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NEWS WATCH

Spaceball update

Today's edition of the television news show "Hard Copy" will feature a reporter's attempts to crack the Midland space ball mystery.

A reporter and producer from the show were in Midland on April 8 to film the segment, show publicist Kim Wilder said.

The "Hard Copy" team had no luck tracking down the Midland couple who supposedly found a 24-pound ball from outer space in their vegetable garden, Ms. Wilder said.

"Hard Copy" producers became interested in finding Gerri Betz and her son, Terry, after the Weekly World News tabloid reported that a metal space ball had landed at the pair's Midland home.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, which on March 7 published a story about the Weekly World News report, also has been unable to locate the elusive Betzes.

"Hard Copy" will air at 11 a.m. on KMID-TV.

No storm at A&M

HOUSTON — Amid conflicting reports that Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf has been offered the job of chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, the school's faculty senate has announced its opposition. A&M Senate Chairman Bill Stout said Wednesday that "as great as Schwarzkopf was as the commander of Operation Desert Storm, he would be an unknown quantity" as the head of the A&M system.

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Willie's camp sells

AUSTIN — The Internal Revenue Service on Thursday finally sold entertainer Willie Nelson's Pedernales River fishing camp to a Houston couple looking for a retirement home. But no offers were made on his other Hill Country properties, including a hilltop cabin and movie set. The IRS last year seized Nelson's properties in several states to try to recoup some of the \$16.7 million he owes in back taxes and penalties. At Thursday's sealed-bid auction, Mary and George Larson bought the 22-acre fishing camp for \$86,100.

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Regulators cite Neil Bush for multiple S&L conflicts

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Federal regulators Thursday cited Neil Bush for conflicts of interest as a director of a failed Colorado savings and loan and imposed limitations on his future involvement in the thrift industry.

President Bush's son "engaged in unsafe and unsound practices" and "multiple conflicts of interest" as a director of the Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan, according to the Office of Thrift Supervision.

OTS Director Timothy Ryan ordered Bush to "cease and desist from any acts, omissions or practices involving any conflicts of interest, unsafe or unsound practices or breaches

of fiduciary duties."

Although Ryan's order did not banish Bush from the thrift industry, it established conditions he must abide by if he becomes affiliated again with a federally insured depository institution:

- He must get advice from "competent counsel" on his duties, responsibilities and potential conflicts of interest.

- He must abstain from voting on any pro-

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Ryan

Psychiatric testing ordered for Hale

■ Hale to undergo psychiatric examination to determine competency for trial.

By David Morris
Staff Writer

A federal judge has ordered Bryan Allen Hale, the Glenwood Psychiatric Hospital administrator arrested on child pornography

charges, sent to Missouri for psychiatric evaluation.

Meanwhile, federal investigators have found more child pornography among items seized during searches of Hale's home and office, Assistant U.S. Attorney William W. Torrey said Thursday.

Doctors at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo., will determine

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Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram

Unflagging support

TU Electric employee Jimmy Hodges unfurls a banner heralding the Celebration of the Arts, sponsored by the Midland Arts Assembly May 4-5. The bright pennants adorn poles along Wall Avenue in downtown Midland.

Bush seeks educational 'revolution'

■ President launches campaign to 'reinvent' American school system.

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush sounded a call Tuesday for "a revolution in American education" that instantly stirred up a sharp debate over two key parts of his proposal: national testing for students and more school choice for parents.

Launching his campaign to "break the mold" of the nation's schools and "reinvent" the American school system, Bush backed a system of testing students' basic academic skills that many educators have long resisted.

"I am determined to have the first of these tests for fourth-graders in place by the time that school starts in September of 1993," said Bush. He said that "American achievement tests" eventually would be given to eighth and 12th graders as well to produce a nationwide report card

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High-tech is for me, Bush vows

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Calling on Americans to become lifetime students, President Bush vowed Thursday to follow his own advice by conquering his computer illiteracy.

"Starting next week, I'll begin studying, and I want to know how to operate a computer," he said as he unveiled a plan aimed at reshaping the nation's education system.

Bush confessed his own high-tech weaknesses. Like many Americans, he is mystified by the controls of a VCR.

At his desk, the president keeps only a humble typewriter, on which

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Candidates shape local issues at CATA debate

By Brian Pearson

Staff Writer

A tax watchdog group Thursday bounced questions off City Council, school board and hospital district candidates running in the May 4 election.

About two dozen members of Citizens Against Taxpayer Abuse gathered in City Council chambers to grill the 12 candidates who attended the forum.

School board candidates present were Jack Hightower, Leon Keller, Lex Crawford and Jerry Weant.

Hightower, District 3 candidate, said his goals as a trustee would be increasing scholastic achievement and watching the expenditure of tax dollars.

"I believe we have a good school system in Midland, but it could be better," Hightower said.

His opponent, Keller, said he would like to see academic programs that better suit individual students.

One question asked of trustee candidates concerned why they thought Midland Independent School District standardized test scores were below state average in some areas.

"I think the teachers should be able to tailor their programs to the classes that they're teaching," Keller said.

Crawford, a District 6 hopeful, said he hopes to soon see the end of overcrowded conditions in elementary and junior high schools.

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Midland groups buy NCNB Tower

By John Paul Pitts

Business & Oil Editor

Midland's tallest building, the NCNB Bank Tower, has been purchased by a group of Midlanders for approximately \$5.4 million it was announced today.

The 24-story building was purchased by arrangement with the Federal Depos-

it Insurance Corp. from NCNB Texas National by MWSI, Ltd., a limited partnership comprised of Parker & Parsley Petroleum Co., JDHD Inc. a corporation owned by Jack Hightower, Collins & Ware Petroleum Co., Dan Jones and others. Jack Hightower's JDHD Inc. will be

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Research: Ahhing might not be an, ummmm, accident

By Larry Neumeister

Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Finding the right words to, uhhhh, express yourself properly is more a product of subject matter than, ummmm, decisiveness and intelligence. Just ask some, uhhhh, Columbia University researchers.

They've been counting uhhs and ummmms for two years to find why some people pause more often than others. Their answer: It depends on what the speaker is talking about.

Chemistry and mathematics have a lower uhhhh rating than art or literature, the researchers found. The reason:

The very nature of the subject limits the word choices speakers must make.

The ummmm quest started after psychology professor Stanley Schachter heard a lecturer "who so hummed and hawed that it drove me out of my mind," he recalled. "I just got curious about the phenomenon."

The phenomenon is called "filled pauses." Previous researchers had eliminated nervousness as a prime cause.

Analyzing the words of professors in 41 classroom lectures in 10 academic areas, Schachter and graduate student Nicholas Christenfeld found plenty of uhs in the speech of some but few in others.

The lowest rate was found during four biology lessons with less than one uh a minute escaping the instructors' lips. The most occurred in English literature classes as speakers racked up 6.54 uhs per minute (UPM).

Natural science lecturers registered 1.39 UPM; social science lecturers, 3.84; humanities lecturers, 4.82, according to findings published in the March issue of the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

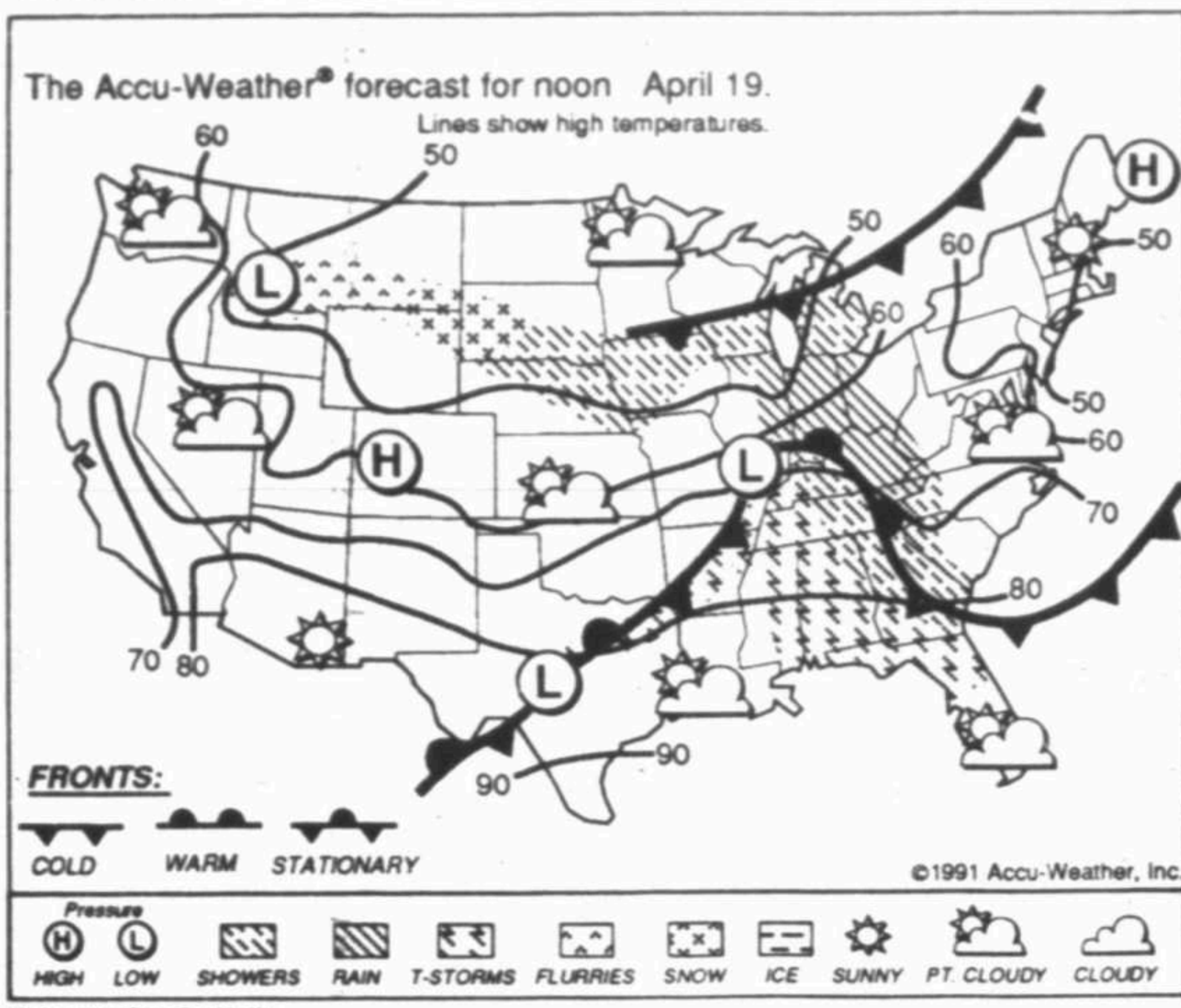
Could the explanation be that different sorts of people were attracted to the various disciplines? To find out, the same lecturers were asked in interviews about graduate training requirements.

The researchers found "the members of different departments were virtually identical in the tendency to say uh during the interview."

Previous research has found "that you say um or take a silent pause whenever machinery is processing your verbal output or when it's searching for the next idea, sentence, word or phrase," said Schachter.

They tried their uh measure elsewhere. George Bush was producing 1.7 uhs a minute when he debated Michael Dukakis during the 1988 presidential campaign. Dukakis came in at 2.7 uhs per minute.

WEATHER SUMMARY



Temperatures to slip, slide

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the upper 70s and northwest to north winds 10 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight will be mostly cloudy with areas of fog and drizzle, and a low near 50.

Saturday is expected to be mostly cloudy with a high in the upper 70s. After an overnight low of 53, Thursday's high was 87 compared with the record high for April 18 of 96 set in 1948. The record low for today's date was 37 set in 1953.

STATE

A tornado watch was posted Thursday evening for much of Central and North Texas from west of Austin to west of Paris. A weak frontal boundary curved across the low rolling plains into the Permian Basin and an area of low pressure was near Abilene. An associated dry line stretched through the western part of the Hill Country into the Rio Grande plains near Del Rio.

Thunderstorms were expected as the boundary moved eastward, colliding with warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico.

Most of Texas had fair to partly cloudy skies, although billowy cumulus clouds started building in West Central Texas along the front. Partly cloudy skies were the rule across the rest of West Texas. Partly to mostly cloudy skies were over most of South Texas.

Wind speeds were mostly 5 to 10 mph with north or east winds across North Texas and southerly breezes ahead of the front.

Temperatures warmed into the 70s and 80s. Extremes Thursday afternoon ranged from 62 degrees at Dalhart in the Panhandle to 96 degrees at McAllen in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Forecasters expected clearing skies and cooler temperatures in the wake of the front with high temperatures in the 70s and 80s.

NATION

Snow fell across the northern Rockies and northern Plains on Thursday, and rain fell from the upper Midwest and across the Southeast. At midday, snow was falling from southwestern Montana across northern and western Wyoming, eastern Idaho and northwestern North Dakota.

Red Lodge, Mont., in the mountains southwest of Billings, had 64 inches of snow on the ground as of Thursday morning.

Snow cover in Wyoming at midday included 12 inches at Fort Washakie, 7 at Meeteetse, and 6 at Lander.

During the six hours up to 1 p.m. CDT, 4 inches of snow fell in Wyoming at Cody and Lander.

Rain reached from west-central and south-central Montana across southwestern North Dakota and eastern south-central Wyoming.

Showers and thunderstorms extended over southern and central Florida, the Florida Panhandle, Alabama, Mississippi, eastern Louisiana, Arkansas, western Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa, southeastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota, southwestern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

Heaviest rainfall during the six hours up to 1 p.m. CDT: 1.52 inches at New Orleans; 1.49 inches at Jonesboro, Ark.; 1.25 inches at Blytheville, Ark.; 1.1 inches at Tupelo, Miss.; 1.08 inches at Memphis, Tenn.; and 1 inch at Baton Rouge, La.

By Thursday morning, Shreveport, La., had already gotten 20 inches of rain this month — normal April rainfall is 4.71 inches.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics Extended forecast

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High: 87 degrees
Overnight Low: 53 degrees
Sunset today: 8:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:17 a.m.
Precipitation:
Last 24 hours: 0.00 inches
This month to date: 0.01 inches
Year to date: 2.06 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	84	8 a.m.	58
7 p.m.	83	7 a.m.	60
8 p.m.	81	6 a.m.	60
9 p.m.	75	5 a.m.	67
10 p.m.	70	4 a.m.	75
11 p.m.	67	3 a.m.	80
midnight	62	2 a.m.	84
1 a.m.	60	1 p.m.	84
2 a.m.	58	12 p.m.	85
3 a.m.	54	3 p.m.	86
4 a.m.	57	4 p.m.	86
5 a.m.	58	5 p.m.	85

POLLEN COUNT:

Trees	746 H
Grasses	7 L
Molds	11 L
Woods	1323 H
Wetland	Moderate
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Provided by office of Dr. John D. Bray

Area forecast

West Texas: Partly to mostly cloudy arid to dry through Saturday. Highs Friday and Saturday lower 60s Panhandle to lower 90s Big Bend lowlands. Lows tonight upper 30s Panhandle to mid-60s Big Bend lowlands.

EDUCATION: Proposal stirs sharp debate

(From 1A)

on the American school system.

But like much of the White House education strategy, installing the non-compulsory testing is expected to require all the persuasion of a presidential campaign to local schools that have historically been fiercely independent.

The new education secretary, Lamar Alexander, a former Tennessee governor, already has mobilized governors from both parties behind such standardized testing.

Prominent at Bush's education strategy send-off was Democratic Gov. Roy Romo of Colorado, who cheered Bush's plan. "I've been out there, pushing for standards and a national assessment system," said Romo, who chairs a governors' panel on education.

But there were also signs of the coming storm of opposition. Cynthia Schuman, executive director of FairTest, a Massachusetts research center on testing, fired off her objections: "Adding yet another test will no more improve education than X-raying a patient will fix a broken arm."

The National Education Association, the largest teachers' group and a longtime foe of national evaluations, muted its early criticism but warned that "areas of concern are bound to arrive."

Also sparking immediate controversy was Bush's plan to offer up to \$200 million in federal incentives to local school districts that give parents broad choice in picking their children's schools — including using public money to pay tuition at private and parochial schools.

Senate Education and Labor Committee chairman Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., lambasted that plan. "It is wrong to use choice in a way that tampers with the basic distinctions between public and private schools in our society, or that breaches the First Amendment wall of separation between church and state," he charged.

Alexander shot back: "From our point of view, in America parents ought to have a choice of the schools that their children attend. That would seem to me to be a very American proposal."

The education secretary added, "I would think in this country of choices that the burden would be on those who would want to prevent or deny choice rather than those who would advocate it."

At a White House briefing, Romo also said he had problems with offering broad parental choice. "Anybody who has looked at this closely knows that you can create chaos administratively within a district," he said, adding that choice should be the "last resort, not the first resort" in reforming schools.

On Capitol Hill, the president's plan set off partisan competition for possession of the high ground on the increasingly popular education issue.

"We welcome his interest in education, belated as it is," said Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine.

He added, "Too often effort on behalf of the issue stopped when the cameras stopped rolling. We hope that is not the case this time. It will take much more than talk to improve American schools."

Kennedy complained that "a

VOWS: Bush following lead of grandchildren, first lady

(From 1A)

he often pounds out notes to his staff. His army of secretaries produce his official letters. Bush likes to scribble out notes to personal friends by hand.

It was uncertain who would volunteer to show the president how to work a computer, but there would be plenty of available teachers at hand.

"How about his wife?" suggested Education Secretary Lamar Alexander. First Lady Barbara Bush has just finished a best-seller, "Mittie's Book," which she wrote on a

home computer.

And then there are the Bush grandchildren, who are reported to be masters of the computer keyboard.

"I don't expect this new tutorial to teach me how to set the clock on the VCR or anything complicated," Bush said during his education address in the East Room of the White House. "But I want to be computer-literate, and I'm not. And there are a lot of kids, thank God, that are."

"And I want to learn, and I will," he said.

large number of today's White House recommendations are re-packaged initiatives that Democrats in Congress have been urging for years.

In an apparent effort to upstage the White House proposal, Kennedy's Labor and Education committee on Wednesday rushed through his panel an education plan similar to Bush's.

In his speech to educators and political leaders, Bush outlined four basic elements in his campaign:

■ "Make existing schools better and more accountable." That would be accomplished largely by installing nationwide testing in math and science, history, English, and geography. The "choice" proposals for parents would also be aimed at forcing improve-

ments and reform.

■ "Create a new generation of American schools." A new non-profit organization headed by Paul O'Neill, president of Alcoa Corp., would solicit private donations of \$150 million to \$200 million for research and development of new ways to educate students.

Bush would then seek \$550 million to give grants to at least 535 experimental "schools that break the mold" to apply the new methods.

■ "Become a nation of students." The outline calls for greater training of workers and improving adult literacy.

■ "We must cultivate communities where learning can happen." Bush called for greater parental involvement with their children's education.

HALE: Judge orders psychiatric examination

(From 1A)

whether Hale, who also faces burglary charges in Odessa, is psychologically fit for trial.

Judge Lucius D. Bunton III wrote in the evaluation order that "there is reasonable cause to believe the defendant may be incompetent to stand trial."

Bunton signed the order Wednesday in El Paso.

U.S. Customs officers arrested Hale on April 8 at his Glenwood office after finding a videotape there entitled "Educating Valerie." The tape reportedly depicts a 10-year-old girl engaging in sexual activity with her father.

The arrest followed a three-month undercover investigation in which a person believed to be Hale, using the pseudonym "Ready Man," purchased the tape from Florida Customs agents via a computerized bulletin board system.

Torrey said investigators have since found a magazine containing child pornography among items seized at Hale's apartment, in the 4400 block of Northeast Drive, and his Glenwood office. He said he wasn't sure whether investigators found the magazine in Hale's office or his apartment.

He said that in light of the new evidence, he will ask a federal grand jury to add another count to Hale's indictment.

Torrey said the fact that Hale will be taken into custody before he's transported to Springfield will eliminate the need for a second hearing to determine his eligibility for bond.

The hearing had been scheduled for Friday before U.S. Magistrate Robert R. Sykes.

After a hearing last week, Sykes set bond for Hale at \$25,000 and ordered Hale to wear an electronic monitoring device as a condi-

tion of release.

Based on Hale's arrest Monday on burglary charges filed against him in Odessa, prosecutors wanted Sykes to reconsider the release decision.

Odessa authorities released Hale on \$50,000 bond Tuesday morning.

Deputy U.S. Marshals in Midland, citing security concerns, declined to say when Hale will be transported to Missouri. However, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Beery said Hale could depart as early as this weekend.

