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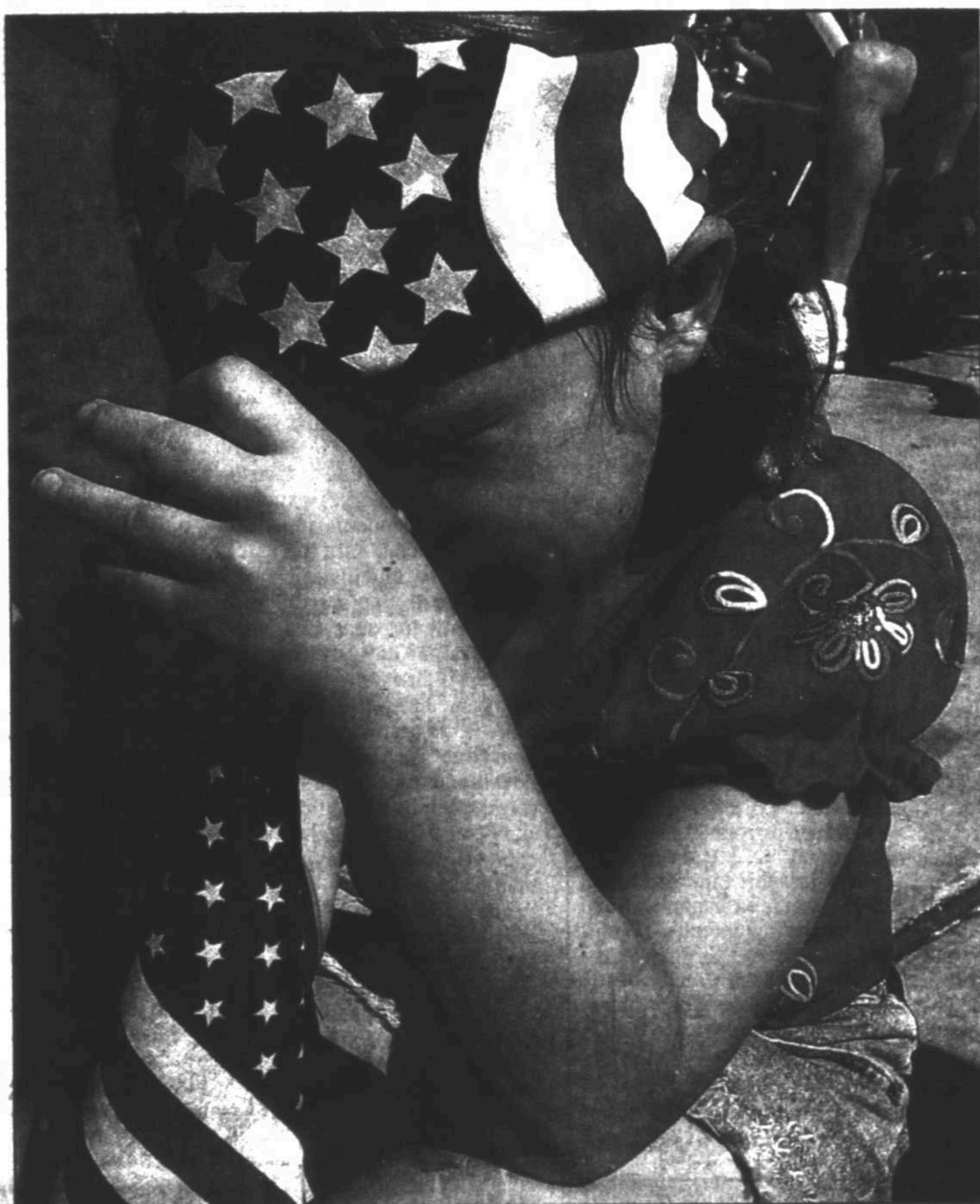
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Star Spangled Salute

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ABOVE: Seven-year-old Toni Marie Burandt bows her head as a prayer is recited during Midland's Star Spangled Salute Wednesday. LEFT: 22-month-old Jase Stanford gets some much-needed water from his mother before the start of the children's parade while Maggie Mae, the dachshund, waits for her turn. The weather for the downtown festivities was reasonably pleasant as the high remained in the low to mid-90s.



See full coverage of Wednesday's festivities on 1B

Promoters test luck in recruiting pricey acts

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

By bringing in national country music recording artist Toby Keith, Midland's Karin Zaya and Judy Farris — the co-owners of Lone Star Productions — were emphatically answering one of the most often asked questions asked around these parts: "What's there to do in Midland?"

In doing so, they also were taking quite a gamble. There is a reason big name artists don't come to Midland all that often. Just ask the promoters who brought in the Moody Blues this spring. They didn't take a bath, but they definitely got wet.

"You are putting yourself on the line," Ms. Farris said. "If people don't show up, you are left holding the bag. I know it has happened to a lot of promoters out there."

Back in the 1950s, '60s, '70s and even as recently as the '80s, the big names made West Texas a stop on their tours. They could afford to. Concert tours were about making money, but filling state-of-the-art arenas (because there were fewer of them) took a back seat to getting dates filled.

West Texas, and the Permian Basin in particular, could provide such a venue. So, big-name acts came.

"My mother saw Elvis (here)," said Midland's Randy Golson, who brought his wife, Kim, and child, Gabe, to Tuesday night's Toby Keith show. "When I was younger — I grew up in Rankin — the Chaparral Center, when it first opened, used to have a lot of big names, not necessarily country and western, but all kinds of concerts. I used to enjoy going to those. It seems like we don't have those any more."

The year 2001 is definitely a difficult time to make a concert like Tuesday's possible. Performers can play metropolitan arenas and draw 15,000-plus people, who each pay \$40 a ticket, with little worries.

So playing in parks or some out-of-the-ordinary venues in some remote town, where the tickets cost a relatively inexpensive \$20 each and the crowds will be half as large, might not seem as appealing or necessary.

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Road construction: Will it ever end?

By Mike Yager
MRT Correspondent

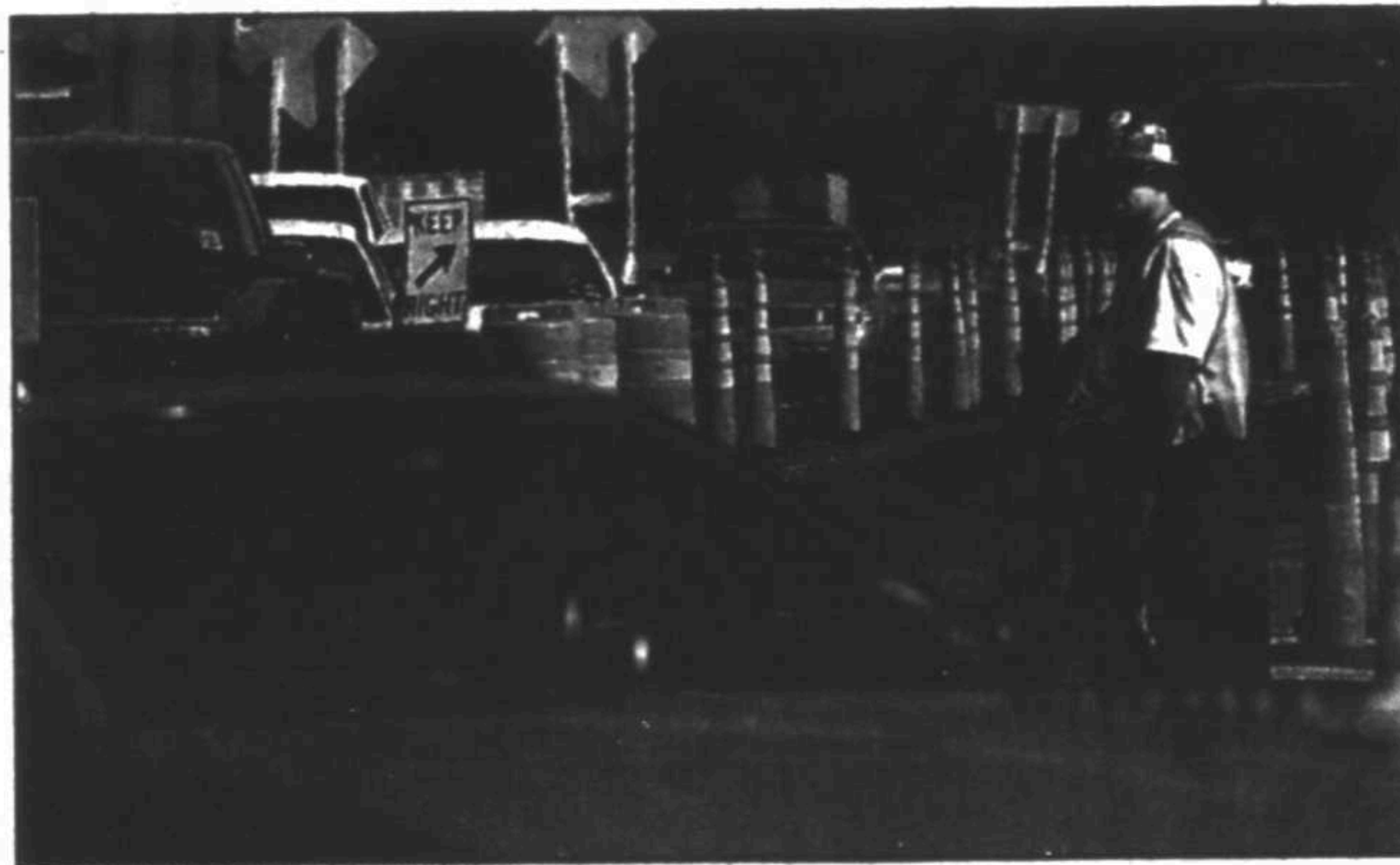
Will it ever end? That's the question many Midlanders ask when discussing road construction around the city.

Indeed, for many, it seems as if half the roads in town are ripped up, and none more so than those on or near Loop 250. The long waits at stop lights, in particular, have caused a major annoyance among motorists, most of whom just wish it all would end soon.

"I didn't see a problem with the streets to begin with," said Wendy Davis, an employee at CD Warehouse in Midland, "so I just don't know why they're doing it. I don't quite understand."

CD Warehouse is one of several business impacted by the

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A construction worker at the Midkiff and Loop 250 intersection attempts to cross the street amid the maze of cars and barrier cones set up along the construction area.

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Officials: There is logic to road-work projects

By Andrea Fryrear
and Kristine Aleman
MRT Correspondents

Midlanders may be wondering why certain areas of the city are under construction and not others, but when it comes to improving local roadways, Midland's streets are on a rotating system, according to city of Midland officials.

Midland is divided into six areas, said Mike Butler of the city's street department. Each area will receive special attention for a year, in addition to the normal maintenance that is done on the basis of inspections and citizen complaints.

The city goes from northwest to southeast across Midland, ensuring that "streets should get a seal every sixth year," Butler explained.

However, most of the construction being done on Mid-

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Bush style seeks to avoid 'fund-raiser in chief' label

By Sharon Theimer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush has raised \$44 million for Republicans at presidential dinners this year — without even lifting a fork.

The guest of honor hasn't stayed for dinner at either of the major GOP fund-raisers he attended, displaying a businesslike in-and-out approach that Republicans and Democrats alike say contrasts with Bill Clinton's glad-handing style.

At both events, Bush posed for pictures with big donors before dinner, was seated with first lady Laura Bush at a head table, gave an 18-minute speech as the audience started on salads, and then left before dinner was served. Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife followed suit.

"We've got to go home and feed Barney, the dog," Bush said by way of explanation before he and the first lady left a congressional fund-raiser last week that raised \$20 million.

Rep. Thomas Davis III of Virginia, one of the party's top fund-raisers as chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, said Bush is proceeding with caution after the fund-raising

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AP Photo
President Bush warms up on the first hole Tuesday at a course on Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Bush took advantage of unseasonably cool weather in the Washington area before temperatures heated back up on Independence Day.

Americans celebrate Independence Day with fireworks, parades

By Robert O'Neill
Associated Press

BOSTON — As most of the nation celebrated America's 225th birthday on Wednesday with parades, fireworks and barbecues, thousands of immigrants marked Independence Day by embracing their new home.

On board the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor, 19 immigrants were sworn in as American citizens.

Leila Nessralla, who moved from Lebanon in 1996, said she was drawn to citizenship by her desire to vote, as well as a desire to be just like her children.

"I have two daughters that are American; now nothing separates us," she said.

Military veterans from the city's Chinatown neighborhood celebrated the day by raising an American flag. Immigrants Kin Ye, 72, and Liu Jing Le, 65, sang a Chinese translation of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"We want to get people to recognize we're patriotic to the

country we adopted," said Raymond Chin, president of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and member of the American Legion Post 328.

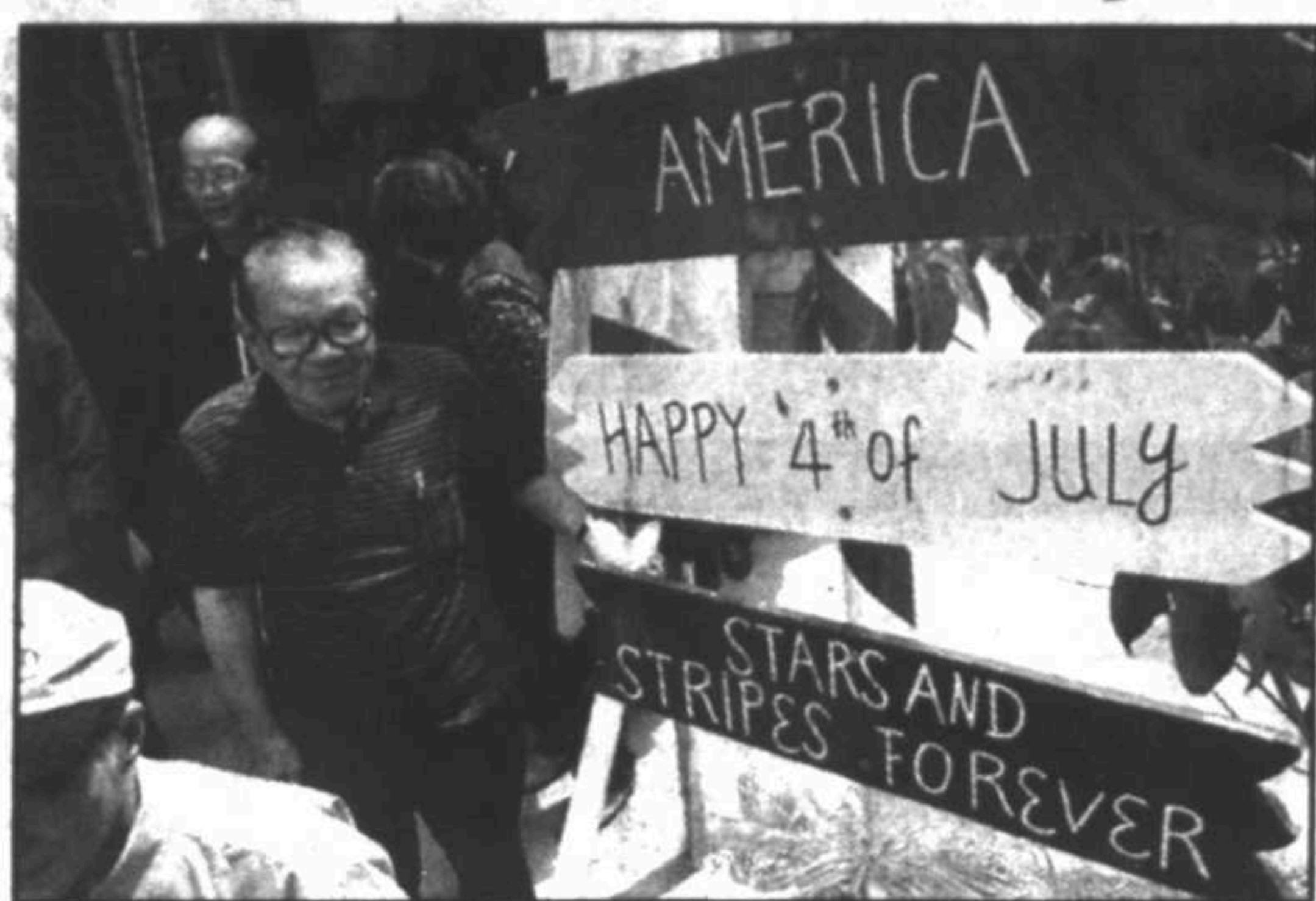
At a naturalization ceremony at Thomas Jefferson's Charlottesville, Va., estate, speaker Vartan Gregorian told the 71 new citizens that he had been full of the same joy, fear and trepidation when he became a U.S. citizen 22 years ago.

Gregorian, who left Iran at age 15, is president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

"We all share the common fate of this country," Gregorian told the crowd of about 1,500 at the Independence Day celebration in Monticello.

"We have all chosen the United States for its rights, institutions and opportunities... We come not only to enjoy its benefits, but we come to improve it. We know America is not perfect, but it is perfectable," he said.

Elsewhere, revelers grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, camped out for the best seats for



World War II veteran Poy Ho, center-left, waits for the start of a flag raising ceremony, Wednesday, in Boston's Chinatown. As Americans around the nation celebrated Independence Day with fireworks, barbecues and parades, residents in Boston's Chinatown neighborhood put an Asian spin on the holiday.

AP Photos

fireworks displays, and enjoyed a much-deserved day off from work.

Atlanta's parade grand marshal was Navy Lt. Shane Osborn, the

pilot of a spy plane that collided with a Chinese fighter jet and crash landed in April.

"It's good to be back in the United States," said Osborn,

who with his 23 crew members was held in China for 11 days. More than 200,000 people turned out to watch the 216th annual Bristol, R.I., parade, the nation's oldest.

In Carmel, Ind., Richard Jewell, the man wrongly suspected in the bombing during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, was the grand marshal of the city's holiday parade. "I thought it was great," he said.

Fans of the Boston Pops lined up Wednesday morning to score front row seats on the Esplanade for the scheduled evening performance, which was to feature Cyndi Lauper, Debbie Reynolds and a reading by Peter Jennings.

"I think they blow off more fireworks in a week in Boston than we do in the whole state of Idaho in a year," said Claudia Dambra, a Idaho resident.

In Philadelphia, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan was awarded the 2001 Philadelphia Liberty Medal, given to those who uphold the ideals of founding principles of

the country. "Liberty is not just a cause for celebration today, but also a worthy crusade for our time," he said.

In Indianapolis, Gustave "Gus" Streeter, a 104-year-old World War I veteran, was also honored. Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan awarded him the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the state bestows on an individual.

When asked how many more Fourth of Julys he would see in his lifetime, Streeter was optimistic.

"Oh, What the hell? Many," he said. "I love people, and I like people to love me too."

New York Gov. George E. Pataki marked the day by venturing into the spray at the base of Niagara Falls, a struggling tourist magnet he hopes to revive by building a casino.

"How better to celebrate America's birthday?" Pataki shouted above the roar of the water. "This is one of the unique places in the world. It's nature at its most beautiful."

Fictitious accounts of molesting, torturing children lead to 10-year prison sentence

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A man who wrote in his journal about sexually abusing and torturing children has been sentenced to 10 years in prison, even though the stories were fictitious.

A civil rights lawyer said he was surprised by the sentence Brian Dalton received Tuesday for his private writings.

"What you're saying is somebody can't, in essence, confess their fantasy into a personal journal for fear they have socially unacceptable fantasies, then ultimately they end up getting prosecuted," said Benson Wolman, a former director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Ohio.

Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien called the case a "breakthrough" in the battle against child pornography.

Dalton, 22, of Columbus, was charged with pandering obscenity involving a minor after his probation officer found the journal during a routine search of his home. He was on probation from a 1998 pandering conviction involving porno-

graphic photographs of children. The 14-page journal contains the names and ages — 10 and 11 — of three children it said were placed in a cage in a basement. It details how the children were sexually molested and tortured.

Police at first were concerned the stories were real, prosecutors said. However, Dalton said the stories were fictitious, and there was no evidence to the contrary, said Christian Domis, an assistant county prosecutor.

Still, Dalton was guilty of pandering obscenity because he "did create, reproduce or publish any obscene material that has a minor as one of its participants or portrayed observers," the indictment said.

"Even without passing it on to anyone else, he committed a felony," Domis said.

The contents of the journal were so disturbing that members of a grand jury asked a detective to stop reading after about two pages, Domis said.

"It was seriously the most disturbing thing I ever read," he said. "There was a woman on

the grand jury who was crying."

Dalton pleaded guilty, and prosecutors, in exchange, dropped a second pandering charge. He would have faced up to 16 years in prison if convicted of both charges.

"I know what I wrote was disturbing," Dalton told Common Pleas Judge Nodine Miller at his sentencing. "Over the past few months, I looked back at it and realized it was not something I could do. I don't know how I imagined to write anything like that."

Wolman said he cannot recall an obscenity case involving "mere words that were not disseminated." Dalton said he never intended anyone else to read the journal.

"It is just this kind of thing, I think, that is a misapplication of what the law intends," Wolman said.

"The law hasn't really been challenged and he would have had the opportunity to do that," defense attorney Isabella Dixon said. "But the cost to him is a lot of time in jail to challenge it."

NEA drops homosexuality resolution

By Greg Toppo
Associated Writer

LOS ANGELES — The National Education Association dropped consideration Wednesday of a resolution that would encourage schools to develop materials supporting the struggles of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and staff.

NEA officials said the teachers' union would instead form a task force to explore the issue "in a holistic, reasoned way" before taking any further action.

"This is an emotional topic for everyone and we believe a task force is the best way to first hear everyone's voice and then develop actions that will create safer schools for children and staff," said Cathy Figel, who co-chairs the NEA's Gay and Lesbian Caucus.

The NEA was originally scheduled to consider the resolution at its annual meeting, which began Wednesday. The measure was dropped at the recommendation of the Gay and Lesbian Caucus, which met Tuesday.

Earlier Tuesday, about 600 protesters picketed the meeting at the city's convention center, saying the resolution promotes homosexuality to students.

The resolution supports the development of curriculum and instructional materials for homosexuals, bisexuals and transgender students and the creation of programs that address problems among those students such as suicide and "health risk behaviors." It also would encourage programs for all students — highlighting the heritage, culture and history of homosexual, bisexual and transgender people.

One protester, Alexandria Coronado, a trustee for the Anaheim Union High School District, said the resolution "provides for a radical social agenda that the vast majority of

American people do not support."

Coronado was joined by members of Focus on the Family, a Christian ministry based in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the Capitol Resource Institute, a grassroots organization that supports "family-friendly policies."

Talking to reporters Wednesday, NEA President Bob Chase denounced the protest as "demagoguery" that ignores the needs of homosexual children.

"Even though they may call themselves Focus on the Family, they are losing focus on kids, and what the needs are of our kids," Chase said. "We have a responsibility to help. That's our responsibility as educators, it's our responsibility as adults. We also have a responsibility to make sure that the rights of our members are protected."

The NEA said gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students have high dropout and suicide rates and are often treated with hostility by fellow students. Chase also said gay and lesbian teachers in some states face losing their jobs because of their sexual orientation.

"We have positions right now, throughout our organization, that protect the rights of women,

that protect the rights of ethnic minorities, that protect the rights of physically challenged — go down the list," said Chase. "Should gay and lesbian kids be excluded from that? I don't think so."

Chase said he supported formation of the task force.

"We are not in any way backing away from this issue if we don't pass or bring this resolution to the floor," he said. "That's not the intent at all. It's to look at it in a holistic, reasoned way, to make sure we do what we need to do to help all these kids."

The NEA's Representative Assembly is attended by more than 10,000 delegates representing the organization's 2.6 million members. The NEA is the nation's largest teachers' union.

On the Net:

NEA: <http://www.nea.org>
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Bush urges support for his faith-based initiative

By Sonya Ross
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Tying his plan for religious charities to the best hopes of the founding fathers, President Bush urged Congress on Wednesday to allow government funds to flow to churches, mosques and synagogues that seek to ease social woes.

"These soldiers in the armies of compassion deserve our support. They often need our support. And by taking their side, we act in the best tradition of our country," Bush said in a speech in front of Independence Hall.

Bush proposes that churches, synagogues and other religious groups be able to compete for government contracts in social services without stripping the religious elements from their programs. The plan has met with deep skepticism in Capitol Hill, where some critics say it could erode the separation of church and state.

If the Declaration of Independence's signers were alive today, Bush said, they would be pleased to see the religious liberties they cherished at work every day in religious institutions that feed the hungry, treat

the addicted and give love to alienated children.

"Our founders would... find, amid the problems of modern life, a familiar American spirit of faith and good works," Bush said. "They would see the signs of poverty and want, but also acts of great kindness and charity."

Bush dismissed criticisms of his proposal, saying it merely builds on the ideals that the nation's founding fathers articulated 225 years ago.

"America's founding documents give us religious liberty in principle," Bush said. "These Americans show us religious liberty in action."

Religious freedom, he said, "is more than the right to believe in God's love. It is the right to be an instrument of God's love. Such work is beyond the reach of government and beyond the role of government."

A small group of protesters jeered Bush's remarks.

Some of the skepticism about Bush's initiative stems from questions about whether tax dollars would help pay for programs that mix religion with social services — for instance, a drug treatment program that helps people overcome addiction by finding Jesus. Also at

issue is to what extent government-funded religious groups can consider applicants' religion in deciding whether to hire them.

Before his speech at Independence Hall, Bush and his wife, Laura, went to the Greater Exodus Baptist Church where the president played touch football with young people at an "urban block party" for children and families who participate in mentoring programs run by various churches or religious charities.

Bush exited the church with Philadelphia Mayor John Street, hugging singers in a choir and taking a turn dabbling red paint on a mural children were painting of patriotic scenes with American flags.

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In 1996, in the Egyptian oasis town of Bahariya, some 200 miles (322 kilometers) southwest of Cairo, a watchman rode his donkey to his job, guarding the tomb of Alexander the Great. But the donkey stumbled, his foot catching in a hole. That small misstep led to one of the most important archaeological finds since the discovery of the tomb of King Tutankhamen.

Researchers have spent the succeeding years unearthing more than 100 mummies that filled tombs buried throughout the area. Experts suggest that the find may total as many as 10,000 mummies, making the area the largest cemetery in Egypt.

At least 2,000 years old, the mummies have been divided into four types, based on their condition when found. At least 60 were covered by a thin layer of gold gilding. A second group was heavily ornamented with drawings of gods and goddesses. Those in the third group were sealed in large pottery coffins resembling humans, while the fourth group were wrapped in linen coverings.

Scientists hope this find will provide new insights into the daily life of ancient Egyptians, especially their diets and health.

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Dog tags of Marine killed in Vietnam returned to soldier's mother

By Mike Brantom
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The mother of a Marine killed in Vietnam received his dog tags in an Independence Day ceremony after two Florida businessmen found them for sale in a back-alley market in Ho Chi Minh City.

Rob Stiff and Jim Gain were so sickened at the discovery of Lance Cpl. Allan George Decker's tags that they returned to Vietnam in May to buy them and hundreds of others. Upon returning to America, they began trying to reunite soldiers and their families with the lost tags.

On Wednesday, the men gave Decker's mother the tags at the Orlando cemetery where he was buried after his death in 1968. The moment had added meaning for her because July 4th is her birthday.

"I just hope that other families can find the kind of peace that I

have felt today," Ruth Decker said. "The Lord had his hand in this from the beginning."

Since the end of the war, Vietnamese field workers have found all sorts of military debris: boots, helmets, badges, buttons, medals and dog tags.

Servicemen usually wore the tags — silver rectangles that listed a soldier's name, military identification number and blood type — around their necks, but in the field many put them in their boots so they wouldn't jingle.

Stiff and Gain weren't looking for war mementos when they traveled to Vietnam in January. They wanted to check the commercial climate for possible business ventures. But in a market not frequented by tourists, they found the dog tags dangling from a string.

"It was really eerie and we were disgusted," said Stiff, 27. Despite their revulsion, they left the tags there. But back home in America, they couldn't escape



AP Photo
Rob Stiff examines some U.S. military dog tags for sale at a market in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in May. Stiff and Jim Gain bought hundreds of dog tags including a set belonging to U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Allan George Decker. On Wednesday, Decker's dog tags will be given to his mother in an Independence Day ceremony at the cemetery in Orlando, Fla., where he's buried.

the memory. "People asked, 'What if they're fake?'" Stiff said. "Well, our question was, 'What if they're real?'"

In May, they returned to Vietnam to buy all the American dog tags they could find. It took days

to scour Ho Chi Minh City and sort through thousands of tags — some printed in Vietnamese, others destroyed or illegible — and returned home with about 640.

The total cost of the tags was \$180. They sometimes paid less than 14 cents each.

Stiff and Gain transcribed what was printed on each the best they could, then compiled a database of names and ID numbers to list on their Web site: www.found-dogtags.com.

A dozen tags matched names listed on the black granite Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"One day, Jim comes into my office and says, 'You won't believe this. We've got matches for the Wall,'" Stiff said.

One of the first names they uncovered was Decker's. With the help of Rep. Ric Keller, an Orlando Republican, and the Defense Department they tracked Ruth Decker to her home in Pun-

ta Gorda and called her June 21. "She was so full of joy," Stiff said.

Decker began his Vietnam tour as a machine-gunner with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Regiment of the 3rd Marine Division on Feb. 16, 1968.

On Aug. 25, 1968, the 19-year-old Marine was killed in Quang Nam province, one of more than 58,000 Americans to die in Vietnam. He had lost his dog tags during his six months in Vietnam.

"Allan was killed on a Sunday, and we didn't receive the word until the following Thursday," said Ruth Decker. "My husband and I were just crushed."

"But the next day, we received a letter from his buddy," she said. "He said that Allan believed in God very strongly, and He will take care of him. And that was my consolation right from the beginning."

Congressman ducks out of holiday appearances

By Brian Melley
Associated Press

ATWATER, Calif. — Facing new allegations of an extramarital affair and growing questions about his relationship with a missing intern, Rep. Gary Condit Wednesday ducked out of Fourth of July parades he usually attends.

Condit's chief of staff, Mike Lynch, said "another circumstance arose that he had to attend to," but Lynch wouldn't say what that was. Details would become clear in the next few days, Lynch said without offering specifics.

Parade organizers said they were told Condit feared his presence would detract from the family atmosphere, which Lynch said was a concern but not the primary one.

Residents said they'd hoped to see Condit in his usual position at the front of the parade and hear from him about the allegations.

"I think something went wrong. I just don't know what," said Oscar Young, an 84-year-old neighbor of Condit, who has voted for him in every election since he was a neophyte politician in his hometown of Ceres. "I'd like to hear him say something."

Condit issued a brief statement

Tuesday concerning the investigation in the disappearance of Chandra Levy, a 24-year-old former Modesto resident whom Condit has described as a "great person and a good friend" and who has not been seen since April 30. Condit denied he had asked a flight attendant to withhold information from investigators.

"I have not asked anyone to refrain from discussing this matter with authorities, nor have I suggested anyone mislead the authorities," he said.

The flight attendant, Anne Marie Smith, said Condit, who is 53 and married, asked her to sign a form denying that they had an affair. One of Condit's lawyers said the form was sent to Smith, but said she wasn't urged to sign it. Smith alleges the affair lasted nearly a year.

The revelations, made public in a TV interview Tuesday with the woman, could further jeopardize the conservative Democrat's reputation in California's farm belt.

The congressman is not a suspect in Levy's disappearance, police said, and aides have denied he was having an affair with the former intern at the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. But Levy's mother has said Levy said she was seeing Condit.



AP Photo
Gregg Helm discusses the plight of his neighbor, Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., at his Ceres, Calif. home Thursday, June 28. Condit, whose hometown is Ceres, has yet to speak publicly about his relationship with missing intern Chandra Levy, a 24-year-old Modesto woman who has not been seen since April 30. Helm supports Condit and feels he's doing the family a favor by remaining silent and keeping the missing intern in the public's eye.

Marilyn Rowland said she's "confused and conflicted" about what to think. She has worked with Levy's mother on a community concert board and her husband, Chuck, worked with Condit at a Montgomery Ward department store in 1973.

"It would be nice if he'd clear the air," she said. "I just can't believe he's done anything wrong."

Rarely one to avoid the glare of the cameras, Condit has been seen often on television lately rushing from cameras in Washington without a word.

"I think it's sad he's taken a beating," said Bob Waterston, a Fresno County supervisor who said he told Condit that the

same allegations could strike any elected official.

Levy's mother, Susan, is not discussing Condit and the private meeting she had with him a week ago in Washington. She says only that she is hoping her daughter comes home alive.

On the street of upscale contemporary homes where she once lived, Chandra's memory is kept alive with yellow ribbons that flap on mailboxes, lampposts and street signs.

Each morning, neighbor Dorothy Johnson sees Susan and Robert Levy, a cancer doctor, stroll past her house.

"He'll say 'Pray for us,'" Johnson said. "He's desperate."

Clinton short story contest inspires tales featuring Elvis, Headless Horseman

LARCHMONT, N.Y. (AP) — Imagine this: Bill Clinton is frightened out of Chappaqua by the Headless Horseman, then returns years later to find his wife is president and has married Elvis Presley.

No? Would you believe Bill becomes a preacher? Crashes a party at Westchester County's only trailer park?

Never mind. It's all fiction. The events are plot twists among the entries in a short story contest sponsored by local magazine the Westchester Wag. The contest, "Bill and Hillary: The New York Years," invited readers to imagine the former first family's

'They were quite uniformly negative, not just about Bill but Hillary too.'

— Mary Ann Liebert
publisher of the Westchester Wag magazine

future.

The winner, to be announced in the July 16 issue of the Wag, gets \$500. Publisher Mary Ann Liebert said Tuesday that there were more than 200 entries, some from as far away as New Zealand.

They were not, by and large, written by fans.

"They were quite uniformly negative, not just about Bill but

Hillary too," Liebert said. "I was quite surprised because you don't get that sense in Westchester really, but I guess those who were motivated to write felt strongly about it."

The Duchess of York shows up in one story, where she talks to Al Gore about Weight Watchers at Chelsea Clinton's wedding. In another, she is the object of Bill Clinton's affec-

tions during a game of pool in his den.

Another story imagines Hillary Clinton serving four terms as president and being succeeded by her daughter, "President Chelsea."

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 95
Low 70

Friday
Partly cloudy
High 97
Low 70

Saturday
Partly cloudy
High 97
Low 70

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a high near 95 with a southeasterly wind at 10 to 20 mph. For tonight, expect partly cloudy skies and a low near 70.

For Friday and Saturday, expect partly cloudy skies and lows from the upper 60s to the lower 70s with highs in the 90s.

The high on Wednesday reached 91, while the low dropped to 70. The record high for July 4 is 106 set in 1983. The record low is 60 set in 1972.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday trace
Rainfall Wednesday 0.00 in.
Total for month trace
Total for year 3.86 in.
Normal total (year to date) 6.11 in.

