows in the luxurious building.

Protest leaders delivered a petition to Congress on Wednesday, the second day of debate on election reforms. The Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, has controlled Mexico's political life for 65 years.

The session was called to turn into law an agreement by the government and nine parties to remove electoral boards from government control and stiffen penalties for electoral crimes. A special fraud prosecutor would supervise the Aug. 21 presidential ballot.

Colosio, who was heavily favored to succeed President Carlos Salinas de Gortari for the PRI, had hailed the reforms as a sign that his party is adapting to demands for democratic change.

Colosio's main rival, Cuauhtemoc Cardenas of the left-leaning Democratic Revolutionary Party, says he will insist on far-reaching election reforms.

Cardenas narrowly lost to Salinas in 1988 elections.

PLO, Israeli negotiators try to wrap up deal

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — PLO and Israeli negotiators tried to wrap up an agreement Wednesday on protecting Palestinians in the occupied lands, and Israeli lawmakers said Israel was considering removing one of six Jewish settlements in the heart of Hebron.

Negotiators in Cairo are trying to find a formula that would bring the PLO back to the bargaining table to finish plans for Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

Those talks were suspended after a Jewish settler massacred 30 worshipers at a mosque in the West Bank town of Hebron last month.

Palestinians are demanding security guarantees before resuming the autonomy talks. "We have come here to prevent another Hebron massacre," chief Palestinian delegate Nabil Shaath said.

Shaath said negotiators were discussing an international security force in the occupied territories and a Palestinian police force.

As the delegates broke for dinner, Shaath said the talks were "going well."

Sources in Tunis, Tunisia, had said a tentative agreement was reached in talks there Monday and Tuesday, but that Israel's final decision was up to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The tentative agreement reportedly called for putting some foreign troops in the occupied lands and moving Jewish settlers out of Hebron to the nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba. Israel has long resisted both moves.

In Jerusalem, lawmakers said Israel was considering closing down Tel Rumeida, one of six small settlements in the midst of Hebron's 80,000 Palestinian residents.

Tel Rumeida is home to only seven settler families, but its residents include activists in the recently banned, anti-Arab Kach movement. Dr. Baruch Goldstein, the settler who carried out the Hebron massacre, was a Kach supporter from Kiryat Arba.

The PLO has demanded that all 43 settler families — about 450 people — be moved out of Hebron.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres refused to say whether a decision was near on moving any settlers out of Hebron. Such a move was not being negotiated with the PLO, he said.

The U.S. envoy to the Mideast, Dennis Ross, arrived in Israel and met with Rabin after visiting Syria, Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan to discuss ways to get the negotiations back on track.

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Military begins preparations for Gaza withdrawal

GAZA (NYT) — At the headquarters of Israel's military government here, prefabricated houses that had been used as offices were hoisted onto long flatbed trucks this week and carted away.

As army maneuvers go, it was not much. And the houses did not have far to travel, only a few miles to the crossing point between the Gaza Strip and Israel.

But their removal was one of many signs in the last few weeks that the Israeli army has started to dismantle operations in the coastal strip even though Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, their talks halted by the Hebron massacre, have yet to work out all the details of a troop withdrawal.

"We know that eventually we're going to withdraw, so we're ready to do it," an army officer said. "The idea is that when it comes, we'll be able to do it very quickly."

Thus far, no heavy armament or soldiers have been pulled out, army officers say. Movement has been confined to equipment like computers, barracks, tents, files, desks and one or two observation towers.

Still, after 27 years of ruling a hostile population, Israel is poised to move back to whatever positions are ultimately agreed on with the PLO. Some Israelis officials say that if the negotiations resume soon, it may even be possible to complete the first-stage withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho by the original target date of April 13.

Given the two sides' track record with deadlines, that may be an overly optimistic appraisal. But movement clearly has begun.

In the heart of Gaza, a large field that had been filled with army tents and offices barely a week ago is now an empty expanse. Palestinian children have dug trenches across its length and breadth, scavenging for anything of value.

At the military government headquarters, a Palestinian worker said he had been told that his March pay would be the last from the Israelis, although in the absence of a firm Israel-PLO agreement, he was not sure that would be the case.

Outside the Jabaliya refugee camp, where the Palestinian uprising against Israel began in late 1987, Maher Ferwana looked across the street from his ramshackle auto-repair shop to a nearly desolate hill that until two weeks ago had been filled with tents for 400 or more soldiers.

"I'm confident now that the Israelis will leave here," Ferwana said. But like most people in Gaza, he denounced the outline "declaration of principles" signed by Israel and the PLO last September as selling Gazans short. It may mean that the Israelis move out of many places they have held for nearly three decades, Ferwana said, but soldiers will still be around — at checkpoints, outside Jewish settlements and on patrols along several main roads.

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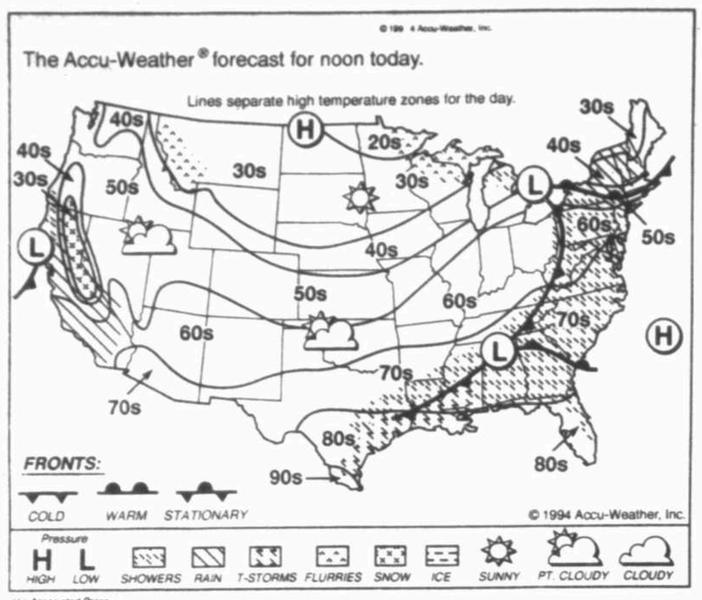

Via Associated Press

Zachery died of head injuries, autopsy finds

By Katherine Poteet
Staff Writer

Official autopsy results received by Midland police on Tuesday from Dallas concluded that a well-known Midlander died in January due to injuries to the head.

The autopsy results, sent from Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas, indicated that 35-year-old James Zachery died of blunt force injuries to the head after he was assaulted in the early morning hours of Jan. 25. The death was listed as a homicide.

"District Attorney Al Schorre and detectives that were working the case met with the Zachery family Tuesday to go over the results," said Midland police Sgt. David Garcia. "The results were then sent to Ector County Medical Examiner Dr. Sparks Veasey for review and to assist the Police Department in understanding the results.

"The results indicate that James Zachery died from trauma to the head," he said. "Now, the results and all the evidence will go to the grand jury to determine if the case should continue."

Veasey declined to comment on his review o. the autopsy results.

Rice Freeman-Zachery said the Zachery family was pleased with the results.

"The medical examiners did a very thorough job during their seven weeks' work," she said. "This confirms the preliminary results and what we have thought all along, that James was murdered. The manner of death was determined as homicide. Now, we want whoever murdered James to be punished."

A toxicology report that was part of the autopsy results said Zachery had .32 mg/liter of cocaine in his blood and traces of cocaine in his urine when he died.

When asked about the toxicology report, Mrs. Freeman-Zachery said the it did not matter.

"His death was not a result of cocaine, it was because of the trauma to his head," she said. "Cocaine was determined not to have been a contributing factor."

Zachery was found by police about 1 a.m. in the 1300 block of East Industrial Road two months ago. Officers found him conscious and bleeding from wounds to the head. Before being transported to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Zachery told police several men assaulted him. While in the hospital's emergency room, he lost consciousness and died at 4:30 a.m.

Police arrested Terry Earl Stewart, 25, and Duann Dwayne Stewart, 17, — no relation — in connection with the incident. Both men remain in jail charged with murder.

Garcia said leads on a third suspect in the case never panned out.

Expect some clouds, mid-80s

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high between 80 and 85 and south to southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with a low between 45-50, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Friday should be partly cloudy with a high in the upper 70s.

After an overnight low of 50, Wednesday's high reached 85, compared to the record high for that date of 89 set in 1972. The record low was 27 set in 1987.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High	85 degrees
Overnight Low	50 degrees
Sunset today	7:03 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:46 a.m.
Precipitation:	
Last 24 hours	00.00 inches
This month to date	trace inches
Year to date	01.10 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	77	6 a.m.	51
7 p.m.	73	7 a.m.	51
8 p.m.	69	8 a.m.	53
9 p.m.	66	9 a.m.	62
10 p.m.	64	10 a.m.	68
11 p.m.	62	11 a.m.	78
midnight	59	noon	79
1 a.m.	53	1 p.m.	81
2 a.m.	52	2 p.m.	81
3 a.m.	54	3 p.m.	83
4 a.m.	54	4 p.m.	84
5 a.m.	52	5 p.m.	83
		6 p.m.	80

Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin-Upper Trans Pecos — Today, partly cloudy. Highs, 80-85. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows, 45-50. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 70s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 40s. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Highs, 60-65. Concho Valley-Edwards Plateau — Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-80s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-50s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs near 80. Friday night, partly cloudy to mostly cloudy. Lows, 50-55. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid- to upper 70s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows around 50. Highs in the lower 70s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s. Highs in the mid-60s.

Weather elsewhere

	Hi	Lo	prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	63	27		cdy
Albuquerque	68	45		cdy
Asheville	71	32		cdy
Atlanta	74	50		cdy
Atlantic City	75	37		clr
Baltimore	80	39		cdy
Billings	29	23	.49	cdy
Bismarck	25	22	.37	cdy
Boise	47	19		cdy
Boston	67	39	.01	cdy
Buffalo	57	44		sn
Charleston,S.C.	69	55		cdy
Charleston,W.Va.	84	43		cdy
Chicago	74	49		cdy
Cleveland	73	42		cdy
Columbia,S.C.	81	38		cdy
Columbus,Ohio	75	37		cdy
Dayton	74	46		cdy
Denver	59	42		cdy
Detroit	73	39		cdy
Duluth	24	20	.10	cdy
Evansville	80	40		cdy
Flagstaff	52	33		cdy
Grand Rapids	66	48		cdy
Great Falls	29	23	.15	cdy
Hartford Spgfld	68	33		cdy
Helena	35	26	.27	cdy
Indianapolis	77	40		cdy
Jackson,Miss.	80	52	.17	cdy
Kansas City	84	59		cdy
Las Vegas	64	37		rn
Los Angeles	68	50		rn
Louisville	80	42		cdy

Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Ppn
Alpine	79	50	
Amarillo	78	50	
Austin	77	67	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	80	66	
Bryan-College Station	78	65	.01
Corpus Christi	80	69	
Dallas	81	64	
El Paso	76	59	
Fort Worth	85	64	
Galveston	74	64	
Houston	83	66	.01
Laredo	88	71	
Lubbock	83	52	
Marfa	75	42	
Paris	81	55	
Presidio	MM	MM	
San Angelo	89	63	
San Antonio	86	69	
Victoria	75	67	.06
Waco	79	65	
Wink	85	47	

DEADLINE: Three seek City Council seats

(From 1A)

pital district races. The candidate with the most votes wins. If necessary, there would be runoffs in the MISD, GISD and MC races, according to Bettye Calvert of the Elections Administration Office.

Midland Independent School District

Two of the MISD school board incumbents are running for re-election. Board President Jack Hightower is running for re-election as District 3 representative and Gary Willis is running for re-election to the District 6 board position. Opposing Willis are hopefuls Leonard Monroe and Diane Anderson, who filed Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

Robin M. Hightower (not related to incumbent Jack Hightower) will be running unopposed for one board slot. Ms. Hightower is running for the District 5 position held by George Staley.

Staley has decided not to run for re-election to the post after serving two terms on the board.

Midland College

One MC board incumbent has drawn competition with a last-minute filing for the board's Place 4 position. Three positions are up for election.

Incumbent Parker Humes has file to run for re-election to the Place 4 position. Running against him for the Place 4 slot is Hugh White.

William Kleine has filed for re-election to the Place 5 position and incumbent Charlene Romero Wurtz has filed for the Place 6 position. There are no challengers for these positions.

Greenwood Independent School District

No one filed to run against incumbents on GISD's board of trustees. Two board positions are up for election.

John Underwood has filed to run for re-election to the Place 6 position; incumbent Brooks Smith has filed for the Place 7 position.

Midland County Hospital District

Unopposed for re-election to four-year terms on the hospital district's board of directors are Jo Ann Viney, District 3 representative; Jean Pittman, District 4 representative, and Charles Coffman, District 7 representative.

Ms. Pittman is board president. Coffman is vice president and Ms. Viney is secretary.

CRASH: Fiery debris ignites transport plane

(From 1A)

"I wasn't sure how badly I was hurt," an unidentifed soldier told WTVD-TV. "I rolled to make sure I wasn't on fire or anything. It was the same with other people.

"It was very, very horrible. You can't really explain it. I can't believe it actually happened."

After the pilots ejected, the F-16D crashed and burst into flames, sending engines and sheared metal flying, Floyd said. The crash occurred about 2:30 p.m.

The hulk of the fighter plane skidded past parked transport planes and into a staging area where paratroopers were preparing for exercises.

"Every unit on Fort Bragg had someone in that area at that time," said Sgt. 1st Class Skip Richey.

Sixteen people were killed and 82 injured, said Maj. Jim Hinnant, an Army spokesman at Fort Bragg. Twenty of the injured were treated and released and the rest remained hospitalized Wednesday.

Identification of the victims was being withheld Wednesday night pending notification of relatives.

Defense Secretary William Perry, flying home from an eight-day trip to the former Soviet Union, issued a statement offering "profound sympathies and condolences to the families of those who have been killed or injured."

The F-16D and the C-130 were both practicing landing when they collided, Floyd said. The C-130 had completed its training exercise with paratroopers and was returning to Pope nearly empty.

"For some unknown reason, they both appeared at the same time at the same place," Floyd said. "Obviously, there was a failure to communicate. Both pilots thought they were cleared to land."

As the F-16D skidded on the tarmac, part of the debris hit the C-141's fuel tanks, igniting a blaze that took firefighters 30 minutes to extinguish.

The fighter then skidded off the runway.

FLOW: Whitewater drowns other issues

(From 1A)

don't want us to do anything are obviously trying to beat it to death," the president said.

White House officials acknowledge they mishandled Whitewater and underestimated the impact as questions about the financial investment spiraled out of control. There's a general resignation that it will be around for the foreseeable future and that the White House has to live with it.

Congressional hearings will keep the matter alive. So will the embarrassing specter of White House and Treasury officials testifying under subpoena before a grand jury about suspicious contacts concerning the status of the investigation of the Clintons' investment in the Whitewater Development Corp. and its ties to a failed Arkansas savings and loan.

"I hear so many news organizations are out working on so many stories in Arkansas and elsewhere, I don't think we know where this story is necessarily going on Whitewater," said David Gergen, counselor to the president. "I can't predict with any certainty what's going to happen."

The uncertainty spills over to the public. Right now, most people think Whitewater is a minor offense or no offense at all, Kohut said, but there is a perception that "there's so much smoke here there must be something."

Republican success in exploiting Whitewater has caused Clinton to erupt in anger.

BLUES: Clayton Williams dons dinosaur garb, offers 'stay-alive' plan

(From 1A)

may be a dying breed.

Williams outlined what he called a "stay-alive" plan to railroad commissioners James E. "Jim" Nugent, Barry Williamson and Mary Scott Nabers.

He said that to maintain marginal wells, the government should:

■ Increase statutory depletion rates to 25 percent while the price is below $20 a barrel.

■ Eliminate the 1,000 barrel a day limit on production available for statutory depletion.

■ Initiate 10 percent production-cost credits for wells that produce fewer than 25 barrels a day, and eliminate state severance taxes on such wells.

To support drilling activity, Williams said the government should:

■ Eliminate intangible drilling costs from the tax preferences subject to a minimum tax.

■ Reinstate the investment-tax credit for tangible drilling costs.

■ Eliminate the requirement to capitalize interest and overhead during the time of drilling and the recapture provision from capital gains.

Williams, a 1990 Republican gubernatorial candidate, said a federal oil-import fee would be helpful, but he realized it was not politically feasible.

Oil prices, near their lowest level in five years, are around $15 a barrel for the U.S. benchmark crude, down from an average of $20 only a year ago.

"We are determined to keep trying," Williams told commissioners after discussing his company's layoffs and pay cuts.

"But I think it is in the best interests of this country and this state that the independent not become extinct."

Independents produce about 37 percent of the nation's crude oil and 63 percent of the natural gas, and drill about 85 percent of the wells.

Thomas Coffman, president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners, said many of the independent wells produce fewer than 10 barrels a day. Those stripper wells face the greatest danger of being shut down in the face of falling prices.

Stephen Layton, vice president of the National Stripper Well Association, said more than 70 percent of the oil wells in Texas are stripper wells.

"I am afraid that without help from the government or a recovery in crude prices, the job losses of the past several months are only the tip of the iceberg," Layton said.

Larry Hulsey, president of the North Texas Oil & Gas Association, said more than 100,000 stripper wells have been plugged in Texas, with their production lost forever.

The contrast between the way the United States and other nations treat the oil industry is remarkable, said Bob White, president of Mobil Exploration and Producing U.S. Inc.

White said many foreign governments have increased areas available for exploration, reduced taxes on production, worked with the industry to reduce costs and moved toward goal-setting regulations rather than prescribed environmental rules.

"The U.S. government has not taken any of these actions," he said.

As a result, during the past 10 years the oil and gas industry has lost twice as many jobs as the automobile, steel and textile industries combined, he said.

Commissioners asked the industry representatives to work with them to produce energy legislation to offer the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress.

While words like "crisis" and "survival" were used many times, most speakers agreed natural gas was the bright spot in the energy picture.

Speakers cited stable allowables, increased prices and pipeline accessibility as bright spots. Extended cold weather in the central and northeastern United States this winter helped gas prices.

As part of Williams' presentation, one of his employees dressed in a hunter's costume and representing cheap oil prices, chased him around the room firing an unloaded air rifle.

Some years ago, Williams rode a horse up the state Capitol steps to dramatize his call for deregulation of his long-distance telephone business.

FREEZE: Measures can help protect plants if frost is imminent

(From 1A)

freezing to 31 degrees.

One date gardeners often use as a "safe time to plant" is Good Friday, which this year falls on April 1, "although we never know out here in West Texas," Ms. Manning said.

Among last-freeze planting signs are budding and blooming mesquite and pecan trees.

"If the mesquite trees are putting out, and if the pecan trees are starting to put out," Ms. Manning said, "then you feel a little more comfortable about going ahead and being able to plant some early spring flowers and shrubs and stuff," including tomatoes.

"Shrubs, of course, we can plant anytime," she said.

Midland pecan-grower Marjorie Shaw noticed the pecan trees are, indeed, budding.

"Usually, when the mesquite comes out (in buds), we won't have any more freezes," Ms. Shaw said. "The frost is over. Once in a while, they will be nipped, but not often."

Midkiff rancher T.O. Midkiff said the mesquite trees are "fixing to" bud. "They are getting ready to pop open."

However, "the best sign that I've come up with is the scissortail," Midkiff said. "If you see a scissortail (migrate to West Texas), the frost is over," he said of the scissor-tailed flycatcher. "They are better (weather predictors) than the mesquite tree. An old Indian told me that story."

Old-time Midland rancher C.M. Edwards, 80, picked up this weather lore from his mother, Cora Edwards: "'Thunder in February; frost in April.'

"And we sure had some thunder in February, the latter part," Edwards said. "But I've seen it happen. We had thunder in February. That means frost in April. That's what my mother always told me.

"And I've seen mesquite put out before that (last freeze) and get killed," Edwards said.

But if a freeze is imminent, there are measures that can be taken to protect plants.

"If it looks like we are going to have a freeze, make sure the plant is well watered," Ms. Manning said. "Watering helps to insulate the root system, so that it prevents it from dehydrating if we have a hard freeze.

"The watering is the main thing," she said. "But anything that's blooming, if we have a freeze, is going to nip the blooms and the buds" unless they are protected.

Tomatoes and peppers, for example, can be capped or otherwise covered, such as with gallon milk jugs, to insulate them from the cold.

Buds and blossoms can be sprayed with products that prevent them from freezing, Ms. Manning said.

Horticulturist Joe Sperl of Alldredge Gardens said it is "probably going to freeze one more time" this spring.

Sperl suggested "heavily water everything before it freezes.

"What watering does is it helps protects the roots from the cold," he said. "It freezes the ground around the roots, and it protects the roots.

"But what damages the tree the most is the cold on the outside of the tree," Sperl said. "If it freezes your buds, it will ruin your growth for the year on the tree. Sometimes a pear or apple will bud out again. It's hard to say if they will bud out again and bloom. A lot of them have been blooming already for three weeks, and some of them are trying to set fruit now."

Sperl recalled a freeze in recent years that "did a lot of damage to all the new growth — all the new grasses that were coming up. It also damaged a lot of trees.

"The trees recovered, but they had to be pruned back severely. They came right back out.

"We are telling people, if we get a freeze, to go out and water and cover (plants) with a piece of plastic or an old sheet or something," Sperl said. "That's the best thing to do for the plant."

Tomatoes and most vegetables "can handle weather down to 40 degrees," he said. "All of our nursery stock stays outside. If we have got a chance of it getting below 40, we cover. We water and cover all of our shrubs, tomatoes and flowers."

Rick French, manager of La Casa Verde Nursery, said "a lot of people, of course, go by Easter" to determine a safe time for planting cold-sensitive plants.

French suggested that gardeners and lawn-keepers "water trees and shrubs real good before a freeze."

Foliage can be sprayed with products, some of which are "straight potassium" and can protect the blooms from freezing. Otherwise, plants may be physically insulated from a frost.

And when would French predict this year's final spring freeze? "Got me," he said.

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British prime minister shows his tough side

By Karin Davies
Associated Press

LONDON — First, Britain's mild-mannered prime minister outshouted a politician who harangued him on Northern Ireland. Then he denounced the opposition leader as "Monsieur Oui, the poodle of Brussels."

Has John Major become Mr. Mean?

Some think his touchy temper, like Britain's latest feud with its European partners, is intended to salvage the Conservative Party's position in the upcoming European Parliament elections.

Not so, Downing Street said Wednesday.

"The notion that the prime minister has manufactured a crisis with the European Union to help with European elections is complete drivel," said Major's spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

On Monday, Major lost his temper in a shouting match with Ian Paisley, the bellowing leader of Northern Ireland's hard-line Democratic Unionists. It was their first meeting since Britain and Ireland agreed on a declaration seeking peace in Northern Ireland.

Paisley said Major threw papers around the Cabinet Room, banged on a table, accused him of talking rubbish, then threw him out.

"I had to raise my voice in order that the prime minster could hear because he was shouting so loudly," Paisley said. "But I have a louder voice than he has."

Major hasn't commented publicly on the private meeting. But his spokesman said Paisley "did some classic fulminating and got out-fulminated."

On Tuesday, an opposition Labor Party member ridiculed the government's concerns that enlarging the European Union would dilute its ability to veto policies that it does not like.

"The opposition would sign away our votes, our competitiveness and our money," Major shouted. He denounced Labor Party leader John Smith as "the man who likes to says 'yes' in Europe. He is Monsieur Oui, the poodle of Brussels."

Frenchman on trial for war crimes claims innocence

VERSAILLES, France (AP) — Paul Touvier, the former militia chief on trial for crimes against humanity, said Wednesday he freed at least 42 French prisoners after D-Day to prevent their massacre by retreating Nazi troops.

But a prosecutor called him a liar when Touvier, 78, testified he personally freed a newly recruited Resistance fighter for humanitarian reasons.

"He was just a boy, only about 20," Touvier said from his bullet-proof glass booth. "He hadn't gone on any raids yet, so I decided to let him go."

Under questioning, Touvier — the first Frenchman to be prosecuted for crimes against humanity — admitted he freed Jean-Pierre Rozier in June 1944 as propaganda for the pro-Nazi militia.

"I thought it would be good for us if the family got help from the militia," he said, insisting he did not accept a reward from the wealthy family of jewelers.

"I personally drove him back to his father's jewelry store. It would have been easy for me to take something, but the thought never entered my mind."

Lawyers for the civil parties — families of Resistance fighters and Jewish deportees — told the court Rozier's father testified after the war that Touvier forced him to pay 1 million francs (about $500,000 today) for his son's freedom.

Prosecutor Henri de Touzalin said he had documents to prove many prisoners remained in detention long after Touvier claimed to have let them go, and that the figure of 42 has never been proven.

Touvier was unable to recall the names of Jewish prisoners he claims to have freed during the summer of 1944.

Wednesday was the fifth day of Touvier's trial. He is charged with overseeing the execution of seven Jewish hostages in June 1944 while intelligence chief for the militia of the collaborationist Vichy regime.

Touvier was arrested at a priory in Nice in 1989 after spending decades as a fugitive.

Growth proves painful for European Union

By Paul Ames
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Bringing in new members was supposed to relaunch the drive for European unity — vanquishing a quarrelsome period of "Euro-pessimism" by creating a bigger and better European Union.

So far, things haven't turned out that way.

A nasty squabble over how EU nations share power after next year's planned enlargement has plunged them into a crisis which the union's chief executive Jacques Delors says may bring "years of stagnation."

After the latest round of talks by the EU foreign ministers collapsed Tuesday, the enlargement may be delayed by six months. The foreign ministers will try to again at an informal weekend session in Greece.

The spat has revived divisions among the current 12 EU states, paralyzed their joint foreign policy efforts and threatens to delay the entry of Austria, Norway, Finland and Sweden.

Failure to get them in by Jan. 1 would increase the gloom that has enveloped the EU in recent years due to its failures to end the war in former Yugoslavia and the recession felt across the continent.

The current acrimony centers on Britain and Spain's insistence on maintaining rights to block unwelcome EU decisions. They want to keep a system whereby one small and two large nations can veto such decisions.

The other 10 members say the rules must be changed when the EU grows to 16 members to prevent decision-making deadlock.

Spain fears richer northerners may shift the EU's balance of power at the expense of southerners who get billions of dollars in development aid through the union.

Britain is again guarding its barricades against an erosion of national sovereignty by what powerful "Euro-skeptics" in the ruling Conservative Party call "the Brussels bureaucracy."

The standoff is the worst since the bitter debate over the 1992 Maastricht treaty on European Union.

The treaty commits the 12 nations to closer cooperation in foreign policy, justice and security. It also paves the way for a single EU currency by the end of the decade with Britain remaining on the sidelines.

The next stop on Western Europe's stop-and-go road to integration was the expansion. Adding like-minded newcomers is widely seen as strengthening the EU's political and economic clout.

But that grand design now looks tattered.

The enlargement talks are a month behind schedule and further delays appear inevitable.

"I can't possibly accept the nightmare of a decision not being taken this weekend," said Greek European Affairs Minister Theodoros Pangalos, whose nation now holds the EU presidency. "We will be in a lot of trouble."

The four candidate nations should hold referenda on their accession treaties to the EU this year.

Italian media tycoon crafts populist reformer image

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press

ROME — Silvio Berlusconi was asked a decade ago what he would do if he abandoned his media and real estate empire. The former nightclub crooner answered: conduct an orchestra.

Berlusconi is setting the tempo these days, but as the leader of a meticulously controlled political movement designed to reach a crescendo at voting booths Sunday and Monday.

"I run to win," Berlusconi proclaimed in January to launch a campaign constructed around his ego, riches and anti-communist diatribes that seem rooted deep in the Cold War.

Some voter polls have placed Berlusconi's right-wing Forza Italia (Go Italy) party near the top going into elections for Parliament that will redefine Italy's leadership after two years of power-abuse scandals.

The group stresses conservative themes such as lower taxes, less government control on business, stricter immigration laws and vaguely defined "traditional values."

The promises appeal to Italians tired of the recession and a political system built on payoffs and patronage. The scandal-ridden Christian Democrats and Socialists, who governed Italy since World War II, are in shambles.

President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro dissolved both houses of the 21-month-old Parliament in January, clearing the way for elections. At least one-fourth of its members were under investigation for corruption or Mafia ties.

Leftist opponents argue that Berlusconi flourished under the old system of kickbacks and cronyism and seeks now to direct a fascist-style bloc with direct access to voters via his TV networks.

"Arrogant and dangerous," said Achille Occhetto, leader of the former Communists, now called the Democratic Party of the Left, the main rival of Forza Italia.

Although it's unlikely Forza Italia could take a majority of Parliament seats in the election, it could emerge as the strongest party. If other right-leaning allies do well, Forza Italia could take a lead role in negotiations for a new prime minister. Berlusconi, who is almost guaranteed of winning a Parliament seat, is considered a possibility for the post.

His name is up there with Occhetto, Mario Segni, a former Christian Democrat who led voter reform movement, and Premier Carlo Ciampi, the first independent premier in Italy's 52 postwar governments.

The chaos of Italian politics is just the opposite of the order Berlusconi is accustomed to.

In his businesses, he called all the shots. Similarly, his campaign was a study in control right from his announcement — a videotape sent to newspapers, television stations and news agencies.

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Wargames prick edgy North Korean nerves

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Fighter jets scream above stark mountain ridges, warships lie in dark waters offshore and determined legions of U.S. combat troops hit the beaches and secure roadways, hills and valleys across the craggy torso of Korea.

A reenactment of battles from the Korean War?

No, it's all part of a massive drill more than 100,000 U.S. and South Korean troops stage each year to sharpen their ability to counter an attack from the communist North.

Ever since they began 18 years ago, the military exercises have been denounced by the rigid Stalinist regime in Pyongyang as a provocation, a dress rehearsal for armageddon.

Now the drills, called "Team Spirit," lie near the heart of a diplomatic fray that has raised tensions on the bitterly divided Korean peninsula so much that South Korean troops are girded for real battle.

So far, the only shots fired have been verbal — if incendiary.

But the exchanges, which heated up again on Wednesday, are provoking dark fears here over the consequences of a possible miscalculation by either side in the tense Cold War-era standoff in Korea, routinely cited by intelligence and military experts as the most dangerous potential flash point in the world.

That assessment appeared justified on Wednesday, when a North Korean diplomat summoned the memory of 54,000 Americans killed in the Korean War to threaten the possibility of renewed fighting.

"The American side should not forget the historical experience from the Korean War of the 1950s and should use it as a lesson," Pyongyang's envoy to China, Chu Chang Jun, said in Beijing.

Chu sounded his dire message a day after North Korea accused the United States of driving the Korean peninsula "to a very dangerous brink of war" by announcing the deployment of high-tech Patriot missiles to South Korea and the possible resumption of "Team Spirit" exercises later this year.

The Patriots, built to thwart attacks by Scud missiles, are to be deployed next month, the Pentagon has said. The Team Spirit exercises had been scuttled for this year after North Korea agreed to allow inspectors from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency to view sites suspected of harboring nuclear weapons materials.

Since North Korea reneged on its commitment last week, however, U.S. and South Korean military officials have been talking about reviving Team Spirit exercises sometime later this year.

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Sgt. John Hiller of Fort Bliss, Texas, operates a Patriot Missile launcher station Tuesday at Fort Bliss. About 800 soldiers from the fort's 2nd Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery Brigade are preparing to relocate to South Korea.

Mosque callers compete with guerrillas' gunfire

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank (AP) — As dawn broke Wednesday, the Muslim call to prayer competed with the staccato chatter of machine guns and explosions of rockets tearing apart a stone building suspected as a guerrilla hideout.

When the 22-hour siege ended at midafternoon, four Islamic militants and a woman bystander were dead, and Arabs opposed to the resumption of Middle East peace talks had a new rallying cry.

The gunbattle came less than a month after a Jewish settler shot 30 Palestinian worshipers to death in Hebron's ancient Tomb of the Patriarchs about a half-mile away. Palestinian leaders accused the army of endangering civilians with the siege.

Palestinians were especially incensed the roof of a pediatric hospital holding 32 children was used as a staging point by Israeli soldiers to pour fire at the holed-up guerrillas. That move also drew protests from the International Red Cross and other human rights groups.

Israeli military censors banned news media from reporting on the battle until after it ended, apparently hoping to hold down Palestinian protests in the occupied territories.

But U.N. spokesman Sami Mshasha said 18 Palestinians were wounded in clashes with troops during protests in Hebron and others towns in the West Bank.

The army said the siege started around ' p.m. Tuesday, when an Israeli patrol was shot at from the building. An army spokesman, Capt. Ram Izrach, said the last shots heard from inside the building came at around 2 p.m. Wednesday.

"They were called on many times to surrender, but the answer was always gunfire," he told an Associated Press reporter at the scene.

Izrach said five soldiers suffered minor wounds, including the driver of an armored bulldozer who was wounded by glass fragments when guerrillas fired as he battered the three-story building.

Reporters estimated troops fired more than 100 anti-tank rockets along with thousands of bullets from machine guns and automatic rifles.

Night turned to day, setting roosters crowing, when up to 15 yellow flares at a time glided down over Hebron repeatedly Tuesday night. Red tracer bullets streamed at the hideout, which was held in the glare of blinding spotlights that jumped from window to window looking for movement.

"After the thousands of shots they've fired in there, only ghosts and angels could be left," said Surayia Abu Sineini, 44, who watched the battle that turned a refurbished white stone building into a fire-blackened wreck.

Maj. Gen. Ehud Barak, the military chief of staff, said the four dead were among the most dangerous wanted members of the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas.

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Scientists: Chernobyl radioactive element might ruin water

CHERNOBYL, Ukraine (NYT) — Nearly eight years after the Chernobyl meltdown, Ukrainian scientists have found that strontium-90 is leaching into the ground water and may reach Ukraine's most important water reservoir within a few years.

The radioactive strontium is carried into the earth by rain and snow that penetrates the concrete-and-steel sarcophagus built in late 1986 to entomb the exploded Chernobyl Unit 4 nuclear reactor.

Because of gaping cracks in the sarcophagus roof, about 820,000 gallons have infiltrated the reactor building, according to new estimates by the Ukrainian state committee for nuclear and radiation safety. That is almost enough to fill two Olympic-size swimming pools.

Once inside, the rainwater mixes with a four-foot-thick layer of lava-like meltdown residue in the reactor basement level. The water becomes intensely radioactive as it dissolves strontium, plutonium and other radioactive material, known as radionuclides. Then it soaks into the ground because the sarcophagus has no sealed foundation.

Strontium-90, which comes from the fallout of a nuclear explosion, is dangerous because it can be assimilated into biological processes and be deposited in the bones of humans and animals. If ingested by humans, strontium-90 readily attaches itself to the bones, damaging the bone marrow and inducing cancer.

At a scientific conference here last week, Ukrainian Institute of Geology researchers disclosed that they measured unexpectedly high levels of strontium-90 last year in test wells on the periphery of the reactor site.

Within one to nine years, "substantial" concentrations of strontium will begin infiltrating into the Pripyat River, located only one mile away, predicted team leader Prof. Vadim Goudzenko.

About 40 miles downstream, the Pripyat empties into the Kiev Reservoir, a critical national resource supplying fresh water for the Ukrainian capital Kiev.

Goudzenko said Kiev water protection engineers "will need to be ready to meet this threat" in as little as two years.

He described strontium-90 as the major short-term worry, since dissolved strontium has been found to migrate through the ground faster than other Chernobyl radionuclides.

Goudzenko said the rainwater is also leaching significant quantities of plutonium into the ground beneath the plant. But because plutonium's rate of migration is slower, he estimated that it will take 30 to 50 years for it to seep into the Kiev reservoir.

Other researchers sketched out a different worry. Nuclear physicists from Moscow's Kurchatov Institute said there is some chance that more leaking rainwater could initiate a spontaneous nuclear chain reaction inside the sarcophagus, involving unburned uranium fuel and plutonium byproducts.

Panelists said that despite remote radiation sensors implanted inside the sarcophagus, nobody knows precisely where the roughly 135 tons of entombed uranium fuel and 900 pounds of plutonium-239 is resting inside the building.

But since water is commonly used in nuclear reactors as a neutron "moderator," its presence in the sarcophagus was viewed as creating at least a minor risk of a second Chernobyl explosion.

Belorussian nuclear experts Valery Beskaravainy and Natalya Gorbacheva agreed. They estimated that such a spontaneous chain reaction would likely cause a "blowout," spreading radioactive dust from the sarcophagus more than 60 miles downwind. They estimated such an event would have the force of 300 tons of TNT, far smaller than a nuclear blast.

Most conference speakers supported Ukraine's proposed $2.4 billion project to reseal the destroyed reactor inside a massive new building called "Shelter 2" designed to last centuries. Shaped roughly like a flat-topped pyramid, it would be half as tall as Egypt's great Pyramid of Giza.

Ukraine, which is in the midst of a financial crisis, has no money to build the project. And so far, it has failed to attract major Western European and U.S. funding.

In hopes of limiting water infiltration, plant workers have managed to seal 6,300 square feet of cracks and loose joints in the sarcophagus over the last two years, Chernobyl deputy senior engineer Vladimir Tolstonogov told the conference.

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French students protest decrease in wage rates

PARIS (NYT) — They were long thought to be passive, indifferent to politics, and resigned to their lot, but suddenly French students are back in the streets, battling the police, challenging the government and demanding a voice in the country's affairs.

Born in Paris three weeks ago, the protests have spread quickly, with tens of thousands of students joining often violent demonstrations in a dozen other cities. On Wednesday, youths paralyzed a Paris railway station for more than two hours and protesters in Lyons fought the police with baseball bats.

The movement was prompted by a government decree that allows employers to pay between 30 percent and 80 percent of the $1,000 minimum monthly wage to those under 25. One person in four in this age group is out of work, and the government argues that the measure will encourage employers to hire young people.

But for those who have continued their studies in the belief that that would improve their job prospects, the decree is seen as a betrayal by a political system that channeled them into higher education and has now told them to lower their expectations.

"We're tired of being known as the generation that doesn't care about anything," said Loic Isambert, a 20-year-old Parisian studying business. "This movement is a pretext to express our general unhappiness."

With another demonstration planned for here on Friday, editorialists have even begun speculating that France may re-live the huge anti-government movement that paralyzed the country in May 1968 and eventually led to the resignation of President de Gaulle.

So far at least, this movement is different. While May 1968 was inspired by the romantic ideal of changing the world, today's students have been mobilized by an attack on what a different generation considers its birthright — a secure and well-paying job.

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Book: China has 450 nuclear weapons, works to improve missiles

Chinese seem to put emphasis on improving quality rather than quantity of nuclear weapons, authors say.

WASHINGTON (AP) — China has about 450 nuclear weapons and is striving to develop more modern long-range missiles that would be mobile, carry multiple warheads and be capable of launch on shorter notice, according to a new book.

The authors, who studied the secretive Chinese nuclear program for several years, said China's focus is on qualitative improvements, and the number of weapons in the Chinese arsenal is unlikely to grow for the foreseeable future.

The book, sponsored by the Natural Resources Defense Council, a private environmental group opposed to nuclear arms development, is the most detailed published account yet of the origins and status of the Chinese, British and French nuclear programs.

Robert S. Norris, the main author of the 437-page databook released Wednesday, said that contrary to common U.S. perceptions, none of these three "second-tier" nuclear powers is planning to substantially increase its arsenal. Expansion plans have been scrapped for cost and strategic reasons, he said.

"As in the United States, there are large question marks in these three countries about what role nuclear weapons will play in their security and their armed forces," Norris said in an interview.

The authors estimate that Britain at the end of 1993 had an operational stockpile of about 200 nuclear weapons, which is expected to rise to a peak of about 300 near the end of the decade; France had 524, falling to 465; and China about 450, with no expected change.

The top tier of nuclear powers — the United States and Russia — are cutting their nuclear arsenals. But even after all existing U.S.-Russian arms-reduction treaties are fully implemented, those two still will have at least seven times more weapons than the British, French and Chinese combined, the book's authors estimate.

The United States now has about 10,500 weapons in the active stockpile and Russia has about 15,000 active.

In addition to new detail about the Chinese program, the book contains photographs of British nuclear weapons that Norris said had never been pictured before in public. Included is a photograph of the WE 177 free-fall bomb, currently the only British nuclear bomb designed to be delivered by aircraft.

Norris, who visited China three times in the course of his research for the book, said the Chinese arsenal probably comprises about 300 strategic, or long-range, nuclear weapons structured in a triad of land-based missiles, bombers and submarine-based missiles. The other roughly 150 weapons in the arsenal are artillery shells and other battlefield nuclear weapons.

Because of the extraordinary secrecy of China's nuclear program, the actual number of weapons could be much higher than the estimated 450, the book acknowledged.

The most formidable part of China's arsenal is its land-based ballistic missiles. None can carry more than one warhead and most can only strike targets in Asia.

The only Chinese nuclear missile capable of reaching the United States, as has been reported elsewhere, is the DF-5, a silo-based missile with a range of 13,000 kilometers (about 8,000 miles). The book says China has only four DF-5s deployed.

"China is apparently content to demonstrate its capability to produce and deploy such a minimal force of DF-5s and not provoke undue fears of Chinese nuclear intentions in Washington and Moscow by deploying a larger number," the authors wrote.

The book estimates that China has produced about 600 nuclear warheads since its program began 30 years ago. America, by comparison has produced about 70,000 warheads.

The Chinese nuclear bomber force includes about 150 aircraft of two types, the authors estimated. In addition, it has an unknown number — probably more than 30 — of attack aircraft that are configured for nuclear bombs or capable of such configuration.

China has 24 submarine-launched nuclear missiles equipped for two submarines, the book said, adding that the fleet is unlikely to grow to more than six boats.

Land-based missiles are likely to remain the mainstay of the Chinese nuclear force, the book said. One of China's chief goals now is to develop solid fuel for the missiles.

House panel approves compromise Democratic health-care plan

Package includes $1.25 per-pack increase in cigarette tax.

WASHINGTON (AP) — By the narrowest of margins, a House Ways and Means panel approved a compromise Democratic plan Wednesday night to guarantee health insurance for all Americans by 1998.

The measure passed the health subcommittee by a vote of 6-5, despite concerns voiced by some Democrats about the way it would be paid for.

It would require all employers to pay for health insurance for their employees and impose a 1 percent payroll tax on large corporations that self-insure. Republicans attacked the plan as a bad bill that was worse than President Clinton's health reform plan.

The plan includes a $1.25-per-pack increase in the cigarette tax but does not include an across-the-board payroll tax.

It would require only corporations with 1,000 or more employees that self-insure to pay a 1 percent payroll tax.

All employers with more than 100 workers would have to provide health insurance as of Jan. 1, 1996. Those with 100 or fewer workers would get until Jan. 1, 1998, to cover them.

The program would expand Medicare to cover the uninsured, including those working for small businesses. It would add prescription drug coverage for all Medicare beneficiaries in 1998.

Republicans failed in a series of attempts to derail the Democrats' compromise. "This is how bad law is made ... at the 11th hour to garner a couple of votes," said Rep. Fred Grandy, R-Iowa.

But Rep. Gerald Kleczka, D-Wis., sided with the Republicans at one point in the debate. He expressed concern about the new taxes in the bill.

The pact crafted by Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., makes the health subcommittee the first in Congress to approve a health reform plan.

Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich., said the Democrats had found other ways to raise the $24 billion a year that would have come from a 0.8 percent payroll tax in the original bill proposed by Stark, the panel's chairman.

The new funding mechanisms include:

- The 1 percent payroll tax on big companies that self-insure, raising $9 billion a year.
- Requiring states to keep making their share of payments for Medicaid patients who would switch to the new Medicare program. Total savings: $7 billion.
- Requiring Medicare patients to pay 20 percent of the costs of home health services. Savings: $6 billion.
- Requiring all state and local government workers to pay medicare taxes. Savings: $1 billion.
- Changing the self-employment tax for certain "S corporation shareholders." Savings: $500 million.

The panel earlier voted down several alternative health proposals, including Clinton's original 1,342-page blueprint, which Republicans introduced for the purposes of discrediting it.

A managed competition bill and a Republican plan to require individuals — not their employers — to buy insurance were defeated by 6-5 margins.

Clinton denies spy's clemency request

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton rejected the clemency request of convicted spy Jonathan J. Pollard Wednesday, citing the "grave nature" of his espionage for Israel.

"The enormity of Mr. Pollard's crime, the harm his actions caused to our country, and the need to deter every person who might even consider such actions, warrant his continued incarceration" Clinton said in a statement.

Pollard had sought a reduced sentence because his spying was on behalf of a friendly nation.

The decision was sure to anger American Jewish groups who, along with Israeli leaders, pressed Clinton to show leniency. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli government.

"There will be a sense of disappointment in the Jewish community that a humanitarian gesture wasn't made," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Jewish activist group in Los Angeles.

The president announced his decision a day after receiving recommendations from Attorney General Janet Reno, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Department, who said Pollard should stay in jail.

"My decision is based upon the grave nature of his offense and the considerable damage that his actions caused our nation," Clinton said.

Despite pleas from Jewish groups and the Israeli government, granting clemency would have been difficult for Clinton amid the furor surrounding the recent arrest of Aldrich H. Ames, a CIA employee accused of spying for Moscow. The case has heightened concern about the security of U.S. secrets.

Shortly before the announcement, Pollard's attorney, Theodore Olson, said he wanted one more chance to make his case. "We want a chance to respond to the Justice recommendations and a chance to be heard directly by the White House. Tens of thousands of people have expressed an interest in this case, including the prime minister of our closest ally," he said.

Olson said Pollard knows he had to be punished and is asking for mercy not forgiveness. "The point is that he's been punished enough," Olson said.

Olson could not be reached after Clinton's announcement.

Cooper, the Wiesenthal Center official, said the decision could affect Clinton's support from American Jewish groups, an important Democratic constituency.

"It could hurt in some elements of the Jewish community. This is not a young man who is being celebrated as a hero, but nonetheless many people see this as an issue of fairness," Cooper said in a telephone interview.

Pollard was convicted in 1986 and is serving a life sentence. He does not become eligible for parole until 1995, but convicted spies have never been granted parole at their first hearing or even soon thereafter.

The former civilian intelligence analyst for the Navy delivered military intelligence documents to Israel, including satellite photographs and information on Arab military systems.

Pollard said the information was vital to Israel's defense. Prosecutors said the information did not pertain to Israeli defense, and could have fallen into the hands of hostile nations. They said Pollard collected nearly $50,000 to deliver the information.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin asked Clinton last fall to grant clemency. Clinton said he would ask the Justice Department for a recommendation.

Then-Deputy Attorney General Philip B. Heymann coordinated the review and finished his recommendations before resigning in late January. Heymann's recommendations were known to contain alternative options for the president, including at least one with some kind of leniency.

Reno personally reviewed the case and added her recommendation against any leniency. She sent her and Heymann's recommendations to the White House on Tuesday.

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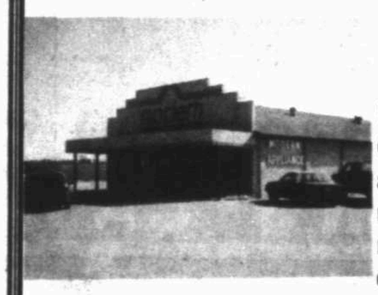

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Goldwater has turned into liberal, critics say

By Timothy Egan
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PHOENIX — When he said government had no business trying to outlaw abortion, some people told him to retire from politics.

When he spoke out in favor of a new Phoenix law protecting homosexuals from discrimination, and said they should be able to serve in the military, that got him in more trouble.

And when former Sen. Barry Goldwater, an Arizona institution who has been compared with the Grand Canyon among this state's icons, endorsed a Democratic woman for Congress over a self-proclaimed "Goldwater Republican" in 1992 he was called a traitor. The Democrat, Karan English, won.

Now, after Goldwater said last week that Republicans in Congress should get off President Clinton's back about the Whitewater affair, critics say the author of the "The Conscience of a Conservative," the man sometimes called the father of modern American conservatism has become — close your ears, Rush Limbaugh — a liberal.

Calls have been pouring into Republican headquarters at the Barry Goldwater Center here, demanding that his name be removed from the building. Some Republicans say he does not deserve to have the high school in Deer Valley, the boulevard in Scottsdale, the airport wing in Phoenix, or the engineering center at Arizona State University named after him.

To hear the crestfallen tell it, it is as if George McGovern suddenly decided the Vietnam War wasn't such a bad idea after all.

"The hero of America's conservative movement is starting to sound like he's lost it," said Sydney Hoff-Hay, president of the Lincoln Caucus of the Arizona Republican Party. "It's sad, because the name Barry Goldwater is revered by people like me."

Other Republicans are even harsher.

"This idea that he's Mr. Republican is a bunch of baloney," said Jay Nenninger, executive director of the leading anti-abortion group in Arizona. "He's really becoming a joke."

Goldwater denies any change in party stripes, and his supporters says many of his comments merely reflect his long-standing libertarian beliefs. When asked about Republican criticism of his recent statements, he replied, "You know something, I don't give a damn."

Later, in a brief phone interview this week, he said he knew his comments on Clinton would stir up trouble in the party that counts him among its Hall of Famers.

"I realized that it would raise all kinds of hell with the Republican Party," he said. "But I've been at odds with the Republican Party before, and that didn't particularly bother me."

Many Republicans in Arizona have suggested that Goldwater's recent remarks have been influenced by his new wife, Susan, a nurse 30 years his junior whom he met when she visited his house to take his blood pressure. Critics also suggest he has been swayed by his grandson,

Administration might limit welfare overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is considering scaling back its $15 billion overhaul of the nation's welfare system to avoid painful cuts in anti-poverty programs for children and the elderly.

At the same time, moderate House Democrats have agreed to finance their own strategy for rebuilding welfare with a ban on most public aid to immigrants, predicting that would save nearly $22 billion over five years and thus help many more single mothers at risk of long-term welfare dependency.

President Clinton needs the votes of those moderate and conservative Democrats to push his plan to "end welfare as we know it" through Congress.

But after two days of Cabinet meetings, the president's top advisers are expressing reservations about cuts in welfare benefits to elderly immigrants.

The issue highlights the tensions surrounding the administration's efforts to find the budget savings and tax increases necessary to help young mothers get the education, training and day care they need to move from welfare to work.

A senior administration official, who insisted on anonymity, said Wednesday that the administration is discussing the political difficulties of reducing benefits for elderly immigrants who come to the United States to be with their children and then end up on welfare.

But for a group of moderate Democrats drafting their own version of welfare reform, the decision for a far more dramatic curb in welfare for immigrants was a "matter of choice," said Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla.

The need to help a generation of young women "who need to break out of this prison of welfare" outweighed the necessity of providing benefits to immigrants, he said.

"We just felt that this was such a high-risk population for continued dependency, for just being caught in this downward spiral, that we needed to put the emphasis on them," McCurdy said. "We want to give them a chance to break out. Immigrants should not be coming to the United States in order to get on the welfare system."

The Clinton official said no decisions are final, but acknowledged that the administration is now considering paring its five-year, $15 billion welfare reform plan.

Among the potential losers are a $5 billion expansion in child care for the working poor, $550 million for experiments with guaranteed child support payments, $390 million to help the unemployed fathers of children on welfare, and $335 million for various experiments with reform.

Raw meat, poultry to carry safe-handling labels

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time in a year, the Agriculture Department has told supermarkets and food companies to put safe-handling labels on raw meat and poultry.

And by giving the food industry more generous deadlines than in the past, the department may avoid the kind of lawsuit that crippled its first effort. The department announced its new rules Wednesday.

