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House report: Military isn't prepared to fight

■ National Security Committee chairman claims diminished Pentagon spending, use of troops for peacekeeping operations have stretched military to breaking point.

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WASHINGTON — U.S. armed forces are not prepared to fight a war like Operation Desert Storm in 1991, let alone carry out the nation's military strategy aimed at winning two major conflicts simultaneously, the House National Security Committee chairman charged Wednesday.

"We couldn't do another Persian Gulf operation again today," said Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., referring to the 42-day conflict with Iraq. Spence released a 24-page report at a news conference alleging that the military's readiness to fight

has nosedived over the last four years because of diminished Pentagon spending and the use of troops for nontraditional functions such as peacekeeping in Bosnia and Haiti.

Such operations have eaten up training dollars and worn down equipment, his report said.

Military readiness is a catch-all phrase for the unglamorous side of warfare. It includes troop training, spare parts, salaries, base housing and commissaries.

"Indicators of a long-term systemic readiness problem are far more prevalent today than they were in 1994," the report said. "Declining defense budgets, a smaller force structure, fewer personnel and aging equipment, all in the context of an increase in the pace of operations, are stretching U.S. military forces to the breaking point."

The chairman also said troop morale is at its lowest point in years.

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New prime minister

Zairian soldiers fire into the air and toss tear gas canisters to disperse crowds outside the prime minister's office in the Zairian capital of Kinshasa Wednesday. Supporters accompanied new Prime Minister Etienne Tshisekedi to the office to try and assume his position, but he was seized and returned to his home. President Mobutu Sese Seko placed a military official in the office. Story 3A

Social Security pulls personal files from 'Net

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accused of putting Americans' privacy at risk, the Social Security Administration on Wednesday suspended an Internet service that gave taxpayers access to their earnings and benefits records.

"The Internet is a new world and we want to make sure we can provide the highest level of security for our beneficiaries and our workers," said acting Social Security Commissioner John J. Callahan said.

He said the online service will be disabled for at least 60 days while he holds a series of forums across the country with privacy and computer security experts and the public about how to ease fears.

Advice also will be sought from banks that provide electronic financial services. "We want to get the benefit of their experience," Callahan said.

After that, the agency will consider whether new safeguards are needed for the Internet service, including options such as giving people personal access codes or allowing them to request their individual records not be placed in the database.

Social Security's entire Internet site will be inaccessible for two or three days while the database is being disabled, but general information and documents about the nation's retirement program will be back online soon.

Taxpayers will still be able to request information about their personal records through electronic mail to the agency, but reports will be sent through regular mail, rather than via the Internet.

Callahan said requests from lawmakers earlier this week, questions raised by computer experts interviewed in news reports and phone calls from the public all convinced him to pull the service.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Sens. William Roth, R-Del., Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and John Chafee, R-R.I., had sent a letter to the agency Tuesday saying the online service "may not afford sufficient protections against violations of individual privacy."

Rep. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., chairman of the House's subcommittee on Social Security, also wrote to the agency's inspector general, asking for a security

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Texas Mobile Museum

History comes to life



Above, Bonham Elementary students Amy Galindo, from left, Mayra Moreno and Yessenia Flores listen to an exhibit equipped with headsets while touring "A Texas Experience," a hands-on traveling museum. Joshua Smedley, at left, models a conquistador-style helmet at the Texas Mobile Museum, which is being toured this week by Midland fourth-graders. The museum is filled with items — such as coonskin caps, pioneer utensils, weaponry and models of cattle trails — that make Texas history come alive, according to museum director Dayton Denton from Houston.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

Board of Realtors turns back clock 50 years to celebrate anniversary

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The clock was turned back to the 1950s Tuesday when the Permian Basin Board of Realtors kicked off its 50th anniversary celebration with a reception at the Museum of the Southwest.

The celebration continued Wednesday with a luncheon at Green Tree Country Club. The celebration winds up later this summer with a party. "It will be just that, a party and it will be a lot of fun," said Lee Culver, board president.

Skits and entertainment with a '50s theme were provided at the luncheon, which was attended by

17 past presidents and Bill Watts, regional vice president of the Texas Association of Realtors.

"It was good to see some of the old leadership, to see old friends," Culver said.

The association was formed in 1947 as the Midland Association of Realtors and had a membership of 13.

About a year ago, the name was changed to the Permian Basin Board of Realtors because "we were going to combine with the Realtors in Big Spring, which we have done," Culver said. "We wanted a name that was a little more regionally oriented ..."

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Limiting freedoms

A British Red Ensign flag, flown on British merchant ships, is seen waving from the back of a ferry on a misty Wednesday, as the vessel crossed Hong Kong's Victoria Harbor. There are 83 days remaining before Hong Kong returns to Chinese sovereignty on July 1. The government-in-waiting unveiled plans to require police OK for protests and allow political parties to be banned. Story 2A

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Day off tax talk

AUSTIN — The lobbyists came. The lobbyists went. And after two days and about 24 hours of testimony, the point was clear: special interests want someone else to pay more to educate Texas children. After two marathon-like days of public hearings, a House committee trying to find a way to lower local school property taxes took a day off Wednesday.

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No winners

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for a \$4 million Lotto Texas jackpot, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 14, 20, 22, 34, 41 and 44. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$9 million.

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New clashes break out after Arab's funeral

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — The funeral of a Palestinian drew thousands to the streets Wednesday in more West Bank rioting, and protesters hurled rocks and firebombs at Israeli soldiers — who answered with tear gas and rubber bullets.

About 30 people were injured as Palestinian police formed human chains, searched rooftops, and blocked streets with trucks, struggling to separate protesters from the soldiers and prevent more deaths after the funeral of Nader Issaid, 24, one of three Palestinians killed a day earlier.

"We don't want it to spread all over," said Brig. Gen. Abdel Fatah Jaide, head of National Guard forces in Hebron. But if the casualty toll mounts, he said, "I cannot predict what will happen." Two Palestinians were killed Tuesday and 100 injured in riots that broke out after two Jewish seminary students shot and killed a Palestinian man.

"The olive branch is down and the Kalashnikov is raised," marchers shouted at Issaid's funeral. "Revenge, revenge."

Palestinian police fired 21 shots into the air as Issaid's body, wrapped in the red, white, green and black Palestinian flag, was lowered into the grave. Issaid died after several hours in a coma with a bullet in his brain.

After the funeral, thousands of Palestinian marchers, many waving flags with militant Islamic slogans, marched toward the Israeli-controlled part of the city, where 500 Jewish settlers live.

At one point, Palestinians brought buckets and cartons filled with rocks to replenish the supplies of protesters on the front line.

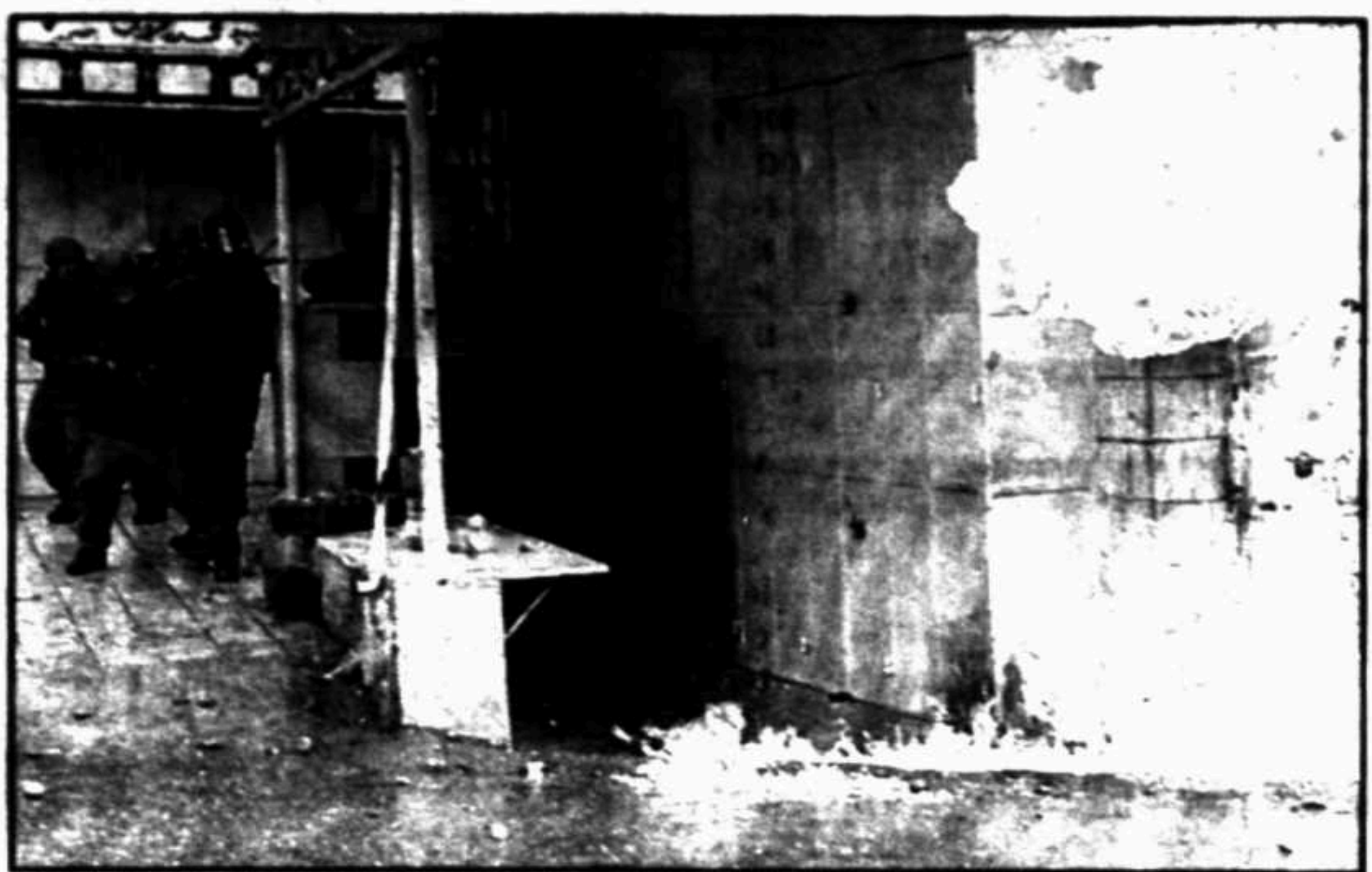
Jaide said Palestinian police had been ordered to be present in large numbers. "We want to keep losses to a minimum," he said.

Eighty people died in rioting last September that deteriorated into gun battles between Palestinian police and Israeli soldiers.

There have been almost daily stone-throwing clashes in the West Bank since Israel broke ground March 18 for a new Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem.

Palestinians see the construction as an effort to preclude talks on the status of east Jerusalem, which they claim as a future capital. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insists Israel's right to build in Jerusalem cannot be challenged.

This week's violence followed a summit in Washington between Netanyahu and President Clinton that failed to produce a formula for breaking the deadlock in peace talks, which ground to a halt following Israel's decision to go ahead with the construction of the



Flames from a Molotov cocktail engulf a wall while Israeli soldiers take shelter during clashes with Palestinians in the West Bank town of Hebron Wednesday. The clashes followed the funeral procession of a Palestinian killed in fierce riots that broke out in Hebron Tuesday after two Jewish seminary students shot and killed a Palestinian in the divided city.

Har Homa neighborhood.

A Palestinian delegation made up of Mahmoud Abbas, Yasser Arafat's top deputy, and chief negotiator Saeb Erekat left for Washington on Wednesday to discuss ways of restarting the peace talks.

Netanyahu has accused Arafat of releasing Palestinian militants and giving tacit consent to terrorist attacks against Israel, such as

a suicide bombing that killed three Israeli women in Tel Aviv last month.

On Wednesday, Palestinian negotiator Erekat made the same charges against Netanyahu, criticizing him for the release on bail of the two Hebron students accused in Tuesday's shooting.

"It seems that he has given the green light to settler terrorism against Palestinians," he said.

Hong Kong's future leaders plan to limit freedoms

HONG KONG (AP) — In the most detailed blueprint yet of the limits that could be put on Hong Kong's freedoms, the government-in-waiting unveiled plans Wednesday to require police approval for protests and allow political parties to be banned.

Hong Kong's future government said it wanted to "strike a balance between civil liberties and social stability." But the Democratic Party, which is often critical of China, called the proposals "flagrant violations of basic human rights."

Outgoing British Gov. Chris Patten said they would "undoubtedly tighten the screw on Hong Kong's civil liberties."

The proposed changes, outlined in a document released for public comment, stem from recent moves by a China-appointed committee to roll back Hong Kong's civil liberties.

The incoming government, which assumes power when the British colony returns to Chinese sover-

eignty on July 1, defends the moves as needed to bring Hong Kong's freedoms into line with the constitution China has written for it.

The important test that lies ahead, however, is whether the future government is willing to compromise on the extent of the proposed rollbacks after the public consultation it has promised.

Patten told reporters that the case for amending the laws "has not been demonstrated and cannot be demonstrated."

Under the proposals, people wanting to hold demonstrations after July 1 must seek police permission seven days beforehand, or 48 hours in special circumstances, said Michael Suen, policy coordinator for the future government.

Demonstrators now must notify the police, but do not have to apply for permission.

Another change would prohibit groups that engage in politics from forming links with foreign political

organizations.

Political parties would be barred from soliciting overseas donations, and could be banned altogether "in the interests of national security or public safety, public order or the protection of public morals."

Coupled with China's determination to disband the elected legislature, such changes would set back Hong Kong's democratic development to the beginning of the decade, when the British governor had sweeping powers to silence critics.

Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's leader-in-waiting, says the changes are necessary to prevent Hong Kong from becoming a base for destabilizing China.

But the concept of "political organizations" and "political links" is "so wide that it will simply catch a lot of people in its net," said Democratic Party vice chairman Yeung Sum.

Mindful of the Democrats' strong following in Hong Kong, and their

ability to mobilize foreign opinion, Tung met with their representatives immediately after the proposals were published.

Democrat Albert Ho said Tung "made positive responses" to their objections, but declined to reveal details of the one-hour meeting.

Suen said the future government must "strike a balance between civil liberties and social stability, personal rights and social obligations."

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Report: 108 Mexican school children contracted hepatitis

MEXICO CITY (AP) — More than 100 Mexican children have contracted hepatitis A, the same strain that caused an outbreak of the disease in Michigan, the government news agency reported Wednesday.

However, the cases appear to have peaked between late February and early March, one month before the U.S. outbreak affected 160 students and teachers in Michigan, according to the report carried by Notimex.

Investigators are not yet sure what caused the hepatitis cases in

Mexico, Oscar Recio Flores, director of the Tamaulipas state Fourth Health District, told Notimex. His office, contacted by The Associated Press, said he was not available for comment.

He said seven of the 108 cases were detected at one pre-school, and that measures to prevent the spread of the infection have been taken.

The U.S. outbreak is believed to be linked to strawberries contaminated with the hepatitis virus, but there was no indication that the Mexican cases had any connection.

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Blast kills seven in Vietnamese school

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A fragmentation bomb left over from the Vietnam War exploded in a schoolyard in central Vietnam, killing at least seven children and wounding 32.

The blast occurred Monday in the playground of a boarding school near the Laotian border. News of the explosion was made public only Wednesday by Vietnam's tightly controlled media.

Four children died in the schoolyard and three died on their way to the hospital, the Communist Party newspaper The People reported. At least 32 children were hurt by shrapnel and other debris.

It was not clear what triggered the explosion of the fragmentation bomb, which the newspaper said was of a type common during the Vietnam War. Bombs and land mines still litter parts of Vietnam's countryside.

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Collecting recover

PARIS (AP) in pre-World War II. But didn't art. But he knew had many beautiful country mansions.

When war broke out, Nazis made off with pieces from the rich in Cézanne and Picassos.

France returned the works soon after a desperate war for the rest of the world.

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Mobutu replaces prime minister with army chief of staff

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — President Mobutu Sese Seko tried to reassert control over his crumbling country today, firing the prime minister shortly after soldiers seized him during a protest march. An army general replaced him.

Defense Ministry spokesman Leon Kalima said the changes were ordered because of "the gravity of the situation." Soldiers fired tear gas today to break up a march by thousands of Prime Minister Etienne Tshisekedi's supporters and there were reports rebels had entered — and possibly captured — Zaire's second-largest city.

The White House today urged Mobutu to resign and go into exile. "Mobutuism is about to become a creature of history," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

Kalima said the new prime minister,

Gen. Likulia Bolongo, the defense minister and former army chief of staff, was "well-suited to calm" the situation.

Rebels have captured the eastern third of Zaire in a seven-month campaign to end Mobutu's nearly 32-year dictatorship. Mobutu spent most of that time in Europe recovering from treatment for prostate cancer, returning only last month to try to reassert control. He appointed Tshisekedi last week to replace a prime minister ousted by parliament for mishandling the rebellion.

Since then, Tshisekedi had moved to undermine Mobutu by ordering Parliament dissolved, annulling the constitution and offering Cabinet posts to representatives of Laurent Kabila's rebel army.

His moves angered the lawmakers who had nominated him to become prime minister.

Today, Tshisekedi tried to lead thousands of supporters to the prime minister's office and assume control.

Hundreds of troops fired tear gas at the marchers — whose numbers had swollen to 10,000 by the time they reached his office. They seized Tshisekedi when he arrived, flashing a victory sign.

"Mr. Tshisekedi was brought to his home for his own safety," Kalima, the defense ministry spokesman, said. "He is not under house arrest."

Tshisekedi said his moves were aimed at speeding up democratic reforms and bringing an end to the war, but colleagues said he had overstepped his boundaries. Government anger toward Tshisekedi grew as supporters of the prime minister marched each day this week, calling for Mobutu's ouster.

The appointment of an army general to head the government indicated the severity of the crackdown announced by Mobutu on Tuesday night, when he proclaimed a state of emergency across the country in the face of rebel advances toward the capital.

Kabila claimed Tuesday that his troops were just 160 miles northeast of the capital, near Bandundu, and would press on to Kinshasa. Kalima, the defense ministry spokesman, denied the rebels were near Bandundu but said a small group of Mobutu opponents in the city had circulated a statement announcing support for Kabila.

A resident of Lubumbashi, Zaire's second-largest city said today the rebels had entered and were exchanging gunfire with Zairian soldiers. Thierry Mwengwe, a car rental agent in Lubumbashi, said he

and other civilians in the southeastern city were in hiding. He had no other details.

At the rebels' headquarters in Goma, a commander identifying himself as Mufu said the rebels control Lubumbashi. The reports could not be independently confirmed.

Kabila admitted that rebel troops had encountered stiff opposition from Mobutu's Presidential Guards near Lubumbashi, but he said the government soldiers "will be defeated. There is no doubt about that."

Kabila has rejected the offer of Cabinet seats and says he won't be satisfied until Mobutu is ousted. After taking the diamond-mining center of Mbuji-Mayi on Friday, the rebels were focusing on Lubumbashi, capital of the southeastern copper- and cobalt-rich Shaba region.

Collector's heir hopes to recover looted art works

PARIS (AP) — As a young boy in pre-World War II Paris, Francis Warin didn't know a lot about art. But he knew his great-uncle had many beautiful things in his country mansion.

When war came, occupying Nazis made off with at least 1,200 pieces from the collection, which was rich in Cezannes, Matisses and Picassos.

France returned hundreds of the works soon after the war, but a despairing Warin heard nothing of the rest for decades. Until now.

Last week, the French Foreign Ministry announced it had determined the rightful owners of three paintings, and would soon return them. It didn't identify the owners publicly. Warin had already filed a claim for two of the paintings, a Picasso portrait and a Cubist landscape that a researcher had earlier traced to his family.

The works had been hanging in French national museums for decades.

On Wednesday, seeking to counter criticism that it hasn't done enough to find owners or heirs of almost 2,000 other works, France opened special displays of about 900 of them in the Louvre, the Georges Pompidou Center, at Versailles and elsewhere.

The exhibits, billed as an effort to let owners reclaim their works, are also a clear attempt to take the offensive in a scandal that has greatly embarrassed the French government.

"We never hid anything," insisted Francoise Cachin, director of the national museum authority. "At the worst, one can accuse us of some negligence, some forgetfulness. But not of bad faith."

Warin disagrees. "They had the means to find out who the owners were. They didn't

do it," said Warin, a 67-year-old television film producer. "There was a complicity here with the (Nazi) stealing."

The controversy comes at a sensitive time for France, which has seen neighboring Switzerland suffer international censure over its handling of Jewish wartime assets. France has been eager to show it has overcome a longtime reluctance to confront its wartime collaboration with Nazi Germany.

Last fall, the city of Paris suspended the sale of city-owned apartments following allegations that some had been taken from Jewish families by the pro-Nazi Vichy government.

And Prime Minister Alain Juppe recently set up a panel to investigate seized wartime Jewish property. Many of the collectors who lost art works were Jewish, like Warin's great-uncle, Alphonse Kann.

Kann escaped with his life by spending the war years in England, where he died in 1948. But many of the art owners were presumably among the 75,000 French Jews deported to Nazi camps. Only 2,500 of those deported survived the war.

For many, the government's gestures come too late to satisfy.

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Low 36



Sunday
Partly cloudy
High 54
Low 35

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon with a 30 percent chance of rain. The high is expected to be in the mid-70s. Winds will be from the south at 15-25 mph and gusty, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for scattered thunderstorms with a 30 percent chance of rain, otherwise mostly cloudy with low expected around 50.

Friday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and a high around 70. The high for Wednesday was 42, compared with the record of 93, set in 1939.

Wednesday's low was 34, compared to the record low of 20, set in 1973.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Tuesday 0.0 in.
Rainfall Wednesday trace
Total for month 1.2 in.
Total for year 2.28 in.

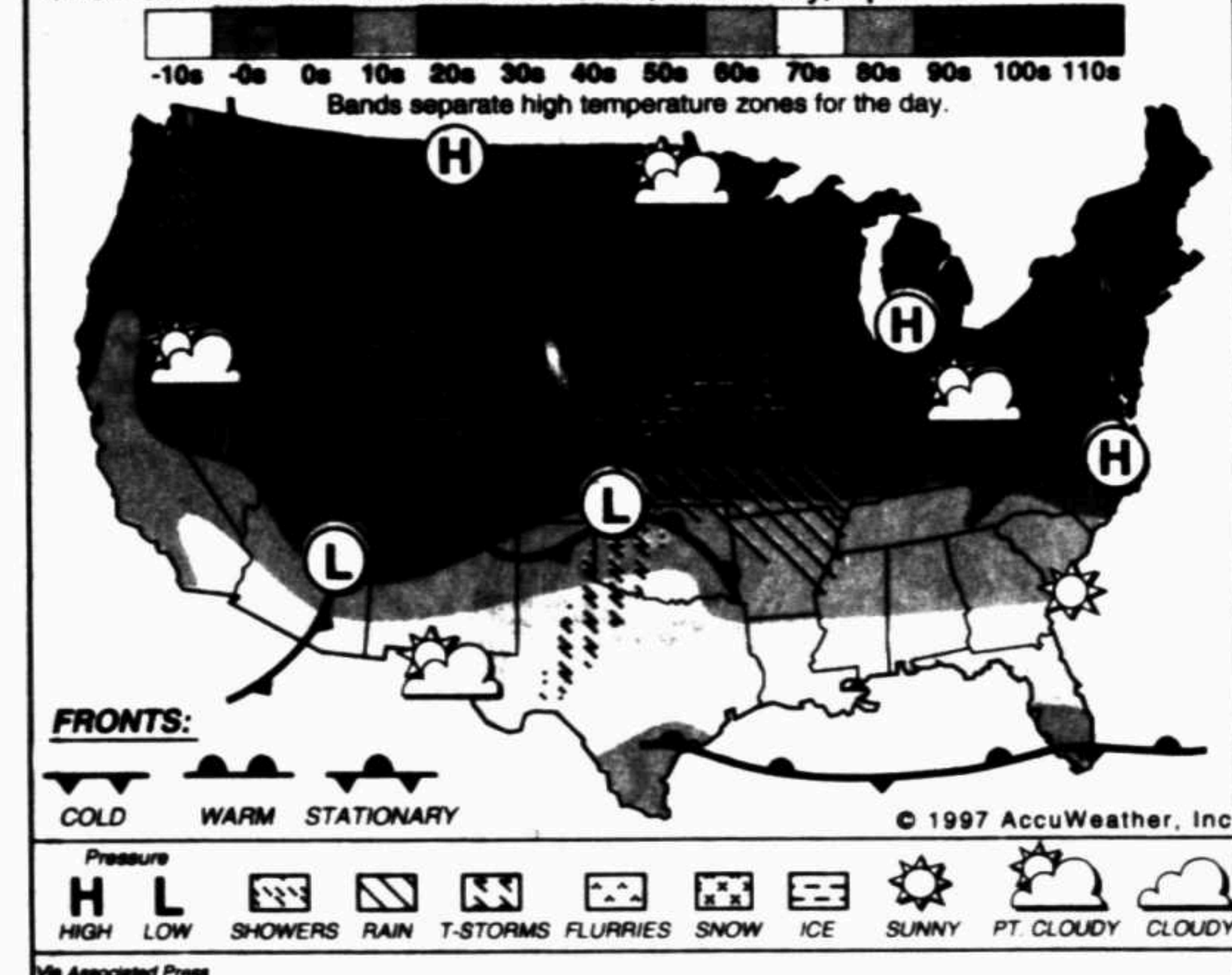
Yesterday's temperatures
High 42
Low 34
Normal high 78
Normal low 47

Sunrise: 7:26 a.m.

Sunset: 8:15 p.m.

National forecast

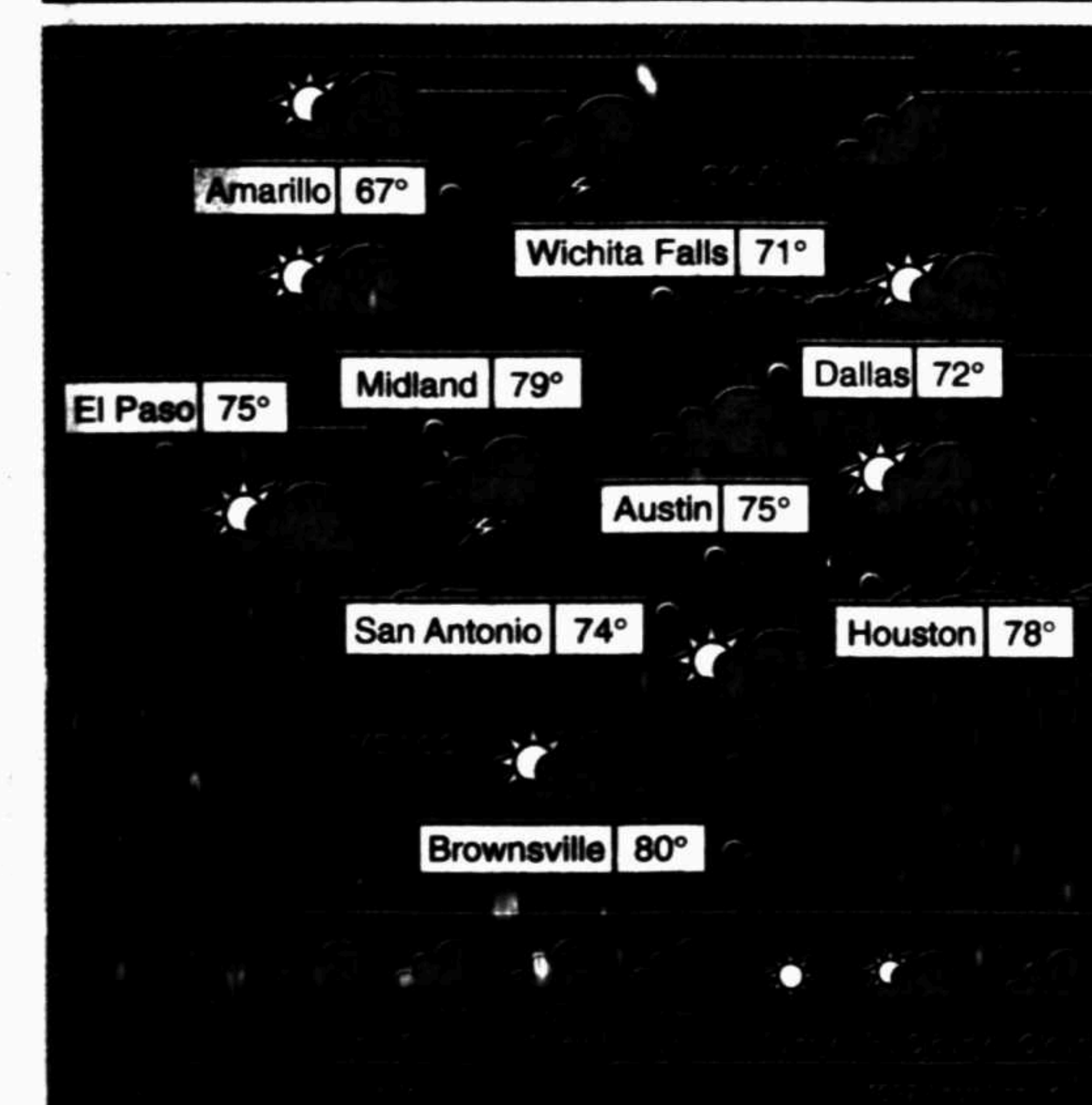
The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, April 10.