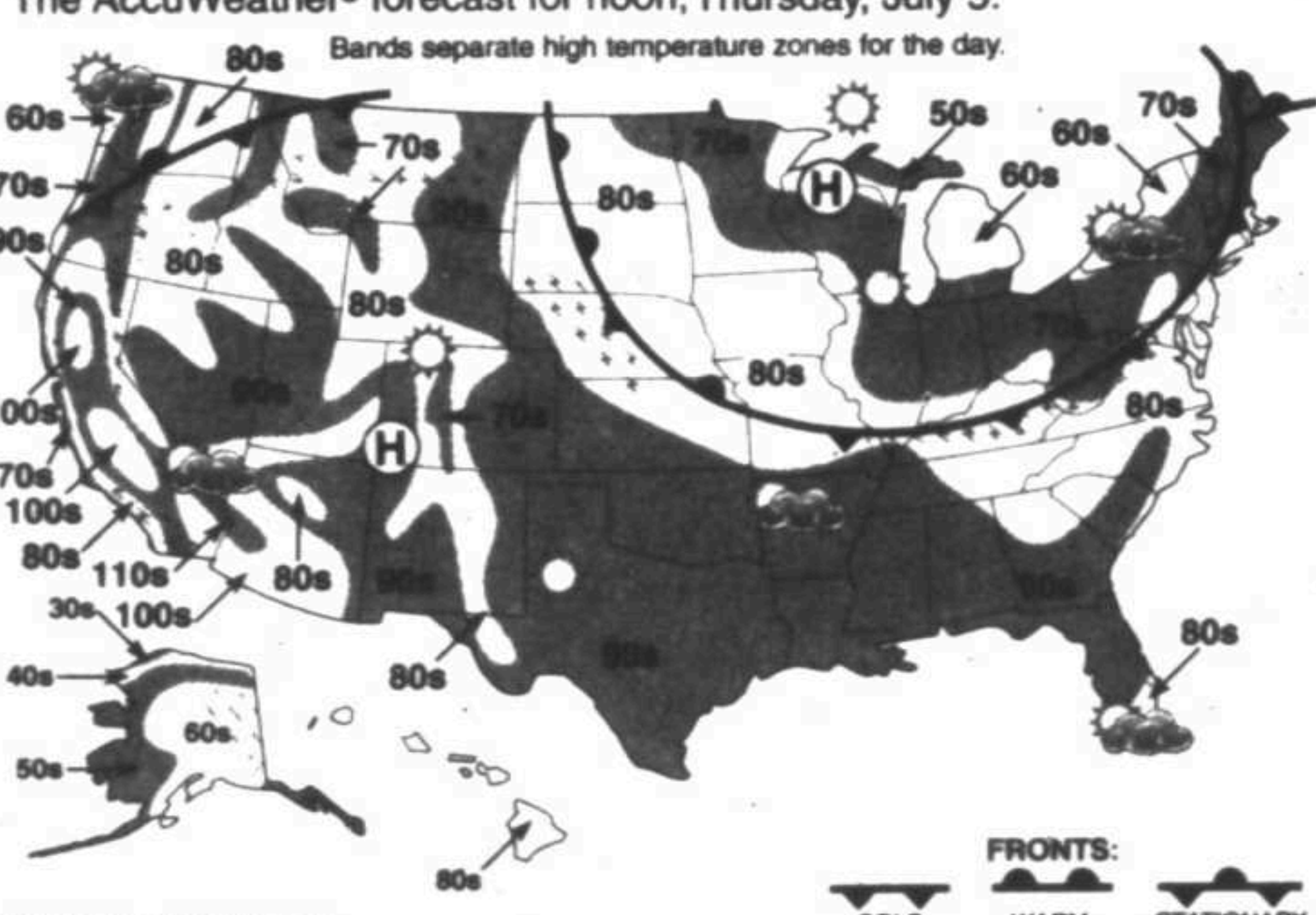
Yesterday's temperatures

High 91
Low 70
Normal high 95
Normal low 68
Sunrise 6:48 a.m.
Sunset 8:58 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, July 5.



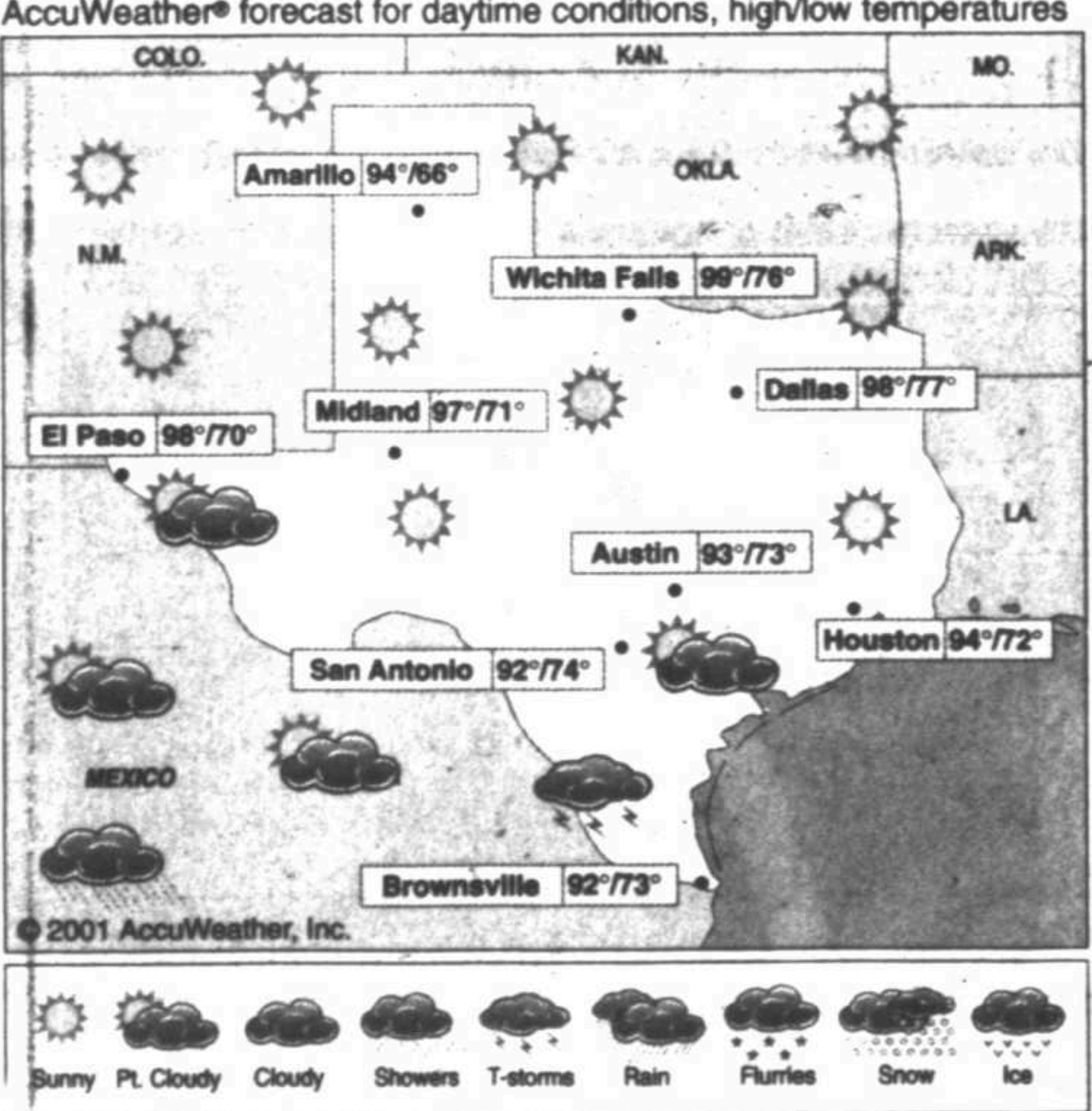
United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Wednesday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.	High	Low	Precip.	Outlook
Albany, N.Y.	81	61	0.00	cl
Albuquerque	94	68	0.00	cl
Allentown, Pa.	81	64	0.00	cl
Anchorage	59	50	0.00	cl
Ashville	84	65	0.00	cl
Atlanta	85	71	0.00	cl
Atlantic City	79	70	0.00	cl
Baltimore	87	67	0.00	cl
Boston	81	71	0.00	cl
Buffalo	80	64	0.00	cl
Birmingham	88	71	0.00	cl
Bismarck	82	62	0.00	cl
Boulder	82	62	0.00	cl
Butte	82	62	0.00	cl
Charlotte, N.C.	89	69	0.00	cl
Chattanooga	89	69	0.00	cl
Cheney	91	66	0.00	cl
Chicago	88	68	0.00	cl
Cincinnati	80	63	0.00	cl
Cleveland	79	63	0.00	cl
Colorado Springs	93	56	0.00	cl
Columbus, Ohio	87	64	0.00	cl
Dayton	79	64	0.00	cl
Denver	96	60	0.00	cl
Des Moines	89	66	0.00	cl
Detroit	104	64	0.00	cl
El Paso	96	70	0.00	cl
Evansville	87	71	0.00	cl
Fairbanks	63	53	0.00	cl
Fargo	77	64	0.00	cl
Flagstaff	90	55	0.00	cl
Flint	83	64	0.00	cl
Fort Wayne	82	62	0.00	cl
Fresno	104	65	0.00	cl
Green Bay	80	61	0.00	cl
Honolulu	88	77	0.00	cl
Indianapolis	83	64	0.00	cl
Jacksonville	88	73	0.00	cl
Joplin	55	54	0.00	cl
Kansas City	90	67	0.00	cl
Knoxville	87	69	1.03	cl
Las Vegas	110	92	0.00	cl
Little Rock	94	73	0.00	cl
Los Angeles	85	69	0.00	cl
Louisville	86	71	0.00	cl
Memphis	93	74	0.00	cl
Miami Beach	88	78	0.00	cl
Milwaukee	84	64	0.00	cl
Mobile	88	74	0.00	cl
Nashville	89	72	0.00	cl
New Orleans	91	75	0.00	cl
New York City	81	67	0.00	cl
Oakland	98	70	0.00	cl
Omaha	88	68	0.00	cl
Orlando	91	74	0.00	cl
Peoria	87	70	0.00	cl
Philadelphia	85	70	0.00	cl
Phoenix	92	78	0.00	cl
Pittsburgh	74	62	0.00	cl
Portland, Maine	72	60	0.00	cl
Providence	76	61	0.00	cl
Pueblo	100	73	0.00	cl
Raleigh-Durham	91	71	0.00	cl
Rapid City	88	59	0.00	cl
Reno	87	68	0.00	cl
Richmond	89	69	0.00	cl
Rio Grande	88	69	0.00	cl
Sacramento	94	73	0.00	cl
Salt Lake City	103	73	0.00	cl
San Diego	78	70	0.00	cl
San Francisco	69	58	0.00	cl
San Jose	88	67	0.00	cl
San Luis Obispo	93	73	0.00	cl
St. Louis	84	56	0.00	cl
St. Mary	89	71	0.00	cl
Seattle	77	54	0.00	cl
Shreveport	71	62	0.00	cl
Sioux Falls	87	62	0.00	cl
South Bend	83	66	0.00	cl
Spokane	98	59	0.00	cl
Springfield, Mo.	90	66	0.00	cl
Toledo	85	65	0.00	cl
Topeka	92	71	0.00	cl
Tucson	105	76	0.00	cl
Tulsa	98	77	0.00	cl
Tupelo	91	71	0.00	cl
Washington, D.C.	88	71	0.00	cl
W Palm Beach	88	81	0.00	cl
Yuma	104	84	0.00	cl

State forecast

Thursday, July 5

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	95	69	0.00
Alice	91	73	0.00
Amarillo	96	67	0.00
Arlington	94	71	0.00
Austin	92	68	0.00
Beaumont	88	72	0.00
Brownsville	91	75	0.00
Burnet	81	68	0.00
Chandler	89	71	0.00
College Station	94	72	0.00
Corpus Christi	91	70	0.11
Cosport	89	73	0.00
Cotulla	94	75	0.00
Del Rio	96	78	0.00
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Destin	95	72	0.00
Dryden	92	68	0.00
El Paso	94	71	0.00
Fort Stockton	91	68	0.00
Fort Worth	95	73	0.05
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Guadalupe Pass	85	66	0.00
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Hondo	94	68	0.00
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Huntsville	92	71	1.52
Junction	90	73	0.00
Kingsville	89	73	0.00
Laredo	82	73	0.00
Longview	92	72	0.00
Lubbock	98	77	0.00
Lufkin	92	69	0.00
Marfa	88	57	0.00
McAllen	91	74	0.02
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San Antonio	91	70	0.00
San Marcos	93	68	0.00
Terrell	94	73	0.00
Tyler	92	73	0.00
Victoria	91	72	0.04
Waco	96	78	0.00
Wichita Falls	101	73	0.00
Wink	94	67	0.00

ACTS: Keith has won ACM awards

(From 1A)

And recently Midland-Odessa has become more unattractive. High-priced oil jobs left town, leaving less money in the community to spend on entertainment.

"Normally, nobody that big will come here for a concert," said Heather Price, a 17-year-old Midland Lee student.

That was until Tuesday night. Keith is a superstar on the national scene. Most recently, he recently won Academy of Country Music awards for top male vocalist and album of the year ("How do you like me now").

"Somebody did a good job booking," said Brent Richburg of Plainview. "A lot of people would drive in to see someone like this."

Richburg and his wife — Leslie — are in town on business. Tuesday, they stood in line "all day" to park their lawn chairs on the front row, just an arm's distance from the stage Keith per-

formed on Tuesday night in Centennial Park.

"It is so exciting," Ms. Richburg said. "When we came here (to Midland), we never dreamed they would have somebody of this caliber here."

There are those who say a performer like Keith makes perfect sense for a big-time event in Midland. He is an up-and-comer, which means he is still affordable for such an occasion. His music, and more importantly his performance, has broad-based appeal. Young and old, single and married and even some entire families were in attendance. He is also popular enough that people will travel from outside the city limits to see his show.

Mickey and Marcia Warden came from Lubbock, taking advantage of a hotel package (tickets, room, buffet, breakfast) set up by the Hilton Midland and Towers. It is what economic impact is all about.

The Wardens are more familiar with seeing bigger events.

Lubbock — with the United Spirit Arena, larger population and Texas Tech University student population — continually draws bigger names and shows.

That is what the city or Chamber of Commerce refers to when it says a city has a "quality of life" advantage.

"That gives people something to do," Warden said. "That is what it is about."

According to the Lone Star Production partners, bringing someone of Keith's caliber was the whole point. Lone Star was contracted by Downtown Midland Inc. to provide entertainment for the next two Star Spangled Salutes.

"Downtown Midland and Lone Star Productions wanted to do something really big," said Ms. Zaya. "We felt like the people of Midland were ready for something big. I personally think it is the biggest thing that has happened here in a long time. We just almost felt like it is a sure bet."

numbers, it can be a risky investment," Ms. Zaya added.

How much of a risk was it for Ms. Zaya and Ms. Farris? Their lips are sealed. A success will come in the form of a sellout.

"That would be the ultimate crowd," Ms. Farris said. "If it is not a success, I don't know (if we will be putting more events as big as the Keith concert)."

It will take some time for the actual numbers to be added up and the dollars to be counted. An official estimate offered to the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday was an attendance count in the neighborhood of 6,000. That figure received positive marks from the Lone Star production duo, and predictions that more concerts should be coming in the future.

"This is Downtown Midland's coming out party and the Lone Star's debut as a production, which can do a good job and put on a big show and make it be successful," Ms. Zaya said. "This is the first of many."

END: Teens seem to express most frustration

(From 1A)

construction, making it less convenient for potential customers. The difficulty in crossing the Loop to shop has even turned away some business stores may have had otherwise.

"When they first started, business slowed down quite a bit," Ms. Davis said. "But it's pretty much returned to normal by now. I think people are starting to brave the Loop."

Although CD Warehouse has, more or less, withstood the test of time, others haven't been so fortunate, especially new businesses that haven't yet had the time to gain a loyal base of customers.

"It's hard to say how much business has dropped because we've only been around for nine months," said Debbie Brock, who co-owns The Wine Rack with her husband. "But we feel that it has to have hurt, because it's very difficult to get to this area."

The area that Ms. Brock speaks of is Colonnade Plaza, which despite a new entrance built

to add easier access to the side, still has difficulty in drawing customers through that sea of orange barrels.

"I really think the construction could have been planned better," added Ms. Brock. "I think that doing Garfield and Midkiff at the same time was their worst mistake."

Although businesses have their fair share of troubles resulting from the construction, those who have to drive through it are equally frustrated.

"It's just really inconvenient," said Sharon Noah, a local mother who is more worried about the danger of the construction than the inconvenience. "It's really dangerous, because people are driving through Midkiff near the mall as if there was no construction going on."

But it is the widespread nature of the various projects that concerns many Midlanders.

"I don't understand why they're doing it all at once," added Ms. Noah. "I'm not a road expert, but I didn't think there appeared to

be a problem in the first place."

Although adults have been quite outspoken in their complaints with the roads, no other group has had more to say than teen-agers.

"I hate it because it just ruins your tires and alignment going over those bumps," said Kate Underwood, who will be a senior at Midland High School. "I think they should have sectioned it out better and not done those two major intersections at the same time."

Admittedly some of the most impatient people in the community, teens not only have a problem with the wear and tear on their vehicles, but the traffic as well.

"The construction causes all sorts of pile-ups especially getting off the Loop," said Kate Massie, a Midland High senior who has a major problem with the waits construction has caused. "It used to be that you could get almost anywhere in Midland in 10 minutes, now it takes up to 20," she added. "I definitely think that they could have done this better."

LOGIC: MPO holds public meeting every other year

(From 1A)

land's streets are the work of state funding. Butler said the state is "repairing the base and putting a new driving surface down" on Loop 250. These repairs, as well as the construction on Andrews Highway, are funded by the state and not the city, Butler said.

Douglas W. Eichorst II, TxDOT's Midland Area engineer, said the Metropolitan Planning Organization determines construction sites.

"They look at all the roadways in Midland and Odessa and make decisions about what roads need work," he explained.

The MPO consists of people from TxDOT, Midland County, the City of Midland, Ector County, and City of Odessa and schedules projects for about 25 years in the future. Financially, however, Eichorst says they are concerned primarily with a five-year plan.

While it may seem certain areas of the city, such as the city's south side, occasionally get the short end of the stick when it comes to street repair, many residents and employees in the area say they do not have much to complain about.

"There is construction needed

all over, not just here," said Brenda Roundtree, an employee at Conoco located on Texas Highway 349. "Just two weeks ago they were finishing up Rankin Highway."

Eichorst said there are quite a few additional projects lined up for the south area of Midland in the future. Among these prospective projects is work on the south end of Highway 349.

"We're going to work on 349 from I-20 all the way down to the railroad tracks," Eichorst said, because the road is "20 or 25 years old and starting to deteriorate beyond normal maintenance."

nance." The project probably won't begin for another year.

For those who are unhappy with the MPO's choices or want to know if streets near their home or business will be affected by future construction, Eichorst said they hold a public meeting every other year when they publish their transportation improvement plan.

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Lawmakers target U.S. economic sanctions with fervor

By Carolyn Skorneck
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ban investment in Cuba, even as foreign competitors scoop up big contracts. Punish foreign companies that do business with Iran and Libya. Cut foreign aid from countries to cover their unpaid New York City parking tickets.

Some members of Congress, while supporting multilateral economic sanctions, say slapping unilateral sanctions on countries has gotten out of hand, especially since these punishments often wind up hurting U.S. farmers and manufacturers while failing to change a foreign country's behavior.

"Almost all sanctions are ineffective," said Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., a senior member of the Foreign Relations Committee. "Sanctions have been imposed as an inexpensive foreign policy."

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., likened them to "a modern-day gunboat diplomacy" without guns or boats. "We don't like what you're doing, so we're going to put on a trade sanction or an embargo."

But some lawmakers defend them with vigor, demonstrated by overwhelming votes last month by a House committee to renew sanctions against Iran and Libya for five more years.

Unilateral U.S. economic sanctions target more than 75 of the world's nearly 200 countries, says USA Engage, a coalition of business and farming interests that oppose such sanctions. The coalition was formed in response to a burst of 26 new sanctions in 1996, many imposed by the new Republican majorities in Congress. There are about 100 separate sanctions, according to USA Engage figures.

The sanctions were prompted by such diverse concerns as nuclear proliferation, terrorism, whaling and fishing practices, intellectual property and labor rights, religious discrimination and human rights abuse.

Some targeted countries are obvious candidates: Afghanistan, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan, Syria, Vietnam and Yemen.

Others are not so obvious: Canada, Italy, Japan and Taiwan.

Although no new sanctions were imposed last year, critics of the system, including Secretary of State Colin Powell, want an overhaul.

Are sanctions the way to go?

Unilateral U.S. economic sanctions are in place against more than 75 countries, and some members of Congress feel this has gotten out of hand. While some sanctions are understandable, for example, against countries that harbor terrorists, others are imposed for such things as whaling and fishing practices, intellectual property and labor rights, and human rights abuses.

As of March 2000

Afghanistan	Djibouti	Lebanon	Somalia
Algeria	Egypt	Liberia	Sri Lanka
Angola	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	Libya	Sudan
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Azerbaijan	Georgia	Mauritania	Taiwan
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Costa Rica	Kyrgyzstan	Romania	Vietnam
Cuba	Laos	Russia	Yemen
		Rwanda	
		Saudi Arabia	

SOURCE: USA Engage

AP

"I don't know of any embargo that's ever been successful other than making people who put the embargo in place feel better," said Roberts, who is still ranked by President Carter's 1980 grain embargo against the Soviet Union after it invaded Afghanistan.

"Not one Russian troop ever left Afghanistan, and the effect of the embargo was like shattered glass on the American agricultural economy," Roberts said. "It took us a decade to get over that."

Lugar hopes to pass a bill that, among other things, would require any future sanction to have:

■ A clear rationale provided by the president or Congress, who-

ever is seeking it.

■ A sunset date so the government must take action to continue it, eliminating perpetual sanctions that outlive the reason they were instituted.

■ A cost-benefit analysis to ensure it's worthwhile.

Lugar and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., say the bill should be broad to avoid political tripwires that accompany any attempt to adjust sanctions on a single country such as Cuba.

But they won't tilt again at the sanctions windmill unless the Bush administration will push the bill, since previous efforts failed for lack of cheerleading by the

Clinton administration.

Powell has already implored lawmakers not to create new sanctions. His department is assessing what sanctions changes are needed.

The House International Relations Committee recently rebuffed Powell's plea to renew sanctions against Iran and Libya for just two years, instead of five, to give him more leeway. The 34-9 vote against the two-year limit was preceded by emotional debate.

America's "arrogant, authoritarian approach... encourages and stimulates the radicalism that we find around the world, because they feel like we have no openness to their position," contended Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, pushing the two-year limit.

"Is it arrogant to sanction Timothy McVeigh?" Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., cried out. "Should we have had a dialogue with him? He killed 170 people. (Libyan leader Moammar) Gadhafi killed 270 people!" on Pan Am Flight 103 on Dec. 21, 1988 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The five-year sanction renewal was approved 41-3.

Such sanctions, said O'Flaherty of USA Engage, rely on "the belief that the United States has the economic leverage to change other countries' policies without going to war, without costing us very much," but "there is virtu-

ally nothing that a country like Iran needs that it can't get from our competitors."

Incremental changes in sanctions have already begun, as many rock-ribbed Republicans chip away at the once sacrosanct Cuban embargo.

Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., sponsor of last year's successful bill allowing sales of U.S. agricultural products and medicines to Cuba, said he was surprised to find himself fighting the embargo, but did so to help American farmers.

Multilateral sanctions are

another approach, but can require hard-to-negotiate agreements, as the U.N. Security Council found regarding Iraq. For example, a Russian veto threat prevented reworking of U.N. sanctions against Iraq on Tuesday.

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With so many regular donors preoccupied by summer activities, the blood supply in our area has dwindled to dangerously low levels.

As a result of the blood shortage, some elective surgeries are being delayed and health care officials are worried about the perilously low blood supply. Midland Memorial Hospital is working to ensure the blood supply is being saved for only the most serious cases.

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Too many healthy adults in our community simply find themselves too busy to give blood. While we can certainly identify with their preoccupation, we would like to remind them of the importance of this simple, selfless act.

Lee Patrick, associate executive director for United Blood Services, said most local donors roll up their sleeves and donate blood only once a year. But just think, if those reliable donors could find time to do this at least two times per year, we'd be collecting twice as much blood.

And there is a huge pool of healthy adults who have never given blood. Perhaps they don't understand giving blood takes only a few minutes and poses no health risks. Or maybe they don't understand that it is a relatively simple, painless procedure.

Too many of us take our good health for granted.

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To be eligible to give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. If there is a problem and you shouldn't give blood, the medical professionals charged with the responsibility of collecting blood will let potential donors know.

Summer is a time for carefree fun. But it is also a time when blood donations traditionally slow down while the accident rate can be higher.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 5, the 186th day of 2001. There are 179 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On July 5, 1801, American naval hero David G. Farragut was born in Knoxville, Tenn.

On this date:

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1830, the French occupied the North African city of Algiers.

In 1865, William Booth founded the Salvation Army in London.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke diplomatic relations.

In 1946, the bikini made its debut during an outdoor fashion show at the Molitor Pool in Paris.

In 1947, Larry Doby signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League.

In 1948, Britain's National Health Service Act went into effect, providing government-financed medical and dental care.

In 1950, Pvt. Kenneth Shadrick of Skin Fork, W.V., became the first U.S. serviceman to die in the Korean War. In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he defeated Jimmy Connors. In 1975, the Cape Verde Islands officially became independent after 500 years of Portuguese rule.

Ten years ago: A worldwide financial scandal erupted as regulators in eight countries shut down the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, charging it with fraud, drug money-laundering and illegal infiltration into the U.S. banking system.

Five years ago: The government reported the nation's unemployment rate fell to a six-year low in June 1996; nervous investors, fearing higher interest rates, gave the stock market its worst beating in four months, sending the Dow industrials down 114 points.

One year ago: At the United Nations, President Clinton signed an international agreement to ban the forcible recruitment of youths as soldiers in armed conflict, and a companion accord to protect children from being forced into slavery, prostitution and pornography. The U.N. Security Council imposed a diamond ban on Sierra Leone's rebels in a bid to strangle their ability to finance a civil war.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Katherine Helmond is 67. Actress Shirley Knight is 65. Singer-musician Robbie Robertson is 57. Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 53. Rock star Huey Lewis is 51. Baseball pitcher Rich "Goose" Gosage is 50.

CAL THOMAS

And after stem cells, then what's next?

President Bush will soon make one of those decisions that make his job difficult. The president is expected to announce federal rules for funding research on human embryos. These include rules for the use of embryonic stem cells, which some believe could aid in research to alleviate pain and suffering and preserve the lives of people with Parkinson's disease and other maladies.

The debate is over whether it is moral to kill a just-begun human life in order to improve the lives of older humans.

Since *Roe vs. Wade* in 1973, there has been a concerted and effective effort to de-value and de-humanize human life. In our pursuit of personal peace and affluence, new categories of sub-humanity have been created. There is no sense of where we are headed.

Perhaps those who support stem-cell research might tell us their bottom line. Is there a limit to human experimentation? What standard should be used to tell government and science "this far and no farther"?

It's crucial to look at how language is being used to distort the debate. Having already compromised the sanctity of human life with abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, on what moral basis can anyone then say other experiments on humans are immoral and unjustified? In fact, who gets to

define "moral" and "immoral"?

It isn't that we do not have history as a teacher. Now, as before, we hear of lives that are "defective" or "inferior." Some speak of life before birth as "potential life" and those who might impose a burden as having lives "not worth living."

According to whom?

At various times in history, Native Americans, African Americans and Jews have been thought of as subhuman. Henry Clay, secretary of state in the administration of John Quincy Adams, told a Cabinet meeting in 1825, "Indians are rapidly disappearing" and "destined to extinction," because they are "essentially inferior to the Anglo-Saxons."

In its 1857 *Dred Scott* decision, the Supreme Court found that when the Constitution was ratified, "Negroes" were "considered as a subordinate and inferior class of beings ... and had no rights or privileges but such as those who held power and the Government might choose to grant them."

The Nazis removed Jews from the lawfully protected status of legal personhood by defining them as "non-Aryans," thus supplying the semantic foundation for the passage of more than 400 laws, ordinances and decrees against Jews, which ultimately led to the Holocaust.

More on how language has corrupted our moral sense can be found in "Dehumanizing the Vulnerable: When Word Games Take Lives" (Loyola Press), by Saint Louis University Professor William Brennan.

Family Research Council President Ken Connor is right when he says, "Once a utilitarian approach to human life becomes widely accept-

ed, it will be impossible to preserve any meaningful moral restraint on medical research."

Regarding stem-cell research, Connor says, "Size or age does not define a human being."

What defines us is the question of the ages. Are we, in the words of the late philosopher-theologian Francis Schaeffer, merely material and energy shaped by pure chance in a random universe with no Author of life, no purpose for living and no destination after we die, a little more complex, perhaps, than a cabbage, but of no greater moral significance? Or, are we "fearfully and wonderfully made" and known by God even when we were being "knit together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139)?

In an article on stem-cell research in the July 9 *Newsweek*, writer Sharon Begley labels opponents "pro-life purists," but a little purity about human life would be good in an age when humanity suffers from so many impurities that if life were water or air, the Environmental Protection Agency would do something about it.

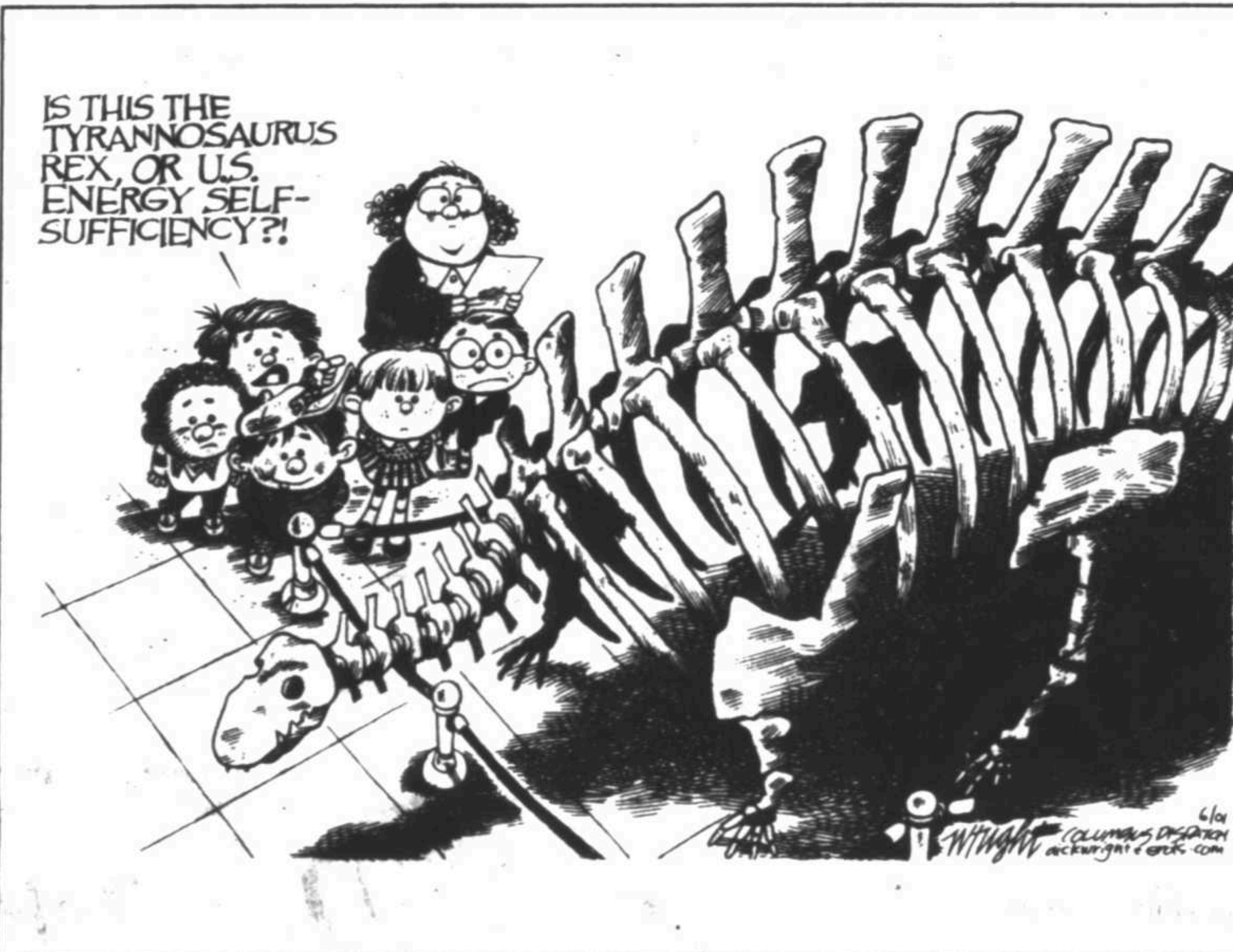
Science must not be given permission to do whatever it can. Science should serve humanity, not the reverse, and must be restrained by an immutable moral code.

We have seen what happens to unrestrained science. While one longs to eliminate as much suffering as possible, it is never right to do wrong in order to do right. Other ways can be found, short of destroying newly begun humans, to enhance living further along life's timeline and without cutting off those who have just begun the journey.

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Thomas



MARIANNE MEANS

For Bush: 'To sign or not to sign'

WASHINGTON — In Shakespeare's "Hamlet" the anguished Danish prince muses, "To be or not to be, that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune or to take arms against a sea of troubles and by opposing, end them."

A similarly tough choice faces President Bush as a patients' bill of rights not to his liking moves inexorably from Congress toward his desk. Should he veto it as he has threatened over the marginal issue of liability limits? Taking up arms now against the bill may be politically bold, but it is too late to end the bipartisan momentum in both Senate and House for such a popular reform.

Or should he be politically pragmatic, declare a victory no matter what's in the measure and sign it? By capitulating quietly to the mutilation of his own limited health care proposal, the president could pre-empt the middle of the road and look like a statesman.

The Democratic-controlled Senate passed a managed care reform bill 59-36. If one of the five missing votes can be recruited, that is enough support to override any veto. The Republican-run House is expected to take up the issue the week of July 16 although there a weaker alternative measure may edge out the Senate version that gives patients broad new powers to challenge the decisions of their health maintenance organizations.

Bush is counting on the milder House bill, which he has endorsed, to act as leverage for a deal close to his own thinking in the eventual House-Senate conference. Signing such a compromise measure would then be in Bush's interest, softening negative memories of his long opposition to regulating HMOs.

The public backs the Senate bill, which was sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., John Edwards, D-N.C., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. In a recent CNN-USA Today poll, 49 percent of those surveyed said they had confidence in the Senate Democratic leadership on the issue while only 34 percent had confidence in Bush. A Wall Street Journal-NBC News poll gave

Democrats a 21 percentage point lead over Republicans on the health care issue.