The first effort was thwarted by a federal judge who agreed with the food industry last fall that the department imposed the labels too quickly.

The department had said it acted in response to a public health emergency that included the deaths of children who ate hamburgers contaminated with E. coli O157:H7.

But this time around, the department is giving retailers more time to comply. The department also took more time than it needed to publish the rules, which could have been published soon after Dec. 20, 1993.

The labels will tell consumers how to handle and cook raw meat and poultry in a way to lower the risk of disease from salmonella, E. coli and other bacteria found in animals and responsible for up to 9,000 deaths a year.

The language and format are the same as what the department tried to impose last fall.

The labels, about the size of a credit card, contain the same wording that the department attempted to require last fall.

The say the product was prepared from "inspected and passed" meat or poultry, and some "food products" may contain bacteria that can cause illness unless the food is handled and cooked properly.

The label tells users to keep the product refrigerated or frozen, thaw it in a refrigerator or microwave, cook it thoroughly, and immediately refrigerate or discard leftovers.

The label also tells users to keep the raw product separate from other foods; and to wash hands, working surfaces and other utensils after they come into contact with the raw product.

The information must be presented wherever it is "likely to be read and understood," the rules state. But the department says the labels can appear on the outside bottom of the plastic trays in which most meat is sold.

Industry groups argued that consumers wouldn't accept labels that block the view of the product. They also noted state and local requirements that products be visible to consumers.

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Bush urges U.S. caution toward China

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Former President George Bush urged the Clinton administration Wednesday to be cautious in its dealings with China, saying that that nation could be a crucial ally in a showdown with North Korea.

China can help with Korean problem, ex-president says.

"I very much worry about our policy toward China," Bush said during a fundraiser for his son Jeb's gubernatorial bid. "It is absolutely essential that we renew the most-favored status in trade."

Bush, who was the chief U.S. diplomatic representive in China in 1974-75 after President Nixon reopened relations with the Asian giant, cautioned that "what is at stake here is far more than a trade imbalance, what is at stake is U.S. leadership around the world.

"We're worried about the Korean peninsula, about (North Korea) President Kim Il Sung, this dictator over there, his impoverished, broke little country trying to become a nuclear power," Bush told guests at the seaside reception. "We need China. We need them in many ways."

Bush cautioned that losing the support of China could hinder the kind of international effort that he headed during the Persian Gulf War.

"We need support on the U.N. Security Council from Russia and from China," he said. "If we'd insulted China, kicked them all the time publicly, they would have vetoed our resolution."

The U.S. and North Korea have been involved in a growing confrontation over reports that the communist nation has a nuclear weapons program. President Clinton's pledge this week to put Patriot missiles in South Korea brought threats from North Korea.

Complicating matters is Secretary of State Warren Christopher's so-far unsuccessful effort to pressure China on human rights.

Christopher was soundly rebuffed during a recent visit to China when he tried to link most-favored nation trade status to the human rights issue.

That brought angry calls from Chinese leaders for the U.S. to mind its own business.

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton participates in a discussion entitled 'Health of the Elderly' Wednesday on Capitol Hill. House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, of Mo., right, and House Speaker Thomas Foley, of Wash., third from right, listen in.

Clintons push health-care reform package

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton summoned some 200 health-care providers to the White House on Wednesday, urging them to speak out in favor of the administration's health-care reform goals.

"I implore you . . . go tell your patients, your colleagues, your friends, your neighbors, and most important, your senators and representatives, that the time to do this is now," the president told the crowd assembled outside the White House on one of the first warm, sunny days this year in the nation's capital.

Delaying action on health-care reform would "make it just like a hangnail or an ingrown toenail," Clinton said. "It's just going to get worse."

The president's words found a receptive listener in at least one member of the audience, Dr. Margo Hilliard Alford, senior vice president of Houston's Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital and a member of the National Association of Public Hospitals.

Like Clinton, she argued that any health-care reform plan must include coverage for all Americans.

"We have people who have pets who have better health care in this country than other American citizens and other human beings," she said in an interview after Clinton's appearance on the South Lawn.

The 262-bed public hospital is one of three in the Harris County Hospital District. Seventy-five percent of the district's patients are either unable to pay for their care or are on Medicaid, Ms. Alford said.

"Houston has the world's largest medical center and yet . . . almost a third of our population are uninsured or possibly underinsured and may not qualify for services," she said.

Ms. Alford said she would support compromise that achieves the goal of universal coverage.

She acknowledged that many in Houston's medical community are opposed to the Clinton plan. "There are still a lot of naysayers and detractors, people who say it's going to ration health care," she said. "But having worked in the public hospital setting for several years and having grown up in Houston, rationed health care is a reality for hundreds of thousands of people."

The medical community's concerned has been mirrored on Capitol Hill, where many have faulted the plan for forcing businesses to provide coverage to employees and for its mandatory insurance purchasing alliances. The critics also have suggested the plan would create a new layer of bureaucracy and hike costs for many Americans.

House Ways and Means Democrats agreed Wednesday to a compromise plan to guarantee health insurance for every American by 1998, giving small businesses until then to cover their workers.

The panel earlier voted down several alternative health proposals, including Clinton's original 1,342-page blueprint, which Republicans introduced for the purposes of discrediting it.

It also defeated a managed competition proposal

House OKs compromise legislation on education

WASHINGTON (AP) — With $105 million at stake, the House approved compromise legislation Wednesday that would create voluntary standards for what children should know and give states and local school districts money to help achieve the goals.

A last-minute dispute over school prayer threatened to at least delay the Goals 2000 Educate America Act, which now goes to the Senate for final passage. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has made a veiled threat to filibuster the bill.

The measure authorizes $647 million, including $400 million in grants to states and local school agencies to develop and implement plans for education reform. It also writes into law the education goals agreed to in 1989 by then-President Bush and the nation's governors. Two new goals were added encouraging parental involvement in education and professional development for teachers.

The Clinton administration has requested $700 million for Goals 2000 for fiscal 1995.

Congress plans to adjourn for the Easter recess Friday. In a statement on the Senate floor Tuesday, Helms called the prayer issue "so significant to what we hope to restore to this country. . . . Unless we get back on a moral and spiritual footing, I do not believe this country has a chance."

Helms wrote an amendment to the Senate's version of Goals 2000 that would have denied federal funds to schools that barred voluntary, constitutionally protected prayer. The House had endorsed Helms's language.

However, the compromise version states that federal funds could not be used by states or local school districts to adopt policies that prevent voluntary prayer and mediation. Some Republicans argued that this would allow schools to receive federal funds even if they restrict prayer.

The House approved the goals bill by a vote of 307-120 after rejecting an effort by Rep. John Duncan, R-Tenn., to revise the prayer language. The vote on Duncan's proposal was 232-195.

"It's a shame and a disgrace that this language was weakened," Rep. James Quillen, R-Tenn., said in support of Duncan.

The chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, Rep. William Ford, D-Mich., responded, "It is imperative that the House act today." Otherwise, he said, $105 million for Goals 2000 and $20 million for the Safe Schools Act will be lost.

The money was authorized on condition that the legislation be enacted into law by April 1. If action on the bill is not completed by that date, the money would be used to make up a shortage in Pell Grants for college students.

Education Secretary Richard Riley calls the legislation the "framework for helping teachers, schools and parents bring about the kinds of changes needed to provide a world-class education for every child in America."

Groups of educators, parents and community leaders already are meeting to establish benchmarks on what children should know in math, science, language arts, history and other academic subjects. Arts goals were released earlier this month.

The bill requires states participating in Goals 2000 programs to develop — but not implement — education reform plans that include voluntary standards on such thing as curriculum content and student performance and on the resources, material and teacher preparation necessary to ensure that all children have an opportunity to learn. State participation in the program is not required,

State Department: N. Korea acts belligerently

WASHINGTON (AP) — Extending the war of words between the United States and North Korea, the State Department's spokesman accused the North of making belligerent statements and said the administration was prepared for any contingency.

The declaration Wednesday was in response to North Korea's assertion that South Korea had taken "provocative steps" that "were sort of a declaration of total confrontation and a declaration of war against us" by deciding to import U.S. Patriot missiles and to resume military maneuvers with U.S. troops.

"They know enough about the Patriot missile to know what it's used for; it's a defensive weapon system," Michael McCurry, the State Department spokesman, said. "That's not going to start a war; they know that so, you know, we shouldn't pretend otherwise."

The rhetoric has been heated since North Korea refused to permit international inspectors to take radioactive samples for a suspect nuclear site last week. North Korea is believed either to have developed nuclear weapons or to be within range.

President Clinton responded by agreeing to send Patriot missiles to South Korea. Joint military exercises that were due to be shelved were revived. And the United States began canvassing for support to impose economic sanctions on North Korea.

The first step was to be a warning later this week, but McCurry said that had been postponed.

"They misrepresent the goals of the United States," he said of North Korea's leaders. "The goal of the United States is to peacefully resolve the nuclear issue that's been under discussion. That's simply and only the purpose of the diplomacy that we've been pursuing. Belligerent comments from the North Koreans are not uncommon."

In a slight gesture to North Korea, he said there were different assessments within the U.S. government on the North's nuclear capability. But he was unwavering in asserting U.S. resolve.

"We are prepared and ready to meet our obligations to our treaty ally, and we are prepared and ready to meet any contingencies that exist," the spokesman said. "You know what our goal is: It's a non-nuclear Korean peninsula."

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Driving safely is important to us all

Driving safety can be such a boring topic, but the fact that a routine procedure such as driving can turn deadly in a moment is reaffirmed almost every day on the front pages of newspapers across the country as well as in Midland where an unusually high number of accidents seem to have been reported lately.

While travel on the nation's interstate highways and other major thoroughfares may claim the major portion of traffic accidents, an ordinary drive through Midland to work or a short hop to a nearby convenience store in the evening actually may be a dangerous undertaking. That's primarily due to the fact that people tend to become careless with that which is routine. Everyday routines such as driving to work can become so monotonous that drivers, once at work, often admit they don't even remember having piloted an automobile through the city's streets. That's a sobering fact.

In fact, drivers on "automatic pilot" may be an even greater danger on city streets than the speeders. That's not to minimize the danger from speeders because excessive speed is a hazard in a city the size of Midland and a number of Midland motorists in recent weeks have commented that they believe there is more speeding nowadays than there was a few months ago. That should be a red flag for the Midland Police Department to begin cracking down on speeders now before another major accident occurs.

The simple fact is that in any routine operation such as driving, in which there is an inherent danger, it's imperative for individuals to remain alert and cautious at all times. Accidents can and will occur, but they can be minimized if every Midland driver will do his part to drive safely and courteously.

OTHER VIEWS

Lax ethics enforcement sends wrong message

Recent dispositions of ethics-violation complaints in Austin prompt concerns that state officials increasingly will misuse state employees and equipment for personal and political purposes without fear of retribution.

State employees who know when abuses occur will probably be less inclined to blow the whistle on their employers or colleagues because they see that nothing — or almost nothing — comes of their complaints. . . .

In 1982, (Travis County District Attorney Ronnie) Earle got then-Treasurer Warren G. Harding, a Democrat, indicted for having two secretaries type campaign contribution thanks-you letters on state time. Harding was charged with official misconduct. In a plea bargain, he was fined $2,000 and abandoned his campaign for re-election.

But 12 years later we have two cases in which campaign contribution thank-you letters were written on state time with state equipment and nobody was fined a penny.

With that kind of law enforcement, how can we expect those in the know to blow the whistle on misconduct?

If the district attorney won't seek an indictment when there is evidence of a violation and the official involved even admits it by making restitution, why should anyone step forward with accusations.

As Suzy Woodford, executive director of Common Cause of Texas says, this sends a message to potential ethics violations and whistle-blowers that "anything goes."

— The Houston Post

Struggles inside Ku Klux Klan keep everybody else safer

For a change, Texas members of the Ku Klux Klan are threatening each other.

Some more-radical — read, more-racist — members are angry that their "establishment Klan" rivals, the Waco-based Texas Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, are hiding their true colors.

The Knights, led by Grand Dragon Michael Lowe, are "trying to put a pretty face on the Klan so it can again become a political force," writes Waco Tribune-Herald columnist Rowland Nethaway.

This is the same tactic former Klan leader David Duke used a few years ago in Louisiana. By toning down his rhetoric — without really altering his true racist agenda — Duke made himself a viable political force. . . .

For as long as this internal struggle for control of the Klan's future continues, everyone else is a little safer from both groups of Knights' hate-mongering harassment and violence.

— San Antonio Express-News

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 24, the 83rd day of 1994. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

Fifty years ago, on March 24, 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers.

On this date:

In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

GEORGE WILL

Mayor raises Phoenix from modern ashes

PHOENIX — Just one of Tom's Tavern's pancakes for Paul Johnson's breakfast today, a day with little heavy lifting. In two hours he will resign as mayor and begin seeking the Democratic nomination for governor. He draws the eye not only because he is so young (34) and tall (6-feet-7) but also because he is a species more frequently celebrated than sighted — a New Democrat. That is the sort suited to rise in the only state that has voted Republican in 11 consecutive presidential elections.

Will

During his term no tax was increased, property taxes were trimmed a tad, the number of city employees declined by about 500, and in 1993 for the first time ever the city spent less than in the year before. But parsimony, although virtuous, is, as virtue often is, more admirable than fascinating.

What makes Johnson and kindred spirits in city halls across the country worth watching are their responses to the challenge formulated by Philadelphia's Democratic Mayor Ed Rendell: The governments of cities can be put in order; the larger problem is putting the residents of cities in order.

Johnson's various attempts to do so have made him, he says, "an equal opportunity defendant." The National Rifle Association has gone to court to challenge an ordinance requiring parental consent for a youth to carry a gun. (Parents who consent must be an interesting bunch.) And the American Civil Liberties Union has challenged the new curfew requiring youths 15 and younger to be off the streets at 10 p.m. and 16- and 17-year-olds by midnight.

By enforcing a curfew Johnson says the city helps parents who are intimidated by their own children who are gang members. He remembers the, well, stimulating ride home with his father when Phoenix's old curfew was enforced on him when he was 16. And speaking of bonding moments, Johnson's proposed parental responsibility agenda would require parents to be present for half of the hours of community service that their children are sentenced to serve.

In schools with disciplinary problems, Johnson favors dress codes, for three reasons. Codes weaken the influence of gangs, which build solidarity with their own uniforms. Dress codes narrow the visible disparities between children from poor and affluent families. And dress codes acquaint adolescents with standards, sometimes for the first time.

Adolescents, say Johnson, are going to push against rules. So give them some rules to push against, lest they find themselves in such an unconstraining environment that they can't find a way to rebel.

"The increase in crime," he says, "is directly related to the loss of the front porch swing." That is, safe streets are apt to be full of watching, mingling people. "Today people come home in the evening, go in the house, bolt the front door, turn on the TV. If they go out, it is to the back yard." So as part of his general policy of "pushing decision-making down," he has organized neighborhoods for crime prevention.

But what, then, about the police? A decade ago, he says, a person annoyed by a neighbors's barking dog called the police, who preferred it that way. The police, wanting to preserve the peace, believed, says Johnson, "Don't talk to your neighbor, call us." But the result was a diminished sense of community.

Arizona still has the vitality of youth but is coming of middle age. By next year, for the first time in its history, a majority of those living in the state will be people who were born in the state. And in middle-aged Arizona, Johnson represents a national tendency: almost anything done by government at the local level is apt to be more interesting than almost everything done by government at the national level.

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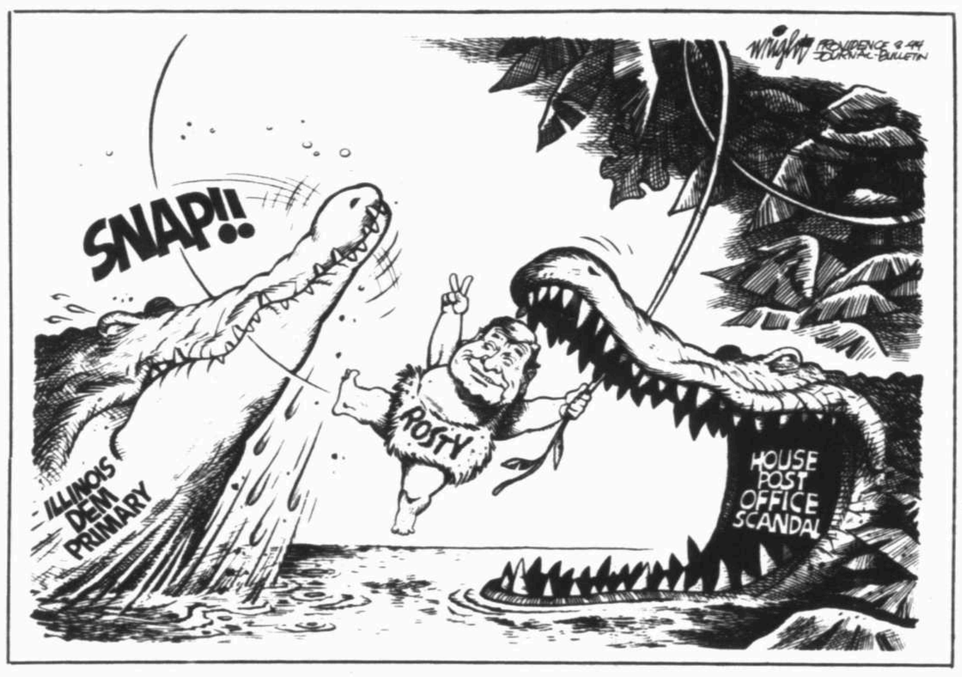

Friend remembers 'good old boy' Grizzard

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Minter, former editor of The Atlanta Journal and Constitution and a close friend of Lewis Grizzard, who died Sunday, wrote this tribute to Grizzard. It is reprinted by permission of The Atlanta Journal and Constitution.

By Jim Minter

A long time ago, this newspaper sent one of its fine sportswriters off to New York to cover a world championship prize fight. Ed Miles wrote something like: Ezzard Charles failed, with great distinction and considerable eloquence, to win the world championship last night in Madison Square Garden.

"With great distinction and eloquence" are the words that came to my mind when the news about Lewis Grizzard came from Emory University Hospital on Sunday.

That's the way Lewis lost what may qualify as the medical bout of the century. By a TKO. And if I've got my fighters screwed up and the contender was someone other than Ezzard Charles, and if the place was somewhere other than Madison Square Garden, don't worry about it. As Lewis told me the other day, the secret of writing a newspaper column is remembering a lot of things that never happened.

Lewis put up a fight. A year of pain and crisis. From March to March. And he learned something about himself a lot of us already knew: He had incredible courage.

One of Lewis' worries — and he managed to have a lot of them — was that he didn't measure up to his dad, who was a battlefield hero during World War II and in Korea. Lewis never had that kind of war, and he spent too much time worrying if he would have had the guts to do the things his daddy had to do.

In the past week, he surely got that question answered. He knew going into surgery that his odds were bouncing between slim and none. I can tell you he faced his own death with as much courage and grace as I've ever known about, and with a lot more than I'll face my own.

Through all the pain, the fear, through all the needles and tubes and the pure exhaustion, he seldom lost his sense of humor. In his last conversation with Don Harp, the minister, he asked Don to get the word up that I'm not really that bad a person. To which he quickly added: Hitler was worse.

Lewis Grizzard was a helluva man. If he'd been called to a shooting war like his daddy was, he would have won ribbons and medals, and today old soldiers would be telling Lewis stories.

We're going to miss him. Even readers he sometimes infuriated are going to miss him. The 450 newspapers that ran his column are going to miss him.

He wrote more newspaper columns than I have time to count. He wrote about 20 books, made a zillion speeches, sang songs, performed on national television, played the great golf courses of the world, wore Gucci shoes and did a lot of other things that slip my mind at the moment.

Lewis was full-blown celebrity. Yet, he always came back to being what he was in the beginning: a good old boy from Moreland, Ga., who ate fresh tomatoes and bought his clothes at Jud's Trading Post.

I wouldn't attempt this morning to calculate Lewis' ranking as a newspaper columnist, or as a book author, or as a humorist, or even as a Southern writer, whatever a Southern writer is. Rating games are always dangerous.

All I know is that he drew more readers to his newspaper columns than anyone I've ever known, and had more loyal fans than any newspaper writer I've ever known; and that I've gotten more laughs from Lewis than I have from Mark Twain, and about as much wisdom; and that he wrote about 20 books and Margaret Mitchell wrote one.

I wouldn't try to pick Lewis' rung on those ladders, except to say that his is high. Since you can now use cuss words in the newspaper, I'll go ahead and say it: damned high.

During the past few days, I must have been asked the question 600 times: Is Lewis Gizzard going to make it?

One who asked was a lady visiting her mother in a nursing home, a lady who surely has her share of troubles.

"I'd really miss him," she said. "I can always find something in his column to chuckle about. He makes me feel better."

You could usually find something in Lewis' column to laugh about. And too often, something to cry about.

As we all know, Lewis' favorite song was the old revival hymn "Precious Memories," sung in the Methodist and Baptist churches in Moreland when he was growing up in a simpler time and place.

How they linger.

ART BUCHWALD

Politicians: Blaming media will divert attention

Every time there is a big story in Washington, the political participants blame the MEDIA. Words such as "press frenzy" and "yellow journalism" pop up all over the place. Those involved seem to believe that their problems would just disappear if only reporters would shut up.

Buchwald

The question then arises: What branch of the MEDIA are we talking about? Who specifically is to blame for attacks on the integrity of the public officials who chose to serve their country at great financial sacrifice? Are we cussing out the print or electronic culprits — the National Enquirer or Rush Limbaugh?

This is not the first time that the MEDIA have come under fire. Before Whitewater there was the Bluewater Scandal. It seems that the Coca-Cola machine in the White House basement was several dollars short whenever a particular assistant secretary of the Treasury emptied it. At first, members of Congress, who had cheated on stamps at the House Post Office, were the prime suspects. But then the suspicion arose that someone in the White House had done it to finance Clinton's 1996 campaign.

Word was immediately passed on to the President's damage-control team. The President was not implicated, but there was fear that once the MEDIA got hold of it, it could turn into another Tonya Harding scandal.

"The MEDIA are overplaying this story," an aide declared in the White House situation room.

"What MEDIA?" asked his colleague. "The print MEDIA, the electronic MEDIA — Howard Stern, George Will, Ted Koppel, 'Hard Copy'? Give me a hint."

"We can't name names. If we did we would have to include People magazine, Vanity Fair and the Congressional Record. We must target all of them, or at least imply that the MEDIA are solely to blame for Bluewater. That way we'll prevent any damage to the the President."

The President's legal adviser said, "The first thing we have to do is find out what the Coca-Cola machine knew and when it knew it. Then we leak to the MEDIA that the press is a puppet of the Republican Party. After the leak we deny that our people were involved in Bluewater, and we call for an investigation to determine which White House staffer gave the information to Diane Sawyer."

"That's a good idea," chirped a White House intern.

"Oh, shut up," another staffer growled. Then added, "Should we consider shredding the Coca-Cola machine?"

"Not unless a senatorial committee subpoenas it. The MEDIA will probably find out about the machine, and then the President will have to apologize for the actions of his staff."

"Let's keep the President out of this."

"How can we if Larry King insists that the President appear on his show?"

"We'll have to let him go on."

"But isn't Larry part of the MEDIA?"

"We'll use Larry to attack the MEDIA."

"How?"

"By making telephone calls to his show from the CIA."

The damage control worked, and Bluewater was never heard from again. Now people were able to turn their attention to Whitewater, which, while not in the same class, came pretty close.

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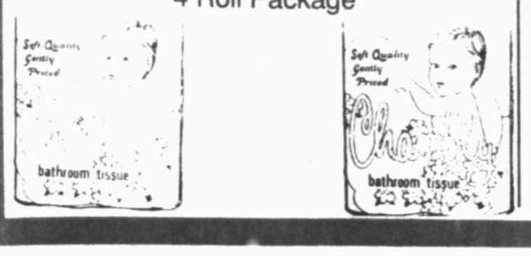

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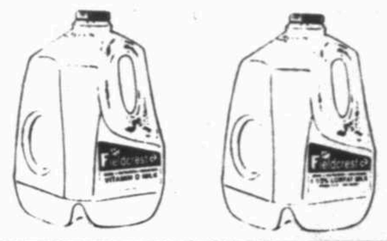

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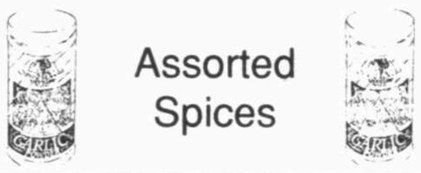

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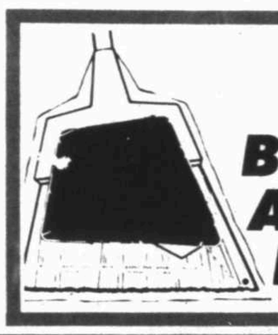

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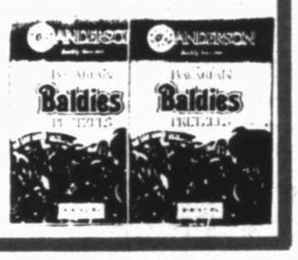

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President gives up food to help world's hungry

WASHINGTON (NYT) — President Clinton's appetite for all kinds of food may be famous, but he promised to fast Wednesday to help Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, bring attention to people starving at home and abroad.

"He said, 'Look, we haven't had lunch yet. We'll just fast with you the rest of the day,' " Hall said.

White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said the president was drinking water and diet Coke in place of solid food.

In addition, Hall said Vice President Al Gore, who attended a 15-minute Oval Office meeting to discuss world hunger, agreed not to eat lunch Wednesday.

Hall, who is organizing a three-day fast involving 15 other members of Congress, said Clinton had requested the meeting in response to a letter inviting him to join the fast.

Hall said he hopes that experiencing hunger will lead participants to push for more anti-poverty legislation and to support a bill to provide full funding for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children.

David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World, said that the bill — introduced by Bill Emerson, R-Mo. and Dale Kildee, D-Mich. in the House and by Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., in the Senate — will save the government money in the long run.

"Under WIC, the government saves money in health care costs," he said. "If you feed pregnant women, it's obvious that we will have fewer premature babies and childhood diseases."

Another issue Hall and other members of the Congressional Hunger Caucus want addressed is last year's $1.3 billion cut in foreign aid, which Hall said could have gone to famished families in Third World nations.

Hall is encouraging people nationwide to participate in the fast. Last year, he did not eat for three weeks in protest of Congress' decision to eliminate his Select Committee on Hunger. After losing 23 pounds, hall broke his fast when Congress agreed to set up the hunger caucus.

This year, Hall said, "I'm not trying to prove anything. What I'm trying to do is bring attention to it in a positive fashion."

Victims' daughter argues against gun control

By Elizabeth Schwinn
N.Y. Times News Service

■ More national news/10B

WASHINGTON — Suzanna Gratia, who watched helplessly as her parents were shot to death in a Luby's cafeteria in Killeen, Texas, told a Senate panel Wednesday that gun control is a bad idea.

Had Texas law allowed her and others in the cafeteria that October day in 1991 to carry their handguns, her parents might still be alive, she said.

Gratia, a 34-year-old chiropractor from Copperas Cove, Texas, was reliving the nightmare she and other Texans experienced when George Hennard, an ex-sailor, killed her parents, 21 others and himself.

She told members of the Senate Judiciary Committee: "None of us in that restaurant could control our own destinies because, thanks to their prohibition on concealed firearms by law-abiding citizens, Texas politicians had seen fit to keep us disarmed."

Gratia argued that gun control bills being considered in Congress would have a similar effect. "I urge you not to pass any gun ban, lest the criminal win again," she said.

Gratia was the last of nine witnesses who testified before the lawmakers, who are considering a bill that would raise license fees for gun dealers from $200 to $600 and another measure that would treat handgun owners like car owners, requiring them to get a license, pass a safety test and register their weapons. Six of the other witnesses spoke in favor of the bills.

Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders said they would help stem a surge of gun violence that is reaching epidemic levels.

"We ordinarily think of violence as a crime," Elders said. "We must start thinking of it as a public health problem because it kills and injures so many people, especially our young people and our children."

In 1991, she said, 38,000 Americans died from gun-related injuries, and one of every four deaths among teens aged 15 to 19 is caused by a gun. "You or a household member are three times more likely to be killed or to kill someone in your home . . . and five times more likely to commit suicide" if there is a gun in the house, she said.

Other witnesses argued among themselves over gun-related statistics. Dr. Edgar Suter, chairman of Doctors for Integrity in Research and Public Policy, a conservative research group, said benefits of gun ownership should be measured in terms of crimes that didn't happen as well as those that did.

"Every year as many as 2.4 million Americans use guns to protect themselves and their families. As many as 75 lives are protected by a gun for every life lost to a gun," he said.

Suter charged that federal gun control would be ineffective. Washington, D.C. bans handgun purchases but has a higher homicide rate than neighboring Virginia, he said. "If guns cause violence, why does Virginia . . . have a murder rate one third less than the national average and one ninth of Washington, D.C.'s rate?" Suter asked.

Arguing for gun control, Dr. Arthur Kellerman, director of the Center for Injury Control at Emory University's School of Public Health in Atlanta, said that when guns are fired, they're more likely to harm their owners than protect them.

"Many people overestimate the benefits and underestimate the risks associated with keeping a gun in the home," Kellerman said, adding that using a gun will result in about three deaths for every life it protects.

"The fact that an armed citizen occasionally stops a crime is all the encouragement many people need to keep a loaded pistol in their nightstand. It's the same logic that sells lottery tickets each week," Kellerman added.

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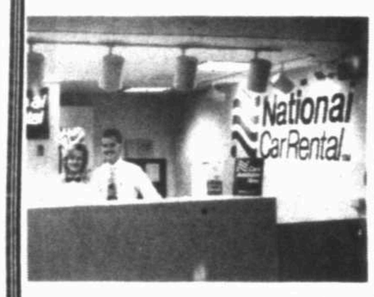

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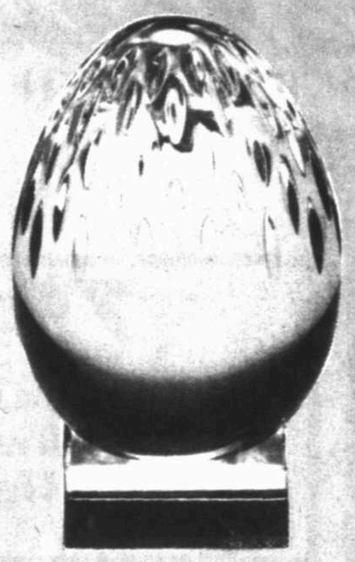

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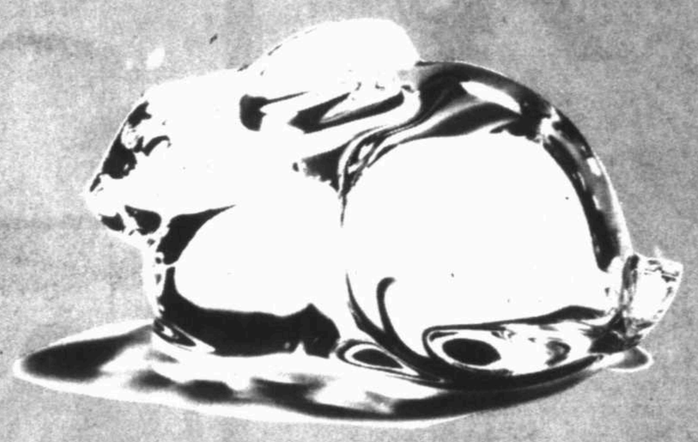

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School conference

"Building the Future One Student at a Time, One School at a Time," is the theme for the Second Bi-Regional High School Conference. The conference is set for 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Monday at Midland High School auditorium. Registration is 9 a.m. at the cafeteria and student center. Linda Cimusz, executive deputy commissioner of Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development is to be the keynote speaker. Sessions will be offered by principals from El Paso, Lubbock, Harper, Austin and Mansfield.

Violence forum

A second community forum on violence in Midland public schools is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at the Coleman High School Multi-Purpose Room. The first such forum was in February; this meeting was scheduled to allow more time for school officials to answer questions posed by concerned Midland residents, according to forum coordinators. Several school officials, including Midland Independent School District Superintendent Joseph Baressi, will answer questions. The meeting is open to the public.

Management award

AUSTIN — The Texas Eastman Division of Eastman Chemical — a producer of chemicals and plastics — and the office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts are to receive the first Texas Quality Award in recognition of their commitment to quality management. The award is given by Quality Texas, a non-profit corporation that fosters the implementation of quality-management techniques, according to board chairman Raymond Marlow. Gov. Ann Richards is to present the award to the two recipients at a April 26 reception at the Governor's Mansion. The recipients were selected from a field of nine applicants from educational institutions, non-profit groups, government agencies and private businesses.

Alcohol ban

COLLEGE STATION — The Texas A&M University System banned any official purchase of alcoholic beverages Wednesday in the wake of allegations that Board of Regents secretaries falsified purchase vouchers for drinks./**3B**

Death row inmate

HUNTSVILLE — John Glenn Moody blames insanity caused by a genetic disorder and what he considers an abusive childhood for a life of crime that's made him the only West Virginia man on the nation's largest death row./**3B**

TODAY'S AGENDA

The 710 Club of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Monday-Friday at noon, 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., 710 W. Ohio Ave. For more information, call 682-8162.

The 710 Club of Al-Anon meets Thursdays at 8 p.m., 710 W. Ohio Ave. For more information, call 682-8162.

The Permian Basin Stamp Club will conduct its monthly swap meet and stamp auction at 7:30 p.m. at the General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport. Visitors welcome. Call Mike Cherrington at 699-0202 for more information.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Bldg., 15 Smith Rd., 11:30-12:30 p.m., 687-7286.

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

Blacksheep A.A. group, 8 p.m. Glenwood Hospital 3300 S. FM1788, Info. 563-1200

Midland Legal Secretaries Monthly Meeting, Noon at Furr's Cafeteria Banquet Room, Information 682-1616.

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Free Immunization Day

Shots to be administered to infants, children up to 16 at Casa de Amigos

Staff Report

Free immunizations are to be given from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane.

The Free Immunization Day is sponsored by the Junior League of Midland, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center and the Midland Health Department.

Children from infants up to 16 need to be accompanied by their parents and have their immunization records in order to be vaccinated.

The shots will be administered by hospital and health-department nurses.

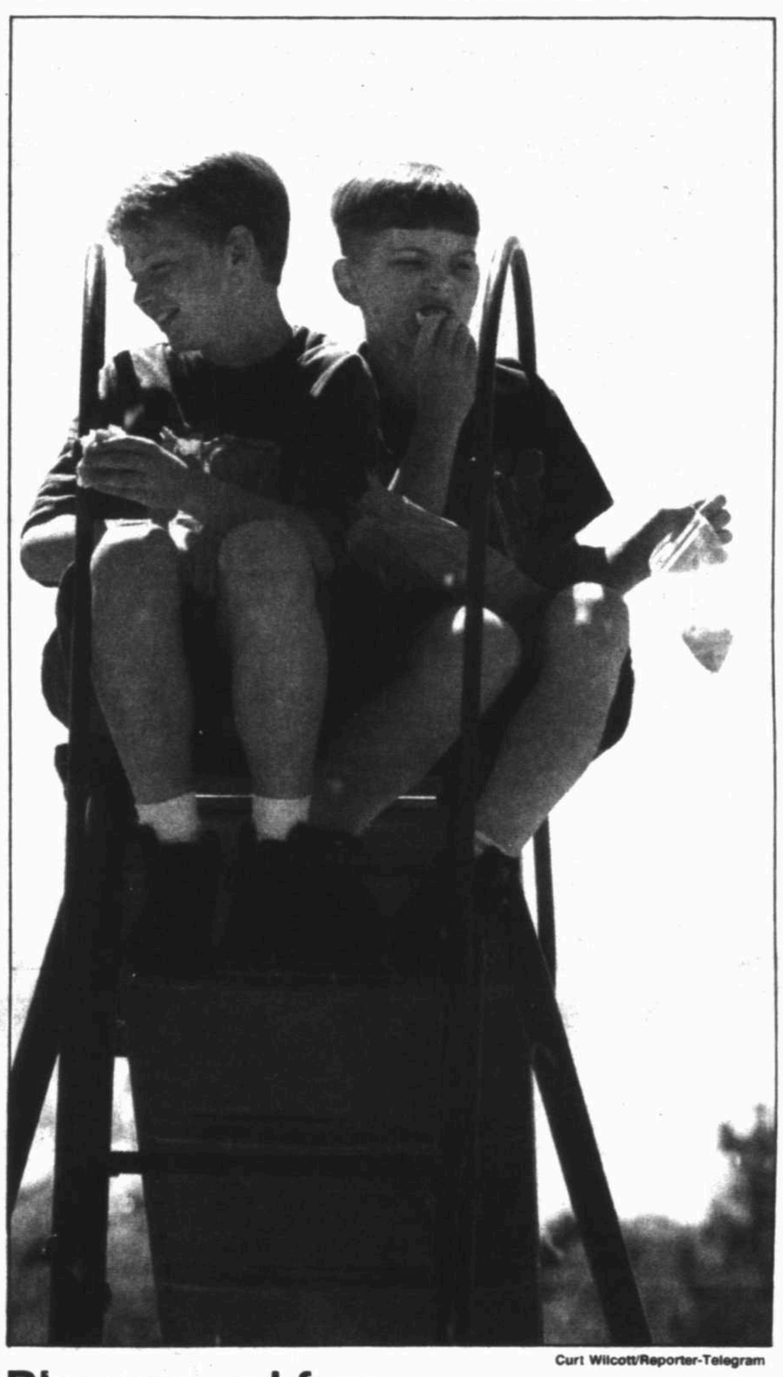
Immunization day offers a free, convenient way for parents to ensure proper immunization of their children, as well as the opportunity to learn about the need.

Entertainment will be provided for the children, who will also receive free packets with educational and promotional items.

Shack fire

Firefighters battled a fire that engulfed a shack at Florida Avenue and Fort Worth Street Wednesday at about 10:15 a.m. Fire officials had not determined the cause of the fire.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram



Playground fun

Bowie Elementary School students Robbie Balsan, left, and Robert Rogers played recently at Moore Park.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Former Odessa officers file lawsuit against city for work compensation

■ 3 policemen in canine division claim they weren't paid for off-duty work with dogs.

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

Three former Odessa police officers who worked in the canine division of the department are suing the city, alleging they weren't compensated for their off-duty work with the dogs.

Stacey Nobles, Gary Hudgens and Richard McCoy claim in a lawsuit filed in federal court that the city of Odessa violated the Fair Labor Standards Act by not paying the officers overtime.

The lawsuit was filed by Austin attorney Craig Deats.

In the lawsuit, the officers claim they worked eight-hour shifts five days a week and had to attend briefing sessions 15 minutes before their shifts actually began.

The officers alleged that in addition to their work schedules and pre-shift work they were also required to spend a substantial amount of time in the care and training of their dogs when they weren't on duty.

According to the lawsuit, the officers weren't compensated for the extra time they spent in the required care and training of their dogs.

The lawsuit seeks overtime payment at the rate of time and a half for three years before the time the lawsuit was filed.

Odessa City Attorney Joel Roberts said the lawsuit is the result of a dispute as to the number of hours the officers worked and how those hours were computed.

"That seems to be where the issue is," Roberts said.

He said city representatives will speak with Deats to see "if something can be worked out" regarding the lawsuit.

Roberts said city officials believed the issue had been resolved when overtime payments were made to the officers. He said he didn't know any problems still existed until the lawsuit was filed.

The city attorney would not comment on why the officers left their jobs.

The city is to file an answer to the lawsuit soon.

Governor touts lower crime rate for second straight year

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards announced the second straight drop in the state's overall crime rate Wednesday and said Texans who don't feel safe are influenced by television bringing crime reports into their living rooms.

The Democratic governor, waging a battle for her job against GOP challenger George W. Bush, also said she believes juvenile crime has risen to become "one of the biggest problems that we face today."

Rape was the only crime shown to have increased from 1992 to 1993 in statistics released by the Texas Department of Public Safety. One official said that could be due to more reporting by victims.

The overall number of crimes — including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft — went down 6.8 percent, to 1.16 million.

There were 6,438.5 crimes per 100,000 Texans, a decrease of 8.8 percent, according to the DPS.

Crime also dropped overall from 1991 to 1992, Richards noted. In 1992, the total number of listed crimes was down 8.2 percent, and the rate dropped 9.7 percent that year.

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MC trustees' president to run for six-year term

Staff Report

William D. "Bill" Kleine has announced his candidacy for Place 5 on the Midland College Board of Trustees in the May 7 election.

Kleine

Kleine, who is board president, was appointed in November 1980 and has served since that time.

"My service as a trustee of the Midland College board is a way to repay this community for what it has meant to me, my family and my career. More importantly, Midland College is vital for the future of this community," Kleine said.

"Midland College is involved with the training of

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Ready for ball

Midland Independent School District employee Otis Williams smooths out the dirt at Memorial Stadium in preparation for recent baseball practice.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

Current board memeber announces candidacy

Staff Report

Charlene Romero Wurtz announced today that she will be a candidate for a full six-year term on the Midland College Board of Trustees for Place 6 in the May 7 election.

Wurtz

Ms. Wurtz, executive director of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, was appointed to the board in November 1990. She was elected in May 1992 to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

"There's no doubt that Midland College is one of this community's greatest assets, providing educational opportunities to people of all ages and all backgrounds," she said.

"My background and involvement with various

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Police seek to boost image among teens with trading cards

FORT WORTH (AP) — In a city plagued by skyrocketing violence between youth gangs, authorities are trying hard to improve their relationship with youths.

One of the newest proposal is to create "police trading cards."

Police say they hope the cards will elevate police to "hero status" in the minds of youths — particularly in neighborhoods now troubled by guns, drugs and gangs.

"I wouldn't say we're looking at the trading cards primarily because of the gang problem in Fort Worth. We've been debating it for several years, even before the gang situation was as pronounced as it is now. It is timely though," Lt. Greg Bradley said Wednesday.

"And actually, we hope the cards will be helpful for the kids who aren't involved in crime as well as for those who are, and maybe remove the barriers that may be there between some kids and officers."

Bradley and Chief Thomas Windham took the idea to the City Council on Tuesday.

"It's not a done deal. We wanted to make sure we had the council's blessing to proceed further, and I don't think we got a yes or no on it yet. We're waiting to embark on it, but I expect we'll get the go-ahead," Bradley said.

'What it's done in other cities has been to make officers more approachable by kids. Kids are now going up to officers and asking for autographs. This is just a kind of way to break the ice.'

—Lt. Greg Bradley

The idea of police trading cards isn't new. Other cities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area — including Arlington, Cleburne, DeSoto, Mesquite and University Park — have tried the cards as a means to link kids with officers.

"What it's done in other cities has been to make officers more approachable by kids," Bradley said. "Kids are now going up to officers and asking for autographs. This is just a kind of way to break the ice."

Windham said he discussed the playing cards with Mike Stone, former president of the Texas Rangers, who now heads a business that produces sports trading cards. Stone suggested pairing officers with established sports figures to boost the cards' appeal.

Bradley said the department hasn't approached the Rangers, the Dallas Cowboys, the Dallas Mavericks or the Dallas Stars about the idea yet, but hopes to.

Bradley has drafted a proposal to produce a set of 10 cards annually.

"We're going to have the best-quality cards in the country," Bradley said. "We believe the goal should be to offer officers as heroes and role models to the kids in the community."

Windham said he hopes to raise $50,000 in private contributions to cover the cost of the first 10-card set. Bradley said a first printing of 500,000 is being considered — 50,000 10-card sets.

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DEATHS

Wiley House

Services for Wiley House of Odessa are to be at 4 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steve Stephens, of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

House died Monday at his residence.

Pallbearers are to be Charles Roy House, Scott Neal House, Jon House and Robert House.

Jose Dominguez

CLOVIS, N.M. — Services for Midlander Jose Dominguez are to be at 3 p.m. Friday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Clovis with the Rev. John Tourangeau officiating. Burial will follow at Mission Garden of Memories under the direction of Muffley Funeral Home.

Rosary is to be recited at 7 p.m. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Dominguez died Monday at a Midland hospital.

He was born March 1, 1902, in Redford. He moved to Clovis in 1939 and worked as a cook at the Buzy Bee Cafe.

He attended Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

He moved to Midland in 1992.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, and a son.

Survivors include three sons, Jimmy Dominguez, Jesse Dominguez and Art Dominguez, all of Clovis; seven daughters, Barbara Garcia of Clovis, Linda Allison of Ohio, Becky Davis of California, Gloria Wallace of Oklahoma, Margaret Dominguez of Indiana, Mary Ruvalcaba of Muleshoe and Sarah Olivarez of Midland; 31 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are to be Adam Jaramillo, Ermie Dominguez, James Dominguez, Ruben Ruvalcaba, Jesse Dominguez and Anthony Aragon.

Alma Ellsworth

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Services for Alma Mattie Ellsworth, 86, of Carlsbad, mother of Patsy Ward of Midland, were Monday at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Burial was at Sunset Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of West Funeral Home Inc.

Mrs. Ellsworth died Saturday.

She was born Dec. 11, 1907, in Alvarado. She lived in Carlsbad for more than 70 years.

She married Charles Ernest Ellsworth on Dec. 29, 1925.

She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and past member of the VFW Auxiliary. She was a life member of the Puckett School PTA.

Other survivors include four sons, Claude Eugene Ellsworth of Carlsbad, William Ray Ellsworth of Los Lunas, N.M., John Bruce Ellsworth of Odessa and Dale Ellsworth of Monahans; two other daughters, Helen Mancinelli of Carlsbad and Mable Kelton of Tuscola; a brother, John D. Stout of Cartersville, Ga.; three sisters, Mary Price and Inez Vosburg, both of Carlsbad, and Vivian Richmond of Ignacio, Colo.; 26 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

George Lemmon

LUBBOCK — Graveside services with military honors for former Midlander George N. "Sonny" Lemmon, 67, of Lubbock are to be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa with the Rev. Terrance Bradshaw, of Immanuel Baptist Church in Magonlia, Ark., officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors in Lubbock.

Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. Friday at Rix Funeral Directors.

Lemmon died Tuesday at a Lubbock hospital.

He was born in Lubbock and had lived in Lubbock, Odessa and Midland for most of his life.

He married Sheila Cates on Sept. 1, 1967, in Brownfield.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a dental technician and apartment complex manager. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was prececed in death by his wife in August 1981.

He is survived by three sisters, Evelyn Keeling of Amarillo and Mildred Davidson and Orpha Maye Barton, both of Chandler, Ariz.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels.

POLICE REPORTS

Body found

ECTOR COUNTY — The body of an Andrews man was found Wednesday on West Loop 338 following what officials are calling a possible hit-and-run accident.

Jay Mark Sikes, 33, was discovered by a motorist in the northbound lane on the loop at about 12:45 a.m., according to a Department of Public Safety report.

Officials are waiting for an autopsy to determine the official cause of death.

Narcotics

Permian Basin Drug Task Force officials Tuesday arrested three people in two separate narcotics arrests.

The first incident occurred at about 12:30 p.m. when officials stopped a vehicle in Ector County, according to a report. Officials seized about $50 worth of marijuana.

Richard Kelly Pigott, 47, of Dallas was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and unlawfully carring a weapon, according to the report.

The second incident occurred at about 3:45 p.m. when task force officials and Ector County Sheriff's officials arrested Juan Coloni, 31, and Manual Rios Herrera, 21, both of Odessa, and seized narcotics, two vehicles and a pistol, according to a report. Officials found a kilo of cocaine, valued at about $22,000, and a pound of marijuana, valued at about $1,200, and $120,000 in currency.

Coloni was charged with possession of marijuana, aggravated possession of cocaine, aggravated delivery of cocaine, criminal conspiracy and unlawfully carrying a weapon. Rios was charged with aggravated delivery of cocaine and criminal conspiracy, according to the report.

Tuesday

Attempted burglary: An attempted burglary was reported at 4532 Sinclair Ave., No. 5-101, at 7:39 p.m.

Wednesday

Vandalism: Brandy Henderson reported at 6:55 a.m. vandalism to a 1992 Toyota Tercel at 4201 Andrews Highway, No. 57.

Burglary of a vehicle: Roy Posey reported at 7:18 a.m. that a Toshiba stereo was taken from a vehicle at 5009 Rio Grande St., No. 20B. Entry was gained through the T-top.

Burglary of a vehicle: Noel Saenz reported at 7:37 a.m. that a stereo and speakers were taken from a vehicle at 4201 Andrews Higway, No. 52. Entry was gained by prying open passenger vent window.

Burglary of a residence: A television and Dimension cable box were reported taken from 1313 Chestnut Ave. at 9:12 a.m. Entry was gained through a window.

Burglary of a building: Ken Duggan reported at 1:32 p.m. that items were taken from a storage unit behind Craft Bazarre, 3712 W. Wall St.

RATE: Richards touts crime statistics

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"These statistics ... tell us that we are not helpless, that we can fight back against crime, and that we can win," she said at a news conference at DPS headquarters attended by about 50 new law enforcement recruits and other agency employees.

Bush's press secretary, Deborah Burstion-Wade, said, "Any time the crime rate is going down, it's good."

However, she said Richards is a late-comer to the issue of juvenile crime, and that the total number of violent crimes is higher than it was in 1990, the last year before Richards took office.

"The fact is that no matter what statistics are put forth, people still are not feeling safer in their homes," Ms. Burstion-Wade said.

Asked why Texans would be fearful of crime even though the rate is decreasing, Richards cited its portrayal through the intimate medium of television.

"It is like sitting there watching a personal assault," she said.

Coverage and re-examination of crimes "makes news exciting," Richards said. "It does not accurately, though, represent what is going on in the state of Texas."

Richards cited criminal justice reforms during her administration as a reason behind the dropping crime rate, naming a massive prison construction program and a reduction in the number of prisoners paroled.

"When I said, 'If you do the crime, you'll do the time,' I meant it," she said.

Work remains to be done, particularly in the area of juvenile crime, she said. According to DPS figures, arrests of Texas juveniles age 16 and under went up 9.2 percent from 1992 to 1993.

Richards said a new breed of young criminals isn't swayed by the threat of expulsion from school. So, she said, officials are working to identify potential troublemakers early and put them into alternative programs.

In addition to the regularly listed index crimes, the DPS uniform crime reporting program also released data on crimes motivated by prejudice and hatred, and on family violence.

A total of 420 hate crimes were reported in 1993, and 155,767 incidents of family violence. Charlene Cain, supervisor of the uniform crime reporting section, said information on those crimes has only started being collected in recent years and conclusions cannot yet be drawn about an increase or decrease.

Ms. Cain also said a 5.3 percent in the total number of rapes from 1992 to 1993, and a 3 percent increase in the rate, "probably was due to better reporting by the victims." However, she said each local area of the state would have to be looked at individually.

Proposed barge canal becomes focus of controversy

By Lisa Marie Gomez
The Brownsville Herald

BROWNSVILLE — A reddish egret gently lifts from the salty ground and floats freely in the sky as it roams around the marsh, calmly searching for food.

Meanwhile, in another area, a flock of cormorants race down from the sticky, salty sky, and fiercely snatch fish out of the water.

For years, the Coastal Saltwater Wetlands have been home to birds, the rare and the ordinary, from brown pelicans to pink roseate spoonbills.

Environmentalists from the Lower Laguna Madre Foundation, the National Audubon Society and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service say that the sights and sounds at wetland areas are a "priceless" commodity.