United States temperatures

City	Temp	City	Temp	City	Temp
Albany, N.Y.	36	Los Angeles	70	San Francisco	60
Albuquerque	72	Louisville	44	San Jose	58
Anchorage	48	Memphis	55	Seattle	48
Ashville	58	Miami Beach	83	St. Paul	44
Atlanta	65	Midland-Odessa	44	St. Louis	44
Atlanta City	44	Minneapolis	32	St. Peter	44
Baltimore	45	Mpls-St. Paul	32	St. Vincent	44
Bilings	24	Nashville	49	St. Ysidro	44
Birmingham	66	New Orleans	75	St. Ysidro	44
Bismarck	21	New York City	44	St. Ysidro	44
Boise	61	Norfolk, Va.	50	St. Ysidro	44
Boston	34	North Platte	24	St. Ysidro	44
Bozeman	23	Oklahoma City	52	St. Ysidro	44
Butte	32	Omaha	35	St. Ysidro	44
Butte	32	Orlando	82	St. Ysidro	44
Burlington, Vt.	27	Philadelphia	44	St. Ysidro	44
Casper	25	Phoenix	83	St. Ysidro	44
Charleston, S.C.	74	Pittsburgh	33	St. Ysidro	44
Charleston, W. Va.	43	Portland, Me.	32	St. Ysidro	44
Charlotte, N.C.	70	Portland, Ore.	50	St. Ysidro	44
Cheyenne	28	Portland, Ore.	50	St. Ysidro	44
Chicago	38	Providence	38	St. Ysidro	44
Cincinnati	41	Raleigh-Durham	62	St. Ysidro	44
Cleveland	25	Rapid City	25	St. Ysidro	44
Columbia, S.C.	73	Reno	46	St. Ysidro	44
Columbia, Mo.	39	Richmond	50	St. Ysidro	44
Concord, N.H.	29	Sacramento	70	St. Ysidro	44
Dayton	39	St. Louis	44	St. Ysidro	44
Denver	46	Salt Lake City	52	St. Ysidro	44
Des Moines	38	San Diego	64	St. Ysidro	44
Detroit	37	San Francisco	60	St. Ysidro	44
Duluth	31	San Juan, P.R.	84	St. Ysidro	44
Evansville	46	Santa Fe	59	St. Ysidro	44
Fall River	55	St. Helena	25	St. Ysidro	44
Fargo	24	Seattle	56	St. Ysidro	44
Flagstaff	50	Shreveport	70	St. Ysidro	44
Grand Rapids	35	Sioux Falls	31	St. Ysidro	44
Great Falls	24	Spokane	54	St. Ysidro	44
Greensboro, N.C.	60	Syracuse	31	St. Ysidro	44
Hartford, Conn.	36	Tampa-St. Petersburg	83	St. Ysidro	44
Havana	31	Topia	41	St. Ysidro	44
Honolulu	85	Tucson	83	St. Ysidro	44
Indianapolis	39	Tulsa	55	St. Ysidro	44
Jackson, Miss.	70	Washington, D.C.	45	St. Ysidro	44
Jacksonville	77	Wichita	37	St. Ysidro	44
Juneau	48	Wicks-Barre	36	St. Ysidro	44

State forecast



Texas temperatures

City	Temp	City	Temp	City	Temp
Abilene	50	El Paso	75	Midland	79
Albany	36	El Paso	75	Midland	79
Albuquerque	72	El Paso	75	Midland	79
Anchorage	48	El Paso	75	Midland	79
Ashville	58	El Paso	75	Midland	79
Atlanta	65	El Paso	75	Midland	79
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SITE: Review looks at Internet privacy

(From 1A)

review and report to his panel by April 22.

And Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Pa., said he is introducing legislation to ban information about individuals' earnings, tax records and Social Security benefits on the Internet.

The Social Security Administration has offered people access to their earnings and benefits reports for more than a decade if they sign and mail in a paper request form. Between 3 million and 4 million Americans a year do

so. But using regular mail takes up to four to six weeks and costs the government millions of dollars in postage each year. Six months ago, the agency began accepting electronic mail requests and last month it made it possible for taxpayers to retrieve their records online.

After national news reports about the service earlier this week, the number of people using it jumped from 3,000 a day to about 8,500.

Critics say anyone with knowledge of another person's Social

Security number, their mother's maiden name and the state where they were born could access the records electronically to learn their job history, salary and other information.

Callahan said security experts were consulted and some safeguards were built into the system to maintain privacy. These include encryption of information as it goes back and forth between the requester and Social Security, so it can't be understood if intercepted.

However, the agency originally discarded other ideas, such as

access codes, after weighing them against cost and user-friendliness concerns.

"It is important to note that we have received no allegations of individuals fraudulently accessing the Social Security Administration records," either online or by mail, he said.

The old-fashioned paper request forms require a signature, but the agency does not maintain signatures on file for matching requests, so it is not clear how the paper procedure is more secure than the electronic version.

WAR: House panel's report looks at readiness

(From 1A)

Democrats on Spence's committee were not invited to take part in the study, said a Democratic staffer on the panel. "This is a very partisan thing," he said. The official, who asked not to be identified, also questioned the data-gathering techniques used by committee investigators, saying they relied mainly on anecdotal information.

Spence, however, said the report's findings were based on interviews that his staff conducted at 30 military installations around the country, including several in California, and at U.S. bases in Germany and Italy. He said the staffers talked with troops in more than 50 military units from all branches of the armed forces over a seven-month period.

The chairman's report contrasted sharply with the Pentagon's annual report to Congress last year. Then Defense Secretary William Perry said at that time: "Today's forces are the best ever fielded. U.S. military forces are well-educated, receive quality

training and utilize technologically superior equipment... The high readiness of the force continues with the nearly completed and carefully managed post-Cold War draw-down."

William Cohen, Perry's successor, who was in South Korea Wednesday, has repeatedly told lawmakers that maintaining readiness is his top priority.

Deputy Defense Secretary John P. White said he was "very surprised" at Spence's report. He said today's military "is clearly a very ready force... exceptionally ready." He said recent internal reports on readiness and the quality of life of U.S. troops in the Middle East and Asia "are very positive."

Spence, asked to explain the disparity between his and the Pentagon's views, told reporters: "They like to believe everything is great."

The chairman's study cited incidents of poorly trained troops, Army units with insufficient numbers of soldiers, weapons that lacked spare parts and mid-career service members such as

pilots opting out of the military at a "troubling" rate.

It accused the Pentagon of providing poor housing for junior service members. "We work them like slaves and house them like prisoners," one unidentified Navy officer is quoted as saying in describing housing for enlisted sailors.

Military readiness is a highly charged political issue. Many Republicans have said the Clinton administration has not sufficiently bankrolled military readiness since the overall force has been pared from 2.1 million in 1992 to 1.4 million members now. Many Democrats have said the budget is high enough and have asserted that GOP lawmakers use the readiness issue to push their pet projects.

Pentagon officials are currently conducting a wide-ranging review of future military needs, dubbed the Quadrennial Defense Review. The Pentagon study, due out next month, will make recommendations on such issues as whether to cut more troops, how best to maintain readiness and

what weapons to buy. Spence said serious readiness shortcomings have shown up at military training centers around the country where troops try to simulate real war situations.

For example, his report said, senior officers at the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., "expressed their belief that units are arriving less prepared for their rotation than they had (been) in the past."

Similarly, officers at the Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., said that "units are arriving... at a lower level of proficiency than in the past and are taking longer to achieve the level of combat proficiency they used to," the report said.

Officers at the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center in Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., said, according to the study, that soldiers "are not getting the same (war) training opportunities prior to arriving... and are increasingly focusing home-station training on peacekeeping and contingency operations."

Dems push theme: GOP runs 'do-nothing' Congress

By Judy Holland

Hearst News Services

WASHINGTON — House and Senate Democrats went on a Republican-bashing binge Wednesday, criticizing GOP congressional leaders for presiding over what the Democrats called a "do-nothing" Congress.

That's the opposite of what happened two years ago when Democrats accused Republicans of trying to do too much, too fast.

The Democrats' barrage included a 15-page report by Democratic House Leader Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri detailing the slow pace of the 105th Congress and comparing it unfavorably with the 103rd Congress in 1993 when Democrats ran the show.

On the Senate side, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., called a news conference to accuse the Republicans who control both chambers of lacking vision and of wimpy leadership.

"This has gotten off to a very slow, irrelevant start," said Boxer. "Republicans don't have a vision of where they want to take the country. They are divided. Republicans don't feel that government has a role to play in solving problems."

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota claimed Republicans "can't manage when it comes to meeting deadlines, obviously." He referred to deadlines GOP lead-

ers have missed for budget resolutions and spending bills and said Republicans have had a "great deal of difficulty managing the Congress since they took over as the majority three years ago."

Democrats pointed out that the House was in session 27 days in the first three months of this year, compared to 53 days for the same period in 1995. Daschle poked fun at a Senate vote to authorize the minting of coins to honor singer Frank Sinatra and a House vote to honor democracy gains in Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Gephardt claimed Republicans "can win an election but they can't govern." He criticized Republicans for failing to appoint any members to five task forces that President Clinton and congressional leaders agreed to create in February.

Gephardt and Minority Whip David E. Bonior, D-Mich., surrounded by 28 freshmen Democrats, held a news conference devoted to the do-nothing theme.

Republicans responded by attacking the Democratic-led 103rd Congress that convened in 1993.

"I'm surprised the Democrat leadership wants to remind America of the failed 103rd Congress that enacted the largest tax increase in history, attempted to take over the entire health care system of our nation, and helped

produce the first Republican House majority in 40 years," said House Republican Leader Dick Armey.

John Boehner, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Republican Conference, grabbed on to the same historical point, claiming that "the grossly misguided policies of the Democrats in the 103rd were repudiated by the voters" when the Republicans won control of the 104th Congress.

"Is this the same Democratic Party that passed the largest tax increase in American history?" Boehner asked. "Is it the same party that tried to dupe the American people into supporting a government takeover of the American health care system?"

Indeed, the record shows that the pace of the 105th Congress has been slow compared to the frenetic first 100 days of the 104th Congress in 1995. Then, the GOP took control of the House and Senate for the first time in four decades and proclaimed a Republican revolution.

Work on the federal budget for the 1998 fiscal year starting Oct. 1 has slowed. Republicans are divided on whether to include tax cuts in the federal budget, with some arguing that Congress should adopt a balanced budget before cutting taxes. They say this would protect Republican lawmakers from being criticized for chopping popular social programs to pay for tax cuts.

After 2 days of hearings on property taxes, panel takes break

AUSTIN (AP) — The lobbyists came. The lobbyists went. And after two days and about 24 hours of testimony, the point was clear: special interests want someone else to pay more to educate Texas children.

After two marathon-like days of public hearings, a House committee trying to find a way to lower local school property taxes took a day off Wednesday.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the committee, said he wanted members of the panel to gather their thoughts before finally deciding what to do. The bill could be before the full House next week but must first be voted on by the committee.

The committee is considering a proposal to cut local school property taxes by more than \$3 billion a year. To replace that money, the

committee plan would expand the current business tax, increase some other taxes and add to the list of goods and services subject to the state sales tax.

"It was very well orchestrated by the lobby," Sadler said of public hearings Monday and Tuesday at which lobbyist after lobbyist lined up to say why taxing their goods and services would be a bad idea.

Sadler said there are items in the proposal that concern him. But when asked if anyone changed his mind, the chairman simply replied: "No."

During Tuesday's public hearing, which ran into the early hours Wednesday, Sadler chided lobbyists for saying they were unsure what the proposal would do.

He and other members of the committee said each part of the bill is spelled out: all businesses, except sole proprietorships would pay the state franchise tax, taxes on alcohol and tobacco would increase, about 35 goods and services — each listed and defined — would be added to those subject to the sales tax.

"This is tough stuff," Sadler sarcastically told one lobbyist.

REALTORS: Board celebrates 50 years

(From 1A)

The association now has 330 members.

Culver, with Carriage Co. Realtors in Midland, attributes the board's success to the foundation laid by the early leadership.

"Not all boards have had that type of success. Our early leadership set us up well organizationally and financially and we've been able to prosper because of that."

According to Culver, the board serves four purposes:

"First of all, it provides members with a great deal of education. The board also provides the framework for our market here in

town... supports our multiple listing service (and) also provides the ethical framework that we operate our business under."

Originally, Culver said, the Midland Association of Realtors was formed as a network for those who at the time were called real estate dealers.

"The Realtor name was not used at that point. The organization provided a way for members to share information about their properties."

At that time, he recalled, "it was surmised that if you're going to sell real estate you had better have a second job. Most people did something else, they had an insur-

ance agency or some other type of work. Obviously things have changed."

"Part of the reason things have changed has to do with the mobility of people, moving place to place. In that time, people grew up in the same place, they bought their parents' house or the house next door or across the street. With people moving in and out of town, the necessity came about for people to handle those transactions."

Midland is a prime example, he said, because of the transient nature of the oil business, with oil company employees being transferred in and out of town.

Clarification

MISD school board trustees voted down using the state's Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) Tuesday night. Although it was suggested the PDAS would be used as the basis for a new MISD teacher appraisal developed for the 1997-98 school year, school officials said the other state plan, the Texas Teacher Appraisal plan (currently in place in MISD through May 23) could be used as the basis, or a committee could come up with a completely different plan.

No board decision has been made about a teacher appraisal system for the 1997-98 school year.

Correction

Lee High School student Susan Prucka received a third place in the chemistry category at the recent Regional Science Fair at the University of Texas. Her name was inadvertently left off the list of winners. Students who qualified to attend the international science fair in Louisville, Ky., are Midland High School students Sara Guenther, Ronica Pai, Peter Alderks, Brock Davis, and Kiersten Donnelly.

Previous information on state qualifiers received from UTPB was incorrect. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-2-8

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 14-20-22-34-41-44. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million

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10am - 6pm Kieth Hafer - Stones
10am - 6pm Bobby Davila - Bedding Plants
10am - 6pm Roses U.S.A. - Trees
10am - 6pm House's Nursery - Shurbs
10am - 6pm Pursell Industries - Fertilizer/Bag Rock
10am - 6pm Ran - Pro Farms - Roses

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Dewalt Tool Representative

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Ryobi Tool Representative
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•Man Power Equipment

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10am - 5pm
Dewalt Tool Representative

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Words of wisdom can help seniors

Texas Tech University Chancellor John T. Montford had a few choice words of wisdom Tuesday evening for the high school seniors attending the fourth annual Texas Scholars Awards Banquet in Midland.

Montford's words did not contain new wisdom, but wisdom that has been tried and proven over centuries. In that regard, it was even more valuable.

"As high school graduates," said Montford, "you need to be well-grounded in the basics." A basic knowledge of mathematics, science, English and history will be essential, he noted.

And, he said, the graduates will need self-discipline — "a requirement needed on a daily basis." They will need to budget time, stay focused and stay current in their studies.

They also will need to manage their money in

proper fashion and avoid running up excessive debt. Personal finance is as much a part of the college experience as academics.

Most Midlanders who are now in the workforce have heard all of Chancellor Montford's recommendations before. They are not only good advice for those embarking on a college career, but an outstanding guide for succeeding in life whatever one's endeavors may entail.

Embrace a solid base of knowledge in math, science, English and history.

Don't expect anyone else to tell you what to do; discipline yourself.

Manage your money — in fact, all of your resources.

It is a plan for living and it works! The seniors should heed Chancellor Montford's words of wisdom. If they do, it will serve them well.

GEORGE WILL

Paranoia is the secret behind a good career

Allen Ginsberg, symptomatic symbol of the 'beat generation' and other intellectual fads, died last Saturday at age 70. He once wrote, "I'm so lucky to be nutty."

Actually, his pose of paranoia was not luck, it was a sound career move. It became big box office with his famous declamation of his poem "Howl" in San Francisco in 1955. That was the year "Rock Around the Clock" in the soundtrack to the movie "The Blackboard Jungle," helped launch what was to become the third element in the trinity of Sixties ecstasies—sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Ginsberg made the first two his projects. He composed "Howl" with the help of a cocktail of peyote, amphetamines and Dextedrine.

Thirty years later his reward for a career of excreting American values and works was a six-figure contract for a volume of his collected poetry. It is a distinctive American genius, this ability to transmute attempted subversion into a marketable commodity.

The adjective "beat" was appropriated by Jack Kerouac from a drug-addicted Times Square thief and male prostitute, who meant by it the condition of being exhausted by existence. (That man's existence must have been wearying.) Kerouac attached the adjective to the noun "generation," emulating Gertrude Stein's identification of the "lost generation" of the 1920s. Soon Life magazine, happy to find some titillating unhappiness in a decade defined by Eisenhower's smile, was writing about the beats as "The Only Revolution Around." That's entertainment.

Back then, poetry commanded crowds. In his book "When the Going Was Good: American Life in the 1950s," Jeffrey Hart, now a professor of English at Dartmouth, wrote:

"Robert Frost strode onto the stage at Carnegie Hall to a standing ovation from an overflow house. ... One night in 1957, T.S. Eliot was reading his poems to an overflow audience in Columbia's McMillin Theater. Even faculty members had difficulty getting tickets, and people were crowded into the windows and doors, and listening outside to Eliot over loudspeakers. ... Dylan Thomas stood at the podium ... his third American tour in two years."

When Ginsberg came to Columbia "there was a vast throng that had been unable to get in. They pounded on the doors and milled

around. Ticket-holders entered between lines of police."

Today no poet could cause such excitement on any campus, or any other American venue, so complete has been the supplanting of words, written and spoken, by music and movies as preferred modes of communication. One of Ginsberg's young acolytes, Robert Zimmerman of Hibbing, Minn., put the dissenting impulse to music as Bob Dylan.

Some beats wrote the way some jazz musicians made music, in the heat of chemically assisted improvisation. Truman Capote's famous dismissal of Kerouac's work—"That isn't writing at all, it's typing"—had a point. Granted, Kerouac revised "On the Road" for six years before it was published in 1957. However, fueled by Benzedrine, he wrote the first draft of that novel in 1951 in less than three weeks, as one long single-spaced paragraph—120 feet long on 12-foot strips of tracing paper taped together. Here is its beginning:

"I first met Dean not long after my wife and I split up. I had just gotten over a serious illness that I won't bother to talk about, except that it had something to do with the miserably weary split-up and my feeling that everything was dead."

Does that tone of voice seem familiar? Here

is the beginning of a novel published in 1951, the year of Kerouac's typing frenzy:

"If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born, and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied and all before they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap, but I don't feel like going into it, if you want to know the truth."

Yes, "The Catcher in the Rye." Holden Caulfield, adolescent scold, strong in disapproving "phonies," was a precursor of the beats with their passion for "authenticity," which to Ginsberg meant howling echoes of whatever constituted coffeehouse radicalism of the moment. ("Slaves of Plastic! ... Striped tie addicts! ... Whiskey freaks bombed out on 530 billion cigarettes a year ... Steak swallows zonked on Television!") With a talent that rarely rose to mediocrity, but with a flair for vulgar exhibitionism, Ginsberg shrewdly advertised his persona as a symptom of a dysfunctional society. He died full of honors, including a front page (and a full page inside) obituary in The New York Times, a symptom to the end.

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WILL



ANOTHER VIEW

Clinton can reverse ill-fated truck pact

Having decided unilaterally in 1995 not to implement provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement that would have allowed Mexican trucks to serve Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, the Clinton administration now searches for a face-saving way to reverse itself.

The immediate impetus for the administration's about-face is President Clinton's summit next month with Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo. Summits have a way of forcing countries to smooth irritants in their bilateral relations so that their leaders don't spend all their time arguing.

The administration also is being nudged by U.S. trucking interests. Under the pact, they were supposed to be given equal access to Mexico's border states but have suffered understandable Mexican retaliation.

When it announced its decision to stiff Mexico, the administration said it was doing so to keep unsafe Mexican trucks off U.S. highways. The excuse resonated with U.S. voters scared by critics' concerns about ramshackle Mexican trucks thundering at breakneck speeds on U.S. interstate.

Lately, some government offi-

cials have been saying that the decision stemmed from a desire to restrict the massive flow of illegal narcotics.

Let's be honest, though: The administration's real reason for stalling the trucking provisions was politics. The Teamsters union did not want Mexican competition. President Clinton, who was up for re-election, wanted union money, votes and electioneering.

The correct solution to the legitimate concerns about increasing numbers of unsafe, drug-laden Mexican trucks is to ensure that they comply with U.S. regulations, to increase inspections and to harmonize the countries' trucking standards, as the agreement stipulated. It is not to embargo Mexican trucks.

Now that the White House is prepared to be reasonable, after three years of foot-dragging, it should not be surprised to hear Mexico respond, "Not so fast." After all, Mexican truckers also dislike foreign competition. Mexico never wanted free trade in trucking. The United States bludgeoned it into accepting it.

— The Dallas Morning News

CAL THOMAS

AFL-CIO at fault for making campaigns expensive

One of the often-heard refrains is that political campaigns last too long and cost too much. The AFL-CIO is doing its part to make sure they cost more and last longer.

Barely five months after the last big election and 19 months before the next one, the union is spending its members' money in 19 congressional districts. AFL-CIO commercials are targeting 12 Republicans and seven Democrats in what it describes as "issues education." Like the previous multi-million dollar campaign, these districts are below the national radar screen and the union had hoped they would go largely unnoticed.

In the Wichita, Kansas district of Rep. Todd Tiahrt, a second-term Republican, the AFL-CIO has budgeted \$1 million. At the heart of the commercials are attacks on conservatives for supporting policies and legislation that allegedly cost American workers jobs and weaken the public schools. The unions have been waging a war for decades against tax credits for multinational corporations. The tax issues in the ad campaign are the foreign tax credit and tax deferral for foreign income.

The AFL-CIO has consistently opposed this IRS code provision. In 1976, the union argued for repealing the foreign tax credit. But Jim-

my Carter favored its retention and the union supported him anyway. In 1986, the AFL-CIO recommended the tax credit be reduced to a deduction, but neither the Reagan administration nor the Democratic Congress complied by offering legislation. The union again expressed its support for foreign tax credit repeal in 1993 when lobbying against NAFTA. Now, 20 years after first lobbying Jimmy Carter, the AFL-CIO is fighting the tax credit again, hoping to pressure Congress into adopting a bad policy through negative advertising.

Repeal of the tax credit would result in a tax increase and harm America's global competitiveness. And it would cost American jobs, something the union claims it wants to preserve. In 1995, 11 million jobs were supported by exports rose 63 percent, four times faster than overall private job growth.

On education, another subject of the union commercials, the AFL-CIO supports more federal control over local schools, parents, teachers and communities. Conservative Republicans and Democrats want more power in the hands of parents and communities.

Two Wichita television stations declined to carry the commercials. Two others carried them. The AFL-CIO apparently considers this a test-run. If the impact is regarded as positive, more money will be spent in these and other districts.

In 1995 and early '96, liberal Democrat and union commercials went unanswered for months as Republicans kept their advertising powder dry for the national campaign. That allowed the Left to successfully plant in the pub-

lic mind negative images about Republicans. This time, while the AFL-CIO is spending their members' money extra-early, Republicans had better respond quickly and effectively. Last year, the unions were successful in knocking off 11 of their 32 targets at a cost of about \$1 million per freshman.

Rep. Tiahrt responded to the ads by saying, "This is not a time to campaign, but a time to govern.... The union bosses are trying to intimidate me to stray from my goals of reducing wasteful Washington spending, a balanced budget and lower taxes. But I'm not intimidated. They picked the wrong guy."

In an attempt to curtail the unfair power advantage of big labor, Sens. Paul Coverdell, a Georgia Republican, and Lauch Faircloth, North Carolina Republican, have reintroduced the National Right to Work Act. The bill would repeal those provisions of federal law which authorize private-sector contracts forcing workers to pay union dues as a condition of employment. Rep. Bob Goodlatte, a Virginia Republican, has introduced similar legislation in the House.

The legislation would prevent unions like the AFL-CIO from unfairly taking union dues and applying them to causes many in the rank and file do not necessarily support. An effective blow for campaign finance reform could be struck by passing this bill. It could help shorten political campaigns and it would certainly help reduce their costs.

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THOMAS

ART BUCHWALD

Martha should be in charge of political damage control

What the country needs more than anything else right now is a U.S. Secretary of Damage Control—someone who can step in as soon as the political alarm bells go off, and who can put out the fire before too many administration officials start jumping off the Washington Monument.

My nominee for the job is Martha Stewart, who has made her living telling Americans how to avoid burning their hot biscuits, and how to give oomph to their rock gardens.

Martha knows the answer to everything, which is more than can be said for some of the people in the White House. I envisage the position as follows—Martha has an office next to the President's with an Internet hot line to Al Gore.

As Damage Control Secretary, she has more power than Madeleine Albright at the State Department.

When Martha arrives at her desk, her impeccable sense of smell alerts her to something in the air.

"Is that the aroma of coffee?" she asks. Her secretary confirms that it is. Martha storms into the Oval Office and admonishes the president: "I thought I told you, 'NO MORE COFFEE KLATCHES.'"

The President says, "I was just making it for five guys from Shanghai who want to give the DNC a million dollars."

"I don't care. If I've told you once I've told you a hundred times that you can't have coffee and damage control at the same time."

"But they've come all the way from China and they haven't had a decent cup in months."

Martha turns off the coffee percolator on the President's desk.

The President says, "Fine. Now you go up to the Lincoln Bedroom and break the news to them that they have to go down the street to Starbucks if they want some decent java."

Martha shrieks, "What are they doing in the Lincoln bedroom?"

"They promised me a million dollars if they could sleep there and have their picture taken with me in my White House bathrobe thrown in the coffee as a bonus."

"Mr. President, with all due respect, I can be your Secretary of Damage Control if you keep letting strangers sleep all over the second floor. You promised me that if I took the job you'd stop fund-raising. You announced that you only appointed me to make sure that the Rose Garden bloomed."

The President said, "But the heat is on with the fund raising and you have to help me out. If I can't give coffee to potential donors, or let them sleep in the Lincoln bedroom, the only thing I have left to offer is a ride on Air Force One. The trouble with that is, the last donor who took the plane never brought it back."

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BUCHWALD

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 10, the 100th day of 1997. There are 265 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on April 10, 1947, Brooklyn Dodgers president Branch Rickey announced he had purchased the contract of Jackie Robinson from the Montreal Royals.

On this date: In 1847, American newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer was born in Mako, Hungary.

In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated.

In 1912, the luxury liner Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published by Scribner's of New York.

In 1963, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Thresher failed to surface off Cape Cod, Mass., in a disaster that claimed 129 lives.

In 1972, the United States and the

Soviet Union joined some 70 nations in signing an agreement banning biological warfare.

In 1974, Golda Meir announced her resignation as prime minister of Israel.

Ten years ago: President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev delivered speeches on nuclear arms, with the president challenging the Soviets to join the United States in working harder for arms reductions, and Gorbachev proposing talks on short-range weapons.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Harry Morgan is 82. Country singer Sheb Wooley is 76. Actor Max von Sydow is 68. Actor Omar Sharif is 65. Sportscaster John Madden is 61. Actor Steven Seagal is 46. Folk-pop singer Terre Roche (The Roches) is 44. Actor Peter MacNicol is 43. Singer-producer Babyface is 39. Rock singer Brian Setzer (Stray Cats) is 38.

Thought for Today: "Nobody ever died of laughter." — Max Beerbohm, English critic and essayist (1872-1956).

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Hostages' wives band together, speak out

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LIMA, Peru — Like many relatives of the 72 hostages that are in the Japanese ambassador's house, Lucy de Cordova did not sleep Easter night, after hearing that negotiations to end the crisis had failed and that the military was planning a raid at 3 a.m.

Fearing the worst, she made urgent calls to officials begging them to call off the rumored attack, met with the wives of other hostages, and prayed.