Bush will find himself in a political trap if the House delivers a strong measure very close to the Senate version. He threatened a veto in part to pressure Republicans to opt for the mild alternative.

But if the threat doesn't work, will he really go through with a veto bound to be politically unpopular?

Presidents who don't carry through on veto threats quickly lose credibility on future issues. And indeed White House press secretary Ari Fleischer continues to insist that Bush isn't bluffing and means what he says.

Yet a veto wiping out the Democrats' first legislative victory would create a powerful weapon with which the party could beat up on Republican congressional candidates during next year's election campaigns. A patients' bill of rights has been a major issue working for the Democrats over the last several years. They won't drop the subject if Bush thwarts them now.

Fleischer has also said that Bush finds "90 percent of the Senate bill acceptable." It would be practically impossible to make a convincing case for an unpopular veto based on such a small margin of difference.

Bush's main objection is his belief that allowing patients substantial latitude to sue would unduly enrich trial lawyers, escalate the cost of health insurance and drive some employers to drop coverage of their workers. But voters are more upset about HMO policies denying them adequate care than they are about lawyers' fees. And states, including Texas, that have their own patients' rights bills do not report the disastrous flood of health care lawsuits that Bush claims to fear.

Some conservatives are urging Bush to veto managed care regulations in any form simply out of principle. They contend it would make him look like a tough leader, drawing a philosophical line and staring down the Democrats.

It would also, however, make him look like a skill for the insurance industry. And that would reinforce growing charges that he toadies to big corporate interests at the expense of ordinary people. In this instance, a veto would be a losing strategy for the president.

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ART BUCHWALD

Forget the kids, movie ratings are needed for adults

Hollywood and Congress are at war over the movie ratings system.

Congress wants a new system that protects children from sex and violence or violence and sex, whichever comes first. The studios are very happy with the ratings as they are now, and believe that if they are changed it will be an attack on free speech.

With the arrival of summer, adults need protection from the entertainment industry. They should not be allowed into a theater without a child, and the violence and sex should be toned down to a minimum because grownups are getting tired of the "F" word being used every two minutes.

Also, few of the summer movies are made for adults, so Hollywood uses all its publicity tricks to get grown-ups into the theaters.

One of its tricks is to highlight quotes from critics from the Slippery Rock Banner in Gooseberry, Utah and the Star Bangled Times in Freezout, Montana.

When you see the ad in the papers it reads like this: "The best picture since 'Gone With the Wind.'" — Al Cazar, Slippery Rock Banner.

"If 'The Mummy With No Clothes On' doesn't win an Oscar, then there is something wrong with the movie business." — Michael Beech, Star Bangled Times.

And this from Harry Zeist of the *Deadwood News* in Sellout, New Mexico: "I will give 'The Flight of the Heterosexual' four stars and three thumbs."

How do the Hollywood publicity people get these quotes? They give the critics free junkets to the film capital, put them up at a fancy hotel and introduce them to the stars. In exchange, the critics write anything the press agents want them to, and in some cases the agents even write the quotes for them.

In this way the motion picture studios claim they have a winner on their hands. Forget the New York Times, the Washington Post, or the Los Angeles Times — you won't get a good quote from them.

Now the studios are very nervous that Congress is encroaching on their territory, so they are trying to make amends. My suggestion is that since summer is here we have truth in advertising. That is to say, if the film's a lemon they have to tell us.

This is how the ads should read: "This is one of the worst films made this year. I didn't understand it and neither did anyone else in the theater." — Al Cazar, Slippery Rock Banner.

"Strikeout Films went over budget and still couldn't get it right. Don't go unless you want a good nap. My thumbs are stuck in the sand." — Michael Beech, Star Bangled Times.

"The last time they made a picture this bad was 'Hiroshima, A Love Story.' I didn't stay for the ending because mushroom clouds make me sick." — Harry Zeist, *Deadwood News*.

I don't know if the movie companies are going to go this far, but something has to be done to protect the grownups, who are more confused about the ratings than the children. Adults should be warned when a movie is not meant for them.

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By Mike Cham

Associated Press

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Doctor optimistic about recipient of first self-contained artificial heart

By Mike Chambers
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The man who received the world's first self-contained artificial heart had been in "dire" condition, but the device may enable him to have a long and productive life, one of his doctors said Wednesday.

Officials of Jewish Hospital declined to release the patient's name or his hometown but said he was in his mid- to late 50s.

Because of his poor condition — he had been given an 80 percent chance of dying within 30 days — he had been turned down for a heart transplant elsewhere, doctors said.

"He had no other option," Dr. Laman Gray told reporters. "He was in as dire shape as you can ever have anybody in."

The man has chronic kidney failure, diabetes and had multiple heart attacks, Gray said. He had had previous coronary bypass surgery, around 1992.

Forty-eight hours after the surgery, Gray would not rule out the possibility that the patient could someday leave the hospital powered by the device, called the AbioCor.

"I'm extremely optimistic of a long term life and a productive life," Gray said. "We are extremely pleased with his progress."

Doctors on Wednesday began

weaning the man from a ventilator that he has been on since the surgery. He awoke about four hours after the operation and has visited with his family but was unable to talk because of the respiratory device.

Doctors had said they expect the artificial heart to extend the man's life by only about a month, but they don't know how long the device could last.

The surgical team has implanted similar devices in 40 baby cows, all with no serious defects. The devices also have been operating nonstop in a laboratory for more than a year, said Dr. Robert D. Dowling, who participated in the surgery with his colleague from the University of Louisville.

"Our hope is that he lives for months, or years," Dowling said.

The softball-sized titanium and plastic pump was implanted Monday by a team of 14 surgeons and support staff during a seven-hour operation at Jewish Hospital.

It is intended to be a permanent replacement for the man's failing heart. The hope is the mechanism will one day allow recipients to lead a relatively normal life, said John Watson of the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, which has given \$20 million toward research into self-contained artificial hearts.

The AbioCor, manufactured by Abiomed Inc. of Danvers, Mass.,



AP Photo University of Louisville surgeons Robert D. Dowling, left, and Laman A. Gray Jr., right, field questions from the media Wednesday, during a press conference at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky., after implanting the world's first self-contained artificial heart Monday.

is considered a technological leap from the mechanical hearts used in the 1980s, such as the Jarvik-7. Those devices were attached by wires and tubes to bulky machinery outside the body.

The AbioCor has electronic controls that adjust the pumping speed based on the body's activity level that receive wireless power through the skin by portable

battery packs that each last up to four hours.

A rechargeable internal battery — about the size of a pager — will operate the device for up to 30 minutes, allowing the wearer to take a shower or walk to the refrigerator.

It raises hope for some that up to 100,000 Americans who require cardiac therapy may have an alter-

native treatment. Only about half of the 4,200 Americans on waiting lists for donor hearts received one last year.

"We will succeed. Because if we don't succeed, there will be no replacement heart, ever," said David M. Dederman, Abiomed president and chief executive officer. "We will give it whatever it takes so that we succeed eventually."

However, Dr. Robert K. Jarvik, who invented the Jarvik-7 artificial heart, said it raises "false hope" since its size would disqualify most women and would help only about 1 percent of those in need of new hearts.

"I think it's an obsolete approach," Jarvik said, adding that medical science should focus on allowing the natural heart mechanical help in healing itself.

Gray said the doctors labored over the ethical dilemma of a human experiment that replaces the heart, the body's engine. He said the patient volunteered for the

surgery, has a medical advocate working on the behalf of the family and that the doctors have no financial connection with Abiomed.

While the two lead surgeons remained optimistic about the man's chance of survival — calling the operation flawless — they said the patient is still in danger.

The baby cows surgeons previously worked on had a significant advantage over the candidates for the five mechanical hearts; the animals were healthy.

"These patients are so ill that it is very likely that one or more may not survive the 60-day period even if the device functions perfectly well," Dowling said.

On the Net:

Abiomed: <http://www.abiomed.com>

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Jewish Hospital Artificial Heart Project: <http://www.heartpi-ners.com>

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Government examining Jeep Grand Cherokees

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal safety agency has opened an investigation into complaints that more than a million Jeep Grand Cherokees may have a safety problem that causes them to suddenly shift out of gear when in park position.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received at least 48 complaints of what it calls "inadvertent rollaway in reverse" involving 1995 through 1999 model Grand Cherokees, according to agency officials.

No deaths have been reported, but the incidents have led to 32 crashes and 14 injuries, according to reports to the agency. Most of the incidents allegedly occurred while the sport utility vehicles were idling with the gearshift in the "park" position.

NHTSA spokesman Rae Tyson said Wednesday that the investigation was opened late last Monday "because of an apparent problem with vehicles jumping out of park with or without the motors running."

Tyson confirmed that the agency had received complaints "that included one incident involving a woman's leg being crushed

and another in which a motorist was pinned against a pickup truck."

Other drivers have complained of Cherokees taking off on their own in parking lots or crossing roads and crashing into trees and buildings, according to the NHTSA files.

While not wanting to prejudice the case, Tyson said these incidents reflect enough of a trend to warrant an investigation. The preliminary probe covers 1.3 million 1995 through 1999 model vehicles. The Jeep Grand Cherokee is made by DaimlerChrysler.

"We've been through this same problem with another DaimlerChrysler product," said Tyson. "We did an investigation and recall of Dodge Dakota pickup trucks for the very same problem."

He said the Grand Cherokee and the Dodge Dakota pickup have similar transmissions.

The investigation was first reported in the Los Angeles Times.

Dominick Infante, safety spokesman for DaimlerChrysler, told the Times the company is cooperating. He said the vehicle has been redesigned, and models since 1999 have a different type of transmission.

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U.S. peacekeepers shift Kosovo mission to cutting rebel supply lines to Macedonia

By Colleen Barry
Associated Press

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Yugoslavia — Two years into their mission in Kosovo, U.S. forces have made a significant strategic shift, launching foot patrols in the mountains to cut supply lines to ethnic Albanian rebels in Macedonia — and preserve the fragile peace in Kosovo.

While U.S. troops have mounted foot patrols throughout their deployment, the key difference is that U.S. forces since last month have been operating under specific orders to increase surveillance and interdictions along the rugged mountain border.

"There is no way to shut the border completely and there are many places they can get supplies from other than the Kosovo border," Col. Anthony Tata, deputy commander of the U.S. forces in Kosovo, told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday outlining the new operation. "But it is obvious based on the quantity of equipment we have received that we have had an impact."

Since sending out the first patrols on June 7, U.S. forces based in Kosovo have intercepted and seized a convoy of five rebel SUVs and four mule trains — all laden with arms, food, clothing and medical supplies, and all making their way



AP Photo
U.S. soldiers of the 82nd Airborne patrol the border area between Kosovo and Macedonia, near the village of Debelde March 9. Two years into their mission in Kosovo, U.S. forces have made a significant strategic shift, launching foot patrols in the mountains to cut supply lines to ethnic Albanian rebels in Macedonia—and preserve the fragile peace in Kosovo. While U.S. troops have mounted foot patrols throughout their deployment, the key difference is that U.S. forces since last month have been operating under specific orders to increase surveillance and interdictions along the rugged mountain border.

to reinforce rebel lines in neighboring Macedonia.

They also have secured at least five caches of weapons hidden under brush, and detained 124 rebels.

So far, the rebels have not fought back, Tata said. One soldier, however, lost a foot last week when he stepped on a land mine.

NATO command in Pristina

ordered the mission shift in June following a NATO-brokered peace that calmed fighting between ethnic Albanian guerrillas and Serb troops in the Presovo valley in neighboring Serbia, which borders the U.S. sector in Kosovo.

That success freed resources to launch the intensified patrols under the command of American Brig. Gen. William C. David at

'This was a dangerous mission. Every rebel in these vehicles had a loaded weapon and there were 11 that they saw.'
— Col. Anthony Tata

the same moment that the rebel Albanian insurgency in Macedonia intensified, Tata said.

The rebels are battling in northern Macedonia, near the Kosovo border, in what they say is a campaign for greater rights for that country's ethnic Albanian minority. The Macedonian government calls the rebels separatists trying to carve out an ethnic Albanian region.

"Gen. David's intent here is important. He wants to show resolve in assisting (Macedonia) by disrupting logistical and recruiting operations in our sector that are supported by the National Liberation Army," as the Macedonian rebel force is known, Tata said.

The U.S. mission to maintain security in Kosovo remains the primary goal, he said, adding: "The movement and the smuggling is disruptive to the safe and secure environment in Kosovo."

One particularly productive night in the Sar mountains, four U.S. infantry soldiers seized rebel Albanian SUVs maneuvering a muddy, mountaintop goat track toward the Macedon-

ian border, blocking the lead vehicle in a ravine.

The impressive take on June 8 was a blow to the rebels' resupply efforts: rifles, machine guns, ammunition drums, mortar components — plus uniforms, boots, bottled water, cans of food, bags of flour, medical supplies and 50,000 German marks — or about \$25,000 — which Tata believes was the rebel payroll.

"This was a dangerous mission. Every rebel in these vehicles had a loaded weapon and there were 11 that they saw," Tata said. The four soldiers captured six without resistance; the others fled.

Helicopters moved in immediately to secure the area and prevent the rebels from regrouping and trying to retake the supplies. Ground forces followed, helping with the detainees and removing seized equipment.

That was the first success. A day earlier, patrols found four cases of mortar ammunition hidden beneath deadfall. Rather than securing the arms, they placed the cache under surveil-

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lance. On June 9, U.S. soldiers captured four rebels returning for the weapons.

Battalion commanders then turned their focus to mule trains spotted in the mountains near the border — intercepting four in one weekend. The seizure included 10 rocket propelled grenades, 16 cases of 12.7 ammunition, 23 cases of explosive, 103 82 mm mortar rounds and 23 boxes of fuses, along with cans of chicken, bags of bread and brand-new boots.

The interdictions so far have focused on a radius of several miles where reconnaissance teams identified a heavily traveled network of foot paths.

"They have been operating in this area for a long time," Tata said. "They have a very good information network. Everybody seems to be connected. The shepherd will report to the woodcutter that the U.S. forces are here. So you have to be somewhat crafty about how you develop your patrol plans."

Tata saw evidence of the mission's success when he led last week's mission to escort rebel soldiers out of Aracinovo, a suburb of the Macedonian capital Skopje they held for two weeks. Rebels stores were low, he said, with possibly just a two-week supply remaining.

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Fourth as seen children

By K
MRT

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Eight-year-old
Children's Park

Celebrating America's Birthday

Fourth of July as seen through children's eyes

By Kristine Aleman
MRT Correspondent

It was a familiar scene downtown at Centennial Plaza Wednesday as the community gathered once again to celebrate Independence Day. Midlanders of all ages joined each other under the sun, listening to live entertainment, sitting in the shade and snacking on food that ranged from kettle popcorn to corn dogs. It seemed to be an enjoyable event for everyone, but most of all to those who have an excuse to have a little more fun than the rest — the children.

They invaded Centennial Plaza, pulling each other in red wagons and chasing one another to the miniature train, all the while wearing red, white and blue balloon hats with snow cone syrup dripping down their chins.

"It's fun to be with everyone else and enjoy all the food," said Lindsey Meise, 13, who attended the celebration downtown before having her own Fourth of July pool party with family and friends.

The younger crowd found a number of pleasing things to do at the festivities while their parents found a spot under the shade and took advantage of the nice breeze blowing through downtown Wednesday.

"I want to be part of the community," said Midland grandmother, Kandy Pruitt, who volunteered downtown for her second year. "We've started a new tradition with our family by coming out here. We've always celebrated the Fourth because we love America. It means a lot to us."

The youngsters jumped to and from each activity all day. Some spent a couple of minutes deciding what they wanted painted on their face, while others spent a couple of hours climbing and re-climbing a portable wall, suspended by ropes and pulleys.

However, the majority of the children made it clear they were downtown for one very important reason.

"People fought so we could see fireworks," said 6-year-old Sam Silva.

Sam and his older brother, Sean, 9, agreed with the other kids downtown that the most exciting part of Independence Day is the fireworks. Whether they are watched from downtown, or popped by family and friends, fireworks have become a significant part of the celebration, but do kids know and understand the true meaning of Independence Day?

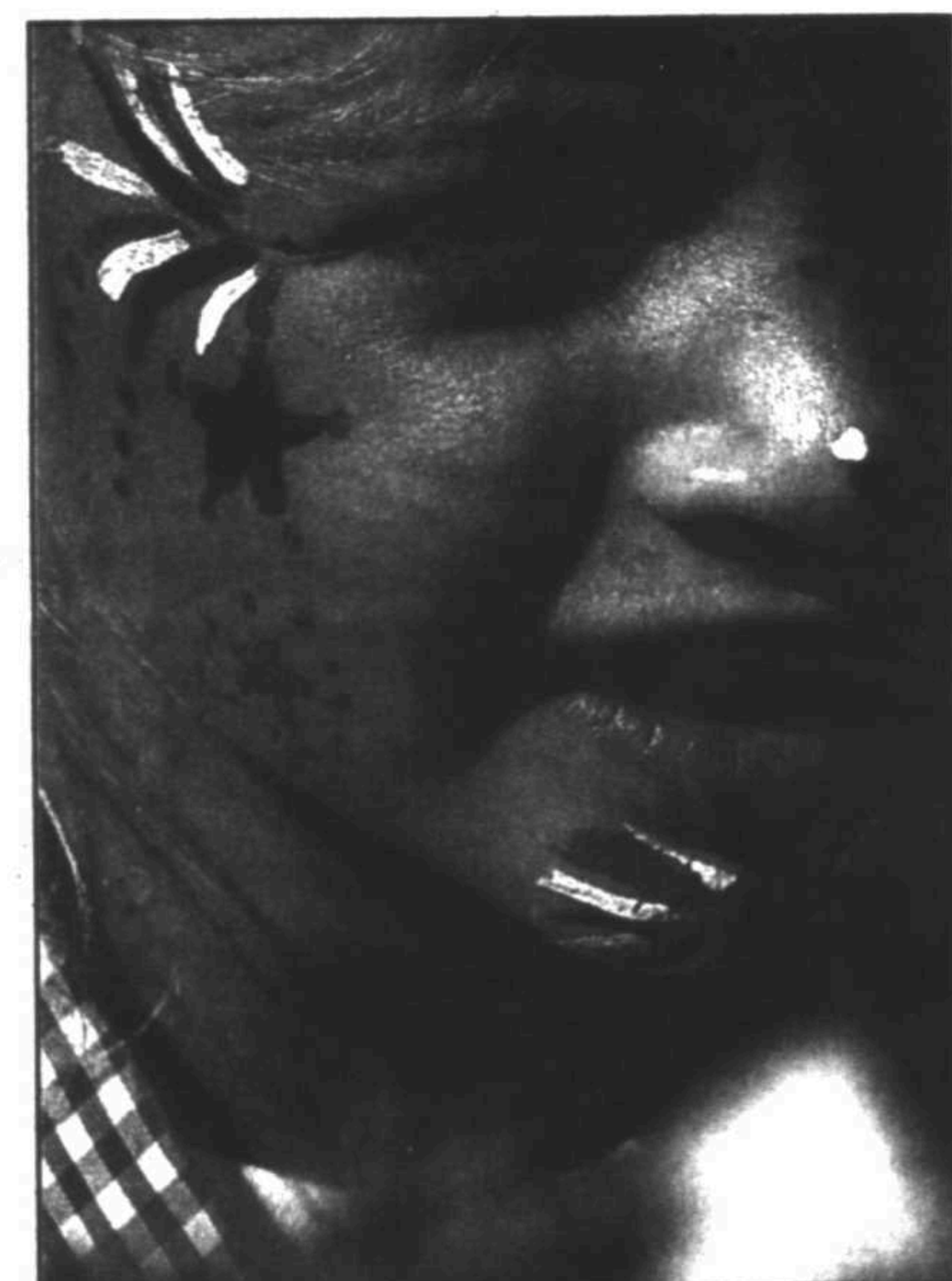
"When the kids are younger, they don't know as much, but the older they get, the more they understand," said Michel Ketter, 13, who had no problem explaining that the Fourth of July is a time to remember America's independence.

Gabriel Flores, 13, whose little sister participated in the Children's Parade Wednesday morning, even defined "independence" as the right to do whatever you want.

"It's a time to celebrate and kind of almost mourn the veterans that died, and to realize that we live in a free country," said volunteer Jaclyn Friday, 14. "We are really the only nation that is free."

The children proved celebrating the Fourth of July isn't just for this country's veterans and their families, but for everyone who is thankful for their independence and who takes pride in being an American.

"I think I am a very patriotic person who likes to be proud of my country," said Midlander Betty Knott. "Someone who is patriotic has a feeling of pride for their country and for the service men who fought to make us free."



ABOVE: Dan Shure, left, and Jon Peiffer of "Junk Band" of New Hampshire perform during the Fourth of July festivities. AT FAR LEFT: An exquisitely-adorned 8-year-old Victoria Olive waits for the start of the Children's Parade. AT LEFT: Two-year-old Belicia Carmiencke paints a cardboard tube.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

Fourth of July as seen through the eyes of parents

By Kristine Aleman
MRT Correspondent

Midland's Star-Spangled Salute not only draws the attendance of the eager children, but also relatives and friends of this country's veterans who were willing to give their lives for the rest of the country.

While the kids looked forward to the holiday's food, fireworks and fun, their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents took time to remember the people who made a difference in their lives, and in the lives of all Americans.

"Our forefathers died to give us this freedom that we take so lightly," said Midlander Edwina Pearce. "This is for the people behind us, and the young boys who died for us."

Even though the young people learn the history of America from parents and teachers, those who have lived longer and seen more are able to understand the meaning of freedom better than their children, said Betty Fields, a volunteer downtown for her fourth year.

"The kids don't really know what it is," she said,

'Our forefathers died to give us this freedom that we take so lightly. This is for the people behind us, and the young boys who died for us.'

— Edwina Pearce,
Midland resident

"but I hope we're teaching them to know what freedom is everyday."

While live music almost drowned out the sounds of laughter and conversation during the downtown celebration, many Midlanders relaxed and took in the atmosphere, pondering a few sentimental thoughts amidst all the partying atmosphere.

"I remember more," said Midlander Margaret Koerner, about her grandchildren. "To the kids, it's just the excitement of the Fourth, but to me, it brings back memories."

Ms. Koerner spoke about the memories of her four brothers who lost their lives while fighting for

the freedom Americans enjoy. For many, the celebrations the children and their families participate in every year are just a bonus, but do not affect the true value of Independence Day.

"The celebrations don't make a difference," Ms. Pearce said. "It's just the mere fact of what the day means."

However, a Fourth of July without community spirit and gathering wouldn't seem right to most Americans, who count on spending the holiday with their family and friends, saving memories with pictures and video cameras.

"The celebration brings out everyone and just makes you feel good," Ms. Koerner said. "I'm with my grandchildren, and they were in the parade this morning. It makes me feel good."

It isn't the celebration that matters, but reflecting on the meaning of Independence Day with the people who mean the most to you, Ms. Fields said.

"It's everyone coming together and being thankful for our freedom in an old-fashioned, American way," she said. "Getting together with your family and friends does make a difference. We are Americans glad to be Americans."

Children's Parade celebrates freedom

By Amy Gonzales
MRT Correspondent

There was no mistaking what this parade was all about.

The colors made it clear.

And it didn't matter what age the person was, either.

The colors said it all.

Indeed, at Wednesday morning's 39th annual Daughters of the American Revolution Children's Parade, children and adults alike were dressed in red, white and blue outfits. And for good reason — they were celebrating America's 225th birthday.

Hundreds of people arrived in downtown Midland to see the children on their patriotically decorated bicycles.

The emphasis, of course, was on Midlanders' love for their country.

When asked what Independence Day meant to her, Juanita Ochoa, a local woman, said, "The Fourth of July reminds me that I have rights. People in other countries aren't as lucky as we are. I'm proud to live in the United States because I can

endure anything here."

Many veterans were present at the DAR event, as well.

Jack Edwards, a United States Navy pilot in World War II, said, "This is a great country we live in. I am a World War II veteran. A lot of people say we are the greatest generation, but I think children are the greatest generation because they will protect our country and take over where we left off."

As the children rode their colorful bikes, the crowd looked on with pride and happiness, especially Gayle Dodson, who has been chairman of the parade for 27 years.

"It's heartwarming to see nearly 200 children, and their parents and grandparents, honoring their country," Mrs. Dodson said. "This parade promotes patriotism and honor. I love it and will continue to run it as long as I can walk down the street."

But leave it to children to put matters in simple terms.

Samantha Lozano, who participated in the parade, grinned and said, "Independence Day is a great holiday."



Eight-year-old Amber Alexander, left, and her 11-year-old sister, Chloé, were participants in the Children's Parade.

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Four people killed in early morning blaze

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A woman and three of her children died of apparent smoke inhalation Wednesday when fire broke out in their single-story northeast Houston home that had been fortified with burglar bars over the doors and windows.

Neighbors and relatives identified the victims as Stephanie Thomas, 30; her daughter, Monique, 16; and two sons, Frank, 13; and Stephan, 4. All were found in a back bedroom, three of them in a closet and the fourth just outside the closet, said Capt. Jack Williams, a Houston Fire Department district chief.

"I knew it was the kid's room," said Reggie Allen, 21, who lives next door and tried to get the people out. "I beat on the windows, but the bars were locked. I ran around to the front and it was in full blaze."

"Nobody could get to them," said Lisa Shotwell, another neighbor. "It's tragic, tragic."

Five others inside the house escaped, including two of Thomas' other children, 11- and 12-year-old boys; the woman's mother and her mother's husband, and a neighbor child who had been spending the night.

Cause of the blaze, first reported to the fire department just before 6 a.m., remained under investigation, Williams said.

Neighbors and relatives, however, reported one of the surviving children may have started the blaze accidentally when he was playing with a lighter used to ignite a fireplace or barbecue grill. One relative said fireworks inside the house may have been lit.

Allen said when he was beating on the back windows, he heard "cracking and popping."

Williams said the burglar bars

on all the windows and the front and rear doors may have forced the four victims to try to hide, he said.

"They were doing what normal people do a lot of times," Williams said. "They go and hide from the fire. That's why three were in the closet and one just outside. You can't hide from fire and smoke."

He said another explanation could be that they knew of the bars blocking their exit but couldn't find the key to the lock in the heavy smoke. Even after firefighters left, some of the blackened bars installed inside the windows remained padlocked.

"Either way, it was the burglar bars," Williams said. "Burglar bars always contribute to the problem, even when people get out safely, they're a concern."

Firefighters got to the house four minutes after receiving the call and found the front door open, Williams said. The relatively small fire was quickly put out and the four bodies then were found in the back. The house did have a smoke detector but did not appear to be working, the chief said.

Neighbors described Stephanie Thomas as a hardworking mother who held two jobs. She lived with her mother in the house for years, they said.

"They're like family members," neighbor Greg Mouton said.

Two weeks ago, three people died and a fourth was critically burned when a pre-dawn fire swept through a wood frame house where windows similarly had been blocked with burglar bars.

A Houston city ordinance requires those who place burglar bars on their homes to have a quick release mechanism. Like the June 20 fire, that did not appear to be the case in Wednesday's fatal blaze.

OBITUARIES



Lonie Mae Mitchell

Lonie Mae Mitchell died in Midland on Monday, July 2, 2001.

A visitation has been set for Thursday, July 5, 2001, from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Friday, July 6, 2001 at Ellis Funeral Home.

Chapel with Reverend Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Lonie Mae Mitchell was born April 19, 1928 in Girvin, Texas to Charles Sherman and Nettie Strait. She was reared and educated in the oilfields of Texas, including Kilgore, Penwell, and Hobbs. She graduated with Honors from San Angelo High School and attended secretarial college there. Lonie was employed by the General Adjustment Bureau in Hobbs, Lubbock and Midland, then worked for Dr. Thurston Dean for 19 years before retiring in 1984. She was a member of the West Texas Iris Society, The National Iris Society, The American Orchid Society and The West Texas Orchid Society.

Lonie was preceded in death by her parents, husband and 3 brothers.

She is survived by her daughters, Gloria Schinkel and her hus-

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

band, David, of Pineville, AR, and Cheri Porter and her husband, Tony, of Midland; her son, Mark W. Mitchell, Sr. of Little Rock, AR; her brother, Francis Keese of San Angelo; her sister, Leona Walker, of Midland; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Serving as pallbearers will be

Mark W. Mitchell, Jr., Aaron Porter, Zachary Johnson, Todd Johnson, Ronald Keese, and George Keese.

Honorary pallbearers will be David P. Schinkel, Tony B. Porter, and Lt. Michael B. Porter.

In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions be directed to Hospice of Midland.

DEATH NOTICES

Fred Betts

Fred Betts died in Midland on Monday, July 2.

Services have been scheduled for 3 p.m., Friday, July 6, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Donnie Brackens officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jerry Murphy. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Betts was born March 13, 1925 in Stamford, to Jerome Kirby and Adela Betts. He has been a Midland resident since the age of 13. On June 15, 1975, he married Pat Scarberry in Midland. He was employed by Borden Company and served in the Marine Corps during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Betts, of Midland; his daughter, Susan Clark of Sugarland; his five step-children, Terry Scarberry of Houston, and Melvin Scarberry Jr., Gregory Scarberry, William Scarberry, and Michael Scarberry, all of Midland; and his four grandchildren. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Flossie Gilmore

BIG SPRING — Flossie Gilmore, 87, died Tuesday, July 3, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home.

Services are scheduled for 4 p.m. today, July 5, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of First Baptist Church in Coahoma, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 17, 1913 in Taylor County and married L.C. Gilmore on June 15, 1935 in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a member of Sand Springs Senior Citizens Center and The First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

She was preceded in death by her husband, April 29, 1993, one brother, Cecil Mansfield and four sisters, Nettie Kennedy, Lena Macomber, Merle Cheeseman and Jeanette Mansfield.

Survivors include three sons, Richard Gilmore of Coahoma, and Melvin Gilmore and Don Gilmore, both of San Angelo; two daughters, Ruby Pitzer of San Marcos and Patsy May of Odessa; three sisters, Louise Hungerford of Energy, Lois

Sheridan of Panama City, Fla., and Arlene Blakney of Big Spring; two brothers, Floyd Mansfield of San Angelo and Harvey Mansfield of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, attention memorials department, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, TX 78761.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Herbert Zimmerman

ROSCOE — The Rev. Herbert Martin Zimmerman, 90, died Monday, July 2, in Roscoe.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, July 6, at First Salem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Glenn Dittmer officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m., Monday, July 9, in Chokio Lutheran Cemetery, Chokio, Minn.

He was born May 14, 1911 in Chokio, Minn., and married Maude Herschbach Feb. 23, 1954 in Corpus Christi. They had lived in Roscoe since 1968 and he attended St. Paul Lutheran College in Minneapolis, Minn. from 1928-1932 and was a supply pastor at Buffalo Lake, Minn. in 1934 and served as interim pastor at Tuttle, N.D. in 1935. He was ordained on Nov. 17, 1935 by his home town pastor. He served parishes at Shilo, Sublime, Orange Grove, Marion, Weimar and Roscoe where he retired in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Martha Schauer Zimmerman in 1952 and Lena Maude Herschbach Zimmerman in 1989 and a son, Brian Zimmerman.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Merz of Austin and Connie Groff of Abilene; four sons, Mark Zimmerman of Midland, Kenny Zimmerman of Caldwell, Reuben Zimmerman of Lindale and Rodney Kelso of Seguin; three sisters, Gertrude Brunkow of Herman, Minn., Doris Heuer of Minneapolis, Minn., and Joy Dougherty of Lake Barrington, Ill.; two brothers, Victor Zimmerman of Chokio, Minn. and Phillip Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minn.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Salem Lutheran Church or

Lutheran World Relief or to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home, Sweetwater.

Maria Elena Garcia

Maria Elena Garcia 60 died Monday, July 2, at Odessa Hospice Home.

Services will be 1 p.m. today, July 5, at Reyes-Garcia Chapel with the Rev. Sergio Alvarado of Iglesia Antioquia officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery Under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

She was born on July 20, 1940 in Rosario Durango, Mexico to the late Alberto & Macedonia Garcia. She was reared and educated in Meoqui Chihuahua, Mexico. In 1986 she moved to El Paso and in 1988 she moved to Midland. For the past 10 years Miss Garcia had worked for K-Mart. She was a member of Iglesia Antioquia and had reared most of her nieces & nephews.

Her parents and brother, Isidro Garcia, precede her in death.

Survivors include, (reared as her own children) nephew, Julio Cesar Garcia of Midland; and nieces, Brenda Garcia of Meoqui Chih, Mexico, Berenice Tena of Midland and Valeria Garcia of Meoqui Chih, Mexico; aunt, Norberta Carrera of El Paso; several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Grace O'Brien

GALVESTON — Grace Yvonne O'Brien, 88, died Monday, July 2, in Midland.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Friday, July 6, at Malloy & Son Funeral Home in Galveston with the Rev. Charles Bagley officiating. Burial will follow at Grace Memorial Park in Alta Loma.

The family will receive visitors after 5 p.m., today, July 5, at Malloy & Son Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, 1802 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX 79701, or to another charity of the donor's choice.

Jacob Kinnard

IRAAN — Jacob Millsap Kinnard, 60, formerly of Iraan, died

on Monday, July 2, at his home in Midland.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 6, in the Restland Cemetery with the Rev. Steve Bailey officiating. Services are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Chapel of Iraan.

Kinnard was born on June 14, 1941 in Junction. He married Paula Boyd on March 4, 1961 in Iraan. He was a contract pumper in the oilfields, and had worked in all facets of the oilfield. He had moved to Midland in 2000, and was a member of the Fairmount Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father Jacob Randolph Kinnard, and a sister, Lynda Caswell.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Kinnard of Midland; son, Jacob Martin Kinnard of Indianapolis, Ind.; two daughters, Deborah Kay Turpin of Carlsbad, N.M. and Christine Green of Midland; his mother, Mearle Inez Kinnard of Denton; a brother, J.R. Kinnard of Fort Stockton; a sister, Barbara Pyke of Denton; and six grandchildren.

Bobby Ponder

GRAHAM — Bobby Ray Ponder, 77, of Graham died Tuesday, July 3, at a local care center.

Services are scheduled for Friday, July 6, at 2 p.m. in the Eastside Church of Christ with the Rev. Dick Stovall officiating. Burial will follow in Rock Creek Cemetery in Jack County. Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 4, 1924 in Electra, to the late Arthur Homer and Claudia Bell (Garner) Ponder. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He married Mary Frances Smith Feb. 26, 1948 in Wichita Falls. He was a retired oilfield truck driver and a member of the Eastside Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a son, a granddaughter and four sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Mary F. Ponder of Graham; three sons, David K. Ponder of Midland, Charles E. Ponder of Wichita Falls, and James A. Ponder of Fort Stockton; one daughter, Leshya Anne Lockridge of Graham; one brother, Bud Ponder of Graham; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Area briefs

Meeting rescheduled

District 1 City Council member LuAnn Morgan is moving her monthly town hall meeting for her constituents, originally scheduled for today, to 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday, July 10, in the conference room located in the basement at City Hall. It will be an open forum with no special speaker scheduled.