The area may soon become home to a major wildlife research and education center. It may also become a battleground between proponents and opponents of a proposed extension of a barge canal that would link the Mexican port of Tampico with the U.S. Intracoastal Waterway.

Recently, a bill was passed by the House and the Senate to establish a wetlands research center at the Port of Brownsville. However, the bill still needs to be signed by President Clinton before it goes into law.

"What this allows us to do is to take wetlands we're responsible for and put it to more practical use," said C. James Kruse, director of The Port of Brownsville. "It protects the wetlands and provides educational opportunities for a lot of students."

Mike Farmer, manager of the Texas Coastal Sanctuaries for the National Audubon Society, said that up to 80 percent of the world population of redhead ducks winters here.

"One of the reasons they come here is to feed on a seagrass called shoalgrass, which isn't found in too many other places," he said.

So, why should we care about birds, fish and all other habitat that live off wetlands?

"The same reason you care for your children," explains Walter Kittelberger, fishing guide-chairman of the Laguna Madre Foundation.

"If we don't try to do something to protect what we have left of our wetlands now, imagine what this area will look like later," Farmer said.

Environmentalists said the greatest threat to the area is the proposed canal extension, which would cut through about 3 miles of saltwater wetlands on the U.S. side of the border, and about 280 miles of wetlands on the Mexican border.

Miguel Rubiano, secretary of Economical Development of Tamaulipas, has been pushing for the waterway canal to become reality. "This is very important for Tamaulipas and Mexico," he said.

"It's a way to transport goods easier and inexpensively," Rubiano said.

The waterway canal would be a cheaper method of moving goods than shipping them by truck or train, Rubiano said.

Rubiano said that the Laguna Madre, in Mexico, is drying up and that a waterway canal could revitalize it.

"By opening the mouth of the Laguna Madre to the Gulf of Mexico, it will provide a flow of water so that it can be used for the canal," Rubiano said.

"What this does is it allows habitat to survive so that the species can live," he said.

But environmentalists argue that the waterway project will only jeopardize the wetlands by introducing pollutants from the Brownsville ship channel and the Rio Grande.

They are worried about a resolution favoring the project recently passed by the Port of Brownsville commission.

"It's very clear that they don't really care about the wetlands," Farmer said. "By passing the resolution, they are promoting the destruction of our wetlands and those of Tamaulipas."

Joseph B. Coulter, a Brownsville Navigation District board member, said in an interview after the last BND meeting, "All it (resolution) does is it endorses the concept, and we understand the environmental concerns and want to protect it any way we can."

Kruse also defended the resolution, saying, "We haven't said we're dredging up anything yet. If it's too harmful, then we just won't do it."

"It's just too early in the game to know the details of this project," Kruse said.

Environmentalists also believe there's a hidden agenda behind support for the waterway project: the need to cooperate with Mexico in exchange for Mexican cooperation on the proposed Port Bridge.

"They will try to use this project to get what they really want — the Port Bridge," Farmer said.

Kruse denied this allegation.

"I don't see how that could be," he said. "I think if we were fighting them tooth and nail there might be a connection, but I just don't think that's the case."

Kruse said his dealings with Mexican officials have been cooperative, and they have never tried to link the two projects.

Kruse has been working, so far unsuccessfully, to get the U.S. State Department to put the proposed bridge on a faster track toward a presidential permit.

"I don't think having that canal really affects the port one way or another," Kruse said.

RUN: Board president announces candidacy

(From 1B)

thousands of local residents each year, helping with economic development, supplying trained employees for today's and tomorrow's firms in the Permian Basin. I have the time, the energy and the enthusiasm to continue this important role in guiding Midland College toward the next century."

Midland College trustees are elected to six-year terms and are not paid for their service.

Kleine — who retired as president of The Permian Corp. in 1989 — is involved in consulting and investments.

He received a bachelor's of science degree from Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Mo., and received an honorary doctorate from Missouri Valley in 1991. He was named to the MVC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1971 and was a member of the Phillips 66 Oilers basketball team.

Kleine has served as a director or officer of Midland Metropolitan YMCA, Missouri Valley College, Midland Cerebral Palsy Center, and is presently on the board of governors of High Sky Children's Ranch. He also has served on the St. Ann's Church Parish Council and the St. Ann's School Board.

He and his wife, Ann, have four children: Mary Ann, Wally, Kathy and Emily.

BOARD: MC trustee to run for six-year term

(from 1B)

other organizations in Midland enable me to provide representation for many segments of the community to the board of trustees of Midland College.

"The expansion of Midland College into new areas through the opening of the South Facility, the leadership role of the college into the exciting Tech-Prep opportunities to keep youngsters in high school, and the challenge planning now for educational needs in the 21st century are areas that I desire to help make a difference.

"I am committed to service for this community and welcome the opportunity to continue as a member of the college board of trustees," she said.

MC trustees, who are elected for six-year terms, serve without pay.

Ms. Wurtz, a former chairwoman of the Hispanic chamber, serves on the Midland United Way Board of Directors, is a director of the Community and Senior Service Board and has served on the Midland County Criminal Justice Task Force.

A native of Santa Fe, N.M., she was an education major at the College of Santa Fe.

Ms. Wurtz and her husband, Hank, have four children.

Officials to inspect incoming plants

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Department of Agriculture officials say they have put in place a roadblock to inspect all plant material moving into the state on Interstate 10 in East Texas.

Gary Foster, an agriculture department spokesman, said the roadblock is similar to one that just ended in El Paso.

Officials investigate bilingual program's teachers

HOUSTON (AP) — A KTRK-TV report has uncovered discrepancies in the way the Houston Independent School District hires teachers for its bilingual education program.

The report this week by the ABC-TV affiliate said several Spanish-speaking teachers hired through the state's Alternative Certification Program for teachers provided HISD with phony college transcripts from Mexico and South America.

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"Obviously persons who are not qualified should not be teaching," Paige said.

One bilingual teacher listed first a degree from a Matamoras, Mexico, teaching college, then one in Reynosa. Reporter Wayne Dolcefino took her transcripts to the administrators at the two colleges who declared them false.

Delia Stafford, head of the Houston district's ACP office said transcripts of bilingual teachers weren't verified by phone by district officials.

"We assume that when they come in that if they have a degree and a transcript that they have completed that degree," said Ms. Stafford.

The ACP is a device set up to get more teachers from the workplace into the classroom. It enables those with practical experience and the proper credentials to teach in lieu of an education degree.

To receive a teacher's certificate through the ACP, an applicant must have a college degree. At the end of a one-year teaching stint, they must be able to pass the basic skills test for teachers in English required by the state.

KTRK-TV reported that some of the ACP certified teachers for bilingual education had identical answers to the basic skills test.

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The State in brief

■ Police arrest 4 in alleged prostitution ring

CORPUS CHRISTI — Four people have been arrested for involvement in an alleged prostitution ring that included bikini-clad maids paid as much as $250 an hour for sex, police say.

The owner of a maid service, his 22-year-old wife and two employees — ages 20 and 23 — were arrested on prostitution and organized-crime charges, police said. All were released on bonds from the Nueces County Jail by Tuesday night.

Police allege that a 30-year-old man ran the maid service as a front for a prostitution ring out of his home.

The man, whose name was not released because his charges had not been posted late Tuesday, denied allegations of misconduct.

"I am a legitimate businessman," he said Tuesday. "There is no sexual intent, even though it's a unique business."

Last Friday, police seized a computer system, four telephone message books and financial records from the man's residence and officers hope to use them to find the name and addresses of customers.

"Let's not talk about the list here," Police Chief Henry Garrett said. "We're not too far in the investigation yet."

The maid service had been operating for more than a year and charged $250 an hour for one maid in a bikini and $350 an hour for two maids in bikinis, said Police Cmdr. Mike Walsh, supervisor of the Vice Squad in the special services division.

■ Man drives dead wife to sheriff's office

HOUSTON — A man drove his wife's bullet-riddled corpse to a sheriff's office Wednesday and confessed to killing her, authorities said.

"He said, 'I've got her out in the trunk,' " Harris County sheriff's Sgt. John Denholm said.

John Briscoe took deputies to his luxury car and opened the trunk, where they found the body of his wife, Mary Wilma Briscoe, Denholm said.

Briscoe, 55, told authorities he found his 58-year-old wife with another man Monday night and killed her with a six-shot revolver, the sergeant said. Briscoe said he put the gun in a trash bin.

"It's like his conscience got to him. He had started to wipe up blood. He was starting to think of ways to dispose of her. But then he just couldn't go through with it," Denholm said.

Briscoe was held on murder charges.

■ Fifth winner claims share of $77 million Lotto

AUSTIN — The fifth and final share of last week's record $77 million Lotto Texas jackpot has been claimed.

But James Counsil Jr., 50, of Houston, said the $15.4 million piece of the pot won't mean many big changes in his life.

"I still drive a Ford, and I'll continue to drive a Ford," he said Wednesday.

Counsil said he plans to keep working. He'll share his winnings with his four children and buy a new home, he said.

Counsil and four others correctly guessed the six numbers drawn March 16. Each winning ticket brought a $773,000 check along with 19 more annually for $771,000.

Two of the four other winners were bought by office pools and two were held by individuals.

■ Court of Criminal Appeals upholds sentences

AUSTIN — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday upheld the death sentences of two men convicted of murders in Houston and the Dallas suburb of University Park.

Bruce Charles Jacobs was sentenced to die in the July 22, 1986, burglary and stabbing of 16-year-old Conrad Harris in University Park.

Authorities said Jacobs stabbed Harris with a butcher knife at least two dozen times and stole at least $100 from the teen-ager's stepmother's purse.

On appeal, Jacobs contended, among other things, that the state failed to prove that he had entered the Harris' home with intent to steal or that he actually committed burglary.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Death row inmate blames genetic disorder

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — John Glenn Moody blames insanity caused by a genetic disorder and what he considers an abusive childhood for a life of crime that's made him the only West Virginia man on the nation's largest death row.

Moody avoided execution earlier this month when a federal judge gave him a reprieve just hours before he was to have received lethal injection for the murder of an Abilene woman in 1988.

The stay of execution means it could be months and perhaps even years before the former landscaper faces a midnight trip to the Texas death chamber gurney.

"It doesn't bother me any more," he says of his execution dates. "I'm at peace. I know where I'm going."

Moody, 41, from Chester, W.Va., is among 376 condemned inmates in Texas.

"You are treated less than human here," he said. "I treated my dogs better than the way I'm treated."

Moody contends he has a rare genetic hereditary disorder that causes him mental and physical illnesses.

"I go off easily," he says. "I have intense anger, but I get over it quickly.

"I've been slow of speech and without the capability to think clearly and quickly as long as I remember. I hallucinate. I have blackouts."

One thing he does remember is slaughtering a calf with his stepfather, who handed Moody the head of the animal.

"The eyes were wide open with blank stare," he says. "That same look of death I see with men today on death row."

As he tells it, his odyssey to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Ellis I Unit about 90 miles north of Houston began at age 11 when he ran away from home to escape a stepfather he considered abusive and got hooked on drugs and alcohol.

"You name it, I've done it," he says. "It was my escape."

In 1970, he was released from an Ohio penitentiary after serving time for assault.

He was married in West Virginia and divorced. He claims two children he has not seen since 1980, ran around with a topless dancer and a motorcycle gang.

"I didn't want to wind up doing something stupid," he says of his reason for leaving West Virginia and coming to Texas in the early 1980s. "I was strung out on drugs and alcohol."

Moody was sentenced to five years in a Texas prison in 1986 for burglary and was paroled to West Virginia the following year. He was back in a Texas prison later in 1987 on another five-year term for burglary and was paroled in February 1988 to Houston. Five months later he was charged with capital murder in Abilene.

"He had a horrible criminal history," says James Eidson, the Taylor County District Attorney who won the conviction that sent Moody to death row.

"He had run away from a criminal history that had virtually everything — property, sexual assault, aggravated robbery. He really shouldn't have been paroled."

Moody talks little about the July 1988 robbery and murder of 77-year-old Maureen Louise Maulden, who was raped, beaten with a fireplace brush and strangled with a telephone cord inside her home. A bloody fingerprint found on the telephone led police to Moody's residence where rings stolen from the house were recovered.

Moody was arrested on a public intoxication charge at a friend's house and says the fingerprint was the result of one of his trips to the woman's house to do yard work.

"I worked for this lady on many occasions. I knew this lady," he says.

Asked about the murder, he says, "I didn't do it.' Asked about the rings, he replies, "I got them from somebody else."

"There wasn't anyone else," responds Eidson.

Moody says he's not optimistic of release but would like to work with children and share his experiences.

"I'm hopeful I'd be doing something to change the lives of others to help them," he says.

Texas A&M bans official purchase of alcohol

COLLEGE STATION — The Texas A&M University System banned any official purchase of alcoholic beverages Wednesday in the wake of allegations that Board of Regents secretaries falsified purchase vouchers for drinks.

Regents Chairman Ross Margraves and A&M Chancellor William Mobley, in a memo to system officials, said that, "effective immediately no alcoholic beverages may be purchased, and no purchases may be reimbursed" through any Texas A&M office.

"In addition, alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed in any building or on any campus of any system university, any service unit facility, or any other public property," said the memo, which was faxed to reporters.

The new policy exempted faculty clubs licensed to sell alcohol as well as students of legal drinking age, who are now allowed to consume alcohol in their dormitory rooms.

Genevieve Stubbs, an associate general counsel at Texas A&M, said the policy would remain in effect until regents can form a permanent policy on alcohol purchases.

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Vickie Running and Sasha Walters, secretaries for the board, were indicted last month for falsifying government documents. Officials say they misrepresented alcohol purchases as purchases of food and soft drinks.

Mobley last week said responsibility for the actions alleged against the two women "rests with the institution and the institutional leadership."

He added that an internal review had so far shown a widespread practice had developed in which alcohol purchases made by officials in the A&M System were listed on vouchers as soft drinks, ice and cups.

In general, state law prohibits the use of public money for alcohol purchases.

The indictments were the result of a Texas Rangers investigation launched last September after allegations against Margraves in an anonymous letter to board members.

The letter accused Margraves of orchestrating A&M business deals so he could personally profit. He has denied the charges and said he welcomes any investigation.

The Texas A&M System is made up of seven universities, including the main campus in College Station, and has about 75,000 students.

UT orders audit of campus following drug charges

AUSTIN (AP) — Following charges that a drug ring made large quantities of methamphetamine with school-bought supplies, the University of Texas has ordered an audit of campus operations that buy, store and dispense chemicals.

UT officials want to determine whether they have "any other potential problems or weaknesses at other locations on campus," said G. Charles Franklin, vice president for business affairs.

The main storeroom for chemicals at UT's chemistry and biochemistry department is at the center of a federal probe following the drug-related arrests this month of the storeroom supervisor, a former storeroom employee and a third man.

Drug Enforcement Administration officials allege that the speed ring supplied, among others, the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang.

The school's internal audit will examine how chemicals are handled not only in that department but also at the pharmacy and engineering departments and at the student health center, Franklin said.

"We want to look at checks and balances so that one person isn't solely responsible" for purchasing, storing and distributing chemicals, Franklin said. "We need to look at what internal controls there are."

Franklin also said that Michael Mott, who oversaw the purchase and use of most chemicals for the chemistry department, never would have remained in that position had university officials known of an earlier drug-related arrest.

Mott, 44, is one of those charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. The Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday that police records show he was charged with possession of speed in 1992.

Prosecutors dropped the charge, a third-degree felony, for lack of evidence after it was determined that officers who searched Mott during a traffic stop acted improperly, court records showed.

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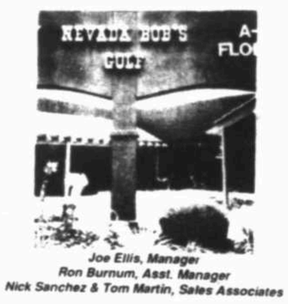

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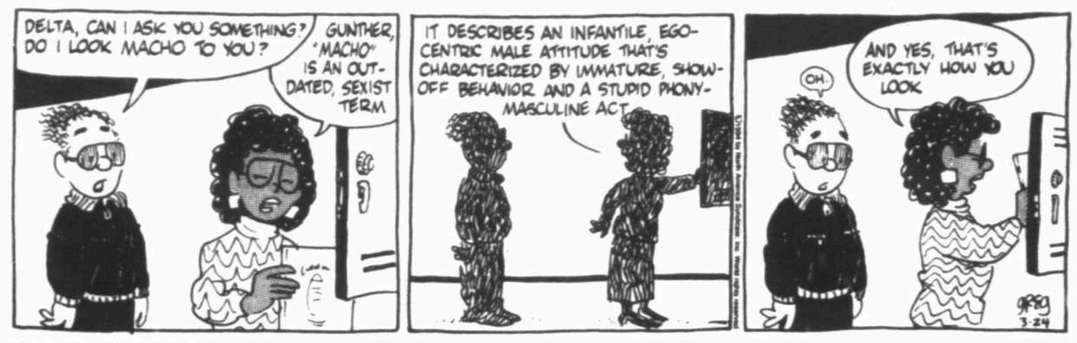

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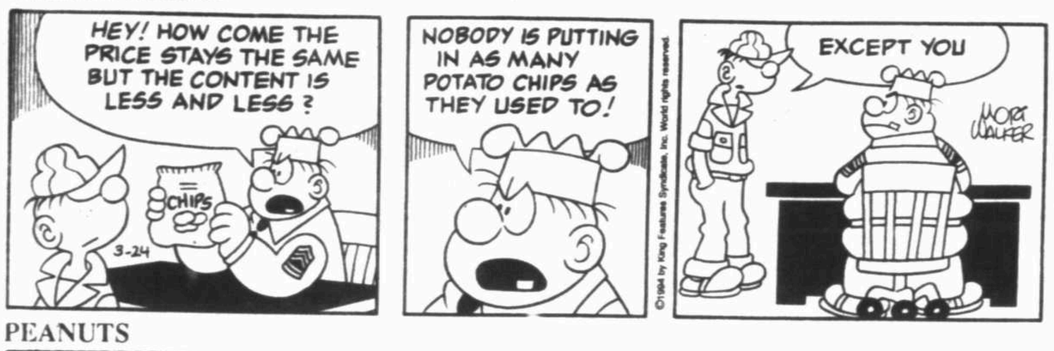

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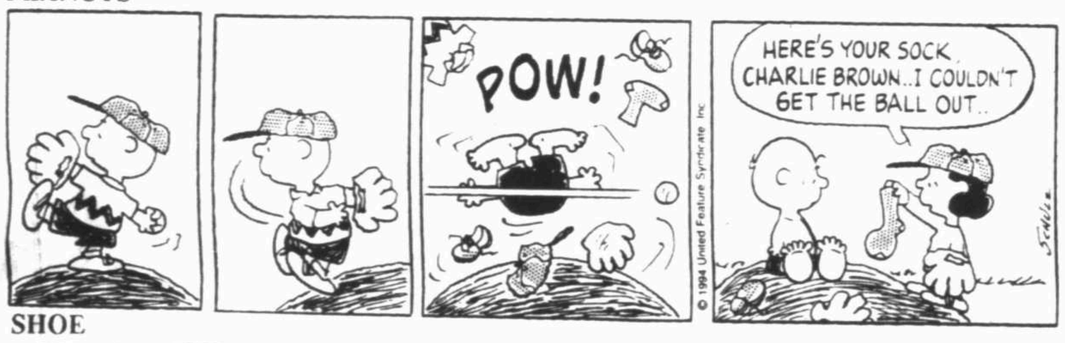

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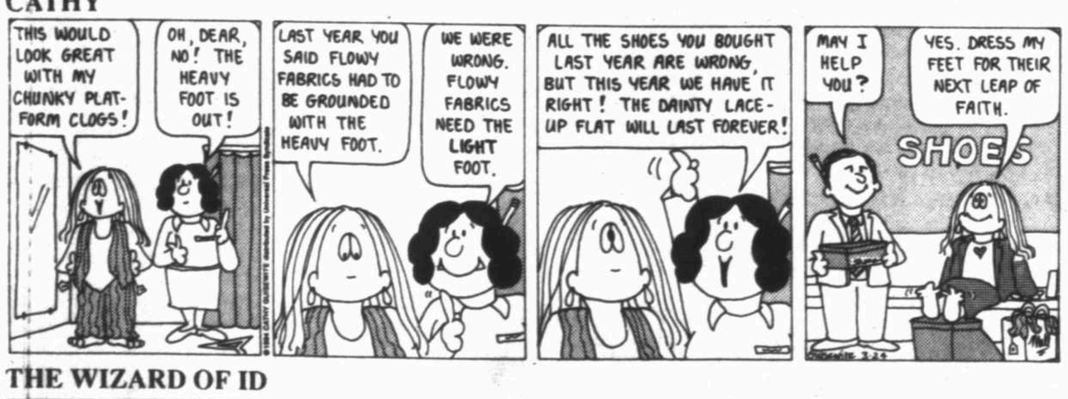

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plans for a long-distance trip may have to be changed due to circumstances beyond your control. Money could be an issue with partners. You can teach others by the example you set.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Mesmerizing people with your persuasive words and good humor is a favorite pastime. Your intuition is right on target. Learn the best way to use credit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Hard data will cement an alliance with someone at a distance. Your careful homework pays off, preventing an expensive mistake or poor purchase. Iron out any disagreements with a business partner or family member.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A great day for taking care of insurance and tax matters. Your business aims can also be advanced. Count your cash before plunging into a new financial venture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An older person could influence your beliefs without your even realizing it. The obvious way is not always the right way to handle things. Tonight, rest easy knowing that you did your best today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Higher-ups have a lot to say now. You gain new confidence in your abilities. An attractive member of the opposite sex could stop you in your tracks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Child-related problems prove easy to solve now. Business may be slow. Examine legal papers line-by-line before affixing your signature. Romance takes a temporary back seat to your career.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A deal can be made now which will bring you extra income. Be prepared to explain your plans and ultimate goal. Return a favor at the earliest opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are spinning your wheels when it comes to matters of the heart. Stop trying to persuade others of your brilliance. Let your original ideas speak for themselves!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Making a major purchase now would probably be a mistake. Take care of unfinished business chores, then focus on a close relationship. Do not lose your faith in the power of love!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A relationship is on steadier ground now but still needs time to mature. You can avoid potential tax problems by getting expert advice. Be gracious.

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◇ 8
♣ A 10 9 4 2

EAST
♠ K 9 8 3
♡ K J 10 2
◇ 10 5 3
♣ K Q

SOUTH
♠ A J 2
♡ A Q 7
◇ A 6 4
♣ 8 7 6 5

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Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: ?

Countless articles and books have been written about the choice of an opening lead. The problems are immense. First, you have to choose the suit to lead; then you have to select the right card. This hand is from a rubber bridge game at the Honors Club in New York.

Note North's raise to three no trump. When you have a good six-card suit, throw point count out the window. If the suit produces six tricks, it is worth far more than some random 10-count.

There are those who believe that, when the opponents do not probe for a major-suit fit and settle in a no-trump game, you should lead a major. They would have led a spade here—and been sorely disappointed. Declarer would win, run six diamond tricks, then take the heart finesse for the fulfilling trick.

Others are stout adherents of leading your long suit no matter what. Obviously, on this deal a club would be very successful. The question is: Which club should you lead.

Some would start the ten—the middle card from an interior sequence. That would be disastrous for the defense. Suppose East wins the king and returns the queen. If West allows partner to hold the trick, there's no fast entry back to cash the winning clubs. If West overtakes, declarer's eight becomes a stopper.

At the table, West found the winning lead of the fourth-best club. Now West was able to overtake the second round of clubs and cash out the suit for a one-trick set. Note that, had West's suit been headed by A 10 9 8, the correct lead would be the ten!

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PEOPLE

Mayor of Margaritaville to swap beach for ballpark in new movie

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The mayor of Margaritaville, **Jimmy Buffett,** will swap the beach for the ballpark in the new movie "Cobb."

Buffett has a bit part in the movie about baseball great **Ty Cobb,** played by new Oscar-winner **Tommy Lee Jones.** Buffett plays a disabled heckler who razzes Cobb, leading to Cobb to climb into the stands and beat up Buffett.

"It's based on a true incident," associate producer **Tom Todoroff** said.

Filming begins Friday at Birmingham's Rickwood Field, the nation's oldest ballpark.

As a treat for unpaid extras who will fill the stands, Buffett and harmonica player **Greg "Fingers" Taylor** will perform after shooting is finished Sunday.

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LOS ANGELES — **Barbra Streisand** will take to the concert stage in May for a rare round of pricey performances.

Barbra Streisand to take to concert stage in May.

Tickets ranging from $50 to $350 go on sale Sunday for 12 shows in five U.S. cities. The mini-tour starts in Washington, D.C., on May 10 and ends with three shows in New York City in June.

Miss Streisand said in a statement Tuesday that the warm reception to her two New Year's concerts in Las Vegas led to the tour.

"It was such a lovely experience, feeling the connection with the audience after all these years, that I decided to do a limited tour to express my appreciation for the love and support I have received for such a long time," she said.

Because of anticipated heavy demand, Ticketmaster will limit sales to six tickets per person. A portion of the proceeds go to charity.

Concerts are also scheduled for Detroit, Anaheim and San Jose, Calif.

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LAS VEGAS — **Harry Caray** did what he does best when he was inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame. He led the audience in "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Caray, a familiar voice in baseball since 1945, was honored Tuesday at the National Association of Broadcasters convention by being inducted into the organization's hall of fame.

Caray's specialty is leading fans in the baseball song during the seventh-inning stretch. Chicago White Sox owner **Bill Veeck** hired Caray in the mid-1970s, telling Caray he wanted someone who couldn't sing so fans wouldn't feel intimidated about joining in.

Caray's son, **Skip,** broadcasts games for the Atlanta Braves and a grandson, **Chip,** is a broadcaster for the Braves and the Orlando Magic.

"If I'd had any imagination, I would have called myself Flip," Caray said.

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NEW YORK— Talk of sex didn't pass **Howard Stern's** lips more than five or six times Wednesday during a news conference to announce his run for governor.

"This is no disk jockey shtick," he said. "I swear to you I am a serious candidate for governor of New York."

The shock jock said he'll take a few days off to become governor on the Libertarian ticket — just long enough to dust off the electric chair and unsnarl traffic jams.

Then he'll go back to the things that count — selling his book, videotapes and posters — and let the lieutenant governor take care of stuff like budgets and taxes.

Stern went on the air with his plan Tuesday, telling the 3 million listeners of his nationally syndicated show: "I'm going to win. I'm going to be the next governor of New York."

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John Wayne Bobbitt has moved to Las Vegas to be near his fiancee, **Kristina Elliott,** who has hired her own agent, **Aaron Gordon,** who is the son of **La Toya Jackson's** husband/manager **Jack Gordon.**

Elliott used to be an exotic dancer at a strip club, said young Gordon, where Bobbitt first met her. "They talked and spent a weekend together."

Elliott's mother wasn't too happy at first about her daughter's choice of boyfriend. "Kristina's mother couldn't stand John," Gordon said. "She had a preconceived notion that he was a wife-beater and a rapist."

Everything is hunky-dory now. Agent Gordon told the Washington Post that he is "working on things for (Elliott) that will make her a household name."

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Jay Leno, who'd never been on ice before, taped a segment with the L.A. Kings for Thursday night's program. Goalie Leno blocked 24 out of 100 shots.

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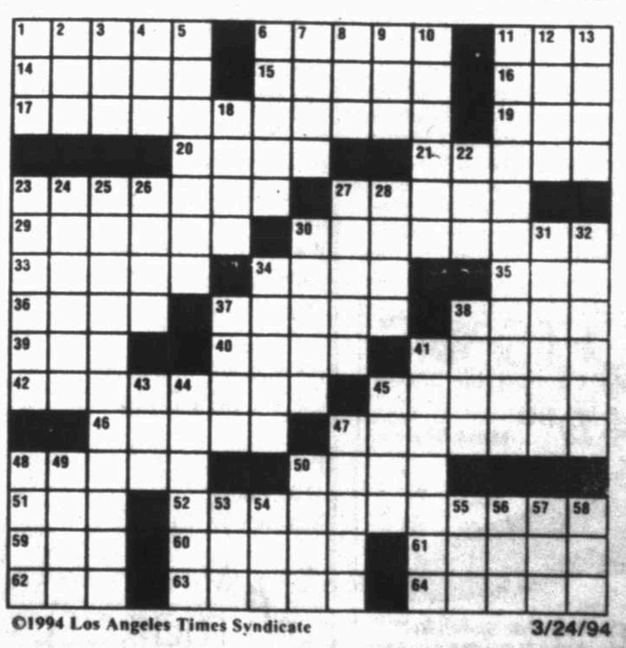

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LIFESTYLE & FASHION

DEAR ABBY

Caskets rented before cremations

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: "An Avid Reader in Woonsocket, R.I." wrote you about a funeral home that charged $1,200 for a casket when the deceased was to have been cremated: Perhaps you didn't know that if the deceased is to be cremated, it is possible to rent a casket for the viewing. I have two experiences with this — one in Florida, where the rental was $500, and one in Rhode Island, where we paid $1,200. (The cost covered the use and refurbishing for later use by someone else.)

Van Buren

The $700 difference is easily explained. In Florida, the funeral home had one casket that was used only for rental. In Rhode Island, we were allowed to choose what we wanted, and we chose something a little more elaborate.

I have spoken to many people who have never heard of this practice. Perhaps it would be worthwhile to inform your readers. — ANOTHER AVID READER IN NEWPORT, R.I.

DEAR ANOTHER AVID READER: Perhaps you're right. Yours was one of many letters sparked by that column. I checked with John Blake, executive director of the Continental Association of Funeral and Memorial Societies, who informed me that the average price range for casket rental is between $400 and $600.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the couple who was burned up over the cost of a cremation casket: Many families purchase a casket when choosing cremation for a loved one. The casket containing the body is placed in the retort (cremation chamber) and will be cremated with the body. Our statistics show that approximately 17 percent to 20 percent of all cremations in the United States include a casket.

Many funeral directors offer rental caskets to be used for visitations and religious services. The body is then cremated in an inexpensive, combustible, closed, leakproof container. — JACK M. SPRINGER, CREMATION ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

DEAR MR. SPRINGER: Those who wish to burn the casket along with the deceased will be pleased to know they are in good company. However, the rest should know that for a cremation, all that is needed is an original combustible container, which costs approximately $50. If you don't have a viewing, only the combustible container is necessary.

DEAR ABBY: I am the wife of a funeral director and want to set you and your readers straight. You are correct that the FTC prohibits funeral directors from telling customers that cremation requires a casket. However, you failed to tell your readers that the crematory requires a container of some sort for the protection for their staff. (These containers normally cost $125.)

You made it sound like all funeral directors are crooks when you said, "If the funeral director misleads a customer and sells him (or her) a casket, he is in violation of federal law." My husband always explains the FTC law, but has to explain the crematory requirements.

When people use our services, they are not always in the best of shape emotionally. They are dealing with the shock of their loss and don't always hear what has been told to them. An experienced funeral director will take time to explain the correct procedures whether he is dealing with a full funeral service or a cremation.

We live in Minnesota, and all the cremation facilities require a container for cremation. — KRIS MARKHAM

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AT WIT'S END

Family reunion no picnic

By Erma Bombeck

Why was the world surprised that the Jackson family reunion didn't work? You can't go home again, even if Liz Taylor drops by.

Bombeck

My grandmother, bless her soul, put great stock in the annual reunion. And we didn't even sing, dance or make hit records. She'd send out postcards to the entire clan, guiding them to a mosquito breeding farm by a river somewhere with instructions to bring a covered dish.

Just before our immediate family left the house, she'd line us up and tell us who we weren't speaking to and who was considered dead. It didn't take much to get on Grandma's "dead" list. If you took a picture from her photo album and never returned it, you were there. Or if you started a rumor that Lillie's kid gave birth to a 12-pound preemie ... ho ho, you were declared deceased. Or if someone was in the radius of 50 miles and never stopped by to say hello to her, you were on the list. Some family members she couldn't even remember why she wasn't speaking to, but she said, "They know."

At the reunion, we huddled together over our individual family blankets like warring tribes. We barely knew one another. The babies had grown teeth; the elderly had lost theirs. Some dragged along reluctant in-laws; others, reluctant children. You were permitted to talk only about good times.

The idea of a reunion is a great one in theory. It's just that everyone has split and pursued his own life and memories dim.

At one time the Jacksons had a life together. They were a traveling band of entertainers who lived out of the same suitcases and shared every minute of every day. It's different now. They're off writing books, fighting lawsuits, working talk shows and cutting their own albums. They probably will not be able to capture that again.

I know I can never go back. At the last family get-together, I sampled the coleslaw of a relative who was considered dead!

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Designer specializes in 'funky' hats

By Karin Davies

LONDON (AP) — A hat doesn't have to be "the same old brim with a little flower," Philip Treacy says. When he makes a hat, it isn't.

It is a frond of feathers, a straw sculpture, a silk confection, a gilded lace unicorn horn sprouting from a forehead, a surreal white kid glove clutching a crown, a jaunty headdress of yellow taffeta.

The 26-year-old Irishman has wit and style and an unfettered imagination.

"I'm trying to excite the eye with certain hats. I think it is good to make people wonder, smile," he said.

Treacy (pronounced Tracy) has collaborated with international designers since graduating from the Royal College of Art in 1990 — Versace, Lagerfeld and Chanel, Valentino, Ozbek. Three times he has been named Britain's accessory designer of the year.

"I love couture because the extraordinary is very acceptable," Treacy said, squatting comfortably in his studio in London's fashionable Belgravia.

AP Laserphoto

One of the funkiest creations of milliner Philip Treacy, this hat helped him win the designation as Britain's accessory designer of the year in 1993.

TO GIANNI Versace, with whom he has worked for four seasons, Treacy is an artist. "Give him a pin, he makes a sculpture; give him a rose, he makes a poem," Versace told the Daily Telegraph.

Karl Lagerfeld says Treacy has "the spirit of modern millinery."

"He's quite simply a genius," said Amanda Verdan, of London's Harvey Nichols department store. "His hats are undoubtedly the best in the world."

Treacy's designs are light and transparent, and they move gracefully. The line — even if drawn with feathers — is distinctive.

He said he believes in the shock of the new, the modern, in simplicity, the beauty of a well-drawn line. With his hats he strives for elegance, rather than curiosity.

"I think it must flatter the wearer," Treacy said. "That they don't feel intimidated in it, that they are comfortable."

Treacy's couture designs can top 1,000 pounds ($1,500). His work is sold at Bergdorf Goodman and Saks Fifth Avenue in New York, Maxfield in Los Angeles, Harrods and Harvey Nichols in London.

But you don't have to pay couture prices to top off an outfit with touch of Treacy. His ready-to-wear hats, smart, clean-lined and finely made, start at as little as 60 pounds ($90) at Debenhams, a middle-market London department store.

His assistant, Marie-Helene de Taillac, estimates that Treacy makes 400 designs a year. "He works all the time. He also works at night so we don't always see what he's done til morning."

Treacy said he doesn't keep track. "When the ideas start flowing, that's an exciting time."

SOME IDEAS come from sketches, others go from his head to materials.

"I don't agonize over it because I like it to be enjoyable. Sometimes the simplest of ideas and lines is the best," he said.

Although he describes himself as "a total fashion victim" who revels in his trade, Treacy is refreshingly awed but unruffled by his success.

He is willowy thin, with curtains of red hair that brush his cheeks. His casual dress — red denim jacket, jeans and a yellow personal stereo hooked on his belt — belies his comfort with haute couture. When he goes outside, he hides his faded blue eyes behind bottle-green glasses.

Making his points, he embroiders the air with thimble and needle.

Treacy said he comes from "your regular Irish family, seven brothers and a sister" in County Galway on Ireland's rugged west coast.

While growing up, he remembers waiting for his mother to feed the chickens so he could sneak off and use her treasured sewing machine.

"The machine fascinated me. If my mother heard me at it, I'd get a telling-off, but a lot of the time she didn't. I used to make all sorts of things," Treacy said.

He left home at age 17 to study in Dublin and London, and to turn a childhood hobby into a profession. At the beginning of his career, he made hats in Ireland for an early U2 rock video. "I found the materials in Ivy Market, old clothes, older fleas, and blocked them on Berger paint cans."

TREACY SAID he was indulging his passion for hats when he settled on millinery as a career, and "I think it's more interesting to work in a field where there's fewer people working."

"I think of hats as a craft rather than a glamorous fashion scene," he said. "I love the immediacy of it. There's great satisfaction to starting up in the morning and ending up with something in your hands, that you've made."

Though he believes the hat is unlikely to become a staple accessory again, he relishes his opportunity to make the hat relevant. "A hat doesn't have to be the same old brim with a little flower on it," he says.

With the backing of William Horsman, chairman of the British Hat Guild, Treacy set up business. He quickly won illustrious clients and catwalk contracts.

Horsman praises Treacy for taking the trouble to learn his craft from milliners of the old school. "He is the most brilliant maker of hats," Horsman said. "It has that look that it has not been touched by hand ... it is not as if you can see a stitch or a dent or a seam, it is always so clean."

When Treacy was still a student, Horsman remembers him rummaging around his factory and tucking an odd assortment of remnants into a bag, returning a week later with "the most wonderful creations."

While staples such as straw and duchesse satin feature in Treacy's work, the use of interesting materials distinguishes him from the rest.

He has used tubing "to sketch a hat. I liked the idea of making hats that looked like sketches." Tentacles of white rubber were molded into a beach hat for Chanel. Nylon netting sprouted like rooster tails. A thickly brimmed hat was fashioned from Andy Warhol's print of Marilyn Monroe.

FROM INSPIRATION to making each hat to choosing the music for his first catwalk show last autumn, Treacy is enthusiastically involved.

"I think there will always be hat-lovers," he said. "Hats have a whimsical, romantic association. They're part of the nice things of life."

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Prices retreat

NEW YORK — Oil prices finished lower Wednesday, helped down by a surprisingly large increase in U.S. crude inventories. But the drop was tempered by the pending meeting of OPEC oil ministers.

West Texas Intermediate for delivery in May settled at $14.90 per barrel, down 26 cents, at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Local crude purchasers lowered their posted price 25 cents to $13.25 a barrel.

On Tuesday evening, the American Petroleum Institute reported a surprising surge in the amount of crude oil in storage. Many forecasters had been expecting a decline.

But prices didn't drop sharply on the news and held up for much of the day as Friday's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries loomed.

Some still see a possibility that the oil producing group could reduce production to match a seasonal drop in demand. But big producers such as Saudi Arabia are opposed to losing market share to non-OPEC members such as Britain and Norway, which have been increasing North Sea production.

One concern within OPEC is that non-members would raise production, nullifying any OPEC cut.

Natural gas prices were lower, with contracts for delivery in April settling at $2.077 per 1,000 cubic feet, down 3 cents.

Dollar declines

NEW YORK — The dollar declined Wednesday against most major currencies in light trading motivated largely by technical factors.

The dollar rose to 106.25 Japanese yen in New York, up from 106.05 yen Tuesday.

The dollar was weaker against the British pound compared to Tuesday's trading. Sterling finished at $1.4980, up from $1.4875.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Tuesday's quotes, included: 1.6805 German marks, down from 1.6885; 1.4270 Swiss francs, down from 1.4300; 5.7442 French francs, down from 5.7648; 1,662 Italian lire, down from 1,668; and 1.3645 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3669.

Stocks gain

NEW YORK — Stocks mostly moved ahead Wednesday with help from economically sensitive issues that benefitted from optimism about the economy.

Strength in stocks of cyclical companies, including auto and consumer products makers, lifted the Dow Jones industrial average 6.91 to 3,869.46.

Gainers outnumbered losers by about 6 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange where trading was moderately active. Volume on the Big Board's floor came to 281.44 million shares compared to 282.24 million on Tuesday.

Several broadly based market measures finished modestly higher. The NYSE composite index edged

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Russia, oil companies seal deal

Consortium from West, government agree to develop major offshore project

N.Y. Times News Service

A consortium of Western companies and the Russian government have agreed to develop a major deposit of oil and gas off the island of Sakhalin in a project that could bring about $10 billion of investment to the battered Russian oil industry, a spokesman for Marathon Oil Co. said Wednesday.

Marathon spokesman William P. Ryder said that the consortium members and their Russian counterparts had agreed on terms to develop the field. The consortium also includes the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, McDermott International Inc., Mitsui & Co. and Mitsubishi Corp.

Ryder said Russian Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin still must approve the deal.

If that happens soon, he said work could begin this summer. Work can only take place between the months of June and October because there is too much ice the rest of the year.

"This is a huge project, $10 billion of investment," Yuri Shafranik, the minister of energy and fuel for Russia, said at a press conference in Moscow yesterday. "The main work has been done. Not just a protocol, but virtually all agreements have been signed."

He compared the current deal to one signed by Chevron Corp. and Kazakhstan last year to develop the Tengiz oil fields near the Caspian Sea. Chevron said it would spend about $20 billion over 40 years.

Some major companies have been reluctant to commit themselves to major projects in Russia due to the political turmoil, preferring such relatively newer states as Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan, which have had more stable governments.

Russian oil production has been falling from about 10 million barrels a day in 1990 to about 7 million barrels a day last year. The oil and gas industry is vital to Russia's economic development, accounting for about 80 percent of the earnings from exports that provide hard currency.

The deposits in Sakhalin are estimated to have reserves of 750 million barrels of oil and 14 trillion feet of natural gas.

Shafranik said that under the terms of the 25-year production sharing deal, Russia would receive more than 50 percent of the profits.

He said that once the final contracts are singed, Russia would be paid a bonus of $50 million, another $100 million would go to a social development fund for Sakhalin and about $160 million would be paid to Russian companies that took part in the geological work.

He added that 70 percent of the orders and work will go to Russians and that defense companies of the former Soviet Union would participate.

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'Herbie's' test

"Herbie" is performing his own test of Budd Hi-Flex SMC, a sheet-molding composite that's more damage-resistant, lightee and twice as flexible as conventional composites used for auto body panels.

Banks take cue from Fed, boost prime rates for 1st time in 5 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the nation's largest banks boosted their prime lending rates Wednesday for the first time in five years in response to the latest round of credit tightening by the Federal Reserve.

But President Clinton insisted that despite the Fed's move to engineer higher rates, the economy is still "on the rise." He said he was heartened by the generally positive reaction of financial markets to the Fed's move.

Norwest Corp. of Minneapolis was the first major bank to announce it was increasing its prime rate from 6 percent to 6.25 percent. The prime is the benchmark rate for many business and consumer loans.

That move was followed in short order by similar announcements from a number of other banks including Chemical Bank of New York, Chase Manhattan and Banc One Corp. of Columbus, Ohio.

The prime has been at 6 percent since July 1992. The round of increases marked the first broadbased rise in banks' prime lending rate since Feb. 24, 1989. That increase occurred during the Fed's last round of credit tightening and pushed the prime rate from 11 percent to 11.5 percent.

The Fed is boosting rates to cool off the economy as a pre-emptive strike against inflation. Clinton on Wednesday told reporters he had no quarrel with the central bank and did not believe the rate increases were a threat to the recovery.

Both this week and on Feb. 4, the Fed's actions moves were exactly the same — quarter-point increases in the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other for overnight loans, It now is 3.5 percent.

The first Fed move sparked a 96-point sell-off in the stock market and sent bond yields soaring as investors grew fearful about future inflation.

This time around the stock market more or less shrugged off the Fed announcement and the bond market rallied, pushing down the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond.

The president, who met with Greenspan Friday at the White House, said the Fed chief had told him a further increase in short-term rates should help to lower long-term rates by convincing investors that the central bank was being vigilant against inflation.

Clinton said that so far the reaction this time around was much better and "we'll just have to hope that there is more" of a decline in long-term rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average posted another small gain Wednesday, rising by 6.91 points while 30-year Treasuries held on to Tuesday's gains that were rung up after the Fed announcement.

"There's good growth with no inflation. That's what we want in the country," the president told reporters during his morning jog. "The economy's on the rise, you bet it is."

Private economists generally agreed with Clinton's positive assessment. Even so, a government report Wednesday showed that orders for big-ticket durable goods fell 2.5 percent in February as demand for commercial airliners and military hardware slumped.

Kraft picks San Antonio for major center

Hearst News Service

SAN ANTONIO — Kraft General Foods has selected San Antonio for a financial services center that will employ 200 people and have a $5 million annual payroll by 1996, company officials said Tuesday.

The 45,000-square-foot office will begin operating July 1 on the city's north side.

The facility will be the central operation for all of Kraft General Foods' financial services, including accounts payable, fixed assets and general accounting, company spokesman Patrick Farrell said.

Kraft General Foods, a division of Philip Morris Companies Inc., is a multinational food business whose products include Kraft cheese and salad dressings, Oscar Mayer meats, Maxwell House coffee, Jello desserts.

"We are taking operations from (Kraft) facilities around the nation and consolidating them in the San Antonio office in order to gain more efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The financial service center will do things like process and pay invoices to suppliers and process and pay travel services for our 65,000 employees," Farrell said.

Ruiz becomes new director of circulation

J.R. Ruiz

J.R. Ruiz, formerly with the Plainview Daily Herald has been named circulation director of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, Charles Spence, publisher, has announced. The appointment is effective immediately.

Ruiz joined the Herald in 1984 as assistant circulation manager and was promoted to circulation director in 1986. Before that he was employed by American National Insurance Co. there. A native of Colorado City, he attended Wayland Baptist University.

"J.R. Ruiz has proved his ability as a manager in the important area of newspaper distribution during his tenure at the Plainview Daily Herald," Spence said. "We welcome him to Midland and know he will be a strong addition to the Reporter-Telegram's management team."

In Plainview, Ruiz was active in civic work as a member of the boards of the American Red Cross, United Way and South Plains Association of Governments. He served on Chamber of Commerce committees and was a member of the Optimist Club.

An ordained Baptist minister, Ruiz and his wife, Sylvia, are parents of three children.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Shop brokers when selling shares of stock

By Bill Doyle

Doyle

Q: I am about to receive certificates for shares of stock I have been purchasing in the large corporation where I am employed. My questions have to do with the sale of these shares.

Should I call several brokers and ask about their fees for this service? Do I just hand the certificates to a broker, without any proof that he received them?

What if I mail the certificates to a mutual fund organization, with instructions to sell and use the proceeds to buy shares of the fund?

I guess you have already detected my distrust, but this will be my first time I have sold securities.

A: Considering the headlines made by scandals that have rocked the brokerage fraternity over the years, your distrust is understandable. However, it is way overblown.

The relatively small number of bad apples have not spoiled the entire brokerage barrel. The vast majority of brokers are honest. The few who stray out of line usually are nabbed pretty fast.

By all means, check a number of brokerages and compare charges, which vary widely. Concentrate your search on firms advertising themselves as "discount" brokers, which levy lower commissions than the better-known "full-service" firms. Since it is clear yours will be a one-time sale, you won't need the research, personal counseling and other features full-service brokerages usually provide.

After you have picked a broker and placed your sell order, you must surrender the certificates. At that point, you should receive a receipt. If one is not forthcoming, ask for it. If you still don't get it, you have reason to be suspicious. Take your business elsewhere.

You won't be required to deliver the certificates until the "settlement date," the fifth business day after the "trade date" on which the shares are sold. Both trade and settlement dates should be printed on the statement you receive from the brokerage confirming the sale.

Q: What if I mail the certificates for stock I own to a no-load mutual fund family, with instructions to sell and invest the money in one of their funds?

A: You can accomplish what you have in mind that way. Many no-load mutual fund organizations, including the one you named in your letter, have affiliated discount brokerage firms and would be delighted to sell the stock.

Call the fund group's toll-free 800 number to find out exactly what to do.

Most likely, you will be required to sign the assignment form on each certificate and have your signature guaranteed by a member of a signature-guarantee program. All brokerages and most banks are members. Or, you might provide a "stock power" form, which serves the same purpose.

If you don't hand-deliver the certificates, for safety's sake, send them by registered mail, return receipt requested.

Q: Stock I own used to be listed on the American Stock Exchange, but no longer trades there. Currently, it appears in the list of Nasdaq stocks.

Are my shares valid? Transferable?

A: Yes to both questions.

The fact that trading in that stock has moved from a stock exchange to the Nasdaq over-the-counter market didn't invalidate your shares, which represent pieces of corporate ownership.

If you want to sell, any broker would handle the transaction in the Nasdaq market. And if you want to transfer the shares as a gift, that can be done just as easily as when the stock was listed on the Amex.

