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Rwandan genocide

Investigators claim Sister Gertrude Mukangango and Sister Julienne Kizito helped slaughter thousands of Rwandan Tutsis seeking sanctuary./3A



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Learning forum

President Clinton pauses in the East Room of the White House Thursday while presiding over the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning, hosted by the president and Mrs. Clinton.

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Dole-Gingrich loan

WASHINGTON — The deal, one of the more unusual financial arrangements in political history, was sealed at a private meeting between Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole Tuesday. Dole's good Samaritan \$300,000 loan to the House speaker stunned many members of Congress when it was announced Thursday.

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Branch Davidians

WACO, Texas — Burned-out buses and motorcycles litter the prairie surrounding the concrete foundation where the Branch Davidian compound once stood. The ruins are decorated with hand-printed signs and grave-style markers devoted to the 80 Branch Davidians who died on April 19, 1993, in the fiery end of a 51-day standoff between the religious group and the federal government.

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Police: Murder charges to stand for now

Evidence to determine status of teens accused of Johnson slaying

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

Capital murder charges are to remain against all four teen-agers charged in the stabbing death of a Midland woman, at least until all evidence is recovered, authorities reported.

Perhaps a major piece of evidence, autopsy results, aren't expected to be released until sometime this morning,

police reported.

The evidence will determine if one of the suspects, a 16-year-old male, will be tried as an adult, County Attorney Russell Malm said.

"Right now we haven't decided. The decision will be made quickly, early next week," Malm said.

Other suspects are Frederick Ernest Keck, James Garibay and Fernando Lujan, all 17. They are accused of killing Helen R. Johnson, 53, who was found

buried in a shallow grave in a caliche pit.

With several crime scenes involved, police have been working almost around the clock to gather all the evidence, police Detective B.J. Land said.

Two police divisions, including nine officers, spent at least 14 hours Wednesday collecting clues after Ms. Johnson was found around 6:30 a.m. Wednesday. They were out again early Thursday, Ms. Land said.

"In this case we have four defendants

and at least four crime scenes. It would be unheard of to have one officer doing it all. There's a lot of legwork to do and we want to make sure all our I's are dotted and T's crossed," Ms. Land said.

The collected evidence will then be submitted to the District Attorney's Office, which will then decide if any charges will be changed.

"Until then, we're sticking with what

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1997 Energy Awards

Clayton Williams, 6 other oil industry members honored

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Seven prominent members of the oil industry were honored Thursday with the presentation of the 1997 Energy Awards.

Sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram and Hearst Newspapers, the Energy Awards, which are presented in conjunction with the Executive Oil Show & Conference, were presented at a banquet at the Midland Hilton.

Included among the honorees were Clayton W. Williams Jr., who received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Jack L. Messman, CEO of Union Pacific Resources Group. Messman was honored for making his company the benchmark of performance among independent oil companies.

UPRG drilled 655 wells in 1996 and has been the top driller in the United States for the past five years. The company is also the No. 1 independent for revenues and cash flow, with \$1.3 billion in discretionary cash flow in 1996. The company also has the largest undeveloped leasehold of any independent in the United States and was able to increase reserves 7 percent in 1996.

Tod Brown, master of ceremonies for the awards, noted that UPRG "ved much credit for staying in the United States. The company tuck to developing domestic reserves, while other companies have



Jack L. Messman was honored for making his company the benchmark among independents.

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Photos by Brian Adamcik-Reporter-Telegram

A beaming Clayton W. Williams Jr. is applauded after receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award Thursday night during the annual Energy Awards banquet.

Midland will benefit from merger, Mesa CEO Brumley tells crowd

By Kay Crites

Special to the Reporter-Telegram

"Relax. It's going to be OK. Midland is going to be in great shape," promised Mesa Chairman and CEO Jon Brumley, referring to Mesa's recent merger with Parker & Parsley, creating Pioneer Natural Resources Corp.

Although scheduled to speak on "Energy Industry Outlook" at Thursday's Executive Oil Show lunch, Brumley yielded to popular interest and skimmed over the outlook in

order to move to the hotter topic of the merger.

"Parker & Parsley is a great employer in Midland and I don't see that changing. In fact I see some people coming to Midland. It's true that some will be moving to Las Colinas, but this is a merger of opportunity."

"If we can grow this company at our target growth rate of 15 percent, you ought to have bigger and bigger and bigger operations in Midland. I think you're going to like what you see."

"This merger is going to be an opportunity-driven merger, and there

are a couple of reasons it's unique. No other large company will stand in front of you and say that their target growth is 15 percent.

"Another thing this company has that no other company has is significant inside ownership."

Pioneer will be 17 percent owned by members of the board and management. Richard Rainwater, in a vote of confidence for the new company's management, will trade his Mesa Series B Preferred shares for com-

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Brumley

Singer's artistic signature suits him fine

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

Listening to Jack Ingram's new album, one gets the distinct impression that Ingram was born and raised at a wide spot in the road, maybe somewhere in the Texas Hill Country.

His music assures you he's about 45, has spent roughly half his life in a smoky honky-tonk, has been married to a few women and wronged by scores more. Rode hard and put up wet. That's Jack Ingram.

"That's not me," Ingram would probably say, in reference to the first single off his first major-label release, "Livin' or Dyin'."

Jack Ingram did not grow up hurtin'. The grandson of millionaire Midland oilman Jack Brown, of Wagner & Brown, and the son of former Midlanders Bill and Peggy Brown, Ingram is SMU-educated, newly married and living comfortably in Dallas.

That he is just 24 and able to convey the kinds of messages he does with such honesty and grit is quite impressive. He sounds convincingly like he has led a harder life, without actually having lived it. He is to Texas honky-tonk music what Tiger Woods is to golf.

Ingram will play Dos Amigos in Odessa Saturday night to promote "Livin' or Dyin'," which has drawn crit-

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ical raves. He and his Beat Up Ford Band are set to take the stage at about 10 p.m.

"This record is exactly the record I wanted to make," Ingram said. "Every song on there is its own little thing."

Ingram's artistic signature on the album suits him fine, but he knows it's not what country radio stations will play or what mainstream country audiences will likely listen to. While not one to knock today's country music, neither will he change his style just so he'll

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Photo courtesy Rising Tide

Country singer Jack Ingram, grandson of Midland oilman Jack Brown, takes the stage at Dos Amigos Saturday at 10 p.m.

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Indictment threats against Netanyahu stall peace process

JERUSALEM (AP) — Defiant in the face of an influence-peddling scandal, Benjamin Netanyahu vowed Thursday to hang tough through calls for his resignation. "We're not going anywhere," he told supporters.

The government, and efforts to revive the peace process, have virtually stopped while Israelis wait to find out whether prosecutors will follow police advice and charge the prime minister with fraud and breach of trust.

The police recommendation that Netanyahu and three key allies be charged in the scandal has fueled speculation about — and calls for — an early end to his stormy 10-month reign. Prosecutors' decision was expected by Sunday.

At his Likud Party's headquarters in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu suggested his government was under a politically motivated attack for its policies to keep Jewish settlements in the West Bank and all of Jerusalem under Israeli rule. He told his cheering supporters that "the truth will be victorious."

"We are not going anywhere," Netanyahu said. "We are staying in the place where the people and history put us, and we will continue to lead this people."

The scandal stems from Netanyahu's decision in January to appoint Jerusalem lawyer Roni Bar-On as attorney general. Bar-On resigned after a day in office amid a storm of criticism that he was unqualified.

Days later, Israel TV alleged that the appointment was part of a conspiracy by senior officials who expected Bar-On to end the corruption trial of Aryeh Deri, head of the Shas religious party. Deri was to ensure in return that the Shas' two Cabinet ministers gave Netanyahu the majority needed to approve the Israeli troop pullback from most of the West Bank town of Hebron.

Netanyahu denied the allegations and called for the inquiry. After a 12-week investigation, police handed in their 995-page report Tuesday.

In addition to recommending that Netanyahu be indicted, they advised that Deri be charged with blackmail and that Netanyahu's aide, Avigdor Lieberman, and Justice Minister Tsachi Hanegbi be charged with breach of trust. Lieberman allegedly relayed Der-



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to members of his Likud party in Tel Aviv Thursday. Netanyahu, facing increasing calls for his resignation, told cheering supporters Thursday he had no plans to leave office early because of a scandal over alleged influence-peddling.

is threats to Netanyahu and Hanegbi is accused of misleading the Cabinet about Bar-On's qualifications.

The crisis has overshadowed the latest mission by U.S. mediator Dennis Ross, who has met with Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to try to revive the disintegrating peace process.

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said little progress was expected until prosecutors make a decision.

Arafat — whose relationship with Netanyahu often has been antagonistic — reportedly was receiving half-hour updates on the crisis.

The development nipped budding efforts to establish a Likud-Labor coalition that would be freer than Netanyahu's current right-wing coalition government to make concessions to the Palestinians.

Opposition Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, who had been the leading proponent of such a union, on Thursday called the police accusations a "political earthquake." Labor's Knesset caucus, meeting in Tel Aviv, said Netanyahu had "lost his moral basis to rule" and should resign immediately.

Even Moshe Katsav, the transport minister and Netanyahu's deputy premier, said that if an

indictment is brought, "then certainly the government will not be able to continue functioning."

Netanyahu, 47, would not be obliged to resign even if convicted. But several allies have hinted they may bolt the ruling coalition and deprive Netanyahu of his parliamentary majority.

There are, however, several scenarios that could bring new elections.

If no charges are pressed, Netanyahu could call a vote to clear his name and campaign as a victim of the media and elites who never could accept him.

If charges are brought, Netanyahu might resign or he could be impeached by a vote of 61 Knesset members. Either would force elections.

If charges are brought and Netanyahu insists on remaining in office, the Supreme Court could force him to resign or suspend himself.

Commentators suggested that self-suspension coupled with a quick trial ending in acquittal would be Netanyahu's best bet to clear his name.

"If he's not charged, he won't be able to clear his name and his name will be permanently smeared in the public eye," Tel Aviv University law professor Zeev Segal told The Associated Press.

Top official: Russia faces 'monstrous budget crisis'

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's budget crisis has reached "monstrous" proportions, forcing the government to make emergency spending cuts, the finance minister told parliament Thursday.

But the cuts apparently don't apply to President Boris Yeltsin and top officials who were awarded raises this month, newspapers reported.

Russia is in the midst of "a monstrous budget crisis, the scale of which calls into question the ability of the state to perform its functions," said Anatoly Chubais, the finance minister and first deputy prime minister.

Millions of Russian workers, pensioners and soldiers haven't been paid for months, and Chubais' remarks indicate the crisis is worsening despite Yeltsin's recent government shakeup.

Chubais said revenue collection in the first quarter of this year amounted to only 57 percent of the government's target. Spending was only 63 percent of what was

planned, and the budget deficit has swelled, he said.

To stabilize the situation, the government has drafted an emergency program to slash spending, he said, without elaborating.

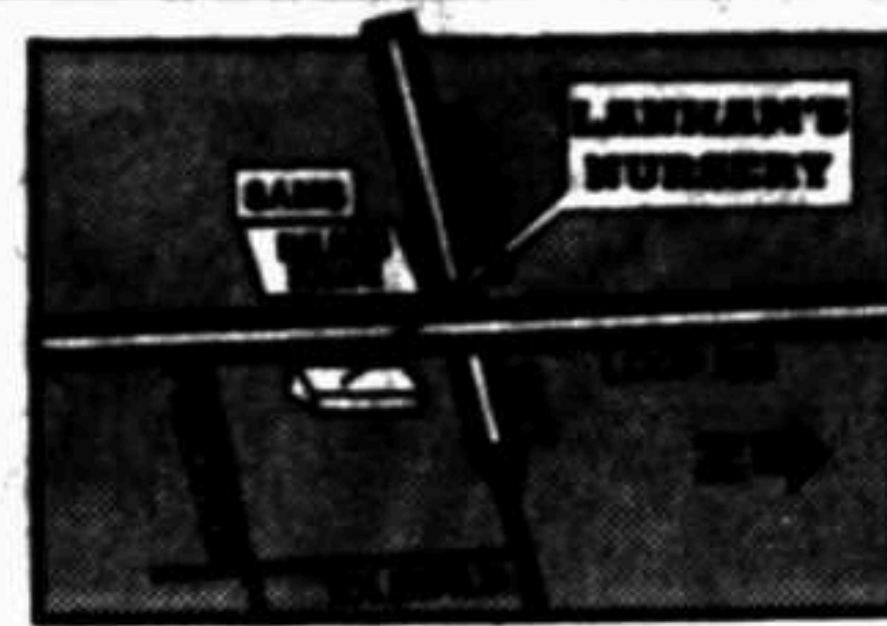
Almost every day, new strikes are reported throughout Russia. Last month, nearly 2 million people took part in a one-day nation-

wide strike, the largest protest since Yeltsin's re-election last July.

The Pravda newspaper said Thursday that Yeltsin increased his salary to \$1,700 a month. His previous salary was not known. It said he doubled Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin's monthly salary to \$14,400.

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Associated Press

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Belgian church shelters nuns who aided in '94 genocide, Rwandans say

By Paul Ames
Associated Press

MAREDDRET, Belgium — The nuns' soft voices are about the only sound that breaks the silence at the Benedictine abbey of Mareddret, a haven of religious solitude deep in the Ardennes forest of southern Belgium.

Among those who sing daily beneath the abbey's neo-gothic arches are Sisters Gertrude Mukangango and Julienne Kizito, two Hutu nuns from Rwanda.

The Roman Catholic church describes the nuns as innocent refugees who fled the genocidal fury that swept their homeland in the spring of 1994 to find peace behind the high walls of Mareddret. But human rights investigators claim the two played an infinitely more sinister role — willingly and enthusiastically helping a mob that slaughtered thousands of Rwandan Tutsis seeking sanctuary in the nuns' convent at Sovu in southern Rwanda.

"We have more information on the terrible things that they have done," said Rakya Omaar, co-author of a report on the killings for African Rights, a London-based human rights group.

In accounts to African Rights investigators, witness after witness speaks of Sister Gertrude ordering frightened Tutsis out of the Benedictines' compound on April 25, 1994. Outside, a horde of Hutu soldiers and militia members waited.

"She asked these soldiers to make us come out of the monastery. She told them that she did not want the blood of Tutsis in the monastery," survivor Domatile Mukabanza said.

"Small children begged her to hide them, but she shoved them off outside."

Survivors claim Sister Julienne went even farther — supplying the mob with gasoline to burn Tutsis alive.

"The refugees ... locked themselves inside the buildings. They poured the gasoline on the house and set it alight. Sister Kizito was still there and she gave several jerrycans of gasoline," Veneranda Mukankusi said.

Afterward, Sister Julienne allegedly joined the killers in looting some of the corpses.

French troops evacuated the nuns when a Tutsi-led rebel force took over Rwanda and put an end to the massacres. Since then, the church has sheltered the nuns at convents around Belgium.

"Those accusations were not well-founded," said the Rev. Celestine Cullen, abbot of the Benedictine Congregation of the Annunciation.

In a telephone interview from the order's offices in Glenstal Abbey, Ireland, the abbot acknowledged that Sister Gertrude had handed the Tutsis over to the Hutu militia.

But she had done so only after threats to her nuns, and after assurances that the Tutsis would not be harmed, he said.

The two Hutu nuns are on a list of 14 suspects who Gasana Ndobe, a Rwandan human rights investigator, believes are currently seeking

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— Domatile Mukabanza
survivor

ing refuge in Belgium, the former colonial power in Rwanda.

Besides the nuns, he says, the suspects include some of the masterminds in the killing spree that claimed the lives of a half-million Tutsis and moderate Hutus

between April and July 1994.

After a public outcry, Belgian authorities started criminal proceedings against some of the Rwandan exiles in 1995. A few were briefly jailed. Now, the investigation appears to have stalled.

Belgian judicial officials say a spate of high-profile corruption and murder cases forced them to put aside the genocide investigations for the time being.

But human rights investigators say authorities are reluctant to attract attention to Belgium's once-close links to Rwanda's Hutu leadership.

"These people still get favors from the Belgian political class," Gasana said. "There is no longer sufficient will to pursue the genocide suspects."

Although Rwanda has condemned at least 13 people in the genocide, only one suspect is believed to have been tried and

found guilty outside Rwanda — a man convicted by a New York federal court last year in a civil case and ordered to pay \$105 million to relatives of his victims.

Many other former Rwandan Hutu leaders are in neighboring Zaire, seeking visas to Europe.

Sisters Julienne and Gertrude, meanwhile, quietly go about their days at Mareddret, where church leaders protect them even from the press.

"The sisters have suffered enough. They are unjustly accused," said Sister Benedicte, the abbess at Mareddret. "I won't let you speak to them."

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New fire breaks out in pilgrims' encampment

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Muslims returning Thursday to a sprawling tent encampment from their rites in the holy city of Mecca again saw flames. This time, the fire was put out quickly and no injuries were reported.

Two days earlier, a fire on the same plain in nearby Mina killed at least 343 people and injured nearly 1,300, many of them critically.

Civil defense officials, speaking on customary anonymity, said no one was injured Thursday and the fire was extinguished in a half-hour. Most of the nearly 1.7 million pilgrims were out performing rites when it broke out.

Thursday marked the final stages of the annual pilgrimage, or hajj. The event concludes with the slaughter of sheep, cows and camels to mark Eid al-Adha, the Feast of Sacrifice.

By dawn Thursday, Saudi workers had set up nearly 64,000 tents to replace the ones burned Tuesday, Saudi television said. But some pilgrims were finding it difficult to complete the hajj that is required at least once of every able-bodied Muslim who can afford it.

"I should have nothing but Allah on my mind, but how can I forget my wife? I haven't seen

her for three days," said Qadri-Dan Mohammed, one of dozens of Pakistani pilgrims lined up in front of his country's hajj mission in Mina, outside Mecca.

He said he hasn't eaten or slept since he was separated from his wife during Tuesday's fire.

As many as 60 Pakistanis are believed to have died, but by midday Thursday, only 16 had been identified.

The hajj rituals began Tuesday in Mina and climaxed with prayers Wednesday on Mount Arafat. Pilgrims left Arafat at dusk for Mecca to pray at the Kaaba, a cubic stone structure at the center of Mecca's Grand Mosque that Muslims revere as their most sacred shrine. They began returning to Mina, on the outskirts of Mecca, early Thursday for the final rituals.

The pilgrims will stay in Mina two or three days for "stoning of the devil" ceremonies, in which they cast pebbles at an ancient brick pillar.

The hajj concludes by marking Eid al-Adha, the three-day commemoration of the slaughter of a ram by Abraham, or Ibrahim in Arabic, in place of his son. Abraham is a patriarch shared by Christians, Jews and Muslims, and Arabs consider his son Ishmael their forefather.

Mandela invites Mobutu for talks with rebel leader

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — President Nelson Mandela invited Zaire's president to meet with the rebel leader trying to topple him, a sign of momentum Thursday after weeks of delicate political maneuvering.

The invitation to South Africa indicates that Zairian rebel leader Laurent Kabila has agreed to direct talks with President Mobutu Sese Seko, despite saying as recently as Wednesday that his forces would keep pushing toward the Zairian capital.

Mobutu did not comment on the invitation.

While no date for a Mobutu-Kabila meeting was announced, a rebel spokesman said the venue had been decided. It was not disclosed.

U.N. envoy Mohamed Sahnoun said Mobutu and Kabila "have agreed that there will be a meeting at the highest level" and called this a "remarkable achievement in view of the complexity of the issue."

Kabila was in South Africa from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday morning for talks that lasted deep into the night, first with Mandela and then with Sahnoun and South African officials.

He made no public comments during his visit, and after returning to Lubumbashi — Zaire's sec-

ond-largest city, which he captured last week — he canceled a planned celebration and reportedly huddled with advisers at his residence.

In South Africa, Sahnoun and South African deputy foreign affairs minister Azia Pahad jointly announced Mandela's invitation to Mobutu. Honore Ngbanda, a Mobutu envoy who was in South Africa, left Thursday morning for Kinshasa, the Zairian capital, to deliver the invitation. Sahnoun and Pahad said in a statement.

"We are confident that the meeting will be held soon and will discuss transitional arrangements affecting all levels of government in the context of a peaceful and negotiated solution," they said.

Mandela told reporters earlier Thursday that Ngbanda, the Mobutu envoy, did not meet with Kabila, but held talks with South African officials. Mandela said he had spoken by phone with Mobutu three times since Saturday and the ailing president, who has prostate cancer, was "very cooperative."

In a sign of the changing situation, Mandela referred to both Mobutu and Kabila as "president."

"President Kabila is making a great deal of advances, as you are aware, but he doesn't want a military solution," Mandela said. "He wants a solution that will receive

the support of President Mobutu and he has also made it clear that he has no intention of doing anything which will humiliate President Mobutu."

South Africa was the site of the first face-to-face talks between negotiators for Zaire's government and the rebel alliance. The talks ended April 8 after four days, with the two sides agreeing they needed more discussions and a cease-fire.

Kabila has demanded that Mobutu give up power before any cease-fire can be considered. Mobutu has been under increasing domestic and international pressure to step down after nearly 32 years in power. In Washington, the House International Relations Committee added itself to the list, unanimously passing a resolution Wednesday calling on him to resign.

Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire controls more than half the country. It has encountered little resistance during its seven-

month drive to unseat Mobutu.

Meanwhile Thursday, ousted Zairian Prime Minister Leon Kengo wa Dondo denied accusations from his successors that he had stolen government money.

"It's easy to accuse," Kengo wa Dondo told The Associated Press at a hotel in Geneva. "Where is the proof? How much was taken? From which accounts? When?"

A Zairian government spokesman has said Kengo could face treason charges if found, but Swiss authorities said they have not received an arrest request.

The Swiss government also decided Thursday against blocking any assets that Mobutu may have stashed in Swiss bank accounts.

The seven-member Swiss Federal Council, or cabinet, issued a statement after a closed meeting, that noted no other country had frozen Mobutu's assets and he remains president of Zaire. Furthermore, it said, no Zairian authorities have requested legal assistance from Switzerland.

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In Bosnian Serb stronghold, top war crimes suspect still boss

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic still wields power despite his war crimes indictment, traveling freely in this mountain village and prospering in shady business deals.

The U.N. war crimes tribunal indicted Karadzic in 1995 on two counts of genocide. Troops with the NATO-led peace force have the authority to arrest him if they see him. Under the peace accord that ended Bosnia's 3 1/2-year war, he is banned from appearing in the media or running for office.

But in Pale, a Serb-controlled village just a few miles east of Sarajevo, Karadzic remains very much the boss.

Frustrated by Karadzic's lingering authority, the top civilian overseeing the peace accord cut back Thursday on contacts with the Serb member of Bosnia's three-man presidency.

Carl Bildt accuses federation Co-President Momcilo Krajisnik of maintaining ties to Karadzic despite repeated protests by

international officials.

"Mr. Karadzic seeks consistently to influence the political process," said Colum Murphy, Bildt's spokesman. "He remains a force of evil and intrigue."

Bosnian Serbs have made no effort to surrender Karadzic to the war crimes tribunal at The Hague and the NATO-led peace force insists it has no mandate to track down Karadzic or any war crimes suspects. That leaves the top war crimes suspects — Karadzic and wartime military leader Ratko Mladic — free men.

Karadzic voted in September's internationally organized elections. He attends church ceremonies. Last month, a source said, he chaired a 12-hour meeting of representatives from all municipalities in the Serb half of Bosnia.

Despite frequent international patrols, Karadzic drives daily from his villa to his office in the closely guarded Famos motor factory on Pale's outskirts.

There, in a room decorated with Serb icons and nationalist symbols, he makes decisions and reviews

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— Colum Murphy
spokesman for top civilian overseeing peace accord

business and political issues with his lieutenants, according to sources and witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Karadzic is still the king around here," said one Bosnian Serb official.

Together, Karadzic and Krajisnik are making millions through their behind-the-scenes operation of two companies that officially belong to the state, sources close to the Serb leadership say.

The companies — Selekt Impex and Centrex — allegedly control

trade in cigarettes and gasoline in Republika Srpska, the Bosnian Serb entity. They pay no taxes either to the Serb-run half of Bosnia or the joint Muslim-Croat-Serb administration set up to run the entire Bosnian federation.

Krajisnik denies wrongdoing. His rival, Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic, is pushing unsuccessfully for an investigation into both companies.

Centrex was formed in 1993 and had the right to deal with the Serbs' wartime foes. At that time,

Karadzic and Krajisnik were allegedly getting rich from secret arms-for-gasoline trade across the front line.

During the war, the Serbs sold weapons to their ill-equipped foes. In exchange, they got gasoline, badly needed because of the international sanctions against neighboring Serbia, Karadzic's main supplier.

Today, Bosnian Serb security police allegedly help Karadzic and Krajisnik run the two companies.

Their protection is essential for Karadzic, allowing him to live at ease in his villa surrounded by thick forest, watch satellite TV on

a huge Sony set, and dress in elegant suits. In his free time, he tends flowers and vegetable gardens.

Ordinary Bosnian Serbs are nowhere near as prosperous.

There is virtually no economy in their Serb republic, one of Europe's poorest regions. Unemployment is thought to be much higher than the 70 percent in the other half of Bosnia, the Muslim-Croat federation. And because Serbs refuse to cooperate fully with the Dayton agreement, they get only about 2 percent of the international aid arriving in Bosnia.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Friday
Mostly cloudy
High 74
Low 54



Saturday
Mostly cloudy
High 83
Low 47



Sunday
Partly cloudy
High 81
Low 47

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high between 65-70. Winds will be from the south to southeast at 10-20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of rain and a low expected around 50.

Saturday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a high around 80.

The high for Thursday was 73, compared with the record of 97, set in 1975.

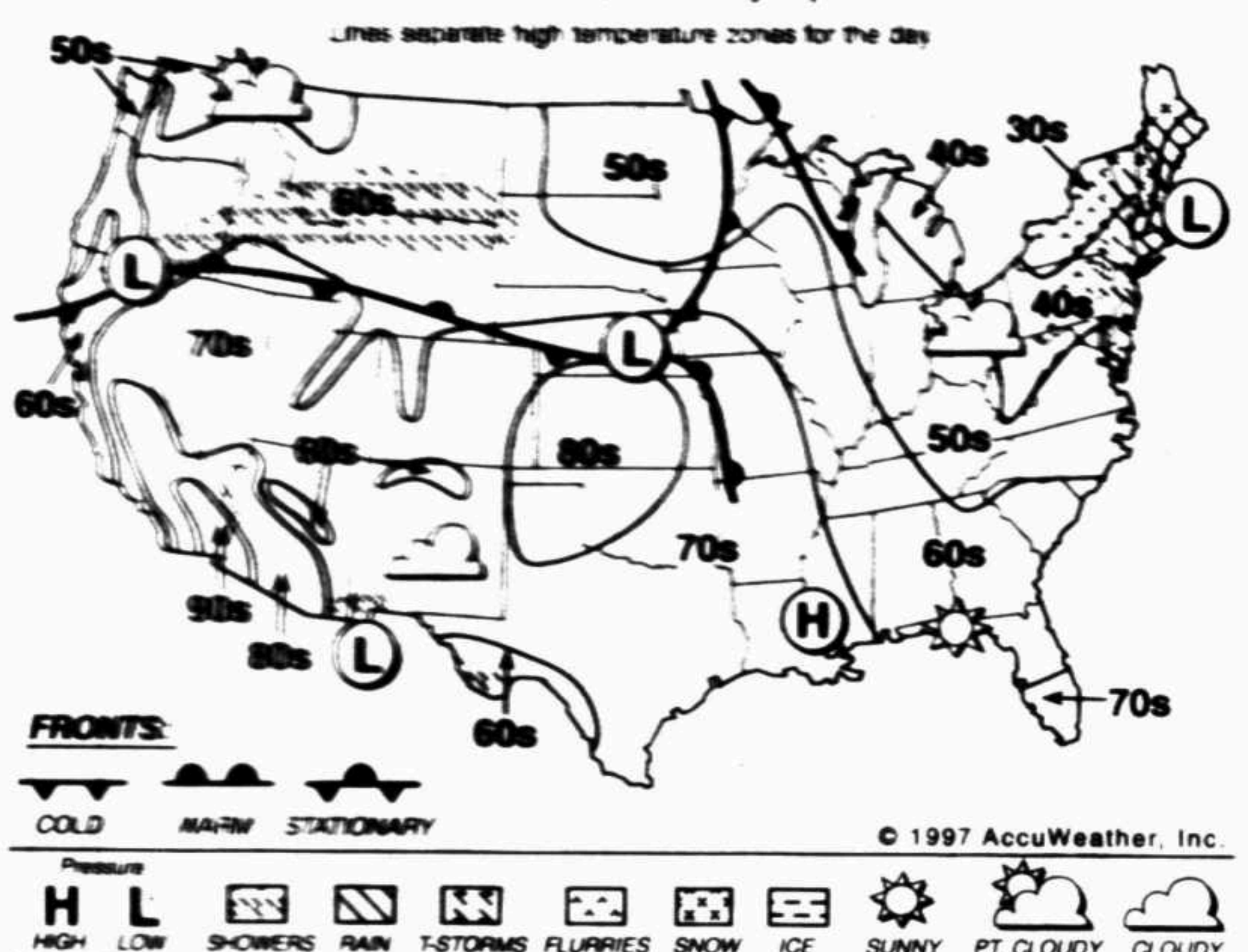
Thursday's low was 49, compared to the record low of 27, set in 1947.

Yesterday's precipitation	Yesterday's temperatures
Rainfall Thursday .00 in.	High .73
Rainfall Wednesday .00 in.	Low .49
Total for month .50 in.	Normal high .80
Total for year 2.66 in.	Normal low .50

Sunrise 7:16 a.m. Sunset 8:20 p.m.

National forecast

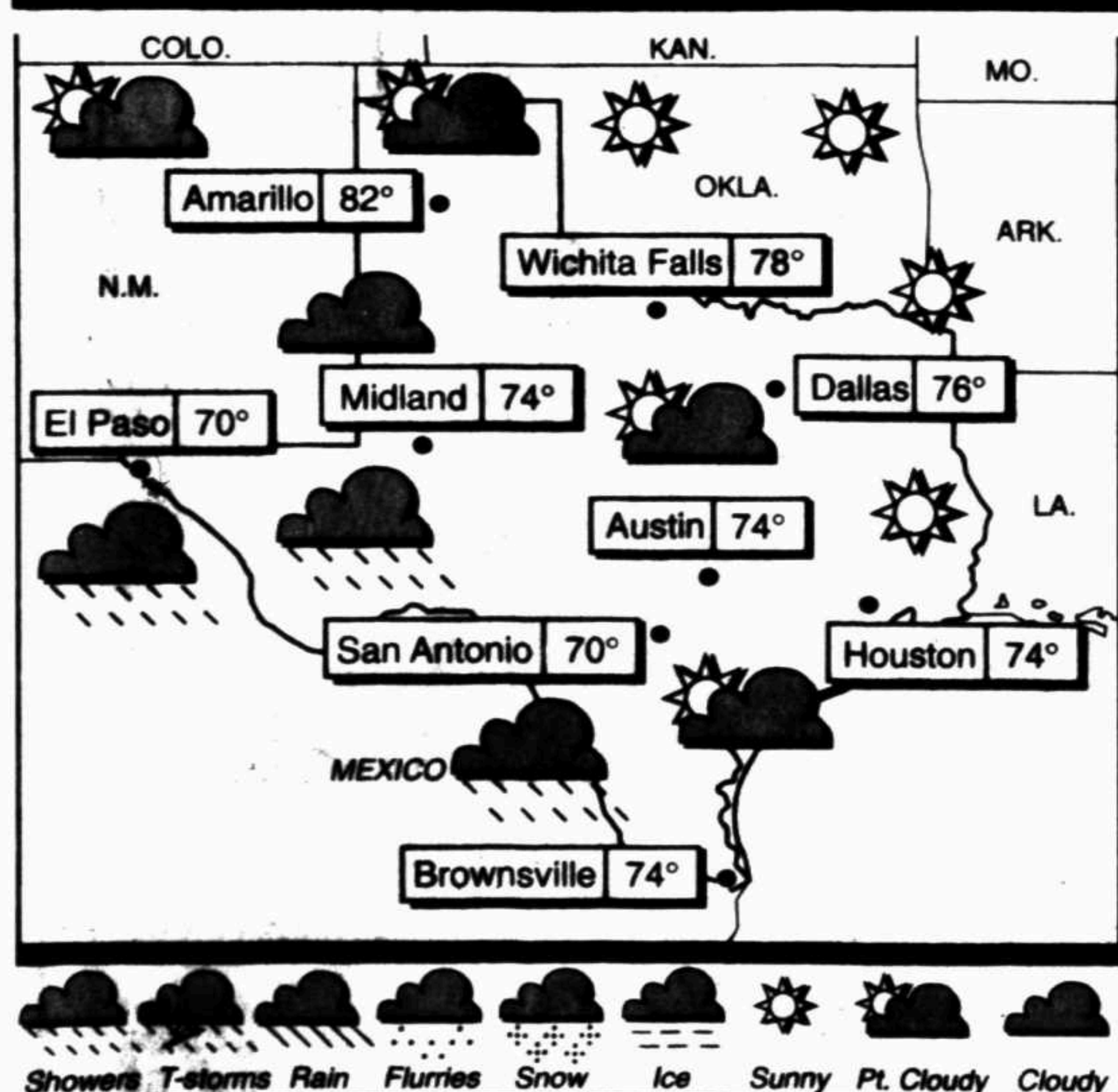
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:33 p.m. EDT					Kansas City				61	32	cdy
	Hi	Lo	Pr	Out		Las Vegas	90	57	cdy		
Albany, N.Y.	51	44	03	m		Little Rock	69	44	cdy		
Albuquerque	72	47	cdy			Los Angeles	78	56	cdy		
Anchorage	39	28	cdy			Louisville	46	34	cdy		
Ashville	55	42	cdy			Memphis	58	44	cdy		
Atlanta	62	49	cdy			Miami Beach	72	54	cdy		
Atlanta City	62	49	12			Milwaukee	44	31	cdy		
Baltimore	58	43	13	dr		Mpls-St. Paul	55	21	cdy		
Bilings	64	47	01	cdy		Nashville	50	40	cdy		
Birmingham	62	48	cdy			New Orleans	75	54	cdy		
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Boston	58	48	m			North Platte	78	32	cdy		
Brownsville	72	67	24	cdy		Oakland	57	46	11	m	
Buffalo	58	43	13	dr		Omaha	62	26	cdy		
Burlington, Vt.	58	45	m	cdy		Orlando	80	42	cdy		
Casper	72	37	cdy			Philadelphia	57	46	11	m	
Charleston, S.C.	78	49	cdy			Phoenix	90	64	cdy		
Charleston, W. Va.	47	42	22	cdy		Pittsburgh	41	39	03	sn	
Charlotte, N.C.	67	51	cdy			Portland, Me.	62	37	05	cdy	
Chicago	68	33	cdy			Portland, Ore.	63	43	cdy		
Chicago	49	32	cdy			Providence	53	46	22	m	
Cincinnati	43	33	cdy			Raleigh-Durham	64	50	01	cdy	
Cleveland	40	33	06	cdy		Rapid City	75	35	cdy		
Columbia, S.C.	71	51	cdy			Reno	72	39	cdy		
Columbus, Ohio	43	34	cdy			Richmond	59	51	26	cdy	
Concord, N.H.	55	38	06	m		Sacramento	86	55	cdy		
Dayton	40	30	cdy			St. Louis	54	32	cdy		
Denver	72	40	cdy			Salt Lake City	78	49	cdy		
Des Moines	40	30	cdy			San Diego	67	59	cdy		
Detroit	40	33	cdy			San Francisco	70	54	cdy		
Duluth	45	19	cdy			San Juan, P.R.	69	72	cdy		
Evansville	50	31	cdy			Santa Fe	72	38	cdy		
Faribault	31	10	cdy			St. Joe	38	25	cdy		
Fargo	51	24	cdy			Seattle	54	44	cdy		
Flagstaff	65	28	cdy			Shreveport	70	54	cdy		
Grand Rapids	48	30	cdy			Sioux Falls	59	19	cdy		
Great Falls	65	43	cdy			Spokane	57	37	cdy		
Greensboro, N.C.	61	49	cdy			Syracuse	44	41	03	sn	
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Helen	83	34	m	cdy		Topoka	64	31	cdy		
Honolulu	83	70	cdy			Tucson	78	62	cdy		
Indianapolis	40	31	cdy			Tulsa	69	39	cdy		
Jackson, Miss.	65	47	cdy			Washington, D.C.	58	51	22	cdy	
Jacksonville	79	51	cdy			Wichita	67	38	cdy		
Jamestown	43	42	26	cdy		Wilkes-Barre	52	44	08	sn	
						Wilmington, Del.	55	47	18	sn	

State forecast



Texas temperatures

City	High	Low	Prev	City	High	Low	Prev
Abilene	76	50	Pop.	Junction	77	48	
Alto	73	59		Kingville	74	60	0.02
Amesbury	73	56		Laredo	80	63	
Austin	76	51		Lubbock	73	47	
Bastrop	76	51		Lufkin	75	49	
Baylor	72	47	0.24	Marfa	68	52	M
Big Bend	72	47		McAllen	69	66	1.22
Big Spring	72	47		Midland	73	49	
Brewster	72	47		Mineral Wells	76	51	
Brewster	72	47		Navy Corps	74	61	
Brewster	72	47		Palacios	73	55	
Brewster	72	47		Parle	M	M	
Brewster	72	47		San Angelo	76	47	0.02
Brewster	72	47		San Antonio	74	51	
Brewster	72	47		Shreveport	70	54	
Brewster	72	47		Texasana	71	50	
Brewster	72	47		Victoria	72	56	
Brewster	72	47		Waco	74	50	
Brewster	72	47		Wichita Falls	73	48	
Brewster	72	47		Wink	76	58	

TEENS: Police reveal more details of killing

(From 1A)

we got," District Attorney Al Schorke said Wednesday.

Even after the evidence is prepared and submitted it may be two weeks before it's all analyzed, Ms. Land said.

Meanwhile, the suspects have stopped cooperating with police, she said. "They stopped talking after they acquired an attorney."

On Thursday, police recovered

a television and VCR belonging to Ms. Johnson at one of the suspect's relatives homes, Ms. Land said.

Signs of a forced entry — a kicked-in front door — and blood in the living and dining rooms, were found at her duplex home at 442 W. Pine St. There were also signs that Ms. Johnson had struggled with her attacker, Ms. Land said.

Police have not received any

calls for service at her home within the last year, according to police.

The weapon thought to have been used to kill Ms. Johnson, a long-blade folding knife, and the trunk lining of her vehicle have been sent to be analyzed.

"There is some type of residue on it, but we don't know if it's blood," she said.

The knife was found in the residence of one of the suspect's friends, police reported.

The trunk lining of her vehicle was taken as evidence after one of the suspects told police the car was used in transporting the body. There were no visible signs of blood, Ms. Land said.

The suspects had been inside Ms. Johnson's car when they were stopped by a sheriff's deputy. They planned to use the car for cash and shortly before they were stopped, had attempted at least once to sell the car, Ms. Land said.

OIL: Williams, 6 others honored at annual event

(From 1A)

Messman said the flight of operators overseas was just another way for oil companies to say they don't have any more good ideas. He thanked the management team of UPRG and its employees for making the company a success.

David L. Boren, president of the University of Oklahoma and former governor and U.S. senator from Oklahoma, was recognized as a longtime, genuine friend of the oil industry. Boren had intended to attend the awards banquet, but had to cancel at the last moment.

He received the Outstanding Government Service Award for his courageous political battles on behalf of the oil and gas industry over two decades. His battle fronts include the Windfall Profits Tax, BTU Tax, deregulation of natural gas and sound environmental practices.

Receiving the Technology Award was a group of four individuals who played a prominent role in developing and promoting CO2 Recovery Technology. Coster Gerard, Jim Ritchie, Bill Flanders and the late Dobie Keith each played a significant role in making CO2 technology — which has already recovered 1 billion barrels of oil in the Permian Basin — a viable and commercial concept for oil recovery.

These technological pioneers were responsible for starting the world's first CO2 flood in



Irish

Louisiana, exporting the technology to the Permian Basin, and Texas Panhandle and are now involved in opening Oklahoma, Kansas and the northern Panhandle of Texas to CO2.

"We take technology for granted, but CO2 technology didn't just appear one day," Brown said. "Somebody had to invent it, test it and implement it. These are the ones who did that."

Williams received the Lifetime Achievement Award for four decades of entrepreneurship in Texas. The colorful wildcatter from Fort Stockton has been involved in the oil industry as the owner of an exploration and production company, pipeline company and supply company. But he has also been involved in ranching, farming, banking, real estate and telecommunications.



Wallace Stanberry, from left, Bill Flanders, Coster Gerard and Jim Ritchie were honored Thursday night during the annual Energy Awards banquet.

Brown said that since graduating from Texas A&M in 1954, Williams has formed 23 individual companies that have created hundreds of millions of economic benefit to Texas and created thousands of jobs.

Presenting the awards was George Irish, publisher of the Reporter-Telegram from 1982 to 1984. He then served as publisher at the Beaumont Enterprise and San Antonio Express-News. He is currently vice president and group executive for Hearst Newspapers.

Irish said it was fitting that Hearst Newspapers and the Reporter-Telegram initiate and sponsor the awards, because as owner of the Reporter-Telegram, Houston Chronicle, Beaumont Enterprise, San Antonio Express-News, Laredo Times and Plainview Daily Herald, the company had a "vital stake in recognizing and promoting leadership and achievement in the oil and gas industry."

"We learned in 1986, that we are all in the oil business in Texas," Irish said.

BRUMLEY: Mesa executive says merger good for both companies

(From 1A)

mon stock, effectively relinquishing control of the board, noted Brumley.

"So when we have a board meeting, these guys are going to be interested in increasing shareholder value."

Brumley said that Scott

Sheffield would run the company. "He will be the man in charge. I may try to change his mind, but if I don't the final call will be his."