Beery said the length of Hale's stay at the Springfield hospital will depend on the case load there. He said Hale could be gone as long as three months.

A federal grand jury April 11 indicted Hale on one count of receiving child pornography and a forfeiture count that will allow the videotape's return to federal authorities. If convicted, Hale could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

BUILDING: New owners intend to become tenants

(From 1A)

the managing partner for the limited partnership.

The partners say they intend to become owner-tenants of the bank building, occupying about 40 percent of the space. When all partners are moved in the NCNB Bank Tower will be 100 percent occupied.

Parker & Parsley will occupy approximately 118,000 square feet of the building, but will be unable to move in until 1993, when its lease in the Hightower Building at 600 W. Illinois Ave. expires.

The Midland oil company, which recently purchased Damson Petro-

leum, expects to have 350 employees by the time it occupies the building. Collins & Ware and Hightower, however, plan to move into the building within the next 90 days.

"We saw the purchase of the building as an economic opportunity and as an opportunity to express confidence in Midland," said Hightower, who noted that negotiations to purchase the bank had been going on for almost a year.

Larry Holden, president of NCNB Texas, Midland, said the bank was delighted that the building had been purchased by Midlanders. "We think it will be good for Midland, the bank and the

tenants."

Mark Withrow, vice president and general counsel for Parker & Parsley, said the partners would enjoy the advantage of paying rent to themselves. "Parker & Parsley occupies a lot of space and pays a lot of rent each year," Withrow said.

He also said the purchase of the building would allow Parker & Parsley, which has grown from needing 10,000 square feet to 118,000 square feet in recent years, would allow the fast-growing oil company room for growth.

"There are not that many buildings in town that would allow for that much growth," said Withrow,

who noted that all Parker & Parsley employees would have covered parking when the move was concluded.

Hightower said that total occupancy of NCNB Bank Tower, coupled with planned library expansion, would give downtown Midland a much-needed boost.

The bank building, which is the tallest building between Fort Worth and Phoenix, added 16 floors, the West Plaza and a parking garage between 1978 and 1981. When First National Bank fell on hard times in 1981, the bank was sold to Eagle Partners for \$78 million. It later sold to RepublicBank for \$28 million.

CONFLICTS: Bush must abide restrictions

(From 1A)

posals in which he has a personal interest or from which he may benefit, directly or indirectly.

■ He must make full disclosure of his interest in any such business proposals and disclose any conflicts of interest annually.

Bush, who has denied any wrongdoing, did not respond immediately to the order. His lawyer, James Nesland of Denver, said he was "not the least bit surprised" by the action. "We disagree with the decision," he said.

The White House, which has declined comment throughout the two-year-old case, had no reaction Thursday. But Barbara Bush told reporters Monday that her son was being "persecuted" by the regulators. "He's done nothing wrong," she said.

Bush, 36, has the right to appeal the ruling to a federal appeals court and ultimately to the Supreme Court. Nesland said such a decision would await the conclusion of other legal proceedings related to Silverado.

The government is suing Bush and other Silverado directors for \$200 million. It accuses them of breaching their fiduciary duties, negligence and unjust enrichment and contributing to the demise of Silverado.

The government seized control of Silverado, one of the largest thrifths in Colorado, on Dec. 9, 1988, and later sold it. The takeover could ultimately cost taxpayers \$1 billion.

Bush became a Silverado director in 1985, when his father was vice president, and served until August 1988.

FORUM: Candidates oppose raising taxes

(From 1A)

"I think it's time for the school board to look at that type of thing," Crawford said.

He also called for the pruning of the administration.

"The board needs to cut out some of the administrative help downtown at the Exxon building," he said.

Jerry Weant, also a District 6 candidate, said he hopes to see that teachers are educators instead of administrators.

"I feel like our teachers are being asked to do more and more administrative work," Weant said. "And I'm really concerned about this."

Gary Willis, the third District 6 candidate, and District 5 incumbent George G. Staley, who is running unopposed, did not attend the forum.

One question asked of trustee candidates concerned why they thought Midland Independent School District standardized test scores were below state average in some areas.

"I really couldn't answer that for you," Crawford responded. "The teachers should be pushing the students a little bit harder to do some of this stuff."

Keller said the scores were not

as much a reflection of the quality of teachers as they were a representation of the programs, which sometimes are not properly tailored.

Hightower said the district needs to move away from the core curriculum and get back to the basics: reading, writing and math.

State-mandated teaching rules, Weant said, have taken their toll on student scores. Students need to be challenged more, he said.

In the City Council election corner were at-large candidates J.D. Faircloth, John Castro and Hugh White II and District 1 hopefuls James F. Devenport and Steve Scott.

All candidates said they would devote time to economic development and Midland International Airport expansion while staying away from increasing taxes.

District 2 candidates Jose Alfredo Zertuche and the Rev. Michael De Vaughn were not present at the forum.

Faircloth, an incumbent, said his goal is to balance the municipal budget while keeping a cap on the tax rate.

White accused the council of not upholding their past tax promises and pledged to never vote for a tax increase.

Castro, also an at-large incumbent, said improving drainage and fixing the city's effluent farm are part of his political goals.

Scott said he wanted to bring a positive approach to the council. The city needs to be in a position to expand instead of cut, he said.

Devenport said he also hopes for a balanced budget without a tax increase, without sacrificing parks, streets and drainage projects.

Council candidates were asked how they would save municipal dollars. All of them said reducing personnel costs through attrition was the best route.

Three candidates are facing off in the District 5 race for a seat on the Midland County Hospital District board.

District 5 hopeful David Mandell proposed an audit of all Midland Memorial Hospital departments in search of possible cuts.

"I do not feel our tax dollars have been spent in the most efficient manner," Mandell said.

Opponent Jean Pittman said she would work to maintain quality care for the county's indigent patients.

"We don't always have a choice of going elsewhere," Ms. Pittman said.

Mike Roadcup, also a District 5 candidate, said the hospital should reduce charges for indigent patients rather than raise taxes again.

Incumbent District 1 candidate Margaret C. Williams, District 6 candidate Dr. Stephen L. Wiesensfeld and District 2 candidate Sylvester Ferguson, all of whom are running unopposed, were not present.

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Israel cautions U.S. against peace conference pressure

JERUSALEM (NYT) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir cautioned the United States on Thursday not to try to pressure Israel into taking part in a peace conference not to its liking, as Secretary of State James A. Baker III arrived in Jerusalem in a renewed effort to put together some kind of Arab-Israeli encounter.

Asked by Israel Radio on Thursday about Baker's recent comment that there will not be any movement toward a peace conference or Middle East pact unless the United States and other governments are willing to press for an agreement, Shamir responded:

"I sincerely hope that pressure is not the issue. Anyone who knows Israel knows that pressure doesn't yield flexibility — just the opposite. When we see that a certain road leads to peace faster and in a more complete fashion, we will not hesitate to take it."

Baker flew into Israel from Luxembourg, where he heard appeals on Wednesday from European Community leaders who want to make sure they will be included in any Arab-Israeli peace conference that the secretary is able to organize.

This is Baker's third trip to the region in the last five weeks as part of his effort to convene some kind of direct negotiations between Israel and the Arabs, who have agreed in principle to such a meeting but remain far apart on its framework and agenda.

Aides said that Baker had con-

cluded that unless he kept the pressure on, all of the parties will simply sit back and do nothing, and this trip, in particular, is spoken of by American officials as the one that should give them a definitive sense of whether the differences between Israel and the Arab states over how to organize a peace conference are bridgeable.

The Israelis want any peace parley to be a one-day ceremonial encounter between Israel and the Arab states and the Palestinians that would immediately be adjourned and followed up by direct negotiations between Israel and each of the individual Arab parties. The Arab states, particularly Syria, want a permanent conference, under some sort of United Nations auspices and with the full participation of at least the five permanent members of the Security Council.

On the flight to Jerusalem, the State Department spokesman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, announced that President Bush had requested that Baker add a visit to Kuwait to his Middle East itinerary, which already also includes Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Syria.

While American officials would not say so explicitly, the visit by Baker to Kuwait City appears to have been prompted by the administration's growing concern and distress that the Kuwaiti ruling family has been too slow and disorganized in rebuilding its country, which the United States helped retrieve from Iraqi occupa-



tion two months ago. Some officials say that because of bickering and incompetence in the ruling Sabah family, the United States Army Corps of Engineers is still effectively running Kuwait.

Shamir's remarks seemed intended as a public warning for Baker, who is scheduled to meet on Friday with the prime minister and Foreign Minister David Levy.

But Shamir's signals were not all negative. He did not rule out the possibility of some kind of European participation at any Middle East peace conference.

In his talks in Luxembourg, American officials said that Baker heard an earful from European leaders who want to have some role at any peace conference,

which, as recently as Monday, Levy ruled out categorically.

On Thursday, though, Shamir said: "I do not exclude the possibility that, one way or another, we would allow Europe to contribute

its share to this process."

But, he added, "we will not take part in any peace meeting that is linked with the United Nations." In the same radio interview, Shamir also reaffirmed that Israel would not even consider negotiating with any Palestinians who are residents of east Jerusalem, because that might imply that this Israeli-annexed portion of the city is still negotiable.

Three hours before Baker arrived, an Arab guerrilla carrying a

Jordanian army identity card infiltrated across the Jordan-Israel border near the Allenby Bridge and was shot and wounded by Israeli troops. There were no Israeli casualties in the clash, which marked the third time this week that guerrillas have penetrated Israel from Jordan.

Another action perhaps prompted by Baker's arrival was the demonstration on Thursday in the West Bank by some 7,000 Jewish settlers.

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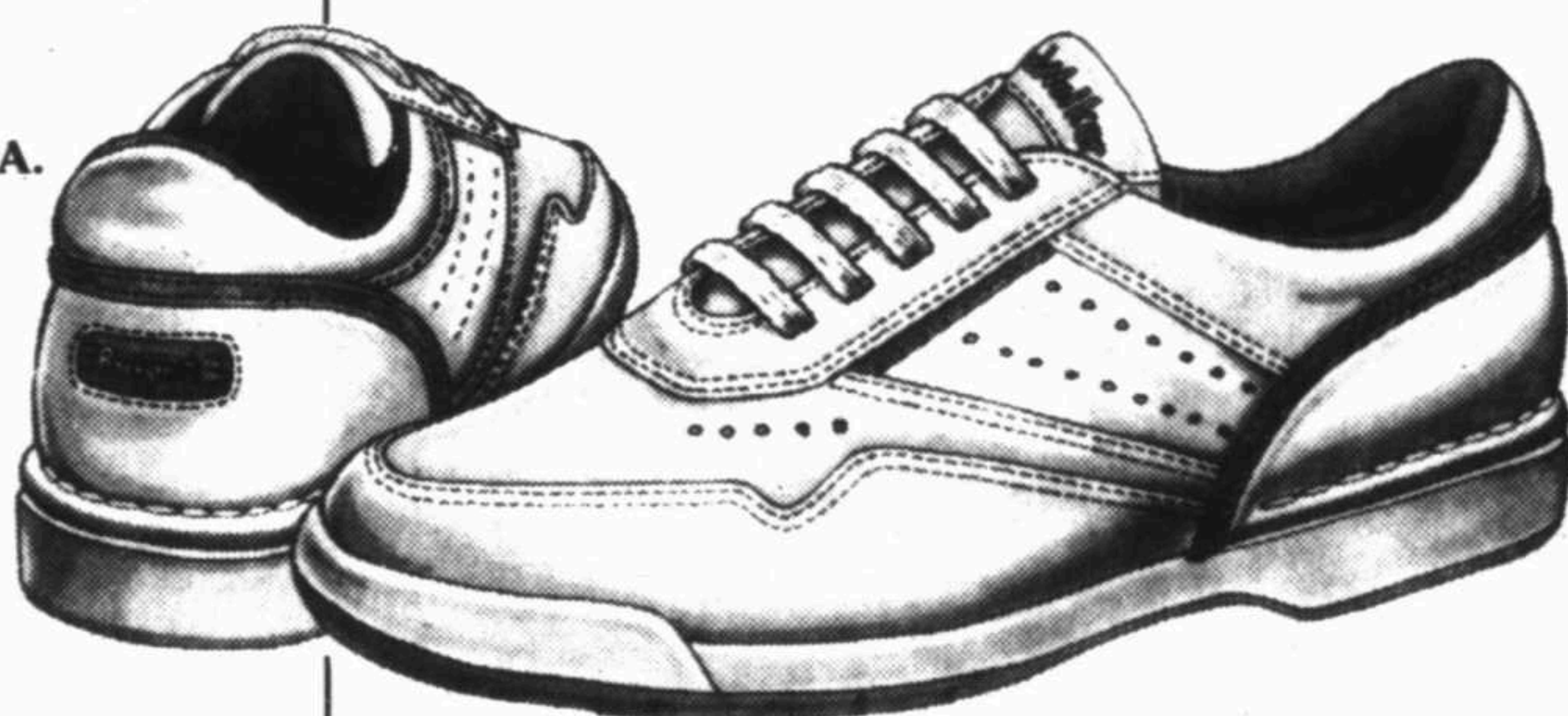
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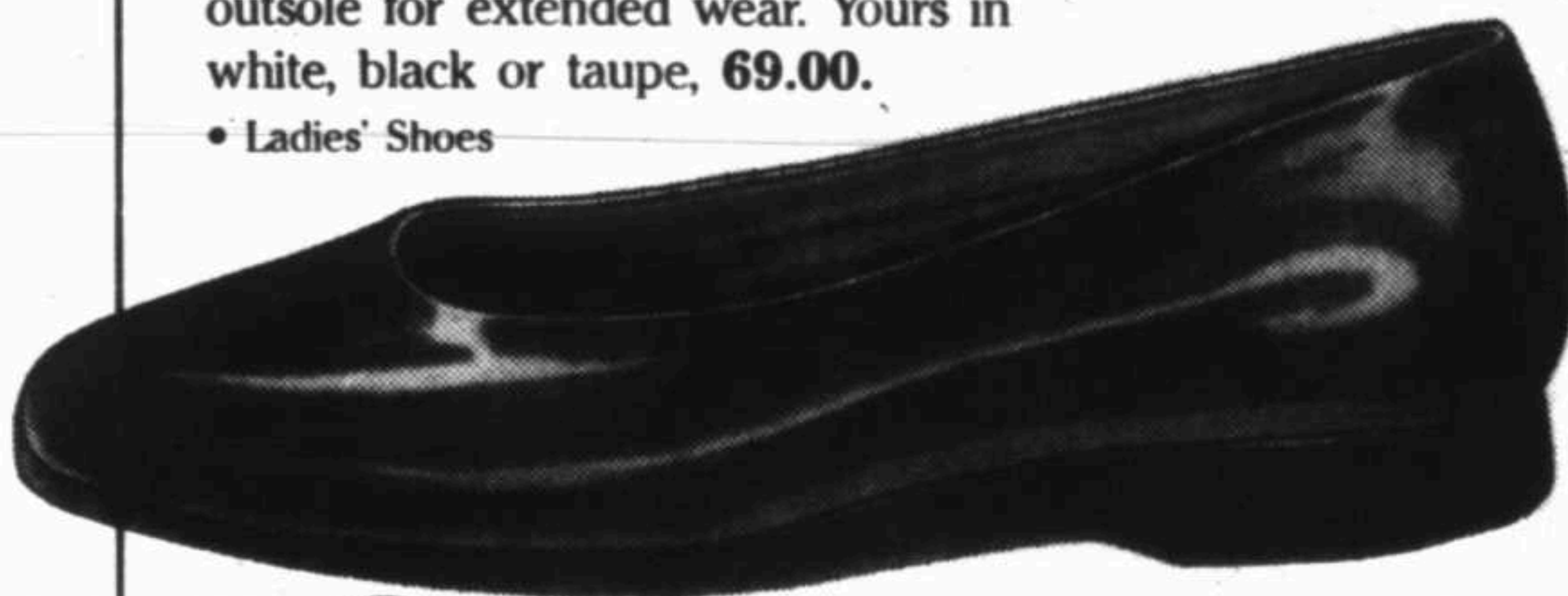
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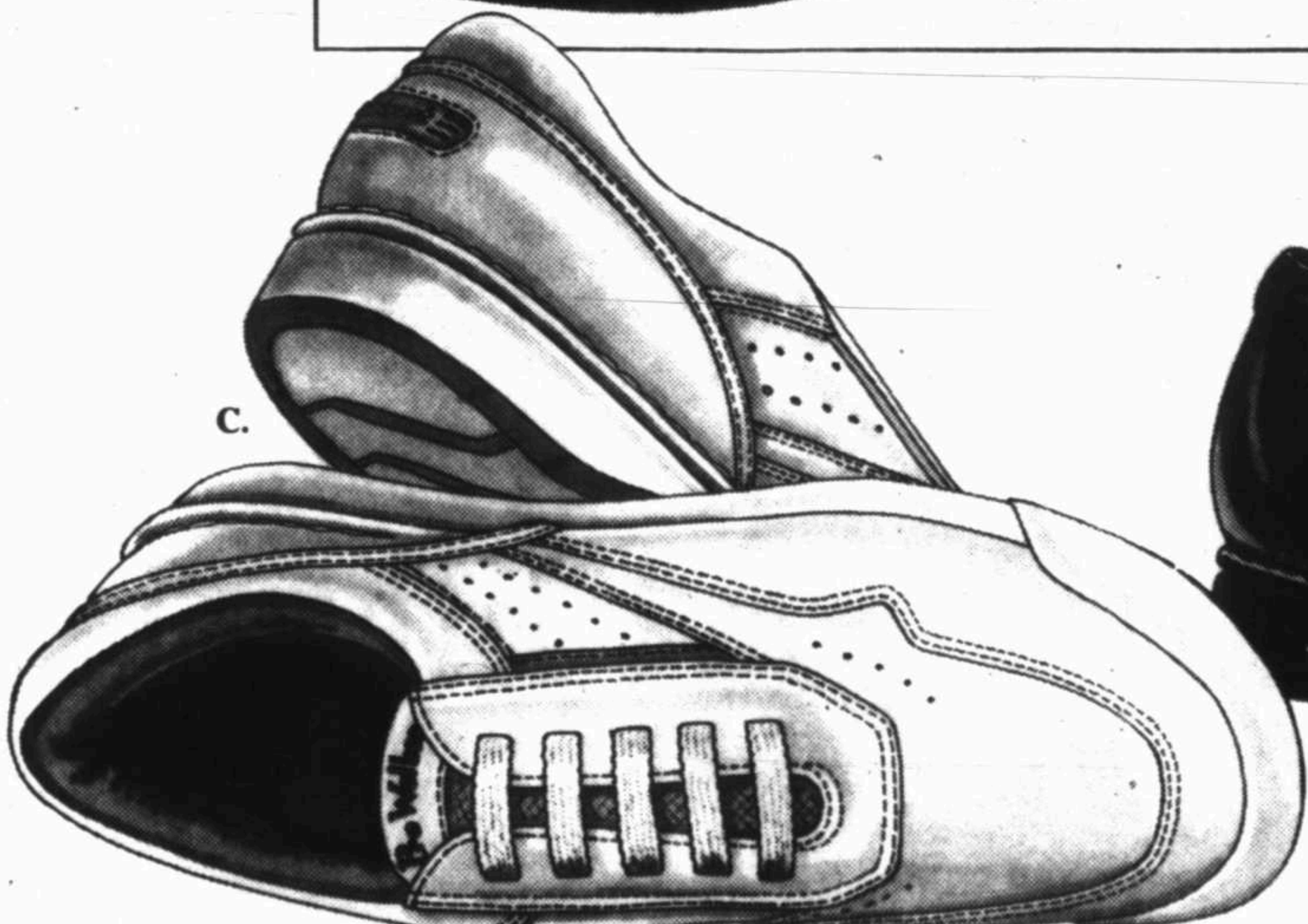
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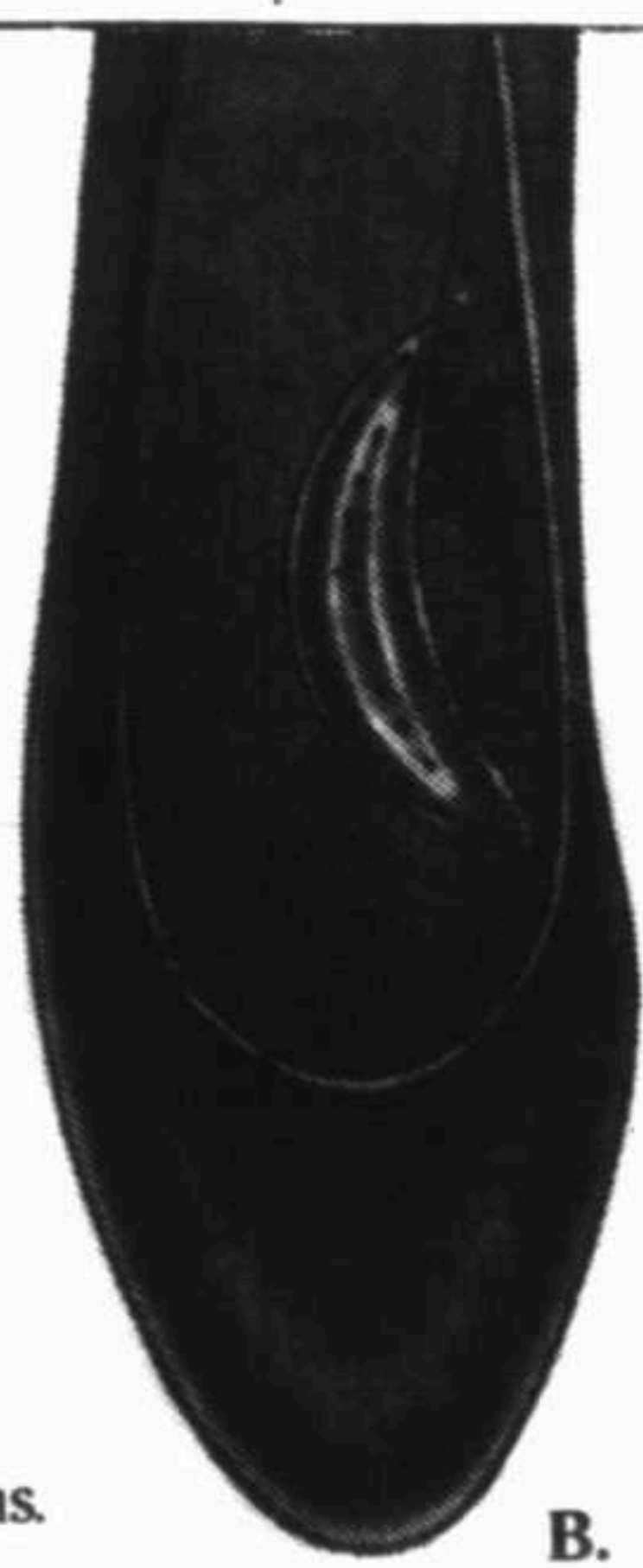
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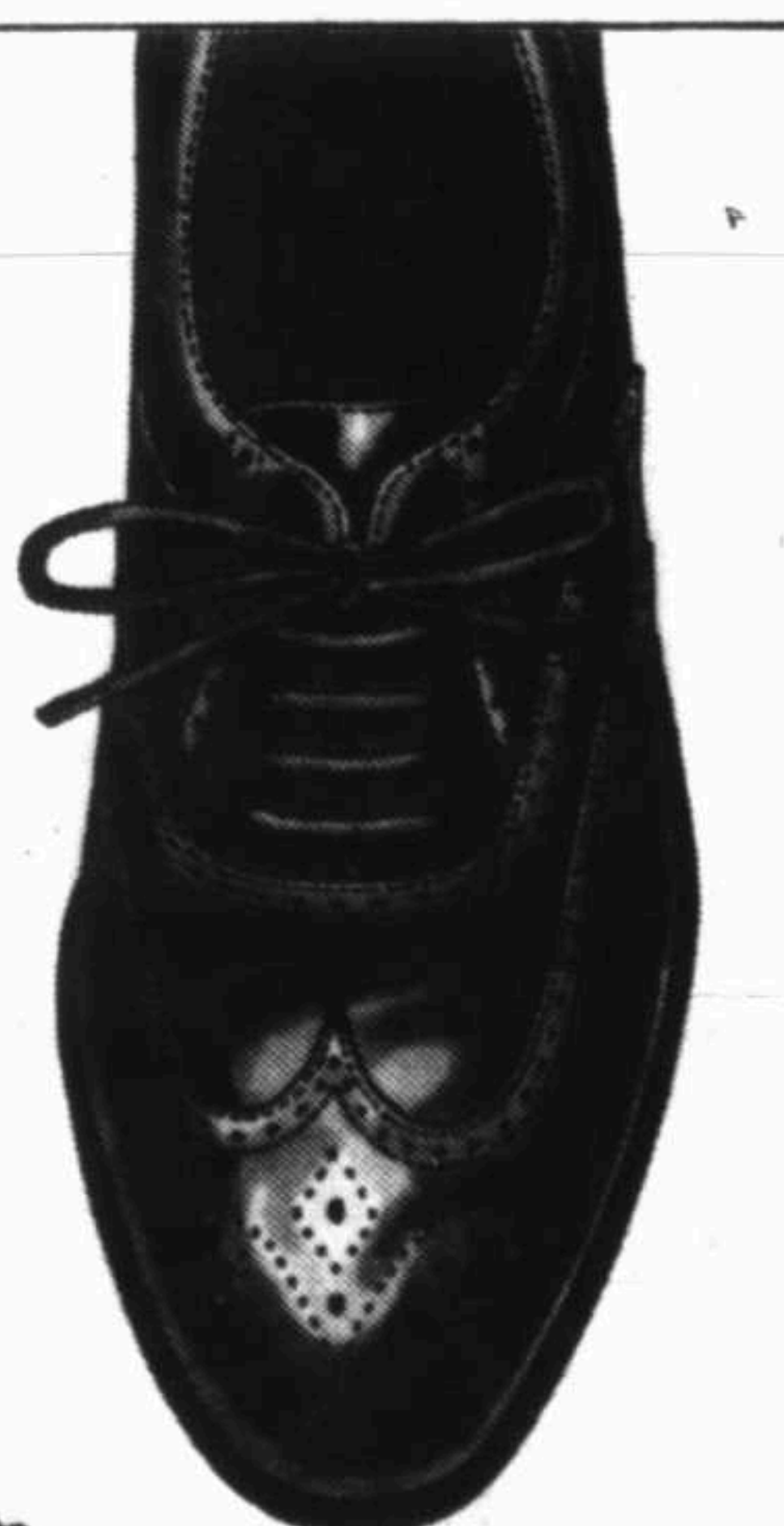


