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Teens smoking

WASHINGTON — Lara Coyne says she started smoking in the 10th grade for a simple reason: "It was the thing to do." Then she did something a little less cool: She quit and promised her mother she'd never touch cigarettes again. So both mother and daughter were dismayed that Philip Morris sent Lara a smoking survey offering free lighters and promising cigarette coupons for answering the survey questions.

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Atheist's gold

SAN ANTONIO — When atheist leader Madelyn Murray O'Hair, her son and adopted daughter disappeared more than two years ago, they left almost \$100,000 in gold coins behind, the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday.

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Albright's pledge

KUWAIT — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright assured Israel and its Arab neighbors Sunday the United States would have a "swift and resounding" response to any Iraqi attack in the region. "The United States stands with you in the face of Saddam's latest threat," Albright told the Israeli people in a televised Jerusalem news conference.

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Lawyer thinks crisis will 'go away'

■ William Ginsburg, Monica Lewinsky's attorney, was a one-man show Sunday, appearing on five different programs.

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Monica Lewinsky's attorney predicted Sunday that the controversy over whether the former White House intern had an affair with President Clinton will "go away" and the president will survive unscathed.

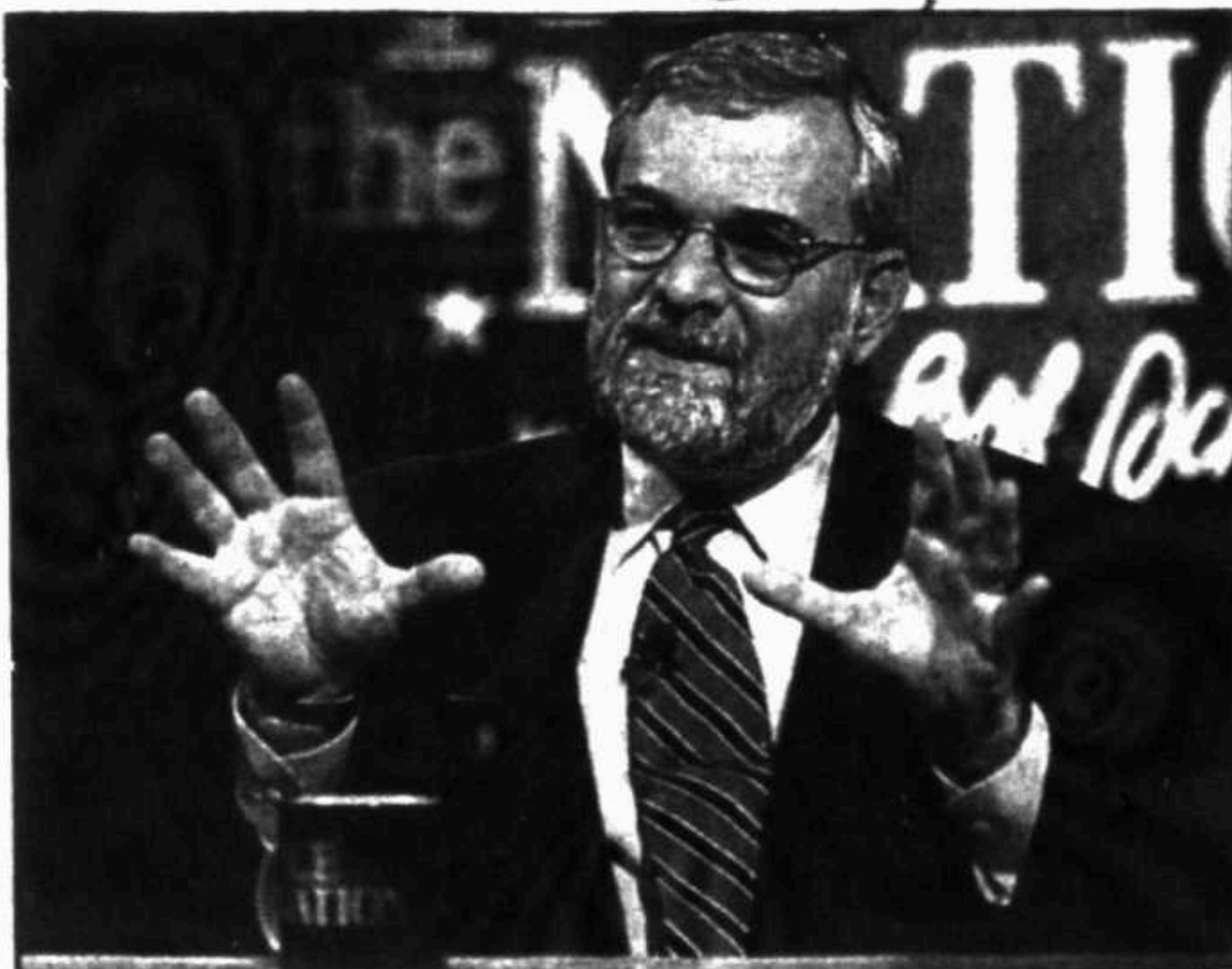
"It'll pass," William Ginsburg said in a round of TV talk show appearances. "The president will remain in office, he'll do a good job ... and I think everything's going to be fine."

The White House, apparently agreeing, maintained a confident silence about the matter. That stood in marked contrast to a week earlier, when Clinton allies were out in force on the Sunday shows in defense of an embattled president.

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr, who is investigating the Lewinsky matter, was back at his office Sunday. But with immunity talks between Ginsburg and Starr at an impasse, Ms. Lewinsky was making plans to return to California in the next three days, her lawyer said.

That underscored the importance to investigators of finding other evidence if they are to prove allegations of a presidential affair and coverup. The White House already has turned over some documents in response to subpoenas from Starr, and several administration

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Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, talks about the allegations of impropriety by President Clinton during the taping of Face the Nation at the CBS studios in Washington.

AP Photo

Republicans criticize spending in proposed \$1.73 trillion budget

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans attacked the \$1.73 trillion budget President Clinton will send Congress on Monday as a "magnificent contradiction" that violates the spirit of last year's balanced budget agreement by proposing billions of dollars in tax increases and new government programs.

The White House rejected that charge Sunday as both sides prepared for a fight over budget surpluses certain to be as contentious as the deficit brawls of past decades.

The battle will be joined when Clinton sends Congress his spending blueprint for the budget year that begins next Oct. 1. His plan envisions achieving a \$9.5 billion surplus, the first time revenues would exceed spending in 30 years.

While the surplus would be achieved three years earlier than the 2002 deadline set in last year's balanced budget agreement, Republicans were not impressed. They said Clinton's budget contains massive amounts of new government spending paid for by \$90 billion in new taxes on businesses and smokers.

'It is a magnificent contradiction. The president has been promising ... the American people certain things and this budget does exactly the opposite.'

— Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee

Clinton's budget Monday will put dollar figures on the new initiatives the president discussed in his State of the Union address last week.

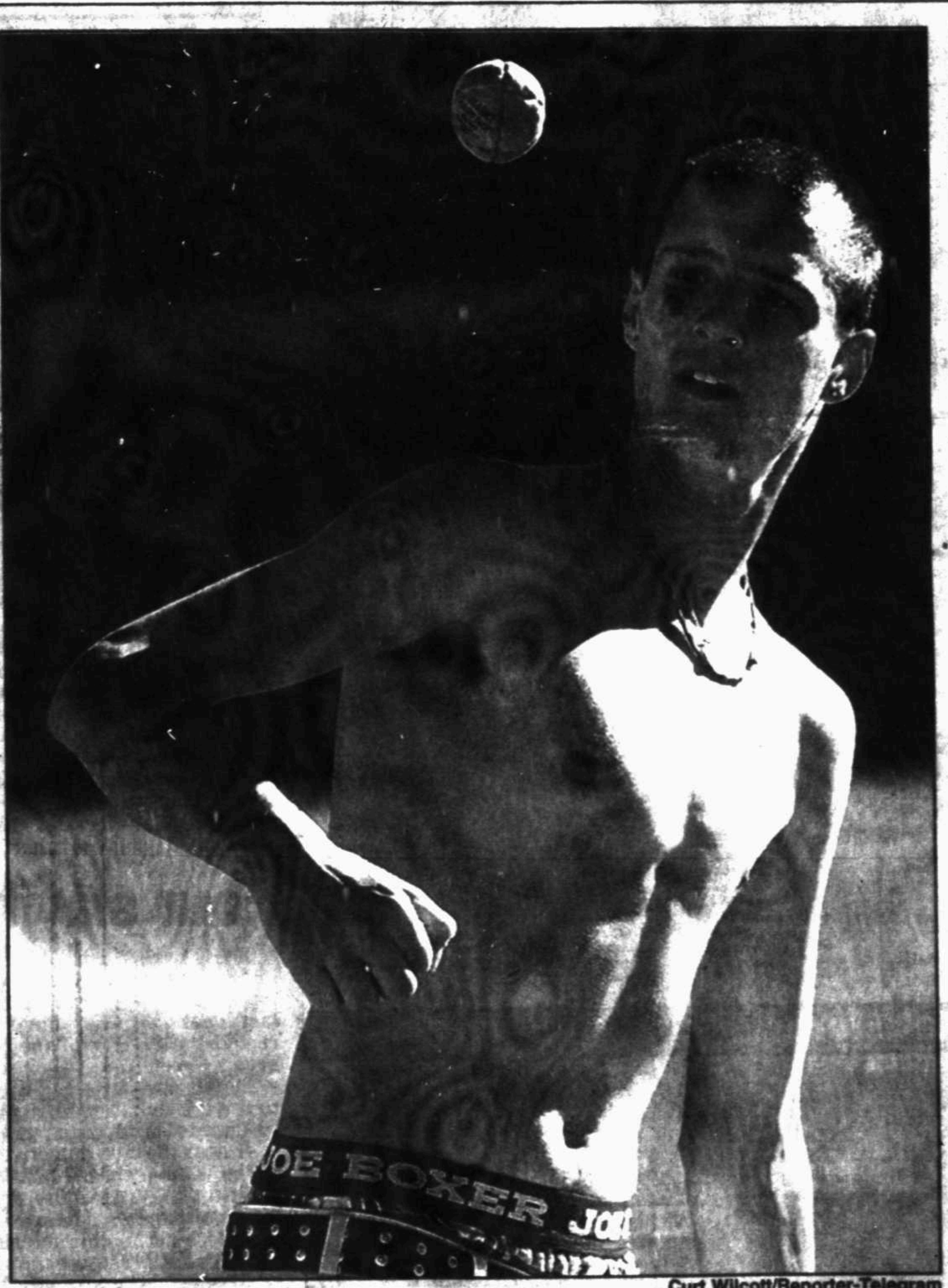
These include a sizable expansion in federal support for child care, setting a goal of hiring 100,000 new teachers as a way of reducing class sizes in the early grades and allowing people below the age of 65 to buy into Medicare, the government's health care program for the elderly.

The president began unveiling these proposals early last month to counter accusations his second term was adrift without a firm agenda. That effort has intensified in the past two weeks as the White House sought to depict a president engaged in the public's business rather than engulfed by accusations he had sex with an intern.

To pay for the new programs while still producing budget surpluses, Clinton is proposing raising \$24 billion over five years in "loophole" closers, mainly taxes on corporate activities, and \$65.5 billion — the equivalent of a \$1.50 per pack cigarette tax — from a tobacco settlement that Congress has yet to approve.

Domenici called it highly "speculative" for Clinton to count on the tobacco money given the opposition in Congress. He said all of Clinton's budget legerdemain "violates the budget agreement in spirit."

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Kicking a habit

Midlander Eric Whitley does some quick foot work playing Hacky Sack with friends earlier this week. Hacky Sack is a bean-filled cloth bag.

Trial to begin for alleged ringleader in teen vampire cult

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

TAVARES, Fla. — Animal torture and mutilations, teens drinking each other's blood, a girl's parents bludgeoned to death and a corpse marked with occult markings.

Sounds like stock elements of a horror movie, but on Monday jury selection was set to begin in the trial of a teen-ager whose alleged vampire cult is accused of committing all of the above acts.

Accused cult ringleader Rod Ferrell, 17, could face the death penalty if convicted of a charge of first degree murder.

Ferrell is nervous, especially about whether it's possible to find jurors in this rural area who have not heard about the lurid case, says his lawyer William Lackay.

"I think it's going to be hard but not impossible," Lackay said of his chances for success.

Important to the case is the testimony of Heather Wendorf, a 16-year-old cult devotee whose parents were beaten to death in their home in November 1996.

That afternoon, Miss Wendorf and Ferrell — a friend who was the cult's "sire" — performed a blood drinking ritual in a cemetery to induct, or "cross over," her as a fellow vampire, according to investigators.

"The person that gets crossed over is like subject to whatever the sire wants," Miss Wendorf said in a deposition. "Like the sire is boss basically. They have authority over you."

In the cemetery, investigators say, she and Ferrell talked about their plans to leave town. Ferrell allegedly

discussed killing Miss Wendorf's parents, but she told him not to harm them, investigators allege.

Ferrell, Miss Wendorf and others had plotted for seven months through letters and phone conversations to run away together. Considered misfits when they met at Eustis High School, the two found solace in each other's company. When Ferrell later moved to Kentucky, they stayed in touch.

On the day they left town, they left behind the corpses of Richard Wendorf and Naoma Queen, prosecutors charge.

The two were found bludgeoned at their home in Eustis, about 35 miles northwest of Orlando. Wendorf was beaten severely in the face; Queen was found face-down on a bloody kitchen floor.

A "v" sign surrounded by circular marks was burned into Wendorf's body. Police said it was the sign of Ferrell's vampire clan and each circular mark represented a clan member.

Only Ferrell is charged with the actual killing. Another teen, Howard Scott Anderson, 17, is accused of being a principal to murder by being at the house but doing nothing to stop the killings. He faces the death penalty despite the reduced charge.

Charged with being accessories to murder are Kentucky teens Dana L. Cooper, 20, and Charity Keesee, 17. They do not face the death penalty.

The two were not at the house at the time but later left town with the others in the Wendorfs' stolen car. All five were caught a few days later in Louisiana. Miss Wendorf was cleared by a grand jury.

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U.S. pledges swift response to any Iraqi attack on neighbors

KUWAIT (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright assured Israel and its Arab neighbors Sunday the United States would have a "swift and resounding" response to any Iraqi attack in the region.

"The United States stands with you in the face of Saddam's latest threat," Albright told the Israeli people in a televised Jerusalem news conference.

She then flew to the Persian Gulf and gave the same message to leaders of Kuwait. She intends to repeat it Monday to government leaders in Saudi Arabia as part of a swing through the region to line up Arab support for possible military action against Iraq.

During the current impasse between Iraq and the United Nations over weapons inspections, Baghdad has uttered no specific public threat of attack.

In Kuwait, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Albright told officials: "The United States stood with you when Sad-

dam Hussein attacked you seven years ago; the United States stands with you in the face of Saddam's threat today."

"She believes she has the 100 percent support of the government of Kuwait," Rubin said after talks in the emirate.

In a statement, Kuwait's acting foreign minister, Abdel-Aziz Dakhil al-Dakhil, said his government realizes "how serious the present situation is and... holds the Iraqi regime responsible for all the negative consequences that may result from continuing its intransigence and its failure to comply with international resolutions" on U.N. weapons inspections.

In 1990, most Arab countries — Jordan was noticeably in dissent — supported the successful U.S.-led invasion to liberate Kuwait. This time, the Arabs' stance is difficult to evaluate.

State Department officials said Kuwait and Jordan, whose King Hussein met Friday night in Lon-

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— United States Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

don with Albright, are backing the U.S. hard line toward Iraq. The officials insist that, privately, others are as well.

In 1991, as planes of the U.S.-led coalition blasted Iraq, both Israel and Saudi Arabia were hit by Iraqi missiles before Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's annexation of Kuwait was reversed.

Faced with the growing likelihood of a U.S. bombardment of suspected arms sites, Israel is worried that Saddam may be inclined to strike again.

During the Gulf war, the Bush administration pressured Israel not to retaliate for the 39 Scud missiles that hit its territory. The worry was that if Israel joined the conflict, the Arabs who had joined

the anti-Iraq war coalition would quit.

This time, Israel is vowing to respond to any attack.

At a news conference after inconclusive back-to-back talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Albright addressed the Israeli people.

"The United States stands with you in the face of Saddam's latest threat today," she said.

In Jerusalem, the Haaretz newspaper reported that the United States has agreed to supply Israel with hundreds of thousands of doses of antidotes against biological warfare, specifically anthrax.

U.S. and U.N. experts believe anthrax and other biological

weapons ingredients may be stored secretly at Iraqi sites that Saddam's government has declared off-limits to U.N. inspectors.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said he expects an early word on any U.S. military strike against Iraq. "We have been working with the United States for a long time to be prepared today and in the future for a nonconventional weapon attack," Mordechai told reporters.

Speaking on CNN's "Late Edition," Albright warned the Iraqis that if Israel or Arab nations are attacked, the U.S. response would be forceful.

"Were Saddam Hussein to attack ... Israel, or any of the other neighboring countries, our response would be swift and resounding," she said.

Her talks in Israel about the Israeli-Palestinian question were inconclusive. She said she had hoped to get further in prodding Israel and the Palestinian Authority into negotiations on linking an

Israeli pullback on the West Bank with new security actions by the Palestinians. Progress was minimal, she said.

Although Albright said she is "not as satisfied as I wish I could be," she announced that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will send diplomats to Washington next week to keep working on President Clinton's proposal.

Albright acknowledged the negotiations had stalled and said there was "too much at stake" not to try to break the stalemate.

"It's a very slow process, there's no question," she told CNN. "And it's a frustrating process. But it is one that is essential. Time is not on our side here, and we would like to see progress made more rapidly."

Iraqis form up in lines to start military training

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq began training its citizens Sunday to defend against an American attack, with men from their teens to their 70s forming ragged lines, chanting anti-American slogans and learning how to stand at attention.

While Iraqis drilled and American officials laid groundwork for a military strike, Russia, France and Turkey set out Sunday on fresh diplomatic efforts to resolve the standoff over U.N. weapons inspections.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf also accused American and British leaders of "a cheap kind of rhetoric" aimed at creating a phony crisis over U.N. weapons inspections.

Al-Sahhaf, speaking at a Baghdad news conference, said Iraq was cooperating with the inspectors. He also called for U.N. technical evaluations about Iraqi warheads, which began Sunday, "to go ahead in a calm way in order to verify the facts."

The United States has threatened military strikes because of Iraq's refusal to allow U.N. weapons inspectors unfettered access to "sensitive sites," such as presidential compounds. Iraq says such inspections would violate its sovereignty.

The inspectors must certify that Iraq has eliminated its weapons of

mass destruction before trade sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which led to the 1991 Persian Gulf War, can be lifted.

Meanwhile on Sunday, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis went to fields and school yards nationwide to begin training under a mobilization program ordered by President Saddam Hussein, the official Iraqi News Agency said.

When the military training program was announced two weeks ago, officials said it would provide instruction on small arms — presumably assault rifles and grenades. Sunday's session was largely a roll call.

About 120 people stood in three uncertain lines at the Khaled Ibn Waleed School in Baghdad under instructions from officials of the ruling Baath Party. The volunteers, from teen-agers in baseball caps to men in their 70s, shouted "We are ready to face America" and the traditional chant, "With our bodies and souls, we will defend you, Saddam."

Hosni Taher, a neighborhood Baath official, said that soldiers would begin Monday to teach marching. No actual weapons training was expected for about 10 days.

When asked how the little-disciplined throng could be turned into a military unit, Borhan Gazal, a volunteer who said he was a for-

mer ambassador, noted it was only the first day of training.

"In the coming days, they will be trained to use weapons to defend their country," he said.

When it was pointed out that any American attack likely would be with missiles — not soldiers on the ground — Gazal replied, "Nevertheless, we have to defend ourselves."

Behind him, one of the volunteers said the training was symbolic, to show support for Saddam.

At another training field in the surrounding Waziria neighborhood, Baath official Saad Abdul-Razak told reporters that the United States should not attack Iraq without considering the consequences.

"If America will take any aggression against Iraq, it will be the end of America," he said.

Nearby, a soldier gave instructions on how to stand at attention and march, with firm steps and arms swinging.

Officials have said that a million people have volunteered for training. But some Iraqis — refusing to give their names — said Baath officials went house to house and simply took the names of every man.

At the Khaled Ibn Waleed school — named for a famous Arab general in the time of Prophet Mohammed — a 71-year-old man said he had come out "to secure my country."

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Aborigines struggle with gas-sniffing craze

INJARTNAMA, Australia (AP) — A two-foot lizard sizzles on the coals of a camp fire, while Elva Cook takes shelter beneath a shade tree from the searing mid-afternoon heat.

It's a harsh environment, but Cook's desert home has become a haven from an affliction that is killing Aboriginal children and threatening their ancient culture — gasoline sniffing to get high.

"They come here when they want somewhere where they can sit down and dry out. When they come here, they don't sniff," she says.

Gasoline sniffing has occurred periodically in remote Aboriginal communities in outback Australia for decades. Researchers say the level of abuse fluctuates greatly, washing over communities like a wave and then dissipating.

At Hermannsburg, about 11 miles west of Injartnema, the wave is cresting and is carrying a generation of teen-agers and children as young as 4 into crime, delirium, brain damage and early death.

There are about 70 sniffers in Hermannsburg, mostly teen-age boys. In a dry creek bed, they hold open-ended soft drink cans containing gasoline over their nose and mouth, then roam the streets intoxicated, some with the cans tied around their necks to maintain the high.

Hermannsburg's sniffing outbreak is among the worst of what a draft report for Northern Territory government says are at least 10 central Australian communities that have a total of 200 sniffers. Social workers say there are many more, and the communities affected stretch to the nation's north coast.

"There is currently a crisis of inhalant substance abuse in central Australia," the report says.

For their high, sniffers pay with brain damage, headaches and hallucinations, memory loss, malnutrition and epilepsy. Prolonged use leads to lead poisoning and death. Some sniffers die or are horribly burned in accidents when gas ignites.

Sniffers are abusive and violent. They commit break-ins and assault family members and tribal leaders. The effect on their communities is

"far beyond their numbers," the report says.

Aboriginal elders say gas sniffing and other substance abuse threatens to break the cycle of handing down "dreamtime" stories, dances and paintings that have kept the world's oldest continuous culture alive for more than 40,000 years.

Maggie Brady, Australia's leading researcher on gas sniffing, likens its use among Aborigines to drug experimentation by teen-agers in all societies. But relative poverty and extreme isolation mean street drugs like cocaine are not available to many indigenous people.

Gasoline sniffing is "the most accessible and efficient substance with which to achieve a mind-altered state," Brady says. Boredom and rebellion are key factors.

"Petrol is easy to obtain. It's a very good high. It, from (the sniffer's) point of view, is a slightly cultish and exciting and risky thing to do."

"They are off the beaten track. There are limited job opportunities. There are virtually no youth workers; there are often no discos. There is often just simply nothing else to do."

Gasoline sniffing has been recorded among other indigenous peoples, including the Inuit of Canada, the Pueblo, Navaho and Plains Indians of the United States and the Maoris of New Zealand.

In Australia, it is difficult to measure the problem's extent, or how many have died. Sniffing is not illegal, and there are few official records until sniffers show up in crime reports.

One recorded death was that of a 14-year-old chronic sniffer who bled to death while in withdrawal and having visions of devils. He punched out a window and sliced his arm to the bone.