Brumley said that the decision to keep executive offices in Dallas and operations in Midland was the way Sheffield wanted it. "I wanted to put the corporate office in Fort Worth, because I live in Weatherford, but I lost that argument," Brumley said jokingly.

He said the merger was good for both companies, because it mixed Parker & Parsley's strong oil reserves with Mesa's strong Hugoton gas reserves. Brumley said Mesa had been looking for an acquisition partner for many months, but never talked to anyone besides Parker & Parsley.

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P&P's attraction lay in its focused growth through the drill bit, impressive track record, excellent management team and dominant Spraberry operations, Brumley said.

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The Gulf Coast properties came with Mesa's \$270 million February acquisition of Greenhill Petroleum, which closed Wednesday.

"What's really exciting is that these [Gulf] fields have produced 1 billion barrels of oil. 3-D has never really been worked. If we only get 3 percent of that with 3-D we are going to double our reserves," he said.

Two big cigarette companies ready to make deal

By Rochelle Olson

Associated Press

Abandoning their all-out defense of cigarettes, the nation's two biggest tobacco companies now seem willing to cut their legal losses for up to \$300 billion and retire Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man if the government backs off its threat to regulate nicotine.

RJR Nabisco and Philip Morris are in early talks with the attorneys general of eight states in hopes of winning blanket protection from lawsuits over smoking-related health problems, it was disclosed Wednesday.

In return, the cigarette companies would pay hundreds of billions of dollars and agree to cut back on ads, especially ones like Joe Camel that appeal to children and those that depict people, such as the Marlboro Man.

The cigarette companies' willingness to even consider such concessions marks a startling turnaround. For decades, the tobacco industry has fought a no-retreat battle on all fronts.

In the past few years, however,

the industry has been barraged with lawsuits filed by 22 states and countless individuals, and the litigation is hurting stock prices and taking management attention away from the business of selling cigarettes.

"I think the tobacco industry is in big trouble and they know it, so they are finally beginning to come to the table," Minnesota Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III said. "I think their proposals still fall short of what we'd be interested in."

A sticking point is whether the Food and Drug Administration would get the right to regulate the nicotine levels in cigarettes to make them less addictive.

The tobacco companies adamantly oppose such regulation for fear that once the FDA gets the power to regulate tobacco, it will try to ban it.

News of the talks, first reported Wednesday by The Wall Street Journal, sent cigarette company stocks up 10 percent, reflecting investor hopes that an industry-wide settlement of tobacco law-

suits would lift a cloud hanging over companies.

Industry analysts have said that tobacco companies, which had revenue of about \$45 billion last year, could finance a big settlement simply by raising cigarette prices.

"A resolution of this issue is important to our shareholders, our customers and our country," RJR Nabisco Chairman Steven Goldstone told a stockholder meeting Wednesday in Winston-Salem, N.C. "But it has to be fair and it has to be reasonable."

The amount of a settlement is also among the sticking points.

"The industry is in the low 2's and the plaintiffs are in the upper 3's. There is no consensus on the money," said a source close to the negotiations, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Also under discussion is the establishment of a fund from which smokers could seek payments. They would be banned from suing the cigarette companies.

Protection from lawsuits would

require an act of Congress, and that's another one of the unresolved issues that could still sink the talks.

The negotiations include representatives of two other major tobacco companies, Lorillard and Brown & Williamson. Deputy White House Counsel Bruce Lindsey is also monitoring the talks.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-7

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Clinton

By Sandra Sobel
Associated Press

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"At first glance to

Clintons offer parenting advise: Lots of reading, singing

By Sandra Sobler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a day of "talking about baby talk" and how brains grow, President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton offered parents simple child-rearing advice: Songs and storytelling fire up infants' brainpower.

The president, surrounded Thursday by researchers and child-care experts in the East Room, compared the growing understanding of how parents can nurture babies' intellectual and emotional growth with space exploration.

"This may be the most exciting and important exploration of all," he said. "This must always be part of the public's business, because we all have a common interest in our children's future."

"At first glance, it may seem odd to hold a conference here at the White House devoted to talking about baby talk, but that discussion has never been more important," Mrs. Clinton said in opening the daylong conference.

For the Clintons, two working parents, the research's emphasis on early nurturing by parents also raised a thorny question: Does science prove mothers are better off staying at home?

Mrs. Clinton faced the question head-on with help from Dr. Deborah Phillips, a child-care expert with the National Research Council.

"Some people argue that what the research really tells us is that women with very young children should not work outside the home, period," the first lady said.

Phillips reassured her there was no evidence that placing young children in quality child care impinges on the parent-child bond or stops babies from thriving.

A report by the New York-based Families and Work Institute, which formed the core of Thurs-

'If we, as a nation, commit ourselves now to modest investments in the sound development of our children ... we will lay the groundwork for an American future with increased prosperity.'

— Hillary Rodham Clinton

day's White House conference, found that during the first three years of life, the vast majority of the brain's synapses — or connections among brain cells — are formed.

The ways in which parents relate with children during that formative period directly affect emotional development, prospects for learning, and ability to handle stress as adults, the report said.

Brain research from the past half-decade was presented Thursday by a panel of experts, including renowned pediatrician T. Berry Brazelton, whom the president and Mrs. Clinton engaged in lengthy discussions that were broadcast by satellite to nearly 100 "watching parties" around the nation.

Their goal was to bridge the gap between what scientists know and what parents practice. Actor-director Rob Reiner highlighted a drive by entertainment leaders to spread the word.

A national poll released in conjunction with the conference found

that just 38 percent of parents feel sure they can tell if their children's emotional development is on track. Forty-four percent feel confident of recognizing the mileposts of intellectual development, according to the survey of 1,000 parents conducted last month for the "Zero to Three" project of the National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families.

Both the president and his wife also put a political twist to day, arguing for more spending on early education, child care and health care. "If we, as a nation, commit ourselves now to modest investments in the sound development of our children ... we will lay the groundwork for an American future with increased prosperity," Mrs. Clinton said.

The president, who successfully mined the family-values theme in last year's campaign, announced two modest day-care initiatives: The Pentagon, with a respected international day-care system, will share its expertise with the private sector; and the White House

will be host for a conference on child care next fall.

The Justice Department also would establish a "Safe Start" program, modeled after a police program in New Haven, Conn., using child-development research to change the way police treat children who are crime victims or witnesses.

Some children's advocates were still bristling Thursday from Clinton's signature on last year's welfare overhaul, which placed a five-year lifetime limit on benefits for families with children.

As Clinton nodded and scribbled notes, Brazelton bluntly told him, "In welfare reform, we turned the wrong way. We should have looked at what we were going to do with children before we pushed women out into the workplace."

Hannah Achtenberg Kinn, executive director of New York's League Treatment Center for autistic and retarded children, hoped Thursday's meetings with the Clintons would "put another perspective into play and ultimately reverse some of the most damaging aspects of what's already been done."

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Gingrich to pay \$300,000 penalty with personal loan from Dole

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a startling bid to close the books on his ethics case, Speaker Newt Gingrich announced Thursday he would borrow \$300,000 from retired Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole to pay a sanction imposed for violation of House rules.

Gingrich told a rapt audience in the House chamber he had a "moral obligation" to make the payment from personal funds. Anything else, including establishment of a legal defense fund, he said, "would simply be seen as one more politician shirking his duty and one more example of failing to do the right thing."

With his wife, Marianne, looking down from her seat in the visitors' gallery, Gingrich took responsibility for his case, and said, "To the degree I have made mistakes, they have been errors of implementation but never of intent."

Documents released by the speaker's office said the loan was for a term of eight years, with simple interest at an annual rate

of 10 percent. J. Randolph Evans, Gingrich's attorney, said no payment is required until the loan is due in 2005. Gingrich, no longer eligible to be speaker by then, could well be out of Congress and able to earn substantial money as a private citizen.

Senior Democrats immediately said they would seek a thorough review of the proposed transaction by the ethics committee.

Officials said Dole, the losing GOP candidate in last fall's presidential campaign, offered to lend the money to Gingrich two or three weeks ago. The two men — antagonists who became political partners over the course of two decades — signed the loan papers Tuesday evening on Gingrich's private balcony overlooking the Washington Mall.

"I consider this not only an opportunity to support a friend but a long-term investment in the future of our party," the former senator said in a statement.

Republicans chorused support for Gingrich's decision and said it was time to put the ethics case to rest. "He decided to hold himself to the highest standard possible," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio.

A few Democrats lined up to shake Gingrich's hand and offer congratulations after he completed his remarks to the House. Others, though, swiftly renewed their attack on the first Republican speaker in 40 years.

"What average American could walk into their local bank — take out a commercial loan for \$300,000 with no collateral and no payments due until 2005?" asked Rep. David Bonior, of Michigan, Gingrich's most vocal critic. "And on top of that, he wants to borrow the money from a former politician who recently signed on with one of the largest lobbying firms in Washington."

Gingrich's attorney said that if the speaker chooses not to make payments for

eight years, interest on the loan would continue to accrue and the total repayment would be about \$640,000.

Gingrich's office released a letter from the House ethics committee saying that a personal loan was a "permissible option" for making the payment, and the terms of the Dole loan "are currently under review."

Associates have warned Gingrich for months he risked his hold on power if he turned to campaign funds or a legal defense fund to make his payment. It has only been in the past week he came to accept that advice, according to Republican associates. Additionally, they said the loan from Dole requires an insurance policy — not a lien on the house and other personal accounts — thus making it more palatable to Mrs. Gingrich.

The Georgia Republican admitted last December he had violated House rules, saying he had failed to seek proper legal

advice on using tax-exempt projects to advance his political goals and that inaccurate statements "in my name and over my signature" had been submitted to the ethics committee. Under the political plea bargain — part of Gingrich's attempt to assure a second term as speaker — he agreed to accept a reprimand from the House and pay \$300,000.

In a speech that aides said he had labored over, Gingrich said it would have been legal to pay the sanction out of campaign funds or by soliciting donations from political supporters. He said a lawsuit against the attorneys who prepared two documents at the crux of his case "is a future possibility for me as a citizen, but that option could take years in court."

Speaking slowly for emphasis, he said, "While the letters were developed and drafted by my former attorneys, I bear the full responsibility for them and I accept that responsibility."

Dole came up with loan idea 'to help party'

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The deal, one of the more unusual financial arrangements in political history, was sealed at a private meeting between Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole on the speaker's Capitol balcony, a perch with a sweeping view of the nation's Mall and monuments.

At that moment Tuesday evening, Dole, the Republican party elder statesman and 1996 presidential nominee, became Gingrich's personal banker.

Dole's good Samaritan, easy-terms \$300,000 loan to the House speaker stunned many members of Congress when it was announced Thursday.

But associates and friends of the Kansas Republican suggested it was just another manifestation of Dole's magnanimity, a trait that did not always come across in his failed presidential race.

"Dole just came up with it himself. I think this is a brilliant solution to a difficult problem," said Charles Black, a longtime GOP consultant and 1996 campaign adviser to Dole.

Dole called the loan "an arms-length transaction between two friends" and told reporters: "He could have done better at a bank."

"I'm a good Republican. I hope my integrity is intact. I want to help the party, help Newt," Dole added.

At one point, Dole said, he considered asking former Presidents Ford and Bush to help him with the loan. "It seemed it was a responsibility for the senior party leaders.... But I never pursued that."

Some Democrats suggested the loan itself raised ethical questions, coming from a new member of a lobbying firm whose clients include NBC, the National Football League and energy and transportation companies. Dole has said he will do no lobbying with the firm, which will pay him at least \$800,000 a year.

Although never particularly close to Gingrich, Dole deeply appreciated the House speaker's support for his 1996 presidential bid and decided to reciprocate with a helping financial hand, said Republicans close to Dole.

Furthermore, the longtime former Senate leader was weary of hearing about Gingrich's financial plight, and the divisive agonizing over how to pay his penalty for ethics misdeeds.

"I consider this not only an opportunity to support a friend but a long-term investment in the future of our party," Dole said Thursday as details of the eight-year, 10-percent loan were announced.

Dole had humble origins but currently has assets with his wife, Elizabeth, of about \$4 million. He starts work next week with the law and lobbying firm of Verner Lippert Bernhard McPherson and Hand, a Washington powerhouse with \$6.8 million of lobbying fees last year.

According to Republicans who spoke on condition of anonymity, Dole ran the notion of a Gingrich loan past his 1996 campaign manager, Scott Reed, two or three weeks ago.

Many of Gingrich's advisers, including both Gaylor and Reed, had urged him to pay the penalty with personal funds to avoid an internal GOP revolt.

"This was a last-minute, completely unexpected overture" by Dole, spokeswoman Christina Martin said. She said Dole sought "to assist a friend and assist the party. These are personal funds. It was his offer. The speaker did not reach out to him."

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WASHINGTON — The government is investigating whether the Clinton administration is breaking up a powerful political machine by ousting a popular minivan.

The government agency has received complaints from Chrysler dealers and the problem has been in the news since March 1993.

All complaints right-side seat in row, the only seat in the belt, National Administration. The Associated P

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Government investigates complaints on Chrysler minivan seat belts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is investigating complaints of seat belts breaking apart as passengers ride buckled up in older versions of Chrysler's popular minivans.

The government's highway safety agency has received 171 complaints about belts becoming unhooked from a floor anchor in the middle row of the minivans. Chrysler dominates the minivan market, and the problem could exist in up to 1.1 million minivans made from 1991 through March 1993.

All complaints involve belts for the right-side seat in the minivans' second row, the only seat using a hook to anchor the belt, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration records reviewed by The Associated Press showed.

Most of the minivan owners reported the belt came undone while in use, an agency memo said.

In one accident, Lynn Beaty, of Clinton, S.C., hit the brakes on her 1992 Dodge Caravan to avoid hitting two deer, and the child seat holding her 18-month-old daughter was sent flying. It landed upside down with the child still in the seat, wedged between the minivan's two front bucket seats.

"I was terrified," Mrs. Beaty said in an interview. Her toddler escaped injury, but Mrs. Beaty was furious when she found the seat belt detached from its floor anchor.

The April 10 agency memo reports "compelling" evidence of seat belt failure. Agency investigators suspect the belt failure could be more widespread, based

on spot checks of other vehicles, the memo says.

They are studying the belt's design and will ask Chrysler for any additional complaints it has received. Customers traditionally call the company.

Identical belts were used in 1991-93 Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Grand Voyager and Chrysler Town and Country minivans.

Chrysler Corp. spokesman Jason Vines, speaking from Auburn Hills, Mich., said the company was working with the federal agency to "see what has to be done."

Five children suffered bruised lips or a bruised or cut face when seat belts came undone and they slid forward and hit the back of the front seat during braking, records indicate.

The belt for the minivan's right-side seat in the middle row was anchored with a hook so that it could be clipped on to one of two anchor locations depending on whether bucket, two-passenger or three-passenger bench seats were installed.

In April 1993, Chrysler strengthened the hook's design by adding a second rivet to the spring clip that closes off the hook's opening and using a stronger metal for the clip, agency records show.

The company did not notify its dealers and their customers of the change through a technical service bulletin, however, so some dealers still use the old hooks as replacements for worried owners, the memo said.

Chrysler confirmed no service bulletin was made for the change but said they did

notify dealers about a stronger spring added to the clip that same year, Vines said.

Some dealers simply put the loose spring clip back under the lip of the hook, where it could easily come undone again, the memo says. One owner was charged \$159.72 for installation of a new seat belt.

In 1995, Chrysler Corp. offered to repair lift-gate latches on more than 4 million minivans built from 1984 through 1995 after 37 people died after the lift gates opened and they were thrown out.

The government also is investigating consumer complaints that indicate seat belts on the bucket seats of 1991-93 Chrysler minivans can come unlatched or passengers cannot buckle them because the release button jams.

Suspect in slaying of Tennessee family writes in diary: 'I am hate'

BETSY LAYNE, Ky. (AP) — At an age when most girls are telling "Dear Diary" about their latest crushes, Natasha Wallen Cornett was asking whether she should kill herself.

"Oh lucky me to rot in this God-forsaken world," she wrote in an undated entry that followed a page dated June 1993. "I am death, look at me. I am hate, do hate me. Never love me, no, for I am the unloved, untouched and unwanted. Give me, take me, shred me away so I will not harm."

Cornett, 18, is accused with five friends in the April 6 shooting of a Tennessee family returning from a Jehovah's Witness conference. A husband and wife and their 6-year-old daughter were slain and their 2-year-old son was wounded in what police said was a robbery and carjacking in Baileyton, Tenn.

Cornett's attorney Eric Conn, who is building an insanity defense, said the girl has been diagnosed a manic depressive and often rages about how Satan sent her to incite a youth rebellion against the Christian establishment.

Conn, who turned over the diary entries to The Associated Press, said the little pink book decorated with a unicorn and flowers was among the writings police had not taken from Cornett's trailer in Pike-Floyd Hollow.

"What's happening to me?" she

"It's a waking of a brand new dreadful day," it begins. "It's my birthday. ... Death shall finally take me. ... It does not matter if I enter hell, because I live my whole life in it."

— Natasha Wallen Cornett in diary

wrote in a loopy, juvenile script between 1993 and 1995. "I feel my hatred rise unto the most inner parts of my soul. Love seems to be a common word now. Tears flow but why do they?"

"Will no one love me? Will hell take me from all this confusion and pain? Will death no longer take my surrender?"

Cornett has been held on murder charges in Tennessee since she and the other defendants were arrested in Arizona two days after the slayings.

The last entry, also undated, appears to have been written on Ms. Cornett's birthday in 1995.

"It's a waking of a brand new dreadful day," it begins. "It's my birthday. ... Death shall finally take me. ... It does not matter if I enter hell, because I live my whole life in it."

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Castration bill needs full review

Sen. Teel Bivins' bill to permit the surgical castration of imprisoned repeat child molesters has again gained approval of the Texas Senate, but no doubt it will face an uphill battle in the Texas House where it was first introduced two years ago, but failed to gain approval.

Sen. Rodney Ellis's argument against it indicates why.

Ellis, the Houston Democrat who led opposition to the measure in the Senate, argued, "The Lone Star State should not become 'the Castration State' in the eyes of the nation."

In a word, Ellis's argument translates into "stigma." He further says that "castration is a crude and barbaric punishment disguised as a prevention program."

However, when one pushes aside the emotionalism that castration evokes and looks at the real evidence of its potential value the Bivins measure takes on added import.

For example, when surgical castration was used on about 3,000 peo-

ple in Europe it resulted in a repeat offender rate of only 2.2 percent, compared to a 50-80 percent rate for those not castrated. Pretty impressive.

Add that to the fact that castration would only be used as a treatment, that the legislation would require the offender to admit his guilt, be screened by a psychiatrist and psychologist and give his consent in writing and the measure looks reasonable enough.

When one considers cases such as that involving Larry Don McQuay, who was paroled from the Texas prison system in April, 1996 after serving six years behind bars for assaulting a 7-year-old San Antonio boy, and who had claimed to molesting more than 200 children, and not trying castration as a means of curbing the rampant sexual assaults against children looks an awful lot like blind irresponsibility.

The Texas House should seriously consider approving the surgical castration bill.

ANOTHER VIEW

Hubbell's compassion was not extended to all equally

If what the White House was doing in helping Webb Hubbell was so innocent, why didn't the president and his top aides own up to it at the time? Instead, there was a cover-up of an action that was most certainly wrong and maybe criminal.

Although the magnitude is uncertain, a cover-up is what we have in a White House-orchestrated effort to provide a financial cushion for Hubbell, a Clinton intimate, between the time he resigned from the Justice Department amid scandal and the time he went to jail for bilking his former law partners — among them, Hillary Clinton.

In January, President Clinton said he knew nothing of any such money-raising efforts and in any case they would be "improper."

He was right about "improper." He was wrong — to use the most charitable word — about not knowing.

Indeed, the president, the first lady and top White House aides discussed ways to help Hubbell on the eve of his resignation. The latest explanation for this improper conduct was, according to Clinton, "human compassion" for a comrade fallen on hard times.

That argument might be plausible if the White House had shown similar compassion for other aides who resigned under a cloud. But, to the contrary, the White House has a proven track record of throwing people overboard and never looking back.

— El Paso Herald-Post

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 18, the 108th day of 1997. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

On this date: In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

In 1921, Junior Achievement, created to encourage business skills in young people, was incorporated.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

In 1949, the Irish republic was proclaimed.

In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J.

In 1956, actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco in a civil ceremony. (A church wedding took place the next day.)

In 1963, 62 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

Ten years ago: President Reagan used his weekly radio address to express hope the superpowers could reach an agreement to sharply reduce the threat of intermediate-range nuclear weapons.

Five years ago: Serbia issued a protest to the United States, accusing Washington of siding with Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia in the Yugoslav crisis. Democrat Jerry Brown met with black leaders in Philadelphia while front-runner Bill Clinton visited a Phillies-Pirates ballgame as the two courted Pennsylvania primary voters.

One year ago: President Clinton addressed the Japanese Parliament, hailing security ties between the two countries as the cornerstone of stability in Asia.

JACK ANDERSON

Pork continues to delay balanced budget

WASHINGTON — Little more than two years ago, House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, a boyish-looking, earnest conservative, asked a House Speaker Newt Gingrich in a leadership meeting where it was "engraved in stone" that the budget had to be balanced by 2002.

Kasich was alone among Republican leaders in questioning the wisdom of promising a balanced budget seven years hence, write George Hager and Eric Pianin in the new book, "Mirage" (Random House). And as such, the most budget-savvy House Republican was easily outvoted by his colleagues.

As a joke, Republican leaders later gave Kasich a stone, engraved with the words, "Balanced Budget, 2002." But the effort to balance the budget is no joke — and recently the negotiations between Congress and the White House have started getting serious again.

But after two decades of grandiose promises of balanced budgets — and 28 years after the last time the budget was actually balanced — the 2002 deadline seems destined to melt away like so many past promises.

Presidential politics are already intruding on the budget process, as House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., Vice President Al Gore and perhaps half a dozen Republican lawmakers want to make sure they don't emerge on the wrong political end of a budget deal.

And it remains true that, even in these supposedly austere budgetary times, members of Congress don't always heed their own advice. Pork-barrel spending continued unabated on Capitol Hill last year, contributing once again to the stubborn but falling federal deficits.

Citizens Against Government Waste, an organization chaired by Jack Anderson, recently released its annual "Congressional Pig Book" — a compendium of the worst pork-barrel spending in last year's budget culled from the 13 annual appropriations bills. To be included on the list, a project had to be one that was funded in the budget but not listed in an

authorization bill. In other words, it had to be a special favor for a select and specific local interest.

The second session of the 104th Congress produced some \$14.5 billion in pork-barrel spending, a 16 percent increase from the previous year, 1995. That's not unexpected in an election year, when members whose re-election chances appear shaky are given a full serving of pork projects to satisfy the folks at home.

Here are some highlights from the list:

■ \$9.5 million for the Energy, Minerals and Materials Research Center at the University of Alabama, which just happens to be the alma mater of Rep. Tom Bevill, D-Ala., the ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee.

■ \$6 million was sent to the National Center for Cool and Cold Water Aquaculture in West Virginia — the home state of Sen. Robert Byrd, the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee and a legendary proponent of government spending for his home state.

■ \$5.4 million for the Hawaii Small Business

Development Center. Remarkably, this appeared in the Senate's defense appropriations bill. It makes sense when one considers that Hawaii is the home state of Sen. Daniel Inouye, the top Democrat on the appropriations subcommittee that controls defense spending.

■ \$445,000 was appropriated to research how the fruit industry can be improved in Michigan. This research will only benefit Michigan, which is already ranked fifth in the United States in fruit production.

■ \$8 million for Alaska Native Education Equity. While Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, may have had a little to do with this money, which is going to a worthy cause, it also sets back the concerted efforts within both parties to bring the budget into balance — a goal that will not doubt be pushed back beyond the "engraved in stone" deadline of 2002.

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Anderson



WILLIAM MURCHISON

Flat tax would help families meet obligations

If Speaker Newt finally goes — mind, I don't say he should — who will take his place? Likely, Dick Army of Texas, now the majority leader, hence No. 2 House Republican.

And what would Dick likely do as speaker? Flatten the tax code, that's what. Flatten it in the most literal sense. Smush and smooth it: no peaks, no valleys, no obscure or winding trails through the underbrush, as if the tax code were a piece of scenery instead of a device for financing the U.S. government.

Maybe we can attempt the job even if Newt stays around. The speaker, reaching out at last to conservatives tired of his overtures to right-wing deep thinkers like Jesse Jackson, recently called for abolishing the estate and capital gains taxes. It must have been a good idea, so hard did The New York Times slam him for it.

As welcome as the speaker's newfound enthusiasm for tax reform may be, abolition of particular taxes, even bad ones, gets us only so far. Army would have us go the whole journey. As he said in a recent radio broadcast, "Republicans in Congress are determined to replace the current tax code with a tax system that is simpler, fairer and less of a burden on American families. We must reduce the family tax burden to give parents the freedom to

meet their responsibilities to their children." Army mentioned a poll conducted by Luntz Research Companies. Surprise! — 55 percent of taxpayers, to get their taxes done, had to obtain assistance. Seventy percent said they'd like a wholly new tax system.

For such a new system, Army has been campaigning assiduously. By now, most sentient citizens know that the majority leader wants a flat tax — a single rate for everyone. The rate would be 17 percent under the current version of the proposal, whose sponsorship Army shares with Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama.

The temptation, when Army talks about a flat tax, is to close both eyes tightly and picture a scrawny knight with leveled lance, riding hell-for-leather toward the nearest windmill. Aw, come on. We're going to treat all taxpayers the same? That old dog won't hunt, will it?

Why not, though, when fairness would be more than fair: namely, successful at the job of raising revenue? The flat tax makes as much sense as a blanket on a cold night, a ham sandwich after a hike.

Supposedly non-compliance, or faulty compliance, with a tax code that even tax accountants don't fully understand and costs the government \$130 billion a year in lost revenue. To the unbiased, this might suggest a problem or two with the tax code. The Heritage Foundation is kind enough to identify some of the problems, as:

■ The \$157 billion spent by the private sector to comply (so the private sector devoutly hopes!) with the tax laws.

■ The 5.4 billion man-hours Americans

spend on their tax forms.

■ The \$3 billion that H&R Block, an adamant flat-tax foe (gee, wonder why), enjoys in market value.

■ The 100 new tax forms that appeared from 1984 to 1994.

■ The 9,455 new tax code subsections that appeared from 1981 to 1994.

■ The multiple times (up to four) that a single dollar of income can be taxed under present law.

■ The 100,000 tax shelters that a single Internet search turned up.

Speaker Newt grooves on education. How about an essay contest? "Ten Reasons to Love the Internal Revenue Service," with judges chosen from the pool of drivers outside the post office on April 15, handing off their tax returns.

The winners would receive an expenses-paid trip to Washington to testify before congressional committees studying the flat tax.

Do I jest? Not much. Nobody — this includes former IRS commissioners Shirley Peterson and Fred Goldberg — thinks the present system is any good. What we need is an Armeystyle flat tax.

A word to wise House speakers should suffice: This thing has to get done. The sooner it gets done, the better. And — psst — so long as it gets done, we're not real particular about which House speaker we henceforth honor and love.

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Murchison

CHARLEY REESE

National debt 5 times number of stars in galaxy

As you probably know, the national debt is \$5 trillion. Numbers that large, however, are difficult to grasp.

It may help if you know that in the Milky Way, our galaxy, there are fewer than 1 trillion stars. So the American people owe more than five times as many dollars as there are stars in our galaxy.

This debt is just the sum of accumulated annual deficits plus interest. The interest is accruing at the rate of approximately \$45,000 a second.

Balancing the federal budget, of course, is just the first step. To pay off the national debt, the federal budget must be in surplus and that surplus must be used to retire the debt.

Do you think this will be done? I don't. Politicians in both parties have been talking about balancing the budget since at least 1980, when Ronald Reagan was elected. That year the federal budget was \$576 billion. This year it is \$1.6 trillion. Every year there has been a deficit to add to the national debt. Even today, the Republicans claim that they won't be able to balance the budget until the year 2002.

You know, of course, that politicians delib-

erately mislead the public. They talk about "working toward" and "achieving" a balanced budget as if it were some forest that had to be cleared or some mountain that had to be climbed.

What stands in the way of a balanced budget? Only one thing, the unwillingness of the members of the House and the Senate to balance it.

They could balance it this year. They could have balanced it last year. They could have balanced it 17 years ago. The budget has never been unbalanced either by accident or because Congress couldn't prevent it from being unbalanced. Every unbalanced budget has been a deliberate act of Congress.

We all know that people who pay taxes don't want to pay more taxes. We all know that people who receive money from the government don't want to receive less money.

But what will be the consequences if the budget is not balanced?

There is no bankruptcy court for governments, so when they can't pay their bills, they inflate the currency. Our government has already been doing this on a gradual basis. Today's dollar buys about 25 cents worth of goods and services compared to the 1967 dollar. In other words, in 30 years, the value of the dollar has declined about 75 percent.

A lot of the people who own this \$5 trillion worth of government paper know about the inflation scenario. When they sense it's about to begin at a rapid rate, they'll dump the paper on the market. That could precipitate a finan-

cial collapse. That's one reason the Federal Reserve is so antsy about inflation, so much more eager to see rising unemployment than rising wages.

There are tons of programs that could be cut flat out and not cause any great harm to the nation. Despite the rhetoric, however, you can see from the size of the budget each year — always larger never smaller — that there has not been a whole lot of cutting going on. Attribute that to political cowardice and the willingness of politicians to trade the national interest for the favors of special interests.

Fate, from time to time, puts nations as well as individuals to the test. Sometimes they rise to the test and pass. Sometimes they don't and fail. The United States is facing such a test. To pass we will need political leaders rather than politicians. We will need men and women willing to do the right thing, even if it means they don't get re-elected.

But what we all ought to do is stop evading reality, stop pretending the situation isn't serious, stop pretending that we have lots of time to straighten it all out. It's not a game. If we fail, the consequences will be cruel and brutal.

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By Calvin Wood

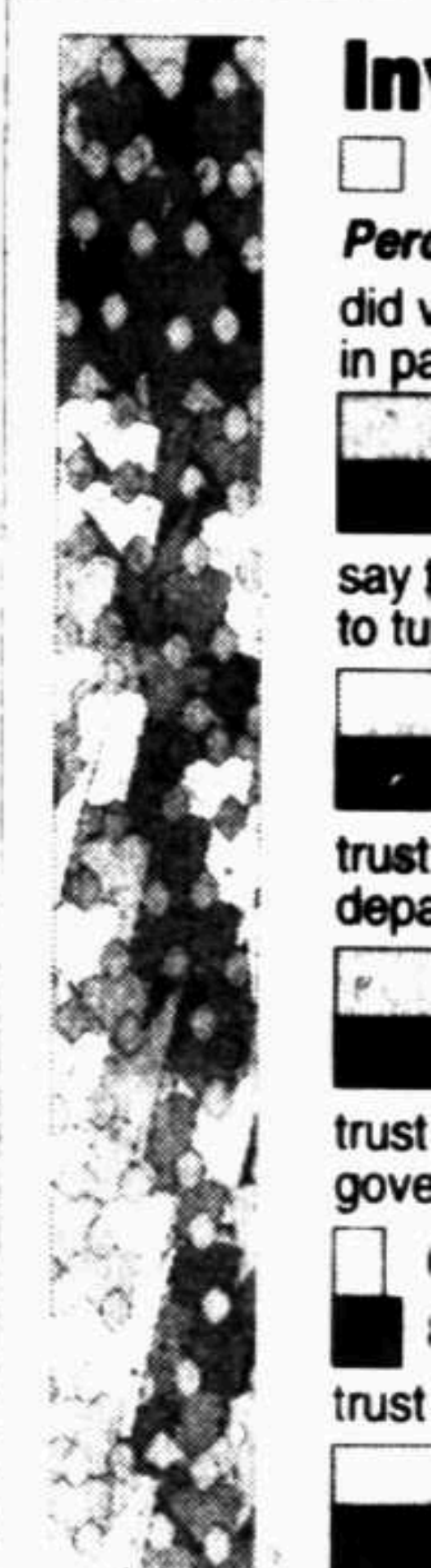
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Study points to civic involvement despite distrust of government

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans are deeply involved in their communities despite being wary of each other and distrustful of government, says a study released Thursday that challenges the idea that civic life is in decline.

A national poll by the Pew Research Center, combined with a case study of the Philadelphia area, found high rates of socializing and community interest along with significant levels of volunteering.

Almost two-thirds of Americans said they had done volunteer work in the last month, and one-third had been to a public affairs meeting in the last year. Blacks were more likely to distrust other people but also more likely to volunteer.

"It stands in contrast to signs of people turning inward," said Andrew Kohut, Pew research director. "There's a whole broad range of social networks that seem

to be alive and well."

Overall, Philadelphians were less inclined to volunteer than Americans at large — 49 percent had done so in the last month, compared with 61 percent of people nationally.

Even so, 60 percent of those surveyed in Philadelphia felt they could get neighbors to work together on a problem — and 41 percent had already done so. The typical Philadelphian engaged in some type of social activity — often the church or the gym — 14 times in the last month.

"People still join," said Don Eberly, president of the Commonwealth Foundation, which works for civic renewal. "They just hedge their bets a bit more."

If Americans are still joiners, they are suspicious of others, too. Only family, fellow church members, local fire departments and bosses enjoyed strong trust from a majority of Americans and Philadelphians in the Pew report.

The typical American is not

inclined to trust most people and holds particularly dim views of federal and state government, that survey and others indicate.

Still, majorities nationally and locally felt that people try to be helpful most of the time.

Other research, including the highly publicized "Bowling Alone" essay by Harvard Professor Robert Putnam in 1995, pointed to increasing social isolation.

Philadelphia is the base for the Pew Charitable Trusts, and its choice for the yearlong study was not connected with President Clinton's three-day conference on community service planned there later this month.

The study found 34 percent of Americans and 30 percent in the metropolitan area went to a public affairs meeting in the last year.

Previous surveys, including some cited by Putnam, had put the figure on civic-meeting attendance as low as 13 percent.

The discrepancy in findings is explained in part by the value placed by researchers on various forms of social interaction.

In tracing declining member-

ships in unions, fraternal organizations, bowling leagues and more, Putnam acknowledged growth in other places where people meet. But he argued those forums, such as self-help or hobby groups, don't promote bonds like traditional civic organizations do.

The Pew research suggests important relationships are often formed at groups discounted by those with more pessimistic conclusions.

For example, 82 percent of Philadelphians who go to reading

or study groups and 64 percent of those in sports groups feel close enough to others in that activity to request help with a personal problem.

"The means and nature of social connections may be changing, but people are still linked meaningfully to one another," the study said.

It found no relationship between people's distrust of each other and their willingness to get involved in the community — both were high.

Involved Americans

□ National ■ Philadelphians

Percentage of people who:
did volunteer work
in past month

61% National
49% Philadelphians

say they have "many people"
to turn to for support

39% National
40% Philadelphians

trust their local police
department "a lot"

48% National
48% Philadelphians

trust the federal
government a lot

6% National
8% Philadelphians

trust fire department a lot

78% National
78% Philadelphians

believe most people
can be trusted

48% National
48% Philadelphians

believe that most of the time,
people try to be helpful

58% National
58% Philadelphians

think their community is a
good to excellent place to live

84% National
68% Philadelphians

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Smoking and custody: Many judges are saying kick habit to keep children

By Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — If you can imagine yourself in a battle for custody of your children, divorce lawyer Alan Scheinkman has some advice: Don't smoke.

Judges in divorce cases are increasingly considering smoking as a factor in deciding where to put the kids — especially when the children have asthma or allergies.

"If you were a prudent parent on the receiving end of a custody petition, and you really cared about the kids and retaining custody, you'd say, 'I'm quitting,'" Scheinkman says.

The issue has spilled over into the nation's family courts as the public becomes increasingly aware of the dangers of cigarettes and secondhand smoke. It will be the topic of a panel discussion Friday at Pace University Law School.

School.

The nearly universal "best interests of the child" standard used in custody cases means parties can raise, and judges can consider, almost any issue. And if a judge is so inclined, he can see smoking as a negative in two ways: dirtying the child's air and showing poor character.

"The parent who's willing to smoke in the same room with an asthmatic child shows more self-centeredness and less selfless regard for their child than one who won't," says Ann Oldfather, a divorce lawyer in Louisville, Ky.

Obviously, smoking is not always going to make a difference.

"If you had a parent who is beating the other parent and the child, you wouldn't say, 'Well, because the victim is a smoker, we're going to award custody to the abusing parent,'" Scheinkman says. But in cases where the par-

ents are equal in nearly all other respects, smoking could prove to be the decisive factor.

In 1990, a Tennessee court awarded custody of an asthmatic boy to his father because his mother smoked in front of the child, even in an automobile. Similar rulings have come in Connecticut, Delaware, Minnesota and New Jersey, all since 1993.

Some judges, perhaps realizing that it can be hard to quit smoking, have decided not to switch custody but to impose smoking restrictions on the parent. In Nassau County, N.Y., a judge ruled that a woman could smoke in only one room of the house, and only if the children weren't present.

In Knox County, Tenn., the Circuit Court has adopted a rule for all custody cases, and not just those in which the child has a health problem: "If children are exposed to smoke, it will be strong evidence

that the exposing parent does not take good care of them."

That rule led last year to a criminal contempt conviction — and a loss of all visitation rights — for a father who smoked during his time with his daughter.

Merril Sobie, a Pace Law professor, a specialist in children's law and a pipe smoker, believes that without evidence a child is harmed, "I don't think smoking should be relevant at all."

"Should we deny custody if the parent feeds the child junk food? A parent that lets Johnny play touch football?" he asks. "I'm also very leery of the state intervening in parental discretion."

Similarly, Walker Merriman of the Tobacco Institute, an industry group, says that unless it can be shown that the child could suffer harm, "it's very troublesome for courts to undertake fine-grain scrutiny and engage in social engi-

neering."

So far, there is no clear national standard on how to deal with smoking around children, says

Scheinkman, a three-pack-a-day man until he quit seven years ago: "It's very much a child of the '90s and very much undeveloped."



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Friday, April 18

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Presidential counselor appears before grand jury

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Presidential counselor Mack McLarty testified Thursday before a federal grand jury looking into the White House's role in securing controversial payments to Whitewater witness Webster Hubbell.

Meanwhile, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said she wasn't worried by revelations earlier this week that her former business partner, James McDougal, had provided prosecutors new information that has been corroborated.

"I'm not concerned at all," Mrs. Clinton said during an appearance on NBC. "I've seen the spikes of interest and the speculation run wild so many times in the last five years and it has always evaporated."

"The dust has settled and they've gone on to yet a new set of allegations. So really, when you've been through this as long as we have been, we don't pay it much attention."

McLarty is the second senior White House official to travel to Little Rock this week to be

questioned before the grand jury. Chief of staff Erskine Bowles testified Tuesday.

Prosecutors were to question McLarty about efforts he made in the spring of 1994 to help find financial assistance for Hubbell after Hubbell resigned under an ethical cloud from the Justice Department's No. 3 job.

Investigators want to know whether the effort was an attempt to find "hush money" for Hubbell, who became an important Whitewater witness.

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You Can Soar! World Wide Flight '97 Update

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Other than a few clouds, Linda Finch expects good weather for her trip today. During her flight to Athens, Greece, Wednesday she encountered some rain showers and accumulated some ice on the plane. The cloud bases were at 4,000 to 5,000 feet, which meant she had to fly low over the Mediterranean up the coast of Italy to avoid the ice. In Athens, local high school students performed "Homer's Odyssey" in classical Greek and English. She learned that in Greece students have to learn Greek, English, French and another language before they can graduate. For the latest pilot log, call Cityline at 560-2400 and enter category 3200 or link to the Reporter-Telegram website at www.mrt.com. Related curriculum and story on page 5C.

Free shots

The Midland Health Department, 3303 W. Illinois Ave., is planning to offer free immunizations — for children and adults — Saturday and Monday through Friday, National Infant Immunization Week. "Rain checks" will be provided to persons who attend the clinic but are unable to receive their shots because of time constraints. The rain checks are valid for 30 days. The schedule is: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday; 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday; and 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Parents need to bring their children's shot records.

Open House

The Permian Basin Stamp Club will hold its annual open house, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the lobby of the airport post office. The event is open to the public; there is no charge to attend.

Jazz promotion

Dallas jazz saxophonist David Carr Jr. will be promoting his debut album, "Sounds of Innocence," from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday at Hastings. For more information call 694-1151.

Welfare bill

AUSTIN — A bill cracking down on welfare and Medicaid fraud that seeks to save the state \$27.4 million over the next two years was approved Thursday by the Texas Senate.

The bill would centralize fraud investigation and prosecution efforts under the Health and Human Services Commission's newly-created Office of Investigations and Enforcement. It would tighten the screening process for welfare benefits providers through the use of background checks and on-site inspections.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. St., 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 699-5563.
Southside Lions Club, noon, Southside Lions Club Building.
Tall City Road riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Team Bank, 694-5310.
Beyond Choice support group for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 1:30 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Kim, 580-HELP.



For Local, National and World Updates, call CITYLINE, and enter category 1200 for the main news menu.

Tobacco foes warn against settlement

MIAMI (AP) — Leading figures in the drive to regulate tobacco as a dangerous drug warned today against giving cigarette makers blanket protection from the lawsuits that have pushed them into settlement talks.

"I would have grave reservations about giving this industry immunity," David Kessler, outgoing commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"I think it is very difficult to deal with people that have lied to us for three decades," former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said in arguing against

immunity on the same show. "I think we've got to keep our focus on the fact that this is a public health issue, not a financial issue."

Analysts say it just made good business sense for the nation's two largest tobacco companies and tobacco litigants to enter into secret settlement talks, which were acknowledged Wednesday.

The threat of huge judgments, legal setbacks and jittery stock prices — not a recognition of smoking dangers — may be the straw that broke Camel's back.

"They are paying lawyers some \$600

million a year," said Marc Cohen, a tobacco analyst with Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York. "There is risk attached to all of this litigation. ... That is sound motivation for the industry to try and seek a resolution."