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Mutual Funds

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MUTUAL FUNDS

	Buy	Sell	Chg.
NAAL Mutual:			
Bond p	10.01	10.51	+.02
CaGr p	14.86	15.60	+.02
MuBd p	10.88	11.42	+.03
SmCoSt	11.48	12.05	+.04
AARP Invst:			
CaGr	33.72	N.L.	—.03
GnisM	15.39	N.L.	+.04
GthInc	33.70	N.L.	+.05
HQ Bd	16.03	N.L.	+.04
TxFBd	17.78	N.L.	+.02
ABT Funds:			
Emrg p	15.76	16.55	
FL HI	10.39	10.91	+.01
FL TF	11.06	11.61	+.01
GthIn p	10.98	11.53	+.03
UtilIn p	11.94	12.54	—.04
AHA Funds:			
Balan	12.29	N.L.	+.02
Full	9.89	N.L.	
Lim	10.25	N.L.	+.01
AIM Funds:			
AdjGv p	9.76	9.86	
Agrsv p	26.91	28.48	+.11
Chart p	9.13	9.66	+.03
Const p	18.84	19.94	+.03
GoSc p	9.72	10.20	
Grth p	12.05	12.75	+.05
HYdA p	10.07	10.57	
Inco p	8.03	8.43	+.01
IntlE p	12.71	13.45	+.10
LtdM p	10.03	10.13	
MuB p	8.33	8.75	+.01
Sumit	10.16		+.02
TeCT p	10.91	11.45	
TF Int	10.78	10.89	
Util p	13.30	14.07	—.04
ValuB t	22.44	22.44	+.04
Valu p	22.48	23.79	+.04
Weing p	18.01	19.06	+.05
AMF Funds:			
AdjMtg	9.94	N.L.	
IntMtg	9.72	N.L.	
IntlLiq	10.71	N.L.	
MtgSc	10.79	N.L.	
ARK Funds:			
CapGr	10.93	N.L.	—.02
GrInc	10.64	N.L.	—.02
Income	9.87	N.L.	
AcornIn	16.18	16.18	+.07
AcornF	13.81	13.81	+.01
AdsnCa p	22.25	22.94	+.02
AdvCBal p10.57		N.L.	
AdvCRet p10.22		N.L.	—.03
Advest Advant:			
Govt p	9.60	9.60	
Gwth p	17.39	17.39	+.08
HY Bd p	9.46	9.46	—.01
Inco p	12.97	12.97	+.01
Aetna Funds:			
Aetna	10.87	N.L.	+.03
Bond	10.15	N.L.	+.01
GrwInco	11.14	N.L.	+.01
IntlGr	11.07	N.L.	—.02
Alger Funds:			
Grwth t	21.54	21.54	—.06
SmCap t	23.24	23.24	+.04
Alliance Cap:			
Alan p	7.06	7.37	+.01
Balan px	13.89	14.51	—.09
BalB t	14.93	14.93	
BondA p	14.01	14.63	—.01
CpBB p	14.01	14.01	—.01
CpBC p	14.01	14.01	—.01
Count p	17.66	18.44	
GlbSA p	12.12	12.66	+.07
GovtA p	8.24	8.61	+.01
GovtB p	8.23	8.23	+.01
GovtC p	8.23	8.23	+.01
GrInc px	2.41	2.52	
GthF p	25.43	26.56	+.13
GwthB t	21.60	21.60	+.11
GrIncB px	2.40	2.40	
InMA p	9.95	10.39	+.01
InsMB	9.95	9.95	+.01
IntlA p	17.79	18.58	—.09
MrtgA p	8.97	9.37	+.03
MrtgB p	8.97	8.97	+.03
MrtgC p	8.97	8.97	+.04
MtgTA p	9.84	10.28	+.01
MtgTB p	9.84	9.84	
MtgTC p	9.84	9.84	
MtlG	10.09	10.19	+.01
MMSA p	8.52	8.90	
MMSB t	8.52	8.52	
MCAA p	10.33	10.79	
MCAB p	10.33	10.33	
MCAC p	10.33	10.33	
MFLC p	9.58	9.58	+.01
MIICAA p	13.11	13.69	+.01
MINB p	10.30	10.30	+.02
MNYA p	9.64	10.07	+.01
MNYB p	9.64	9.64	+.01
MNYC p	9.64	9.64	
NMuA p	10.30	10.76	+.02
NMuC p	10.30	10.30	+.02
NEur p	12.36	12.91	+.01
NAGvA	9.59	10.02	+.03
NAGB p	9.54	9.54	—.02
NAGvC	9.58	9.58	+.03
PGthA p	12.32	12.87	+.02
PGthB p	12.24	12.24	+.02
QusrA p	24.98	26.09	+.15
ST Mla p	8.98	9.38	
ST Mlb t	8.99	8.99	+.01
Tech p	29.35	30.65	+.16
WldIn t	1.87	1.87	
AmSouth Funds:			
Balanc	12.03	12.60	—.01
Bond	10.89	11.23	+.01
Equity	15.13	15.84	—.02
LtdMat	10.45	10.77	
RegEq	17.33	18.15	+.08
Ambassador Fd:			
Bond	9.76	N.L.	
CoreGr	17.37	N.L.	
Grwth	14.37	N.L.	—.02
IdxStk	12.12	N.L.	—.01
IntBond	9.77	N.L.	
IntlStk	13.20	N.L.	+.10
SCoGr	14.58	N.L.	+.08
Ambassador Inv:			
CoreGr	17.36	N.L.	
Grwth	14.37	N.L.	—.01
IntBond	9.77	N.L.	+.01
TFIntBd	10.33	N.L.	+.01
Amcore Vintage:			
Equity	10.59	11.06	—.01
FxInco	10.07	10.46	
Amer AAdvant:			
Balan	12.33	N.L.	+.02
Equity	13.98	N.L.	+.02
IntlEq	12.29	N.L.	+.06
LtdTr	9.94	N.L.	
Amer Capital:			
CmstA p	16.47	17.47	+.02
CpBdA p	6.98	7.33	+.01
EQLA p	26.90	28.54	+.12
EGB p	26.42	26.42	+.11
EntA p	12.74	13.52	+.03
EntB p	12.68	12.68	+.03
EqIncA p	5.53	5.87	+.01
EqIncB t	5.53	5.53	+.01
Exch	113.01		+.10
FMgA p	12.26	12.54	+.01
GtGvA p	8.62	9.05	+.02
GtGvB p	8.65	N.L.	+.01
GvScA p	10.42	10.94	+.02
GvScB p	10.42	10.42	+.01
GvScC p	10.41	10.41	+.02
GvTIA p	8.70	9.13	+.01
GvTIB p	8.70	8.70	+.01
GvTIC p	8.73	8.70	+.01
GrInc p	12.96	13.75	+.03
HarbA p	15.03	15.95	
HarbB p	14.98	14.98	
HiYldA p	6.63	6.96	
HiYldB p	6.64	6.64	
MuBA p	10.20	10.71	+.03
PaceA p	12.01	12.74	+.03
TEHA p	10.96	11.51	+.02
TEHB p	10.96	10.96	+.02
TxElA p	11.31	11.87	+.02
American Funds:			
A Bal p	12.29	13.04	+.02
Amcp p	13.09	13.89	—.02
AMutl p	21.80	23.13	—.01
Bond p	13.98	14.68	+.03
CapIB p	33.08	35.10	—.02
CapW p	15.78	16.57	+.01
CapWG	18.01	19.11	+.05
Expac p	22.40	23.77	+.05
FdInv p	18.37	19.49	+.06
Govt p	13.84	14.53	+.02
Gwth p	27.76	29.45	—.02
HI Tr p	14.96	15.71	+.01
Inco p	14.04	14.90	+.01
IntBd p	13.85	14.54	+.02
ICA p	18.69	19.83	
LtTEB	14.32	15.03	—.01
NEco p	30.74	32.62	+.04
N Per p	15.26	16.19	+.02
SmCp p	24.11	25.58	+.02
TxEx p	11.92	12.51	+.01
TECA p	15.68	16.46	+.01
TEMd p	15.33	16.09	+.01
TEVA p	15.81	16.60	
Wsh p	17.44	18.50	—.01
A GblFd	9.86	10.46	+.03
A Herita	1.36	N.L.	
Amer Natl Funds:			
Grth	4.28	4.54	—.01
Inco	21.84	23.17	—.05
API Gr fp	12.96	N.L.	
Am Perform:			
Equity	11.72	12.21	+.02
IntBd	10.53	10.86	
AmUtlFd	21.73	N.L.	—.09
Amway f	7.87	8.11	+.02
Analyt	12.08	N.L.	
Aquilla Funds:			
AZ TF	10.51	10.95	+.02
CO TF	10.37	10.80	+.01
HI TF	11.44	11.92	+.02
KY TF	10.58	11.02	+.01
OR TF	10.58	11.02	+.01
Atlas Funds:			
CaMuni	11.12	11.46	+.01
GvtSc	10.30	10.62	+.04
GroInc	14.74	15.20	+.04
NaMuni	11.18	11.53	+.02
BB&T Funds:			
GrolncT	11.47	N.L.	
IntGovT	9.86	N.L.	
BBA Funds:			
EMkE	22.81	22.81	+.44
IntlEq	19.44	19.44	+.07
StgFx p	16.96	16.96	+.03
BFMShDu	9.85	N.L.	+.01
BJBGlA p	11.88	12.38	+.04
BNY Hamilton:			
EqInc	11.48	N.L.	+.02
IntGovt	9.79	N.L.	+.01
NY TE	10.13	N.L.	
Babson Group:			
Bond L	1.58	N.L.	
Bond S	10.05	N.L.	+.01
Enterp	17.06	N.L.	+.11
Gwth	13.26	N.L.	+.02
Intl	16.39	N.L.	+.05
Shadw	12.86	N.L.	+.11
UMB B	11.14	N.L.	+.03
UMB St	16.64	N.L.	—.01
Value	26.23	N.L.	+.09
BailardBiehl&Kaiser:			
Diversa	12.82	N.L.	—.01
IntlEq	6.17	N.L.	+.01
IntlFl	9.60	N.L.	
Baird Funds:			
AdjInc	9.93	10.26	
BKhip p	18.72	19.86	—.02
CapDv p	24.06	25.53	+.12
Bankers Trust:			
IntlEq	10.79	N.L.	—.01
InvUtil	10.41	N.L.	
BaronA		N.L.	
Bartlett Funds:			
BasVl	15.60	N.L.	+.01
Fixedl	10.10	N.L.	—.01
VI Intl	12.78	N.L.	+.03
BayFunds Invest:			
STYield	9.84	N.L.	+.01
Bond	9.92	N.L.	+.02
Equity	11.20	N.L.	+.02
BSEmD	9.77	10.23	+.07
Benchmark Funds:			
BondA	19.99	N.L.	+.05
DivGrA	10.84	N.L.	—.06
EqIdxA	10.95	N.L.	—.01
ShtDur	10.03	N.L.	+.01
SIBdA	20.10	N.L.	+.01
SmColA	11.93	N.L.	+.03
USTIdxA	20.14	N.L.	
Benham Group:			
AdjGov	9.77	N.L.	
CaTFI	11.03	N.L.	+.01
CatFln	9.93	N.L.	+.02
CaTFS	10.20	N.L.	+.01
CatfH	9.29	N.L.	+.01
CatfL	11.16	N.L.	+.01
EqGro	12.12	N.L.	—.01
EurBd	10.71	N.L.	+.05
GNMA	10.53	N.L.	+.02
GoldIn	13.36	N.L.	+.17
IncGro	15.03	N.L.	—.02
NITFI	10.78	N.L.	—.01
NITFL	11.57	N.L.	+.02
Tg1995	94.26	N.L.	+.02
Tg2000	69.43	N.L.	+.01
Tg2005	48.68	N.L.	—.05
Tg2010	35.44	N.L.	—.07
Tg2015	26.54	N.L.	—.09
Tg2020	18.47	N.L.	—.09
TNote	10.27	N.L.	
UtilIn	9.60	N.L.	—.04
Berger Group:			
100 p	17.14	N.L.	+.03
101 p	11.77	N.L.	+.08
Bernstein Fds:			
GvSh	12.58	N.L.	
ShtDur	12.56	N.L.	+.01
IntDur	13.20	N.L.	+.01
Ca Mu	13.45	N.L.	
DivMu	13.38	N.L.	+.01
NYMu	13.37	N.L.	
IntlVal	16.53	N.L.	+.03
BerwynFd	19.45	N.L.	+.15
Biltmore Funds:			
Balncd	10.35	10.84	+.01
Equity	10.51	11.01	+.02
EqIndx	10.56	11.06	
FixedIn	9.62	10.07	+.01
STFixIn	9.78	10.24	+.01
SCMuni	10.88	11.39	
Blanchard Funds:			
FlexInc	4.99	N.L.	
GlGr p	10.45	N.L.	
PrcM p	9.41	N.L.	+.01
ST Gl	1.82	N.L.	
BdEndw	17.54	N.L.	+.05
Boston Co Inst:			
CaApB p	28.75	N.L.	+.02
Boston Co Retail:			
CapAA p	28.75	N.L.	+.02
MgdIA p	11.18	N.L.	+.01
SpGrA p	17.52	N.L.	—.02
Boulevard Funds:			
MangIn	9.71	10.01	
Brinson Funds:			
Global f	10.71	N.L.	
NUSEqt	9.83	N.L.	—.01
Brndyw	27.06	N.L.	+.13
BrundgSI	10.56	N.L.	+.02
Bull & Bear Gp:			
GlbInc p	9.25	N.L.	+.03
Gold p	17.38	N.L.	+.19
SpEq p	22.86	N.L.	+.15
Burnhm p	20.76	21.40	—.01
C&SRIty	34.74	N.L.	+.19
CGM Funds:			
CapDv	29.78	N.L.	+.05
Mutl	29.05	N.L.	+.11
California Trust:			
CalInc	12.55	N.L.	+.03
Calvert Group:			
Ariel	30.25	31.76	—.09
ArielA	23.25	24.41	—.01
GlobEq	18.00	18.89	+.14
Inco	17.02	17.68	+.02
MunInt	10.21	10.50	+.01
Social p	30.16	31.66	+.01
SocBd	16.44	17.08	+.01
SocEq	22.38	23.50	+.03
TxF Lt	10.69	10.91	
TxF Lg	16.61	17.26	+.02
TxF VT	16.25	16.88	+.01
Cambridge Fds:			
GvInA	13.41	14.08	+.04
CapGB t	15.17	15.17	+.03
GvInB t	13.43	13.43	+.04
GwthB t	16.15	16.15	+.06
MuInB t	15.17	15.17	—.02
CapitolEq	9.92	N.L.	+.01
Capstone Group:			
US Trnd	13.87	14.56	—.02
Cardinal Family:			
Fund	13.11	13.95	+.03
GvtOblg	8.35	8.74	
CnKBIA	15.40	15.40	+.07
CnKBIB	15.37	16.09	+.07
Cnt Shs	23.34	N.L.	—.06
ChesGrth	14.83	15.29	+.01
Chestnt	145.50	N.L.	—.05
Clipper	50.16	N.L.	
Colonial Funds:			
CalTE A	7.28	7.64	+.01
ConTE A	7.51	7.88	+.01
FedSA	10.79	11.33	+.03
FundA	8.39	8.90	
GrthA p	14.51	15.40	+.04
HiYldA	6.96	7.31	
IncoA p	6.51	6.83	+.01
MATxA	7.77	8.16	
MI TE A	6.98	7.33	+.01
MN TE A	7.18	7.54	+.01
NY TE A	7.13	7.49	+.01
ObTE A	7.28	7.64	+.01
StrtInA	7.21	7.57	+.01
TxExA p	13.54	14.22	+.01
TxInsA p	8.19	8.60	+.01
USGrA	12.19	12.93	+.02
USGvA	6.62	6.95	+.01
UtilA p	12.79	13.43	—.04
CATEB t	7.28	7.28	+.01
CTTEB t	7.51	7.51	+.01
FedSB t	10.79	10.79	+.03
FundB t	8.40	8.40	
GlEqB	12.54	12.54	+.05
GwthB t	14.45	14.45	+.04
HYMB t	10.08	10.08	
HYSecB t	6.96	6.96	
MATxB t	7.77	7.77	
NYTxB t	7.13	7.13	+.01
OHTxB t	7.28	7.28	+.01
StrtInB t	7.21	7.21	+.01
TxExB t	13.54	13.54	+.01
TEInsB t	8.19	8.19	+.01
USGrB t	12.10	12.10	+.01
USGvB t	6.62	6.62	+.01
UtilB t	12.79	12.79	—.04
Columbia Funds:			
Balance	18.10	N.L.	+.04
ComStk	15.73	N.L.	+.04
Fixed	13.05	N.L.	+.03
Govt	8.24	N.L.	+.01
Grth	27.31	N.L.	+.12
IntlStk	13.15	N.L.	—.07
Muni	12.15	N.L.	—.03
Specl	20.75	N.L.	—.02
Common Sense:			
Govt	10.77	11.55	+.01
GrInc	16.23	17.74	+.02
Grwth	15.87	17.34	+.03
MunB	13.59	14.27	+.03
Compass Capital:			
EqInc	12.81	13.31	+.02
FxdIn	10.56	10.97	
Grwth	11.32	11.76	—.02
IntlFl	11.97	11.97	+.01
NJ Mun	11.16	11.59	+.02
ShInt	10.43	10.84	
Composite Group:			
BdStk px	11.88	12.44	—.12
Gwth px	12.57	13.16	—.08
InFd p	9.03	9.41	+.01
NW50 px	15.15	15.86	+.08
TxEx p	7.68	8.00	
USGv p	10.44	10.88	+.01
Conestoga Funds:			
Equity	15.20	15.51	+.02
Conn Mutual:			
Govt	10.61	11.05	+.02
Grwth	15.69	16.52	+.01
Income	9.73	9.93	+.03
TotRet	14.71	15.48	+.01
Copley	20.37	N.L.	—.07
CoreFunds :			
BalanA	10.68	N.L.	—.01
EqIdx	21.68	N.L.	
GrEqA	10.46	N.L.	—.06
IntBdA	9.88	N.L.	+.01
IntlGrA	13.23	N.L.	—.01
Cowen	11.01	11.57	—.02
Crabbe Huson:			
AstAll p	13.32	N.L.	—.03
Equity p	16.52	N.L.	—.05
CrestFunds Trust:			
Bond	9.83	N.L.	+.01
SI Bd	9.93	N.L.	+.02
Value	11.37	N.L.	—.02
VALu	9.94	N.L.	+.03
CuFd Adj	10.00	N.L.	—.01
DG Investor:			
Equity	10.84	11.06	—.03
GvtInc	9.76	9.96	—.01
LTGvt	9.80	10.00	
Dean Witter:			
AmVl t	24.11	24.11	+.07
CalTF t	12.81	12.81	+.02
CapGr t	12.39	12.39	—.02
Convt t	11.30	11.30	+.01
DevGr t	19.78	19.78	+.06
DivGr t	30.78	30.78	—.02
DivIn t	10.01	10.01	+.01
EqInc t	8.58	8.58	—.01
Europ t	12.50	12.50	—.07
Glbl t	8.92	8.92	+.01
GlbDiv t	11.02	11.02	+.02
FedSec t	9.43	9.43	—.01
HthSc t	11.39	11.39	—.02
HiYld f	7.94	8.40	+.01
MuAZ t	10.42	10.85	+.01
Intmd t	9.81	9.81	+.01
LtdMun	9.90	9.90	—.01
MuCA t	10.53	10.97	+.03
MUFL t	10.63	11.07	+.02
MUNI t	10.56	11.00	+.02
MtgPA t	10.58	11.02	+.02
NYTF t	11.97	11.97	+.01
NtlRs t	12.13	12.13	—.01
PacGr t	19.57	19.57	+.56
PrcM t	12.01	12.01	+.17
Premr p	8.94	9.22	
SelMu p	12.31	12.31	+.02
Mngd t	11.03	11.03	
ST US p	10.08	10.08	—.01
Strat t	15.16	15.16	+.02
TaxEx	11.92	12.42	+.02
USGvt t	9.02	9.02	
Util f	13.75	13.75	—.07
ValAd t	20.50	20.50	—.01
WWIn	8.77	8.77	
WldW t	18.57	18.57	+.09
TC Bal p	10.04	10.04	
TCCor t	13.09	13.09	+.06
TC Inc	10.89	10.89	+.01
TCLat t	14.09	14.09	+.14
TCNor fp	9.78	9.78	
TCSCp t	10.57	10.57	+.04
Del Grp Inst:			
Dlchl	7.02	7.02	
TxyRsl	9.63	9.63	+.01
Delaware Group:			
Trend p	14.12	14.98	+.04
Value p	21.06	22.34	+.04
Delcp p	27.32	28.99	+.08
Dectrl	16.73	18.28	+.04
DectIl p	13.01	13.80	+.03
Delaw p	18.67	19.81	
IntlEq p	12.27	13.02	—.02
Delch p	7.02	7.37	
USGvt p	8.46	8.88	
Treas p	9.63	9.93	+.01
TxUS p	12.29	12.90	+.02
TxIns p	11.18	11.74	+.01
TxFPa p	8.48	8.90	+.02
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USSmVal	12.04	N.L.	+.04
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FL Int	13.33	N.L.	—.01
GNM p	14.86	N.L.	+.02
GnCA	13.57	N.L.	+.01
GMBd p	15.10	N.L.	+.01
GNY p	20.31	N.L.	+.01
GrInc	17.27	N.L.	+.01
GthOp	10.84	N.L.	—.02
InsMu p	18.13	N.L.	+.03
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NJ Int	13.43	N.L.	—.01
NJ Mun	13.49	N.L.	+.01
NwLd r	35.45	N.L.	—.01
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CapVal	11.81	12.37	+.05
CapVB t	11.66	11.66	+.05
PStgA p	9.71	10.17	+.02
PStgO t	9.72	10.18	+.02
Dreyfus Premier:			
CAMA	13.00	13.61	+.01
CTMA	12.16	12.73	
CapGth	16.33	16.84	—.01
FLMA	14.82	15.52	+.01
GlbInA	15.74	N.L.	+.02
GlbInB t	15.62	15.62	+.02
GnmaA	14.50	15.18	+.01
MAMA			
MDMA			
MIMuA	15.69	16.43	+.01
MNMA	15.17	15.88	+.01
MuBB t	14.35	14.35	+.01
MuBdA	14.35	15.03	+.01
NCMA	13.30	13.93	+.02
NCMB t	13.29	13.29	+.02
NYMA	14.57	15.26	+.01
NYMB t	14.57	14.57	+.01
OHMA	13.06	13.68	
PAMA	16.49	17.27	
PAMB t	16.49	16.49	+.01
TXMA	21.05	22.04	+.02
VAMA	16.71	17.50	+.02
Dreyfus Strategic:			
GlGr p	34.93	36.01	+.05
Grwth p	39.46	40.68	—.08
Inco p	14.09	14.53	—.01
Inv A	21.74	22.76	+.04
Dupree Mutual:			
KYTF	7.47	N.L.	
KYSM	5.24	N.L.	
EBI Funds:			
Equity px	60.49	N.L.	—.12
Flex px	53.91	N.L.	—.10
Income px	47.50	N.L.	—.17
Eaton Vance:			
EVStk	12.72	13.35	
Grwth p	8.18	8.59	+.01
InBos p	8.64	9.07	
MunBd	10.12	10.62	+.02
STGBd t	8.91	8.91	+.05
SpEqt p	8.45	8.87	+.01
TradGv	11.19	11.75	
TradIn p	7.34	7.71	+.01
TrdTot p	8.52	8.94	—.02
Eaton V Marathn:			
ALTF t	10.56	10.56	+.01
AZTF t	10.75	10.75	+.01
ARTF t	10.38	10.38	+.02
CalMn t	9.86	9.86	+.01
CTTF t	10.43	10.43	+.01
EqInc t	11.26	11.26	—.02
FlTxF t	10.94	10.94	+.01
GATF t	10.18	10.18	+.02
Hilnc t	7.67	7.67	
KYTF t	10.21	10.21	+.01
MDTF t	10.43	10.43	+.02
MATF t	10.65	10.65	+.01
MITF t	10.53	10.53	+.01
MNTF t	10.37	10.37	+.01
NJTF t	10.82	10.82	+.02
NYTF t	11.09	11.09	+.02
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VATF t	10.53	10.53	+.01
EclipEq	14.33	N.L.	+.08
Emerald Funds:			
EmEqt	12.06	12.63	+.01
EmUS	10.41	10.90	+.03
FL TE	10.95	11.47	+.01
EmpBld	17.96	18.76	+.03
Endow	17.11	N.L.	
Enterprise Group:			
CapA p	32.04	33.64	+.06
GvSec p	12.11	12.71	
Gwth p	8.65	9.08	
GrInc p	18.20	19.11	+.04
HYBd p	11.61	12.19	+.02
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EqStrat	31.80	N.L.	
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Evergreen Funds:			
Evgrn	14.72	N.L.	+.03
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GloRe	14.58	N.L.	+.17
LtdMk	22.28	N.L.	+.08
MuniF	10.35	N.L.	
MuniIns	10.30	N.L.	+.02
Retire	11.60	N.L.	
TotRtn	19.11	N.L.	—.04
ValTm	15.57	N.L.	+.03
FAM Val	20.61	N.L.	+.11
FBL Series:			
Grth t	13.74	13.74	—.02
FFB Lexicon:			
CapApp	11.75	N.L.	+.02
FxInc	10.32	N.L.	+.01
IntGv	10.21	N.L.	+.01
FFBNJ	10.82	11.33	+.01
FFTW Funds:			
USShrt	9.96	9.96	
WWHd	9.73	9.73	+.03
WWFxd	9.68	9.68	+.03
FMB Funds:			
Divt I	11.58	N.L.	—.02
IntG I	10.24	N.L.	+.01
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Capit	20.88	22.33	+.05

Report: More Californians turn solidly against tobacco

Nearly half of Californians have banned smoking in their homes and 52 percent say selling cigarettes "should not remain a legitimate business in the next century," according to a report on the state's tough anti-smoking campaign.

"The tide of public opinion appears to have changed dramatically against the tobacco industry," said John P. Pierce of the University of California, San Diego, the author of a five-year assessment of California's $599 million anti-smoking campaign.

The report's principal conclusion was that the anti-smoking campaign led to a 28 percent drop in smokers in California over five years, three times the decline in the rest of the country.

That conclusion was reported Monday by The Associated Press, which had obtained a copy of the report before its release. But Pierce was not allowed to talk about the report until it was officially released Wednesday.

In an interview, he highlighted the report's findings concerning changes in attitudes toward smoking in the home and toward the cigarette industry.

A 1992 survey of 8,224 adults and 1,789 teen-agers found that 48 percent of Californians banned smoking in their homes. Even among smokers, 27 percent banned smoking in the home. The report didn't specify a margin of sampling error.

Fifty-two percent said cigarette sales shouldn't remain a legitimate business after 2000, Pierce said.

"People are getting fed up with the fact that we can't stop our kids becoming addicted to this product," Pierce said.

"The industry is not as popular as it once was. I think that reflects what's happening in the country. A number of places have passed taxes and bans on workplace smoking."

California's anti-smoking campaign was established with passage of a referendum in November 1988. The measure raised cigarette taxes by 25 cents per pack. It required that 20 percent of that revenue be used to fund what became the largest and most aggressive anti-smoking campaign ever mounted.

The future of the program is now in doubt, Pierce said. The legislature is holding hearings to consider future funding, but it has made no decision. "All of our contracts run out in June," Pierce said.

Kim Belshe, director of the California Department of Health Services, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Congress is considering legislation to ban smoking in schools and public buildings, and to add a tax of $1.25 to each pack.

Supreme Court hears property-rights dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court was asked Wednesday to rein in government's power to require private land to be used for public environmental purposes.

"There's no fairness, there's no justice" when a city can require a store owner to make part of her land a public bike path in exchange for a permit to build a larger store, lawyer David B. Smith argued.

Smith represents Florence Dolan, owner of a plumbing-supply business in Tigard, Ore., a suburb of Portland.

But the city's lawyer said the requirement was a reasonable way to address the increased traffic and storm water runoff a larger store would create.

Dolan and her family could have found other ways to address those concerns, said city attorney Timothy V. Ramis. "They simply didn't take advantage of the system," he said.

The Constitution's Fifth Amendment bars government from taking private land without fair compensation. But government can regulate private land use without payment to the owner as long as it does not deny all economically viable use of the land.

Such regulation should be allowed only when it is in proportion to the environmental effects caused by a new building, Smith said. The court is expected to rule by late June.

Dolan owns A-Boy Plumbing on Main Street in Tigard. City officials said she could tear down the store and build a much larger one only if she turned over about 10 percent of her 1.67-acre lot as public space.

The city said part of the space must be made open public land alongside a creek, while the rest would be used for rebuilding a storm drainage channel and for a pedestrian and bicycle path to a nearby park.

"It wanted it for free to fulfill its longstanding plans for a park and a pedestrian bikeway," Smith told the justices. "It did so without any regard to the actual impact of her new store."

Smith acknowledged the city could simply have refused to let Dolan build a larger store.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist said it "doesn't seem very speculative to me" to decide that a larger building would cause more storm water runoff.

But Smith said the city never determined how much more runoff would be involved. "How much? A thimbleful?" he asked.

Buttafuoco exits jail, eyes book, boxing, movies

MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. (AP) — He might go Hollywood. He could headline in Atlantic City or Las Vegas. He already commands $100,000 for an exclusive interview — and he just walked out of jail Wednesday.

Joey Buttafuoco stepped out of his cell and back into the spotlight, secure in the knowledge his twisted celebrity grew during 129 days behind bars for the statutory rape of an underage Amy Fisher.

"I'm done," the public-enemy-turned-private-citizen said outside the Nassau County Jail, flashing two thumbs up for photographers. "Everything is cool. I did what I had to do to end it, and now I'm going home."

Buttafuoco — after a pit stop at his lawyer's office and a Long Island jeweler to buy his wife a gift — did just that. He avoided reporters by sprinting through a neighbor's backyard, and the blinds were drawn once he slipped inside.

A tree in his suburban front yard, just a short distance from the porch where Fisher shot Mary Jo Buttafuoco just 22 months ago, held 129 yellow ribbons. In the driveway was his speedboat "Double Trouble" — the floating love nest where he allegedly wooed Fisher.

But the 38-year-old auto body mechanic had other things on his mind: Career options. No, there won't be a movie — there have already been three, and who wants to watch the sequel, "Free Joey"?

There could be a movie career — perhaps as a stunt man, which is one offer already in. "Personally, I think Joey is Hollywood-bound," said his brother, Bobby.

Or a boxing match against — are you ready? — the equally camera-shy Geraldo Rivera. Buttafuoco dropped 30 pounds in jail to reach his fighting weight, and his attorney Dominic Barbara said there is interest from casinos in New Jersey and Nevada.

Or Buttafuoco the author. He is considering a deal to publish his jailhouse diaries.

There's already been an exclusive interview with "A Current Affair" — a sitdown outside the jailhouse Wednesday that reportedly made him a quick $100,000. It isn't clear whether Buttafuoco will get to keep any of the money.

Gunmen shoot 2 at Kerrigan's designer's shop

NEW YORK (AP) — Two customers of a bridal shop owned by the designer for Nancy Kerrigan and Holly Hunter were shot Wednesday during an attempted robbery.

Two well-dressed men were seen fleeing the Vera Wang Bridal House, on the ground floor of the Mark Hotel, Detective Joseph McConville said. They held an employee at gunpoint before attempting to rob customers, including a Potomac, Md., couple and their daughter, he said.

At some point, the men opened fire, hitting the unidentified husband and wife in the stomach, McConville said. The two were taken to New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Their injuries didn't appear life-threatening, he said.

Wang designed Nancy Kerrigan's Olympic figure skating outfits and the dress that Oscar-winning actress Holly Hunter wore to Monday's Academy Awards.

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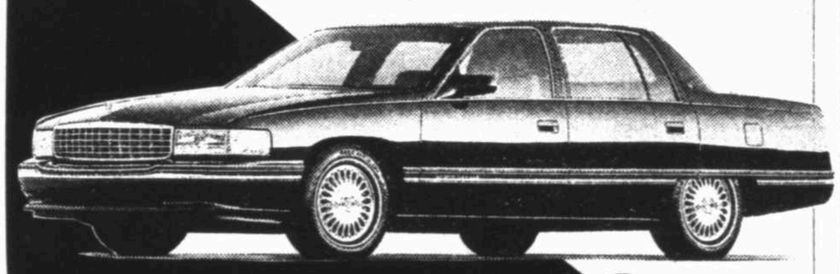

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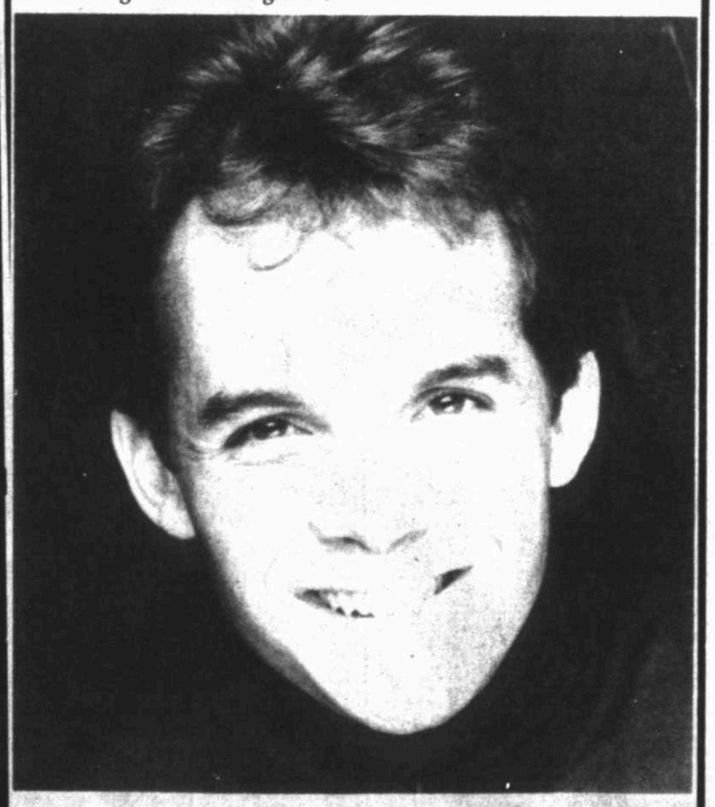

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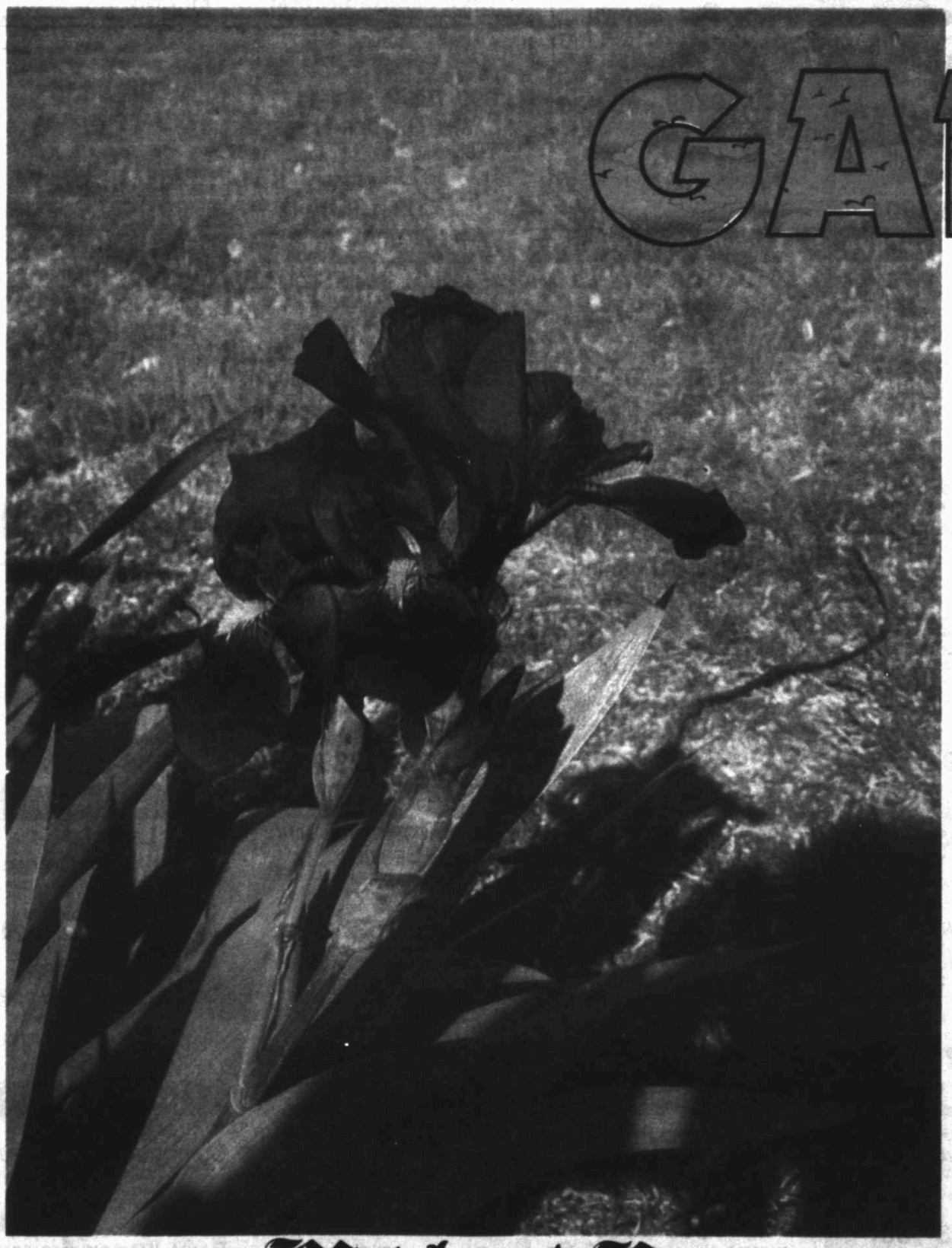

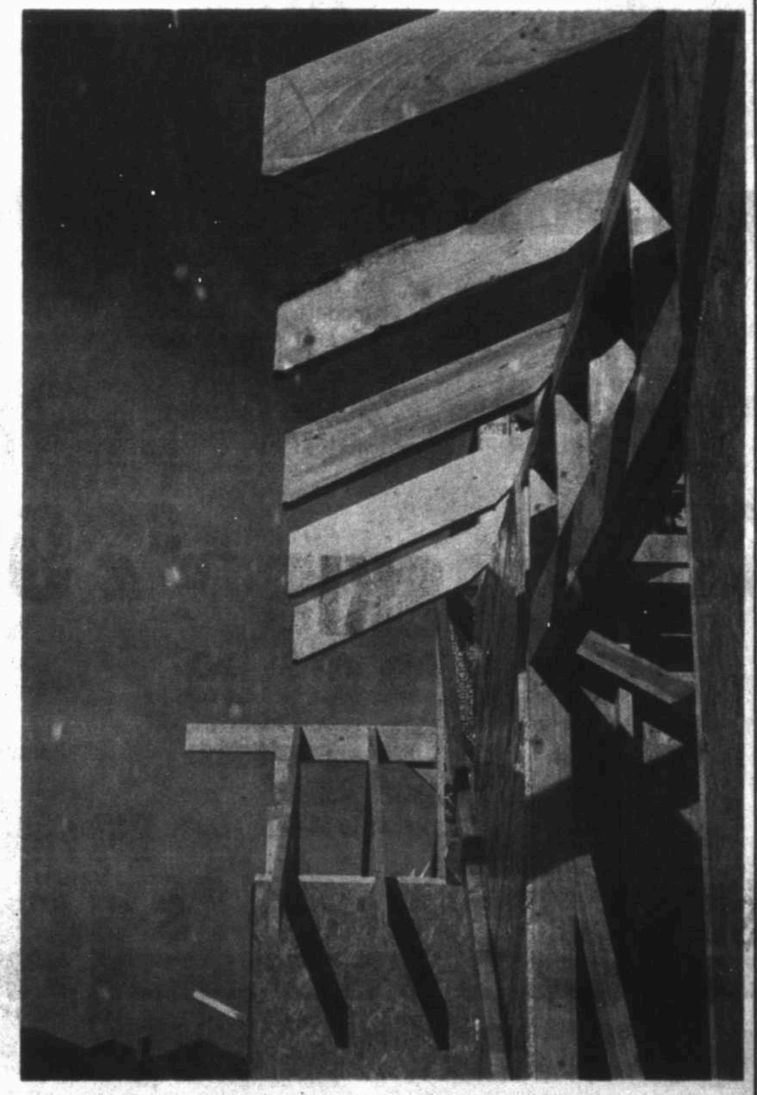

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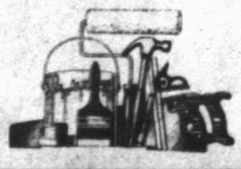

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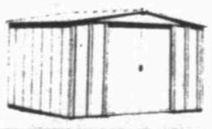

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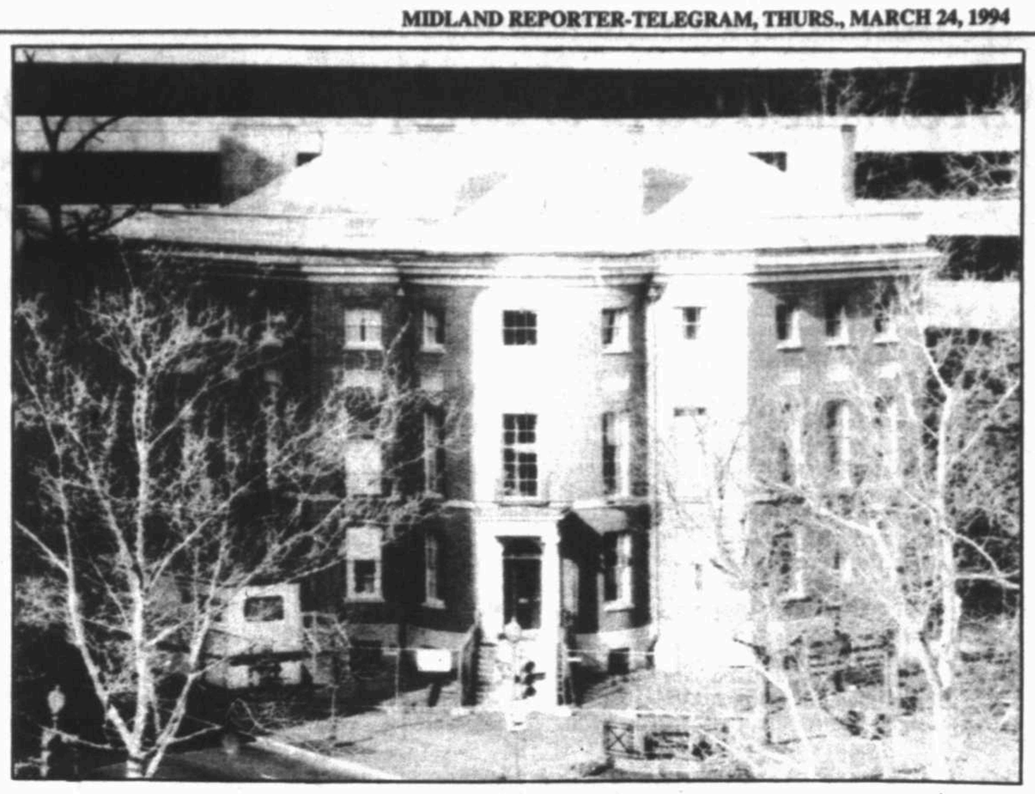

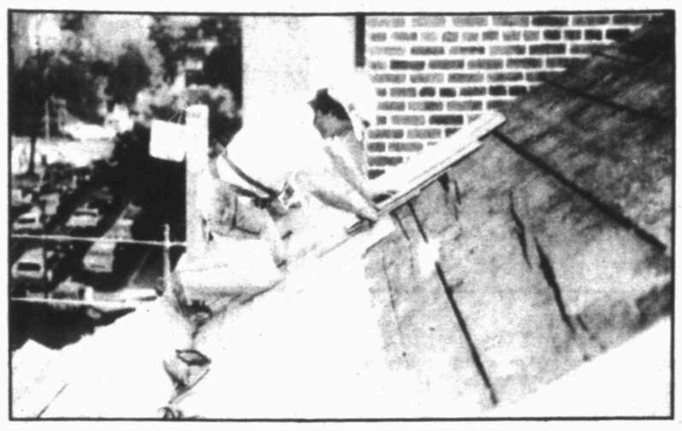

The historic Octagon House in Washington, D.C., above, is owned by the American Institute of Architects. At left, a workman installs cypress shingles on the Octagon House. Though cypress is no longer available in this country, shingles were cut from cypress logs discovered in a Florida pond.

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Symbolic house changes to reflect history of remodeling

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

The Octagon in Washington, D.C., built between 1799 and 1800, stands as a symbol of changing attitudes about historic preservation.

Within shouting distance of the White House, the mansion has a colorful place in American political and social history. President Madison lived in the house after the British burned down the White House in the War of 1812, and the Treaty of Ghent ending the war was signed there.

Its changes over the years reflect the history of American remodeling practices. The American Institute of Architects purchased it in 1902 as its national headquarters and has been working on it ever since.

A.I.A. moved its offices to larger quarters next door in 1949. But "hardly a year has passed that the A.I.A. has not done repair or restoration work," says a descriptive brochure about the brick and masonry structure, which was turned into a house museum in 1970.

Remodeling started almost immediately after the owner, John Tayloe III, moved in with his family in 1801. The flat roof leaked, and Tayloe had a pitched roof of cypress shingles with cast lead flashing built on top of it. The wealthy Virginia planter already had spent over $35,000 (an exceptional sum in those days) on construction; among the unique amenities installed was the forerunner of modern indoor plumbing, including water closets and a well in the basement.

Although Tayloe's wife and children lived there until 1855, the glory days for The Octagon were between 1800 and about 1830. The structure was spared when the British burned down Washington in August, 1814, because the French Ambassador happened to be staying there at the time. Later President and Mrs. Madison took up residence while the White House was being rebuilt. The house is being restored to its appearance between about 1815 and 1825.

Current restoration ethos calls for disturbing the building to the least extent possible.

"We may be carrying the idea of authenticity too far," says Norman L. Koonce, president of the American Architectural Foundation. "We are trying to bring as many finishes, details and elements of construction back to the way they were in the first decades of the 19th century."

The foundation recently removed 20th century "improvements" such as steel beams, put in during the 1950s. In place of the steel, there are now wood beams like those of the original structure. The steel was put in to keep the building from sagging. However, it proved to be too rigid and caused cracks in the masonry walls as the house settled and absorbed the shocks of passing traffic. The steel beams also distorted the original dimensions, since ceilings had to be lowered to accommodate them.

The restoration team also injected consolidants into deteriorating sandstone plaques rather than replacing them.

"In 20 years we will know if that works," says Koonce. "If it does, maybe we discovered a good method of preserving sandstone. If not, we can replace the plaques then."

Like most very old houses, this one needed a new roof. The original 1815 sheathing boards are there, but cedar shingles that date from about 25 years ago were worn out. Cypress logs aren't commercially available these days, but a search turned up some submerged in a Florida freshwater pond.

Artisans used early 19th century tools — a fro and drawing knives to split the shingles and block planes to shape them.

"We expect the cypress shingles to last between 80 and 100 years," says Koonce.

Cast lead isn't available in the U.S., but the foundation imported some from England, along with an English crew to install it. Even the plaster was removed so that a more authentic formulation of lime and horsehair could be applied to the walls. The lime and horsehair combination is historically accurate, but not necessarily better than today's plaster.

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Furniture finds

Shoppers can stretch furniture budget by scouring tony areas

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

Be adventurous . . . prepared . . . persistent. It works for Boy Scouts, and it should work for shoppers who want to stretch their furniture budget.

Judy Haines-Ricciardi of Riverside, Conn., armed with a clear idea of her needs, shops estate sales and consignment shops in upscale neighborhoods.

"Often, you can find great construction in a sofa. If the fabric isn't right, you can have slipcovers made," says Haines-Ricciardi, a decorator. "Even figuring in the cost of fabric and labor, it's possible to save well over 50 percent and to get a sofa that will last for many years."

Haines-Ricciardi recently spent $1,400 at an estate sale for a dining table and eight chairs by a top North Carolina maker. The set went to her sister. At another estate sale, she found a down-filled sofa for $450 for a decorating client. An additional $575 for slipcover fabric and labor produced a piece that looks like the $4,000 sofa it would be if purchased new.

Getting bulky items home can be a hassle, but in her area a lot of sales are organized by professionals who will arrange delivery or at least provide the name and phone number of a man with a truck.

A brand name helps establish value, but Haines-Ricciardi says it doesn't take a lot of expertise to pick out quality furniture. To judge a sofa, for example, lift the piece at one corner to test its weight. Better frames are heavier frames.

Haines-Ricciardi keeps abreast of estate sales by reading late-week classified ads in her local newspaper. In addition to second-hand shopping, she suggests checking local department stores and better furniture stores for clearance centers.

Gabberts Furniture & Design Studio has outlets at its stores in Minneapolis, Dallas and Fort Worth. The company, typical of higher-end retail furniture stores elsewhere, also offers markdowns and special purchases such as manufacturer's closeouts in regular departments. But the best buys are in the outlets, where prices may be marked down 40 percent to 90 percent for one-of-a-kind items that may be slightly damaged or distressed.

"The secret to successful shopping in a clearance mode is to know what you are looking for and to have the patience to wait for it," says Jim Gabbert, president. "It's critical to go into outlet shops frequently and see what's on hand."

When shopping outlets, don't expect amenities. Typically, there are no returns, delivery is extra and merchandise is sold as-is.

The main reason for a sale is to get customers into the store. Home furnishings sales are generally in late winter and late summer, traditionally low-traffic times. Some stores also have floor sample sales just before new merchandise arrives. That can be almost anytime during the year.

Upholstered samples tend to arrive in late fall and late spring at Wayside of Milford, a furniture chain based in Milford, Conn. Beforehand, prices on old floor samples are reduced 10 percent to 15 percent, says Gary Greenbaum, upholstery buyer. What doesn't sell at that reduced price is sent to the company's warehouse operation on the same site for further reduction.

Bob Nightingale, president of the Home Furnishings Council, an industry trade association, says the best bargains probably are found when a store is going out of business. Otherwise, he says, if an item sells well, it may never be on sale.

Nightingale suggests browsing and asking questions before buying.

"To learn how to judge quality, one of the best things to do is to look at furniture and to ask questions," says Gabbert.

Mantles can transform, be hearth of home

Associated Press

For centuries the fireplace was our source of heat and light, the place we cooked meals, warmed quilts, dried clothes, read books, the place the family met in the morning and gathered at the end of the day.

Today, we may get heat from a gas furnace and light from an electric current, but a crackling fire still has a magnetism that is hard to resist.

Designer and author Alexandra Stoddard knows firsthand the difference a mantelpiece can make, says Traditional Home magazine. When she married, she and her furniture moved into a Park Avenue apartment. The apartment was roomy and handsome, but Stoddard quickly discovered that the 1920s English-style painted mantel that dominated the living room was at odds with her own light and airy French Provincial style.

"The proportions looked all wrong," she says. "The mantel just towered over the furniture." Her solution was a direct one: instead of trying to make the furniture she loved fit the architecture, she changed the architecture to fit the furniture, replacing the English mantel with an antique French one. Stripped and bleached, the new mantel transformed the room.

But that fabulous mantel is not always so easy to find. Too often the style is right but the size is wrong. Or the size is right, but the materials are wrong. And when everything is right, the price may be way over budget — a good antique mantel can cost $6,000 or more.

That's where reproduction mantelpieces can come to the rescue. With a reproduction, you not only have a wide selection of styles to choose from, but you also can often dictate size and proportion. "For many people, choosing a reproduction is a matter of simply not being able to find the right antique," says Sylvia Bianchi, West Coast manager of Danny Alessandro, Ltd., a company that deals in both antique and reproduction mantels.

Mantelpieces, as we know them, date back to the 17th and early 18th centuries, when European architects began borrowing designs from classical Rome.

"There weren't fireplace surrounds in ancient Rome, so what the architects did was adapt the whole notion of door and window frames," explains John Bivins, an architectural historian and woodcarver. "A mantel is essentially the shelf at the top of a door frame with an entablature underneath. The overmantel is a window."

Most of today's reproduction mantelpieces fall into three broad style categories: English, Federal or American and French.

English mantels, inspired by 18th- and early 19th-century originals, tend to be formal and ornate, and often sport carvings of fruit, flowers or seashells. Federal mantels are plainer, with more austere geometric decorations. French mantels are often softly curved. French reproductions are available in both wood and cast stone, a molded material made of stone dust.

Typically mantels are between 54 and 60 inches high with a 42-to 55-inch opening, but wood mantels can often be custom-ordered in sizes that are different from the original.

Architects can solve technical, design problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Perhaps the kitchen or bath needs to be rehabbed, or a room reconfigured. Really too modest a job for an architect?

Not necessarily so, says Vyt Gureckas, assistant professor of architecture at the Catholic University of America.

"Builders know how to build," he says. "They aren't trained in the art of designing good spaces. But an architect can solve technical as well as design problems and help you achieve the beauty you want in a home."

A well-designed remodelling project will add value to the property, but there are intangibles as well, he says. "There's another value which can only be measured in terms of the contribution made to the quality of your daily life. This can be on a humble level or on a quite profound level, depending on what you challenge your architect to achieve."

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> *—Vyt Gureckas*
> *architecture professor*

Gureckas recalls working with a client who enjoyed working in his kitchen but found the view — looking out on a bland garage wall and entry — uninspiring. A new garage design included a dramatic entry with a vertical glass panel and a tall pyramidal skylight. "It's a choreographed sequence of spaces from the world outside to increasing layers of privacy," he says of the finished design.

Gureckas offers some guidelines in choosing an architect:

— Interview several architects. "Your architect should be technically competent and artistically gifted. Make sure he or she is registered."

— Ask for a fee proposal. It should cover five phases — schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding and negotiation, and construction observation. The architect should explain what's involved in each phase.

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There are 2 methods for easy, sound repair of interior holes

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The material most widely used on interior house walls is gypsum wallboard, also known as plasterboard or drywall. Although it serves its purpose well, it is relatively brittle and can puncture when struck by a sharp blow.

But patching a hole is not a difficult task and you'll obtain a neat, sound repair by using one of two basic methods. Both make use of ready-mixed joint compound which is available in hardware stores and lumberyards.