Experts say sniffing has been characterized by periodic outbreaks that crop up, ricochet across the country, then drop off. But Brady, who estimates there were 63 deaths in the decade ending in 1991, feels sniffing has been intensifying over the past 30 years.

One sign of the demand is that



Aboriginal elder Elva Cook, sits with family members Karin, left, and Sharona at her Australian outback home at Injartnema, Australia. Cook's desert home has become a haven from an affliction that is killing Aboriginal children and threatening their ancient culture.

Aboriginal sniffers pay as much as 50 Australian dollars (\$38) for about 2 1/4 pints of gasoline. Many Aborigines live in areas so remote that the nearest gas station may be 100 miles or more away and few have cars, so traffickers charge high prices.

Affecting almost exclusively the most out-of-sight group in Australian society — poor black people living in the outback — sniffing has been given low priority by state and federal governments. Total government funds for gas sniffing programs is around \$2.1 million a year.

Palestinians reject plan for 10 percent Israeli pullback

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Sunday rejected a plan for a limited Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, but Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called his response "hasty" and asked him to reconsider, a Palestinian official said.

Albright asked Arafat to take two weeks to rethink his response to a plan she presented that would turn over 10 percent more of the West Bank to Palestinian control in three phases, according to a senior Palestinian official present at the meeting, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Palestinians have full or partial control over 27 percent of the West Bank and have said they want control of more than 90 percent before a final peace settlement with Israel.

David Bar-Illan, a senior aide to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said the phased plan was an American idea, "likely based on what the Americans have surmised Israel is ready to offer." He added that Israel "insists on concrete action on the part of the Palestinian Authority before any territory is relinquished."

Israel's Cabinet has come up with a list of demands — most related to security — that the Palestinians must meet before Israel withdraws from any territory.

Assessments of Albright's weekend meetings with Arafat and Netanyahu were discouraging.

Albright said the two sides agreed to send envoys to Washington next week to try to break the yearlong impasse in the peace process, but acknowledged only "minimal progress" during her whirlwind visit.

Netanyahu, speaking Sunday night to a group of American Orthodox Jews in Jerusalem, said there were "substantial

gaps" and that there had been no agreement on the extent of the withdrawal.

"I think we've made some progress, but I wouldn't overstate it," he said.

Underscoring tensions, Israeli troops and Palestinian police briefly trained weapons on one another during a clash in the West Bank town of Bethlehem — the second such face-off in recent weeks.

Sunday's fighting marked the third day of battles between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian protesters in Bethlehem. In the clash — on the line between an Israeli-controlled area and a Palestinian-controlled one — about 50 young people hurled rocks and bottles at the soldiers, who fired back rubber bullets and tear gas.

Two protesters were hit with rubber-coated steel pellets and four suffered tear-gas inhalation.

Albright, preparing to depart for a round of regional diplomacy on the crisis in Iraq, told reporters in Jerusalem she had "hoped we would get further on this trip than we have."

"I am not as satisfied as I wish I could be in terms of the mettle of the answers that I got," she said.

Netanyahu met with his Cabinet on Sunday after holding more than four hours of talks with Albright on Saturday night.

Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh said it would be a mistake for the Americans to pressure Israel. "It would only lead to stalemate, to needless tensions between Israel and the American administration and I don't think that's in the interest of the Americans," Naveh said.

Netanyahu played down any American pressure, saying only that "Differences are inevitable ... because the view from the Potomac is not the same as the view from the Jordan."

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By Deborah H. Associated Press

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Former White House intern Lewinsky lived early life of privilege

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Monica Lewinsky's life had always looked good, at least from the outside.

A little rich girl, chauffeured to tennis lessons in a Mercedes-Benz. A saucy teen-ager, driving to high school in a brand new Jeep.

But there was something needy about her, friends said. Something that cried out for acceptance. Her prom picture shows an overweight teen-ager bulging from a strapless dress. Two years later, she was sleeping with an older, married man, who'd worked in the theater department at her high school — at least according to him.

But an affair with the president? This now is Ms. Lewinsky's life: A giant mess of scandal, deceit, secret tapes and a threatened federal indictment. Her attorney says she will come home to Beverly Hills this week because she wants to see her father, a man whose attention she always craved.

Laraine Pieri Dave, a Bel Air

resident who described Ms. Lewinsky as her "surrogate daughter," spoke to The Associated Press for about 15 minutes Saturday before asking a reporter to leave.

"I have not spoken to her, though I would like to," said Mrs. Dave.

Mrs. Dave said she believes the allegations that Ms. Lewinsky had an affair with President Clinton.

"I won't speculate about why, or hypothesize, but I do believe it," she said. "Fact is stranger than fiction."

Mrs. Dave, 52, said Ms. Lewinsky briefly dated her son, Adam, then became part of their family.

"She just became very close to us and maintained a relationship with us. She was always one of us. That's just the way she is," Mrs. Dave said in the kitchen of her Bel Air estate. "She was a very loving, very generous girl. She always did for others."

Adam Dave and his brother, G.T., would not speak to the AP. They have signed exclusive interview agreements with King World, which produces the syndicated

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shows "Inside Edition" and "American Journal."

Mrs. Dave said Adam met Ms. Lewinsky when he was 14 and the star of a Beverly Hills Little League baseball team. Ms. Lewinsky was 13 and the two "went steady" for about three months, Mrs. Dave said.

"She would sit right by my side like a daughter, at every game," Mrs. Dave said.

"She's just a very loving girl. She just thought (Adam) was the greatest thing, even though she had always been attracted to older men."

Mrs. Dave said her son and Ms. Lewinsky "were very old souls. She was wise beyond her years. She was an adult in a young girl's body."

Ms. Lewinsky came to the Dav-

es' house nearly every night, especially after her parents divorced when she was 15.

"It was very cataclysmic for her," Mrs. Dave said. "It affected every part of her life."

Mrs. Dave last heard from Ms. Lewinsky in December 1996, when a sympathy letter arrived after Mrs. Dave's 22-year-old son, Justin, died of a rare form of muscle cancer.

"She said she loved me and supported me," Mrs. Dave said. "She didn't go into too much detail about what she was doing."

During her parents' ugly divorce, Ms. Lewinsky appeared lost. In court filings, her parents fought over possessions and alleged infidelity, but said little about the emotional welfare of their children.

Ms. Lewinsky was 15. Her brother, Michael, was 9.

They lived in a \$1.6 million Spanish-style home on a palm tree-lined street in Beverly Hills, spent \$2,000 a month on vacations and had season tickets to the symphony. Monica's monthly beauty shop bill was \$100. Family counseling cost \$1,120 a month.

Her family isn't talking now. Not Bernard Lewinsky, the successful cancer specialist, or mother Marcia Lewis, who wrote "The Private Lives of the Three Tenors."

At Beverly Hills High, she had been active in the drama department where she met a stage technician named Andy Bleiler, who said last week he'd had an affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

Standing outside his Oregon home, next to his wife of six years, Bleiler told reporters the tryst began when he was 27 and Ms. Lewinsky was 19, and lasted five years.

His attorney, Terry Giles, described Ms. Lewinsky as "having a pattern of twisting facts, especially to enhance her own ver-

sion of her own self-image."

Bleiler said their affair continued after Ms. Lewinsky moved to Washington in 1995 to become an intern at the White House.

Ms. Lewinsky continued to call the Bleilers up to five times a day, the couple said. She spoke of having an affair with a "high-ranking White House official," said Giles.

Her attorney, William Ginsburg, refers to his client as a victim and a "little girl."

Appearing Sunday on network morning news programs, Ginsburg wouldn't respond to questions about her alleged affair with the president, but said immunity talks between his office and Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr were once again on hold.

Ms. Lewinsky spends her days in seclusion in Washington, where she and her mother live in the "atergate next door to former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole."

"I really can't comment," she told a CBS reporter who found her unlisted number last week. "I'm very sorry but I shouldn't have said this much."

Emotion runs high as 6 1/2-year hotel strike ends

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Kathleen Hahn's eyes grew moist as she watched hundreds of loudly chanting union members, led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, converge on the entrance to the Frontier Hotel-Casino.

"It's been a long, hard fight, but we made it," she said of the strike against the Frontier that started on Sept. 21, 1991.

The message on the hotel marquee read "Everyone Welcome. Strike's Over."

Ms. Hahn was one of 550 Culinary Union members who walked out when the resort refused to match a contract offered by most hotels in this gambling capital. They expected to be out for days, maybe weeks.

The bitter and sometimes violent strike ended at 12:01 a.m. Sunday when the new owner, Phillip Ruffin, joined by Jackson and Nevada Gov. Bob Miller, snipped a red ribbon and were swept inside the hotel by hundreds of union members.

Culinary Union officials said it was the nation's longest present-day labor walkout. The nation's longest walkout, according to the Guinness Book of Records, was the United Auto Workers strike

'It's been a long, hard fight, but we made it.'

— Kathleen Hahn, one of 550 Culinary Union members who struck at the Frontier Hotel-Casino

against plumbing fixtures maker Kohler Co. in Sheboygan, Wis., that ran from April 1954 to October 1962.

Ruffin, a Wichita, Kan., businessman who bought the hotel in October for \$167 million, took control of the property Sunday with the promise of a union contract. He said 280 of the original workers are coming back, while more than 100 current workers are being laid off.

"I think anybody who stays out 6 1/2 years has a lot of intestinal fortitude," Ruffin said as he waited at the entrance for the union members' arrival. "We think these people will make good employees. We think we can bring the hotel back to what it once was."

Ruffin, who owns a dozen Marriott hotels, said last month he had agreed to pay the union \$3.5 million in back pay and benefits for the strikers. Outgoing Frontier owner Margaret Elardi is picking up half of that tab, he said.

Ruffin also pledged to pump at least \$20 million into remodeling

the resort, which he is renaming the New Frontier.

The Elardi family had maintained they couldn't afford to pay workers as much as other hotels in the city because the Frontier, purchased from Howard Hughes' old Summa Corp., was too small. Mrs. Elardi herself has never made any public comment about the dispute.

Her son, former Frontier general manager Tom Elardi, a bitter union foe, was seen in the casino shortly before midnight, but was gone by the time union members swarmed in the front doors.

The labor strife was punctuated by numerous incidents of violence.

In one case in 1993, a yelling match between several pickets and a couple from California turned into a fight captured on hotel surveillance tape and broadcast around the world. The man suffered neck and back injuries and seven pickets were arrested and given suspended sentences.

Local and state officials had pressed for a sale of the property; the strikers' had said their goal was a "3-S Plan" — sell, sign or shut down.

Culinary Union leaders said they spent \$26 million on the strike. Much of that, according to local Secretary-Treasurer Jim Arnold, went toward strike pay and benefits — \$200 a week for manning the picket line.

The new contract calls for a starting wage of \$7.50 for food servers, \$9.50 for hotel maids and \$12 for cooks. Striking workers were averaging \$2 an hour less before the strike started.

Ms. Hahn, a 50-year-old cocktail server, said she and other Frontier workers had all but given up hope.

"We were absolutely elated by the sale," she said. "You would hear stories that they were going to settle or sell, but it never happened. You just sort of expected it to go on and on."

"Only in America could you be on the picket line six years and come back to win," said Ms. Hahn, who worked at other resorts during the strike and is among those returning to the Frontier.

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First month police fatalities on the increase

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The association said the 21 confirmed deaths this year compared to 11 in the first month of 1997 and 13 officer deaths in January of 1996.

The group's vice-president said the high figures don't bode well for

the rest of the year.

"If these tragic numbers hold up for the rest of 1998, we're approaching the deadliest year ever in the history of U.S. law

enforcement," Morton Feldman said. The record is 230 deaths in 1974.

There were 158 officer fatalities in 1997, according to the group.

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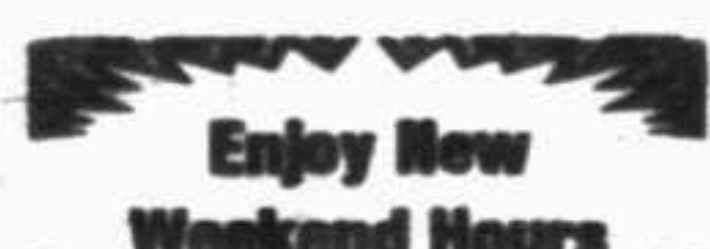
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Hussein's actions threaten war with U.S. again

Saddam Hussein has pushed the United States to the brink of war once again.

Saddam's wild actions are intended to keep United Nations inspectors away from his biological weapons programs, of course, but what they are more likely to do is get Iraq targeted for a military response once again.

Officials with the Clinton administration have already warned that a series of punishing air strikes could begin in a matter of weeks if Iraq does not obey U.N. Security Council resolutions. A British aircraft carrier has already joined a powerful American naval task force in nearby waters, giving a credible capacity for heavy and sustained air attacks on Iraq. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has said the United States is willing, if necessary, to take military action alone against Iraq to force compliance on weapons inspections.

President Clinton even asserted in his State of the Union address that Hussein cannot defy the will of the world on the weapons issue.

Hussein has already alienated previous allies like France, who now are distancing themselves from Iraq. Even Russian President Boris Yeltsin, while publicly opposing the use of force, dispatched an envoy to Baghdad to try to persuade Iraq to back down.

United Nations Security Council members can move beyond words by shutting down Iraq's coastal oil trade through Iranian waters and the Persian Gulf to the United Arab Emirates, which provides a hefty share of Baghdad's current revenues. The Security Council can also extend existing no-flight zones to cover all the airspace over Iraq.

Those all are good steps. Yet the break point is still Hussein's defiant refusal to allow weapons inspectors to verify that Iraq is not building weapons of mass destruction. There is no legitimate reason for his refusal. Hussein must do change his stand on letting the inspectors in — or else he risks another military strike by the United States on Iraq.

ANOTHER VIEW

Tomb of Unknowns' sanctity is essential

The Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery is a monument to a country's respect and admiration for its sons and daughters lost in war. But strong as they may be, a country's respect and admiration cannot outweigh a mother's love for the son she bore and nurtured.

And that is why the U.S. armed forces must do their utmost to determine whether the identity of the Tomb of the Unknown's Vietnam-era soldier is in fact known.

The Tomb of the Unknowns also is a monument to the memory of living veterans' brothers and sisters in arms whose final sacrifices were made alone and unnoticed — whose identities are, as the inscription on the tomb reads, "known but to God."

And that is why, even as it should strive for the truth in this matter, the Pentagon should do its utmost to safeguard the sanctity of what a vast number of Americans regard as Arlington's most hallowed ground.

— The Plain Dealer
 Cleveland, Ohio

CAL THOMAS

Presidential newspeak in the State of the Union

Only President Clinton would try to sell the American people the idea that more is less, bigger is smaller and taxpayers should shore up the economies of other nations so they can buy stuff from us. Instead of being the policeman of the world, we are now going to be the banker.

When Republicans had called for the budget surplus to be used to lower taxes and reduce the huge national debt, the president urged that we not spend it before we get it, which is sound economic advice. Except he didn't heed it. Claiming we are going to have a \$200 billion surplus, he then asked for authority to spend it on new and current government programs estimated to cost at least \$150 billion for starters. Later, of course, such programs grow even more expensive and then turn into entitlements, the reduction or ending of which would ruin the lives of children.

Clinton called for more spending on day care for parents who work outside the home, but offered not a dime of tax relief to parents who stay home with their young children or those who would like to if

their tax burden wasn't so high they felt forced to work.

Clinton pretended to be a friend of the middle class, ignoring that his huge retroactive 1993 tax increase helped contribute to a federal tax load of 32 percent on that group, boosting their federal tax \$1,400 per year. If state and local taxes are added to the equation, the tax burden on the average middle-class family approaches 40 percent. As Steve Forbes noted in a Wall Street Journal column: "Never in American history has one man taken so much from so many for so long. Even during the peak of World War II, Washington did not tax the American people as heavily as President Clinton is doing today."

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer (R-Texas) tells me support for his national sales tax proposal to replace the income tax continues to grow because "it will get the IRS totally out of their lives. There will be no more record keeping, no invasion of their privacy. They will determine when they pay their tax when they buy things."

The president's proposal to "save Social Security first" before touching the "surplus" sounds good. But giving people freedom to choose their own interest-bearing retirement accounts providing income far larger than Social Security sounds even better. As Rep. Steve Largent (R-Okla.) told me: "We really don't have a balanced budget because we're spending the excess funds in Social Security right

now. So if we want to protect Social Security, let's start by being honest with the American people about the way that we count numbers."

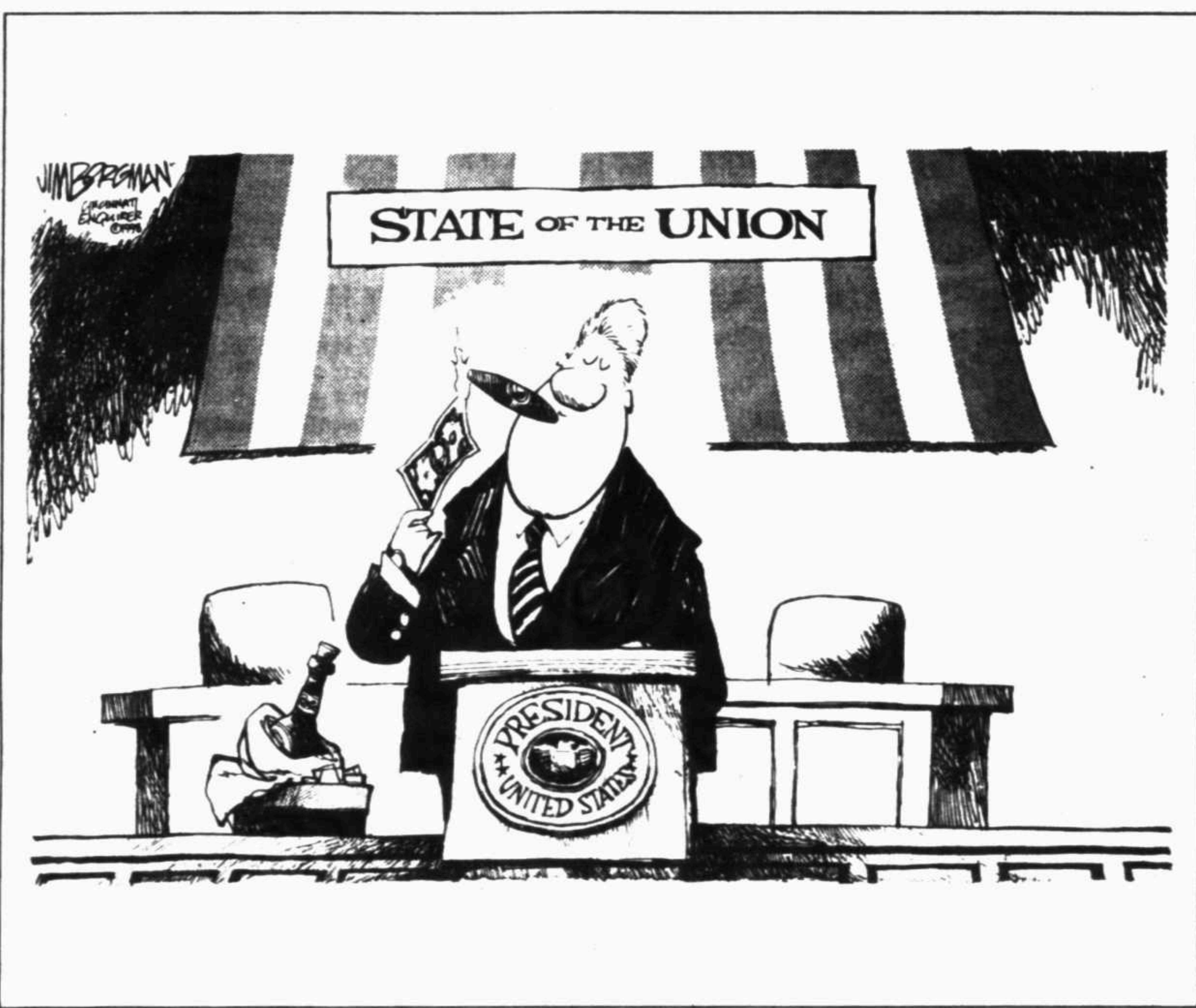
The president wants to allow people as young as 55 to buy into the Medicare system, yet interest-bearing medical savings accounts holding an insured's own money would reduce the size of government and expand coverage choices for us all.

In his response to the president's address, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said the choice is between "big government or families, more taxes or more freedom."

Most Republicans, who have been in retreat since the 1995 government shutdown, now feel emboldened. They think a president weakened by allegations of sexual impropriety and dishonesty will demoralize Democrats and lower the voter turnout in this fall's congressional elections. That combination should contribute to larger GOP congressional majorities and allow Republicans, in Steve Forbes' words, to "seize the moral high ground."

They'll never have a better opportunity while this president remains in office.

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RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Not an 'angel book,' but it keeps the faith

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — On a steamy August day in 1992, an obsessed loser in a stocking cap stuck a gun in Tane Shannon's back, forced her into a ratty, \$375 Granada and took her for the longest ride of her life.

The abduction of Tane Shannon became front-page news in Georgia. At his trial, kidnapper Donnie Ray Radford claimed victim Tane had been his partner in both love and crime.

For Tane, hearing that outlandish defense was even more painful than being tied up overnight in a trailer. Especially since some in town seemed to believe Donnie Ray's twisted version.

Over the next few months there were a lot of stares, a vicious phone call or two, the usual complement of small-town gossip.

But Tane, now 33, says the whole bizarre experience was "worth it." Her one night of captivity was "an extraordinarily spiritual night, an eye-opener."

Tane felt compelled to tell others that "there are miracles all around the bad things that might happen to us."

Her book is "Once Ransomed: A True Story of Kidnapping & Redemption," written and published by Dick Parker of Decatur, Ga., in collaboration with Tane. It is one part true crime, two parts soul-search.

The beguiling cover is a copy of an 1888 painting by P.O. Vickery called "To God." It shows an angel carrying a sleeping child heavenward. That same angel picture was hanging on the front wall of Bonnell Davis' home, the place Tane randomly ran to when she escaped her captor. As it happens, the kindly Bonnell not only collects angels, she believes in them.

And since that long summer's night five years ago,

Tane does, too. She believes there were angels fluttering about the rental trailer bedroom. She felt them.

"I told Dick from the start, 'I don't want this to be an angel book,'" Tane says. "Angels are stylish. A real bad. People like them, like the way they look, but they don't really understand the seriousness of angels."

So Tane's angels are in the book, but so are the torturous details of the crime that gripped Gainesville and that the district attorney described succinctly: "Radford had taken Tane from the house at gunpoint as her children lay sleeping. He left a note demanding \$500,000, blindfolded her, drove her to a trailer in the mountains, held her overnight, tied her up, drove into town, called to arrange to pick up the money and drove back into a swarm of sheriff's deputies who had responded after Tane had managed to escape."

Radford had been watching Tane for years, it seems, since her days as a popular and comely teenager working in a drugstore. The daughter of a wealthy local businessman, Tane never knew Radford was alive, not until he slipped a black satin blindfold from Victoria's Secret over her dark eyes and took her from her home and sleeping babies.

It sounds like a cliché, what people always say when they write about their own dramas. But for Tane, the book was therapeutic. In it she bares her soul, confessing to a litany of teen-age sins and what was once a lukewarm faith.

Tane still is married to a kind optometrist named Mike. She remains a fitness buff who teaches aerobics. She struggles with forgiving the kidnapper who almost was successful at turning the tables during the trial.

Tane didn't talk about the book while she worked on it. For her, it is just another in a series of sweet miracles.