The industry's tactic of fiercely defending against any lawsuit served cigarette makers well for four decades. Lawsuits met with little success despite mounting evidence of smoking's addictiveness.

But now the industry faces a mountain of litigation, from individuals as well as nearly half the attorneys general in the

United States.

Even shareholders have sued, claiming stock prices were overvalued because the companies failed to disclose damaging information on smoking hazards. Revenues were \$45 billion last year, but stock prices were jumpy nonetheless.

It was under these kinds of financial and legal pressures that Philip Morris Cos. and RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. began talks of a settlement with eight of 23 states seeking to recover smoking-related health costs. Alaska on Monday became latest state to sue.

Author to speak about books on cancer, Wayne

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

James Olson's lifetime love affair with history and his personal battle with cancer helped fuel his desire to write about an American icon and later to tackle writing about the disease.

"After I lost my arm in 1987, I wanted to make peace with myself or to make lemonade out of the lemon life had handed me," said Olson, who is chair of the History Department at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. "I decided to write a book about cancer as an historian."

The author of more than 25 books, Olson will speak in the Permian Basin on Tuesday about two of his books — "John Wayne: American," published in 1995, and "Wounded Women: Breasts, Cancer, and History," which will be published early next year.

"John Wayne: American," Olson said, "gets under the skin of liberals who don't like John Wayne, of whom I was one of before I wrote the book. During the process of the research, I came to like the guy. He's been dead a long time, but I came to like him. He was really a nice fellow."

The biography — nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in biography and winner

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

In memoriam

James Poole, whose son was murdered, affixes a ribbon to a tree on the grounds of the county courthouse Thursday during a ceremony in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. James I. "Jip" Poole was stabbed to death in July 1995.



Bryan Bernard of Eugene, Ore., visits the memorial display at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, Saturday. April 19 is the anniversary of the burning of Mount Carmel which killed cult leader David Koresh and his followers.

4 years after Waco incident, questions remain

WACO (AP) — Burned-out buses and motorcycles litter the prairie surrounding the concrete foundation where the Branch Davidian compound once stood.

The ruins are decorated with hand-printed signs and grave-style markers devoted to the 80 Branch Davidians who died on April 19, 1993, in the fiery end of a 51-day standoff between the religious group and the federal government.

When the smoke cleared, the questions began. Four years later, they remain: Who shot first in the initial raid? Who started the hellish fire that burned the compound to the ground?

The spotlight originally turned to this field in February 1993, when agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempted to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh.

Television viewers nationwide watched with fascination and horror as a battle ensued. When the gunfire finally stopped, four federal agents and six Branch Davidians were dead.

For weeks the tension rose as the Davidians holed up in their Mount Carmel compound and federal agents stood guard on the perimeter.

Then at dawn on April 19, the government stormed the building, throwing tear gas and knocking down walls.

Almost as soon as the compound erupted in flames, the recriminations began that continue today.

As federal trials and nearly two weeks of congressional hearings unfolded, it became evident that Koresh was indeed an apocalyptic leader who had illegally armed his disciples. The world also learned that federal agents botched their attempts to depose Koresh, and some tried to cover up their mistakes.

But no charges were ever made against government officials. So Davidians and their surviving relatives filed a lawsuit hoping to prove the government was at fault for its conduct in the siege, standoff, fire and aftermath.

Defendants include Attorney General

Janet Reno, then-FBI director William Sessions, and top officials from the FBI and ATF who were involved in planning, supervising and executing the raid and the subsequent calamity.

With hundreds of motions, memorandums, replies and rulings, it's likely to be years before the case actually sees trial.

The group's nine individual lawsuits were consolidated into one in 1995 and last year — against the plaintiffs' wishes — moved from Houston to U.S. District Court in Waco.

"We did not want to go there because the only federal judge is Walter Smith. He is unfairly biased against the Branch Davidians," said Joe Phillips, a lawyer with Caddell & Warden of Houston and one of several attorneys representing about 250 Branch Davidians, estates and relatives.

It was Smith who sentenced eight surviving Branch Davidians to prison for various charges, including weapons vio-

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Winners of Reflections Cultural Arts contest honored

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — Winners in the District 18 "It Could Happen..." Reflections Cultural Arts competition were honored Thursday night at a reception at Lincoln Towers.

More than 500 kindergartners through 12th-graders from Midland, Odessa and Big Spring competed. The district winners, who all received medals, advanced to the state competition.

Sarah Gibson, a student at Jones Elementary School, was the only District 18 student to win at the competition's state level. Sarah won first place in intermediate photography for her photograph of children at play.

Divisions are primary, grades K-2; intermediate, 3-5; junior high, 6-8; and senior, 9-12. Local winners are:

Primary Photography
Jennifer Cooper, Emerson Elementary; Nick D'agostino, Fannin Elementary; Julie Fortuna, Fannin Elementary; Lindsay Hart, Rusk Elementary; Addison

Ragsdale, Parker Elementary; Nathan Phillips, Rusk Elementary; Abby Young, Rusk Elementary; Raynita Villa, Rusk Elementary; Jennifer Pitts, Greathouse Elementary; and Stephen Wagner, Jones Elementary.

Intermediate Photography
Sarah Hernandez, Houston Elementary; Brian Groves, Fannin Elementary; Kelleigh Drennon, Santa Rita Elementary; Kelleigh Drennon, Santa Rita Elementary; Amanda Frago, Jones Elementary; Bethany Hill, Jones Elementary; Sarah Gibson, Jones Elementary; and Rebecca Reid, Bonham Elementary.

Junior High Photography
David Drennon, Goddard Junior High; Wade Koehl, Crockett Elementary; Kimberly Podraza, Milam Elementary; Ashley Estes, Milam Elementary; Monica Montgomery, Pease Elementary; Tracey Jolliffe, Crockett Elementary; Nick Vascon, Crockett Elementary; and Amy Houston, Milam Elementary.

Senior High Photography
Scott Williams, Lee High; Greg Bryant, Midland High; Sharon Smead, MHS; Brooks Brinnistool, LHS; Tom Paniszczyn, Midland Freshman; Susannah Prucka, LHS; Paula Haden, LHS; Sharon Smead, MHS; Jennifer Jones, LHS; Jessica Welch, MFHS; Lindsay Page, LHS; Roxanne Mitchell, MHS; Aleena Smith, LHS; Robin James, LHS; and Chaptal Julien, MHS.

Primary Music
Stephanie Krol, Parker; Allison Castro, Rusk; Amanda Moss, Bowie; Julie Fortuna, Fannin; Katie Chiles, Rusk; Nick D'agostino, Fannin; Covan Banner, Bowie; Michael Van Horn, Greathouse; and Lilly Winfree, Bowie.

Intermediate Music
Jessica Ellis, Fannin; Spencer Blake, Bowie; A.J. Ferguson, Houston; Kristina Hambek, Emerson; Emily Fortuna, Bonham; and Jamie Scheele, Greathouse.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Sarah Gibson, a student at Jones Elementary School, won first place in the statewide Reflections Cultural Arts contest for her photograph of children at play.

Midland city employees recognized at banquet for years of service

From Staff Reports

A large number of city employees were honored for their service at a banquet Thursday night.

Honored for 30 years of service were: Ramon Acosta, retired; John E. Bostwick; Andres Covarrubias Jr., retired; Harold P. Herring, retired; and Gary O. Lane.

Other employees were honored for working for the city for 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years:

25 years — Pauline Gonzalez, retired; Benjamin G. Johnson, retired; Robert L. Jones; Eddie W. Klatt; Boyce K. Lann; Harry C. Lovejoy Jr.; and Bobby G. Williams, retired.

20 years — Gary M. Chastain, Mario F. Cuellar, Terry L. Garner, Joel Gutierrez, Jeffrey L. Haile, Adrian Hamilton Jr., James D. Haun, J.T. Hogue, Raymond G. Martinez, Jasper McKee Jr., Vernon J. McNew, Kenneth G. Moten, Edward M. Nicks, Betty Rains, Regi-

nald A. Rankin, Tony F. Salcido and Ricky D. Taylor.
15 years — Saul Aguirre, Mark D. Barnes, Dennis G. Blum, Mildred J. Boren, Maria T. Box, Russell R. Brooks, Arturo V. Cadena, Larry J. Capell, Gilbert C. Carter, S.R. Collins, Sylvia K. Daniel, Gary L. Davidson, Joseph Dinka, Paul G. Fino, Daniel L. Friday, Artemio C. Garcia, William A. Glasscock, David G. Glenn, Elva H. Gonzales, David L. Gordon, Kenneth R. Graves, Billy R. Greathouse, Hilario R. Gutierrez, Peter M. Gutierrez, Domingo Guzman, Mark A. Hall, William S. Howard, Sheryl W. Joiner, Maria I. Jones, Evelyn J. Knittel, Daniel Martinez, Michael McLain, James C. Means, Raymond A. Meek, Orahim Y. Odisho, David N. Oshana, Rodolfo Ramos, Larry J. Rawls, Aida Q. Reyes, William D. Seago, John R. Smith, Davis T. Tyler, Albert Z. Warda, William M. Winford and Beverly Wingo.

10 years — Ramon N. Acosta Jr., Thomas L. Albrecht, Elier Avila, Ida Baker, Herman Boatman, Belinda R. Boone, Kenneth L. Boone, Brenda Brown, Glen R. Butler, Sylvester Cantu, Ruben H. Carrasco, Charles Chamberlin III, Gary R. Chavez, Richard L. Czech, Roberto R. DeLeon, David V. Donaldson, David Estrada, Ramon C. Gonzales Jr., Bobbie J. Land, Flor A. Long, Debe V. Loza, Norman Loza, Eva Luna, Keith A. McDaniel, Retta J. Morris, Gabriel Natividad, Tony L. Navarez, Carmen W. Orozco, Mary J. Peña, Jose L. Perez, Drew D. Peters, Lee Porter, Richard Pothoff, Edwin Price, Joe A. Reyes, John W. Ridgway, James P. Robertson, Stuart A. Sherman, Vicki Stumberg, Melissa Tejada and Richard C. Werner.

Five years — Shannon D. Barrett, Vernon Brown Sr., Carolyn S. Carson, Kenneth R. Carter, Johnnie S. Cebal-

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POLICE REPORTS

Stabbing

Police are investigating a stabbing that occurred around 3 p.m. Thursday across from Coleman High School, 1600 E. Golf Course Road.

According to police, two females began fighting over a "misunderstanding." One of the women stabbed the other in the ribs and fled the scene before police arrived.

The injured woman was taken to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Her injuries were not life-threatening, police reported.

Midland Police Department Wednesday

Burglary of a residence: Tools were taken at 2 Stutz Court, reported Jake Hodges at 3:26 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: Tools were taken at 4508 Norwood St., reported Sal Caleria at 4:08 p.m.

Assault: A report was made at 311 S. Jackson St. at 5:24 p.m.

Theft: A keyring and keys were taken at 4511 N. Midkiff Road, reported David Martinez at 6:48 p.m.

Theft: Cash was taken at 404 S. Carver St., reported L. Collins at 7:43 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: Tools were taken at 2007 W. Michigan Ave., reported Martha O'Hara at 8:38 p.m.

Attempted burglary of a residence: A report was made at 3704 Cedar Springs Drive by Ruth Miller at 9:08 p.m.

Assault: A report was made at 2311 W. Cuthbert Ave. at 9:35 p.m.

Thursday

Burglary of a vehicle: A stereo and compact discs were taken at 4517 N. Midland Drive, reported Wal-Mart at 1:16 a.m.

Assault: A report was made at 4301 Raleigh Court at 1:36 a.m. One male was arrested for family violence, police reported.

Vandalism: A vehicle window and side mirror were broken at 3501 W. Shandon Ave., reported Olga Alvarez at 7:23 a.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle window was broken at 3607 Humble Ave., reported David Webb at 7:30 a.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle window was broken at 4213 Greenbriar Drive, reported Phil Konz at 8:04 a.m.

Theft: A report was made at 2208 N. Big Spring St. by Furr's at 10:52 a.m. Two females were arrested, police reported.

Vandalism: A car was written on at 1212 E. Wadley Ave., reported Gerald Irwin at 11:15 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Wednesday

Theft: Twenty mobile home tires were taken at 6910 W. Highway 80, reported Nationwide Mobile Homes at 3:24 p.m.

Assault: A report was made at 12000 W. U.S. Highway 80 by Morgan Buildings and Spas at 2:45 p.m.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Lathatt Magee

Lathatt Manila Magee, of Midland, died Monday, April 14.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Mount Rose Baptist Church with the Rev. William C. Palmer officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

She was born May 23, 1905, in Rosebud.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include a daughter, Oberia Burks of Midland; one grandson, five great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Rose Johnson

Rose Lee (Murray) Johnson died Thursday, April 17, at a local care center.

Graveside services have been set for 6 p.m. today, April 18, at Rabke Cemetery in Rabke under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 24, 1905, in DeWitt County.

She earned a master's degree in elementary education from Trinity University and taught for 54 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C.B. Johnson, in 1964.

Survivors include a daughter, Myrna Loy Hansler of Runge; a sister, LaDell Tips of Runge; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to Rabke United Methodist Church, Yorktown, Texas 78164.

Winifred Connell

STANTON — Winifred (Winnie) Deavenport Connell of Dallas, sister of Bob Deavenport of Stanton, died Tuesday, April 15, in Dallas.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, April 17, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Dallas. Burial is to be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April

19, at St. Joseph Cemetery in Stanton under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born April 18, 1914, in Duncan, Okla.

She was secretary to the owner of Texas Ice Machine Co. for 10 years and retired in 1976. She was a long-time member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church and was an active member of the Lions Ladies Auxiliary, three bridge clubs, Lecture Luncheon Club and Stephens Park Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Twyman Deavenport.

Other survivors include her husband, John D. Connell of Dallas; two sisters, Jean Dyer of Houston and Irene Murfee of Merkel; three nieces and three nephews; and several cousins.

Family requests memorials be made to St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 1809 W. Davis St., Dallas, or to a favorite charity.

Chrystal Rogers

Chrystal Bacot Rogers, 87, died Monday, April 14, at a local hospital.

Graveside services have been set for 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Andrews County Cemetery in Andrews. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born April 4, 1910, in Roton.

She owned Chrystal's Flowers in McCamey and Northwest Texas Flowers in Amarillo. She was a member of B & PW Club and the Garden Club in McCamey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Rogers, on May 2, 1978, and by a son, Oliver O. Jacobsen Jr. on July 6, 1978.

Survivors include a daughter, Sonja Kay Jacobsen McCauley of Midland; a sister, Peggy McKeen of Liberal, Kan.; two grandchildren; and nine nieces and nephews.

Vera Douglas

Vera Simpson Wilemon Douglas died Thursday, April 17, at a local care center.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

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.

Services are to be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Gary Dyer officiating. Burial is to follow at Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born March 3, 1909, in Lamesa.

She owned and operated Vera Wilemon Interiors in Midland from 1951 to 1975. She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Wilemon, in 1962. She was a member of the first Baptist Church, where she attended the senior adult Sunday school class.

Survivors include her husband, O.L. Douglas of Midland; a son, Guy M. Wilemon of Roswell, N.M.; a sister, Velma Hollingsworth of San Angelo; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

C.B. Couch

ANDREWS — C.B. "Ballard" Couch died Wednesday, April 19, at his residence in Andrews.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at First Baptist Church in Andrews with H.A. Hanks officiating. Burial is to follow at Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

He was born May 26, 1913, in Haskell.

He worked for Exxon as a field foreman until he retired in 1961. He

then worked for Superior Welding in Andrews, Kaiser Steel in California and on the Alaska Pipeline for two years. He was a former Mesquite Burner in Andrews and a member of the Andrews Masonic Lodge and First Baptist Church in Andrews.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Ruth Hay Couch of Andrews; three daughters, Barbara Grimes and Sue Thompson, both of Andrews, and Jo Ann Iles of Marshall; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Phelix Watson

ABILENE — Phelix Watson, 85, of Abilene, father of Midlander Jerry P. Watson, died Wednesday, April 16, at his home.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. today, April 18, at North's Memorial Chapel in Abilene with Edward James officiating. Burial is to follow at Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of North's Funeral Home.

Watson was born in Burkett.

He was a butcher with Safeway and owned the Coleman Meat Co. in Coleman. He owned and operated the Watson Meat Co. in Abilene for 20 years and was a salesman for Riddley Meat Co. He was a member of Southwest Park Baptist Church.

Other survivors include his wife, Sylvia Watson of Abilene; a brother, Roger Watson of Cross Plains; a sister, Mildred Harlow of San Antonio; and three grandchildren.

OLSON: Author to speak about his books on John Wayne, breast cancer

(From 1B)

of the 1996 National Book Award of the American Popular Culture Association — makes the argument that, Olson said, "John Wayne struck a chord in the national culture, for better or for worse, depending upon someone's perspective. And last year, he was rated, in a Gallup poll, the most popular actor in America even though he'd been dead for 17 years."

Olson will speak Tuesday about the popular movie actor and cultural icon for this spring's University of Texas at the Permian Basin College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture. His talk, which is free and open to the public, is set for 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification. A 4:30 p.m. reception at CEED will precede the lecture.

"If you look at his contemporaries — Clark Gable or Humphrey Bogart or Cary Grant — these people are now pretty much sort of footnotes in Hollywood history," said Olson, who received the outstanding teacher award at SHSU.

"Wayne still stares out at us from restaurants, television screens, barrooms, gas stations, and arts and crafts sales. Wayne is still ubiquitous in our culture. He became a lightning rod and an icon in the American popular culture," Olson cited as an example Marilyn Monroe. "She's been dead since 1962 and any sixth-grader can recognize her. They won't know who Greta Garbo is any more. And they'll know who John Wayne is, too."

Part of what attracted Olson to Wayne was the actor's willingness to publicly battle lung cancer when he was struck with it in 1964.

"He went public with his disease

at a time when there was really quite a stigma attached to cancer," Olson said.

Wayne's advisers warned the star that "revealing his cancer would expose a weakness that might hurt his career," Olson said.

"Basically, Wayne went along with that for about a month, and finally said, 'To hell with it, and released the story to a good friend of his, James Bacon, (then) a columnist for the Herald Examiner in Los Angeles.' It was not until 1981, when Olson's battle with cancer began, that Olson became "interested in Wayne."

Olson, who was a generation behind Wayne, had grown up aware of the star's films and his heroics.

"This seemed to be a particularly heroic thing he had done — not something he had acted out," Olson said. "And it intrigued me,

and I became interested in Wayne and that interest turned into writing a biography in the mid-1980s."

His interest in cancer also led him to write "Wounded Women: Breasts, Cancer, and History," which he will talk about at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Room 480 of the UTPB Mesa Building. The talk is free and open to the public.

He selected breast cancer from among the 100 or so cancers for several reasons.

"Breast cancer is the earliest cancer ever known in human civilization," said Olson. "The Greeks knew about cancer and about breast cancer. They didn't know about most other kinds of cancers."

"Breast cancer is visible to the eye. There are excellent records going back thousands of years, excellent sources to use in writing."

And, with breast cancer "there's a gender dimension to the disease that's very significant," Olson said,

explaining that it only affects men in around 2 percent of the cases, and it has been, until very recently, "treated only by men."

In this book Olson writes about "prominent, historical figures who have had breast cancer." He looks at "the treatment, what it was based on, its outcome, its philosophy."

For instance, in the early 1900s, a Jewish physician treated Adolph Hitler's mother, Klara, for breast cancer. She subsequently died of the disease.

"Thirty-one years later, just before the beginning of the Holocaust in 1939, Hitler allowed this Austrian Jew to immigrate out of Austria to New York City," Olson said. "The book's full of those kinds of stories and tales, along with kind of the science and the medicine of breast cancer."

His other books fall into one of

three broad categories — the Vietnam War, American economic history, especially the Great Depression, and American ethnic groups and immigration.

"My interest falls generally into those areas," said Olson, who has been teaching at Sam Houston State University since 1972. "I love history. History is everything, and everything is history."

His talks on Tuesday mark the first time he has spoken in the Midland-Odessa area.

"I'm excited about it," Olson said. "I hope I can make the trip worthwhile for the people bringing me there and the people listening to me. I'll try to be reasonably interesting."

CITY: Midland employees honored at banquet for years of service

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Speaker discusses angels

Dallas speaker Diane Stanton is to discuss "Increasing Our Awareness of Angels" at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church women's luncheon 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the church's Parish Hall, 2900 W. Princeton Ave.

Cost is \$10 a person and reservations are required. Call the church office, 694-8856.

Mrs. Stanton is the wife of Bishop James Stanton of Dallas.

Workshop on 'Communicating Christ'

Midland Bible Church is hosting a workshop 9 a.m. to noon Saturday on "Communicating Christ to Your Friends," led by Rich Van Houten, minister of prayer and outreach at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Ala.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Midland Bible Church is located at 2800 N. A St.

For more information, call 684-9722.

American Heritage Days celebrated

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum's second annual American Heritage Days are Friday and Saturday at the Noel Heritage Plaza, 319 W. Fifth St.

Demonstration and activities are planned for both days. Hours Friday are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for school groups, and 5 to 9 p.m. Hours Saturday are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the City of Odessa, the Midland Reporter-Telegram, Nations bank, Odessa American, Odessa Cultural Council and Parkway Inn.

Students' art on display at museum

Colorful and innovative works of art created by Midland County school students are being exhibited in the annual Student Art Festival at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through May 11.

Midland and Greenwood students have their work on display in a variety of mediums and styles. Elementary work is on display in the Freda Turner Durham Children's Museum and the secondary art is being shown in the Thomas and Turner galleries.

Paper, cardboard, wood, clay, metal, and other materials have been used to fabricate paintings and sculptures, drawings and ceramics, posters and commercial art.

Secondary students competed in categories of color drawing, black and white drawing, sculpture, ceramics, fiber and textiles, printmaking, painting, and multimedia and functional art.

Ribbons and certificates are to be presented for winners in each category at a reception 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the museum.

Public viewing hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

ART: Student winners of arts contest recognized

(From 1B)

Junior High Music

Bradley Lord, South Elementary; Amanda McBurney, Alamo Junior High; and Laine Godsey, Goddard Junior High.

Senior High Music

Rick Kimpel, LHS; and Michelle Blake, LHS.

Primary Literature

Stephanie Strauss, Jones; Matt Sledge, Bowie; Allison Reid, Fannin; Amanda Moss, Bowie; Gareth Le Grande, Bonham; Stephanie Krol, Parker; Nick D'agostino, Fannin; Sterling Conkey, Rusk; Allison Castro, Rusk; and Austin Bullock, Greathouse.

Intermediate Literature

Chase Peeler, Jones; Erin Maiorino, Greathouse; Ryann Lamb, Houston; Grant Hawkins, Greathouse; Kelleigh Drennon,

Santa Rita; Michelle Brinker, Bush; and Natalie Bird, Parker.

Junior High Literature

David Young, Alamo Junior High; Lindsey Rose, Goddard Junior High; Tristan LeGrande, Alamo Junior High; Linsey Johnson, Alamo Junior High; Amy Huston, Milam Elementary; Heather Harris, Goddard Junior High; Justin Danton, Alamo Junior High; Megan Douglas, Goddard Junior High; Stephen Brumley, Alamo Junior High; Katherine Bell, Alamo Junior High; and Christine Becker, Alamo Junior High.

Senior High Literature

Kanji Torn, LHS; Gregg Strauss, Lee Freshman High School; Gregg Strauss, LFHS; Ghada Shabana, LFHS; Tami Norman, MFHS; Walker Moody,

MHS; Elanna Marziani, LHS; Ashley Marshall, MHS; Stacy Kelley, LHS; Randy Chambers, MHS; Thomas Caputo, MHS; Nikki Bird, LHS; Margaret Ann Brown, MHS; Kasia Binam, MHS; and Kelli Jarro, MFHS.

Primary Visual Arts

Alexandra Savage, Fannin; Sarah Leim, Fannin; Addie Ragsdale, Parker; Austin Inman, Fannin; Sarah Leim, Fannin; Madison Ropp, Fannin; Jeffery Newton, Bonham; Tara Cardon, Greathouse; Daniel Sanchez, Bonham; Amanda Moss, Bowie; and Jerome Walker III, Fannin.

Intermediate Visual Arts

Elizabeth Landreth, Greathouse; Kelleigh Drennon, Santa Rita; Sarah Maurer, Jones; Jenny Holter, Santa Rita; Toria Gooding, Santa Rita; Laura Leim, Fannin; Kelleigh Drennon, Santa

Rita; Dusty Wallace, Rusk; Gregory Anderson, Santa Rita; and Timothy Gilmore, Houston.

Junior High Visual Arts

Julie Holzer, Goddard; Tyler Fields, Crockett; Ashlee Malouf, Travis; Kimberly Scherer, Milam; Laine Godsey, Goddard; Tyler Fields, Crockett; and David Drennon, Goddard.

Senior High Visual Arts

Gregg Strauss, LFHS; Mickey Rubio, LHS; Isaac Almodova, LHS; Laura Aleman, LHS; Chris Mertz, LHS; Kristen Knight, MFHS; Gina Pagano, LHS; Cindy Simpson, MHS; Jennifer Robinson, LHS; Pedro Prieto, LHS; Midland, Erica Reyes, LHS; Midland, Rocky Merritt, MHS; Josh Clark, MHS; Becca Scott, MHS; Gregg Strauss, LFHS and Lewis Busbee, MHS.

WACO: Questions remain

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various charges, including weapons violations and voluntary manslaughter. The Koresh followers remain behind bars in prisons from Georgia to Wisconsin.

On appeal, the 5th Circuit Court has ordered Smith to review some of his more severe sentences. That review has not been completed and the judge has asked the U.S. Attorney's office to file a brief stating what type of sentencing would be appropriate.

Phillips said that because of Smith's prior involvement, he was asked to remove himself from overseeing the ongoing lawsuit. Smith refused.

Last week, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals was asked to force Smith to step down. No ruling has been made.

"We're not trying to judge-shop. We'll take any other judge. We just want someone who hasn't made up his mind," Phillips said.

Smith refused to comment on the

cases.

Phillips said he knows that given the chance, the lawsuit can address the haunting remains of Waco. But he grants that it will be difficult.

"Certainly the fact that the government killed most of our witnesses and their mostly survived makes it more difficult for us," Phillips said.

Waco's wake has brought theories of a widespread government cover-up and increasing numbers of fringe groups.

"It's considered one of the galvanizing forces that helped to launch the rise of militias," said Richard Boudoin, spokesman for Klanwatch, a nonprofit arm of the Southern Poverty Law Center that monitors hate crimes and extremist groups. "They've used the controversy and woven a number of conspiracy theories around it."

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GOP supports alternate children's health plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans led by Sen. Phil Gramm put their support behind a modest children's health insurance bill Thursday that aims to cover a third of the nation's uninsured children. They rejected a more ambitious bipartisan proposal.

Gramm predicted the plan, which would give states money with few strings attached, would win support from Republican leaders who have spurned a bill sponsored by Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

"It was important that we showed we had an alternative," said Gramm, R-Texas. "I don't like to engage in a debate by simply being ... against something."

The Hatch-Kennedy bill would

almost triple cigarette taxes to help states subsidize the cost of insurance premiums for low- and moderate-income families. It would also raise \$10 billion for deficit reduction. A similar measure was introduced Thursday by a bipartisan group in the House.

Gramm's bill, which has six Republican co-sponsors, would give states block grants to use as they see fit so long as they serve uninsured children.

"We have confidence states can do it better," Gramm said.

Gramm would fund his plan by eliminating the Earned Income Tax Credit for adults without children, which would raise \$3.75 billion over five years and roll back one of President Clinton's proudest achievements.

The tax credit was expanded in 1993 to include single adults — something Clinton touted throughout his re-election campaign. Gramm said the program was intended to serve families with children and should return to its original mission.

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Property tax bill needs work, coalition says

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill heralded by many as offering Texans significant school property tax cuts needs a lot of work before it will be acceptable, according to a coalition of liberal and moderate lawmakers.

Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, head of the Legislative Study Group, on Thursday joined several lawmakers in announcing their concerns about the bill, which cleared a House committee Wednesday. The bill would cut local school property taxes by about 50 percent.

To pay for the cuts, the bill would raise some state taxes, apply the state sales tax to more goods and services, expand the state business tax and dedicate \$1 billion in additional state funds and lottery proceeds to education.

Lawmakers concerned about the proposal said the expanded taxes meant to pay for the property tax cuts could hit low- and middle-income Texans hardest.

"If it does, we will have a problem," Bailey said.

Some of the key issues for the coalition include:

- Provisions assuring that all renters share in the property tax cuts.
 - That the expanded sales taxes and other taxes won't force poor and middle-class Texans to pay more.
 - That all Texans pay a fair share of the cost of education.
- The coalition, which represents about 70 of the House's 150 members, is not opposed to the bill but it is not supporting it.
- The bill needs a simple majority of lawmakers to pass, but an accompanying constitutional amendment needs at least 100 votes to pass.
- Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, said the coalition will determine its position on the bill after a so-called tax equity note is completed. That document, required by law, will tell lawmakers how the plan affects people of various income levels. It must be released before the full House can debate the bill.
- The bill contains a provision forcing landlords of rental property with four or more units to share their tax cut savings with their tenants for three years.

Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, said that provision leaves out more than half of Texas' millions of renters. Most of them, Berlanga, said live in single-family rental homes and duplexes.

"Those individuals get no benefit," he said, adding that they still would have to pay some higher and new taxes to pay for the property tax cuts.

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, said the main concern is how average people would be affected.

"Do Texans end up with more in their pockets?" Turner said.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the committee that approved the bill, said the state's tax system will continue to be unfair to poor and middle-class Texans. He said the proposed changes will make it better, but not perfect.

Bailey said the coalition isn't looking for perfect, but doesn't want something even more unfair than the current system.

School choice bill may be dead in the Texas Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrats in the Texas Senate contend they have enough votes to kill a bill that would make up to 60,000 students in low-performing public schools eligible for a tax-funded transfer to private schools.

The Senate Education Committee on Wednesday voted 6-4 for the bill by its chairman, Sen. Teel Bivins, who said it scales back his earlier proposal that would have affected an estimated 238,000 public school students.

But 13 of the Senate's 14 Democrats on Thursday said they were set to vote against the bill. Such a move would keep the bill from getting the 21 votes necessary — two-thirds of the 31 members — to bring up the measure for consideration. There are 17 Republicans in the Senate.

"I'm just going to keep working to get the votes to pass the bill," Bivins, R-Amarillo, said. "As long as we're in session, the

bill's not dead."

When asked if the bill was gravely sick, Bivins said, "It's not in the hospital, it's just got a cold. Any kind of condition like that could become terminal. But right now it's treatable."

Democrats opposing the bill said they want to focus their efforts on open enrollment charter schools, public school that don't face many of the requirements faced by traditional public schools.

The Texas Education Agency has granted all 20 of the state's current charters but another 291 groups have said they would apply for charters if given the chance.

Legislation has been introduced to expand the number of charter schools.

"As a policy matter, most of us think we ought to expand charter school concepts and I think the Senate's pretty much agreed on that," said Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas, who opposes Bivins' bill.

Senate approves bill cracking down on welfare fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill cracking down on welfare and Medicaid fraud that seeks to save the state \$27.4 million over the next two years was approved Thursday by the Texas Senate.

The bill, by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, would centralize fraud investigation and prosecution efforts under the Health and Human Services Commission's newly-created Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

It would tighten the screening process for welfare benefits providers through the use of background checks and on-site inspections; require health and human services agencies to use advanced fraud-detection technologies; and enact stiffer penalties for fraud, especially for fraud against the elderly, disabled and children.

The measure was approved 31-0 and forwarded to the House.

"This will greatly improve the state's welfare system," Ms. Zaffirini said.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock told senators, "This is one of the most important bills you will consider

this session."

"By streamlining referrals, investigations and the prosecution of welfare thieves, we are pooling our resources toward the ultimate goal of getting Texans off welfare and into jobs," Bullock said.

Texas spent more than \$7.3 billion for Medicaid services and \$1.3 billion for financial assistance and food stamp programs in fiscal year 1995, yet fraud may account for as much as 10 percent of all Medicaid, financial assistance and food stamp claims, according to state figures.

Even if Texas loses only a fraction of this amount to fraud, the loss represents a serious, ongoing drain of public resources, Ms. Zaffirini said.

Thursday's vote comes less than a month after a sting operation in

Houston — touted as the first of its kind in the nation — left 225 people facing charges for welfare fraud for improperly using Texas' electronic benefits Lone Star Card.

In a sting financed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the federal food stamp program, Houston police officers posing as convenience store clerks accepted requests from customers to improperly scan the plastic card — which is like a bank debit card — in exchange for cash,

instead of groceries.

Under what officials said is a growing illegal practice, unscrupulous merchants ring up phony food purchases in exchange for cash and pocket a percentage of the transaction, with 30 percent being the typical rate in Houston.

Gordon Hardy, director of electronic benefits transfer trafficking for the Texas Department of Human Services, said the sting "opened the door for us and gave us a format to continue to do these kinds of things."

"Successful fraud control efforts demand strong referral and detection programs, an effective investigative function and appropriate punishments," Ms. Zaffirini said.

The welfare fraud bill is SB30.

'We are pooling our resources toward the ultimate goal of getting Texans off welfare and into jobs.'

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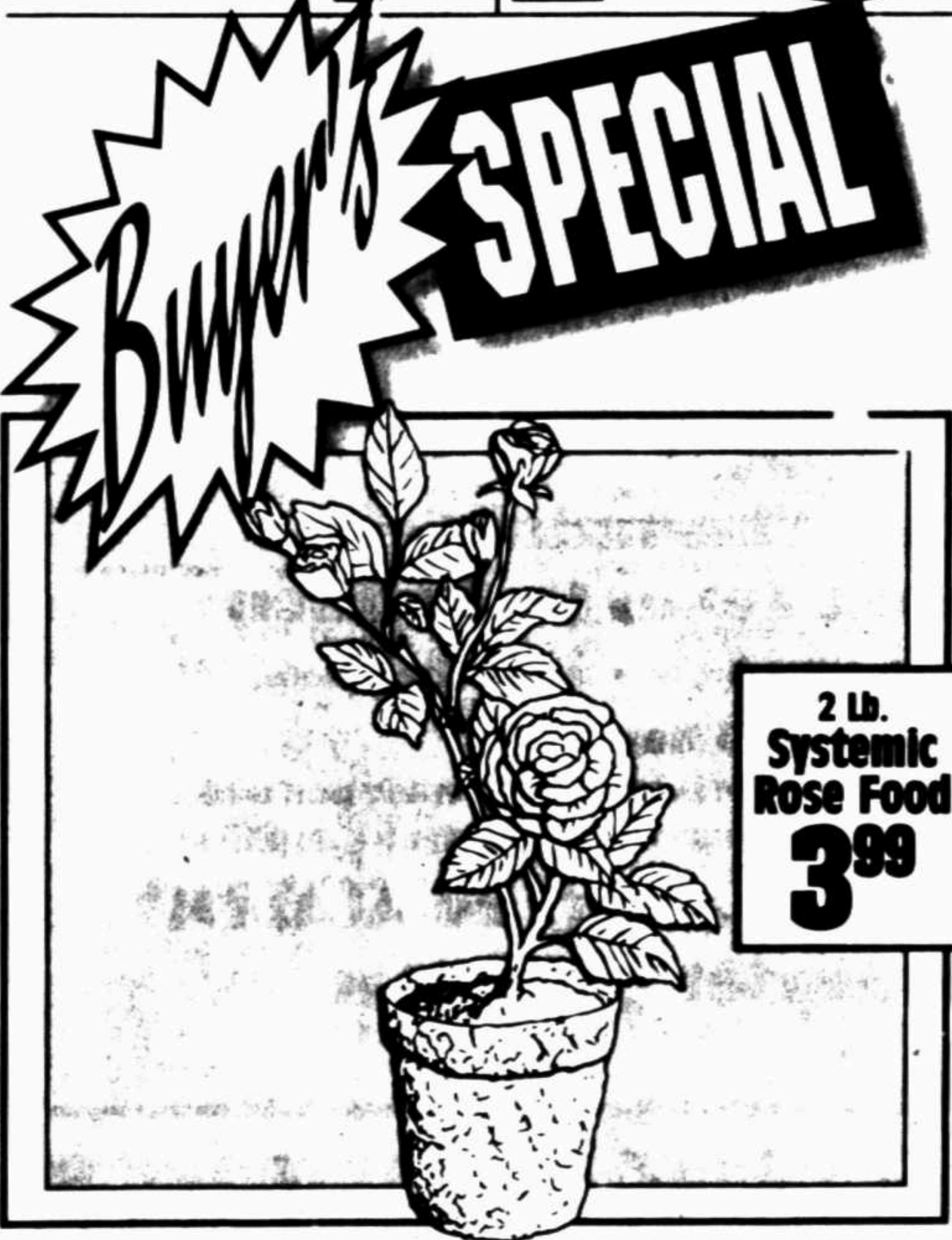
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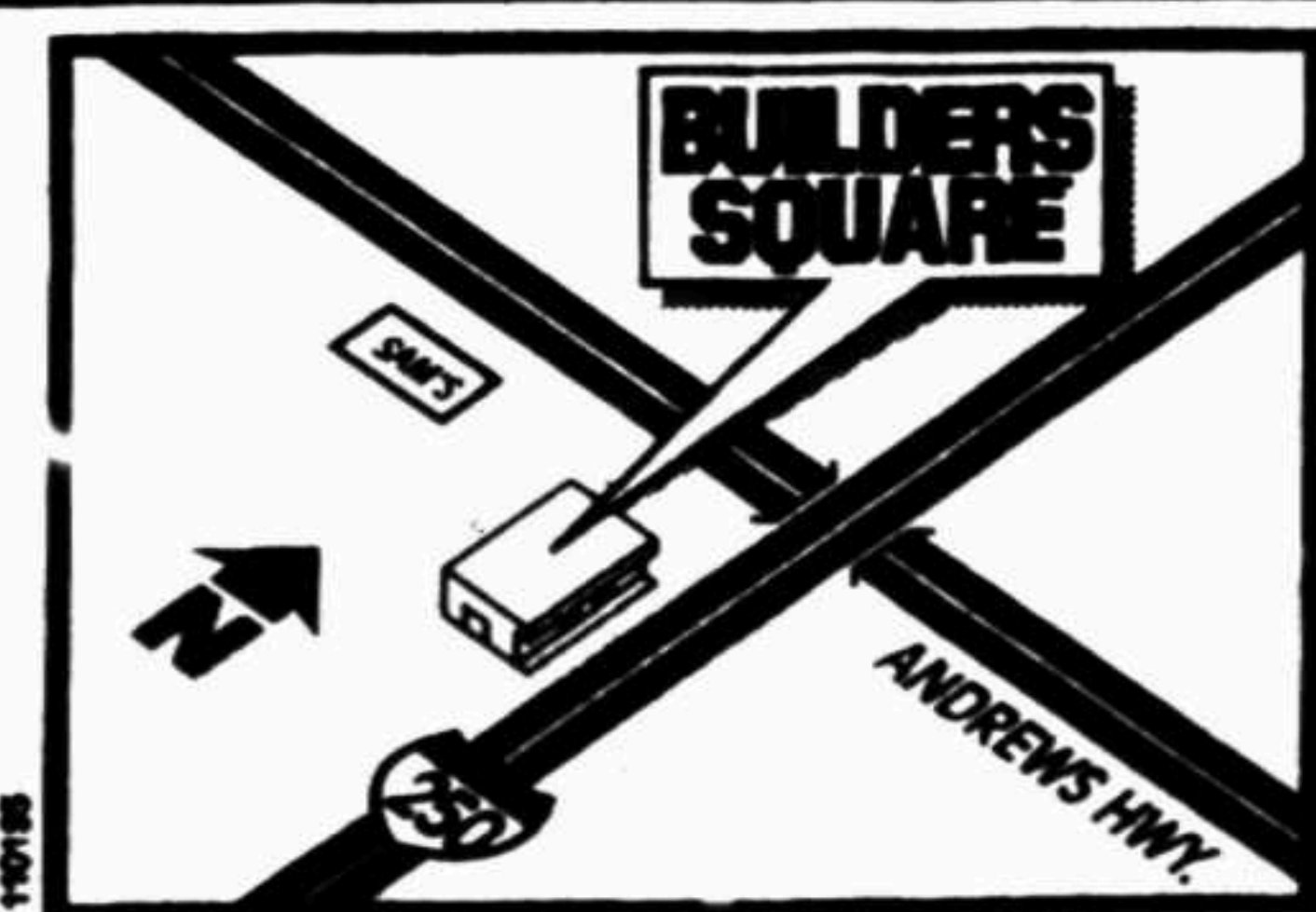
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Do-it-yourself radio station draws controversy

By Allen Turner
Houston Chronicle

SAN MARCOS, Texas — The house-top antenna was adjusted, the radio transmitter glowed warmly above the refrigerator in the kitchen, and the strip of duct tape on the compact disc player was doing its job.

The announcer, a paunchy, ponytailed man in a pro-marijuana T-shirt, cast a quick glance toward the interstate highway that runs half a block away. Then he hunched over a donated microphone and launched his first eyewitness traffic report.

"Traffic," he cooed into the ether, "is running good."

KIND Radio San Marcos was on the air.

To its sponsors, a motley group of environmentalists, pot legalization advocates and other social activists, the unlicensed station is an end run around fat-cat broadcasters they believe have monopolized the airwaves. KIND, which recently fired up its 30-watt transmitter on a vacant FM frequency, is nothing less than "a voice for the poor and disenfranchised," they say.

To the Federal Communications Commission, which oversees commercial broadcasting, the station in this college town of 31,000 between Austin and San Antonio is a nagging law enforcement problem.

First Amendment champions view it as part of a growing grassroots free speech movement and a challenge to federal control of a vital, limited resource. Commercial broadcasters worry that the pirate station and others like it are the harbingers of chaos in the orderly world of big-time radio.