Holes up to 4 inches in diameter are patched with the wire mesh backup procedure. Begin by cutting a piece of ordinary wire screening slightly larger than the hole to be repaired. Thread a length of string through the center of the screen.

Next, moisten the edge of the hole and the perimeter of the back side of the opening. While holding onto the string, curl the screen and fit it through the hole in the wall. Then pull on the string to draw the screen up against the back of the wallboard. Tie the string around a pencil or a length of dowel that spans the opening.

Apply a layer of compound to the screen but not flush to the surface of the wall. When the screen has been coated overall, twist the pencil slightly to increase the tension on the screen. Allow this first layer to set, then cut the string to remove the pencil.

Apply a second layer of compound so the patch will be flush to the surface of the wall. When this flush coat has set, apply a final thin coating of compound over the patch and slightly onto the surrounding wallboard. When dry, sand the patch with 220-grit abrasive paper.

Holes larger than 4 or 5 inches are best repaired with a plug cut from a scrap of wallboard. First, trim the hole square, then cut a piece of board about 2 inches longer on each side than the hole size.

Mark off a centered area on the back of the patch, three-quarters of an inch smaller on each side than the hole in the wall. Cut through the paper surface and slightly into the core.

Selling house can be done with, without broker

Associated Press

When you're ready to sell your house, first decide whether you want to sell it yourself or use a broker.

Realtors — members of the National Association of Realtors, who subscribe to a professional code of ethics — and other licensed brokers will bring in many prospects. In addition to screening buyers, the broker will arrange for an open house, develop a listing fact sheet, take care of advertising, show the house and help close the sale.

For these services, a broker usually charges 5 percent to 7 percent of the selling price. In some cases, services and fees are negotiable. Discount brokers offer pared-down services for a lower flat fee.

Selling the house yourself saves you the fee but you will have to pay for your own advertising, do all the legwork and tend to the final closure details.

Types of Listings

— An open listing lists your house with several brokers, but only the selling broker gets the commission.

— With an exclusive agency listing, you pick one broker and pay a commission only if he or she sells the house, but not if you do.

— An exclusive right-to-sell listing allows you to pick one broker, but you can't sell the house yourself without paying the broker's commission.

— In a multiple listing, your broker may share the listing with other brokers. This guarantees your broker some commission, no matter who sells the house.

Legal Advice

Whether you use a broker or not, you will need a real estate lawyer (or an escrow company in some areas) to help with complex issues and myriad details of home buying. Get one involved as soon as possible.

Listing agreements may run anywhere from 30 days to six months. You will still owe a commission if the sale is made up to a certain amount of time after the listing expires and if the buyer saw the house while it was listed. Both time periods are negotiable.

Read any agreement carefully before signing and have your lawyer negotiate any changes you would like. Your contract with the broker should specify your asking price, the fee and a time limit for finding a qualified buyer.

Always try to put a cap on expenditure liabilities, such as termite damage repairs. Make sure the contract mentions everything that will stay or go, verbal promises don't count. Keep insurance in force and don't pay real estate commissions until after the closing.

Pricing Your House

Learn the price range of comparable houses. Get your broker's advice. Consider paying a qualified appraiser.

Be realistic, price close to fair market value. Under-pricing will sacrifice profit, but over-pricing will take longer to sell or not sell at all.

Advertising

If you're selling the house yourself, prepare a listing giving the age of the house, lot size, room sizes, taxes and costs for fuel, utilities and water. Stress appealing features. Avoid confusing abbreviations. A photograph helps. Print about 200 copies to give to prospective buyers and to post on community bulletin boards.

Showing the House

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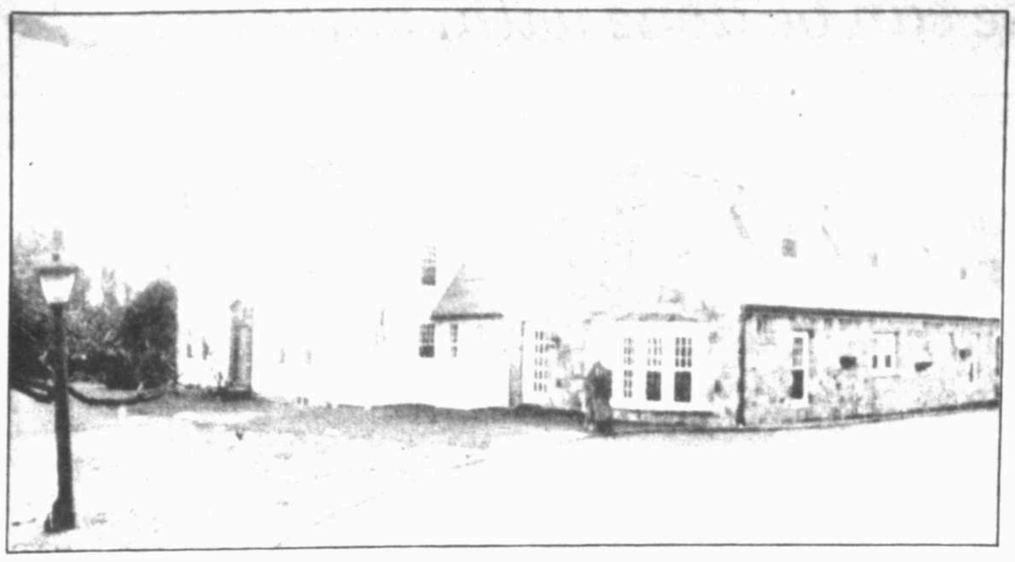

Saltbox addition

A 17th century saltbox house, left, is paired with a modern stone addition in Darien, Conn. The owners, Ed and Claire Orenstein, needed more space but didn't want to disturb the quality of the original house, so architect McKee Patterson designed a compatible addition with stone from an old building that had been taken down on the property.

Home energy tips

Associated Press

Switching off the lights — that symbol of conservation — doesn't make a lot of difference in your electric bills. Lighting takes only about 8 percent of total energy used around the house.

The biggest users are cooling and heating (52 percent), the water heater (19 percent) and cooking and refrigeration (15 percent), according to Good Cents, an energy efficiency program licenced by nearly 300 utility companies in 30 states.

If you want to dent your utility bill, take these tips:

— Set the thermostat at 68 degrees or lower in winter, 78 degrees or higher in summer.

— Clean or replace heating or air-conditioner filters monthly.

— In winter, open draperies or shades on sunny windows; close them in summer.

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— Use portable electric heaters sparingly.

— Take quick showers; they use less hot water than tub baths.

— Use the right water levels for wash loads. Wash and rinse in cold water when possible.

— Operate your dishwasher with full loads.

— Fill empty spaces in your freezer with ice.

— Site refrigerators and freezers away from heat sources, and use the refrigerator's energy-saver switch on less humid days.

— Turn off electric surface units a short time before cooking is done.

— Use the microwave as often as possible.

— Cover cooking pots, and fit pot size to the burner.

Designer room

Formula decorating gets good results

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

Formula decorating may lack originality, but it gets high marks for ease and good results.

"If you want to make a room look as if a designer did it, here's a simple formula," says Trudy Dujardin, decorator in Westport, Conn. "It involves choosing several coordinating fabrics."

Three, to be exact. And fabric books at your local upholstery shop are chock full of mix-and-match swatches.

The main fabric, she says, the one you'll use the most of, can be a solid, a print or a stripe. Many people pick a floral. Use it on the largest piece of upholstery, usually a sofa. Repeat the fabric as a window treatment and in one other place, a skirted table or an easy chair, for example.

If your focus is a floral, make the second fabric a stripe or a small geometric print in a color that goes well with the floral. Suitable colors are those on the color wheel that are next to or opposite the main color of the floral. For example, next to yellow are orange and red. Opposite it are blues and greens. Either would work. Use this second fabric on another piece of upholstery or on all the throw pillows.

Now, select the third fabric. If you have used patterned materials up to now, choose a solid. Use it for an ottoman or a table cover, or if you want, another couple of pillows. If your main color is a solid, reverse the order, choosing a stripe and a floral as the second and third fabrics.

If you want to emphasize objects in the room — art, collectibles and ornamental rugs, for example — stick to solid fabrics. Consider a sofa slipcovered in blue, and use the same solid at the windows. Upholstery welting and window covering trim could be a strong contrast such as yellow, red or white. A third element can be either a solid or a stripe or small print combining the two colors. Use it for throw cushions, table cover or to cover an accent chair.

For a luxurious result, select a heavy fabric such as velvet, damask or a heavyweight cotton for sofa and chairs. Also use a substantial fabric at the windows, Dujardin says.

Taking ideas from wallpaper collections is another option open to decorating duffers. Books at mid-price and higher contain wallcovering and fabric that are color and design coordinated. The books have photos and illustrations of schemes combining several patterns.

"The easiest thing for a beginner to do is to choose an appealing room illustrated in a wallpaper book and copy it," says Barbara Brower, marketing product manager at Seabrook Wallcoverings, Inc. of Memphis, Tenn.

She says not to worry that the room will look like the book. It won't. "All the accessories will be different, and the room is different," she says.

If you don't want to copy exactly what you see, choose the patterns in a different color scheme, or choose slightly different patterns. Or use one or more of the elements in a different way such as putting the border at chair-rail height rather than at the ceiling.

Some wallpaper books are organized by color rather than by pattern. These are the simplest for novices to glean for decorating ideas. Not only will the patterns pictured in a room setting work well, but almost all the patterns in that particular color group will work together.

When books are organized by design, quite often you can mix designs so long as they are all in the same color family.

"Color can really tie almost all unrelated elements together, provided the designs aren't from radically different periods," Brower says.

Stripes and small prints are safe, working with almost any room and almost any furnishings. But it's more interesting to take a bold approach.

"Choose something to be the star of the show," Brower says. "This doesn't have to occupy the largest amount of space. It can be a border."

Borders can be especially adventurous. They're a small portion of the wall and can be easily taped up temporarily to judge the effect.

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Roy and Patricia Patty found that they could have a modern, attractive kitchen in their Iowa home by doing some of the work themselves and concentrating on function, not frills.

Couple builds dollarwise, no-frills kitchen

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

Dollarwise, a dream kitchen can be a weighty affair.

A recipe for slimming down the expense is to minimize non-productive luxuries and to stay within the original footprint of the room, as Patricia and Roy Patty did.

Pat Patty is a home economics teacher in Newton, Iowa, who will retire this June. She and her husband, Roy, a retired industrial arts teacher, recently put a brand new 11x24-foot kitchen in their circa-1960s lakeside home in a Newton suburb.

The renovation included gutting the room, removing several non-load-bearing walls, relocating an interior door, and installing new appliances, oak cabinets, solid-surface countertops, vinyl flooring and ceiling, and under-counter lighting.

Mrs. Patty estimates the renovation cost $15,000 plus about $5,000 in value of goods purchased at reduced rates or obtained free in return for allowing the kitchen to be publicized by the Maytag Company.

The connection with Maytag — a company executive is a friend — was a lucky break. Even without this benefit, however, the choices the Pattys made were just the right ones to help them save money yet still get the function and attractiveness that are key to successful kitchen remodeling.

They did some of the demolition of the old kitchen themselves. They were careful to arrive at a new plan that didn't require rebuilding exterior walls or changing any exterior openings. They never considered exotic and expensive surfacing such as granite or tile counters or floors.

The couple set goals early and decided on what could and could not be sacrificed to keep costs in line. The non-negotiable demands included a table large enough to accommodate the whole family (including married children and grandchildren), ample counter space for cooking, and a view of the lake from the sink. They also considered long-lasting, easy-care materials and wheelchair accessibility.

The couple got an opportunity to consult kitchen designer Jim Krengel of St. Paul, Minn. Krengel is design director for the Maytag Kitchen Idea Center. He suggested raising the dishwasher to eliminate excessive bending and lowering the microwave oven by several inches, so it can be used by someone in a chair. A shallow pantry puts food items in easy reach.

The Pattys chose a sealed solid-surface cooking unit because it is easy to clean and solid surface countertops that don't easily scratch or stain and can stand the heat of a hot pot.

In their concern for economy and function, the Pattys are typical of those remodeling today, says Krengel.

"By cutting amenities that cost a lot but don't contribute much to function, you can get a lower-priced kitchen" says Krengel. "For example, you can use a stock cabinet and make the kitchen look custom by adding moldings and trim detailing."

He also suggests eliminating such fancy touches as a built-in refrigerator and a food pantry with swing-out shelves. A tall, 12-inch deep cabinet with adjustable shelves offers just as much visibility and probably more usable storage room, since swinging shelves require extra clearances that actually waste inches.

So-called half-lazy susans have been popular. Yet, they are not very functional because they don't turn the full 360 degrees. Pull-out shelves in narrow base cabinets are another inefficient yet costly option. They take as much labor as a 36-inch base cabinet, so they cost about the same.

Hang objects on wall so they won't come down

Associated Press

How you hang an object depends on how heavy it is and the kind of wall you're hanging it on.

Most interior walls are plaster or wallboard over wood or metal studs, or some type of masonry.

Hollow Walls: On the Stud

On a hollow wall, it's best to attach an object to a stud whenever possible.

— Use a common nail or a wood screw long enough to go through the fixture and wall and well into the stud. For a screw, first drill a pilot hole slightly smaller than the screw's diameter.

— Secure a heavy object with a lag bolt — a heavy-duty screw with a square head. Drive it in with a wrench. Or use a hanger bolt — one end is threaded like a wood screw, the other accepts a nut.

— Use a sheet metal screw to fasten to a metal stud. Drill through the wall up to the stud. Dent the metal with a punch. Then drill a small pilot hole.

Hollow Walls: Between Studs

For a hollow wall between studs, the more fasteners used, the better. For all but the lightest loads, use at least two fasteners.

— To determine what length hollow-wall fastener to use, you need to find the wall's thickness. Drill a small hole, insert a 6-penny common nail head first. Pull the nailhead against the inside of the wall. Mark the nail where it comes out of the wall. Then pull out the nail and measure the distance.

— Use plastic anchors only for very light loads.

— For medium loads, install hollow-wall anchors. Drill a hole the same size as an anchor, insert it and tighten the screw to flatten the end of the anchor against the inside of the wall. Then take out the screw and attach the object to the anchor.

— Toggle bolts will hold even more weight. Put a bolt through the fixture, screw the spring-loaded wings onto the bolt, then drill a hole and slip the wings through it. When the wings spring open, tighten the bolt to pull the open wings against the inside of the wall.

Masonry Walls

— Attach boards that will carry light loads with masonry nails or cut nails. Because these nails tend to split wood, first drill a hole in the board for each nail.

CAUTION: Wear safety goggles when fastening to masonry walls. Drive out masonry or other hardened nails with a hardened steel hammer or light sledge. They snap easily when not struck properly.

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History grows in college gardens spread around Oxford

By Audrey Woods
Associated Press

OXFORD, England — Between the Thames and the River Cherwell, Oxford spreads green and gold in the sun, its velvety lawns and meadows scattered among the spires and stone quadrangles of the university.

The cloisters and gardens of Oxford's oldest colleges have been offering scholars a place for peaceful study and contemplation for seven centuries.

Some of the newer ones, too, have admirable gardens. For example St. Hugh's, founded in 1886 as a women's college, has a large garden where, between the wars, tutor Annie Rogers developed a wild garden, shrubberies, winding paths and a terrace garden.

There are 35 colleges at the university now, and the luckiest have fine gardens. Most fortunate of all are Worcester, Magdalen, Trinity and St. John's, which were built outside the walls of the medieval market town and weren't restricted by the narrow streets.

Worcester College has a secluded lake and ornately carved stone benches where students can sit and watch the college ducks.

The large gardens at St. John's include a famous rockery and wide lawns where drifts of purple and lavender crocuses blossom in February with the last of the snowdrops.

Christ Church College, built within the town walls, has a literary link of universal appeal.

All who have read "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Alice Through The Looking Glass" will have shared some of the joy of a childhood in the Christ Church gardens.

The stories were written in the mid-19th century for Alice Liddell, daughter of the college dean, by mathematics tutor the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, whose pen name was Lewis Carroll.

Alice's door is still in the Deanery garden, and so is the chestnut tree where Dinah the cat, "alias the Cheshire cat, used to sit and listen to the storytelling," wrote Mavis Batey in "Oxford Gardens."

It is not certain, she wrote, whether the rabbit hole was in the garden or the river bank, "but it was undeniably at Christ Church, through the Alice books, that Lewis Carroll captured for all time the wonder of childhood and its 'unending happy summer days.' "

Today's children still can walk where Dodgson took Alice and her sisters — to Christ Church Meadows adjacent to the college, to feed the ducks at Worcester, and to the Botanic Garden.

Founded in 1621 as a physic garden for the study of medicinal plants, Oxford's Botanic Garden is one of the oldest in the world. It remains a center for horticulture and a haven from the traffic of High Street.

There are formal beds, a walled garden, hothouses with tropical plants.

Across the High Street at the foot of Magdalen Bridge is Magdalen (pronounced Maudlen) College, founded in 1458 and blessed with 80 acres — including a deer park and lovely, tree-shaded riverside paths called Addison's Walk.

The buildings of Oxford's Magdalen College rise behind one of the college garden's herbaceous beds on an autumn day in November, 1993.

Spring is good time to check out repotting

By James E. Walters
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Most plants growing in containers will benefit from a repotting sooner or later. Now is a good time to check, since spring transplanting tends to stimulate new growth.

Although not all plants need, or appreciate, larger quarters, those that will benefit usually provide ample clues.

Look for discolored, often yellowing leaves; roots coming out of the drain hole or growing exposed on top; a plant that wilts frequently and needs daily watering, or water that runs out of a pot as soon as applied.

Experienced gardeners can tell at a glance which plants are potbound and need repotting. Beginners need constant practice.

A secondary benefit of spring repotting is the opportunity to re-assess the placement and number of outdoor containers.

For example, did the plants seem to suffer last year in the afternoon sun? Did the containers get too hot? Is a shift to morning sun feasible? Since too many small containers are a guaranteed maintenance nightmare, can the plants be grouped into larger containers? Remember, though, the movability of containers is a prime advantage.

Many house plants can be root- and top-pruned and returned to the same pot after adding fresh growing medium. This keeps them small enough for indoor culture.

Years ago, repotting was called "shifting" — transferring a plant from a small to a larger pot. The professionals had pretty inflexible rules that were followed by most amateurs.

For example, only the next size pot could be used; a plant growing in a 3-inch pot must be moved to a 4-inch pot. However, when succeeding generations discovered the process was more flexible, such strict rules fell out of favor.

In a home-growing environment, a plant should survive nicely if moved from a 2-inch to a 4-inch pot or from a 4-inch to 6-inch. Just don't give them too great a shift, say from a 2-inch to a 6-inch. That may create drainage problems.

Another good rule: if the plant did well in the old container, stick with the same type, plastic or clay.

The size of a pot, incidentally, is measured by its diameter at the top.

Many of the old practices, which originated in the commercial need to protect plants for shipping, still are good basics.

Pots need to be clean. Try not to move plants while the ball of soil is wet; it's better when dry enough to crumble readily to the touch. Plants must never be re-set deeper than they were growing originally. Foliage should be pruned to match any loss of roots in transplanting.

Keep in mind that hard-wooded plants such as azaleas, roses and palms are more tricky than soft-wooded ones such as flowers.

It's a wise precaution to have a standard growing medium. A good mix will drain well, hold water, have sufficient nutrients and allow oxygen to penetrate.

Garden soil, even topsoil, is almost certain to be a headache in containers. For that reason, most container mixes are soil-less types based on equal parts of sphagnum peat moss, perlite and coarse sand, plus fertilizer and lime. For cactus, try half peat, 40 percent sand and 10 percent perlite.

A slow-release fertilizer is good insurance with a soil-less mix.

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By George Bria
Associated Press

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Spring?
Signs of Spring depend on type of gardening

By George Bria
Associated Press

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. — In the middle of a snowstorm a letter arrived asking what a gardener looks for as the first signs of spring. A good question in any weather, for much of gardening's pleasure comes from anticipation, and every gardener has his or her own signs.

For some of us springtime is present all year round, what with constantly starting seeds and transplanting indoors and out. But the letter-writer asked specifically "the first signs in the garden." Here, too, it depends on your kind of gardening.

I do have a rite of spring that I celebrate every year. But first I should say that I'm primarily a vegetable gardener, growing just about all the produce my wife and I need. I do a few ornamentals, but flowers and shrubs are mostly my wife's department. So we look for different signs.

This year, our country place has been locked under snow and ice since December. By mid-February, we usually have seen snowdrops, our first spring flower, but my wife has now abandoned hope of the arctic blanket receding before well into March. This will mean late crocuses, and daffodils, too, perhaps. In the meantime, she consoles herself with displays of forced hyacinths and paperwhites grown in pots on the windowsills.

As a vegetable grower, I use more of the outside garden in winter than you might suspect. Parsnips, for example, are a delectable root crop that I dig up through the snow. They get sweeter as the winter advances and spring nears. Another hardy reliable is the Brussels sprout, still green after zero-degree nights. But these, I assume, are scarcely what my questioner had in mind.

From middle to late March — some of the first signs of spring should be appearing in the garden itself. I look for a red glint of rhubarb thrusting up through the mulch. It'll take a while, though, probably not before the middle of May, before it's ready for pies.

Probably closer to the point, and for me, at any rate, the surest sign of receding winter is the increasing length of the day and the changing angle of the sun. By mid-February, the light has intensified sufficiently for me to get my hot-frame ready.

This low-to-the-ground, glassed-in enclosure is where I raise lettuces, spinach and other greens long before they could be grown in the open. It's a simple operation, consisting of an electrified wire mesh imbedded two or three inches below the soil of a cold frame. The plants I put in have been started from seed weeks before indoors under fluorescent lights.

Next comes pea planting. Hereabouts, St. Patrick's Day — March 17 — is a traditional date for putting in the peas, but my records show I haven't been able to do that since 1990. Last year, deep snow kept me from planting until March 31.

A farmer may miss early markets by such delays, but in the garden it doesn't really mean much. My first peas for the table seem to be ready in mid-June, anyhow, give or take a few days.

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Indoors, of course, springtime preparations are now in high gear. Seeds of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants all have germinated and are being nurtured as plants for eventual transplanting to the garden in late May and early June. This is a time, too, for fence mending.

Lawn tips

Associated Press

Your lawn may be less than perfect, with bare spots, thin turf and too many weeds. Improve it with these tips from garden experts at the Toro Company:

— Start over from scratch if your lawn is more than 50 percent weeds. Till the old turf under and re-seed with new, improved cultivars like tall fescues. These grasses have long roots that resist drought damage and need less mowing and fertilizing.

— Get the best grass for your area. The county extension agent or your local gardening center probably have good suggestions. Skip the generic bargains; named varieties of seed will get you to best quality.

— Set your mower blades lower in early spring. That will collect surface debris on the lawn. If you have more than an inch or so of thatch — those tangled surface roots that can choke the lawn — use a special rake or an attachment that can be mounted to the front of the mower.

— Scrape bare and thin spots with a metal rake and apply a mixture of topsoil and seed. Then put a light layer of straw over to keep the seed from blowing or being eaten by birds. Keep the area moist for at least a week and avoid mowing until the seed is established.

— If your soil is clay-type and dense, rent a core aerator. This takes out plugs of soil that will allow air, water and nutrients to reach the grass roots. The plugs can be left on the lawn, where they will break down in a week or so and help reduce the thatch layer.

— When the grass starts greening and the weather turns warmer, raise the cutting height of your mower blades so that only about a third of the blades are being cut each time.

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Gardening tools, products

Associated Press

Nature grows on her own, but the result comes more easily with a little help from the right tools and gadgets. Most of these products are new on the market:

— An update on the old-fashioned wheelbarrow, the Easy Roller Plus Lawn Cart from Ames is a poly version that includes a separate tool compartment, wide wheels and easy-to-reach high handle. The flat-bottomed cart has a steel axle and holds 250 pounds.

— Mowers just don't mow these environmentally conscious days, they also mulch or clean up. The self-propelled Troy-Bilt Chipper-Vac automatically chips, shreds, vacuums, and bags yard debris in one operation. Running on 5 horsepower, the machine sucks up fallen branches and prunings up to 3½ inches in diameter and drops them into a self-feeding chipper. A heavy-duty vacuum hose is available to reach under hedges, shrubs and other tight places. Mulching mowers by Troy-Bilt and Bolens, all from Garden Way, are more sophisticated than ever with variable speeds, lighter aluminum decks, adjustable blades and wide radial tires. The mulching mowers chop grass clippings finely and return them to the lawn as nutrients, elminating the need to bag or rake the clippings for hauling to landfills.

— Tractor-type mowers from Noma include an all-wheel-steering feature, which lets the operator move quickly in 360-degree turns around trees and get close to fences, shrubs, patios and planting beds.

— The 6'n1, a new package of gardening basic tools from V&B Manufacturing, is designed to let the gardener make the most use out of interchangeable parts. It includes two sizes of handles, 24 and 36 inches, that interchange with three lightweight reversible tool heads — the Handy Mattock-pick, Handy Mattock-tiller and the Handy Mattock-axe combinations. Kit tools also can be used for winter ice fishing and ice removal from walks and drives.

— Watering your lawn is fine, but you can undo some of your work if you leave the hose lying around on the grass or garden, causing brown spots and plant damage, point out experts at Melnor, which makes a variety of hose handling and storage systems. The company offers carts, which increase manueverability for heavy hoses, totes for carrying lighter hoses for use on boats, campers or vacation homes; and wall-mounted reels that attach to house or garage walls. Melnor also markets sprinklers, such as pulsators that can water a partial or complete circular area and are equipped with diffusers that ccan adjust the spray; revolvers that feature multiple rotating arms to water in circular configurations; and travelling sprinklers that move along their own hose units powered by water pressure, especially good for large lawns.

— A Kidseeds Starter Kit from NK Lawn & Garden starts your youngster on a growing and learning experience. The newest version has six packets of seeds, soil wafers, a 36-cell planting tray with greenhouse cover and adjustable vent, six row markers, and 24 stickers featuring cartoon characters based on vegetables. Also included is an instruction booklet.

— The Easy Kneeler from the Gardener's Supply Company catalog is an ingenious reversible bench you can sit on to work at medium-height projects, then turn over to use as a padded knee stool for ground-level work (the legs serve as handles to lift or lower yourself into position).

— The Garden Planning Kit for Vegetable Gardens from Gardener's Guide includes a planning grid, movable peel-and-stick symbols representing 50 vegetables, a weekly schedule, planning information, frost data from across the country, and step-by-step instruction.

War vet leaves behind legacy of red poppies

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Thanks to a World War I veteran who had a magic touch with seeds, there's a touch of Flanders fields in Texas.

Georgetown is the offical "Red Poppy Capital of Texas," and it got that way because Henry Purl "Okra" Compton brought back some red corn poppy seeds from France after the war and sprinkled them in his mother's garden.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on row..."

So went the famous lines by John McCrae, who captured the symbolism of solace that red poppies offered the soldiers in the trenches. Compton, a hero of the war (pinned down in a trench for 28 days without a gun, he still managed to capture an enemy soldier), brought the seeds back as mementoes.

The poppies blew, and just grew and grew, spreading along roadways, the railroad tracks, along College Street, from 8th Street to San Gabriel Park. Every year they would spring up in new spots. As far as anyone knew, Georgetown was the only place in the country where these poppies made a permanent home, reseeding themselves year after year.

For Compton, history was repeating itself. As a boy, he had planted his father's cotton fields in okra and started an okra plague that covered the county for years. "I didn't join to fight," he said later of his decision to go into the Army. "I was just trying to get out of the okra business."

He died in 1974. The poppies continued to grow.

Then in the 1980s, people noticed the poppies were beginning to disappear. The newly hired city finance manager, Glenn Reynolds, began getting complaints from residents about the city's fancy new lawn mowers cutting down their heritage. He soon learned that red poppies "are an intense part of what local people think of when they think of Georgetown. Poppies are a deeply held essence of what is held dear here."

So to supplement the natural poppies, the city, the Williamson County Sun weekly newspaper, and a citizens' task force sold or gave away millions of store-bought red poppy seeds to be planted in the area.

But the newcomers don't reseed as well as the old ones.

Reynolds then got the City Council to fund a research project by Southwestern University to find out why the European poppies do so well and explore the feasibility of having a seed grower produce red corn poppies from Okra's reseeded stock.

"The Georgetown poppies have had a lot of time to acclimatize to the environment here," says Christi Biggers, a biology major who heads the three-year research project under direction of Stephanie Brown, Southwestern's assistant biology professor.

"They don't need as much care once they are planted in tilled soil. I think if we could use Georgetown seeds as a source, they could proliferate around the city, as long as the mowing is kept under control."

Biggers alternates plots of the new and original poppies and has found that the Georgetown variety produce far larger blossoms with more leaves. Both kinds "take" better when the soil is well tilled before planting (the preferred method for planting the tiny seeds is by salt shaker), but the Georgetown poppies still germinate better.

Biggers also developed a survey for local poppy growers to record when they planted the flowers, soil treatments, and when the poppies first appear.

"Southwestern has the knowledge we need to do this research so we can find out the truth about the red corn poppies," says Reynolds.

Meanwhile, the city has created Poppy Zones and a Red Poppy Trail, with signs to educate the public and to keep city mowers from buzz-cutting the flowers before they go to seed each summer.

Poll shows decline in southern gardening

By Lee May
N.Y. Times News Service

If you doubt that times are changing, consider this: Almost 70 percent of the Southerners in a recent poll said that when they were growing up, their families had vegetable gardens.

But do they grow vegetables now? Only about 30 percent said yes.

People in the rural South were more likely than those in cities to raise food but not nearly as likely as their families had been in years past.

The poll also shows a decline in flower-growing among Southerners, as less than 65 percent said they still have ornamentals, down from the more than 70 percent who had them during childhood.

Non-Southerners are more likely than Southerners to have both vegetable and flower gardens.

In the South, black people are less likely than whites to grow either food or flowers.

The University of North Carolina's Southern Focus poll of 892 Southerners and 447 non-Southerners was conducted last fall. Results were provided to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The poll gives new meaning to the term New South.

Survey participants do not elaborate on their answers, so I can only speculate on why Southerners today garden less than our ancestors did. Maybe our foreparents grew food because they didn't have enough money to buy it. I know that was the case with my parents and their parents and many other people I knew as a child in Alabama and Mississippi.

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Or maybe many Southerners have rejected gardening in an effort to get away from our agrarian image.

Many black people I have known over the years certainly have said that, asserting that, for them, gardening is like the blues. Both, for them, bear painful memories of the bad old days when black people were first, slaves, then underpaid and underprotected field hands who dug, planted, weeded and harvested because they had to.

Why do that now, when we don't have to? they ask.

I have a lot of answers, none persuasive. But then, I don't persuade many folks to appreciate B.B. King either.

The poll numbers show the racial gap; blacks (23 percent) were less likely than whites (30 percent) to say they grow food, even though about the same percentages said they had family vegetable gardens during childhood.

And, while a slightly greater percentage of blacks than whites said they grew up with flower gardens, the poll shows a change has come.

Asked, "Do you have a flower garden?" 48 percent of blacks answered yes, compared with 65 percent of whites.

While black friends of mine most often explain their disinterest in terms of painful associations, I have heard other reasons too, including lack of time, not enough money — the same reasons cited by many white nongardeners.

Just as there is no one reason that people say no in a poll, there is no one reason someone like me says yes. Yes, I love to garden.

Some of my answers to friends who ask why: Gardening is fun. It is therapeutic. Gardens attract birds and bees and butterflies. Gardens produce blooms, trees and shrubs more satisfying and food more tasty than any I can buy.

But there also are historical reasons. I like the connection to my ancestors that gardening provides.

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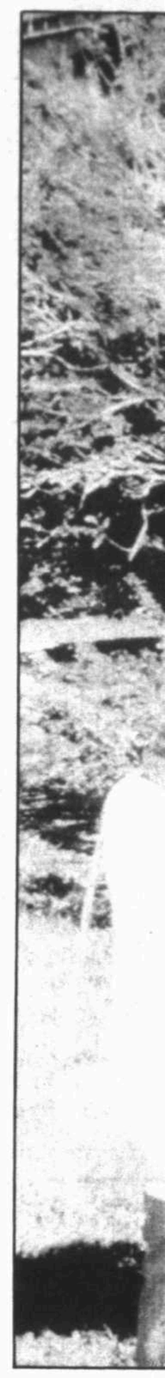

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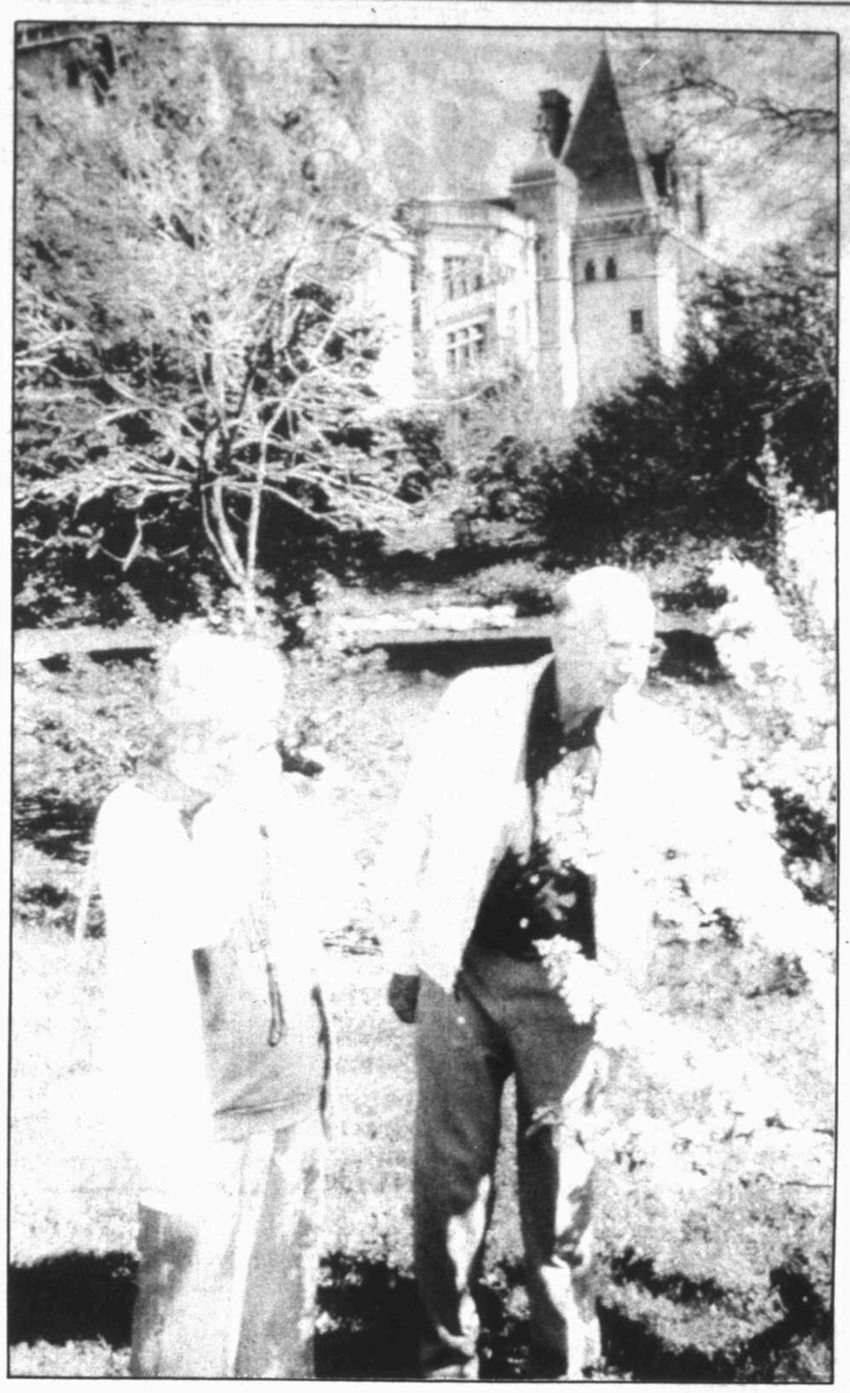

Classic garden

These visitors to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., will have picture mementoes of its classic landscaping. The estate's landscape curator, Bill Alexander, says most people can make memorable pictures in their own gardens, too.

AP Laserphoto

Gardening books

Associated Press

Like things that grow in the garden, some books are practical, some are beautiful to look at. A selection of what's new:

— "The American Horticultural Society-Encyclopedia of Gardening" (Dorling Kindersley) is a magnum opus of the subject, which the publisher says is the largest project in its history. Conceived and produced under the direction of Christopher Brickell of Britain's Royal Horticultural Society, this edition was adapted for the American market by Elvin McDonald of the AHS and Trevor Cole. The book is filled with practical instruction on gardening techniques, planning and maintenance; it runs 648 pages and has 3,500 color photographs and illustrations.

— Another big gardening book is the 600-page "Taylor's Master Guide to Gardening" (Houghton Mifflin), to be published this fall. The illustrated encylopedia will cover 1,000 of the best plants to grow in every region of the country. Also new in the Taylor series are "Taylor's Guide to Shade Gardening," edited by Frances Tanenbaum, and a revised edition of "Taylor's Guide to Roses," which the publisher says is the most popular title in the series.

— A longtime favorite with gardeners, "Illustrated Guide to Gardening" (Reader's Digest Books) recently was updated and has practical instructions on growing; pest, disease and weed control; and charts to help you choose, grow and propagate plants.

— Two new titles from Reader's Digest include "The Complete Book of Bulbs, Corms, Tubers and Rhizomes" and "The Sunroom Gardener." The former focuses on naturalizing to create a garden area that looks as close to nature as possible, using bulbous plants through different seasons. The latter, by Anne Swithinbank, is a guide to planting and maintaining plants grown under glass.

— "The Garden Room" (Clarkson Potter) by Timothy Mawson, is another look at interior gardening, this one detailing 20 sun rooms, open terraces or outdoor structures.

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Expert tips for perfect rose garden

Associated Press

Gertrude Stein had it all wrong. There are roses, and then there are roses.

Your preferences can run from miniature roses that work as ground covers or can be grown in containers to hardy floribundas that grow 3 to 5 feet tall and serve as borders or barriers. It's estimated that there are more than 100 species and thousands of varieties of roses.

Choose varieties that will do well in your space, suggest the gardening pros at the Scotts Company, which makes rose food. Garden books, local landscapers or nurseries are good sources of advice.

Once you've made the selection, use these tips to achieve perfect roses, say the Scott experts:

— Roses need at least six hours of sun each day, so pick a planting site with easterly exposure. The site should be slightly sloped for maximum water drainage, and it should be away from other shrubs and trees so the roses won't have to compete for moisture and nutrients.

— Rose bushes are sold either in containers or bare root; if you've chosen the latter, plant them right away. Before planting, soak the bare root in a bucket of water to keep it from drying out. Container roses don't need pre-soaking.

— A newly planted rose bush does best in well aerated soil. Add peat moss, if needed, and plant food that has a 10-18-10 nitrogen-phosphorous-potassium formulation. High phospate content will ensure good blossom and root development for the transplants.

— Dig a planting hole 1½ feet deep and 2 feet wide to allow space for good drainage and root spreading. Begin planting bare-root roses by creating a firm mound at the bottom of your planting hole, and gently spread the roots over the mound, checking that enough stem will be above the surface. Then refill the hole with soil, firmly anchoring the plant. Water immediately and regularly through the growing season.

Weeds are serious gardening problem

Associated Press

You think you have a big weed problem? Consider the plight of those who manage the 1,400 nature preserves, or one million acres, overseen by the Nature Conservancy.

The Conservancy asked its managers to rank their most serious problems, and weeds were cited by 60 percent of the managers. And more than 12 percent of them reported that weeds are the worst land management problem they face.

In a preserve, a weed is defined as any plant that can change the character of the natural community. These weeds can alter water tables and fire regimes, suppress and outcompete native species, alter or eliminate habitat for native animals, and provide food and cover for undesirable non-native animals.

"They can take over entirely and destroy everything we've tried to preserve," says John Randall, Conservancy weed specialist and author of the study.

The pests include ferns, gymnosperms and flowering plants — ranging from annual, biennial and perennial herbs: floating, emergent and submersed aquatics, vine shrubs, understory trees and canopy dominants. Four species that have invaded 10 or more states are garlic mustard, Japanese honeysuckle, purple loosestrife and black locust.

Phragmites, a native reed found in East Coast wetlands, also is a problem. "Phragmites is an aggressive plant that spreads rapidly and thrives in fresh to slightly brackish conditions. It can quickly shade out other plants and completely enclose and choke wet meadows and ponds, making them unsuitable for use by many waterfowl species," says Randall.

Most new weeds coming into natural areas are directly or indirectly introduced by humans, the Conservancy says.

Conservancy managers turn first to burning, pulling by hand, cutting, closely controlled grazing, and planting native trees to outcompete the weeds.

If these methods fail, they may use herbicides in a careful and limited way. "They're powerful and potentially dangerous tools, and they should never be treated cavalierly. This is why we seek to use environmentally friendly methods first," Randall says.

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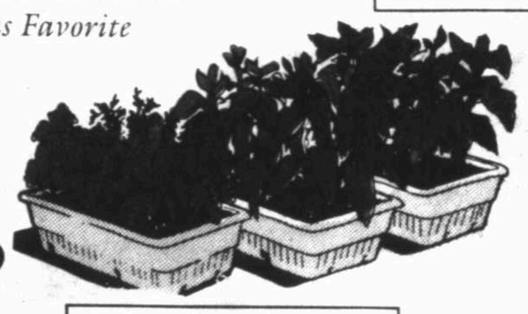

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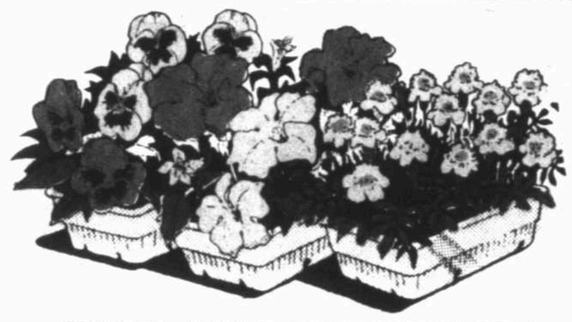

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Johnson's stay could be short

■ Magic Johnson's tenure as coach of the Lakers may be brief.

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Magic Johnson is bringing Showtime back to the Forum, only this time his uniform will be a suit and tie on the bench.

And his stay might be brief.

Johnson, who led the Los Angeles Lakers to five NBA titles before retiring in 1991 because of the AIDS virus, will coach the team for the rest of this season.

After that, who knows?

"I can't think about next season," Johnson said Wednesday at a Forum news conference. "... I know it's going to be for a month, anyway. I'm not even talking about next year. All I'm concentrating on right now is this moment."

Lakers general manager Jerry West also suggested Johnson's coaching tenure may be short.

"Earvin Johnson will be the Lakers' coach for the remainder of the season," West said. "(Lakers owner) Jerry Buss has always harbored the desire for Magic Johnson to coach this team."

"I'm just doing it for him," Johnson said of Buss. "Oh, man! Well, I'm happy to be back for however long it is going to be."

The Lakers confirmed Tuesday night that Johnson will replace Randy Pfund. Johnson will be reunited on the bench with longtime teammate Michael Cooper, who is replacing assistant coach Chet Kammerer.

Cooper assisted West in the front office the last two seasons, and it's speculated he might coach the Lakers next year if Johnson doesn't return.

Entering Wednesday night's game at Dallas, the Lakers were 27-37. They had 18 games remaining, and trailed Denver by 5½ games in the race for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot.

When asked if the Lakers could make the playoffs, something they've done for 17 straight seasons, Johnson said: "I want to win. It's going to be tough. They (Denver) have to go on a helluva losing streak and we have to go on a helluva winning streak."

Johnson replaces Pfund at a time when the Lakers are playing well, having won six of their last eight games. Earlier this month, Pfund signed a one-year contract extension with the team through the 1995-96 season.

Johnson's first game as coach will come Sunday night at home against the Milwaukee Bucks. Assistant Bill Bertka was to coach the Lakers on Wednesday night and again in Houston on Thursday night.

"I'm sure most people say, 'Why now?'" West said. "This is something that has been going on for two years. Jerry Buss has always wanted Magic to coach the team. After the season was over, we were going to make a coaching change."

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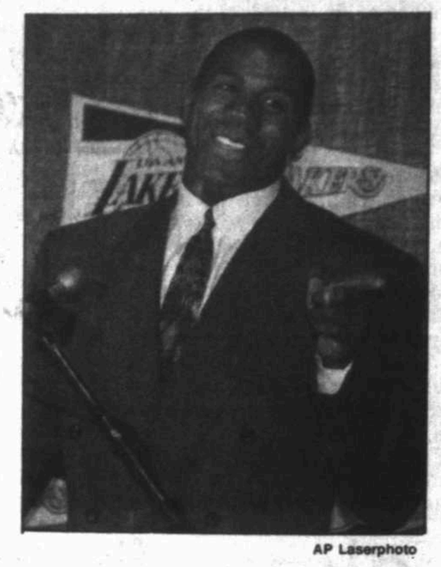

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Magic Johnson ...takes over ailing L.A.

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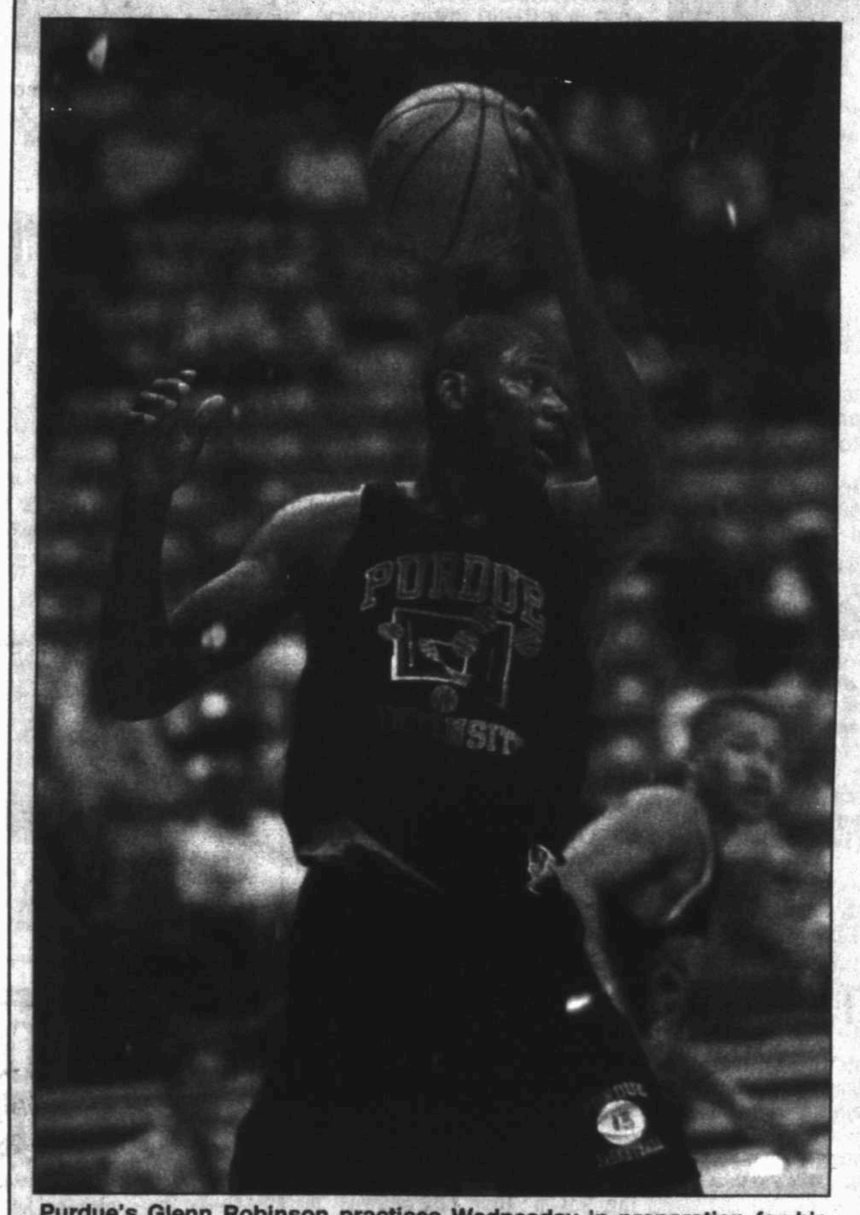

Purdue's Glenn Robinson practices Wednesday in preparation for his team's game with Kansas today in a Southeast Region semifinal.

Southeast foes different, alike

■ Southest Region semifinalists Duke and Marquette have a lot in common. Kansas and Purdue don't.

By Jim O'Connell
AP Basketball Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Duke and Marquette have a lot in common this season. Try to extend the comparison any farther back and it just can't be done.

They meet Thursday night in the Southeast Regional semifinals at Thompson-Boling Arena; one more chance for Duke to add to its impressive NCAA tournament resume

■ Southeast Region

and a chance for Marquette to re-establish its name in college basketball.

"We're both consistent, balanced and rely on defense and that's why we mirror each other," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said Wednesday.

The similar reflection can only be talked about regarding this season. The second-seeded Blue Devils (25-5) won the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title before losing in the tournament semifinals. Sixth-seeded Marquette (24-8) won the Great Midwest regular-season title before losing in the tournament semifinals.

As Krzyzewski said, both teams

Please see **MEN**/4D

Tech women seek help from Lady 'Horn fans

By Chip Brown
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Penn State, the top seed in the Midwest Regional, has been a contender in several of its 12 trips to the NCAA tournament, but has never won more than two games in the postseason classic.

Texas Tech wasn't even on the radar last year and won it all. Now, the Lady Red Raiders are back to defend their crown.

The Lady Red Raiders are a dreaded rival of the Lady Longhorns who are now seeking the support of fans in Austin as well as those traveling 334 miles from Lubbock for Thursday's game.

"There's probably not a better place to be in the country than Austin with the fan base for women's basketball here," said Tech coach

Please see **TECH**/4D

New plot twist for the Jimmy and Jerry show

■ Jimmy Johnson is as upset as ever with Jerry Jones after Jones' offhand remark about hiring Barry Switzer.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — On a hot July morning three years ago, a heavily sweating, 300-pound man wearing shorts timidly approached Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson at the Cowboys training camp in Austin.

"Jerry Jones sent me to you coach Johnson. He thought I might be able to help the team," said the fat man.

■ Jones reacts/4D

Johnson eyed the unathletic appearing prospect and asked: "Where'd you meet him?"

"At a watering hole last night," said the obese one. "He said you might give me a tryout."

Johnson told the man: "Run from here to that tree."

Halfway to the tree the man grabbed his side. End of tryout.

"That," Johnson said, "is a perfect example of what I have to put up with around here."

The sensitive and simmering relationship between the coach and owner of the Super Bowl champion Cowboys hit the headlines again this week at the NFL owners meeting in Orlando.

Please see **JIMMY**/4D

In a happier moment Jimmy Johnson, left, and Jerry Jones celebrate a Cowboy Super Bowl win. Jones said this week he may fire Johnson.

Clark out to prove Rangers can be winners

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Texas Rangers first baseman Will Clark has something to prove this season, but it has nothing to do with his health or Rafael Palmeiro.

Forget that Clark missed 62 games in his last three years with San Francisco, that his production declined to several career lows last season or that his figures will be compared to Palmeiro's.