The Easter-night military strike turned out to be a mistaken rumor. But Mrs. Cordova, who is a leader of a support group for wives of hostages, said the women live in fear that the longer the crisis endures, the more likely it will end in bloodshed.

"We, the wives of the 72 hostages, have decided to come forward in order to stop what we see as a movement toward a violent solution to the crisis," Mrs. Cordova said. "Our priority is saving the lives of our husbands and that must come before all other agendas." Her husband, Dante, was once the nation's Cabinet chief.

After remaining quiet during the nearly four months since Marxist guerrillas captured the Japanese residence Dec. 17, the wives are beginning to speak out, expressing their frustration with a lack of official information from the government. They said they spend much of their time monitoring television and radio news reports and investigating rumors, often about a plan for military action.

The women said that it was not easy for them to come forward because many of their husbands hold top positions in the government. They emphasized that they did not want their statements used to advance the agenda of either the government or the Marxist rebels but to obtain the release of their husbands.

"Many of us sleep with the radio on at night, and when we awake we hurry to buy the newspapers hoping to read something that will give us a sense of when this horrible nightmare will end," said the wife of a Japanese diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We are all going to need a lot of counseling and therapy once this is over."

Direct talks between the government of President Alberto K. Fujimori and the Tupac Amaru guerrillas broke down March 12 when both sides refused to compromise over a central rebel demand — the release of hundreds of jailed guerrillas.

In the interim, a commission of mediators has been working to bring the two sides back to the negotiating table.

In recent days, Fujimori has said in television and radio interviews that he is still working to achieve a peaceful end to the crisis but that such a resolution may take some time.

The wives of the hostages said that while they have faith in Fujimori, they are less certain of the military and intelligence officials who are advising him and who, the women said, have been pressing the president to take

military action.

As they await the final outcome, the demands of managing a household and raising children without their husbands are starting to take a physical and emotional toll on many of the women. They said they have come to rely on each other for support.

The women usually meet twice a week in the International Red Cross Mission in Lima, where they drop off clean laundry, medicines, toiletries, and letters for their husbands. They discuss ways to adjust and exchange information on the negotiations.

Some of them are having difficulty making ends meet because they no longer receive the income that their husbands earned from second jobs. Some private universities and preparatory schools have deferred tuition payments for the families.

Despite those hardships, the women said they tried to remain upbeat for the sake of their children and their husbands. The women said that one of the few joys in their lives over the last four months has been the letters they receive each week from their husbands.

When her emotions run low, Mrs. Cordova said, she has been finding strength in a passage from one of her husband's latest letters: "Even though the garden outside is dry now because no one has watered it for some time, there are still a few flowers growing, particularly a beautiful rare white one. I want to get out of here as soon as possible to bring it to you before it withers."

Sphinx's restoration project nears close

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The Egyptian workmen let out a groan as they hoist a limestone block, suspended by rope from a pole across their shoulders, and start shuffling up a wooden ramp beside the Sphinx.

Slowly, carefully, the eight robed workers haul the 440-pound stone to the Sphinx's left flank and ease it into place, mimicking the technique of the beast's builders 4,500 years ago — to the delight of tourists looking on.

This week, the workers began the final phase of a 10-year restoration project on the Sphinx, the huge stone lion with a pharaoh's face that guards the Great Pyramids.

It won't be like new when they're done in October, since no amount of repair can undo centuries of erosion by water, wind and sand.

But Egyptian archaeologists hope they will never again have to face the furor that erupted in 1988 when a boulder fell off the deteriorating Sphinx's right shoulder, costing the country's chief of antiquities his job.

"The Sphinx is like a chronically ill man," said Zahi Hawass, the government director of the Giza pyramids. "In six months he will be better, but he can never be fully cured. He will always need attention."

The colossal figure derives its English name from a Greek mythological beast with a woman's head and lion's body. In Arabic, it's

known as Abu el-Hol, or Father of Terror.

The body of the 242-foot reclining lion was formed by laying quarried limestone over a natural outcrop. Claws were carved into its paws, and remaining flecks of paint indicate the Sphinx may once have been painted bright red.

The face, rising 66 feet above the desert floor, is that of King Chephren, the principal builder at Giza. His nearby pyramid is second in height only to that of his father, King Cheops.

Just why the pharaoh built the Sphinx remains a mystery.

Italian Egyptologist Silvio Curto theorizes that since pharaohs believed themselves deities, the Sphinx was designed "to represent the sovereign as divine guardian and sun god."

Other scholars see an astrological connection. At the equinoxes, they say, the Sphinx is in alignment with the sunset at the south edge of Chephren's pyramid. To some observers, the Sphinx resembles the constellation Leo.

The greatest challenge is undoing damage caused by restorations dating as far back as 1550 B.C., Hawass says.

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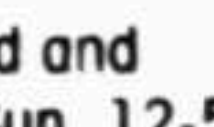
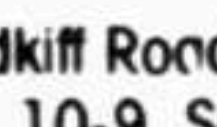
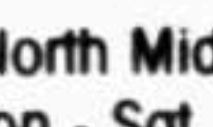
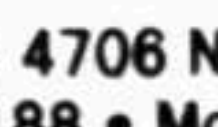
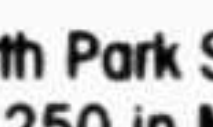
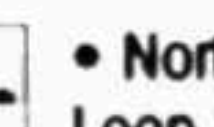
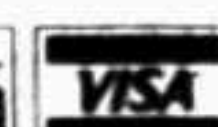
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Whitewater grand jury reviews evidence

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A couple of times a month, 23 men and women slip into a back elevator at the federal courthouse, step off at the fourth floor and gather in a closely guarded courtroom to hear secret testimony that reaches all the way to the White House.

These grand jurors — six factory workers, three teachers, a lawyer, a waitress, a retired banker and other citizens of Arkansas — are helping prosecutors review evidence in the Whitewater investigation.

At any time, they could be called upon — along with another grand jury in Washington — to decide whether to bring charges against a sitting president, the first lady or their political lieutenants.

Whitewater grand jurors doubtless feel the weight of their responsibility intensely, says James Mulligan, one of the few people who knows what it is like.

He was foreman of a previous Whitewater grand jury in Arkansas that twice indicted the state's governor, Jim Guy Tucker, and also indicted President Clinton's Whitewater business partners.

"I've never felt so relieved in my life when we finished our two years," said Mulligan, a Vietnam veteran who served 24 years in the Air Force.

Only a little is known about the jurors or what evidence they have heard. Special prosecutor Kenneth Starr and his deputies are leading the group through an investigation of the Clintons' finances and their dealings with James McDougal, a former savings and loan owner.

McDougal testified two days last week. Clinton's chief of staff, Erskine Bowles, and White House counselor Mack McLarty are both expected to testify soon. Other witnesses have come and gone

without being identified.

Federal prosecutors routinely use grand juries to help compel testimony and gather evidence in criminal cases and then decide whether charges should be filed. Federal prosecutors cannot indict

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an individual without a grand jury's approval.

Unlike trial juries, grand jurors only need to decide that there is probable cause to charge someone with a crime — not that the accused is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Prosecutors and grand jurors are barred by federal court rules from discussing the cases being considered. The jurors' names are also kept secret.

But a few facts about the Whitewater grand jury in Little Rock can be gleaned from jury questionnaires: Twelve jurors are men, and 11 are women. All are white except one black woman.

They are educated: Eleven have college degrees, and six others attended college for at least two years.

More than half are under age 40; two are over 70. Four are retired. All but four are married. Fourteen have children.

Ten jurors live in the Little Rock area. Bill Clinton's home when he was governor for five terms.

When they were selected from a pool of 70 candidates, the jurors were given some sense of the political sensitivity of the task before them. A judge gave them a list of names — including the president,

Mrs. Clinton and other administration officials — and asked if they knew those people or held strong opinions about them.

Some of the testimony they have heard recently concerns efforts by the president's aides to find work for Clinton confidant Webster Hubbell after he resigned from his high-level Justice Department post in March 1994.

Whitewater investigators want to know whether the assistance might have been related to worries about what Hubbell, who was Mrs. Clinton's former law partner, would tell investigators. This is the issue that will bring Bowles and McLarty to the grand jury.

As foreman of the previous jury, Mulligan signed indictments that reverberated far beyond Little Rock. He said his fellow jurors shared a sense of heavy responsibility.

"They were very concerned and very impressed with the fact that they had a very critical task and important task," Mulligan said. "The folks were really dedicated to what they were trying to do."

Tucker and the McDougals were convicted of fraud charges in a joint trial that included videotaped testimony by Clinton. Tucker was forced to resign from office. In September, he faces a second trial on different charges.

Mulligan's grand jury kept a regimented schedule, meeting for two or three days at a time, at least twice per month, for most of its two-year tenure.

He said the other jurors became a second family whose ups and downs he followed closely. "During the term we had new children born into the family, and had a death the day after the term was over," said Mulligan, 61. "It had all the joys and pain that a family would have experienced."

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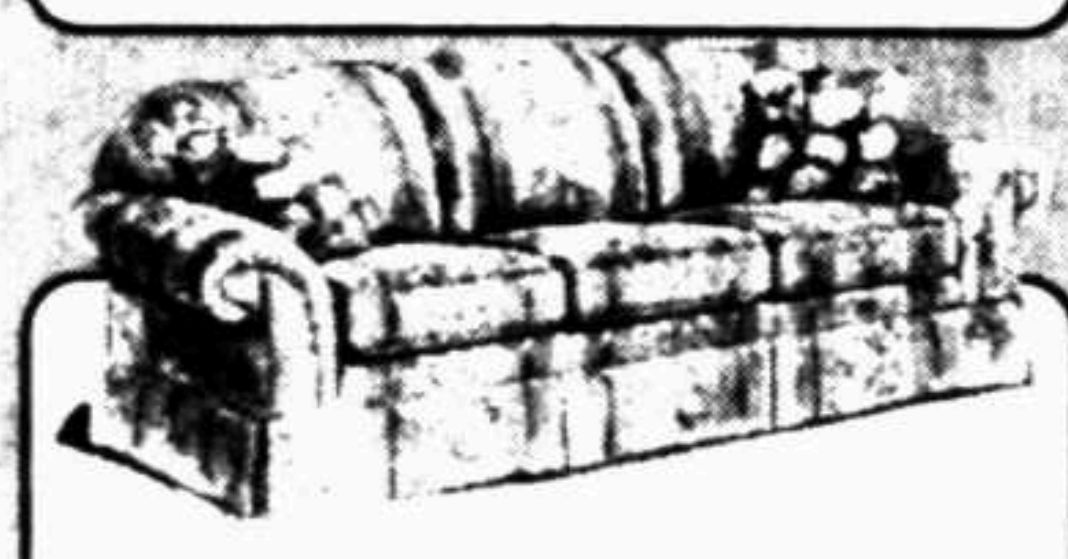
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Senate panel OKs probe of gifts to GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate committee probing campaign finance abuses put aside partisan acrimony Wednesday and let Democrats investigate whether tax-exempt groups illegally helped Republican candidates.

The agreement to issue document subpoenas to determine whether organizations such as Americans for Tax Reform abused their tax-exempt status by coordinating political activities with the Republican Party drew praise from Democrats.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee investigation had gotten off to a bitter start with Democrats accusing Republicans of confining the probe to allegations of wrongdoing by President Clinton's re-election effort. Until Wednesday, only two of the panel's 63 subpoenas dealt with Republican fund raising.

"The level of trust among the members of the committee is growing and my optimism that we will be able to conduct a fair and comprehensive investigation is growing," Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., told reporters.

Some Republicans had resisted attempts by Democrats to issue subpoenas for 11 tax-exempt groups, particularly for the Christian Coalition, the National Right to Life Committee and the American Defense Institute.

Under the deal, those three groups will not be directly subpoenaed. But a subpoena issued Wednesday to the Republican National Committee seeks documents relating to activities of all 11 organizations.

Democrats are trying to determine the relationship of these organizations with the RNC, which gave more than \$5 million to conservative groups before the election. Americans for Tax Reform received \$4.6 million from the RNC and the National Right to Life Committee got \$650,000.

Such donations are legal, but the law is unclear as to what extent the party could direct the use of the money to help its candidates.

The agreement, announced by Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., the panel's chairman, and Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, the ranking Democrat, allows six of the 11 subpoenas proposed more than six weeks ago by Democrats.

Subpoenas were also issued to the Democratic National Committee and the campaign committees for Clinton and his Republican challenger, former Sen. Bob Dole.

The panel also agreed to subpoena records from the National Policy Forum Inc., Citizens for Reform, Coalition for Our Children's Future and Triad Management Services Inc., a consulting company that helps conservative groups form tax-exempt arms.

Glenn and Thompson also announced an agreement with the White House for the voluntary production of documents. White House employees would also submit to questioning upon request.

"We have indicated that we will be cooperative," said presidential spokesman Mike McCurry. "We intend to work with them to produce the people and the materials they seek."

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Strong winds postponed Linda Finch's flight on Wednesday across the Atlantic. Ms. Finch will now attempt to depart Natal at approximately 4:30 p.m. local time today (12:30 p.m. CST) and fly overnight to Dakar, Senegal. The flight is estimated to take 13-14 hours and she expects to land Friday morning. Her flight into Natal on Tuesday turned out to be a smooth flight with a view of the sandy coast communities and farms with many acres of fruit trees. She is still without the use of her computer and expects to have a new computer when she reaches Athens. For the latest pilot log information, call Cityline at 560-2400 category 3200.

Grant meeting

The second of three public meetings on the city's long-range plan for investment of \$1,350,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds is 7 p.m. today at the Boys & Girls Club, 110 E. New Jersey Ave. Examples of activities eligible for CDBG funding — from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development — are housing rehabilitation, sidewalk and street improvements, code enforcement, lot clearance, economic development and public services. The final meeting is to be 7 p.m. April 17 at Coleman High School cafeteria, 1800 E. Golf Course Road. For additional information, call the city's CDBG office at 685-7408 or 685-7402.

Rally for a Cure

More than 100 golfers are to play in the Rally for a Cure tournament April 30 at Green Tree Country Club. The tournament is a fund-raiser for the Dallas-based Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Allison Cancer Center. The tournament is a four-woman scramble with a closest-to-the-pin contest at a designated par-3 hole. Registration is \$50 a person; the fee includes lunch and prizes. To register call Marge Bassett at 697-2900.

Chronic fatigue

Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group is to meet noon today at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. For more information call 520-3500.

Hepatitis shots

ODESSA — Ector County health officials are preparing to vaccinate 22 second-graders against hepatitis A Thursday after two students in the same class were diagnosed with the disease. Story page 2B

Mosquito season

DALLAS — They send kids running inside on warm Texas summer days, ruin poolside family reunions and hamper outdoor barbecues — and this year they're back with a vengeance. Story page 2B

TODAY'S AGENDA

Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia syndromes support group, noon, HealthSouth, 520-3500.

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Final arguments to begin in Muñoz trial

Testimony complete in second trial over bicyclist's traffic death

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Testimony is complete in the case of a man charged with intoxication manslaughter in the Sept. 14, 1995, incident that left bicyclist Ronald Eugene Goudeau, 42, dead.

Final arguments in the trial will begin early today before jurors start deliberations to determine the guilt or innocence of Joel Mario Muñoz, 29.

In the 6 a.m. darkness on the day of his death, Goudeau and two other men were riding in the right lane of the eastbound

service road of Texas Highway 191.

Goudeau was riding near the center stripe separating the two eastbound lanes of the service road.

Driving up behind them in a pickup, Muñoz braked hard and attempted to avoid the cyclists, but struck Goudeau, the last rider in line to the left.

A blood test later determined Muñoz's blood alcohol content to be .013 percent; .01 percent is the legal limit for intoxication.

One difficulty in determining guilt in the case is that the bicyclists should not have been riding three abreast. Texas

law only allows cyclists to ride two abreast.

This is the second time Muñoz has been tried on the second-degree felony charge. The first trial, in November 1996, ended in a hung jury after deliberations deadlocked on Muñoz's guilt or innocence.

Muñoz was originally charged with driving while intoxicated after a grand jury reviewed the incident.

Members of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association, however, went before a second grand jury with additional evidence — including a videotaped demonstration of how Goudeau's and his fellow

riders' safety lights appeared on the night of his death.

This second grand jury indicted Muñoz on the intoxication manslaughter charge, as well as the DWI.

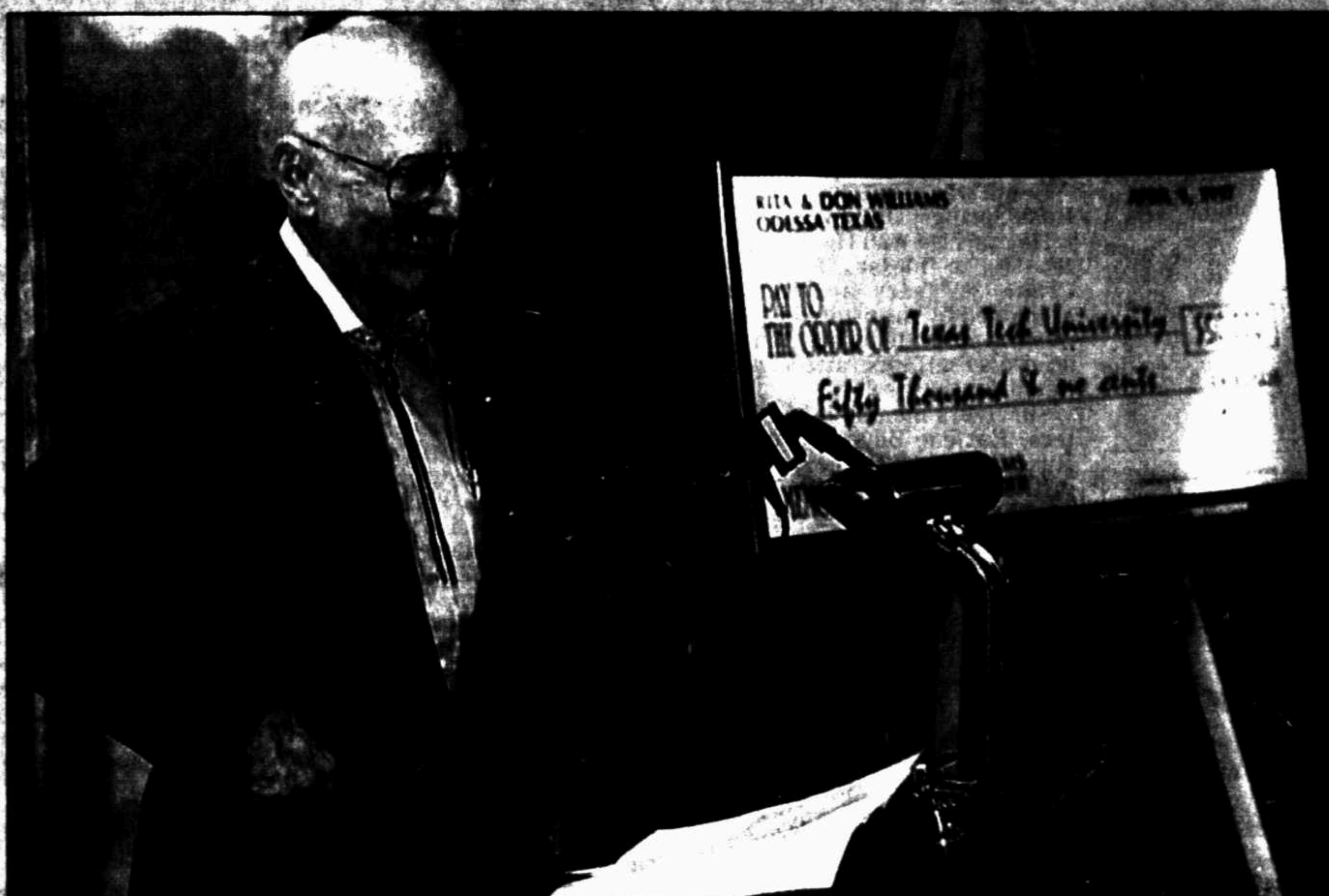
The videotape was shown to the jury in Muñoz's first trial, which ended without a verdict.

Prosecutors in the current trial, however, have decided not to use the videotape, but rather to rely on the testimony of the other riders.

Also in Wednesday's testimony, defense attorney Tom Hirsch argued, out-

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Whole lotta MONEY



Odeesan Don Williams, above, on Wednesday presented a \$50,000 check to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Odeesan campus to establish the Don and Rita Williams Endowment. The donation is the largest individual gift that the center has ever received, according to Brad Walker, development officer. It is to be part of Texas Tech's Endowment Builders fund-raising program.



At left, the Midland Junior Women's Association on Tuesday presented checks of \$10,000 to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's pediatric equipment fund and \$6,000 to the Community Children's Ministry. The funds were raised during the association's annual style show. On hand for the presentation were from left, association member Teresa Clingman, Barbara Jowell with the hospital, Karen Schmidt with the children's clinic, and Jessica Carillo, association president.

Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Citizens On Patrol gets new radios

By Joe Gaines
Staff writer

The eyes and ears of Midland have gotten some additional help.

The Midland Police Department's Citizens On Patrol received a donation of \$4,005 from Neighbors Against Burglary and Drugs to buy five police radios.

Volunteers in the COP program are paired citizens who patrol neighborhoods and report suspicious activity.

With the radios, the COP units can monitor police communications and respond to incidents in their areas more quickly, Sgt. Dale Seago said.

Before radios, COP units used cellular phones to report illegal activity. They weren't as effective or efficient. Reports had to be routed through the communications department before a police unit was dispatched.

"The radios give our volunteers two-way communications with patrol officers," he said.

Even though volunteers are not allowed to get involved in any activity, they're observation skills are important to police.

"Sometimes they can get there before police and what they see can be useful," Sgt. Seago said.

During a local high school football game, volunteers identified several suspects and prevented their attempt to vandalize Midland High School, Seago said.

Because they aren't easily recognizable, they're used a lot for surveillance. "They don't look like the police," Seago said.

Volunteers are given decals to place on their vehicle to identify them as members of the program, but during special projects or in certain neighborhoods they aren't used.

"We have some areas of town where they might throw rocks or bottles at them if they saw those decals," Seago said.

Without the decals in other neighborhoods, they're used a lot for surveillance.

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Trinity High students take TAPPS honors

From Staff Reports

When it comes to academics and the arts, Trinity School students are tough to beat.

A group of Trinity high school students won the recent state championship at the 1997 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) academic competition at Concordia Lutheran College in Austin.

Trinity School was awarded the state championship for its third consecutive year. Not only that, the school competed in a higher division this year, among AAA schools instead of the A/AA level.

Winning the state art championship was a first for the Midland private school. Out of 37 schools, Trinity earned a first-place ranking. Second place was tie between Lexington Academy and Wichita Falls Notre Dame.

Students placing in the top three places in academics follow:

In science, Eric Watkins won first place and Sharmi Singh took second. John Driscoll placed first in math, and Eric Watkins won first place in advanced math and computer science. Blaine Boman took second place in computer

science. T.C. Turner second place in literary criticism and third place in current events; Jessica Harvey first place in Spanish, with Eve Little winning second place; and Tarfia Faizullah, third place in spelling.

Blair Late and Ryan Britt won first place in duet acting. Laura Wilson, third place in humorous interpretation, and Blair Late, third place in prose.

Art TAPPS winners include Duncan Robertson, first place in graphic design; Lee Wiesenfeld, second place in architectural design and Joel Freeman, third place; Will Crump, first and second place in pottery, and Meredith Younger third place; Kelly Hoose, first place in painting transparent category with Kim Beal winning third place; Emily Timko, first place in metal work and Kristy Clardy, second place; Lee Wiesenfeld, second place in photography (color and experimental), and second and third place in photography (black and white); Jonathan Hoose, first place in photography (black and white); Sarah Stasney, first place in thematic art; Will Crump, first place in mixed media, and Karen Hovey, third place in art history and picture memory test.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

A group of Trinity School students emerged top winners in the 1997 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state academic competition for the third consecutive year at Concordia Lutheran College in Austin. Top winners include: left to right, front row, senior Eric Watkins, juniors Lee Wiesenfeld, Will Crump and sophomore Emily Wright-Jimka; second row, senior Sharmi Singh, junior Laura Wilson, sophomore Meredith Younger and Karen Hovey, senior Kelly Hoose, sophomores Kim Beal and Kristi Clardy; third row, seniors Joel Freeman, Blaine Boman and John Driscoll, freshman Blair Late, and sophomore Sarah Stasney; fourth row, senior Duncan Robertson, freshman Ryan Britt, and sophomore Jonathan Hoose.

Ed TODD

Wherever you go there you are, or so it would seem

Who's contented now? It seems as if there are fewer and fewer folks who are really glad and grateful to be alive, especially as they get more and more and wonder why.

And as people get their fill of the material world, they soon realize, sometimes in a revelation, that happiness "ain't there." They begin to ponder "Just where is it?" And that is good.

It's not in chasing rainbows. Beyond mere survival, wherein the breath of life and the quest for sustaining food, clean water, a warm cloak, and a safe place to stay for awhile are paramount, there is the seemingly natural gravitation to more and more.

The gain of money by work or fortune seems to fulfill a yearning, to quiet a screaming void within. But

it is often not heard even faintly until the soul becomes restless, desperate and overpowered with things — whether they be debt-free or unencumbered.

More and more, urban folks who have attained financial independence seek to escape the city lights and cacophony and seek the country life and harmony.

There is outward peace that tempts the inward self.

The latent quest, even when material "things" are still possessing the will, is for spiritual rest and contentment and freedom. And more and more, the mere experience of living teaches those who will listen that spiritual grace is not geographic, for, to borrow a wise observation, "Wherever you go, there you are."

While "country living" traditionally has been for both the poor and the rich, for the one who toils and the one who reposes, it has the appeal of simplicity,

of doing with what you have, and, particularly, with sort of blending with nature.

Indeed, it is the foolish person who would attempt to change a creek, a dr. w. or a river's flow, or to remove a hill or change the face of a mountain.

Nature wins out — prevails — and, in the long haul, settles all bets.

Who can tame a volcano, a tornado, a hurricane, a typhoon, a torrent, the incessant movement of time? Who can alter the sun's rise and its fall or count the stars in untold galaxies?

Ultimately, as the end of earthly time draws nigh for each generation, each soul therein is wont to ask for peace, which may be hellacious in acquiring or graciously bestowed.

After things and their quest are set aside, it is peace that becomes The Quest.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Tuesday
Theft: Cash was taken at 2605 Ward St., reported Pauline Fuszek at 2:37 p.m.

Theft: Items were taken at 912 Edwards St., reported Julie Vasquez at 2:38 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: Items were taken at 3305 Pinemont Drive, reported Mike Bidlack at 3:32 p.m.

Theft: A ladder was taken at 1302 Moran St., reported Maria Aguirre at 3:59 p.m.

Theft: A purse was taken at 3102 W. Cuthbert Ave., reported Jeannie Howery at 4:34 p.m.

Theft: A purse was taken at 2304 Brunson Ave., reported Emma Hanna at 5:56 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A VCR and rifle were taken at 1206 E. Golf Course Road, reported Mary Alejandro at 6:43 p.m.

Wednesday
Theft: A bicycle was taken at

2613 N. Midland Drive, reported Richard Hays at 6:35 a.m.

Vandalism: A report was made at 401 E. Texas Ave. by Charles Daly at 7:08 a.m.

Vandalism: A window was damaged at 511 Ruby Drive, reported Marie Shelkey at 12:24 p.m.

Theft: A framing gun was taken at 4100 Fairgrounds Drive, reported Ismael Aguirre at 12:54 p.m.

Assault: A report was made at 217 N. Main St. at 1:40 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Wednesday
Criminal mischief: A report was made at 1213 W. County Road 138, reported Lee Thomas at 10:03 a.m.

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

OBITUARIES

Mace McPherson

Mace McPherson was born April 20, 1915, to Carl and Nancy McPherson in Alvarado, Texas. He moved with his family to Lockney at age 9, where he finished school. After graduation, he started his own dry cleaning business. Mr. McPherson joined the U.S. Army in 1941, took basic training at Camp Roberts, California, then went to Seattle to Fort Lawton. He was sent to Weymouth, England, served at Boscoff, France, and Chasons on Marne, France. After discharge in 1945, he went to Belen, New Mexico, and started a dry cleaning business. He came to Midland in January 1951, where he bought a dry cleaning plant. He retired in August, 1980.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Wylie McPherson.