Operating out of a staff member's house with about \$500 worth of castoff electronic equipment, KIND Radio already is a roaring mouse of the airwaves. Although start-up technical problems meant few outside the station's immediate neighborhood heard its first broadcasts, word of the new "micro station" swept through this college town of 30,000 the next morning.

"I think it's great," said downtown coffee shop manager Deborah Lane. "I hope they can keep it together. I agree that you shouldn't need a lot of money to get on the airwaves."

Less supportive is John Barger, former director of the Texas Association of Broadcasters and the owner of three radio stations in the San Antonio area, about 45 miles southwest of San Marcos.

"THEY'RE JERKS," he said of KIND Radio's founders, adding that if they were serious about community broadcasting, they should have applied to broadcast on a frequency set aside for use by educational stations. "These needs have been anticipated by FCC policy, and there's a simple procedure for communities to follow," he said.

Barger is one of three broadcasters seeking the 105.9 FM frequency — appropriated by the San Marcos pirates — for a new station in Round Rock, just north of Austin.

Founders of the San Marcos station — all of whom are publishers of the Hays County Guardian, an on-again, off-again activist newspaper with a circulation of 3,000 — view KIND as an all-encompassing electronic bulletin board.

"We hope to use the intimacy and immediacy of radio to empower the community," said Joe Ptak, a Guardian publisher and environmental activist. "The first time, they'll call the radio station. But the second time they'll call City Hall direct. We want to explore complicated issues — ones that too often are relegated to sound bites. We want to give you the sandwich the bites came out of."

With programs like "Shattered Debris," "Heads Up San Marcos," and "Pappy and Bones," — all staffed by unpaid volunteers — the station plans to broadcast 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Programming will be an eclectic

mix of news, commentary and music — with an occasional impromptu report on the state's hemp crops.

The emphasis, Ptak said, will be placed on listener call-in programs.

The station will accept no paid

Schroeder, faculty adviser for the university station, admitted the community could benefit from another station devoted to community issues.

For the Guardian publishers, buying or starting a new licensed station, was out of the question.

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advertisements, he said, although callers may, within strict limits, promote their businesses.

The possibilities of so-called "micro broadcasting" caught the attention of the Guardian publishers about a year ago, as they pondered the future of political activism in San Marcos. Radio, they concluded, was the cheapest, most effective means of disseminating their messages.

But they quickly discovered that their radio options were limited. Although the city had three stations — commercial AM and FM outlets and a university station — none paid much attention to local issues. The AM station simply rebroadcast the Spanish-language religious programming of a station in South Texas. The FM station had crafted its broadcasts for the more lucrative Austin market 20 miles to the north. And the Southwest Texas State University station, also on FM, concentrated on the interests of its young student audience.

The activists were not alone in noticing that the economic realities of commercial radio had left San Marcos without a station dedicated to local concerns. For 18 months, a chamber of commerce committee unsuccessfully tried to find ways to get better radio news coverage for the city. Even Bob

Equipment for a medium-powered FM outlet can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Established FM stations routinely sell for tens of millions.

Then the publishers learned of Stephen Dunnifer, a Berkeley, Calif., activist much like themselves, who has successfully run a pirate radio station since the early 1990s. Although the FCC has made several attempts to shut him down, Dunnifer has succeeded in staying on the air.

After talking with Dunnifer and other unlicensed operators, the San Marcos activists were smitten with radio's potential. Best of all, broadcasting was cheap.

While the FCC allows unlicensed, low-power broadcasting on FM and AM frequencies, the range of such broadcasts is limited to a few hundred feet.

Magalie Salas, chief of the FCC's Washington-based compliance division, said she was uncertain what action would be taken against the station if the FCC gets a complaint.

Often, she says, a warning letter is sent telling violators they are breaking the law, and "in many cases, that's the end of it."

Additionally, though, the FCC wields considerable administrative and legal power. Illegal operators can be fined or jailed and

their equipment can be seized.

Barger, the former broadcasters' association official and San Antonio radio station operator, suggested the FCC does a fine job policing the airwaves.

Robert Jensen, an assistant professor of journalism at UT and an expert on media law and ethics, disagreed.

"We've become conditioned to think of a system of commercial broadcasting as being the only way to structure broadcasting," he said. "But that was one of the most heated debates in the 1920s and '30s."

"There was an argument that to be truly democratic, frequencies should be assigned unions, churches, all sorts of community groups. That argument didn't win. Money talks. Corporate broadcasters had the resources to shut down the alternative."

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Associated Press

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Prosecutors to build case from fragments

By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press

DENVER — To convict Timothy McVeigh, a jury will have to believe a case built on circumstantial evidence — disparate facts and acts, woven into a damning picture of a hateful man committing an unspeakable horror.

News analysis

Without a witness placing McVeigh at the scene of the Oklahoma City blast, prosecutors will have to craft a clear and convincing story out of thousands of pieces of evidence, much of it dry and complicated, and hundreds of hours of testimony, some of it contradictory.

For prosecutors, this means giving a central role to a reluctant witness, Michael Fortier, who will put McVeigh at the center of a bombing plot.

It means piling up back-up evidence and testimony to bolster the credibility of Fortier, who pleaded guilty to lesser charges in exchange for his testimony. This is evidence that links McVeigh to bomb-making materials and the rental truck that carried them.

It means introducing evidence tying McVeigh to Terry Nichols, the alleged workhorse in the bombing plot who will be tried later on charges he bought and stored many of the supplies and helped McVeigh construct the bomb.

It means providing a motive, even though such proof isn't technically necessary to secure a conviction.

It means persuading jurors that prosecutors don't have to answer every question raised by the defense, including the identities of possible mysterious conspirators. And it means injecting as much emotion into the case as possible, even though the judge likely will restrict tearful testimony.

"I think the government is going to want to try to start off with a very clear image of the gravity and the horror of this crime," said former Los Angeles federal prosecutor John Walsh, now in private practice in Denver.

And all the while, it means keeping an eye on the central theme: that the evidence, taken together and in context, clearly implicates McVeigh in the bombing. To do that, prosecutors likely will rely on this evidence:

THE PLOT

Using phone records and other evidence, prosecutors will contend McVeigh and Nichols started making bombing plans as early as September 1994 — about seven months before the blast.

Fortier will be offered to testify he knew about the plot to blow up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and drove through Oklahoma City with McVeigh to case the target four months earlier.

As a possible motive, prosecutors may point to McVeigh's strong anti-government views. McVeigh was so angry over the Waco standoff, for instance, he visited the site; prosecutors have a videotape of him there.

McVeigh also was seen at gun shows handing out copies of "The Turner Diaries," a racist, anti-government fiction popular among white supremacists that chillingly describes a bombing similar to the Oklahoma blast.

To finance the plot, prosecutors will allege, McVeigh and Nichols "caused" the theft of guns, jewels, gold and silver from Arkansas collector Roger Moore. Guns similar to those stolen were found in Nichols' home, prosecutors will show.

THE BOMB

To connect McVeigh to the bomb materials, prosecutors will introduce a receipt for 2,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer purchased from Mid-Kansas Cooperative Association in McPherson, Kan., on Sept. 30, 1994.

The receipt, found at Nichols' house, bears McVeigh's fingerprint, prosecutors will contend. Prosecutors also have laboratory tests showing traces of a chemical found in a detonating cord on items seized from the car McVeigh was driving shortly after the bombing.

In addition, prosecutors will present evidence that in the months before the bombing Nichols bought or tried to buy other bomb materials, including additional fertilizer, diesel fuel and detonating cords.

Some of the materials, prosecutors will contend, could have come from the 1994 robbery of a Martin Marietta quarry in Kansas. A drill found in Nichols' house contained brass shavings matching a lock at the quarry, an expert will testify.

THE TRUCK

Crucially, prosecutors will call two employees of a Junction City, Kan., Ryder rental agency — owner Eldon Elliott and mechanic Thomas Kessinger — to identify McVeigh as the notorious John Doe No. 1, the man who rented the yellow Ryder truck used in the bombing.

From the forms, authorities can try to link the renter's handwriting to samples of McVeigh's handwriting.

Fortier's wife, Lori Fortier, who has been granted immunity in exchange for her cooperation, can testify that she laminated the fake South Dakota driver's license that McVeigh used to rent the truck.

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Former presidential advisor George Stephanopoulos comes to ABC News as a political analyst. Pat Buchanan, off the presidential campaign trail until the next time, beats a path back to a host chair of CNN's "Crossfire."

In their respective television berths, they get the green light to promote their particular agendas. But even more notably, they promote themselves. On TV, how they look and behave will nearly always overshadow what they say.

They aren't there to change our minds anyway. They are there to hitch a ride on what we already believe, then accept credit from us for showing us the way.

It's the same for the marriage counselor who makes the rounds of daytime talk. The same for the attorney who plays a legal analyst on Court TV. We depend on them to tell us what we know. "Only an expert can deal with a problem," George Trow has written ruefully. "Only an expert or a pleasant man on television with access to experts."

So, hail the conquering expert-advocates, to whom we might properly pay tribute by coining a special term. Let's call them "expertocates" (which should not be confused with "expectorates" ... at least, not always).

Now for a telling view of expertocation, we need look no further than MSNBC, a sort of diploma mill for expertocates-in-training.

MSNBC supplements (or pads?) its news-and-information cycle with so-called "contributors," two dozen of them varied in their ethnic and political backgrounds, but all eerily youngish and comfortably dressed down.

They seem to enjoy themselves on the air. But watching them, we can imagine their designs on graduating to a TV venue more high-profile than this, not to mention less congested with others like them (at least one member of their class, conservative lawyer John Ingram, has already

snared a supplementary gig as CBS News analyst).

Throughout the day, they appear in groups of three to discuss pressing issues with an MSNBC anchor. The Democrats' China connection; partial-birth abortions; tobacco industry disclosures; second-graders getting classroom demonstrations of a condom's elasticity — in all this and more are the contributors conversant.

One day last week, talk centered on whether the death penalty is fair punishment for 14-year-old murderers. The give-and-take went something like this:

—Do we want to be that kind of a society?

—If they're killers, let's get rid of them!

Then, as attorney Rob Tarver looked on, political consultant Walter Fields got it point-blank from legal reporter Ann Coulter.

"The only way you can stop little criminals from being developed is to have them have fathers," she erupted. "All your liberal social programs have taken the father away!" Then she flashed a satisfied smile, as if to say: Don't worry, this was just a performance.

On another occasion, the contributors were debating whether campaign finance reform would be served by giving free airtime to political candidates.

Eric Alterman (columnist for the Nation magazine) argued yes. "The system is corrupt," he told Jennifer Grossman (former speechwriter for George Bush) and Gary Ginsberg (contributing editor for George magazine).

Then anchor John Seigenthaler jumped in: Which candidates would qualify for airtime? he asked. Which races? "Am I supposed to have all the answers?" Alterman fired back.

"Yes, you are!" Seigenthaler joked. "It's what they pay you for here."

Or maybe he WASN'T kidding. So next time, Eric, go ahead and make up something. In for a penny, in for a pound. Remember, you're an expertocate.

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101 Dalmatians, 'Secrets & Lies' released on video

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"Secrets & Lies" — Brenda Blethyn, nominated for an Oscar as best actress, and Marianne Jean-Baptiste, nominated for best supporting actress, are perfect in this story of a young British woman who tracks down her birth mother with surprising results. One of the best movies of 1996.

"101 Dalmatians" — Aside from Glenn Close as Cruella DeVil, this live-action remake doesn't have much to recommend it. The Dalmatian puppies are cute for a while, but the movie lacks the style, precision, and humor of its animated predecessor.

"The Ghost and the Darkness" — Michael Douglas and Val Kilmer star in this misguided story set in Africa. The only competition is between the two actors trying to steal scenes.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: April 22: "The Rich Man's Wife." "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday." "Dear God." April 29: "The Preacher's Wife." "Bastard Out of Carolina." May 6: "The Portrait of a Lady." "Get on the Bus."

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PATTERSON: Get ready for some serious Ellen overload

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with a man who worked with someone who used to be in the cult. Or maybe it was a man who used to work with someone who was in the cult. Or maybe the man had a sister who knew someone who had a brother who used to work with someone who had a niece who was in the cult. Whatever the man was, he was an instant authority.

"You're the closest thing we can get to an expert," heart-throb newsmen Matt Lauer said to the supposed expert. A week later the guy was selling TV film rights to the highest bidder simply because he had, at one time, been associated with someone from the group. Incredible how television can take nobodys and turn them into overnight superstars.

NBC's line of thinking would have made me an expert on

rescues because I moved to Midland six months after Jessica fell into a well 10 years ago.

What I think irks people more than anything about television is how network big shots insist on repeatedly insulting our intelligence.

Ellen gay? Now there's a surprise. Television has only been shoving it down our throats and building it up for months on end. (And yes, newspapers have run the stories on Ellen ad nauseum). Will she or won't she? Should she or shouldn't she? Do you think we'll ever see her ... kiss another woman!??

Ellen will unveil to the world her lesbianism in what will be a ratings-night coup that, if you're keeping score, can already be penciled in at No. 1 on your Nielsen score sheets. As much pre-game hype as we've had to endure to this point, bet on there being a lot more. There will undoubtedly be Ellen's end-

less appearances later this month on Dave, Jay, Conan, Oprah, Rosie, CNN, 20/20 and probably even some Martha Stewart show somewhere.

Proof of that came when Letman, in reruns this week (I'm sorry, they now call it a "previously aired program"), showed an episode that featured Ellen talking about how her show was leaning toward the issue as it approached the opening of the 1996-97 season. Next thing we'll see is Ellen doing a milk moustache ad. You name it, Ellen will be there. And by the time April 30 rolls around, we'll be so sick of the name Ellen DeGeneres, we won't care — or be the least bit surprised — if she tells us the whole thing has been a big joke and she's decided to run off with O.J. Simpson.

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Reeve makes directorial debut

By Jennifer Bowles
AP Television Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Christopher Reeve is taking a breather in his hotel room, his wheelchair facing the open balcony doors as the sunshine streams in and the treetops sway in the slight breeze.

It's a brief moment of peace in a rather hectic yet exhilarating week for the actor-turned-director.

Reeve already had attended a star-studded premiere of his new HBO movie "In the Gloaming," and he'd gotten his star embedded on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Today, looking quite dapper in a blue suit and black shirt, the 44-year-old Reeve has taped an appearance on "Larry King Live" and, in a few hours, he'll be yakking it up with Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show."

"So we have about a half-hour, OK?" he gently tells a reporter as his nurse brings over a bottle of iced tea so he can sip it from a straw.

It was the subject matter, Reeve says, that drew him to "In the Gloaming," a one-hour drama starring Robert Sean Leonard as Danny, an AIDS patient who goes home to die. Glenn Close and David Strathairn play his uncommunicative parents, Bridget Fonda his chilly sister, and Whoopi Goldberg his wise nurse.

The movie, which premieres at 8 p.m. CDT Sunday, is not about AIDS, Reeve says. In fact, the word is never uttered.

"It's a movie about healing and reconciliation in the face of a tremendous loss," he says. "This young man's return home, after four years of estrangement from his parents, causes a profound change in their lives. I see it more about the healing of the parents' relationship than about the death of a young man."

At the movie's premiere at the Directors Guild of America, Reeve was given a heartfelt standing ovation when it was over.

"It's been very, very exhilarating to have the movie be that well-received and to have the star on the Walk of Fame," he says with a smile, his blue eyes shining. "And it makes the time I spent in rehab back in 1995, makes it seem like the distant past, which is a nice feeling."

Reeve was paralyzed from below the neck in May 1995 when his horse halted suddenly before a three-foot jump, tossing the 6-foot-4, 200-pound actor headfirst into the ground.

It left him in a wheelchair, hooked up to a ventilator to help him breathe and with a staff of 15 people who provide round-the-clock help.

Earlier this month, he broke his left arm when two assistants who "were out of sync" dropped him as he was being transferred from his stationary bike to a chair. It was scary, he says, "knowing there's nothing you can do to stop it."

While initial thoughts of suicide right after the horse-riding accident have vanished, he's still struck by the "why me?" question. "That's something that will probably always be there, but less and less so," he says, adding quietly, "less than it used to."

SELENA: Film of singer's life signals new era of Hispanic films

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were ready for realistic films featuring Hispanics as other than gang members or domestic servants as window dressing.

But the revolution was short-lived. "La Bamba" (1987), an accessible, pop-accented biography of singer Ritchie Valens, failed to produce a wave of support for Latino films.

Before "La Bamba," there was a smattering of Latino movies including "Zoot Suit" (1981), "The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez" (1983) and the Academy Award-nominated "El Norte" (1984).

After "La Bamba," production was a bit less sporadic: "The Milagro Beanfield War" and "Stand and Deliver," both 1988; "American Me" and "El Mariachi" in 1992 and 1993's "A Walk in the Clouds" and "My Family."

Now comes "Selena," a biography of slain Tejano singing star Selena Quintanilla. The ambitious Warner Bros. film had a budget of about \$30 million and another \$15 million for marketing.

While far from a blockbuster, "Selena" had grossed more than \$27 million by its third week. By comparison, the independent "My Family" starring Jimmy Smits and Edward James Olmos earned \$11 million in 1995.

But "Selena" has not, so far, proven to be that magic "crossover" film: Early figures showed audiences were 85 percent Latino.

"It's not a wild success, but a moderate performance," said box-office analyst Brian Fuson

of The Hollywood Reporter. "I think they hoped to have a larger crossover. The drop-off (in ticket sales) indicates the public at large hasn't embraced it."

"Selena" writer-director Gregory Nava, whose long career as an independent filmmaker includes "El Norte" and "My Family," deems his new film a success story nonetheless.

"I think we're seeing something that everybody knew existed but suddenly made its impact known in the marketplace. ... There's a lot of Latinos in the United States and they clearly want to go to the movies and see themselves on screen," said Nava.

At any rate, the debate over the depth of the Latino acting pool certainly should be ended by now. Jennifer Lopez's vibrant star-making turn as Selena is backed by solid performances from veterans like Olmos and newer faces like Jacob Vargas.

The industry "has discovered the cast is certainly there. I think everyone universally felt the actors pulled off the movie," said Katz.

For Vargas, who plays Selena's brother, Abie, the recognition has been gratifying. Although not as hot as Lopez, who has yet another starring role in the thriller "Anaconda," he's riding his own "Selena" wave.

"People are willing to consider me for different roles they thought I was too ethnic for. Now they think, 'Maybe America is ready to see the kid,'" said Vargas.

Color-blind casting is what he hopes for, the actor said. "I'd like to play a role that's

not written with that 'Latino twist' they always talk about, where the guy has to be Puerto Rican or Mexican and he has to talk about his mom's enchiladas."

"Hey, I never talk about mom's enchiladas," the actor said. "We ate hot dogs growing up. We ate hamburgers."

Other cast members are getting a bounce as well. Katz recalled a thrilled Constance Marie, who plays Selena's mother, coming by his office to share news that she'd been cast in a series' pilot. "The Underworld" is being considered by NBC, said the actress' publicist.

Some, however, aren't yet beneficiaries. For Lupe Ontiveros, 50, who plays the business partner convicted of killing Selena over a money dispute, the film has come distressingly late in her career.

"For my generation, it's just not happening," she said.

"Twenty-five years of a career, proven work, does not seem to be sufficient for the industry. I still come up for the maids' roles."

But Ontiveros, who works steadily with a theater company she helped found, is heartened by "Selena's" success — particularly at a time when Hispanic-Anglo relations are strained by the issues of affirmative action and immigration.

"Here's a story about an American of Mexican descent, the daughter of American-born parents. It's a success story that mainstream America has been seeing since I grew up. ... We've been contributing all these years and all you see is what we take from this country," she said.

Others unconnected with the film, like Arteta, could reap "Selena's" bounty. His "Star Maps," about a Mexican-American youth who sells maps to stars' homes — a front for his father's prostitution business — expects to emulate the kind of community outreach used to promote "Selena."

Arteta plans to tour schools to get the word out about "Star Maps," which will play in theaters in Latino areas as well as in art houses, Arteta said.

Alex Nogales, director of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, agrees that "Selena" and other recent films represent a change in Hollywood's usual exclusion of minorities. But more work needs to be done, he said. While Latinos are about 10 percent of the U.S. population, they represent only about 4 percent of actors and an even smaller percentage of directors. Latino studio executives are equally rare.

"It isn't about one film. It isn't about one star," Nogales said. "It's about a whole series of

things being right ... so the studios see it in their self-interest to make more films."

To turn up the heat on the industry, the coalition was preparing a targeted boycott and other action to be announced this month. It will focus on a studio that Nogales claims has failed to fulfill promises of minority hiring.

Some in Hollywood are starting to grasp what the Latino market could represent to them — or to the competition, he said.

"In years past, we would go to the studios and see (executives) going through the formalities, nodding the head but not really understanding," Nogales said.

"Now you can see it in their faces. The demographic studies are telling them we're there, and unless they move on it they're going to lose it to someone else."

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Openers

Monday at 10:00 opens today at the Fall City 10.
8:00 opens today at Midland Park Mall.

Top weekend movies

Weekend of April 11-13, 1997
All dollar figures in millions

	Weekend gross
1. Anacarda	\$16.6, one week, 2,456 screens
2. Liar, Liar	\$14.5, one week, 2,880 screens
3. The Saint	\$10.8, one week, 2,440 screens
4. Gross Pointe Blank	\$8.9, one week, 1,227 screens
5. The Devil's Own	\$8.6, one week, 2,355 screens
6. That Old Feeling	\$3.5, one week, 1,599 screens
7. Jungle 2 Jungle	\$3.1, one week, 1,751 screens
8. Double Team	\$2.1, one week, 2,203 screens
9. Scorpion	\$2.0, one week, 1,270 screens
10. Selena	\$1.8, one week, 882 screens

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All data c. 1997, Billboard Publications, Inc.

Video Rentals

1. "The Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (Paramount)
2. "The Long Kiss Goodnight" (New Line)
3. "Courage Under Fire" (Fox)
4. "The Chamber" (MCA)
5. "Sleepers" (Warner)
6. "Gladiator" (Warner)
7. "Superman" (Dimension)
8. "Fargo" (Polygram)
9. "Space Jam" (Warner)
10. "2 Days in the Valley" (MCA)

Top Singles

1. "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down" Puff Daddy featuring Mase (Bad Boy) (Arista)
2. "Hypnotize" The Notorious B.I.G. (Bad Boy)
3. "You Were Meant For Me" Jewel (Arista) (Gold)
4. "For You I Will" Monica (Rowdy) (Arista)
5. "Vannessa" Spice Girls (Virgin) (Platinum)
6. "I Want You" Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
7. "All By Myself" Celine Dion (Sony) (550)
8. "Return of the Mack" Mark Morrison (Atlantic)
9. "Hard to Say I'm Sorry" Az Yet featuring Peter Cetera (Capitol)
10. "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?" Paula Cole (Image) (Warner Bros.)

Top Albums

1. "Life After Death" The Notorious B.I.G. (Bad Boy-Arista)
2. "Spice" Spice Girls (Virgin) (Platinum)
3. "Space Jam Soundtrack" various artists (Warner Sunset) (Platinum)
4. "Falling Into You" Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
5. "Bringing Down the Horse" The Wallflowers (Interscope) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1. "One Night at a Time" George Strait (MCA)
2. "When I Close My Eyes" Kenny Chesney (BNA)
3. "On the Verge" Collin Raye (Epic)
4. "Rumor Has It" Clay Walker (Capitol)
5. "Another You" David Kersh (Gurb)
6. "Don't Take Her She's All I Got" Tracy Byrd (MCA)
7. "Gutter Man, Bitter Oil" Tracy Lawrence (Atlantic)
8. "Sad Lookin' Moon" Alabama (RCA)
9. "This Ain't No Thinkin' Thing" Trace Adkins (Capitol Nashville)
10. "Good As I Was to You" Lorie Morgan (BNA)

Latin Tracks

1. "Ya No Voy Para Siempre" Los Temerarios (Fonovisa)
2. "Enamorado Por Primera Vez" Enrique Iglesias (Fonovisa)
3. "Mi Sangre Prisionera" Los Tigres del Norte (Fonovisa)
4. "O Soy O Fu" Marcos Antonio Solis (Fonovisa)
5. "Desamorado De Amor" Los Tucanes de Tijuana (EMI Latin)

Ingram jacks up Nashville sound

'Livin' or Dyin' a remarkable collection of gritty, honest music

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

The first four seconds of Jack Ingram's first major-label release, *Livin' or Dyin'* (Rising Tide), paint a vivid picture of what the Texas singer-songwriter and his music are all about.

The opening line of the album "I'm a beat-up Ford, you're a Cadillac," perfectly convey the distinct differences between Ingram's music and Nashville's otherwise slickly produced assembly-line country for the masses.

Livin' or Dyin' is a remarkable collection of rough-around-the-edge, Texas-style country. Produced by

Review

Steve Earle, Ingram offers hope for the future of country music.

Given ample freedom by Rising Tide, a division of MCA, Ingram has recorded an honest, gritty record with an attitude rarely seen in country today.

The only time Ingram dabbles in Nashville's mainstream territory is with "That's Not Me," the record's first release; the video is in heavy rotation on CMT, and, while clearly radio-friendly, "That's Not Me" is not indicative of the album's overall harder edge. Even though it's more

commercial than the record's other 13 songs, the song is still void of the transparent personality that has become the staple in Nashville.

The album works best when it's caustic ("I Can't Leave You"), introspective ("Ghost of a Man"), socially-relevant ("Dim Lights, Thick Smoke") or downright, droopy-eyed, hound-dog sad ("She Does Her Best.")

"I Can't Leave You" offers up the brand of in-your-face attitude that's scarce, if not non-existent, in country music. Ingram opens by assuring the listener he's about to break into a

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Selena's new legacy brings fresh new era for Latin films

By Lynn Elber
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — If "Selena" isn't the box-office breakthrough that proves a new era for Hispanic movie-making has begun, it seems to be close enough.

Close enough for young filmmaker Miguel

Arteta, awaiting the release of his first movie in July. Arteta was thrilled when the trailer for his "Star Maps" preceded the debut of "Selena" at a Los Angeles theater.

"It was so exciting to see a trailer for a film made all with Latinos in front of such a significant movie. ... I felt like we were all part of a moment, the beginning of the empowerment of Latino filmmakers," Arteta said.

And close enough to buoy "Selena" producers Motesuma Esparza and Robert Katz about the odds of getting the OK for a project they've nursed for three years, about farm labor leader Cesar Chavez.

"I do think the argument is over," said Esparza. "We've been making the case that Latino films can be successful. 'La Bamba' should have closed the door on that argument. I think we finally have."

It's been 10 years since "La Bamba" raised expectations that Hollywood and moviegoers

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Members of the rock band, Cheap Trick, rehearse at a New York studio March 12. From left, are guitarist Rick Nielsen, drummer Bun E. Carlos and lead singer Robin Zander.

Rock & Roll gets Cheap again

By David Bauder
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Stay in show business long enough and someday you'll be back in style.

After a long fallow period, Cheap Trick may be about to prove that axiom. In the past year, the Midwest power popsters received the box-set treatment, were saluted by bands like Smashing Pumpkins — who cited them as an important musical influence — and have prepared their strongest new album in ages.

Cheap Trick wants you to want them again.

"It seems like people are in a better mood toward us," said guitarist Rick Nielsen, careful not to let his braided goatee drop into a room-service sandwich.

He's a few hours away from taping a performance for VH1's weekly concert series, where he'll be trailed by a worshipful network camera crew — further signs of respect for a band that went a long time without it.

Few knew quite what to make of Cheap Trick when they emerged in the mid-1970s. They

weren't punks. Or metalheads. They played Beatlesque pop with guitars amped to the maximum level and the tuneful yowl of vocalist Robin Zander.

And their image was unique: Zander and bass player Tom Petersson had the long-haired look of rock pretty boys, and drummer Bun E. Carlos looked like a moonlighting accountant. Nielsen, with his bug-eyed expression, upturned baseball cap and sneakers, was on another planet altogether.

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TV full of experts, just no expertise

By Frazier Moore
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — "Let's talk about the new kiss." That's the topic Cindy Crawford takes up in her latest TV commercial. And we pay heed. Not just because she's beautiful, but also because we acknowledge her status as an expert, never mind in what.

We know she also excels as an advocate. Her current 30-second cause? A line of no-smear lipstick. Bottom line: If Cindy Crawford says it, it must be true. Especially if what she says is something we want to believe. And who doesn't want to believe Cindy Crawford?

But if Cindy with her "new kiss" campaign provides a perfect example of circular salesmanship, it's only one of many. The airwaves are laden with expert-

George Stephanopoulos pauses during an appearance on ABC Jan. 20, where he comments regularly on politics.



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Cowboy in a box

This is album art for the new Gene Autry release by Rhino Records. At age 88, Autry is back in the saddle with a new collection of his songs, a three-CD boxed set titled "Sing, Cowboy, Sing."

JIMMY PATTERSON

Ellen's Choice: Hey, none of my business, bud

So, Ellen is a lesbian. As if we didn't know already. Which is not to say I harbor any prejudice or preconceived notions about Ms. DeGeneres and her sexuality. I frankly couldn't care less about her or anyone other celebrity's desires. That's personal business and it should be left personal. To each her own.

Regardless of what thought — if any — you may have ever given to the sit-com actress' preferences, it doesn't take a pop-culture genius — if there is such a thing — to know that it was only a matter of time before Ellen emerged from her closet.

Does anyone care? Should anyone care? Oh, there will be a vocal segment in the country that will loudly proclaim the importance of Ellen's pronouncement on the April 30 episode of her sit-com. The gay community will consider Ellen's network coming-out party a major victory in advancing its cause.

But really now ... when's the last time anyone ever talked about anything that was of significance on television? And I'm not talking about news events. I'm talking about entertainment, or what passes for entertainment nowadays.

Four years ago, a few folks got stirred up over the nudity, language and violence portrayed on "NYPD Blue." Today, that program hardly causes any raised eyebrows, but it's not because it's any less blue. It's because no one really cares. Unless it's an occasional episode of "E.R." or the Super Bowl or Tiger Woods or a Letterman joke, people never stand around the water cooler and talk about television anymore. And people certainly aren't standing around talking about what Ellen does in the bedroom.

Prime time TV has lost its importance, and the Nielsen numbers are weekly proof of that. People are turning off their sets for several reasons, not the least of which is that it's just not much good anymore.

A handful of programs remain high in quality — "Law and Order," "Homicide," "Newsradio," "Seinfeld," "E.R.," "Frasier," "The X-Files." Another handful remains top-notch family entertainment — "Touched By An Angel," "Promised Land," "Home

Improvement."

Get beyond those programs and the quality and family value of prime time drops off dramatically. There are many more entertainment opportunities today than there were just five years ago, which is another reason TV has lost ground. So much to do, so little time.

Television has also become pseudo-important. Laughably so. It treats far too many issues with far too much significance. It glorifies people who most of us would thankfully never know existed if not for the tube.

Whether it's the exceedingly tabloidesque, bland, predictable, morning news programs, which fall under the networks' entertainment division, the endless yammering of look-alike, sound-alike, in-your-face, my-problem's-sicker-than-yours, trash talk shows, or the fluffy, contrived, scream-at-the-top-of-your-lungs, issue-oriented "news-talk" programs that CNN airs, TV is getting old fast.

In a desperate attempt to find someone to interview who was associated with the Heaven's Gate cult last month, NBC Today show producers came up

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Heritage Hilton Head, USA
BASEBALL — N.Y. Mets, Toronto Blue Jays, 7 p.m., ESPN
Rangers, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
Atlanta Braves, 8 p.m., ESPN
AUTO RACING — Super Truck, 7 p.m., ESPN
Tennis — Wimbledon, 11 p.m., ESPN
NBA — Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls, 11 p.m., ESPN
HOCKEY — Edmonton Oilers at Chicago Blackhawks, 11 p.m., ESPN

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BASEBALL — Kansas City Royals at St. Louis Cardinals, 8 p.m., ESPN
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BOXING — Army All-Stars, 11 p.m., ESPN

Lee so

The Midland still a week state playoffs turning. Lee will the Monday for with Memphis. Young tried games with ley for this week games fell.

Next Friday playoffs in the winner of Paso Del Rio area game with Stockton at Young said it would be 6 p.m.

If Odessa tried match against expected, Leavitt will meet.

WTC g

SNYDER — eight athletes from Texas on probation post-season. The National Athletic Association notified golf for Milton Haggard attend the rescheduled tournament. Western T. ending Midland Junior College title streak.

NJCAA rule institution membership to just Western Texas three from St. Louis and one from Odessa.

The school's problem is academic, not NJCAA spoke said from his Colo. office.

The one-year Western Texas golf scholarship.

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CINCINNATI — forward Marvin last two years at the University of Bob Huggins.

Dixon, 6-foot-6, averaged 12.2 rebounds per game. The Salinas helped Odessa record a national tournament Midland D.Juan Baker.

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

GOLF — Senior PGA Golf, Seniors' Championship, second round, at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. 11 p.m., ESPN.

Heritage Classic, second round, at Hilton Head Island, S.C. 3 p.m. USA.

BASEBALL — Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 6:30 p.m., WGN. Toronto Blue Jays at Texas Rangers, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies, 8 p.m., TBS.

AUTO RACING — NASCAR Auto Racing, SuperTruck Series, Chevrolet SuperTrucks 125, at Nashville, Tenn., 7 p.m., TNT.

NBA — NBA Basketball, Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m., TNT.

HOCKEY — NHL Hockey Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game No. 2, Chicago at Colorado or Edmonton at Detroit, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels 8, San Antonio Missions 3.

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 5, Kansas City Royals 1.

SOFTBALL — Class 3A bi-district action, Alpine 4, Greenwood 1.

Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — San Antonio Missions at Midland Angels, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium, KCRS (AM 550) Radio.

BOXING — Texas All-Stars vs. Army All-Stars, 7:30 p.m., Holiday Inn.

Lee softball pairing

The Midland Lee softball team is still a week away from entering the state playoffs, but the wheels are turning.

Lee will travel to Stephenville Monday for a 4 p.m. practice game with Mesquite. Coach Ray Young tried to schedule practice games with both Graham and Hawley for this week, but both those games fell through.

Next Friday, Lee will begin the playoffs in the area round, taking on the winner of the El Paso Franklin-El Paso Bel Air bi-district winner. The area game will be played in Fort Stockton at either 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. Young said the most likely time would be 6 p.m.

If Odessa Permian wins its bi-district match against Lubbock High as expected, Lee and the El Paso survivor will meet at 6 p.m.

WTC golf problems

SNYDER — Having too many foreign athletes has landed the Western Texas College men's golf team on probation and eliminated it from post-season competition.

The National Junior College Athletic Association on Wednesday notified golf coach and athletic director Milton Ham that his team cannot attend the regional tournament scheduled this weekend in Waco.

Western Texas posed a threat to ending Midland College's Western Junior College Athletic Conference title streak this season.

NJCAA rules stipulate that an institution may award athletic scholarships to just two foreign golfers. Western Texas carries six, including three from Sweden, two from Denmark and one from Venezuela.

The school could have avoided the problem if the golfers received academic, not athletic, scholarships. NJCAA spokesman Wayne Baker said from his Colorado Springs, Colo. office.

The one-year probation limits Western Texas to just one foreign golf scholarship next season.

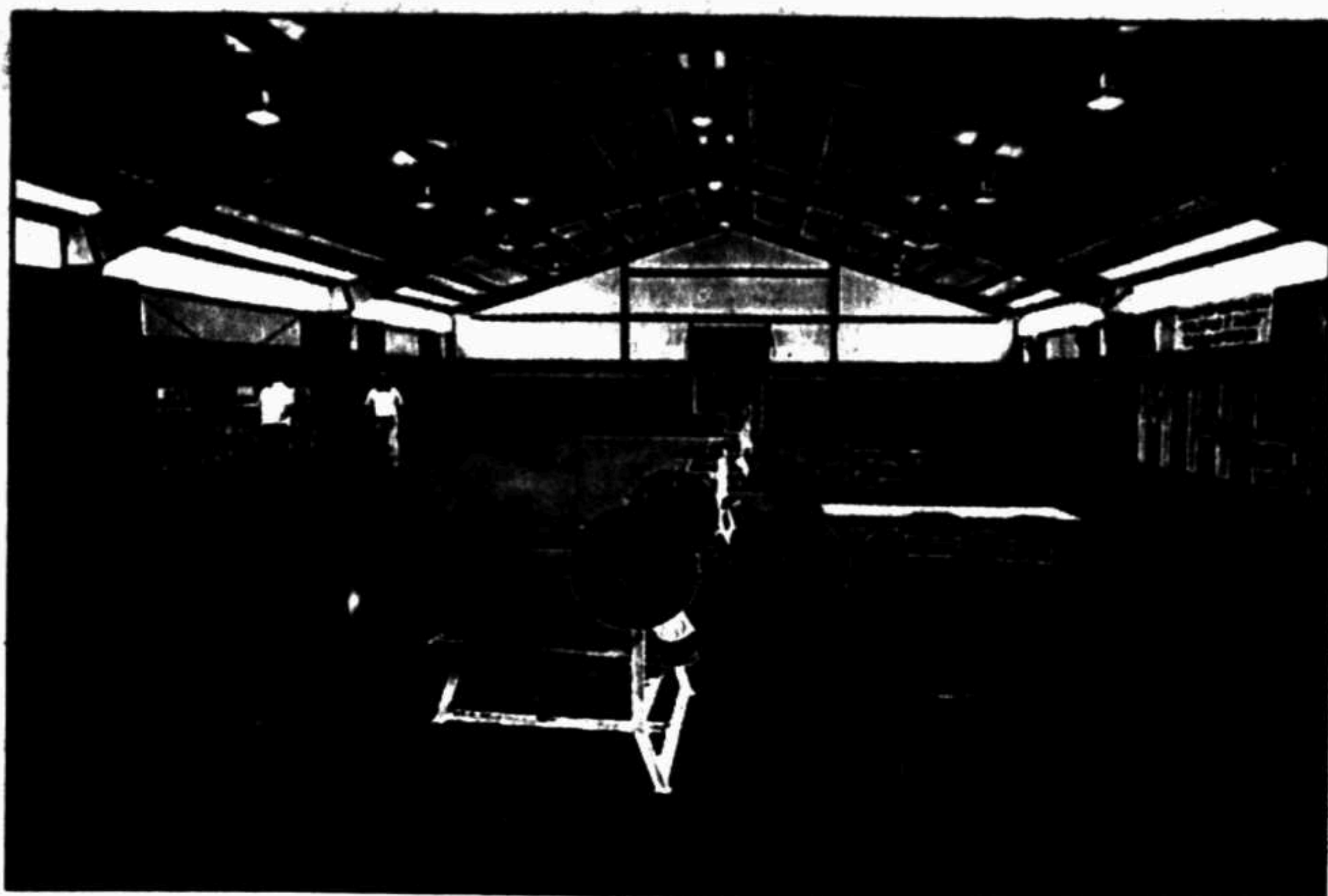
OC's Dixon signs

CINCINNATI — Odessa College forward Marvin Dixon will play his last two years of college basketball at the University of Cincinnati, coach Bob Huggins said Thursday.

Dixon, 6-foot-7 and 215 pounds, averaged 12.2 points and 6.9 rebounds per game this past season. The Salisbury, N.C. native helped Odessa College to a 24-10 record and a trip to the junior college national tournament. He will join former Midland College Chaparral D'Juan Baker.

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The new Midland High indoor athletic facility was opened to the public on Thursday. The unnamed building was paid for by private contributions and will serve as a weight room and place for indoor workouts of all types.

Midland High unveils brand new indoor workout facility

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High has new workout facility on the Memorial Stadium grounds that paves the way for the future.

MHS held an open house Thursday with a special lift-a-thon to let the public view the facility, which was built 100 percent with private funds. This, too, may be the wave of the future if athletic facilities are built in Midland.

The building is 7,650 square feet and has a 900 square foot wrestling mat for agility drills. There is plenty of room to put weights at one end and the mat at the other. It gives MHS the ability to house

its off-season program and a place to work when there is bad weather.

"With us being away from our campus, there was no gym where we could get out of the weather," Midland High head football coach David Browning said. "We had no shelter to go to. Now we can move in here when the weather is bad. The baseball team has already used it a couple of times. It can be used for a lot of different things and a lot of sports will benefit, not just football."

Browning said that the building cost approximately \$110,000 and was paid for by private contributions.

"Some members of the booster club came to me and asked what we needed to get our program going," Browning said. "This is one idea that came up and it took off from there."

"We started the week before Thanks-

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NFL DRAFT

Draft Day Approaches

Rams acquire No. 1 pick, ready to take Pace

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — For the last three months, Bill Parcells has been the NFL's central figure — at the Super Bowl, in his fight to escape from New England, and, with the Jets, holding the first pick in the draft.

Parcells has finally stepped out of the spotlight.

When the NFL draft begins at noon on Saturday, the focus will shift to Orlando Pace, the 340-pound tackle from Ohio State who is easily the best player available. The Jets on Thursday traded the No. 1 pick to the St. Louis Rams, who almost surely will take Pace.

"It's a no-brainer decision in terms of ability," said John Becker, the Rams' personnel director.

"This guy's a great player. He's the kind of guy that when you're at a school and you're not even looking at him, your eyes constantly go back to him because he has that kind of ability."

Rams coach Dick Vermeil suggested that the only thing that might keep him from taking Pace would be contract demands. Pace's agent, Carl Poston, did not endear himself to NFL coaches and executives by holding Tshimanga Biakabutuka out of Carolina's training camp last season.

"I'll be excited about it because I know him personally," Vermeil said of Pace. "But if it doesn't end up being the best business decision for this organization, we'll go in another direction. I don't know how it's going to end up."

Assuming that St. Louis makes Pace the first offensive lineman taken No. 1 overall since Minnesota chose Ron Yary

See who the No. 1 quarterback is /6C

in 1968, the pick will have a ripple effect throughout the first round in a draft weighted toward defense.

"There's more opportunity to get a good defensive player than there's been in a while," says Bill Polian, whose draft picks and signings helped get the Carolina Panthers into the NFC title game in their second season.

It's also a deep draft.