"The only thing that I need to prove is that the Texas Rangers are winners," Clark said. "I'm not doubting anything about my own ability. I'll go let it hang out like I always do and help us win."

Clark's impact on the Rangers will be different from Palmeiro, who signed with Baltimore after the Rangers — saying talks with Palmeiro had stalled — signed Clark. Palmeiro had posted career highs of 37 homers, 105 RBI and 79 extra-base hits with the Rangers.

Clark had career lows last season with 14 home runs, 43 extra base hits and he tied his career low of 73 RBI.

The Rangers expect Clark's leadership qualities to balance out any statistical differences.

"It's tough to praise one without implying you're downgrading the other," General Manager Tom Grieve said. "I don't think you can only look at statistics to determine the best player for a certain team.

"Rafael is a good guy and had a role in the clubhouse. I don't mean to suggest Will is better in any way, but there are things that he brings to the party that are positive and that's not being negative about Rafael."

Clark is a come-early-stay-late, 100 percent player whose passion for the game rubs off on teammates.

"We had to have a first baseman of the quality that we had," Kennedy said. "We didn't get it done with Rafael but we did with Clark. I don't know what numbers he'll put up. All we've asked

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Midwest Region game No. 2, Alabama vs. Texas Tech, 10:30 p.m., HSE (tape delayed).

West Region game No. 1, Texas A&M vs. Purdue, 12:30 a.m., HSE (tape delayed).

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Southeast and West Region semifinals, doubleheader, 7 p.m., CBS.

TENNIS — Davis Cup first round, singles match B, U.S. vs. India, 2 a.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

NBA — L.A. Lakers 112, Dallas Mavericks 109.

See SCOREBOARD/3D

Gretzky scores!

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The Great One stands alone.

Wayne Gretzky scored his 802nd career goal Wednesday night, overtaking Gordie Howe as the greatest goal-scorer in NHL history.

The Los Angeles Kings center beat Vancouver goaltender Kirk McLean with a wrist shot from the base of the left circle with 5:13 left in the second period.

Gretzky took a cross-ice pass from Marty McSorley, his old teammate from his legendary Edmonton Oiler days. McSorley had pulled McLean out of position before passing to Gretzky, who skated in from the left circle.

Gretzky raised his arms in triumph as the Kings rushed off the bench to engulf him in a sea of black and silver jerseys. The game was held up for a brief ceremony.

Gretzky, flanked by his family, spoke to the Forum crowd from the ice, sweat streaming off his forehead, his face aglow. He thanked his teammates and management, fans and family. And the sport he loves.

"It's the greatest game in the world," he said. "And I feel great that I play in the NHL."

Then he told the crowd he hopes to play in Los Angeles another six years. Like everything else about him this night, that remark was met with wild applause.

Gretzky's feat elevates him to a level reached by a select few who set the standard in their sports: baseball's Hank Aaron (755 home runs), football's Walter Payton (16,726 yards) and basketball's Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387 points).

MHS soccer set

Midland High's boys soccer team will play Wichita Falls Rider at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene Saturday at 1 p.m. The game is a state playoff sectional round contest.

Stapler to N.M.

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Coming off its worst football season in 60 years, Carlsbad High School turned to a Texan with a record of revitalizing fallen programs.

W.T. Stapler, who has coached since 1987 at Andrews, Texas, was introduced as the new coach of the Cavemen at a Monday school board meeting.

Cecil Marks resigned the Carlsbad position in February after one season, as the Cavemen went 1-9. After seven straight winning seasons under former coach Tommy Gruber, 1993 was Carlsbad's worst finish since 1933.

In 27 years at several Texas schools, Stapler has compiled a 213-75-6 record. He led Sweetwater to the 1985 Texas Class AAAA state title and one year later took Class AAAAA Fort Worth Boswell from a losing season to a 9-2 mark.

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Realignment scenarios revealed

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

■ NFL Owners Meeting

ORLANDO, Fla. — The NFL unveiled four possible scenarios for realignment Wednesday, with traditional have-not teams doing most of the shifting.

The four plans are designed to absorb the expansion Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars beginning in 1995. If the owners can't agree on what to do, commissioner Paul Tagliabue has the authority to insert Carolina and Jacksonville into the two divisions that now have four teams each.

"These are just a few of the ideas we've had," said Wellington Mara, co-chairman of the expansion committee. "There probably are as many ideas as there are teams."

Most of the proposals shift teams that are traditionally toward the bottom of the standings or less attractive on television while leaving the more attractive and successful teams where they are.

For example, all four plans keep Dallas with the New York Giants, Washington and Philadelphia in the NFC East but ship out the newly renamed Arizona Cardinals in three of them. Indianapolis and Tampa Bay are moved elsewhere in all four.

Of the "have" teams, only Minnesota and Houston are moved in more than one.

The owners also:

—approved for at least two years the sale of the Miami Dolphins to Wayne Huizenga, contingent on a change in the league's policy of prohibiting ownership of teams in more than one sport. Huizenga, who also owns baseball's Florida Marlins and hockey's Florida Panthers, will have full authority to run the team, although it technically will be held in trust until June 1, 1996.

—approved use of a radio that would allow coaches to send plays to quarterbacks. It cuts off with 15 seconds left on the game clock and will be used at least for this season on an experimental basis.

—watched as one of their number, Dallas' Jerry Jones, emphasized that Jimmy Johnson was still his coach despite their latest rift — the result of an early-morning barroom conversation in which Jones suggested he might replace the coach of his two-time Super Bowl champions with former Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer.

Of most interest for the long-term were the realignment proposals.

The first is the least radical.

It leaves the NFC East and AFC West intact; inserts Jacksonville into the NFC West and Carolina into the AFC Central, and switches only two existing teams — Indianapolis from the AFC East to the NFC Central and Tampa Bay the other way, from the NFC Central to the AFC East.

The second puts Carolina in the NFC Central and Jacksonville in the AFC East; transfers Arizona to the AFC West, replacing the Cardinals in the East with Tampa Bay and moves Indianapolis to the AFC Central.

The third concept moves eight teams and the fourth concept nine.

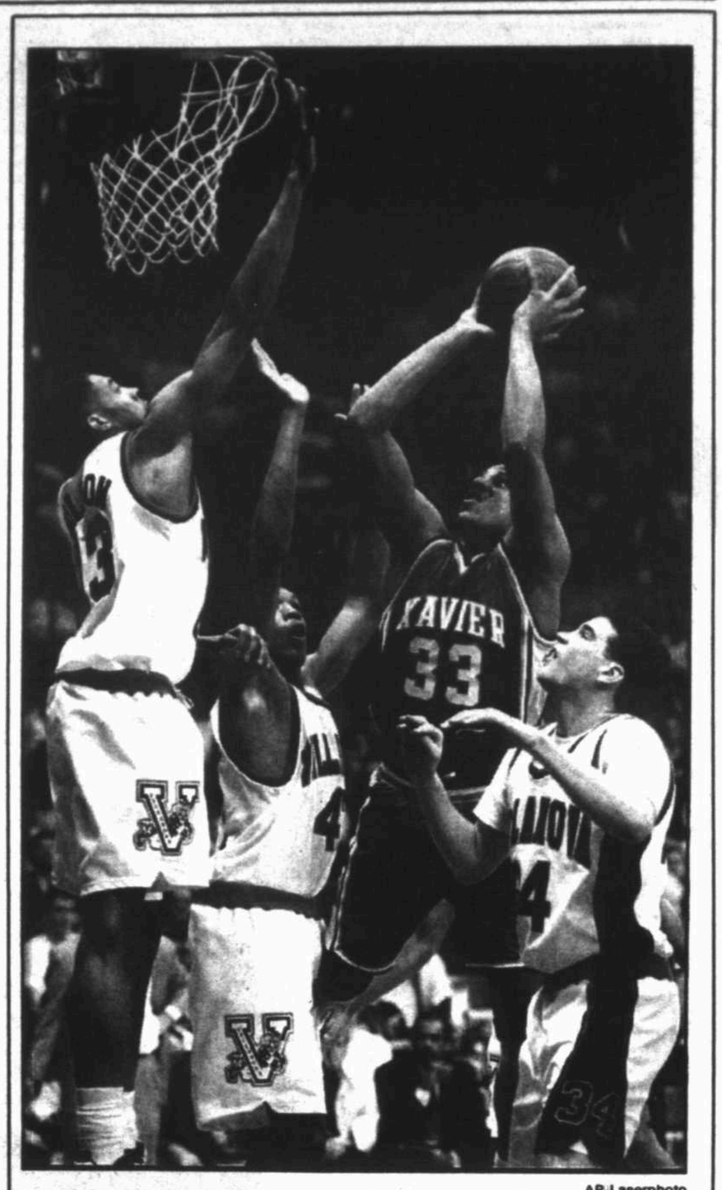
In the third, Jacksonville is placed in the AFC East and Carolina in the NFC Central.

But the NFC West is radically altered, retaining only the Los Angeles Rams and San Francisco and adding the Cardinals, Vikings and Seattle Seahawks. Atlanta and New Orleans, currently in the NFC West, end up in the AFC Central, Houston is shifted to the AFC West and Tampa Bay replaces Arizona in the NFC East.

The fourth is a variation of that with New Orleans in the NFC Central; Atlanta in the AFC East, and Buffalo and Indianapolis in the AFC Central. Minnesota, Arizona and Seattle are again in the NFC West; Tampa Bay in the NFC East, and Houston in the AFC West.

Along with that, the NFL is exploring a scheduling change that would allow regular rivalries to be played annually or every two years.

That would include games between Jets-Giants, Rams-Raiders, Pittsburgh-Philadelphia, Dallas-Houston, Miami-Tampa Bay and the two expansion teams across conference lines. It might also include intra-conference rivalries like Buffalo-Pittsburgh.



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Villanova's Ron Wilson, left, Jason Lawson, center, and Eric Eberz surround Xavier's Brian Grant (33) as he moves to the hoop in the teams' NIT game Wednesday in Villanova.

Lakers find success, win in Dallas

Associated Press

■ NBA Roundup

DALLAS — The Los Angeles Lakers didn't look like a struggling team in need of a new coach Wednesday night, climbing back from an eight-point deficit with 2:29 to play to beat the lowly Dallas Mavericks 112-109.

The furious ending was fitting for the Lakers, who in the previous 24 hours learned Magic Johnson would become their head coach on Sunday, replacing Randy Pfund. Longtime assistant Bill Bertka won his coaching debut, and he'll remain in charge Thursday against Houston.

Nick Van Exel, who scored 28 points, picked up the Lakers down the stretch, hitting a layup and a 3-pointer before assisting on their final three baskets.

The Mavericks, who lost their 12th straight, trailed 65-55 with 8:24 left in the third quarter, but they charged back behind Doug Smith, who scored a career-high 36 points, to lead 107-99 with 2:29 left.

Then Van Exel and George Lynch took control, lifting the Lakers to their seventh win in nine games.

Van Exel passed to Lynch for a layup with 50 seconds left to pull Los Angeles to 109-108, then Van Exel passed to Tony Smith for a layup with 32 seconds remaining, giving the Lakers a 110-109 lead.

Lynch and Fat Lever had a jump ball with 13 seconds left after being tied up on a rebound. Lever swatted it to Vlade Divac, who found Van Exel at midcourt. Van Exel then hit Lynch for another layup with 5.9 seconds to go.

Jim Jackson ran upcourt to try a 3-pointer, but Sedale Threatt blocked him from behind with 2.0 seconds left. After a Lakers timeout, Tim Legler missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Magic 98, Jazz 93

SALT LAKE CITY — Scott Skiles scored nine of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, including a 17-foot jumper with 11 seconds left, helping Orlando beat Utah.

With the Magic leading 92-91 after a layup by John Stockton, Skiles came off a screen and put up a long jumper, giving Orlando a 94-91 advantage.

Stockton's 3-point attempt for a tie bounced high off the rim, and Orlando's Jeff Turner was fouled on the rebound. Turner converted both free throws to make it 96-91 with 6.4 seconds remaining.

After Stockton made a layup, Dennis Scott made two free throws with 2.3 seconds left, giving the Magic a two-game sweep of the Jazz. They defeated Utah 114-96 in Orlando on Nov. 16.

Bulls 99, 76ers 87

PHILADELPHIA — Scottie Pippen scored 31 points on 14-for-19 shooting as Chicago overpowered Philadelphia, the 76ers' eighth straight home loss.

The Bulls, winners of six of seven games, handed the 76ers their 20th loss in 21 games overall.

Pippen scored 10 points during an 18-8 run that gave Chicago a 59-44 halftime lead, and the Bulls extended the margin to 17 in the second half. The closest the Sixers got after halftime was eight with seven minutes left, and a dunk by Orlando Woolridge with just over a minute to play made the score 96-87.

Trailing 16-14 in the first quarter, the Bulls went on a 13-4 run to take a 27-20 lead on a jumper by Pippen with 38 seconds left in the period.

Pistons 111, Clippers 107

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Lindsey Hunter and Pete Chilcutt led the way as Detroit's reserves outscored the Los Angeles Clippers' bench players 53-23 Wednesday night in a 111-107 Pistons victory.

Both teams were missing their leading scorer as Dominique Wilkins and Joe Dumars both sat out with the flu.

Pacers 78, Cavaliers 77

INDIANAPOLIS — Dale Davis put back an offensive rebound with 0.8 seconds remaining, lifting Indiana to a victory over Cleveland.

The Pacers' victory came one night after the Cavaliers embarrassed them 93-61, a franchise low for Indiana. The Pacers turned the tables with their best defensive half of the season, holding the Cavs to 27 points in the first half.

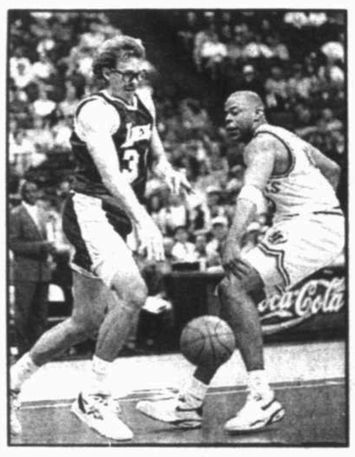
But Mark Price gave Cleveland a 77-76 lead with 10 seconds left when he hit a 16-footer. Antonio Davis tipped in a missed free throw to put the Pacers in front 76-75 with 16 seconds to play.

Hawks 100, Hornets 92

ATLANTA — Atlanta became the first Eastern Conference team to clinch a playoff berth, riding a 32-point, 16-rebound effort by Kevin Willis to a victory over Charlotte.

Willis scored five points in a 7-0 run and had an assist on the other basket, a fastbreak layup by Craig Ehlo, that gave the Hawks an 85-75 lead with 7:40 remaining.

The Hornets fell behind 95-81 on Willis' tip-in with 3:54 to play before chopping the lead to 96-92.



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Laker Kurt Rambis, left, has the ball stripped away by the Mavs' Sean Rooks.

Free throws lift Villanova to win

Associated Press

■ NIT Roundup

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Eric Eberz hit a jump shot with 25 seconds left and Kerry Kittles made two free throws with five seconds remaining as Villanova defeated Xavier 76-74 Wednesday night in the NIT quarterfinals.

Freshman Jason Lawson had 17 points, a season-high 15 rebounds and six blocked shots to lead Villanova (18-12), which will play the winner of the Bradley-Siena game in New York on Monday.

Two free throws by Alvin Williams gave Villanova a 70-60 lead with 4:11 remaining, but Xavier (22-8) then scored 10 straight points and tied it on a jumper by Jeff Massey with 1:46 to play.

Kittles made a breakaway layup for the Wildcats, but Xavier's Brian Grant countered with two free throws with 57 seconds left to tie it at 72.

Vanderbilt 89, Clemson 74

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Billy McCaffrey scored 27 points and Chris Lawson added 16 Vanderbilt downed Clemson in the quarterfinal round of the National Invitation Tournament.

McCaffrey was perfect in the first half, hitting 8 of 8 from the field, including three 3-point shots and his only free throw attempt.

Kidd shows star power with announcement

BERKELEY (NYT) — Jason Kidd drew a full house Wednesday to announce a foregone conclusion. Now that's star power.

Reporters, Cal boosters and spectators filled the aisles at the Hall of Fame room, with the TV cameras lined up in back and a live radio broadcast beaming the news. The last time a crowd like that gathered for a press conference at Cal, Keith Gilbertson was announced as head football coach. Wednesday, Gilbertson found a spot on a stairway and was lucky to get that.

Kidd's announcement that he was leaving Cal for the NBA had all the suspense of a layup. When, teammate and pal Monty Buckley was asked, was the last time he thought there was a chance Kidd would return to Cal for next season?

"Um," Buckley said, thinking hard. "Last year?"

So why was this so emotional? Just minutes after Kidd talked about "sitting here with a smile on my face," his voice took a run up the scale, wavered and broke, and the next thing we knew he was blinking hard and looking to coach Todd Bozeman.

Bozeman was no help. He was already reaching for his handkerchief, dabbing at his eyes and muttering at Kidd in mock indignation. "See what you did," Bozeman sputtered. "I told you not to do that."

This wasn't the end of a career, it was a major passage for sports at Cal. When it was over, no one was pretending any differently.

"He's one of those players," Bozeman said, "when you go around the country and you think of a school, you think of the players. When you say Navy, you think of David Robinson right away. When you say Georgetown, you say Patrick Ewing. When you say Michigan, you still say Chris Webber."

And when you say Cal, you say that Jason Kidd is gone.

What's next? Well, it might not be as bad you think. Tremaine Fowlkes, who will be on the roster next year, is already touted as one stud muffin. Of course, no one knows what Lamond Murray is going to do — wink, wink — but should he declare himself eligible for the NBA next week, Cal is expecting Fowlkes to step right in and fit nicely.

Cal will be much improved in many ways. For one, there will be as many players as uniforms, a big switch from this year's Magnificent Seven.

"People didn't see how we wanted to play this year," said assistant coach Billy Kennedy. "We want to play like an Arkansas or the way UNLV used to play. Playing seven guys, there was no way."

It's not like Cal doesn't have guards. Because of the thin roster, Anwar McQueen got some playing time and so did Randy Duck. K.J. Roberts will be back, and Buckley got some time at both guard and forward.

Alfred Grigsby will return after a year on the injured list, and Michael Stewart, forced to play with Grigsby hurt and Stevie Johnson off the team, made huge strides.

Rangers acquire Indian catcher

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers, addressing their needs for a quality backup catcher, acquired Junior Ortiz from the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday for a minor-league pitcher and a player to be named later.

Ortiz, 34, is being assigned outright from Cleveland's Class AAA team at Canton-Akron to Texas' Class AA team at Tulsa. He is expected to arrive at Rangers' camp Thursday.

In 12 major-league seasons with Pittsburgh, the New York Mets, Minnesota and Cleveland, Ortiz has a .255 batting average. This spring with the Indians, he was batting .176 (3-for-17) in 10 games.

The Indians received right-handed pitcher Paul Lesch, who is entering his third professional season. He is being assigned outright from Class A Hudson Valley to Class A Columbus (Ga.) of the South Atlantic League.

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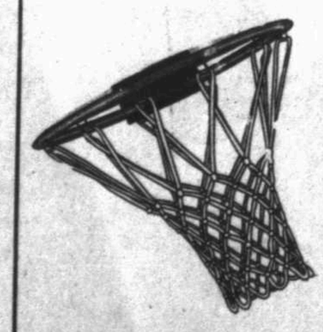

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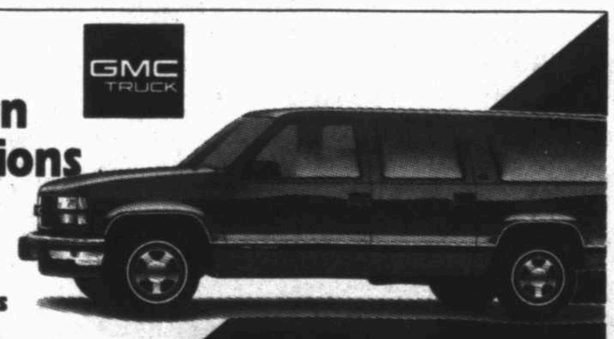

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	46	19	.708	—
Orlando	40	27	.597	7
Miami	37	29	.561	9½
New Jersey	34	31	.523	12
Boston	22	42	.344	23½
Philadlphia	21	46	.313	26
Washington	19	47	.288	27½
Central Division				
x-Atlanta	47	19	.712	—
Chicago	44	23	.657	3½
Cleveland	37	30	.552	10½
Indiana	35	30	.538	11½
Charlotte	29	36	.446	17½
Detroit	19	47	.288	28
Milwaukee	18	47	.277	28½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Houston	46	18	.719	—
x-San Antonio	46	20	.697	1
Utah	43	25	.632	5
Denver	33	32	.508	13½
Minnesota	19	47	.288	28
Dallas	8	58	.121	39
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	48	17	.738	—
Phoenix	43	22	.662	5
Portland	40	27	.597	9
Golden State	38	27	.585	10
L.A. Lakers	28	37	.431	20
L.A. Clippers	24	41	.369	24
Sacramento	23	43	.348	25½

x-clinched playoff spot
Wednesday's Games
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Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Lakers 112, Mavs 109

L.A. LAKERS (112)
Lynch 9-13 1-2 19, E.Campbell 7-10 3-6 17, Divac 5-7 4-5 14, Threatt 8-16 5-5 21, Van Exel 10-14 2-3 28, Rambis 1-1 0-0 2, T.Smith 3-5 0-0 6, Christie 1-5 2-3 4, Edwards 0-3 0-0 0, Worthy 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 44-77 18-26 112.
DALLAS (109)
Mashburn 4-12 3-5 12, D.Smith 13-22 10-12 36, Williams 3-7 0-0 6, Lever 5-8 0-0 11, Jackson 7-11 3-3 17, Jones 0-2 0-0 0, Rooks 2-2 7-8 11, Legler 2-6 0-0 4, Harris 1-5 4-4 6. T.Campbell 3-4 0-0 6.Totals 40-79 27-32 109.

L.A. Lakers	**35**	**18**	**29**	**30—112**
Dallas	**28**	**21**	**34**	**26—109**

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 6-10 (Van Exel 6-8, Threatt 0-1, Christie 0-1), Dallas 2-8 (Lever 1-1, Mashburn 1-4, Jackson 0-1, Legler 0-1, Harris 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 46 (E.Campbell 13), Dallas 39 (D.Smith 7). Assists—Los Angeles 28 (Van Exel, Divac 6), Dallas 26 (Jackson 7). Total fouls—Los Angeles 21, Dallas 21. Technicals—Dallas illegal defense, E.Campbell. A—12,484.

Magic 98, Jazz 93

ORLANDO (98)
Scott 6-15 5-7 18, Turner 3-6 2-2 10, O'Neal 7-11 5-11 19, Hardaway 9-18 3-3 21, Anderson 3-9 3-4 10, Skiles 5-9 0-3 11, Royal 2-2 0-0 4, Krystkowiak 0-1 0-0 0, Bowie 2-5 0-0 4, Rollins 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 37-76 19-32 98.
UTAH (93)
Benoit 0-1 2-2 2, Malone 10-24 7-10 27, Spencer 3-4 5-6 11, Humphries 4-10 0-0 8, Stockton 9-15 2-2 22, Hornacek 4-11 3-3 11, Chambers 2-8 5-6 9, Corbin 0-2 3-4 3, Russell 0-0 0-0 0.Totals 32-75 27-33 93.

Orlando	**25**	**19**	**30**	**24—98**
Utah	**16**	**28**	**19**	**30—93**

3-Point goals—Orlando 5-14 (Turner 2-3, Skiles 1-2, Scott 1-4, Anderson 1-4, Hardaway 0-1), Utah 2-7 (Stockton 2-3, Benoit 0-1 Humphries 0-1, Hornacek 0-1 Chambers 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 47 (O'Neal 8), Utah 54 (Malone 17). Assists—Orlando 21 (Hardaway, Anderson Skiles 5), Utah 22 (Stockton 12). Total fouls—Orlando 20, Utah 25 Technicals—O'Neal, Malone, Orlando illegal defense, Utah illegal defense. A—19,911.

Bulls 99, 76ers 87

CHICAGO (99)
Pippen 14-19 3-5 31, Grant 6-10 0-0 12, Longley 3-3 1-2 7, Armstrong 5-9 2-2 12, Myers 5-7 0-0 10, Williams 1-4 5-6 7, Kukoc 3-9 2-2 8, Kerr 3-9 0-0 6, English 2-5 0-0 4, Wennington 1-3 0-0 2, Blount 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 43-80 13-17 99.
PHILADELPHIA (87)
Perry 7-16 3-5 19, Weatherspoon 6-14 2-3 14, Leckner 0-0 2-2 2, Barros 3-9 0-0 6, J.Malone 6-14 1-2 13, Woolridge 7-14 3-3 17, Dawkins 1-2 2-2 4, Austin 0-2 1-2 1, Graham 1-2 3-4 5, M.Malone 1-3 4-4 6.Totals 32-82 21-27 87.

Chicago	**29**	**30**	**20**	**20—99**
Philadelphia	**22**	**22**	**22**	**21—87**

3-Point goals—Chicago 0-3 (Kerr 0-1, Kukoc 0-2), Philadelphia 2-13 (Perry 2-7, Weatherspoon 0-1, Barros 0-1, Dawkins 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 55 (Grant 9), Philadelphia 42 (Perry 11). Assists—Chicago 19 (English, Grant 3), Philadelphia 21 (Barros 7). Total fouls—Chicago 23, Philadelphia 20. A—16,150.

Pistons 111, Clippers 107

LA CLIPPERS (107)
Outlaw 7-10 3-8 17, Ellis 5-11 3-4 13, Spencer 6-12 3-4 15, Harper 9-27 8-9 27, Jackson 5-10 0-0 12, Grant 5-11 0-0 10, Dehere 3-5 0-0 7, Vaught 1-2 0-0 2, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 43-90 17-25 107.
DETROIT (111)
Elliott 5-14 2-2 12, Mills 10-19 1-1 21, Anderson 4-8 0-0 8, Houston 4-12 0-0 8, Thomas 4-5 0-0 9, Hunter 9-20 1-2 19, Macon 4-10 1-3 9, Jones 4-4 1-2 9, Chilcutt 6-9 0-0 12, Wood 1-4 1-2 4, Liberty 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 51-106 7-12 111.

LA Clippers	**40**	**29**	**23**	**15—107**
Detroit	**30**	**31**	**21**	**29—111**

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 4-12 (Jackson 2-3, Dehere 1-2, Harper 1-6, Grant 0-1), Detroit 2-7 (Thomas 1-1, Wood 1-2, Houston 0-1, Mills 0-1, Hunter 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 57 (Outlaw 14), Detroit 58 (Mills 14). Assists—Los Angeles 27 (Jackson 15), Detroit 28 (Hunter 13). Total fouls—Los Angeles 15, Detroit 18. Technical—Los Angeles Illegal defense. A—17,826.

Hawks 100, Hornets 92

CHARLOTTE (92)
L.Johnson 4-12 0-0 8, Wingate 3-9 0-0 6, Mourning 5-18 15-18 25, Bogues 8-15 0-0 16, Hawkins 3-6 3-3 10, Brickowski 0-2 0-0 0, Burrell 0-1 0-0 0, Bennett 0-1 0-0 0, Curry 6-12 0-0 13, Gattison 4-6 1-1 9, E.Johnson 2-6 0-0 5. Totals 35-88 19-22 92.
ATLANTA (100)
Manning 5-12 0-0 10, Willis 12-22 7-8 32, Koncak 2-6 0-0 4, Augmon 5-8 10-12 20, Blayock 8-14 1-2 18, Whatley 0-2 0-1 0, Ferrell 1-4 3-3 5, Lang 2-7 0-0 4, Ehlo 3-13 1-2 7. Totals 38-88 22-28 100.

Charlotte	**20**	**25**	**22**	**25— 92**
Atlanta	**27**	**26**	**21**	**26—100**

3-Point goals—Charlotte 3-12 (Hawkins 1-3, E.Johnson 1-3, Curry 1-4, L.Johnson 0-1, Mourning 0-1), Atlanta 2-10 (Willis 1-1, Blaylock 1-3, Augmon 0-1, Ehlo 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 52 (Mourning 15), Atlanta 60 (Willis 16). Assists—Charlotte 18 (Bogues 9), Atlanta 26 (Blaylock 14). Total fouls—Charlotte 21, Atlanta 21. Technicals—Charlotte illegal defense, Mourning, Manning. A—13,134.

Pacers 78, Cavs 77

CLEVELAND (77)
Phills 0-6 0-0 0, Higgins 1-6 1-2 3, J.Williams 7-14 1-1 15, Brandon 2-7 5-6 9, Wilkins 7-15 4-6 22, Mills 0-6 0-0 0, Ferry 4-8 2-2 13, Price 6-15 0-0 13, Guidinger 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 28-78 13-17 77.
INDIANA (78)
D.Davis 5-9 0-3 10, McKey 6-12 0-0 12, Smits 3-7 4-4 10, Miller 2-10 0-0 4, Workman 5-10 0-0 10, Richardson 4-9 2-4 10, Mitchell 0-2 0-0 0, A.Davis 5-7 0-0 10, K.Williams 0-4 1-2 1, Scott 3-5 3-4 9, Fleming 1-2 0-0 2.Totals 34-77 10-17 78.

Cleveland	**16**	**11**	**28**	**22—77**
Indiana	**18**	**22**	**20**	**18—78**

3-Point goals—Cleveland 8-16 (Wilkins 4-7, Ferry 3-5, Price 1-4), Indiana 0-2 (Miller 0-1, Workman 0-1). Fouled out—Smits. Rebounds—Cleveland 47 (J.Williams 16), Indiana 57 (A.Davis 11). Assists—Cleveland 17 (Brandon, Price 4), Indiana 15 (McKey 5). Total fouls—Cleveland 21, Indiana 25. A—10,906.

NHL Results

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-N.Y. Rangers	45	22	7	97	265	207
New Jersey	41	21	11	93	268	195
Washington	34	31	8	76	235	224
Florida	31	29	13	75	204	201
Philadelphia	32	34	7	71	262	275
N.Y. Islndrs	31	33	9	71	250	235
Tampa Bay	25	39	10	60	198	229
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	38	23	13	89	267	253
Montreal	38	23	12	88	252	207
Boston	36	25	12	84	249	216
Buffalo	37	28	9	83	246	196
Quebec	30	36	7	67	240	247
Hartford	24	42	8	56	197	248
Ottawa	12	54	8	32	175	349
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Toronto	39	23	12	90	242	210
x-Detroit	42	26	5	89	312	245
x-Dallas	38	25	10	86	248	225
St. Louis	35	29	9	79	231	247
Chicago	35	31	8	78	224	206
Winnipeg	22	44	8	52	221	298
Pacific Division						
x-Calgary	36	27	12	84	269	235
Vancouver	35	34	3	73	244	235
San Jose	25	33	15	65	206	235
Anaheim	27	41	5	59	201	225
Los Angeles	24	37	11	59	258	278
Edmonton	20	42	12	52	231	274

x-clinched playoff spot
Wednesday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Ottawa 5, Detroit 4
St. Louis 3, Buffalo 2
Florida 1, Toronto 1, tie
Winnipeg 3, Montreal 1
N.Y. Rangers 5, Edmonton 3
Vancouver at Los Angeles, (n)
Thursday's Games
Anaheim at Boston, 6:35 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 6:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:35 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 6:35 p.m.
San Jose at Toronto, 6:35 p.m.
Montreal at Chicago, 7:35 p.m.

Jets 3, Canadiens 1

Montreal	**0**	**0**	**1—1**
Winnipeg	**2**	**0**	**1—3**

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Emerson 28 (Manson, Darrin Shannon), :40. 2, Winnipeg, LeBlanc 4 (Quintal, Darrin Shannon), 17:30.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—3, Montreal, Odelein 11 (Bellows, Damphousse), 1:01. 4, Winnipeg, LeBlanc 5 (Darrin Shannon, Steen), 17:31.
Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 0 of 3; Winnipeg 0 of 2.
Goalies—Montreal, Tugnutt, 11-17-2 (29 shots-26 saves). Winnipeg, Cheveldae, 19-11-1 (40-39).
A—15,401.
Referee—Mark Faucette. Linesmen—Pierre Racicot, Mark Wheler.

Senators 5, Red Wings 4

Detroit	**1**	**2**	**1—4**
Ottawa	**1**	**0**	**4—5**

First Period—1, Detroit, Lapointe 6 (Konstantinov, Sheppard), 16:24 (pp). 2, Ottawa, Mayer 1 (Yashin), 18:09.
Second Period—3, Detroit, Alvazoff 3 (Lapointe, Draper), 17:22. 4, Detroit, Primeau 23 (Halkidis), 19:53..
Third Period—5, Ottawa, Davydov 6 (Rumble, Murray), 9:43. 6, Detroit, Aivazoff 4 (Sheppard, Draper), 10:11. 7, Ottawa, Mayer 2 (Yashin, Bourque), 13:46 (pp). 8, Ottawa, Turgeon 8 (Daigle), 16:08. 9, Ottawa, Yashin 26 (McLlwain, Konroyd), 18:44.
Shots on goal—Detroit 14-14-13—41. Ottawa 5-3-7—15.
Power-play Opportunities—Detroit 1 of 4; Ottawa 1 of 3.
Goalies—Detroit, Essensa, 0-4-0 (15 shots-10 saves). Ottawa, Billington, 9-35-3 (41-37).
A—10,575.
Referee—Richard Trottier. Linesmen—Ron Asselstine, Bernard DeGrace.

Blues 3, Sabres 2

St. Louis	**1**	**1**	**1—3**
Buffalo	**1**	**0**	**1—2**

First Period—1, Buffalo, Plante 20 (Sutton, Audette), 2:40 (pp). 2, St. Louis, Nedved 3 (Stastny, Duchesne), 15:57 (pp).
Second Period—3, St. Louis, Prokhorov 13 (Tilley, Nedved), 16:50.
Shots on goal—St. Louis 4-7-7—18. Buffalo 13-4-12—29.
Power-play Opportunities—St. Louis 1 of 3; Buffalo 1 of 7.
Goalies—St. Louis, Joseph, 31-21-9 (29 shots-27 saves). Buffalo, Hasek, 27-17-6 (18-15).
A—14,417.
Referee—Mike McGeough. Linesmen—Paul Devorski, Mark Vines.

Maple Leafs 1, Panthers 1

Toronto	**0**	**0**	**1—1**
Florida	**1**	**0**	**0—1**

First Period—1, Florida, Barnes 20 (Mellanby, Lowry), 13:49.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—2, Toronto, Gilmour 26 (Gartner, Clark), 6:21.
Overtime—None. Penalties—None.
Shots on goal—Toronto 12-11-7-1—31. Florida 7-2-12-1—22.
Power-play Opportunities—Toronto 0 of 4; Florida 0 of 4.
Goalies—Toronto, Rhodes, 8-5-3 (22 shots-21 saves). Florida, Fitzpatrick, 11-8-3 (31-30).
A—17,096.
Referee—Don Koharski. Linesmen—Andy McElman, Bob Hodges.

Rangers 5, Oilers 3

N.Y. Rangers	**2**	**1**	**2—5**
Edmonton	**0**	**1**	**2—3**

First Period—1, New York, Graves 50 (Messier, Anderson) 14:32. 2, New York, Graves 51 (Tikkanen, Karpovtsev), 17:26.
Second Period—New York, Kovalev 16 (Leetch, Beukeboom), 4:28. 4, Edmonton, McAmmond 6 (Mironov), 9:21.
Third Period—5, Edmonton, Arnott 28 (Mironov, McAmmond), 1:57 (pp). 6, New York, Noonan 15 (Zubov, Gilbert), 3:15. 7, New York Matteau 17 (Kovalev), 18:02. 8, Edmonton, Arnott 29 (Beers, McAmmond), 19:58 (pp).
Shots on goal—New York 8-9-3—20. Edmonton 5-16-11—32.
Power-play Opportunities—New York 0 of 3; Edmonton 1 of 8.
Goalies—New York, Richter, 35 12-5 (32 shots-29 saves). Edmonton, Ranford, 21-33-11 (20-15).
A—14,186.
Referee—Denis Morel. Linesmen—Ryan Bozak, Swede Knox.

NCAA Glance

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EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Miami Arena
Friday, March 25
Boston College (22-10) vs. Indiana (21-8), 6:38 p.m.
Florida (27-7) vs. Connecticut (29-4), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
At Miami Arena
Sunday, March 27
Florida-Connecticut winner vs. Boston College-Indiana winner, 12:40 p.m.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
First Round
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Regional Semifinals
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Thursday, March 24
Marquette (24-8) vs. Duke (25-5), 7:38 p.m.
Purdue (28-4) vs. Kansas (27-7), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Saturday, March 26
Purdue-Kansas winner vs. Marquette-Duke winner, 5 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Friday, March 25
Arkansas (27-3) vs. Tulsa (23-7), 7:02 p.m.
Michigan (23-7) vs. Maryland (18-11), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Sunday, March 27
Michigan-Maryland winner vs. Arkansas-Tulsa winner, 4 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At The L.A. Sports Arena
Los Angeles
Thursday, March 24
Missouri (27-3) vs. Syracuse (23-6), 7:07 p.m.
Louisville (28-5) vs. Arizona (27-5), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
At The L.A. Sports Arena
Los Angeles
Saturday, March 26
Missouri-Syracuse winner vs. Louisville-Arizona winner, 2:40 p.m.

The Final Four
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Semifinals
Saturday, April 2
East champion vs. Southeast champion
Midwest champion vs. West champion **Championship**
Monday, April 4
Semifinal winners

Women's Glance

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East Regional
Regional Semifinal
At Louis Brown Athletic Center
Piscataway, N.J.
Thursday, March 24
North Carolina (29-2) vs. Vanderbilt (25-7), 5 p.m.
Connecticut (29-2) vs. Southern Mississippi (26-4), 7:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
At Louis Brown Athletic Center
Piscataway, N.J.
Saturday, March 26
North Carolina-Vanderbilt winner vs. Connecticut-Southern Mississippi winner, 10 a.m.

Mideast Regional
Regional Semifinals
At Bud Walton Arena
Fayetteville, Ark.
Thursday, March 24
Tennessee (31-1) vs. Louisiana Tech (28-3), 6 p.m.
Virginia (27-4) vs. Southern Cal (25-3), 8:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
At Bud Walton Arena
Fayetteville, Ark.
Saturday, March 26
Tennessee-Louisiana Tech winner vs. Virginia-Southern Cal winner, 6:30 p.m.

Midwest Regional
Regional Semifinals
At The Erwin Special Events Center
Austin, Texas
Thursday, March 24
Penn State (27-2) vs. Seton Hall (27-4), 6 p.m.
Alabama (24-6) vs. Texas Tech (28-4), 8:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
At The Erwin Special Events Center
Austin, Texas
Saturday, March 26
Penn State-Seton Hall winner vs. Alabama-Texas Tech winner, 8 p.m.

West Regional
Regional Semifinals
At Maples Pavilion
Stanford, Calif.
Thursday, March 24
Purdue (27-4) vs. Texas A&M (23-7), 8 p.m.
Colorado (27-4) vs. Stanford (24-5), 10:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
At Maples Pavilion
Stanford, Calif.
Saturday, March 26
Purdue-Texas A&M winner vs. Colorado-Stanford winner, 11 p.m.

Final Four
At Richmond Coliseum
Richmond, Va.
Semifinals
Saturday, April 2
East champion vs. West champion
Mideast champion vs. Midwest champion
Championship
Sunday, April 3
Semifinal winners, 2:45 p.m.

College Baseball

SOUTHWEST
Christian Brothers 13-6, Williams Baptist 1-1
E. Texas Baptist 9-12, MidAmerica Nazarene 5-1
Fort Hays St. 12-13, W. Texas A&M 1-1
Metro St. 3-8, Hardin-Simmons 2-6
Sam Houston St. 17, St. Edward's, Texas 3
SE Oklahoma 16-5, Abilene Christian 5-6
Texas Christian 5, Lubbock Christian 2
Texas-San Antonio 8, Schreiner 3
Texas Tech 18, Nebraska-Kearney 4
FAR WEST
Air Force 13, S. Colorado 4
Cal Lutheran 7, E. Connecticut 0

Women's NIT

By The Associated Press
At Cal Farley Coliseum
Amarillo, Texas
All Times EST
Thursday, March 24
Arkansas State (20-8) vs. Toledo (22-7), 2 p.m.
Pittsburgh (19-9) vs. Gonzaga (20-8), 4 p.m.
New Mexico State (23-6) vs. Oklahoma (15-12), 7 p.m.
Northeast Louisiana (21-11) vs. Tulane (16-12), 9 p.m.
Friday, March 25
Consolation Semifinals
Game 5 — Arkansas St.-Toledo loser vs. NE Louisiana-Tulane loser, 2 p.m.
Game 6 — Pittsburgh-Gonzaga loser vs. New Mexico St.-Oklahoma loser, 4 p.m.
Semifinals
Game 7 — Pittsburgh-Gonzaga winner vs. New Mexico St.-Oklahoma winner, 7 p.m.
Game 8 — Arkansas St.-Toledo winner vs. NE Louisiana-Tulane winner, 9 p.m.

Baseball Linescores

By The Associated Press

At West Palm Beach, Fla.

NY (N)	**200**	**001**	**002**	**—**	**5**	**8**	**0**
Atlanta	**230**	**001**	**00x**	**—**	**6**	**9**	**1**

Jones, Franco (6), Seminara (7), Greer (8) and Hundley; Avery, T.Clark (4), Bark (6), D.Clark (8), Wohlers (9) and Lopez, O'Brien (3). W—Avery, 2-1. L—Jones, 1-3. Sv—Wohlers (1).
Steve Avery allowed two runs in three innings and David Justice had a two-run single in the first for the Braves. New York's Bobby Jones allowed five runs on six hits in five innings.

At St. Petersburg, Fla.

Pittsburgh	**000**	**000**	**002**	**—**	**2**	**6**	**3**
St. Louis	**002**	**110**	**00x**	**—**	**4**	**7**	**2**

Wagner, Miner (6), Dewey (8), and Slaught; Satko (8), Watson, Dixon (6), Palacios (7), Murphy (8), Perez (9) and McGriff. W—Watson, 2-0. L—Wagner, 0-1. HR—St. Louis, Jordan (3).
Brian Jordan had three hits and two RBIs and Allen Watson gave up three hits and struck out five in 5 2-3 innings for the Cardinals. Orlando Merced had two hits and an RBI and Paul Wagner allowed seven hits in five innings for the Pirates.

At Vero Beach, Fla.

NY (A)	**601**	**000**	**201**	**—**	**10**	**13**	**1**
LA	**143**	**022**	**42x**	**—**	**18**	**21**	**1**

Abbott, Pall (5), Wickman (6), Reardon (8) and Stanley, Leyritz (7), Hershiser, Barfield (6), Ki.Gross (7), McDowell (7), Dreifort (8) and Piazza, C.Hernandez (7). W—Hershiser, 2-1. L—Abbott, 1-1. HRs—New York, Kelly (1). Los Angeles, Piazza (7), Strawberry (3), C.Hernandez (2).
Jim Abbott allowed 10 runs on 11 hits in four-plus innings for the Yankees. Los Angeles' Orel Hershiser allowed seven runs on 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings, while Raul Mondesi went 4-for-4 with two RBIs and scored three runs.

At Winter Haven, Fla.

Cincinnati	**000**	**001**	**010**	**—**	**2**	**7**	**1**
Cleveland	**000**	**102**	**11x**	**—**	**5**	**9**	**2**

Pugh, Patterson (6), Service (7) and Oliver, Dorsett (7), Wrona (8), Nagy, Barnes (7), Mesa (8) and Pena. W—Nagy, 2-3. L—Patterson, 0-2. Sv—Mesa (1). HR—Cleveland, Thome (4).
Albert Belle had two hits and two RBIs for the Indians, while Charles Nagy allowed one unearned run in six innings. Cincinnati's Willie Greene had two doubles and an RBI. Tim Pugh allowed one run in five innings for the Reds.

At Lakeland, Fla.

Houston	**003**	**412**	**030**	**—**	**13**	**16**	**0**
Detroit	**000**	**060**	**020**	**—**	**8**	**13**	**3**

Kile, Hampton (6), MacDonald (8), Jones (9) and Eusebio, Tucker (8); Thompson, Greene (3), Gonzales (6), Boever (7) and Parrish, Rowland (6). W—Kile, 3-0. L—Thompson, 0-1. HR—Houston, Mutton (1).
Houston's Kevin Bass had three hits and four RBIs and Darryl Kile allowed eight hits in five innings. Eric Davis had a hit and two RBIs and Joe Boever allowed five hits in three innings for the Tigers.

At Port Charlotte, Fla.

Boston	**000**	**002**	**104**	**00—7**	**12**	**3**
Texas	**001**	**002**	**013**	**00—7**	**14**	**2**

Game called after 11 innings
Sele, Russell (6), Howard (7), Bailey (9), Pierce (9), Fossas (11) and Melvin, Berryhill (7), Flaherty (11), Rogers, Oliver (6), Whiteside (8), J.Howell (9), Reed (10) and Rodriguez, McNamara (7). HRs—Boston, Vaughn (8). Texas, Canseco 2 (5), James (2).
Kenny Rogers allowed two runs and struck out five in 5 2-3 innings for the Rangers. Boston's Aaron Sele allowed one run and struck out six in five innings, while Otis Nixon had two hits and scored two runs.

At Dunedin, Fla.

Minn	**104**	**300**	**001**	**—**	**9**	**14**	**2**
Toronto	**100**	**310**	**016**	**—**	**12**	**16**	**0**

Two outs when winning run scored
Erickson, Garagozzo (7), Stevens (8), Campbell (9) and Parks, Durant (7); Hentgen, Flener (5), Hall (8) and Knorr. W—Hall, 1-0. L—Campbell, 0-2. HRs—Minnesota, Walbeck (1), Hrbek (2). Toronto, Molitor 2 (3), Delgado (3), Zosky (1).
Eddie Zosky hit a two-out, three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to cap a six-run rally for Toronto. Kent Hrbek had two hits and three RBIs and Scott Erickson allowed eight hits in six innings for the Twins. Toronto's Pat Hentgen gave up eight runs and nine hits in four innings.

At Peoria, Ariz.

Oakland	**100**	**100**	**000**	**—**	**2**	**8**	**2**
San Diego	**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**	**2**	**2**

Darling, Vosberg (7), Downs (8), Nunez (9) and Hemond, Helfand (7); Brocail, J.Martinez (7), Mauser (8), Hoffman (9) and Petralli, Clark (9). W—Darling, 1-1. L—Brocail, 1-2. Sv—Nunez (1).
Ron Darling struck out five in six hitless innings and Brent Gates had two hits and an RBI for the Athletics. San Diego's Doug Brocail gave up six hits in six innings.

At Scottsdale, Ariz.

Milw	**211**	**113**	**021**	**—**	**12**	**13**	**2**
San Fran	**041**	**400**	**101**	**—**	**11**	**13**	**3**

Wegman, Jones (6), Scanlan (7) and Nilsson, Matheny (6); Portugal, Monteleone (5), Frey (7), Menendez (9) and Lampkin, Calcagno (8). W—Jones, 1-0. L—Frey, 0-1. Sv—Scanlan (1). HRs—Milwaukee, Cirillo (1), Surhoff (3), Mieske (2). San Francisco, Williams (3), Bonds (4), Leonard (1).
B.J. Surhoff had four hits and three RBIs and Bill Wegman allowed nine hits and nine runs in five innings for the Brewers. Matt Williams had three RBIs and Mark Portugal allowed six runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings for the Giants.

Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Mar. 24:

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water off color, 55 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair on worms, crappie are fair to 2½ pounds on jigs and minnows; catfish are fair on minnows and cheese baits.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water muddy, 65 degrees, 11 feet low; black bass are fair to 8 pounds on spinners in shallow water with some bass already spawned; crappie are good in numbers on jigs.
GRANBURY: Water clear, 62 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 7 pounds in shallow water; striper are fairly good to 10 pounds on large minnows; crappie are good on minnows in the shallows; catfish are fair on Mr. Whiskers and nightcrawlers.
GREENBELT: Water clear, 47 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are good to 6½ pounds on cranks, spinners, minnows and jigs in 6-8 feet of water; white bass are slow; crappie are good with some limits on minnows and white jigs in 6-8 feet of water; catfish are good to 12½ pounds on minnows; walleye are slow.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 62 degrees, 5½ feet low; black bass are very good to 10 pounds with numerous other big fish reported on Rat-L-Traps and jig and pig in the shallows; crappie are excellent with limits on minnows and some jigs; catfish are good in the 5 pound range on stink bait on both throw lines and rod and reel.
MCCLELLAN: Water off color, 10 feet low; catfish are good to 8 pounds on minnows and cut bait from the banks; all other fishing slow.
MEREDITH: Water clear, 45 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass are very good in the 12 inch range on minnows in 10 feet of water; white bass are slow; crappie are good on minnows with 10 per stringer; catfish are slow; walleye are good to 8½ pounds on river minnows.
OAK CREEK: Water off color, 54 degrees, 7½ feet low; black bass are good to 10½ pounds with numerous other large fish on cranks and plastic crawdads in 5 feet of water; white bass are fair trolling; crappie are good with limits on minnows at night in 6-8 feet of water; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on minnows.
O.H.IVIE: Water clear, 59 degrees, 1½ feet low; largemouth bass are excellent with a few over the slot to 9 pounds in 2-10 feet of water on cranks, spinners and worms; smallmouth bass are good to 4 pounds for a possible new lake record on jigs, worms and cranks near the rocky areas; white bass are fair to 3 pounds trolling in the Concho River; crappie are fairly good on minnows and jigs in 2-20 feet of water with some fish spawning up the creeks and rivers; channel catfish are fair on trotlines and over baited holes; yellow catfish are fair on live baited trotlines up the rivers.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 60 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are fair to 7¼ pounds scattered at various depths; striper are fairly good in the 4-8 pound range on live shad and large shiners in 30 feet of water and near the docks at night on large Red Fins and topwaters; white bass are fair; crappie are improving especially at night near lighted docks on minnows; catfish are fairly slow to 9 pounds in 25 feet of water on shrimp.
PROCTOR: Water clear, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are very good to 7 pounds in 5 feet of water; hybrid striper are excellent to 13 pounds on cranks trolling and Rat-L-Traps and jigs at various depths; crappie are good to 2½ pounds on minnows over the brush in 18 feet of water; catfish are fair.
SPENCE: Water clear, 51 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 6 pounds on red shad Power Worms, minnows and spinners; striper are fairly good to 18 pounds on shiners; white bass are fair; crappie are fair near Wildcat Marina on minnows; catfish are slow.
THEO: Water clear, 18 feet low; most fishing is slow due to the wind.
TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 58 degrees; crappie are good with some limits on minnows and jigs; catfish are good in the Middle Concho on perch.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 62 degrees, normal level; black bass are very good to 8 pounds on black worms, Rat-L-Traps and soft jerk baits in 3-12 feet of water; crappie are good off the fishing pier in

MEN: Hill is Duke's do-everything man

(From 1D)

have offenses that are balanced, although he does have All-American Grant Hill running his, and both play tenacious defense with Marquette's made tougher by 7-foot-1 Jim McIlvaine, the nation's leading shot blocker, in the middle.

Where the difference is would be with a victory and the right to move on to the regional final against the winner of the other semifinal between top-seeded Purdue (28-4) and fourth-seeded Kansas (27-7).

For Duke, which has reached the regional semifinals every year since 1986 except last season, it would be one step from a seventh Final Four in that time, a run that included national championships in 1991 and 1992.