Rheta Grimsley Johnson's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 1998. There are 332 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred and fifty years ago, on Feb. 2, 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War, was signed. The treaty turned over to the United States a huge portion of the present-day Southwest, including Texas, New Mexico and California.

On this date: In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1870, the "Cardiff Giant," supposedly the petrified remains of a human discovered in Cardiff, N.Y., was revealed to be nothing more than carved gypsum.

In 1876, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York.

In 1897, fire destroyed the Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg. A new statehouse was dedicated on the same site nine years later.

Ten years ago: In a speech that three major television networks declined to broadcast live, President Reagan pressed his case for

aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

Five years ago: In a speech to the National Governors' Association, President Clinton pledged to transform welfare into a "hand up, not a handout" by giving recipients training and then requiring them to work.

One year ago: Authorities in Vallejo, Calif., recovered 500 pounds of stolen dynamite and arrested two men in bombings that destroyed three bank teller machines and blasted a courthouse wall. Six men were charged.

CHARLEY REESE

It's past time to call a halt to affirmative action

It may or may not surprise you to know that the U.S. Supreme Court once ruled that a state which had the exact same admission requirements for all students, black or white, was guilty of racial discrimination against blacks.

Now let's be clear about this. The Supreme Court was saying, in effect, that blacks are inferior and cannot meet the same standards as whites and therefore if you require that they do, you are discriminating against them. To paraphrase an old song from the 1940s, is that is or is that ain't racist?

Of course it's racist. It turns out the white liberals are closet white supremacists. They adopted the exact same paternalistic but racist attitude as the old segregationists: "Now, boy, I know you can't make it on a level playing field, but don't you worry. I'm gonna take care of you."

As some once said of slavery, affirmative action is evil and has harmed both blacks and whites, but it has harmed blacks more than whites. Affirmative action may have cost whites a few admissions, a few jobs, a few promotions, but it did far more damage to American blacks.

Affirmative action poisoned the pleasure of the success of those blacks who had truly earned their achievements, for they suspect that others think they succeeded only because of affirmative action. It reinforced that pernicious idea of black inferiority.

There's no escaping the message of inferiority when someone tells you, "Hey, I know you can't pass the same test as those white guys over there, so I'm going to give you an easier test."

It also had a corrupting effect because the message was also, "Hey, you don't have to work hard or prepare yourself, just play the race card."

Affirmative action may be said to be good intentions corrupted by politics, racism and greed. It's time to end it. There's a revolt brewing against it, as was demonstrated by the overwhelming vote in California. That initiative to end affirmative action, by the way, was started and led by a black man.

I have never believed that black Americans are inferior. The real problem black Americans have is that they are just like whites. Do you think I would have studied if my parents had told me, "Hey, don't worry about school; if that teacher gives you a hard time, just let me know and I'll straighten her out." Of course not. All children in the world, no matter what their color, know that it is more fun to play than to study.

There is no white or black formula for success. It's the same. If you look at every black person who has achieved great success, you find that parents instilled the same values in them that parents of successful white children instilled in their kids.

You can also look at failures; whether the failed person is black or white, you will find the same negatives in his background. Character, which is what it is all about, has nothing to do with race or genes.

I hope more black Americans will come to realize they are actually being exploited by white liberals and professional black civil rights leaders, or most of them anyway. If you can convince a group of people that they are inferior and oppressed, then it is easy to convince them that they need you to help them. Of course, you expect to get paid for your help.

On the other hand, a proud, independent, self-confident people don't feel the need to be saved or helped by anybody. Jesse Jackson has gotten rich by convincing white folks he represents black folks while actually doing nothing for black folks unless they are relatives or cronies.

Look how blacks have been misled in politics. Blacks ought to be a swing vote, which would give them influence. Instead, the power brokers have sold them to the Democrats. Single-member districts is just racial segregation. Blacks get a token at the price of real influence.

As individuals, blacks and whites can work together to build a better future for our children, but the only way to eliminate racism is to stop talking and thinking in racial terms.

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Cigarette promotion has former smokers tempted to start again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lara Coyne says she started smoking in the 10th grade for a simple reason: "It was the thing to do." Then she did something a little less cool: She quit and promised her mother she'd never touch cigarettes again.

So both mother and daughter were dismayed that Philip Morris sent Lara a smoking survey offering free lighters and promising cigarette coupons for answering the survey questions. Along with her preferred brand and purchasing practices, the survey requested names of other smokers who might appreciate cigarette coupons.

"It's kind of tempting, when you get stuff in the mail, to start up again," the Virginia teen-ager said.

Philip Morris says it got Lara's name

from someone else who filled out the survey, even though it specifies names of smokers age 21 or older. Lara is a high school senior in Rocky Mount, Va., outside Roanoke.

A Philip Morris spokeswoman said the company sends surveys to people named by other smokers to verify that recipients are adult smokers.

"The mailing was our attempt to verify her age and status as a smoker," said spokeswoman Tara Carraro. "She is not an adult. We have immediately removed her name from our database, and she will not receive any mailings from us."

Still, as policy makers struggle to stop teen smoking, anti-smoking advocates say the incident shows how difficult it is to keep cigarettes away from teen-agers so long as tobacco companies market to

adults.

"We do know through strong anecdotal evidence that kids receive these materials all the time all over the country. This girl is a typical example of what happens every day," said Cliff Douglas, an attorney in Ann Arbor, Mich., who has fought tobacco companies in court.

Lara's story reinforces the view that tobacco companies are marketing to teen-agers. In documents dated between 1975 and 1988 and released last month, a Philip Morris executive discussed the importance of the teen-age market. "Today's teen-ager is tomorrow's potential regular customer," one document says.

Ninety percent of adult smokers began smoking as teen-agers.

Even if Philip Morris did not intend to send the survey to a teen-ager, it's not sur-

prising that it ended up in teen hands, said Dick Daynard, a law professor at Northeast University and chairman of the Tobacco Products Liability Project.

"If you allow the companies to engage in this type of marketing technique, it will inevitably, regardless of their intentions, end up in the hands of kids," Daynard said.

Lara says this was not the first time she received cigarette coupons or other smoking offers, although her mother usually snatched them from the mail before she could consider using them.

Quitting smoking wasn't easy, she said. "It was very easy to get addicted to it," she said, saying she once had a half-pack-a-day habit despite her mother's disapproval. "I had to hide."

About six months later, she quit.

"I woke up one morning, and I coughed and I coughed, and I decided I wanted to breathe. Plus Mom caught me," Lara said.

Her mother, Barbara Turner, said she is proud her daughter was able to quit smoking — and all the angrier that she has to sort through her mail, looking for cigarette marketing.

"We were throwing them away. Finally this one came, and I just hit the ceiling," she said. She contacted the American Cancer Society in Virginia but found they couldn't do much to help her.

"Joe Camel was off the billboards," Mrs. Turner said, "and I really believed it was against the law for them to do this."

Biggest-ever merger expected to lead to winning stocks, losing workers

NEW YORK (AP) — A potential merger between SmithKline Beecham PLC and Glaxo Wellcome PLC would create winners and losers on Wall Street and Main Street alike, with stocks expected to make big moves starting Monday and workers fearing the loss of thousands of jobs.

Analysts expected shares of the rival British drug makers to surge in London and New York following the announcement late Friday that the companies were discussing what would be the largest corporate merger in history.

But the news that SmithKline had spurned American Home Products in favor of Glaxo will likely send that Madison, N.J., drug maker's stock sharply downward, they said.

With all major issues resolved, including senior management positions, Glaxo's majority 59.5 percent share, a British headquarters and reportedly even the name — Glaxo SmithKline PLC, according to the Sunday Telegraph of London — analysts said the pact appeared all but complete.

The companies disclosed the talks without any legal obligation to do so, said Hemant K. Shah, an independent drug industry analyst in Warren, N.J.

"That clearly shows that they want to get the deal done," Shah said. "I think it's almost a done deal."

A merger would unite Glaxo Wellcome's product line, which includes the ulcer drug Zantac and AIDS medication AZT, with

SmithKline's antidepressant Paxil and over-the-counter products such as Aquafresh toothpaste, Geritol vitamins, the Nicoderm anti-smoking patch and Tums antacids.

Union leaders warned that a merger could cost up to half of the companies' 20,000 jobs in the United Kingdom alone, said Roger Lyons, general secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union in London.

And in the United States, potentially deeper cuts could come from duplicated research and development and sales and marketing organizations.

Lyons on Sunday called on the British government to block the merger, saying it "will not help employees, will not help con-

sumers, will not improve health care and will have a significant effect on science employment."

Lynne Smith, of SmithKline Beecham, called the union's claim of up to 10,000 job losses premature and "pure speculation."

In this country, the Federal Trade Commission has authority only over the U.S. subsidiaries of the British drug makers. However, companies have shown a willingness to appease regulators in the world's largest drug market — in the \$30 billion merger between Swiss firms Sandoz AG and Ciba Geigy that formed Novartis AG, the companies spun off some animal health businesses in part due to FTC objections.

SmithKline has a market value of about \$70 billion and Glaxo

Wellcome \$96 billion. If Glaxo Wellcome winds up buying SmithKline, the deal would eclipse the most expensive merger announced to date, the planned buyout of MCI Communications Corp. by WorldCom Inc. for stock valued at about \$37 billion.

If the deal goes through, many analysts expect it to prompt a frenzy of mergers among drug makers seeking to compete with the new behemoth.

Wall Street had already begun to

bid up the stocks of potential takeover targets. Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc. stock jumped 5 percent Friday amid speculation that it was ripe for a merger.

Some analysts believe American Home, maker of Advil pain relievers, Centrum vitamins and Premarin estrogen, also remains a likely merger partner, although company spokesman Lowell Weiner would not say whether the company was still seeking a suitor.

Bar association to set first-ever policy on frozen embryos

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Spurred by national headlines over high-tech custody battles, the American Bar Association is considering its first-ever policy on frozen embryos.

In divorce cases where embryos are at issue, "the bottom line is who gets custody," said Pittsburgh lawyer Bruce Wilder. "We hope to get some rationale out to the trial courts, to help them decide the issue when one particular set of facts exists."

Wilder helped write a proposal that the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates will be asked to endorse Monday.

Some couples who experience reproductive problems can have the wife's ovarian eggs artificially fertilized with the husband's sperm. But what happens in divorce when the couple can-

not agree as to whether one or more of those embryos should be gestated to term?

In such cases, the proposed ABA policy makes a loser of the spouse who wants to destroy the embryos or preserve them for an indefinite time.

"Possession and control of all the frozen embryos" would go to the spouse who favors gestation and is willing to assume parental rights and responsibilities, the proposal states.

"We know this is a sensitive issue, touching on the constitutional right to procreate or decide not to procreate," Wilder said. "But when do those rights begin and end?"

Under the proposal, creation of an embryo would make any decision not to procreate legally moot.

"There is some controversy," Wilder

acknowledged. "People tend to link this to the abortion issue."

The anticipation of such controversy caused the proposal's backers to withdraw it from ABA consideration last year. This time, the proposal has the support of the 346,000-lawyer organization's board of governors. No organized opposition has surfaced.

ABA President Jerome Shestack called the frozen-embryo issue one that "comes up more and more in domestic-law courts" and said he expects a "very enlightened debate" before the ABA's policy makers.

That spouse "should be deemed to have relinquished all present and future claims of parental rights and responsibilities," the proposal states.

Astronaut Wolf has a topsy-turvy first day back from Mir

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thinner and pale after four months on Mir, astronaut David Wolf found himself in a topsy-turvy world Sunday: He wobbled and his body felt at times as though it was spinning.

"To be honest, I'm hurting a bit," he said. "When I tilt my head, the world goes upside-down."

That didn't stop him, however, from savoring Earth and all its pleasures. He gobbled down pizza and cookies, and stayed up until 4 a.m. his first night back. He was up three hours later, joking about his new svelte self.

"He said he can eat as many cheese blintzes as he wants to," the director of NASA's flight crew operations, David Leestma, said with a laugh.

Wolf, a 41-year-old doctor, returned to Earth on Saturday night aboard space shuttle Endeavour.

He walked off the ship, a little shaky after 128 days of floating in weightlessness. He also walked into crew quarters, where his parents and girlfriend waited to embrace him.

"He looked really good. But pale, thin," said his mother, Dotie Wolf.

Wolf lost 20 pounds aboard Mir; the 5-foot-10 astronaut weighed 185 pounds when he rocketed into orbit last September. He said he can't explain the weight loss, but his mother had her own theory.

"Four months of eating rehydrated food, and he worked very hard up there, harder than any of the other American astronauts," Mrs. Wolf said proudly.

Wolf worked from morning until night aboard the Russian space station, usually seven days a week. His efforts paid off: he completed all his science experiments even though "some of them didn't go as well as we'd like."

As for his own shape, Wolf said

he wasn't surprised at how his body was readjusting to gravity. It was tough standing up in the shower, he noted, "but it sure felt good."

Some 20 hours after touchdown, he still walked slowly, occasionally leaning on a fellow astronaut or a banister for support.

"This is going to take a while to recover," he said. "It's serious business flying in space this long."

Wolf, who was the sixth and next-to-last American to live on Mir, skipped a beach party thrown by his family in his honor Saturday night, so as not to interrupt his medical tests.

"I hope to do something easy for a couple days," he said.

Would he go back to Mir?

"Definitely." But he quickly added: "Not next month."

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Oprah's the hottest ticket as mad cow trial stampedes Amarillo

By Mike Cochran
Associated Press

AMARILLO — Roadhouse waitress Gretchen Cotter's smile rivaled the glitter of the neon lights and her drawl competed with a juke box, a pinball machine and three television sets.

"Hamburger, cheeseburger or ribeye steak?" she asked, reciting the entire menu of the Lone Star Bar & Grill.

"And," she purred, "we serve only mad cows — REALLY mad cows."

While lawyers haggle over whether Oprah Winfrey can libel a hamburger, the folks outside the courthouse are abuzz about the talk show host's legal plight and her Texas-flavored tapings of the "Oprah Winfrey Show."

Two weeks into her trial, she's the hottest ticket and often the hottest topic in town as she defends herself against claims that she cost the beef business millions in a 1996 show on mad cow disease.

"The only mad cow in Texas is Oprah," read inscriptions on flashy caps and T-shirts that Gretchen and her pals are peddling at the Lone Star.

Not quite as clever but decidedly more popular are bumper stickers, buttons, banners, caps and T-shirts proclaiming that "Amarillo Loves Oprah."

Believe it. Chamber of Commerce President Gary Molberg misspoke early on about Oprah and since has spent two embarrassing weeks backtracking.

"Amarillo's been very receptive to her," says lawyer Dee Miller. "Generally speaking, even people in the cattle industry have been very positive toward her."

If nothing else, the trial has for once muzzled the Panhandle Mouth that Roared.

Millionaire Stanley Marsh 3, the prince of pranks, is a limited partner in one of the cattle companies

suing Oprah and therefore silenced by U.S. Judge Mary Lou Robinson's gag order:

"I don't know a hereford from a heifer," grumbled Marsh, 59, who put Amarillo on the map years ago by burying a fleet of antique Cadillacs nose down and fins up along old Route 66, now Interstate 40.

"This is awful. Just terrible," he said of the gag order.

He appeared almost as upset as when his old wine drinking buddy, a pet pig named Minnesota Fats, overdosed on chocolate Easter eggs one year and wound up in that great pigsty in the sky.

"I've never experienced a muzzle like this before," he groused. "No conversation is complete without my 51 percent."

First off, this is a city with a past, a kissin' cousin to Hollywood's Old West with its requisite myths and mystique, high-profile chicanery, unique characters and lurid violence.

The land they call the Golden Spread is a model of wind-swept desolation, at once barren and bountiful, depending in part on the erratic flow of underground water.

Stroll through the Amarillo air-

port and a welcome sign informs you right away that the region supplies 25 percent of the fed beef marketed in America each year.

Heading into Amarillo, a city of 165,000, you encounter a bright yellow building trimmed in blue and guarded by a 12-foot-tall Plexiglas bull. This is the "World Famous" Big Texan Steak Ranch, which ballyhoos a free 72-ounce steak and trimmings to anyone who can wolf it all down in one hour.

Steak and barbecue emporiums flourish all around town: Legend's Black Angus, Beef Rigger, Hoffbrau, Cattleman's, Cattle Calf, Country Barn, Fat-Boys, David's, and Dyer's.

And that's not counting the chains like Outback.

At the courthouse where Oprah may soon be grilled, a mural above the lobby elevator depicts cowboys herding cattle into a railway car. A young lady arrives at noon carrying what appears to be a box of burgers.

On the back of her sweatshirt is a message: "What's the Beef?"

National TV and newspapers stood in line for courtroom space when the trial opened, but labori-

ous testimony and President Clinton's latest problems cut into last week's coverage.

Even so, nothing eroded the demand for tickets to Oprah's taping sessions. Calls to the show's reservation lines were so heavy one day that they overloaded the phone company's circuitry and disrupted service citywide.

In the first show, actor Patrick Swayze taught her the Texas two-step and Clint Black serenaded her. A couple of days later, columnist Molly Ivins showed up to discuss "Texas talk."

Alluding to anonymous Texas legislators, her most enduring targets, Ms. Molly said of one: "If dumb was dirt, he'd cover about an acre."

Oprah turned 44 on Thursday and taped a special birthday episode in which she was joined by her fiancé Stedman Graham and gave away a pickup truck.

After viewing the first telecast, Garet von Netzer, publisher of the Amarillo newspapers, pronounced

it a winner. "It was wonderfully positive publicity about Amarillo first of all, the Panhandle, and also for Texas," he said.

He labeled the Oprah phenomenon "clearly the biggest media event in the city's history."

Indeed, it's possible nothing has generated so much excitement in Amarillo since the marathon murder trial of Fort Worth millionaire Cullen Davis in 1977.

After what then was the longest, costliest capital murder trial in U.S. history, Davis was acquitted of killing his 12-year-old stepdaughter during a bloody rampage at his Fort Worth mansion.

Dee Miller, a local counsel in the Davis trial, said the Oprah proceedings have "some of the old Cullen Davis features, in that a lot of people are trying to get in."

It will intensify, he added, if Oprah testifies.

The national coverage has been greater for Mad Cow than for Cullen, Miller said, pointing to designated camera locations out-

side the courthouse for ABC, Fox, NBC, CBS, and CNN television, among others.

Also on hand was a guy dressed up like a spotted bull with a pink nose. He was from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and carried a sign which said:

"8 Billion Animals Are Killed Every Year For Food In The U.S."

Although he has been rendered judicially silent, Stanley Marsh's presence hardly has been diminished.

He and his cronies' most recent creations are 3,000 or so diamond-shaped, pseudo-traffic signs around town, each with an oblique message:

A sampling:

"Bring Back Public Hanging"

"Road Does Not End"

"Anything You Say About Lub-

bock Is A Waste Of Words"

"Steal This Sign"

Where better, might you ask, could Oprah debate mad cow issues?

Oprah beef lawsuit enters third week

AMARILLO — A vegetarian activist being sued along with Oprah Winfrey for slandering U.S. beef in an April 1996 talk show about mad cow disease was still to be on the witness stand when the defamation trial resumed Monday.

Howard Lyman endured difficult questioning on Friday by attorneys for Texas cattlemen who are suing him, Ms. Winfrey and her production company for \$10.3 million, contending that an "Oprah" show on mad cow disease on April 16, 1996, pushed already slumping beef prices to 10-year lows.

Lyman, who has yet to face questioning by his own attorneys, appeared to hurt Ms. Winfrey's case when he said that reassuring pro-beef comments that were edited out of the show would have been relevant to viewers as long as the statements were true.

The former cattle rancher turned vegetarian seemed to hurt his own case when he was asked what facts he had to back up a claim he had made that mad cow disease could make AIDS seem like the common cold.

Lyman said he was relying on his own experience in an 18-year cattle ranching career that ended in 1983 and added, "I believe there are a lot of ways of educating other than facts."

Attorneys for the cattlemen have been attempting to show that Ms. Winfrey purposefully deleted comments from the show that would have soothed concerns among viewers about U.S. beef possibly becoming infected with mad cow disease in favor of more fear-raising, ratings-grabbing statements by Lyman.

Ms. Winfrey has yet to take the witness stand. She has sat in court for every minute of testimony over nine days of the trial.

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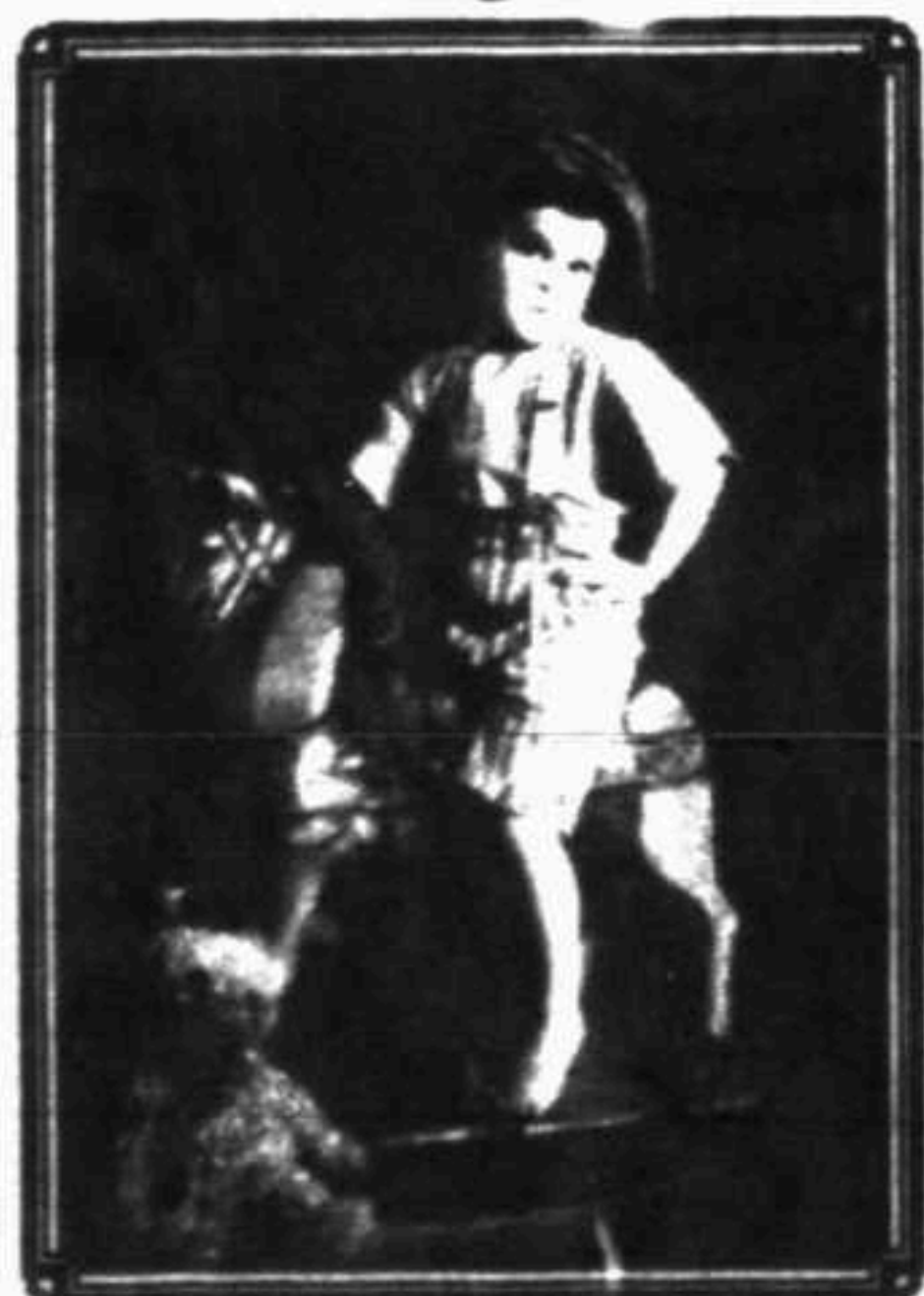
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Late Night Lines

"In a recent interview the Spice Girls said their boyfriends have to take a backseat to their music. They said, 'We don't let our personal lives interfere with our mediocrity.'"