"It's quite strong from 20-100," says Gil Brandt, the former Dallas personnel director who's now the NFL draft consultant. "It's probably not as important to pick high this year."

That's one reason the Jets made the trade — other than Pace, the top 10 players are rated pretty even, depending on need.

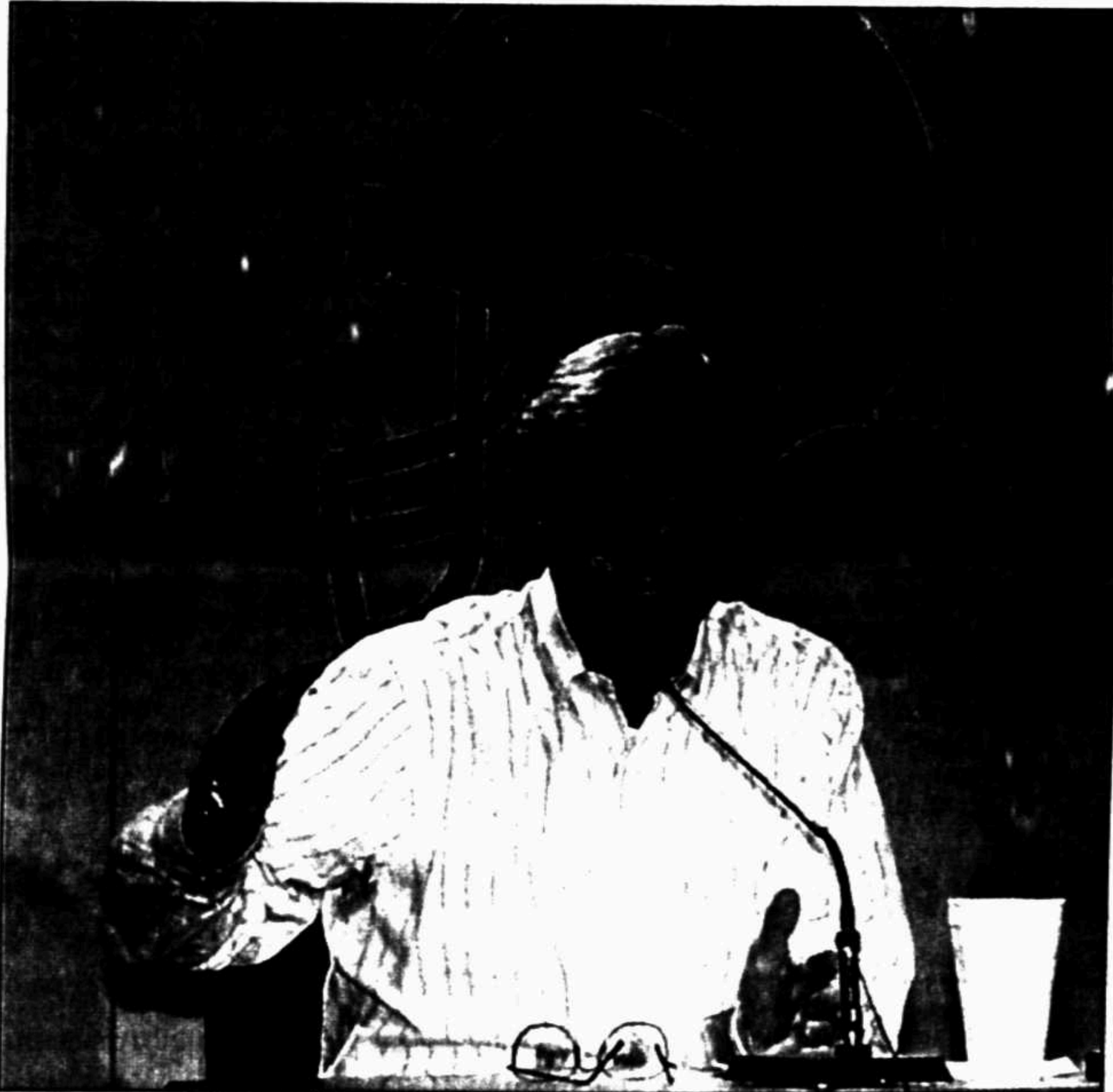
The Jets, picking sixth now, probably will take a player like Texas cornerback Bryant Westbrook or Alabama linebacker Dwayne Rudd.

They also have reclaimed from the Rams the third- and fourth-round choices they had to give to New England when commissioner Paul Tagliabue ruled they owed the Patriots for signing Parcells. The Jets got a seventh-round pick from the Rams, too.

If the Rams pick Pace, other teams will be forced to change plans.

The Oakland Raiders, who traded into the second spot hoping for Pace, are now looking at cornerback Shawn Springs.

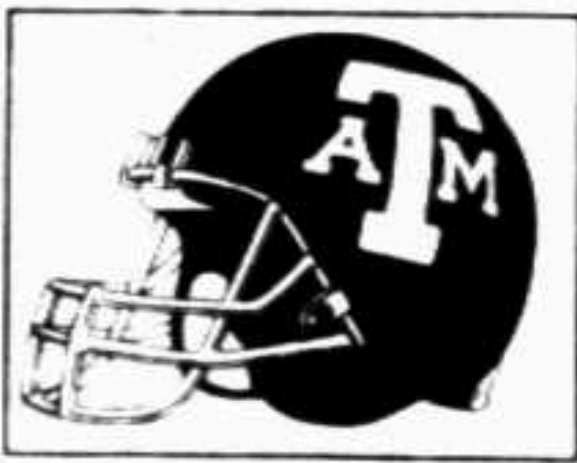
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St. Louis Rams head football coach Dick Vermeil gestures while discussing how the Rams traded up in the upcoming NFL Draft to possible pick Ohio State's Orlando Pace in the first round. The Rams traded up, with the New York Jets for the chance to pick Pace. The Jets get a first round pick and picks in the three other rounds.

A&M plans rebound from 6-6 season

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer



The Aggies seemed determined not to allow a repeat of last year's disappointment.

"Normally, there are one or two days you just have to grind it out and get them through it — but they showed up every day ready to work."

Texas A&M's Brandon Stewart is sandwiched between two Texas defensive linemen. A&M hopes this season is better last year.

AP Laserphoto

some good progress."

The Aggies hoped to compete — the national championship last season behind their new quarterback Brandon Stewart, who transferred from Tennessee.

Instead, they lurched into the season, losing three of their first four games to Brigham Young, Southwest Louisiana and Colorado. Stewart struggled in his first role as a starter and the Aggies had to win three of their final four games just to finish even.

Now they have a head start on 1997 although the defensive line is still thin and incoming freshmen may have to step in and play immediately. The Aggies are still trying to bolster their passing attack.

But at least, juniors are playing this year where sophomores were a year ago. Slocum said the Aggies' youth was overlooked last season.

"I kept saying last year there was no way Brandon could live up to the expectations people had for him."

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Alpine downs Greenwood in playoff action

Staff Report

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SOFTBALL**

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood softball team had defeated Alpine twice during the regular season but the third time in the Class 3A bi-district playoff game was anything but a charm for the Rangerettes.

Alpine defeated Greenwood 4-1 Thursday at the Greenwood softball field advance in the playoffs while playoff newcomer, Greenwood, was sent home earlier than expected.

"I felt we should have gone further," Greenwood coach Frank McRae said. "We beat them every time, but we couldn't get it done today. They got the good hits and we did not."

Greenwood, 10-13 for the season, reached the playoffs in its first season of UIL play. The District 4-3A

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Alpine's Selena Mondova (7) ducks under the tag of Greenwood's Katy Walker, who reaches for the throw Thursday afternoon at Greenwood.

Dalton helps Midland slam San Antonio, 8-3

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

All it took was one pitch for Jed Dalton and the Midland Angels to both literally and figuratively wipe the slate clean Thursday night.

When Dalton came to the plate in the fourth inning with the bases loaded against the San Antonio Missions, he already had a record of failure with the sacks juiced. In the second inning, with a run already in, the Angels had a chance for an even bigger inning, but with one out, Dalton hit into an inning-ending double play. Two innings later, Dalton was in the same situation against San Antonio's pitcher Alvin Brown.

The double play was quickly forgotten after Brown's first pitch. Dalton hit it high over the left-field wall for a grand slam.

boosting Midland's lead to five runs and providing the impetus for an 8-3 victory which evened the current homestand with the Missions at two games apiece.

Until Dalton's homer, the Angels (5-8) had enjoyed a less than successful time at the plate with runners in scoring position. When Dalton grounded into the double play, it seemed a fitting symbol of their futility in such situations. In one pitch and one swing, all failures were forgiven.

"I wasn't really thinking redemption as much as I was getting the ball in the air," said Dalton, who finished the evening with three hits and six RBIs. "I was glad to get a second chance."

The Angels and Dalton didn't blow that second chance, taking a 5-0 lead which proved to be

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Former Driller Sagmoen caps big week for Texas

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Marc Sagmoen's first major league hit was an inside-the-park home run, helping the Texas Rangers beat Kansas City 5-1 Thursday night for their first-ever sweep at Kansas City.

Sagmoen, an outfielder who made his big league debut Tuesday night, became the fourth player in history to get an inside-the-park homer for his first hit in the majors.

Pitcher Butch Henry of Houston was the last player to have an inside-the-park for his first hit, doing it on May 8, 1992. The others were Johnny LeMaster of San Francisco in 1975 and Brian Downing of the Chicago White Sox in 1973.

Sagmoen made his major league debut wearing No. 42, which the Rangers randomly assigned him when he was called up from Triple-A Oklahoma City. That night, during the Jackie Robinson tribute in New York, it was announced that the late Hall of Famer's No. 42 would be retired forever — after Texas' game, Sagmoen gave up the number, saying he did not "feel worthy" to wear it, and shifted to No. 37.

Orioles 1, White Sox 0
CHICAGO — Mike Mussina pitched eight sharp innings and Cal Ripken hit an RBI single as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Chicago White Sox.

Mussina (2-1) gave up only three hits, walked none and struck out six. He allowed an infield single to Chris Snopce in the second, a bloop double to Ozzie Guillen in the third and a line single to Albert Belle in the seventh.

AL Roundup

Randy Myers pitched a scoreless inning, giving up one hit, for his seventh save.

Indians 4, Red Sox 3
BOSTON — Jose Mesa earned his first save since being acquitted on a rape last week, and the Cleveland Indians played through the rain to beat Boston.

Mesa was activated April 11, two days after being acquitted in an Ohio court. The Indians closer had been out of action this season until being found innocent on charges of rape, gross sexual imposition and theft in an off-season incident.

Mesa pitched a scoreless ninth inning, striking out pinch-hitter Reggie Jefferson with runners on second and third to finish it. The Indians snapped a four-game losing streak while stopping Boston's four-game winning streak.

Blue Jays 5, Athletics 4
TORONTO — Otis Nixon had another big game against Oakland with three hits and two RBIs on Thursday, leading the Toronto Blue Jays to a victory over the Athletics.

Nixon, who singled home the game-winner in the ninth inning of Wednesday night's game, delivered the winning single with two outs in the seventh inning.

Midland's Mike Timlin picked up his first save of the year.
Mariners 8, Tigers 6
DETROIT — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his league-leading eighth homer and Alex Rodriguez had three RBIs as the Seattle Mariners beat the Detroit Tigers at frigid and snowy Tiger Stadium.

With snow flurries swirling around the stadium, the Mariners won their fourth consecutive game to complete a seven-game road trip with a 6-1 mark.

Griffey's second homer is as many days highlighted a four-run fifth inning that gave the Mariners a 4-3 lead. Rodriguez's RBI single in the sixth broke a 4-4 tie and he added a two-run single in a three-run seventh.

Brewers 5, Yankees 4
MILWAUKEE — The New York Yankees watched their bullpen fail again, losing their fifth straight game to the Milwaukee Brewers when reliever David Weathers walked John Jaha with the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the ninth inning.

The Brewers rallied against the Yankees' beleaguered bullpen, tying it in the eighth with a run off Brian Boehringer and winning in the ninth with the help of an error by reliever Graeme Lloyd and Weathers' walk.

Twins 4, Angels 3, 10 innings
MINNEAPOLIS — Denny Hocking is more than happy with his role as a reserve for the Minnesota Twins. Not that he's about to turn down a chance to start, though.

Denny Hocking's two-out, run-scoring single in the bottom of the 10th inning capped a three-hit, three-RBI day as the Twins beat the Anaheim Angels.

In the 10th, Angels reliever Mike James (1-1) walked Greg Myers with one out and Roberto Kelly popped out. Todd Walker then doubled to left field over the glove of third baseman Jack Howell, sending pinch-runner Chris Latham to third. Hocking followed with his game-winning hit.



Texas Rangers' Marc Sagmoen, left, slides into home for an inside-the-park home run as teammate Bill Ripken looks on during the fifth inning against the Kansas City Royals Thursday in Kansas City, Mo. Sagmoen drove the ball off the wall in right field over the head of Royals' Joe Vitiello.

Everything goes right for New Jersey, Brodeur in playoff opener

By The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Goaltender Martin Brodeur scored an empty net goal to cap a three-goal third period and the New Jersey Devils defeated the Montreal Canadiens 5-2 in the opening game of their first-round playoff series.

Brodeur's flip the length of the ice capped a bizarre game that saw the Devils take an early 2-0 lead, give it away with two second-period short-handed goals and then come back to put the feisty Canadiens away. Brodeur became only the second NHL goalie to score in the playoffs as he sent a shot from the side of his net all the way down ice. As the puck skidded into the net with 44.6 seconds to play, Brodeur jumped up and down repeatedly, a huge smile creasing his face under his mask.

Ron Hextall scored for Philadelphia on April 11, 1999.

He also finished with 28 saves in a game where the Canadiens had at least 10 good scoring chances.

Panthers 3, Rangers 0
MIAMI — John Vanbiesbroeck earned his fourth career playoff shutout as Florida beat New York. Johan Garpenlov, Kirk Muller and Rob Niedermayer scored for Florida in a nine-minute span in the second period to begin their defense of the Eastern Conference title.

Vanbiesbroeck picked up where he left off last post-season, when he backstopped the Panthers to a triple-overtime 1-0 loss to the Colorado Avalanche in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup finals.

Flyers 5, Penguins 1
PHILADELPHIA — Garth Snow made 27 saves in

NHL Playoff Roundup

his first playoff start and Eric Lindros had a goal and three assists as Philadelphia beat Pittsburgh.

The win put the Flyers up 1-0 in the best-of-7 playoff series, with Game 2 set for Saturday night in Philadelphia. Pat Falloon had two goals and Rod Brind'Amour had a goal and an assist for Philadelphia.

Snow, subbing for a slumping Ron Hextall, had a number of good saves, but none better than the one he made on Mario Lemieux two minutes into the third period. Snow gloved aside a point-blank bid from Lemieux, who was alone about 10 feet in front of the net.

Sabres 3, Senators 1
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Brian Holzinger scored one goal and set up another to lead Buffalo to victory over Ottawa.

The Sabres had gone 173 minutes, 27 seconds without a goal against Ron Tugnutt before they scored three times in the final 25:30 of the game in winning their first playoff game in two years.

Derek Plante's score on a breakaway broke a 1-1 tie early in the third period before Randy Burridge put the Senators away with 5:51 remaining in the game.

Dominik Hasek made 22 saves for Buffalo. Holzinger broke through with a shorthanded score that gave the Sabres a 1-0 lead with 5:30 remaining in the second period. Buffalo had not scored on Tugnutt in more than 2 games dating back to March 1.

HALOS: Angels break losing streak

(From 1C)

enough support for starting pitcher Jarrod Washburn, who went eight innings for his first win of the season. Washburn even had the luxury of giving up two homers later in the game which didn't turn out to do any damage.

It had to be considered one of the Angels' best overall performances of the young season. A good pitching performance didn't go wasted this time thanks to an offense which had 13 hits. All of the Angels except No. 9 hitter Keith Lulua had a hit, and Lulua drew three walks and scored a run.

The catalyst was leadoff hitter Dalton, who is tied with Frank Bolick for the team lead with four homers and leads the team with 14 RBIs. While those might not be the type of numbers associated with a leadoff hitter, manager Mitch Seaneone wants to keep him at the top of the lineup.

"He's always had power," Seaneone said of Dalton, who hit 13 homers last season in Class A. "He has the ability to drive the ball and that's why he's in the leadoff spot

because he can get a lot of doubles."

Dalton is probably the fastest Angel, yet it's been his ability to hit for extra bases which has marked his play so far. He fell a triple short of getting the cycle against the Missions, adding insurance with a two-run double in the bottom of the eighth.

"I haven't been getting a chance to use my speed so it's nice to have something to fall back on," Dalton said. "When I go up to the plate, I'm just focusing on the process."

The Angels got on the board first in the third when Jamie Burke's single drove in Jason Herrick. After Brown walked Lulua to load the bases, Dalton grounded into the double play.

In the bottom of the fourth, Bret Hemphill doubled off the left-field wall with one out and went to third on a single by Burke, who also had three hits. Lulua drew a walk, setting the stage for Dalton.

The Angels could have won by an even bigger margin, but they hit into three rally-killing double plays.

"I still think with runners in scoring position we've got to be a little more patient," Seaneone said.

Washburn gave up a two-run homer to Eddie Davis in the fifth and a solo shot to Keith Johnson in the seventh. However, he also killed potential San Antonio uprisings by inducing two double-play grounders. The Missions' Garey Ingram went 0-for-4 against Washburn, his first hitless game of the season.

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Pittsburgh runs Cincinnati's road losing streak to eight, Marlins win

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jermaine Allensworth grounded a three-run double down the left-field line in the fifth inning and Pittsburgh ran Cincinnati's road losing streak to eight, holding off the chilled Reds 3-2 Thursday night.

Esteban Loaiza (2-0) shook off winter-like weather and a run-scoring triple by pitcher Mike Morgan (0-1). Loaiza limited the Reds to six hits in seven innings in his third consecutive effective start.

The temperature dropped to 34 by the ninth inning, light snow fell briefly and wind gusts lowered the wind-chill reading into the low 20s. Reds second baseman Bret Boone wore a ski mask in the field and stadium vendors passed out free hot chocolate to the estimated 2,000 fans.

The paid attendance was 6,039, but many of those skipped the game because of the weather and the Pittsburgh Penguins' NHL playoff game.

Utah rattles Golden State, Sonics win

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Reserve Chris Morris scored 15 points, including three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, as Utah beat Golden State 106-93 Thursday night. Karl Malone scored 20 points in 26 minutes, but it was the Utah reserves who helped the Jazz pull away to their 17th win in 18 games.

The Jazz, whose 62-18 record is best in the West, swept their series with the Warriors for the first time since 1977-78.

Chris Mullin led Golden State with 19 points.

Sonics 108, Nuggets 104
DENVER — Shawn Kemp had 27 points and 12 rebounds as Seattle handed Denver its 10th straight loss.

MHS: Private funds used to build facility

(From 1C)

giving and the goal was to have the money raised by the end of the December. We didn't quite reach that goal, but we were always ahead of the bills and paid everyone on a timely basis. It's now paid for and a done deal. Over 400 people contributed to this building."

The building was completed March 21 and has been in use for about a month. The building features an artificial turf flooring, and the walls have purple and gold carpet with "MHS" on each side. "It's been a very positive thing for our kids," Browning said. "They are excited about the building and have a new sense of pride. Everything we have around here has been around since Wahoo McDaniel. This is something that is very workable and useful for us. All of the people who have seen this building seem to be more than pleased. I think everyone I've talked with felt we got our money's worth."

Browning said that a name will

be coming, but that hasn't been decided yet.

"The kids will name the building. We'll have some kind of contest or something," Browning said. "Right now, some of the kids are calling it the coliseum. I got a kick out of that."

Midland High is already working on Phase II, so to speak. Browning said that one group of donors has already pledged \$30,000 for the construction of another workout facility for Midland Freshman School.

"We have a group who has pledged \$30,000 for the Midland Freshman as a challenge to raise another \$20,000 for a building that will be about half the size of the one we have here," Browning said. "The only place we have for our weights at Midland Freshman is in the gym. So, basically, we can gain a whole gym for around \$20,000 when we move the weights out over there and that will free up the gym for more volleyball and basketball space."

Midland Lee, too, is in the midst

of a fund raising program from a "multi-use turf room." Lee football coach John Parchman recently asked the school board for help with funds, but was turned down and the fund raising effort isn't doing well at this point. Lee is proposing a 115-foot by 75-foot facility. The project goal is \$120,000 by the end of May.

This seems to be the current wave in athletic facilities. The Lubbock schools recently completed a multi-million dollar renovation to some of their complexes, adding buildings like the one MHS now has. Big Spring has completed a \$1.2 million facility that includes work area, dressing rooms, coaches' offices and a theater-type film room.

Abilene is also in the process of designing multi-purpose workout facilities at both high schools. Odessa is building more gym space at both of its high schools and has done some major construction for its junior high sports programs.

semifinal, loading the bases in the sixth, but the first-year club could not deliver. It should be a powerful lesson for next season. McRae's team loses just two seniors and returns 10 juniors.

"We have the experience and we know what it takes," McRae said. "We are the district champs and it was a shame to have one of these. Otherwise, I don't know what to say."

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FALL: Greenwood ends season at 10-13

(From 1C)

champs were swinging some big bats coming in with a .453 average in district play. The Rangerettes also had success scoring runs in their games with Alpine, having walked away with 4-7 and 16-3 wins.

This time around, however, proved to be different. Greenwood got just three hits. Shiloh O'Donnell had one of those hits in the third inning and it paid dividends. She singled, stole second base and came around to score to give

Greenwood a 1-0 lead. But that was it. Greenwood had two other hits (from Kim Mauldin and Kristin Equinones).

"That is what I was afraid of," McRae said. "We hit the ball and it went straight at somebody. That is how it ended."

On the defensive side, Equinones (5-7) pitched well, scattering nine hits over seven innings, but the two Alpine runs in the fourth and two in the sixth were too much.

Greenwood had one more chance to move to the regional

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NHL Playoffs

NHL Playoffs Day-By-Day
By The Associated Press
All Times CDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, April 16
St. Louis 2, Detroit 0 St. Louis leads series 1-0
Dallas 5, Edmonton 3 Dallas leads series 1-0
Colorado 6, Chicago 0 Colorado leads series 1-0
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2 Anaheim leads series 1-0
Thursday, April 17
New Jersey 5, Montreal 2 New Jersey leads series 1-0
Buffalo 3, Ottawa 1 Buffalo leads series 1-0
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1 Philadelphia leads series 1-0
Florida 3, New York 0 Florida leads series 1-0
Friday, April 18
St. Louis 2, Detroit 6 3 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado 7:30 p.m.
Rangers at Anaheim 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 19
Montreal at New Jersey 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Buffalo 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia 6:30 p.m.

Panthers 3, Rangers 0
Florida 4, New York 0
Washington 3, Los Angeles 0

Second, Period—
Garonneau 1 (Sheila, Mel)
2 p.m. Florida Muller (Sheila), 13 (3 p.m.)
3 p.m. Philadelphia 1 (Mellany, Steve) 1 (Mellany, Steve)
Shots on goal—New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 10
Florida 10, 13-5
play opportunities—
5-4 Florida
Florida 5, Goaltenders—
Richter 0-10 (28 shots saved)
Time—Vanbiesbrouck 1-0-0
14:703 (14:703)

Devils 5, Canadiens 2
Montreal 1-0-0
2 p.m.
First Period—New Jersey 1 (Stevens, Gilmour)
Chambers 1 (Horn, 10:07)
second period—
Third Period—5-0
Montreal 1 (Rechi, Quinlan)
Montreal 17, 17-7
Shots on goal—New Jersey 11 (Stevens, Gilmour)
New Jersey 10
11:59 (sh)
7 p.m.
Shots on goal—Montreal 30
New Jersey 16-15
play opportunities—
New Jersey 10
Philadelphia 6
Goaltenders—
Thibault 0-1 (34 shots saved)
New Jersey, Brodeur 1-0-0
19:040 (19:040)

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East Division						
	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
769	-	2-7.3	W-1	6-0	4-3	
538	3	5-5	L-1	4-3	4-4	
400	3	2-7.2	W-2	2-5	2-1	
436	4	1/2-2.5	L-2	4-4	3-6	
333	6	2-3-7	L-5	1-4	4-6	
Central Division						
	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
636	1	7-3	W-2	5-2	2-2	
533	1	4-6	W-2	6-2	2-5	
482	2	5-5	L-2	2-4	2-3	
429	2	1/2-2	W-1	1-3	2-1	
286	4	1/2-2-7	L-1	2-5	2-5	
West Division						
	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
667	5	8-2	W-4	4-4	6-1	
583	1	1/2-6	W-4	4-2	3-3	
467	3	2-4-6	W-4	5-3	2-5	

Pct	GB	L10	Sts	Hm	Away
786		-2-9-1	W-5	8-1	3-2
714		-2-9-1	W-5	8-1	3-2
417	5	2-3-7	L-1	3-3	2-4
286	7	3-7	L-1	1-4	3-6
231	7	10-2	L-5	0-3	3-7
Central Division					
Pct	GB	L10	Sts	Hm	Away
600		-2-5-5	W-1	6-2	3-4
333		-2-5-5	W-1	2-3	3-2
442		-4-4-4	W-1	4-0	1-8
286	4	1-2	W-6	3-2	1-8
200	4	1-2	W-6	3-2	1-8
200	7	12	0-10	0-6	0-6
West Division					
Pct	GB	L10	Sts	Hm	Away
769		-2-9-1	W-3	4-1	6-2
669		-2-8-2	W-6	5-3	5-1
692		-2-7-3	W-1	6-3	3-0
615		2-2-4	W-4	5-4	3-0
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4	0	0	land, and 400; Griffey Jr., Seattle 3-
4	0	0	Crkpen, Baltimore 389; Ross, Cle-
4	0	0	land 380
0	30	10	RB1—ToClark, Baltimore 18; Grif-
0	30	10	fey Jr., Seattle 18; Naehring, Boston.
0	30	10	T Martinez, New York 14; Slamosar,
1	0	0	and 14; L. Lopez, Texas 14
1	0	0	Crkpen, Baltimore 13
0	0	40	HITS—Arduinez, Seattle.
0	0	40	Garcia, Baltimore 22; Griffey Jr.,
0	0	40	and 22; Jeter, New York 22; Sla-
0	0	40	mar, Cleveland 22; O'Neill, New York
0	0	40	22; Fryman, Detroit 22; Griffey Jr.,
3	25	0	Seattle 21; Crkpen, Baltimore 21
0	0	0	HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seat-
0	0	0	8; ToClark, Baltimore 6; Slamosar, Cle-
0	0	0	land 6; T Martinez, New York 6
0	0	0	Naehring, Boston 6
0	0	0	PITCHING (2 Decisions)—18
0	0	0	led with 1,000
0	0	0	SAVES—Rangers, Baltimore
0	0	0	Taylor, Baltimore 7; Wafford, Balti-

NL Leaders

City, St. Agula, Minnesota.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—LWalker, Colorado.
490. Blausier Atlanta. 426. Gwyne
San Francisco. 425. W. L. Walker,
Cinninatt. Florida. 389. Dwyne
Cinninatt. 375. Tucker, Atlanta. 373.
Olerud, New York. 362.
FIELDING—W. L. Walker, 22 K.
San Francisco. 18. Castilla, Colorado.
14. Bagwell, Houston. 14. Biche
San Francisco. 13. Jones, Atlanta.
Gammitt, San Diego. 12. Gallarza,
Colorado. 12.
HITS—Lofton, Atlanta.
Dwyne, San Francisco. 14. W. L. Walker,
Colorado. 14. Gwynn, San Francisco.
Atlanta. 21. New York. 21. Blausier
Atlanta. 21. E. C. Young, Colorado.
HOME RUNS—LWalker, Colorado.
9. Castilla, Colorado. 8.
Liebert, Philadelphia. 4. Mondre,
Los Angeles. 4. Kent, San Francisco.
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PITCHING (2 Decisions)—14 tied with
STRIKEOUTS—Raymond, Houston.
31. Schilling, Philadelphia. 27.
Kufrown, Florida. 25.
BASES ON BALLS—E. Beck, San Francisco.
Edwards Pittsburgh. 5. Wohners, Atlanta.
E. Wagner, Houston. 4. Nen Florio.
T. Towrless, Los Angeles. 4. Bottor
San Francisco. 3. Hoffman, San Francisco.
Diego. 3. Shaw, Cincinnati. 3.

Results

Florida		0	0	1	—
Ala.		5	0	6	—
Murphy		1	0	1	—
Nie-		1	0	1	—
15.07		1	0	1	—
13-16		1	0	1	—
Power		1	0	1	—
10-11		1	0	1	—
(4)		1	0	1	—
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Nieder		1	0	1	—
Ala. Cor-		1	0	1	—
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19.16		1	0	1	—
Nieder		1	0	1	—
10-17		1	0	1	—
Power		1	0	1	—
Montre-		1	0	1	—
10-11		1	0	1	—
Wag-		1	0	1	—

Ottawa		0	0	1	—
1st Period—None	.....	0	0	1	—
Second Period—1	.....	0	0	1	—
Holzingner (1 Ward)	.....	14	30	38	—
1st Period—2	.....	0	0	1	—
2nd Period—3	.....	0	0	1	—
1st (Yashin, Chudakov)	.....	3	57	61	—
3. Buffalo, Plante 1 (May, Gores)	.....	5	0	8	—
5:08 (4 Buffalo, Burndiffe)	.....	1	0	1	—
Holzingner (4)	.....	1	0	1	—
4:09 (1)	.....	1	0	1	—
Shots on goal—Ottawa 8-5-10	.....	8	5	10	—
Buffalo 9-12-25	.....	9	12	25	—
Plante 1 of 6, Buffalo 1 of 6	.....	1	0	1	—
Goales—Ottawa 10, Buffalo 10	.....	10	10	20	—
Shots-23 saves	.....	1	0	1	—
Buffalo, Hasek 1	.....	0	23	22	—
0 (23-22)	.....	1	18	15	—
(18-15)	.....	1	18	15	—

Ala. Flyers 5, Penguins 1	.....	5	1	—	—
Pittsburgh	.....	0	0	1	—
1st Period—1	.....	0	0	1	—
2nd Period—2	.....	0	0	1	—
3rd Period—2	.....	0	0	1	—
Goales—Pittsburgh 1, Penguins 1	.....	1	1	2	—
Shots—Pittsburgh 11, Penguins 11	.....	11	11	22	—
1st (Brend Armstrong, Dykstra)	.....	7	45	52	—
2nd Period—2nd	.....	0	0	1	—
LeClair 1 (Lindros, Bergen)	.....	3	3	6	—
Philadelphia, Lindros 1 (De	.....	1	0	1	—
Jaeger, Lindros) 19:28 (pb)	.....	1	0	1	—
Third Period—4 Pittsburgh, Jack	.....	4	0	4	—
Nedved, Woolley) 5:00 5, Philadelphia 1 (Pittsburgh, Niedermayr)	.....	5	0	5	—
8:51 (pb) 6, Philadelphia, Falcon	.....	1	0	1	—
(Lindros) 18:17	.....	1	0	1	—
Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 6-11-23	.....	6	11	23	—
Philadelphia 15-11-12-3	.....	15	11	12	—
12—Power Play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 3, Philadelphia 2 of 4	.....	0	3	2	—
Goales—Waggoner 1 (Pittsburgh, Niedermayr) 10:28-23 saves, Philadelphia Snow 10 (28-23 saves)	.....	10	28	23	—

	W	L
Western Conference		
y-Miami	80	20
y-New York	55	25
y-Philadelphia	52	28
Washington	42	38
New Jersey	24	56
Philadelphia	22	58
Boston	22	58
Central Division		
z-Chicago	69	12
y-Atlanta	55	25
St. Louis	52	28
y-Detroit	53	27
Indianapolis	41	39
Cleveland	39	41
San Diego	38	42
Toronto	28	52
Eastern Conference		
Midwest Division		
z-Utah	62	18
y-Houston	55	25
San Antonio	52	28
Dallas	24	56
San Antonio	20	60
Denver	20	61
Vancouver	19	62
Pacific Division		
z-Seattle	56	25
y-L.A. Lakers	55	25
Golden State	52	28
y-Phoenix	39	41
y-L.A. Clippers	38	42
San Francisco	33	47
Golden State	33	47
z-clinched conference title		
x-clinched playoff berth		
Line Game Not Incl.		
Seattle 108, Denver 104		
Los Angeles 106, Portland 105		
Portland 105, Vancouver 104		
L.A. Lakers 108, Sacramento 104		
Friday's Games		
Indiana 106, Detroit 104		

Toronto at Charlotte, 6:30
Cleveland at Detroit, 6:30
Milwaukee at Minnesota,
7:00
Orlando at San Antonio,
7:00
Dallas at Houston, 7:30
Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 8:00

SuperSonics 106, Nuggets 97

SEATTLE (106): Schreiner 18-20-10; Smith 18-20-10; Perkins 18-5-24; Wingate 1-2-0-3; McIlwain 1-1-1-1; Stewart 0-1-1-1; Graham 3-1-0-3
Totals: 38-79-23-27 106

DENVER (97): Hammond 16-22-9; McDye 11-22-7-29; Ellis 10-1-2-4; Smith 4-0-2-5; Smith 3-7-1-18
Totals: 38-79-23-27 97

Seattle 33 29 25 2
Denver 26 28 28 2

Gold Cup 0-21, Denver 9-22
 11/10, Kansas City 0-1, Dallas 0-1
 Smith 1-3, McCreedy 0-3
 Out—None. Rebounds—Se
 (Kemp) 12, Denver 46 (John
 Assists—Denver 18 (Payton
 11/11, Dallas 10-11, Tulsa
 Seattle 16, Seattle 17 Tech
 Denver Della Gatta, Gatta
 coach Mally A.—12,817, 117

Texas League

By The Associated Press		
Eastern Division	W	L
Arkansas	7	5
Shreveport	7	5
Tulsa	5	8
Western Division	W	L
El Paso	9	4
San Antonio	6	7
Wichita	2	9

Thursday's Games

Arkansas at Tulsa	9	7
Shreveport 9, Tulsa		
Midland 8, San Antonio 3		
El Paso 7, Wichita 6		
Arkansas at Shreveport		
Shreveport at Tulsa		
San Antonio at Midland		
Wichita at El Paso		

By The Associated Press
AUTO RACING
Champ Auto Racing Te-
CART—Fined driver Pau-
 \$25,000 for three driving viola-
 the Toyota Grand Prix of Long-
BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—
 RHP Bill Wertz to a minor-league
 race.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—
 of Jerry Maine on the 15-day
 1st Recalled C Mike Sweeney
 Omaha of the American Associa-
MINNESOTA TWINS—Pl-
 Paul Morlon on the 15-day dis-
 retroactive to April 14 Recal-
 bred Brede from Salt Lake City
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FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK JETS—Trad-
 first-rook draft pick the first-

PITTSBURGH STEELERS
Signed LB Eric Ravotti.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE—FLORIDA Panthers—Frodo Crag Ferguson; C Ryan Hooper; RW Kuba and C Kevin Weekes signed by the AHL.

COLLEGE
BUCKNELL—Announced as assistant coach Robyn Stein. Ewan Lohan has resigned as varsity tennis coach.

IDAH0 STATE—Announced as head coach Robyn Stein. Assistant basketball coach JAMES MADISON—Name announced as assistant coach Heobald. Herb Krusen and Jim Smith men's assistant coaches.

SEWANE—Named Richard Williams women's basketball coach.

Nike Scores

GAUTIER, Miss (AP) — Thursday after the first round of the 2000 Nike Mississippi Gulf Coast Classic, played on the 7,003-yard par, at Mississippi National Club (A denotes amateur).

an Bateman 34-32
Kent Jones 33-34
Brent Jones 34-32
off Course 34-32
de Coe 34-35
Chris Smith 35-34
Henry Fife 35-34
Garron Stiles 35-34
McKeeley 35-34
McMeyre 35-34

Art Peterson	36-34
Arson Fritz	33-37
Arson Fritz	34-36
Ar Estes	35-35
Charlie Hymer	34-35
Jo Gauss	34-34
John Johnson	36-34
Joe Lewis	34-34
Jon Reese	37-34
John Whelan	34-37
Joe Swartz	37-34
Ray Bruckner	37-34
Jeff Kresge	35-36
Tommy Farris	35-36
Rocky Smaller	36-35
Jim Shaw	35-35
Jim Brinkman	34-37
Strick Lee	38-33
Robert Conrad	34-37
Steve Mulcahy	34-36
Jim Brink	38-33
Mark Dennis	36-35
Ken Smith	34-37
J. Cowan	34-37
Reg Twigg	40-31
Jim Hrusak	36-35
Tommy Dodds	35-35
Joe Frisette	37-35
Jim Randolph	35-37
Scott Smith	37-35
Scott N. Smith	37-35
John K. Wurtz	36-36
Thomas Muehr	35-37
John Kamm	35-37
Anthony Rodriguez	36-36
Norman Beckman	36-36
John Wierszski	36-36
Jim Kroll	36-36

09	round of the 181-2 million PGA Seniors	Dick Goss
1	Championship, played on the 5,822-	Mitsutoshi Tomita
5	yard, 18-hole, 72-Champ at the 5,822-	Joe Jimenez
15	yard, 18-hole, 72-Champ at the PGA National Golf Club and	Johnnie Walker
20	Record:	Brian Barnes
25	33-34 - 67	Kenneth Zanley
36	Haley Irwin	Burt Allen
38	Gibby Gilbert	Jim Colbert
40	Dave Douglas	Terry Dill
46	Jack Nicklaus	Lloyd Monroee
1/2	Jack Nicklaus	Bill King
1/2	Gary Player	Bob Batley
1/2	Barry Barber	Hugh Sautelle
1/2	Jack Nicklaus	Nora Radcliffe
1/2	John D. McDermott	Jim Dent
1/2	Bob Charles	Homero Banabaz
1/2	Bob Charles	Randy Gloss
08	Jimmy Powell	Nickie McGinnis
7	Jimmy Powell	Bob Thresher
3	Bryan Burris	Gene Bonak
21	Sam Snead	Dave Barber
42	Steve Nicklaus	Bob Diamond
42	George S. Marsh	Jon Cusack
1/2	Jim Albis	Tom Wang
1/2	Art Proctor	Ed Seeger
1/2	Tommy Horton	Dan Wood
1/2	Roody Thompson	Bill Hall
1/2	Jack Kiefer	Steve Hensch
1/2	Rick Acton	Heroina line
1/2	Malcolm Greason	Bruce Lehnardt
1/2	Bob Gaddy	Tom Joyce
1/2	Larry Mowry	Martin Roark
26	Bunley Henry	George Glenn
	Bob Dickson	Bill Krumpholt
	Bill Bennett	Terry Gage
	Bill Tindall	Bruce Crampton
	Ed Everett	El Collins
	J.C. Snead	Bill Miller
	Sam Maizones	Jay Selig
	Bob Murphy	Ben Smith
	Vicente Fernandez	Charlie Swift
	Mike Hale	Dick Hendrickson
99	Bob E. Smith	
	Mike McCullough	

	Dick Ryken	35-39	74	Bud Williamson
	Walter Zembarok	37-37	74	Masaru Anzai
	Walt Mercer	37-37	74	Bob Irving
	Antonio Glarido	34-40	74	Dave McDaniel
	Roger Kennedy	37-37	74	Dave Eschebarger
	Steve Benson	37-37	74	Fred Hawkins
	Carl Lohren	35-39	74	Lee Elder
	Wes Smith	37-37	74	Tommy Hough
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	Calvin Potts	36-39	75	Bob Hauer
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Gold	Phil Leaver	36-39	75	Harold Wynn
	Pat O'Brien	36-39	75	Jimmy Wright
	Tony Perta	39-36	75	Bobby Struble
	Tom Shaw	38-37	75	Doug Ford
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	Shirley Struhsaver	34-32	66
	Laure Davis	33-35	68
	Tina Barrett	33-35	68
	Anna Sorokina	34-34	68
	Michelle Hirsch	34-34	68
	Lisa Hachem	32-36	68
	Maggie Will-Haipin	34-35	69
	Michelle Hirsch	34-35	69
	Michelle McCann	34-35	69
	Cheryl Johnston-Forbes	34-35	69
	Christy Gurner	34-35	69
	Heather Drew	34-35	69
	Brandie Brunot	34-35	69
	Heidi H. Kipch	34-35	69
	Heather Alfredsson	34-35	69
	Tiffany Faucette	34-35	69
	Michelle MacCall	35-35	70
	Rose Jones	34-36	70
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	Michelle Esai	35-35	70
	Sharon Barnett	35-35	70
	Susan Vessey	35-35	70
	Cassandra Mathew	35-35	70
	Michelle Kessler	35-35	70
	Natasha King	35-35	70
	Annette Deluca	35-35	70
	Kris Thacker	35-35	70
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	Kim Shorman	35-35	70
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	Kim Retherford-Graham	35-35	70
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	Janice Gibson	35-35	70
	Michelle Hirsch	35-35	70
	John Dickinson	35-35	70
	Laura Baugh	35-35	70
	Kristal Ables	35-35	70
	Suzanne Struhsaver	35-35	70
	Leslie Spading	35-35	70
	Jill McGill	35-35	70
	Debbi Koyan	35-35	70
	Erika Harshbarger	35-35	70
	Luciana Benveneruti	35-35	70
	Amy Reed	35-35	70
	Cindy Ruck	35-35	70
	Shirley Struhsaver	35-35	70

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Shawn Turner	36:30	Bernie Mac	36:30
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Chad Buchanan	39:32	Ami Alcott	36:30
Debbie Piepper	36:36	Alice Wicoff	36:30
Betsy King	36:35	Vickie Odegar	36:30
Patty Jordan	37:34	Marlene Miller	36:30
Debbie Fennell	36:35	Pamela Komar	36:30
Miz Edge	33:38	Mora Dunn	36:30
Pat Bradley	35:36	Eva Dahlhoff	36:30
Jody Anschutz	33:38	Stefania Croce	36:30
Debbie Waugh	36:35	Kristi Smith	36:30
Dale Reid	37:34	Tricia Hillen	36:30
Gatty Mooket	35:36	Sherrin Smith	36:30
Denise Kline	35:35	Nicole Dayne	36:30
Dr. J. Wright	36:35	Connie Chiles	36:30
Gale Walker	35:37	Stephanie Smith	36:30
Colleen Thomas	34:38	Leigh Ann Mills	36:30
Cindy Meyer	37:35	Sherrin Menza	36:30
Norm Ramsbottom	36:36	Wendy Dunn	36:30
Joan Pitcock	36:36	Connie Boudreau	36:30
Kate Peterson-Parker	36:36	Anna Acker-Macisco	36:30
Debbie Smith	36:36	Sue Walters	36:30
Kathy Kruey	36:36		

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Joanne Morley	36-76	72	Chela Quintana	3
Mardi Lunn	36-76	72	Cristie Kerr	3
Lee Ann	36-76	72	Caroline Gowan	3
Betty Iverson	36-76	72	Karen Kiser	3
Kate Golen	36-76	72	Angie Ridgeway	4
Jacqui Gallagher-Smith	35-77	72	Karen Noble	3
Heleen Dabson	35-77	72	Tracy Brown	3
Lon West	38-75	73	Guthy Gennedy	3
Sue Redman	38-75	73	Julie Braden	3
Judy Taylor	38-75	73	Kate Hughes	4
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PGA MCI Classic

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP)
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Tom Lehman	35-71	66	Mike Standen	36
Frank Beaulieu	37-69	66	Andy Bean	36
Rick Fehr	31-75	66	Paul McCaskill	37
Lennie Clements	33-74	67	Blaine Starkweather	37
John Johnson	33-74	67	Clarence Rose	37
John Magrines	32-76	68	Larry Wadkins	37
Justin Leonard	32-76	68	Danny Tom	36
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Fred Funk	33-73	68	Bobby Wadkins	37
Tom Watson	32-76	68	Rory Alenby	37
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David L. Diamond	37-34	71	Mike Hulbert	40
Russ Cochran	36-35	71	Steve Plate	37
Tom Byrum	37-34	71	Hugh Royer	37
Scott Snychan	37-34	71	Bryan Sullivan	34
Vaiy Singh	37-34	71	Mark Webb	37
Payne Stewart	34-37	71	Pete Jozak	39
Paul Azinger	37-34	71	Steve Hart	39
Clayton Lively	37-34	71	Glen Day	39
Scott Gump	38-34	72	Kenney Perry	38
Chris Perry	35-37	72	Brent Bringley	38
Loren Roberts	36-36	72	Guy Bost	38
David J. Bradley	36-36	72	Marco Dawson	39
Brad Bryant	36-36	72	Doug Tewell	38
Tom Heron	35-37	72	Michael Christie	39
Bob Teskey	35-37	72	Thomas Smith	37
Gregory Pavlenko	36-36	72	Ted Tryon	40
Gene Sauers	36-37	72	Scott Dunlap	39
Edward Mages	36-36	72	Jerry Kelly	40
John Cook	34-38	73	Steve Lisy	40
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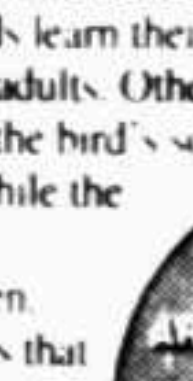
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White-crowned
Zonotrichia leucophrys

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HOW TO "SEE" A BIRD SONG

Researchers studying bird songs first make live recordings in the field. Then they plot the recordings on paper to create a special type of graph called a sonogram. This allows them to "see" what the bird hears.