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Iraqi, U.S. commanders to hold talks on refugee camps

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey (AP) — U.S. forces scouted northern Iraq for new refugee camps Thursday, and set up their first meeting in the area with Iraqi officials. Turkish officials warned that many more Kurds would die before they can be moved to their new homes.

About three to four dozen members of the U.S. military are in northern Iraq at any given time, Pentagon spokesman Bob Hall said.

The troops so far have had no face-to-face contact with any Iraqi military as they go about searching for sites where camps can be erected and protected by U.S., French and British forces.

The new commander of the U.S.

relief effort for Kurdish refugees was to meet Friday in northern Iraq with an Iraqi military delegation to discuss ways to avoid any accidental conflicts during the operation, a military spokesman said.

The U.S. commander, Lt. Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, was to travel from this base in southern Turkey to Zakho in northern Iraq for the meeting, according to the spokesman, Cmdr. John Woodhouse.

A diplomatic source said earlier the meeting would be to help avoid clashes with the Iraqis.

Iraq has been warned not to interfere with efforts to assist and protect the refugees.

The Baghdad government has protested the U.S. plan for the

new camps as unnecessary, but said it accepted a U.N.-sponsored camps plan. The announcement of talks suggested Iraq was willing to acquiesce to the presence of foreign troops on its soil.

Iraq also took one more step Thursday toward putting the war behind it. The Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations said Iraq had given the United Nations a detailed list of its chemical and biological weapons capabilities and nuclear facilities. That was aimed at complying with a stringent U.N. resolution setting down terms of a permanent cease-fire.

Hundreds of thousands of Iraqi Kurds fled into the mountains of northern Iraq after a rebellion in their traditional homeland was

crushed by Saddam's forces in the wake of the Persian Gulf War.

At the crude encampments in the rugged terrain along Iraq's borders with Turkey and Iran, up to 1,000 refugees are dying daily of hunger, disease and exposure, aid officials have estimated.

Officials expect that finding sites and building the new refugee centers will take up to 40 more days, and some say even those estimates are too optimistic.

Mahmoud Yildirim, the Turkish commander of the huge ramshackle settlement at Isikveren, estimated that many more people would likely die in that period.

"We are looking at many infections right now," he said Thursday.

Yildirim estimated that up to 20 people are dying each day at the Isikveren camp alone, one of several dozen settlements of refugees. And every day, he said, an average of 10 babies are born in squalid tents on the mountainside, with little or no medical care available.

Some medical care is available in most camps, but the lack of sanitation and the scarcity of water is leading to increased illness. Distribution of relief supplies remains a difficult problem, with mob scenes around trucks and supply drop sites.

The new refugee centers, surrounded by smaller camps, are to house at least 400,000 Kurdish refugees near the Iraqi town of

Zakho, the Turkish border, and Dohuk, about 30 miles into Iraq. Iraqi troops occupy both cities.

About 800,000 of Iraq's 4 million Kurds have fled to Turkey and its border, according to the latest estimates. Nearly 1.5 million have sought safety in Iran and along its frontier. In addition, nearly 100,000 Shiites have fled either to Iran or to the allied-controlled border zone in southern Iraq.

Shalikashvili, deputy commander of the U.S. Army in Europe, arrived in Turkey to take over the relief effort, called Operation Provide Comfort. Officials say it is the largest humanitarian relief project attempted by the military in modern history.

Kurd influx improves Iran's status

URUMIYEH, Iran (AP) — The flood of Kurdish refugees is giving Iran unprecedented opportunities to improve its relations with the West and resolve internal disputes, Western diplomats and aid officials say.

Iran claims the crisis is costing its government \$10 million a day. It might be worth every penny.

Tehran's treatment of the Kurds has won high marks among Western diplomats and politicians visiting this northern city, the center of relief efforts to help the refugees.

In the long run, Tehran could gain influence among the Kurds, who have long been a political headache. That, in turn, could give Iran a stronger voice in Middle East politics, diplomats said.

"They're the white prince and Turkey is the black prince," said Pierre Vinet, a Tehran-based official with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "This is making Iran look very good."

The 1.5 million refugees already in Iran or approaching it is more than double Turkey's load.

When refugees began trying to enter Iran, they were not kept outside the border in desperate conditions, as has happened on the Turkish border.

Instead, Iran set up camps, donated bread and did what it could

to help, Western aid officials said.

"Iran has also done this with little aid from the West," said a member of a delegation of Austrian lawmakers who visited Urumiyeh this week. "My government is definitely taking notice."

Iranian officials say their humanitarianism has nothing to do with hopes of reaping diplomatic benefits from the crisis.

"We have no political motives," said Habib Berengi, the political and economic inspector for West Azarbaijan province and a former diplomat. "We are doing this because the Kurds are fellow Muslims."

However, the signs are there.

For the first time since the 1979 Islamic revolution, an American plane carrying medical supplies landed at Urumiyeh's small airport.

"The guys in the control tower were pretty excited," said Eric Weintz, director of projects for AmeriCares, which flew the plane. The Connecticut-based humanitarian organization is the only American aid group in Iran.

"If a fringe benefit of this is that we improve relations, I think everybody would be happy," he said.

Said Berengi: "We live in the world. Iran doesn't want to live alone."

Hashemi Rafsanjani has been

working slowly to relax Iran's foreign policy since he became president in 1989 after the death of Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Iran recently re-established relations with Britain, Jordan and other Arab states and improved ties with France.

"For Rafsanjani and his people, the crisis could be an important springboard to further opening," said a high-ranking Western diplomat visiting Urumiyeh. "This is what everybody hopes."

Rafsanjani also has mellowed the Islamic republic's hard line on religious and ethnic minorities.

Iran's 5.5 million Kurds, 10 percent of the population, have been agitating for independence for decades. They supported Khomeini's revolution, which toppled Iran's monarchy.

But when it became apparent that his Islamic regime would not give them independence or autonomy, they rose in revolt.

Khomeini turned his Revolutionary Guards loose in Kurdistan, and thousands were killed. Iraqi-backed Iranian Kurds still wage a guerrilla war in the northern mountains.

But Rafsanjani, leader of Iran's so-called pragmatists, is distancing his government from the excesses of Khomeini's revolution.

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Gorbachev's Japan summit yields no aid, but builds trust

TOKYO (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev ended his historic summit Thursday without the big prize, a major Japanese aid package, after finding that three days of reassurances weren't enough to dispel a half-century of mistrust.

Yet his visit to Japan, the first ever by a Soviet leader, left a warm feeling among Japanese, who seemed to relish Gorbachev's flesh-pressing brand of diplomacy and willingness to address long-buried issues that separated the Cold War adversaries.

"Over the past 40 years, Japan and the Soviet Union have proved they could live without each other," the Soviet president told a news conference after signing a communique with Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu.

"But now the entire world is coming to grips with a new reality: leaving behind the Cold War."

"It would not be acceptable to leave things as they have been," said Gorbachev, who punctuated his stay with conciliatory acts such as chats with ex-World War II soldiers who had been imprisoned in Siberia.

Nonetheless, Gorbachev battled to a virtual draw with Kaifu on the key point of negotiations, a World War II territorial dispute

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that has stymied relations.

After a 12-hour, six-session summit that Gorbachev joked "could be a new record in the Guinness Book of World Records," the two issued a vaguely worded joint statement containing a slight Gorbachev concession.

The concession amounted to a mention of the issue and a pledge to discuss it further. The Soviets seized the four islands in the Kuril chain in the closing days of World War II.

Japan has made the bleak is-

lands a point of national pride and the central condition of a still-unsigned peace treaty as well as any major aid package.

Gorbachev, however, is under intense pressure back home not to give up any territory taken during the war, particularly since separatist movements in the Baltics touch on similar issues.

The territorial dispute drove home just how far relations have to go in a region where, as Gorbachev said, "the legacy of the Cold War is still clinging to us."

At the insistence of Japan, the statement made a reference to an unfulfilled 1956 agreement under

which the Soviets would hand over the two smallest islands.

It did not commit Moscow to returning the islands, but committed the two nations to working harder toward a settlement on the disputed islands.

Moscow also proposed allowing Japanese to visit the islands without visas and reducing the Soviet military presence, estimated at 11,000 soldiers, on the islands. Kaifu, however, had called for a total pullout.

Whatever their problems in the bargaining room, Gorbachev and Kaifu smiled and joked with each other at a signing ceremony after-

ward. At Kaifu's prodding, the leaders then locked pinkies in a traditional Japanese gesture for keeping a promise.

The communique said the two countries agreed to "constructive cooperation" in trade and other economic areas. But it did not say how much aid the Soviets would get from Japan.

The Soviets had been hoping for billions in aid, including a \$450 million loan to cover outstanding debts owed to Japanese exporters.

Asked about aid promises, Gorbachev told reporters afterward: "We do not yet have that breakthrough."

Russia considers Soviet coal mines

MOSCOW (NYT) — The Kremlin's struggle to keep its authority intensified significantly on Thursday as the Russian federated republic, the nation's largest, announced that it was considering invoking jurisdiction over all the coal mines in its territory.

Representatives of disgruntled striking miners from across the republic met with officials of the Russian republic's government, led by Boris N. Yeltsin, the chief challenger of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev from the Soviet Union, to press the idea of escaping from the national government's jurisdiction in favor of the Russian republic.

The Russian government's initiative to consider attempting a mine takeover faced Gorbachev with a complicated new front in his fight to protect the Soviet government's sovereignty against rising demands from the republics for far greater self-rule and free-market innovations.

It not only threatened to closely bond two important anti-Kremlin pressure groups, the nation's striking miners and insurgent political opposition, but also raised the possibility of a diversion of coal industry revenues and profits away from the national government and to the Russian government.

Directors of the nation's largest coal mine, at Rapsadskaya in Siberia, already were claiming to be the first to renounce economic allegiance to the Soviet Union. They said striking workers had begun mining and shipping coal again under their new relationship with the Russian government.

It was not immediately clear how the Kremlin might oppose the shift demanded by the strikers, but Russian federation officials said they planned to study and prepare a program of transition in the next week designed to bring about the full economic independence of the mines under Russian jurisdiction.

NATO expects new arms pact

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — After months of resistance, the Soviets seem ready to implement a historic treaty slashing conventional weapons, opening the way to new talks on reducing troop strength, arms negotiators said Thursday.

"We are optimistic like never before," one diplomat said.

Some negotiators for NATO and the disbanding Warsaw Pact said a positive Soviet response could come within days at the 22-nation Conventional Forces in Europe talks.

Settling the dispute would remove what the White House said this week is the major stumbling block to a summit between U.S. President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

"It's possible that there will be an offer as soon as Gorbachev comes back from Japan and gives his OK" early next week, said a NATO delegate.

Others said a conclusion in several weeks was more realistic. But the delegates, who spoke on condition of anonymity, generally agreed that an acceptable Soviet offer on ending the dispute was likely before the current round of talks ends in mid-May.

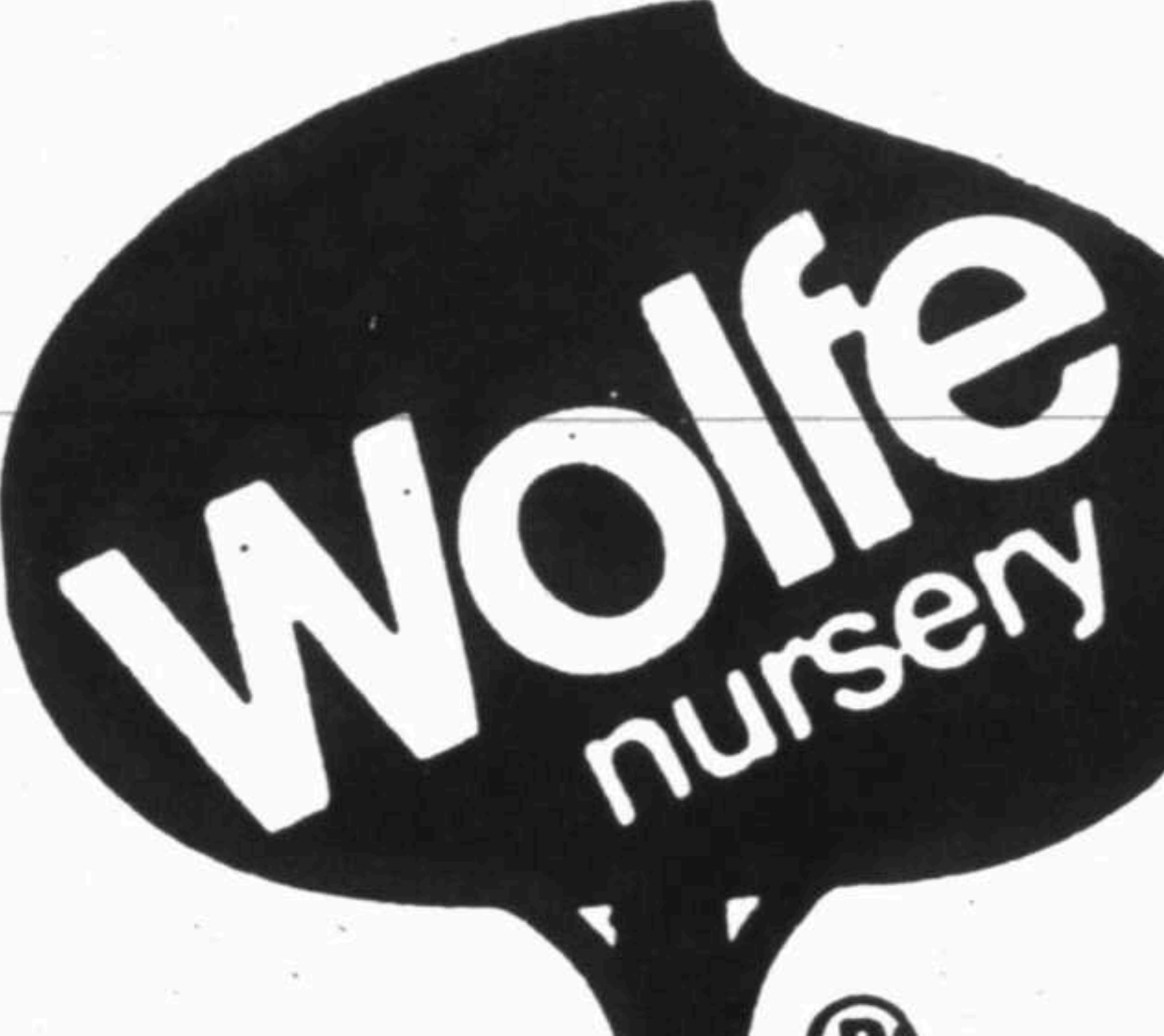
The talks resumed Wednesday after a scheduled three-week break.