"Dr. Kevorkian has hired an apprentice so they'll be able to assist in more suicides. Apparently, Kevorkian pays well, but he has the country's worst health plan."

"Last week the parents of the group Hanson gave birth to a baby girl. Actually this could spell trouble down the road for the brothers because they named the baby LaToya."

"Everyone's talking about the three new names in Washington this week. Monica Lewinsky, Linda Tripp, and President Gore."

"Officials in Russia are actually considering taking cells from Lenin's embalmed body and making a clone of him. And they're also considering taking cells from Yeltsin's body and making a wicked martini."

"On Sunday, the team that wins the Super Bowl will get a phone call from President Clinton. Then, the cheerleaders will be subpoenaed by Kenneth Starr."

"Yesterday, President Clinton told the men and women in his cabinet that he is innocent of these sex charges against him. Unfortunately, his credibility was hurt by the fact that they were all in a hot tub at the time."

— Conan O'Brien

Kids' Science Wisdom

The beguiling ideas about science quoted here were collected from essays, exams, and class room discussions; most were from 5th- and 6th-graders. They illustrate Mark Twain's contention that the "most interesting information comes from children, for they tell all they know and then stop."

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When people run around and around in circles we say they are crazy. When planets do it we say they are orbiting.

Most books now say our sun is a star. But it still knows how to change back into a sun in the day-time.

Many dead animals of the past changed to fossils, others preferred to be oil.

Vacuum is nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they're there.

Some people can tell what time it is by looking at the sun. But I have never been able to make out the numbers.

We say the cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on.

I am not sure how clouds get formed. But the clouds know how to do it, and that is the important thing.

Cyanide is so poisonous that one drop of it on a dog's tongue will kill the strongest man.

Thunder is a rich source of loudness.

Isotherms and isobars are even more important than their names sound.

It is so hot in some parts of the world that the people there have to live other places.

Our new teacher told us all about fossils. Before she came to our class, I didn't know what a fossil looked like.

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

What this country needs is a decent political scandal

By David Grimes
N.Y. Times News Service

The unsavory business in the Clinton White House offers further proof that the quality of presidential scandal has gone down dramatically since the good old days of Richard Nixon.

Comparing Watergate to Tailgate or Jailbaitgate or whatever gate Leno and Letterman agree to tag it is like comparing Pavarotti with the Spice Girls, although that is not something I recommend anyone do.

The major player in the Clinton scandal is a 24-year-old former intern who relaxes by going shopping for kitchenware. A major player in the Watergate scandal was G. Gordon Liddy, a former CIA operative who relaxed by burning holes in his hand with a lit candle.

Clinton's vice president's first name

is "Al." Nixon's vice president's first name was "Spiro."

Nixon kept an enemies list. Clinton plays golf.

Nixon was obviously uncomfortable touching or being touched. Clinton, well ... isn't.

Richard Nixon's undoing lasted two years and was the kind of dense, multi-layered tragedy of which Shakespeare would have been proud. Clinton's problems have been going on for only a week; it just seems like two years. It is the kind of thin, uninspired drizzle of which Jerry Springer would be proud.

Clinton hangs out with glitzy Hollywood producers and celebrities. Nixon hung out with John Mitchell.

The key differences between Nixon and Clinton can best be illustrated by doing a little word association. For

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Fond farewell

"Kooky Klowns" Tony Bressi, left, Ellis Graham, center, and Bob Rothstein attend a memorial service last Tuesday for their friend and co-clown Ray Ohlhuus, who died Jan. 19th. The "Kooky Klowns" are part of the Mahi Shriners who perform at children's hospitals, nursing homes, and parades. Ray Ohlhuus, also known among his fellow clowns as "Buddy-Oke," was a retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and veteran of the Korean War and World War II.



John and Helen Reid have had an office at the historic Petroleum Building for 52 years.

After 52-year career, Mr. Shell goes home

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

At long last, a living, humane piece of history named John E. Reid is heading for the archives, a place called home. Behind him, but foremost in the consciousness of many Midlanders, is a 50-year history of working in the venerated and historic Petroleum Building.

For more than 50 years, Reid, 79, worked in the 12-story building first as Shell Oil Co.'s public-relations man, then as an agent for DA&S Oil Well Servicing of Hobbs, N.M., and later for L&L Trucking Co. out of Andrews.

"He's just Mr. Shell Oil Compa-

ny, still is," said Bill Chancellor, who has known Reid all those years. "Oh, boy, he's something. He's an old Shell man. He's the most honest person you could run into. He's always in a good humor. He was the personnel man for Shell and knew everybody."

Reid, who acknowledged having "more friends than you can say grace over," pledged to return to the Petroleum Building to visit his friends there.

"I'll be back from time to time," Reid promised at a recent surprise farewell party at JoJo's Restaurant on the building's first floor.

"I've got so many friends in this building," Reid said. The building,

built in 1929, initially was known as the T.S. Hogan Building in deference to its visionary builder and then as the Shell Petroleum Building because the oil company leased the edifice for so many years between the 1940s into the 1970s.

Reid recalled great people in his life, people who had helped shape his persona and outlook: the late Ralph Geisler, who was the Petroleum Building's building manager; Geisler's wife, Eulalia, and C.P. "Porter" Bristol, who is a retired Shell executive.

Now that Reid is home to stay and out of the office, "We are going

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Comedian's routine not old hat at all

By Bill Goodykoontz
N.Y. Times News Service

Sad.
Cute.
Funny.

When I first heard that Pearl Abel Vangness would be performing stand-up comedy in the talent portion of the Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant, those were the descriptions I was dusting off for possible use, although I didn't think I'd have to use that last one.

After all, let's be honest here. Pearl is 87 years old, the oldest of the 17 entrants. How funny could she possibly be?

After watching a rehearsal for the pageant, which will be held Feb. 14 at

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Thank You Notes

Dear Midland Citizens:
Thank you for voting yes, for giving Travis Elementary a new building. We like our new room. We have big windows and motion detector lights. We like the bookcases and the water fountain in the classroom. Thank you for our big office, our big cafeteria and our fire alarm. We aren't in the portable (building) any more. Now we don't have to walk outside to go to the library, restroom, water fountain, computer lab, music or cafeteria. We really enjoy having a bigger Project Think room. We were the first grade to perform on the new stage. We really thank you.

— Sincerely, Adriana, Ashley, Cassie Cole, Daniel, Iris, Isabel, Jayde, Keelee, Lexshawn, Mariela, Meranda, Michael, Reynaldo, Scott, Veronica and William (Ms. Pinard's 2nd Grade Class).

The High School Youth Group at Grace Lutheran Church would like to express its thanks to the people of the Midland community who supported the Souper Bowl Jan. 24 at H.E.B. Through your support and efforts, 1,244 cans of soup and other canned goods were collected to benefit the West Texas Food Bank. (The score of our Souper Bowl was Green Bay 624, Denver 620.) Once again, the Midland community has shown that working together in true community spirit we can unselfishly serve each other in a caring and Godly manner.

— Rev. Larry Krueger,
Grace Lutheran Church

JIMMY PATTERSON

Tatergate: A political crisis in our house

The look on her face said it all. I had never seen her so happy. By a vote of her friends, she had been selected to represent her class on the student council. She had never held an elected position before, except for a small role at the Little Tot Day Care when she was considerably younger.

But this was different. She would serve in a decision-making capacity and she was obviously quite proud. To top it off, informal polls at school showed she was gaining in popularity as well.

That was in the fall. When all was right in our little corner of the world.

Last week, she came home from school, book bag dragging lifelessly from her left shoulder. She headed straight to her bedroom and shut the door. At dinner a couple of hours later, things began to crumble. Dinner opened with loud sobbing noises from the child that occupied the first chair.



Patterson

"My potatoes! It's about my potatoes, OK!" She was sobbing almost uncontrollably.

"What? What's wrong with them?" we asked her. "I threw them in the trash! I'm sorry. I never meant for you to find out!"

I looked at her mother, unable to figure out what had brought this on (other than the fact she was 12 and nothing seemed to make much sense anymore.)

"When? What are you talking about?"

"My potatoes. I've been throwing them in the trash."

I tried to console her; to take away her hurt.

"It's OK. So you threw away some potatoes. No big deal," I told her.

"Dad, you don't understand. I've been throwing away my potatoes for 12 years. Every time you and mom would leave the table, I would take them to the trash can and dump them when you weren't looking."

"What potatoes?"

"Any potatoes. Mashies, boiled, stewed. New, baked, steamed. Russet, Idaho, whatever. I've thrown out more potatoes than I can count. I never liked them. I never meant to hurt anyone and I never

meant for anyone to find out, but now everyone knows. I threw them out at school one day and now I ... I might lose everything."

This was growing increasingly weird. Like I'd heard this story before.

"The next thing you're going to tell me," I said, "was that someone leaked all of this to the student newspaper and they had someone snap a secret photo of you as you were dumping your potatoes into the garbage. Then, you'll probably want me to believe that they sent a reporter asking you why you've been lying about your potatoes all these years. Then, you'll tell me that someone has accused you of trying to get your friends to cover up how you really feel about potatoes."

"DAD! How did you know all that?"

"Hey, I've been around the block a few times, kid. You've seen one scandal, you've seen 'em all."

Still, the fact that someone was alleging my daughter actually encouraged someone to perjure herself really bothered me.

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DAVE BARRY

When it comes to looks, there's no right answer

If you're a man, at some point a woman will ask you how she looks. "How do I look?" she'll ask.

You must be careful how you answer this question. The best technique is to form an honest yet sensitive opinion, then collapse on the floor with some kind of fatal seizure. Trust me, this is the easiest way out. Because you will never come up with the right answer.



Barry

The problem is that women generally do not think of their looks in the same way that men do. Most men form an opinion of how they look in seventh grade, and they stick to it for the rest of their lives. Some men form the opinion that they are irresistible stud muffins, and they do not change this opinion even when their faces sag and their noses blot to the size of eggplants and their eyebrows grow together to form what appears to be a giant forehead-dwelling tropical caterpillar.

Most men, I believe, think of them-

selves as average-looking. Men will think this even if their faces cause heart failure in cattle at a range of 300 yards. Being average does not bother them; average is fine, for men. This is why men never ask anybody how they look. Their primary form of beauty care is to shave themselves, which is essentially the same form of beauty care that they give to their lawns. If, at the end of his four-minute daily beauty regimen, a man has managed to wipe most of the shaving cream out of his hair and is not bleeding too badly, he feels that he has done all he can, so he stops thinking about his appearance and devotes his mind to more critical issues, such as the Super Bowl.

Women do not look at themselves this way. If I had to express, in three words, what I believe most women think about their appearance, those words would be: "not good enough." No matter how attractive a woman may appear to be to others, when she looks at herself in the mirror, she thinks: wof. She thinks that at any moment a municipal animal-control officer is going to throw a net over her and haul her off to the shelter.

Why do women have such low self-esteem? There are many complex psy-

chological and societal reasons, by which I mean Barbie. Girls grow up playing with a doll proportioned such that, if it were a human, it would be seven feet tall and weigh 81 pounds, of which 53 pounds would be bosoms. This is a difficult appearance standard to live up to, especially when you contrast it with the standard set for little boys by their dolls... excuse me, by their action figures. Most of the action figures that my son played with when he was little were hideous-looking. For example, he was very fond of an action figure (part of the He-Man series) called "Buzz-Off," who was part human, part flying insect. Buzz-Off was not a looker. But he was extremely self-confident. You could not imagine Buzz-Off saying to the other action figures: "Do you think these wings make my hips look big?"

But women grow up thinking they need to look like Barbie, which for most women is impossible, although there is a multibillion-dollar beauty industry devoted to convincing women that they must try. I once saw an Oprah show wherein supermodel Cindy Crawford dispensed makeup tips to the studio audience. Cindy had all these middle-aged women applying beauty products to their faces; she stressed how impor-

tant it was to apply them in a certain way, using the tips of their fingers. All the women dutifully did this, even though it was obvious to any sane observer that, no matter how carefully they applied these products, they would never look remotely like Cindy Crawford, who is some kind of genetic mutation.

I'm not saying that men are superior. I'm just saying that you're not going to get a group of middle-aged men to sit in a room and apply cosmetics to themselves under the instruction of Brad Pitt, in hopes of looking more like him. Men would realize that this task was pointless and demeaning. They would find some way to bolster their self-esteem that did not require looking like Brad Pitt. They would say to Brad: "Oh YEAH? Well what do you know about LAWN CARE, pretty boy?"

Of course many women will argue that the reason they become obsessed with trying to look like Cindy Crawford is that men, being as shallow as a drop of spit, WANT women to look that way. To which I have two responses:

1. Hey, just because WE'RE idiots, that doesn't mean YOU have to be; and
2. Men don't even notice 97 percent of the beauty efforts you make anyway.

Take fingernails. The average woman spends 5,000 hours per year worrying about her fingernails. I have never once, in more than 40 years of listening to men talk about women, heard a man say, "She has a nice set of fingernails!" Many men would not notice if a woman had upward of four hands.

Anyway, to get back to my original point: If you're a man, and a woman asks you how she looks, you're in big trouble. Obviously, you can't say she looks bad. But you also can't say that she looks great, because she'll think you're lying, because she has spent countless hours, with the help of the multibillion-dollar beauty industry, obsessing about the differences between herself and Cindy Crawford.

Also, she suspects that you're not qualified to judge anybody's appearance. This is because you have shaving cream in your hair.

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REID: Retirement to put 52-year marriage to test

(From 1B)

to find out (how the marriage holds up) after 52 years," quipped Reid's wife, Helen. They were married in 1946 in McCamey. Their first date was in 1941 in Commerce, where they both went to college. After that first date, "I said 'never again,'" Mrs. Reid recalled, but his "outgoing" personality won her heart.

Reid's aunt, McCamey museum founder-historian Ethie Egleton, arranged their marriage. "John had three aunts and three uncles and none of them had been married," Mrs. Reid noted. "She thought it was about time to have a wedding in

the family."

Between their first date and their marriage, Reid served overseas in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

"He found somebody else, and I found somebody else," Mrs. Reid said. "There were lots of somebody elses. The war was going on."

Moved to Midland, "I was a bride, a child bride," Mrs. Reid said. "He called me his 'Petty girl'" in reference to art by the 1940s American illustrator and cover-artist, George Petty, who depicted comely women in his morale-boosting works. "She was very shapely," Mrs. Reid recalled of the typical Petty

girl. "She was blonde and shaped like a Coca-Cola bottle."

In Midland, Reid developed into a kindly legend.

"He's one of the kindest, gentlest men I know," said Dee Ann Carlisle, who works in the Petroleum Building. "If you don't feel like smiling, you do after you see him. He's a conservative like I am. We agree politically."

Turning to Reid, Mrs. Carlisle declared, "You're precious." Reid is blessed with a "great sense of humor," said Mary Jane Wilmet, who also works in the building.

"That (humor) is one of his great attributes," said Midland businessman Mike Fowler.

"He's happy most all of the time. He radiates that (joy) all the time."

In sharing her husband's sense of humor, Mrs. Reid said that "the only reason he came down here (to work) was to flirt with the girls, and I'd go to Trinity Towers (Retirement Center) to flirt with the old folks."

To Midland restaurateur JoAnn Nobles, Reid "has been so good to everybody. John is just a special person, and he does so much for everybody."

From the viewpoint of Ricki Perry, who manages the Petroleum Building, Reid is a "most friendly and definitely so kindly and caring of a person."

SCANDAL: Is it hot in here or is it just the president?

(From 1B)

example:

Nixon...Dracula
Clinton...Hugh Hefner
Nixon White House...Fortress
Clinton White House...Playboy mansion
Nixon...phone taps
Clinton...phone sex
Nixon's most trusted advisor...Dr. Kissinger
Clinton's most trusted advisor...Dr. Ruth
Unflattering nickname, Nixon...Tricky Dick
Unflattering nickname, Clinton...

ton...Schmucko

If not president, would have been (Nixon)...undertaker
If not president, would have been (Clinton)...Club Med social director

Nixon's most famous line...I am not a crook.
Clinton's most famous line...Is it hot in here or is it just me?
Favorite casual attire, Nixon...Dark business suit
Favorite casual attire, Clinton...Toga
Family pets, Nixon...Ehrlichman, Haldeman
Family pets, Clinton...Socks, Buddy

Oval Office personal touch, Nixon...Secret tape recorders
Oval Office personal touch, Clinton...Autographed Sports Illustrated swimsuit calendar
Role model, Nixon...His mother

Role model, Clinton...Wilt Chamberlain
Don't tell me, I don't want to hear it (Nixon)...I'm sorry, Mr. President, but the Supreme Court has ruled that you must turn over the tapes.
Don't tell me, I don't want to hear it (Clinton)...I'm sorry, Mr. President, but my mother insists that I be home by 11."

Two least favorite words, Nixon...Special prosecutor
Two least favorite words, Clinton...Independent counsel
Favorite bumper sticker, Nixon...America: Love It Or Leave It

Favorite bumper sticker, Clinton...If This Van Is Rockin', Don't Come Knockin'
Least favorite bumper sticker, Nixon...Impeach Nixon
Least favorite bumper sticker, Clinton...Impeach Clinton.

(David Grimes is a columnist for the Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune.)

PATTERSON: Too much CNN can be harmful to your sanity

(From 1B)

"So this reporter from the school newspaper actually accused you of trying to get your friends to lie for you? How horrible! What audacity! Yellow journalism in the sixth grade! What did you say?"

"I told him I have never told anyone not to tell the truth. Never. Not once. And I told him I needed to get back to the business of running the school."

"I'm sorry honey," I said, as the tears again formed in her eyes.

I told her it sounded like an orchestrated effort by her political enemies to undo six months of hard work. Somewhere there had to be an anonymous source. A Deep Spud.

"Dad," she said. "You've been watching too much CNN."

"What happened next?" Mrs. P asked.

She began sobbing again. It was obvious she was on the verge of a tearful revelation. One that would ease her mind and free her conscience.

"I've done this with three different potatoes in the last three weeks! At school, and here at the dinner table twice. I'm so ashamed. I just don't like potatoes. I used to smear them on my head when I was 9 months

old. You used to think it was cute, but I only did it because I hated potatoes. I've been lying so long! I'm so embarrassed."

Mrs. P dabbed away her tears and we comforted her again.

"OK, let's just sit back and assess the damage and see what we need to do to correct it," I told her. I thought for a minute. "I've got it! We need to distract people's attention from this. That little boy in your school who you said has been hassling you. Why don't you stand up in school one day and yell out that he likes to play with dolls. Launch a full offensive. Send in all your troops. Hit him with both barrels. You are 12 and you are proud. You are preteen, hear you roar! That way, everyone starts talking about him and forgets about you."

I looked at Mrs. P, who was

giving me her hairy eyeball, the look that clearly speaks her unadulterated disapproval.

Then she broke some more bad news to us. "Mom, dad... they took another informal survey at school. My approval rating has dipped 10 points in the last week. Someone's been passing around the picture of me and the potatoes and the trash can. People are saying I should quit the student council for the good of the school, and..."

We interrupted her. "We'll stand by you, sweetheart," Mrs. P said. "We'll talk to Mr. LaMonica, your principal, and see what we can do to maybe ease this tension. We'll go to school and stand next to you during your speech next week and show our unity. We're here for you."

I shook my head and a small

tear came to the corner of my eye.

"We feel your pain," I told her. The phone rang. On top of everything else, someone was calling at a crucial hour in the growth and development of our family.

"Hello?" I said. "Yes, she's here."

I handed our daughter the phone.

"It's for you. Someone from 'Hard Copy.'"

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COMIC: A funny thing happened on the way to the senior center

(From 1B)

the Sundome in Sun City, I had my answer:

She's a lot funnier than I am astute.

But that obviously doesn't do her justice, so let's try again: She's hilarious.

"They claim I'm a comedian," Pearl said after rehearsing her act earlier this month with the other contestants at the Sierra Winds Lifetime Retirement Community in Peoria.

Her act supports that claim. Maybe it's me, but anytime an 87-year-old woman begins her routine with, "The other day I went to the local religious bookstore," I'm hooked. She unfolded a tale of befuddlement, of buying a bumper sticker that said, "Honk if you love Jesus," and the confusion and uproar it caused.

The tale centered on her applying the bumper sticker to her car and then stopping at a traffic light at a busy intersection while "lost in thought in the Lord." When the light changed, she didn't pull away, and the growing crowd behind her did its best to get her moving. Of course, she misunderstood everything.

"The bumper sticker worked," she said. "It was like a football game, with (drivers) yelling, 'Go, Jesus Christ, go!'"

"There must have been a man back there from Florida," she said later. "I heard him say something about a 'sunny beach.'"

Throwing a punchline

She didn't write the material — "I had a pile of jokes I save," she said — but her delivery was perfect. She hesitated, she paused, she stammered, all in just the right places. And like any good comedian, she wasn't satisfied. She needed to work on her timing

before the pageant, she said; she needed to learn the routine better.

I don't know if I agree — her act was plenty good without any tweaking — but I don't doubt that she'll work hard at it. She's an interesting woman, Pearl. For instance, she rides around town with three life-size dummies in her car so that people won't think she's alone.

What's more, she made the dummies herself — and made them to look like silver-haired senior citizens. Of course, she lives in Sun City. When in Rome.

She moved here with her husband from Milwaukee in 1972 after reading about Sun City in a newspaper ad. Her husband, a retired locomotive engineer, died in 1979. Pearl, who ran a restaurant, worked as a bookkeeper and held other jobs — "You name it, I've done it" — liked Sun City too much to leave.

Her natural humor shows up in the most mundane places. Asked what she does for fun, for instance, she replied that she plays bridge. Ah, that can get pretty competitive at times, from what I've heard.

"I don't take it seriously," she said. "If I win, I win, and if I lose, I lose."

A brief pause.

"I win a lot, though."

Despite her sense of humor, she hadn't planned to delve into comedy. But she had always wanted to enter a beauty pageant.

"I always thought that must be fun," she said. "But then I got too old. Plus, I never was good-looking enough. For this (pageant), you didn't have to be good-looking."

You do, however, have to have a talent, so Pearl set out in search of one. She decided that she would learn to tap-dance.

She was 83 years old.

Even in a time when we can shoot a 77-year-old man into space, that's impressive.

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Marines return to border, without weapons

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For the first time since a corporal killed a teen-ager who was tending to his family's goat herd, Marines have returned to Presidio County along the Rio Grande in far West Texas.

However, their camouflage netting, M-16s and secret missions to track drug traffickers are gone. Military vehicles rumbled in the shadow of the Sierra Madre late last week in southern Presidio County to build and improve about 40 miles of road along the river to help the U.S. Border Patrol catch drug traffickers.