Questioning continues in Odessa stabbing incident

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Four men, listed in stable condition resulting from various stab wounds in the early morning hours of July 4, are still being questioned regarding the incident.

Odessa Police officers responded to a call for the disturbance at about 2 a.m. Wednesday at 4590 N. Texas Ave. Officer Terry Mercer found one victim, Alex Venegas 47, lying next to a curb with numerous stab wounds.

According to police, witnesses reported the disturbance, spotting two light colored vehicles leaving the scene.

Eight minutes later, police spotted a white vehicle driving south on Andrews Highway shining its

emergency flashers. Odessa Police Sgt. Mark Rowden approached the vehicle and was informed several of its occupants, including the driver, had multiple stab wounds. The vehicle's driver, Brandon Miller, 24, was stabbed in the face and upper torso. Two other occupants, Rick Wright, 17, and Rene Tavarez, 17, suffered stab wounds in the torso, stomach and leg.

An Odessa Fire Department ambulance transported the three to Medical Center Hospital from the scene. Odessa Police Sgt. Carlos Chavez said police were not sure of exactly what happened.

"No one is in custody at this time," Chavez said.

All four are reported in stable condition at this time, while Odessa Police continue the investigation.

DEAR ABBY

Man breaks more than dishes when his anger's out of control

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married three years. We have a great relationship except for one problem: When "Chad" gets angry, he breaks things and punches holes in the walls. He eventually calms down and regains his composure, leaving broken dishes and cracked plaster.

This upsets my 9-year-old daughter. She was especially scared when Chad picked up our dog and flung him to the ground. She cried and wrote a prayer to God asking him to help her daddy.

I've told Chad he should attend anger control classes, but he says he doesn't need them. When Chad is himself, he adores my kids and they adore him. He is a far better father to my children than their natural

father was.

Abby, how can I convince Chad to take the classes? I'm afraid if I push him he will walk out, leaving my kids without another father. — W A N T I N G P E A C E A N D Q U I E T I N O K L A H O M A

DEAR WANTING: You can't "convince" him. Your husband is the one who must realize that for the sake of his family he needs the anger control classes. I am worried about your children's emotional health. When they see Chad violently throwing their dog to the ground, it's an implicit threat that he could do the same thing to them if they displease him. As a responsible parent, you must protect them from further intimidation. It's important that they feel secure in a safe environment.

Since Chad refuses to get help, I urge you to go to counseling yourself. It will help you to get your priorities in order and give you a more complete understanding of what you must do. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law and close friend of 20 years died of breast cancer two months ago. "Jane" was only 43. Her husband, "Brad," seemed loving and supportive until the end. Since then, however, his behavior has changed dramatically.

Jane died on Tuesday. The following Sunday, Jane's daughter called and said Brad was getting rid of Jane's clothes and asked if we wanted any of them. The following Thursday, Brad had a vasectomy. Two weeks after that, he brought his new 25-year-old girlfriend over to meet the family!

Abby, in the weeks since the funeral, Brad has been out on the town doing all the things Jane could never get him to do in the 20 years they were married. He and his girlfriend dine

out in nice restaurants, go to ball games, you name it.

Brad acts like he's glad to be rid of Jane and all of her things. We are all appalled by his behavior. We are still grieving over Jane's death. We will never accept this woman into our lives. We realize that life goes on, but how soon is too soon?

— BOILING MAD OVER BRAD

DEAR BOILING MAD: There is no timetable for grief when the deceased died from a lingering illness.

Hold on to the fact that Brad

was a loving and supportive husband to Jane until the end — when it counted. Try to be supportive. Brad may be assuaging his depression with this rebound romance, and it may not last. Try not to judge him harshly; the truth is, nobody knows what any marriage is like behind closed doors.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



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Residents all over state celebrate Fourth of July Texan style



ABOVE: The Wheelie-ing Elvi mug for parade-goers during the City of Arlington's Fourth of July parade Wednesday morning in Arlington. AT RIGHT: Alyssa Salazar dances with Ballet Folklorico de Estrellas at the Greater Riverside July 4th Celebration at the Carter-Riverside High School grounds Wednesday morning in Fort Worth.

AP Photos



By Trey Ditto
Associated Press

DALLAS — When it comes to Fourth of July celebrations, Texas lives up to its reputation of everything being big. With festivities statewide lasting from one day up to one week, virtually every Texas community has a parade, fireworks, food and dance.

At the "Old Fashioned Fourth of July" in Dallas, festivities were sprinkled with lessons on Texas' role in America's independence. Among featured performers representing the 18th and 19th century were Buffalo Soldiers and the Nortex Square and Round Dancers.

"A lot of people don't know what part (Buffalo Soldiers) played in American history," said 1st Sgt. Elmer Sweat of the Bear Creek Buffalo Soldiers Youth Organization. "They weren't just soldiers. They did most of the dirty work and didn't get much credit."

Buffalo Soldiers were originally a group of blacks that fought under George Washington during the war for independence.

By 1866, Congress authorized six regiments of black troops that played a major role in the history of the West. They got their name in the mid-19th century by the Plains Indians as a term of respect.

Just beyond soldiers representing the 9th Texas Infantry Unit of 1861, men and women in their senior years do-si-doed to the sounds of fiddle playing.

The North Texas Square and Round Dancers showed off the dance that their state invented — the square dance.

"We want to get more people interested in square dancing," said Gerry Green, the group's vice president. "And what better way than through a patriotic time like the Fourth."

Gov. Rick Perry spent Tuesday morning battling a fever but still practiced for his conducting debut Wednesday with the Austin Symphony Orchestra. Perry was scheduled to lead the symphony to "Stars and Stripes Forever" at 9:30 p.m. A fireworks display was scheduled afterward.

In Corpus Christi, more than 1,000 people were expected to board the USS Lexington to listen to the local symphony and watch a fly-by from the Navy as the fireworks begin.

At Comfort Park west of San Antonio, thousands poured in to celebrate in Texas style Wednesday morning.

"Everybody loves the Comfort parade," said Marti Ashcraft, president of the Comfort Chamber of Commerce.

"It lasts for two hours. It's huge." The crowd was expected to be so large that hours before the parade began, neighbors

roped off the area in front of their houses to keep people from parking their cars and spoiling their view.

In other parts of Texas, the Fourth of July was a day of prayer and healthy competition.

In Plainview, the 27th Annual Citizens Prayer Breakfast was followed by a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and other children's activities.

Lufkin continued its Independence Day celebration — now in its 31st year — with musical entertainment, sand volleyball and an even lengthier fireworks display than previous years.

"It increases every year," said Mike Akridge, an official for the Lufkin Parks and Recreation Department. "This year it's going to be a 32-minute event."

Brownsville focused more on the military side of patriotism. Hundreds of people in Brownsville lined up to watch the "The Brownsville Herald's Salute to Freedom," the city's first parade in years to celebrate Independence Day.

The 323rd U.S. Army Band from Fort Sam Houston participated in the parade as well as flag-lowering ceremonies with a 21-gun salute.

"This is America and we need to express our freedom and acknowledge the sacrifices that our veterans have made," Gloria Trujillo told The Brownsville Herald, hoping that the parade becomes an annual event.

In Texas City and La Marque, the patriotic festivities started with a Fourth of July parade. The day's festivities included a city-sponsored three-on-three basketball tournament, an adult sand volleyball tournament and horse-shoe pitching competitions.

For the annual Independence Day parade in Seguin, a procession of antique cars, horses, beauty queens and clowns made its way towards the town's square.

Miles away in Leon Valley, Annie Fernandez and her two sons, Herbert, 9, and Robbie, 4, said the town's parade was a good way to remember why the holiday is celebrated.

"I want them to appreciate what the United States stands for. This is a good way to give them a taste of what this day is all about," Fernandez told the San Antonio Express-News.

In Houston, where residents are still recovering from Tropical Storm Allison, there were only a few minor raindrops for the festivities, the Houston Chronicle reported in its online edition Wednesday.

In Friendswood, hit hard by Allison, fat, gentle raindrops fell over the city's mile-long parade route. But that didn't deter some 20,000 spectators.

Baton twirling still going strong despite girls' other options

By Melissa Williams
Associated Press

ROWLETT — In an industrial park in suburban Rowlett, under the glare of fluorescent lights, Lauren Richardson unzips her baton case and begins to spin magic.

The silver rod flashes between her fingers like a propeller. She tosses it high and pirouettes several times beneath, meeting it in time and space as if it were a bird lighting softly in her grasp. Instantly, she leaps away and strikes another graceful pose, spinning, always spinning, the baton.

Lauren, 16, is practicing for state — that is, the National Baton Twirling Association's state competition. She is performing a solo routine in the senior women's advanced division, pursuing the competitive side of the sport in addition to being the feature twirler at Rowlett High School, itself a high-profile position in a state that knows what for about baton twirling.

Thousands of girls — and they are almost all girls — from preschool beyond college twirl the baton at some level in Texas, where colleges like Stephen F. Austin State University offer twirling scholarships and one-time champions have been known to end up in the state Legislature.

"People make light of 'You know, she used to be a baton twirler,' but truly it was a lot of hard work," says state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who is perhaps best known for her legislation to curb domestic violence but who also was a national baton twirling champion during her high school years in Hamilton, Ohio.

"I've had people ask me how can I smile sometimes when I'm watching one of my bills go down in flames or getting beat up on the Senate floor," says Nelson, 49, who put herself through the University of North Texas teaching baton twirling. "Let me tell you, I have twirled in 10 degrees below zero when my fingers hurt and my toes hurt. And yet you smile because all those people have come to watch you perform."

Nelson was one of thousands of kids who took up twirling in the 1950s, when every town had its share of veterans' parades and postwar prosperity allowed for lessons.

Don Sartell, 72, a former twirler and now president of the NBTA International, based in Janesville, Wis., says back when every high school band was fronted by at least one twirler or majorette, some 1 million kids were twirling batons nationwide. These days, with the

ubiquity of drill teams and flag corps, the figure is more like 150,000 to 200,000.

"You can see why," he said. "Girls have so many alternatives now, where they didn't back then."

The body blow came in 1972 with the passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments, which required public schools to provide equal access to girls and boys in all academic and athletic programs. Finally, girls could play varsity soccer, softball and basketball instead of standing on the football sidelines twirling or cheerleading.

Within 10 years, twirling's popularity nosedived, recalls Sandi Wiemers, president of the United States Twirling Association, based in Huntington Station, N.Y. The USTA is a rival to the older and more established NBTA.

"Title IX really had an effect on us when the women's sports movement really kicked in," says Wiemers, whose organization holds this year's national championships July 9-17 in Fort Worth. "We started to see a decline in our membership because girls had so many other choices."

Traditional twirling strongholds like the small towns of rural East Texas held on for a while, but eventually began to suffer, too, reports Joan Bridges, coach and choreographer of the twirling line at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. Male athletes there are called the Lumberjacks, women the Ladyjacks, and the twirlers — they're the Twirlojacks.

"The economy has hurt twirling as we know it now," says Bridges, who also teaches at East Texas Twirling Academy in Henderson. "This year I've noticed — as long as I've been in the business, it's the very lowest. It's real sad to me."

She blames the fact that kids



AP Photo
Lauren Richardson, 16, walks a baton around her shoulders as she practices for the National Baton Twirling Association's state competition on June 14, in Rowlett. Lauren is one of the thousands of girls across Texas who twirl a baton.

can, for example, play basketball at the local recreation center for less than private baton twirling classes and lessons cost.

In Rowlett, Lauren Richardson's teacher, a highly regarded instructor named Janice Jackson who has produced national NBTA champions, charges \$33 per month for one 45-minute class each week and \$48 per hour for a private lesson. Membership in her dance company and on the invitation-only twirling team cost extra. Then there are costumes, equipment, entry fees and travel expenses.

However, all that is far from the estimated \$10,000 per year associated with competitive ice skating, notes Bonnie Baxter, a nationally known Dallas-based twirling teacher.

"I don't want to say it's a blue-collar sport, but it is financially within the means of a lower

goes in cycles. I think we're down. But sometimes you just happen to attract the right kind of people and suddenly there are people in the field who are inspiring and encouraging."

Indeed, while U.S. participation is stagnant or declining, baton twirling is becoming increasingly popular in Japan and Western Europe, according to Sartell. Both the USTA and the NBTA have the long-term goal of making twirling an Olympic sport, he said.

Baxter, who once owned a studio in Wichita Falls but whose students now come to her from all over the country, proudly defends twirling's emphasis on appearance, deportment and interviewing skills (all are evaluated in the NBTA's pageantlike state and national "Miss Majorette" competitions).

"People ask me, 'What do you do with that after you get out of school?' Well, what do you do with soccer? With ballet?" Baxter demands. "Really, it's the one life skill we give the kids ... posture, how you sit, how you present yourself."

And what about twirling's fluffy image as a relic of premodern times? Don't get her started.

"The public thinks it's passe? Well, OK, maybe it is. But parents standing on the soccer sidelines shouting obscenities — I don't care if those people think we're passe or not."

"Our girls don't have time to

hang out at the mall or ride around in cars with the guys. And I'm not even saying they shouldn't. I'm saying they're too busy."

Whew. Let's ask the girls. Why spend hours in the gym or the family driveway trying to master the elusive back neck roll or five-spin?

"I love it; it's so fun," exclaims Amy Bounds, 16, a sophomore and feature twirler at Henderson High School in Henderson, about 125 miles southeast of Dallas. She started at age 3 after begging her parents to enroll her in a class.

"I took dance and I just saw a girl twirling and I just really wanted to do it really bad, so I did," Amy says.

Back at Jackson's studio, Lauren's straight brown bangs are sticking damply to her forehead an hour into her two-hour lesson.

Jackson sits off to the side in a plastic chair. On the floor around her lie empty water bottles, boxes of cassettes and CDs, dance shoes, boom boxes, batons.

She watches keenly as Lauren tries a four-spin, attempting to whirl around four times while her baton is aloft. Not this time — the baton thunks to the floor and rolls away.

"It's there!" Jackson tells her mildly. "Step out. Coming out of the spin, step out to the front."

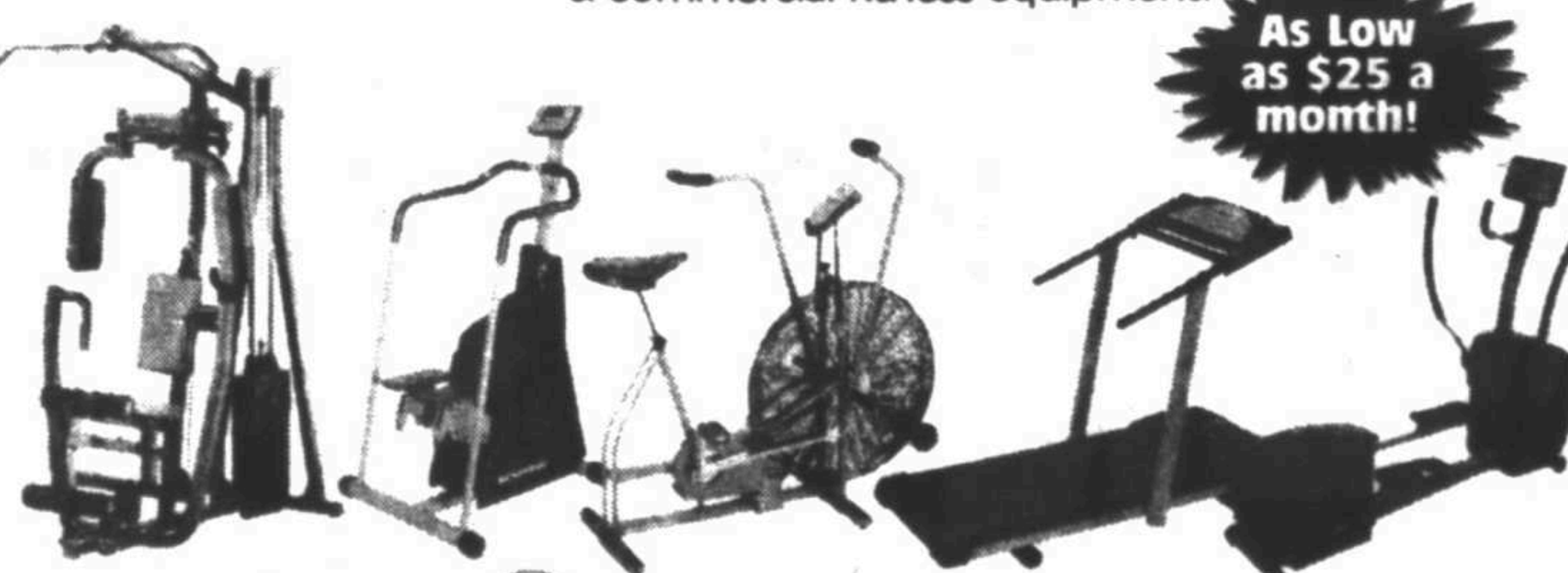
Lauren tries again. This time, the stick drops lightly into her hand.

"There you go. Good," Jackson says.

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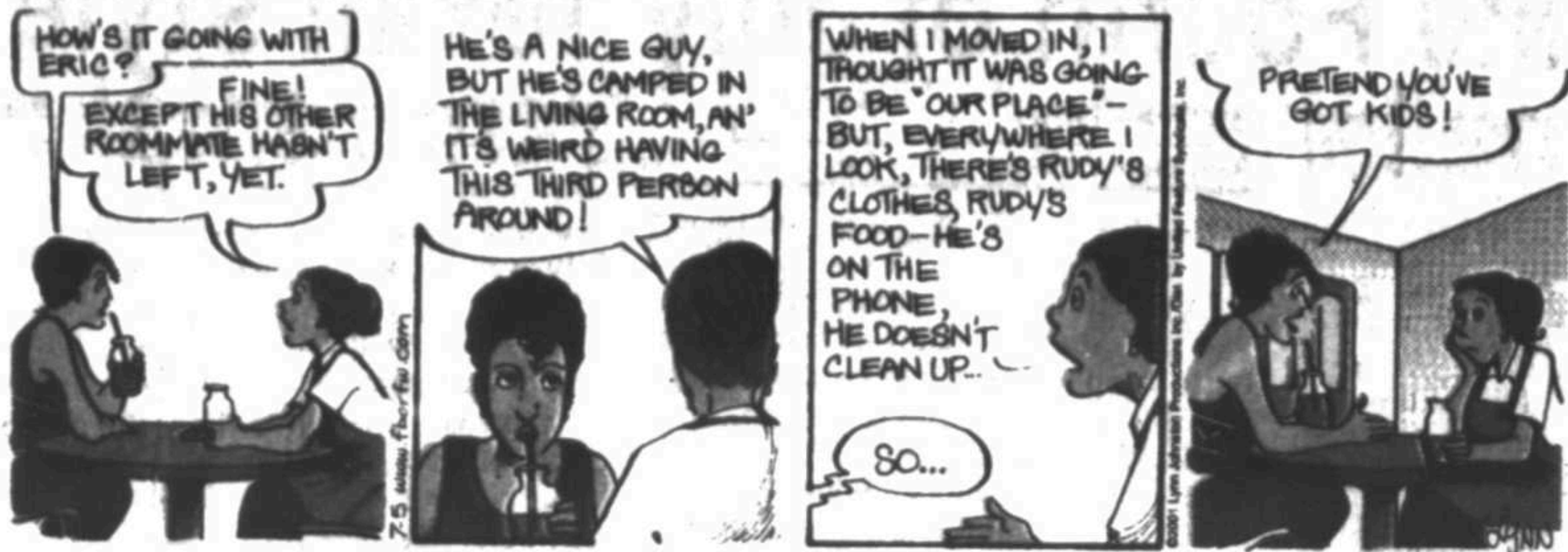
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Wahlberg says he's ready for challenge of Cary Grant remake



Wahlberg

NEW YORK — Mark Wahlberg made a name for himself wearing Calvin Klein's underwear — but can he fill Cary Grant's shoes?

Wahlberg recently spent time in Paris shooting a remake of "Charade," the 1963 romantic thriller which starred Grant and Audrey Hepburn.

Jonathan Demme will direct the new film, titled "The Truth About Charlie," which is due out next year. Wahlberg plays the Grant role and Thandie Newton plays Hepburn's role.

"I probably won't realize what it means until it's over and I get bashed for destroying a great part," the 30-year-old former underwear model and rapper told Vanity Fair magazine in its August issue.

Wahlberg stars next in the updated version of "Planet of the Apes," which opens July 27.

MIAMI — A Colombian songwriter who produced songs for pop singer Gloria Estefan is suing her husband, music producer Emilio Estefan Jr., for failing to promote his career and withholding royalties.

Kike Santander, who won a Latin Grammy for "Mi Verdad" last year, filed a complaint Tuesday asking a judge to let him out of his contract with Emilio Estefan. He also seeks unspecified damages and restitution.

Santander produced or co-produced albums such as Gloria Estefan's "Abriendo Puertas," Alejandro Fernandez's "Me Estoy Enamorando" and tracks from Thalía's "Amor A La Mexicana" and Gloria Estefan's "Destiny," according to the lawsuit.

Frank Amadeo, president of Estefan Enterprises, called the lawsuit "a transparent attempt to strong-arm the Estefans into releasing Mr. Santander from his contractual and financial obligations."

"We are disheartened that Mr. Santander has chosen this course of action despite all of the assistance the Estefans have provided him with his career," Amadeo said.

NEW YORK — Can you name all five of the original MTV VJs?

Well, if not, they're getting together to celebrate the cable channel's 20th anniversary, so you can refresh your memory then.

Martha Quinn, J.J. Jackson, Alan Hunter, Nina Blackwood, and Mark Goodman will take part in the Aug. 1 party at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom.

Carson Daly of MTV's "Total Request Live" will be the host of the event, which will be broadcast live from 8-11 p.m. EDT. It will feature artist performances, interviews — and the triumphant return of Beavis and Butt-Head.

"We're stuffing 20 years of MTV in one room for one night with all the music, irreverence and energy that we're known for," MTV president Van Toffler said. "This should be a memorable night — it will certainly make compelling television."

NEW YORK — It's a beautiful day in the cyberhood.

Fred Rogers, the longtime host and creator of the children's TV show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," has become pretty high-tech for someone who's known for his low-tech trolley and puppets.

He's working on an interactive program for the PBS Web site, which will debut this summer, and he hopes to create a series of children's stories for www.misterrogers.org.

"Technology in any form (from computers to atomic power) can be used for good or evil," Rogers said in the August issue of *Q* magazine, on newsstands next week. "It all depends on the hearts and minds of those who use it."

The 73-year-old taped his final episodes of the show last year after 33 years on television.

NEW YORK — Beach Boys co-founder Brian Wilson said he's struggled with mental illness and hallucinations that plague him on stage.

"I'm thinking, 'God help me if I get these crazy thoughts in my head,' you know. I have auditory hallucinations that I get," he told ABC's "Good Morning America" in an interview that aired Tuesday.

"Voices saying, 'I'm going to hurt you, we're going to kill

you, we're going to kill,' you know, crazy stuff."

At 59, Wilson said he'll always be on medication to treat his condition. But he's still making music, and will be honored with "An All-Star Tribute to Brian Wilson," which airs at 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday on TNT. Ricky Martin, Carly Simon, Vince Gill, the Go-Go's and Billy Joel are among the artists taking part.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

THURSDAY EVENING

JULY 5, 2001

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 5, 2001:

Much will change in the following year. A major relationship could take a turn in a new direction. If you are single, you could find yourself in a very important bond that could lead to much more. If you are attached, you learn more give-and-take through this year's events with your sweetie. Good health care pays off; you could feel drained, as you will push long and hard. Don't hold back your feelings. You often feel vulnerable. CAPRICORN plays devil's advocate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Though much could be changing in the next few months on the home and work fronts, you don't need to develop attitude. Go easy. In fact, the way you verbalize affects the results. You'll gain more with sugar than with vinegar. Tonight: Check in with an older relative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might want to take off or try something a bit different. Surf the Internet to check out your options. You might be surprised by what you could do — especially if you are willing to spend a little. Use a talent to enhance your earning power. Tonight: Off to the movies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Deal with someone directly. You'll get excellent results if you just turn on the charm. An associate or partner is more than happy to help you. Restructure your financial situation in the next few months. Tonight: Opt for cozy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your vision of what makes a partnership work could change substantially over the next few months. If you are a woman, you might see the man in your life differently. If you are a man, you could change your feelings about the right role for you. Tonight: Say yes to someone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ If your work isn't going the way you want it to, change it: Consider going back to school or taking a seminar to extend your expertise. If you're feeling drained, take a nap or fit in some exercise to restore your vitality. A dear friend paves the way to happiness. Tonight: Follow another's suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You can be sure that nothing will stay the same. An eclipse in the area of children and creativity promises new beginnings in the next half-year. Someone reveals feelings for you in the next few weeks, if not today. Open up to an older relative. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Family and domestic issues take priority. You cannot avoid stress or tension that affects your personal and professional life. Someday you will drop the ball and not be able to juggle any longer. A dear friend helps you see what you can't see. Tonight: Why not barbecue?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Speak your mind, make calls and allow greater flexibility in your schedule. Many won't be in the mood to work. Don't push. You know how to motivate others. A partner or dear friend will be the center of

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much happiness and good news in the next few weeks. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others make wise suggestions during the next few weeks. You'll understand how much you are cared about. Analyze your budget in the next few months. You might decide that changes are long overdue. Your efforts to please a friend pay off. Tonight: Have a good time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ An eclipse in your sign promises changes soon. Decisions are made that allow you to express more easily who you are. A loved one goes out of his way to make you happy. Clearly, you impress those around you. Tonight: You're the apple of another's eye.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ What you seek emotionally becomes more of a possibility if you loosen up and relax. A new relationship will be budding, or a present one will warm up considerably. Sit back and discover how you might be preventing others from getting close to you. Tonight: Take some personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Change is due in the next few months. Join with friends. Keep your eyes open. Witness how others live their lives. Express your warmth to one who is close to you; trust that the feelings are mutual. Tonight: Join your pals.

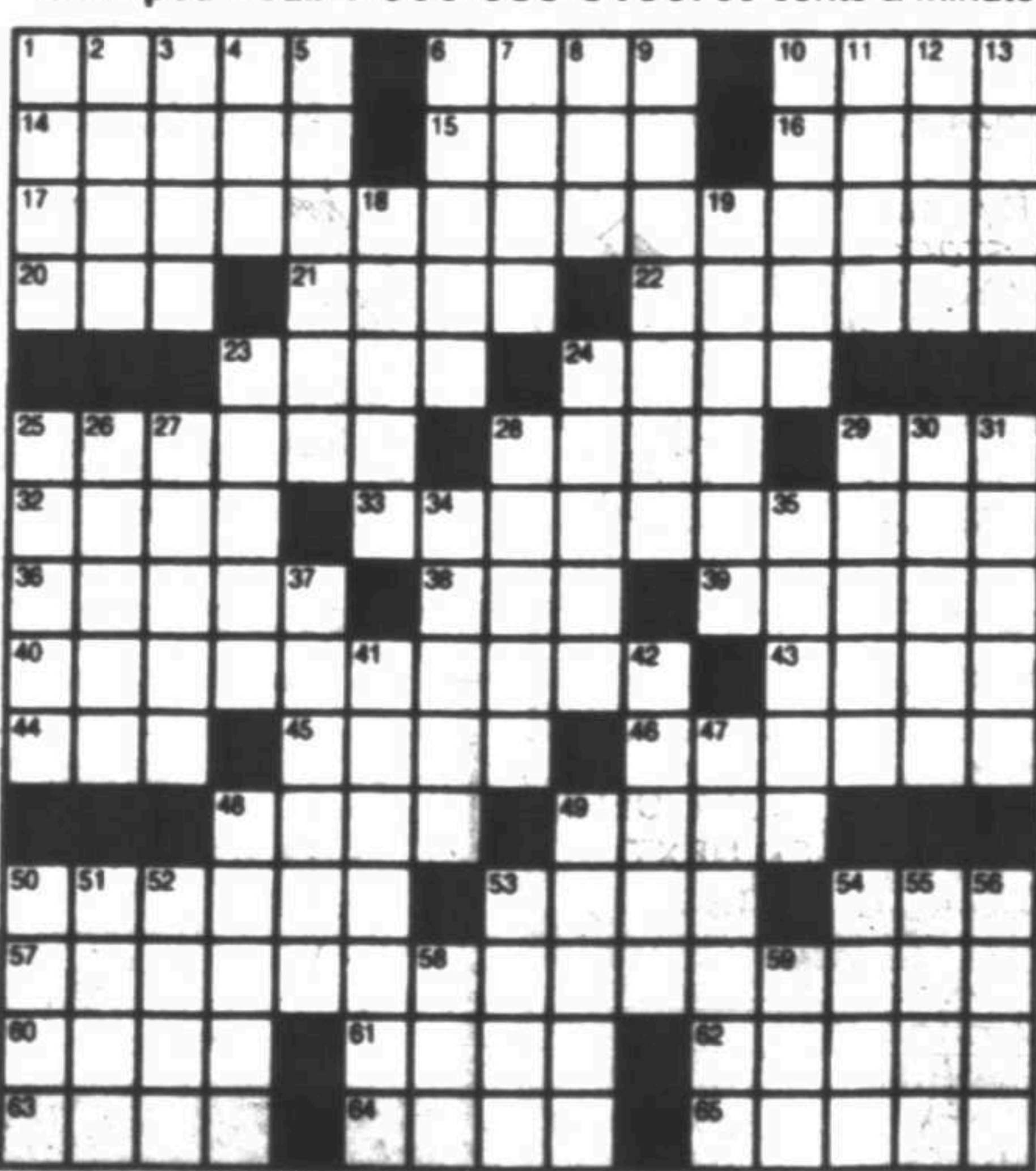
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It is obvious that the Creator is no bridge player. Had that been the case, we would all have been born with seven fingers on each hand, to facilitate counting to 13.

The North hand, all prime with a five-card suit, was too strong to open a 15-17 one-no-trump. South's leap to three-no-trump showed a balanced 16-18, and North raised to six-no-trump to protect any tenace South might have in clubs.

West led the four of hearts, and declarer wasted no time in going down. The first trick was won in hand with the queen, and the jack of spades was led. West's heart discard was a death blow. With only three tricks available in spades, declarer could not come to 12 tricks without help from the defense.

East-West failed to oblige.

While the 5-0 spade break was unlucky, it was not insurmountable. Since the slam is frigid with any 4-1 spade split, it requires only a modicum

of care for declarer to come to 12 tricks no matter how the spades are distributed.

With eight tricks in the other three suits, declarer needs only four spade tricks to rack up the slam. To make sure of those tricks, declarer should cross to the king of diamonds at trick two and lead a low spade toward the closed hand. Assuming East plays low, the 10 wins and, when West shows out, declarer returns to the board with the ace of diamonds to lead another low spade. No matter what East does, declarer is assured of four spade tricks, 12 overall, since the king of hearts remains as the entry to dummy's high spades.

What if West has all the spades? The defender can capture the 10 with the queen but, after regaining the lead, declarer cashes the jack of spades and then takes the marked finesse for the nine to come to four spades, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

Raising hopes of war-cursed Liberia, soccer star loses to Ghana

By Jonathan Paye-Layle
Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Soccer star George Weah did the worst thing he could to war-cursed Liberia and its numbed people: Made them hope.

Even after his house was sacked by combatants in Liberia's ruinous, seven-year civil war, the former World Player of the Year had returned to his home country to lead its team as close as it had ever come to the World Cup tournament.

But not close enough. On Sunday, Liberia lost.

The hissing started with 15 minutes left to play and Liberia trailing Ghana 2-1. Curses flew. Then bottles.

President Charles Taylor stalked out of the stadium, his season of elated dancing in the stands abruptly ended.

The target of the abuse stood on the field, anguished and angry: Weah, the Liberian's 35-year-old star player, technical director, and unofficial leader and coach.

That morning, Weah, who sank years and millions of his own dollars into the national soccer team, was being hailed as "hero," "King George," even "Jesus Christ."

By nightfall, his family had to flee a stone-throwing mob and Weah was preparing to leave the country forever.

"With all our poverty, with all our strife ... why should they dash our hopes in this manner?" asked James Tuo, peddling goods in the streets of the capital, Monrovia, after the loss.

"I did not expect George to bring us this far, and frustrate us."

"George Weah is a curse to Liberia!" one fan yelled Sunday, hurling an empty bottle.

Bitter, Weah announced he was quitting Liberian soccer. He would go to the United States and live with his family there, he said.

"I cannot take such insults, just for losing a match," he told The Associated Press late Monday.

It marked a radical change for a man who had been one of Liberia's proudest — and most loyal — sons throughout his 15-year career.

In a Sports Illustrated article in April, Weah credited Liberian soccer with taking him from the streets of Monrovia to the playing fields of AC Milan, Chelsea, Manchester City, Monaco and Olympique Marseille.

Weah's career flourished abroad in the 1990s while Liberia fell apart.

Warlords vying for power fought a seven-year war of mindless destruction and atrocities. Under Taylor, a warlord elected to the presidency in 1997, life for many today remains a bleak struggle for survival with little relief — no running water, no electricity.

But even as the U.N. Security Council punished Liberia with sanctions for alleged arms- and diamond-trafficking with the brutal rebels of neighboring Sierra Leone, UNICEF honored Weah one of its special representatives for sports.

In 1996, while Weah was away at a match in Europe, his home in Monrovia was gutted in an attack by armed bands. By some reports, female members of the household were raped at gunpoint.

Days earlier Weah had given an interview in which he urged democracy in Liberia. The Liberian president felt compelled to deny responsibility.

But Weah returned to Liberia. Sports Illustrated quoted him as saying that a man who burned the bridge to his past was lost.

Coming home, Weah took charge of Liberia's team, the

Lone Star. Liberians loved him for buying jerseys, plane tickets to games — anything and everything players needed.

And Liberians loved him for making the team play as it never had — giving them something in their broken nation that worked.

The impoverished nation with its war-looted soccer stadium soared in the standings — entering, incredibly, contender position Sunday.

A win against Ghana, playing on home turf at Monrovia, would have taken Liberia's Lone Star to the World Cup in Asia in 2002.

"The whole world is watching," Taylor told the players in a pre-game visit.

He promised to be in the stands for the team's first World Cup event.

Taken from their daily miseries, 10,000-strong crowds lined the fields just to watch practices.

Female choirs visited the players' hotel Sunday morning, singing favorite hymns of the deeply religious Weah. Weah came out of his room to join in.

Hours later, it was all over. The game ended where it was when Taylor turned his back on it, and walked out of the stadium.



um: 2-1, Ghana.

Weah blamed his players — saying they hadn't run hard enough, hadn't listened to his instructions. He was most upset by the profanities he had overheard — citing a curse that impugned his mother as his reason for quitting the team.

"Even when people have committed atrocities they don't insult their mothers," Weah said late Sunday, in a surreal Liberian mix of sensitivities after horrors.