Speaking to a closed session Thursday, chief Soviet negotiator Oleg Grinevsky "suggested response soon" to a letter Bush sent Gorbachev on ending the impasse, a Hungarian delegate said.

The 16-member NATO and five former Soviet allies who were joined with the Kremlin in the Warsaw Pact accuse Moscow of violating treaty conditions it accepted last November.

The accord, signed in Paris by all NATO and Warsaw Pact countries, committed the 22 nations to slashing their arsenals of tanks and other conventional weapons in Europe.

Bush's letter was not made public. But the delegates said it suggested the Soviets cut from other units the same number of weapons they transferred to naval shore defenses.



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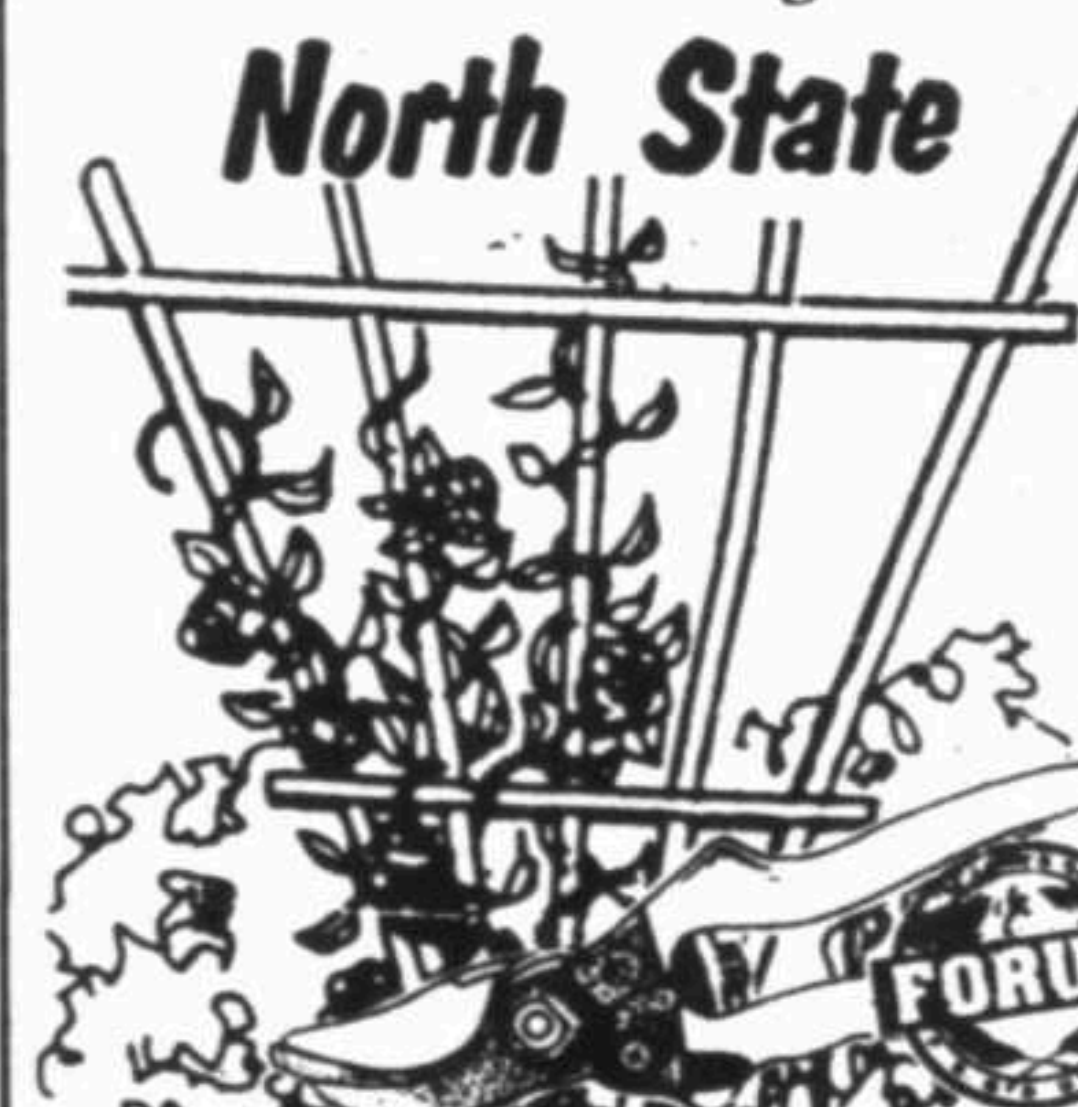
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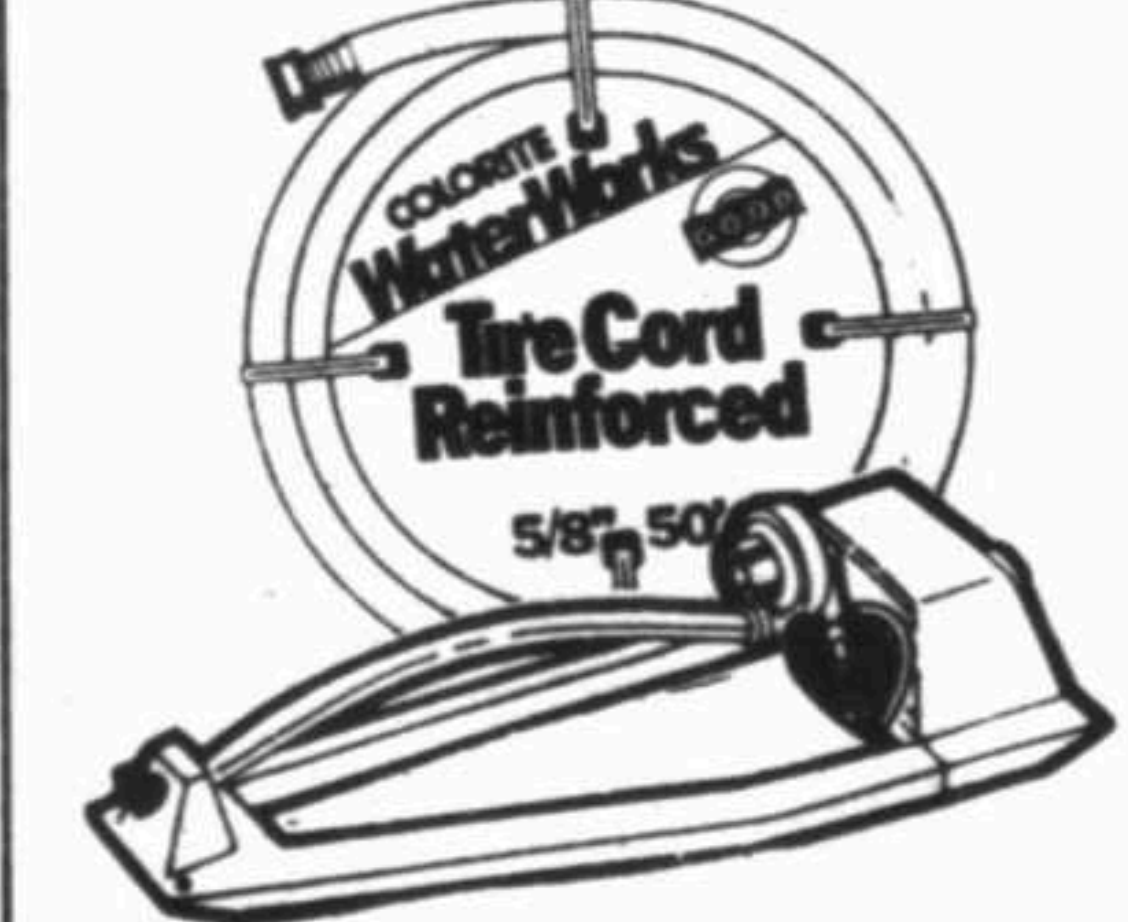
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Railroad strike: Back to work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's freight trains rumbled back into motion Thursday after the government stepped in to halt a 19-hour strike, but the disputes that led to a walkout by 235,000 workers remained unresolved.

Freight carriers and their unions will now make their cases on wage and work rule disputes to a special review panel. Absent any new agreements the parties reach on their own, the panel will impose a mandatory settlement on both sides by late June.

Under emergency legislation rushed through Congress, the clock will start on a 65-day timetable as soon as President Bush names the board's members.

The unions won't be able to strike again, even if they don't like the ultimate settlement, nor will management be able to lock them out.

The deal, struck by the White House and Congress late Wednesday after rail workers went on strike at 7 a.m., was seen as a potential victory for the eight striking unions because it gives them a second chance at gaining a more favorable contract.

At first, the White House pushed Congress to merely enact the wage and work-rule recommendations made by a presidential emergency board in January.

The unions were not satisfied with those recommendations, and pressed Congress for a new board to try and settle differences that had dogged the industry since 1988. They got their way, though the January proposals will mark the base from which any changes will be made.

"I see it as coming into overtime at the end of a ball game after we were down. We tied it at the end," said John Woischke, a union engineer who works for Conrail out of Columbus, Ohio.

Mac Fleming, president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, called the legislation a "narrow window for the unions to rebut the most destructive recommendations" of the earlier report.

Jim Reiter, a spokesman for the American Association of Railroads, said management considered the earlier recommendations "an exhaustive effort and a reasonable compromise."

"It would have been a shame to throw out all that effort. At least this way, we're back at the table using that as a base. The main thing is to get back to work," Reiter said.

Work-rule issues regarding crew sizes, miles in a one-day shift and pay differentials for some employees were expected to be hotly contested by the labor unions, officials said.

The size of wage increases — though the unions said they were too small — were not expected to be a major issue, nor was a plan to make workers start picking up part of their health care costs.

By Thursday afternoon, just hours after Bush signed legislation ending the strike, nearly all picket lines in the nation's freight rail yards were down and cargo trains were rolling again.

America's major freight carriers, forced to shut down all operations during the strike, expected "business as usual" by Friday, said Carol Perkins, a spokeswoman for the Association of American Railroads.

Bush signed the strike-ending bill about 2 a.m. Thursday after Congress, moving with rare speed, passed emergency legislation halting the nation's first nationwide rail strike since 1982.

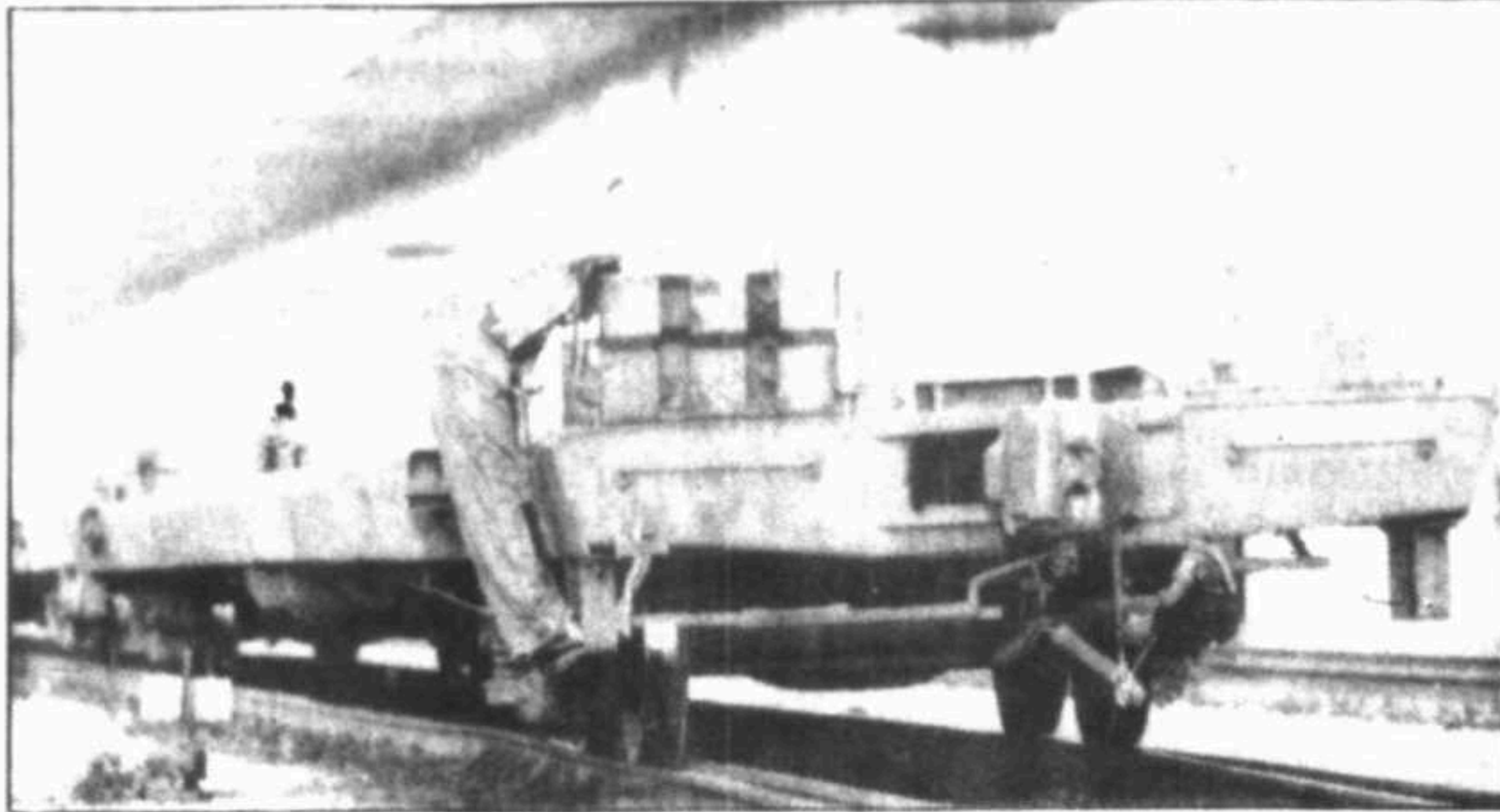
Both Congress and the White House wanted to move quickly because of the potential cost to an already struggling U.S. economy: some \$50 million a day and possible forced layoffs in the auto industry and other businesses relying on the rails.

Under the legislation, Bush will name three people to a special board, including one person who served on the first panel. The other two members will be arbitrators picked from a list submitted

by the National Mediation Board. First, that board will study any recommendation from the January report that either side feels is ambiguous. Then, it will take up issues that either side wants to challenge.

For instance, unions could appeal a recommendation that the current 108-mile workday be increased to 130 miles. Unions say workers should not have to travel longer distances for the same pay.

Management argues that since today's trains are faster, the old mileage limits are outdated. It might choose to defend the 130-mile recommendation or try to increase it to the 160-mile day it favors.



In Atlanta, CSX switchman Marion Cochran returned to the rail yard after President Bush signed legislation Thursday morning ordering striking workers back to their jobs.

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A rocket similar to one shown above in a file photo carrying a multi-million dollar Japanese broadcast satellite was destroyed after it tumbled out of control shortly after liftoff.

Launch ends in disaster

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A rocket carrying a Japanese broadcasting satellite tumbled out of control shortly after liftoff Thursday and both were destroyed in a \$100 million disaster.

The Air Force sent self-destruct commands to the upper stage of the Atlas rocket six minutes after launch once the trouble became evident.

The satellite still was attached to the upper stage, which is called a Centaur.

Debris fell into the Atlantic Ocean.

Allen Lovelace, chairman of the rocket's builder, General Dynamics Commercial Launch Services, called the accident "clearly a disappointing event for us, but also for our customer."

The problem occurred just after the Centaur separated from the Atlas booster as planned. Early evidence indicated that only one of the Centaur's two liquid hydrogen and oxygen engines ignited, causing the Centaur to lose speed and veer out of control, Lovelace said.

Contact with the spacecraft immediately was lost.

The 14-story, unmanned rocket blasted into an overcast sky from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station at 7:30 p.m. The launch was delayed 16 minutes because of high winds.

The satellite and rocket were blown up about 240 miles away.

"The vehicles (rockets) are not 100 percent reliable. In that respect, it really has been in part anticipated," Lovelace said. "But it really does not deter us in our confidence in the services that we provide and the vehicles that provide that service."

Lovelace said an investigative panel immediately was formed to look into the accident.

Everything appeared to be going well until a launch commentator abruptly announced the trouble over a loudspeaker.

It was the second commercial launch for General Dynamics, which suffered big financial losses last year in its Atlas program.

Built for the Japan Broadcasting Corp., the satellite aboard the rocket was to relay three television channels directly to homes in Japan once it became operational in two months. Japan Broadcasting currently serves its 4 million customers with a spacecraft placed in orbit last year.

The satellite was to have been placed in a stationary orbit 22,300 miles over Borneo.

Japan Broadcasting lost a satellite in February 1990 when a European Ariane rocket exploded over the Atlantic Ocean just after liftoff. Its newest satellite, launched at a cost of more than \$100 million, was fully insured.

Ron Maehl of GE Astro Space Division, which made the satellite, refused at a briefing Wednesday to elaborate on the \$100 million-plus price tag for the spacecraft and launch.

Charlie Lloyd, vice president of General Dynamics' commercial launch services, also declined to break down the costs.

The last time an Atlas-Centaur failed was in 1987, when lightning struck the rocket shortly after liftoff. A Centaur also failed in 1984 because of a fuel tank leak.

Gates makes first apology

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Embattled police Chief Daryl Gates joined several black leaders Thursday to pray for peace in a city divided over the videotaped beating of a black motorist.

Gates apologized for past remarks that many have considered offensive to minorities during the morning prayer meeting attended by 25 to 30 blacks, including several ministers and leaders of community groups.

"If anyone has ever been offended, hurt or feels hurt from the things I've said, let me just apologize to you and tell you that never have I had the intent to harm anyone, at all," Gates said.

Conservative black groups organized the meeting, including Black Americans for Family Values and Family and Community Together. "Our focus for coming together today is to show that there is another side to our community, and that this is the side of love and forgiveness and a side of fair play and justice for all," said Ezola Foster of Black Americans for Community Values.

Four police officers were indicted and about 20 others are under investigation in the March 3 beating of Rodney King, which was captured on videotape by a witness and broadcast nationwide.

King's skull, leg and eye socket were fractured in the beating. Many blacks were offended several years ago when Gates said blacks were more likely to die in police chokeholds because the veins in their necks were different than those of "normal people."

"This is the first time (community members) have ever heard him offer any type of apology to the black community," Foster said.

In New York, a passenger riding with King when he was beaten said the cries of his friend sounded like "death moans."

"I thought he sounded like a dog crying in the rain," Freddie Helms said during a taping of "Donahue." The NBC show hosted by Phil Donahue was broadcast live in some cities, including New York, but will be shown Friday in most cities.

Helms and Bryant Allen, another passenger who has known King since both were 13 years old, described their ordeal. Previously, they had not spoken on television.