The shooting last May of Esequiel Hernandez Jr., 18, by a four-man anti-drug patrol at Redford triggered a national debate about troops on the border. His death led the Pentagon to suspend use of armed troops in anti-drug patrols along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The road construction site near Candelaria is about 175 miles southeast of El Paso and about 70 miles northwest of Redford.

"I realize things are dangerous, and you never know what can happen, but this has been smooth as glass," Presidio County Judge Jake Brisbin Jr. commented to the San Antonio Express-News about the project, which began last month and could wrap up by June.

"What happened was a horrible confluence of events. It could happen anytime, anywhere," he said of the Hernandez killing.

Marine Cpl. Clemente Banuelos said he shot Hernandez to save the life of another Marine after Hernandez fired at the patrol with a .22-caliber rifle and raised his weapon as if to fire again.

'What happened was a horrible confluence of events. It could happen anytime, anywhere.'

— Presidio County Judge Jake Brisbin Jr.

A Presidio County grand jury decided Banuelos shouldn't face criminal charges and didn't return an indictment in the shooting, but officials said they realized the dangers of mixing "combat-ready troops with civilian

populations.

"We've learned, and we'll go forward," said Brisbin, an ex-Marine who was injured three times in Vietnam.

As many as 250 unarmed Marines will be working along the border in Presidio County. They are active-duty personnel from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and reservists from Minnesota and Wisconsin.

A tent city is set up on the grounds of the only school in Candelaria, a tiny impoverished community of dirt roads and cinder-block shacks on Farm Road 170.

Candelaria is surrounded by majestic mountains and cacti that have long been a haven for contraband smugglers and undocumented immigrants. Smugglers carry backpacks full of marijuana and have even resorted to horseback riding to slip through the mountains.

For years, the isolated community of about 60 people literally has been the end of the line for the roadway, which just outside of town becomes an impassable trail. Stretches to the north aren't even on some maps.

Border Patrol officials are hoping the Marines, who are scheduled to build and improve 40 miles of Farm Road 170 from Candelaria to Porvenir, will give them an edge.

They say the improved passage will help them reach desolate stretches of river, backing each other up in emergencies and spotting the tracks of people entering the area.

OBITUARIES



Lydia Clem

Lydia Clem was born May 17, 1900, in Olden, Texas, to Margaret and William Horn. She grew up on a farm near Eastland, Texas, and lived there until 1924. She married John Lloyd Clem on December 21,

1924, in Ranger. She made her home in Ranger most of her life, moving to Midland in 1988, to be near her family. She was an active member in the Baptist Church in Ranger and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Midland. Mrs. Clem was preceded in death by her husband, and her daughter, Betty Young.

Survivors include her daughter, Wanda Johnson of Midland; six grandchildren, Brenda Gambill of Fort Worth, Chuck Bettinger of Amarillo, Debbie Wood of Fort Worth, Greg Johnson, Dana Burdette and Jeff Johnson, all of Midland; three great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Clem died Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Ranger with Dr. Joseph McClain officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery in Ranger, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to the First Baptist

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There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

Yuba Blackwell

ODESSA—Yuba Blackwell, 84, of Odessa, mother of Midlander David Blackwell, died Saturday, Jan. 31, in Odessa.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the chapel of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors with Lynn Money officiating. Burial will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Alameda Cemetery in Ranger under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

She was born May 14, 1913, in Cheaney.

She had been a member of the Church of Christ for the past 69 years and a member of Sherwood Church of Christ. She was the co-owner of Blackwell Mobile Home Supply.

Survivors include her husband, D.W. (Slim) Blackwell of Odessa; a daughter, Cindi Matheny of Tulsa, Okla.; two sons, David Blackwell of Midland and Bill Blackwell of Springdale, Ark.; two sisters, Ruth Minter of Odessa and Evelyn Montgomery of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Virgie Patterson

Virgie Patterson, 84, of Midland died Sunday, Feb. 1.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Edith Grittins

Midlander Edith Grittins, 80, died on Sunday in Midland. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Saturday

Burglary of Motor Vehicle: Suspects took a cellular phone at a residence at 1205 Golf Course Rd., Boley B. Embrey, reported at 9:13 a.m.

Graffiti: A known suspect used blue and white spray paints to put graffiti on the north side of a business building at 2500 N. Big Spring St., it was reported on Saturday.

Assault: A known suspect assaulted a person at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer

Dr., it was reported at 5:06 p.m.

Theft: A suspect took a cellular phone from a place at 4517 Midland Dr., Julie Jumper reported at 5:25 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Sunday

Stolen Vehicle: A yellow Mercedes was taken during the night at 3009 S. CR 1193, according to police reports. The complainant, Jesus Adrian Dominez, advised that the vehicle will only go about 30 to 40 miles per hour. It

was reported at 7:25 a.m.

Saturday

Assault: A man was assaulted at 4506 Roosevelt and told authorities that he had leg and back injuries and possibly a broken arm, according to reports. Victor Roland Barnes reported it at 6:35 p.m.

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

Atheist leader left almost \$100,000 in gold behind

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair, her son and adopted daughter disappeared more than two years ago, they left almost \$100,000 in gold coins behind, the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday.

The newspaper said it learned of the coins when the Internal Revenue Service published a required legal notice of the Dec. 10 seizure of Canadian Maple Leaf coins still being held for Jon Murray by San Antonio rare coin dealer Cory Ticknor.

"It is part of a criminal investigation," Larry Zunker, an IRS agent, said.

Demetrio Duarte, Ticknor's attorney, said that days before Murray, his mother and Robin Murray O'Hair disappeared, Murray bought \$600,000 in gold coins. Duarte said Murray left no forwarding address.

The United Secularists of America alleges that Murray took more than \$600,000 in organization funds before disappearing. The organization has filed a legal claim against Murray in his bankruptcy proceeding in Austin.

Atheist officials point to two wire transfers made a week apart in 1995 while Jon Murray was in

San Antonio and just before he vanished.

According to copies of those documents, on Sept. 15, 1995, \$608,136.25 was transferred from a United Secularist account at the New Zealand Guardian Trust to the United Secularist account at NatWest Bank in Scranton, Pa., the newspaper reported.

On Sept. 22, the newspaper said documents show, a second wire transfer moved \$600,000 from the Boonton, N.J., branch of NatWest Bank to San Antonio, where it was credited to a bank account belonging to Ticknor.

Ticknor has declined comment beyond confirming that Murray was a customer.

Duarte said Ticknor broke no laws, is not a target of the criminal probe, and has not been asked to testify before a federal grand jury.

"Mr. Ticknor is an honest man. He kept the coins in storage and turned them over to the IRS when they requested them. He is a businessman, and that is all he was," Duarte said.

Citing Justice Department policy, a spokesman for Bill Blagg, the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas in San Antonio, declined to comment on the investigation.

A two-year global search for Murray and the O'Hairs by police detectives, reporters and investigators has proved fruitless. Theories about their fate range from kidnapping, robbery and triple homicide to the execution of a long-planned getaway.

Former workers say that for years the family members spoke of an exile overseas and had established various bank accounts in New Zealand in their own names and in the names of atheist organizations.

At the time of her disappearance, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, 77, was suffering from diabetes and heart disease. She was, however, still America's most prominent unbeliever — a profane, combative foe of all organized religion.

Ms. O'Hair came to prominence more than three decades ago, when she and several other atheists were involved in successful court battles to remove prayer and Bible reading from public schools.

A check of all known credit cards and bank accounts belonging to Murray and the O'Hairs indicates the accounts have been inactive since their disappearance, the Express-News reported.

DEAR ABBY

Partner plays game of love with his eyes wide open

DEAR ABBY: I have never seen this mentioned in your column, but I'll bet it's an issue for others as it is for me.

I have been with my life partner for more than 15 years. When we



Van Buren

kiss, he does not close his eyes. I have mentioned this to him several times. I told him that I feel he is cold, distant and lacking in passion when he kisses me with his eyes open. I told him it was like kissing my grandmother. While he periodically tries to close his eyes, he always seems to revert to kissing with his eyes open. He says he's more comfortable that way.

Have you or your readers run across this problem, and if so, how was it resolved? — KISSLESS IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR KISSLESS: When you kiss, close YOUR eyes, then you'll spare yourself the upsetting knowledge that the person kissing you has his eyes open!

DEAR ABBY: I would like your advice on how to handle a very difficult and tacky announcement.

I received an "elopement announcement," and I'd like to know the proper etiquette for responding to it. We are friends of the bride's parents, but neither my husband nor I have ever met the bride. This is her second elope-

ment. We have spoken to several friends and our own adult children, none of whom have ever heard of an "elopement announcement."

How should my husband and I respond? — FAITHFUL READER, WAYNE, N.J.

DEAR FAITHFUL READER: There is nothing "tacky" about the happy couple sending you an elopement announcement. (Just substitute the word "wedding" for "elopement.") What better way to advise family and friends of the news of their marriage?

Since an announcement is not an invitation, you are under no obligation to respond to it. However, since you know the bride's parents, it would be gracious to send a note or card to congratulate the newlyweds.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to tell you about the most touching Christmas gift I have ever received. About a month ago, you printed a wonderful piece called "The Art of Marriage." The words touched me deeply, so I showed it to my fiancée. He, too, was moved by it, so we posted the clipping on our refrigerator.

On Christmas morning, he insisted I save a particularly beautifully wrapped package to open last, saying it was his favorite gift for me. Inside, I found "The Art of Marriage," written in beautiful script on fancy paper, enlarged, in a gorgeous picture frame! It brought tears to my eyes.

We are to be married in September, and I know that the dear-

est gift I have ever received will be with us throughout our wonderful life together. Thanks so much for printing it. — JENNY STONE, LOS ANGELES

DEAR JENNY: You're entirely welcome. Your fiancée sounds like a gem. Please accept my best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

When I printed "The Art of Marriage," I didn't know who wrote it. However, many readers informed me that the author is Wilferd A.

Peterson, and the essay appeared in his book, "The Art of Living Treasure Chest."

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

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HEALTH BRIEFING

Polish poison?

The small, brown bottles that come with home artificial nail kits contain a corrosive acid that has burned the skin and eyes of dozens of young children in the past few years, poison control officials warn. The substances known as nail primers aren't known to have killed anyone, but nearly 10 percent of the injuries were classified as moderate and about 1/2 percent were deemed major, according to a report in the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

Between 1991 and 1993, the researchers identified 769 emergency room visits for exposure to nail products: of these, 32 incidents involved nail primers. Twenty-eight of the exposures involved children 1 to 3 years old. Between 1993-95, there were 567 calls to US poison control centers about children's exposure to the products.

The primers, which are used to clean and etch the natural nail before applying an artificial nail, contain methacrylic acid, a corrosive industrial chemical, said Dr. Alan Woolf of Children's Hospital, director of the Massachusetts Poison Control System, adding that they generally come in ordinary screw-top bottles that aren't child-proof. Woolf and registered nurse Judith Shaw, also at Children's, authored the study.

Woolf said he had contacted nail products manufacturers, the Food and Drug Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission in an effort to have the nail primers more closely regulated, but no action has been taken.

Obesity harmful

A new study challenges beliefs that overweight mothers are less likely to have premature babies and that their extra pounds are, if anything, beneficial to their infants' health rather than a hazard.

The Swedish study found that women who were overweight or obese at the beginning of pregnancy were two to four times as likely to have a stillbirth as women of normal weights. Lean women were less likely than average-weight women to have a stillborn fetus, but they were more likely — if this wasn't their first pregnancy — to have a premature or abnormally small baby. Among women in their first pregnancy, obese women were more likely to have a very premature baby.

A woman of average height who weighs 175 to 250 pounds before pregnancy is considered to be obese. The report in a recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine is from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, and McGill University in Montreal. The authors focused entirely on prepregnancy weight, not the amount of weight gained during pregnancy.

Overall, the authors said that lean women have a low risk of having unhealthy babies, and that the advice some doctors give them to gain weight before pregnancy may not be justified.

Alcohol abuse signs

Underage drinking is a serious hazard not just because it can lead to injury or death, but because it increases the likelihood of eventual alcohol dependence or abuse, according to a large nationwide study showing that people who began drinking before age 15 were four times as likely to become alcoholics as those who didn't drink till age 21.

Those same young drinkers were twice as likely as the delayed drinkers to develop alcohol abuse, a drinking pattern that causes life problems, according to the report in the January issue of the Journal of Substance Abuse. The data come from analysis of 43,000 interviews conducted by the US Census Bureau in 1992.

Dr. Enoch Gordis, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, said it's not yet clear whether "the delay in alcohol use, or, possibly, other associated factors" explains the association between age at drinking onset and lifetime risk for alcoholism.

Peacekeepers' stress

The horrors of battle can lead to post-traumatic stress disorder, it has long been known. Now a study has documented the disorder among soldiers keeping the peace as well. In a survey of 3,000 US soldiers involved in the 1992-1994 Somali peacekeeping mission, stressful aspects of the mission — such as the feeling the Somalis did not appreciate their efforts — were associated with post-traumatic stress even in soldiers who took no part in the fighting.

On the other hand, the positive aspects, such as providing humanitarian aid, apparently helped protect some soldiers from the disorder, the researchers found. For black soldiers, however, the relationship between peacekeeping and the disorder was more complicated, because they apparently identified with the blacks in war-torn Somalia.

The differences between black soldiers and non-blacks "underscore the need to pay special attention to cultural influences on individuals' experiences and adjustment to peacekeeping," write the researchers, led by Brett T. Litz, Lynda A. King, and Daniel W. King of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Boston and Boston University School of Medicine.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram News Services and "Med Notes" by Richard Saltus.

Pet first aid can save lives too

By Robin Estrin

BOSTON (AP) — Wendy Beaton was jogging through a remote Northampton field with her young whippet — a smaller version of the lanky greyhound — when she heard an awful yelp.

With a running leap, Diesel had landed smack on an upright stick that pierced his wiry chest in two places.

Beaton stuffed her shirt against the dog's stomach, trying to stem the flow of blood, as she raced to get her beloved pet to the vet.

The makeshift bandage helped. The dog survived, albeit with major surgery. So did Beaton — barely; the day's fright took its toll.

Determined never to feel so helpless again, Beaton turned to the American Red Cross. The agency that has taught legions of lay people how to aid and resuscitate humans is taking its know-how to the four-legged level.

WITH THE HELP of the Humane Society of the United States, the Red Cross published a first aid book for cats and dogs last April.

Sold through Red Cross chapters and book stores for about \$10 — 35,000 copies have been purchased so far — the book is designed to be an at-home reference guide for pet emergencies.

The 100-page manual, which reviews emergency treatment for everything from choking to electrical shock, is also a teaching companion for a three-hour pet first aid workshop run by a handful of Red Cross chapters nationwide.

At a recent class in Boston, Beaton and her husband, Paul Charrette, crouched over a small stuffed collie, practicing cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques.

Beaton placed the "dog" on its side, tilting its head slightly back to check if the airway was clear.

Then she placed her mouth on its mouth, creating a seal. She gave four or five quick breaths before checking to see whether the dog was breathing.

(Of course, this one was stuffed, and not exactly anatomically correct, so the training exercise had its limits.)

Would she do the same for Diesel — put her lips straight onto his? "In a second," Beaton responded.

"With your own dog, it's like your child," her husband added.

OVER THE LAST few years, several Red Cross chapters — including those in Los Angeles, Louisville, Ky., Franklin, Tenn., Phoenix, Pittsburgh and Tampa, Fla. — have offered variations of the pet first aid course.

But before the book came out, each chapter had its own course techniques, pamphlets and brochures, said Janet Bober, director of health and safety services for the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay.

The book offers a uniform curriculum for the nation's 1,400 Red Cross chapters, many of which hope to launch the pet course.

At the Los Angeles chapter, which began teaching the class a year ago, response has been overwhelming.

No wonder. According to the Humane Society, 58.9 percent of all U.S. households had a pet in 1996, the most recent figures available, with a total of 59.1 million cats and 52.9 million dogs.

"The joke is that we can cajole and coach people to come in and take first aid and CPR training to save their loved ones, but it's a lot easier to get people to the pet first-aid class," said John Pacheco, director of health education for the Los Angeles chapter.

Greg Friedman had been teaching human CPR and first aid for about seven years when Bober asked him to help launch Boston's pet program.

"A lot of the skills transfer over so nicely from humans," said Friedman, who has had to use some of the techniques on his 10-pound spaniel-like papillon, Pierre, and his late poodle, Pepper.

WHILE THE ANATOMY and physiology are certainly different, the rescue goals are the same: "You're trying to keep the animal alive and that's the same for the human," Friedman said.

Friedman and co-instructor Shawn Wade Delaney led a recent class through a variety of prevention and rescue techniques, demonstrating some on an affable golden retriever named Berkeley, which graciously permitted its leg to be bandaged but who seemed far more interested in getting his tummy rubbed.

Some vets have expressed concerns that the course will make pet owners believe they can cure the animals themselves — without a professional's help. But Dr. Myles Borash, a veterinarian in private practice in Peabody, north of Boston, disagrees.

"I see it as a great way to help animals because a lot of people just don't know what to do until they get veterinary care," said Borash, who also teaches the Red Cross course.

The concerns of some vets have a strange familiarity to them. Twenty years ago, when the Red Cross first started teaching first aid to nonmedical personnel,

Experts offer tips on first aid for pets

Associated Press

Some tips from the American Red Cross on giving first aid to pets:

■ Always approach a sick or injured animal cautiously. Even your own sweet-tempered pet may become aggressive if frightened or in pain.

■ Be especially careful if approaching an animal you do not know.

■ Because injured animals have the potential to bite, they should be muzzled before any care is attempted, unless the animal is vomiting, coughing or having difficulty breathing.

Muzzles can be purchased at pet stores. Homemade muzzles can be fashioned out of gauze, a stocking, sock or piece of cloth.

■ Do not call 911 to an animal emergency unless there is a person involved.

■ Learn what is normal for your pet. Take your animal's breathing rate, pulse and temperature while it is healthy for reference if there is a later problem.

The heartbeat of a dog or cat can be felt in several places, including the inner thigh and just above the middle pad on the underside of the paw.

■ The normal pulse rate for a small dog — defined as 30 pounds or less — is 100 to 160 beats per minute. For a medium to large breed, 60 to 100 beats per minute.

For a puppy (up to 1 year old) the range is 120 to 160 beats per minute.

Normal pulse for a cat is 160 to 220 beats per minute.

■ Normal breathing rate for a dog is 10 to 30 breaths per minute. For a cat, the rate is from 20 to 30 breaths per minute.



Top photo, American Red Cross volunteer Shawn Wade Delaney, left, of Randolph, Mass., shows Kara Holmquist how to bandage her golden retriever, Berkeley, during a first aid for pets class, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Boston. Bottom photo, Leslie Beatty, left, and Randy Danson, both of New York City, practice mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on stuffed animals during the first aid for pets class. The Red Cross published a first aid book for cats and dogs last year. The book, priced at about \$10, is available through Red Cross chapters and book stores.



many doctors feared that the courses would make folks believe they were invincible, that they could cure their loved ones without a physician's help, Bober said.

The pet class is as much about preventing animal injuries as it is about healing them, said Leslie Sinclair, director of companion animal care for the Humane Society. The manual offers suggestions for daily care and good pet health.

Most of those taking the Boston course seemed more concerned about making their pets comfortable until they could get them to the vet.

"There's that moment when you think: 'Am I an idiot, should I be going to the vet? Or am I an idiot for going?'" said Randy Danson, an actress living in Cambridge with her 5-pound black toy poodle.

THE TIPS aren't infallible. The book and course make it clear that many of the techniques, especially CPR, have low success rates.

But at least, the course participants and instructors said, they give the animals — and their owners — a fighting chance.



Pet health

Dana Steindecker holds up Kelki on her rooftop terrace in midtown New York City. The 2-year-old Maltese is a member of Pet Assure, a Pet HMO which offers discounts for pet health care.

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TCU 102, Tulsa 100, OT.
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WPHL — San Angelo Outlaws 6, Odessa Jackalopes 2.

Sports Today

JUCO BASKETBALL — Women, Western Texas at Midland College, 6 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).
Men, New Mexico Military Institute at Midland College, 8 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

TABC Boys Poll

WACO — The weekly high school basketball poll as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, with records through Saturday, Jan. 31:

- Class 5A**
1. Houston Milby (23-2)
 2. Alief Elsik (25-2)
 3. Dallas Kimball (26-3)
 4. Midland (25-1)
 5. Converse Judson (23-2)
 6. Duncanville (22-4)
 7. Galena Park North Shore (22-5)
 8. Dallas Skyline (20-4)
 9. San Antonio Clark (25-2)
 10. Killeen (25-2)
- Class 4A**
1. Dallas Highland Park (25-1)
 2. Dallas Lincoln (26-3)
 3. Port Arthur Lincoln (21-4)
 4. Houston Waltrip (23-3)
 5. Cleburne (24-2)
 6. Everman (27-1)
 7. San Antonio Sam Houston (26-2)
 8. Waco University (26-3)
 9. Lamesa (25-1)
 10. Lancaster (21-4)
- Class 3A**
1. Tulsa (25-0)
 2. Clarksville (21-4)
 3. Kennedale (23-1)
 4. Dimmitt (18-7)
 5. Clyde (24-2)
 6. Queen City (22-3)
 7. Seminole (21-5)
 8. Kountze (21-5)
 9. Dallas Madison (12-10)
 10. Trinity (24-6)
- Class 2A**
1. Krum (25-1)
 2. Little River Academy (25-1)
 3. Leonard (20-5)
 4. Godley (21-2)
 5. Beckville (23-4)
 6. Harleton (18-5)
 7. Stanton (11-1)
 8. Hale Center (21-3)
 9. Buffalo (20-3)
 10. Howe (21-4)
- Class A**
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 2. Paducah (22-3)
 3. Weatherford Brock (24-4)
 4. Moulton (27-1)
 5. Lorenzo (22-3)
 6. Lipan (22-4)
 7. Itasca (17-6)
 8. Aspermont (24-2)
 9. Goodrich (22-3)
 10. Avinger (19-6)
- Private Schools**
1. Houston Westbury Chr. (21-5)
 2. Harrington Marine Military Aca. (18-4)
 3. Dallas Jesuit (21-6)
 4. Houston Strake Jesuit (21-6)
 5. Arlington Oak Ridge (24-3)
 6. Dallas Greenhill (21-4)
 7. Galveston O'Connell (20-10)
 8. Longview Trinity (25-5)
 9. Fort Worth Chr. (22-3)
 10. Houston HCYA (19-10)
 11. Katy Faith West (20-6)

Walker still serious

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Football great Doak Walker remained in serious condition Sunday from skiing injuries that left him paralyzed. Maureen Leonard, spokeswoman for Swedish Medical Center, said there had been no change in Walker's condition overnight. Walker, 71, fell Friday while skiing an intermediate trail at Steamboat Springs and was in critical condition and a coma when he was airlifted to the center. His condition improved, but he remains paralyzed. "He's not moving his arms or legs," Dr. Jay Law, neurosurgeon at Columbia Swedish Medical Center, said Saturday. Walker won the Heisman Trophy at SMU in 1948. An award in his name is given every year to college football's top running back.



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Pebble Beach golfers get soaked

■ Rain delays Watson's bid for history at scenic golf course.

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Tom Watson was poised to make golf history. Tim Herron was shooting for the biggest paycheck of his career. Torrential rain washed both out Sunday at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Sheet-like rain driven by heavy winds wiped out play after three holes of the third round Sunday, forcing organizers to extend the tournament to Monday — and perhaps even Tuesday. The tournament has been reduced to 54 holes.