E. Carl McPherson, J.P. McPherson, Ruel McPherson and by a great-grandson, Kristopher Kendrick.

He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn Joy McPherson of Midland; his children, Judith Kay Finkbeiner of Midland, Mary Simone Baker of Denver, Colorado, Michael Ray McPherson of Midland, Phillip McPherson of Portland, Oregon; one brother, Jay McPherson of Midland; a sister, Mary Louise McPherson of Lubbock, Texas; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to Younger Center at Manor Park, Midland Presbyterian Homes, 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Mr. McPherson died Tuesday morning at Memorial Hospital in

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.

Midland.

Pallbearers will be Ken Van Hoozer, Rusty Hoffman, Wendell Fallin, Larry Solis, Gabriel Solis and Hap Howard.

Graveside services have been

set for 10 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 1997, at Resthaven Memorial Park with Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Jimmy Heath

CRANE — Jimmy R. Heath, 66, of Crane died Tuesday, April 8, in an automobile accident near Odessa.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, April 11, at the Crane Christian Church with the Revs. Jim Hester and Arthur Rodriguez officiating. Burial is to follow at Crane County Cemetery under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home in Crane.

Heath was born April 16, 1931, in Rush Springs, Okla.

He married Ann Heath on April 19, 1959, in Odessa. He moved to Crane 36 years ago and was employed by Arco until his retirement in 1995. He owned and operated Jim's Handcrafted Specialties.

Survivors include three daughters, Earlene Boyd and Patricia Russell, both of Crane, and Brenda Hardaway of Jal, N.M.; one son, Jimmy R. Heath of Crane; one sister, Geraldine Dozier of Midland; four brothers, Preston Heath of Stephenville, Glen Heath of San Angelo, J.B. Heath of Lake Livingston and Bobby Heath of Odessa; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ann Heath

CRANE — Ann Heath, 66, of Crane died Tuesday, April 8, in an automobile accident near Odessa.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, April 11, at the Crane Christian Church with the Revs. Jim Hester and Arthur Rodriguez officiating. Burial is to follow at the Crane County Cemetery under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home.

Mrs. Heath was born Jan. 14, 1931, in Borger.

She married Jimmy R. Heath on April 19, 1959, in Odessa. She was employed in the maintenance department of Crane Independent School District until her retirement in 1991. She was a member of the Crane Christian Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Earlene Boyd and Patricia Russell, both of Crane, and Brenda Hardaway of Jal, N.M.; one son, Jimmy R. Heath of Crane; three sisters, Ruth Patterson of Mineral Wells, Grace Pettus of Gardendale and Lillie Washburn of

Odessa; two brothers, Emmitt Tyler of Gardendale and Edd Tyler of Odessa; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Milton Glosson

Milton Glosson, 60, died Tuesday, April 8, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Glosson was born July 28, 1936, in Austin.

He moved to Midland from

Austin in 1952. He was a carpet layer.

Survivors include two sons, Russell Glosson and Randall Glosson, both of Midland; two daughters, Tammy Gore and Becky Mowles, both of Midland; five brothers, Aubrey Glosson of Midland, Emmitt S. Glosson of Austin, Weldon F. Glosson of Baird, Walter L. Glosson of Abilene and Monty C. Glosson of Castroville; five sisters, Merle McKenys and Donna Johnson, both of Blanco, Rai Glennie Evans of Buda, Sharon Harvey offlugerville and Jackie Nealy of Austin; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Willie Cranfill

GOLDSMITH — Willie Bernice Cranfill, 83, grandmother of Midland, Jerome Cranfill, died Friday, April 4, at a Midland hospital.

Services were Monday at Pecos Funeral Home with burial at Barstow Cemetery under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

She was born in San Diego, Calif.

She spent most of her life in Goldsmith. She was a retired owner of the Steak House Restaurant in Goldsmith.

Survivors include a son, James Cranfill of Pecos; a daughter, Helen McCutcheon of Victoria; one brother, Hugh McGinty of El Paso; two sisters, Louis Cranfill and Ruth Willman, both of Barstow; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Virginia Lovan

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo. — Virginia Lois Lovan, 62, of Willow

Spring, Mo., sister of Midlander Maxine Gish, died Monday, March 31, at a Willow Springs hospital.

Services were Wednesday, April 2, at First Baptist Church in Willow Springs with the Rev. Gary Conner officiating. Burial followed at Willow Springs City Cemetery under the direction of Hiler Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 30, 1934, at Bucyrus, Mo.

She married Dennis Lovan on March 5, 1960, in Miami, Okla. She worked as a receptionist at a doctor's office for 36 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 1, 1974.

Other survivors include two daughters, Dawn Biehl of Willow Springs, and Debra Stockard of Houston, Mo.; two stepdaughters, Linda Townsend of Hillsboro, Mo., and Carol Pryor of Bethalto, Ill.; another sister, Norine Goodwin of Fort Worth; two grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandson.

Crystal Cates

Crystal Cates, 24, daughter of Midlander Don Cates, died Monday, April 7, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services are to 2 p.m. today, April 10, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo. Burial will follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

She was an honor graduate of Central High School in San Angelo and Texas A&M. She was in her second year of law school at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Other survivors include her mother, Alice Kay Cates of Grapevine; her sister, Brandie Cates; and her grandmothers, Katherine Irby and Hazel Cates, both of San Angelo.

Minnie Williams

Minnie Opal Williams died Tuesday, April 8, at her Midland residence.

Services are to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 7, 1933, in Mason.

She attended Drawns Business college in Lubbock and was employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone for 30 years. She married J.F. "Bill" Williams in October 1964 in Brownwood. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and Kewview Heights Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Claudine Brice and Ruby Summers.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; two sons, John Williams and Leslie Williams, both of Midland; one daughter, Laura Williams of Kingsland; three brothers, Ralph Davis of Brownwood, Haskell Davis of Dell City, Okla., and S.R. Davis of Albuquerque, N.M.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to Telephone Pioneers of America, Attn: Bonnie Davis, 2601 Idlewild Midland, 79707.

Richard Sleeper

SNYDER — Former Midlander Richard Lee Sleeper, 79, of Snyder died Tuesday, April 8, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services are to 2 p.m. today, April 10, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Snyder with the Rev. Jerald Leathem officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Oakwood Cemetery in Waco. Visitation was Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

He was born March 9, 1918, in Wagoner, Okla.

He married Virginia G. Mistrot on July 16, 1944, in Hollywood, Fla. He was office supervisor for Chevron for 33 years. He was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Snyder and had been a Snyder resident since 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Sleeper of Snyder; three daughters, Emmalie John of Levelland, Kathryn Moore of Austin and Margaret Potting of Arvada, Colo.; one son, Richard Lee Sleeper Jr. of Alpine; one brother, Dr. Harold Sleeper of Hendersonville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

TRIAL: Man could face prison

(From 1B)

side the presence of the jury, that medical testimony should not be elicited regarding Muñoz's probable blood alcohol content at the time of the incident. Some time had passed between the collision and the time Muñoz's blood was drawn, and Midland District Attorney Al Schorre argued that the jury should be told that Muñoz's blood alcohol was likely

much higher when he collided with Goudeau.

Judge Jody Gilles ruled that the medical evidence would be presented. A doctor later testified before the jury that Muñoz's blood alcohol level was probably closer to .018 than the .013 later found in his blood.

If convicted, Muñoz could face up to 20 years in prison.

LOCAL IN BRIEF

Artists invited to work in storefronts

Area artists are invited to create temporary works of art in storefront windows in downtown Midland in the second "Make Your Mark" competition by the Arts Assembly of Midland and Downtown Midland, Inc.

Deadline for submission is Friday. The theme will be "The Arts in Midland," and the windows will be revealed during Celebration of the Arts May 16-18. The designs can include any aspect of the arts. The projects can be done by an individual or team and may include art painted on the inside of the window, although other alternatives will be considered. Each artist or team will receive a \$250 honorarium plus up to \$200 for materials.

To enter submit a brief description of the concept using the theme, "The Arts in Midland." Include the concept and the media and the materials to be used; a preliminary drawing of the concept; and a brief resume of arts experience including arts education, awards, showings, etc.

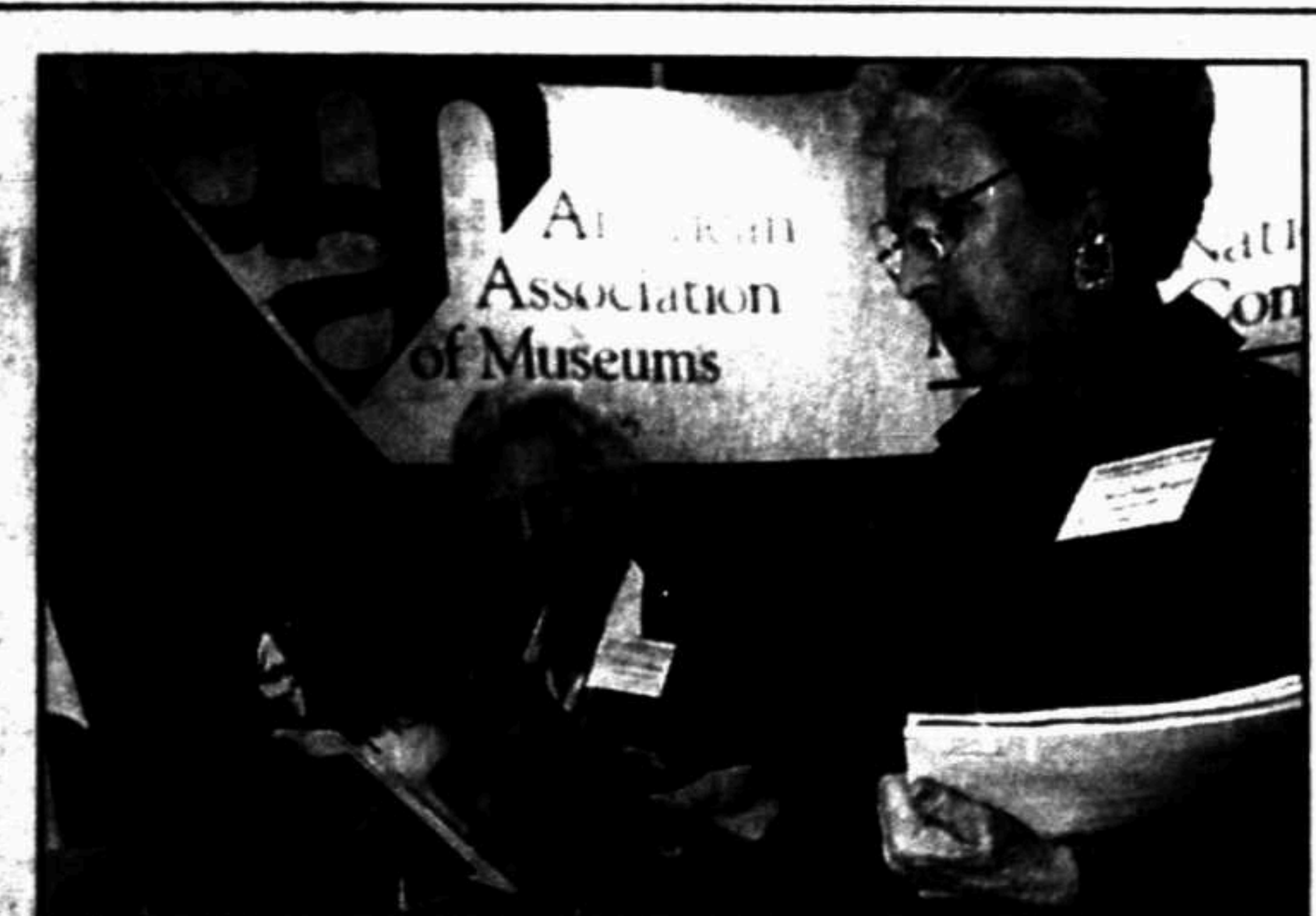
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Former laureate to give program

Mildred Vorpahl Baass of Victoria will present a free program on poetry at a meeting of the Permian Basin Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas 2 p.m. Saturday at the Midland County Public Library.

The meeting is open to the public. During the meeting, Ms. Baass will present awards to the winner of an Alamo Junior High School poetry contest for which she was the judge.

Ms. Baass, elected poet laureate of Texas by the Legislature for 1993-94 and '94-'95, is the author of "Mythology in Verse" and has contributed to various anthologies and co-authored the books "Keys to the Open Door" and "Listen to Texas."



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Odessa plans vaccinations

ODESSA — Ector County health officials are preparing to vaccinate 22 second-graders against hepatitis A Thursday after two students in the same class were diagnosed with the disease.

The students at Sam Houston Elementary are both being treated for the disease and are expected to recover without complication, said Ector County health coordinator Toby Cross.

The first case of the illness was diagnosed last month; the second was confirmed Monday.

"Right now we feel like these are isolated cases," Cross said. "We're not sure where the infection originated in either case."

RADIOS: MPD to increase number of Citizens On Patrol

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hoods, they draw residents' attention, Seago said.

"We've had a guy who takes his whole family on patrol and is stopped by police almost every time. Residents notice him and think he's suspicious," Seago said.

The program is part of the department's program of community policing. Since June,

when the program started, its numbers have doubled to 33.

"There's a lot we can do with the program that we haven't even touched yet," Seago said.

The department's goal is to raise the program's enrollment to reach at least 100 by summer and to include more minorities. To entice members, Seago is attempting to provide more incentives.

"We're working with local oil companies to give those who patrol twice a month, a free 10 gallons of gasoline a month," Seago said.

Through classroom and riding with patrol officers, volunteers receive 24 hours of training. Each volunteer is asked to patrol as many hours as possible and can choose between day or night.

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House rejects juvenile-search proposal backed by governor

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has rejected a proposal, backed by the governor, to allow police officers to search some juveniles without probable cause or reasonable suspicion.

An amendment to a House bill offered on Wednesday would have allowed police officers to stop and search juveniles if they knew:

- The juveniles' names.
- That the juveniles were on probation for gun-related crimes.

The juveniles' probation orders required them to submit to searches.

Police would not have been required to have reasonable suspicion or probable cause to initiate the searches. Such requirements are standard for most searches, although some are allowed without reasonable suspicion or probable cause.

"We're not creating a broad and sweeping search for police officers to harass our children," Rep. Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie, sponsor of the amendment, argued. "This has a rehabilitative service. It serves the public interest and protects the public's safety."

The House voted 89-58 Wednesday not to add the amendment to the bill.

Five Democrats voted for the amendment. Fifteen Republicans voted against it. Two Democrats, Reps. Ciro Rodriguez, of San Antonio, and Mark Stiles, of Beaumont, were absent and Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, did not vote.

Allen argued that juveniles age 15 to 19 have the most arrests of any age group for the most serious crimes including murder, rape and robbery. He said the bill would help protect the public and protect the juve-

niles from themselves "as they gain wisdom."

But Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, argued that the measure would dangerously expand police searches.

"It is an open-ended search of juveniles across the state," he said. "Are you not one step removed from allowing police officers to search adults for any reason? If this amendment is good enough for juveniles, why is it not good enough for adults?"

Allen said the amendment was narrowly tailored and would not be expanded to adults or children not on probation.

Earlier this year, Bush asked lawmakers to pass a law "that says to juveniles who have been convicted of a violent crime, 'Our police have the right to stop and frisk you to make sure you are not carrying a gun.' The message must be loud and clear: We do not want children carrying guns."

Bush's office had no immediate comment about Wednesday's vote.

Constitutional experts earlier told lawmakers that the provision would be unconstitutional.

The bill Allen tried to amend, given preliminary approval by a voice vote, would allow parole officers to search parolees for weapons without suspicion. It also would allow school officials or police officers to search any students on campus or at school-sponsored events if they had reason to believe the student had a weapon or had violated a law.

Students on probation for gun-related offenses also could be searched by their probation officers without suspicion under the bill.

The bill requires final House approval before going to the Senate.

Record rain promotes hordes of mosquitoes

DALLAS (AP) — They send kids running inside on warm Texas summer days, ruin poolside family reunions and hamper outdoor barbecues — and this year they're back with a vengeance.

Researchers say record rains will mean thousands of blood-thirsty mosquitoes are poised to invade Texas cities.

And while the little bugs are usually just an itchy nuisance, health officials say the pests can carry diseases like encephalitis that make the population boom a serious health threat.

"If you're a mosquito you couldn't ask for a better year than this one," said Jim Olson, an entomologist at Texas A&M University. "Heavy rains have left a lot of stagnant water and that's where many mosquitoes lay their eggs."

The larger threat, Olson said, comes from flood water mosquitoes, which lay eggs in or near depressions in the ground in anticipation that rain will flood the areas.

Olson says that for two years, thousands of eggs from the flood water species have been dormant in Texans' yards, drainage pipes

and community parks — waiting for a spring like this one.

"I call them instant mosquitoes... just add water," Olson said. "And the past few months have added plenty of water."

In Houston, R.P. Jones, an entomologist working for the city's Mosquito Control Department, is preparing to lead a public and private war against the insect invasion.

Every morning he walks out of his suburban home, swatting away mosquitoes before heading to work to direct 30 vehicles and 60 workers in the fight to control the pests.

"We're already getting swamped with citizen complaints and we know this summer is going to be worse," he said. "It's going to be a war — and unfortunately the enemy is designed for survival."

Usually, South Texas cities like Corpus Christi, Victoria and Laredo get hit hardest by mosquitoes. But this year, because of heavy rains, North Texas cities may be worse off.

The sprays commonly used to fog neighborhoods require the tiny insecticide droplets to come into

direct contact with the insects and killing them. But this year, Texans will hold fate in their own hands.

"Now is the time to start emptying out dog bowls, cleaning drainage pipes and throwing out old plants," Olson said.

Although mosquitoes are leading the charge, the wet breeding grounds are resulting in a predictable parade of fire ants, black flies, fleas, outdoor cockroaches and termites.

F. Bradleigh Vinson, a fire ant specialist at Texas A&M University, said Texans can expect the fight against the perennial picnic spoilers will be especially tough to fight this season.

"Fire ants do well in wet conditions because the soil is easier for them to till, making production of their mounds easier," Vinson said. "The water also carries ants to places where they shouldn't be and they develop new colonies."

Meanwhile, several species of termites are taking advantage of the moisture to lay their claim.

The voracious, rapidly multiplying Formosan termites have been identified as a problem in all five Gulf Coast States. As they leave wooden walls to set up new colonies, their swarms look like a cloud of dust from a distance.

The termite clouds already have led dozens of people to B&G Chemical in Dallas.

"People are coming in to try to get rid of the flying ones without realizing that the flying ones mean their walls must be infested," said John Villareal, an employee of the insecticide business.

The only people who may not be bugged this summer are exterminators and insect specialists.

"If you work at a store that sells 'Off' you'll probably have record profits," Jones said. "It's all a matter of perspective."

Secretary will intervene in West Texas case, he says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department will intervene if necessary in a West Texas voting-rights case challenging the right of military personnel to vote in local elections when stationed elsewhere.

Defense Secretary William Cohen pledged the federal intervention in a letter to Rep. Henry Bonilla. The San Antonio Republican made the letter public Wednesday.

Bonilla termed Cohen's pledge "a step in the right direction."

The victories last November of two Republicans in local Val Verde County races prompted lawsuits questioning the validity of some mail-in ballots cast by out-of-town military members.

At issue is whether military personnel and their dependents, some of whom have never lived in Val Verde County or have been absent for years, should have the right to vote in local elections.

Eight hundred mail-in ballots cast almost entirely by military personnel and their dependents were credited with giving the two Republicans victory in local sheriff and county commission races.

A federal judge has barred the two from taking office until residency questions are settled in a state lawsuit filed by the Democratic losers of the election against the Republican winners. In addition,

a federal lawsuit protesting the election has been filed.

The winner in the county commissioner race, Murry Kachel, announced last week that he won't accept the post, following lingering controversy over his past membership in the Ku Klux Klan.

Texas has a flexible definition of residency that depends largely on the voter's intent. Service members can apply for a mail-in ballot by supplying a Texas address for a place the voter plans to return to someday.

Mail-in ballot users can vote in local elections without actually owning property at that address or even being registered to vote in the county under current state law.

Under a bill by Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, military personnel would have to be registered to vote in a county in order to receive a full ballot that includes local and statewide elections.

Otherwise, the service member would simply receive a federal ballot.

Bushman named Entrepreneur of the Year by Odessa chamber

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — John M. Bushman was named Entrepreneur of the Year Thursday by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce.

Bushman began his business ventures — A-1 Auto and A-1 Mobile Homes — in Odessa in 1969 and has continued to expand his business. Investment Corp. of America, to include commercial property, insurance, energy, and loan portfolios. He recently acquired Music City Mall and the old Gibson's building on West County Road.

In addition, the chamber inducted three people into the Business Hall of Fame: Rufina Gonzalez, Ed Barham and Bob Glast.

Mrs. Gonzalez and her husband, Manuel, began Odessa Tortilla and Tamale Factory shortly after World War II and opened Manuel's Crispy Taco in 1946. She officially retired in 1980, but continues to help out at the business. She is president of the Pan American Round Table and is an active supporter of the Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center and the Ellen Noel Art Institute.

Barham, president of D&B Oil Inc. and vice president of Desert Energy Equipment Inc., is a native West Texan. He served on the Odessa City Council and is one of four representatives from Odessa on the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board. He is on the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and serves on the chamber's Executive Committee and is chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

Glast, a native Odessan, joined City Pipe and Supply Corp. in 1971. He is now chairman of the board and CEO of the company, which has offices in Odessa, Abilene, Amarillo and Hobbs, N.M. Glast supports the Heritage of

Odessa Foundation, Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, United Way, Odessa Housing Authority, and Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorus. He is a board member of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and current president of the Ector County chapter of the American Heart Association. He was instrumental in retaining the Nike Permian Basin Open.

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Senate passes roofing-rule bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Roofers would be regulated in Texas under a bill approved by the Texas Senate.

The bill by Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, would require roofers in Texas to obtain a license and also establishes a penalty — punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a fine of \$2,000 — for roofers who work unlicensed.

Moncrief said the bill was necessary because unlicensed roofers, many from out of state, overcharge, do ineffective work and then can't be held responsible.

According to state figures, hail storms damaged an estimated 100,000 roofs in North Texas in May 1995.

"When we looked at the way our people were getting ripped off, it became clear that we've got to make sure people get what they pay for," said Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington.

Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage, said he objected to adding another state license. He said the Legislature is currently considering 67 new license bills.

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Scientists say blocking cell protein may protect against AIDS virus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers say they have found a way to genetically prevent the formation of a key protein that allows the AIDS virus to infect some cells, offering promise for a radically new treatment.

Recent studies have shown that the HIV virus must link with specific proteins on the surface of cells before it can infect the cell. These surface proteins are called receptors.

One of the receptors, CD4, has long been known. Studies last year showed that the virus must also link with one of two other cell receptors, CCR5 or CXCR4.

Generally, the virus uses the CCR5 receptor to invade cells early in the infection. After the virus mutates, it also uses CXCR4.

Scientists at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, Md., announced this week that in laboratory experiments they are now able to prevent T-cells, the primary HIV target, from making the surface protein CCR5. This, in effect, shuts down the ability of the virus to infect the T-cells, said Dr. Carl H. June of the institute.

"We know that if you are born without the CCR5 gene, it is very hard to get infected with HIV," said June. "Our work shows that you can artificially induce this immunity by turning off the CCR5

gene in the nucleus of the cell."

A report on the study is to be published Friday in the journal Science.

T-cells play a key role in the immune system. When an infective organism is detected, the T-cells multiply and each new cell has on its surface two proteins, CD3 and CD28, said June. When these proteins are made, it signals the nucleus of the cell to also make CCR5.

In the new research, June said, his group has blocked the expression of CD3 and CD28. This, in turn, causes the cell to not make CCR5. "If you bind (block) CD3 and CD28, that delivers a signal to the cell to turn off the CCR5," said June. And without CCR5, most strains of HIV will not become infective.

He said an experimental technique, which he declined to discuss, may be tried on patients soon.

June noted that about 10 percent of HIV patients become initially infected through the other cell membrane receptor, called CXCR4. He said his work "would unfortunately do nothing against that."

Other researchers also report in Science that they have found a protein that directly blocks the HIV virus from binding with the CCR5

receptor.

An international team of researchers says a protein called AOP-RANTES is able to keep HIV out of both T-cells and macrophages, another type of immune cell.

AOP-RANTES is a member of a family of proteins called chemokines that help to regulate white blood cells. They do this by attaching to specific sites on the cell surface.

In the Science study,

researchers found in laboratory experiments that AOP-RANTES is able to fully occupy the CCR5 receptor. Once the receptor is occupied, it is like blocking a doorway — the HIV is prevented from moving into and infecting the cell.

Dr. Timothy N.C. Wells of Glaxo Wellcome Research, a co-author of the study, said the findings "suggest an alternative treatment approach that could be used alongside current therapies."

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First photos of solar flare taken

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dramatic pictures from a new satellite show a shock wave moving across the face of the sun just after a solar flare sent an immense bubble of superheated gas toward Earth at almost 2 million miles an hour.

Just a small eruption, scientists assured Wednesday — worth noting only because it produced the first close-up photographs of a solar flare.

Its nothing-out-of-the-ordinary size isn't expected to disrupt regular radio, telephone, television or cable communications, they said. Also, virtually no danger exists of power blackouts, added David Speich of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's space weather center in Boulder, Colo.

"The effects will be almost none," Speich said. Some international shortwave radio operators, he said, could experience brief moments of minor signal distortion.

Satellite operators were notified routinely, but officials said it would take a larger event to affect orbiting equipment, mostly shield-

ed from all but the biggest solar flares.

Massive solar eruptions of the past have caused blackouts, cooked satellites and disrupted communications for hours. But by the sun's awesome standards, this week's eruption was barely a firecracker, NASA said.

For scientists, the excitement was that pictures taken by the space agency's SOHO satellite detected the wave moving across the sun's gaseous surface "like a tsunami tidal wave," NASA's chief scientist on the SOHO satellite, Art Poland, said. "That's the first time we have seen the shock wave."

Poland said he and his colleagues hesitated even to announce the flare because of its ordinary size, but he said the dramatic images from the new satellite led to the space agency's release of information.

One scientist, who asked not to be identified, said the only reason the rather ordinary flare got any attention is "we've got a new toy, and the press machine got to rolling."

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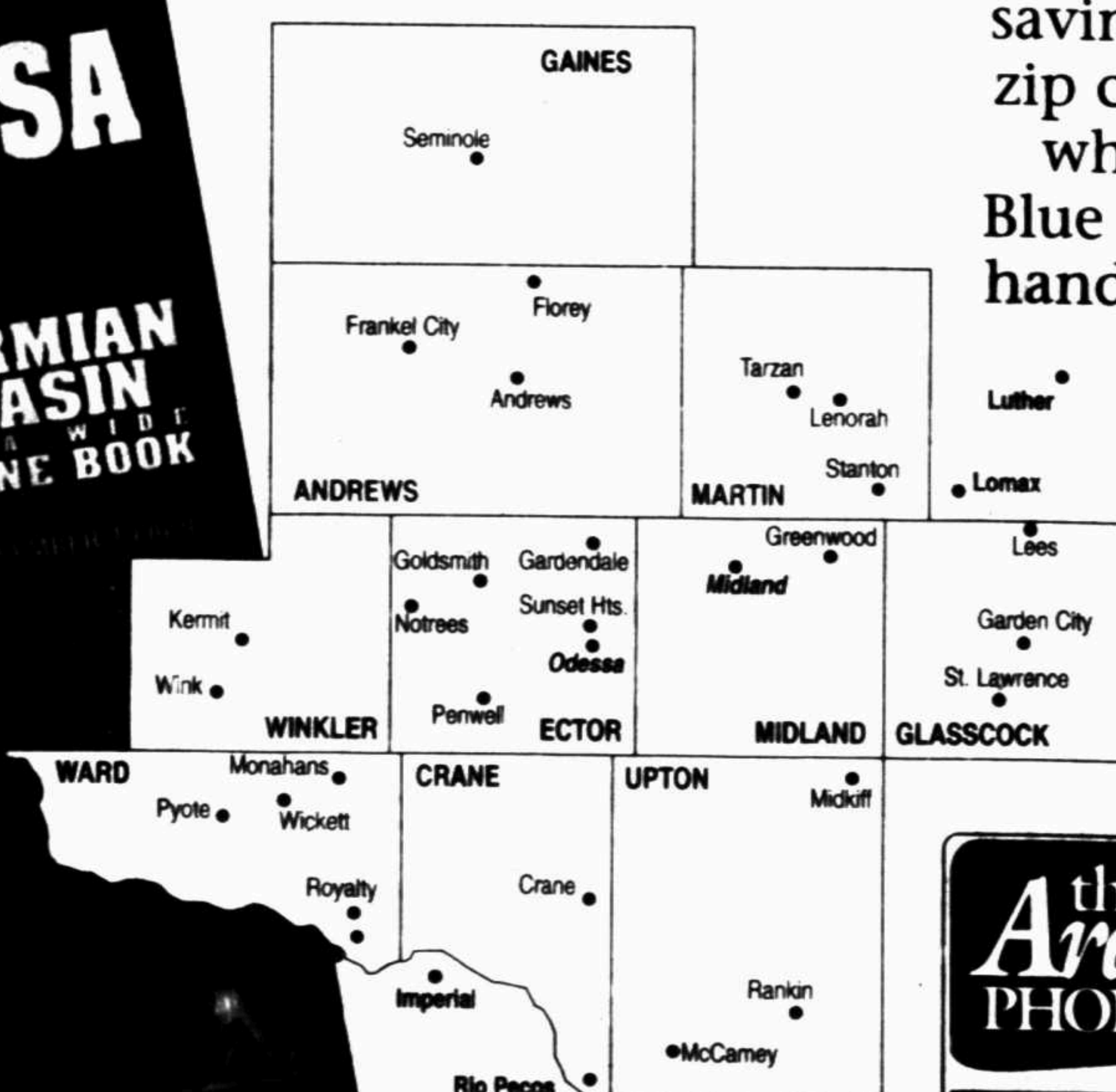
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SAN FRANCISCO — has driven a nail affirmative action Proposition 209's fight over the vote from over.