Liberian-born soccer player George Weah, a striker for AC Milan, holds the Golden Ball trophy for best European player of the year to a standing ovation from his fans in Milan in this Jan. 7, 1996 file photo. Throughout his 15-year career, Weah had been one of Liberia's proudest and most loyal sons. As late as July 1, Liberians were hailing Weah as a hero. By Sunday night, his house was under attack from fans stoning it. Taking Liberia as close as it had ever come to the World Cup tournament, Weah had done the worst he could to his wrecked nation and its numbed people: He had made them hope. Then Ghana beat Liberia 2-1 in the qualifier.

AP Photo

Weah's family briefly fled their home in a Monrovia suburb to escape a stone-throwing mob. Weah stayed at the seaside villa, for now.

He refuses crowds who surround his home, begging him to change his mind, and stay for good.

Japanese grow impatient, demand Washington hand over soldier suspected in rape

By Eric Talmadge
Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese officials grew impatient Wednesday, pressing the United States to hand over an American serviceman suspected of rape, fearing delays could enflame already strong emotions among residents of Okinawa.

Okinawan police were forced to wait for a second day Wednesday as Washington continued to mull whether Timothy Woodland, a 24-year-old Air Force sergeant based on the island's Kadena Air Base, should be released to their custody.

Police obtained an arrest warrant on Monday for Woodland, whom they accuse of raping an Okinawan woman in a parking lot at a popular tourist area last week.

But they have not been able to arrest him because of an agreement under which active-duty military suspects generally remain under U.S. jurisdiction until they are formally charged. In Japan, formal charges are often filed after the arrest has been made.

The Pentagon said it had no comment Wednesday about its internal deliberations about Woodland. On Tuesday, Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, a Pentagon spokesman, said military officials were still working closely with the Japanese authorities.

"There are many issues involved here," Quigley said. "We've got to weigh them carefully and no final decision has been made."

The U.S.-Japan agreement, which outlines the status of the nearly 50,000 U.S. troops in



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Holding a banner reading: "Withdrawal of the U.S. bases in Okinawa that have been the hotbed of violent crimes," Okinawan protesters shout anti-U.S. military slogans in a peaceful demonstration outside the Kadena Air Base on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa Tuesday. A court issued an arrest warrant Monday against a U.S. Air Force sergeant stationed on the base suspected of last Friday's alleged raping of an Okinawan woman against the side of a car in a trendy tourist area.

Japan, has often been a source of friction in the past.

On Wednesday, a few dozen students protested peacefully outside the air base, forcing officials to close the base's busiest gate for an hour. It was the second protest outside the gate in as many days.

Okinawa's governor, who has called for revision of the pact on criminal suspects, met with officials in Tokyo and said he wanted Woodland turned over immediately.

"We are very disappointed that we have not been able to have the suspect transferred to our jurisdiction," Gov. Keiichi Inamine said in a statement. "We strongly request that the suspect be turned over as soon as possible."

In Tokyo, Chief Cabinet spokesman Yasuo Fukuda also expressed concern.

"If it takes much longer, we may have to ask for an explanation," he said.

America's new ambassador to Japan, former Sen. Howard Baker, stressed in an arrival speech Tuesday that Washington was committed to cooperating with Japanese authorities. Baker met with Japanese officials Wednesday, and said he is doing all he can to see that a decision will be reached "as soon as possible," according to a Foreign Ministry statement.

But U.S. Embassy official Richard Christianson late Wednesday told Ichiro Fujisaki, chief of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's North American division, that the United States did not wish to rush its investigation because the suspect has maintained that he is innocent, accord-

ing to national broadcaster NHK television.

Christianson said a handover before indictment may violate Woodland's rights, the report said. U.S. Embassy officials could not be reached early today for comment.

Woodland, who has denied raping the woman, has been questioned by Okinawan police daily but has not been allowed to return to his on-base residence. Only once before has the U.S. military transferred a serviceman to Japanese custody prior to the filing of charges — in 1996, when an American was arrested and later convicted of attempted murder near Nagasaki on the mainland.

Some 26,000 U.S. troops are stationed on the southern island of Okinawa, and residents have

long expressed concerns over crowding and the danger of military-related accidents.

But the brutal rape of a 12-year-old schoolgirl by three American servicemen in 1995 brought long-simmering anger over crime to a boil, setting off the largest anti-base protests in Japan in decades. The protests led to the decision to allow military suspects in major crimes to be turned over prior to the filing of charges, if Washington deemed such a handover appropriate.

Foreign Minister Makiko Tanaka said U.S. officials have been in contact with her fre-

quently, but added that they wanted to be sure Woodland's rights would not be violated.

"Concern over human rights is very serious in the United States," she said. But she added: "We cannot let this drag on."

Newspapers in Tokyo on Wednesday also began to take a more critical view of Washington's handling of the case. One called for a review of the pact governing the troops here, the Status of Forces Agreement.

"It is time to change this agreement," said an editorial in the national Mainichi newspaper.

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Chinese officials offer conflicting accounts on Falun Gong labor camp deaths

By John Leicester
Associated Press

BEIJING — China and a human rights group said Wednesday that followers of the outlawed Falun Gong sect hanged themselves in a mass suicide at a prison camp, but the sect claimed the inmates were tortured to death.

Reports of the number of dead of ranged from three to 16, with the number differing even among government officials.

A judicial official in northeastern Heilongjiang province, Lan Jingli, said 14 followers hanged themselves from bunk beds with sheets at the province's Wanjia labor camp before dawn on June 20. Another 11 followers were stopped from hanging themselves by camp guards, Lan said.

However, a spokesman for the central government's State Council Information Office said three died and eight were rescued. All 11 were women, he said.

The other eight are now "out of danger," said the spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity. He also said the suicides occurred June 21, instead of June 20.

A human rights group, The

Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy, first reported the deaths and said 16 Falun Gong practitioners had hanged themselves as a protest.

It said the suicides came after camp officials extended their sentences by three to six months to punish them for a hunger strike.

Falun Gong denied the group committed suicide, saying at least 15 followers were beaten to death at Wanjia on or around June 20.

On Wednesday, about 30 Falun Gong members staged a sit-in protest outside China's representative office in Hong Kong, the Chinese-governed territory where the group remains legal. They called on the United Nations to investigate the deaths.

Sharon Xu, a Falun Gong spokeswoman in Hong Kong, cast doubt on the official claim of suicide, saying prisoners are watched around the clock in labor camps.

"There's no way they could be allowed to have the opportunity to even find anything to hang themselves," she said.

Lan, who directs the Heilongjiang bureau that oversees the province's labor camps, said



AP Photo
Followers of Falun Gong stage meditation exercises outside the Chinese representative's office in Hong Kong Wednesday. About 30 Falun Gong members called on the United Nations to investigate the deaths of 14 followers of the meditation sect in a labor camp in China. A Chinese government official said Wednesday fourteen imprisoned followers of the banned Falun Gong sect committed suicide in a north China labor camp, making ropes from sheets and hanging themselves from bunk beds.

camp guards patrolled every five minutes. But he said the followers took advantage of a gap in patrols to hang themselves from their cell bunks with sheets.

The State Council spokesman

identified the three dead as Zhao Yayun, 53; Zhang Yulan, 54; and Li Xiuqin, 60. All three women were from Heilongjiang, he said.

Falun Gong also identified Zhao, Zhang and Li as among

those it said were killed. Li's body was cremated before her family could view it, the group said. Zhang's family saw her body June 23 and observed deep marks on her neck, it said.

Zhao's body had strangulation marks on the neck, bruises on the back and shoulders, and finger marks on the face, the group said.

During the government's two-year crackdown on the spiritual movement, thousands of followers have been sent to labor camps where China says they are counseled into breaking ties with Falun Gong.

China's government says Falun Gong is a cult that has led more than 1,600 followers to their deaths, mostly by encouraging practitioners to use meditation instead of medicine to cure medical ailments. Officials claim followers also have killed themselves in the belief they will go to heaven when they die.

Lan accused Falun Gong practitioners overseas of having a hand in the suicides.

"Those organizations are using all possible channels to pass on the so-called 'instructions' to the practitioners in the reform camp in order to make them believe that

going to heaven after their death is the highest level of practicing," he said.

Falun Gong says its teachings forbid all forms of killing, including suicide, and says the government is running a smear campaign against it.

Falun Gong says 250 followers have died from police brutality since July 1999, more than half of them in the past six months.

The Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy says it has confirmed 153 deaths in the crackdown.

Falun Gong said the Wanjia camp tortures practitioners to make them renounce the group. Guards doused one practitioner with water and shocked her with an electric baton, and threw 50 female followers into cells with male prisoners after they refused to sign statements denouncing the group, it said.

Lan said Beijing officials ordered labor camps to improve surveillance of imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners following the suicide. Falun Gong followers will now be watched constantly, he said.

U.S. ambassador, on his way out, criticizes Israel, Palestinians for undermining peace development

JERUSALEM (AP) — In farewell interviews, outgoing U.S. Ambassador Martin Indyk blamed both Israelis and Palestinians for undermining Mideast peace efforts and said he does not expect a comprehensive political settlement soon.

A U.S.-brokered cease-fire remained in jeopardy Wednesday. An Israeli was shot dead on a road just inside Israel near the Palestinian town of Tulkarem in the West Bank, Israel's police said. Palestinian militants were suspected in the shooting.

In the West Bank town of Hebron, Palestinian activist Hazem Falah Natche was shot in the abdomen and wounded, witnesses said. It was not immediately clear who shot Natche. The Palestinians blamed Israeli security forces, while Israel's army said it had no knowledge of the shooting.

Israeli Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said Israel would continue efforts to prevent terror attacks because the Palestinians are not doing so. He rejected the Palestinian contention that a seven-day period of calm, leading to a cooling off period and eventually to peace talks, ended Wednesday.

"I have never seen such a bloody and violent cease-fire," he said in a statement after meeting military attaches.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, meeting diplomats Wednesday, charged that Israel is violating the cease-fire by killing militants. He called on nations to send observers, a move Israel opposes.

Indyk, a key figure in the Mideast negotiations during his four years as ambassador to Israel, told The Jerusalem Post he didn't believe Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat "ever really gave up violence as a tool to achieving his objectives."

Israel says that Arafat has failed to arrest Palestinian militants and that members of his security forces have systematically participated in attacks during more than nine months of violence.

In an interview on Israeli TV, the U.S. ambassador also said that the Israelis have hampered peace moves with the steady expansion of Jewish settlements. The 200,000 Jewish settlers in the territories are almost twice the number present when Israel and Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization began peace negotiations in 1993.

Indyk, who is leaving his post within days, suggested that the Israelis and Palestinians should work for a phased agreement that would aim to resolve some issues now. The two sides should put off the thorniest issues such as the status of Jerusalem and fate of millions of Palestinian refugees, he said.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has called for a long-term interim agreement, reportedly telling U.S. officials he would be willing to accept some form of Palestinian statehood in



AP Photo
Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon speaks during an Israeli Hotel association conference in Tel Aviv, Israel, Wednesday.

the Gaza Strip and just over half the West Bank.

But the Palestinians categorically reject talk of an interim deal, saying peace negotiations dragged on inconclusively for seven years before breaking down amid the violence. They are seeking a final agreement that would give them statehood over virtually all the West Bank and Gaza, and the right of millions of refugees and their descendants to move to Israel.

The United States has been the main mediator throughout the peace talks and brokered a cease-fire declared June 13. However, daily violence has prevented the agreement from fully taking hold, and both sides warn it is in danger of collapse.

On Wednesday, Israel's security Cabinet reaffirmed its policy of targeting suspected Palestinian militants for attack.

Some hard-line Israeli ministers argued for stepping up military actions, while dovish Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel would not abandon the cease-fire agreement.

"We continue to be committed (to the truce), but we will not stop for one day, or even one hour, in the fight against terrorism," said Ephraim Sneh, the Transportation Minister, like Peres a member of the moderate Labor party.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians denounced the Israeli policy of targeted killings of militants.

"If a cease-fire is to have any meaning, Sharon cannot insist on Israel's unilateral right to commit murder," said Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo. "It is time that the world recognize that Sharon, who has no desire to negotiate peace, can only survive in an atmosphere of war."

The Israelis have killed 24 Palestinians in 19 such attacks since November, according to Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights. The attacks have included helicopter strikes, exploding telephones and sniper shootings.

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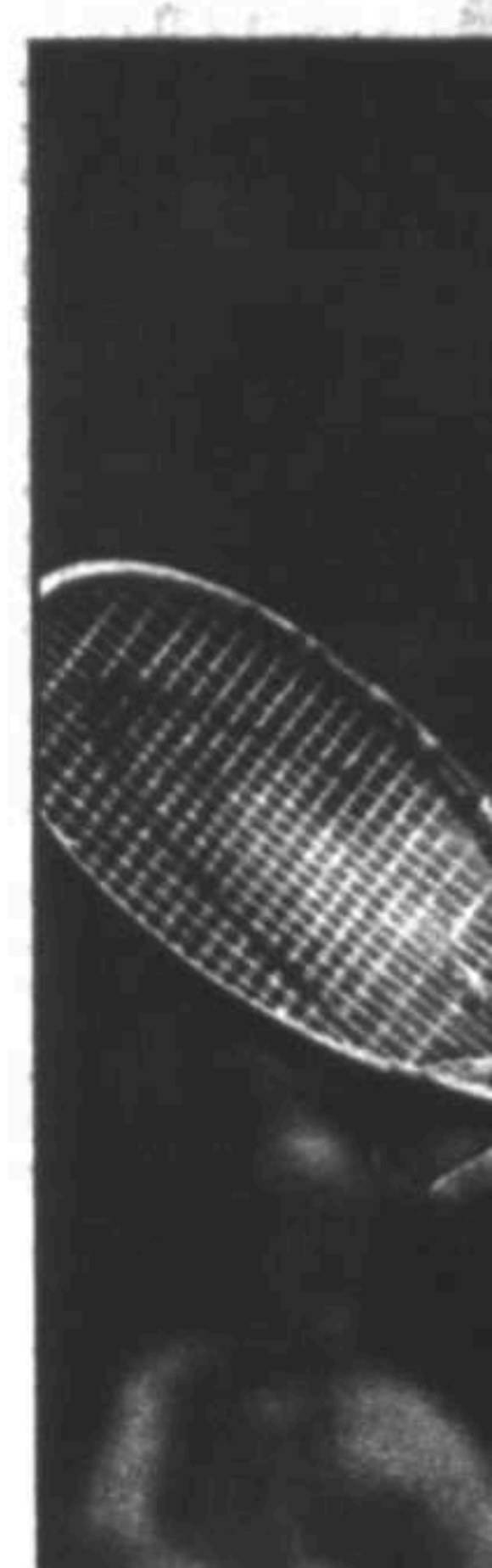
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Agassi, Rafter meet for third time at Wimbledon Semifinals

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Like overnight queues, rain delays and bad bounces, a semifinal match between Andre Agassi and Patrick Rafter has become part of Wimbledon tradition.

The longtime friendly rivals notched solid victories in the quarterfinals Wednesday to set up their third annual showdown at the All England Club. And this time Pete Sampras won't be waiting for the winner in the final.

Agassi beat Rafter in 1999. Rafter beat Agassi in 2000. Each time the winner then lost to Sampras, but the seven-time champion is out of the chase this year after being upset by Roger Federer in the fourth round.

"The best player is still alive. That's not Pete this year," Agassi said. "While it's surprising, it's also something you have to kind of put behind you, and deal with who's there."

Agassi-Rafter III is part of an appealing final four. The other semifinal Friday will be between rejuvenated three-time runner-up Goran Ivanisevic and Oxford-born Tim Henman, trying to become the first Englishman since Fred Perry in 1936 to win Wimbledon.

"That's an incredible weekend for the sport," Agassi said.

The women's semifinals Thursday have similar allure. Jennifer Capriati, seeking her third consecutive Grand Slam title, will be favored against emerging Belgian star Justine Henin, and the other pairing features defending champion Venus Williams against Lindsay Davenport in a rematch of last year's final.

Rafter had the easiest time in the men's quarterfinals, beating Thomas Enqvist 6-1, 6-3, 7-6 (5). Agassi overcame a slow start to defeat Nicolas Escude 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

And Ivanisevic, 29, took another big step in an improbable career comeback to rival Capriati's. He hit volleys between his legs, blew

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RockHounds

Bombs away!

Landry powers 'Hounds to win on Fourth of July

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Fourth of July, fireworks, baseball and Midland RockHound homers seem to go pretty well together.

Jacques Landry slammed his 31st home run of the season to tie the game in the eighth inning and then Jay Pecci singled home the go-ahead run as the RockHounds



Landry

downed the San Antonio Missions, 9-7, in front of another great crowd of 4,718 at Christensen Stadium.

Midland took a 5-0 lead only to see it slowly slip away. The Missions scored three in the seventh and four more in the eighth to take a 7-6 lead. Juan Silvestre had the big blow in the eighth with a two-run blast over the left field wall to give the Missions the advantage.

But with the Texas League's most dangerous home run hitter coming to the plate to lead off the bottom of the eighth, no Missions' lead was safe. And it certainly wasn't.

Landry tied the game by crushing a Jake Meyer pitch and sending the ball majestically over the scoreboard in left field.

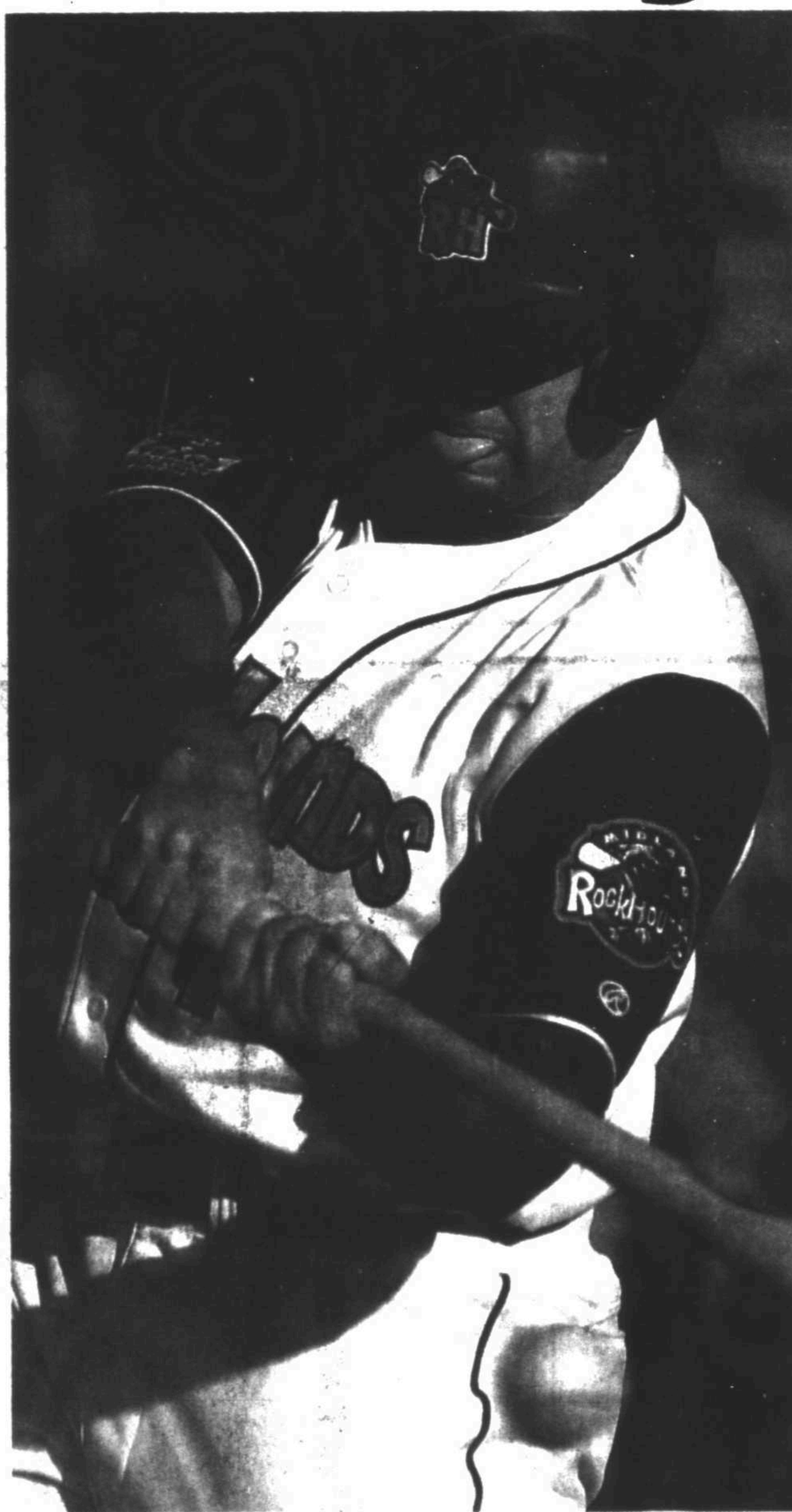
"I was just trying to get on base, but luckily I got a good pitch to hit and I was able to tie up the game," said Landry, who went 2-for-4 on the day. "I've been struggling a little bit. So with two hits today, no matter what they are, felt good. I like to bear down and keep it going."

"He spent a year here last year and he's been maturing as a hitter," said Midland manager Tony DeFrancesco about his slugging outfielder. "All we ask of Jacques is for him to go out there and have consistent at-bats."

With the home run, Landry moved into second place on the career franchise list with 49, moving past Carmelo Martinez, who played with the Midland Cubs from 1981-82. The all-time franchise leader with 60 home runs is Wayne Tyrone, who also played with the Midland Cubs from 1974-76.

Landry provided the spark for the 'Hounds in the eighth as Ryan Ludwick followed with a long single to left field. Ludwick would then move to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Brian Luderer and then went to third on a single by Josh Hochgesang.

Then Pecci, who came into the game hitting .365 with runners in scoring position, came through with a single to right field



Midland RockHound Mike Lockwood swings at a pitch during first inning action of Wednesday's game against the San Antonio Missions at Christensen Stadium.

to bring home the go-ahead run in Ludwick. Hochgesang would later score on an infield error for the 9-7 lead.

"We know we have good comeback ability so we just have to be patient and get

one run at a time," Landry said. "Luckily, we got three to have a little bit of insurance."

The 'Hounds needed those insurance

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Torre picks 7 Yanks for AL All-Star team

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Safeco Field is being redone in pinstripes for next week's All-Star game.

American League manager Joe Torre selected seven players from his three-time World Series champions — nearly one-third of the New York Yankees' roster — for Tuesday's game in Seattle, including four of the pitchers on his 10-man staff.

"I don't apologize for taking seven Yankees," Torre said Wednesday in Baltimore, where the Yankees played the Orioles. "I think they all have numbers that make their choice appropriate."

Starters Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte were picked along with closer Mariano Rivera, setup man Mike Stanton, shortstop Derek Jeter, outfielder Bernie Williams and catcher Jorge Posada.

The Yankees are the first team with seven All-Stars since Atlanta in 1997 and the first AL team since Toronto in 1993.

"The guys selected all deserve to go," Jeter said. "People are going to say some players should go and some players shouldn't go, this guy and not this guy. But that happens every year, regardless of who is the manager and who's chosen."

Freddy Garcia and Kazuhiro Sasaki of the Mariners also were picked for the AL staff by Torre, giving the host Mariners six players on the 30-man roster. The AL clubhouse will look like a rematch

of last year's AL championship series, won by the Yankees in six games.

The NL roster was more notable for its omissions than its selections: No Mark McGwire, no Ken Griffey Jr.

Both perennial All-Stars have been injured for much of this year. San Diego's Tony Gwynn, injured for much of the past 1 1/2 years, also was bypassed but was invited as a special guest.

Gwynn, a 15-time All-Star, and Baltimore's Cal Ripken, a 19-time All-Star with his election to start at third for the AL, have said they intend to retire after this season.

NL manager Bobby Valentine has just two players from the defending NL champion Mets, including Mike Piazza, elected to start at catcher.

"I didn't know they were taking seven guys when I submitted my list," Valentine said. "I had so many things to think about that I probably would have discounted that. I only looked at the first half of the season, being that it is this year's All-Star game."

Completing the AL staff are Minnesota's Eric Milton and Joe Mays, Anaheim's Troy Percival and Toronto's Paul Quantrill. Torre didn't take Seattle's Aaron Sele (9-1) or Jamie Moyer (9-3).

Other AL backup infielders picked were Cleveland's Roberto Alomar, Detroit's Tony Clark, Oakland's Jason Giambi, Anaheim's Troy Glaus, Minnesota's Cristian Guzman and Kansas

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Stanton selected as All Star by Torre

By David Ginsburg
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — Joe Torre told six other New York Yankees they were on the AL All-Star team Wednesday before summoning Mike Stanton into his office.

"I asked him if he had played golf yesterday," Torre said. "He looked at me and said, 'No, I didn't play golf.'"

The Yankees manager then spilled the news to his setup man: Stanton was a first-time All-Star.

"For quite a while I've been in a fog," said Stanton, who had been wondering about the All-Star team for days. "I couldn't eat, and that's unusual for me," he said. "I didn't want to get my hopes up because I didn't want to get let down. It's a great honor, something I'll always remember."

It's difficult to find fault with Torre for his decision to add shortstop Derek Jeter, outfielder Bernie Williams, catcher Jorge Posada and pitchers Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and Mariano Rivera to the AL squad.

But Stanton's place — which gave the Yankees seven All-Stars for the first time in 39 years — wasn't nearly as clear cut, given that bypassed Seattle starters Aaron Sele and Jamie Moyer both have nine wins.

Stanton, a 33-year-old left-hander, was 6-2 with a 1.91 ERA in 42 appearances before Wednesday's game against the Baltimore Orioles.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

UIL considers moving state basketball tourney to San Antonio

For some time now the University Interscholastic League has been toying with the idea of moving the state basketball tournament from Austin to San Antonio.

So, what's to consider? Move that sucker. There's not much to consider in this humble opinion.

Reason 1: San Antonio has the Alamodome. It's not the greatest venue for viewing basketball, but tickets will never be a problem with a seating capacity of 20,557. Erwin Center in Austin has a capacity of 16,175.

Reason 2: Parking. The Alamodome has over 2,800 on-site parking slots. There are 12,000 more slots within a half-mile walk of the dome. The Erwin Center in Austin virtually has no parking, forcing many to park illegally or getting a driver to drop you off.

Reason 3: The Alamo, the Riverwalk, Shamu, Fiesta Texas just to name a few. Austin has Sixth Street and the state capitol. Doesn't seem like a grade off here. A fair sounding Midland tip in the



Williamson

HEB Kickoff Classic last fall in the Alamodome, I'm convinced that San Antonio has more to offer a weekend guest than Austin. Maybe, it's because we've made so many trips to Austin for state events, that Austin has grown old — and more crowded. Traffic in Austin is the worse now than it ever has been.

Reason 4: The Alamodome would cost the UIL about \$100,000, which is slightly less than the cost of Erwin Center. It has been said that Alamodome officials would give the UIL 80 percent of merchandise sales and somewhere around five percent of concessions. Money can't be the issue.

Reason 5: It could be a domino move. If this one works, places like the Compaq Center in Houston or the new American Airlines Arena in Dallas might offer their sites for state venues in the future. I've always been close to the idea of moving the UIL's state championship events around the state. It gives teams and fans a change of scenery and things to do. After all, if you are going to celebrate a long athletic weekend, it's much better at new sites, new cities and new experiences.

And while we are at it, there is one more burr under my saddle. It was recently announced that the NCAA has lifted its ban of playing football games on Friday nights. How does that?

Isn't this like biting the very hand that feeds you? Friday night has always been reserved for high school football. Now, the colleges see a chance to make some more money by putting televised games on Friday nights.

So far, the Big 12 and many other major conferences have stated that they will not play on Friday nights, but the WAC has agreed to do it. I hope their TV ratings are horrible.

However, the door is open now and big time money has a way of talking. If you kill the high school game, what kind of college football are you going to see on future Friday nights? This just doesn't make sense to kick a long time friend in the teeth.

I hope coaches make a real effort to keep their best recruits from going to colleges who play on Friday nights. That's one real way to strike back. If we don't support Friday night college football, it will die. If we do support Friday night college football, it will only grow, and eventually, the high school game will be hurt.

Besides, if the college game really wants to make more money, give us a 16-team national championship tournament. That's what we all really want anyway.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Lindros adds Rangers to list of teams for which he'll play

Associated Press

TORONTO — Eric Lindros has added the New York Rangers to the list of teams he will play for. The 28-year-old Lindros, a restricted free agent who sat out last season, has sought a trade since rejecting an \$8.5 million qualifying offer from the Flyers last summer.

The former All-Star center was convinced to expand his list after talking with Rangers general manager Glen Sather last Thursday.

"We've been talking to the Rangers throughout," Gord Kirke, Lindros' lawyer, said Wednesday. "Whatever was said between Eric and Glen Sather was sufficient to enable Glen Sather to say that he was going to have a talk with (Philadelphia Flyers GM) Bob Clarke and see if he could get something going with Bob Clarke."

Lindros' decision comes as potential suitors St. Louis and Detroit made other high-profile additions to their rosters and as another missed season begins to seem very possible. Missing the start of the season would likely cost Lindros a spot on the Canadian Olympic team for the 2002 Games.

The Rangers, thus far shut out in the free agency market, have long desired Lindros. Until now, Lindros has been steadfast in rejecting Sather's courtship because he doesn't want to anger Flyers fans.

"Throughout this that has been a major concern of Eric's," Kirke said of his client playing for the Flyers' Atlantic Division rival. "That is still something about which he has great reluctance and great discomfort."

"Eric wants to play in the National Hockey League and if Clarke tells him that is his only chance to play, then he's got to get by it."

The main obstacle to Lindros' return to the NHL remains Clarke, who has demanded equal value in any deal for the restricted free agent. Lindros' his-

tory of concussions has some teams worried about his durability.

With the Rangers desperately needing to add an impact player to their lineup, a deal should come easier than with the Toronto Maple Leafs, Lindros' preferred destination.

"(Clarke) has consistently said that he thought the Rangers was a good bet, something to look at," Kirke said. "He has been encouraging us to look at the Rangers for some time."

When he declared himself fit to play last November, Lindros said he would play only for the Maple Leafs. The Leafs and Flyers came close to a deal on a couple of occasions, but the potential trades fell apart at the last minute, triggering angry recriminations between Toronto GM Pat Quinn and Clarke.

When the Leafs and Flyers were unable to agree on a deal, Lindros added the Blues, Red Wings and Washington Capitals as possible destinations.

The Dallas Stars have also tried to recruit the 6-foot-4, 236-pound Lindros, but have been rebuffed. Lindros hasn't played since a check from New Jersey's Scott Stevens in Game 7 of the 2000 Eastern Conference finals gave him his sixth concussion 13 months ago.

Lindros scored 290 goals and had 369 assists in 486 games over eight seasons with the Flyers.

Philadelphia has signed free agent center Jeremy Roenick to a five-year, \$37.5 million deal.

If the Rangers do make a deal for Lindros, it would be the second time they traded for him. After Lindros refused to play for the Quebec Nordiques, who had made him the No. 1 overall pick in the 1991 entry draft, both the Flyers and Rangers claimed to have made a deal to acquire him in 1992.

The NHL appointed an independent arbitrator, Toronto lawyer Larry Bertuzzi, to decide the issue and he awarded Lindros to Philadelphia.

Favorites win sprints in Lausanne

Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Maurice Greene equaled his world-best time this season, winning the 100 meters in 9.90 seconds at the Athletissima Grand Prix on Wednesday against a strong Olympic field.

Triple Olympic champion Marion Jones reaffirmed her status as the top female sprinter, winning the 100 in 11.04, ahead of Ukrainian rival Zhanna Pintusevich.

Greene, the world's fastest man, beat training partner and

Olympic silver medalist Ato Boldon of Trinidad, who was .09 back. Britain's Dwain Chambers was third in 10.00.

Greene, the 100-meter world-record holder and reigning world and Olympic champion, matched the season's best time he set during the USA Championships.

"I believe I'm getting better as the year goes on," said Greene, who is aiming for triple gold at next month's world championships in Edmonton. "I'll be happy as long as I keep getting faster."

He had hoped to beat his world mark of 9.79 but cool weather and

a sore knee prevented that.

"With all these fans here I don't feel any pain," said Greene, who limped around the track in a victory lap. He won the Golden League event in Rome last week despite his sore left knee.

"I'm not pleased with the result," Greene said. "I'm not upset but I certainly could have run better."

"I did achieve something today. One thing is that I'm not hurt, with high performance training I should be ready for the next meet. The more I race, the more ready I am."

TENNIS: Wimbledon first of Agassi's titles

(From 1C)

kisses to the sky and eliminated U.S. Open champion Marat Safin 7-6 (2), 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (3).

Emerging from an 18-month slump that dropped his ranking to 125th, Ivanisevic became the first wild card — male or female — to reach the Wimbledon semifinals since the system was introduced in 1977.

"Never happier in my life," said the mercurial Croat, the runner-up in 1992, 1994 and 1998. "I'm playing the best tennis ever I played at Wimbledon."

Henman, admitting he was "tight as a drum," nonetheless delighted a partisan Centre Court crowd and reached the semis for the third time by beating Federer 7-5, 7-6 (6), 2-6, 7-6 (6).

"The pressure's always there," Henman said. "The pressure comes from within, because I expect myself to do bigger and better things."

The men's semifinalists have a combined 140 match victories at Wimbledon but only one title — Agassi's in 1992. That was the first of his seven Grand Slams championships and the most surprising, because his baseline game is not best suited for grass.

Now, nine years later, the second-seeded Agassi has another shot at tennis' most prestigious title. The only man to go so long between Wimbledon championships was Bill Tilden, who won in 1920, 1921 and 1930.

"I'm not the smartest guy in the world, but it seems like I've got a one-in-four shot," Agassi said.

First he'll have to get past the third-seeded Rafter. A year ago Agassi came up short in a five-set thriller, when he and Rafter both played at the top of their game.

"That was the best semifinal I've seen in maybe 20 years," three-time Wimbledon champion John McEnroe said.

The rivalry has become perhaps the best in men's tennis. Agassi leads it 9-4, including a victory in January on his way to the Australian Open title.

The matchups are always entertaining because of a contrast in styles, with Rafter charging the net and Agassi slugging from the baseline.

"He plays one way, and I couldn't play more opposite," Agassi said. "I've had some great matches with him. They're always ones to remember. Win or lose, you cherish the opportunity to raise your level at the right time. I'm certainly going to have to do that."

The rivalry may not last much longer. At 31, Agassi has never

been more fit or hungry, but the 28-year-old Rafter talks of retirement and says he plans to take at least six months off after this year.

"Nothing more exciting than playing a guy like Andre at Wimbledon," Rafter said. "It would be better if it was the final, actually."

Agassi is trying to bounce back from a dismal showing last month at the French Open, where the presence of former President Clinton seemed to rattle him in a quarterfinal loss to Sebastian Grosjean of France.

When asked about the match, Agassi coyly claims not to

remember it. But there was no repeat against Escude, another speedy, scrappy Frenchman.