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Newcomers lead Texas Tech to sizzling season

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Just two months after a "roster of relative unknowns and no-names" opened the season with a blowout loss, those same Texas Tech Red Raiders are on top of the world.

Despite beginning the season with eight new starters and a reconstructed pitching staff, Tech has vaulted to a 34-5 record and a No. 1 ranking this week in Collegiate Baseball magazine.

At 14-4 in Big 12 play, Tech holds a 1 1/2-game margin over traditional power Oklahoma.

"It's a great opportunity for our team, the community and all those things," said coach Larry Hays, who earned his 1,100th and 1,101st career victories this week with thrashings of Grand Canyon. "If we handle it well, it'll be better."

A collection of freshman and junior college transfers hopes to take the Raiders further than they went last year, when a star-studded team faltered first in the Southwest Conference tournament, then an NCAA regional.

Both disappointments came at home.

"I'm surprised everything has worked out so quickly," said first baseman Joe Dillon, the only returning starter. "I expected this time of year we'd be as good as we are; I just didn't know how fast we'd come along."

In addition to a roster filled with

new players, Tech opened the season without seven men suspended by Hays for breaking team rules, prompting the "relative unknowns and no-names" reference by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Since then, opponents have gotten to know the Raiders all too well.

Tech wins by an average score of 11-4, has out-homered foes 78-31, hits .362 and carries a staff ERA of 3.65. The Raiders have hurled four shutouts, a mean feat against aluminum bats.

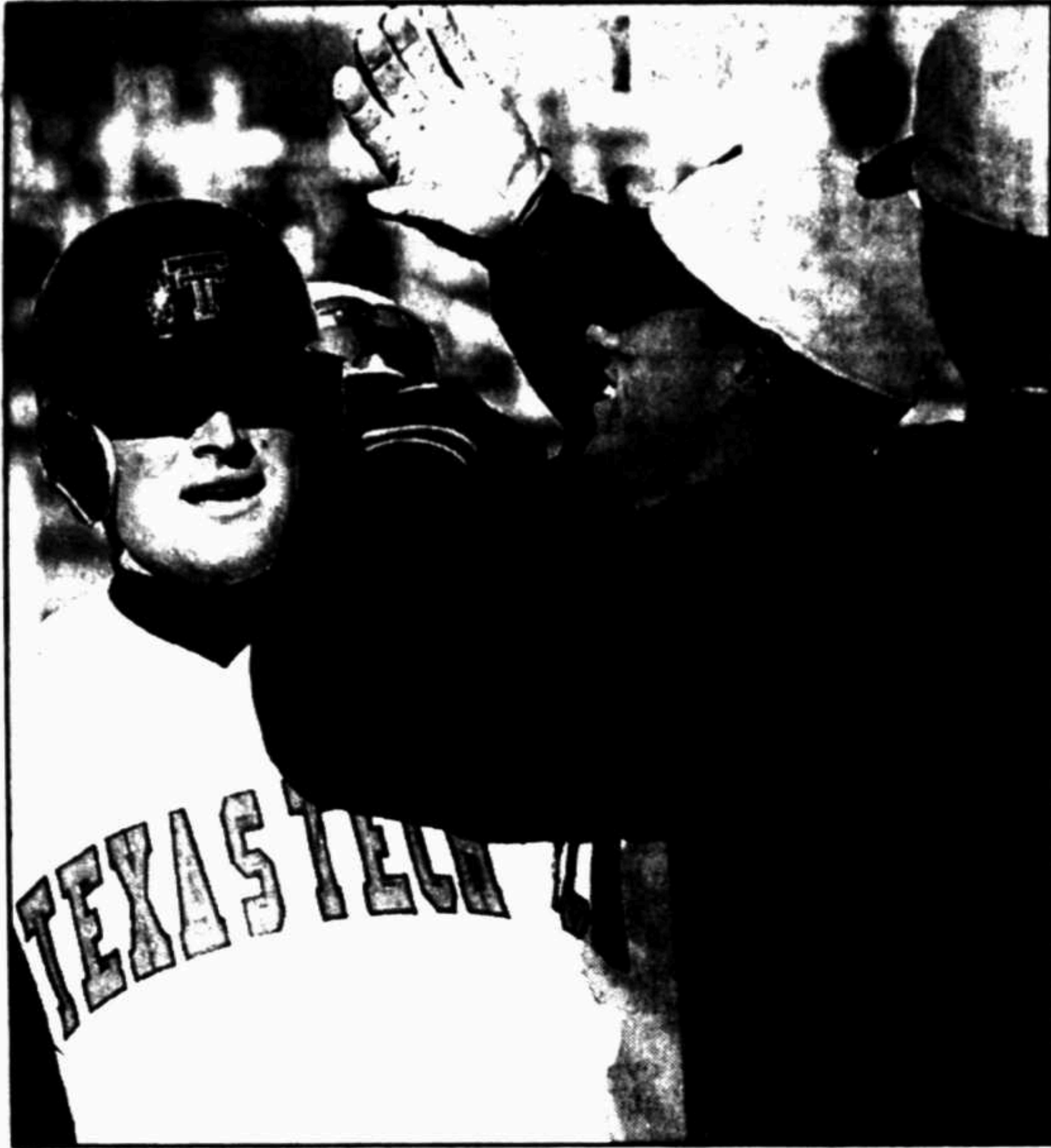
On Wednesday, Dillon hit his 23rd and 24th homers to tie a 13-year-old school record for most home runs in a season. Leadoff hitter Keith Ginter, among the nation's top hitters with a .478 average, also hit two homers in a 21-3 victory over Grand Canyon.

Ginter, a California junior college transfer, said the experience he and other juco players brings has been key to the Raiders' meteoric development.

"It gives kids a chance to play junior-college ball, which isn't much different from Division I ball," said Ginter. "It gives you that collegiate experience, playing against top-notch pitchers."

For Tech backers, the success is especially uplifting after more than a year of an NCAA investigation, allegations of improprieties and eligibility goofs in the football and men's basketball programs.

"They taunt us with 'What's



AP Laserphoto
Texas Tech's Joe Dillon receives a welcome home from teammates after bashing a home run against Kansas in a Big 12 game April 12 in Lubbock. Tech has streaked to a 34-5 record and its current No. 1 ranking.

your GPA?" or "Do you go to class?" Stuff like that," Dillon said. "We kind of get it pretty much everywhere we've gone. When it's on SportsCenter at night, it's pretty hard to hide it."

Injuries and a lack of pitching depth blunted Tech's run at a first

College World Series appearance last season. While the injury bug remains a problem here and there, the pitching has come to life.

"If we continue to get good pitching, we'll continue to play well," Hays said. "If it goes south, we'll be in trouble."

Jarrett hopes for better motoring at Martinsville

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — That bump looming in the road ahead of Dale Jarrett is the half-mile oval at Martinsville Speedway.

Jarrett, rolling along with six consecutive top-five finishes and holding a 90-point lead over defending Winston Cup champion Terry Labonte in the standings, had a tough time at Martinsville last season.

While on his way to a career-best third in the points, Jarrett finished 29th in the spring race here and 16th in the fall.

"We feel like we left a lot of points laying here," the second-generation NASCAR star said. "If we would have run as well here as we did at the other race tracks, even the other short tracks, we could have had a top-five finish, and that's enough points that it would have put us right at what Terry had. But everybody has those places and those races."

Knowing he can't afford more than a few small slips this season, Jarrett and his Robert Yates Racing team tested their Ford Thunderbird on the unique flat track for two days last week.

When practice and qualifying begin Friday for the Goody's Headache Powders 500, they'll know quickly if that effort made a difference.

"We had some ideas we wanted to put into place and try things that

are hard to try when you are there for the race," Jarrett said. "We think we'll be in much better shape, and at least run in the top five, if not contend for the win."

When Jarrett talks about win these days, nobody doubts him.

He's won twice in the first seven races this year, and six of his 10 career victories have come since the beginning of last season. But, all of his wins have been on tracks a mile or longer.

Now, he has some getting even to do with Martinsville, where he has actually had four top-five finishes, including a third in the 1994 spring race.

"We feel like our problems from last year were related to brakes," Jarrett said. "Historically, I haven't had a lot of problems with brakes up here. But that goes along with having a good handling race car."

"If your car is not handling very well, you are going to use more brakes. So we worked on the handling side of it. We did some things with the testing of the brakes to make sure that we're headed in the right direction and that we weren't kidding ourselves."

"But, if you get your car to handle, you probably won't have a brake problem."

With North Wilkesboro no longer on the Winston Cup schedule, Sunday's race ends the first of two rounds of short track races for 1997.

45-to-1 longshot captures Lone Star Park's first race

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

GRAND PRAIRIE — Bettors will never forget the first winner at Lone Star Park, a 45-to-1 long shot called "I Am Sharp" which paid \$101 for a mere \$2 wager.

Jockey Marlon St. Julien rated the horse perfectly in the \$50,000 mile 1/16th race as it came off the pace to win by one and one-quarter lengths over Brentwood Pass and Thriller from Manila. The winner was the longest odds horse in the 14-horse field for Texas-bred 3-year-olds and upwards.

The winner paid \$53.80 for second money and \$15.60 for a \$2 show wager.

"I Am Sharp" is owned by Henry White of Lexington, Ky., and Hugh Fitzsimmons of Houston, a former member of the Texas Racing Commission. Fitzsimmons was a strong advocate of the Lone Star Park track.

Fitzsimmons, who went to Southern Methodist, was good friends with State Comptroller John Sharp.

"It was my attempt at a little Aggie humor with my good friend John," Fitzsimmons said.

He said he was just as stunned as the bettors that his horse won.

"I told my wife I wasn't even thinking about winning the race," Fitzsimmons said. "We were just lucky to be in it. Marlon did a great job of rating the horse. He did a good job of conserving the horse's energy and didn't let him run out of gas."

Sixty years ago, first class thoroughbred racing was closed at old Arlington Downs by a combination of financial problems and continued objection by certain religious lobbies.

It came roaring back to life with grateful Texas horse enthusiasts scarcely believing their eyes as they filed into what some have called "the Palace on the Prairie."

John Tittle, 65, a retired Fort Worth firefighter, stood in a long line to be among the first to enter the sparkling seven-floor facility.

"It's been a struggle but it looks like it's going to happen," Tittle said. "I never thought I'd see the day I wouldn't have to drive several hundred miles to see good horses run."

Tittle added, "this is a beautiful facility. I guess I'll spend the day in the grandstand."

As Tittle talked, a band was playing a James Brown tune and his "I Feel Good" seemed to speak for all the horse players.

John Porter of Fort Worth was elated.

"I remember going to tracks outside of Texas and all you saw was Texas license plates," Porter said. "I won't be running down the road anymore. They are going to have great racing here."

There was ribbon-cutting hoopla and skydivers and country singers on a perfect 70-degree day for racing. There was a long line of people paying \$20 each for a signed racing lithograph by artist Fred Stone.



AP Laserphoto
Mexico's Carlos Hermosillo kicks the ball during the team's practice at Brandeis University.

A rivalry begins: U.S. and Mexico

By Richard Lorant
Associated Press Writer

WALTHAM, Mass. — U.S. soccer star Eric Wynalda says he was misquoted: He doesn't hate Mexico. He just hates to lose to Mexico.

The two countries play an important World Cup qualifier in Foxboro on Sunday, and a matchup that was once a cakewalk for Mexico is now shaping up as a genuine rivalry.

"At the moment you have a

rivalry — this is not friendly," Mexico coach Bora Milutinovic said after the team's first practice at Brandeis University. "You want to win."

Milutinovic is responsible for some of the drama leading to this game at Foxboro Stadium. As U.S. coach for four years, the Yugoslav oversaw an improvement that culminated in a respectable U.S. showing in the 1994 World Cup. Before that, he coached Mexico and Costa Rica.

The United States and Mexico

are bidding for spots in next year's World Cup in France. Three nations will advance from the six-team group from North and Central America and the Caribbean.

The game will be the fourth of 10 qualifiers for both the United States and Mexico.

Unbeaten Mexico (2-0-1) leads the group with seven points. The Americans (1-1-1) follow with four points. Costa Rica, with a win and a tie, has four points. Canada, Jamaica and El Salvador all have a single point.

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Brad Faxon raises his putter as his birdie putt just misses during first round play of the MCI Classic golf tournament Thursday at Hilton Head Island, S.C. Faxon finished play with a 5-under-par 66.

Lehman and Faxon take first round MCI lead after lessons from Woods

By Pete Jacobelli
AP Sports Writer

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Nick Price put together a Tiger Woods-style run of five straight birdies and took a one-shot lead in the MCI Classic on Thursday.

Price was four behind Brad Faxon, Tom Lehman and Rick Fehr through 13 holes. But then he got it going like the Masters winner, with on-target irons that left him putts of 20 feet or less.

He tapped in a 3-foot birdie putt on his last hole, the ninth, and took the lead with a 65.

"You feel like if you hit it within 20 feet, you are going to have a chance," Price said. "That's what I did when I played so well in '92, '93 and '94. I never had any pressure on myself to hit the ball close."

Price won five tour events, including the PGA, in 1994 and has gone winless since.

Lehman and Faxon said they used Woods' double-digit Masters' victory last week as motivation,

drawing on the young superstar's intensity and enthusiasm to shoot 66s.

Lennie Clements and Hal Sutton were two shots back and Phil Mickelson and Tom Watson led a group at 68.

Price said coming to Harbour Town was a refreshing change from the pressure cooker of Augusta National. That tournament, he says, is like going 15 rounds with Mike Tyson and not landing a punch.

"But Tiger didn't think so," Price added.

Others up top said they were affected by Woods' amazing performance, including Lehman, the 1996 PGA player of the year, and Faxon, who won at New Orleans two weeks back.

"I think what he did at the Masters is going to help me more than what I did at New Orleans," said Faxon, who won the Freeport-McDermott Classic by three strokes.

"You could see his concentration, but at the same time you could see 'I want to be here.'"

There's a lot of times I don't think everybody wants to be there."

Lehman, who won The Tour Championship in a six-shot walkover last year, says Woods teed off each day like he deserved the Masters' green jacket.

"If you don't have the same mindset, he is just going to kill you," Lehman said. "I am personally not ready to get killed like that every time."

A nifty 12-foot birdie putt on his 10th hole got Price going. He chipped to two feet to start his closing run, then canned birdie putts of 12, 10, 20 and 3 feet.

Faxon had the death lock early, shooting a record 6-under 29 on his first nine holes. But he put his approach on the eighth hole into the water and needed a closing birdie for 66.

Fehr had a chance for 64 and a two-stroke lead with a simple par on the Lighthouse hole at No. 18. However, he drove the cart path and took double bogey.

Lehman and Faxon weren't the only ones shaken by Woods. Nick

Faldo, who missed the cut at Augusta, spent the past week on the putting green to rediscover his tempo. He shot 74.

Mickelson worked on his already deadly short game and was tied for the lead until a double bogey on his 17th hole.

Price won't change his game for Woods because he'd never find the length to match. "Maybe the younger guys are motivated by that," he said. "For me it's like apples and oranges."

Woods is off the next month and will return for the Byron Nelson Classic. Maybe by then, someone will have a way to beat him.

Divots: Clements is playing at Harbour Town for the first time since 1989. He said his caddy was angry that Clements, who led the PGA in greens hit in regulation two years ago, would always miss the MCI. "You've got to keep your caddy happy," he said. "It's second to your wife." There have been 18 players who scored 30 for nine holes here, the last being Loren Roberts a year ago.

Bowen has career day at inaugural Komen International

MURRELLS INLET, S.C. (AP) — It took a career day to get Nanci Bowen atop the leaderboard on Thursday in the opening round of the inaugural Susan G. Komen International.

Bowen shot a career-best 7-under-par 65 in taking a one-stroke lead over Lisa Kiggins and Nancy Harvey, who had career-best 66s over the 6,248-yard Wachesaw East Golf Club.

Those three rounds kept some of the LPGA's biggest names from leading on the first day. The group at 4-under 68 included Laura Davies and Annika Sorenstam, who have 24 combined victories, including four this year.

Patty Sheehan and Michelle McGann, with a combined 41 wins, were in a group of 10 players at 69.

"It's always the same every week," Davies said. "Someone shoots 6- or 7-under, then five more shots wins the tournament. Someone who shoot 69s and 70s all week wins the tournament. It's too early to panic."

Bowen's bogey-free round included birdies at Nos. 14, 16 and 17 on putts between 8 and 10 feet. She also strung together birdies on Nos. 6, 7 and 8.

"I ran off three straight birdies, then I felt more

comfortable standing over my putts after that," Bowen said. "I had good visualization and good rhythm with my swing. I got a few putts to drop. That was the whole difference — making putts."

Bowen's lone victory was in a major, the 1995 Nabisco Dinah Shore. She has played well this year, tying for fifth in the Dinah Shore and for sixth in the Tournament of Champions.

"Getting that first win really gave me a lot of confidence. I'm definitely hungry for another win," Bowen said. "I have struggled in first rounds this year, so I tried to work on that. I think I've turned it around — at least for this week."

While Kiggins was conservative off the tee with a 3-wood, Harvey, like Bowen, used a driver nearly all day to get in position for birdies.

Harvey, who hasn't finished higher than sixth in a tournament in eight years on the tour, was 2-under through 14, then birdied the last four holes.

She began the string with a 33-footer on the 165-yard 15th hole, narrowly missed an eagle before settling for birdie on the 370-yard, par-4 16th, and sank birdie putts inside 10 feet on 17 and 18.

Harvey also had a 27-foot putt for birdie on the par-

3 eighth hole. She missed a practice round because of illness earlier in the week, and still wasn't feeling at full strength Thursday.

"My putter has been a good friend of mine lately," Harvey said. "I'm really starting to see the line and have stopped being so mechanical with my stroke. I don't have the fears on the putting green that I used to."

Kiggins recorded her low round without a bogey, and with birdies on four of five holes on the back nine. The final birdie at 15 came on a 40-foot putt.

"My nerves never got going today, which I don't know if it's good or bad," Kiggins said. "I was just working hard on course management."

The three players at 6-under or better all played in the morning. Davies and Sorenstam had solid rounds despite playing in stronger wind in the afternoon.

Davies chipped in for eagle on the 348-yard par-4 sixth hole, but clipped the corner of a tree on the par-5 seventh and bogeyed to slow her momentum.

Sorenstam birdied 17 to get to 4-under and in solid position for her second consecutive victory and fourth in eight tournaments this year.



Lisa Kiggins hits a tee shot on the 18th as she takes the early lead during the first round of the Susan G. Komen International in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Bland leads Seniors Championship by two strokes after opening round

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — John Bland took advantage of an early start and a wet golf course to shoot a 5-under-par 67 Thursday and take a two-stroke lead in the opening round of the 58th PGA Seniors Championship.

Starting before 8 a.m. in the fourth group off the tee on the tough Champion course at PGA National Golf Club, Bland was able to take advantage of casual water rules a half-dozen times for better lies in drier areas of the fairways.

"There wasn't much wind and it was so wet they couldn't mow the fairways before we started," Bland said. "There was a lot of water out there this morning."

Bland ignited his round when he holed out a 165-yard 9-iron approach from the right rough at the par-4 ninth for an eagle. He also made five birdies and two bogeys.

Defending champion Hale Irwin and Gibby Gilbert were at 69. Irwin opened last year's tournament with a 66.

Either by choice or circumstance, neither Irwin nor Gilbert took advantage of the casual water guidelines.

Said Irwin, who started about 9:30 a.m., "I applauded the decision not to lift, clean and place," a dif-

ferent decision than taking relief from casual water. "It seems like every time we have a little bit of rain and there is a little speckle of mud on the ball, some players scream 'lift, clean and place.'"

Gilbert, the low scorer among afternoon starters, said there were several times he wished he could have taken relief.

Several days of rain had soaked the demanding, 6,722-yard course, which is difficult enough under the best of conditions. However, it was clear Thursday and the sun and wind helped dry the course in the afternoon.

Friday's forecast was for cooler temperatures and more wind.

Isao Aoki, runnerup by two strokes to Irwin in 1996, birdied the

last two holes to join three-time champion Gary Player, Dale Douglass, John Schroeder and Gil Morgan at 70.

"There's no doubt that shot at the ninth hole made my round," Bland said. "It was always on line." He started his day with birdie-bogey-birdie on the first three holes. On the back, he birdied the 10th, 12th and 16th holes but bogied No. 17.

Malcolm Gregson of England used a 6-iron for a hole-in-one at the 152-yard 17th hole.

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The trip is a roller-coaster ride of beautiful scenery, new foods and languages, equipment problems, new friendships and exhausting days. "The lesson is, be adaptive," Finch says. Problems surface daily. In Suname, it took crew members five hours to fuel the two planes. In Cumana, the hotel switchboard operator wouldn't place long-distance calls. In San Juan, a replacement radio was delayed by a snowstorm in Kansas. In Fortaleza, worries surfaced that the Albatross was too heavy to make the flight across the Atlantic.

After five days in Fortaleza, Finch and company flew to Natal, their jumping off point for the flight to Africa. When they landed it was sunset, and the crew got to see the Southern Cross, a constellation that isn't visible in the Northern Hemisphere.

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take commercial flights to Senegal. On April 9, they went to Rio de Janeiro, then to Paris and arrived in Dakar 36 hours later. Unfavorable winds forced Finch to delay taking off for a day. One member of the Albatross team flew ahead to Senegal. While waiting for the others, he visited the island of Goree,

which was a final staging point for African slaves bound for the Americas. It's hard to imagine that this picturesque village was a site of such savagery and degradation. In a building called "Slave House," visitors can stand in the doorway that led to the slave ships. Most walk quietly and respectfully through this place of sadness and horror.



Newspaper Activity

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DRAFT: Draft deep in quality players

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Pace's Ohio State teammate, and defensive tackle Darrell Russell of Southern California.

And it leaves Seattle, which traded to No. 3 for Springs, setting instead for Russell or Florida State defensive end Peter Boulware. Baltimore, which chooses fourth, originally wanted Boulware but now may trade the pick away.

Then Detroit probably will have a choice between Westbrook and Rudd with the Jets getting the other.

Parcells' trade may have done a big favor for the Giants, whom he coached to Super Bowl victories in 1986 and 1990. They'll probably get a crack at the player they want, offensive tackle Walter Jones of Florida State.

Then comes the second tier — wide receivers Yatil Green of Miami and Rae Carruth of Colorado;

linebackers James Farrior and Jamie Sharper of Virginia; running backs Warrick Dunn of Florida State, Antowain Smith and (perhaps) Corey Dillon of Washington; quarterback Jim Druckenmiller of Virginia Tech; and a slew of corners like Tom Knight of Iowa, Michael Booker of Nebraska, Chris Canty of Kansas State and Sam Madison of Louisville.

Druckenmiller and Dillon are two of the more interesting players available. Druckenmiller could be a "reach," drafted too high because of the shortage of quarterbacks, and Dillon could be a bargain, falling into the second round because of a history of arrests as a teen-ager.

Druckenmiller is 6-foot-4 1/2, 223 pounds, the prototypical size for an NFL quarterback. But while some scouts question his accuracy, he'll probably go by the middle of the first round.

The other two first-round possi-

bilities are Jake Plummer of Arizona State and Pat Barnes of California. Barnes has the size and the arm strength but Plummer, "the Snake," will probably go before him because he has the intangibles that scouts love.

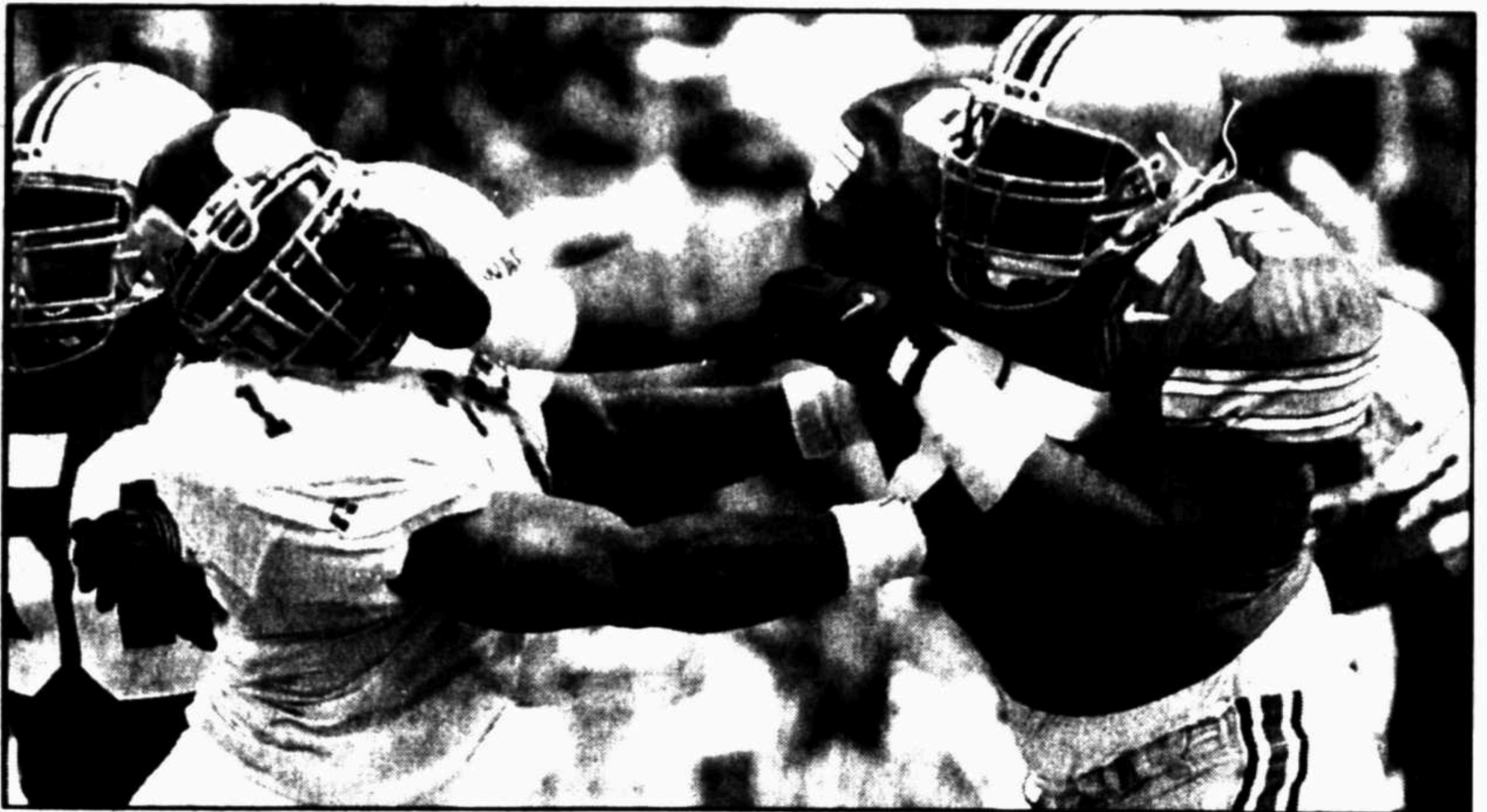
"He could go two for 10 with three interceptions in the first half," says John Butler, the Buffalo general manager. "Then he'll win the game all by himself in the fourth quarter."

Then there's Danny Wuerffel.

Like Heisman-winning quarterbacks before him like Charlie Ward and Ty Detmer, he's no sure thing. His arm isn't considered particularly strong, he's not very mobile and detractors say he benefited in college from Steve Spurrier's offense.

But he's not forgotten.

"He will be drafted, he will make a team and eventually he will start and play very well," says Jerry Angelo, Tampa Bay's scout.



Ohio State's Orlando Pace (75) pushes aside Rice defender Ndukwe Kalu in Columbus, Oh. in this Sept. 7, photo. Pace is one of the top prospects in the NFL Draft. He could be drafted No. 1 by the St. Louis Rams, who traded for the first pick on Thursday.

Druckenmiller tops QB list in NFL draft

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — Danny Wuerffel and Jake Plummer were college football's glamour guys last season, piling up tons of yards, touchdowns, victories and awards.

Funny thing, but Virginia Tech's Jim Druckenmiller is the No. 1 quarterback on the NFL draft charts. And when the draft kicks off Saturday, the 6-foot-4 1/2, 223-pounder could go anywhere from ninth overall, to the Arizona Cardinals, to 26th and the San Francisco 49ers.

"He's a man among boys," said Tom Braatz, the Miami Dolphins director of scouting. "He has the size, the strength."

Wuerffel, the Heisman Trophy winner who led Florida to its first national title and set 47 school, Southeastern Conference and NCAA records, understands what the NFL is after. He knows teams are wary of his unusual throwing motion — it's like watching a shot-putter — and questionable arm strength.

"I've always had the philosophy not to expect anything but to be prepared for everything," said the 6-foot-1 1/2, 210-pound Wuerffel, who could go as early as the late second round. "One day, you're here in Florida. The next, you find out where your new home will be and what kind of weather you'll have."

First-Round QBs

Quarterbacks picked in first round of NFL draft in the '90s:

- 1990 — Jeff George (Indianapolis Colts, No. 1); Andre Ware (Detroit Lions, No. 7)
- 1991 — Dan McGwire (Seattle Seahawks, No. 16); Todd Marinovich (Los Angeles Rams, No. 24)
- 1992 — David Klingler (Cincinnati Bengals, No. 6); Tommy Maddox (Denver Broncos, No. 25)
- 1993 — Drew Bledsoe (New England Patriots, No. 1); Rick Mirer (Seattle Seahawks, No. 2)
- 1994 — Heath Shuler (Washington Redskins, No. 3); Trent Dilfer (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, No. 9)
- 1995 — Steve McNair (Houston Oilers, No. 3); Kerry Collins (Carolina Panthers, No. 5)
- 1996 — None

as well, going for Todd Blackledge ahead of Jim Kelly and Dan Marino in the '83 draft. The Pittsburgh Steelers came out fine when they picked Terry Bradshaw with the No. 1 overall pick in 1970.

As for Druckenmiller, he stands out for several reasons. He's the basic NFL quarterback: big, rangy and strong.

At Virginia Tech, Druckenmiller was 20-4 his last two seasons as the Hokies won two Big East titles and played in the Sugar Bowl in '96 and Orange Bowl in '97.

While there are dozens of other quarterbacks available — such as Eric Kresser of Marshall, Mike Cherry of Murray State, Lance Funderburk of Valdosta State and Brad Otton of USC — don't expect much action in seven rounds of drafting.

Personnel men high priority when building NFL franchise

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — George Young was a genius a decade ago when he put together the Giants who won two Super Bowls.

"Now I'm a bum," says Young, who hasn't had a first-rate first-round pick since Rodney Hampton in 1990 and regularly takes heat on New York talk shows.

This is life in the NFL. Where would Bill Walsh be if he had taken Steve Dils — as he almost did — instead of Joe Montana in the third round of the 1979 draft? In the drafting business, today's heroes are tomorrow's numskulls.

Here's a look at the NFL's current top six personnel men:

— 1, Jimmy Johnson, Dallas-Miami.

The one coach among many who try (Bill Parcells, Dan Reeves, Don Shula, etc.) who is as good or better as a personnel man than a coach. He built the Cowboys with the draft choices he got for Herschel Walker, moving up to get Emmitt Smith in the first round in 1990 and also finding small-college gems like Erik Williams in the third round and Leon Lett in the seventh.

Jimmy knows it, too.

"It's no different than someone

in school who is thoroughly prepared to take a test," he says of his draft preparation. "They look forward to it."

So Johnson's first draft in Miami netted seven players who contributed as rookies, including middle linebacker Zach Thomas, taken in the fifth round, and third-rounder Karim Abdul-Jabbar, the first Miami running back in 18 years to rush for 1,000 yards.

— 2, Bill Polian, Carolina, and John Butler, Buffalo.

Group these two together because they teamed to build the Bills who won four straight AFC titles from 1990-93. Polian was general manager and Butler the personnel director. They're especially good late in the first round (Will Wolford, John Fina, Thomas Smith, Henry Jones) and past that (Thurman Thomas in the second, Andre Reed in the third).

Polian is also one of the main reasons Carolina was in the NFC title game in its second year, seeing through the alleged flaws in Kerry Collins' delivery and taking him with the Panthers' first pick two years ago. He also did a superior job at free agency.

— 3, Ron Wolf, Green Bay.

In vogue now because the Packers won the Super Bowl, but a solid personnel man for a long time. Wanted Brett Favre, but just

missed in the second round in 1991, when he was with the Jets, then traded for him when Wolf arrived in Green Bay a year later. Got the likes of Edgar Bennett, Dorsey Levens, Robert Brooks, Mark Chmura, Brian Williams, Antonio Freeman and other Super Bowl fixtures in lower rounds.

— 4, Tom Donahoe, Pittsburgh.

Low-profile but highly effective. Saw a way to combine Kordell Stewart's desire to play quarterback with his athletic skills, and finds unsung players to fill in for the injured and departed. Thus was Jason Gildon able to step in when Greg Lloyd was hurt last season. Drafts for depth, knowing it will be needed.

"Some teams may throw darts at the wall in the later rounds. We don't," Donahoe says.

— 5, Jerry Reichow, Minnesota.

Why didn't the Vikings plummet to the bottom of the NFL when Mike Lynn, now departed, traded away the franchise for Walker? Because Reichow found players like Terry Allen in the eighth round and free agents like John Randle to make up for the loss of the team's top draft choices in the early '90s. Brad Johnson, now the quarterback, was a ninth-round pick in 1992 after playing little behind Casey Weldon at Florida State.

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Slocum said. "It was unfair to put those expectations on him. I think he tried to press and make things happen."

"Brandon was inexperienced and the guys around him were inexperienced. But he came back in the spring and he'll be more mature this season. He will make some big plays for us but he realizes he doesn't have to make all the plays."

Defensive line is a critical area for development. Zerick Rollins and Brad Crowley seem solid at the ends, but nose guard is undecided.

"Stephen Young is a redshirt freshman and Marcus Heard is a player who has to develop (at nose guard)," Slocum said. "We will bring in seven freshmen to compete for defensive line spots."

The Aggies lost their best receiver, Albert Connell,

who caught 57 passes and six touchdowns last season, but Slocum liked his receivers in the spring.

"As a group, the wide receivers may have been the most pleasant surprise this spring," Slocum said. "I thought they were more focused and caught more balls than ever."

The Aggies lost only two offensive starters, Connell and center Calvin Collins. They must replace five defensive starters, including the entire defensive line that last year included ends Brandon Mitchell and Pat Williams and nose guard Edward Jasper.

Special teams, with kicker Kyle Bryant and punter Shane Lechler, return intact. Deep snapper Kyle Lednicki and holder Bill Johnston also are back.

The Aggies should have an easier beginning to the 1997 season with games against Sam Houston State, Southwestern Louisiana and North Texas before hosting Colorado of the Big 12 on Oct. 4.

Saints make trade to claim Shuler

WASHINGTON (AP) — Breaking a month-long impasse two days before a critical deadline, Washington and New Orleans agreed Thursday to a deal that will send quarterback Heath Shuler to the Saints.

A Redskins source said an agreement had been reached that would give the Saints draft picks in exchange for Shuler. The source said an announcement would be made once Shuler signs a contract with the Saints, possibly Thursday night. The source did not say which draft picks are involved in the trade.

The Redskins had been demanding a third-round pick in this week-end's NFL draft for the former Tennessee quarterback. General manager Charley Casserly said earlier this week that the Redskins would be prepared to hang onto Shuler until opening day if a deal wasn't reached by Saturday.

That would have ruined Saints coach Mike Ditka's plans to have Shuler compete against Jim Everett for the starting job this summer. Ditka has spoken glowingly of Shuler, and the Saints and Shuler have already reached agreement on a four-year contract worth \$7.6 million.

New Orleans had offered two fifth-round picks — one this year and one next year.

Shuler was the third player taken in the 1994 NFL draft, but lost the Redskins' starting job to seventh-rounder Gus Frerotte in training camp last year.

Shuler played only one snap last season, and he voided his contract in January to end his unhappy stay in Washington.

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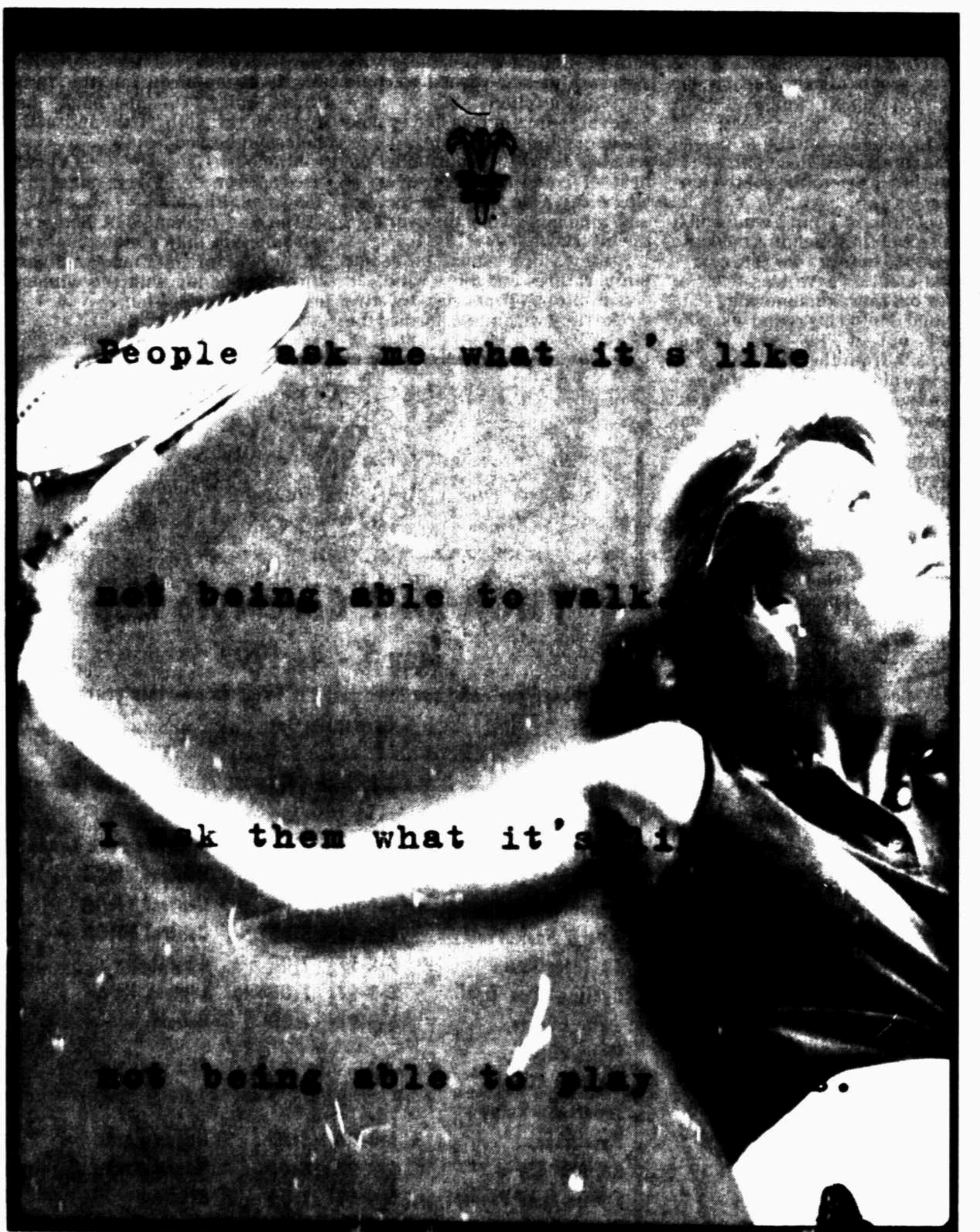
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Gas prices rise

NEW YORK — Natural gas and heating oil prices rose Thursday on forecasts for colder weather next week through much of the country.