In a stinging defeat, a three-judge panel of Appeals in San Francisco ruled Tuesday that the anti-affirmative action law is constitutional.

The panel threw out an injunction barring the decision. The decision is an ongoing legal spar of civil rights groups to challenge the appellate implementation.

Prop. 209, which prohibits racial and ethnic preferences in state and local education and employment, was passed by a 58 percent of state voters.

A day later, civil rights groups filed a lawsuit in state court, claiming the law violated the U.S. Constitution. Thelton Henderson, who believed the law was unconstitutional, issued a preliminary injunction.

On Tuesday, 9th Circuit Judge Stephen Reinhardt said the law was unconstitutional. "A system which discriminates against the stroke of a pen," he wrote.

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WASHINGTON — beware! The voice of the phone asking charities may be a badge he says he exists.

Sounding that alarm, the Federal Trade Commission, with law-enforcement authorities in all 50 states, issued a warning Tuesday to warn potential victims of a telephone scam. The scam involves a police or fire department.

The advice: Call and check it out.



California's affirmative action battle continues

N.Y. Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court has driven a nail in the coffin of California's affirmative action programs, according to Proposition 209's leading supporter, but the fight over the voter-approved measure is far from over.

In a stinging defeat to opponents of Prop. 209, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled unanimously Tuesday there was "simply no doubt" that the anti-affirmative action measure was constitutional.

The panel threw out a lower court judge's injunction barring its enforcement.

The decision is just the latest skirmish in ongoing legal sparring over Prop. 209. A coalition of civil rights groups quickly vowed to challenge the appellate panel's ruling and block its implementation.

Prop. 209, which amended the California constitution to ban racial and gender preferences in state and local government employment, education and contracting, was passed by 54 percent of state voters last year.

A day later, civil rights groups sued, putting the matter before U.S. District Court Judge Thelton Henderson. In December, he indicated he believed the initiative unconstitutional and issued a preliminary injunction against it.

On Tuesday, 9th Circuit Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain said Henderson erred.

"A system which permits one judge to block with the stroke of a pen what 4,736,180 state res-

idents voted to enact as law tests the integrity of our constitutional democracy," O'Scannlain wrote.

An exultant Ward Connerly, the University of California Regent who headed the Prop. 209 campaign and is now promoting similar state initiatives elsewhere, called the ruling "a nail, a spike, a dagger in the coffin of preferences."

"Today is a glorious day for the people of California. Today, our belief in fairness and our unquenchable thirst for equal treatment under the law was satisfied by the 9th Circuit (Court) of Appeals."

Disappointed civil rights groups said they will ask the entire appellate panel to rehear the case.

"We will petition for a rehearing," said Eva Paterson, executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco. "We want the full 9th Circuit to take a look at this."

Under court rules, the decision takes effect in 21 days. But opponents, who want the case to be reheard by an 11-judge appellate panel, will ask that the ban on Prop. 209's provisions remain in force during the appeal.

With another suit being thrashed out in Superior Court in Sacramento, even backers aren't sure if and when Prop. 209's provisions to end many affirmative action programs would be implemented.

If the full appellate panel turns them down, critics are expected to take the case to the U.S.

Supreme Court.

But that didn't stop Prop. 209 backers from rejoicing.

"This is a major day for Californians and for all Americans," said Manny Klausner, an attorney for Californians Against Discrimination and Preferences. "It's truly an occasion to dance in the streets."

Praise also came from Congress and Gov. Pete Wilson.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said, "I'm very pleased that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has respected the decision of the voters of California."

Gov. Wilson said the panel "has upheld the integrity of the system." He called Prop. 209 "an issue that concerns every man, woman and child in California."

Gingrich also heaped praise on Connerly, whose "vision of a color-blind, merit-based society helped create this law."

The rehearing is required only if a majority of the court's active judges vote for it.

The 9th Circuit has 28 authorized judgeships but only 20 active judges because President Clinton has been slow to nominate new members and the Republican Senate even slower to consider them.

Worse still for opponents of Proposition 209, the circuit's most liberal judge, Stephen Reinhardt, has disqualified himself from the case because his wife, Ramona Ripston, is executive director of the ALCU of Southern California.

Women across nation observe 'Pay Equity Awareness Day'

(NYT) — Friday, nearly four months into 1997, women's wages for 1996 will finally catch up with what men made last year.

For every \$1 that men make, women make 71 cents. "It's disgusting. Women need to work through April 11, just to earn what men earned during the calendar year of 1996," said Zina Pierre, director of communications for the U.S. Department of Labor. "And yet, when we go to the grocery store, we pay the same price for food as men."

Although the gap between men's and women's wages has

narrowed, women still earn less than men for the same work. It happens on the assembly line, where women earn \$306 a week for the same job that pays men \$396. And it happens in law practices, where female lawyers average \$958 a week and their male counterparts average \$1,171.

In an effort to increase awareness and challenge employers to "pay fair," women across the country will observe Pay Equity Awareness Day on Friday. It will be the first national campaign to close the wage gap.

Con artists using fake police charity as ploy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donor, beware! The voice on the other end of the phone asking help for police charities may be a con artist. The badge he says he wears may not exist.

Sounding that alert, the Federal Trade Commission joined forces with law-enforcement and civil authorities in all 50 states Wednesday to warn potential donors that all too often a telephone pitch for police or fire department causes is a scam.

The advice: Call the police and check it out.

FTC officials predicted that if scam fund raising can be stopped or prevented, legitimate police and fire department causes, such as helping the families of officers killed in the line of duty, will profit.

"Unfortunately, in too many cases, the police and civic organizations never get the money solicited in their names, causing legitimate fund-raising efforts to suffer," said Jodie Bernstein, head of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection.

In a renewed campaign against

the practice, the FTC has brought five civil actions against fundraisers with dubious credentials and 21 have brought a total of 52 more. Mrs. Bernstein said at a news conference at FTC headquarters.

In one case, she said, the agency sued a company on grounds its solicitors routinely and falsely posed as law-enforcement officers, claimed that donations would benefit law-enforcement agencies and claimed that donations were tax deductible.

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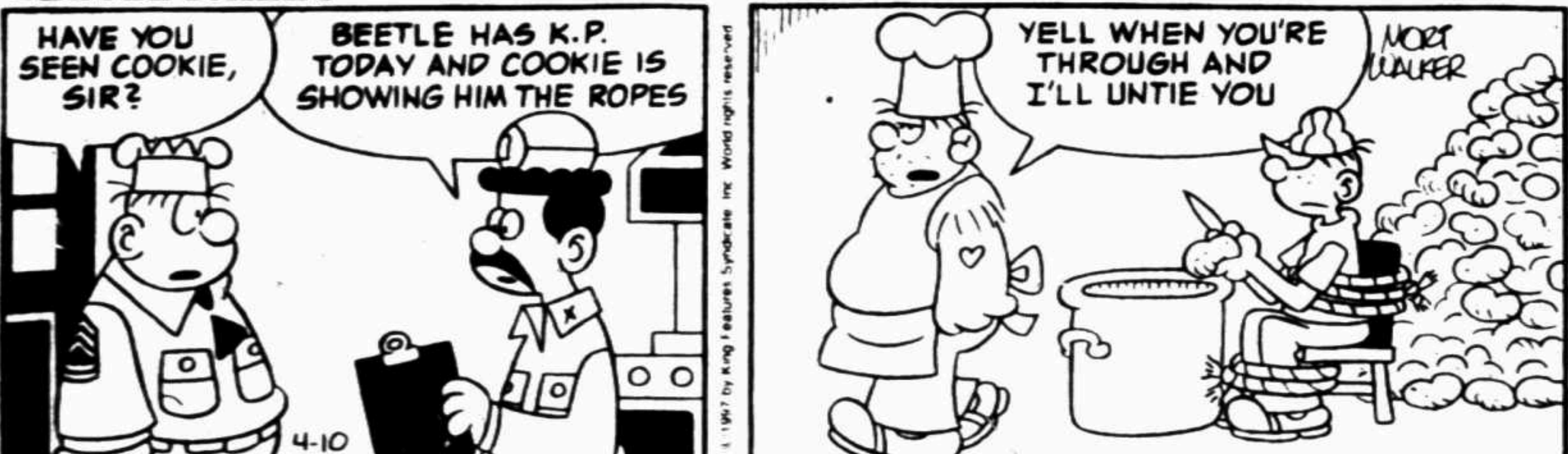
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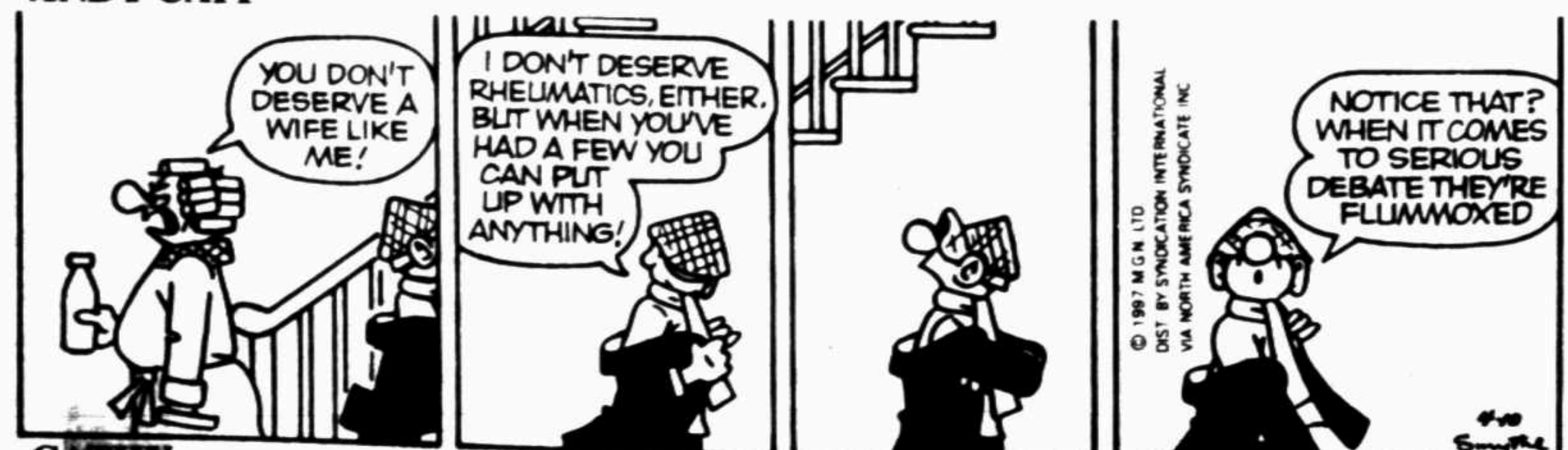
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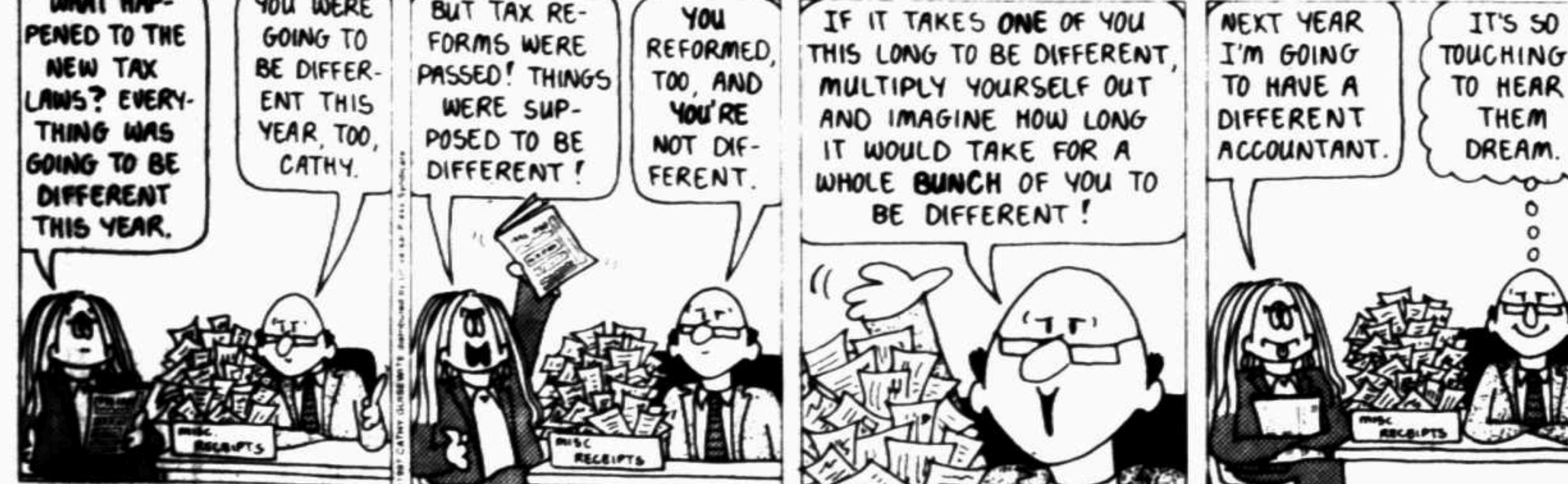
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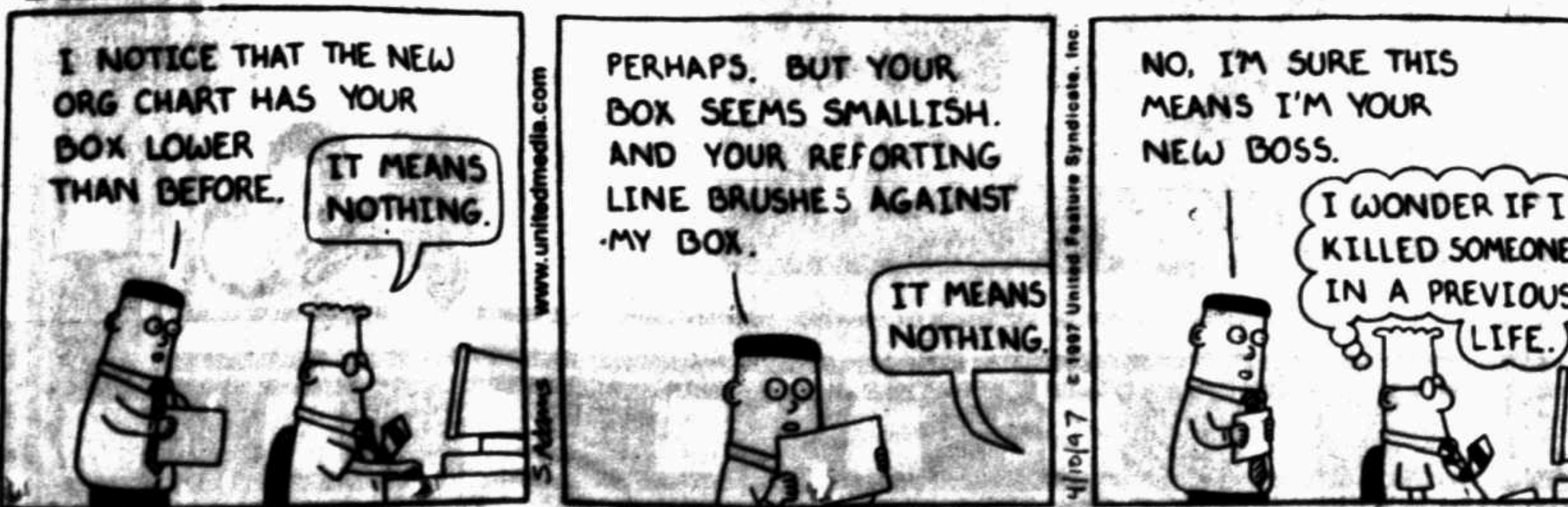
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 10, 1997:

Break through restrictions. Roadblocks could appear for different reasons. One such cause could be a tendency on your part to dismiss potential ideas as impossible. Be willing to look at your own mental filters. As a result, unexpected changes will occur with goals, and in your immediate circle of friends. If you are single, you find the process of getting to know another very exciting. You also might choose to play the field. If attached, keep communications flowing and open. Otherwise, you could become strangers to each other. GEMINI brings you out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Power plays manifest themselves in revised plans or mixed messages. It is probably best to give others space. Friends seem to have no sense of timing. The unexpected works magically, getting you and others over the bumps. Keep communications flowing. Tonight: Tell it as it is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Curb a possessiveness that makes you controlling at times. Let go of having it your way, and loosen up. Surprising events on the career front distract you, forcing you to put your nose to the grindstone. This is a moneymaking opportunity. Tonight: Go spring shopping.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You are peppy. Carefully establish limits when dealing with a strong personality in your life. News

brings what looks like a special opportunity. Don't hesitate; walk through that door. Maintain perspective when others react. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take a deep breath. You are your own personal slave driver. Know your limits; pull away from being on automatic. Think through decisions with care. A partner surprises you with an unanticipated offer. Can you trust this person? Tonight: Take a night off. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Emphasize friendship, new horizons and success. You want to break patterns. You tend to be provocative in your thinking and direct in your dealings. Others are surprised by your conclusions, even if they are part of the process. Tonight: Be where the crowds are. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take charge, and let others follow. Don't be morose about a domestic issue. Given space, this could change radically. Awareness takes you down a new path and allows new attitudes and projects at work. Let go of set patterns, and blaze a new trail. Tonight: Work late. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Dynamic thinking opens doors. When challenged, think about a decision more carefully. Examine long-term goals, and be direct with those you deal with. Opportunity knocks on your door if you stay open. Do not ignore a suggestion. Tonight: Try a new restaurant. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) One-to-one relating brings

positive prospects, both financially and through a partnership. There will be an implicit demand that you reorient your thinking and restructure your budget. Push comes to shove if you get full. Remain moderate. Tonight: Go for closeness. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Handling a partner becomes a full-time job; perhaps that is why you shouldn't deal with him. Give him space to be his own person. Open up to new ideas; rigidity backfires. Be especially cautious with funds and what appears to be a great idea. Tonight: Ask another. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Pace yourself with greater care. You have a lot of ground to cover, and inner chatter could prevent you from accomplishing what you feel necessary. Stay direct and tuned into one task at a time. Let go of self-imposed restrictions. Tonight: Work through stress at the gym. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your goals are changing, as well as your immediate circle of friends. Think through a positive opportunity because it will affect your lifestyle. Remain more direct with a loved one. Creativity is high, and so is romance. Tonight: Fun means flirtation. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You could be unnerved by a boss or an associate. The timing is off, so you might want to approach family members differently. They need to understand the pressures you feel at work. Ask for emotional support. You will have a stunning insight. Tonight: Head home.

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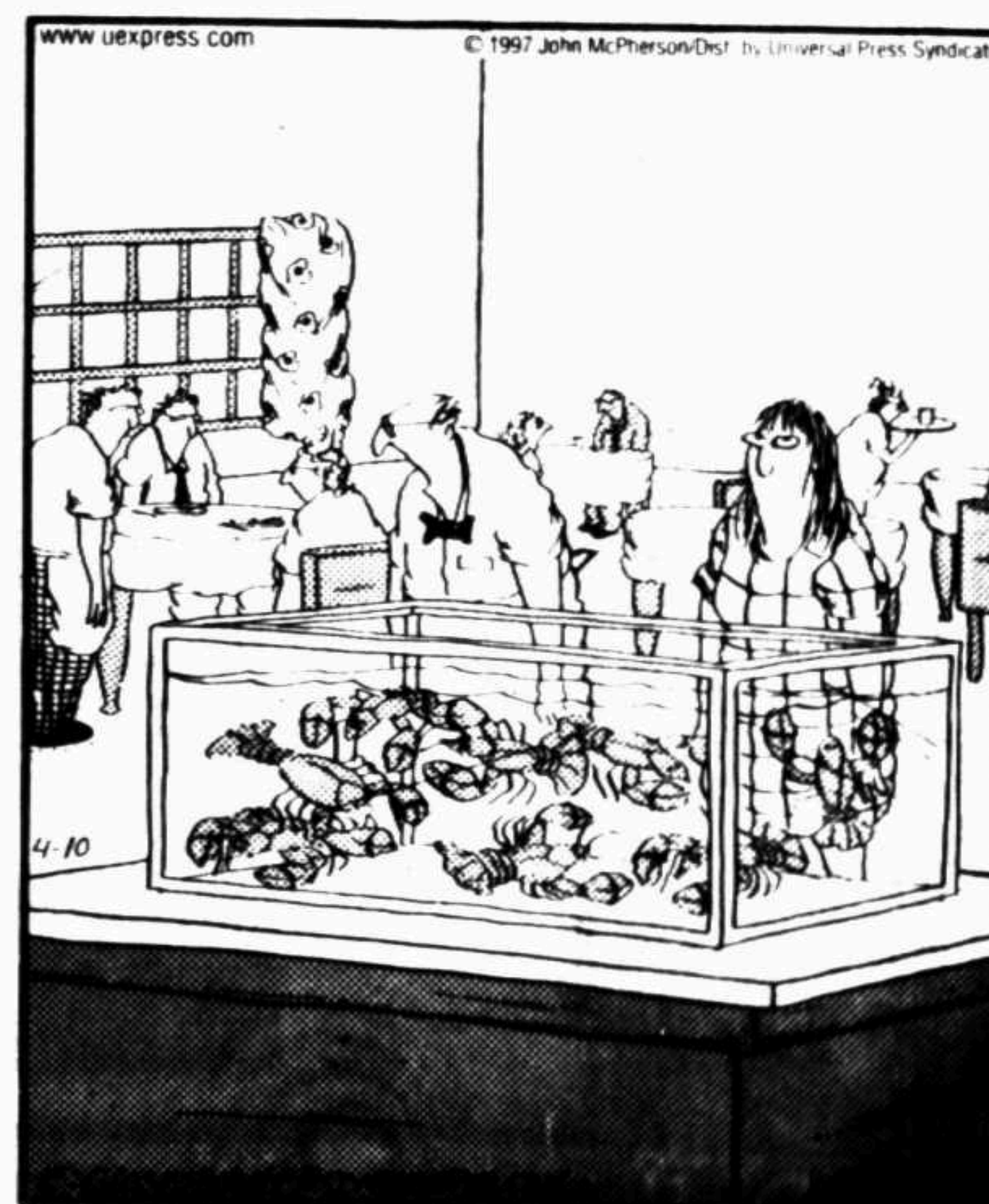
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North's jump to four hearts was a little aggressive. At this vulnerability, though, we would not quibble with the bid, especially since a diamond lead was likely.

The defenders got off to the expected lead. East grabbed the ace and switched to the jack of spades.

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O'Donnell to be part of Broadway's biggest moment as host of Tonys

NEW YORK — Rosie O'Donnell, who grew up sneaking off to musicals, will soon be in the middle of Broadway's biggest moment as host of this year's Tony Awards.

"I used to steal 20 bucks from my father's wallet, take the train in and get standing room," the talk show queen told a news conference Wednesday. "I saw 'They're Playing Our Song' nine times; 'Dreamgirls' six times."

The three-hour Tony telecast June 1 will span two networks. PBS will broadcast the first hour, with awards for sets, costumes and lighting. CBS will show the rest, featuring the major acting awards and prizes for best play and musical. O'Donnell will be the host for CBS' part of the program. "I hope that this show serves as a two-hour entertaining commercial for all of America," said O'Donnell, who appeared on Broadway in a 1994 revival of the musical "Grease."

ed completion of the process. "He will probably have his regular Wednesday night card game," Hefner spokesman Bill Farley said Tuesday.

NEW YORK — Christopher Reeve broke his left arm when two people dropped him as he was being transferred from his stationary bike to a chair, his spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The accident happened Saturday at his suburban home and the paralyzed actor underwent surgery Sunday to have a titanium rod inserted in the bone between his shoulder and elbow, Lisa Kasteller said. The former "Superman" star told USA Today that the two people lifting him "got out of sync" and he called the fall "just bad luck."

"I ended up perched on a corner of the chair, and they couldn't hold me. I fell over on my side," he said. "It was a complete fracture, like breaking a match stick."

Reeve, paralyzed from a 1995 horse-riding accident, was able to attend a screening in Manhattan on Monday of the upcoming HBO film "In the Gloaming," which he directed.

MISSOULA, Mont. — Elizabeth Clare Prophet, spiritual leader of the Church Universal and Triumphant, has divorced her husband, Ed Francis, who serves as executive vice president of the church.

The decree was signed by a judge Monday. The property settlement is sealed.

Prophet, 58, previously was married to Mark Prophet, who founded the church in the 1950s. She served as church president for 23 years, moving it from California to a vast ranch on the northern edge of Yellowstone National Park. She stepped down as president last summer, handing the reins to Gilbert Cleirbaut, a professional management consultant.

She remains the church's spiritual leader and its conduit to the "ascended masters," who church members believe speak to them through Prophet.

Compiled from Associated Press wire services.

NEW YORK — Walter Cronkite had tennis on his mind when he left the hospital Wednesday.

Eight days after quadruple bypass surgery, "I feel fine," the 80-year-old broadcaster told reporters as he headed home from New York Hospital.

Earlier, in a statement, he said his doctors had told him that "my recovery is right on schedule and that I'm in excellent shape."

"I asked them if I'd be able to play singles tennis and they said I could," he said. "That made me very happy since I haven't played singles in five years."

Cronkite was called "the most trusted man in America" during his 19 years as anchor of the CBS Evening News. Since retiring from that job in 1981 he has produced or appeared in numerous documentaries on CBS, the Public Broadcasting Service and the Discovery Channel.

LOS ANGELES — Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner turned 71 Wednesday with little fanfare because he's still mourning the loss of his mother.

Grace Hefner died March 20 at the age of 101. A memorial service was held Tuesday at Hefner's Playboy mansion. The service was delayed because she had willed her body to science and the family await-



Walter Cronkite is recovering on schedule after quadruple bypass surgery.



Christopher Reeve calls fall that left him with broken arm 'just bad luck.'