Agassi lost a set for the first time during the fortnight, but Escude aggravated his sore left thigh and required treatment from a trainer midway through the second set. Agassi then slowly took control, repeatedly belting service returns that an onrushing Escude couldn't handle.

"It reveals where my mindset is if I do get in a tough match," Agassi said. "Somebody is going to have to beat me start to finish." He knows somebody could be Rafter.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Lightning to regionals

Midland's Desert Lightning girls 10 and under B fastpitch softball team finished fifth in a tournament in Lake Jackson last weekend. That gives the team the right to go to the ASA Regionals in Fort Worth at the end of the month.

Members of Desert Lightning: Bailey Summers, Erin Gilliland, Elise Taunton, Amber Gardner, Abbey Whigham, Emily Implem, Ariel Silva, Sandra Lu Mota, Jessica Rush, Brianna

North Central routs Turner

ODESSA — Midland's North Central Little League All-Stars run ruled Odessa K. Turner 11-1 in four innings in the National League All-Stars tournament Tuesday night.

Anthony Gilliland was the winning pitcher for North Central while Bryant Evans, Conrad Flynn and David Baccus all hit

Firework Scramble

Here are the results from the Firework Scramble golf tournament Wednesday at Midland Country Club. The tournament was a four-man scramble format.

1. C.H. Brooks-Frank Quila-Mark Martin-Bill Harris 48.5; 2. Susan O'Brien-Bob Thomas-Andi Wiggins-Bob Halverson 49.8; 3. Dottie Redden-Bill Reiner-John Philbeck-Bill Colner 50.3; 4. Sikes Johnson-James Garrett-Dorothy Metzner-Will Reiner 50.8.

Ivanisevic knocks off No. 4 seed to reach semifinals

Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Maybe crazy card is more like it.

Goran Ivanisevic put on another display of power and eccentricity Wednesday — hitting shots between his legs, firing 30 aces and ripping off his shirt in a victory celebration.

He ousted fourth-seeded Marat Safin to become the first wild card to reach the Wimbledon semifinals.

The Croat, who describes himself as a mixture of "Crazy Goran, Good Goran and Emergency Goran," won 7-6 (2), 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (3) on Centre Court.

Three times at the net, the 29-year-old left-hander chose to play shots fired at him by swinging

his racket behind his back and returning the ball between his legs on the half volley. Once, he actually won the point.

At the end of the match, he threw his arms in the air, saluted his parents in the crowd, pulled off his shirt and climbed on a court-side chair to receive the applause of the Wimbledon fans to whom he has become a hero.

"Never happier in my life. This year, I'm playing the best tennis ever I played at Wimbledon," said the 1992, '94 and '98 finalist who could be headed for a replay of the '92 final with Andre Agassi.

"Maybe this is the last chance for me. To stop will be a big disappointment. So I don't want to stop. I don't think about stopping in the semifinal. I want to go further."

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Eastern Division	W	L
Team	11	4
D.C.	11	4
MetStars	7	6
D.C. United	5	9
New England	4	7

Central Division	W	L
Team	8	3
Chicago	6	3
Dallas	6	6
Columbus	5	5
Tampa Bay	3	11

Western Division	W	L
Team	10	2
San Jose	8	2
Los Angeles	7	3
Kansas City	6	9
Colorado	3	8

NOTE: Three points for tie.

Wednesday's	W	L
New York/N.J. 2, Miami 1		
San Jose 1, Kansas City 0		
Chicago 7, Kansas City 1		
New England 1, D.C. United 0		
Colorado 3, D.C. United 2		
Columbus 2, Los Angeles 1		

Revolution 1	W	L
New England	11	4

Texas League

Second Half			
Western Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Round Rock	7	7	500
Midland	6	8	429
San Antonio	6	8	429
El Paso	4	10	286
Eastern Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Wichita	12	2	857
Tulsa	10	4	714
x-Arkansas	7	7	500
Shreveport	4	10	286
x-won first half			
Wednesday's Games			
Round Rock 7, El Paso 0			
Midland 9, San Antonio 7			
Tulsa 4, Shreveport 1			
Arkansas 5, Wichita 4			
Thursday's Games			
Round Rock at El Paso			
San Antonio at Midland			
Tulsa at Shreveport			
Wichita at Arkansas			

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKEES—Traded RHP Brian Bower to the San Francisco Giants for C Bobby Estelle and RHP Jose Smith.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Placed OF Stan Javier on the 15-day disabled list. Called up RHP Joel Pineiro from Tacoma of the PCL.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Placed RHP Matt White on the 15-day disabled list. Called up LHP Trey Moore from Richmond of the International League.
CINCINNATI REDS—Options RHP Brian Routh to Chattanooga of the Southern League. Called up INF Wilton Guerrero from Louisville of the International League.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with OF Mike Rodriguez.
NEW YORK METS—Activated RHP Doree Wolf from the 15-day disabled list. Options RHP Grant Roberts to Norfolk of the International League.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Options RHP Brian Lawrence to Portland of the PCL. Activated LHP Sterling Hitchcock from the 60-day disabled list.
International League
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS—Signed LHP Lance Painter.

California League
SAN JOSE GIANTS—Assigned LHP Jon Carroll to Shreveport of the Texas League. Added RHP David Cash to the roster.
Basketball
Women's National Basketball Association
PORTLAND FIRE—Placed F Demya Walker and G Carolyn Young on the injured list. Signed LaQuanda Barkdale and Jenny Moore.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed C Yancie Pilon to a three-year contract. Re-signed D Stephane Robidas to a two-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed F Joon Langkjaer and D Julien Vaclavik to multi-year contracts.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed C Jiri Dopita to a two-year contract.

COLLEGE
SOUTH CAROLINA—Suspended LB Jeremiah Garrison from the football team for an unspecified violation of team and athletic department policy.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
W **L** **Pct** **GB**
 Cleveland 11 4 733
 New York 10 5 667
 Miami 6 9 400
 Indiana 5 10 333
 Washington 5 9 357
 Charlotte 5 10 333
 Detroit 4 9 308
 Orlando 4 9 308

WESTERN CONFERENCE
W **L** **Pct** **GB**
 Houston 11 2 848
 Los Angeles 12 1 900
 Sacramento 6 6 600
 Portland 8 6 571
 Seattle 8 6 500
 Minnesota 5 8 385
 Utah 5 8 385
 Phoenix 5 9 357

Wednesday's Games
 Phoenix 60, Miami 47
Thursday's Game
 Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN DIVISION
W **L** **Pct** **GF** **GA**
 MetroStars 11 3 36 36
 Miami 7 6 24 22
 D.C. United 5 9 16 26
 New England 4 16 18 24

Central Division
W **L** **Pct** **GF** **GA**
 Chicago 8 3 27 29
 Dallas 8 3 27 29
 Columbus 5 4 19 23
 Tampa Bay 3 12 10 20 40

Western Division
W **L** **Pct** **GF** **GA**
 San Jose 8 2 29 24
 Los Angeles 7 5 26 30
 Kansas City 6 9 19 15
 Colorado 2 8 14 22

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Wednesday's Games
 New York/N.J., at Tampa Bay 1
 Miami 1, San Jose 1, tie
 Chicago 7, Kansas City 0
 New England 1, Dallas 1, tie
 Colorado 3, D.C. 1
 Columbus 2, Los Angeles 0

Revolution 1, Burn 1
 New England 1, D.C. 1
 Dallas 1, New York 1
First half—1. New England, Cate 6, 29th minute.
Second half—2. Dallas, Johnson 1 (Graziani, Broome), 95th.
Over time—None.
Goalies—New England, Fernandez; Dallas, Jordan.

Crew 2, Galaxy 0
 Los Angeles 2, 0
First half—None.
Second half—1. Columbus, West 4 (McBride, Cunningham), 67th minute.
Goalies—Columbus, West 5 (Cunningham), 78th.
Goalies—Columbus, Presthus; Los Angeles, Reis.

Rapids 3, United 1
 D.C. 3, United 1
First half—1. 2
Second half—1. Colorado, Spencer 9 (Garlick), 1st minute.
Goalies—Colorado, Spencer 9 (Garlick), 1st minute.
Second half—2. D.C., Moreno 7 (Narmon, Elchewsky), 58th.
Goalies—Colorado, Spencer 10 (Paule), 59th.
Goalies—Colorado, Spencer 11 (Carter, Valderman), 81st.
Goalies—D.C., Ammann; Colorado, Garlick.

Fire 7, Wizards 0
 Chicago 7, 0
First half—1. 7
Second half—1. 7
Goalies—Chicago, J. Beasley 3 (Wynia, Thornton), 1st minute.
Goalies—Chicago, Daniv 1 (Nowak, Whitfield), 7th.
Goalies—Wizards 4 (J. Beasley, D. Beasley), 44th.
Goalies—Chicago, Nowak 3 (Merich, Vaudreuil), 72nd.
Goalies—Chicago, Nowak 4 (Vaudreuil), 81st.
Goalies—Chicago, Nowak 5 (Merich, Vaudreuil), 83rd.
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Olympic hero named to NL All-Star Roster

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Ben Sheets has collected some pretty impressive credentials since September. He won the gold medal game at the Sydney Olympics, made the Milwaukee Brewers' opening day roster and won Rookie of the Month honors in June.

On Wednesday, he added "All-Star" to his resume, the first Brewers rookie ever to earn the honor.

Despite it all, the 22-year-old right-hander has remained unflappable, just like his stoic demeanor on the mound.

"It's been a good ride, you know? But I'm kind of greedy, I want more," said Sheets, who took a 10-4 record into Wednesday night's start against St. Louis.

Sheets said he won't be truly satisfied until the Brewers are contenders. Therefore, he's disinclined to take stock of his rapid rise just yet.

"So, you had a good month. So, you had a good first half. But what about the second half? What about the next three months?" Sheets said.

One thing he does know is that making the All-Star team ranks somewhere behind beating Cuba for the gold medal last summer.

"It's an individual accomplishment," Sheets said. "It's not up there with the Olympics or winning games."

But don't mistake Sheet's stoicism for indifference. "I think the thing that means the most is I went down, I got demoted earlier this year and I never really let it bother me — even though it did," Sheets said. "But I realized what I had to do. So, I'm just glad that I kept my head on straight, kept focused on a goal, just went with it."

Sheets lost his first two major league starts, both against Houston, and went down to Triple-A Indianapolis for two starts until the Brewers needed a fifth starter again.

Manager Davey Lopes said Sheets returned not only with a newfound resolve but an accurate changeup. "He has better command of all of his pitches," Lopes said. "But prior to going down to Indianapolis, he was having a difficult time with his changeup. He was telegraphing it. You could see it coming a mile away."

The changeup remains a work in progress, too. "Once that gets into the category of his fastball and curveball, the ability to throw it at any given time like he can on the other pitches, it's going to make him more dangerous," Lopes said.



Milwaukee Brewers' Ben Sheets throws a pitch to Houston Astros' Lance Berkman a game played last month in Milwaukee. Both players were named to the National League All-Star team on Wednesday. It will be each players first appearance at the all-star game.

Johnson strikes out 13 Astros in 3-2 victory

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Randy Johnson struck out 13 in the first five innings, then didn't fan anyone in the sixth as Houston tied the score.

He never got to the seventh.

Arizona manager Bob Brenly pinch hit for him with the go-ahead run in scoring position. It turned out to be a good decision when Dave Dellucci singled home the tiebreaking run Wednesday in a 3-2 victory over the Houston Astros.

"That wasn't one of the easiest decisions because of the way Randy was pitching," Brenly said. "But the last time I checked, you have to score more runs than the other team to win."

Earlier in the game, Johnson singled in a run.

"We made the decision that if the winning run was on base, we would pinch hit," Brenly said. "They had nobody up in the bullpen, so we knew we'd have a lefty against a right-hander, which is what we wanted."

"It was still tough to take Randy out. But it was important to show confidence in David, and it was important to show confidence in our bullpen."

"Randy tried to convince me that he had gotten a hit the time before," Brenly said. "But I felt a little better with David in there, and it worked out well."

With the score 2-all, Damian Miller singled with one out, took second on Steve Finley's single and scored on Dellucci's two-out hit to center.

"He's the manager," Johnson said. "He makes the decisions. When I was on deck, he told me he might pinch hit if a man was in scoring position. I said, 'I just got an RBI basehit my last time at-bat.' But all kidding aside, Lucci, that's his role. That's what he gets paid to do and he's one of the best at it."

Dellucci is 10-for-28 (.357) as a pinch hitter this season with 10 RBIs. He felt the pressure.

"I heard the whole thing," he said. "I went up there thinking this is huge. I knew I had to make (Brenly) happy. I didn't want to walk back to the dugout without a hit after all that."

Johnson (11-5), who gave up four hits in six innings, reached double digits in strikeouts for the 14th time in 19 starts this season and the 162nd time in his career, second to Nolan Ryan's 215.

Johnson struck out seven straight, matching the team record, before hitting Alou with a pitch with one out in the fourth. He then struck out four straight before Craig Biggio's inning-ending lineout in the fifth.

"If I had a pitcher throwing like

that, I would have let him hit," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "I thought he had a chance to get the strikeout record. I thought he had a chance at 21."

In all, Johnson allowed four hits in six innings and walked two. Byung-Hyun Kim, Arizona's third pitcher, got his fifth save, completing the four-hitter Johnson began.

"After my first two at-bats, I thought he was unhittable," Berkman said. "He was throwing pitched that I don't think anyone could hit. I thought that unless he makes some mistakes we are finished."

Shane Reynolds (8-7) gave up three runs and six hits in seven innings, including Luis Gonzalez's 35th homer, as Arizona stopped Houston's four-game winning streak.

Gonzalez's first-inning homer was his third in two games. Julio Lugo homered in the bottom half, but Arizona went ahead in the fifth on Johnson's RBI single in the fifth.

Notes: Alou extended his hitting streak to 12 games. ... Lance Berkman extended his career-high hitting streak to 17 games. ... In his last 10 games, Gonzalez is hitting .400 (16-for-40) with three doubles, four homers and 12 RBIs. ... Arizona is 41-24 in games against right-handed starters and 10-8 in games against left-handed starters.

BASEBALL: Maddux not on team

(From 1C)

City's Mike Sweeney.

Chicago's Magglio Ordonez and Tampa Bay's Greg Vaughn also were selected as backup outfielders.

Valentine took 11 pitchers: Atlanta's John Burkett, Colorado's Mike Hampton, Arizona's Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling, Chicago's Jon Lieber, St. Louis' Matt Morris, Los Angeles' Chan Ho Park and Jeff Shaw, Rick Reed of the Mets, Milwaukee's Ben Sheets and Houston's Billy Wagner.

Overlooked was Atlanta's Greg Maddux (9-5), who leads the league with a 2.38 ERA.

Florida's Charles Johnson is the backup catcher and may start because Piazza has a broken toe.

Piazza hopes to return to the Mets' lineup as a designated hitter this weekend at Yankee Stadium and could be back behind the plate Tuesday.

"I would like to if I can," he said. "We'll just see. I'm leaving everything open."

Selected as the reserve infielders were Sean Casey of the Reds, Ryan Klesko and Phil Nevin of the Padres, Jimmy Rollins of the Phillies and Albert Pujols of the Cardinals.

Backup outfielders include Moises Alou and Lance Berkman of the Astros, Brian Giles of the Pirates, Vladimir Guerrero of the Expos and Larry Walker of the Rockies.

Valentine said he didn't bypass Florida's Cliff Floyd, who is hitting .337, because of their spat earlier this year.

"Please don't embarrass me with questions like that," Valentine told reporters. "He's not going because other guys are more deserving like Alou and Berkman or any of the other guys right on the edge. He's one of about seven guys who's not going because there's a 30-man roster."

Four Seattle players — first baseman John Olerud, second baseman Bret Boone, outfielder Ichiro Suzuki and designated

hitter Edgar Martinez — will be in the AL starting lineup, which also includes Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez, Ripken, Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez, Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez and Cleveland outfielder Juan Gonzalez.

Elected to start for the NL were Colorado first baseman Todd Helton, San Francisco second baseman Jeff Kent and shortstop Rich Aurilia, Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones, Piazza, San Francisco outfielder Barry Bonds, Chicago outfielder Sammy Sosa and Arizona outfielder Luis Gonzalez.

Several of the players got bonuses, included \$100,000 for Park, which raised his earnings this year to \$10 million.

Giles got an automatic raise from \$7 million to \$7.5 million in both 2003 and 2004 because he made the NL team for the second straight time and Guerrero's selection earned him an increase from \$11 million to \$11.5 million in 2003.

Texas ends Mariners' 5 game winning streak

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Rob Bell pitched into the seventh inning, and Rafael Palmeiro homered as the Texas Rangers beat Seattle 6-3 Wednesday night to snap the Mariners' five-game winning streak.

Palmeiro hit his 422nd career homer to pass Cal Ripken Jr. for 29th place on the all-time list.

Alex Rodriguez went 3-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base against his former teammates, as Texas beat Seattle for only the third time in 12 tries this season.

The Rangers trail the first-place Mariners (61-22) by 28 games in the AL West.

Rodriguez, who left Seattle as a free agent in the offseason to sign a \$252 million contract with the Rangers, also turned in the top defensive play of the night in the third inning.

He went into the hole to make a diving stop of David Bell's sharp grounder, scrambling to his knees and throwing to first for the out.

Rob Bell (2-0) had his longest stint in four starts

with the Rangers since being acquired in a trade with Cincinnati on June 15. He allowed three runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings, striking out four and walking one.

Bell held the Mariners hitless over the first four innings before Bret Boone led off the fifth with a double.

Jeff Zimmerman pitched an inning of scoreless relief for Texas. Mike Venafro retired major league hits leader Ichiro Suzuki with runners at the corners to end it for his third save in four chances.

Palmeiro's 22nd homer of the season, a solo shot in the fifth, extended the Rangers' lead to 5-2.

The Rangers went ahead 3-0 in the first against Jamie Moyer (9-4) on consecutive RBI doubles by Palmeiro, Ruben Sierra and Andres Galaraga.

Lamb's home run leading off the second gave the Rangers a 4-0 lead. It was his first homer since last Aug. 28.

Seattle cut it to 4-2 in the fifth on Mike Cameron's RBI single and Tom Lampkin's solo homer.

The Mariners got a sixth-inning sacrifice fly from Edgar Martinez to make it 5-3.

Moyer allowed five runs and 11 hits in six innings. Gabe Kapler's sacrifice fly in the eighth made it 6-3.

Three Astros named to NL All-Star team, but pitcher Miller snubbed

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston outfielders Moises Alou and Lance Berkman and closer Billy Wagner were selected Wednesday to the 2001 All-Star team.

Wagner was surprised that he was selected over 10-game winner Wade Miller, who has 3.75 ERA and 97 strikeouts.

"I'm really shocked because of the good year Wade Miller is having, I thought he would go," said Wagner. "I already had made my plane reservations to go back home to Virginia to spend the break there. But I'm really glad to be changing them."

Alou was rated first and Berkman fourth in hitting in the National League through the first half of the season.

"I don't know if I would have picked (Wagner) over Miller or Miller over him," manager Larry Dierker said. "It would have been a tough call either way. I think the thing was coming into the season, everyone knew more about Wagner."

"We didn't really know what we were going to

have with Miller. On the other hand, maybe this will give Miller something to set his sights on next year."

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker was happy to get three players on the team, but wondered most about second baseman Craig Biggio, who is hitting .304. The Giants' Jeff Kent is the only second baseman on the team.

"The guy I feel worst for is Biggio," Hunsicker said. "He has fought back from major knee surgery and is clearly having an All-Star type year."

Hunsicker said the other three were well deserving.

"Berkman has just taken the league by storm this year," Hunsicker said. "After fighting injuries last year, Alou is having as good a year as anyone in baseball so that makes it special for him."

"But Wagner has to be the most special of all. After having the elbow surgery and coming back from it to pitch so well this year, I don't think there could have been a much better story written."

'HOUNDS: Landry hits 31st homer

(From 1C)

runs going into the ninth after watching the Missions earlier in the evening come back from as much as a five-run deficit to take the lead in the eighth.

"That's the thing about playing in Midland, no lead is really safe," DeFrancesco said. "The guys learned a lesson tonight. They battled back, got the lead and Landry hit his 31st."

A big reason the Missions came back was that the Rock-Hound bullpen, which has been rather steady all season, buckled a bit in the seventh and eighth innings. To go with the six hits (Missions had nine for the game) allowed in those two innings alone, the RockHound bullpen walked four and hit a batter.

Joe Cotton (6-0) was able to come in and close the eighth to get the win, while Tyler Yates picked up his 13th save of the season by pitching a perfect ninth.

"We've got eight men in the bullpen, so everybody is going to

get a shot," DeFrancesco said.

By winning two straight against the Missions, Midland (6-8) is now just one game back of West Division leading Round Rock (7-7) and tied with San Antonio for second place. With the offense back on track after a woeful road trip, the Rock-Hounds would like to take advantage of playing at home.

Playing in front of more than 10,200 hometown fans the last two nights seems to have helped the 'Hounds' cause.

"It does make a difference," DeFrancesco said. "When we go to Round Rock and some of those cities which have big crowds, it does play an advantage. Hopefully, the crowds continue to come out and it becomes contagious in the second half."

The 'Hounds have two more home games against the Missions before going on an eight-game road trip.

ROCKHOUND BITES: Landry also stole his 20th base of

the season Wednesday. His previous single-season high was 18 stolen bases in 1999 at Class A Modesto. ... Todd Mensik hit his 15th home run of the year with a two-run blast in the first inning.

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STANTON: Left-hander has 1.91 ERA

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"He was the last one I told, by design," Torre said. "I asked (Clemens) and Pettite to be in there with me when I did that, because I know how much they appreciate Stanton as a pitcher and a person," Torre said. "And of course they're fellow Yankees, though I didn't realize it until they reminded me. He was excited, and he doesn't get excited very often."

After announcing the AL reserves Wednesday, Torre defended his decision to pick two middle relievers — Toronto's Paul Quantrill was the other.

Torre cited the selection of Jeff Zimmerman and Rivera (before he became a closer) on previous squads and also mentioned that Sele is scheduled to pitch Sunday, two days before the All-Star game in Seattle.

"There's no question that when you look at the way runs are being scored nowadays, you realize there are more important people than just the starter and the closer," Torre said. "It's so much tougher now to hold the lead, and you need those people leading up to the closer."

Last year, after Torre picked four closers and overlooked New York middle reliever Jeff Nelson,

the pitcher blasted his manager for the omission. Nelson then left the Yankees after helping them to their third World Series title and signed with Seattle.

"This year was the first time we had a list of long men or middle men," Torre said.

Jeter, picked to his fourth All-Star game, said Stanton was as deserving as any of the Yankees picked.

"The guys selected all deserve to go," Jeter said. "He has pitched well. He's kept us in a lot of games, and he's won a lot of games for us. So he deserves it."

Torre not only defended his decision of picking seven Yankees, he talked about how difficult it was to resist making it eight.

"Scott Brosius is having a pretty good year too," he said. "I don't apologize for taking seven Yankees. I think they all have numbers that make their choice appropriate."

Regardless, Torre expected to get some heat for his selections.

"Yeah, I usually do," he said.

It was the most Yankees picked as All-Stars in one year since 1962, when Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Elston Howard, Bobby Richardson, Ralph Terry and Tom Tresh

were selected.

Clemens, who became an eight-time All-Star, is likely to start for the AL next Tuesday.

Posada, who went 0-for-2 last year in his first All-Star game, was delighted to earn a return engagement.

"It means you've done some things that haven't gone unnoticed," he said. "You want to be back. I had a good time last time, and I'm happy to be a part of it again this time."

Jeter's thoughts in recent weeks were focused more on getting the Yankees back to the top of the AL East.

"People would ask me if I thought I would make it, and I would say, 'I have no clue.' Because I really haven't been checking up on what other people were doing or how the voting was going or anything like that," Jeter said. "I didn't concern myself with it because we've been trying to play better."

Now that he's in, Jeter couldn't be happier.

"You just enjoy the atmosphere. Being on the field with all the best players in the game is always special," he said. "It's something you're always going to enjoy. You've never going to get tired of it."

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Dollar climbs

LONDON — The dollar was higher against other major currencies in European trading early Wednesday.

U.S. financial markets were closed Wednesday for the July 4th holiday. They will reopen Thursday.

The euro was quoted at 84.58 cents, down from 84.74 cents Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the dollar was quoted at 124.45 Japanese yen, unchanged from Tuesday.

Gold falls

Gold dealers in London closed at \$267.90 bid per troy ounce, down from \$268.00 Tuesday.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$267.45, down from \$268.05.

Gold dropped 90 cents in Hong Kong to \$267.85.

Award winner

Karen Hopkins, operations assistant at Bobby Cox Companies, has been named Outstanding Restaurateur by the Permian Basin chapter, Texas Restaurant Association.

She began her career with the company in 1973 when she got her first job out of high school as an hourly employee at Taco Villa. She worked her way up to restaurant management, franchise training consultant, general manager, district manager and then to her present position. She is a past president of the Permian Basin chapter, TRA, serves on TRA's state board of directors and is a member of the TRA strike fund committee.

Sprint PCS

TAHOKA — Sprint has launched Sprint PCS or Personal Communication Services, for consumers and businesses in Tahoka. In less than four years, Sprint PCS has grown to become the nation's largest all-digital wireless network, offering service in markets covering 227 million people, or more than 80 percent of the U.S. population and now Tahoka is a part of that growth. Local Sprint PCS service is operated and managed by Alamosa PCS, a Sprint PCS Network Partner.

Guest speaker

The Human Resource Professionals of the Permian Basin will meet July 10 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 N. FM 1788.

Guest speaker Dennis Clayton, economic development manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, will speak on "www.PermianBasin.Jobfit.com," a Web-based recruiting and job match system that includes an assessment tool.

Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Reservations should be made by noon Friday, July 6 by calling 335-3234 or e-mailing joelmann@ci.odessa.tx.us.

SBA workshops

The Small Business Development Center of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin will host four workshops in July on starting a business.

The workshops will be held July 10, 12, 17 and 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 N. FM 1788. There is no charge but reservations are required due to limited seating. Reservations can be made by calling 552-2455.

Actors reach tentative deal

By Anthony Breznican
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two things helped Hollywood actors avert a debilitating strike against the TV and movie industries: a painful rehearsal and being upstaged.

Last year's devastating commercial actors walkout and a deal struck a month ago by screenwriters motivated the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists to forge a tentative contract Tuesday without a work stoppage.

"The commercial actors strike hurt, but I think it actually strengthened the unions because it showed that a strike was possible," said K. Callan, an actress and former SAG board member who has written advice books for aspiring performers. "When the writers guild settled, it helped the actors by setting up guidelines."

Many of the gains made in the actors' settlement, which must be approved by a majority of the guilds' 135,000 members, mirror those in the contract for the Writers Guild of America, which was ratified June 4.

The writers secured a 3.5 percent raise in minimum pay for movies and TV shows, and SAG spokesman Greg Krizman said the actors' deal "was in that ballpark," although specifics were not released.

Like the writers, the actors also won higher pay for work in programs rebroadcast on cable and, in limited cases, shows sold to overseas markets. In addition, both writers and actors contracts now require the Fox network to pay full residual amounts for rebroadcasts, rather than a discount rate for fledgling networks.

SAG negotiator Brian Walton said he repeatedly looked at elements of the writers' settlement and asked "Did that work for us?"



AP Photo
Brian Walton, chief negotiator for the Screen Actors Guild, left, shakes hands with Nick Counter, president and chief negotiator for the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers after it was announced that a tentative agreement has been reached between the two groups and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists Tuesday.

The performer guilds never called for a strike authorization vote, but fears of a walkout rumbled through the entertainment industry for much of last year when the robust economy fueled speculation that union demands would be steep.

A strike would have severely damaged the Southern California and New York economies, costing billions of dollars in lost revenue and thousands of lost jobs.

The sinking U.S. economy cooled that sentiment earlier this year and was credited with pressuring the writers guild to settle. Although the actors never came close to a walkout, the writers guild had spent months preparing for one.

Walton downplayed the economy's influence on the talks. "It had no impact on the actors side of the table. We don't

sell stock," he said.

If the writers hadn't settled, their walkout could have triggered back-to-back strikes from the actors and divided the efforts of the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represented studio and network management.

While writers were willing to hit picket lines, actors remained weary from last year's rancorous six-month commercial actors strike, the longest in guild history. Analysts estimate that strike may have driven as much as \$1 billion worth of work overseas.

"It would be silly not to say that people weren't tired at the end of it," said John Connolly, a chief negotiator for AFTRA. "It had a daunting effect on people's psychology."

Ultimately, he added, the strike may have helped in the theatrical negotiations by showing management "our determination and solidarity."

Union negotiators said their top concern was increasing pay for the nearly 75,000 members who secure acting work in any given year. Only about 2 percent of the guilds' membership earn more than \$100,000 a year, including multimillion-dollar celebrities.

About 6 percent of SAG members, the larger of the two unions, earn regular middle-class pay between \$30,000 and \$70,000 annually. About 71 percent earn less than \$7,500 a year or nothing at all.

Many of these theatrical actors also appear in commercials and are still smarting from last year's walkout.

Shelley Malil, 36, of Los Angeles, played a "Whazzup!" guy in recent Budweiser commercials and said it is difficult enough to find work as an actor without the added frustration of another strike.

"We came into these talks wounded from war," Malil said. "Coming out of the commercial strike and right into this caused an uneasy feeling everywhere in town."

Many actors now believe the previous strike helped prevent a much more damaging work stoppage this time.

Nick Counter, president of the producers alliance, decline to comment about the specifics of the negotiations.

It will take eight weeks to complete preproduction work on new movies before shooting begins. TV shows begin filming in midsummer and probably won't be delayed.

On the Net:
Screen Actors Guild:
<http://www.sag.org>
American Federation of Television and Radio Artists: <http://www.aftra.org/>
Alliance of Motion Picture and Television: <http://www.amptp.org>

Silicon Valley companies now engineering energy savings

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

FOSTER CITY, Calif. — On a typical summer day at Electronics for Imaging Inc., about 700 workers can feel the cool breeze drifting across San Francisco Bay without stepping outside.

Taking advantage of its waterfront location, the company uses a high-tech network of dampers and fans to import air to its 10-story, 300,000-square-foot headquarters. Workers are comfortable and shareholders are happy as the company saves tens of thousands of dollars in energy costs each month.

The unusual cooling system is just one example of the ingenuity that makes EFI's headquarters one of the most energy-efficient buildings in power-hungry California.

Air-circulation motors shift to lower speeds when they don't need to work as hard to reach a desired temperature. Elevators learn usage patterns so they don't have to go up and down as frequently.

"If we had more buildings around like this one, I have a feeling our blackout problems would either be gone or less of a concern than they are now," said Grant Duhon, who supervises commercial construction for Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

PG&E estimates that EFI's energy-saving measures save the equivalent of 783



AP Photo
Fred Rosenzweig, Electronics for Imaging's president and chief operating officer, looks out from the rooftop of his 10-story headquarters over the San Francisco Bay in Foster City, Calif. Taking advantage of its waterfront location, EFI uses a high-tech network of dampers and fans to import air from outside its 10-story building to keep its workers comfortable and its shareholders happy as the company saves tens of thousands of dollars on its utility bill each month.

kilowatts per day — enough to power roughly 600 homes.

Until recently, few high-tech companies seemed interested in steering their innovative drive toward energy conservation. Rapidly growing Silicon Valley businesses demanded energy reliability, and not necessarily efficiency, to power computers around the clock.

This has fueled perceptions that high-tech companies played a key role in creating a statewide power shortage.

But the industry's energy usage isn't that much greater today. Technology companies now consume 4.1 percent of the electricity in PG&E's service area, which covers 70,000 square miles from central California to the Oregon border. A

decade ago, it was 3.9 percent.

"Energy conservation just hasn't been on the radar screen for most Silicon Valley companies because of its low cost," said Severin Borenstein, director of the University of California at Berkeley's energy institute. "The electricity bill has taken up just 1 or 2 percent of the budget at most Silicon Valley companies."

BUSINESS SCENE

Store with new name offers medical, other uniforms

By Mella McEwen

Open with a new name and inventory is **SCRUBS & DUDS** at 424 Andrews Highway, formerly Work Clothes Plus.

Owner Ann May said she carries medical uniforms — lab coats, scrub tops and pants — and work clothes like Dickie jeans, T-shirts and Walls coveralls and insulated coveralls for winter.

She explained that her goal is to offer work clothes at affordable prices — Dickie jeans start at \$12 and scrub tops are \$12 for plain tops or \$13 and up for printed tops.

She also carries khaki and black pants for \$12 and white shirts for \$10 for restaurant or supermarket uniforms and stocks three-pocket waist aprons for waiters and waitresses.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

A new nightclub has opened in downtown Midland at 106 S. A St. in the former Sans Souci location.

Owner Laura McNeese has opened **LAURA'S**, which offers live entertainment during the week.

Karaoke nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays and live bands perform Fridays and Saturdays. The club has a full liquor license and offers "finger foods."

Hours are 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Now open downstairs at **GRAHAM KRACKER**, 404 Andrews Highway, is **"BOYS IN THE BASEMENT."**

The "Boys in the Basement" showroom contains an exclusive line of fabrics, furniture and accessories just for boys.

Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment on Saturday.

THE TEA PARTY in Mesa Verde Shopping Center, 2215 N. Midland Dr., is under new ownership.

Karen Smith has purchased the business from Valerie Painter and says she plans to continue operating it as Valerie has done "but I want to open it up with more hours, more weekends and weekday afternoon hours."

Smith, who is also a personal trainer and nutrition counselor at Midland Fitness Center, plans to make some changes this fall when her 5-year-old daughter starts kindergarten.

The Tea Party will continue hosting dress-up birthday parties for ages 4-14 "but I'm not limiting it to just birthday parties," she said. "I want to open it up to grandmother teas or for any reason whatever, to have a party just to have a party."

Next month, she said, she is hosting a going-away party for an 18-year-old who is headed to Texas Tech University and hopes to host more parties that include both boys and girls.

This fall, "I want to have an open house at Halloween and maybe have a costume party. I have a lot of ideas, it's just a matter of getting to them."

She makes her own cakes and, "I make Barbie cakes, so if a girl wants to have a Barbie party, she can, or a princess-theme party or the Teddy Bear tea party Valerie has offered."

She plans to introduce several party packages this fall so customers can have a selection that range from more simple parties to more extravagant parties.

Parties can be scheduled by calling 697-6355 or e-mailing theteaparty1@juno.com.

MIDLAND PARK MALL will be open today but have shorter Independence Day hours. Stores will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The mall will resume regular hours Thursday.

THE CRAZY LADY opens a cart in front of **FINISH LINE** today, offering hair extensions, wigs and related products.

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WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Camps...

UTPB volleyball coach Steve Aichnera will conduct a summer volleyball camp July 16-20, 1-5 p.m., for students entering 11th and 12th grades (\$125). Each camp is limited to 24 participants. Call 915-552-2675 for more information.