Natural gas rose by .64 cent to \$2.069 per 1,000 cubic feet on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Home heating oil for May delivery rose 0.52 cents to 54 cents.

Other energy futures also rose Thursday.

Crude oil for May delivery rose 7 cents per barrel to \$19.42 on the Nymex. Unleaded gasoline for delivery next month rose 0.32 cents to 60.70 cents per gallon.

Dollar lower

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against most currencies Thursday after the government reported weaker-than-expected economic data and Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer expressed support for a strong mark.

But the dollar strengthened slightly against the yen after the Commerce Department reported a mild shrinkage in the monthly trade deficit with Japan and a senior Japanese finance official said there was no danger that Japan's trade imbalances would cause major problems with the United States.

In New York, the dollar settled at 1.7248 marks, down from 1.7283 Wednesday. The dollar cost 126.05 yen, up from 125.73 yen. The pound cost \$1.6287, up from \$1.6244.

Other late dollar rates in New York compared with Wednesday: 1.4660 Swiss francs, down from 1.4715; 5.8025 French francs, down from 5.8105; 1.698.00 Italian lire, down from 1.701.00; 1.4005 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3966.

Dow retreats

NEW YORK — Technology stocks struggled higher Thursday, but blue-chip shares faltered, halting a three-day rally that had nearly halved a month-long slide by the Dow Jones industrial average.

The Dow fell 21.27 to 6,658.60 after giving back a 33-point gain that put the barometer of 30 big companies above 6,700 for the first time in three weeks.

Broad-market indicators turned mostly lower in the afternoon as investors moved to lock in some gains from the past few days.

The Nasdaq market snapped a two-day losing streak, rising 6.80 to 1,217.07 as investors bid up depressed computer-sector favorites such as Intel up 4 to 138; and Cisco Systems, up 2 to 49 1/2.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 502.61 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 1.76 to 761.77, the NYSE's composite index fell 1.10 to 400.65, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 0.99 to 555.52.

Sony president

NEW YORK — Sony Corp. has hired former CBS network chief Howard Stringer as its top U.S. executive, filling a post left vacant in a management shakeup two years ago.

As president of Sony Corp. of America, Stringer will coordinate the Japanese company's vast entertainment businesses, which include two movie studios, with its U.S. electronics subsidiary.

He will assume the post May 5, the company said Thursday.

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Appeals court keeps credit union limits

■ Three-panel judge keeps limits on membership while Supreme Court considers dispute over guidelines.

N.Y. Times News Service

Washington — A federal appeals court refused to lift limits on credit union membership while the Supreme Court considers a dispute over membership guidelines.

A three-judge panel in Washington Wednesday left intact a lower court order prohibiting federal credit unions from accepting new companies and other groups of potential members into their fold.

Procedures begin to pull HMO license

■ Texas Attorney General says revoking Kaiser Permanente business license is appropriate.

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales gave the green light to state insurance regulators Thursday to initiate license revocation proceedings against Kaiser Permanente.

In a letter to Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer, Morales said it would be appropriate to revoke the company's license to do business in Texas.

Kaiser, one of the state's largest health maintenance organizations, is under investigation by state insurance officials over concerns that its cost-cutting efforts are hurting medical care.

Morales said the Insurance Department was legally authorized to initiate license revocation proceedings if "legitimate questions arise regarding the financial solvency of a Texas health care provider."

"I believe such proceedings would be appropriate in this case at this time," he told Bomer.

Bomer declined to comment on whether his department would begin the revocation process.

"This is an extremely sensitive subject and an extremely sensitive situation," he said. "I don't feel it's right to comment at this time."

Kaiser spokesman David O'Grady said the Insurance Department has no basis for trying to revoke the company's license.

"Kaiser Permanente has provided quality care to Texans for 18 years. Any suggestion otherwise is unfounded, untrue and without merit," O'Grady said.

Morales' letter followed a review by his office of the circumstances surrounding litigation between Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Texas and the Insurance Department.

Kaiser Foundation, based in Dallas, has sued the insurance department in an effort to prevent it from releasing details of a potentially damaging report. A hearing on a temporary restraining order against the department is set for Monday.

Kaiser Permanente is a partnership of Kaiser Foundation and the Permanente Medical Association of Texas.

In the report, the Insurance Department criticizes Kaiser for how it advises HMO patients to seek emergency room care and file claims, according to O'Grady.

O'Grady said the report, which followed a review of the HMO in January and February, contained information told by patients to doctors in confidence.

Morales told lawmakers earlier this month that the state has enough evidence against Kaiser Permanente to revoke its license. Morales restated that recommendation in Thursday's letter after determining that Kaiser "has no intention of negotiating in good faith."

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Tax return can be amended to add IRA contribution

By Eric Tyson

Q: I think I made a mistake on my 1996 tax return, which I filed last month.

I contributed money into my individual retirement account. While I did not take a tax deduction for the contribution, I did the IRA deposit so that the money could grow over the years without taxation.

Someone recently told me I should have filed a special tax form to note this nondeductible contribution.

Is that right? If so, how do I correct my mistake?

A: You should have reported your nondeductible IRA contribution on Form 8606.

Yes, it is another pain-in-the-rear Internal Revenue Service form, but down the road it saves you from paying tax again on that \$2,000.

Unlike deductible contributions, nondeductible contributions to an IRA

are not subject to the normal income taxes when you start drawing on your savings in your golden years. If you don't report your nondeductible contributions, the IRS assumes that all the money in your IRA came from deductible contributions, and you owe tax on 100 percent of your withdrawals.

In order to correct your mistake, you need to amend your return by filing out Form 1040X. Call the IRS at (800) 829-3676 and request a copy of Form 1040X and Form 8606.

Fill them out, put them in an envelope, and mail them back.

Note: You will owe a \$50 penalty for not filing Form 8606 with your Form 1040.

Q: Since I bought my home two years ago, a local mortgage broker has been trying to get me to refinance my adjustable-rate mortgage, which he says is costing me more than necessary.

Meanwhile, we have been considering some improvements, which we lack the cash to pay for.

How do I figure if I should refinance or not?

A: The most common reason people seek to refinance a mortgage is to save money. If interest rates have declined

since you originally took out the mortgage, you might be able to secure a lower-cost loan.

However, just because a loan offers a lower interest rate does not mean that it will save you money. To refinance a loan, remember that you will have to spend money for title insurance, loan fees and points all over again. With a lower interest rate and monthly payment on a refinanced loan, figure out how long it will take to recoup the cost of refinancing.

In calculating your refinance savings, be careful not to overlook the fact that you'll lose some of the tax benefits when your mortgage payment declines. You can't simply assume that the full amount of the mortgage payment decline is "savings."

Use your marginal tax rate — the combined rate of federal and state income tax you pay on an extra dollar of income — to calculate how much your taxes will increase if your mortgage payment declines.

Sometimes, home owners such as yourself are attracted to refinancing in order to take out a larger mortgage. Borrowing more against your home can make good financial sense, because mortgage interest is generally

that rule nationwide, blocking credit unions from accepting new members from outside groups or affiliating with additional groups.

In December, the appeals court blocked a portion of Jackson's order, allowing applicants to join a credit union if they belonged to a group already in the institution's fold. Today, that court, without issuing an opinion, refused a credit union request to block the new-group aspect of Jackson's decision until the Supreme Court rules. The high court is expected to hear arguments in the case this fall and probably won't issue an opinion until early next year. The Supreme Court ruling ultimately could affect the credit union eligibility of an estimated 60 million people.

A group of banks sued over the regulatory agency's ruling, and last July an appeals court said all members of AT&T's Family Federal Credit Union must share a single common bond, not a series of separate bonds. U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Jackson then applied



Montgomery Ward woes

A Montgomery Ward store is shown in Chicago on Thursday. The nation's largest privately held retailer, which pioneered the concept of mail-order shopping, is losing money

and customers and is swimming in debt. Analysts say drastic measures are called for, or the aging retailer could go the way of its extinct catalogue.

Trade deficit improves in February

■ Embarrassed officials restate deficit after oil import data overstated by \$1.2 billion.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's trade deficit in February narrowed to \$10.4 billion, after setting a record the previous month, the Commerce Department said late Thursday, after correcting a sizable error that had overstated the trade gap.

The department had originally reported the February deficit was \$12 billion larger, at \$11.6 billion, before discovering a major miscalculation of oil imports.

Commerce Undersecretary Everett Ehrlich called the size of the error unprecedented and blamed it on miscommunication between his agency, which compiles the trade statistics and the Customs Bureau, which gathers the raw data.

Customs, in an effort to get a handle on late reports of oil shipments coming into the country, asked its agents to send in not only the current month's data but data from previous months.

However, the Census Bureau, the arm of Commerce that tabulates the trade statistics, was not alerted to separate the old data from the current month, resulting in a \$1.2 billion overstatement of oil imports on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Red-faced Commerce officials said it

would take at least a day to come up with corrected figures for all the information contained in the 29-page trade report.

Based on the corrected information, the department said the February imbalance was an 18 percent improvement from January's deficit of \$12.7 billion. The January gap between imports and exports had been the largest since the government switched to tracking goods and services flows on a monthly basis.

Even with the lower figure for February, the deficit so far this year is running at an annual rate of \$139 billion, up sharply from last year's \$114.3 billion deficit.

Economists blamed the deterioration on two major factors — the surprisingly strong U.S. economy compared to much weaker growth overseas, and the strength of the dollar, which is making foreign goods cheaper for American consumers.

Asked about the Commerce error, economist Michael Penzer of the Bank of America in San Francisco said the government was lucky the trade deficit is not a current focus for financial markets.

He said even though the erroneous deficit number was \$1 billion higher than expected, the markets basically ignored the report and focused instead on other reports Thursday.

Those reports, including an increase of 8,000 in the number of weekly unemployment claims filed, signaled to

investors that the economy may be starting to slow, easing pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates to fight inflation.

In a warning that President Clinton may adopt a more protectionist stance in his second term in response to the growing deficits, Commerce Secretary William Daley on Thursday pledged a renewed push to attack unfair foreign trade barriers.

"We are happy to help break down barriers, happy to lead the way in opening markets ... but we will not be a vehicle for one-way trade," Daley said in what was billed as his first policy speech on trade.

The higher deficits have spawned increased protectionist sentiments in Congress, making it tougher for Clinton to win the congressional fast-track authority he needs to negotiate new trade pacts and to gain the annual approval for China's most-favored-nation trade status.

During the first two months of this year, the deficits with both Japan and China are running far beyond their levels of a year ago.

The two-month total for China was up a dramatic 37 percent from a year ago, and the deficit for Japan for the year is 11.3 percent higher. U.S. automakers are complaining that the strong dollar is allowing Japanese competitors to regain market share in the United States.

tax-deductible and the interest rate tends to be lower than on personal loans. Just be sure that you can "afford" the higher payments, given your overall budget and financial goals.

A less-common reason to consider refinancing is to select a different type of mortgage. You're holding an ARM. If interest rates have declined since you originally took out your loan, you might consider refinancing so that you get a fixed-rate loan that locks in the lower rates.

Note, though, that fixed-rate loans carry higher rates than adjustable-rate loans and make sense only for homeowners who plan on holding their mortgage for more than seven years and who don't like the volatility in payments that comes with an ARM.

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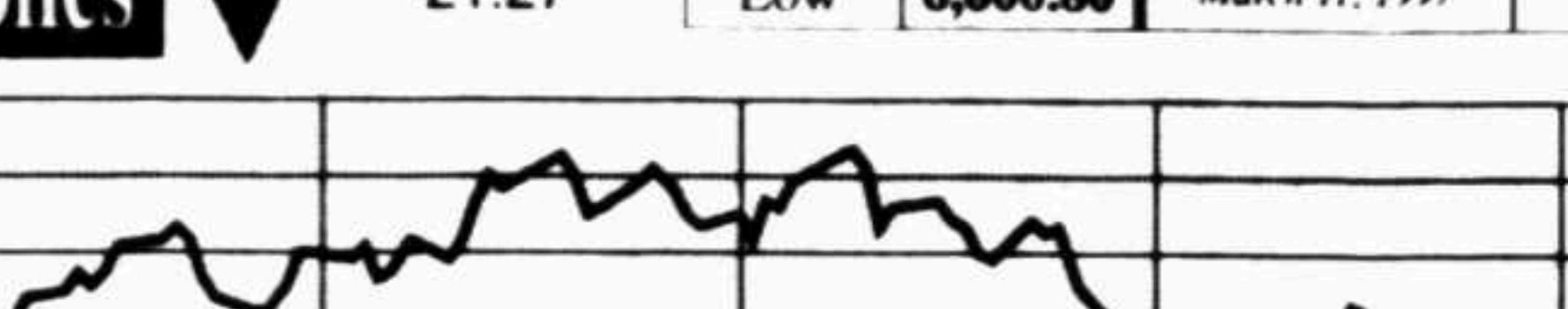
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AROUND TOWN

"Rally for a Cure" golf tournament, a benefit to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer, is scheduled for April 30 at Green Tree Country Club, one of 2,400 official sites nationwide. Proceeds will benefit the Dallas-based Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and, locally, Allison Cancer Center.

Format: A four-woman scramble with closest-to-the-pin contest at a designated par-3 hole. On the same hole, the pink ribbon breast cancer awareness symbol will be awarded to each player who hits and stays on the green.

Registration fee of \$50 per person will include lunch and prizes. To register call 697-3900.

The Rally for a Cure campaign is organized and directed on behalf of Golf For Women Magazine, with Courtney By Marriott as co-sponsor.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter #255, will meet 6:30 p.m. April 21 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Pot-luck supper will be served; program will follow. For more information call 684-6419 or 697-1212.

NATIONAL SOCIETY of Fund Raising Executives will meet for a workshop April 23 at the Confederate Air Force Museum. Registration will begin at 10:45 a.m.

James C. "Bud" Sawyer, will present the program. Sawyer is vice president of communications, development and public affairs for the Georgetown Healthcare System, and has been executive director of McLennan Community College Foundation in Waco, assistant vice president of student affairs at Baylor University and dean of student life at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Fee is \$5 for members and their guests, and \$15 for non-members. RSVP no later than 10 a.m. April 21.

...SPIRIT FAIR of Midland High School will be 6:30-9 p.m. April 21 at the MHS soccer field. Incoming students and their parents are invited to attend in order to learn about MHS. Admission will be free.

...MIDLAND-LEE Youth Centers will host a dance for junior high school students (grades seven and eight) 9-10 p.m. today at Lee Youth Center, 3550 Neely Ave. Students attending must have student IDs. Tickets are \$5 per person.

...INSURANCE WOMEN of Midland's "Strike It Rich" bowling tournament is scheduled for May 4 at Basin Lanes. Entry fee will be \$30. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m., with the tournament scheduled for 2-6 p.m. Grand prize, as well as other prizes, will be awarded.

...TUMBLEWEED CHAPTER, Smocking Arts Guild of America, will meet 7 p.m. April 21 at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2601 N. Garland St. Trixie Banks will present a workshop on smocking official SAGS name tags. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information call 683-9748 or 684-7141.

...UNITED OSTOMY Association, Midland-Odessa chapter #605, will participate in the semi-annual meeting 10 a.m. April 19 at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Regular meeting will be 2:30 p.m. April 23 at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's auditorium in Midland.

...UNITED DAUGHTERS of the Confederacy will meet 10 a.m. April 19 at Fairview Cemetery to place flags on graves of Confederate soldiers. The public is invited.

...WHOLE TEXAS Iris Society will meet and show, scheduled for April 19 at Midland Park Mall. Has been cancelled due to the recent freeze.

...HIGH SKY Children's Ranch's 23rd annual Crystal Ball, themed "Gypsy Rhapsody," will be 7 p.m. April 19 at Midland Country Club. The black tie event, a benefit for High Sky, will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, breakfast buffet and dancing to the music of the 1940s. Highlights will be the drawing of prizes and a silent auction of such items as trips, cars, jewelry and paintings. Cost is \$150 per couple; memberships are available. For information call 684-7725.

FAMILY MATTERS

Parents need to agree on disciplining child

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I have been arguing with my husband for months over how to punish our 14-year-old daughter when she does something wrong. She's basically a good girl, but she just keeps making bad decisions. My husband thinks that she is out of control and on the road to hell. I just don't think that it's all that bad. I think she's just being rebellious like all teenagers. He just doesn't understand how important it is for a teenage girl to fit in with her friends and do the things they all do.

She's done the usual things that all teens do, like talk on the telephone too late and not come home when she's supposed to. My husband thinks that I let her talk on the telephone too long already, but I don't think that 10 p.m. is too late for her age. Do you?

Then we argue over her curfew because all her friends can stay out until 11:30 p.m. and my husband thinks that's way too late. So what do you say?

Then when she's on the telephone past 10 p.m., he goes nuclear and thinks we should take her telephone away for a month. If she's late coming in, he thinks she should be grounded for at least two weeks.

I think he's way overboard on both punishments. What do you think is fair?

Because of our differences over parenting her, my husband and I are the most unhappy with each other that we've ever been in our entire marriage. There are days that he will barely even speak to me or our daughter (after she's done something wrong). I don't know if our marriage can stand four more years of this.



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Then I've got the additional problem that I've found out some things that my daughter has done that I don't dare tell him. They're not all that bad (she had been smoking and had a few beers at a party), but I don't want to have to deal with him, so I'm not telling. I've already worked then out with my daughter and she's not going to do them again.

Is it wrong to not tell him because it will just make him even madder? I know you're not supposed to keep secrets from your husband, but I don't think it would do any good to tell him. What do you think? TRAPPED

DEAR TRAPPED: I believe that establishing and agree on the way they will raise their children is very important for parents. This process involves agreeing on the rules and on the consequences for violating the rules. While no one parent probably has the right answer, together they can at least establish an agreed-upon path to try.

I urge you and your husband to discuss the main house rules for your daughter — for example, telephone curfew, evening curfew, smoking, drinking, dating, etc. Treat the meeting like a business meeting with those specific subjects on the agenda, and talk until you agree on something.

Compromise will probably be necessary, but hammer out the rules and the consequences. I do believe that a consequence should be in as small an increment as possible — say, at day at a time for teenagers — so that you can "stack" the consequences for continued violation. Remember, the idea of a consequence is to alter her behavior, not to punish her.

You both might find Dr. Ross Campbell's book, "How to Really Love Your Teenager," and Dr. Mary Pipher's book, "Reviving Ophelia," to be helpful reading in this important process.

After you and your husband have reached agreement, write down the rules and consequences. Then both of you

meet with your daughter to discuss and implement them. Revise the rules and/or consequences as both you and your husband agree. Re-write, implement and consistently follow the agreement.

I do not believe keeping secrets from your husband is a good idea; consequently, try to find an appropriate quiet time and tell him about your daughter's behavior. While these are typical undesirable teenage behaviors, they must be treated seriously with the parents demonstrating a strong united front. Both actions are illegal and potentially addictive.

I do not believe that parents have to agree on every aspect of parenting, but that they do have to agree on what actions will be taken, via discussion and compromise.

THE FOLLOWING TIPS ON "WHAT DO ADOLESCENTS NEED" ARE OFFERED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- Clear limits set. What is safe and acceptable and what is not.
- Discipline that is consistent and fair and carries over into every aspect of their lives.
- Positive role models.
- Opportunities to honestly express their feelings and thoughts.
- Permission to fail and return, not necessarily to accept the behavior but to accept the kid. Tolerance for mistakes.
- Structured families activities: church, holidays, meals, etc.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

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

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DEAR ABBY

Breaking up is hard to do with boyfriend's parents in middle

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: For the last seven months, I was involved in a serious relationship with "Rocky." I became close with his parents as well. I baked cookies with his mother, watched television with his father and was considered part of the family.

Rocky and I began having difficulties. In the middle of one of our "breakups," his mother called me and told me how much she missed me. Even considering our young ages (16 and 17), she confessed she had hoped to see us marry one day. Her concern for my well-being touched me and I was grateful for her attention.

My relationship with Rocky has finally ended. It was my decision because I think he has a lot of growing up to do, and I don't see myself in his immediate future. But I miss the bond I had with Rocky's parents. Am I expected to remain friends with them, or do I now ignore their existence? I would appreciate any advice you can give me. — C.F. IN MASSACHUSETTS



Van Buren

DEAR C.F.: You may find that as time passes, you will not be so eager to spend time with Rocky's parents. However, in the meantime, there is nothing to prevent you from maintaining a friendship with them if everyone is comfortable with the arrangement. Ask them how they feel about staying in touch with you.

DEAR ABBY: Why aren't you more honest with your readers and tell them why so many men are nervous about marriage? It's because the price of marriage is simply too high for most men.

The majority lose 50 percent of their assets and 100 percent of their children when they divorce. They are the ones who pay child support. They are the ones who pay alimony. Men are the defendants in 70 percent of divorce cases and are blamed for most of the problems in a relationship.

Nobody would expect a man to invest in a business with a 50 percent failure rate and long-term financial and emotional consequences. So why are women surprised when men balk at such a foolhardy commitment as marriage?

For the sake of candor, please publish my letter. — WISER IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WISER: Anyone who considers marriage a "foolhardy commitment" should stay single. Most people enter into marriage thinking it will work, and when it doesn't the fault is rarely one-sided.

DEAR ABBY: I recently came across a book my beloved late wife had stored away. It is called "Tell Me a Story," written by the late actor Charles Laughton. The book contains 60 short pieces which he read aloud to audiences for many years. The next day I read your column on the response to the grassroots literacy project Rolling Readers. How fitting!

Charles Laughton was a personal friend of mine, starting in the late '40s when I appeared with him in the production of Bertolt Brecht's play "Galileo."

My wife, Nora Dunfee, spent her later years as a screen actress. You may have seen her. She played the elderly Southern lady in "Forrest Gump" who tells Forrest that he need not take the bus to find Jenny's house.

She passed away while still active as a master teacher of speech at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where she taught for 28 years.

I am semiretired and am in the process of restoring the house where my wife was born on Christmas Day in 1915. In it will be a library containing over 1,000 books she collected during her 60-year teaching career.

In honor of my wife and all others who live to read, I'm looking forward to starting a chapter of Rolling Readers here in this tiny village. Thank you for this prized information. — DAVID CLARKE, BELMONT, OHIO

DEAR DAVID: No village is too small to benefit from the Rolling Readers literacy project. I'm delighted you found the column helpful and wish you every success. For those who have missed it, the phone number for Rolling Readers is: (800) 390-READ. You can also write to P.O. Box 927315, San Diego, Calif. 92192, or visit the Web site at <http://www.rollingreaders.org>.

DEAR ABBY: This is for Mavis E. Winter in Laguna Niguel and others who don't have time to brush their teeth before going to the dentist's office. Many years ago, before dentists wore rubber gloves while treating patients, my dentist told me what he did when patients said they didn't have time to brush. He would tell them, "That's OK. I didn't have time to wash my hands either!" — STILL BRUSHING

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

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Prom fashions reach new heights in sophistication

By Barbara De Witt

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Don't get your pantyhose in a knot or anything, but the dress you said you'd NEVER be caught dead in is this year's prom queen.

You know, that little pastel number that your mom wore back in the '70s. The one with the halter neckline, Empire waist and layers of chiffon that looked so disgustingly wholesome and ladylike you'd never have to worry about being on Mr. Blackwell's hit list.

It even has the same soubrette (ask Mom what that means) and daisy trims that Miss America contestants used to wear.

Only this time, around nobody's taking the style seriously. Instead of sheer hose and prim dyed-to-match satin pumps, add pale fishnet stockings or simply slip bare feet into high-heeled mules. A beaded or spangled handbag, a sheer stole, a Holly-Go-Lightly 'do ... maybe a tiara ... and you're prom-perfect for the Class of '97.

No lie. Sophisticated black and white strapless gowns are still stylin', but girlie pastels and halter necklines are the big news.

"The prom fashion trend to dressing up again started with 'Clueless' and keeps gaining momentum," said Marie Moss, fashion director of Seventeen magazine. "There's a fairy tale-like theme going on that's inspired by young actresses like Gwyneth Paltrow and Claire Danes in both real life — they wouldn't show up for an interview in torn jeans — and their movies."

"From 'Emma' you've got pastels and Empire waists, and from 'Romeo and Juliet' are more ethereal gowns. It's all about having one big chance to dress like Cinderella, with a ball gown and even a tiara — which this year you'll find decorated in everything from vintage rhinestones to artificial flowers and jewels."

Macy's spokeswoman Merle Goldstone calls it "a new height of sophistication, and a reflection of fashion's general swing toward prettiness."

Translation: "Gowns will be almost universally long in length (even if they're short in front) again, and will feature satin, layers of chiffon and even hints of velvet in fresh spring shades of lilac, mint, lime, aqua and butter," she said of the '70s-inspired dance dresses.

Muppets meet Chippendale design

By Antoinette Martin

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The new reception desk created for the headquarters of Jim Henson Productions Inc., on East 69th Street, inventors of the Muppets, provokes instantaneous delight and cognitive dissonance.

There, in all their Muppetness, are Kermit, Gonzo, Camilla, Fozzie Bear, Scooter and Janice — depicted in Chippendale-style marionettes. Gilt Miss Piggy supports the top like porcine caryatids.

The master furniture maker Frank Pollaro (though just 30, he has been in business for nine years) worked on the project for three years. It was commissioned by Michael Frith, an early collaborator of Jim Henson's and until recently an executive vice president at Henson Productions who left to set up his own production company.

When it comes to materials, nothing is too good for the Mup-

pets. Dozens of woods were used, including satinwood, black walnut and a tiny piece of red African padouk.

Pollaro is well known for his recreations of pieces by the French Art Deco master Jacques-Emile Ruhlmann. But for this project, Michael Frith's drawings called for something more classical.

Frith drew delicate friezes for the narrow top panels on the three-sided desk, with tiny birds, animals, flowers, horseflies and stars. Allegorical scenes on its large face panels feature Muppets representing drama (Kermit holds Yorick's skull), arts and letters,

and music.

"The idea that Michael gave from the start is that they didn't want these characters to be actual colors," Pollaro said. "Kermit wasn't supposed to be green. He was supposed to appear in classical colors, those you see in classical Chippendale marquetry. For that, you need a toned-down palette, and you have to find colors that occur naturally."

When the desk was installed in the lobby of the Henson headquarters last Friday, it was the end of an era for Pollaro and his staff. "We're really going to miss it," he said.

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CASA DE AMIGOS

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

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

MIDLAND YMCAs

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

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.
 - Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.
 - By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.
- Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.
 - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

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

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for April 21-25 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchennettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. pancake breakfast for pre-registered members; 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. blood pressure testing and line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and country line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun and first day of defensive driving class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. second day of defensive driving class; 1 p.m. creative writing, bridge, dominoes and cards.

Tickets for the Senior Banquet planned for May 2 must be purchased by April 25. Banquet tickets are \$5 per person, and are available at the center.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.
- Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.
- Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchennettes are monthly.
- Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aides present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

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

- Monday: 7:30-10:30 a.m. water walking; 10:30-11:15 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:15-1 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Tuesday: 7:30-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10:30-11:15 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
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RSVP

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

- Habitat for Humanity director needs office assistant to help with filing, answering telephones and sending out information. Shifts are three days a week. Basic computer skills and ability to work in businesslike environment are necessary.
- Anson Jones Elementary School needs reading helpers to read and with, and listen to, children one to one. Schedule is flexible; shifts are one to two hours weekly. Instruction and support provided.
- RSVP needs fund-raising assistants to help recruit golfers to play in the third annual RSVP Golf Classic scheduled for 1 p.m. June 23 at Mission Dorado Country Club.

Senior citizens advised to use caution when mixing medications

By Dr. Michael L. Freedman

NEW YORK (AP) — An older person who is prescribed medication for a thyroid condition often is taking other drugs. Anyone who is taking multiple medications for any conditions should be constantly alert for the possibility of dangerous drug interactions. That is especially true of older persons, who are more likely to be taking several medications. Among the recommended precautions:

- Patients should read the package insert of a prescription drug to get information about possible side effects and drug interactions.
- Expiration dates of medications should be checked periodically, and any that are outdated should be discarded.
- Remember that a pharmacist is a valuable source of answers to questions about medications.

Dr. Michael L. Freedman is the Diane and Arthur Belfer Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Director of Geriatrics at New York University School of Medicine.

By Lana Cunningham

Maggie ran through the gate and across the street, exploring for a few minutes before being collared and carried back to her yard. The friendly terrier couldn't be blamed — those traveling feet she picked up from her owner, Vera Osadchuk.

A retired teacher, Ms. Osadchuk has spent 25 years traveling around the world, seeing sights that most people read about in geography books. The names of places roll off her tongue — Senegal, Rouen, Machu Picchu, Cuzco, the Warsaw Ghetto, Auschwitz, Amsterdam, Kenya and Ethiopia, just to list a few.

Ms. Osadchuk's thirst for knowledge has never been quenched. She keeps learning new things and traveling to more places. She had a head start in learning about other cultures, growing up in a Ukrainian household.

"We were bilingual at home," she said. Her parents had moved to the United States from the Ukraine before World War I and settled in an area of Michigan with other counterparts.

"We (she and brother, Walter) went to public school, and then every night and on Saturdays we went to Ukrainian school. My parents wanted us to remember our heritage. At the time we felt it was an imposition; we'd rather go out and play. But all the other kids had to go too," said Ms. Osadchuk.

She learned not only the Ukrainian language, but its culture, including the mandolin, dances and songs.

It was when she was a high school English teacher that the Soviet Union sent up Sputnik, changing the focus of education in the United States. "There was a cry for Russian teachers," she recalled, and went back to college for a degree to teach the language. With a background in the Cyrillic alphabet from her early school days, mastering the Russian language was a breeze.

She taught in Michigan "until it reached a point where it wasn't fun anymore." After driving to Midland to visit her brother several times, she decided 10 years ago to make the move here.

Her feet didn't stay still very long once she was settled. Ms. Osadchuk soon joined a country-western line dancing group of women — all of them over the age of 50. "I took it up first for the exercise, and then I got to be a ham,"

DR. PAGE

Seniors' trip ends with both bang and whimper

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

All good things must come to an end, so today's column concludes the saga of our five Manor Park senior citizens' excursion into tropical seas aboard the good ship Stella Solaris — and what an anti-climatic ending!

Jimmy Carter's gift to the Third World, namely the Panama Canal, constituted the most positive event of the trip. It truly belongs among the "Wonders of the World," such as the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Grand Canyon, the Great Wall of China, etc. Hopefully present-day man will not desecrate it.

Another positive feature was Costa Rica, a country with its gorgeous vistas and well-conducted society that stands out like a petunia in an onion patch in comparison with its surrounding so-called nations.

Disappointments included the cancelled visit to the timeless Mayan ruins due to lack of time (ship delay caused by wind and weather), and a non-visit to the rain forest due to fog and rain (although a few hardy souls did persevere). Unfortunately to this observer, most countryside emanated a sense of being motley and physically unsafe. Perhaps this results from my being spoiled by the security, gentility and simple sophistication of Midland.

Seamanship-wise, the Stella Solaris met the high U.S.A. standards, a feature not apparent in many foreign-based lines. Entertainment included something for everybody, such as daily religious services, enrichment lecture on various types of art including space art, classical musical performances by a skilled pianist, on going cards and an area for Las Vegas gaming, arts and crafts, and an active exercise program including dance hosts.

Sergie Khrushchev, son of Nikita, delivered three lectures concerning his father's relationships with Eisenhower, Nixon and Kennedy, all ending with the gloomy opinion that Russia was becoming another



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Vera Osadchuk has not let retirement from the teaching profession slow down her love of learning. She has spent 25 years traveling to new places and learning about other cultures. "I could write a geographical book of my travels in Europe, South America and Africa," she laughed.

laughed the woman. The group performed at senior centers and retirement homes and earned two gold medals at state competition. "You would see these people in nursing homes just sitting there with glazed eyes. After we'd start dancing, you could see their feet start moving and their eyes come alive."

She also sings in the church choir and plays handbells at Grace Presbyterian Church, is serving a president of the Musicians Club, and is a member of the Symphony Guild, Midland Opera Theater and Midland Woman's Club. When

she's not attending meetings or concerts, Ms. Osadchuk is surfing the net on her computer. "It's something new and helps me keep alert."

But traveling is her favorite pastime. "I could write a geographical book of my travels in Europe, South America and Africa," she said with a laugh.

A trip to Cairo came shortly after the war with Israel. "I saw sandbags and police with machine guns at the airport. It was the one place I felt most uncomfortable. We couldn't go anywhere on our own," she recalled. But she viewed

the exhilarating sights of the King Tut exhibit, the Sphinx and the Cheops Pyramid, and sailed down the Nile at midnight. She's been to Kenya on a safari and stayed at William Holden's Safari Country Club, where she saw the famous actor. In Ethiopia, the group spent some time at a former palace of the country's ruler, Haile Selassie.

"It was interesting to go to the markets and see the people and how they lived," Ms. Osadchuk said.

She's cruised up the Seine and toured Monet's residence Giverny, viewed Van Gogh's grave and visited the places he painted, saw where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake and visited Chartres Cathedral. On other travels, she climbed up the narrow steps at the Yucatan Peninsula, walked the Great Wall of China and through Tiannamen Square, viewed the Forbidden City, took a hydrofoil ride to Macao from Hong Kong.

South America brought more excitement that she expected. While crossing into Bolivia, the group was stopped by a guard who tried to confiscate everyone's camera. After a bride of cigarettes, a roll of blank film and a collection of small change, the group was sent on its way. A strike in Cuzco forced her tour group out with an Army escort. "We packed up quickly in the morning, got our luggage out and the Army escorted us to the train station. The Army drove the train, and we had to pull down the shades on the windows."

Things were calmer when she sailed the Queen Elizabeth II to Senegal and the Canary Islands. Four times she's traveled to Russia, one time spending three weeks in an elderhostel. "This was just before the breakup of the Soviet Union." Last summer she went to Poland and visited the gas chambers of Auschwitz. "You could see the inhumanity. There was a whole room filled with eyeglasses and another room with shoes."

She recalled that her grandparents had lived in Poland when World War II broke out. "The Russians confiscated their property, and they were taken away and never heard from since."

This summer Ms. Osadchuk will be riding the rails from Vancouver to Montreal, traveling on the American Orient Express. It's a short trip compared to her past travels.

More like a trip across the street for her dog, Maggie.



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mafia-infested Colombia! I had the luck to enjoy a one-on-one with him at breakfast. He has a gracious, doe-eyed wife.

The penetrating sun and blanketing humidity created a basic problem for the vulnerable geriatric set. Exposure threatened possible skin cancers and aggravation of eye problems, such as cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration.

The debilitating atmosphere made one leery of embarking on multi-hour bus and walking trips into the hinterland for fear of possible collapse without available support. In a desire to see as much as possible, trip managers often forgot that older persons require twice as much time to do half as much.

Another problem was the high incidence of respiratory tract infections on board — four of the five in our group, along with many fellow passengers, became so afflicted — possibly because of air conditioners or local virus to which they had no developed immunity.

Exiting the ship via bus, air travel home became a major and frustrating problem. It consisted of a three-hour delay in disembarking due to immigration delays in clearing the ship, lack of baggage handlers to load buses waiting in the rain (Galveston and Houston were under flood warnings), total baggage confusion at the airport with one of our group's bags ending up in Arizona, and then after waiting six hours for our Midland plane, it was sent to the "plane hospital," meaning another three-hour wait.

In all, our day consisted of 12 long hours of just plane sitting and two hours of baggage hustling!

All this proves that air-sea-land travel can be a bit rough on the somewhat vulnerable geriatric set; but then again, this is an exciting world and worth considerable effort.

To quote T.S. Eliot: "We shall not cease from exploration, and at the end of our exploring, we will have arrived where we started and know the place for the first time."