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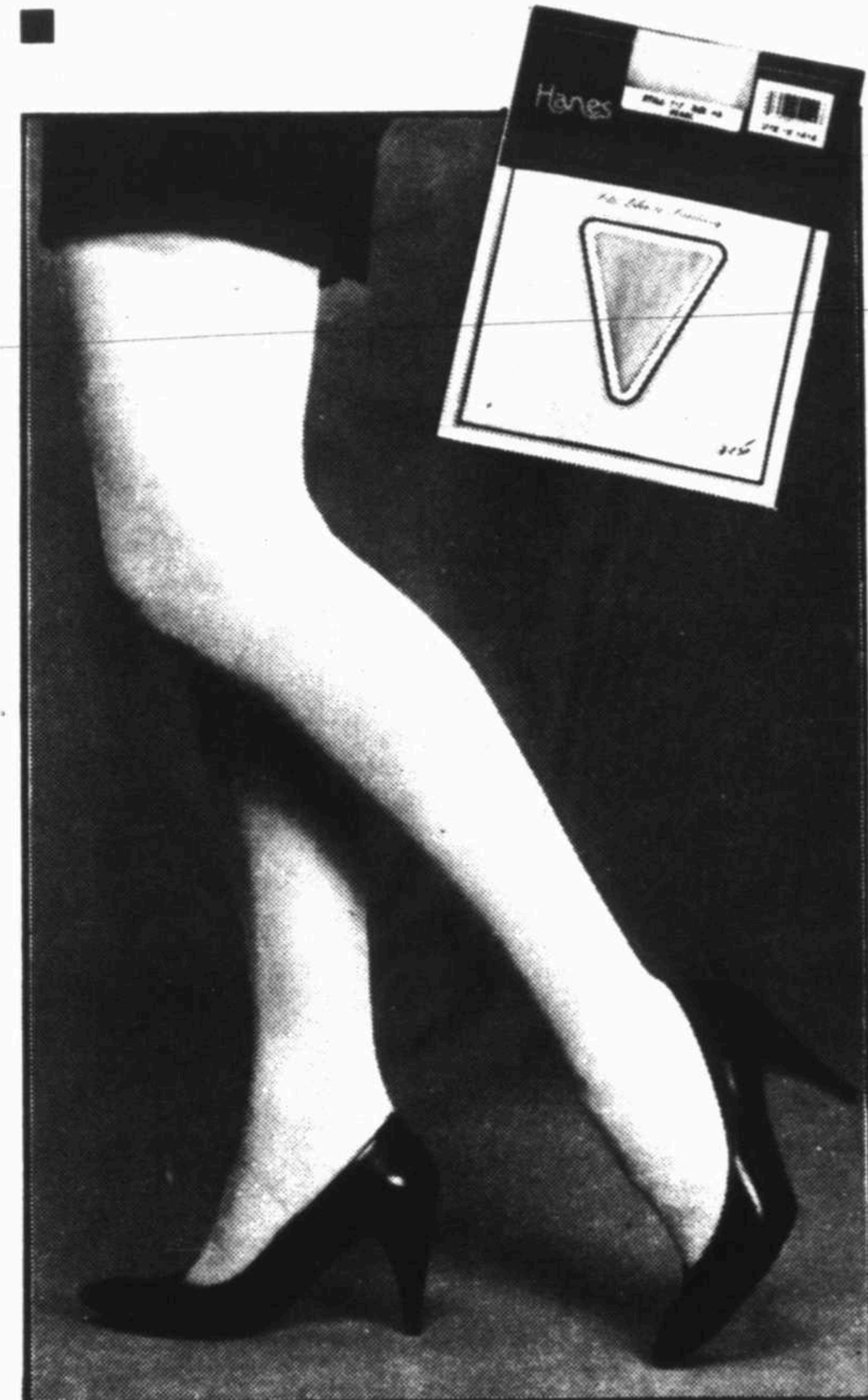
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Assault victim's courage needed

Michelle Fetzner's nightmare began about 2 a.m. on Sept. 27, 1990, when a man approached her as she was entering her apartment in north Midland, shoved her into the apartment and repeatedly raped her.

She thought he would kill her and she begged him to let her live. Finally her prayers were answered when he left.

That was, however, only the beginning of the nightmare.

Since the crime was committed, the man who attacked the 25-year-old nurse — Darren Coffin — has been arrested, convicted of rape and robbery and sentenced to life in prison on the rape charge and 25 years in prison for the robbery. He's now serving time for the crimes.

But for Michelle, the crime's viciousness continues. She has suffered all the fears, anger and uncertainties any rape victim experiences. She cries. She's afraid to be alone. She's uncomfortable around men. She holds her breath when someone walks past her apartment door.

Michelle's fears, though, are not the fears of only one person. The crime of rape has been increasing in the United States in recent years. Last year there were more than 100,400 rapes reported in the United States — 100,400 — and sexual assault increased by 6 percent, making it the fastest growing violent crime in the country.

Now Michelle is trying to put her life back together, for her and her 7-year-old son.

She's also going a step further. Michelle is making her story known to the public to raise awareness of the horror of rape. She says, "If by me talking someone manages to live through an assault it's all worth it because it doesn't go away. It just doesn't go away."

Like other victims of rape, Michelle found compassion and understanding at the Midland Rape Crisis Center, at the Victims Assistance Program in the Midland County District Attorney's office, from the officers of the Midland Police Department and the prosecutors who prosecuted her case for District Attorney Al Schorre's office.

They, along with local churches and organizations that help rape victims put their lives back in order and overcome the crime, are all crucial segments of society's wall against the rapist.

Yet all the best efforts of prosecutors, officers and social workers are shortchanged without the commitment on the part of many victims who unlike Michelle are hesitant to come forward, report cases of rape and demand that justice be served. Organizations such as Midland Rape Crisis Center have been promoting the reporting of rapes and sexual assaults as a means of publicizing the crimes and compelling action to punish the guilty.

The crime of rape hurts all those who believe in human rights and justice. With courageous action by victims such as Michelle who are willing to come forward and fight for justice, society — not the rapist — will win this battle.

OTHER VIEWS

Court's decision avoided lawsuits

We are all indebted to the Supreme Court for its recent, little-noticed unanimous decision barring the disgruntled owners of failed savings and loans from suing federal regulators who seized their thrifts.

Had the court ruled otherwise, the consequences could have been catastrophic. With 132 similar suits on the docket nationwide, the Justice Department estimates that the government would have faced \$3 billion in extra liability. Worse, the thrift bailout would have been slowed even further.

Thomas Gaubert, who brought the suit decided by the court, owned a Texas thrift that caught the attention of

federal regulators. They finally seized the institution in 1985, deeming it all but insolvent, thanks to Gaubert's mismanagement, which is still under investigation.

But Gaubert ... asserted that at the time of the seizure his thrift was healthy. Only after regulators took it over, he says, did it become insolvent. Its doors were finally closed in 1987, costing taxpayers \$400 million. Gaubert ... had sought \$25 million in damages.

With this decision, the Supreme Court has ensured that Gaubert and others of his kind are similarly barred from meddling with the public purse.

— El Paso Herald-Post

House should abort repeal of 'LBJ Law'

The Legislature ought not tamper with the state law that allows Texans to run for national office and the U.S. Senate at the same time — the so-called LBJ Law.

True, the provision will, at any given time, help one party while hampering the other. In the long run, however, the public benefits.

How? Already, two Texans have used the double-candidacy authorization to bolster their political stock — and that of Texas — on the national scene.

Under the 1959 law, then Sen. Lyndon Johnson ran on the 1960 ballot both as a Democratic candidate for vice president and as an incumbent for the U.S. Senate. So did Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, also a

Democrat, in 1988.

Now, with Republican Sen. Phil Gramm being mentioned as a possible presidential candidate in 1996, the House has tentatively voted to repeal the LBJ law. Republicans call the repeal legislation a "get-Grumm" bill.

Democrats who endorsed the repeal measure — and several key ones declined to do so — should remember that what goes around, comes around.

The House has to vote once more before the repeal bill goes to the Senate. We hope better judgment prevails then and that this measure, with all its implied mischief, is shot down.

— Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

JACK ANDERSON

Gulf war built support for spy plane

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, keeps a photograph of an SR-71 Blackbird spy plane on the credenza behind his desk, a gift from the intelligence community. Attached to it is a note that says, "Gone, but not forgotten."

The plane was retired from service last year. But there are many in Congress who have not forgotten it. And the Blackbird may have enough friends in high places to resurrect it in the wake of the Persian Gulf War where it was desperately needed.

The Pentagon grounded the Blackbirds after 25 years of suc-

cessful reconnaissance photography over enemy territory. Officials in the Pentagon and some Air Force brass decided that the Blackbirds had been eclipsed by satellite photography and were no longer necessary.

As we reported this week, even Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the Operation Desert Storm forces, asked to have the Blackbirds put back into service when satellite photography proved to be not as versatile as that which could be had by overflights. The request was denied, apparently by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who had not been a fan of the Blackbird during his days as a congressman.

But there is a new Congress with some fresh faces on key committees. And there are some longstanding fans of the Blackbird who plan to use the lessons of the Persian Gulf War to lobby for a revival of the planes.



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WILLIAM MURCHISON

Hefner, at 65, a reveler without a cause

According to the papers, Hugh Hefner turned 65 the other day. Does this make him at last a dirty old man?

We might put it this way: He is no longer a dirty young one.

Hef's persistence on the American scene is a tribute to heaven-knows-what. The force of bad habits, possibly.

Back when Hugh Hefner ran Playboy, he was our paramount symbol of sexual and moral liberation. Ooooooo, to be like Hugh — Say-Anything, Do-Anything, Let-it-all-Hang-Out. Hugh! Young readers — if they ever read anything other than the Cadillac ads in Playboy — gazed slack-jawed upon the color photos of Hefner's Playboy Mansion, where revels unexamined in history took place — or so Hef encouraged us to believe, wink, wink, nudge, nudge.

Sixty-five years! Our playboy prince is eligible for Social Security and senior-citizen discounts at the movies. Merely to think of it is to conjure up fantastic images — a groaning, grinning Hef, gulping down just one more glass of Dom Perignon, leering at sleek women young enough to be his grandchildren. So lived — and died — the sad, sordid sultans of the Turkish seraglios, slaves to the life of absolute license and pleasure.



Murchison

All this notwithstanding, the Hefner shtick — the long-running soap opera of sexual and moral liberation — seems even more elderly than the Playboy prince himself. Do it, do it, do it, yawn, zzzzzzz.

Do it, why? The answer is obvious, at least to Hef. Do it because it's doable and, better yet, fun — the hysterical fun everybody in the Playboy Mansion once seemed to participate in every day, all day, with ev-er-y-bod-y else. Hef went so far as to codify his way of life in the Playboy Philosophy, a kind of secular Decalogue, headed by the First and Great Commandment, Thou shalt have one whale of a time. The fully liberated were the chosen people.

How much of Playboyism is left, as the Playboy prince blows out his birthday candles, all three-score and five of them? Plenty is left, it goes without saying. The New York Times recently identified a new trend — parents letting Susie spend the night with Johnny in Johnny's bed, just as if they were wed, which they aren't, but, sigh, it beats contracting AIDS. The Centers for Disease Control say more than half of girls 15-19 have had extramarital sex. Episcopal Bishop John Spong, unofficial chaplain to the Do It set, in a new book comes down hard on those repressive old fogies who wrote the Bible.

On the other hand, there are troubling signs, from the Playboy prince's perspective. There has been backsliding among the acolytes. Drug use is down. The Roper Organization thinks it has discovered "a turning away from the ac-

ceptability of divorce." The National Association for Chastity recently had to disband, not for lack of interest, but because of too much interest to satisfy with limited staff and resources.

Worse, for the prince, religious faith seems to be on the rise. A recent poll asserts that 90 percent of Americans consider themselves religious in one sense or another. Religious faith, strongly or even moderately asserted, undercuts the premise of the Playboy Philosophy, which is individual gratification at all costs. Religion points not to gratification but to obedience, service — even sacrifice; the handing over of self for a greater good.

Modern morality is in a terrifically unsettled state. Clearly we're not going back to Mrs. Grundy, that old wet blanket of Western folklore, but neither is the influence of the Playboy prince what it was.

AIDS introduced caution, if not moral considerations, into the conversation. A broad-gauged dissatisfaction with permissiveness has taken hold in many venues. If we're so free, how come we aren't happier? Sexual liberation seems not so much to have universalized sex as to have stifled, often enough killed, it.

Happy birthday to the Playboy prince; may he lounge on silken sheets, laying down for lesser mortals the law of liberation by which he has lived. If you call it living.

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CHARLEY REESE

Palestinians to be core of coming conflict

Our politicians have been dancing around the Arab-Israeli peace issue for years, but eventually, if there is to be any resolution, there will come a real, head-knocking conflict.

The core of the conflict is not Arab dislike of a Jewish state or economic boycotts or refusal to admit the other exists. The core of conflict is the Palestinians. There is one land. There are two people who claim it.

Israel occupies the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Gaza, the Golan Heights, and a part of Lebanon. Israel has formally annexed East Jerusalem and has virtually annexed the Golan Heights, which is part of Syria. The present Israeli government has said it will not give up the West Bank or Gaza or the Golan Heights, and it will never consent to an independent Palestinian state.

Forget for the moment who you think is right or wrong and let's just define the nature of the conflict.

The 1.2 million Palestinians who live in Gaza and the West Bank want an independent Palestinian state. It is their position that after all the land belongs to them, that the 1947 United Nations resolution which partitioned Palestine and which is the legal basis for the new state

of Israel intended that there would be an independent Palestinian state involving those areas.

The United Nations is on the side of the Palestinians. U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 adopted Nov. 22, 1967, calls on Israel to withdraw from the territories occupied in the 1967 War as part of a peace settlement. U.N. Security Council Resolution 465, passed Mar. 1, 1980, affirms the fourth Geneva convention applies to all the Arab territories captured by Israel including Jerusalem.

Furthermore, this Security Council resolution declares that all changes in the territories made by Israel have no legal validity and that Jewish settlements, including those in East Jerusalem, are a "flagrant violation of the fourth Geneva convention."

U.N. Security Council Resolution 478 passed Aug. 20, 1980, censures Israel for failure to comply with other U.N. resolutions and declares the annexation of East Jerusalem a violation of international law and null and void. So here's the crunch: Should the United States ignore U.N. Security Council resolutions it either voted for or abstained on or does it begin to pressure Israel to comply with those resolutions?

In the past, the U.S. would occasionally tut-tut or deplore, but with Israel's strong support in Congress, it would do nothing more. The rub comes now because George Bush just committed the United States to a major war and justified it with U.N. Security Council resolutions which, he claimed, had to be enforced

even at the price of American lives and treasure.

So now it's going to be a whole lot harder for the U.S. to ignore these Security Council resolutions aimed at Israel.

It's one thing to denigrate the United Nations and to ignore it and quite another to commit the nation to war on the basis of enforcing U.N. resolutions. If U.N. resolutions are important enough for American youth to die enforcing, then politicians have a problem spitting on the ones that produce political discomfort.

That's one reason way back in August I warned that a war with Iraq over Kuwait would not in the long run be a good thing for Israel. Those who supported the war and support Israel are now hoisted on the horns of a dilemma of their own creation.

The current Israeli government position is in direct conflict with international law and with U.N. Security Council resolutions. Do the polls back the Israeli government and defy the United Nations, in whose name they caused some 200 Americans to die, or do they back the United Nations and defy the Israeli government?

A wise man once said nobody can do just one thing. This war, like all wars, has set in motion an avalanche of unforeseen consequences of which this conflict between the United States and Israeli governments is only one.

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Dogwoods are in 'deep trouble,' say scientists

By Christopher Sullivan

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Silvery eddies gleamed in Bent Creek 1,000 feet below, while overhead a hawk rode an updraft in the sunshine. But as Bob Anderson paused on a steep trail in Pisgah National Forest to take in nature's show, something was missing, perhaps forever.

"Dogwoods have been growing here and apparently quite happy for 50 years," said Anderson, a U.S. Forest Service plant pathologist, who had stopped in a stand of sickly looking trees, their branches hung with dry leaves. "Now they're dead."

Only a few years ago in Southern highlands like these — and in mountains up to New England — millions of dogwood blossoms made bright white brushstrokes everywhere on the gold-green canvas of the April woods, a guarantee of spring.

Now a killer disease, dogwood anthracnose, spreading unstoppably southward has eliminated the annual display in large parts of the Appalachian region. Virtually all flowering dogwoods in the national park that surrounds the presidential retreat Camp David in Maryland, for example, have died.

Scientists despair for vulnerable dogwoods in the wild. "In the mountains, we're in deep trouble," said Keith Langdon, a researcher in the hard-hit Smoky Mountain National Park, which straddles the Tennessee-North Carolina line.

"In the higher elevations, there's going to be millions, probably even billions, of dogwoods that are going to die," agreed Anderson, a leader of a task force monitoring the blight and coordinating efforts to slow it.

At the same time, however, researchers and others are working to counter worries, which they call baseless, that all flowering dogwoods are doomed.

This fear, spreading with the relentless disease, has hurt the nursery industry in the South, where dogwood-growing is a \$100 million-a-year business.

Larry Edwards, a Mooresville, N.C., nursery owner who normally grows 20,000 dogwoods a year, has cut production for the first time. Recently, he showed a visitor through greenhouses still crowded with more than 4,000 budding trees, inventory that a few years ago would have been sold by Christmas.

"At times, our sales have been off as much as 50 percent to 60 percent on the wholesale end," Edwards said. How much have lost sales cost him? "I'd say you'd be looking at ... \$75,000, \$100,000 just in my own operation."

The industry, joining with government and environmental groups, has launched a public education campaign to show that dogwoods, a longtime favorite for landscaping, can thrive with proper care.

Thousands of copies of slickly reproduced, easy-to-read research summaries — including one headlined "There's Hope for Dogwoods" — are being distributed through garden shops and extension service offices.

FDA takes exception to 'Hemorrice,' 'brain tuner'

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Although Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Handler-Menahem said the government isn't charging the company with fraud, it feels the items are mislabeled and suggest results that are "false, misleading or otherwise contrary to fact."

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The research notes that well-maintained landscape trees are less vulnerable than those in the mountains, especially if planted in sunny spots where temperatures reach 95 degrees during part of the year.

Preventive maintenance involves mulching, fertilizing, watering, pruning, and in certain cases spraying trees with fungicides. "If people follow those steps they can save their trees," Anderson said.

"I just want people to know that dogwoods aren't doomed," said Edwards, a board member of the Southern Nurserymen's Association. "Here, everybody grew up with dogwoods."

Indeed, in the South the disease has attacked a regional symbol.

The dogwood is the state flower of Virginia and North Carolina, the state tree of Missouri. The cross-shaped blossom has a religious significance that's cited every Easter in many Southern churches. And cities and towns across Dixie welcome spring with dogwood festivals.

The two-week Dogwood Arts Festival in Knoxville, which opened Friday, generated \$12 million last year and attracted 250,000 visitors. Sixty miles of streets have been designated "dogwood trails" for their bursting white and pink blossoms.

"Other than some UT (University of Tennessee) football games, we draw more people in than anything else," said Chip Scott, spokesman for the festival.

Despite Knoxville's proximity to the badly hit Smoky Mountains, dogwood anthracnose hasn't harmed the city's trees, he said. "It has put fear in people that they're going to lose their trees and slowed down replanting."

In Atlanta, home of a showcase dogwood festival that's also under way, there are signs of worry, too.

The environmentalist group Trees Atlanta gave away dogwood seedlings at the city's flower show this spring, but some people declined them, voicing concern about anthracnose. Most were reassured — and took the seedlings — after Trees Atlanta explained that carefully tended dogwoods in urban yards could be protected, said the group's Steve Crawford.

Dogwood anthracnose, caused by a fungus called *Discula*, was discovered in 1978 in New York, and almost simultaneously in Washington state, where it spread among the Pacific dogwood and has since been found in Oregon and Idaho.

In the East, the disease killed the flowering dogwood, *Cornus florida*, first in the New England and Mid-Atlantic states.

Plant pathologists found that the fungus thrives in cool, moist areas, especially at elevations of 2,000 feet or more.

They wondered if the disease would halt in the warmer South. The answer came in 1987 when dogwoods were found dying by the thousands in north Georgia's Cohutta Wilderness and around Cashiers, N.C.

In 1988, 48 counties in the South were infected; 1989, 90 counties; in 1990, 126 counties in seven Southern states. Those states — Ala-

bama, Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Kentucky and Virginia — joined Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia as places where the disease was found.

Effective fungicides are available, but impractical in the wild. "There's just no way we could do that," said Mark Windham, a University of Tennessee plant pathologist.

Sprayed from planes, fungicides would be intercepted by taller trees and could harm fish, he said. Other creatures, meanwhile,

will suffer from the blight itself. Forty-two species of birds rely on dogwood berries in the fall as a "high-energy food source," Windham said, and deer forage on its leaves in spring.

Without spraying, the wild dogwood may have to save itself, researchers said. The epidemic mysteriously skips certain trees, even in the high-risk uplands, and scientists hope some may have a natural resistance.

"That's our best bet," Windham said, "finding a resistant tree and propagating it."

Back in the woods, Anderson voiced the same hope. He told of a

15-mile trail up to Mount Pisgah, where he hiked just a few years ago amid a profusion of blossoms but now finds only dying dogwoods.

Sadder still in a way, the barren branches, the brown slopes, offer no reminder for passers-by who never saw the blooms.

"They drive through here and think, 'Oh well, that hillside never had dogwoods,'" Anderson said. "They don't realize that it used to."