For Marquette, in its first regional semifinal since 1979, it would be a chance to relive the days of Al McGuire, the coach who cried on the bench as the Warriors won it all in 1977. Last year's NCAA appearance was their first since 1983.

"We were five and six years old when Marquette won it all," forward Damon Key said. "They had their day in the light and now we're looking for ours."

That would mean beating Duke and to do that Marquette has to use McIlvaine as an offensive weapon.

Duke center Cherokee Parks, who has been playing well lately, knows he'll have his hands full with McIlvaine, who is two inches taller.

"He doesn't have a whole lot of moves but what he does have is very effective," Parks said.

Marquette doesn't have an answer for Hill, the do-everything swingman who has covered everybody from 7-footers to quick point guards while serving as the team's ballhandler, leading passer and go-to scorer.

As similar as Duke and Marquette are, Purdue and Kansas are dissimilar.

Purdue is Glenn Robinson, the only unanimous selection to the All-American team who leads the country in scoring at 30.4 points per game. Kansas is a defense-oriented team seven players averaging between 15.5 and 7.0 points per game.

"I don't know what everyone is talking about about a one-man team," Kansas coach Roy Williams said of Purdue. "I checked their stats and they average 85 points a game so that means somebody else is scoring those other 55 points and we better be ready to stop those people.

"He's maybe the best player in the last three, four years. Personally, I hope he gets 55 and we get one more than Purdue because that will be a great show and we'll have won."

Kansas has been to the Final Four twice in the last three seasons, while the Boilermakers have not only been unable to reach that level in Gene Keady's 14 years as coach, they have only gotten to the regional semifinals twice.

"Back in West Lafayette they say I can't coach because I haven't been to the Final Four," Keady said. "It isn't fair, but that's the way it is today. If you don't like it, get out of coaching at this level."

Williams said the experience the teams have at this level of the tournament won't be that big a difference because the personnel changes.

"I'll check the scoreboard, but they won't give us any points for having been to two Final Fours," he said. "If they do I'll take them."

Williams was then asked one more time about facing Robinson.

"It is Kansas against Purdue," he said. "If the scoreboard says 'Robinson' and not 'Purdue,' then I'll be impressed."

MAGIC: Johnson healthy enough for coaching

(From 1D)

Johnson, 34, recently has been touring worldwide with his own basketball team. He said he is healthy enough to handle the rigors of coaching.

"I'm fine," he said. "I'm great ... If something was wrong I wouldn't be doing this. This is not even close to playing basketball. It's a different type of energy. Playing basketball, to me, is more stressful than coaching."

Asked whether he would return as a player, Johnson said: "I'm retired. Let's leave it at that."

Johnson, one of the most popular players in basketball history, will try to revive a franchise that has struggled since his retirement. The Lakers were 39-43 last season and 66-80 overall under Pfund.

"I don't know all the answers, I do know what it takes to win," he said. "This team has to go to work. I will take all the suggestions. I don't know it all, but it's definitely going to be my way.

"Hopefully I can bring some of that (Laker pride) here. We have a lot of guys who don't understand what the NBA is like. If I'm not here next year, hopefully they will have learned.

"The only thing I'm expecting from them to do like myself is give 100 percent. I've been helping young guys for the last 14 years. I know what it takes to work with them. I have the patience."

The Forum was full much of the time while Johnson was helping the Lakers to eight of the 10 NBA finals in the 1980s. It was the home of Showtime with packed houses, exiting teams and celebrities such as Jack Nicholson and Dyan Cannon on hand.

All that changed after Johnson retired. The Lakers' average home attendance reached a high of 17,496 of a possible 17,505 in the 1988-89 season, but dropped to 15,455 in 1992-93 and around 11,200 this season with only two sellouts, according to Steve Chase, the team's director of sales.

That is the lowest since the average was 10,276 in 1967-68.

Johnson denied that he was brought back to boost attendance.

"I wasn't going to be used to put people in the seats. I'm here to do a job," he said. "I hope that the people do come back, sure. The players need the support from the fans."

Lakers forward James Worthy played with Johnson for nine seasons. Now he gets to play for him.

"Obviously, like everyone else, I was shocked," he said in Dallas. "Nothing surprises me any more, however. It's not the first time I've experienced something like this. That's part of the business.

"But my job doesn't change. He was pretty much a coach on the floor when I played with him."

The move received immediate support from around the country.

"I think it's a match that is just great for both him and the team," said Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote, Johnson's college coach. "I have always, in my conversations with Magic, indicated that he would be a great coach. He's always been a coach from the floor, so why not be a coach from the bench?"

JIMMY: Cowboy coach not laughing this one off

(From 1D)

This time Johnson didn't laugh off his owner's bar episode like he did three years ago.

In fact, by all accounts, Johnson was as upset as he's ever been with Jones, his former roommate at the University of Arkansas who hired him to replace Tom Landry five years ago.

Johnson was told by close friend and Chicago coach Dave Wannstedt, who heard it all in the Orlando bar, that Jones had threatened to fire him for a perceived snub and replace Johnson with former Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer. The "snub" came when Jones wasn't invited to join Johnson at a table that included Wannstedt and Norv Turner, who was the Cowboys offensive coordinator until he left to join the Washington Redskins.

Jones offered a toast to the two Super Bowl championships. Afterwards, those at the table resumed their conversations and Jones left in a huff.

"Jimmy is mostly upset about the Switzer part of it," said another close friend who asked not to be named. "It seemed like Jerry had already talked to Switzer about the job. Jimmy has kind of calmed down, but he's still upset. He's out on his boat, Three Rings, at Key Biscayne."

Johnson told The Dallas Morning News "it concerns me when he says to a group of reporters that he's not only going to fire me, but even says who the replacement is going to be. This wasn't a statement to one person behind closed doors. This was a statement made in a bar with a lot of people around."

On Wednesday, Jones refused to apologize and said the incident was humorous.

"Our relationship is intense. There's not another one like it in the NFL. I don't feel accountable when I'm off the record and not in a serious vein," he said in Orlando.

"It's no big deal — just another day in the life of the Dallas Cowboys. I have nothing to apologize about. It's the way things go with us. It's happened several times before. This issue is humorous to me."

Jones said he hasn't spoken to Switzer about being coach of the Cowboys.

"I'm very content with Jimmy being the coach," he said.

It's been one spat after another between Jimmy and Jerry.

Jones became irritated after Johnson went on The Late Show With David Letterman and a made a joke about his frugality at the post-game Super Bowl party in Atlanta.

"The NFL gave us $60,000 for the party, but I think Jerry put $20,000 of it in his pocket," Johnson said.

At the Super Bowl, Johnson was nettled when Jones claimed he had the ability to coach in the NFL.

"Maybe after we win our 10th Super Bowl in a row I'll let Jerry coach," Johnson said.

Jones was upset before the Super Bowl when Johnson said he was "intrigued" by a chance to become the first head coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"I certainly wouldn't agree to let anybody talk to him and I wouldn't agree to let him out of his agreement," said Jones.

Johnson shot back: "It's very, very easy not to be interested when you own the Dallas Cowboys and you have multi-millions of dollars. If you're a working stiff like I am, and like a lot of people are, obviously you look at things."

Johnson, who has five years left on his contract at about $1 million per year, was steamed last September when Jones dawdled in signing Emmitt Smith to a contract. Jones rushed to sign Smith after the Cowboys lost their first two games, but Johnson wasn't happy with the way the deal was handled.

"We had a lot of handicaps to overcome to win the Super Bowl," Johnson said.

Then there was the incident in 1992 at Texas Stadium when Jones appeared on the sidelines with Prince Bandar of Saudia Arabia during the third quarter of a game against the Bears.

Witnesses said the tremor reached a 10 on the Johnson Richter Scale.

The outburst in Orlando seems to have left the hardest feelings between the two ego-driven men.

Cowboys public relations director Rich Dalrymple, when asked about the incident, said, "Oh, this is about the seventh time it's happened."

It was only Jan. 30 when Jones and Johnson were locked in a big embrace in the Georgia Dome after a 31-13 Super Bowl victory over the Buffalo Bills.

Afterwards Jones said, "We're good friends and have a great working relationship. I don't worry at all that we will be losing Jimmy. We have a great opportunity to do something that has never been done and that's to win three straight Super Bowls."

And remember what Johnson said: "He owns the team. He bought the team. He hired me. So he deserved a hug."

Nobody's hugging anymore.

Jones says it's no big deal

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Jerry Jones didn't quite apologize on Wednesday for his early morning barroom suggestion that he could replace Jimmy Johnson as coach of the Dallas Cowboys with Barry Switzer.

He simply called it "No big deal. Just another day in the life of the Dallas Cowboys."

The day after his latest feud with Johnson became public, Jones walked out of a meeting room into a mob of nearly 100 media members, including camera crews that had flown in from Dallas just to record the latest installment in the running soap opera between the Cowboys' owner and coach.

It began in the early hours of Tuesday morning, after Jones ran into a group that included Johnson and some other current and former Cowboys officials. Jones proposed a toast to his team's two straight NFL championships, one was made, and then ...

"My own reaction was that I wasn't satisfied with the toast," Jones said. "There was no joy in it."

So Jones sat down at the bar and began talking to some reporters in what he insisted on Tuesday was an "off the record" conversation. The gist: that he might fire Johnson and hire Switzer.

The conversation was hardly private and word quickly got to Johnson Tuesday morning. Johnson, who after the Super Bowl did not reject suggestions he might be interested in the coaching job with expansion Jacksonville, was reportedly most upset with the mention of Switzer, the former coach at Oklahoma.

So ...

Johnson left town a day early, flying to Miami and getting on his boat, something Rich Dalrymple, the Cowboys' director of public relations, insisted he was planning to do anyway after the coaches' breakfast with the media on Wednesday.

That left Jones to face reporters, who found the southwest version of George Steinbrenner vs. Billy Martin a lot more titillating than discussions of cross-ownership and helmet audibilizers.

He had, Jones said, talked to Johnson on Tuesday.

"Fundamentally," he said, "we are in agreement that he's still coach of the Dallas Cowboys."

So why was he discussing Switzer?

"It was an off the record conversation. I often throw out concepts for the future off the record," he said.

Had he spoken to Switzer?

"I ran into him earlier this year. We said nothing about his coaching our team."

And ...

"It's no big deal," he said.

Texas stars return with Michigan team

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Ray Jackson and his Michigan roommate Jimmy King are heading back home to Texas.

For the Wolverines' sake, the two had better do more than just visit.

Coach Steve Fisher says Michigan (23-7) needs more production from players other than Juwan Howard and Jalen Rose when it plays Maryland (18-11) Friday in the Midwest Regional semifinal in Dallas. What better place to start than Jackson and King?

Especially King, who is from Plano, Texas. His late-season slump mirrored the Wolverines' late-season collapse that cost them the Big Ten title.

"We can't have him playing anything less than at almost peak efficiency if we want to continue to advance," Fisher said. "We have to have him step up, take where he is now and build on it."

King, who is scoring 12.6 points a game this season, averaged only 6.7 points as the Wolverines lost three of their last four regular-season games. But in the first two rounds of the tournament he scored 13 against Pepperdine and 12 against Texas.

"Jimmy played a lot better in the tournament. He appeared to be a little more aggressive on both ends of the floor," Fisher said.

Jackson, who is from Austin, and King were part of the Fab Five recruiting class that has been a focus of college basketball since its members signed letters of intent three years ago. But so far, the two from Texas have been overshadowed by the other three.

While Chris Webber moved on to the NBA and everyone wonders whether Rose (20.2 points a game) and Howard (20.4) will follow, Jackson and King have lingered in the background.

"I don't see myself as a big-time player because of the players surrounding me," Jackson said.

King and Jackson drew unwanted attention in February, when they and reserve Chris Fields pleaded no contest to retail fraud after being caught on an in-store camera stealing beer from a convenience store.

Jackson said he knows if he went to another school he could probably be a star now, the go-to guy down the stretch. But, if he had gone somewhere else would he have played on two NCAA finalist teams and be making his third straight Sweet 16 appearance?

Jackson said he has no regrets.

"I love winning too much just to be so self-centered and worry about me just shining. I want this program to continue to shine and get better," he said. "If I would have went to another school I might not be as strong mentally as I am now."

TECH: Raiders will force half-court

(From 1D)

Marsha Sharp. "We are happy to be here."

Sharp said star forward Michi Atkins, who twisted her ankle in a second-round 75-65 victory over Creighton "will be 100 percent."

The Lady Raiders, relying on the experience of last year's magical journey through the NCAA tournament, will try to force a half-court game against the Crimson Tide, Sharp said.

"To say Alabama pushes the ball up the floor is an understatement," Sharp said. "I watched the first few minutes of tape we had on them, got sick and turned it off. They are the best transition team we have seen all year."

Alabama coach Rick Moody credited Sharp for finding success with a team featuring three new junior college transfers in the starting lineup.

"Texas Tech is one of the best coached teams in the country," Moody said. "Everybody has the utmost respect for the defense they play."

Moody, who also invited Lady Longhorns fans to support the Tide, has endured a season without four-year top assistant Kelso, who died suddenly after slipping into a coma last September.

"We hope to keep her spirit alive by representing everything she stood for, things like intensity and commitment," he said.

Star guard Betsy Harris said Kelso "was a friend, a coach and a parent. She told us she wanted a ring. We bombed on the Southeast Conference championship. Now we are shooting for an NCAA championship."

Southern Cal female pitcher shines

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Ila Borders, the Southern Cal College freshman who last month became the first woman to pitch in an NCAA or NAIA game, allowed two earned runs in six innings.

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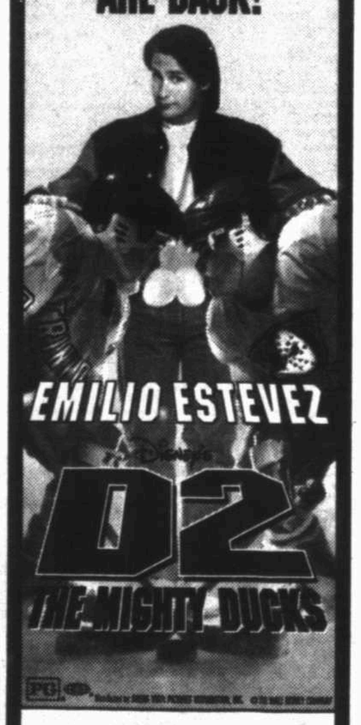
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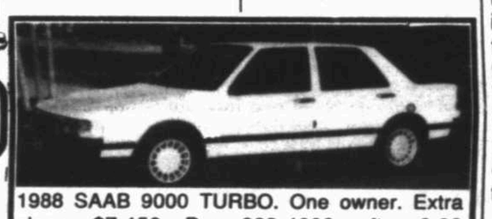

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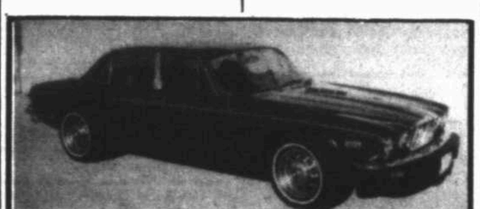

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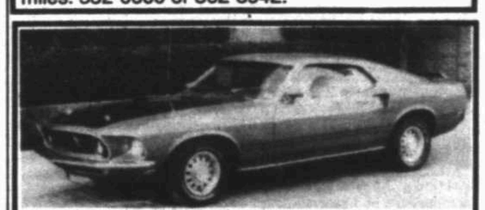

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COME join our great team at Mane Attraction Hair Gallery! Great new location with a smoke free environment. If you're ready for a change, come lease a chair with us! Contact Sylvia at 683-4171.

EVENING BARTENDERS. Apply in person 5-7 pm, Club Oasis - Desert Inn Motel 3101 Bankhead Hwy.

PLUMBER and HVAC helpers needed. Experience necessary. Knowledgable in sheet metal a plus. Call between 9-1, Monday thru Friday . 684-7468.

AUTO MECHANIC with experience - must be dependable and have own tools. Pay depends on experience. 689-7136 Ask for Bill.

CAR WASHERS
MOBILE wash in need of reliable help. Only serious applicants need apply. 25-35 hours per week. Call 686-9406.

INSTALLER
Furniture Upholstery shop looking for experienced Installer. Salary depends on experience for more information call 683-2935 from 8 am-5 pm.

HAIRSTYLIST with experience, must be dependable, to work 3-4 days per week in very causal atmosphere. Call Vicci at 520-7217 or 699-7532.

SURVEY party chief needed for a west Texas civil engineering firm. Experience in all aspects of operating a survey field crew. Salary comensurate with experience and qualifications. Approximately $30K +. Send resumes to BOX L-08 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

HOUSEKEEPING
LA QUINTA Inn is hiring maids. Must have some experience. Great benefits. Apply in person, 4130 W. Wall.

LIFEGUARDS needed, must have Red Cross Senior Lifesaving and CPR. Also a Pool Manager needed, must have Senior Lifesaving, W.S.I. Apply at Ranchland Hills Country Club Tennis Shop or call 682-3729.

Convenience Store/ Subway Manager

Seeking experienced Convenience Store/Manager for 24 hour state-of-the-art travel center. Responsible for overall operations of unit including Subway. Two years verifiable experience in convenience store operations required.
Person Selected Can Expect:
- Competitive Wages and Benefits
- Bonuses
- Positive Environment and Support

Qualified applicants should send resume to:
Attn: Carolyn Cawthron
Rip Griffin Truck/Travel Ctr.
Box 1067
Big Spring, TX 79721
(915) 264-4444

310 General Help Wanted

CAREGIVER
TRADE part time nursing care for rent and salary. Must speak some English, no drugs. Call collect, 817-467-2552 or 817-557-1404.

LANDSCAPE Maintenance. Now hiring experienced hands. Experience a must. Inquire at 3323 Midland Dr., Suite 110, between 12 am-3 pm, Monday thru Friday.

General
SEEKING applicants for the following positions:
- Customer Service Reps.
- Cafe Personnel
- General Cleaning and Mainentence

Midland Park Lanes offers competitive pay rates, great benefits in a growing company. If you are neat, friendly, energetic and responsible apply in person:

Midland Park Lanes
5320 W. Loop 250 N.
Midland, Texas
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SELL AVON: New Year - New Career. Verla 520-0119 Local Ind. Contractor.

RESTAURANT
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA
is now accepting application for Assistant Manager Trailing position. We're looking for honest, hardworking individuals. Food service experience preferred. Please call: 520-8016

MAINTENANCE person needed. Must have experience in all phases of apartment maintenance. 689-8116.

HOUSEKEEPER
Immediate opening for a non-smoking, experienced, detail oriented lady to be responsible for house cleaning, laundry, and cooking for a single man townhouse. Must be dependable, reliable and able to follow instructions. Must have use of personal car. Hours are 1-6 pm, plus some occasional evening work, but paid on full time basis. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. References required.

Call Roxie 683-5216

RESTAURANT
SONIC DRIVE-IN on Midkiff Rd. is looking for car hops, part or full time. Evening or day shifts available. Wages plus good tips. Must be at least 16 years old. If you think your the right person, please apply in person 1109 N. Midkiff.

FIELD OPERATIONS Manager responsible for direct supervision of 10 -15 employees for oilfield company. Bilingual a plus. Includes preparation of detailed reports, DOT knowledge helpful. Must have good driving record with no more than two violations in past two years. Successful applicant will be required to pass physical and drug test. Competitive salary, medical benefits and 401K program. Send resume with salary requirements and references to BOX L-10 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

310 General Help Wanted

Part Time Income Up To $500 Monthly

Deliver the Midland Reporter-Telegram to homes and stores in the early morning hours and earn up to $500.00 per month, take home after expenses. 2 hours and you're done. Need by April 1, 1994 for Greenwood Area. $100 refundable deposit required. Call Marvin at 687-8805 anytime, leave message.

DELIVERY
DOMINOS PIZZA now hiring delivery drivers at our Scharbauer Dr. location. Full and part time positions, flexible hours, earn $6 - $9 per hour. Must be at least 18 years old, apply in person at our Scharbauer Dr. & A Street location.

HOUSEKEEPER/ Babysitter wanted. Approx. 15 hours per week. Please call 686-2070.

RESTAURANT
SUBWAY now hiring, night shift. Apply in person Friday, between 2-4, 1115 Andrews Hwy.

CABINETMAKER with experience needed. Please call Matt 687-2712, please leave message if no answer.

CASHIERS with experience needed for all shifts. Apply direct to E-Z Mart 2210 N. Big Spring.

GENERAL
APARMENT complex now hiring for maintenance and roofer positions. Must have experience. Apply at 5009 Rio Grande.

CUSTOMER Service Representative with experience needed for an established insurance agency. Agency background a plus. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume to BOX L-07 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

DIRECT care staff needed for full time and part time positions dealing with persons with mental retardation. Apply in person to 2806 Arrowhead Trail, Monday thru Friday, 8-5.

HAIRSTYLIST wanted with clientele. Apply in person ELAN, 2706 Cuthbert, Suite 205 or call 694-0061.

WINDOW TINTER/ TRIMMER
wanted. Experience required. Room for high, motivated and skilled person for growth. Send resume to 2403 McDonald, Midland Texas 79707 and call 520-2945.

FLORAL DESIGNER, with experience, being hired now for full time employment. EOE CRAFT'S ETC. 4706 N. Midkiff, no phone calls in person only between 1 - 6 Monday - Friday.

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Circulation District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has a position open immediately for a motivated, service oriented person looking to begin a career in the newspaper business. This position is responsible for recruiting, training and managing adult newspaper carriers.

Qualified applicants must have a good driving record and be willing to work a flexible schedule that includes many night hours. Previous circulation experience or college is a plus but not required. We will train the right individual. You will need dependable transportation as this job requires use of a personal car. Mileage is reimbursed through the company.

Apply in person or send resume to:

Christina McCarver
Midland Reporter-Telegram (DSM)
201 E. Illinois Ave.
Midland, TX 79701

Come Join Our Team!!!

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PHOTO COMPOSITION

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently accepting applications for a part time position in the department of Photo Composition. General duties include paste-up and ad composition. Night shift, days of the week will vary. Send resume or apply at:

Midland Reporter-Telegram/Photo
201 E. Illinois
Midland, TX 79702

RESTAURANT
Central Park USA
Quick Service Employees

The originator of the fast food double drive through concept is expanding nationwide and needs experienced fast food workers in Midland. Performance based promotions, great opportunity to grow.

Apply in person at:

CENTRAL PARK
908 Andrews Hwy

9 am-5 pm Monday - Friday

LARGE Midland Hotel is accepting applications for Maintenance Supervisor. Send response to BOX L-06 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

HOUSEKEEPER
NEED dependable housekeeper. Regular part time. Own telephone and car. Send replies to BOX L-15 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

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Distributorships Now Available

PART-TIME INCOME OPPORTUNITY

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has early morning routes which need to be filled with dependable individuals with reliable transportation. Often asked questions:

➥ Is it worthwhile for adults also?

YES! 95% of our Distributors ARE adults! Morning Routes are attractive for:

- ★ ADULTS who have fulltime jobs, yet want to supplement their income with a steady part-time job!
- ★ MOTHERS who can't justify a small job AND daycare, because as a Distributor, you don not need daycare!
- ★ COLLEGE STUDENTS needing a part-time job which will work with classes!
- ★ SENIOR CITIZENS wanting regular exercise, added retirement income, or just want to work with people, neighbors, and friends!

➥ How much money can I make as a Distributor?

Depending on the size of the route(s), from $350 to $800 monthly, in some cases...even more!

➥ OK...but how long does it take?

The actual delivery takes 1-2 hours Monday-Saturday, and 2-3 hours on Sunday, depending on the size of the route(s). Also some time is needed each month to collect from subscribers. Many Distributors choose to handle some of this by putting envelopes in the subscribers' papers and having payments mailed to them. Some collecting in person will be necessary though, particularly on some routes more than others.

➥ When do the papers have to be delivered by?

Papers must be on the yards by 6 am Monday-Friday, and 7 am on weekend mornings.

➥ Do I ever get a day off?

The job requires a 7-day a week commitment. However, most Distributors do take days off by finding a friend, family member, or another Distributor to substitute for them!

➥ What else?

An initial $100 refundable deposit is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT
MIDLAND REPORTER -TELEGRAM
688-2700 OR 682-5311

STUDENTS/YOUNG PEOPLE

AND OTHERS

AGES 14 AND UP

NEED CASH?

Begin earning cash immediately!You can earn **$25-$100 commission per week** getting new subscribers for the **Midland Reporter-Telegram**. We have exciting programs for Jr. High and High School students as well as others interest in earning good money and cash bonuses. Transportation, from your home and return, is available. No newspaper delivering involved. Call **Gerry or the Circulation Dept. at 687-8899.**

Part Time Income Up To $650 Monthly

Deliver the Midland Reporter-Telegram to homes and stores in the early morning hours and earn up to $650.00 per month, take home after expenses. 3 hours and you're done. Need by April 1, 1994 for Air Terminal $100 refundable deposit required. Call Pat Robinson at 688-2700 anytime, leave message.

Transmission Specialist
Mazda Specialist

GM Experience Preferred For Transmission Applicant and Foreign Car Experience Preferred For Mazda Applicant.

Benefits Include:

Paid Vacation · Retirement · Uniforms
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Jack Sherman
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MIDLAND, TEXAS
CUSTOMER SATISFACTION...FIRST
694-9601 4100 W. WALL 563-0214

SHOP TECHNICIAN

PART time position could possibly be full time, in a growing company, for a reliable person to work in cleaning - processing area, and assist in all phases of submersible pump testing.

Call for appointment:

699-7401

FRONT Desk Clerk needed. Apply in person 3708 W. Wall between 9 am-3 pm.

CUSTODIAN needed full time for Midland church, floor experience required. Send resume and references to BOX L-12 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

GENERAL

FASHION CLEANERS Has immediate openings in our cleaning and counter sales departments. We need dependable and friendly people. Must be drug free. Apply in person at 801 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701. 684-6657.

DISTRIBUTION

TIMES have changed. Gone are the days of children delivering newspaper routes on bicycles. TODAY Midland Reporter-Telegram distributorships are larger, and handled by adults with automobiles. People earning $400-$700 monthly to supplement their income. WE NOW HAVE ROUTES AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE ASSIGNMENT. A $100 refundable deposit is required. Call 688-2700 to apply.

310 General Help Wanted

SECRETARY

Small Midland Independent Oil and Gas Firm is now accepting applications for:

LAND SECRETARY/ANALYST

Responsibilities include analysis and preparation of leases; set up and maintenance of lease records; rental and shut-in payments; preparation of division orders, transfer orders assignments, and releases; title opinion curative; other office secretarial duties.

This is a non-supervised position and the applicant must be self motivated, energetic, and well organized. A minimum of five years experience is required. If interested, send resume, including compensation history to: BOX L-05 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702. All inquires confidential.

310 General Help Wanted

HAIR STYLISTS. Full time and part time, guaranteed salary, paid vacation. Pick up applications at Hairline, 2101 N. Midland Drive, 697-7010 or 14 Meta Drive, 684-8451.

SALON

LICENSED Cosmetologist position opening up. Must be neat and dependable. Clientele preferred but not necessary. Hourly wage plus commission. Apply in person at Great Expectations, Midland Park Mall. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT

DINO'S Pizzeria & Restaurant is now hiring. Apply in person Midland Dr. and Andrews Hwy.

RESTAURANT

SCHLOTZKSY'S now hiring all shifts. Clean working environment, good working conditions. Accepting applications from 7 am-11 am, Tuesday thru Friday.

RESTAURANT

MR. Reuben's Restaurant needs lunch hostess and bus person Monday through Friday. Apply in person only, corner of Midkiff and Cuthbert.

BARTENDER

NOW taking applications for part time Bartender. Apply in person only. Cattleman's Steak House 3300 N. Big Spring St.

LOUNGE

NOW accepting applications for experienced Bartenders, waitpersons, door person and host/ hostess. Apply in person Kenny's Lounge, 4400 N. Big Spring between 2-4 pm.

COOK

KINDER Care Learning Center has immediate opening for experienced cook. Must have High School diploma and be able to work any hours needed. Apply Monday thru Friday, 9 am-11 am at 4303 W. Illinois.

SERVICE PERSON for construction equipment rental company. Must have equipment knowledge. Apply in person 2700 Rankin Hwy.

MECHANIC. Small engines, lawn and garden. Must have experience. Apply in person 2700 S. Rankin Hwy.

DEPARTMENT STORE

PERMANENT positions needed in electronics, appliances, furniture, fashion and stocking, credit solicitor. Apply at Sears Personnel, Midland Park Mall.

MANAGEMENT

FIESTA FOODS is accepting applications for the position of night manager. A minimum of 1 years grocery experience is required. Excellent salary and benefits are offered. Apply in person at 2200 Rankin Hwy.

GENERAL SHOP HAND wanted. Must be a hard worker and able to keep up in a fast paced environment. $5.50 per hour. Send resume to P.O. Box 8309, Midland, Texas 79708.

RESTAURANT

PLAZA CLUB is presently accepting applications for all positions and food and beverage service and preparation. Apply between the hours of 3 pm - 5 pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

COMMERCIAL Producer. Qualifications: must have 2 years experience in videography and editing. Full time position, salary depending upon experience. Call KPEJ TV between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm for appointment. 563-2424.

ENTRY LEVEL

Management Trainee/Sales

We're a national transportation company with over 1700 offices and 30 years of success. Due to our continual growth, we're looking for college graduates with a willingness to learn all aspects of how to manage a business: sales, marketing and administration. It is essential that you have an outgoing personality and friendly disposition. Perspective candidates must be highly motivated, enjoy working in a fast-paced, extremely competitive industry and be able to successfully interact with the public. All promotions to our management team are based on performance and merit. Benefits include: profit sharing, paid medical, life insurance, as well as paid vacation days.

Applications being accepted Tuesday thru Thursday at:

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
3900 W. Wall
Midland, TX 79703

311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL Receptionist, experienced. Send resume to 3300 Haynes, Midland Texas 79707.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Progressive multiple dental practice is looking for highly motivated dental hygienist. Excellent benefits. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resumes to 4519 N. Garfield, Suite 16, Midland Texas 79705.

NURSE

NURSES UNLIMITED INC. Needs dynamic highly organized Registered Nurse to make home visits. Medicare experience preferred but not required. Must have 1 year experience in Med-Surg or ICU/CCU in acute care facility. For appointment contact Jo Zinz, RN, between 9 am-4 pm, Monday thru Friday. 520-0281 applications will be taken thru 3/25/94.

RECEPTIONIST wanted for busy Doctors office. Part time/ full time possible. Experience needed. Please call 570-7777 after 3 pm to set up interview.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ANCHOR/REPORTER

THE KOSA-TV News Department is searching for a weekend Anchor/ weekday Reporter. The ideal candidate should have at least one year commercial experience as an anchor/ producer and a dedication to news. Send tapes and resumes to: Kurt A. Kiser. KOSA-TV, 1211 N. Whitaker, Odessa, Texas 79763. No phone calls please.

Real Estate/Commercial Loan

SECRETARY

LOCAL BANK has immediate opening for Real Estate/Commercial Loan Secretary. To qualify, you must have a minimum of five years secretarial experience with two years in banking. Position requires PC Skills (WordPerfect 5.1 and Lotus) and Real Estate documentation experience. Salary DOE, EOE. Send resume to:

Personnel
P.O. Box 2254
Midland, TX 79702

BEAUTY

WANTED people who are highly motivated, dependable. Ground floor opportunity in day spa. Hair stylist, esthetician. Refer to #6903388 - 694-0061. EEOC. Paid for by employer.

ACCOUNTANT/ Bookkeeper needed part time. Need oil and gas experience and computer knowledge. Send resume to BOX K-01 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST

Local Lab seeking experienced molecular biologist for evening/ night shift with some weekend overtime. Minimum requirements include: BS/MS Degree in Molecular biology, microbiology or biochemistry and lab experience. Send resume to:

Position
P.O. Box 4791
Midland, Texas 79704

PRODUCTION ENGINEER. Established independent oil company is currently seeking a Production Engineer for our Midland Texas office. The ideal candidate will have a degree in engineering and 10 + years diversified experience in drilling, completion and production operations. All replies confidential. For consideration send your resume and salary history to BOX J-11 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Word Processing
Temporary Assignments
TEMP TIME 687-1545

JOIN Temporary Resources "Elite" team. Job opportunities and training for experienced office personnel. 684-0527.

CHURCH Secretary/ Bookkeeper needed. 30 hours per week; 9 am-4 pm. $7 per hour. Call Living Way Church at 683-1750.

SECRETARY - Small, independent oil and gas company seeking non-smoking individual. Must pass aptitude test. Starting salary between $1,000 - $1,200 DOE. Send replies to BOX L-02 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

LAND SECRETARY. Non-smoker, independent oil & gas company. Full time position, but will consider part time. Land and word processing experience needed. Salary DOE. Submit resume to Land Department, P.O. Box 3669, Midland, 79702. All resumes in strictest confidence.

LEGAL SECRETARY. Experience preferred. Professional appearance, 70 wpm, self-started. Available immediately. Knowledge of word helpful. Call between 8-11 am at 685-1005 or 512-520-1402.

RECEPTIONIST/ Sales Assistant. Duties include heavy phones and heavy typing. Experience a must. Salary requirements required. Send resume to: P.O. Box 61147, Midland, Tx 79711, Attention Beth Randall.

BOOKKEEPER for equipment rental firm with general ledger background and computer experience. Submit resume in person 2700 S. Rankin Hwy.

312 Professional Help Wanted

OPHTHALMIC TECH

with experience needed for growing eye practice. Salary based on tested knowledge of procedures. Please send resume to:

P.O. Box 8830
Midland Texas 79708

RECEPTIONIST needed for dental office. Experience preferred. Send resume to 3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 266, Midland Texas 79705.

DENTAL ASSISTING

Local dentist accepting applications for evening dental assisting classes. 10 week program, limited enrollment. Call today 915-694-5741.

316 Sales Help Wanted

Swbyp's

NEEDED!

- **Negotiation Skills**
- **Creativity**
- **Professionalism**

Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages has an opening for an experienced sales professional. If you have a successful track record in sales and possess the motivation and desire to work for one of the nation's leading directory advertising firms, it's time for you to move up to more rewarding and challenging position. We offer top earnings, great benefits and a superior product.

Processing involves qualifying on a written test and oral assessment. Job requires 6 weeks training out of town and overnight travel to service outlying towns.

Qualified sales candidates must have a minimum of three years commission sales experience and/or two years with a job related degree. If you have the qualifications, please send resume.

Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages
4119 Broadway, Room 120
Drawer GW
San Antonio, TX 78209
Equal Opportunity Employer

$1800 GUARANTEE!

Leading Import Dealer Looking For Salespeople

*8 Deliveries Guaranteed $1800/mo.
*Must Be Well Groomed
*Strong Desire To Succeed
*Previous Sales Experience not required
*Health Insurance Plan

APPLY IN PERSON MON.-FRI.
4040 W. WALL
MIDLAND, TX.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

V.I.P. TEMPORARIES. Call for Temp. or permanent jobs available now! No Fees. 686-9722.

RECEPTIONIST full time - immediate opening. Independent oil and gas company seeks person with front desk appearance for 7 line phone system and typing. Must have WorkPerfect experience. Salary $1000 per month. Send resume to Personnel Manager, P.O. Box 10369, Midland, 79702.

PART TIME RECEPTIONIST

Indefinite assignment available immediately for 2-3 afternoons a week. Hours will be 1-5 pm, will be answering phones, typing invoices and checks on IBM Selectric (accuracy a must), 10-key by touch. Non-smoking office. No fee. Bring resume to Fran at

TEMPORARY RESOURCES
1601 W. Texas

PART-TIME

Immediate opening for Receptionist with Oil & Gas Revenue exp. Hours are 8-12, M-F. Must be able to type letters on Word Perfect and do filing. Only those with experience need apply for this long term assignment. Call Vickey TODAY! No fee.

TEMPORARY RESOURCES
684-0527

STAFF Member needed in Doctor's office. Computer, transcription, scheduling appointments and working with Doctor and patients. Experience preferred. Bring resume to: 1300 W. Wall.

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Need secretary with strong data entry and computer skills. Must have WordPerfect and oil and gas revenue experience. Possible temp to perm. $7.50 per hr. No fee.

V.I.P.Temporaries
(915) 686-9722

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES REP

Experienced in sub surface rod pumps and supplies.

*Good Pay!
*Good Benefits!

Send resume to:
BOX H-11 c/o
Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, Texas 79702

SALES position opened at Great Wallpapers. Must work Saturdays, be bubbly and work well with public. Accepting applications at 3211 W. Wadley. No phone calls please.

SALES and service oriented person to work into ownership of established oil field equipment manufacturing company. Salary, car, expenses and insurance program. Knowledge of oil field helpful. Send resume to BOX K-06 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702. All inquires confidential.

SALES

SLEEP SHOP now hiring sales people. Experience helpful. Apply in person at 3303 W. Illinois, Midland Texas.

Call 682-6222 to place your ad!

335 Adult Care Needed

FEMALE live-in companion for elderly widow to provide light housekeeping and meals. References and resumes to BOX L-11 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702.

NEED room and board for Ambulatory elderly lady. Some assistance needed. 699-5525.

336 Adult Care Providers

HOME Health Aide with 17 years experience in all phases of caring for elderly and disabled. Available anytime day or night. Excellent references. 694-1363.

MORNING Glory Adult Home Care. Day, week or 24 hour care. References, nursing care, 24 hour staff. Come by and see anytime, 2705 W. Illinois or call 697-8749.

MISSION Adult Day Care Center Of Midland. Open 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Transportation arranged. Contact Tom Killingsworth or Freddie Utsman at 520-2242.

IN-HOME CARE. Home care for elderly and disabled in your home. Locally owned. 520-4425.

ADULT Home Care. 24 hour care. All needs are provided in my home. Call 697-3390.

340 Child Care Needed

NANNY

WATCH my three sons at my home. Must have reliable transportation. Monday - Friday. Call 520-3128.

EXPERIENCED sitter needed in my home for 15 month old child for occasional work outside the home. 7:30 am-5 pm. 683-2044, leave message.

341 Child Care Providers

DAY CARE in my home. Monday thru Friday, 6 am-6 pm. Meals and snacks. 570-7218.

GRANNY'S Playhouse, licensed, 18 months to 3 years. Monday thru Friday, 6:30-5:30. 4406 Thomason, 694-0104.

CHRISTIAN MOTHER with 12 years experience, providing child care in my home, any ages, Mon. - Fri., 7:30 - 5:30. Very reasonable rates. 699-6042.

QUALITY CHILD Care in my home with lunch/ snacks provided. Fairmont Park addition. 520-5121.

WILL babysit in my house for a low rate. Decent and clean house. Snacks and food provided. Call 689-9946.

RAINBOW CHRISTIAN DAY CARE 1009 W. Missouri. Age 2 weeks thru 12 years. 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. 683-5161.

REGISTERED Home Day Care has opening for 2 children, all ages. Call and feel free to see my home and ask questions. 682-1580.

THE Launching Pad. Registering children 18 months-12 years. $25-$50 per week. After school pickup available. CCMS welcome. 1605 N. Big Spring. 686-8262.

350 Business Opportunities

REAL Estate Opportunity. Get your real estate license quickly. Short state accredited courses. Day, weekend, evenings. Southwest College, 683-4555.

CASH BUSINESS

EARN $100K/Year &
$59K Investment Required.

F.G.I. 1-800-210-3561

WE have $CASH$ Buyers for your business! Any size, any type! Hamilton & Associates, Business Brokers. 550-4610.

320 Skilled Trades

TELEMARKETING

Telemarketing positions now available. Excellent opportunities to earn high commission in new subscription television industry. Training provided. Flexible hours.

Midessa Wireless Cable
520-0163

CONSTRUCTION

EXPERIENCED iron and sheet metal workers for erection purposes. Must be able to travel. Salary depending on experience. 915-686-9019.

CONSTRUCTION

LOCAL Construction company hiring structural steel and process equipment erectors. Inquire at 561-5605.

PLUMBERS

EXPANDING Midland based plumbing company looking for licensed Journeymen and Master Plumbers. ONLY respond if you have a license or 3 years documented experience in plumbing. Professionalism in Experience & Good Attitude a necessity. For interview call 915-687-4198.

SALES

SMALL Business. We are looking for 2 full time people. Call 570-5550 10 am-3 pm Wednesday-Friday.

WELL located operating Day Care for sale. Includes real estate and all equipment. Excellent opportunity. Send replies to BOX K-02 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702.

FOR Sale. 3 bay - full service station fully stocked and equipped. Excellent location. 683-9582.

VET CLINIC for sale. Large animals, ostrich pens and hatchery area, 10 acres, office and new 2 bedroom house. Great investment. $275,000. Owner will carry for qualified buyer. Call Louise Culver, 1-915-682-9835 or Carriage Company Realtors, 1-800-229-9708.

ABSOLUTELY the most exciting opportunity to make more money in 1994 only if you seize this moment now. Call 1-800-557-7781, then call me 806-462-7386, between 8 am and 12 pm.

400 Auctions

CHEST that makes into a bed $100, Buffet and China Cabinet with marble top from Belgium, Beautiful clocks and etc. All music boxes 20% off, Melody in Motion, beautiful quilts, old dolls, AM & FM Antiques 1025 N. Dixie, Odessa. 332-7490.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

BUDDY'S FLOWERS
Going Out Of Business
Door Wreaths, Silk Flowers, Baskets, Office Supplies, Office Furniture, Homecoming Supplies, Christmas Decorations.
Mon.-Sat. 9:30-5 1505 W. Wall

HOT Tub, redwood enclosed, hard cover, complete. $1,850. 683-6107.

ALMOST NEW, 9 ft. Birdview Satellite and receiver. Less than half price. 362-3733.

CHAIRS $10 to $45 - desks $15 to $150 - credenzas - tables - files - safes - Cannon, IBM, Olivetti correcting and memory typewriters $75 to $195 - Microfiche readers and printers $10 to $45 - much more - Rainbow Trade Center 1503 W. Industrial Avenue. 570-4408.

CLOTHING AND display racks, $10 to $50. Rentals available. Rainbow Trade Center, 1503 W. Industrial Ave, 570-4408.

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CLOSE OUT! on all Singer Sewing machines at cost or below. Midland Sewing Center. 20 A Village Circle. (Village Shopping Center) Now open Sundays, 10 - 3.

POOLS, above ground. Very limited supply left over from last year! Must Sell! Terms, installation available. 563-1807.

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405 Garage / Yard Sales

79706

COLLECTION OF bottles, old radios, clocks, 50 new lavatories, lamps, lots of miscellaneous. Thursday - Saturday. 1404 E. Co. Rd. 120. (off Rankin Hwy).

79701

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CLOTHING AND display racks, $10 to $50. Rentals available. Rainbow Trade Center, 1503 W. Industrial Ave, 570-4408.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program Parent Group ★ ANNUAL SALE! ★ Friday, 3/25 Preview Sale- 7-9 pm, $3 Adults, children free. Saturday 3/26- 8-6 pm, Sunday 3/27- 12-5 pm. 3200 Bankhead (directly behind Berg Motor). We have everything, even the kitchen sink! 01

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WASHERS, dryers, silk flowers with vases, ceramics. Booth 24, Rainbow Trade Center. 1503 Industrial. Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. 01

SALLY'S CREATIONS. Crafts (special orders taken), clothing, jewelry, miscellaneous. 3313 Rankin Hwy., Monday-Sunday. 01

MONDAY-Sunday! 10-6, 3313 Rankin Highway. Crafts, jewelry, clothing and miscellaneous. LaRue's Treasure Place. 01

EXERCISE glider, tires, chest of drawers, love seat, miscellaneous. Cash only. Friday, 9-2, 1607 N. Big Spring. 01

MOVING Sale! Electric range, refrigerator, lawn mowers, misc. 8 to 6, Friday and Saturday, 2614 Roosevelt. 01

BUDDY's FLOWERS
GARAGE SALE PRICES
Door Wreaths, Silk Flowers, Baskets, Office Supplies, Office Furniture, Homecoming Supplies, Christmas Decorations.
Thursday - Satuarday 9 am-5 pm
1505 W. Wall

79703

MOVING Sale in backyard. Furniture, tires, garden tools, crafts. 4722 W. Storey. All day Friday and Saturday. 03

515 S. BENTWOOD, Friday & Saturday, 7:30 - ? Queen size headboard and miscellaneous. 03

MULTIPLE FAMILY SALE-Thursday only, 9-12. Large womens clothing, childrens all sizes, bentwood rocker, toys, miscellaneous. 4715 Country Club. 03

4701 BROOKDALE, Thursday only, 10 - ? Backyard sale. Couch, loveseat, beds, furniture, lots of miscellaneous, clothes racks, cash register. 03

79705

MOVING SALE, 3001 Gulf at Northrup, Thursday thru Saturday. New sample books K-12, 10 speed bike, lawn furniture, garden tools, kitchen, ladies and mens clothing, luggage and much more. 05

MEN's Left Handed golf clubs, mini blinds, curtain rods, curtains and drapes. 3200 Camarie. Saturday only 8:30-1:30.

FRIDAY and Saturday, 9 to 3, 4510 Watson Ct. (behind Mission Square on N. Big Spring). Baseball cards, hobby stuff, games, books, Heartland dishes-service for 7 with additional pieces, decorating items, window and shower curtains, lamps, bedspreads, baskets, odds and ends, no clothes. 05

79705

THURSDAY and Friday 8 am-4 pm, 4506 Watson Ct. Sofa and chair, refrigerator, lawn mower, baby clothes (newborn-tot), adult clothes, shoes and miscellaneous. 05

MOVING SALE- 2519 Gulf. Sectional sleeper sofa, clothes, TV, Nordic Track, miscellaneous. Saturday 26th. 8 am-2 pm.

4805 PINE MEADOW. Dishes - service for 12, Ladies size 10B shoes, Christmas tree, florals, typewriter, 15" Ford wheel and tire, baby clothes & accessories. Friday & Saturday. 05

2200 CULVER, Friday, 6 PM - 8 PM. Saturday & Sunday. Baby bed/ clothes/ tub/ swing/ toys, youth bed, TV couch, desk, credenza, bicycles, tools, fishing equipment, miscellaneous. Dodge 1977 Monarch, runs, $200. 05

FRIDAY Only, 2509 Emerson, 8 am-2 pm. Western, L'Amour and old books, electric cooktop and venthood, camper shell for a small longbed pickup, clothing and lots of miscellaneous! 05

1609 WINDFIELD, Friday and Saturday, 9-1. TV, VCR, receiver, speakers, answering machine, cassette player, mower, vacuum. 05

THURSDAY only, 9-5, 1601 Shell. No early sales. Apple computer, lots of household goods, couches, vacuum cleaner, dryer, all in good condition. Many clothes infant girls to size 14 ladies. 05

ESTATE SALE. Saturday only, 9 am to 6 pm. Furniture, TV, sofa, antiques, clothes size 14-16. 2607 Ward Street. 05

79707

BLOCK SALE! 5100 Block of Concho. Bikes, TV's, kids - adult clothing, toys, lawn mower, books, washer and dryer, furniture. Friday - Saturday 8 - ? 07

MULTI FAMILY SALE. 4301 Crestwood (in alley). Friday - Saturday 8 am-1 pm.

2102 ABBEY Place, Thursday only, 9 am-? Electric stove, dining room set and miscellaneous baby items. 07

ESTATE SALE
4419 Stanolind
Friday-Saturday 10 - 6
Sunday 1 - 5

Over 700 cookbooks, over 2,000 hardbacks, over 1,000 paperbacks, over 1,000 records, Depression glass, Fiesta, Enamelware, crystal, 100's of pots and pans, costume jewelry, size 4 1/2 - 5/1/2 ladies shoes, linens, sofas, chairs, tables, beds, dressers, filing cabinet, TV's, washer, dryer, microwave, Christmas, tools, sewing machine, Avon, 100's of knick knacks and too much more to mention.

Services provided by Cat's Meow
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4304 BOULDER, Friday only, 8-2. Furniture, baby items and miscellaneous. 07

MULTI Family Sale. Friday and Saturday only, 8:30. No early sales. Bicycles, Little Tikes toys, furniture, computer, books, bedspreads, linens, children and adult clothes and lots of miscellaneous. 3403 Dentcrest. 07

MOVING SALE, Thursday only, 8:30 to 12:30. Refrigerator, bar stools, toys, clothes, and much more. Everything must go. 2705 Dora Place. 07

FRIDAY ONLY, 9-1, 3604 Northfield. Needle work, paints, fabric, child and adult clothing, toys and household goods. 07

FRIDAY/ SATURDAY, 8 AM to 5 PM. Dryer, bicycles, mower, womens, girls, boys clothes, crib, high chair, toys, curtains, bedding, and miscellaneous. 4301 Reading, (corner of Reading & Stratton). 07

430 Household Goods

I BUY working TV's, stereos, VCR's, dinettes, livingroom sets, dressers, bedding, air conditioners, gas stoves, etc. 570-4408 Gary.

ADMIRAL, 16 cu ft. Frigidaire, dual temp controls, bronze color, $400. TAPPAN washer/ dryer, stacked, $350. 689-0507.

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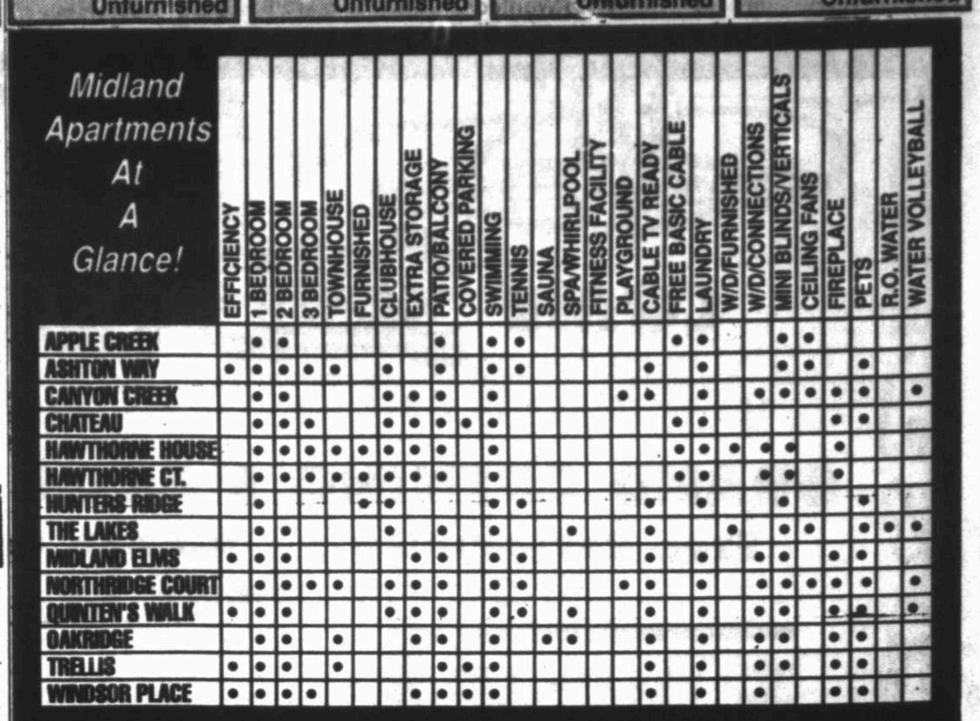

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A Healthy Weekend Ahead

Two events taking place this weekend will allow West Texas families to enjoy healthier lives.