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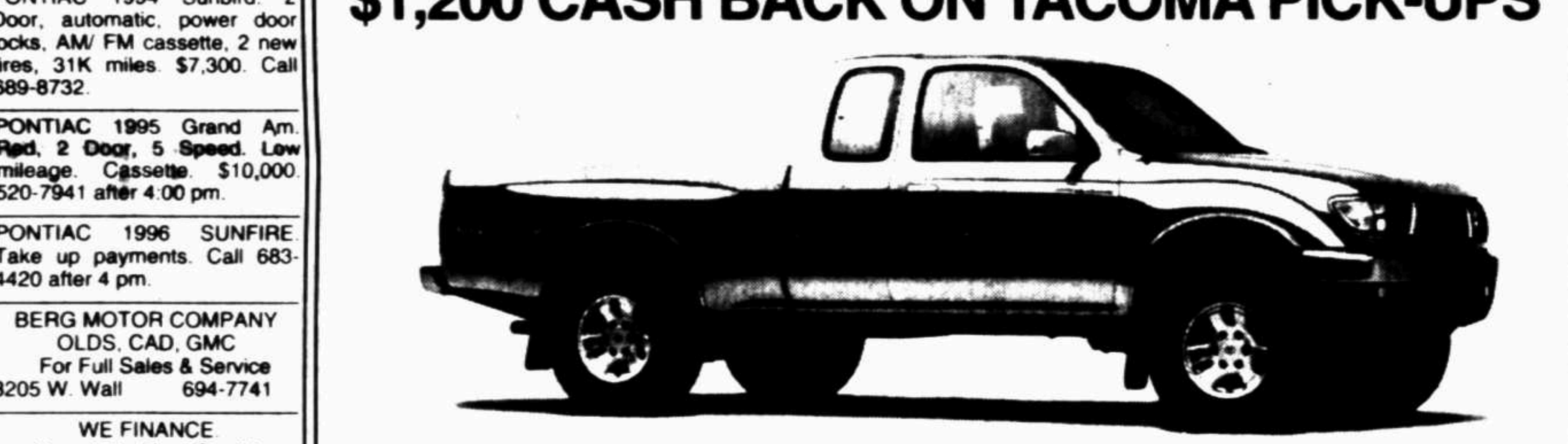
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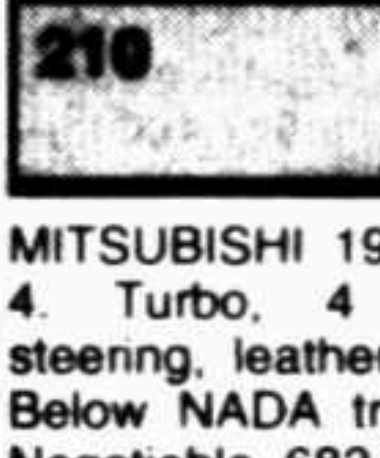
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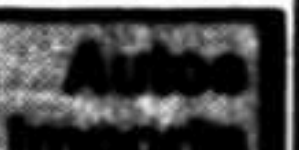
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A map showing the location of the proposed sanitary sewer improvements is available for inspection at County Judge Jeff Norwood's office. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT It has been determined that such a request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The reasons for such a decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS The 1996 TCDF would provide new sanitary sewer service to an area which is currently served by septic tanks and cess pools. There is currently no sanitary sewer service in the area and the individual septic tanks and cess pools represent a potential health hazard. The improvements would serve approximately 25 persons, of which approximately 80 percent are classified as "low to moderate income". The proposed project will complete the sanitary sewer system for the target area and all existing septic tanks and cess pools will be taken out of service. Midland County lacks adequate financial resources to undertake this important sanitary sewer improvements project without assistance from TCDF. The proposed project will allow the County to construct these much-needed sanitary sewer improvements. There will be no negative impacts on the environment as a result of any activity or project undertaken with TCDF funds. Some increase in noise, dust or other nuisance levels may occur during construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction and/or demolition; however, such disturbances will be temporary and should return to current levels once construction is complete. None of the activities or projects to be undertaken will affect any known local, state or national historic, architectural or archaeological resources. An Environmental Review Record with respect to the within project has been made by the above-named County that documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request in County Judge Jeff Norwood's office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by Midland County to County Judge Jeff Norwood's Office on or before May 5, 1997. All such comments so received will be considered and the County will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence. RELEASE OF FUNDS Midland County will undertake the project described above with Texas Community Development Program funds from the Texas Department of Commerce under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, amended. Midland County is certifying to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs that the County and the Honorable Jeff Norwood in his official capacity as County Judge, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Midland County may use Texas Community Development Program funds, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 24 CFR part 58. OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other certifying officer of the Contractor approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; or (b) that the Contractor's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR 58), and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 507 Sabine, Suite 400, Austin, Texas 78701. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. No objection received after May 23, 1997 will be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Jeff Norwood, County Judge Certifying Officer of Contractor Locality Midland County 200 W. Wall Suite 006 Midland, Texas 79701	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$325,500	Easement Acquisition	\$ 5,000	Engineering Services	\$ 60,000	General Administration	\$ 24,000
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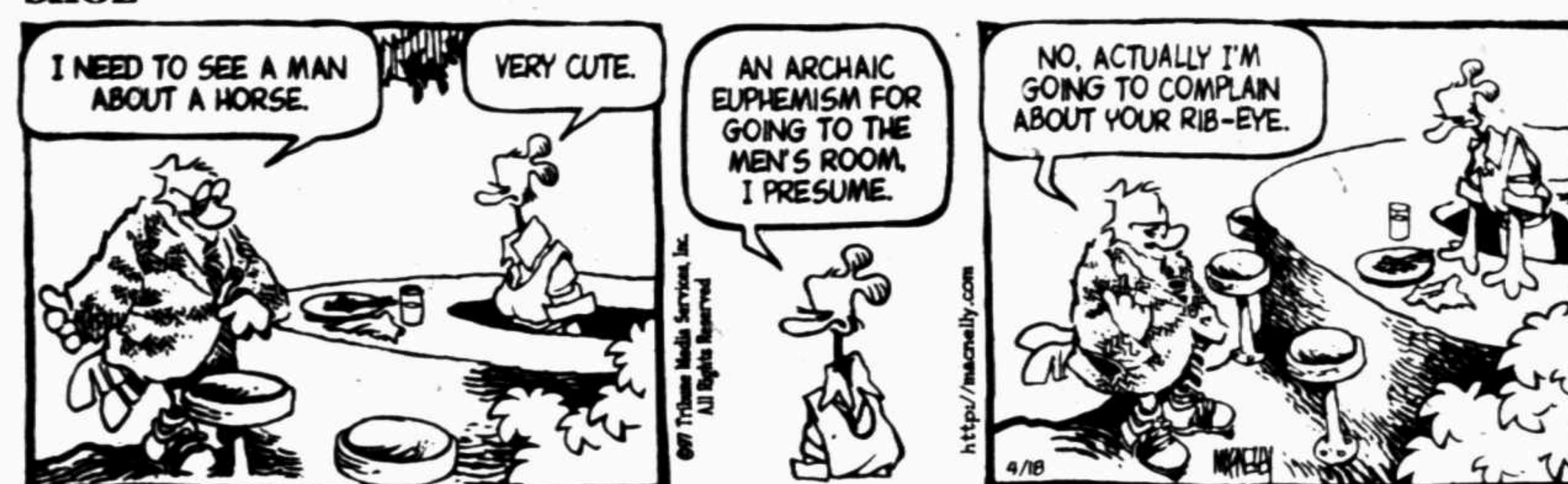
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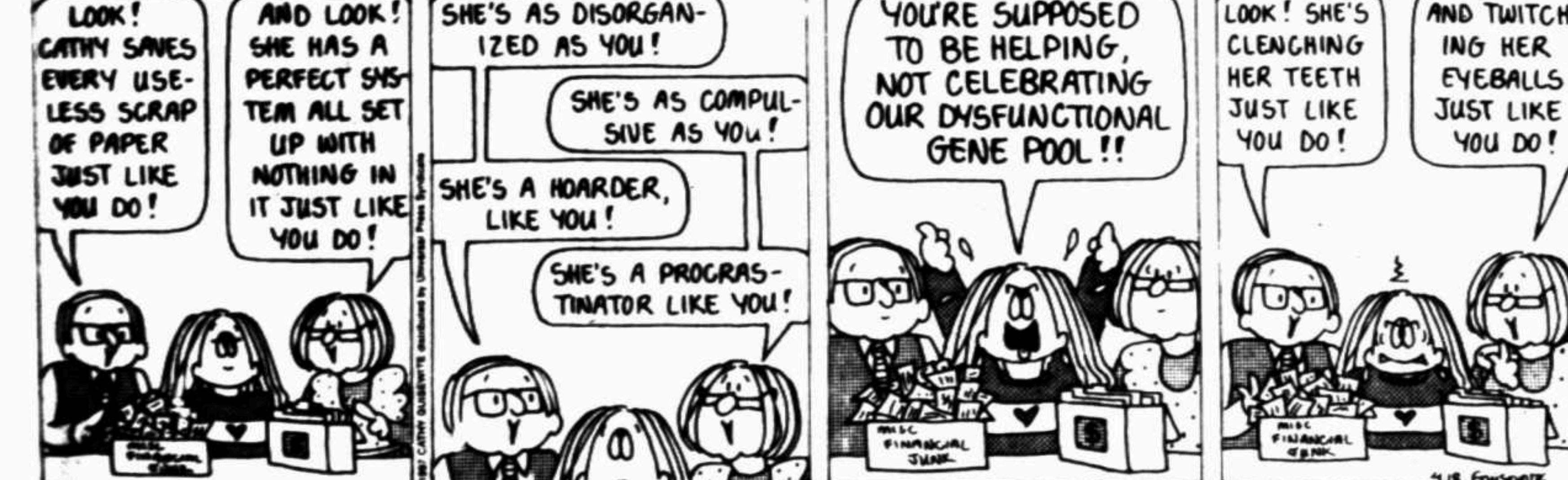
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1997

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 18, 1997:

This year holds many wonderful professional and emotional goodies for you. You can be more efficient than you have been in years. You also nurture your immediate circle of friends; as a result, the level of trust increases. Count on a successful year financially because you are full of good ideas. If you are single, relationships flourish, though you need one that is relatively low-key. If attached, you discover that your relationship becomes better when you express your caring feelings. VIRGO pitches in.

BORN TODAY
Baseball great Reggie Jackson (1946), actress Haylee Mills (1946), talk-show host Conan O'Brien (1963)

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ With what you accomplish today, you have every reason to crow. You are full of pertinent solutions and unstoppable energy. Take the lead, professionally and personally. Schedule an important doctor's appointment. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ There is no stopping you. Your libido comes out in both work and play. Romance is even kindled with your high vitality and charisma. There is very little you cannot handle. Use your high energy to solve problems and have a good time. Tonight: Be a little naughty!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay in tune with your inner needs. Personal matters need to take a higher priority. Knowing when to

stop is important. Intuition is right on, as you make solid decisions for your family. You want to take this whole day for yourself; go for it! Tonight: Order in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You excel in communications and are finally able to get through to others. Long-desired results become a reality. You have several important meetings, and you need to connect with a particular group. Network as much as you want. Tonight: Have a ball!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Expenses are high, and you don't mind being a big spender for once. Seek better ways to increase your discretionary income. Career and professional image are important. Initiate a discussion with an associate or a boss. Tonight: Lead the gang.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are on top of the world. You feel vital, and enjoy yourself tremendously. What has been on a back burner, now is a high priority. Arrange travel plans. Take time for a little piece of office gossip. Your smile wins friends and battles. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Exercise your prerogatives. If you want to, pull back and take some time off. The time is now! A partner may think this is an excellent idea, and work associates support your adventure. Re-establish rapport with a partner and a friend. Tonight: You are nowhere to be found!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep priorities in mind as

you deal with others. A lot is happening, and quickly at that. Networking and popularity mix successfully. Go for what you want; do nothing halfway. Share your newfound sense of direction and joy. Tonight: Find a party to crash.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take the lead at work, and maintain a high professional stance. You can conquer worlds. Plug this energy into work, and let the ideas flow. There are a lot of messages and conversations around you. Take action! At least, clear off your desk! Tonight: Go out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You need to get the whole story first, before you can make a decision. Your ability to see the whole picture makes you invaluable to others. Creativity is high; use your ingenuity as well. Plan weekend activities with friends or a loved one. Tonight: Take off in any direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A close association pays off for you. Together, you come up with solutions that secure your home life. Be direct, and worry less about feelings in a money partnership. Get feedback from a family member about a personal issue. Tonight: Enjoy bonding moments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You find that others want your undivided attention. Consider what is going on with these people. Popularity is very high. Ask questions, seek information and remain direct. Make calls, clear off your desk and return messages. Tonight: Head out with friends.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

THE RIGHT SPOT

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ 7
♥ A 9 8 6 4 3
♦ 8 7 6 4 2
♣ J

WEST
♠ Q 10 2
♥ K J 10 5 2
♦ 9 5
♣ 8 7 5

EAST
♠ 9 5
♥ Q
♦ K 10 3
♣ A Q 10 9 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K J 8 6 4 3
♥ 7
♦ A Q J
♣ K 6

The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass Pass 3♣ Pass
Pass Pass Pass 4♠

Opening lead: Five of ♠

If you require a specific card or distribution with partner to defeat a contract, play as if that situation exists.

To illustrate what we mean, consider this deal from the American Contract Bridge League's Fall North American Championships in San Francisco.

Four spades was a popular contract, and it almost invariably was fulfilled, declarer losing only one trick in each suit except for hearts.

There was one notable exception, where the bidding went as shown.

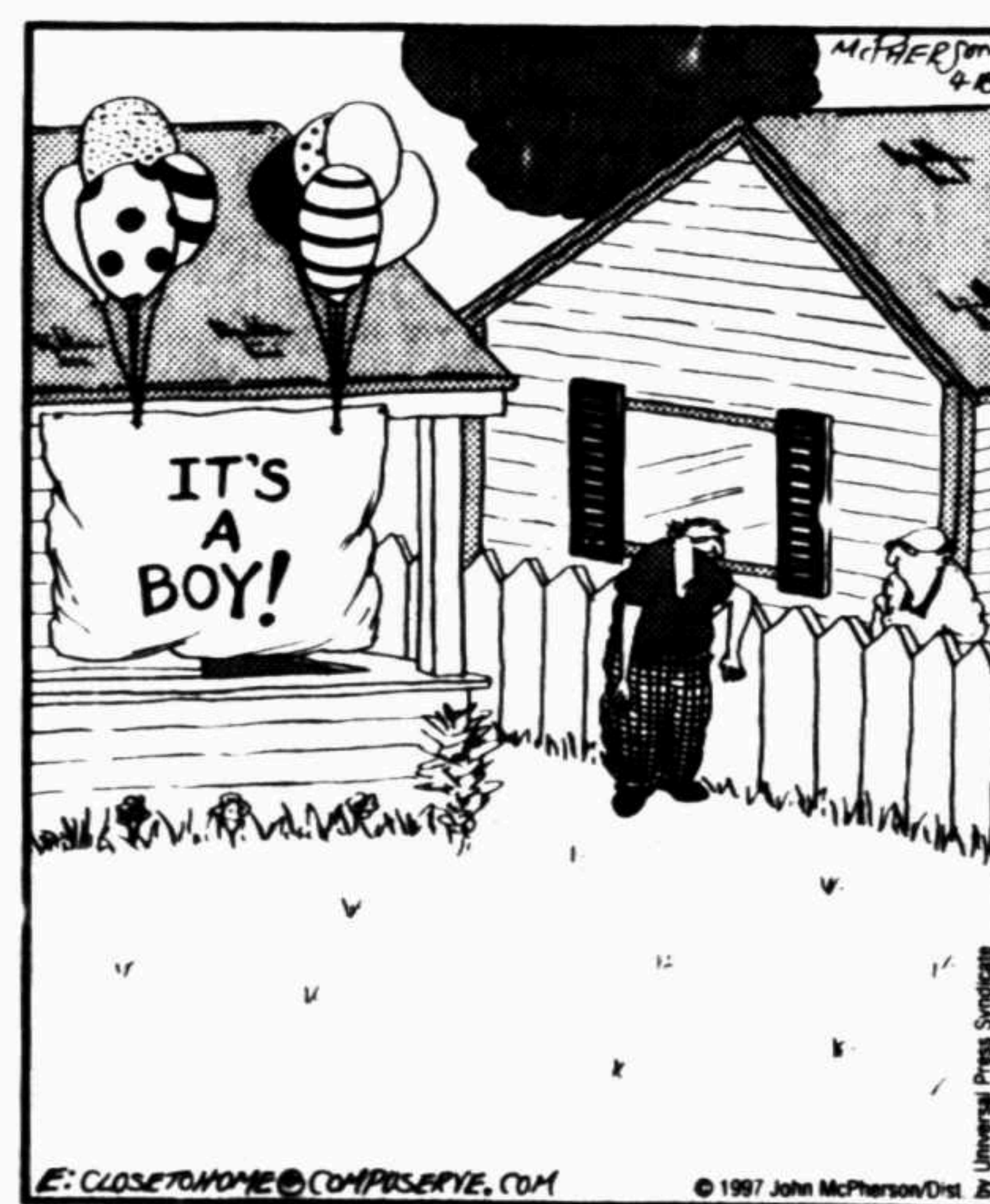
West led a low club, East won with the ace and shifted to the queen of hearts, taken by the ace in dummy. Striving for an overtrick, declarer led a trump to the jack and queen, completing the defensive book.

West realized that the best chance to set the contract was to play for a trump promotion. To make sure partner did not err, West returned a low heart, and partner's

ruff with the nine was just good enough to force declarer to overruff with an honor. Now the ten of trumps was promoted to a trick and eventually declarer had to surrender a diamond to end up down one.

Declarer was a little careless in trying for an overtrick. Since the bidding and play had marked East with a seven-card club suit, chances of finding that defender with three trumps was slight. Declarer should simply have cashed the top trumps, and 10 tricks would have rolled in.

CLOSE TO HOME



"What? Oh, geez, no. The baby's not due until September. We just got our sonogram results today."

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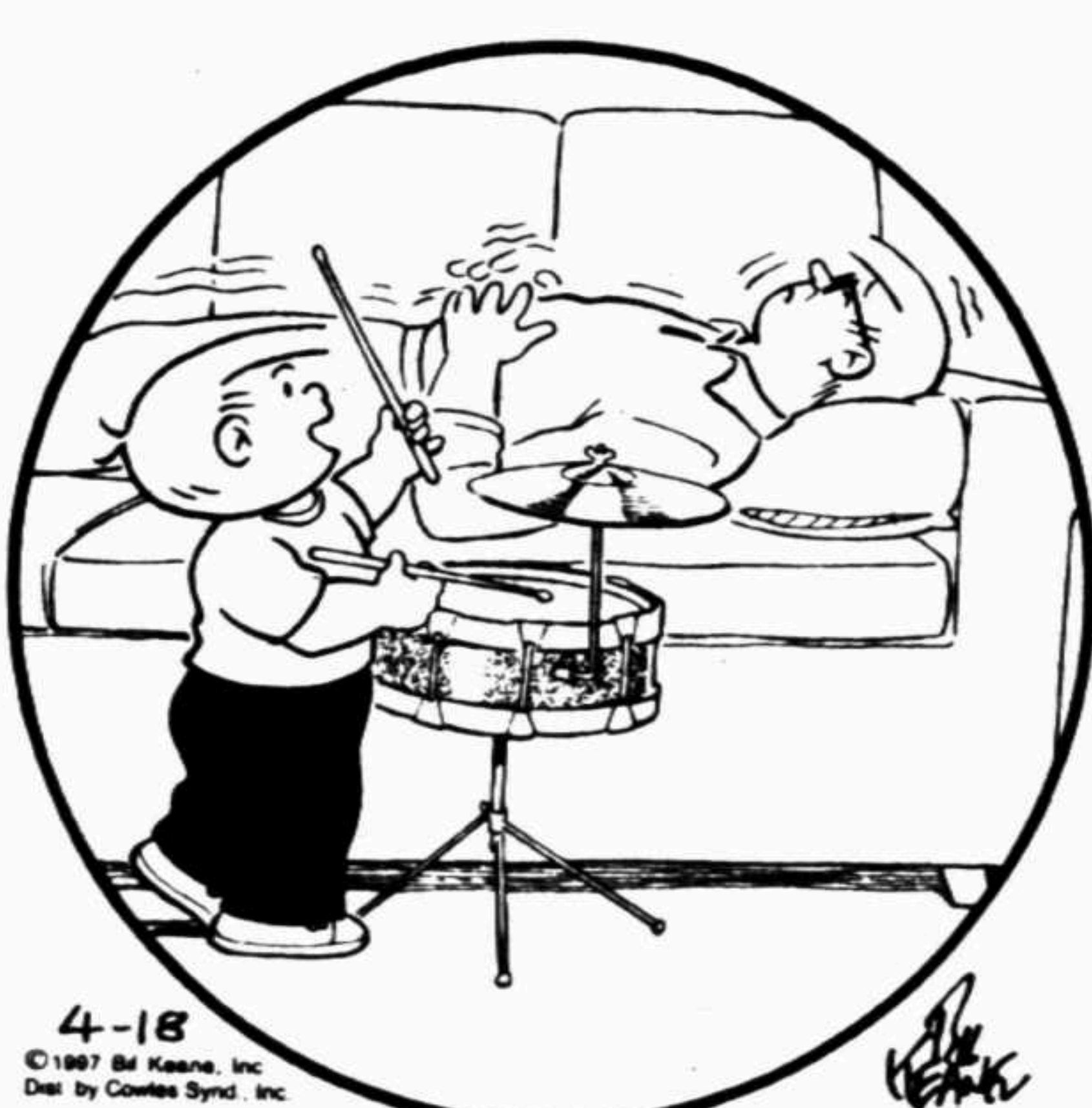
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GARFIELD



FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE



PEOPLE

College students present long-lost birth certificate to singer Eartha Kitt

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Eartha Kitt received more than a welcome from a college dance troupe — she got some personal history back.

Benedict College students found her long-lost birth certificate showing she was born in the small town of North in 1927, the daughter of a poor cotton farmer. They presented it to her Wednesday.

"I've gone through life wondering who I am," said Ms. Kitt, 70, who until now was unable to find any information on her immediate family. "I had no idea how I would feel coming home."

Her father disappeared a few years after she was born and her mother died when she was 6. Ms. Kitt then lived with neighbors, picking cotton and cleaning houses to earn her keep until an aunt in New York sent for her two years later.

The cabaret songstress, who purred her way through the original role of Catwoman on the "Batman" TV show, was preparing for a Friday night production with the student dancers.

NEW YORK — After years of counting on his mother to feed him, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato suggested that she write a cookbook.

"He was on my back long enough so that I said OK," said Antoinette D'Amato, author of "Cooking and Canning With Mamma D'Amato."

The recipes aren't gourmet, but time-savers for working people, she said Wednesday.

And they come in handy when a certain Republican senator from New York stops by.

"I never know when he's coming in," Mrs. D'Amato said. "He just calls an hour before and says, 'Mom, I'm hungry,' and Mom cooks."

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Country music star Vince Gill and his wife are splitting up.

Janis Gill, who performs in the duo Sweethearts of the Rodeo, filed for divorce in Williamson County Chancery Court, said her lawyer, Rose Palermo.

"This is a private and personal matter," Gill, 40, said Thursday. "And, with all due respect, I would like to keep it that way."

The Gills have been married for 17 years.



Vince Gill and wife, Janis, are calling it quits.

Gill's 1992 hit "I Still Believe in You" was written for his wife after an argument. Mrs. Gill, 43, will seek custody of the couple's daughter, 14-year-old Jenny, Palermo said.

BOSTON — Another Kennedy marriage is on the rocks. Michael Kennedy, son of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy, said Thursday that he and his wife, the daughter of sportscaster Frank Gifford, will separate after 16 years of marriage.

"We have reached this decision amicably," the couple said in a statement. "Out of respect for our families, we hope the press and public will understand our wish to decline further comment on this personal matter."

The statement made no mention of divorce, and spokeswoman Jean Fleishman declined to elaborate.

Kennedy, 39, and 40-year-old Victoria Gifford Kennedy, have three children, Michael Jr., 14; Kyle, 12; and Rory, 9.

Kennedy ran the re-election campaign of his uncle, U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, two years ago. He now runs the nonprofit Citizens Energy Corp., which was founded by his brother, U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II.

Rep. Kennedy and two of his other siblings have been divorced.

NEW YORK — Tough guy Chuck Norris is fighting a copyright lawsuit.

A judge has refused to toss out the suit alleging that the Texas Ranger portrayed by Norris in a 1983 movie and now in his CBS television series are essentially the same guy.

U.S. District Judge John G. Koeltl said he sees too many similarities between J.J. McQuade from the movie "Lone Wolf McQuade" and Cordell Walker in "Walker, Texas Ranger."

In a ruling made public Wednesday, the judge said that a jury can decide whether CBS Inc., Top Kick Productions Inc. and Norris violated the copyright for the movie belonging to Lone Wolf McQuade Associates.

CBS, Top Kick and Norris argue the two characters are not similar enough to violate copyrights because they reflect general themes found in many action heroes.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING		April 18, 1997		For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings	
Broadcast	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30
3 KMD	2	3	News 383	Wheel of Fortune	Family Matters
5 KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Family Matters
7 KOS	7	7	News 2857	Wheel of Fortune	Family Matters
9 KWES	9	9	News 5963	Wheel of Fortune	Family Matters
12 KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 156383	The Tripps	Frederick K. Price
13 KOCV	36	13	The Newshour With Jim Lehrer 805128	Wall Street	McLaughlin
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DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

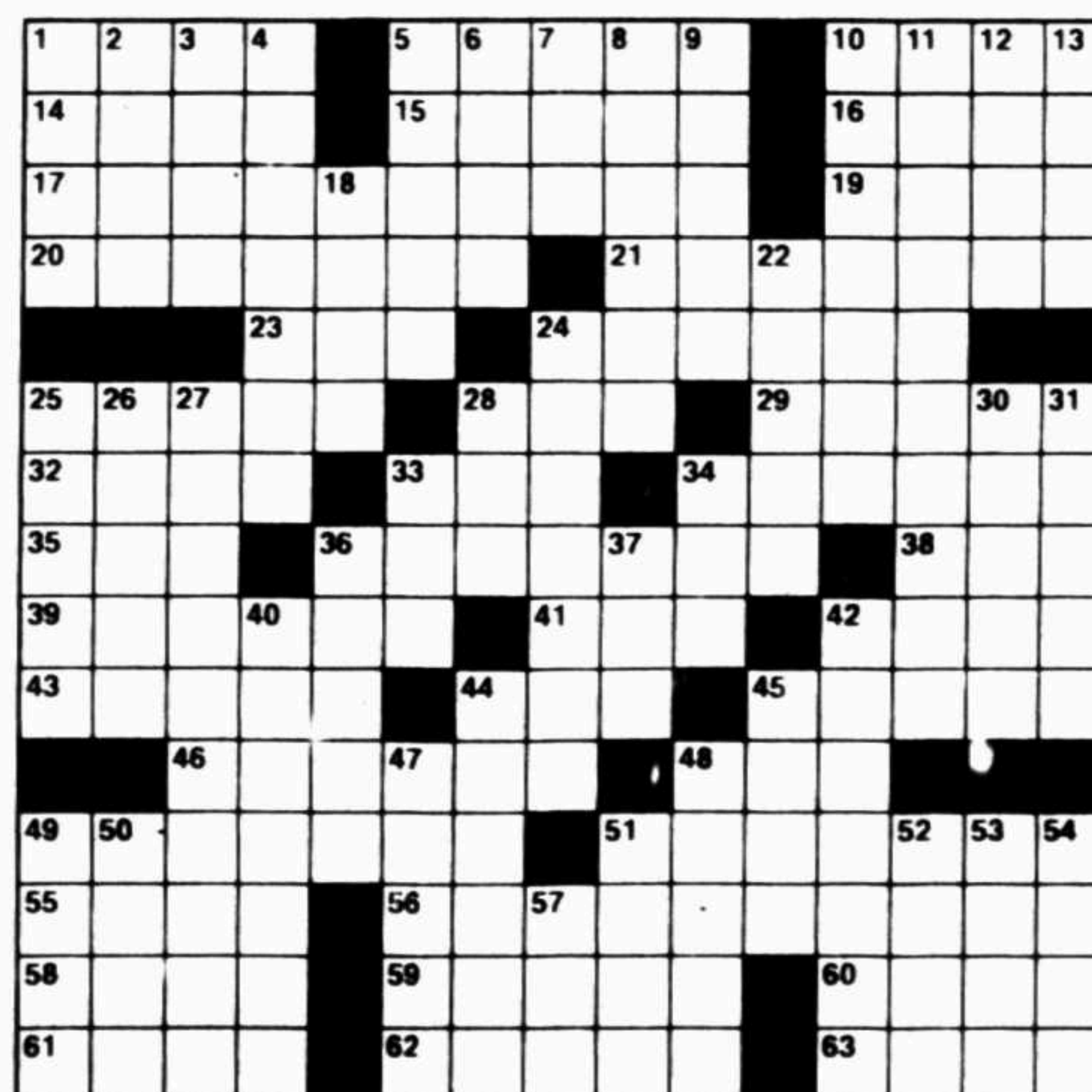
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| 14 Put on | 4 Administrator | 36 Verbal contraction | 49 Arafat, for one |
| 15 Drill for boring | 5 Snide | 37 Fruity refresher | 50 State flower of Utah |
| 16 Take on cargo | 6 Lew Wallace's Ben and family | 40 Pen names? | 51 Spark add-on |
| 17 Emulate N.C. Wyeth | 7 Turkish official | 42 Hand movement | 52 Song for Carreras |
| 19 Once more | 8 Answer sharply | 44 Centers of activity | 53 Casks |
| 20 Brits' need | 9 Council of 1545 | | 54 Anxious |
| 21 Iroquois members | 10 Beat | | 57 Actress Thurman |
| 23 Test | 11 Like many of Cezanne's paintings | | |
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| 25 Ledger entry | 13 Seats for the sermon | | |
| 28 Simple shelter | 18 Muralist from Spain | | |
| 29 Right-hand page | 22 Hair-raising variety of bridge | | |
| 32 Put the — on | 25 Put down | | |
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| 43 Arthur and Anita | | | |
| 44 Gold-medal skier Tommy | | | |
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| 46 Shade tree | | | |
| 48 — Cruces, New Mexico | | | |
| 49 Chinese or Japanese | | | |
| 51 Share | | | |
| 55 Umps' relatives | | | |
| 56 Chiseled | | | |
| 58 "Night of the Hunter" screenwriter | | | |
| 59 Nobel Prize winner for literature | | | |
| 60 Host of TV's "Mystery" | | | |
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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BEDROOM FURNITURE. Craft items, Avon collection & much more! Saturday, 8-4 pm. No early sales. 3103 W. Louisiana.

Garage Sale! 2204 W. Kentucky. Junk beds, workout equipment, small refrigerator, furnace, wall heater, lots of kids clothes, lots of other stuff. Saturday, 8-4.

★ CLOTHES HORSE Cleans Closet!

Barely worn ladies designer clothing (4-8), shoes (8N), jewelry, hats, girls (12-16), dishwasher, Apple Computer. Friday 7:30-11:30. 1703 W. Cuthbert. Cash Only!

ESTATE / GARAGE SALE. 2512 Country Club, Saturday, 8 am to 3 pm. Sunday 12 Noon to 3 pm. Solid oak free standing bar - custom built, many other nice pieces of furniture, glassware, crystal, designer clothes, antiques, collectibles, vintage wrist and pocket watches, 2 sets of fine China, old books, stereo equipment, primitives, tools, oil paintings, set of matching antique chairs for breakfast table, antique radios, apple crates, appliances, bedding, depression glass, patio furniture, golf clubs, sewing machine, literally too many items to mention.

1406 W INDIANA. Attic stairway, solid Birch doors, step ladder, wheelbarrows, stock panel, Resip saw, Chop saw, small tools, electrical supplies. Friday-Saturday, 8-5.

2000 COMMUNITY LANE SATURDAY ONLY, 8:30-4

BANGLES
Sterling Silver Jewelry, 50% Off Estate Sale pieces, furniture, toys, lots of clothing & 82 Lincoln.

★ ★ ★ MOVING SALE 1008 North Loraine. Thursday-Saturday, 8:30-5:30. Dining table and 4 chairs, bookcases, twin bed, 3 sewing machines, new mauve couch, lamps and tables, 3 chest of drawers, washer, dryer, freezer, antique pump Kimball organ - over 100 years old, contents from booth at Crafts Bazaar, jewelry, kitchen things, old paintings, records and tapes, many books, everything priced to sell.

WHAT A DEAL! Everything is 1/2 price! WHAT A DEAL! 105 N. Fort Worth, 687-3070.

MOVING SALE. Friday & Saturday 8 am-7:20 S. Crestview.

✓ MOVING SALE. Lots of furniture, household miscellaneous shot gun shell reloading and various reloading dies. Exercise equipment, electronics, books, and clothes. 1990 Plymouth Laser. All must sell! Saturday only. 108 E. Pennsylvania.

ESTATE SALE. Everything must go. Make an offer. Saturday, 8:30-?

LOTS OF PLUS sizes in large womens clothes, shoes, miscellaneous. Do not miss this one! Only Saturday from 9-2. 1202 E. Hicks.

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★ ESTATE & SORORITY SALE
Benefiting Children's Cancer Charities.
Saturday only, 8-12. 1611 Bedford.
Corner of W Broadway.

YARD SALE- 2619 Roosevelt. 4/19/97, Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm.

SATURDAY 9 am-7 Washer, dryer, freezer, furniture, baby items, clothes, bicycles and lots of miscellaneous. 2607 Storey.

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GARAGE SALE. Friday & Saturday at 10:00 am to 7:218 E. Jax. Large & kids clothing and etc.

DISCOUNT FURNITURE OUTLET. Factory direct - lowest prices. Rainbow Trade Center, 1503 W. Industrial Ave. Open 12-6 Wednesday-Sunday. 570-4408

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SUNDAY ONLY, 7- Noon! Furniture, antiques, collectibles, much more! 600 Waverly.

★ TEXAS SIZE Yard sale. 9 am Saturday, 3402 Hill Ave. (off Midkiff toward Wall St.). Furniture, vacuum, small appliances, jewelry & craft kits, sewing notions & patterns, wedding accessories, office supplies, books, bird cage, snake skin boots, picture frames, drapery hardware, Correl cookware. Blow out sale! Stacking it deep & selling it cheap!

SATURDAY, 7- ? 50 years accumulation. 5134 Reeves Circle. Couch, TVs, collection of Louis L'amour books.

HOUSEWARES. silver, furniture, dishes, small appliances, like new records. Friday noon, Saturday all day. 4305 Roosevelt.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 18th & 19th. 4306 Erie Dr. Bicycles, tricycles, tables, chairs, trash cans, stroller, vacuums, lamps, electric saws, tools, tapes, records, CDs, radios. Tape, CD and phone players, speakers, shoes, clothes, toys, dolls, silverware, dishes, pots, pans, Tupperware, bed linens, towels, clocks, watches, microwave, coffee pots, can opener, irons, bar bell, fans, and many more items!

BACKYARD SALE. 3519 W. Louisiana. Saturday only, 8-1.

TRUNDLE BED, queen bed, china, power walker, bowling equipment, yardage, clothes, miscellaneous. Thursday-Saturday 8-5. 4204 Harlowe.

SUPER SALE! Bunkbeds, chests, night stands, dresser, clothes, tools, pocket knives, electric range, snow skis, miscellaneous galore! Friday & Saturday 8 am-2 pm. 4310 Harvard.

PATIO SALE. Saturday, 9-? Exercise equipment, VCR, miscellaneous. 320 Thornridge Drive.

Garage Sale Saturday from 8-2. 4023 Monty, Treadmill, freezer, TV, furniture, Wranglers (34 x 40), girls clothes (size 5), cutting torches.

MOVING SALE! Everything must go! Saturday only, 8-2. 4909 Brownwood-Follow signs.

★ SATURDAY & SUNDAY. 4903 Brownwood. Dining table and chairs, sectional sofa, luggage, toys, typewriters, lots more.

GIANT GARAGE SALE! Furniture, clothes and lots of miscellaneous!! 4616 Pasadena. Saturday only, 8-??

MOVING- Deep freeze, refrigerator, washer, dryer, waterbed, childrens clothes, playground equipment, exercise bike, lawn furniture, tools, computer, copier, desk, file cabinets, dishes and much more. 4605 Crockett, Saturday, 19th, 8 am.

6 FAMILY GARAGE SALE. 5006 Leisure. Saturday only, April 19th, 9:00 to 5:00. Lots of clothes and miscellaneous.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8-3. Tires, clothes (all sizes), heaters, toys, linen, frames & Lots More! 4611 Anetta.

THURSDAY- FRIDAY, 8-6. Microwave, computer, TV, typewriter, bedspread, dishes, garage door opener. 4803 Ric.

2 FAMILY Garage Sale! Furniture, clothes, little bit of everything! Saturday, 8-3. 4513 Mercedes.

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GARAGE SALE- Furniture, clothes, dishes, entertainment center, Health Max workout machine, treadmill, steam press and miscellaneous. Ready to go cheap! Saturday-Sunday, 3513 W. Illinois.

MOVING SALE! Saturday, April 19, 8 am-1 pm. Furniture, kitchen, clothing, & miscellaneous. All must sell! 509 Delmar Drive, Apt. #1402. (Delmar Villas-garage around back).

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8 am-? Backyard Sale. Furniture, kids bed, bikes, clothes, dishes, toys, and lots of miscellaneous items. 1500 Delmar.

FRIDAY- SATURDAY, 8-2. 2 Family Sale! Furniture, toys, clothes, baby things, much more!! 4810 W Storey.

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MOVING! Garage Sale- Everything must go! Saturday, 8-3. Alley- 5003 Monticello.

ALL NEW ITEMS- No used. T-shirts, dresses, short sets, perfume. 1931 E. Morgan Way. Wednesday, 3-7. Thursday-Friday, 8-6.

CLOTHES, exercise equipment, stereo, couch, satellite dish, engine parts, 6 piece dinette set, other miscellaneous items!! 2205 Huntington. Saturday, 8-5.

GARAGE SALE. 4900 Kingsboro Court. Speakers, girl & boy clothes (infant-3T), toys, patio furniture, bedding /comforters /curtains. Saturday 8-12.

DESK, credenza, chair, mini blinds, air conditioner, assorted tables, and more. Saturday 9-3. 2012 Coleman Ct.

LARGE MULTI-FAMILY! Furniture, bicycles, clothing. 1110 Pueblo. Saturday only, 7-?? No early birds.

2613 NOEL. Saturday, 8 am. TV's, microwave, stereo, gas grill, much more! Saturday only, 8-1.

SATURDAY, 8 am-? Kids/ Adult clothes, toys, lots of household items, furniture. 2404 Fairview Lane.

FRIDAY, 8 AM, 1814 Castelford. 2 blocks east of Garfield, corner of Castelford and Richmond, treadmill and miscellaneous.

MOVING SALE- Glass table, 4 chairs, dresser with mirror, dresses, shoes, etc. 103 E. Oak. 8-1, Saturday.

ESTATE SALE
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GARAGE SALE! 3115 Auburn Drive. Friday, 8-5. Saturday, 8-12. Crafts and much miscellaneous!!

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CAROL LANE
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FURNITURE, toys, clothes. Friday-Saturday, 8:30-3:00, 2002 North "D".

GARAGE SALE- Saturday, 8 til 7. 2900 Shanks Drive. Headache rack, lots of miscellaneous items.

PATIO SALE. 2208 Northrup. Radio Shack computer, rock polisher, metal desk, treadmill, Ram 127, 24 trolling motor, clothes- larger adult sizes, & miscellaneous. Saturday, 8 to 1.

3219 APPERSON. Saturday, 8 am. 1957 Willis Jeep, trash compactor, treadmill, ski stuff and more.

★ PARTIAL LISTING: Electric

smokers, Wood smokers, wood frame screens, 2 wheel trailer, new brass plumbing parts, hubcaps, Chevy Pickup parts '74 & '78, manual transmission, refinery lights Model "T" with Briggs-Stratton engine, Beam bottles, camping gear old street lights, phones, radios, office supplies, antiques, brass door, P.O. boxes in section with keys, skis, boots, poles, 10 speed bicycle, pots & pans, light fixtures, box springs, bedding, totes, National Geographics, Wolverine steel toe boots size 11, 12, SS hand rails for handicapped, mini blinds, concrete lid for septic, Scott's wheelbarrow, truck tire chains, ski rack, tractor tire tube, garden tiller, hydraulic jacks, Chevy straight 6, head-ache rack, post hold digger, Watson packer display, horse tank, cash register. 522 Carol Lane. Saturday, 7:30-?

BABY & TODDLER Girls clothes, maternity, Little Tyke toys, toys, clothes, lots miscellaneous!! Friday-Saturday, 8 am. 3100 Bluebird.

FRIDAY ONLY, 8 am! Filing cabinet, trundle bed, patio furniture, pool vacuum, Little Tykes picnic table, kitchen items, womens clothes, lots of miscellaneous!! 1425 Ventura.

1603 VENTURA. Treadmill, oak coffee and end table, childrens and adult clothes, lots of miscellaneous household items. Saturday, 8-2.

★ FRIDAY, 8:30-4:00. 2304 Gulf. TV,

VCR, Videos, LPs, many toys and games, housewares, suits, clothes, linens, porcelain signs, silver, jewelry, Mary Kay clearance- supplies & products, lamps, ski machine, children's books, trading cards, classical guitar, camera.

BIG YARD SALE! 7 Families!! Friday & Saturday. 4816 N. Country Rd. 1130 (turn right at Wallace's Grocery- 2 1/2 miles north). No Early Birds!

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SATURDAY, 8 AM. Beds, TV, furniture, yard equipment, aquarium, trailer, clothes, dishes. Near Greenwood, take 1090 off East County Road 120, follow signs.

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GREENWOOD AREA- Ranger Estates- Multi Family Sale. Massive sign with letters, 35 mm camera in case, all sizes clothing including plus size mens and womens. Queen size hide-a-bed, highchair, Christmas decorations. Lots of household items and miscellaneous. Corner of E. County Rd. 120 and S. County Road 1072. Friday & Saturday 8 am-?

STORAGE SALE! Saturday only, 8 am. Computer, desks, word processor, electronic items, camping equipment, miscellaneous. Alamo Mini Storage, 500 N. Fairgrounds Rd.

★ SOMETHING FOR Everyone!

Ladies super nice clothing (size 12-14), little girls (size 5-6), dishes, bed spreads, much, decorating articles, antique glass blocks, fabric, yarn. 4905 S County Road 1178 Off Rankin Hwy off 135 & follow signs. Thursday-Friday, 10-5. No early sales please.

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TROOP 109 Garage Sale. Help Boy Scouts raise money for their troop. Saturday only, 9 am-4 pm, 3909 Crestgate Ave.

4302 GLENEAGLES. Friday-Saturday 9 noon. No early sales. Baby things, maternity, crib set, household, TV, bike, desk, stereo cabinet, crafts, clothes.

4505 WOODHOLLOW (Briarwood). Saturday, 8 until everything sells. Childrens clothes, TV, some furniture, lots of good treasures.

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GREEN TREE NORTH 4805 & 4607 Island Drive. Changing table, bassinet, Little Tikes toys, Redwood fort \$250, nice clothes, furniture, bikes. Friday, 8:30.

FRIDAY EVENING, 6- dark. Saturday, 8-2. 3005 Whittle Way.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, childrens toys, desk, childrens clothes, bikes, bike seat. Saturday 8-? 4913 Sherwood- Garage in alley.

4001 ANGELINA (Corner of Haynes). Moving Sale. Recliner, linens, pillows, decorative items, crafts, headboard, office desk, jewelry, pictures, exercise bike, Tiffany lamp, footlocker, Noblet clarinet, working microwave, Oster kitchen center- needs repair, 20" boys Roadmaster, toys, Christmas village, clothes- all sizes. Friday-Saturday, 8 am.

OUR SAVIOR'S Lutheran Church will be having a garage sale May 3rd. If you have items to donate call Mary 699-1957 or Mike 697-0951. We will pick up. Tax receipt available.

FURNITURE, clothes and lots of miscellaneous. Saturday only 9-3. 1900 McDonald. No Early Birds!

GIANTIC GARAGE SALE. More stuff than you can imagine. Come & see. Thursday-Saturday, 8 am-1 pm. 4707 Cindy Place. No early birds.

COME SEE The excitement at 3304 Camarie. Saturday the 19th. We've got furniture, clothes, and lots more!

✓ **MULTI FAMILY Garage sale.** 2001 Westwind Drive (2 blocks east of T & T Donuts on Midland Drive). Friday & Saturday, 8:00 am. Dresser, bicycle, TV, collectibles, children's clothes, office supplies, books, radar detector, wedding gown size 3, toys, lots more!

GARAGE SALE! Saturday, 8-2. Household accessories, clothes, square dance clothing. 4013 Livingston.

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BACKYARD SALE. 4503 Fairbanks Drive. Friday-Saturday, 9-4. Gas grill, king bedspread plus shams, dishes, end table, lamps, hammock, clothes, little bit of everything. No early birds. Cash only.

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ANNUAL PLANT SALE!

3524 Humble
Saturday 7:30 am.

Cannas, Day Lilies, House plants, water hoses, lawn mower, edger, garden tools, wheel barrows, sprayers, masonry tools, new glider swing seat, antique treadle sewing machine, dishes, housewares, miscellaneous.

Some Items Free!

3526 SEABOARD. 2 Family Backyard! Puzzles, bicycles, all size clothing, lots of miscellaneous!! Friday-Saturday.

MOVING OVERSEAS. April 19th only, 8 am. 4602 Island Drive. Gas BBQ, antique brass bed, reel lawn mower, furniture, refrigerator, IBM PS2 system, kids 8 yr+ clothes, rollerblades, etc.

2701 WHITTLE WAY. Thursday-Friday, 8:30-?? 2 Little Tykes kitchens & workbench, new tandem bicycle, sewing machine & table, toy chest, stairstepper, and much more!!

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5 FAMILY Garage Sale! Saturday, 8-?? 3338 Providence. Sofa sectional, coffee table, dishwasher, refrigerator, oven, girls clothes, 10-14, curtains, bedspreads, bar refrigerator, canisters, end tables, student desk and lots of miscellaneous!!

GREENTREE NORTH
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More than 50 families
Everything under the sun!!
Children's clothes, toys, shoes,
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Too much to list!!
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4919 Rustic Trail

3 FAMILY Garage Sale! Very nice name brand men, women and childrens clothing, kitchen table & chairs, 10 speed bike, dishes, kitchen appliances. Saturday, 8 am-2 pm. 4508 Rosewood.

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FRIDAY, 9-2. Saturday, 8-1. Queen size bed, clothes- children & adult, pictures, books, toys, knick knacks, miscellaneous!! 4412 Humble.

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★ ★ ★ Stand Out Emblem
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