— Bob Anderson, monitoring blight

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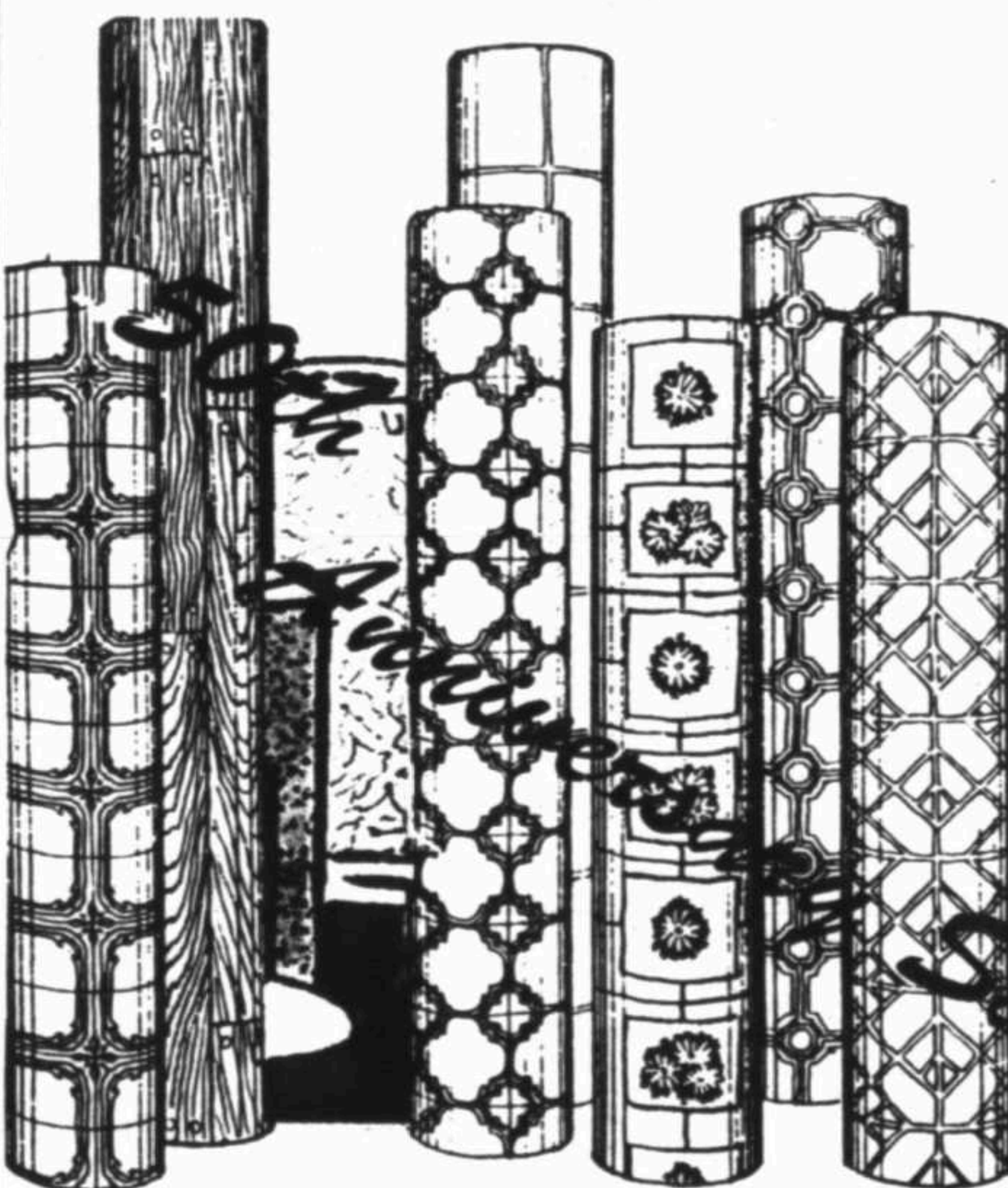
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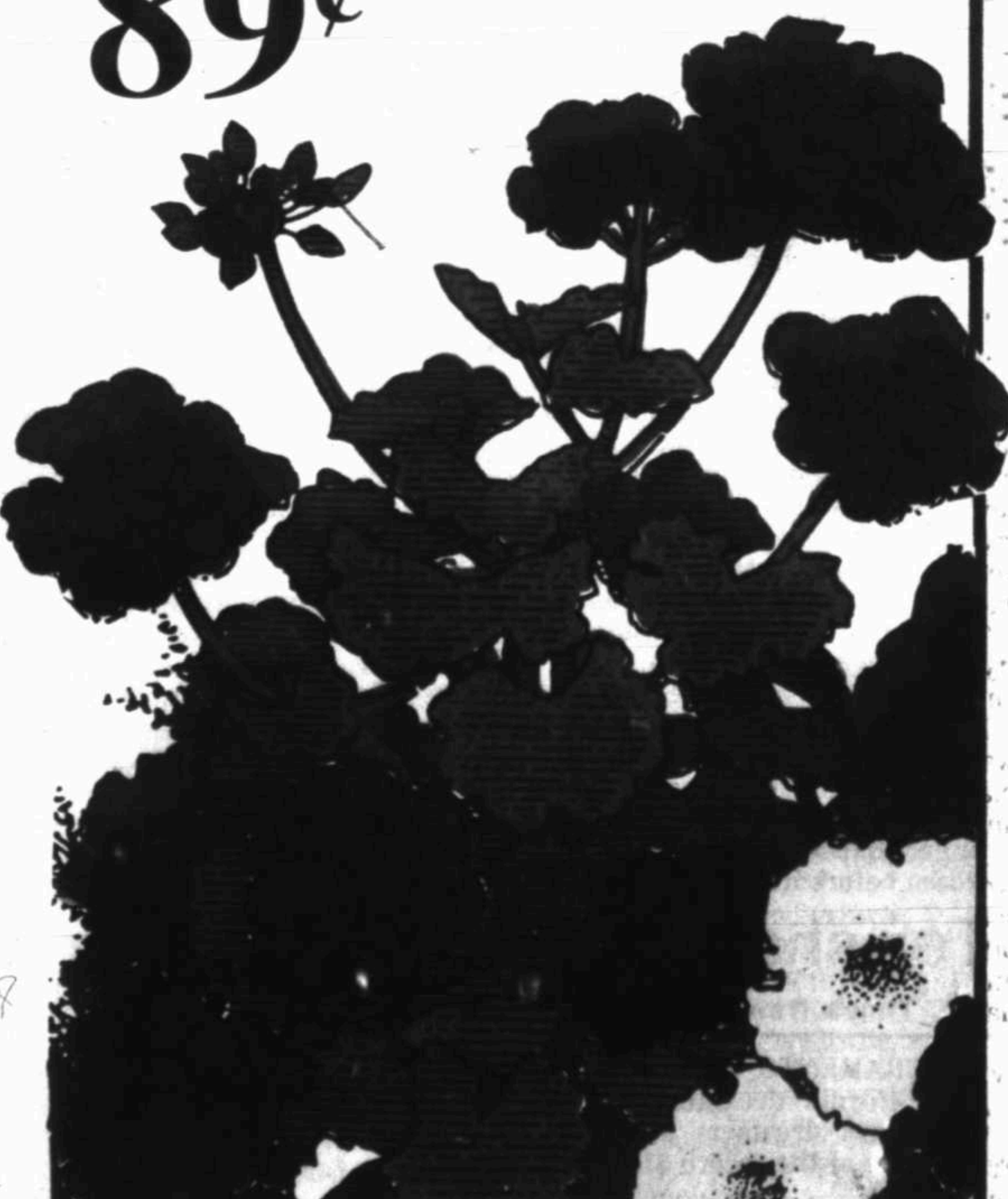
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Educator: Schools at crossroads

■ President of Michigan's Hillsdale College addresses group of local supporters.

By John Paul Pitts
Business & Oil Editor

American education stands at a crossroads and the choices made by Americans in the next few years will determine its direction over the next 50 years, according to one college president.

George Roche, Ph.D. and president of Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., speaking at a reception sponsored by the school's local supporters at the Midland Petroleum Club, said the nation soon must decide if it wants to continue on the present trend of more taxes and growing federal and state control. The alternative, he said, is a return to basic skills, traditional values and parental control.

The author of eight books on education was propelled into the national limelight in 1974, when he refused to comply with federal requirements for colleges and universities accepting government funds.

"We wrote the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and told them that Hillsdale College had not accepted a cent of federal funds since it was founded 150 years ago, because it did not want federal controls," said Roche, who at the time was the youngest college president in the nation.

Roche noted that confrontation immediately struck a nerve with

the Washington bureaucracy and initiated a court suit that lasted 10 years and went all the way to the Supreme Court, where Hillsdale lost.

"HEW countered, and the high court agreed, that since we accepted students that might have received federal loans or funds at Hillsdale, we were subject to HEW regulations," he said.

Roche noted since the ruling came down, Hillsdale does not accept students with government loans, but will instead provide them with a private scholarship if they are accepted. "We are still not subject to federal regulations," he said.

Roche was the only college president in the United States to face down the federal government over the issue of funding and federal control, winning admiration among conservatives and proponents of traditional value education around the nation.

"You won't see any courses on sexual preference at Hillsdale College," said the conservative educator who counts Ronald Reagan, former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, and Robert Simon, former Secretary of Treasury, among his friends and supporters of Hillsdale. During the Reagan administration, Roche served on the National Council for Educational Research.

The fame of Hillsdale College, with a 1,200 student population, has also made it one of the wealthiest schools in the nation.

Roche is presently on a nationwide tour, seeking to raise \$151 million to carry on the college's

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Blair Miller, 10, right, pollutes a "lake" with oil to simulate a hazardous oil slick as Demerie Gonzales, 9, looks on. The Quanah Parker Elementary School fourth graders then tested the slick's effect on feathers and tried to

clean their "spills" with strings, sponges, straws and soap. The pupils were learning about pollution and recycling in preparation for Earth Day Monday.

Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram

Students find pollution 'yucky'

■ Quanah Parker fourth-graders create oil slicks, experiment with ways to clean up the messes.

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

Quanah Parker Elementary School students discovered that cleaning up polluted water is even "yuckier" than cleaning up a messy bedroom.

Jill Spencer's fourth graders created their own "hazardous" oil slicks in pie tins Thursday in an effort to experience the travails of cleaning up pollution firsthand. Then they integrated wildlife into the scene by dipping feathers into the oil.

"It's a real mess, isn't it?" asked Faye Beery, chairman of Keep Midland Beautiful's Recycling Committee. "It's like cleaning up your room. When the it gets to be a real mess it takes a long time to clean it up. Pollution is like that. The less we make, the better off we are," she said.

Pupils tried to contain their slicks with booms (strings), sop it up with sponges, or remove it with spoons.

One enterprising youngster sopped up all the oil in the pie tin with his sponge before discovering he had created another environmental problem.

"The oil is all gone," he exclaimed.

"But, where's your lake?" asked his teacher.

"Oops, I guess it dried up," he said. Another group of students added a

grease-cutting liquid dishwashing soap to their slick and ended up with a "bubbly, gunky water."

Some of their peers figured out a way to filter oil through a cloth to clean the water. Others managed to get most of the oil on their rubber gloves.

The general consensus was that pollution in water "is very hard to clean up."

Jennifer Dzubinski, 10, noted that the liquid dishwashing soap was effective in cleaning the oil-soaked feathers.

"The problem is that birds don't have this kind of soap to use. We are the ones that are going to have to clean them," Ms. Beery said.

Some of the frustrated pupils decided it is definitely better not to pollute at all.

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Mary Collier and her husband Pat, a marrow-transplant recipient are the driving forces behind Saturday's racewalk benefitting a statewide bone marrow donors' registry.

'Because I Care' Walk-a-thon to aid bone marrow registry

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

"Because I Care" is a statewide race against time and "the odds" in the name of life.

On Saturday, Midlanders will be walking and running in circles at Midland Memorial Stadium for money.

It's far from the first and certainly not the last walk-a-thon to raise money for worthy causes. There are many.

This one, "Because I Care — Tissue Typing in Texas," is part of a statewide campaign to generate funds and win over potential bone-marrow donors for individuals who have been stricken with fatal blood diseases and cancer, including leukemia. The funds are to pay for

the typing of blood for possible marrow transplants.

Marrow, drawn from the pelvic bone by needles, is injected into the bloodstream of the blood-compatible patient in hopes that the introduced marrow will be accepted into the bones of the patient to produce healthy blood and to ensure renewed life.

"It (the procedure) is like a blood transfusion," said Mary Collier, whose 34-year-old husband, Pat Collier, received a marrow transplant last year in Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas in his battle against multi-myeloma, a cancer — unimpeded growth of cells. Saturday's walk-a-thon begins at 8 a.m. at the stadium.

Meanwhile, a blood drive, the

typing of blood tissue, and a health fair will be going on throughout the day in the cafeteria of the neighboring Sam Houston Elementary School.

A team from Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's Permian Basin Blood Bank will draw blood for the medical center's blood supplies. A team from The Blood Center at Wadley in Dallas will be typing blood. The health fair will be conducted by representatives of the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center.

Other groups in the health fair will include the Candlelighters, a support group for the families of children with cancer; West Texas Regional Health Education Center, which motivates and assists

young people in choosing health career; Glenwood Psychiatric Hospital; Permian Basin AIDS Coalition; Optifast, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's weight-loss program; Memorial West, psychiatric and substance-abuse facility; Texas Department of Safety's Trooper Tex, a trooper-controlled robot; American Cancer Society; Smokers; Math and Science Boosters; and the drug-fighting Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program of the Crime Prevention Unit of the Midland Police Department, and KCHX 106.7-FM radio station.

The health fair is being coordinated by Sherry Parker, can-

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ED TODD

Freckles Rosetta is her owner's pride and joy

Freckles Rosetta is clearing out of town.

Maybe. Maybe not.

She doesn't want to go and shouldn't have to. She, after all, has her rights and privileges which are being threatened by some partisan and whimsical laws written by Big Brother years ago and enforced by his agents.

The very core of her lifestyle, maybe her survival, is endangered.

Freckles Rosetta, by all outward signs, is a goat, a Spanish goat. In the market place, she's a "meat" goat. At meat-eaters' picnics and feasts, she's cabrito.

But to Eduardo and his friends, she is a darling. No one has said otherwise. Well, when Freckles Rosetta and Eduardo stopped by a filling station the other day to fuel up for a trip down south to sheep and goat country, a fellow blurted out: "Going to have yourself some barbecue?"

"No!" Eduardo, just a bit miffed, said in a flourish. "She's my sweetheart."

And she is.

Last weekend in the trip down to Rankin, Freckles Rosetta just plopped down on the car's seat and rode placidly. Occasionally, she'd stand up

just to flex her well-toned muscles.

Down there, Freckles Rosetta and Eduardo stopped by a brisket-cabrito barbecue pit. She hardly noticed, she's so trusting and innocent. But some hefty beef-eaters looked hungrily toward this tender kid.

On the rodeo grounds, Freckles Rosetta climbed into the grandstands and watched a few rounds of goat-roping and then headed back to town. The folks, kids and all, down there simply adored Freckles Rosetta.

In town, she's just, well, a real prima donna, front and center, with a goat's humility and pride. She's as agile as a cat, plays and snuggles up with the young calico, Arna Priddy, and has bouts with the other cat, the old-timer, Flippy.

She's a sweetheart. Here awhile back, she and Eduardo were in the rocking chair listening to an endearing old Fats Waller tune, "Rosetta." That's how Freckles, who was born in a flea market about six months ago, became Miss Freckles Rosetta Todd.

Everybody who has come to know Freckles Rosetta simply adores her. The neighbors delight in her and so do the folks at work, the courthouse, library, homes, and wherever she had been.

Freckles Rosetta is Daddy's girl. Sweeter than honey! Sheer delight. Gorgeous. And, at 55 pounds,

healthy and petite. She has long black chaps on her lovely hind legs, a pair of 4½-inch horns, and patches of angelic white amid her coal-black coat.

In the mornings and evenings, she comes into the house to roam, jump, slip and slide on the hardwood floors, check things out, and relax. At night, she generally sleeps atop the air-conditioner unit right next to the bedroom where her Daddy Eduardo sleeps. Otherwise, she sleeps out in the "back pasture," in the shed or under the old soap-berry tree.

Freckles Rosetta has a hearty appetite despite her persnickety. Her favorites are many: wild-bird seed, oats, corn, Purina goat chow, horse-and-mule feed, bananas, including the peel, Granny Smith apples, apricots, cooked black beans and brown rice, old-fashioned raw oatmeal, leaves, herbs, young weeds and tree bark. She's a browser.

She's a dear.

And nary a soul, to the knowledge of Freckles Rosetta and Eduardo, had dared to complain about the darling until recently when a Midland Animal Control officer left a pink tag on their homestead.

The message was disheartened: "We need you to move your goat to the county. It is against the law to have livestock in the city limits. We will be back ..."

Ominous.

First of all, Freckles Rosetta is hardly a head of livestock. She's Eduardo's friend, sweetheart, confidant, pal, traveling companion, and source of much joy. Some people might call her a "pet," like a cat or a dog. But she's mostly a dear friend and all that friendship implies.

Well, the upshot of this rambling is this. Freckles Rosetta and Eduardo have decided to "fight City Hall" and still be within the bounds of civility. The value of "pets" for soothing the savage beast and consoling the lonely hearts in men, women and children is quite evident.

And does it make sense that sanctioned pets within the city should be mostly feline and canine breeds? There are dogs, yes. And there are cats, too. But the world knows, there's a whole lot more that needs to love and to be loved.

Freckles Rosetta, who simply asks not to be judged prior to thorough investigation (and then not too harshly), may well end up in the country. If so, so goes Eduardo.

Meanwhile, they intend to dance, rock in the old rocking chair, and run around and enjoy their lives together until doomsday in the city.

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

DEATHS

Lewis Snodgrass

Services for Lewis A. Snodgrass, 78, of Granbury, formerly of Midland, are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. T.H. Chapman of First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Snodgrass died Wednesday in Fort Worth.

Born Oct. 12, 1912, in Roby, where he attended school, he came to Midland at an early age and was the owner/operator of Snodgrass Grocery for many years. He also was co-owner of Tall City Trading Post and also City Trading Post Pawn Shop. He sold the business and retired in 1980 and moved to Granbury.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Orva Elizabeth Snodgrass, and a son, Jan Snodgrass.

Survivors include: two sons, Jerry Snodgrass of Austin and Don Snodgrass of Amelia, La.; two brothers, O.L. Snodgrass Sr. of Stanton and Mack H. Snodgrass Jr. of San Angelo; three sisters, Laura Shoemaker of Stanton, Eva Linebarger of San Angelo and Ruby Henry of Seneca, S.D.; and eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

W.C. Solberg

LAKOTA, N.D. — Services for W.C. "Woody" Solberg, 79, father of Midlander Robert Solberg, are set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Lakota Lutheran Church with the Rev. Roger Johnson officiating in the Lakota Cemetery under the direction of Aaker Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday at a Devil's Lake, N.D., hospital.

Born March 12, 1912, at Ellington, S.D., in 1915 he moved with his family to Lakota, where he graduated from high school and married Mildred Swanson on Dec. 3, 1939.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1941-43. He began as a Pure Oil Co. dealer in Lakota in 1932

and as a Ford Motor Co. dealer on Dec. 3 1940. He operated Solberg Motor Co. until his death.

Survivors include: his wife Mildred Solberg of Lakota; two sons, Robert Solberg of Midland and Bill Solberg of Lakota; two brothers, Orvin Solberg of Fergus Falls, Minn. and Don Solberg of Lakota; one sister, Olive Ensrud of Lakota; and four grandchildren.

Memorials should be directed to the Lakota Ambulance Fund, Lakota, N.D. 58344.

Ruth Hildebrand

COLORADO CITY — Funeral services for Ruth Hildebrand, 84, of Loraine, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Leon Green officiating. Burial will follow at the Colorado City Cemetery.

She died Wednesday at a San Angelo hospital.

She was born Dec. 14, 1906, in Ellis County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include: two daughters, Doris Richards of Winters and Marie Browne of San Angelo; two sons, Charles Hildebrand of Kermit and Doyle Hildebrand of Colorado City; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

William N. Sands

Services for William N. Sands of Hurst, formerly of Midland, are set for 1 p.m. today at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bill Wier of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday in a Hurst nursing facility.

Pallbearers will be Charles Reeder, Robert Ward, Gil Ward, Ted Johnson, Ron McFadden, Harry Harrison, David Gates and Russell Gurella. Honorary pallbearers will be Durwood Goolsby, Bill Browder and Leroy Bell.

BONE: Walk-a-thon for benefit of registry

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cer program coordinator at the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center.