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Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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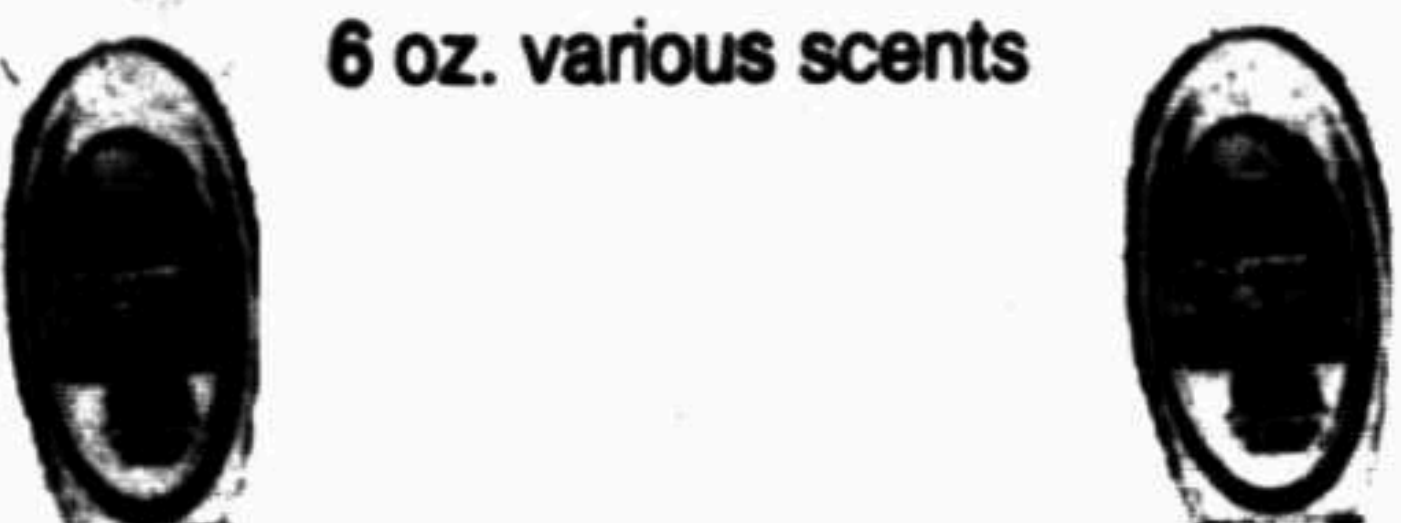
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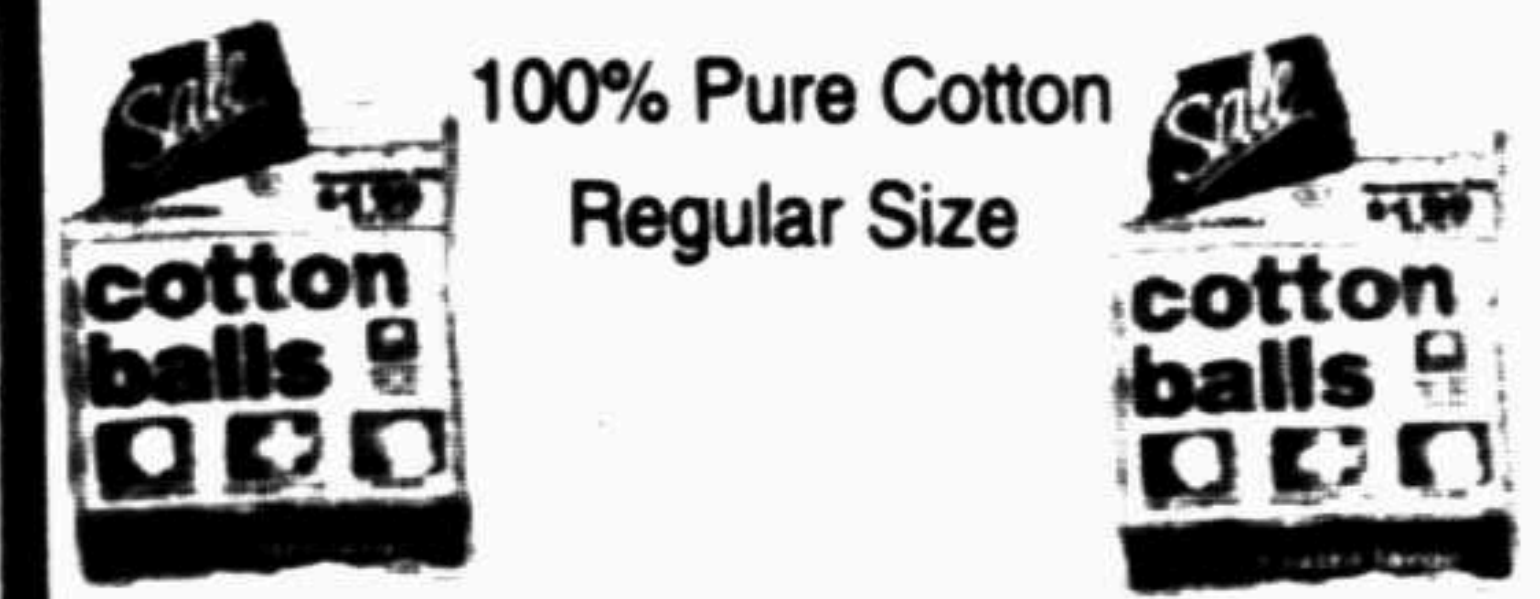
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BASEBALL — Texas Rangers at Milwaukee Brewers, 1 p.m., FSS.
Florida Marlins at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m., WGN.
Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves, 6:35 p.m., TBS.
GOLF — The Masters Tournament, first round, at Augusta, Ga., 3 p.m., USA.
HOCKEY — N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia OR Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
NBA — Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks, 6:30 p.m., WGN.
Seattle Sonics at Dallas Mavericks, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

Texas Scores

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels 14, El Paso Diablos 9.
BASEBALL — Texas Rangers at Milwaukee Brewers, p.p.d., weather.
Atlanta Braves 4, Houston Astros 3, 12 innings.
COLLEGE BASEBALL — Texas vs. TCU, ccd.
Texas Tech vs. New Mexico, ccd.
Baylor 8, UTA 3.
HOCKEY — Dallas Stars 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2.

Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels at El Paso Diablos, 7:45 p.m. (CDT), KCRS (AM 550) Radio.

Sharp drops position

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp said Wednesday she's giving up her job as the senior women's administrator to focus more on coaching. "I felt it was important for Texas Tech to have someone who could represent the university in Big 12 and NCAA meetings and on national committees on a full-time basis," Sharp said. "Doing that was impossible during certain parts of the year. ... All of the administrative duties affected my ability to focus all my attention to basketball, which is a top priority."

Sharp has concurrently held three titles since February 1996: women's basketball coach, associate athletic director and senior women's administrator.

Sharp will keep the associate athletic director's position. A nationwide search has begun for a new senior women's administrator.

Sharp has a 350-120 record over 14 seasons. Her teams have made 10 NCAA tournaments, including five trips to the Sweet 16. They won the national title in 1993, the school's first in any sport.

NFL aids CFL

TORONTO — The NFL provided the financially strapped Canadian Football League with \$3 million on Wednesday, an agreement that will give the NFL the right to use the CFL to develop players.

"We want to see football succeed wherever it's played," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "The CFL is an exciting brand of football with a rich history and a unique style of play. We believe a strong, vibrant CFL is very important for the sport."

Other elements of the agreement: —The NFL will consider playing regular-season games in Toronto and Vancouver.

—The CFL will try to ease the way in which its players are signed by NFL teams.

—An annual game will be played between the champion of the NFL-sponsored World League and the CFL's Grey Cup winner.

The NFL has declined in the past to expand into Canada, citing agreements with the CFL. This agreement will, in effect, allow the NFL to use the CFL to develop players, much as it has used the World League.

The NFL aid, which will be paid this year in U.S. dollars but cover a five-year period, will help the CFL market its product.

Oilers' new stadium

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Music City is ready to break ground and start building its 67,000-seat stadium for the NFL's Oilers a year after voters approved a referendum bringing the team to town.

Crews have been demolishing buildings on the east bank of the Cumberland River since the NFL gave final approval to the relocation last October.

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Geared to go in Augusta

Faldo vs. Woods: Is Thursday's pairing a precursor of Sunday?

By Ron Sirak

AP Golf Writer



AUGUSTA, Ga. — What better way to start this Masters than to have Nick Faldo, the best golfer of his generation, paired with Tiger Woods, the best golfer of the next generation.

What better way to show the overlapping of history than to have Faldo, the winner of six major championships in 10 years, going head to head with Woods, the winner of the last three U.S. Amateur championships.

The only thing that could be better would be to have them paired together in a Sunday shootout for the 61st Masters title. Maybe, just maybe, that is the collision of coincidence Augusta National has to offer this year.

Masters Mystery/4C

This tournament, this course, which seems to play a game of can-you-top-this with itself, gets going with an extraordinary pairing that begs for a sequel, the traditional pairing of the defending champion with the U.S. Amateur winner. If Faldo wins this year, only Jack Nicklaus, Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Arnold Palmer and Tom Watson will have won more major championships.

It's a place in history he wants very badly.

"You think of a player, you think of Nicklaus and ask how many tournaments he won and you can't think of it," Faldo said. "But you all know how many majors he won. It was 14 wasn't it?" he said with a mischievous grin, knowing

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Tiger Woods blasts out of a trap on the second hole during Masters practice at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Tuesday. First round play begins today.

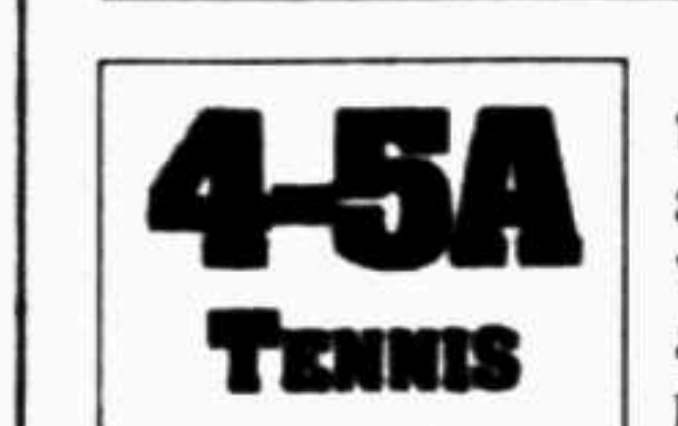


(From Left to Right) Midland High's Matthew Gray, Nathan Lawrence, Toffee Wilson and Meryl McClung are part of a Bulldog tennis team ready to make its mark at the District 4-5A Tennis Championships.

Doubles, depth to carry MHS tennis

By Oscar LeRoy

Sports Writer



Midland High has undoubtedly one of the deepest tennis teams in the entire state. MHS coach Tom Heiting hopes that will get some of his players into the regional after this weekend's District 4-5A tennis championships.

Starting at 8 a.m. Friday at the Midland High Tennis Courts and continuing Saturday, one of the most competitive district tennis tournaments in Texas will take place. The road to a state championship for some of the players competing may start in the Tall City. The talented Bulldogs expect to be in the hunt.

In order to prepare for district competition, Heiting and some of his players went to the McFarlin Tennis Center High School Invitational in San Antonio this past weekend. The Bulldogs captured third place in what has to be of the toughest tournaments in the state.

"The coaches consider it one of the strongest tournaments offered in the state because of the pool of competition and they give you five guaranteed matches," Heiting said. "It was perfect preparation because while other tournaments are single elimination, in this one the players get a lot of good competition and practice."

It should be the same old song and dance at this year's tournament with some great overall play. Along with the tough competition in singles and doubles, players from Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, San Angelo Central and Odessa Permian and Midland High should be among the top contenders in boys and girls doubles. The sophomore female duo of Toffee Wilson and Meryl McClung and the male two-some of senior Nathan Lawrence and sophomore Matt Gray should be among the ones to watch for the Bulldogs.

"They've been getting better and better as the year has gone along," Heiting said about his teams.

Lawrence and Gray are 15-2 on the year and got a third place finish in San Antonio, a good year despite only play-

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Houston needs new facility to lure NHL team

City hopes expansion approval from the league comes its way, although new arena seems to be a big issue.

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press Writer



HOUSTON — Houston, touting itself "The New NHL Frontier," briefed National Hockey League executives Wednesday on why the league should put an expansion franchise in the nation's fourth-largest city.

Houston officials showed an expansion subcommittee of the NHL Board of Governors and Commissioner Gary Bettman where they hope to build a new downtown arena, along with alternate sites, and also toured The Summit, home now for a minor league hockey team along with the NBA Houston Rockets.

"I think all of our questions have been answered," Bettman said, while remaining noncommittal. "I think we've had a good series of meetings."

One unresolved question, however, remained the refusal by Rockets owner Leslie Alexander, whose bid to win an NHL franchise was rejected by the league, to become a 50-50 partner in any new arena.

A rival group led by Houston businessman Chuck Watson and Bob McNair won the NHL's nod as the Houston expansion choice.

"When you have a city like Houston, it makes sense for the NHL and NBA teams to work together," Bettman said. "I hope the two sides can work out details."

"It's a big problem," Houston Mayor Bob Lanier said of Alexander's refusal to participate. "But it's not something that will stop us from going forward."

"I'm very concerned," said Watson, whose Arena Operating Co. runs the city-owned Summit where the Rockets have a lease until 2003.

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Rhoads seals Mile High deal

Midland Lee's District 4-5A MVP signs a letter-of-intent to play her college basketball at the University of Denver.

By Lee Passmore

Sports Writer

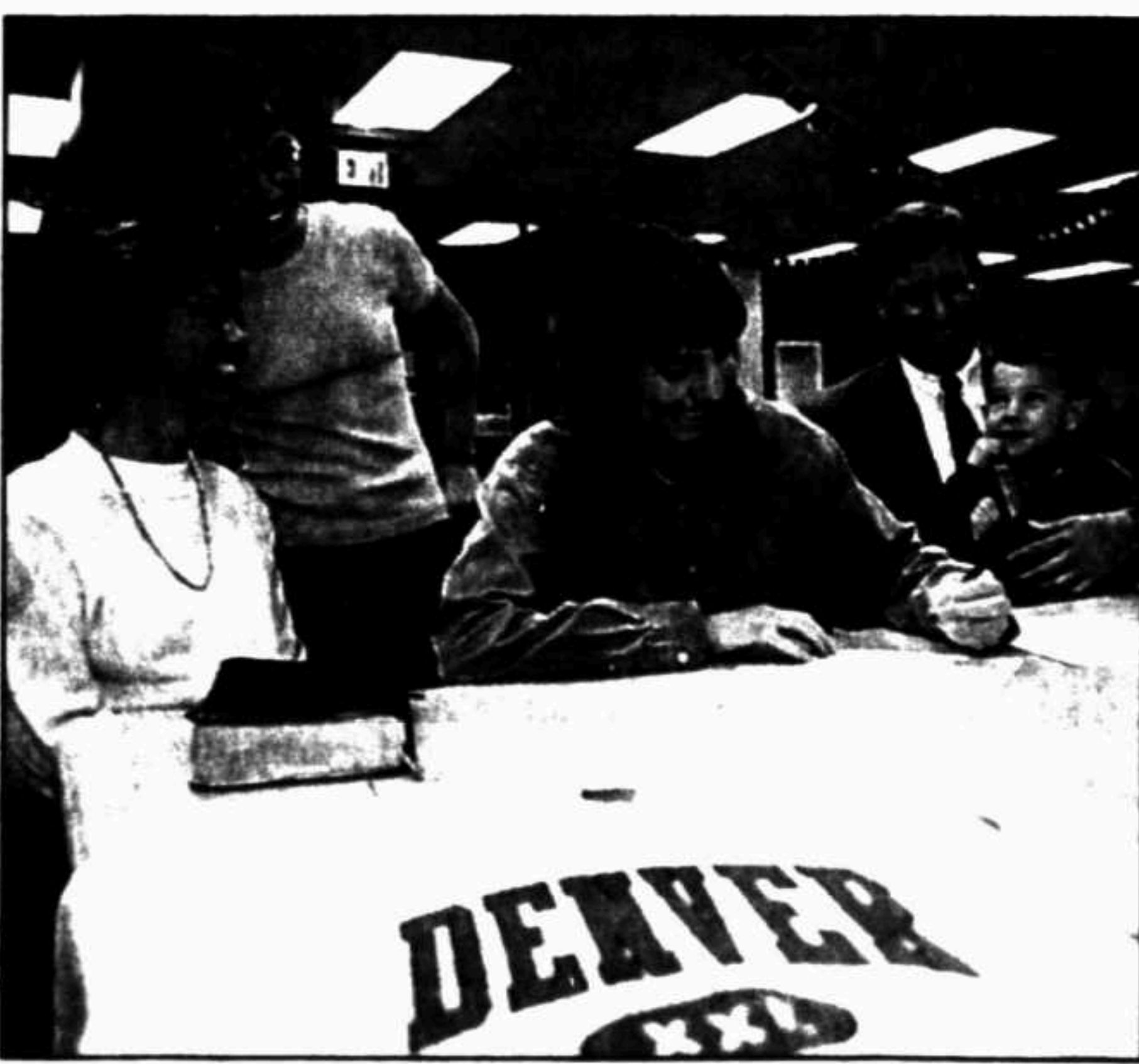
To commemorate an event which is taking her far from home, Jamie Rhoads was among friends Wednesday afternoon.

Rhoads, a three-year standout for the Midland Lee girls basketball team, signed a letter of intent to play for the University of Denver in the Lee High library with not only her family in witness, but most of her teammates from this past season's Lady Rebels team. That seemed appropriate in light of the fact that wherever Rhoads went, Lee seemed to follow.

"She deserves this as much as the kids love and respect her," said Lee coach Elise Kail, who should know of Rhoads' impact on the team after having coached her all three seasons.

It has been a steady progression up the basketball pyramid for Rhoads, who was named the District 4-5A Newcomer of the Year in 1994-95, an All-District selection in 1995-96 and the district Most Valuable Player this past season for leading the Lady Rebels to the district championship.

Now the five-foot-10-inch Rhoads will take her court talents from the Tall City to the Mile High City, choosing



Jamie Rhoads, center, signs with the University of Denver Wednesday. The senior is flanked (from left to right) by mother Jenny, sister Megan, father Terry and brother Tyler.

Denver over the University of Texas-El Paso and UT-San Antonio.

"It was a very tough decision," said Rhoads, who made her decision to commit to Denver last week and will receive a full scholarship. "I prayed about it and realized that (Denver) was the place for me."

Rhoads is considering majoring in engineering at Denver, and when shopping for a college she didn't necessarily find that bigger was better.

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Indians' Mesa acquitted of all charges in trial

By Lisa Cornwell

Associated Press Writer



CLEVELAND — Jose Mesa shed tears of joy and relief Wednesday as he was acquitted of all charges in his rape trial, but his legal problems aren't over yet.

A jury cleared the Cleveland Indians pitcher of one count of rape, two counts of gross sexual imposition and one count of theft.

Mesa still must stand trial on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. A hearing in the second trial is scheduled for Thursday morning, with jury selection to begin Monday. Mesa could receive up to 18 months in prison if convicted, said his attorney, Gerald Messerman.

On Wednesday, however, Mesa and his wife, Mirila, didn't try to contain their emotions after clearing their first legal hurdle. They both wept as the acquittal verdicts were read.

"God (caused) the jury to do this because ... they knew I didn't do that stuff," Mesa said after the tri-

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LOCAL SPORTS

Norman named
All-America

Midland Lee senior John Norman, who last February signed to play football with Texas Tech next fall, has received another high honor.

Norman was recently named to the 1996 Schutt Sports All-America High School Football Team.

Schutt Sports, representing the leading manufacturers in athletic equipment, honored 101 student athletes from 33 states with selection to its team.

Norman is a two-year Texas All-State player as a defensive back and was named as Texas' Defensive Player of the Year in 1995 as a junior. He is also a two-time District 6-6A Defensive MVP, owning Lee records of career interceptions with 18, single season interceptions with 10 and longest interception return for a touchdown with 101 yards.

The Schutt Sports All-America team included eight players from Texas. Florida had the most with 16 while California had seven. States with five players on the elite list were Pennsylvania, Georgia, Virginia and Illinois.

MHS JV softball
ends season

Behind a no-hitter from Tiffany Robinson, the Midland High junior varsity softball team defeated the Hobbs JV 21-0 late Tuesday night to end the season at 19-5.

Robinson, 15-1 overall, had five walks and struck out 10.

MHS had 18 hits as a team. Dana Pope was 2-for-2 with two doubles and an RBI. Amberleigh Berry 3-for-3 with 2 RBI and a triple. Kristi Herd was 2-for-4 with two RBI. Becky Hartman was 3-for-4 with two RBI, two doubles and four stolen bases. Also, Ashley Scott was 2-for-2 with three RBI and a stolen base while Brooke Chandler went 1-1 with a double and stolen base.

Greenwood JH track takes titles

KERMIT — The Greenwood Junior High girls track program pulled off another double here last weekend, this time winning both seventh grade and eighth grade divisions at the district track meet.

The eighth grade team won all three relays to pull off an impressive victory, scoring 234 points to Sonora's 83. Kendra Martin, Sally Smith, Lindsey Dickinson and Nicole Bailey won the 400 relay; Martin teamed with Valerie Wootan, Dickinson and Brenna Belew for the 800 relay title while Smith, Tiffany Shaw, Laurie Johansen and Cara Kyle won the 1,600 relay.

The eighth grade also got big points with two 1-2-3 finishes. Martin, Belew and Wootan took the top three places in the 200 while McFadden, Smith and Belew were 1-2-3 in the triple jump. Johansen also won the 400.

The Greenwood seventh grade

team had six first-place finishes to score 173 points to Sonora's 99 for the team title.

Shanna Zachry won three firsts (long jump, triple jump and 100). Other firsts were claimed by Betsy Langdon (shot put), Shalyn Hobbs (high jump), and Lindsey Lankford (100 hurdles).

Greenwood results Saturday from the junior high district track and field meet held in Kermit:

Team totals: 1. Greenwood, 234; 2. Sonora, 99; 3. Reagan County, 88; 4. Crane, 67; 5. Kermit, 66; 6. Colorado City, 64.

High jump: 6. Lindsey Dickinson, 4 feet, 2 inches. Shot put: 2. Susan Schmidt, 26-11; 3. Jessica Brooks, 25-9; 4. Dicus, 24-11; 5. Triple jump: 1. Lindsey Lankford, 20-11; 2. Sally Smith, 20-10; 3. Brenna Belew, 20-7; 4. Long jump: 2. Dickinson, 13-4; 3. McFadden, 13-2; 4. U.A.

2,400 meters: 2. Miranda Ramirez, 10 minutes, 52.62 seconds; 4. Kody Walker, 12:29.82; 5. Audra Cozart, 13:05.64; 600 relay: 1. Greenwood (Kendra Martin, Smith, Dickinson, Nicole Bailey), 59.69; 2. Crane, 1:00.2; 3. Kermit, 1:01.42; 4. Crystal Childers, 2:58.96; 5. Misha Lewis, 2:57.22; 800 hurdles: 2. Dickinson, 16:30; 3. Tonya Wootan, 16:38; 4. Misha Lewis, 13:56; 4. Tiffany Shaw, 14:11; 5. Schmidt, 14:71; 800 relay: 1. Greenwood (Martin, Valerie Wootan, Dickinson, Belew), 1:58.82; 400: 1. Leahy Johnson, 1:08.57; 2. Shaw, 1:10.38; 300 hurdles: 2. Smith, 53.35; 4. Ashley Stewart, 1:00.42; 5. Womack, 1:02.29; 300: 1. Martin, 25.0; 2. Belew, 25.60; 3. Wootan, 26.78; 1,600: 2. Ramirez, 6:43.43; 4. Lankford, 6:46.10; 5. Ladonna Kurita, 7:08.19; 1,600 relay: 1. Greenwood (Smith, Shaw, Johansen, Kyle), 4:57.65.

Seventh Grade

Team totals: 1. Greenwood, 173; 2. Sonora, 99; 3. Colorado City, 95; 4. Crane, 77; 5. Kermit, 72; 6. Reagan County, 70.

Shot put: 1. Betsy Langdon, 24 feet, 1.34 inches; 4. Ashley Turner, 11:05.07; 400 relay: 2. Greenwood, 57.34; 3. Amberleigh Berry, 2:58.45; 5. Brandy Allen, 3:02.01; 800 hurdles: 1. Lindsey Lankford, 17.76; 3. Scott, 17.88; 5. Rachel Wells, 19.22; 100: 1. Zachry, 13.95; 4. Kyle Ellsworth, 14.59; 800 relay: 2. Greenwood, 2:05.11; 400: 2. Misha Wootan, 1:09.59; 300 hurdles: 2. Wells, 59.14; 5. Preece Evans, 1:03.79; 300: 6. Crawford, 52.64; 1,600: 2. Belew, 6:45.84; 5. Blythe, 7:08.47; 6. Turner, 7:08.93; 1,600 relay: 4. Greenwood, 4:51.86.

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Greg Norman: Different psyche should repeat same result — no jacket

By Jim Little
AP Sports Writer

Someone who is paid to keep track of these things figures this latest reincarnation is the third new and improved version of Greg Norman in less than five years.

Too bad. Because whatever else it means, another variation on the same mellow theme means Norman probably won't get his green jacket this time around, either.

On the eve of the Masters, the only scenario imaginable that could top last year would be Norman and Nick Faldo in the final pairing once again Sunday — but with a different result. The last time they duelled at Augusta National is still painful to recall, but too compelling to forget.

Norman took a six-stroke lead into the closing round, but soon enough, what began as leisurely duel with Faldo became Norman dueling familiar flaws within himself. When it was over, his nemesis produced one of the great closing rounds in the history of major championship golf and Norman was left to explain one of the greatest collapses.

But if revenge is still on his mind, Norman did a pretty good job of hiding it Tuesday.

"Oh, I don't care who I face," he said. "I just want to be in that position again."

Like him or not, one of the most remarkable things about Norman has been the gracious way he embraced his fate. Always. Through all kinds of freakish losses — whether opponents produced miracle shots or his own carefully constructed efforts unraveled after a loose swing or a putt that spun out of the cup — Norman has been as calm after the rounds as during them.

That, he always explained, was because he had his priorities straight. The same sort of philos-

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ophy would sound like heresy coming from Hogan, or Faldo for that matter, but Norman had no problem getting the words out. Finishing second was no tragedy when he was going home to a warm family, a cold beer and a fast-growing fortune.

But Norman let slip Tuesday that motivational speaker and infomercial guru Tony Robbins was at least partly responsible for this latest wave of equanimity washing over him. The two spent Monday together, and Norman told reporters what he learned.

"Instead of being tough on yourself, you're good to yourself. And everyone in this room, in this world, should be good to each other every now and then and say, 'Hey, I'm going to reward myself instead of being tough on myself.'"

If this new-age rambling sounds familiar, it should. In another of the most unforgettable rounds in major championship golf, Faldo thrashed Norman on a Saturday en route to the 1990 British Open championship. Norman went the next 27 months without winning. He also did more than his share of soul-searching over that stretch, saying an emotional TV interview with Bob Hawke, the former Australian prime minister, finally helped get him back on track.

Whether it was that or the shorter swing that coach Butch Harmon advocated, Norman beat out the best field in memory to claim the 1993 British Open. He then pronounced himself a new man.

That one, however, barely made it through 1995. Norman won three times that season — incredibly, from just 16 starts — but bad decisions while still in contention late in two of the year's four majors made the new Norman look suspi-



Greg Norman reacts to a bad shot out of the bunker on the 18th hole during his practice round at Augusta National Wednesday. Norman led last year's tournament by six strokes before losing to Nick Faldo.

ciously like the old one.

So he studied Zen and the martial arts and became a new man once more at the start of the 1996 season. Everyone knows how that turned out. Now, as the chase for the 1997 majors gets under way, we have what amounts to Norman III.

Will it make a difference? Think about it this way: Since they parted company last year, he and Faldo have gone about preparing for a possible rematch in very different ways.

Faldo kept up his methodical practice routine and had a greenskeeper come out to the house and cut the putting to the texture of sandpaper. Norman fired his swing coach and hired Faldo's.

Faldo has played six times already this season, winning the Nissan Open. Norman took three months off and in his three starts since returning to the PGA Tour, he's finished ninth, 53rd and 22nd. Even the ninth-place finish was unsettling in a way, since Norman was in contention until late Saturday, when he tried a heroic shot out of a bunker on the 18th hole and hit it into the drink. He was philosophical about that one, too.

Just once, it would be nice to hear Norman stand up and like that character from the movie, scream, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more." Now that would be really new.

Beer distributor becomes Augusta National folk hero

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — John "Spider" Miller just can't stop smiling. Even when he knocked his tee shot into the bunker at No. 18 Wednesday, the grin never left his face. It's not every day that a 46-year-old beer distributor gets a chance to play a round of golf at Augusta National with Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Fuzzy Zoeller, even if it was just for practice.

"I'm having the time of my life," Miller said. "If you catch me without a smile on my face, just take me out and shoot me."

Miller, a father of five who has a regular job to return to on Monday, became the most unlikely member of the Masters field by winning the U.S. Mid-Amateur title. He'll be one of four amateurs in the field, and by far the oldest, when the tournament begins Thursday.

"I guess I'm here for the boys from the 19th hole," said Miller, the oldest Mid-Amateur champion in history. "Look at me. I'm 46 years old. I'm not looking for a pro career. I was fortunate enough to win the Mid-Amateur, but there's a lot of guys who love to play like me. We're here for the game."

One of the unique charms of the Masters is that it still affords someone like Miller the chance to compete. In a way, it's like someone hitting enough home runs in a weekend softball tournament to qualify for a spot in the World Series.

Miller's large family — wife Kathy and their children, 17-year-old Betsy, 15-year-old Lucy, 13-year-old Joe, 11-year-old Susan and 7-year-old Frank — trailed him around the course throughout his practice round Wednesday.