Saturday, March 26th is Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the city of Odessa. From 9:00 am till 5:00 pm, the city's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility will be accepting a variety of common - and dangerous - materials, many of which we come in contact with every day. Proper handling of these materials helps prevent the contamination of the environment that results from careless disposal.

These materials include paint and varnish, solvents, pesticides and herbicides, drain openers, oven cleaners, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids, batteries, and any products labeled "Caution", "Warning", "Danger" or "Poison".

The City of Odessa, and the Odessa Litterbusters, co-sponsors of the event, ask that the materials be delivered in their original containers, and caution that the materials not be mixed together. Make sure the containers are sealed and that there is no leakage. Explosives and industrial products will not be accepted, nor will containers with capacity larger than one gallon (with the exception of motor oil and paint).

Materials should be transported in the trunk of the automobile or the bed of the pickup truck, away from passengers. Materials should be handled by adults only.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is north of the intersection of Golder Avenue and 42nd Street, next to the Time Machine Recycling Center.

Education about the dangers of certain household products is also a concern. Products that may be poisonous are often not stored properly, especially in homes with young children, who could become accidentally poisoned. Even adults are at risk if some products are not used properly or in conditions where there is not adequate ventilation.

For information on what types of products are hazardous, and to learn more about proper, safe handling of these products, you may contact the Odessa Litterbusters at 333-1299, or the City of Odessa Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 362-0172.

Health of another kind is on the mind of organizers "Give Your Child A Shot of Love" a free immunization day for children being held Saturday, March 26th, at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane, in Midland, from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm.

Across the nation, Texas ranks 49th among states, for children 0-2 years-of-age receiving vaccinations. Because dozens of Texas children die

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Border Patrol Official Willing to Listen to Fence Alternatives

SUNLAND PARK, N.M. (AP) — A Border Patrol official says he's willing to listen to Sunland Park town leaders who are troubled by the federal agency's plan to build a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border in southern New Mexico.

"If anybody has an idea of an alternative, I'm willing to consider it," said Chief Agent Silvestre Reyes. "But at this point we're going ahead with our original plan."

Reyes, who heads the agency's El Paso sector that covers part of West Texas and all of New Mexico, said the 10-foot-high barrier is needed along Sunland Park's landlocked border with Mexico to protect agents stationed there as part of a 20-mile blockade against illegal immigration.

But city councilors want a town hall meeting with him to discuss alternatives to the proposed fence. And Mayor Irene Aguirre has vowed to stop plans to build the 1.3-mile steel fence and said she fears it would jeopardize Sunland Park's 25-year-old dream opening a border crossing.

The fence would cut through 50 acres designated for the port of entry.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is studying the fence's environmental impact and will use results to determine whether to approve and fund the

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Las escrituras en la pared

By Jeffrey McDonald

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Completed mural on the wall of a business north of downtown Midland done by the CityArt and KidsArt Programs

Hay un dicho viejo acerca de 'la escritura en la pared', y qué debemos aprender si somos capaces de leer esa escritura. En el Oeste Tejas, la escritura en la pared esta en muchas formas, en la forma mas literal siendo esta graffiti (pintar las paredes en forma vandálica) que marcan en la paredes de las casas y en las paredes de los negocios por toda la región. Y no todo el mundo está feliz con lo que aprenden de esto.

"Una mayoría del graffiti (pintar vandalicamente las paredes) es simplemente una marca de territorio, y es hecha por gente que o pertenecen a pandillas o imaginan estar en una pandilla," explica el Detective Doug Hurt del Departamento de Policía de Midland. "Es como una firma, exhibiendo donde esta su área, y donde viven." Pero la firma de una persona a menudo es el vandalismo de otra persona. El costo para quitar este vandalismo puede costarles a los negocios y a los propietarios de casas una gran cantidad de tiempo, esfuerzo, y dinero.

Según Hurt, puede tomar de tres a cuatro capas de pintura para cubrir los logos y lemas que las pandillas identifican ellos mismos y marcan su territorio. Para un negocio de Midland, actualmente el vandalismo por 'graffiti', le cuesta $1,200.00. En los casos más severos- paredes de ladrillo, por ejemplo- remover el 'graffiti' debe requerir el proceso más esmerado y costoso de limpieza de arena.

La necesidad por tales medidas es en el levantamiento.

"A llegado a ser más severo en los últimos dos años," dice Hurt. Lo estamos viendo al 'fin del lado Oeste" ahora, donde no lo veíamos mucho, lo vemos más y más. "

"En el 'lado este', en áreas donde nosotros lo veíamos, a llegado a ser mas prevaleciente en los últimos años."

Pero si este vandalismo va en aumento, así es la contestación de la comunidad. Este fin de semana pasada, la ciudad de Odessa juntó con la Cámara de Comercio y comercios del área

The Writing on the Wall

By Jeffrey McDonald

There is an old saying about 'the writing on the wall', and what we might learn if we were able to read that writing. In West Texas, the writing on the wall comes in many forms, the most literal form being the graffiti that marks the walls of homes and businesses throughout the region. And not everyone is happy with what they learn from it.

"A majority of the graffiti is simply a marking of territory, and it's done by people who either are in gangs or imagine that they are in a gang," explained Detective Doug Hurt of the Midland Police Department. "It's like a signature, showing where their area is, and where they live."

But one person's signature is often another person's vandalism. The cost to remove that vandalism can charge business and homeowners a great deal of time, effort, and money.

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Ban censorship, not literature

By Margarita Engle

A bookstore in my community recently displayed volumes that are banned by various school districts and libraries all over the United States. Observing the astonishing array of harmless classics, I felt a chill of apprehension.

Encouraging children to avoid becoming racist, sexist, cultist and violent is different than protecting them from an awareness of those dangers. Banning books such as "Animal Farm" and "Fahrenheit 451" sounds ludicrous, but school districts do it every day. These books are not only appropriate reading for teen-agers, they are warnings against tyranny.

Are we so arrogant that we feel immunized against all threats to freedom? Is dictatorship in the United States impossible? Limiting freedom of expression is usually the first step toward it, followed by suppression of dissident journalism and other information sources.

My concern comes not just because I'm a writer, but because as a Cuban American, I am particularly wary of any form of censorship. In Cuba, mail is still censored and phone calls are monitored. Nearly all foreign periodicals are prohibited; all news media are strictly controlled by the State.

On the street, at work and even within homes, comments overheard during private conversations are often reported to the secret police, who then arrest and "re-educate" the offenders. Even relatives of dissidents risk punishment.

George Orwell's "Animal Farm" is one of numerous literary works banned in Cuba. Ironically, as the result of a U.S.-based Freedom House effort to smuggle miniature translations onto the island, Cuban teen-agers now have access to a freedom-loving fable banned by many school districts in the United States.

According to Article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression ... and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

Who will smuggle ideas into the United States if we give up our right to read, consider and accept or reject them?

Censorship is hitting us from all sides. Many Christians want to ban Halloween stories, while atheists want to prohibit tales of faith. Books that allude to God stand little chance of being read in our public schools, even though Native American and African creation stories are promoted as "folklore." I refuse to believe that official atheism was the goal of our Founding Fathers when they separated Church and State.

Fear is the only basis for censorship. I wonder often if any of my island relatives will be persecuted if fictional characters in my

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Prohiban la censura, no la literatura

Por Margarita Engle

Una librería de mi comunidad exhibió recientemente volúmenes que están prohibidos por varios distritos escolares y bibliotecas de todos los Estados Unidos. Al observar el despliegue asombroso de clásicos inofensivos, sentí un escalofrío de aprensión.

El alentar a los niños a evitar convertirse en racistas, sexistas, cultistas y violentos es distinto que el protegerlos de estar al tanto de esos peligros. El prohibir libros tales como "Animal Farm" y "Fahrenheit 451" suena absurdo, pero los distritos escolares lo hacen a diario. Estos libros son no solamente lectura aptopiada para los adolescentes, sino que son advertencias contra la tiranía.

¿Somos tan arrogantes que nos sentimos inmunizados contra todas las amenazas a la libertad? ¿Es imposible la dictadura en los Estados Unidos? El limitar a la libertad de expresión es de costumbre el primer paso hacia ella, seguida por la supresión del periodismo inconforme y de otras fuentes de información.

Mi preocupación nace no sólo de que yo sea escritora, siho de que, en mi calidad de cubano-americana, me siento precavida especialmente hacia cualquier forma de censura. En Cuba, el correo está censurado todavía y las llamadas telefónicas son interceptadas. Casi todas las publicaciones extranjeras están prohibidas; todos los medios de información están controlados estrictamente por el estado.

En la calle, en el trabajo y hasta dentro de los hogares, los comentarios que se escuchan durante las conversaciones privadas son informados con frecuencia a la policía secreta, que entonces arresta y "vuelve a educar" a los infractores. Hasta los familiares de los inconformes se arriesgan a ser castigados.

La obra "Animal Farm" (La Granja de los Animales) de George Orwell es una de las numerosas obras literarias que están prohibidas en Cuba. Irónicamente, como resultado de una gestión de Freedom House, basada en los Estados Unidos, para entrar de contrabando traducciones en miniatura en la isla, los adolescentes cubanos tienen acceso ahora a una fábula de amor a la libertad que está prohibida por muchos distritos escolares en los Estados Unidos.

Según el Artículo 19 de la Declaración Universal de los Derechos Humanos de las Naciones Unidas, "todo el mundo tiene el drecho a las libertades de opinión y de expresión ... y a procurar, recibir e impartir información e ideas a través de cualesquiera medios y sin que importen las fronteras."

¿Quién pasará ideas de contrabando a los Estados Unidos si renunciamos a nuestro derecho a leerlas, estudiarlas y aceptarlas o rechazarlas?

La censura nos está golpeando por todos lados. Muchos cristianos quieren prohibir los relatos de Halloween, mientras que los ateos quieren prohibir los relatos de fe. Los libros que aluden a Dios tienen pocas probabilidades de ser leídos en nuestras escuelas públicas, aunque los relatos de los nativos norteamericanos y de los africanos sobre la creación son promovidos como "folklore." Me niego a creer que el ateísmo oficial haya sido el objetivo de nuestros Padres Fundadores cuando separaron a la Iglesia del Estado.

El temor es la única base de la censura. A menudo me pregunto si cualesquiera de mis familiares en la isla serán perseguidos si los personajes imaginarios de mis libros son estimados como reales. Si atrapan a mis primos escribiéndome, ¿serán castigados? De este modo, la censura controla no sólo a un país, sino a dos.

A medida que mis hijos crezcan, espero que sean libres para leer omnívoramente todo, desde Shakespeare, a pesar del anti-

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Second-Largest Magazine Aimed at Hispanics Moving to Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Hispanic magazine, with a circulation of about 225,000, will move its offices to Austin from Washington, one of the owners has confirmed.

"Texas and California are the heart of Hispanic America, and we felt that (Austin) was a good place to go," Fred Estrada of Miami told the Austin American-Statesman.

Estrada said he lived in the Houston area for more than a decade. Also, his son, Alfredo Estrada, who is publisher, editor and co-owner of the magazine, is a 1984 graduate of the University of Texas Law School.

The elder Estrada said 18 to 20 staff members will work in the magazine's Austin office. The magazine will keep sales offices in New York, Washington, Detroit, Los Angeles and Chicago, and will continue to be printed in Florida, he said.

Published monthly except for a January-February issue, Hispanic has the second-largest circulation of magazines aimed at the nation's Hispanic community, Estrada said.

The largest, Vista, is published as an insert for newspapers and has a circulation of about 1.2 million. It is also owned by Estrada and his son.

Vista will continue to be published in Coral Gables, Fla.

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First small business consortium receives smart jobs fund money

The Texas Department of Commerce Smart Jobs Fund Program awarded its first consortium grant to three small companies. The Austin companies of MyTech, Smart-Mail, and Wallace Engraving Company make up the consortium. Each of the three companies will receive $16,000 to retrain a total of 29 workers. Funding small businesses applying as a consortium is one priority of the Smart Jobs Fund Program.

"Accepting applications from a consortium of small businesses is intended to level the playing field for all Texas companies," said Texas Department of Commerce Acting Executive Director Deborah Kastrin. "A consortium increases the ability of small Texas business to access government services. We encourage business and government to work together to provide higher skills and better jobs for Texans."

My Tech, a small high-tech company with 22 employees, is in the lighting and control industry. The company designs and manufactures occupancy sensing and lighting controls for energy conservation. MyTech's goal is to improve business procedures to compete effectively with offshore manufacturers. The company also hopes participation in a consortium will lead to the development of an ISO 9000 program.

Smart-Mail is a direct mail service firm providing computer management of customer mailing lists and mailroom processing of business bulk mail for delivery by the U.S. Postal Service. The firm is participating in a consortium to prepare existing key managers for new and changing responsibilities based on customer requirements.

Wallace Engraving is a leading regional provider of complete prepress services, including color separation, postscript image setting, digital retouching, composite imaging, electronic film imposition, film stripping, color proofing, and type setting. Through participation in a consortium, Wallace Engraving hopes to increase productivity, increase profitability, and experience greater customer satisfaction and better employee relations.

All Texas businesses are eligible for Smart Jobs money. Sixty percent of the Smart Jobs funds must go to existing Texas businesses that have been established for at least one year. Forty percent should go to new businesses. Of that 100 percent, at least 50 percent of the grants will go to small businesses of less than 100 employees, and at least 20 percent of the money will be awarded to minority businesses. Smart Jobs money can be used for adult worker customized training and retraining, and can be used as a financial incentive for companies to move to Texas.

The Smart Jobs Fund Program was passed by the Texas Legislature in February 1993. Start-up funding for each year of the 1994-1995 biennium has been approved for $3.1 million and $4.5 million respectively. Matching grants are awarded to Texas businesses for training new workers or upgrading existing worker's skills. Business owners needing more information about the Smart Jobs Fund Program or obtaining an application should call 800/888-0511.

Del Departamento de Comercio de Tejas

El Departamento de Comercio de Tejas Fundación de Programas de Trabajos Astutos adjudicó su primer consorcio otorgándolo a tres pequeñas compañías. Las compañías de Austin de MyTech, Smart-Mail, y grabados Wallace componen el consorcio. Cada una de las compañías reciben $16,000 para retener un total de 29 empleados. Fondos de pequeños negocios aplicando como consorcios es una de las prioridades del Programa de Fondos de Trabajos Astutos (Smart Jobs Fund Program).

"Aceptando solicitudes de consorcios de pequeños negocios es intenta a niveles de juegos de campo para todas las empresas Tejanas," dice la Directora Ejecutiva del Departamento de Comercio de Acciones de Tejas, Deborah Kestrin. "El consorcio aumenta la habilidad de una pequeña empresa Tejana con acceso a los servicios gubernamentales. Alentamos a los negocios y al gobierno para trabajar juntamente para proveer habilidades superiores y trabajos mejores para los Tejanos.

"MyTech, una compañía pequeña de alta tecnología con 22 empleados, está en la iluminación y en el mando de la industria. La compañía diseña y fabrica censos y control de iluminación para conservación de energía. La meta de MyTech's es mejorar los procedimientos del negocio para competir efectivamente con fabricantes de mar afuera. La compañía también espera participación en un consorcio para conducir al desarrollo de un programa ISO 9000.

Smart-Mail es una empresa de servicio directo de correo proveyendo manejo por computadora de listas de clientes de envio de correo y cuarto de correo procesando bultos de correo de empresas para entrega en los Estados Unidos. Servicio Postal. La empresa esta participando en un consorcio para preparar a manejadores claves para nuevos y cambiar responsabilidades basadas en los requerimientos del cliente.

Wallace es el líder proveedor regional de servicios completos de preprensa, incluyendo la separación de colores, imágenes de posdata, retoque digital, imagen compuesto, imposición de cinta electrónica, desmantelar cinta, prueba de color y puesta de teclados. A través de participación en un consorcio, Grabados Wallace espera aumentar productividad, incremento de rentabilidad de, y aumentar la satisfacción del cliente y mejor relacione con el empleado. Todo los comercios de

Tejas son elegibles para el programa de Trabajo Astuto. Sesenta porciento de los fondos del Programa de Trabajo Astuto van a caer a ya existentes comercios de Tejas que han estado establecidos por lo menos un año. Cuarenta porciento debe de ir a comercios nuevos. De ese 100 porciento, por lo menos 50 porciento de las concesiones irá a comercios pequeños menores de 100 empleados, y por lo menos 20 porciento del dinero se adjudicará a comercios de la minoría. Dinero del Programa de Trabajo Astuto puede ser usado por trabajador adulto con instrucción personalizada y reentrenada y puede ser usado como un incentivo financiero para compañías cambiarse a Tejas.

Se pasó el Programa de Fondos de Trabajos Astutos por la Legislatura de Tejas en febrero de 1993. Ponga en marcha el fondo por cada año de 1994-1995 bienal a sido aprobado por $3.1 millón y $4.5 millones respectivamente. Hacer juego con concesiones son adjudicadas con comercios de Tejas para entrenamiento de nuevos empleados o perfeccionar las habilidades de los ya existentes trabajadores. Dueños de negocios que necesitan más información acerca del Programa de Fondos de Trabajos Astutos o para obtener una solicitud debe llamar 800/888-0511.

OPINION

Juntos, los Americanos pueden comenzar una revolución

Charley Reese

Aquí esta una lección en lo obvio: Cualquiera ley que pase puede ser derogada; cualquiera agencia de gobierno creado puede ser abolida; cualquiera apropiación hecha puede poner a cero el año próximo fiscal.

Uno de los trucos favoritos de los políticos contemporáneos son compadecerse con sus electores acerca de alguna causa de gobierno y entonces encogerse de hombros impotentemente y decir, "Bien, así es la ley."

La contestación propia de un ciudadano a la presentación de ese perro y a ese potro es decir, "Sé que es la ley, usted bozo, y ustedes vagos lo pasaron y espero que lo derogen.

"¿Después de todo, qué es la ventaja de ser una democracia si nosotros dejamos que se haga trampa en la creencia que se pasan cualesquier ley, que se escriba cualesquier regla, y cualesquier burocracia sea creada son como permanentes e inalterable como los Alpes?

La ventaja de una democracia es que si usted pasa una ley mala, usted puede enmendar o revocarla; si crea una burocracia que este mal, puede abolirla; si promulga un programa y no trabaja, puede detenerla; y si elige un político quien no hace el trabajo, puede echarlo de la oficina en la elección próxima.

Políticos por alguna razón son aborrecidos al derogar cualquier ley, de cualquier modo que inúti; o pernicioso. A veces pienso que no quieren que nos demos cuenta de que realmente vivimos en un estado democrático. En mis días temprano como reportero, pase frente a un sabio empleado elegido por la corte quien era amigable y cooperativo y pregunte solo una cosa que pusimos su nombre en el periódico.

El no quería que demasiadas personas se dieran cuenta de que la oficina a la que el había sido electo y, caramba, su estrategia trabajo. Nadie se enfrentó como adversario en campaña política contra él.

El estado es tan sólido como invariable como la Roca de Gibraltar. No es, por supuesto. Tenemos, que agradecer a Dios, el poder organizar una revolución política cada dos años sin disparar un tiro.

Usted se da cuenta de que cada dos años tenemos la oportunidad de descargar 435 miembros de la Casa y un tercio de los Estadios Unidos ¿Senado? Piense qué terremoto político seria! Al decir verdad, cambiar 150 diputados en un golpe registrarían un buen 6 o 7 en la escala política Richter.

Qué haríamos nosotros los Americanos es exactamente qué muchos de los políticos titulares no quieren que hagamos reconocer y entender que el destino de las naciones descansan en nuestras manos, no en la de ellos. No tiene que hablar acerca de comisionar a las personas. Se autorizan a las personas Americanas ya. Cada dos años, tenemos el poder de bajar un gobierno y radicalmente cambiar el rumbo del país si escogemos hacer eso.

Naturalmente, si somos perezosos e ignorantes; si nosotros nunca somos despertados de nuestra apatía excepto por algo que nos prometa algo, entonces, como ovejas, trasquiladas por las más alertas personas en la sociedad.

Algunas personas creen que es un pecado no tomar a un ventajoso por todo su valor, y quizá tienen razón.

El gran arma de la cuadrilla que del estado, de cualquier modo que, es división. La última cosa en el mundo que ellos quieren es para los Americanos que lleguen a ser unidos, y eso es el porque ellos son eternamente promotores de diferencias raciales, fiesta, filosóficos, ideológicos, edad, étnico, sexo, usted nómbrelo. Cualquier cosa que divida a los Americanos y nos mantenga en manejables grupos pequeños, preferentemente odiándonos unos a los otros.

Nada nuevo acerca de las estrategias. Dividida y conquista es tan vieja como las espadas y la sangre. Se a sobrevivido todo estos milenios porque trabaja. Mantenga a las personas Americanas divididos y nunca se darán cuenta de su potencial, nunca sabrán quienes son realmente sus enemigos, y nunca usaremos ese poder que nuestros antepasados nos dieron para hacer de nuestras vidas algo mejor como moderadas por una norma nacional.

Charley Reese

Together, Americans can start revolution

Here's a lesson in the obvious: Any law passed can be repealed; any government agency created can be abolished; any appropriation made can be zeroed out the next fiscal year.

One of the favorite tricks of contemporary politicians is to commiserate with their constituents about some government-caused problem and then shrug their shoulders helplessly and say, "Well, that's the law."

The proper response of a citizen to that dog and pony show is to say, "I know it's the law, you bozo, and you bums passed it and I expect you to repeal it."

After all, what is the advantage of being a democracy if we allow ourselves to be conned into the belief that whatever laws are passed, whatever rules are written, and whatever bureaucracies are created are as permanent and unchangeable as the Alps?

The advantage of a democracy is that if you pass a bad law, you can amend or repeal it; if you create a bureaucracy that runs badly, you can abolish it; if you enact a program and it doesn't work, you can stop it; and if you elect a politician who isn't doing the job, you can throw him out of office at the next election.

Politicians for some reason are loathe to repeal any law, however useless or pernicious. I sometimes think they don't want us to realize that we really do live in a democratic state. In my early days as a reporter, I ran across a wise elected court clerk who was friendly and cooperative and asked only one thing — that we never put his name in the newspaper.

He didn't want too many people to realize that the office he held was elective and, by golly, his strategy worked. Nobody ever ran against him.

Status quo is as solid and unchangeable as the Rock of Gibraltar. It's not, of course. We have, thank God, the power to stage a political revolution every two years without firing a shot.

Do you realize that every two years we have the opportunity to dump 435 members of the House and a third of the U.S. Senate? Think what a political earthquake that would be! As a matter of fact, just changing 150 congressmen at one whack would register a good 6 or 7 on the political Richter scale.

What we Americans must do is exactly what most incumbent politicians don't want us to do — recognize and understand that the destiny of the nation rests in our hands, not theirs. You don't have to talk about empowering the people. The American people are already empowered. Every two years, we have the power to bring down a government and radically change the course of the country — if we choose to do so.

Naturally, if we are lazy and ignorant; if we are never aroused from our apathy except by some tinhorn promising us something, then we will, like sheep, be shorn by the more alert people in the society.

Some people believe it is a sin not to take a sucker for all he's worth, and maybe they're right.

The big weapon of status quo gang, however, is division. The last thing in the world they want is for Americans to become united, and that's why they are eternally promoting differences — racial, party, philosophical, ideological, age, ethnic, sex, you name it. Anything to divide Americans and keep us in manageable little cliques, preferably hating each other.

Nothing new about the strategy. Divide and conquer is as old as swords and blood. It's survived all these millennia because it works. Keep the American people divided and they will never realize their potential, they will never know who their real enemies are, and they will never use that power our forefathers gave us to make our lives better.

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According to Hurt, it may take up to three or four coats of paint to cover the logos and slogans by which the gangs identify themselves and mark their territory. For one Midland business, recently vandalized by graffiti, that will cost $1,200.00 . In the most severe cases - brick walls, for example - removing graffiti may require the more painstaking and expensive process of sandblasting.

The need for such measures is on the rise.

"It has become increasingly more severe over the last two years," said Hurt. We're seeing it in the 'west end' now, where we didn't used to see it much, we're seeing it more and more."

"In the 'east side', in areas where we are used to seeing it, it has become more prevalent over the last few years."

But if this vandalism is on the rise, so is the community's response. This past weekend, the city of Odessa joined with the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and area businesses to restore walls in the community that had been defaced by gang graffiti.

On a related note, members of the Odessa High School Art Club are using the walls of Odessa businesses and schools as their canvas, providing young people with an opportunity for creative expression, and the entire community with a sense of beauty and pride.

Murals painted by the club can be found on the walls of Odessa's NationsBank, the Presidential Museum and the Rio Theater, the pools at McKinney and Sherwood Parks, in the cafeterias and gymnasiums of several Odessa elementary, junior high and high schools, and at Odessa Daycare.

"Well, the one at NationsBank, the Heritage Odessa Committee wanted to work with us to create something colorful downtown," said Polly Sheehan, an art teacher at Odessa High School, and advisor to the club. "They thought it would be nice to have something downtown, something colorful to celebrate the centennial of Odessa."

"The Presidential Museum? They just wanted us to paint the wall, and said, 'Just come up with an idea.' We had several subjects, and the flag design just stood out."

The murals are designed in the art class, and drawn on one-inch graph paper. The designs are then transferred to the walls of the buildings, where the one-inch section of the paper becomes a one-foot section on the wall. Then it's time to add color to the line drawings, using a latex wall paint that lasts well under the West Texas sun, and the wind.

As many as forty students will participate in some aspect of the mural projects, working in their spare time, and on weekends.

It is not something they do for money, but rather out of a love of art, and a sense of pride in their community and in themselves.

"Pride in the community? Yes! They want Odessa to shine," said Sheehan. "It's something positive, rather than all the negative aspects you hear about. It's positive, and it's there for a long time."

These sentiments are echoed by Sheehan's students, many of whom are using their experience in art club projects to develop their artistic skill, to seek art scholarships in major schools, and to pursue art-related careers.

"I feel proud of myself, and my family," said Ralph Torres, a senior at Odessa High School, and the recipient of a scholarship to Texas Tech University. "To be able to point out to them what parts of the mural I did, and tell them how I did it."

"Well, I'm real proud of it. And at the same time, I glad it's there for everyone to see," said Manuel Baldera, a junior at Odessa High School, and the winner at a recent regional arts competition. "Because it's good for the community, rather than the gang graffiti. The mural? It makes everybody look at it and feel proud. It's not what the gangs do, which is destructive to the community."

It is attitudes like these, a love for art and creation and pride in the community and in the self, that Midland artist Jodufo hopes more West Texas children will develop. Once again, the mural - as an alternative to gang graffiti - is the vehicle for developing these attitudes.

"I think it's an exciting experience for anyone to be involved in the creative process," said Jodufo, a co-founder of the CityArt and KidsArt Programs, which have already completed one mural on the wall of a business north of downtown Midland, with another one planned for the city's Ulmer Park. "It's exhilarating for the youth. It shows them possibilities. I like doing large pieces, and it's so exciting to see it coming together so quickly, with a lot of people involved."

"A lot of times, graffiti is an expression of power used not in the most positive way. I think that art in the community brings the community together. It also helps the neighborhood feel good about itself, because it brings culture into the neighborhood."

For Jodufo and others who are encouraging young people to pursue art, it is not only a means of instilling community pride, but also self-esteem in the participants.

"There is the desire that I have to work with kids in trouble," she explained. "I want to show them that they can make an impact on the community that can be positive. That you can be an individual, you can be creative, you can have a desire to make an individual statement, and do it in a way that is a benefit for all."

"I want to show the kids that, because a lot of times they don't know what to do with their creativity and their energy, and society doesn't always give them the options to express themselves. Sometimes that results in frustration, and the frustration results in anger, and that anger results in gangs."

In fact, Jodufo hopes that the more positive gangs in the community will get in touch with the CityArt, and volunteer to do a mural in the city. It is one way that they can express themselves and their pride, and perhaps begin changing the message we read in the writing on the wall.

"Think globally, act locally," said Jodufo. "Try to do good for the community, and help the community feel good and feel proud."

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Gang graffiti on building across from Midland High School

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restauraron paredes que han sido vandalicamente pintadas por pandillas.

En una nota relacionada, miembros del Club de Arte de la escuela secundaria de Odessa están usando las paredes de los comercios y escuelas como su lienzo, proveyendo a la gente joven la oportunidad para creatividad de expresión, y a la comunidad completa con un sentido de belleza y orgullo.

Murales pintados por el Club pueden ser encontrados en las paredes del Bando Nations de Odessa, en el Museo Presidencial y en el Teatro Río, en las piscinas en McKinney y en el Parque Sherwood, en las cafeterías y gimnasios de varias escuelas Primarias y Secundarias de Odessa y en guarderias de Odessa.

"Bien, la que esta en el Banco Nations el Heritage Odessa Committee (Comité de Herencia de Odessa) quiere trabajar con nosotros para crear algo colorido en el centro de la ciudad," dijo Polly Sheehan, un maestro del arte de la escuela secundaria Odessa, y consejero del Club. "Pensaron que sería bueno tener algo en el centro de la ciudad del, algo pintoresco para celebrar el centenio de Odessa."

¿"El Museo Presidencial? Ellos solo quieren que pintemos la pared, y decir, 'Solo es una idea.' Tenemos algunos temas, y el diseño de la bandera se mantuvo en firme. "

Los murales son diseñados en la clase de arte, y dibujados en una gráfica de papel de una pulgada. Luego los diseños son transferidos a las paredes del edificio, donde la sección de una pulgada de papel llega a ser una sección de un-pie en la pared. Entonces es hora de agregar los colores a los dibujos, usando pintura latex de pared que dura muy bien bajo el sol y el viento del Oeste Tejas.

Tantos como cuarenta estudiantes participan en un aspecto en los proyectos de los murales, trabajando en su tiempo libre, y en los fines de semana.

No es algo que hacen por dinero, pero más por el cariño al arte, y un sentimiento de orgullo para su comunidad y para ellos mismos.

¿"Orgullo en la comunidad? ¡Si! Quieren que Odessa brille, "dijo Sheehan. "Es algo positivo, más que todo los aspectos negativos que escucha acerca de esto. Es positivo, y está allí por un tiempo largo. "

Se hacen eco estos sentimientos por los estudiantes de Sheehan, muchos de quienes están usando su experiencia en proyectos del club de arte para desarrollar su habilidad artística, buscar becas de arte en escuelas de nivel superior, y seguir la carrera relacionada con el arte.

"Me siento orgulloso de mi mismo y de mi familia," dijo Ralph Torres, un estudiante de la escuela secundaria Odessa, y el receptor de una beca de la Universidad Tejas Tech. "De ser capaz de señalar que partes del mural hice y poder decirles como lo hice."

"Bien, estoy realmente orgulloso de esto. Y al mismo tiempo, estoy contento que esté allí para que todo el mundo lo vea, "dijo Manuel Baldera, un estudiante de la escuela secundaria Odessa, y el ganador en una reciente competición regional de artes. "Porque es bueno para la comunidad, en lugar de los pintados vándalos de las pandillas. ¿El mural? Hace que todos lo observen y se sientan orgullosos. No es lo qué las pandillas hacen, que es destructivo para la comunidad. "

Son actitudes como esta, el cariño por el arte y creación y el orgullo en la comunidad y en uno mismo, que el artista de Midland Jodufo espera que mas muchachos del Oeste de Tejas lo desarrollen. Y una vez mas, el mural - como una alternativa a los pintados vandalicos de las pandilla. - es la vía para desarrollar estas aptitudes.

Pienso que es una exitante experiencia para cada uno de nosotros el estar envueltos en el proceso creativo," dice Jodufo, fundador del City Art (Arte de la Ciudad) y el Kids Art Program (Programa de Arte de los Muchachos), el cual a completado un mural en la parte norte de una barda de un negocio localizados al norte del centro de Midland, y otro que se esta planeando para el Parque Ulmer. "Es excitante para los jovenes. Les ofrece oportunidades. Me gusta hacer piezas grandes, con mucha gente envuelta."

"Muchas de las veces, los pintados de pandillas marcan una expresión de poder no usado de manera positiva. Y ayuda a los vecinos que se sientan bien, porque les trae cultura dentro de la propia vecindad."

Para Jodufo y otros que están alentando a los jovenes para que persigan el arte, no es solo el significado de instilar el orgullo de la comunidad, pero también la estima propia de los participantes.

"Hay un deseo en el que tengo que trabajar con los muchachos en problemas," ella explica. "Tengo que enseñarles que ellos pueden hacer un impacto en la comunidad que puede ser positivo. Y que puede ser un individuo, que puede ser creativo, puede tener un deseo para hacer un compromiso individual y hacerlo de una manera que puede ser beneficioso para todos."

Quiero ,enseñarles a los muchachos eso, porque muchas de las veces ellos no saben que hacer con su creatividad y con su energía y la sociedad no les da la opción para que se expresen ellos mismos. Algunas veces eso puede resultar una frustración y esta frustración acaba en enojo y el resultado de este enojo se es la causa de la formación de las pandillas.

En realidad, Jodufo espera que mas positivas pandillas en la comunidad nos pondremos en contacto con el City Art (la Ciudad del Arte) y con voluntarios para hacer un mural en la ciudad. Es una manera que pueden expresarse a si mismos y expresar su orgullo y tal vez empiecen a cambiar el mensaje que nosotros leemos en las escrituras que ellos ponen en las paredes.

"Piensen glovalmente, actúen localmente," dice Jodufo. "Traten hacer un bien a la comunidad y ayuden a la comunidad a sentirse bien y a sentirse orgullosos."

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Immigration Panel Yields No Consensus

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A federal commission saw firsthand Thursday that the road to reaching a consensus on reforming U.S. immigration policy runs through a quagmire of conflicts and contradictions.

The U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, which will make recommendations to Congress on changing immigration policy, heard widely divergent opinions and suggestions during hearings in El Paso to gather testimony.

Commission Chairwoman Barbara Jordan said during a break in the hearings that the ability of the panel to wade through the contradictions will determine its success or failure.

"Either we come up with a consensus on this issue that is agreeable to the majority of the people or we turn our backs and say it's unsolvable," Jordan said. "I don't have a history of turning my back."

The commission was established by the Immigration Act of 1990 to review and evaluate the implementation and impact of national policy on several areas, including employment and economic conditions.

The panel's first report to Congress is due by Sept. 30. A final report is due on Sept. 30, 1997.

Thursday's hearings ran the gamut from border crossing fees to the effects of illegal immigration on the border.

U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner said she favors cutting back on illegal immigration by making legal immigration easier, instead of apprehending illegal crossers.

"The most effective number (of apprehensions) you ought to have is zero," Meissner said. "Now, that's not going to happen because ... of the desperation that brings people across the border. But certainly the numbers can be manageable."

The U.S. Border Patrol's blockade along a 20-mile section of the Rio Grande between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, prompted the most impassioned responses during the hearing, however.

The blockade, now known as Operation Hold the Line, placed hundreds of agents along the river levees to discourage illegal immigrants from crossing, and set off a heated debate when it was put in place last September.

The debate continued as several business officials and even the clergy attacked the operation before the commission for allegedly damaging relations with Mexico and causing hardships for border residents.

"While the Border Patrol boasts success, the livelihood of hundreds of Juarez inhabitants has been robbed," Roman Catholic Bishop Raymundo Pena said in a written statement entered into the hearing record. "While deterring possible criminals from coming into the U.S., the operation has also kept out domestic servants and other small-wage laborers who have worked in El Paso for years."

Border Patrol Chief Agent Silvestre Reyes, who created the blockade, downplayed the attacks.

"The people who are testifying here today against border control .... Those people are the very minute minority of the community," Reyes said outside the hearing chamber.

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estimated $100,000 project.

Construction could begin as soon as October, Reyes said.

Councilor Fernando Alvarez said he's convinced there are alternatives to building a barrier.

"Clearly, the fence in the way it's been described in the newspapers would be offensive and anti-friendship," he said. "It would violate the period of cooperation between the United States and Mexico."

Aguirre said she plans to ask Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces and the local parish at San Martin de Porres to help develop ideas.

"We're looking at other options. We have to," she said.

No date has been set for a meeting with Reyes, but Sunland Park officials would like it to be soon.

Reyes said the Sunland Park area is the most dangerous section of the blockade operation, which extends along the border from Sunland Park to east of El Paso at Ysleta, Texas.

"About five weeks ago, one of our vehicles (parked in the Sunland Park area) was shot at from a car that sped off into (Ciudad) Juarez," Reyes said. "There's been a number of weapons recovered around there, and rocks thrown at agents, especially after dark. The area is so remote at times it gets pretty wild."

HEALTH

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each year from preventable childhood illness - for which vaccines exist - the Junior League of Midland, Memorial Hospital of Midland, and the City of Midland Health Department have joined forces this year to sponsor the event.

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A group of young, talented Odessans got together and put on a Fashion Show for the Children's Miracle Network this past Friday, March 18 at the Globe Theatre in Odessa.

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Buscando un santo... y una repuesta

Por Pedro Arroyo

Hace varios años, le mencioné a una maestra amiga mía que yo estaba pasando un mal rato para presentarme a un examen de matemáticas. Ella me dijo que le rezaría a San Judas por mí, y que mis dificultades con las matemáticas se acabarían.

San Judas es el santo patrón de los que se hunden en una desesperanza profunda. Para que el milagro mío se realizara, me dijo mi amiga, tendría que poner la estatvilla de San Judas cabeza abajo y rezarle varias veces.

Así lo hice, pero no pasé el examen.

Mi fe en los santos no ha sido la misma desde entonces, pero para otros éste no es siempre el caso. En la cultura mexicana, se venera con seriedad a los santos.

Una amiga cercana de mi madre le confió recientemente que ella estaba pasando malos ratos con su hijo menor. El chico había sacado el auto de la familia sin permiso y lo estrelló mientras conducía en estado de embriaguez.

La amiga de mi madre dijo que ella creía que su hijo estaba involucrado en una pandilla y consumiendo narcóticos. El sólo tiene 16 años de edad, pero ha dejado de ir a la escuela. Al ver a esta mujer tan deprimida, mi madre le preguntó de qué modo podría ayudarla. La mujer le pidió la imagen de cerámica de San Martín Caballero.

Ella explicó que "San Martín Caballero es el santo patrón de los pobres y los necesitados. El rezarle a él traerá buena suerte y orientación a mi hijo y a mi familia."

Algunos días después, yo estaba llevando a mi madre hacia nuestra ciudad natal de Mexicali, en Baja California, México. Estábamos haciendo el viaje de cuatro horas desde Los Angeles para encontrar a San Martín Caballero.

Nuestra búsqueda nos llevó a través de varias vecindades en la ciudad fronteriza grande y polvorienta. Primero examinamos las tiendas pequeñas establecidas directamente a lo largo de la frontera entre los Estados Unidos y México. Mientras curioseábamos la mercancía en una de ellas, un anciano preguntó: "?Cómo les puedo ayudar?"

Le dijimos de nuestra búsqueda de San Martín Caballero.

"Tengo dos, uno que vale $49.99 y otro que vale $100," dijo él. "Estos hacen milagros," prometió él. "Están hechos del mejor material," agregó.

Mi madre y yo nos miramos mutuamente con incredulidad. Yo le pregunté a ella: "?Cómo es posible que el Santo Patrón de los Pobres y los Necesitados cueste tanto? ?Quién puede costear sus milagros?"

Ella no respondió. Nos fuímos de allí.

Nuestra escala siguiente fué en una botánica. En las botánicas mexicanas se puede encontrar hierbas medicinales, lociones para alejar a los malos espíritus, jabones que le pueden traer la buena suerte, e imágenes de santos.

También se acostumbra encontrar curanderas, que pueden hacer una "limpieza espiritual" y dar orientación. Estas tiendas son ejemplos perfectos de la mezcla del catolicismo y las costumbres indígenas que sobreviven en México.

Al entrar en la tienda, una anciana sonrió y preguntó qué deseábamos. Yo le dije que estábamos buscando una imagen de San Martín Caballero.

Ella sacó varias de atrás del mostrador. "Este cuesta $120 y el otro $80," nos dijo ella.

"Cuestan mucho, señora," le contesté. Demasiado.

Regresamos a Los Angeles desilusionados, sin un santo.

Una semana después, o algo así, mientras andaba de compras una noche en busca de tortillas en el Este de Los Angeles, encontré a un niño que vendía retratos y figuritas de santos en la esquina de una calle. Al costado de su mesa de exhibición, advertí a mi santo perdido. Por fin había encontrado a San Martín Caballero. Y lo mejor de todo era que el precio era solamente de $3.

La figurita no era tan bonita como las otras. Era un santo humilde y sencillo para una persona necesitada. La compré sin perder tiempo.

Al día siguiente, mi madre y yo visitamos a su amiga y le dimos la imagen del santo. Ella se sintió feliz y aliviada. Me dió un abrazo apretado y nos dió las gracias a los dos. "Gracias a Dios," dijo ella.

Nuestra búsqueda había terminado. La promesa de mi madre se había cumplido.

Esa noche reflexioné sobre la devoción y la fe de la mujer. Para mí, la figurita parecía insignificante; tan sencilla — difícilmente algo en qué creer. Pero para esta mujer, significaba un puente de comunicación entre ella y su hijo problemático.

San Martín Caballero le había dado consuelo y una respuesta cuando nadie más podía hacerlo.

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Searching for a saint... and an answer

By Pedro Arroyo

Several years ago I mentioned to a teacher friend of mine that I was having a tough time passing a math exam. She told me that she would pray to San Judas — Saint Jude — for me, and my math troubles would be over.

San Judas is the patron saint of those who sink into deep desperation. For my miracle to come true, my friend told me, I would have to flip over the figure of San Judas and pray to him several times. I did so. But I didn't pass the exam.

My faith in saints hasn't been the same since, but for others, this is not always the case. In Mexican culture, saints are venerated.

A close friend of my mother confided in her recently that she was going through some difficult times with her youngest child. The boy had taken the family car without permission and crashed it while driving drunk.

My mother's friend said she believed that her son is involved in a gang and using drugs. He is only 16, but he has stopped going to school. Seeing this woman so depressed, my mother asked how she could help. The woman asked her for the ceramic figurine of San Martín Caballero — Saint Martin of Tours.

"San Martín Caballero is the patron saint of the poor and needy," she explained. "Praying to him will bring good luck and guidance to my son and my family."

Days later, I found myself driving my mother toward our home town of Mexicali, in Baja California, Mexico. We were making the four-hour trip from Los Angeles to find San Martín Caballero. Our search took us through several neighborhoods in the sprawling, dusty, border city. First we checked out the small shops set up directly along the U.S.-Mexican border. As we were browsing through the merchandise in one of them, an old man inquired, "Cómo les puedo ayudar?" How can I help you?

We told him of our search for San Martín Caballero.

He had two, one for $49.99 and the other for $100. "Estos hacen milagros," he promised. Both would work miracles, he assured us, and they were made of the best material. My mother and I looked at each other in disbelief. I asked her, "How can the Patron Saint of the Poor and Needy cost so much? Who can afford his miracles?"

We walked away. Our next stop was at a botánica shop. In Mexican botánicas, you can find medicinal herbs, lotions to keep away bad spirits, soaps that can bring you good luck, and santos. It is also a common place to find folk healers, "curanderas," who can give you a spiritual cleansing and guidance. These shops are perfect examples of the mixture of Catholicism and indigenous customs that are alive in Mexico.

As we entered the shop, an old lady smiled and asked what we wanted. A San Martín Caballero, I told her. She pulled several from behind the counter. "Este cuesta $120 y el otro $80," she told us. "Cuestan mucho, señora," I answered. Too much.

We drove back to Los Angeles disappointed, without a saint.

A week or so later, while shopping late one night for tortillas in East Los Angeles, I encountered a young boy selling portraits and figurines of saints on the street corner. At the side of his display table, I spotted my lost saint. I had finally found San Martín Caballero. And the best thing about it was that the price was only $3.

The figure was not as beautiful as the others. It was a humble and simple saint for a person in need. I bought it without wasting time.

The next day my mom and I visited her friend and gave her the santo. She was happy and relieved. She gave me a tight hug and thanked us both. "Gracias a Dios," she said. Thank you, God.

Our search had ended. My mother's promise was fulfilled.

That night I pondered about the woman's devotion and faith. To me the figurine seemed insignificant; so simple — hardly something to believe in. But to this woman, it represented a bridge of communication between her and her troubled son. San Martín Caballero had given her comfort and an answer when no one else could.

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books are viewed as factual? If cousins are caught writing to me, will they be punished? In this way, censorship controls not only one country, but two.

As my children grow up, I hope they will be free to read omnivorously, everything from Shakespeare, despite his characters' anti-Semitism, to Hemingway, despite his characters' racism, sexism and hunting of endangered wildlife.

Born in the United States, I've had the opportunity to read, digest and disbelieve Marx, Machiavelli and Malcolm X as well as CheD Guevara and Fidel Castro. I've also had the chance to read, treasure and claim as my own the Bible, the Bill of Rights and Martin Luther King, along with JoseD MartiD and C.S. Lewis.

My Cuba-born cousins have not enjoyed that same liberty. Their reading materials have been selected for them. They would be shocked to know that all over the United States, millions of well-intentioned church groups and PTA moms are racing around trying to protect North American youth from the same freedom of expression young people in Cuba yearn for so deeply.

I'm a born-again Christian, but I believe that if we, as a nation, eliminate novels portraying a character who curses, hates or kills, we will find ourselves deluded instead of protected.

Cuba should serve as a warning to any who view censorship as a path toward escaping evil. Censorship generally promotes that which it sets out to destroy.

If none of this is enough to convince the PTA moms that censorship is more dangerous than most of its targets, consider George Bernard Shaw's uncensored observation that "Assassination is the extreme form of censorship."

If that's not enough, ask Salman Rushdie, or his translators, or his publisher.

(Margarita Engle, of Fallbrook, Calif., is the author of the novel "Singing to Cuba," published last year by Arte PuDblico Press.)

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semitismo de sus personajes, hasta Hemingway, a pesar del racismo, el sexismo y la cacería de animales silvestres de sus personajes.

Por haber nacido en los Estados Unidos, he tenido la oportunidad de leer, digerir y no creer a Marx, Machiavelli y Malcolm X, así como a Che Guevara y Fidel Castro. También he tenido la oportunidad de leer, atesorar y reclamar como propios a la Biblia, la Carta de los Derechos y los escritos de Martin Luther King, junto con los de José Martí y C. S. Lewis.

Mis primos nacidos en Cuba no han disfrutado de la misma libertad. Sus materiales de lectura han sido seleccionados para ellos. A ellos les estremecería el saber que en todos los Estados Unidos, millones de grupos religiosos bien intencionados y de madres que son miembros de las Asociaciones de Padres y Maestros andan correteando para tratar de proteger a la juventud norteamericana de la misma libertad de expresión que los jóvenes de Cuba ansían tan profundamente.

Soy cristiana nacida de nuevo, pero creo que si nosotros, como nación, eliminamos las novelas que presenten a un personaje que maldiga, odie o mate, nos encontraremos a nosotros mismos alucinados en vez de protegidos.

Cuba debería servir como advertencia para cualquiera que vea a la censura como un sendero para escaparse del mal. La censura fomenta, por lo general, aquéllo que se propone destruir.

Si nada de esto es lo suficiente como para convencer a las mamás de las Asociaciones de Padres y Maestros de que la censura es más peligrosa que cualquiera de sus blancos, consideren la observación no censurada de Bernard Shaw: "El asesinato es la forma extrema de la censura." Si eso no es suficiente, pregúntenle a Salman Rushdie, o a sus traductores, o a su editor.

(Margarita Engle, de Fallbrook, California, es la autora de la novela titulada "Cantándole a Cuba," publicada el año pasado por "Arte Público Press.")

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By Jane E. Paredes

Do you remember this past Valentine's Day? That very romantic time of year when we were treated to a special presentation by Gary Hobbs, Elsa Garcia and Tormenta? Well, guess who's returning to West Texas for an encore!

El borrado himself, Gary Hobbs!

The Valentine show sold out and was packed to capacity! People from all over West Texas came to the Pan American and welcome these entertainers and the entertainers welcomed them, with open arms and a show like no other!

Gary's current top hit 'Te Vas A Acordar' is exactly what people have done since he left, anticipating his return.

Gary Hobbs is a name West Texans weren't very familiar with. Oh sure, when they went and vacationed in East Texas, they heard of Gary Hobbs, but who was this man with an anglo last name and playing Tejano music?

Born in Amarillo and raised in Eagle Pass, Texas, Gary Hobbs was destined to be different in a very unique kind of way.

Whether it's because he has colored eyes, looks anglo and speaks perfect Spanish, by the way, he does admit to speaking English with a slight accent, Gary Hobbs is a powerful performer who can leave the audience satisfied. His songs portray positive messages of love. Songs that make you feel love or the butterflies of being in love.

Gary was asked during a quick interview about his sur name and where he got it? "From my dad", said Gary in a humorous tone, "Where else?"

He is really very down to earth and enjoys meeting people from all over. There are times when he just loves to kid around and make people feel comfortable.

So if you missed the Valentine show or just didn't get enough, now's your chance to catch him one more time! Meet Gary Hobbs this Saturday, March 26th at the Crown Royal in Midland, Texas. See him in action and see for yourself why this borrado is destined for success!

Jane E. Paredes is a staff writer for Nuevavista.

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never ending efforts on the part of the many volunteers, the show was as exciting to watch as it was to participate in.

Filled with anxiety, nerves and pre-show jitters, the show went on!

Vicky Acosta and Michael Ybarra co-hosted the fashion show which featured musical numbers choreographed by Vicky herself.

"Where's my lipstick?"

"My shoes! Has anyone seen my shoes?!"

"Where's my coat?" Who's going crazy?

Felicia Galaviz, Bobbie Jo Roman and America Serrano make sure everything is just right before its their turn to model.

Lights out and action! The opening number 'What's Your Name?' was just one of the musical presentations during the show. A little chase scene was exciting, especially when the girls started chasing the boys around the stage with pots and pans to the tune of 'That's my story and I'm sticking to it!'

The finale, 'Mountains on the moon', left the audience with a little romantic feeling to take home.

The music was performed by Rodney Acosta and the ATO Band from Dallas. This young Rock n Roll group donated their talent and time to the Fashion Show and helped make it a success!

Contact Vicky Acosta for more information on Go West Productions at 915./337-8088. Or if you'd like to help out with the Children's Miracle Network, contact Christina Padilla at 915/ 335-1247 or 1-800-462-4543.

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FORT STOCKTON

Los Amigos • Hwy. 285 N.
BYOB with beer and set-ups available. Building is huge with enough dancing room to allow enjoyment of the bands close-up. Recording artists provide entertainment.

Joel's Dance Club • 301 W. Dickinson • 336-5764
Open Fridays & Saturdays, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., BYOB, Dance to a D.J. system with Top 40's, Country & Western, Tejano Casual attire or formal, whatever the mood.

MIDLAND

Alamo Ballroom •2810 S. Co. Rd. 1213, South on Midkiff past I-20 • 697-4246
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Cactus Moon • 1008 S. Midkiff Rd. • 520-0057
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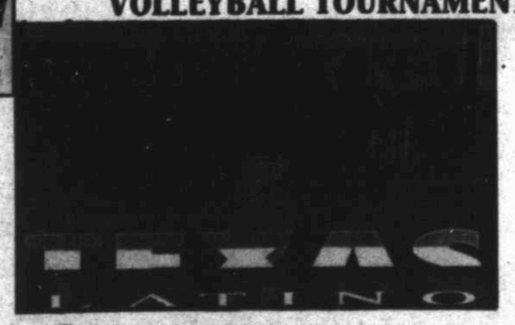

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