The British Soccer Camp is July 16-20 at Windlands Soccer Complex. Mini Soccer Camp for ages 4-5 is from 8:30-10 a.m. or 10:15-11:45 a.m., cost is \$64. Half Day Camp is for ages 6-16 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-8:30 p.m., cost is \$86. Goal-keeper Camp for ages 10-18 is from 5:30-8:30 p.m., cost is \$86. Full Day Camp for ages 10-18 is from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m., cost is \$136. For more information contact, Anna at 684-5425 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) or 686-8848. E-mail: Midland soccer@aol.com.

The University of Texas will host nine summer baseball camps with sessions running through July 23. All camps will be held at Disch-Falk Field in Austin. Call 512-471-3309 for information on dates and cost.

The Midland Christian Mustang Baseball Camp is July 9-11 at Butler Fields on Bluebird. Cost is \$35 one day, \$60 two days, \$80 three days for pitching and catching on first day, hitting on day two, and defense on third day. Call 689-0610 for more information.

The Midland College Lady Chaps Basketball Camps will be a Fundamental Camp at 1-5 p.m. July 30-Aug. 2, and Shooting Camp, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Aug. 3-4. For more information and brochure call Ron Jones at 685-4581.

A Gymnastics Camp will be held through Aug. 10 at Midland Gymnastics Center. The one-week sessions will be held over 10 weeks from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekly field trips are included. Cost is \$75 per week. For more information, call Blake Hughes at 682-4113.

Texas Tech is holding resident/commuter camps this summer. Commuter camps for ages 9 to high school is overnight on July 19-21 and July 26-28. Camp is \$200 for commuters and \$265 for residents. Call Greg Evans at 806-742-3355, ext. 261 for more information.

The Midland College Basketball Camp is July 9-12 at the P.E. gymnasium on the MC campus. Cost is \$100. The camp is for third through 12th grades. Call Junsie Cotten at 685-4578 for more information.

The Abilene Christian basketball program is hosting its annual Champions Basketball Camps for boys ages 12-18 at Moody Coliseum in Abilene. The camps are July 15-20 (Overnight \$275 or day camper \$200) Call 915-674-2279 for more information.

The Cat Heifner Softball Camp will be held Aug. 1-3. On Aug. 1-2 the sessions is from 6-9 p.m. and then Aug. 3 in one-hour sessions at 6 p.m. (10-under and 16-18) and 7:30 p.m. (11-15). The camp will be held at the MUGS Complex. Join Coach Cat Heifner, Angelo State University coach Kathy Rodolph and Midland College coach Tommy Ramos for three days of great softball skill building. Cost is \$85 for Aug. 1-2, \$100 for Aug. 1-3 and \$35 for Aug. 3 only (pitching or catching session). For more information call 915-694-5508.

University of Texas A&M-Commerce will be hosting the Slam Magazine/Shaquille O'Neal Basketball Camp on July 15-19. The cost for the camp is \$550 and includes overnight accommodations and food. The camp is open to boys between ages 8 and 17. For more information or to register for the camp, call 212-560-SLAM, or A&M-Commerce men's basketball coach Sam Walker at (903) 886-5552.

Basketball...

Grand Junction, Colo., is holding a boys and girls basketball tournament July 20-22 with a five-game guarantee. Call the National Office at 316-284-0354 or the local director at 970-434-2015 for more information.

Mid America Youth Basketball National Tournament for boys and girls in grades 4-12 will be in the Wichita, Kan., area Aug. 3-5. More than 300 teams from throughout the U.S. will participate. Call 316-284-0354 or www.mayb.com for additional information.

Softball...

The following tournament is scheduled for Lamesa: Texas Super Cup/Menudazo Festival, USSSA Hispanic State and

World Sanctioned Qualifier, Men's B/C, D/E and Women's Co-Rec Recreational, July 20-23. For more information, call (806) 763-3841.

Lubbock is offering the USSSA Texas State Youth Solvitch Tournament is July 6-8 for boys and girls and the USSSA 14-Under World Solvitch Tournament is July 26-29 and teams must qualify and enter through state director. Contact Lubbock USSSA at 806-799-5614 for information on any of the tournaments.

A-1 Sign and the Midland Softball Association are sponsoring a last chance USSSA qualifier softball tournament July 14-15. The entry fee is \$150 and the deadline is Tuesday July 10, 2001 at 9 p.m. Entry fees can be mailed to M.S.A. Box 2862, Midland Texas, 79702. For more information call 683-8741 or 699-5559 or enter online at www.pbussa.com.

There is a men's fastpitch tournament team being formed in Midland. The West Texas Rebels are currently looking for players to fill the team. The team will be competing in tournaments across Texas and New Mexico as well as state and national tournaments. If interested, please call 915-520-7886.

Tennis...

The Pacesetters Junior Tennis Program, designed to develop competitive players at the junior high and high school level is now offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. and some weekends at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. For out of town guests there will also be two weekends a month offered. For more details call 580-8929 or 570-6245 and ask for Luis Valdez.

The USA 1-2-3 Junior Tennis Program, designed to develop the basics of tennis is now offered Tuesdays, Thursdays and some weekends at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. For out of town guests there will also be two weekends a month offered. For more details call 685-1716 or 580-8929. Ask for Toni Thrash or Luis Valdez.

Midland Tennis Center is accepting membership dues. Members are allowed to participate in MTC tournaments and use the Midland College Tennis Center year round. MTC dues are as follows: adults \$50, juniors (18 or younger as of 1-1-01) \$30, family \$125.

The Permian Basin Grand Prix Tennis Circuit competition will hold six tournaments for four levels (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open). July 9-10, Mission Country Club (563-4707); Aug. 10-12, Odessa College (335-6800); Aug. 24-26, Odessa Country Club (550-0898); Sept. 7-9, Odessa College (580-8929); Sept. 29-30, state tournament in New Braunfels. Entry deadline is the Monday preceding that tournament.

The Odessa Black Tournament is scheduled for July 13-15. Entry deadline is July 10. For information call 335-6800 or 580-8929.

A USTA Summer Tennis Program is scheduled for two sessions at Midland College on July 9-13 and 16-20. Times for the sessions are 9-11 a.m. for youths 4-8 at a cost of \$50 while a session from 9 a.m. to noon for players ages 9-18 is \$85. For more information, call 687-4046.

Golf...

Gaines County Golf Club in Seminole has the following tournaments: Aug. 4-5, 3-man, 2 low ball; Aug. 9, CGCG Softie; Aug. 18-19, 2 Jacks, 2 Jills; Sept. 8-9, 3-man scramble; Oct. 20-21, Over 80 2-man scramble. Entries will be taken 30 days in advance. For information on any of these events, call 915-758-3808.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is hosting a four-person scramble from 8 a.m. to noon July 30 at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin and the top three teams. Cost is \$75 per player or \$300 per team. Mulligans are available at \$5 each with a limit of two per player. For entry forms, call Stacy Fuqua at (915) 552-2809.

The 38th annual Midland Women's City Golf Tournament will be held July 23-26 on four local courses. On July 23, the qualifying round will be held at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Entrants with a 16.9 handicap index or less must qualify for the championship and first flights. To be eligible to enter, you must have been a resident of Midland for a minimum of 30 days with a current established handicap. Entry fee is \$30, which does not include cart

fees. Deadline for entry is July 17. For additional information, contact Vera Espinosa at 699-2360.

Nueva Vista will hold Junior Golf Clinics July 9-12 and July 23-26. Each session is \$50 and runs 9-10:30 a.m. each day. Call 520-0500 to sign up.

The 21st Annual Green Tree Ladies Golf Association Spree is scheduled for Aug. 1 at Green Tree Country Club. The tournament is a two-lady best ball format with teams flighted by the lowest handicap with a maximum handicap of 10 strokes and maximum individual handicap of 30 allowed. The field is limited to 48 teams. Entry fee is \$50 per person and \$100 per team but only \$40 per person if they provide their own carts. For information, call Tracy Youngs at 697-7496 or Sharon Walker at 522-5005.

Running...

The Permian Basin Road Runners Club is a non-profit, educational organization for runners living in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico. The club, which promotes distance running as a helpful exercise and a competitive sport, is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and the Athletics Congress. Membership is open to all runners, joggers or walkers, regardless of experience. The club sponsors monthly fun runs, specialized training, group runs and runs for charity. For information, call Penny Wasem at 697-6391. Web site is www.pbr-cc.com.

The Permian Basin Road Runners Club is sponsoring the Prude Ranch Races in Fort Davis on July 29. There will be a 5K, 10K and 1/2 marathon. Early registration deadline is July 20. The start will be at McDonald Observatory and the finish for all races will be at Prude Ranch. For information, contact Penny Wasem at 697-6391 or Ginger Stanley at 683-7446.

The Young Lawyers Association will be directing the Rocket Docket 5K run and 10K relay run in Midland on Aug. 11. Start and finish will be Memorial Stadium. For information, contact Robert Crumpler at 686-5116.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabec Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabec Aquatic Center. Weekday classes are held at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Classes on Saturdays begin at 8:30 a.m. Classes are open to the public, and swimming skills are not necessary. COM provides all necessary equipment. Cost is \$47.50 per month or \$70 for a couple per month. For information, call Jeni Wood at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

The COM Masters Swimming is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-6 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person and includes stroke instruction and cardiovascular training. Call 684-7755 for more information.

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Lessons are offered at various times. For information, call 684-7755.

The Midland YMCA offers year-round 30-minute swim lessons for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

Midland YMCA will be offering swimming lessons for children and adults. Private lessons are available upon request. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

The Midland YMCA is offering water aerobics classes. Early morning, morning and evening classes are available. No swimming ability is necessary to participate in these

classes. For more information please call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

The Central YMCA is offering arthritis water exercise classes. Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at varying times during the day. For more information call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

Cycling...

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets monthly — at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month — at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602. Rides are held weekly, including Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m., fast/hard ride from corner of Loop 338 and State Highway 191 in Odessa; Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's Bikes in Midland (beginner's ride); Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's (medium and fast paced groups); Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from Loop 338 & Highway 191 in Odessa; Sunday at 7:30 a.m., breakfast ride from Golden Corral in Odessa; Sunday at 2 p.m., Flag Ranch Ride Mountain Bike Ride. Membership dues are \$25 or \$30 for a family. Call Peyton's Bikes at 699-1718 for more information.

Soccer...

The Rebels Soccer Camps, for boys and girls ages 4-12, include two different sets of dates: July 9-13 and July 16-20. Times are 9-11:30 a.m. for ages 6-12 and 9-10:30 a.m. for ages 4-6. For more information, call 570-1540.

The Midland Soccer Association Fall Signup is now open through July 29. Players must be 4 years of age by July 31. Fee is \$45 with discounts for families registering more than 2 players. Super Signup Day at the MSA office is 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on July 28 and 1-5 p.m. on July 29. Late signup will run July 30 through 2 p.m. Aug. 3. New players must present a copy of birth certificate. MSA fall season begins Sept. 8 and runs through Oct. 27.

Force United '87 boys soccer team is holding tryouts at the following times at Sherwood Park in Odessa: July 5, 7-8:30 p.m.; July 7, 9-10:30 a.m.; July 12, 7-8:30 p.m.; July 14, 10-11:30 a.m. Call Tom Martinez at 686-3226 or 580-4251 for more information.

West Texas Heat is holding tryouts throughout July 14 at C.J. Kelly soccer fields for girls and boys ranging from under-11 to under-17. For more information, call (915) 352-5398.

Volleyball...

The YMCA is looking for a few volleyball players to play at noon on Tuesday and Thursdays. It is an on-going year-round program. If interested, call Len Barrett at 694-1135.

Track & Field...

The Midland Crusader Track Club is beginning its summer track and field program through Aug. 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lee High School track field. The program is for amateur boys and girls athletes 7-18 years of age as of Dec. 2001. For more information, call Tony Goyang at 694-6324 or Damon Polk at 570-5122.

Walking...

Midland Walkabout AVA Club is a new club to Midland and meets every fourth Monday of the month at the Midland Public Library in the upstairs meeting room at 7 p.m. AVA is the American Volkssport Association and is a walking club for all ages and levels of walking. The club will have the opportunity to take sanctioned walks all over Texas. Jack Rogers is the president and can be contacted at 570-0869.

Baseball...

The Reading for Home Runs summer program will have RockHound players signing autographs at the Midland Centennial Library from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on July 16, July 18, July 23 and July 25. For more information on the summer reading program, call 683-4251.

Miscellaneous...

Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino and the Muscular Dystrophy Association are holding an auction at The Bar in Midland from 7:30-10 p.m. on July 9. Trips, sports memorabilia and autographed items will be auctioned off along with door prizes. For more information, call 570-4970.

More Sports/1D

Relaxed Woods looks for victory at Western Open

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

LEMONT, Ill. — Even Tiger Woods needs some time off once in awhile.

After two straight finishes out of the top 10 — that practically counts as a slump when you're talking about the world's No. 1 golfer — Woods stashed his clubs, grabbed a couple of buddies and headed to Alaska to go fishing.

"I really needed to get away because I've played golf a lot," he said Wednesday. "My weeks off, I didn't really take a whole lot of time off because I was practicing, getting ready for the (U.S.) Open. So it was nice to get away, put the clubs down and just get away for a little bit."

Refreshed and relaxed, he's ready to get back to work this week. And he's playing in one of his favorite tournaments, the Western Open.

Woods has quite a history here, particularly in odd-numbered years. He made his first cut in a PGA Tour event here in 1995 and then won the tournament in 1997 and 1999. He also broke 70 as a pro for the first time in the fourth round in 1995.

"That's where I felt was a turning point in my amateur career," he said. "I felt like, 'Yeah, I can really play with these guys.'"

He's done more than that. With a victory at the Masters in April, Woods held all four major championships for a Grand Slam.

But talk of Woods sweeping the majors in the same calendar year came to a sudden halt at the U.S. Open, where he finished tied for 12th. He struggled again the next week at the Buick Classic, where he finished 12 strokes back in a tie for 16th.

It was his lowest finish in 23 events, and the first time since 1999 that he finished out of the top 10 in consecutive weeks.

"It wasn't necessarily the energy, it was that I wasn't swinging well," Woods said. "You can have all the energy in the world, but if you're not swinging well, you're not swinging well."

His putting was fine, Woods said. It was his drives and iron shots that were the problem.

"At the U.S. Open, if I didn't putt, I would have been further down the road," he said. "I made at least eight or 10 putts from 12 feet and in every day. I poured them in like they

were going out of style.

"Unfortunately, they were for pars. I wasn't in a position to make birdies," he added. "I wasn't able to hit the ball close enough."

So he put his clubs away after the Buick Classic and didn't touch them again for six days. He and three friends went on a five-day fishing trip, with golf the furthest thing from his mind.

Of course, he had a few other things to worry about. Like the bears rambling around the river where he was fishing.

Woods finally picked up his clubs again Sunday, when he did a children's clinic in Rockford. He's spent the past few days practicing, and his swing is finally coming around.

"I've been practicing a little bit the last few days and hitting it a little more crisp," he said. "It was nice to get back out here and walk the course."

Woods wasn't the only one who needed some time off after the U.S. Open. Phil Mickelson skipped the Buick Classic after shooting a final-round 75 at the U.S. Open, the latest in a series of big-tournament fades.

Mickelson didn't touch his clubs, either, instead pulling out his old psychology notebooks and practicing some visualization techniques. The homework helped, as he won the Greater Hartford Open last weekend.

"I don't think it's really squelched talk. I think it's postponed it for a week or two," Mickelson said of his failure to win a major. "What I need to do really is to come through in a major championship, and I realize that."

"... I feel as though I keep getting closer. Last week certainly helped for me personally, because it gave me a direction on how to prepare mentally and how to perform during the round mentally for me to play my best golf."

Divots: David Berganio Jr. withdrew Wednesday. Hunter Haas will take his place. The Western Open, sponsored by Avila, has a record \$3.6 million purse, with the winner earning \$648,000. Some changes have been made to Cog Hill's Dubsdread Course.

A new No. 2, which plays about 22 yards shorter, is being used, and the par-4 13th has been lengthened. The par-5 15th can also play 10 yards longer. "I thought 13 was long enough already," 1998 champion Joe Durant said. "It was for me, anyway."

Defending Champ Sorenstam returns to Kroger Classic

By Rusty Miller
AP Sports Writer

SYLVANIA, Ohio — The Buckeye state is just one big ATM for Annika Sorenstam.

Every year, the Swede plays in three or four tournaments in Ohio, makes a sizable withdrawal, then moves on.

"It's hard to explain," she said. "There are places you just feel comfortable: the courses, the greens, the conditions, whatever. Of course, it doesn't hurt to be playing well."

Sorenstam is back this week to defend her title at the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic. Her victory last year was her third in a row in the state, following wins in Beaver Creek earlier in the season and the 1999 New Albany Golf Classic.

She has finished in the top 10 in her last six tournaments in Ohio and has pocketed \$475,195 in eight starts. She missed the cut the first time she played in Ohio at the 1994 Jamie Farr, then finished tied for 20th in the 1995 Farr.

Since then, Sorenstam has three wins and has finished sixth, tied for seventh and tied for ninth, while averaging more than \$78,000 per tournament.

Seven of the top 10 on the LPGA money list will be on hand for the 72-hole event that begins Thursday at Highland Meadows Golf Club in suburban Toledo.

U.S. Open champion Karrie Webb, back on tour after returning to Australia to attend her grandfather's funeral, leads the list of contenders. She is joined by 1998 and 1999 Farr winner Se Ri Pak and Sweden's Maria Hjorth, who has won twice on tour this season.

Sorenstam took a four-shot lead into the rainy final round a year ago but Rachel Teske caught her with a final-round 67 that included birdies on the last two holes of regulation. On the second playoff hole, Sorenstam rolled in an 11-foot birdie putt for the win.

Playing well isn't just a one-state phenomenon for Sorenstam, however.

She has already won five times on tour this season, including four in a row early in the spring. She also posted an LPGA scoring record with a 13-under-par 59 in the second round of the Standard Register PING.

She's looking forward to returning to Toledo.

"Golf is so much about confidence. When you go back to place where you've done well, there are always good memories and you can't wait to come back," Sorenstam said. "The course in Toledo, for example, fits my game."

Besides Pak, past winners Kelly Robbins, Joan Pitcock, Brandie Burton, Penny Hammel and Jane Geddes are also expected to compete.

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¿Qué Pasa?

Mexico's president has vision for a new south

By Tim Weiner
N.Y. Times News Service

SANTA ANA, Mexico — Miguel Lopez, a peasant farmer, stands on an empty railroad track, glancing up from his muddy boots. He looks a tad skeptical about Mexican President Vicente Fox's vision of factories sprouting from this rich farmland, filling freight trains roaring down this rickety line.

"We don't have electricity or drinking water," says Lopez, who makes \$2 a day working the fields of eastern Oaxaca. "If the president can't give us that — and no president has — what's the point?"

A century ago, the dictator Porfirio Diaz dreamed that a great railroad would run through here, carrying majestic cargo ships from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific, turning the south of Mexico into a world trade route and making the nation an economic powerhouse. But it took a generation to lay this narrow, now disused track. By that time the United States was building the Panama Canal.

Not since Diaz's dream has a Mexican leader had a vision like Fox's plan to develop southern Mexico, then and now the poorest and most politically isolated part of the country. And no other project so typifies Fox and his ambitions in the year since he was elected July 2, 2000 uprooting the party that had ruled Mexico since 1929.

The project's aims are enormous, its details indistinct and its future uncertain, like much of what Fox has promised in the seven months since taking office.

Fox wants to spend billions on development — and rebuild this lonely railroad line into a humming cross-continental cargo route — to lift up southern Mexico and link it to Central America and the United States in a giant 21st-century free-trade network.

"We want to begin by constructing great corridors of highways and rail lines, of gas pipes and electrical grids, ports and airports," Fox said in June. Dams will generate power, tourism projects will draw visitors, goods will flow from the south, and money will flow in, he says.

Making Diaz's dream railroad a reality, Fox's plan states, will turn the south "into a trade route to Europe for businesses located on the Pacific Coast and to the East for businesses located on the Gulf of Mexico" — exactly what Mexico envisioned back in the 1880s, but never accomplished.

"It is a grand vision — and a good one," said David B. Atkin-

son, the Interamerican Development Bank's representative in Mexico. "The next step is to translate it into action."

Like President Lyndon B. Johnson's war on poverty in the 1960s, Fox's plan seeks to end what he calls "the disgracefully unacceptable situations of poverty and isolation" in Mexico's poorest states, and to close the development gap between Mexico's north and south.

Mexico's south remains worse off than the rest of the nation by economic measures. It has one-quarter of Mexico's land, but only one-seventh of its wealth. It is home to three-quarters of Mexico's Indians, plagued by unemployment and political disenfranchisement, who live concentrated in little villages that often lack roads, schools, water and electricity.

And while Fox's vision for southern Mexico is grand, Fox's resources are thin. Winning office with 43 percent of the vote so that he lacks a widely popular political mandate, Fox presides over a fragile political coalition now complicated with a slowing economy.

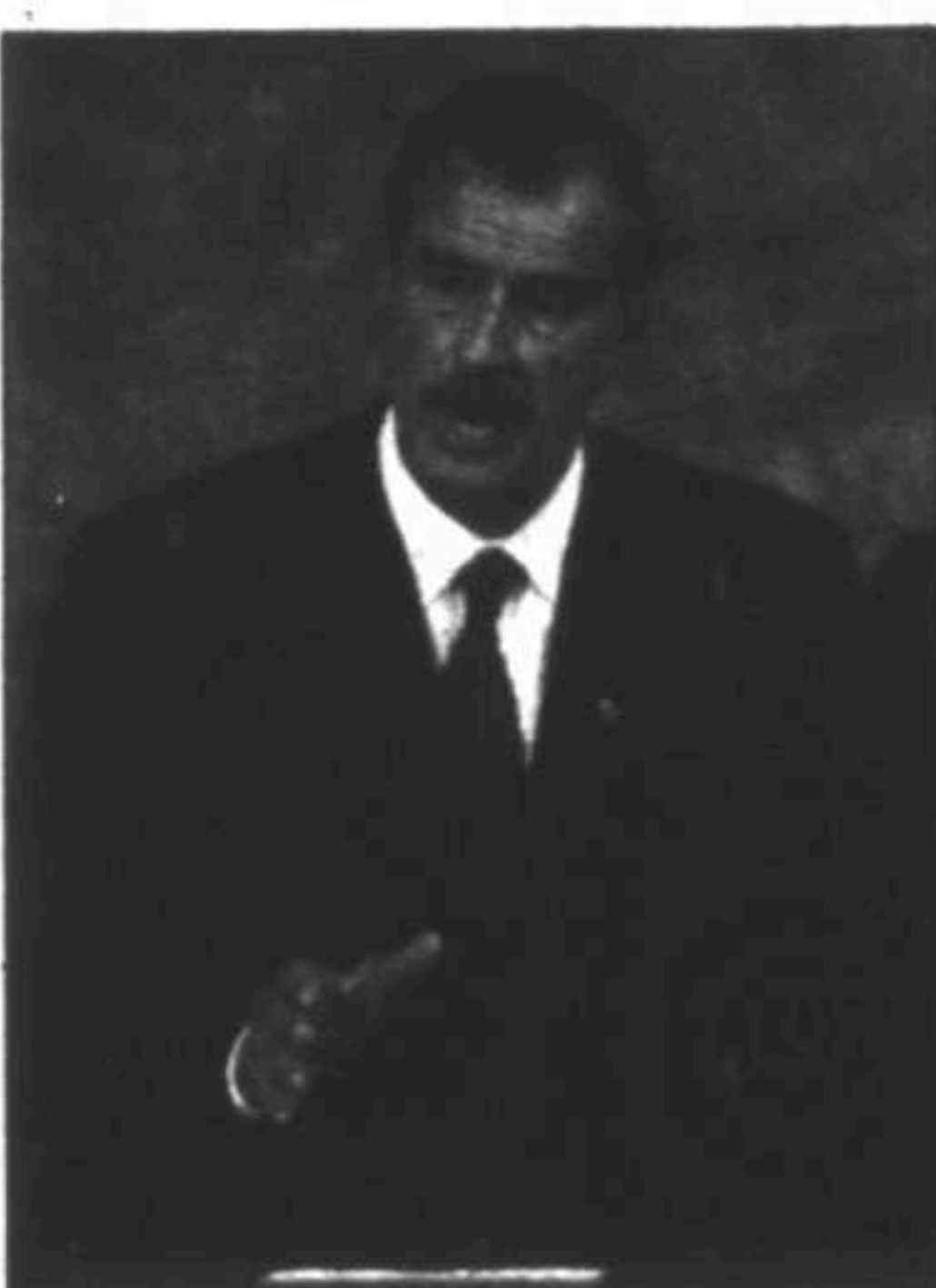
Fox's plans, so far, are primarily about business — energy, transportation, and factories to assemble consumer goods. The plan's budget contains millions of dollars, not the necessary billions. Only one part as yet directly addresses people like Lopez, one of the millions of subsistence farmers in the south. It proposes to "make rural farms into profitable business," though exactly how is not spelled out.

The plan provokes deep skepticism from those who claim to speak for the poor, in particular the popular spokesmen for Mexico's Indians, the man who calls himself Subcommander Marcos, whose Zapatista rebel movement arose in the dirt-poor hills of the southern state of Chiapas.

"Instead of using riches to support poor peasants and small business owners," Marcos said, "Fox has a plan to use the money to support those who want to fill the land with gas stations, malls and plastic playlands," turning Indian villages into "amusement parks where the peasants and the indigenous would be clowns," entertaining tourists for a handful of pesos.

And officials of the Interamerican Development Bank, which has provisionally pledged \$2 billion for the plan, say that grand development projects cannot work unless the people they are meant to help are closely consulted from the start.

So loan money from the bank



President Vicente Fox



AT RIGHT: Javier Murillo climbs into his truck filled with aluminum artwork along the Rio Grande river in Juarez last week. "I'm selling less and less over there," said Murillo, gesturing across the river toward El Paso. Mexican President Vicente Fox said that the U.S. slowdown is delaying the economic boom he promised Mexico. ABOVE: Homeless people share food on a Mexico City street. Fox plans to develop southern Mexico, and with his plan Fox seeks to end what he calls "the disgracefully unacceptable situations of poverty and isolation" in Mexico's poorest states.

AP Photos



will not flow soon. First there must be many talks in many towns with peasants and local politicians, a process that the plan's coordinator, Florencio Salazar, called "difficult but indispensable."

Representatives from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the U.N. Development Program, the U.S. Agency for International Development and other institutions met to discuss Fox's plan for the first time last week at the Interamerican Development Bank's Washington headquarters. Fox has asked the development bank to write the plan as well as finance it.

And Atkinson, the bank's representative in Mexico, says the plan must first give an "effective voice" to "those most in need — the poor, the indigenous communities," letting them help choose the ways in which the money is spent.

Exactly so, said Pablo Salazar, the governor of Chiapas, the first ever from outside the former ruling party PRI. "This is a rich state with poor people, the poorest in the

'We work like dogs to make 80 pesos a day (about \$9), and that's what you need just to survive.'

— Pedro Contreras, partner in homemade cheese business in Mexico

nation," he said. "And we are fighting, demanding that the government reduce this abyss."

Fox's 21st-century plan would have the peasants making consumer goods in factories, as they do in Mexico's north, or harvesting food and wood in plantations for perhaps \$10 a day.

In theory, "they would be integrated into the mainstream of the economy," said Luis Rubio, a prominent political scientist in Mexico City, and that "would make them like average Mexicans striving to earn a living."

During a tour of three southern states, down the Isthmus of Tehuantepec railroad line in Veracruz and Oaxaca, then east to Chiapas, it seemed that people's support for the program depended on

their wealth.

People in business liked the plan enormously. "A brilliant idea," said Victor Manuel Cancino, a coffee exporter in Chiapas — especially if it includes loans or credits for enterprises like his.

People with a little money thought it was nice, if perhaps a bit dreamy. Antonio Dominguez, 44, riding the rails on horseback, hauling his homemade cheese to market near the Oaxaca-Veracruz border, put it plainly: "God knows people need work and money." His partner, Pedro Contreras, 50, said: "We work like dogs to make 80 pesos a day, about \$9, and that's what you need just to survive."

People with next to nothing, like Lopez, the peasant farmer, were dubious. "We are poor people, we

have always been poor, and I think we always will be, no matter what the president promises," he said, trudging across the tracks to the fields near Santa Ana, in eastern Oaxaca.

Down the railroad line, in Lagunas, stood a version of Fox's dream made concrete. Lagunas is a town of 4,000 people living next to the great gray cement factory run by Cruz Azul, a Mexican firm that has been here for 80 years.

The town's neat little houses have lawns. The landscaped park has benches. Street lights line well-paved roads. Lagunas looks a little more like Southern California than Southern Mexico.

On a railroad siding, Felix Gutierrez, 45, was inspecting the freight cars that haul the cement down the hills. "This is a good idea the president has," he said. "But we need deeds, not words."

Mexico has gold in its hills and oil under its seas, he said, but millions of people are looking for work.

"The land is rich," he said, "but the people are poor."

Mexicans welcome break from traditional first lady role

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Some saw the Monday wedding in the president's office as one of Mexico's popular girl-makes-good soap operas. Others called it a welcome break from Mexico's tradition of retiring, sheltered first ladies.

President Vicente Fox's sudden wedding to his spokeswoman, Martha Sahagun, opened a new chapter in a love story of politics, social intrigue and this country's struggle with modern morality.

"This is good because she will be more of a political leader and less of a housewife" than first ladies traditionally limited to organizing charity events, said 32-year-old salesman Jaime Romero.

It is also the story of an unflappable, devoted woman from provincial Mexico who believed in Fox from the start. She staunchly defended him as his press secretary during his single-minded six-year quest for the presidency — coyly dancing around questions about the specifics of their personal relationship.

"This is like a soap opera ending, where the woman who perseveres gets the man," said writer Guadalupe Loaeza. Sahagun is unlikely to drop out of sight, and may become "Mexico's Hillary Clinton," Loaeza said.

But if this is a soap opera, the most important reaction still hasn't come in. Fox's daughter, Ana Cristina, who has been filling in informally as first lady, and who is not fond of Sahagun, has yet to weigh in on the marriage.

"That's the next chapter, Ana Cristina's reaction. She must be purple with rage," said Loaeza. "Martha got her heavenly reward, but she also got a cross to bear."

Ana Cristina and Fox's three other adopted children did not attend the wedding, preferring instead to spend the weekend in Italy with their mother, Lillian de la Concha, whom Fox divorced in 1991. Sahagun broke with her first husband after she began working for Fox in 1995.

The secrecy surrounding the relationship was apparently uncomfortable for Fox's morally conservative National Action Party, or PAN. Though Sahagun admitted to the romance, she refused to answer questions about their living arrangements.

PAN spokesman Miguel Angel Vichiquis denied reports the party had told Fox to end his romantic



AP Photo
Mexico's President Vicente Fox leans in to kiss his bride and presidential spokeswoman Martha Sahagun in the gardens of the presidential residence, Los Pinos, during a private wedding ceremony early Monday morning in Mexico City.

affairs in order. "As far as I know, there's been no public position on the issue," Vichiquis said.

Party leaders, marking the one-year anniversary of Fox's defeat of the Institutional Revolutionary Party on Monday night, were also mum on the wedding.

"This is a personal matter, not a party matter," said PAN Senate leader Diego Fernandez. Making their first public appearance as husband and wife, a beaming Sahagun arrived with Fox to a dinner honoring Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar late Monday.

With a small crowd chanting "kiss, kiss," Fox and Sahagun exchanged pecks on the cheek before ceremonies began, Mexico's state-run news agency Notimex reported.

Late Monday night, Fox gave an interview to the national Televisa network, and said he had asked for Sahagun's hand about a month ago — "at 3 in the morning." He said their relationship had grown gradually during his campaign for the presidency, and that he felt they couldn't wait any longer.

"Viva el amor!" Fox offered, obviously uncomfortable with the topic of conversation.

Their private marriage ceremony early Monday, performed by a justice of the peace, sent mixed messages to a country split between old values — Roman Catholic morality and tolerance for extramarital affairs — and an increasingly young, liberal population who voted overwhelmingly for Fox.

Sahagun gave up her job as presidential spokeswoman because Mexican law discourages officials from allowing their spouses to hold paid government jobs.

"It would be unfair to limit her, just because she got married," said Araceli Ramos, a 20-year-old university student. "Mexican women now have liberty to do both jobs, marriage and family."

But bar manager Eduardo Orozco, 27, took a more traditional view.

"The president is a paternal figure," he said. "It's good that he has a wife now, so that he can present an image of a united family to the country."

But is Sahagun the right person for Fox? Mexico's upper class may not be comfortable with the idea. At a recent high-society dinner party, many of those invited snubbed Sahagun, Loaeza recounted, "because she was just the president's lover."

Others felt a sense of justice that Fox — who turned 59 on Monday and was named one of the "25 most beautiful Latinos of 2001" by People magazine's Spanish edition — married the 49-year-old Sahagun, a woman sometimes criticized for her less-than-sophisticated clothes and heavy makeup.

"He has so much power, he could have looked for somebody younger," as several previous Mexican presidents have done after leaving office, said Amparo Valle, 38. "But she is very well-trained and experienced, and he needs someone who can help him carry out this change he's promised."

Latin Grammy Awards to take place in Miami

From Wire Reports

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — The Latin Recording Academy will stage the second Latin Grammy Awards Sept. 11 in Miami.

The show, which will feature performances from some of the genre's biggest artists, will be broadcast locally 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on CBS-7.

The broadcast is expected to be seen internationally in more than 120 countries, according to Michael Greene, president and CEO of the Recording Academy and Latin Recording Academy.

Also, the Latin Recording Academy's 2001 Person of the Year gala tribute honoring Julio Iglesias is planned for Sept. 10.

This year's Latin Grammys will highlight 39 categories covering many genres and sub-genres of Latin music. Nominations will be announced later this summer, Greene said.

The weeks leading up to the Latin Grammys will feature a monthlong Latin Grammy Fest — a celebration that will showcase the Miami and Latin cultural communities.

Last year's show marked the first time a largely Spanish-language program was aired in prime time in the United States.

The Latin Academy is comprised of recording artists, musicians, producers and other creative and technical recording professionals who are dedicated to Latin music and its makers. The Latin Academy is similar to the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (Recording Academy), which is best known for presenting the Grammy Awards.

Emotional Return

By Jenna Frye
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Michael Waltrip won't be celebrating his 50th birthday with a trip to find the winner of the 2001 Daytona 500. A half-century ago, he was in his car when Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the race, and he was there when his car crashed.

The death of Earnhardt Jr. was a forever spoiled moment and a moment of triumph on hold.

Now, as Waltrip prepares for Saturday's race, his emotions will be running high. Waltrip isn't sure when he walks to the track and sees the race, but he brought him back to his heartache.

"My emotions are all over the place on a basis," he said. "I don't want to feel emotions or different emotions, but I wouldn't be true if I didn't be weird."

On Wednesday, Michael Waltrip won his win in the 50th race, which is typically held on the race, but because of Earnhardt Jr.'s death.