Miller kidded around with

Zoeller all through the front nine and walked arm-in-arm with Palmer down the 17th fairway. It was quite a sight — a four-time Masters champion playing with a man from who sells Budweiser beer to taverns, restaurants and liquor stores.

When Miller's tee shot at 18 sailed into the bunker which hugs the left side of the fairway, little Frank, standing along the ropes, yelled a few words of encouragement.

"Hey dad," he said, "don't hit it in the sand trap anymore."

After all four men had potted out, Miller asked if they could get together with his children for a picture that undoubtedly will be getting a prominent place in the family's home back in Bloomington, Ind.

"How many children do you have?" Nicklaus asked incredulously as one child after another nudged their way into the picture.

Miller, who picked up his nickname as a child because he liked climbing on shelves at his father's hardware store, seems resigned to watching the final two rounds. He would love to make the cut, but he knows the odds of that happening aren't very good.

"I want to play well, but if I don't I'm sure not going to jump into Rae's Creek," he said. "I'm going to stay here — win, lose or draw — through the weekend. I'm certainly not going to pout and run on home."

Miller already has become something of a folk hero during his two practice rounds at Augusta National. He practiced Tuesday with Zoeller, Palmer and Tom Watson, so every move has been trailed by huge throngs.

"Go get 'em Spider!" one man screamed as he headed toward the first tee Wednesday. "Thank you," Miller responded, grinning broadly.

He just can't seem to get that look off his face.

Masters mystery: Augusta's front 9

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Most fans don't know much about the front nine at Augusta National Golf Club because television is not permitted to show the first nine holes. Ever.

It's the only major golf tournament where the front nine is a mystery to the television audience. All 18 holes of the U.S. Open, British Open, and PGA are televised.

Chairman Jack Stephens was asked Wednesday about the prospects of CBS broadcasting the opening nine holes.

"Progress is slow in that area," Stephens said. "It's slow because we just don't want to do it."

Masters officials are worried that televising all 18 holes could cut down on the crowds.

"We notice when TV comes on there is a mass exodus," Stephens said. "Nothing would be worse than to have a golf tournament and nobody shows up."

He added: "We give our patrons on the course the opportunity to see the front nine. It's unusual to them. It's not seen on TV. Besides, 4 1/2 to five hours of TV is a long time."

The golfers certainly understand the difficulty of this unheralded stretch of ground. They know they can shoot themselves out of the tournament before they even get to the celebrated Amen Corner, Nos. 11-12-13, where the Masters is supposed to begin, particularly on Sunday.

Nick Faldo, last year's champion, can tell you about the one-putt double bogey he made on the devilish par-4 360-yard No. 3. It took him four shots just to stay on the green.

The toughest hole in the Masters last year wasn't on Amen Corner, where water comes into play on three holes. It was the 205-yard No. 4 in the middle of what some players call "Little Amen Corner" on 3-4-5.

The fifth hole is a mean 435-yard par-4 that has a difficult green reminiscent of the infamous No. 17 "Road Hole" at St. Andrews.

"The only thing missing is you don't have to chip off concrete," said Larry Mize, the 1987 Masters champion.

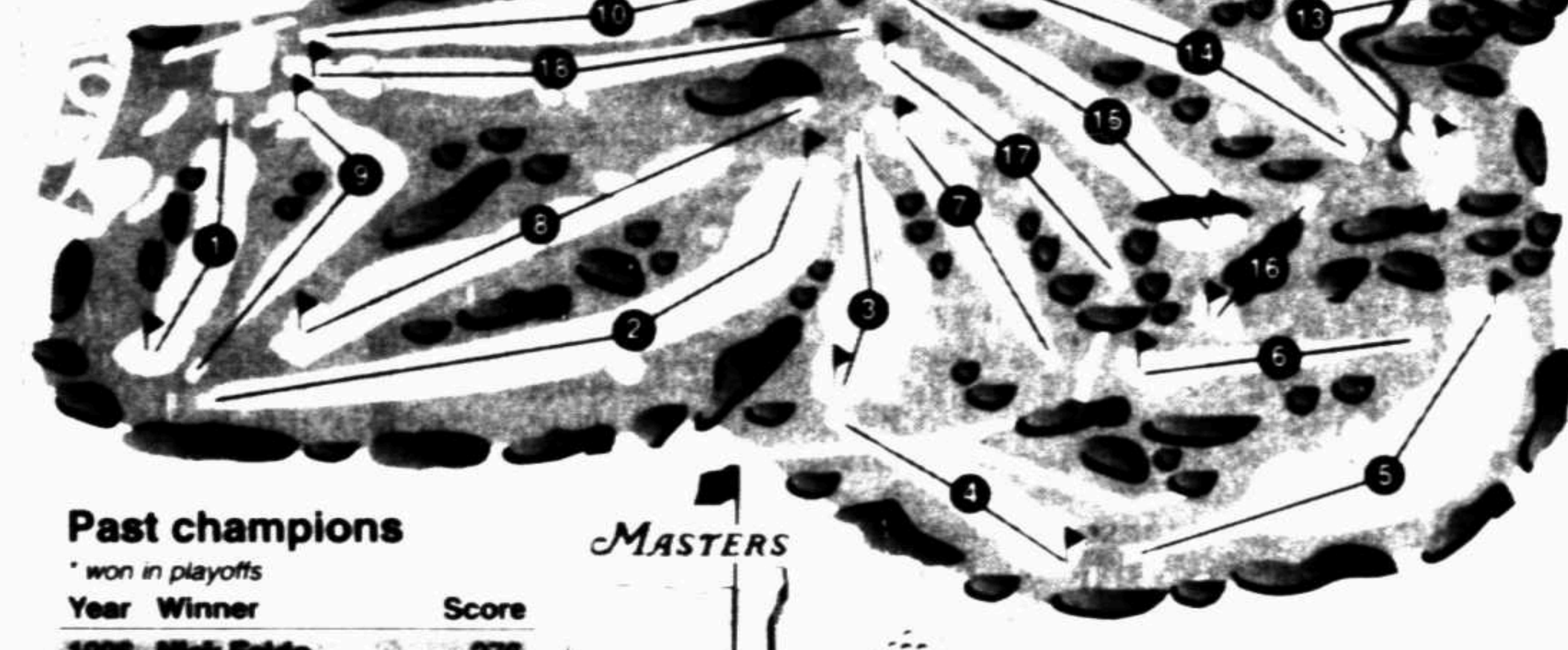
Mize, a native Augustan, knows a lot about the front nine. He got his first look at Augusta National when he worked as a 13-year-old on No. 3, helping plant scores.

"I learned how not to play that hole," Mize said. "The front nine doesn't get much publicity. If you've just seen the Masters on television you don't know much about it. There are a lot of ambushes out there. You have to be smart when you play those holes. If you don't, you can damage your chances before you get to the back nine."

In the early days of the Masters, the front nine was the back nine. But Bobby Jones decided that what is the back nine now held the possibility for more drama because of the water. His judgment was correct. Memorable finishes occur at the Masters almost

The Masters Golf Tournament

Augusta National Golf Club
Augusta, Georgia
April 10-13, 1997



Past champions

Year	Winner	Score
1934	Nick Faldo	276
1955	Ben Crenshaw	274
1984	Jack Nicklaus	270
1993	Bernhard Langer	277
1992	Fred Couples	275
1991	Ian Woosnam	277
1980	Nick Faldo	276
1989	Nick Faldo	283
1988	Sandy Lyle	281
1987	Larry Mize	285

Source: Viewers Guide To Professional Golf, Augusta National G.C.

"Fans know the back nine at the Masters more than any in the world because it's televised every year," said Scotland's Colin Montgomerie. "Nobody knows the front unless you've been to Augusta."

It's hard to get off to a quick start because of the difficulty of the first nine holes.

Two-time champion Ben Crenshaw said "Amen Corner gets most of the attention, but in 1996 five of the first six holes ranked among the top eight in difficulty. The marvelous par-3 sixth completes the stretch."

The unique 180-yard hole has a severe double plateau green.

"The imagination it took to build this green is amazing," Crenshaw said. "It is incredible breaks."

The fifth hole could be one of the best holes to have never been seen on television. Jack Nicklaus performed the remarkable feat last year of holing out a 5-iron, then a 6-iron on consecutive days. Only a handful of fans saw it happen. No TV.

The feisty front nine looks like this:

No. 1, par-4, 400-yards. A slight dogleg right with a yawning bunker which is a 257-yard carry. Uphill all the way. It's three-putt city above the hole.

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YARDS	400	555	360	205	435	180	360	535	435	3,465
PAR	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	36

No. 2, par-5, 555-yards. Dogleg left reachable in two. Deep greenside bunkers. A birdie chance.

No. 3, par-4, 360-yards. Four fairway bunkers. Green slopes right to left. Short shots roll back into fairway. Faldo hates this hole.

No. 4, par-3, 205 yards. A long iron made difficult by swirling winds. Two monster greenside bunkers. How hard is it? Nobody ever made a hole-in-one until Jeff Sluman did it in 1992.

No. 5, par-4, 435 yards. Uphill, dogleg left with a sloping green. Back bunker catches strong shots. Nicklaus produced a double golfing miracle in 1996.

No. 6, par-3, 180-yards. Elevated tee in which golfers hit shots over spectators. Big green with plateaus, making three-putts as common as dogwood petals on the grounds.

No. 7, par-4, 360-yards. Three bunkers in front of the green and two behind make short iron second difficult.

No. 8, par-5, 535-yards. Birdie hole. Bruce Devlin scored the second double eagle in Masters history in 1967.

No. 9, par-4, 435-yards. Green that slopes from back to front. Bells hit on front of green spin back down slope. Downhill putts are nerve testers.

skills, playing as well as he did when he won five majors from 1987-92.

The extra club Faldo has in his bag this week is experience. This is his 14th Masters and he has won three times.

"It's not impossible," he said about a Woods victory, "but I think that experience does help here."

Faldo and Woods — it's a masterful match-up.

Lyle wins Masters Par 3 contest in playoff against McNulty

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Sandy Lyle won the Par 3 contest Wednesday at Augusta National, beating Mark McNulty in the second playoff hole.

The lighthearted event is played on the scenic, nine-hole course adjacent to the course where the Masters begins Thursday.

STEWART DOREN

RHCC Stampede opens doors for Basin golfers

The Midland golf scene is one loaded with many golfers, and therefore, many more stories and issues surround the Tall City's four courses.

We hope to bring some attention to some of those issues, and maybe provide a viewpoint that will ignite discussion around the links. My viewpoint is just that of another hacker looking to make this a better place to golf.

Who's up for a Two-Man Championship?

Here's a bit of good news for any twoosome who have said, "We have a team that can take anyone."

Ranchland Hills Country Club is giving you a chance to prove it.

The move is one that the people at Ranchland are excited about and the reality is something that is good for the Midland golf scene. RHCC is extending invitations to its two-man low ball tournament on April 25-27 — otherwise known as the Stampede — to any team willing to pay the \$200 team entry fee.

It is not the usual member-member or even a member-guest format. It is pick your partner and go. That is something that is good for golf in the city of Midland. I mean a country club opening its doors to any team whether your course is Hogan Park, Green Tree Country Club, Midland CC, Andrews CC, etc... That is just the half of it.

What this does is allow the best golfers in Midland to have a shot of proving who the best is.

And the possibilities are endless. What if you had Midland Country Club Invitational winners Ron and Dub Huckabee, or Steve Whiteside and Larry Noah (winners of last year's Green Tree Two-man)? How about an all-public course two-some of city champ Ronnie Jumper and Charlie Prince or even RHCC's Josh Jacobs, a member of the last two winning Stampede teams and whomever he decides to partner with. Heck, how about me and MC's Steven Young? Okay maybe not, but the possibilities are endless.

Another aspect of the tournament is that this will probably be the only year for the format. So a chance to get the best with the best might not come around for a while.

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April Schedule	
12-13	Midland Country Club Midland Masters Ladies High Low Mens High Low
19-20	Ranchland Hills Country Club Ladies Tournament vs. MCC GBD Tournament Executive Oil Show Wildflowers
24	AM Stampede Stampede
25-27	Green Tree Country Club Texas New Mexico Pipeline Rusty Spring LGA Member-Member Texas State Amateur Qualifier Rally for Breast Cancer Andrews County Golf Course 3-Man Scramble

Call the RHCC golf shop at 683-2041 for more details.

The Big Winner is Charity

Green Tree Country Club will serve as one of the 2,000 official sites in the RALLY FOR A CURE Golf Tournament to fight breast cancer on April 30. The tournament will benefit the Dallas-based Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and locally the Allison Cancer Center.

Organizers have set a goal of 144 golfers to participate in the Midland event while nationally more than 100,000 will golf in the crusade. The format is a four-women scramble with a closest to the pin contest at a designated par-3 hole. Registration is \$50 per person and will include lunch and prizes. Tax-deductible cash donations will be welcome and they can be made out to Midland County Hospital with a memo for Allison Cancer Center. Call Marge Bassett at 697-2900 for more details or to register.

Lee to Regionals

Another pat on the back for Midland Lee girls golf team, who will represent the Tall City and their courses at Region 1-5A Tournament. The program is making its seventh visit to regionals in the last nine years. And looking at the team, you can see how valuable the junior golf programs are for the schools.

Sandi Talley and Kelly Feavel call Green Tree their home course. Krystal Mehaffey is a Ranchland member while Amy Roach and Michelle Morren play their rounds at Hogan Park.

NHL: Expansion could start in 1998

(From 1C)

Houston was the last stop on an NHL tour that also included a visit earlier in the day to Oklahoma City. Other stops were Columbus, Ohio and Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn. On Tuesday, the NHL group toured Atlanta and Nashville, Tenn.

The league before this summer may select as many as four sites for new teams that could begin play in 1998 or 2000, although Bettman said there was no timetable and no specifics on the number of teams to be added.

"If we expand here, it's because we're comfortable with the ownership and the arena," he said, adding that The Summit, while in good shape after more than 20 years of use, would not be adequate.

"This is a nice building but this

building won't do it in the long term," Bettman said. "That is something that needs to be addressed. There's no question a new building is essential."

Lanier said the city would contribute to paying for the arena but would not say how much. Any tax imposed for the arena would have to face voter scrutiny. Lanier said he would favor a November vote even though the NHL officials indicated a decision on expansion could be made as early as June.

Houston hasn't had major league hockey since the old World Hockey Association played in town beginning in 1972. The Houston Aeros wound up the winningest team in the WHA and won two league championships but folded in 1978.

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Prices retreat

NEW YORK — Crude oil and gasoline futures prices finished lower Wednesday after a late-session round of selling on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Crude for May delivery finished at \$19.27 per barrel, down 8 cents. Crude fell as low as \$19.12 late in the day after hitting its high in the morning at \$19.77.

Traders had expected Tuesday's inventory figures from the American Petroleum Institute to give the market some support. Traders were at a loss to explain the late selloff, particularly in light of generally stronger cash prices for gasoline.

Natural gas for May delivery fell 1.5 cents to \$1.901 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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The Desk and Derrick Club of Midland will hold its Industry Appreciation dinner tonight beginning at 6 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Louis Renaud with the General Land Office.

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Dollar climbs

NEW YORK — The dollar hit a new 4 1/2-year high against the yen and a three-year high vs. the mark Wednesday, propelled by the allure of rising U.S. interest rates and lack of central-bank concern over the dollar's strength.

The dollar hit an intraday high of 126.93 yen, the strongest since August 1992, before settling in New York at 126.77 yen, up from 126.52 yen Tuesday and up 3.4 percent since last Friday when the rally began.

Against the mark the dollar reached an intraday high of 1.7272 marks, the strongest since March 1994, before settling in New York at 1.7245 marks, up from 1.7143 Tuesday and up 2.3 percent since last Friday. The pound cost \$1.6194, down from \$1.6260.

Other late dollar rates in New York compared with Tuesday: 1.4780 Swiss francs, up from 1.4735; 5.8020 French francs, up from 5.7660; 1,700.00 Italian lire, up from 1,688.50; 1.3898 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3882.

Markets slump

NEW YORK — Leading stock averages slipped Wednesday as investors, nervous about potential jolts from Friday's inflation report, looked in some of the market's modest rebound from its recent plunge. In a mirror image of Tuesday's lackluster session, the Dow Jones industrial average traded nearly unchanged until the final hour, but this time sank into the close, falling 45.32 to 6,563.84 and wiping out most of the prior day's gain.

Broader stock measures turned mostly lower in the afternoon as technology shares, which have powered the market's attempt to recover from a selloff that sliced 630 points off the Dow, faltered after a four-session rally.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a slim margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 451.49 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 5.52 to 780.60, and the NYSE composite index fell 2.02 to 400.29.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 7.94 to 1,249.43.

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Higher interest hurts housing, profits

■ Slower construction, spending and lower profits first sign brakes slowing economy.

N.Y. Times News Service

Washington — A slowdown in home construction, weaker consumer spending and slumping corporate profits over the next half year are likely to be among the first signs that the Federal Reserve's efforts to brake the U.S. economy are taking hold.

"Within six months, a sufficiently strong monetary policy will really bite," said former Fed Gov. Lyle Gramley, now a consulting economist at the Mortgage Bankers Association of America in Washington.

While it takes up to a year or more for the full effects of Fed rate increases to ripple through the economy, analysts said

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and other U.S. central bankers may feel compelled to raise the overnight bank lending rate again at a May 20 policy meeting if there's no evidence by then that the economy is slowing.

In the second quarter of 1994, after the Fed had already begun pushing rates higher, the economy expanded at a 4.9 percent annual rate and growth remained at above 3 percent for the balance of the year. Only at the start of 1995 did the economy slow.

For now, the economy is experiencing "favorable business and financial circumstances which show every promise of continuing," later this year, said Gary Stern, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, in an address to students at Moorhead State University today.

The Fed's quarter-point increase in the overnight funds rate on March 25 already

contributed to the stock market's recent slide, and home construction could be next, judging by previous Fed attempts to cool growth.

The average rate on 30-year fixed home mortgages crept above 8 percent in the days after the March Fed meeting. Building permits will stall if mortgage rates continue moving higher, and applications for both new mortgages and refinancing will also drop.

Banks also raised their benchmark prime lending rates, to which credit card and other consumer loan rates are often linked. Auto sales usually weaken as loan rates rise — and people decide they'll try to get a few more years out of their cars and trucks instead of borrowing money for a new model.

For businesses, investment in plant and equipment will slow as borrowing costs rise and consumer spending slows. Business inventories will start to pile up,

reflecting a slowdown in sales, said Harris Kempner, who helps manage \$1.8 billion at Kempner Capital Management in Galveston, Texas.

Hiring will also slow, hurting consumer confidence in the economy. And with the slowdown in hiring, labor costs — a key concern of the Fed — should moderate. In March labor costs rose to a decade-high annual rate of 4 percent.

The reason for all of this pain? Keeping inflation in check. The Fed's policy-making Open Market Committee said as much in March when it raised rates for the first time in two years, saying the action "was taken in light of persisting strength in demand, which is progressively increasing the risk of inflationary imbalances developing in the economy."

For now, inflation has yet to rear its head, unlike the last time the Fed moved. For the first two months of this year, producer prices fell 4.0 percent.

Bagel bakers battle for stomach share

■ Bagels go from Old World wonder to mass-marketed commodity.

Associated Press

BOSTON — Bill Schwab knows bagels. Zayde's Bagel & Bake Shop in Saugus has been boiling the hard, crusty rolls since his father-in-law set up shop 80 years ago. But business has been slipping lately, as the bagel goes from old-world wonder to mass-marketed commodity.

Schwab's ancestors would be shocked by what's out there now: bagels with chocolate chips, jalapenos and cheese. And they'd be stunned to know who has become one of the nation's biggest bagel retailers nowadays: Dunkin' Donuts.

Even Dunkin' Donuts chief executive Bob Rosenberg is surprised. Rosenberg's father, Bill, founded the chain in 1950. The younger Rosenberg, who grew up in a Jewish section of Boston, is thrilled that the food of his childhood has national appeal.

"It's surprising, and it's gratifying," Rosenberg, 59, said Wednesday.

Dunkin' Donuts' parent, Allied Domecq PLC of Britain, began rolling out the bagels nationally last June. Sold in 2,100 of the chain's 3,100 U.S. stores, they are expected to account for 15 percent of sales by year's end.

Dunkin' Donuts claims to be No. 1 in bagels because it has more stores selling them than anyone else. But the Randolph-based chain sells only about 4 million a week; Bruegger's Bagels claims to sell approximately 7 million at its 480 stores.

Bagels are a \$2.6 billion-a-year industry that will probably grow to \$3 billion within a few years, according to Patrick Kearns, associate editor of Modern Baking, a trade magazine. Fresh-baked donuts, by comparison, have annual sales of about \$1.8 billion, Kearns said.

Last year was the first time the magazine tallied bagel sales.

"Nobody really used to track figures. It's only been within the last three to four years that everyone's really been smitten with bagels," he said.

Zayde — Grandpa in Yiddish — may be



Joselyn Jimenez of Boston shows off a selection of bagels at the Dunkin' Donuts store in the Chinatown section of Boston Wednesday. Once considered an ethnic food, bagels are now becoming a hot commodity.

surprised by the bagel explosion. But popular American products often take their lead from ethnic, peasant food.

The hard, crusty bagel that was the staple of New York Jewish families has been transformed into a softer, chewier product with newfangled ingredients, like blueberries, that elicit cries of "oy vey" from purists.

"It's a pretty American concept, taking something that's ethnic and tweaking it into something which may have more mainstream appeal than the product that started the trend," said Tom Vierhile, general manager of Marketing Intelligence Service in Naples, N.Y.

And we're going to see a lot more of

that, he said.

Take the UnHoley Bagel — a hole-less bagel stuffed with cream cheese. No need to slice and schmear this one. Other national, supermarket brands are experimenting with pizza-stuffed bagels and other flavors.

Many bagel customers don't even associate them with Jewish cuisine. To the U.S., a bagel sandwich is simply New York urban hip.

"People who are baby boomers may know the history and tradition of the bagel, but the young people are seeing it as a real cool food to eat," said Audrey Guskey, marketing professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Procter & Gamble bets on global growth with acquisition of maker of Tampax

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Tambrands Inc. thrived during 60 years as an independent company and built a market-leading position with its sole product, Tampax tampons, despite stiff competition from rivals Playtex and Kimberly-Clark.

Now, Procter & Gamble Co. is swallowing Tambrands to take aim at a potentially lucrative global market. P&G on Wednesday announced a \$1.85 billion purchase of Tambrands that will allow P&G to apply its worldwide marketing and distribution networks as it enters the tampon market with an established brand.

That will build on the success of Tampax and let it reach its potential, said Edward T. Fogarty, Tambrands' chairman, president and chief executive officer.

"In today's intensely competitive market, where global scale and efficiencies are increasingly critical, we believe this

transaction is in the best interest of Tambrands shareholders," Fogarty said.

Tambrands has a 44 percent share of the international market — with \$662 million in global sales for 1996 — and almost 50 percent of the U.S. market.

Tambrands, based in White Plains, N.Y., sells Tampax in more than 150 countries, doing more than 90 percent of its business in North America and Europe. Tambrands has 2,600 employees worldwide.

It seems clear that Procter & Gamble was the force behind the deal, said Anton Brenner, a UBS Securities analyst. Tambrands received no takers in 1993 when the company looked around for merger opportunities, he said.

P&G said it expects to complete the deal in a few months. It is subject to approval by Tambrands shareholders — who are to be paid \$50 per share — and regulators in the United States and each foreign country where the product is sold.

John E. Pepper, P&G's chairman and

chief executive, said the company would look to increase Tampax sales in more countries, noting that Latin America and Asia account for less than 5 percent of the brand's volume. Tampax makers have encountered some unwillingness and cultural concerns in response to sales pitches overseas.

P&G also wants to increase the U.S. market by developing new feminine hygiene products.

P&G's Always brand is the top sanitary pad in the U.S. market. Adding Tampax would put it further ahead of rivals like Kotex maker Kimberly-Clark Corp., which is based in Dallas, and Playtex Products Inc.

The deal is the biggest acquisition ever for Procter & Gamble, the Cincinnati-based consumer products company with \$35.3 billion in yearly sales worldwide. Tambrands employees will continue running the business while P&G decides how to integrate it.



John E. Pepper, chairman and chief executive officer of Procter & Gamble, announced Wednesday the company will purchase Tambrands for \$1.85 billion.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Replace employers insurance with long-term disability

By Eric Tyson

Q: I'm soon to leave my corporate job to start my own company. While I've been looking forward to being my own boss, I am concerned about replacing the insurance benefits my current employer offers.

What insurance do I need to buy?

A: If insurance were free, we would buy unlimited amounts of it. But, as we both know, insurance costs money and takes time to purchase. The right amount of coverage balances adequate protection with reasonable cost.

Insurance on yourself — health, life and disability insurance — should protect against a financial catastrophe. Some small losses, on the other hand, aren't worth the money and bother of

your time to insure.

During your working years, your future income-earning ability is likely your most valuable "asset" — far more valuable than a car or even your home.

Therefore, get long-term disability insurance, even if you don't have dependents. It replaces a portion of your lost income in the event a disability prevents you from working. Be sure to obtain a long-term disability policy that pays benefits until the age at which you expect to be able to retire — which for most people is around age 65.

If you pay for the disability insurance yourself with your after-tax earnings, the benefits from the policy — should you ever collect them — would not be taxed. Thus, you might be fine with a policy that replaces 60 to 65 percent of your monthly gross earnings.

If you have dependents, you also should have life insurance.

Term life insurance is pure insurance protection and the best way to go

for the vast majority of people. The amount of coverage you buy should be based upon how many years of your income your family would need replaced in the event of your death.

In addition to evaluating your need for disability and life insurance, you definitely need to buy a comprehensive health insurance policy. Even if you're in good health, you never know when an accident or illness can happen. Don't go without it.

If you have been covered through a group plan with an employer, then you are allowed, under a law known as "COBRA," to remain on your former company's health plan for 18 months after departing. Moreover, under a law that is going into effect this year, you are guaranteed to be eligible for an individual insurance policy, no matter what your health, when those 18 months are up.

When you do go to buy your own individual policy, look for one with broad medical coverage. It's the big ticket

items, such as hospital stays, surgery and X-rays, that you should be your main concern. Also look for a policy with no lifetime maximum benefit, or a maximum of at least several million dollars; and guaranteed renewability, so you don't have to take physical exams every few years to prove you're in good health.

I don't think it's worth buying insurance policies for dental and vision costs that some larger employers offer. Dental and eye exams and related costs generally are not big-ticket expenses.

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GARDEN: Select carefully for West Texas conditions

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ture. Staking tall plants that tend to blow over may be needed early in the growing season.

Don't wait to stake, place the stakes before shoots are very tall and as the plant grows, it can be reinforced with ties. Another support method for floppy plants is twiggies branches placed around the plant before new growth begins.

Very tall, weak stemmed plants can be kept compact and dense if they are pinched two or three times early in the season. This needs to be done early in the growing season and is most useful when used on plants that bloom in late summer and fall, like chrysanthemum, Maximilian sunflower and asters.

Deadheading by removing fading flower heads before they set seed, promotes more blooming. This is a technique commonly used with annuals but ever-blooming roses and long blooming perennials will benefit too.

SELECTING PLANTS

The array of flowering perennials is vast. The key to growing them in our area is careful selection. Choose plants that are well adapted to life in West Texas. They should be able to withstand intense heat, high winds, dry con-

ditions and difficult soils. If they require pampering, such as a lot of water, pesticides, protection and so on, you don't need it. There are plenty of beautiful perennials that are well adapted to our area.

Here are several top perennials to consider.

Yarrow, *Achillea* sp., is a dependable, heat and drought tolerant, summer flowering plant sometimes referred to as "sunfern," due to its ferny foliage. There are several species with some having a spreading nature while other make large clumps. These 1-foot tall plants send up flower stalks with large flat topped heads that last a long time and dry well for dried flower arrangements. A pink, *A. millefolium*, "Fire King," a sturdy bright gold, *A. filipendulina*, "Coronation Gold" and a delicate yellow with silvery foliage called "Moonshine" are all good performers.

A must have columbine is *Aquilegia Hincleyana*, commonly called Hincley columbine or Texas Gold Columbine. This outstanding columbine is native to Texas and can stand up to the heat, wind and dry conditions year after year, unlike the fragile Colorado columbines. This delightful yellow, long spurred flower stands well above the equally beautiful maid-

en hair, fern-like foliage. Look for this one to be in full bloom right now resembling yellow butterflies hovering above one foot mounds. Grow this one the partial shade of deciduous trees.