Play was scheduled to resume Monday, but the weather forecast was ominous. Heavy rain was expected, with 20-30 mph winds and stronger gusts.

Watson, trying to win the title a record 20 years after his previous victory at the Pebble Beach tournament, looked to the dark skies and invoked the spirit of tournament founder Bing Crosby.

"C'mon Bing, wherever you are. Stop the rain," Watson said.

The AT&T tournament was washed out after two rounds in 1996, making it the first PGA Tour event that could not be completed since 1949.

It is the first PGA Tour event extended to Monday since the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio, last June. If it goes beyond that, it would be the first tourney extended to Tuesday since the 1980 Tucson Open.

Tournament executive director Lou Russo said there's even the possibility of playing half a round Monday and half a round Tuesday.

"It's the main concern of the PGA Tour to get the official 54 holes in," Russo said. "We're going to give it every chance. It's just a normal winter storm, and it's a big one."

Even if the pros are able to play Monday or Tuesday, they won't be joined by amateur partners. The amateur portion of the tournament was canceled Sunday because of the weather.

Watson and Herron began play Sunday as co-leaders at 10-under 134. Watson bogeyed his second

hole on the Poppy Hills course, while Herron grabbed the lead with a birdie on his second hole at the Spyglass Hill course.

The tournament also is played on the Pebble Beach course, where Watson won the 1982 U.S. Open by chipping in from the rough on the 17th hole.

Herron is trying to win the \$450,000 first prize, by far the biggest of his short career. Herron won \$252,000 by capturing the Texas Open last year, and won the \$234,000 winner's check at the 1996 Honda Classic.

Despite brief periods of early sunshine Sunday, play was suspended about 1 1/2 hours after tee-off. Rain was swept across the course by 22 mph winds that turned umbrellas inside out.

Water collected on the greens on each of the three courses, making them unplayable. Treetops were snapped by the wind on Spyglass Hill.

Watson and Herron began the third round with a one-shot lead over Tom Lehman, Phil Mickelson and Jay Haas. Tiger Woods finished the second round at 4-over 148, 14 strokes off the lead.



Tom Watson stands with his umbrella on the 12th hole of the Poppy Hills Golf Course just before play was suspended in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Red Raiders storm back to beat Baylor

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

WACO — Cory Carr scored 31 points, 20 of them in the second half Sunday, as Texas Tech overcame an 11-point deficit to upset Baylor 80-71 in a Big 12 game.

Texas Tech got revenge for a 90-78 loss to Baylor Jan. 13 in Lubbock. Tech advanced its record to 10-8 overall and 4-4 in the conference while Baylor dropped to 10-9 and 5-4.

The Red Raiders overcame an 11-point lead with a 12-0 spurt midway in the second half to take a 63-61 lead with 9:17 to play on Carr's bucket after a goal-tending call.

Tech built a 70-63 lead behind Carr but the Bears cut the deficit to 73-69 on three straight baskets by Brian Skinner, who finished with 23 points. Stan Bonewitz hit four late free throws to put the game out of reach.

John Perkins scored a career-high 17 points for Baylor but the Red Raiders had much more balanced scoring. Rayford Young had 22 points, Bonewitz added 14, and Cliff Owens contributed 11 points for the Red Raiders.

Texas Tech jumped to a 9-0 lead to start the game and the Bears

looked in trouble before Perkins started hitting some rainbow 3-point shots.

Perkins hit three consecutive 3-pointers to rally the Bears and finished with 15 points in the first half as Baylor took a 43-38 lead.

In one half, senior Perkins tied the career-high 15 points he set this year against Troy State. He had four 3-point shots, a 2-pointer and a free throw.

Baylor built its lead to 10-points at 41-31 before the Red Raiders closed the game just before half-time with buckets from Carr, Bonewitz and Young.

Skinner had 12 rebounds for the Bears who outbounded Tech 45-36. Carr had 10 rebounds for the winners.

"We started pushing the ball up the court in the second half and got into a real good flow," Carr said. "We got a lot of easy buckets."

Texas Tech Coach James Dickey said, "We were able to run the ball more in the second half and that was the difference."

Baylor coach Harry Miller agreed, saying, "Tech just came out and grabbed the momentum. We missed a lot of open shots and gave up too many layups. And Carr got loose. You can't let that happen."



Texas Tech's Cory Carr, left, and Baylor's Brian Skinner battle for a loose ball during the second half Sunday in Waco. Texas Tech won the game 80-71.

Moonstruck: NFC falls to AFC

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

HONOLULU — When Warren Moon was called to Hawaii to replace John Elway for the AFC, he was more than happy to come, saying that at his age, he never knew when a Pro Bowl would be his last.

The 41-year-old Moon, by four years the oldest player in the game, came off the bench in the fourth quarter Sunday to lead a 17-point rally that lifted the AFC to a 29-24 victory over the NFC.

He scored the go-ahead touchdown himself on a 1-yard sneak with 1:49 remaining.

"When you have an opportunity to come over here, you don't turn it down," Moon said. "You look at all the guys that have played in this type of game and get these types of honors, and you get put in that same category, why turn it down?"

Both Denver's Elway and Green Bay's Brett Favre, the scheduled Pro Bowl starters, pulled out of the game because they face minor surgery during the offseason — Elway on his right shoulder and Favre on his left

knee. Neither injury was serious enough to keep them out of the Super Bowl, won 31-24 by Denver.

Moon said of Elway's absence at the all-star game: "He did everything he wanted to do as far as the season was concerned. He won the Super Bowl, and I'm sure he's still just basking in that glory. It doesn't bother me, because I got an opportunity because of it."

Favre's replacement, Chris Chandler of Atlanta, didn't fare as well. He lost two fumbles in the final two minutes, one of which set up Moon's short TD run.

Moon said it was ironic that he turned out to be the MVP, because he was a replacement. He practiced with the all-stars for the first time only three days before the game.

"I guess when you make the plays at the important time in the game, that has a lot to do with being the most valuable player," Moon said. "I made a couple of important plays."

Said Pittsburgh's 40-year-old Bill Cowher, the AFC coach: "Even though he is older than I am, I thought he could run the quarterback sneak pretty well."



With good blocking from the AFC defensive line, Super Bowl MVP Terrell Davis of the Denver Broncos runs the ball in the first quarter of the Pro Bowl Sunday.

The AFC came back from a 21-7 halftime deficit. San Francisco's Steve Young threw a pair of first-half touchdowns.

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STEWART DOREEN

Butler expects same old UIL treatment for West Texas

Big Spring football coach/athletic director Dwight Butler has a lot of opinions, and with a little inspiration, he might offer every one of them.

So with the arrival of today's realignment of classifications and districts by the University Interscholastic League, Butler got his motivation.

And it can be quite an enlightening experience to listen to what Butler expects.

Butler, who has served on the board of directors for the Texas High School Coaches Association, says that he expects the UIL to continue its practice of making decisions which benefit the metropolitan districts and hurt areas like West Texas.

It has everything to do with preferential treatment of areas which the UIL hierarchy is familiar with and want to keep happy.

It starts with the rubber band process. As Butler says, this is when the UIL uses rubber bands of different colors to start grouping schools together in districts and classifications. In 1996, Stanton was the unlucky school inside the 6-2A band.



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"We don't have enough representation from this part of the world," Butler said. "Maybe we should, because of the number of schools and people. It is not fair for Stanton to have to travel and arrive home at 6 a.m. after a district ball game, and then have people in Dallas complain because they are on a bus for two hours."

"The big cities is where they base their numbers, not West Texas."

The numbers might back up his point, especially at the 4A level. In the past realignment, the high enrollment number for 4A schools went from 1,599 to 1,649. That seems like a small change, yet the number of schools went from 188 to 214. The largest change of any classification in the state.

Butler says this is the third such rise of the larger number, which in effect brings more schools down from 5A and more metropolitan schools with their higher enrollments.

Among those brought down in the past few realignments include South Oak Cliff, Grapevine, Highland Park and Dallas Roosevelt. The next 4A arrival could be frightening.

"Dallas Carter is supposed to drop into 4A," Butler said. "That is scary, but it will happen. My opinion is that they (the UIL) would rather look at what happens in the Metroplex."

"I know they would like to get 5A to 220-230 teams (in

the last realignment, there was 229). Over the last few years, their goal is to fill 4A with 32 districts with at least six teams in each district. With some many urban schools that are losing kids, that is where most of the additions come from."

The low number for placement into 4A was 700 in 1996. That also makes it tough when the disparity from one school to another could be close to 1,000 students.

Butler says the crunch that 4A is going through is similar to the one which affected 3A years back, and he does have a remedy, create a 6A. Otherwise, the disparity might continue.

As for 4-4A, Butler doesn't see much of a change in the future. He thinks that Monahans will comeback and Sweetwater, a school on the 4-4A bubble as he calls it, goes to either in 2-4A or 5-4A.

Of course, some of Butler's theories have nothing to do with the realignment. Butler talked what can be lost when a school's enrollment drops.

"It is amazing how many athletes you can lose in a drop of 200 students," Butler jokes. "What we have lost is 20 linemen."

That's one better left for football season.

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NBA Results

Eastern Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	27	19	.588	—
Charlotte	27	19	.588	—
New York	27	19	.588	—
Washington	23	23	.500	—
Boston	21	24	.467	6 1/2
Philadelphia	14	29	.326	12 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	32	12	.727	—
Chicago	28	16	.636	1/2
Charlotte	27	19	.588	—
Cleveland	26	20	.565	—
Minnesota	23	23	.500	—
Detroit	21	24	.467	11 1/2
San Antonio	18	27	.400	22 1/2

Western Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	32	12	.727	—
Utah	30	14	.682	1/2
San Antonio	25	19	.565	—
Houston	21	23	.476	11 1/2
Vancouver	19	25	.430	17 1/2
Dallas	18	26	.409	18 1/2
Denver	14	30	.316	22 1/2

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	30	14	.682	1/2
Phoenix	29	15	.659	—
Portland	29	15	.659	—
Sacramento	19	23	.452	11 1/2
LA Clippers	17	25	.405	13 1/2
Golden State	15	27	.357	15 1/2

Sunday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
New York 89, Miami 83	1	0		
Milwaukee 118, Minnesota 110	1	0		
LA Lakers 112, Chicago 87	1	0		
Boston 107, Houston 96	1	0		
Utah 115, Golden State 88	1	0		
San Antonio 103, Sacramento 97	1	0		
Portland 97, Toronto 90	1	0		
Indiana 99, LA Clippers 92	1	0		
Seattle 97, Detroit 87	1	0		

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Detroit at Washington, 6 p.m.	1	0		
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.	1	0		
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.	1	0		
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.	1	0		
Vancouver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.	1	0		
Chicago at Denver, 8 p.m.	1	0		

Celtics 107, Rockets 96	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston 80, Barkley 140-10	1	0		
Phoenix 104, Portland 97	1	0		
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TABC Girls

WACO (AP) — The weekly high school basketball poll is compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, who meet through Saturday, Jan. 31.

Class 5A	W	L	Pct	GB
Fort Bend (26-2)	1	0		
Duncanville (26-3)	1	0		
Copperton Cove (26-1)	1	0		
Longview (28-1)	1	0		
Longview Cypress Creek (24-2)	1	0		
Alief Hastings (28-2)	1	0		
Alief Elsik (24-6)	1	0		
Georgetown (26-6)	1	0		
Houston Cypress Falls (23-6)	1	0		
Weslaco Mount Marcus (21-6)	1	0		

Class 4A	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Canyon (22-1)	1	0		
2 Garbino (26-3)	1	0		
3 Hensford (25-3)	1	0		
4 Dallas Lincoln (24-3)	1	0		
5 McKinney (24-3)	1	0		
6 Bay City (26-1)	1	0		
7 Waco Mammoth (19-8)	1	0		
8 Linderoth (20-6)	1	0		
9 Cleburne (24-4)	1	0		
10 Bay City (25-4)	1	0		

Class 3A	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Dunlap Springs (24-2)	1	0		
2 Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill (25-4)	1	0		
3 Lufkin Hudson (26-3)	1	0		
4 Willsboro (26-3)	1	0		
5 Crockett (22-3)	1	0		
6 Comanche (23-4)	1	0		
7 Bowie (21-6)	1	0		
8 Hattiesburg (24-2)	1	0		
9 Allamore (21-3)	1	0		
10 Princeton (21-3)	1	0		

Class 2A	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Ozona (28-1)	1	0		
2 Dallas (23-6)	1	0		
3 Hughes Springs (23-5)	1	0		
4 Winnie Estates (22-3)	1	0		
5 Hamilton (19-6)	1	0		
6 Van Alstyne (21-1)	1	0		
7 San Antonio (14-5)	1	0		
8 Hawkins (23-5)	1	0		
9 Spearman (20-5)	1	0		
10 Port (20-5)	1	0		

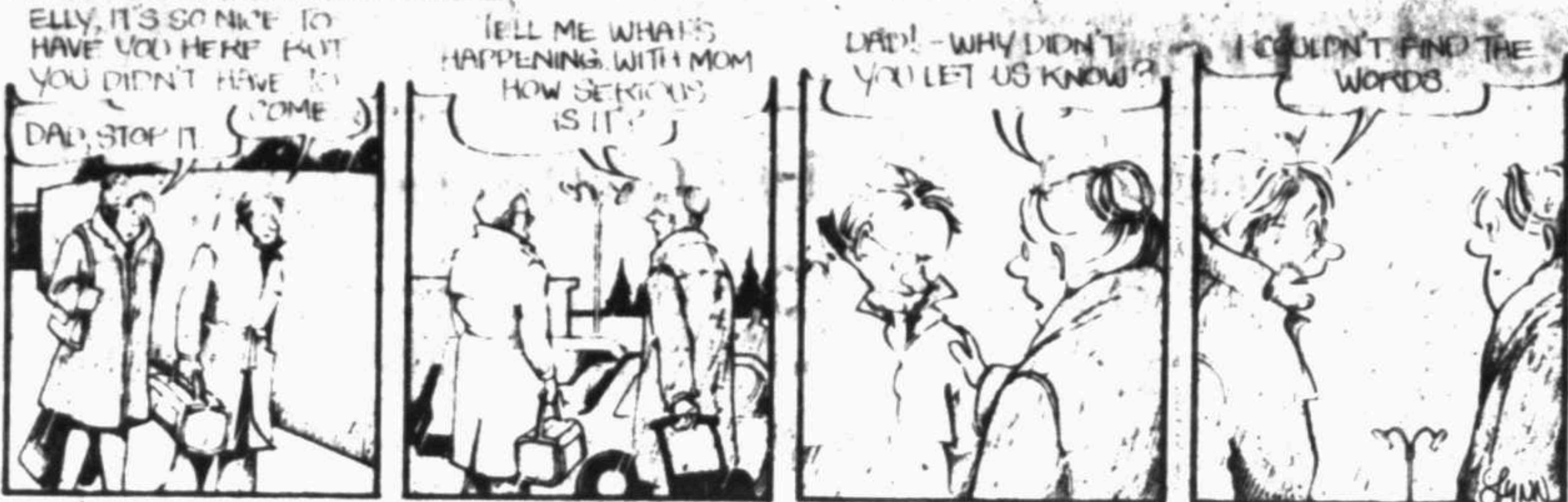
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2 Garbino (26-3)	1	0		
3 Hensford (25-3)	1	0		
4 Dallas Lincoln (24-3)	1	0		
5 McKinney (24-3)	1	0		
6 Bay City (26-1)	1	0		
7 Waco Mammoth (19-8)	1	0		
8 Linderoth (20-6)	1	0		
9 Cleburne (24-4)	1	0		
10 Bay City (25-4)	1	0		

Class 5A	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Canyon (22-1)	1	0		
2 Garbino (26-3)	1	0		
3 Hensford (25-3)	1	0		
4 Dallas Lincoln (24-3)	1	0		
5 McKinney (24-3)	1	0		
6 Bay City (26-1)	1	0		
7 Waco Mammoth (19-8)	1	0		
8 Linderoth (20-6)	1	0		
9 Cleburne (24-4)	1	0		
10 Bay City (25-4)	1	0		

Class 4A	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Canyon (22-1)	1	0		
2 Garbino (26-3)	1	0		
3 Hensford (25-3)	1	0		
4 Dallas Lincoln (24-3)	1	0		
5 McKinney (24-3)	1	0		
6 Bay City (26-1)	1	0		
7 Waco Mammoth (19-8)	1	0		
8 Linderoth (20-6)	1	0		
9 Cleburne (24-4)	1	0		
10 Bay City (25-4)	1	0		