Jill Skupin, who is donor coordinator with the National Marrow Donor Program at the Dallas-based blood center, will be in Midland for the tissue typing. Two marrow donors, Bud Richardson of Midland and Pam Lovell of Dallas, are to attend the fair.

Mrs. Collier volunteered to coordinate Saturday's walk-a-thon out of gratitude — "strictly from the heart."

Her husband, whose condition did not go into remission, had no time for an extensive donor search. Fortunately, his younger brother, Richard, was a perfect match and willing donor.

"Had Pat had to go through a donor search, he wouldn't have been here now," said Mrs. Col-

lier. "We were just lucky."

Mrs. Collier is hopeful that patients in need of marrow transplants will find donors through the National Marrow Donor Program, which, as of mid-January, had 260,000 potential donors listed in the registry.

The odds of a non-sibling donor among Anglo-Saxon people is one in 20,000. For blacks and Hispanics, the odds are considerably higher.

"This is a way to give back to the community what they've given to us," Mrs. Collier said, and to increase the "awareness of what a bone-marrow transplant is, who it helps, what is tissue typing, and how to become a donor."

Marrow transplants, now on the increase, have been going on for about 30 years, Mrs. Collier said, and are being used in leukemia, multi-myeloma, aplastic anemia cases, in treating breast cancer and in being ex-

perimented with in AIDS cases. "I'm glad we're doing it," Pat Collier, who is at home in regaining his strength following the transplant last year, said of the "Because I Care" walk-a-thon.

"It's a way to help some people. If I didn't have that transplant, if I didn't have that mass from my brother, I'd be six feet under right now. There's a lot of people who cannot find a donor. They'll just sit there and die."

Meanwhile, there is hope. Barbara Bush, whom Mrs. Collier invited to Saturday's walk-a-thon, is unable to come to Midland for the event this Saturday.

However, the first lady wrote that Midlanders at the event would be in her "thoughts and well wishes."

Earlier, in a letter to Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Bush lauded "those who are responding to the need for more volunteer bone-mar-

row donors throughout our country."

"Today, because of the generous spirit of hundreds of thousands of Americans, many patients with fatal blood diseases have received the chance of a lifetime."

More donors are needed. And volunteer donors make the world "a little bit better because strangers are giving the living gift of marrow," Mrs. Bush wrote.

"But so many more people are still on waiting lists, hoping and praying that someone will donate marrow that matches their own," Mrs. Bush penned. "The National Marrow Donor Program is making it possible to build this worldwide network of hope and help."

"I salute everyone who is participating in donor-recruitment efforts. May your commitment bring each of you a sense of satisfaction that you are part of a global life-saving effort."

WEST TEXAS IN BRIEF

Reserve officers set to convene

Staff Reports

Texas members of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States will hold their state convention today and Saturday at the Holiday Inn Country Villa in Midland, according to Martin C. Meissner of Midland.

Speakers at the convention are to include retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Richard "Ish" Ingram, director of joint development for the Confederate Air Force and the American Airpower Heritage Foundation, and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Harry A. Spannaus, executive vice president of the

Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Ingram is the speaker for Saturday's noon awards luncheon. Spannaus will speak at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The convention will include a panel discussion at 10 a.m. Saturday on Operation Desert Storm. Midland County Judge Charles "Bro" Seltzer, who is a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, will welcome the conventioners to Midland.

The Reserve Officers Association includes "Minutemen" assigned to the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and members of the associations' auxiliaries.

ing was held in February and 17 people attended including two from southeastern New Mexico.

The WTSA hopes to enlarge its membership to include people from Lubbock, Abilene and San Angelo.

The purpose of the association is stated thus: "To create an affiliation of serious minded songwriters, promote the artistic value of the musical composition, the business of music and recognition for the songwriter and his craft And to have a good time."

Dues have been set at \$25 annually for charter members and \$35 for new members. All dues are payable within 90 days of joining.

Membership is open to all interested parties.

VFW to hold open house

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is inviting everyone to an open house from 5-8 p.m. today to celebrate their support of our troops and their families and to encourage continued volunteer support in Midland.

Songwriters to meet

The third meeting of the West Texas Songwriters Association is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday at the American Legion Hall, 501 Air Park.

The WTSA organizational meet-

The open house will be held at VFW Post 7208 located at 1306 E. Taylor.

President Bush proclaimed April 15-26 as the Points of Light Celebration of Service, a time when America will honor Americans who are meeting today's critical social challenge through volunteering. The event began with Desert Storm Volunteer Day Tuesday.

LHS students honored

Lee High School seniors Todd Giese and Kim Smith both were named corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners this week.

About 1,250 students nationwide will receive the scholarships. The LHS students were in the first group of 6,000 high school seniors in the 1991 competition who received Merit Scholarships.

The scholarships provide between \$500-\$2,000 in funds. Todd will receive his scholarship from Mobil Oil and Kim will receive hers from Arco Foundation, according to information from the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

Officer shot while taking supper break

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 30-year-old woman was shot to death and a police officer was critically wounded Thursday by the woman's boyfriend inside a fast food restaurant, a police spokeswoman said.

The unidentified suspect shot Officer Douglas Goebel, 26, inside a Church's restaurant on the city's east side, then fatally wounded Maxine Yvette Baxter as her two daughters, ages 5 and 9 watched, said Sandy Perez, police spokeswoman.

Goebel was on his dinner break when he was shot once in the head at about 5:30 p.m. by the suspect, who was still at large late Thursday, Ms. Perez said.

SCHOOL: College doesn't get funds

(From 1B)

campaign for traditional value education. "We already have \$90 million," he noted.

Since the Supreme Court suit, the subscriber list for a Hillsdale newsletter "on governmental excesses in education" has grown from 1,000 names to 300,000.

Roche said he is striving to make Hillsdale a model for how schools should be run — free of government interference, teaching basic skills and traditional Christian values.

"This is a battle of ideas," he said.

To get its views across, the college regularly runs full-page ads in such magazines as *Fortune* and *U.S. News and World Report*.

OIL: Students study pollution

(From 1B)

But realizing that consumers will accumulate trash, Jennifer offered a suggestion that Americans find a way to burn trash in order to fuel cars.

"You mean like in the movie 'Back to the Future'?" Ms. Beery asked. "That's a good idea. The methane from some trash is used for fuel now."

Ms. Beery said she has been discussing environmental concerns at the elementary school all week in an effort to get youngsters fired up for Earth Day Monday.

She said Thursday's "hands-on" experience had the biggest impact on pupils.

"Me, I'd rather clean up my room," said one exasperated pupil who had to have his classmates help him out of his oil-coated gloves.

LOCAL/AREA REPORTS

Murder charge

Staff Reports

BIG SPRING — A 65-year-old man was charged with murder following a shooting Wednesday night at a bar, Big Spring police officials said.

Kenneth Olsen remained in jail Thursday evening in lieu of \$100,000 bond set by Justice of the Peace J.A. Marshall.

Olsen was arrested in connection with the shooting of Winfred D. Allen, 34, who died Thursday afternoon at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Allen was shot in the abdomen about 11:40 p.m. at Martha's Hideaway located on North Birdwell Lane, police said. Olsen was arrested at the scene and a .32-caliber derringer has been recovered.

Police did not release a motive for the shooting.

Firearms charge

ODESSA — A 15-year-old was being detained by the Ector County Youth Center Thursday after being found with a .22-caliber revolver at Ector County Youth Center Wednesday, police said.

An unloaded gun was recovered by school administrators about 11 a.m. Wednesday before police were notified.

The youth said he was carrying the gun because of threats from a Hispanic male about 20 years old, police said. The youngster later recanted that story and said he took the gun

to school to show it off, police said.

Unlawfully carrying a weapon on school grounds is a third-degree felony.

Recaptured

ODESSA — A man who escaped from the Ector County Jail on March 12 was back behind bars Thursday afternoon, Ector County Sheriff's Office officials said.

Kiari Jernigan, 25, was apprehended about 4 p.m. at a residence at 2763 Brentwood by officers of the Odessa Police Department and the Permian Basin Drug Task Force, sheriff's officials said.

Jernigan was previously in jail on charges that included aggravated robbery and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Charges for escape are pending, officials said.

Criminal mischief

Two Midland youths were arrested Wednesday and charged with criminal mischief in connection with the vandalism of giant reindeer Christmas decorations in December, police said.

The youngsters, both 16 years old, were both apprehended following an investigation into the destruction of the display that had become popular among holiday decoration sight-seers.

The display was located at 2603 Ward St.

Senate OKs voter registration bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate tentatively approved a bill that would allow Texans to register to vote when they obtain a driver's license or apply for state assistance. Voter registration forms also would be made available by colleges and universities.

The measure was approved, 20-10, Thursday with another vote needed for final Senate passage. Senators on Thursday approved and sent to the House proposals that would:

■ Increase by \$150 million the use of existing bond authorization

for water and sewer facilities in poor communities along the Texas-Mexico border.

■ Provide for reorganization of community mental health facilities.

■ Enhance penalties for theft if the thief intended to take the property across an international border.

■ Establish the Texas Commercial Fisheries Marketing Council.

■ Continue the State Board of Barber Examiners under the Sunset review process.

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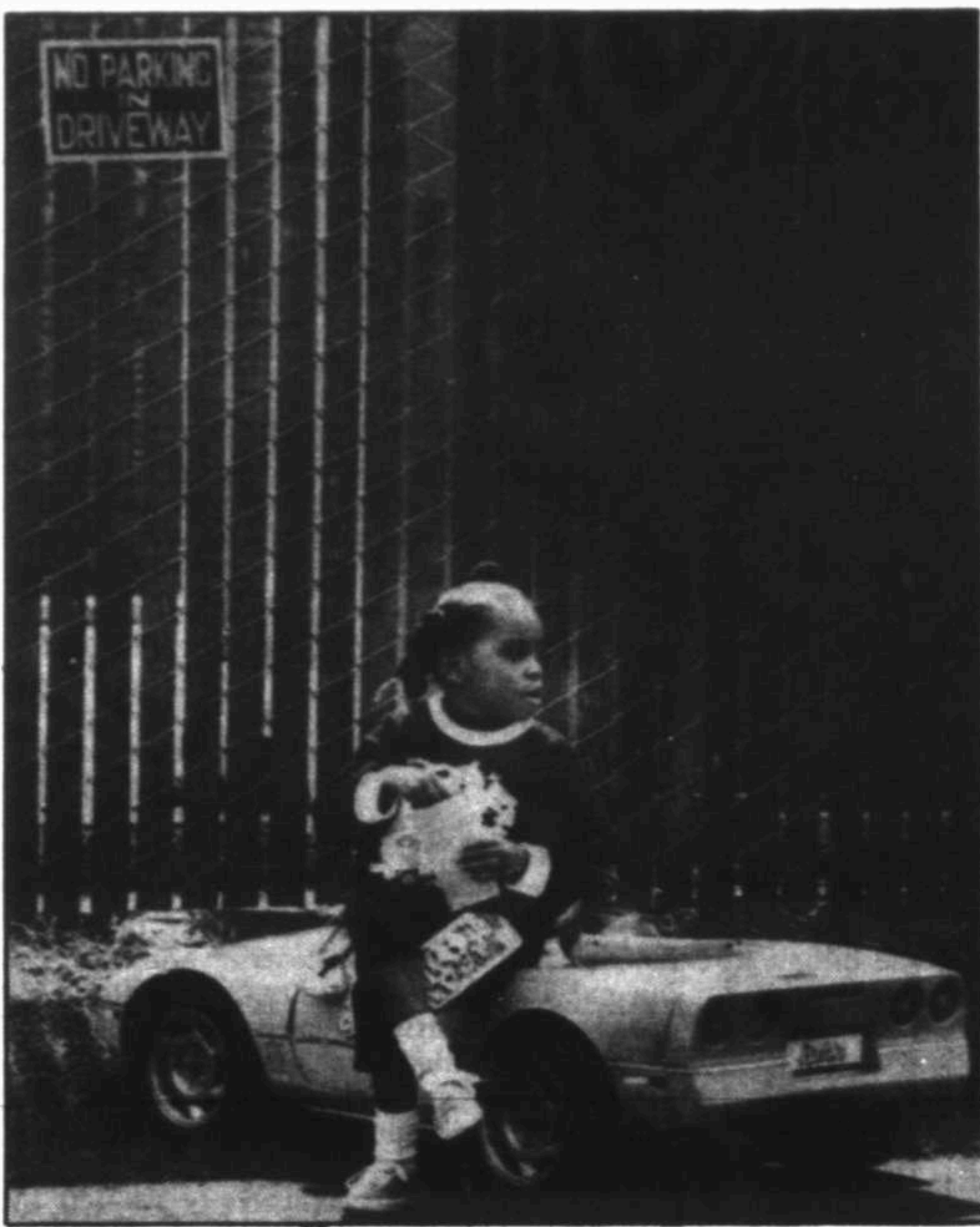
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Taking it easy

Tiffany Morgan, 4, of Lake Jackson appears to have ignored the "no parking" sign as she sits on her vehicle and munches a snack.

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The State

Transit officials discuss terrorism

AUSTIN — Heightened security awareness during the Persian Gulf war exposed vulnerability on bus systems across the country, transit system officials have been told.

Security was one of the topics discussed at the closing session Wednesday of the Western Education and Training Conference in Austin, which drew more than 500 U.S. transit officials.

The lack of terrorist acts directed toward American bus systems may have lulled transit officials into believing no threat exists, said Bob Lower, a safety and security manager for Transportation Safety Institute of Oklahoma City.

Although transit agencies received no threats during the war, officials should prepare themselves anyway, Lower said.

Tom Lambert, chief of transit police in Houston, said the threat of violence not only exists from foreign sources but also from gangs and radical advocacy groups.

"The security threat is very real and existed before the Persian Gulf war," Lower said. "We need to make our people aware. Let's not lower our guard now that the crisis in the Middle East appears to be over."

Lawmakers delay ethics bill debate

AUSTIN — Ethics reform legislation, a top priority of Gov. Ann Richards, won't be considered by the Texas House until the final weeks of the legislative session, lawmakers said.

Legislative leaders, including House Speaker Gib Lewis, had said at the beginning of the session that ethics would be high on the agenda.

Rep. Pete Laney, whose House State Affairs Committee has considered an ethics bill on and off for nearly two years, has turned over the writing of the bill to five newcomers to the ethics issue.

Other committee members, including those who authored ethics legislation, are too busy to write the final bill, Laney said.

More public hearings have been scheduled over the next two weeks, and the subcommittee writing the legislation hopes to have it ready by early or mid-May. The 140-day regular session ends May 27.

House approves veterans bill

AUSTIN — The state House passed a bill that would increase low-interest loan benefits to Texas veterans.

The bill by Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, would allow military veterans to borrow up to \$45,000 to buy a home and \$40,000 to buy five acres or more of land. The current limit is \$20,000.

"Texas has the nation's most unique veterans benefit package. More than 130,000 veterans have taken advantage of our loans in the last 40 years," said Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who heads the Veterans Land Board.

Current loan rates are 7.99 percent for land and 8.5 percent for homes.

Storms damage at least 300 homes

DALLAS — Storms damaged at least 310 single-family homes, 36 mobile homes and 41 apartments in the Dallas area last weekend, officials said.

"Most of the damage was in the Garland and east Dallas areas," said Red Cross spokesman Greg Hill.

He said 12 families who were forced into temporary shelters because of the storms and had still not returned to their homes Wednesday. The Red Cross distributed \$63,500 in aid to families affected by the flooding, Hill said.

Red Cross officials said among the damage were at least 133 single-family homes and nine apartment units in Dallas, and 66 single-family homes in Mesquite. In Garland, at least 107 single-family homes and 32 apartment units were damaged.

Senate OKs 10 agency nominees

AUSTIN — The Senate on Thursday confirmed 10 nominees, including:

Texas Structural Pest Control Authority — Merle Carson, Harris County; Ray Thompson, Harris.

State Board of Trustees for the Teacher Retirement System — A.W. "Dub" Riter, Smith.

5th Court of Appeals — Ron Chapman, Dallas.

Education Excellence Committee — Maxine Nance, Cass.

Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation — Arlen Bynum, Dallas.

Nueces River Authority Board of Directors — Mary Autry, Bandera.

Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies — Robert Sanders, Dallas.

Texas Veteran's Commission — Manuel Cano, Hidalgo; William Crawford, Collin.

Richards names female chief justice

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards announced the appointment of Alice Trevathan, a Houston district judge, as the first woman chief justice of the 1st Court of Appeals, also in Houston.

Ms. Trevathan will replace Frank Evans, who retired. The appointment Thursday is subject to Senate confirmation.

Ms. Trevathan is a native of Waco, and graduated from Southwestern University and Baylor University School of Law.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

A&M faculty doesn't want Schwarzkopf as chancellor

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf may be a brilliant military strategist, but he lacks the necessary academic credentials to be chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, members of the Faculty Senate said.

Bill Stout, chairman of the Faculty Senate, said Wednesday the A&M body is opposed to Schwarzkopf leading the school system. The announcement came amid conflicting reports that the soon-to-be-retired general has been offered the chancellorship.

"As great as Schwarzkopf was as the commander of Operation Desert Storm, he would be an unknown quantity" as the head of the A&M system, which includes eight universities and more than 70,000 students, Stout said.

"I have nothing against General Schwarzkopf. In fact I admire him," said Stout, professor of agricultural engineering. "But he simply doesn't meet the Faculty Senate's No. 1 criterion for the person who should ultimately fill the post: high academic credentials."

Schwarzkopf, who is scheduled to return to the United States from the Persian Gulf on Sunday, is retiring from the Army this summer. His name emerged in the past week as a candidate for the A&M chancellorship, which has been filled on an interim basis since Jan. 1.

The Bryan-College Station Eagle quoted A&M regent Bill Clayton as saying A&M had made the popular commander a job offer and was preparing a counteroffer.

But Ross Margraves, chairman of the regents, stated "categorically that no offer has been made."

Margraves, a Houston attorney, acknowledged that A&M holds Schwarzkopf "in the highest esteem and would certainly consider him as a candidate for the position, as would almost any institution seeking a topflight individual for a key leadership position." But he added it wouldn't be appropriate to discuss further any candidate publicly.

Schwarzkopf, 56, a 32-year Army veteran, is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He graduated 43rd in a class of 480.

Park fee OK'd

AUSTIN (AP) — Visiting a state park will cost more under a bill approved by the House that would establish an annual permit fee.

The measure by state Rep. Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, was sent to the Senate on Thursday by a 94-32 vote.

State parks officials have proposed that the new fee, which would be called a conservation permit, would be \$10. That would raise \$17.8 million annually to buy, lease, develop or operate state lands, officials said.

"The money is going to go to habitat, and trying to improve that habitat, so I think it's a good issue," House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said.

Only one person per car would be required to have a permit, and the fee would be in addition to any other charge for entering a particular park.

In addition to the proposed new permit, the Parks and Wildlife Commission is expected next month to approve a wide range of fee increases.

State parks are funded by hunting and fishing license sales, park fees, general revenue, cigarette tax money, and federal money. Revenues from the cigarette tax have dropped, officials said.

Texas-based rail company back on track

Associated Press

The only Texas-based rail company was back on track with the rest of the rail industry by late Thursday as workers began returning to work following a one-day strike.

By late Thursday, some of the 31,000 striking workers at Burlington Northern, Inc., operator of the nation's largest track system, began returning to work, a spokesman said.

The strike ended early Thursday, after President Bush was awakened around 1:39 a.m. to sign a bill halting the work stoppage.

The short-lived strike cost Burlington Northern, between \$5 million and \$7 million, said Roger Campbell, spokesman for the Fort Worth-based rail company.

"We're hearing the train whistles again and that's music to our ears," said Campbell.

Burlington Northern trains began running at 6

a.m. and Campbell said the company would begin normal operations by the day's end.

Burlington Northern, which ships about 840,000 tons of goods daily, operates about 700 trains daily on a 25,000-mile track system in 25 states and two Canadian provinces.

Texas passenger rail travel also resumed Thursday.

Amtrak spokeswoman Debbie Hare said about 25,000 commuters were affected nationwide by the stoppage Wednesday.

"We're getting back to normal," Ms. Hare said. Although Chicago travel to Dallas had not resumed Thursday, Ms. Hare said the route would run normally by Friday.

The quick end to the nationwide rail strike was a relief for corporate officials and government leaders in Texas who feared the worst for petrochemical and agriculture industries who depend on rail.

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AGRICULTURE

Abundant land a U.S. trade advantage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plenty of fertile land gives U.S. farmers the edge in selling grain and certain other commodities on the world market, an advantage that Agriculture Department analysts say could grow further under liberalized global trade policies.