So Waltrip was a smile and a victory without the man who made him a star.

Looking for a way to start a new chapter, Earnhardt Jr., who long considered never to have won the race.

Earnhardt said Waltrip would be around.

School

By Michael M.
Associated Press

MAGNY-COCHET, France — Schumacher knows he will have to drive in Formula 1 again this season as he looks to win a record of 51 cars.

But the 32-year-old driver has not won a race since 1997, and he is looking for a series of wins to win the French Grand Prix.

"Unfortunately, it's realistic," he told winning the French Grand Prix, "but I don't see how quick again."

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Emotional Waltrip Returns to Daytona

By Jenna Fryer
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — It took 15 long years and 462 agonizing defeats for Michael Waltrip to find the winner's circle. But Dale Earnhardt's death has kept him from enjoying that breakthrough victory.

Waltrip won for the only time in his career in February, taking the checkered flag in the biggest of all NASCAR races — the Daytona 500. A half-mile behind him, his friend and boss was killed when his car crashed into the wall.

The death of NASCAR's icon forever spoiled Waltrip's crowning moment and put his celebration on hold.

Now, as Waltrip returns to Daytona International Speedway for Saturday's Pepsi 400, emotions will be running high. But Waltrip isn't sure how he'll feel when he walks through the tunnel and sees the track that brought him both glory and heartache.

"My emotions kind of bounce all over the place on a day-to-day basis," he said. "For me to say that I won't feel any special emotions or different emotions wouldn't be true. I'm sure it will be weird."

On Wednesday, the track held Michael Waltrip Day to celebrate his win in the 500. The celebration is typically held the day after the race, but was postponed because of Earnhardt's death.

So Waltrip was forced to put on a smile and commemorate the victory without The Intimidator, the man who made it possible.

Looking for a driver last winter to start a third team at Dale Earnhardt Inc., he picked Waltrip, long considered the best driver never to have won a Winston Cup race.

Earnhardt said he was certain Waltrip would turn his career around.

"Why he hasn't won a race yet is circumstantial," Earnhardt said in October. "He has a lot of credits to his name and the mix is there, so he is definitely going to be a winner."

Earnhardt never got to see his prediction come true, crashing on the final turn of the final lap before Waltrip crossed the finish line. But Earnhardt briefly saw success at a point in the race when all three of his drivers — Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park — were running 1-2-3.

Waltrip, who wound up beating Earnhardt Jr. to the line, would like to duplicate that feat Saturday night as a way of honoring the seven-time series champion.

"It would be such a tribute," Waltrip said. "I think the way that we look at it is everybody is going to be thinking about him anyway, so it would be great for the fans and for this organization."

"For us drivers, to just say, 'We're all thinking about you Dale and this is how it wound up,' that would be the greatest feeling in the whole world, even if I was third."

But that would be a stretch considering the way Waltrip has run since Daytona. He hasn't had a single top-10 finish. In fact, with 13 consecutive finishes of 20th or worse, he has plummeted to 28th in the series standings.

There are a variety of reasons for the slide, which led last month to the firing of crew chief Scott Eggleston.

Steve Hmiel, director of motor-sports and technical operations at DEI, has temporarily taken over the crew-chief duties. His biggest challenge has been to repair Waltrip's confidence, which he tries to do as a soothing voice in his ear on race day.

"I don't think anyone realized how much Dale Earnhardt's death affected Michael," Hmiel said. "He was so much more to



Michael Waltrip celebrates in victory lane after winning the Daytona 500 this past February. Waltrip returns, with mixed feelings, to Daytona for the first time since his victory.

Michael than his boss. He was his longtime friend, like a brother almost, and I think his death has haunted Michael on the track at times.

"The biggest thing now is to remind Michael during the race that he's a good driver and he's going to turn this around."

Ty Norris, general manager of DEI, believes winning the 500 gave Waltrip and the rest of the team too many expectations.

"Because of our early success, I think we all had the audacity to believe we weren't going to struggle the way a first-year team struggles," Norris said. "But like so many new teams, we've been

brought back down the hard way."

So, with the addition of Hmiel and time helping to heal the wounds from Earnhardt's death, Waltrip is hoping to end his slump and honor his friend over the second half of the season.

"I was so excited about driving for Dale, it was just the best feeling in the whole world that I was going to get his attention and his knowledge and experience to lead our team," Waltrip said. "I never got it, so that messed with me for a while."

"But I'm good now. I think you have to get tough and I think I've been able to do that."

Schumacher not ready to celebrate

By Michael McDonough
Associated Press Writer

MAGNY-COURS, France — Michael Schumacher knows all about spraying champagne around on the podium. With two more wins, he will have done that more than any driver in Formula One history.

But the 32-year-old German refuses to get caught up in the hype that has been building all season as he approached Alain Prost's record of 51 career victories. In fact, Schumacher won't even get excited about another of his pending accomplishments — a fourth series championship.

"Unfortunately for you guys, I am a bit too realistic," he told reporters last Sunday after winning the French Grand Prix. "We have seen how quickly things can turn around again."

Perhaps Schumacher can be forgiven for what seems like a ridiculous notion — that something later this season would keep him from matching Prost's four championships. Then, the only target would be Juan Manuel

Fangio, who won five titles in the 1950s.

Schumacher's fifth career victory in the French Grand Prix — and his sixth overall this season — has given him a 31-point lead over David Coulthard. That means Schumacher would hold the lead if he failed to score a point in the next three races and Coulthard won them all.

"Although to be honest it is a very comfortable lead we are in now, there are still seven races to go and 70 points to give away," Schumacher said. "So there is no reason to start celebrating before it's done, and until it's mathematically secure, I will keep fighting."

Perhaps a reason for Schumacher's caution as he gets ready for the British Grand Prix on July 15 is residue from last season, when he won his third title. He rallied to do that after squandering a 22-point lead by failing to gain any points in the next three races following a win in the Canadian Grand Prix in June.

Things are going so well this season that Schumacher is on pace to become the first 10-time winner in F1 history. Last season, he won

nine times, matching his showing of 1995 and that of Nigel Mansell in 1992. Counting the end of the 2000 season, Schumacher has won 10 times in the last 14 races.

His approach is simple.

"There's a priority: coming to the race motivated and fighting for the maximum performance and achievement," he said. "You're not focused on the record of the most wins or the most championships. That's not the target."

"It's the second priority, but still the statistics do mean something."

Prost, now an F1 team owner, will not be upset when his victory total is surpassed.

"He deserves to have this kind of record," Prost said. "You cannot win more than 50 races if you're not good, and he is the best at the moment."

The British Grand Prix might provide Coulthard with the best chance for a while to lose Schumacher's roll. Schumacher has won only once at the Silverstone circuit in the English countryside, where Coulthard has victories the last two years.

Calkins recalls good and bad days

Associated Press

Buzz Calkins remembers the day that opened his eyes to racing even wider than the one that gave him a place in its history.

It was 1997, and Calkins, the first winner in the Indy Racing League and co-champion in the series' first season, was doing a tire test in Loudon, N.H.

His car slammed into the wall, leaving him with a skull fracture, broken ankle and other injuries. He spent the next few days in a hospital pondering what might have been.

"I think that was the first time in my entire racing career that I was, like, 'Whoa, this might not always be here,'" Calkins remembered. "If it had been a little worse, I could have been done."

Instead, he was just getting started.

The following year, Calkins enrolled in the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, beginning pursuit of his masters degree in business administration while continuing to race.

"I felt like I had enough time to do it, and I felt like it was the best use of my time," said the 30-year-old driver. "I enjoyed taking finance classes. It wasn't like I was doing something I hated."

There were times, though, when the pace got a little too hectic.

In 1999, he qualified for the Indianapolis 500 on a Saturday and practiced Sunday before flying back to Chicago. He attended classes Monday and Tuesday before returning to the Brickyard.

He stayed until Thursday night, returned to Chicago for a class Friday, then went back to Indianapolis, where he finished 19th in the 500.

"I had to bolt back up there on Monday morning for a group project, and I got halfway there and wound up doing it over e-mail," he said.

The schedule might have angered another team owner, who might not have been happy about a having distracted driver. But Calkins had the full support of his boss — who happens to be his father.

"I'm very proud of him that he would make the effort to do that instead of falling back on this," Brad Calkins said. "He had the opportunity and said, 'I can't drive a race car all my life.'"

Since his graduation in 2000, Buzz also has helped his father manage enterprises that include a petroleum business and convenience store chain.

"He's involved more than I am," Brad said. "He makes a lot of business decisions, the team decisions, who he's going to hire."

"I've given him that opportunity because I wanted to teach him that aspect, whether he's doing racing or my business or some other business."

The team also gets a boost from Kathy Calkins, who makes travel arrangements for her husband, son and their team members, bakes cookies for the group and offers moral support at the track each weekend.

"I can't stand to be there, but I can't stand not to be there, so I'm always here," she said. "I could stay home and be totally miserable, or I can come and be a part of it, so that's what I do."

Racing scares her, she said, but has been good for the family, often drawing Buzz's two sisters and even grandparents to the track.

Racing also provided a steady bonding experience for father and son. Both list the inaugural IRL race, at Walt Disney World in 1996, as probably the greatest moment of their lives.

"Seeing that kid work as hard as he worked as a rookie in his first Indy-car race, and for a rookie team in its first Indy-car race, and go out there and dominate Tony Stewart like he did?" Brad said. "It was the greatest thrill a father could have, I think."

Israeli coach resigns after racial slur

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The coach of Israel's leading basketball team was asked to resign after making racial slurs against black players during a lecture to army officers last year.

The resignation of Maccabi-Tel Aviv coach Pini Gershon came days after publication of his comments that blacks are "stupid" and have the mentality of "slaves."

"What happened had a role in the decision that was made," team chairman Shimon Mizrahi told Israel radio Wednesday. "Pini decided that he won't continue and we had a part in that decision in light of the remarks that were made."

The comments were made in November to a group of army officers and were videotaped. An Israeli newspaper put the remarks on its Web site this week. The next day, major newspapers published his remarks and the tape was broadcast on TV on Tuesday night.

Gershon will continue to work with Maccabi-Tel Aviv team, but Mizrahi did not specify the job.

Gershon apologized for his remarks Tuesday before a parliamentary committee on violence in sports.

"I was talking in a closed room. We were acting as pals, joking around," Gershon told the lawmakers.

"Things were said about all of the players,"

Gershon said in comments broadcast on Israel television. "I slipped here and there, from the stupidity, from the joking around, from the clowning around."

Gershon said in the lecture to officers that "even among blacks there are different colors. ... The darker blacks are stupid, they will do whatever you tell them, like slaves."

Gershon has coached dozens of black players throughout his 25-year career, and his team won the European basketball championship this year with the help of several black American players.

Before last season ended, the coach had said he might step down. But after the championship, he hinted that he wanted to stay on.

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You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The 2nd Amended Petition of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Petitioner, was filed in the 318th Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 28th day of June, 2001, against TAMANIKA ROSS, JEREMY MENDOZA, DAVID JONES and UNKNOWN FATHER. Respondents, numbered FM 37-421 and entitled "In the Interest of Marcellos D. Ross, A Minor Child." The suit requests for Protection of a Child, for Conservatorship and for Termination of the Parent-Child Relationship. The date of birth of the children, the subject of this suit is Marcellos D. Ross, date of birth: 5/23/2000.

The Court has authority in this suit to render an Order that will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-

child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas this 29 day of June, 2001.

Vivian Wood, Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas.

By Gabriela Williams, Deputy

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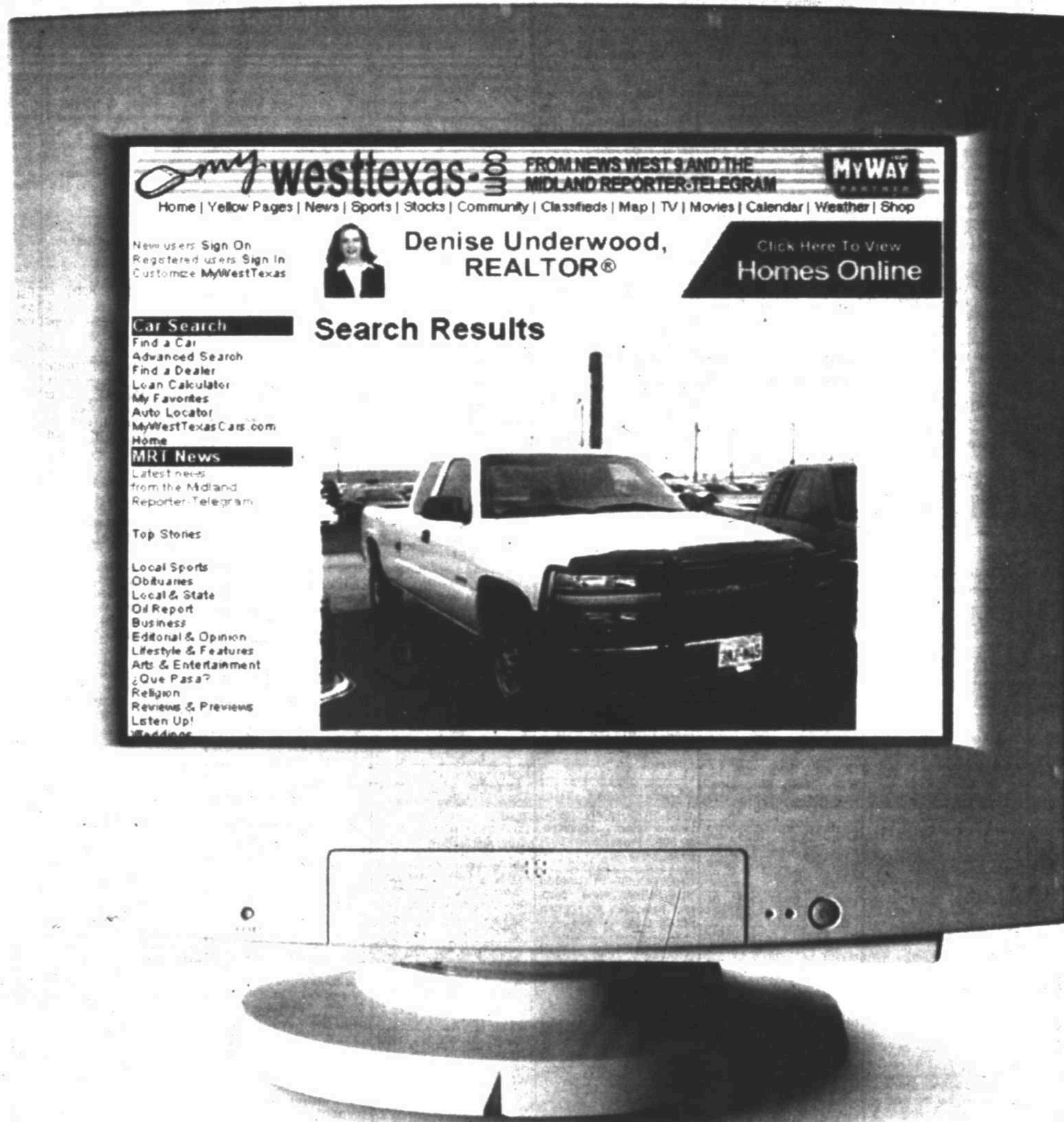
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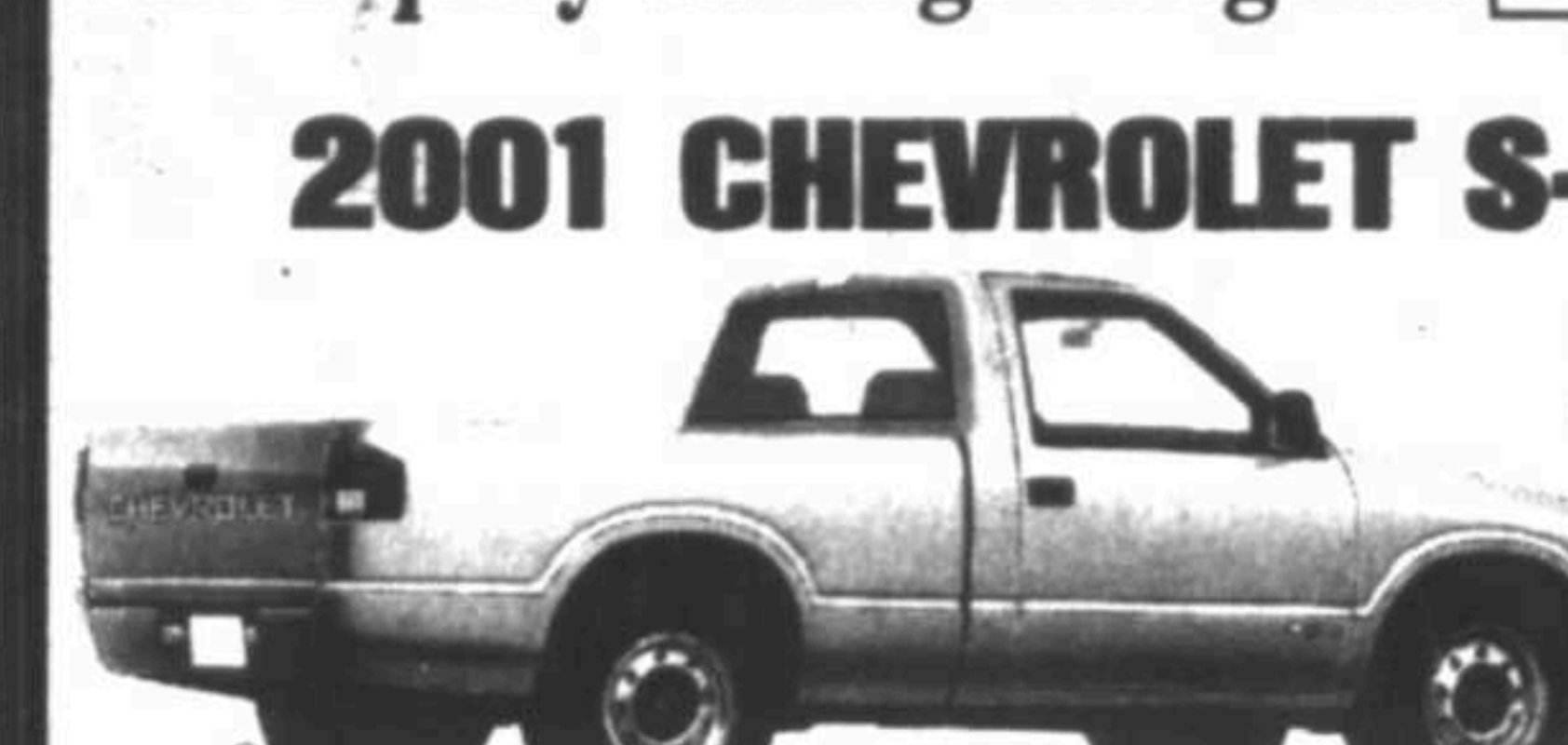
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GARAGE SALE SATURDAY

To Take Part In
This Huge Event

CALL 682-6222



Midland Reporter-Telegram

What is "Garage Sale Saturday?"
"Garage Sale Saturday" is simply a lot of different garage sales held all over Midland on the same day - Saturday, July 21.

How do I participate?
It's easy. Clean out your closets. Go through your garage. Gather together all your goodies. Then call the Midland Reporter-Telegram by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 to place your ad.

What's in it for me?
This "Garage Sale Saturday" event should attract thousands of shoppers in Midland and the surrounding area. Every would-be garage sale buyer has hundreds of reasons to visit these sales.

What's so great about this garage sale?
1) Your ad will reach over 53,000 potential customers. 2) Your garage sale location will be referenced on a map published in the Reporter-Telegram on Friday & Saturday, July 20 & 21 if you place your ad on or before our Wednesday deadline. 3) You'll receive our FREE Money Maker Garage Sale kit which includes Garage Sale signs, stakes, peel-off pricing labels, balloons, inventory sheet, bulletin board signs plus four other useful garage sale items when you purchase our Special Garage Sale Advertisement Package.

What's my investment?
Advertise your sale to more than 53,000 potential customers in the Garage Sale classification on Friday & Saturday, July 20 & 21 for as little as \$20.50. This includes a 7 line ad, garage sale kit and your sale located on the map.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES MANAGER Part-Time

Part-time sales manager needed for evenings and weekends. Must be able to recruit and successfully manage a small sales crew consisting of independent contractors who will be responsible for telemarketing as well as outside and retail sales for a respected local company.

The successful candidate will have sales experience, be professional in attitude and appearance, be goal oriented and have a strong desire to succeed. Approximately 25 hours per week. Hourly wage plus commission.

Send resume to:
Box J-5144,
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702.

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\$4,000

JOB OPENINGS 5 Experienced Salespeople in Automobiles
Only 10 Cars Needed
Call Today!

333-7450
Ask for Michael

314 Clerical Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST/Bookkeeper needed for service business. Must have basic bookkeeping skills and a working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Previous experience with Peatthree is a plus. Must be organized and have good phone skills. Send resume and salary requirements to: Opening P.O. Box 963, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

Alarm Technician Wanted. Local Alarm Company looking for alarm technician to work full-time in a non-smoking environment. Must have clean police record. Send resume or come by 1011 West Washington, Midland, TX 79701. Call 570-0188 for further information.

316 Sales Help Wanted

I WAS A Restaurant manager, last year I made over \$75,000 selling homes. Plus they have a 401K plan, health insurance, and paid vacation. Come by A-1 Homes-Midland, TX, 79706, West Highway 80.

316 Sales Help Wanted

ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE Must have 2 years experience in apartments. Make ready, plumbing, pool, HVAC. Benefits 694-1646.

BACKHOE OPERATOR needed. Some experience necessary. Also need roustabout hands, no experience necessary. Apply at Rusty's Oil Field Service in Stanton. 915-756-2821.

316 Sales Help Wanted

ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT SALESPERMAN office, Distribution and end-user. Oil and gas experience with valves, production equipment and instrumentation. Salary plus commission. Insurance and 401K package. Fax resume to 903-369-5019.

316 Sales Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED PAINTER/ Drywall finisher needed. 5+ years experience. Own tools and transportation. Call Ronny Pool Painting 570-7555.

316 Sales Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED OUTSIDE Salesperson needed. Manufacturers Rep firm is looking for someone with knowledge of West Texas and New Mexico. This person should possess a willingness to work and be willing to take a personal interest in our business. We will provide a great opportunity for the right person. Send resumes with salary requirements to Box P-6139, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

316 Sales Help Wanted

LOCAL INSURANCE Office is seeking an enthusiastic, aggressive and experienced Telemarketer to join our team. Please fax resume to: 915-697-1414 and call 915-697-7073.

316 Sales Help Wanted

PRIVATE CEMETERY owner looking for an experienced professional to oversee all sales activities for a full service facility located in Central Texas. Applicants must have strong sales history for this well compensated position. Relocation required. For interview, please contact Timothy Gaffney at 254-742-0441.

316 Sales Help Wanted

NEED EXTRA Cash? Experienced Furniture Movers Wanted. Positions now available. Call 699-0843 or 553-1464.

316 Sales Help Wanted

NOW HIRING IN Corpus Christi experienced telephone technician. Must be able to install and program voice mail and telephone systems. Call 800-955-6703 or fax resume (361)-614-0247.

316 Sales Help Wanted

CONTRACT PUMPER needs work, has 16 years experience. Honest and dependable resume and references upon request. Will work anywhere in the Permian Basin area. 556-7143/877-4549.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SELL THE BEST New Circular Wireless Store Needs You! Neat, friendly and want to grow? Will train, Sales & Cell experience a plus. Good start plus commission. Fax resume to: 687-5559 or call 687-5558.

316 Sales Help Wanted

WILL CARE for your loved one, nights or live-in. References. Janice, 522-2317.

316 Sales Help Wanted

DALHART COUNTRY CLUB Hiring position for General Manager. This prestigious club is located in the Texas Panhandle with an 18 hole golf course, beautiful clubhouse, Olympic size swimming pool. Salary \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year. Housing and utilities provided. Paid family membership. Fax resume to 806-244-3078. No phone calls please.

316 Sales Help Wanted

TODDLER OPENING Loving fun environment, established home Learning program. Meals/snacks. Excellent references. 694-9871.

316 Sales Help Wanted

BRUTON SERVICE, Inc. now hiring in the Midland area. Hot Oil and Pump Truck Operators. Good pay and benefits. Call Bobby Greer 238-3734. Experienced only need apply.

316 Sales Help Wanted

NEED CLASS A CDL Drivers and Swamps with pumping unit repair experience. Above average pay with good benefits. drug test required. Come by 209 W. Washington.

316 Sales Help Wanted

RECEPTION/ SECRETARY: Symbol Inc. largest supplier of air drilling services in the Permian Basin is relocating corporate headquarters to Midland seeking qualified individuals to join our team. Send resume to P.O. Box 470, Midland, TX 79702.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SEEKING OILFIELD Personnel. Wrench truck driver to move and set oilfield equipment, also looking for sandblaster and coater - must have a class A CDL. 682-2217.

316 Sales Help Wanted

QUINN PUMPS, Inc. an international oilfield manufacturing and sales company is seeking a full time office clerk. The ideal candidate will possess relevant experience in the oilfield industry, be an energetic self-starter capable of working with a minimum of supervision in a one person office. In this position your duties will include daily deposits and invoicing. Strong verbal skills and computer skills will be an asset. A good remuneration and benefit package is available. Qualified candidates are asked to forward a covering letter and resume to 915-550-6610 attention: Controller, no later than July 6, 2001. We would like to thank all who apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

316 Sales Help Wanted

KELLY IS YOUR JOB Connection... To Quality Jobs! Call Kelly Services 689-9801.

316 Sales Help Wanted

OFFICE HELP: No Nights. No Sundays, apply in person. Dunlaps, 3303 W. Illinois.

316 Sales Help Wanted

Global Personnel Network Positions Local & Worldwide! 686-6360.

316 Sales Help Wanted

Find It! Buy It! Sell It! 682-6222

316 Sales Help Wanted

SUPPLEMENT YOUR income. 3 local Combination (drinks and snacks), vending machines for sale. \$6500 for all three. call 520-3641 or 689-0097.

316 Sales Help Wanted

Attention Readers Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

316 Sales Help Wanted

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277.

316 Sales Help Wanted

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310 General Help Wanted

EXXON
Wall Street Exxon is looking for experienced candidate. The following position is available.
PART TIME CASHIER
3606 WALL
Midland, TX
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311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL EMPLOYEE: Full time. Apply in person Dr. Carpenter, 3300 Haynes, ask for Debbie.

311 Medical Help Wanted

NEW TODAY - Trinity Haven Healthcare
Is Currently Hiring:
LVN Position
10:00pm-6:00am
Weekend Nurse
8 or 16 hour shift
CNA's
(F/T 6-2, or 2-10)
New employee benefit package
Apply @
3203 Sage St.
(No phone calls please)

311 Medical Help Wanted

Trinity Haven Healthcare
Is Currently Hiring:
RN Patient Care Coordinator
Monday-Friday
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(No phone calls please)

311 Medical Help Wanted

Pharmacist Needed
● Lowe's Marketplace
● Odessa Area Store
● \$10,000 Sign-on Bonus
● \$40.00 per hour+ Bonus Plan
● Insurance, 401K, and other benefits available
● Contact Roy Pittman, 806-789-2846

311 Medical Help Wanted

312 Professional Help Wanted
WEST TEXAS Opportunities, Inc. Child Care Management Services is taking applications for: Full Time Case Management Specialist I. Minimum Requirements: (Graduation from an accredited high school, plus three years of full-time experience as a Community Service Aide, or such related work as a social or financial service aide, manpower aide, community worker, outreach person, or experience with the Texas Workforce Commission. Fifteen semester hours from an accredited college may be substituted for each year of the required experience. Or, 18 months of in-service experience in the Social Services technician career ladder.) For application please contact Mary at (915)366-3788 or pick up at 312.

311 Medical Help Wanted

312 Professional Help Wanted
an application at 2525 N. Grandview, Suite 600, Odessa, TX. Applications due by May 23, 2001 by 5:00 pm.
WTO, Inc. - CCMS is an equal opportunity employer, WTO, Inc. is a drug free workplace. Drug testing is provided.

311 Medical Help Wanted

314 Clerical Help Wanted
PART-TIME, well read individual, basic clerical. Resume to Dept. H, Box 4216, Midland, TX 79704.

311 Medical Help Wanted

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★ DP PERSONNEL ★ Temp & Perm Positions Benefits & Bonuses Available
682-0033 or 570-0197

311 Medical Help Wanted

WAREHOUSE PERSON/ Blender position available for offsite chemical company. Full time position, good working conditions. Equal opportunity employer. Send resumes to: Box D-3032, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

311 Medical Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE OPENING for experienced insurance billing clerk. Bring resume to 3620 North Big Springs, or Call Kim Herring at 682-7473.

311 Medical Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE POSITION - LVN needed for busy Doctor's office. Bring resume to 3620 North Big Springs, or Call Kim Herring at 682-7473.

311 Medical Help Wanted

INTERIM HEALTHCARE
Progressive fast paced staffing agency seeking dependable, highly skilled Nurses and CNA's. Come join our team. Call 1-915-550-7593 or come by 2817 JBS Parkway, A-103, Odessa, TX. Send resume: 915-362-1350.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Midland Dialysis Center and Doctors Office is accepting applications for an RN. Good benefits. Fax resume to: 915-687-5008 or apply at 731 W. Wadley Bldg K, Suite 130. No phone calls please.

311 Medical Help Wanted

RN/ LVN
Immediate opening, an established growing medical practice. Must be responsible, friendly, professional individual with good people skills. Nonsmoking environment. Excellent salary, benefits and working hours. Send resume to Box J-5140, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

311 Medical Help Wanted

RN OR LVN for drug treatment program. Monday-Friday 6:00 am-10:30 am, Saturday 8:45 am-8:45 am. Call 682-0652 or fax resume to 684-4967.

311 Medical Help Wanted

CNA NEEDED for busy physician's clinic. Salary based on experience. Send resume to: P.O. Box 9520 Midland, TX 79708.

311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL ASSISTANT: Beautiful office. Progressive, restorative practice. 30+ hours per week. Please send resumes to Box T-4289, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Super Seller I
15 words, 7 days, \$1050
Advertise your household item (priced under \$350)
with this Classified Special!
Call 682-6222 for details...

311 Medical Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING CLERK: Experience in AP, A/R and payroll. Must know Excel. Quickbooks a plus. Send resume to Accounting Department, P.O. Box 7237, Midland, TX 79708.

311 Medical Help Wanted

LOCALLY BASED production chemical company taking applications for lab tech. Needs to be a self starter, responsible and honest individual. Apply at Kel-Tech or call 684-4700.

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Send Resume or Apply in Person
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Midland, Texas 79703
Attn: Service Director

350 Business Opportunities

Golden Chick
Franchise fast food restaurant for sale. Sweetwater, TX. (915) 235-0050. Leave message.

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The Federal Trade Commission requires an FTC Disclosure be included in each information packet that is mailed to prospects who inquire about a business opportunity advertised in this newspaper. To help prevent fraud, ask the advertiser for the FTC Disclosure when requesting information.

ATTENTION RESTAURANTEURS.
Restaurant for Lease. Located in a beautiful tropical setting. Must have references and be focused on customer service excellence. Your customers are our hotel guests. Restaurant and hotel business is rapidly growing and much of our time is being diverted from our hotel guests. Serious business inquiries only. Please! Call for additional information and appointment to see. Call 915-368-4118.

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EXPERIENCED PUMP TRUCK OPERATORS
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Franchises for sale. 877-MBE-SALE. www.mbe.com

FLOWER & GIFT SHOP
For sale. Small town atmosphere, big city profits. Inventory, fixtures, building, receivables, plus training. Great customer base. \$250,000. Call Jan Melton & Associates for info packet. 682-2422.

400 Auctions

WEST TEXAS
Routabout, has closed its doors. They will be taking bids on all vehicles, equipment and trailers. Throughout the month of July. All bids closed July 31. You may see and bid on equipment at 1600 South Garden City Hwy. Or Call for more information, at 682-8040.

Let Classified Work For You!
Call 682-6222

The Top 5 Ways to Get Your Ad to the Public:

1. mrtclassified@mrt.com
2. Fax #682-6999
3. Call #682-6222
4. Mail it to: P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702
5. Just drop it by at: 201 E. Illinois

*Come on in and say Hi!!
We'll leave the computer on!*

Garage Sales
Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items! Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

RETAIL SALES 79707

OLD TIME TREASURES Antique and Craft Mall. "Shopping for All Walks of Life." 1613-C West County Road. Located in West County Plaza. 335-9889.

79701

906 WEST STORY Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8-6pm. Everything cheap! Good Hammond organ \$1800.

79707

1107 SPARKS. Moving Sale! Saturday July 7th only! 8:00-4:00. Refrigerator, washer, dryer, furniture, and more!

79703

712 W STOREY Ave. Friday-Saturday 7:00am-2:00pm. Boy clothes (0-3T), many other items.

79705

1610 COLLEGE, Friday and Saturday 8:30-? Refrigerator, antique Roper stove, boys clothes, high chair, baby clothes, car seat, 1991 5th wheel travel trailer, 1982 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight, miscellaneous.

79703

1004 DELMAR. Multifamily garage sale. Childrens clothes, appliances, much more. Friday, Saturday 7:00am-3:00pm.

79705

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

79707

5304 SAN ANTONIO THURSDAY 8 to ? boys suits, women dress clothes, toys, books, and lots of miscellaneous!

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4206 RUSSELL DR.- Couch, love seat, kitchen table and chairs, computer, clothes, miscellaneous. Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm.

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We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

Residential rental properties are required to be licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (P.O. Box 12188 Austin, TX 78711 1-800-250-8732 or 512-465-3960) www.hud.gov/dohcsmc/ml

605 Apartments Furnished

ALL BILLS Paid. Furnished. 1 & 2 Bedroom. Downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

TWO BEDROOM one bath apartment. Large parking and patio area. Water and gas paid \$369 per month. See at 3200 Sage apartment #2 570-1566 After 5pm.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

SAGEWOOD CONDOS-1 & 2 Bedroom townhomes available. Excellent location, quiet property. 699-1693.

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625 Houses Unfurnished

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655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

SPACE C 3415 Cottonflat Rd. Two bedroom, two bathroom, fenced yard, 5 minutes from downtown. Lease or buy. 682-3699.

667 Commercial Property

3002 RANKIN Hwy. Offices, shop, storage. 2 phase service, fenced yard. 5 minutes from downtown. Lease or buy. 682-3699.

670 Warehouses/Storage for Rent

1,000 SQ. FT. - \$250 also 2,500 sq. ft. block buildings, over head doors, air and heat secured yards. 682-8681.

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685 Bus. Prop./Office Rent.

PRIME DEER, turkey, quail lease with cabin. Between Robert Lee and San Angelo. TX. 830-792-3280.

690 Oil/Gas Leases

MINERAL RIGHTS, 3 1/2 sections, located near Orla in Culberson County. Please call (830) 629-1044.

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DOUBLE WIDE \$29,899! USA Homes Music Mail. 915-552-9595.

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