Artemisia are extremely useful and beautiful. There are many species, most have silvery foliage for which they are grown. "Powers Castle," which are about 2-foot by 3-foot in size, artemisia is outstanding.

"Silver King" and "Silver Queen" are equally beautiful, growing 3-foot tall but can spread rapidly through the garden. A dwarf *A. Schmidtiana*, "Silver Mound," is one of several dwarfs that grow only inches tall and about a foot to 18 inches wide. These are fine textured and silvery.

Fall asters are breathtaking in late summer and fall, being covered in lavender daisy-like blooms giving it a billowy appearance. *Aster oblongifolius*, Frakarti aster, is especially well adapted to our area. This plain green mound is about 3-foot square and marvelous in late summer and fall. It looks great with another outstanding perennial, Mexican mint marigold, *Tagetes lucida*.

Coreopsis is a remarkable perennial that sends up stalk after stalk of bright yellow blooms in

spring and summer. Dead heading can keep plants blooming even longer.

Coreopsis cultivars like "Sunray" and "Early Sunrise" are excellent dwarfed forms, 1-foot to 18-inches, of *C. lanceolata*, and *C. grandiflora*. Small flowering and ferny foliage species include "Zagreb" and "Moonbeam" and there's even a rosy colored one.

Perennial ageratum, *Eupatorium coelestinum*, is a wonderful plant that will bloom in full sun and a considerable amount of shade. It blooms in late summer and fall. Blooms are lavender blue and butterflies hang by the dozens on them. The plant spreads by underground stems and can be invasive in some soils, but it is easy to control by pulling.

Daylilies, *Hemerocallis*, are resilient, graceful, adaptable and lend themselves to many uses in the landscape. They are available in many colors and can have evergreen or herbaceous foliage. Breeding programs have turned up some cultivars that will bloom almost all summer. Height ranges from 1 to 3 feet and plants increase with time requiring periodic division.

Russian sage, *Perovskia atriplicifolia*, is a perennial you will want to make room for.

This 4-foot by 3-foot plant has

lacy, gray-green foliage and complementary fine textured flower spikes of lavender-blue. This delightful plant will bloom all summer and into the fall, and is very drought tolerant.

Late summer and fall sees *Physostegia virginiana*, also known as obedient plant or false dragonhead, because individual florets can be moved to either direction and will stay put. This 2-foot plant produces snap-dragon-like flowers on spikes in purple, lavender, pink and white during late summer. It increases by forming an increasing clump that needs to be divided periodically. A gorgeous variegated form, "Variegata" is available. This is a moisture loving plant, but will take some drought.

There are many sedums, but two showy, flowering sedums are "Autumn Joy" and "Brilliant." These make an architecturally interesting mound from spring until they bloom in late summer. Flowers are pink or dark pink but gradually turn red then russet. Flower stalks remain through fall and winter adding interest during the dormant season.

Lamb's Ear, *Stachys byzantina*, is a great plant — not for its flowering, although it is attractive — but for the velvety, illuminating leaves. This plant is perfect for a

border front. The silvery leaves blend well with pinks, lavenders and purple.

Children and adults are fascinated by the velvet texture.

Society garlic, *Tulbaghia violacea*, blooms almost continuously from spring through fall. It sends up flower stalks from strap-like foliage that resemble miniature agapanthus blooms, an umbel in other words of lilac-violet colored flowers. Leaves are garlic-like and 1-foot long. A variegated form with a white stripe in the leaves, "Silver Lace" is very striking.

This makes a good container plant.

For a list of flowering perennial plants that will do well in the area contact the Midland or Ector County Extension Service.

This just scratches the surface when it comes to perennials adapted to our area. Most of these are readily available at local garden centers and all are worthy of your attention. For dependable, seasonal, varied, intriguing landscape, color, flowering perennials are an excellent choice.

Deborah Bengé Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.

West Texas Iris Society plans spring show

By Deborah Bengé Frost

A fabulous flowering perennial that every garden should have for its beauty alone is the bearded iris. It is a truly exquisite plant in flower and form, but also it is one of the hardiest, toughest, most dependable perennials around. It simply can't be beat for its trouble-free beauty, range of colors and striking vertical accent foliage. And they are blooming right now.

The number of iris cultivars available is overwhelming. A great way to decide what varieties you want to grow is by going to iris shows. At these shows you can see for your self the delightful colors and types that grow in the West Texas. You'll also have an opportunity to visit knowledgeable growers.

Don't miss the 20th Anniversary of the West Texas Iris Society Show, April 19, at Midland Park Mall near the Sears end. Show time is noon-5 p.m. Those who are interested in showing irises, call 520-2254 for entering details.

The Permian Basin Iris Society has an iris show scheduled for April 26 at the Holiday Inn Parkway. Entry times are 8-10 a.m. and public viewing will be 1-5 p.m. For details on entering iris specimens call 687-6340.

Bearded iris can't be beat for stunning color, attractive plants and dependability. To see the varieties of irises available, attend the West Texas Iris Society Show, April 19 at the Sears end of Midland Park Mall.

Some perennials are drought, heat tolerant

By Deborah Bengé Frost

Are you tired of dragging that hose? Weary of coaxing some New England flowering perennial into living, let alone blooming in West Texas? Well, you don't have to do either, if you select well-adapted flowering perennials that are West Texas tough.

There are gorgeous flowering plants that can be planted and watered just enough to get them established which can then exist on natural rainfall and/or occasional irrigations.

While you might think these plants would be some weedy looking growth that may look fine in the pasture but not your landscape, actually, these are fabulous plants that will make a beautiful landscape.

Maximilian sunflower, *Helianthus Maximiliani*, is a great care-free plant that only needs to be planted and watered a couple of times. Then it's practically maintenance free. This tall, 10-foot grower forms a clump that needs dividing occasionally. In late summer and fall yellow sunflowers cover the top third of the plant.

Blackfoot daisy, *Melampodium leucanthum*, grows native on our roadsides and can get by on rain all once it is established, but will make a low, spreading mat of pristine white daisy-like blooms from spring through fall. This is a great plant for front border growing only 8 inches tall and 2 to 3 feet wide.

Rocky Mountain Zinnia, *Zinnia grandiflora*, is a great mat forming heavy bloomer of bright yellow papery blooms. While it is difficult to establish — especially if you are a little heavy handed with water — it is well worth the effort. Flowering spring through fall, this 8-inch tall plant can make 3 to 4 feet mats with a little additional water.

Tuber vervain, *Verbena rigida*, is a tough and colorful spreading verbena. Growing 10 to 12 feet tall and spreading as far as soil and moisture encourages it, this plant is covered in bright deep purple blooms most of the warm months.

Calyophorus, *Calyophorus serrulatus*, is another flower that grows on our



For a heat and drought tolerant duo that is color-packed, plant Mealy cup blue sage with this "New Gold" lanternia (left), or, for a softer look that will still stand up to West Texas conditions, try the pink evening primrose which provides a blanket of pink blooms in spring and summer.



Photos courtesy of Deborah Bengé Frost

roadsides, but when placed in your landscape it becomes an eye catching beauty. This low growing (6 to 12 inches) lemon yellow blooming native will provide color during the warm months.

VERY DROUGHT TOLERANT

Four nerve daisy, *Hymenoxys scopos*, grows 10 feet tall and 10 feet wide and has neat narrow evergreen foliage. It sends up slender flower stalks with bright yellow daisy flowers topping each stalk. This plant blooms almost year around.

Missouri primrose, *Oenothera missouriensis*, also known as Ozark Sundrops, is a wonderful primrose minus the invasive nature of some. Big yellow blossoms appear on this low growing, neat foliage plant. Interesting large, papery, winged seed pods develop to add additional interest.

Another primrose many are accustomed to is the pink evening primrose, *O. speciosa*, is a delightful spring and early summer bloomer being covered in large pink blossoms. The plants are about 10 inches tall and will spread rampantly through your beds, but they are easy to pull up and worth their trouble.

Ruellias are a group of tough drought tolerant plants that are colorful and worth looking at. Mexican petunia is fairly common and grows two feet tall and spreads where it

wants. It is topped off with purple blooms and makes it's heaviest bloom in late summer and fall, but has some flowers all summer. There are white and pink selections available as well. A dwarf called "Katie" is widely available. Both these and the pink evening primrose will tolerate shade.

Rock rose, *Pavonia lasiopetala*, is a green shrubby plant that grows to be about 3 feet square, or slightly larger. It is covered in deep pink, single rose-like blossoms throughout the warm months.

SHOULD BE USED MORE

Salvias are a great group and many are very drought tolerant. *S. greggii* is a great shrubby plant that will need very little water to get by on. It comes in hot pink, velvety reds, corals, white and more. It blooms spring until fall. *S. farinacea* is a beautiful, commonly available, blue blooming short-lived perennial. Two feet tall and 1 foot wide. It does appreciate regular water.

There are many others like: Penstemons, Flame Acanthus, Blue Flax, Desert Marigold, Bouncing Bet, Liatris, Gaillardia.

Datura, Goldenrod, Lindheimer's Gaura, but we'll get to those another time. The biggest problem with these plants is availability. Some are difficult to propagate, hard to keep alive in containers and they are most certainly difficult to market to the general public. So, you'll have to search for these through native plant nurseries, mail order companies that specialize in natives and keep a sharp eye at the local garden center, because some are commonly available and others are occasional available.

Mark your calendar for the Texas Native Plant Society - Midland Chapter's annual Native Plant Sale, April 19. This sale will be held at the Sibley Environmental Learning Center, 1304 E. Wadley. The sale starts at 9 a.m. and goes to noon. Be sure to get there early.

They may be hard to find, but these tough, drought and heat tolerant flowering perennials are well worth the search.

Deborah Bengé Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.

DEAR ABBY

Lack of love is reason to leave

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to your column, "Abused Wife Learns What Love Isn't." Similarly, after 15 years with an abusive woman, I told her I had to leave. She left me emotionally overwrought and filled with undirected anger. With the help of counseling, I also figured out what love isn't. Ladies: If you see yourself in this — take warning:

- LOVE ISN'T ...
- Saying, "You don't know what you're talking about" when your husband says that he doesn't feel loved.
- Constantly badgering your husband to get a better paying job, when he makes an ample salary (\$90,000 a year) and enjoys his work.
- Continuously referring to your husband as "old man," knowing he resents it, especially when he's athletic and youthful looking for his age (48).
- Grabbing and throwing your husband's hand down when he reaches out to touch or hold you.
- Belittling your husband before others, even in his presence.
- Telling your husband that no other woman would want him.
- Blatantly seeking expensive, tangible "trappings of influence" for status, to the detriment of living within means.
- Not knowing or taking interest in what your husband does at work, realizing his work means a lot to him.
- Consciously not being home or at the airport to welcome your husband after a long trip.
- Reading and annoyingly chewing ice in bed until husband falls asleep, and feigning sleep until after husband leaves for work.
- Refusing to visit husband's relatives, while demanding frequent visits to your relatives. — THE GOODBYE HUSBAND WHO FINALLY FOUND TRUE LOVE AND CONTENTMENT IN RESTON, VA.

DEAR GOODBYE HUSBAND: What a sad description of lonely coexistence — I hesitate to call it a marriage. Fortunately, not all women are like the first one you married. Congratulations on having found true love and contentment the second time around.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the father who wrote regarding leaving his 4- and 2-year-olds home from the family cruise: I was that 4-year-old, 24 years ago. My parents took my brother and sister to Disneyland, and I stayed behind with both sets of grandparents.

I would like to tell that father to do as you suggested: Plan special times for the kids at home — ice cream excursions, nature walks, kids' museums, children's theaters, craft hour or going out for dinner. Make it extra-special for them, so they can tell the older ones when they return. Being the younger child has its advantages later on in life. I was lucky to have my mom and dad to myself once the other kids left for college. I became an "only child" for a few years, and I would not have traded that quality time for anything in the world.

I hope the parents do some creative planning and go on their trip and enjoy. — ADJUSTED IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR ADJUSTED: I'm printing your supportive letter for that father to see. There is nothing as reassuring as the voice of experience.

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"Silver King" artemisia shines in the sunlight, making the perfect contrast for pink, purple and lavender flowering plants. It is a wonderful plant for adding background color and texture to the landscape.



The silvery delicate foliage of the Russian sage is perfectly matched to the velvety lavender-blue flowers.



Seen here in fall, "Autumn Joy" sedum is a long-lived, dependable plant, in addition to its beauty.



Lamb's ear is favorite for the front of a perennial border. The plant's velvety leaves fascinate children and adults. The silvery leaves blend well with pinks, lavenders and purples.

Perennial Favorites

For the gardener, there's no trip like the one to the garden in spring. The eager anticipation of what's happening in the flower garden is pleasant for those of us who get a thrill from "digging in the dirt."

Early morning inspections of the garden reveal what's happened overnight in the rapid succession of spring. Each day reveals new sights and wonders.

One such spectacle is provided by flowering perennials. When you think of that tiny plant that came from a 2- or 4-inch pot, it's hard to believe it is now pushing bold green shoots up through the earth and is well on its way to a robust garden beauty. Then at its appointed time, flower buds will ease open revealing its flowering beauty.

Perennials are plants that have a persistent root structures that enable them to come back year after year. The herbaceous perennial is equipped with a root system composed of tubers, rhizomes or other food storing root structures that allow the plant send out new growth each growing season. Perennials can be short-lived, maybe three or four years; or they can be long-lived, returning for many years.

Of all the different types of gardens, perennial gardens seem the most intriguing and artistically challenging.

The first development of perennial gardens originated in England during the 17th and 18th centuries. This wonderful garden style was popularized by Gertrude Jekyll and William Robinson, who had enough of the rigid Victorian gardens. Jekyll, an artist with failing eyesight, took her paint brush and pallet to the garden and began to develop works of art by arranging bold drifts of carefully selected and placed perennials on an earthy canvas. Since that time several uses of perennials have evolved.

TYPES OF PERENNIAL GARDENS

Using the same principles we can create similar garden styles as the English border, but the challenge comes with the gardener's familiarity of flowering perennials that are well adapted to life in West Texas.

Some of the other uses of perennials are the mixed border, cutting gardens, the contemporary Cottage garden, container garden and spots of color.

The mixed border is a combination of perennials, annuals and flowering shrubs. It is very similar to the herbaceous border that Jekyll and Robinson introduced. Cutting gardens were common in large estates where there was a need for lots of fresh cut flowers. For the shrinking patches of garden space, perennials can be planted in areas where spots of color are needed either in a bed or in a container.

The contemporary Cottage garden is a style that originated in Texas and the Gulf South between 50 to 150 years ago. It is a style commonly seen among flower gardeners today and best suits itself to our smaller urban landscapes. Cottage gardens were modest in size, enclosed by a picket fence, walls or hedges, and contain a variety of plant materials selected by the owner for their beauty, emotional attachment, family favorites or real usefulness, like fruit trees, roses and herbs. Dr. William Welch, Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist and author of "Perennial Garden Color for Texas and the South," says this about contemporary cottage gardens, "Cottage gardens reflect one of the best aspects of America's combined North European heritage — individualism." Since they reflect the taste of their owners, no two cottage gardens should ever be alike.

USING PERENNIAL COLOR

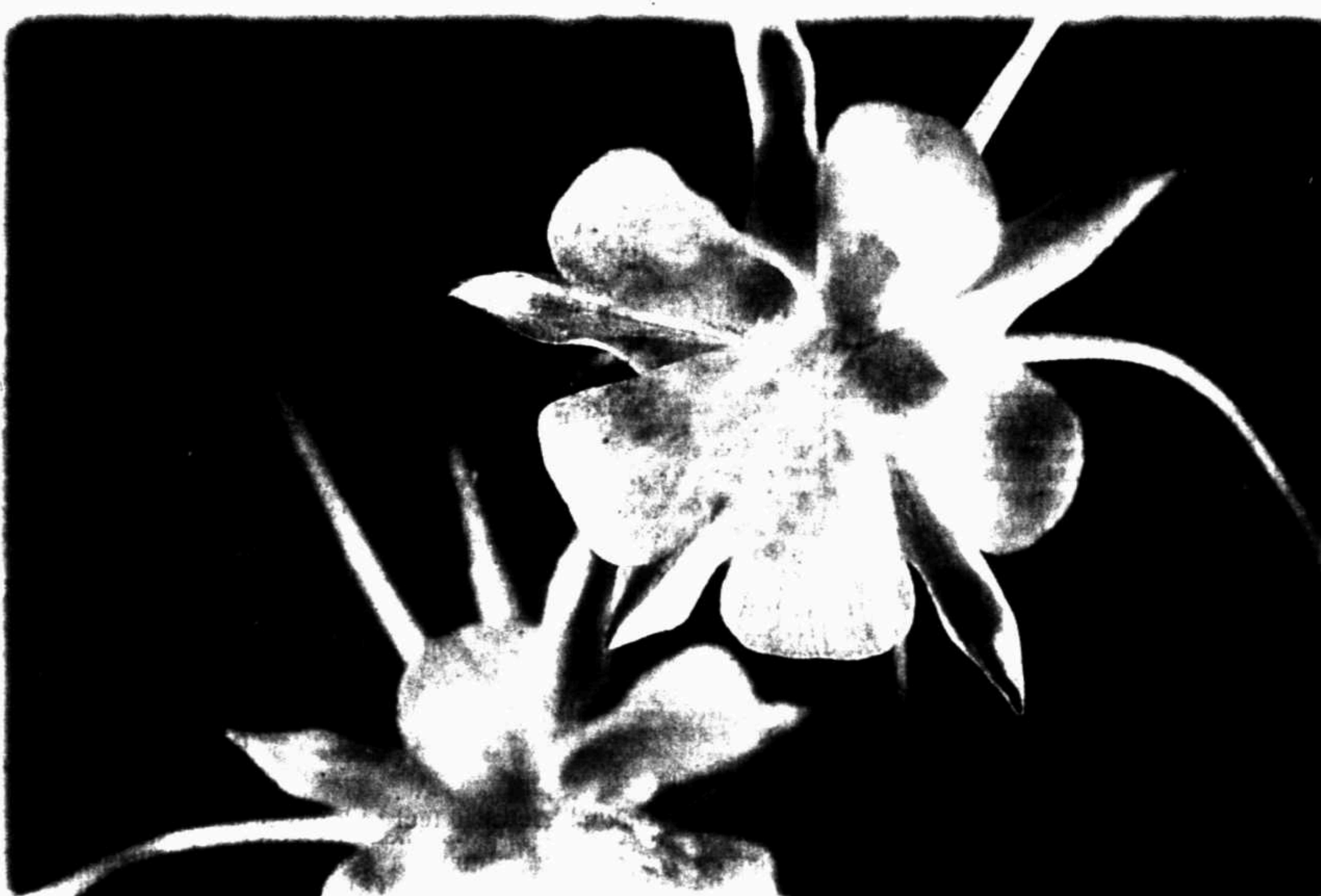
Using color to its best advantage can be very difficult if it's not something you deal with frequently or do not have a natural talent for. If it's not your strong suit, plant the colors that you like. Most folks plant a variety of colors, but more elaborately planned gardens can have color themes. Color theme gardens originated from historical English gardens, with the white garden being especially popular.

The color wheel can be useful in planning if you utilize the principles of color.

Complementary colors are opposite on the color wheel whereas analogous colors are in the same region.

Massing plants so color comes in drifts will avoid a spotty or even weedy appearance.

One of everything is a great temptation to the curious horticulturist within us, but for the artist in us, stick with bold masses that repeat in the garden.



Hinckley columbine or Texas Gold Columbine (above) is a must have perennial. It just gets better and better each year with these delightful yellow, hovering butterfly-like blooms. Daylilies (below in story) are delightful and dependable when it comes to summer color. The flowers come in many colors and are beautiful. The grassy-like plant also is a nice landscape addition when not in bloom.

Foliage plants can also make a big contribution to the garden. Artemisia is one such plant with its silvery foliage.

If the space you are landscaping is small and used for dining, color can have a calming effect. Small lavenders, blues and yellows also make the area appear more spacious. If the area is used for a festive or celebration site, warm colors like oranges and yellows are the colors to select.

Texture is another element of design to consider. Fine textured plants are those that have small leaves and stems. Asparagus fern, Russian Sage, heavenly bamboo and yaupon holly all have a fine texture. Baby's breath has foliage and flowers that are fine textured. White hollyhocks have flowers and leaves that are fine textured. Umbrella plant all have bold, striking foliage. A variety of plants in the garden much more interesting, but just in the spot of color, it can create chaos in the garden.

Fine textured plants have a receding effect while coarse textured plants stand out. Stand-out impact. Texture is closely related to form. The general shape of the plant and it can be used effectively in the garden.

Common shapes include rounded mounds, pyramidal, cones, spreading and weeping shapes.

The plant's mature height and spread should be kept in mind when planting. For viewing, tall forms should go in the back of a border, intermediate in the middle, and short in the front. Some irregularity in this rule is good to form an interesting visual, but for the most part, place plants where they can be seen. Island beds that are viewed from all sides need tall items in the center, followed by medium height plants and the short ones at the edge of the bed.

Line is another element of design. Lines can be straight or sweeping curves. The line of a hedge, fence, wall or bed edging can all help define line. Garden paths also play a part in line.

The border edging needs to be clean and strong to help define line for a neat-looking garden. This will give the garden definition that enhances the plants. A strong bed edge will highlight the plants that spill or trail over it. This strong edge also makes maintenance easier.

GETTING READY TO PLANT

Perennials are going to be around for a few years so site selection and soil preparation is very important. The majority of flowering plants will grow and bloom better in full sun. Many will tolerate partial shade, but flowers are

fewer and chances of foliar diseases are greater. Large trees and shrubs create shade and competitive root systems. This situation is common to many landscapes, so look for sunny sites you will enjoy working in and viewing.

Most flowering plants need well-drained soils. While loam soils are ideal, any soil can be improved with organic matter. By adding 4 to 8 inches of compost, peat moss, composted pine bark mulch, leaf mold and composted animal manures, any soil can grow perennials. Even if you have good soil, you'll still want to add a thick layer of organic matter. Preparing the soil months in advance will allow the use of raw forms of organic matter rather than just compost or peat.

Repeated tilling or spading should incorporate organic matter and deeply work the soil. The height of the bed will be raised several inches, but this will settle with time.

During the final stages of soil cultivation, fertilizer can be incorporated into the soil.

The results of a soil test will give you the best guidance as to what should be added to the soil before planting. Without a soil test, a general recommendation is 2 to 3 pounds of a complete fertilizer like 13-13-13 or 10-10-10. If you apply phosphorus as a separate nutrient, try superphosphate rather than bonemeal which has an alkaline pH.

PLANTING TIMES

Containerized plants make planting a year-round possibility, but fall and spring are the ideal times. Individual species should be planted six months before blooming for best results. A general rule of thumb is spring flowering perennials should be planted in fall and fall blooming plants should be planted in spring and summer blooming plants can be planted during late winter or very early spring.

Plants straight from the garden center or nursery may need conditioning (gradually exposed to the real outdoor conditions) and/or protection after planting. Wind breaks or shading devices can help young plants get established.

FINDING THE PLANTS

Perennials can be grown from seed, transplants and divisions.

Growing from seed requires a desire and some expertise. A cold frame or greenhouse is especially helpful, but not absolutely necessary. Since there are many steps in seedling nurturing, you may want additional information to successfully grow your own transplants. Contact the Midland or Ector County Extension Service for more information.

Transplants can be purchased from garden centers or ordered. Garden centers are frequently filled with flowering annuals but searching will often reveal several perennials. Since instant color appeals to consumers most, perennials often are overlooked in the garden center because they usually are not in bloom. Therefore, only the knowledgeable gardener can recognize the potential of these often times ordinary and even drab appearing plants.

Gardening friends can be a great source of plants. Many flowering perennials form a clump each year that gets larger and larger and requires periodic division. Or many will root from cuttings or layering. Make sure you don't accidentally bring home a pest or disease this way.

LOOKING GOOD

During the season there are some steps you can take to help plants endure summer heat and drought. With a new perennial bed, a generous mulch layer can be applied to keep soil temperatures moderate, reduce weeds, slow soil water evaporation, reduce salts in the soil surface and reduce soil washing and blowing.

Plants should be watered deeply and infrequently. Drip irrigation installed prior to planting is a very good way in our hot arid area. Determine watering needs by making frequent visits to the garden, observing leaf textures and color and digging in the soil to feel moisture.

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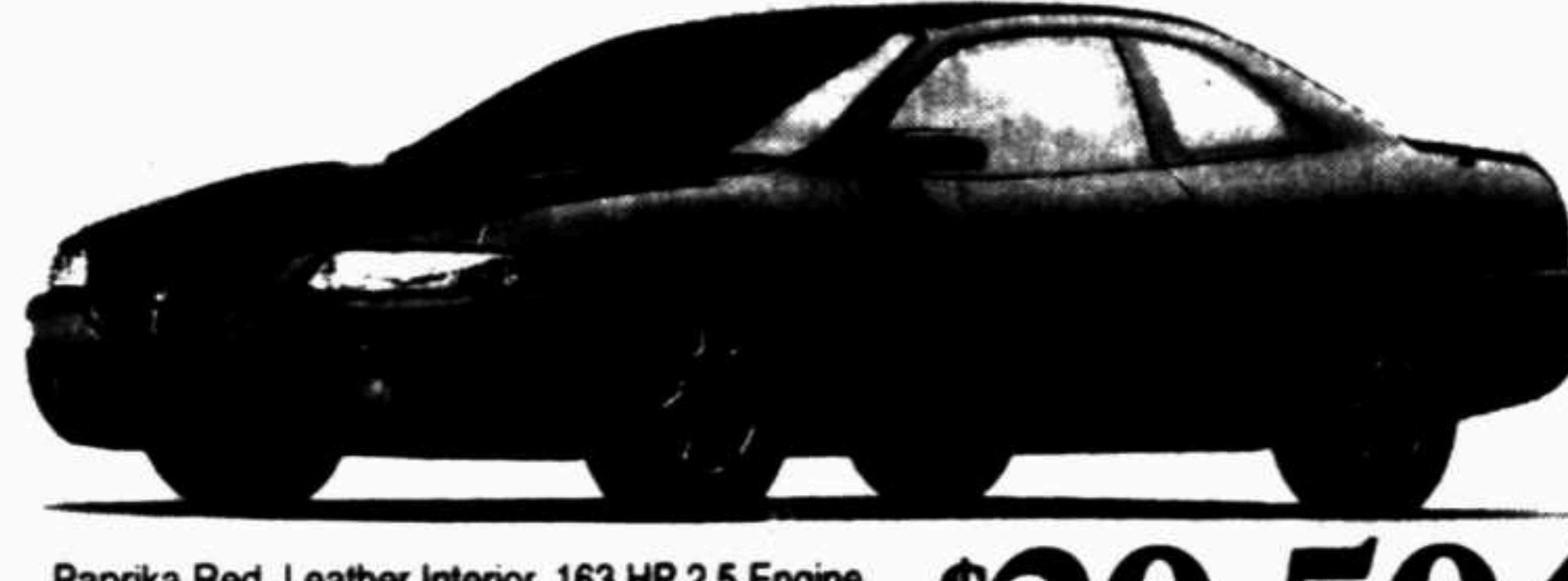
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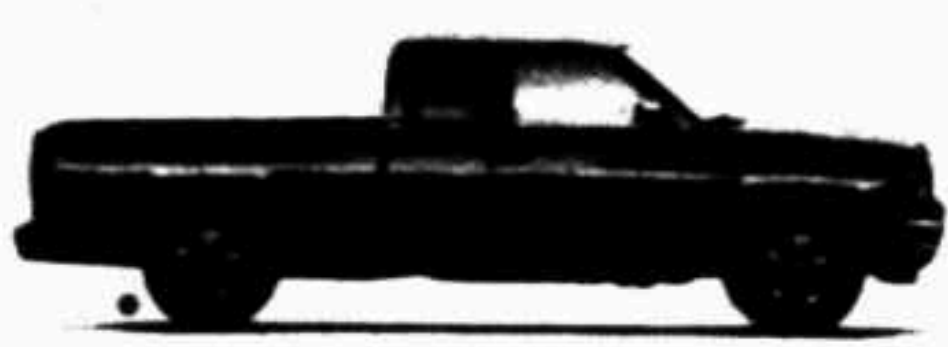
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Bath Bath
Klt. Kitchen
Dbl. Double
A/C. Air conditioning
Mstr. Bdrm. Master Bedroom
Garage Garage
Bldg. Building
Cnd. Condition
N-QA Non-Qualifying
Assumable Assumable
QA Qualifying
Ac. Acre
S/2 Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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