8 Zephyr (23-6)	8
9 Spur (23-3)	8
10 Cross Plains (24-2)	8
10 Springlake Earth (23-3)	4
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1 Dallas Bishop Lynch (21-5)	
2 Austin St Michael (26-1)	3
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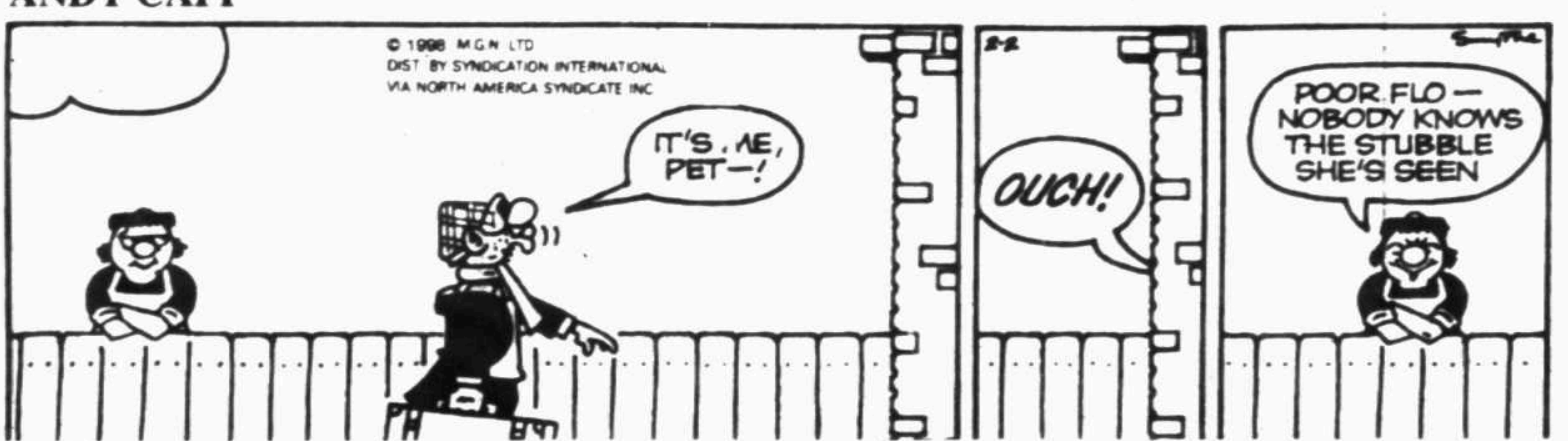
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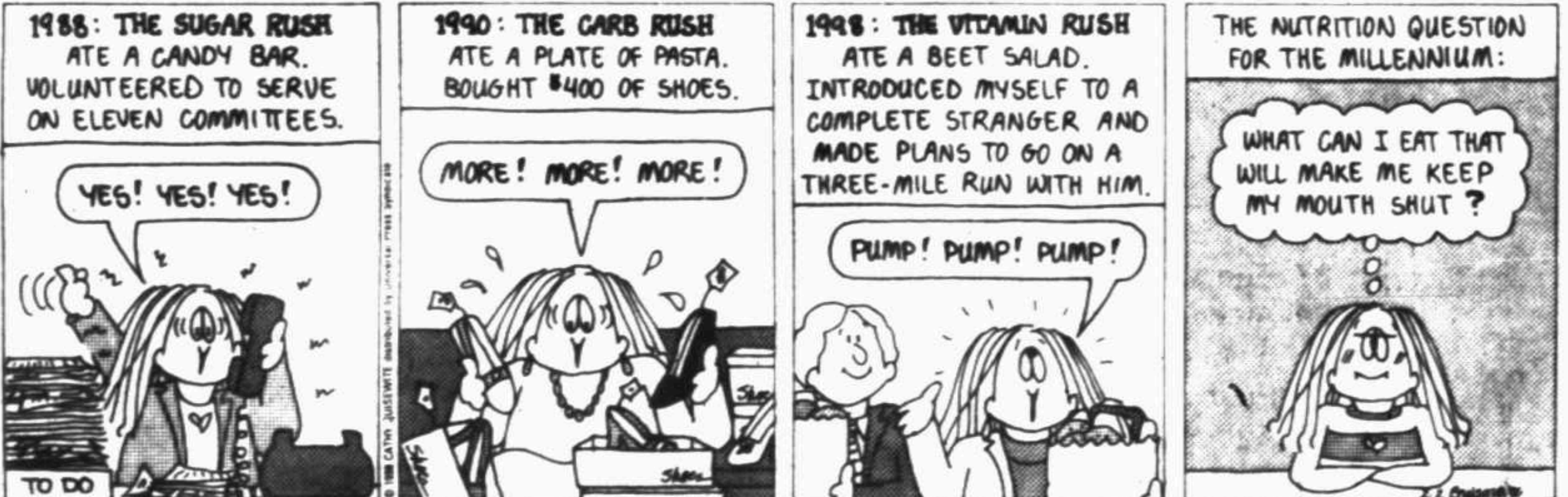
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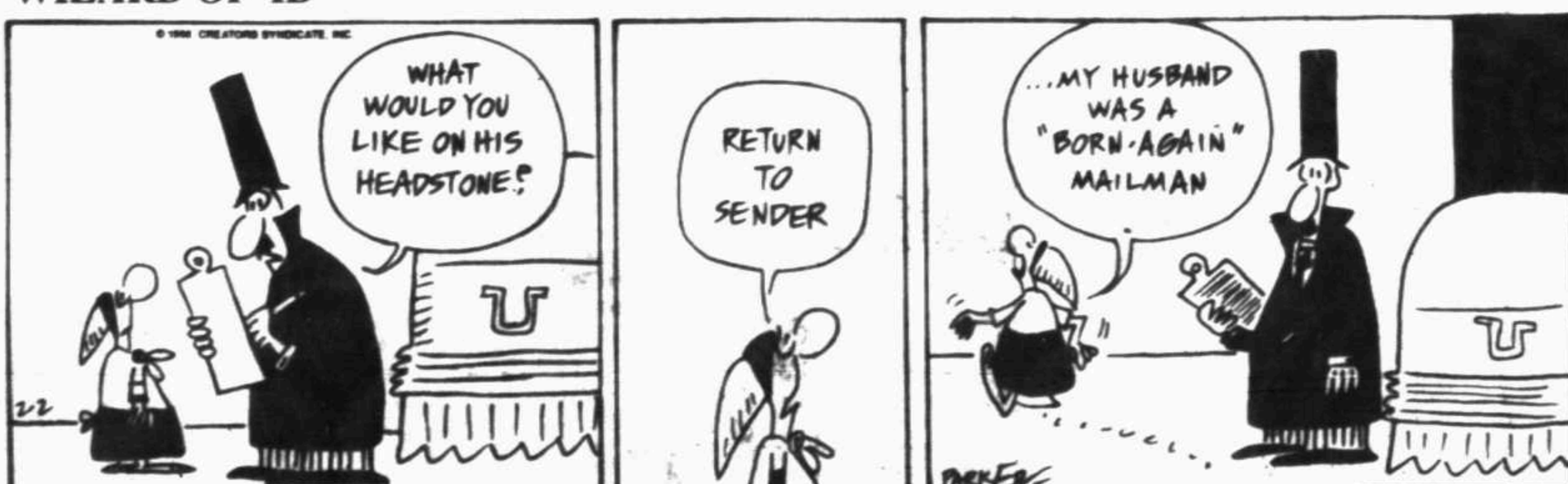
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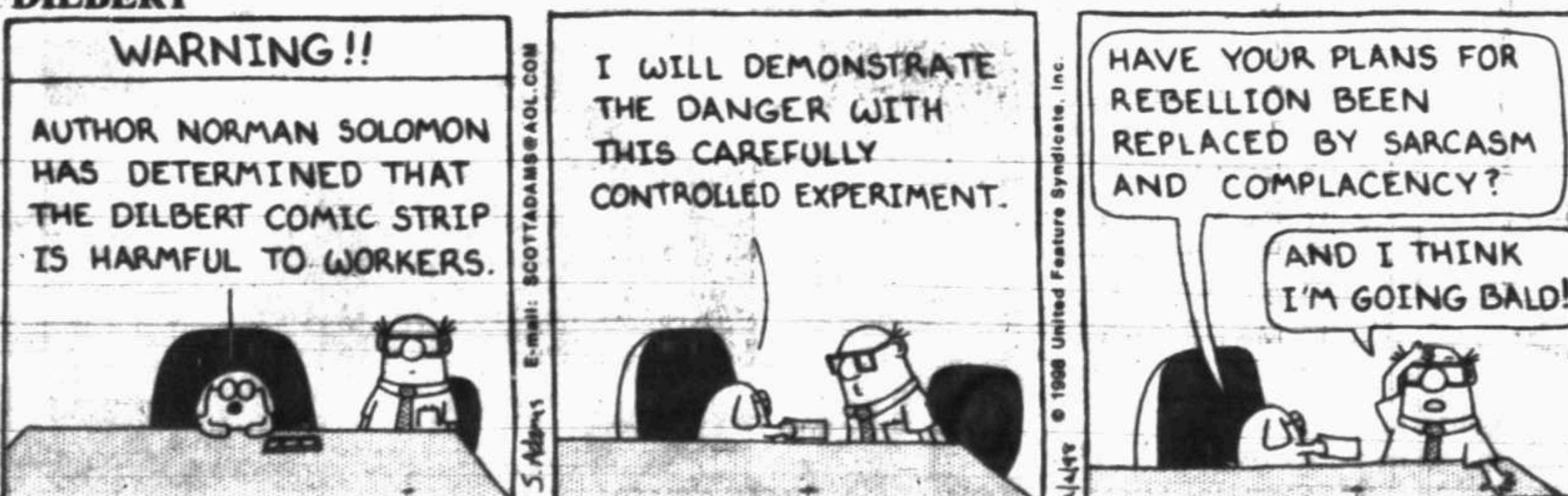
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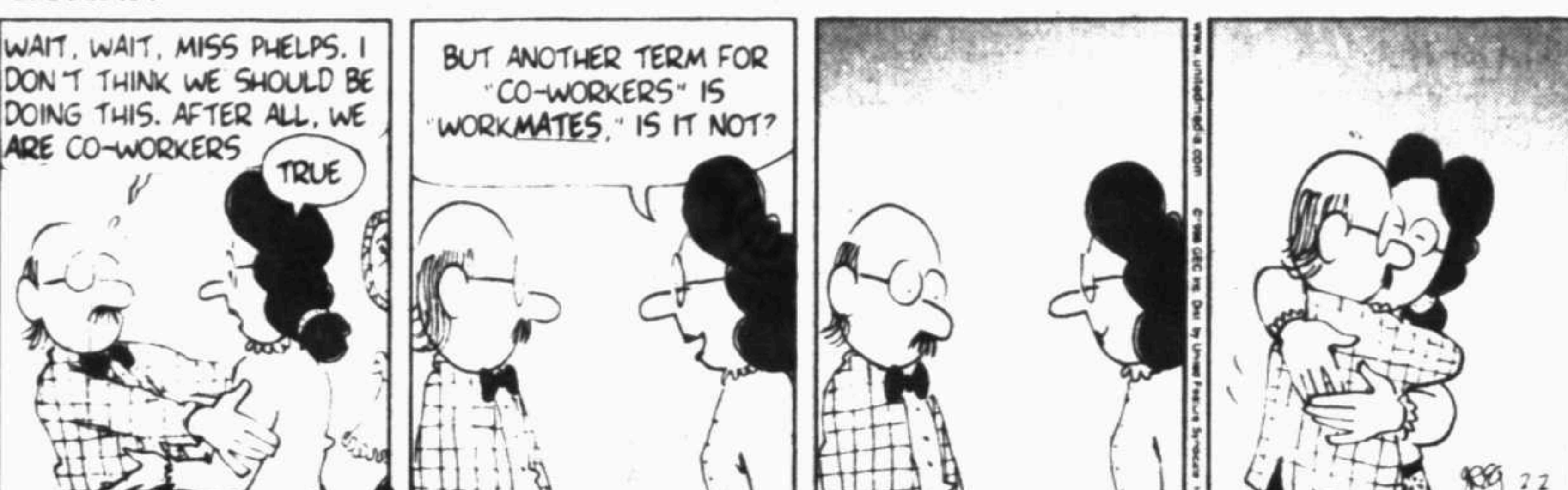
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Frustrations mark your interactions now. It really doesn't matter how logical and direct you are, or whether you have a brilliant concept; it seems that all falls on deaf ears for the moment. Keep a list of ideas to propose later. Handle finances directly. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Morning could leave you growling and out of sync; but by afternoon, you come into your own. Sometimes it is hard to get others to think like you. Be more in touch with your professional ideas, and use them to further your goals. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Aim for what you want! Don't do anything halfway. A clear, direct approach is difficult with a foggy-headed friend. Professional concerns are important, and you might opt to go back to school to learn more in your field. Tonight: Take a night off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Any attempts to respond to another's demands at work seem futile. It seems as if no matter what you try, you cannot please bosses. The good news is that this is a passing phase. Focus on your needs. Success needs to be your highest priority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Your dynamic thinking and eagerness to work with unusual ideas fall to the wayside when dealing with the regulars in your life. You question the nature of your limits. Don't worry; this is only a temporary condition. Tonight: Take the lead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Don't push another too hard; his reaction helps you gauge your boundaries. Take the high road, and look at the big picture. Creativity flourishes at work. Unusual answers are possible. Understand what motivates another, and you'll be a winner. Tonight: Watch a favorite TV show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** How you deal with that cranky, difficult person is irrelevant. He is who he is. Discussions with a trusted pal need to be on a one-to-one level. Go for more of what you want and are inspired to have in your life. Tonight: It could get toasty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Get as much work done as possible. Someone is an obstacle. Listen to your instincts about others. You don't have all the answers, but you certainly have some. Check your home for unusual leaks. A family member might have a distorted view. Tonight: The fun starts now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Your fiery ideas and pioneering spirit don't seem to count. Focus on where your energy makes an impact, and get into a fulfilling work project. This afternoon, you go on cruise control. Follow up on an idea or premonition. Tonight: Put in that extra energy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You want to ignore a difficult situation at home. Someone is important to you, yet he is so cantankerous! Take time to think through a decision with a loved one. Creativity flourishes, if you let it. Avoid all financial risks. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Evaluate, and, if necessary, reconsider a decision. In fact, you would be best off to find some friends that will give you another perspective. You might be becoming quite the dreamer. Build security, and take care of your well-being. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You are on a roll. Instincts seem to be even more right on than usual. Think through a decision with care. Your imagination comes out this afternoon. Others seek you out for talks. Share ideas, and be open. Invite others over for a fun get-together. Tonight: Out and about.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1. - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 8 3 ♥ Q 6 ♦ K 9 4 3 2 ♣ 8 5 2

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1 ♥ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

A. With a third heart and one spade fewer, you might have contemplated a raise based on three trumps to a high honor, a side king and a ruffing value. On this hand, however, any action would be a gross overbid. Pass. If partner is really strong, the auction won't die at one spade.

Q 2. - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q 8 ♥ A 8 7 3 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ 8 7 4 2

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A. It is close between one no trump and two diamonds, even though partner might have only four cards in the suit. Despite the quality of your diamond support, your balanced hand and length in clubs suggests one no trump is the superior action.

Q 3. - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 6 ♥ A J 8 3 ♦ A J 6 2 ♣ K 8

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A. A jump to two no trump would describe a balanced hand of 19-20 points and deny four-card support for partner's major suit. Isn't that exactly the hand you hold? Why contemplate anything else?

Q 4. As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 5 ♥ A K Q J 7 ♦ Q J 9 8 ♣ A J 10

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?

A. It is a question of whether your hand is good enough to double and then bid hearts over partner's probable spade response. Since your diamond honors are of questionable value and partner might get overly exuberant by persisting in spades, we prefer a simple one-heart overcall now. If the auction dies there, you are not missing a game.

Q 5. - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K J 10 8 6 2 ♥ Q ♦ K Q J 8 3 ♣ 7

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one no trump. What action do you take?

A. If you have a method to show a two-suited hand, by all means

employ it. If not, we suggest you settle for a two-spade overcall. Despite excellent trick-taking ability, the hand does not warrant stronger action.

Q 6. - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 3 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ 6 2 ♣ A Q J 9 8

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
? What do you bid now?

A. An ugly choice of rebids. A jump to two no trump cannot be considered with only a low doubleton in an unbid suit, and a jump raise of hearts wildly overstates your trump support. We suggest you rebid one spade as the least of evils. Sometimes you have to improvise!

CLOSE TO HOME



Lakers destroy Bulls 112-87

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The Los Angeles Lakers gave back exactly what they received from the Chicago Bulls six weeks earlier, turning Sunday's East-West showdown into a marquee mismatch.

The Lakers, blown out at Chicago in mid-December, broke the game open early in the third quarter and toyed with the defending champions the rest of the way as they defeated the Bulls 112-87.

Rick Fox played his second straight outstanding game and led Los Angeles with 25 points. Shaquille O'Neal added 24 and Eddie Jones 20.

Kobe Bryant, at 19 the youngest All-Star in NBA history, didn't get the better of his much-hyped matchup with Michael Jordan but still finished with 20 points.

Jordan led all scorers with 31 points.

Knics 89, Heat 83

NEW YORK — Larry Johnson scored a season-high 35 points and the New York won the latest installment of this intense rivalry.

Johnson, ejected from New York's previous game, scored nine straight points early in the fourth quarter as the Knicks stopped a three-game losing streak. Allan Houston added 20 points for New York, which made 23 of 26 free throws, including 10 in a row during the closing minutes.

Alonzo Mourning and Jamal Mashburn had 22 points apiece to lead the Heat. Tim Hardaway added 17 points on 4-for-14 shooting before fouling out in the final minute.

Temper flared in the second quarter when Mourning hit John-

son on a drive to the basket. Johnson responded with a two-hand shove to Mourning's chest as players from both teams grabbed jerseys and trash-talked in front of New York's bench.

Mourning, Johnson, Oakley and Miami's Isaac Austin were each assessed technicals.

Bucks 118, Timberwolves 110
MINNEAPOLIS — Glenn Robinson scored 29 points and Terrell Brandon had 22 points and 12 assists as Milwaukee erased a 17-point deficit.

Ray Allen added 17 points for the Bucks, who extended their winning streak to five games, their longest since they won eight straight in 1990-91.

The Bucks shot 26-for-37 (.702) from the field in the second half, in which they outscored Minnesota 71-50.

Kevin Garnett had 26 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists for the Wolves, who played without starters Tom Gugliotta and Chris Carr.

Celtics 107, Rockets 96
BOSTON — Antoine Walker posted his first triple-double of the season and Dana Barros scored a season-high 23 points to lead the Boston Celtics to a 107-96 victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday night.

After the Rockets rallied from a 16-point third quarter deficit, the Celtics scored 10 consecutive points midway through the fourth quarter and took a 90-81 lead on a Travis Knight reverse layup from Walker.

Walker finished with 27 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for his third career triple-double. Knight,

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who had averaged just 4.7 points per game in his last 16 games, equaled his season-high with 21 points.

Houston cut it to 92-88 on a Kevin Willis turnaround from the right baseline, but baskets from Barros and Bruce Bowen gave the Celtics an eight-point advantage with 3:40 to go. Barros and Bowen each added a pair of 3-pointers in the final two minutes to put the game out of reach.

The Celtics had taken a 62-46 lead early in the third quarter on a Chauncey Billups layup before Houston went on a 21-5 spurt that tied the game 67-67 on a Rodrigue Rhodes layup with 3:10 remaining in the third quarter.

The Rockets, who have not won back-to-back games since Dec. 19, were led by Kevin Willis' 21 points. Charles Barkley finished with 17 points and 16 rebounds.

Utah 115, Golden State 88

OAKLAND, Calif. — Karl Malone scored 20 points and moved into sixth place on the all-time NBA scoring list to lead the Utah Jazz past the Golden State Warriors 115-88 Sunday night.

Utah has won seven straight over the Warriors, who have lost three straight and 17 of their last 18 games.

Even while playing only 29 minutes, Malone came within one assist and two rebounds of a triple double. His nine assists were a season high.

Malone entered the game seven points behind Oscar Robertson's career total of 26,710, and he

passed him by hitting the first of two free throws with 5:22 remaining in the first quarter. Next up is Elvin Hayes, who scored 27,313.

Todd Fuller's season-high 17 points and career-high 15 rebounds, 10 of those in the first half, paced Golden State. Tony Delk added a team-high 20 points off the bench.

Spurs 103, Kings 97

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — David Robinson scored 33 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs used a late 9-0 run Sunday night to down the Sacramento Kings 103-97.

The victory was the fourth straight for San Antonio, which had double-doubles from its entire front line. Rookie Tim Duncan had 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Will Perdue had 10 points and 14 boards.

Sacramento, which had its eight-game homecourt winning streak snapped, pulled into a 90-90 tie on Mitch Richmond's 3-point goal with 2:53 remaining. The Spurs scored the next nine points, including a tiebreaking 3-pointer by Chuck Person and a three-point play by Robinson.

Richmond scored 27 of his 31 points in the second half, including 10 in a row in one fourth-quarter stretch for the Kings. Corliss Williamson added 21 points before fouling out.

Trail Blazers 97, Raptors 90

PORTLAND, Ore. — Isaiah Rider scored a season-high 38 points as the Portland Trail Blazers broke out of their homecourt doldrums with a 97-90 win over the Toronto Raptors Sunday night.

Rider, who has scored 30 points



Los Angeles Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal (34) looks for an outlet pass against Chicago Bulls defenders Scott Burrell (24) and Dennis Rodman during second quarter action on Sunday. The Lakers routed the Bulls, 112-87.

or more five times this season, has totaled 67 points in his last two games. Rasheed Wallace added 17 points and 11 rebounds for Portland. The Raptors, led by Damon Stoudamire's 21 points, rallied

from 14 back in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 94-89 on John Wallace's free throws with 33.4 remaining. But two free throws by Rider and one by Kelvin Cato settled the outcome.

UNM upsets No. 3 Utes

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Royce Olney hit a 3-pointer with 4.6 seconds left, capping New Mexico's late rally and sending Utah to its first loss of the season.

Utah, the nation's last remaining unbeaten major college team, had one final chance to force overtime. Drew Hansen's 3-pointer swished through, but the officials ruled the ball had not left his hands when the clock expired.

Olney finished with 22 points as New Mexico (16-3, 6-1 Western Athletic Conference) overcame a 73-67 deficit in the final 1:27.

Andre Miller scored 24 points to lead Utah (18-1, 6-1), which had its school-record winning streak ended at 18.

No. 1 Duke 90, Georgia Tech 69
DURHAM, N.C. — Roshown McLeod scored 23 points as No. 1 Duke beat Georgia Tech 90-69 Sunday for its 11th straight win, setting up a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup with North Carolina.

Thursday's meeting at Chapel Hill will be the first game between the nation's top ranked teams since Kentucky beat Massachusetts in the semifinals of the 1996 Final Four and the 14th 1-2 meeting since 1980.

The Blue Devils (20-1, 9-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) are off to their best start in the Atlantic Coast Conference since starting 10-0 in the 1963-64 season under Vic Bubas.

McLeod's point total was two off his career high set earlier this season at Florida State, while Trajan Langdon added 17 as Duke moved to 74-8 under Mike Krzyzewski when ranked No. 1.

Dion Glover scored 20 points and Matt Harpring added 19 for Georgia Tech (13-8, 2-6), which has lost its last four league games.

No. 5 Kansas 82, Nebraska 71
LINCOLN, Neb. — Paul Pierce scored 27 points, Raef LaFrentz had 25 and Kansas held off Nebraska's second-half 3-point flurry to win its eighth straight over the Cornhuskers.

Billy Thomas had 10 points, including consecutive baskets near the two-minute mark to give the Jayhawks (24-3, 8-1 Big 12) a 72-65 lead.

Cookie Belcher scored on a drive for the Cornhuskers (13-8, 4-4) before Pierce hit two free throws.

Nebraska's Troy Piatkowski hit his fifth 3-pointer of the second half with 1:15 to play, trimming the margin to 74-70. But the Huskers missed their last five shots, sealing the win for Kansas.

Piatkowski led Nebraska with 18 points.

Florida 86, No. 7 Kentucky 78
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Jason Williams and Kenyan Weaks each scored 24 points as Florida hit 12 3-pointers, the most ever by a Kentucky opponent in Rupp Arena.

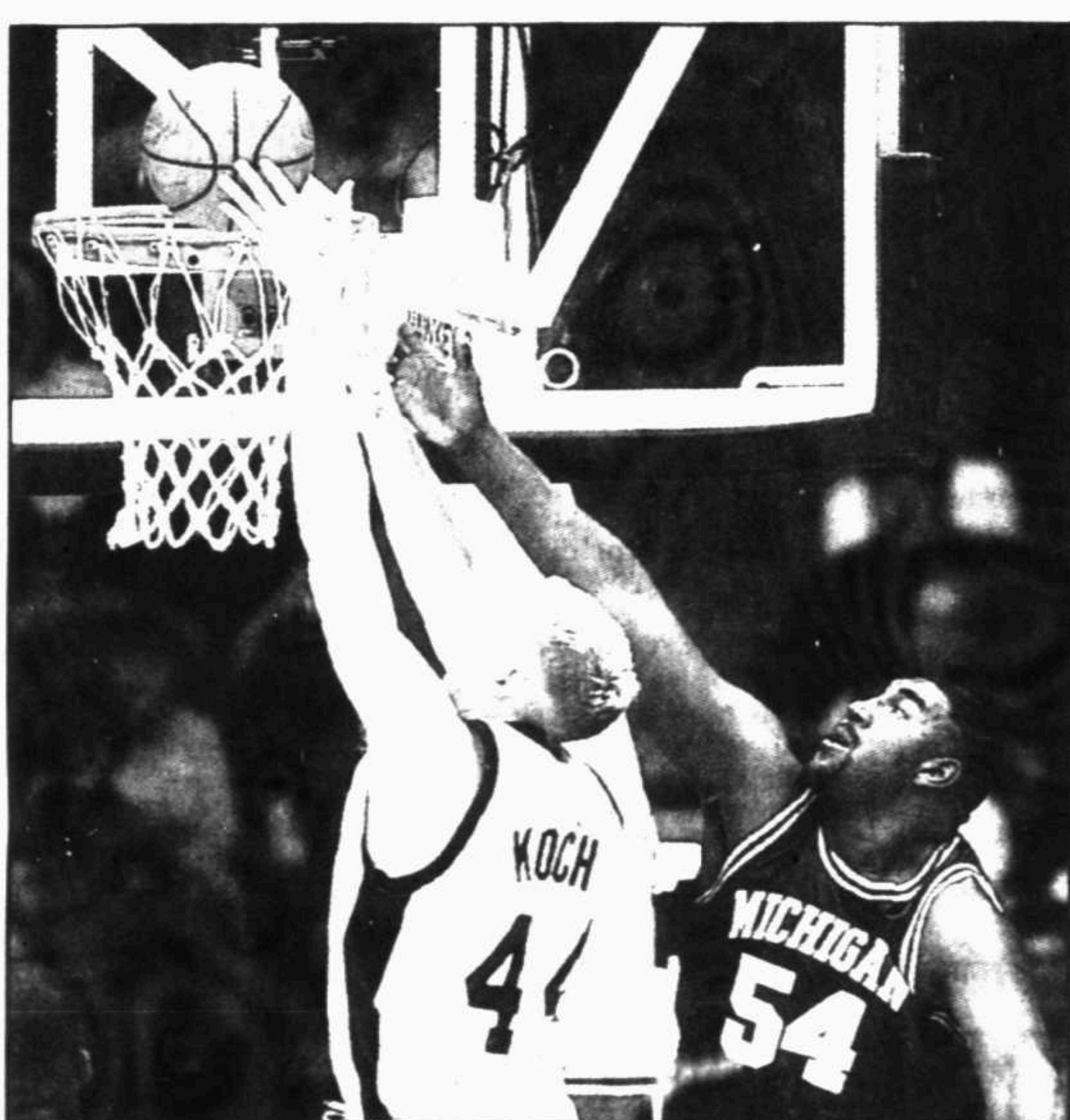
Florida (11-7, 4-4 Southeastern Conference) snapped a 10-game losing streak to Kentucky and won in Rupp Arena for the first time since Feb. 12, 1989.

Cameron Mills also turned in a scintillating shooting performance, hitting 8-of-14 shots from beyond the 3-point arc in finishing with a career-high 31 points for Kentucky (19-3, 8-1).

No. 13 South Carolina 67, No. 18 Cincinnati 65

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Antonio Grant hit a desperation 3-pointer as time expired, capping South Carolina's comeback from a 23-point deficit.

Grant picked up a loose ball with



Michigan's Robert Traylor (54) tries to block a shot by Iowa's J.R. Koch (44) during the first half Sunday. Michigan won 80-66.

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the clock ticking down and launched a prayer that swished through as the horn sounded, setting off a raucous celebration that spilled into press row and brought dozens of fans streaming onto the court.

Melvin Watson had 21 points to lead the Gamecocks (16-3), who never led until the end.

Melvin Leavitt led Cincinnati (16-4) with 21 points, and Ruben Patterson had 17.

No. 19 Michigan 80, No. 16 Iowa 66

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Louis Bullock scored 21 points, including five 3-pointers, as Michigan handed Iowa its fourth straight defeat.

Jerod Ward scored 18 points. Robert Traylor 15 and Maceo Baston 13 for the Wolverines (16-6, 6-3 Big Ten), who snapped a two-game losing streak and won at Carver-Hawkeye Arena for the first time in four games.

Iowa (15-6, 4-4), which has lost five of its last seven, got 15 points from Ryan Bowen and 11 from Dean Oliver.

No. 20 Syracuse 84, Pittsburgh 73
PITTSBURGH — Todd Burgan scored seven of his 27 points in a 16-0 run at the start of the second half to carry Syracuse.

The Orangemen (17-4, 7-3 Big East), who led 29-28 at halftime, took advantage of Pittsburgh turnovers on four consecutive possessions and scored 16 straight points in the first 3:55 of the second half.

Vonteego Cummings led Pittsburgh (7-9, 2-7) with 23 points, but 14 of those came after the Panthers had fallen behind by 24 points.

No. 21 Rhode Island 75, Fordham 70

NEW YORK — Joshua King scored 21 points and Rhode Island hung on for the victory, extending Fordham's losing streak to a school-record 11 games.

Rhode Island (14-5, 6-2 Atlantic 10), which had lost its last two games and three of four, didn't take the lead for good until Tyson Wheeler's 3-pointer with 4:43 left gave it a 68-65 lead.

Cuttino Mobley had 14 points for Rhode Island, while David Arigbabu had 11 and Reynolds-Dean 10. Maurice Curtis led Fordham (4-15, 0-9) with 26 points, while Bevon Robin had 13 and Harris 11.

No. 23 Maryland 77, Virginia 70
COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Rodney Elliott scored 17 points and Maryland pulled away in the second half to hand Virginia its fourth straight loss.

Obinna Ekezie had 15 points for Maryland (13-7, 6-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), which improved to 10-1 at home. The Terrapins have won six of nine against Virginia, including five straight at Cole Field House.

Curtis Staples made seven 3-pointers for Virginia and moved into fourth place on the NCAA career list with 376. Mark Alberts had 375 for Akron from 1988 to 1993.

Staples scored 25 points, Norman Nolan 20 and Colin Ducharme had a season-high 14 for the Cavaliers (10-12, 2-7).

Sprewell arbitration case resumes Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — The Latrell Sprewell arbitration case, which resumes Monday, is turning out to be more deliberate than originally envisioned.

The hearing was expected to conclude in New York with testimony Tuesday and Wednesday. But as testimony dragged along last week in Portland, Ore., additional hearing days were added for Monday and Thursday.

Although a gag order has kept all testimony secret, it's clear that it's taking a lot longer than expected.

Those expected to take the stand this week include NBA commissioner David Stern, Golden State general manager Garret St. Jean and Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo. St. Jean was in Portland for two days expecting to testify, but never got the chance.

Arbitrator John Feerick, dean of the Fordham law school, is to decide whether Sprewell received too severe a punishment for choking

and threatening to kill Carlesimo.

Arn Tellem, Sprewell's agent, testified for five hours Friday. His testimony apparently centered around Sprewell's dislike of Carlesimo and his desire to be traded.

Initially, after the Dec. 1 attack during a Warriors practice, the team suspended Sprewell for 10 days and attempted to trade him. But the NBA suspended Sprewell for a year, the longest non-drug related suspension in league history, and the Warriors terminated the final three years of his contract, worth just under \$24 million.

During the Portland sessions, the length of Tellem's testimony was second only to that of Sprewell, who was on the stand for more than six hours Thursday. Sprewell attended all four days of the Portland hearing.

Four Warriors players testified — Joe Smith, Bimbo Coles, Felton Spencer and Muggsy Bogues. Golden State assistant coaches

Paul Westhead and Rod Higgins testified, as did weight training coach Mark Grabow, executive vice president Al Attles and team doctor Robert Albo.

The union and Sprewell's attorneys seem to be contesting allegations that, after the initial choking and threat to kill Carlesimo, Sprewell came back 20 minutes later and assaulted the coach again. Sprewell contends that he never struck the coach during the second encounter.

The NBA used the second attack as evidence that the assault was not something that occurred only in the heat of the moment, but that it continued in a "premeditated" fashion even after Sprewell had time to cool off.

Feerick's ruling, which is binding under the collective bargaining agreement, is expected by mid-March.

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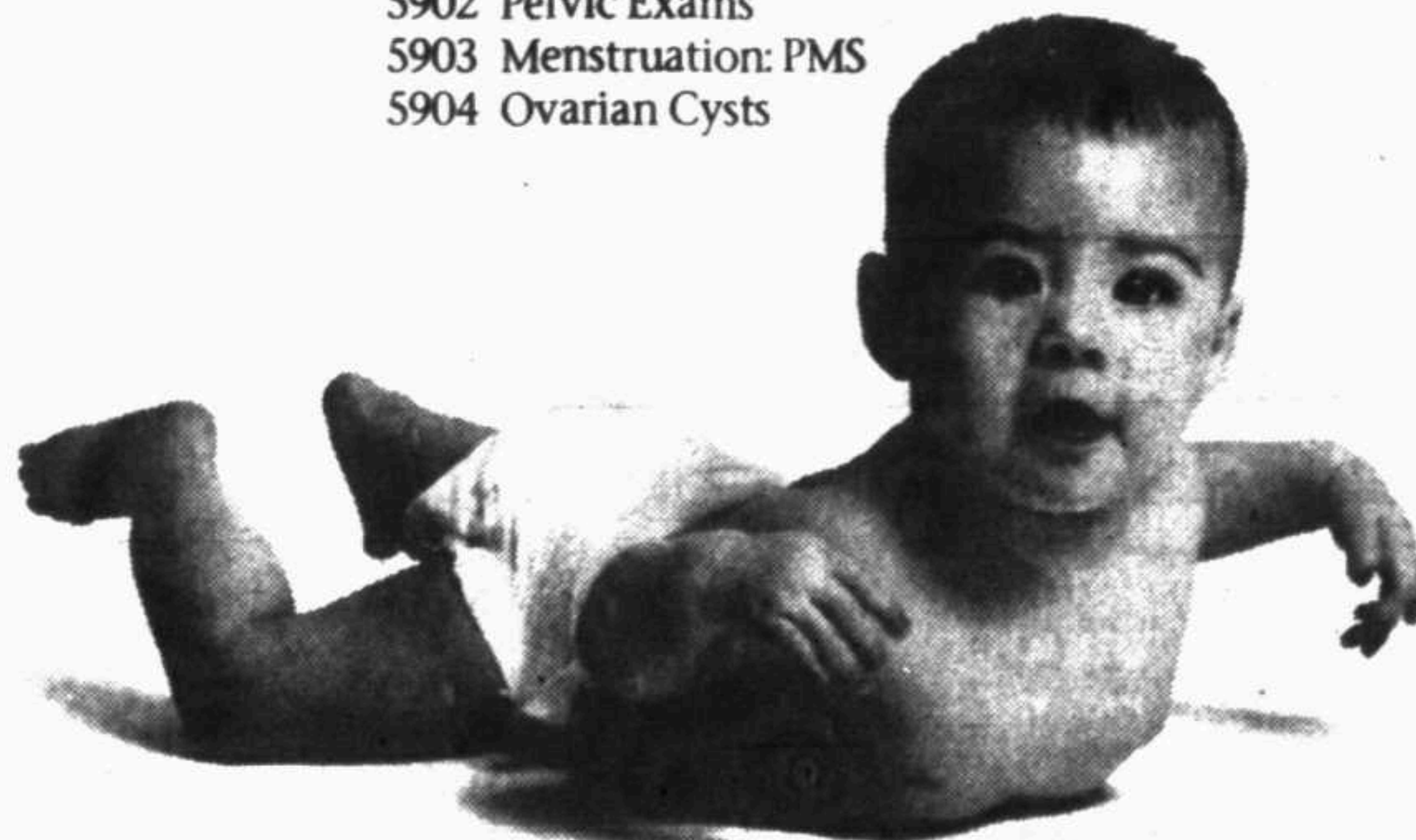
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By Mike Harris
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After 14 years.

Main

By Roy Kam
Associated Press

G A R PARTENKIRCHER Austrian hero fourth straight the final World.

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By Stephen AP Sports Wri

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Moretti's Ferrari wins at Rolex 24

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Gianpiero Moretti's MOMO Ferrari had the least problems in a trouble-filled race, driving away Sunday with a record victory in the Rolex 24-Hours of Daytona.

The international combo of Italian-car owner Moretti, two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Arie Luyendyk, Didier Theys of Belgium and Mauro Baldi of Monaco gave Ferrari its first victory at Daytona since 1972.

That year, Mario Andretti and Belgian Jacky Ickx won a six-hour version — shortened by a political fight — of America's most prestigious sports car endurance race.

The last of two previous 24-hour Ferrari wins at Daytona came in 1967 with Chris Amon of New Zealand and Italian Lorenzo Bandini at the wheel.

"I feel like the Dyson team has given us a gift," Moretti said as his hooded red Can-Am car sat in Daytona International Speedway's victory circle.

The winners started on the outside of the front row of the 74-car field and remained among the top 40 throughout the race.

It was a bittersweet victory for the Italian businessman, who finished the race in the car and was then carried to the victory podium on the shoulders of his crewmen. He then announced his retirement as a driver.

"After 14 years of looking for this

result ...," Moretti said, his voice trailing off. "Many times I talked to the man upstairs. Finally he must have said 'It's probably time that he wins.'"

"I said if I win, I quit," he continued. "I'm very sorry, but this is nature. I'll be 58 in two months, so I win and I quit."

Meanwhile, an engine failure took out the defending champions with just under four hours remaining, leaving the Ferrari with a huge lead in the grueling twice-around-the-clock event.

Dyson's Riley & Scott MK III Ford had led throughout the night, but problems began as the sun broke over the Atlantic.

"We have a digital speedometer in the car and I was 10 mph down on straight speed," explained John Paul Jr., who was in the Dyson car when the engine problems started. "Then it got progressively worse. Finally, I didn't even have to use fifth gear. It's heartbreaking."

"We really had to run hard to keep the Ferraris in sight," he added. "We're really pushing the envelope with the push rod engine (as opposed to the Ferrari's overhead cam engine). Throwing it for 24 hours takes its toll. It's very depressing."

Paul co-drove this year with team-owner Rob Dyson, Butch Leitzinger and Perry McCarthy. All but McCarthy were part of the winning team in 1997.

Second place went to the GT-1 division Porsche 911 of former Indy and Daytona winner Danny



Driver and owner Gianpiero Moretti, sitting in car, touches driver Mauro Baldi, left, while drivers Didier Theys and Arie Luyendyk sit on the Ferrari 333 SP after Moretti won the Rolex 24 Hour endurance race.

Sullivan, Allan McNish of Scotland, Jorg Mueller of Monaco and Germans Dirk Mueller and Uwe Alzen. They finished eight laps behind.

The winners of the 36th Rolex race covered 711 laps and 2,531.16 miles. Those are records for the new Can-Am class, breaking the marks of 687 laps and 2,445.72 miles.

Third place went to another GT-1 Porsche 911, this one shared by Clark Rosenblad of England, Frenchmen Christophe Bouchut and Patrice Goueslard, and Andre Ahrie of Germany.

The GT-2 champion was a Porsche 911 that finished fourth overall with co-drivers Peter Kitchak, Angelo Zadara of Italy,

Toni Seller of Switzerland and Wido Roessler of Germany. Porsche has won 51 class championships at Daytona.

Sixth was the GT-3-winning BMW M3 of Bill Auberlen, Boris Said III and Marc Duez of Belgium.

There were several crashes and on-board fires during the race, but the only reported injury came Saturday night when Eric Van de Poele of Belgium backed his Ferrari into a tire wall in the infield portion of the 3.56-mile road circuit. He was taken to a hospital for a CAT scan and observation and was released.

Despite all the problems, 33 cars were either running or on pit road at the end of the 24 hours.

February great time to pursue deer lease

By Joe Doggett
Houston Chronicle

Outdoors

HOUSTON — This month is an excellent time for serious buckslayers to go hunting — not for deer but for deer leases.

It is not too early to start looking for a patch of new dirt; indeed, February offers at least three advantages for hunters determined to update potential for next season.

Enthusiasm is high. Hunters remain "fired up" from the banner 1997-98 season. It should be easier now than during late spring or summer to ride that momentum and coordinate the effort to secure a lease. Priorities can change as the calendar shifts to other interests, making the entire project harder to organize.

Also a thought, February is the throwaway card in the deck of twelve. There's not much going on. Prospecting for a lease is a fine way to use the down time.

Options are increased. The selection of available properties in a given region seldom is better than during the late winter, just after the previous year's lease agreements expire.

The good leases get grabbed quickly; actually, many are "nailed down" on long-term contracts. But, things always happen. By getting your name in early, you have a contact with the landowner or leasing agent if a previous agreement falls through, or a choice unleased property unexpectedly becomes available.

Horns are plenty. During February, before bucks start dropping antlers, the lease hunter has the chance to verify the "carry-over" potential (among mature top-end bucks, as well as 3 1/2- and 4 1/2-year-old "up and comers").

During early spring, the deer with sprouting nubs don't show much. A big buck with a pot belly and a sagging chin is a mature animal, but will the upcoming antlers score 130 or 160? There's nothing like seeing the spreads and tines to estimate the racks for next season.

Several drawbacks might confront the February lease hunter. First, a dreadful drought during the critical growing period of spring might downgrade top-end trophy potential. Second, die-offs might occur. A few mature bucks, even in healthy herds amid rich habitat, can die each winter following the stresses of the rut. Others may expire during the ravages of late-summer heat. These factors can tax gleaming antler surveys during February and, in effect, the lease hunter is gambling that the property will produce satisfactory returns.

Certainly, you can wait until September to verify the seasonal potential but, by then, someone else probably holds the keys to the gate.

As another discouraging aspect, you might jump on a particular lease, only to have a superior piece of property become available later. Such things have happened, but traditional wisdom says to nail down a lease that you like as soon as possible — at least you are assured of an adequate place to hunt, and you will have plenty of time to prepare.

The first step in securing a good lease is to be ready to act when the opportunity becomes available. More than one great setup has been forfeited because the first hunter to get a foot in the door was not able to muster the required minimum of guns to cover the cost of the lease. Hunting lease agreements almost always are coordinated.

Top bobsled driver to compete despite reportedly higher-than-allowed testosterone levels

By Larry Siddons
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — A much-criticized test for a strength-building male hormone almost cost the United States its best shot at ending a 42-year medal drought in Olympic bobsledding.

Brian Shimer, a four-time Olympian and the driver of the top U.S. sleds, was found with higher-than-allowed levels of testosterone in the first part of a drug test following a meet last November, according to sources on the U.S. Olympic team.

But Shimer, the bronze medalist in two- and four-man sleds at last year's world championships, escaped punishment because the second part of the test showed normal testosterone levels, said the sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The tests were conducted by the Olympic lab in Montreal.

An athlete must fail both parts of the test, in which a single sample is split into A and B vials, to face doping penalties. Although it is rare for an athlete to test positive in the first sample and then be clean in the second, tests for testosterone have been criticized as prone to error.

Testosterone is a naturally occurring male hormone but elevated levels are considered illegal doping in Olympic athletes.

The international bobsled federation, FIBT, said Saturday an unidentified athlete had shown an

nated among several hunters. The prices are too high for most solo accounts to justify (Maybe \$500 to \$5,000 per gun, depending on the region). Such is the nature of the business — but keep in mind that this system has produced the finest white-tailed deer hunting in the nation.

Having a reliable "core group" of, say, five or six hunters willing to commit to a certain price can go a long way in minimizing frustration and disappointment.

One individual (usually the one with the most time and initiative to devote to the project) might be given the authority to pull the trigger on the deal. The others unable to inspect the property must be willing to support his call. In the ideal scenario, the group secures a great lease at a fair price.

It doesn't always work this way. One member of the group might come across a super lease with only one or two openings. He might find it while scouting the brush, or he might hear about it at a random cocktail party. Whatever. If the deal is exceptional, he should be permitted to sign aboard. That is the opinion of many veteran hunters.

The option should be his, with no hard feelings from the others. He made something happen; he deserves first pick. If additional openings are available, then the remainder of the group can decide among themselves how to use them.

Considering this unfortunate (but not unusual) circumstance, it might be a wise precaution for the core group to sit down in advance and discuss the various possibilities; in fact, they might vote for an "all or none" stance.

Another precaution is to avoid a sight-unseen lease unless David Crockett, himself, speaks for it. The ancient wisdom of caveat emptor ("let the buyer beware") applies all across the brush and hills and thickets of the Lone Star State. Virtually all decent deer habitat across the state is privately owned. Claims such as, "It hasn't had a gun on it since Pancho Villa rode through," or, "Only the immediate family hunts it," should be viewed with skepticism.

So, also, should inordinate herds of goats and sheep, and pastures cropped clean enough to satisfy the PGA.

The best insurance is to inspect the property and observe the habitat, and February is a good time in which to do that. Leads are available through classified ads, specialty publications, and outdoor shows (such as the Hunting & Fishing Show Feb. 6-8 in the George R. Brown Convention Center). Local chambers of commerce are good sources, and banks that hold ranch titles can offer some "insider trading" opportunities.

And, to repeat, you never know what you might hear at the next cocktail party.

If the deal looks good, jump on it — but not before a contract detailing the rights of both sides has been reviewed. If a high-dollar lease is at stake, bringing qualified counsel to the table is not going too far. Nobody ever said (at least during the past 25 years) that white-tailed deer hunting was not a big deal in Texas. And, sadly, the days of closing a big deal with a handshake are long gone.

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Maier takes final pre-Olympic race

By Roy Kammerer
Associated Press Writer

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany — Austrian Hermann Maier won his fourth straight super-G Sunday in the final World Cup race before the Olympics, while the struggling U.S. team got a big boost from Daron Rahives' seventh-place finish.

Maier, a candidate for four gold medals at the Nagano Games and the runaway World Cup leader, is unbeaten in the discipline this season and has won 10 races overall. He was timed in 1 minute, 19.79 seconds, beating countryman Hans Knauss by .91 seconds.

"It wasn't an optimal race," Maier said. "At the top it went well, but at the bottom I had my problems."

Rahives gave the U.S. team its best performance in any event this season, clocking 1:21.22. Preparing for his first Olympics, Rahives also was 10th in the previous super-G.

Maier posted his first World Cup victory in a super-G last February at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. This season, he has emerged as the tour's superstar.

The former bricklayer will be the Olympic favorite in the super-G, giant slalom and combination and could also win a gold in the downhill.

"It will probably be hard in Nagano, but I've been under pres-



Austria's Hermann Maier speeds down the slope on his way to win a men's World Cup Super-G in Garmisch, Germany on Sunday in the last pre-Olympic race.

sure since November," Maier said. "I hope there will be difficult slopes in Nagano. For the Olympics, you should have a real challenge."

Norway's Lasse Kjus was third at 1:20.88 and became only the second non-Austrian to reach the podium in the super-G this season. Italy's Luca Cattaneo was third Jan. 11 at Schladming, Austria.

Josef Strolz (1:20.94) and

Andreas Schifferer (1:21.15) helped turn the race into another showcase for the Austrians, finishing fourth and fifth.

Austria's Stephan Eberharter, a runner-up twice this season to Maier, was disqualified after a fast start for missing a gate.

"With Maier in the race, there isn't much left over for the rest of us anyhow," Eberharter said.

The deep and talented Austrian

team has won 22 of 30 races this season.

"Our advantage is that Austria can only have four starters in each event at the Olympics," France's Jean-Luc Cretier. "That's six rivals less."

Maier led by .37 seconds at the halfway point. He then built his lead with a near-flawless performance on a sunny day with perfect conditions at the Kandahar course.

Eldrege tries to measure up to Hamilton, Boitano

By Barry Wilner
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — The last man to win five U.S. figure skating championships was Dick Button. All he did was capture Olympic gold — twice.

The last two men to win American crowns four times, Scott Hamilton and Brian Boitano, won consecutive Olympic titles. In fact, of the five most recent four-time U.S. champs, only one — Charlie Tickner in 1980 — did not win an Olympic crown.

Todd Eldrege won his fifth national title last month. He comes to Nagano with the best all-around skills of any men's skater. But will that be enough to measure up to Button, Boitano and Hamilton?

"When the whole package is there, and it is skated well and cleanly and you present it well, it should be good enough," the 26-year-old from Chatham, Mass.,

said. "But I know there is that question out there."

The question? The quad question.

Eldrege's three main rivals all are masters of the quadruple jump. He, most decidedly, is not. And the quad has taken on added importance as it has become a staple of so many skaters' repertoires.

Canada's Elvis Stojko, the favorite, does one in combination, usually a quad-triple that nobody has matched. Ilia Kulik of Russia also is toying with a quad combo and regularly hits the solo quad. So does his countryman, rapidly rising star Alexei Yagudin.

Hey, even the other American at the games, Michael Weiss, tries one in every major competition. Weiss goes for a quad lutz, the most difficult four-revolution jump currently being attempted.

Eldrege tried his first quad in competition at nationals, com-

pleting the rotations but failing on landing. He's worked hard in training the jump in the interim, but that doesn't mean it will be part of his free skate on Feb. 14.

"If you do all the triples and a quad and don't have the artistry, what good is it?" he said. "You're lacking somewhere."

"I'm hoping that if I don't have the chance to use it, I make up for it with the other parts of the program: the spins and footwork and artistry."

"People zero in on the jumps and, yeah, they are there. But if I don't have great spins and the other guys have great spins, they should win."

"The quad is more of a question mark, more than another triple axel. If you do two triple axels and all eight triples you plan are there in the program, along with everything else, I still think the quad is more of a bonus factor."

Eldrege could get away without

the quad. If he does well in the short program, worth one-third of the total score, then draws a starting spot in the free skate after his main rivals, Eldrege might not need the iffy jump. He could gauge its necessity by seeing how Stojko, the Russians and France's Philippe Candeloro fare before him.

"I've worked on it, so the quad is there if I feel on that day I want to do it," said the 1996 world champion who was second to Stojko at worlds last year. "We've seen a little more the last couple of years at worlds that the guy who skated the best ended up winning it. That's good and healthy for the sport."

"Each is a completely different competition. Look at the last Olympics, with past winners coming back (Boitano and Viktor Petrenko) and they didn't win. The best skater on those days will win, and that's actually kind of cool."

Australian IOC member Kevan Gosper said, "It could be a trafficking offense, but we don't know. We don't have all the facts."

Meanwhile, Australian officials said the IOC was not doing enough to promote anti-doping efforts. "We put it to the IOC that they really ought to do a better job in letting the world, and particularly the Australian public, know what is being done," Coates said.

Coates said the Perth drug cases "left an uneasy feeling" among the Australian public. "There is a perception in Australia that international sport is riddled with drugs," he said. "The IOC has a responsibility to satisfy everyone that they're trying to have a level playing field."

IOC: Chinese drugs were for Aussie black market

By Stephen Wilson
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — The banned drugs found in the possession of a Chinese swimmer before the World Championships in Australia last month were not intended for use by the Chinese team as widely suspected, a top Olympic official said Sunday.

Jacques Rogge, a member of the International Olympic Committee medical commission, said 13 vials of human growth hormone (HGH) seized by Australian customs were probably intended for Australian buyers.

"It seems the Chinese girl was going to sell it to feed a black market," he said. "There is no point using HGH during a competition. It doesn't have any effect. You take

it three or four weeks before-hand."

U.S. and Australian swimmers and coaches accused the Chinese of bringing in the HGH to fuel their entire team at the championships and said the vials were evidence of systematic doping in China.

But Rogge, a Belgian who heads the association of European Olympic committees, said the allegations were unfounded.

"It's the first time we found proof that HGH is being used, but this is not the proof there is systematic drug abuse in China," he said. "You have HGH in all countries of the world."

The drugs were found in the luggage of female swimmer Yuan Yuan as she arrived in Perth, Australia, for the championships. The international swimming fed-

eration FINA suspended Yuan for four years. The coach who packed her bags, Zhou Zhewen, drew a 15-year ban.

FINA banned the two for "trafficking" in illegal drugs, not for a doping offense.

Four other Chinese swimmers later tested positive for another banned substance and were kicked out of the championships.

John Coates, president of the Australian Olympic Committee, acknowledged the possibility the human growth hormone was intended for sale.

"It could certainly have been going to an Australian user," he said. "It could be an embarrassment for Australia, where it was heading. But we just don't know for sure. It hasn't been proven either way. One of our doctors said it can

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