Economists call it "comparative advantage" and refer to products that are made from a nation's abundance instead of those produced from scarce resources.

So, with plenty of land, the United States has been able to have a comparative advantage in some agricultural exports.

"Crops with high land-to-output requirements such as wheat, corn and soybeans figure prominently in the nation's agricultural exports but not in its imports," said a report by the department's Economic Research Service.

The report in the April issue of Agricultural Outlook magazine said that in 1987, the most recent year studied, each \$1 million of agricultural exports used about

3,500 acres of harvested crops.

Agricultural imports, on the other hand, used less than 800 acres for each \$1 million worth of product such as meat, sugar, spices, wool, fruits and vegetables — high-value items that require less land.

Put another way, U.S. agricultural exports used about 118 harvested acres per worker, compared with 26 acres per worker for the imports.

"Because low-income nations, as well as the U.S.S.R., tend to import land-intensive products, efforts that address developing nations' debt burdens and other economic problems are likely to lead these nations to increase their imports of land-intensive goods," the report said.

"If these markets grow, U.S. producers probably would supply a large share of those purchases," it added.

The land intensity of U.S. agricultural exports also underscores attempts to negotiate liberalized

trade under the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

That is because exports provide an outlet for the productive capacity for the nation's farmland — the basis for the comparative advantage in grain and other important commodities.

"In the long run, freer agricultural trade would allow U.S. farmers to benefit more fully from this advantage, bolstering land values and farm income," the report said.

Some of the study's findings: ■ U.S. agricultural exports totaled \$29 billion in calendar 1987. An estimated 107 million harvested acres were used to produce these exports, equal to more than one-third of the total harvested acreage that year.

■ Farm exports to Japan alone used nearly 19 million acres, and shipments to Western Europe required about 20 million. Sales to the Soviet Union and Mexico used 6.8 million and 4.4 million acres, respectively.

■ Raw farm products accounted for the bulk of the harvested acreage used for exports, with food grains, feed grains and oil crops using more than three-fourths of the total.

However, U.S. exports of processed items used significant amounts of land. For example, manufactured feed and flour products accounted for more than 4 million acres, and vegetable fats and oils nearly 5 million.

■ About 884,000 U.S. workers were used to produce U.S. agricultural exports in 1987. About 40 percent were farm workers, and 7 percent were in agricultural services. Those in food processing industries represented another 6 percent of the total.

Much of the supporting labor demand, however, occurred outside agriculturally related industries. About 19 percent, for example, worked in the transportation and trade industries. Another 28 percent were in other industries throughout the economy.

EARNEST KIKER

Spring weather brings threat of screwworm infestations in livestock and pet wounds

With warmer, humid spring weather at hand, livestock producers and owners of household pets should check their animals frequently for wounds and possible worm infestations.

Fly populations normally increase during this season. Blowflies and other species become more active and deposit their eggs that form young larvae along such damp areas as animal wounds.



Kiker

Although the United States and Mexico have both been declared free of the screwworm — a costly insect pest that feeds on warm-blooded animals including humans — constant diligence must be practiced to remain free of the problem.

"This became very apparent in December of 1989, when a U.S. soldier who was injured in Panama and infested with screwworms there, returned to a San Antonio hospital with larvae still in the wound," said Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, Extension Service entomologist.

Medical diagnosis proved it was a screwworm case. The soldier was treated and released from the hospital.

"The problem was that some of

the larvae — not sent for official identification to an accredited laboratory — was discarded with other hospital medical trash, later compacted and dumped at an area landfill," Hoelscher said.

To head off a possible outbreak of screwworms around San Antonio, the Joint U.S.-Mexico Screwworm Eradication Commission sent a member of plane loads of sterile screwworm flies to treat the entire South Texas area, the entomologist said.

Although there is no known threat of reinfection at present, owners of livestock and pets should check their animals frequently for infested wounds.

If worms are found in wounds, representative samples of about 10 worms each should be collected and sent in a container of alcohol or formaldehyde to an accredited laboratory, such as the federal identification lab at Mission, for positive identification. Mailing kits are available from the County Extension Service offices or the Mission lab:

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Earnest C. Kiker is Midland County Extension Agent for Agriculture.

States start project to cut farmers' cancer

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Midwestern hospital workers will be playing detective over the next three years trying to discover why some cancers apparently kill farmers more than other people.

"Studies done at various places around the world really pretty consistently show higher rates for a small number of cancers" among farmers, said Dr. Aaron Blair, chief of the occupational studies section at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md.

Studies in several states and in Great Britain, Canada, Sweden, New Zealand and Australia found higher rates among farmers for some generally rare cancers, even though farmers usually get most other cancers less and are healthier than other people, Blair said.

"The excess risk that farmers have for these other cancers is not huge" he said. But the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health is concerned enough to fund a cancer project in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin that began in February.

Along with preventive measures such as free cancer screenings, public education and training for rural doctors, the project will investigate why farmers have higher mortality rates for six cancers, particularly those of the blood and lymph systems.

"Are they being diagnosed at a later stage when the disease isn't

as curable or treatable?" asks Stephanie VanLier Pettit, the epidemiologist directing the Demonstration Cancer Control Project for Iowa Farmers. "We don't know, but that's what we're going to find out."

A 1980 study at the University of Iowa found farmers die of lip cancer 2.06 times more than other people. Mortality rates among farmers also were elevated for stomach and prostate cancer, leukemia, multiple myeloma and non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

It is unknown why farmers show those higher mortality rates. "It isn't necessarily that they're getting cancers more often," VanLier Pettit said.

But she agreed some researchers think exposure to pesticides while applying them to fields and from drinking contaminated groundwater could harm some farmers.

NIOSH will spend \$2.1 million to run the three-year project through 11 Iowa hospitals serving rural populations, and more money may be allocated later. Wisconsin and Michigan will get similar funding.

About 2,000 free cancer screenings are planned in Iowa, and researchers will interview 17 rural families in each of 35 counties to determine if limited health insurance or distance from hospitals could be delaying treatment.

Mexico counts its coffee crop

MEXICO CITY (AP) — This year's coffee crop has been estimated by the Mexican Coffee Institute at 4.6 million bags of 132 pounds each — the same as last

year — with approximately 60 percent earmarked for export.

About 2.4 million bags, or 82 percent of the exports, will go to the United States.

Agricultural colleges enjoy new popularity

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Jennifer Scott grew up in the city. So she was not thrilled to learn that when she chose to study food science in college she'd graduate with a degree in agriculture.

"I remember telling my mom how I was afraid I'd have to wear overalls and learn to drive a tractor," she said.

Scott, from St. Louis, is a senior at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is among an increasing number of people realizing the field of agriculture involves more than farming and ranching. The result has been growing undergraduate enrollments in agricultural colleges all across the nation.

"Actually, now I'm proud," said Scott. "Agriculture is really a backbone. Anything that's connected to humanity is connected to agriculture." Her own studies, for example, concentrate on nutrition.

Dwayne Suter, an associate dean in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University, is the head of a U.S. Department of Agriculture project that compiles agricultural college enrollment figures.

He gives several reasons why enrollment has been rising after a decade of decline. Not only, he says, has agriculture's reputation improved but the field now offers diverse career opportunities. Further, environmental concerns are attracting more interest.

Agricultural college enrollment peaked in 1977 at more than 98,000 students. It then took a downturn, bottomed out in 1987 at about 64,000, and began an upswing. In 1989, the latest survey, the count

was nearly 67,000. Suter estimates that the 1990 figure will show an 8 percent increase to 72,000 and steady growth after that.

Looking back, Suter sees the 1977-87 enrollment slump as a result of an oversupply of ag students, a diminished interest in the environment, and a campus reaction to a nationwide farm crisis.

It was a time when hundreds of farmers, particularly in the Midwest, watched their fields dry up in a protracted drought and their overextended credit dry up at the bank. Repossessions were commonplace.

"The assumption by many parents and high school students was that if you can't make money in farming, don't major in agriculture," Suter said. It took a while to get over that idea, he said.

Suter points out that only about 10 percent of agricultural college grads actually go into farming or ranching. The other 90 percent, he says, enter fields that today's ag schools also prepare for — genetic engineering, forestry, economics, restaurant management — and the number of those type jobs continues to swell.

In the late 1970s, says Suter, "Many people were not academically prepared to defend their positions. The young people now are coming in very determined they're going to make a difference."

He says the emphasis on the environment that attracted record numbers to ag schools in the 1960s to mid-1970s has resurfaced, and the study of land, water and air has its roots in agricultural colleges.

"Many of the parents of students coming into our colleges now were interested in ecology," he said. Today's students "have the same interest as their parents, but the young people are very pragmatic. The current generation is very interested in career relevance."

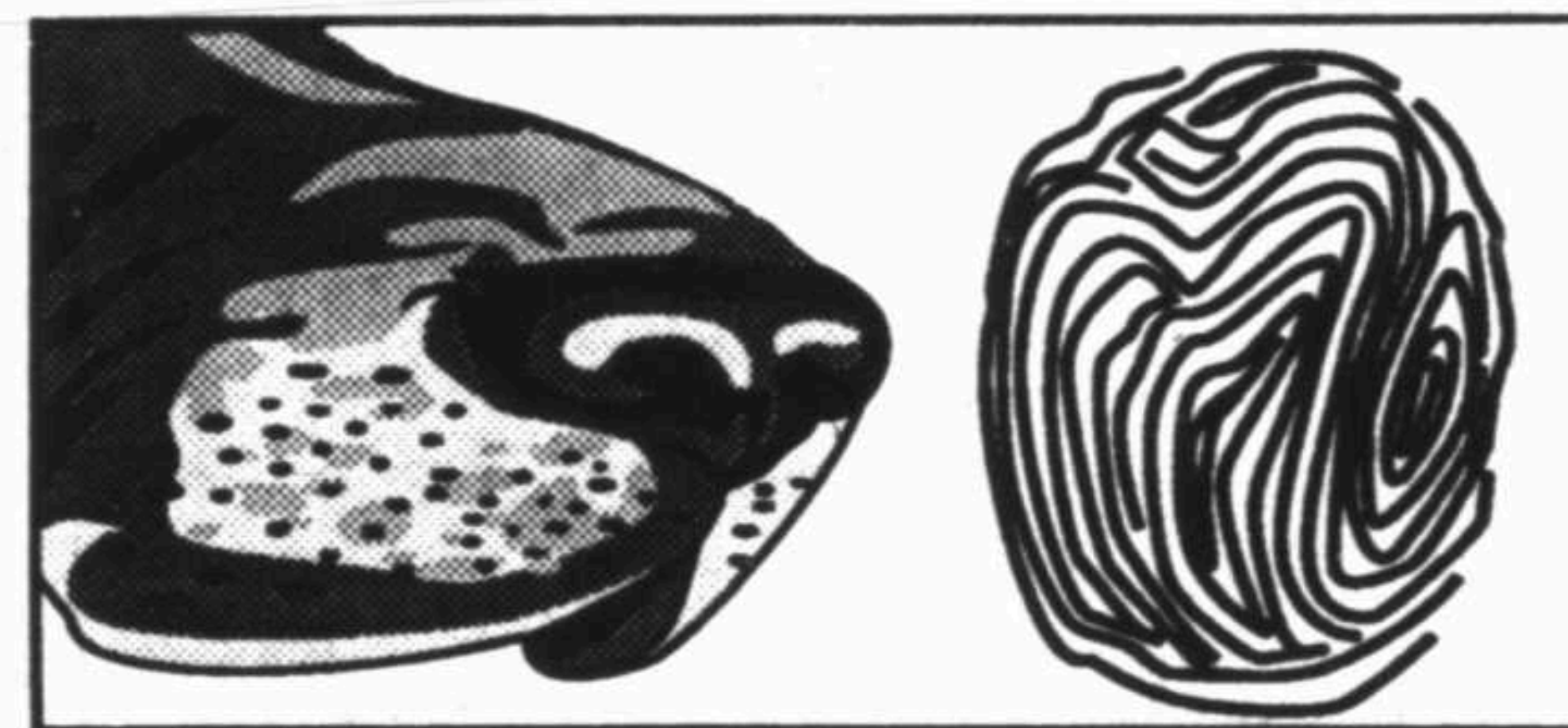
"It's not simply a matter of money," he said. "It's more a matter of being able to have a satisfying and meaningful career, to be able to accomplish something in life."

In addition to being committed to environmental issues, students now are studying various sciences, social sciences and humanities so they are well-rounded and equipped to make a difference, Suter said.

Holly Whitlock, an MU freshman from St. Louis, is an example.

"For me, agriculture journalism is a way for me to communicate how important the environment is," Whitlock said.

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Agency overlooked some Texans

Associated Press

Census Bureau says during its 1990 count, as many as 632,490 Texans may not have been included. WASHINGTON — The Census Bureau says it may have overlooked more than half a million Texans during the 1990 population count.

The bureau said Thursday that it may have missed as few as 236,490 or as many as 632,490 Texans when it counted 16.9 million people living in the state last April.

The new numbers could swing millions of additional federal dollars into the state and shift substantial political power to minorities at city halls, county commissioners courts and legislative offices around the state.

The Census Bureau survey said its low estimate puts the Texas population at 17,223,000, while the high estimate shows the state may have had 17,619,000 residents last year.

Texas officials said the Census Bureau's figures, released Thursday, validate their claims that thousands of Texans were missed during the 1990 head count.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has joined New York and several other cities and states in a lawsuit that seeks a statistical adjustment of the 1990 census to make up for any undercount. The bureau is considering whether to correct its count and is expected to decide by July 15.

Morales said he was encouraged by the bureau's findings Thursday, saying it appears "to be arriving at a statistical count roughly parallel to our own estimates of approximately 17.5 million to 17.75 million people living in Texas in 1990."

"All Texans are anxious that our state finally begin to receive the full federal funding and congressional representation we have been denied for many decades," Morales said.

Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, said the preliminary survey results released Thursday reinforce his call for an adjustment in the 1990 census to account for thousands of blacks and Hispanics who were apparently overlooked.

"This is a pretty significant admission by the Census Bureau that they've missed a lot of people,

even if you use their low figures," Frost said.

Frost said the new numbers, if adopted and used to draw new political boundaries, could result in significant shifts in power to minorities at the local, county and state level. Also at stake is hundreds of millions of dollars in federal aid awarded on the basis of population.

"It's not just money but political power," said Frost. "There's a real prospect for a shift in power; of additional minorities elected to city councils, county commissioners courts and to the Legislature, all over the state."

While Texas will get three new

congressional seats under the 1990 count, Frost and other officials said it's not clear whether an adjustment would give the state its 31st seat in the House.

El Paso Mayor Suzie Azar also called the new numbers encouraging. The city, which has joined the lawsuit seeking an adjustment, believes the census missed at least 18,000 residents.

Many of those overlooked by the Census Bureau may be illegal aliens who refused to fill out the forms because of fears of deportation, she said.

"They have a serious impact on our streets, our highways, housing, education," she said.

But unless they're included in the census, the city will be short-changed when it comes to federal funds that could be used to meet those needs, she said.

Some estimates indicate the 1990 undercount could cost the state upwards of \$1 billion in federal funds over the next decade, according to Morales' office. The 1980 census missed an estimated 547,000 Texans and cost the state about \$580 million.

Texas officials believe the 1990 count missed thousands of inner city Texans, rural residents, and people living along the border in unincorporated communities known as colonias.



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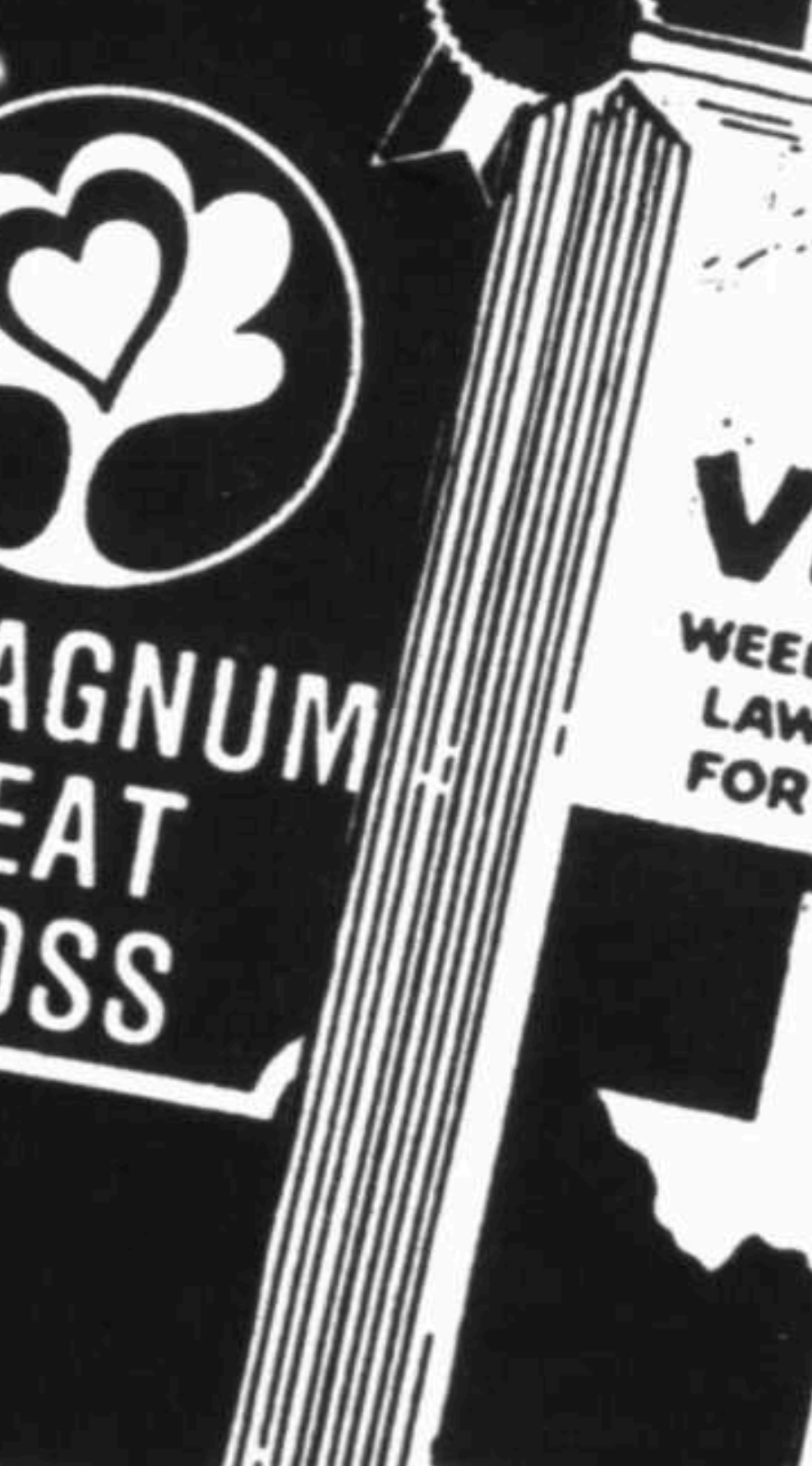


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Texas sailor charged with raping woman in Australia

HOBART, Australia (AP) — An American sailor charged with raping a woman while on shore leave was ordered held without bail Thursday amid concerns he might desert the U.S. Navy if he were allowed to leave the country.

Seaman Lamar Donnell Thomas, 20, of Houston pleaded innocent in Hobart Magistrates Court to charges of forcibly abducting, indecently assaulting and raping the woman Monday while on shore leave from the visiting battleship USS Missouri.

Chief Magistrate John Morris said in rejecting bail that once Thomas left Tasmania, an Australian island-state off the mainland's southeast coast, aboard the Missouri he would have "every incentive" not to return to face what were very serious charges in Tasmania.

The Missouri, which docked in Hobart on Sunday on a return voyage from the Persian Gulf, was to leave for Hawaii on Friday.

Morris received written assurances Thursday from Missouri legal officer Lt. Commander Frank Carber that Thomas would be placed in the custody of Capt. Lee Kaiss, who would ensure his return to Tasmania to face trial.

Carber said Kaiss did not have the power to keep Thomas in pre-trial confinement but could place strict reporting conditions on his shore leave in Hawaii.

"If he did desert we would put out a warrant for his arrest," Carber told the court.

Morris said he had no doubt the U.S. Navy would impose restrictions on Thomas' movements but that they would be extremely difficult to enforce after he had left the ship.

"There would be every incentive for this defendant not to return to the state to face these very serious charges," Morris said.

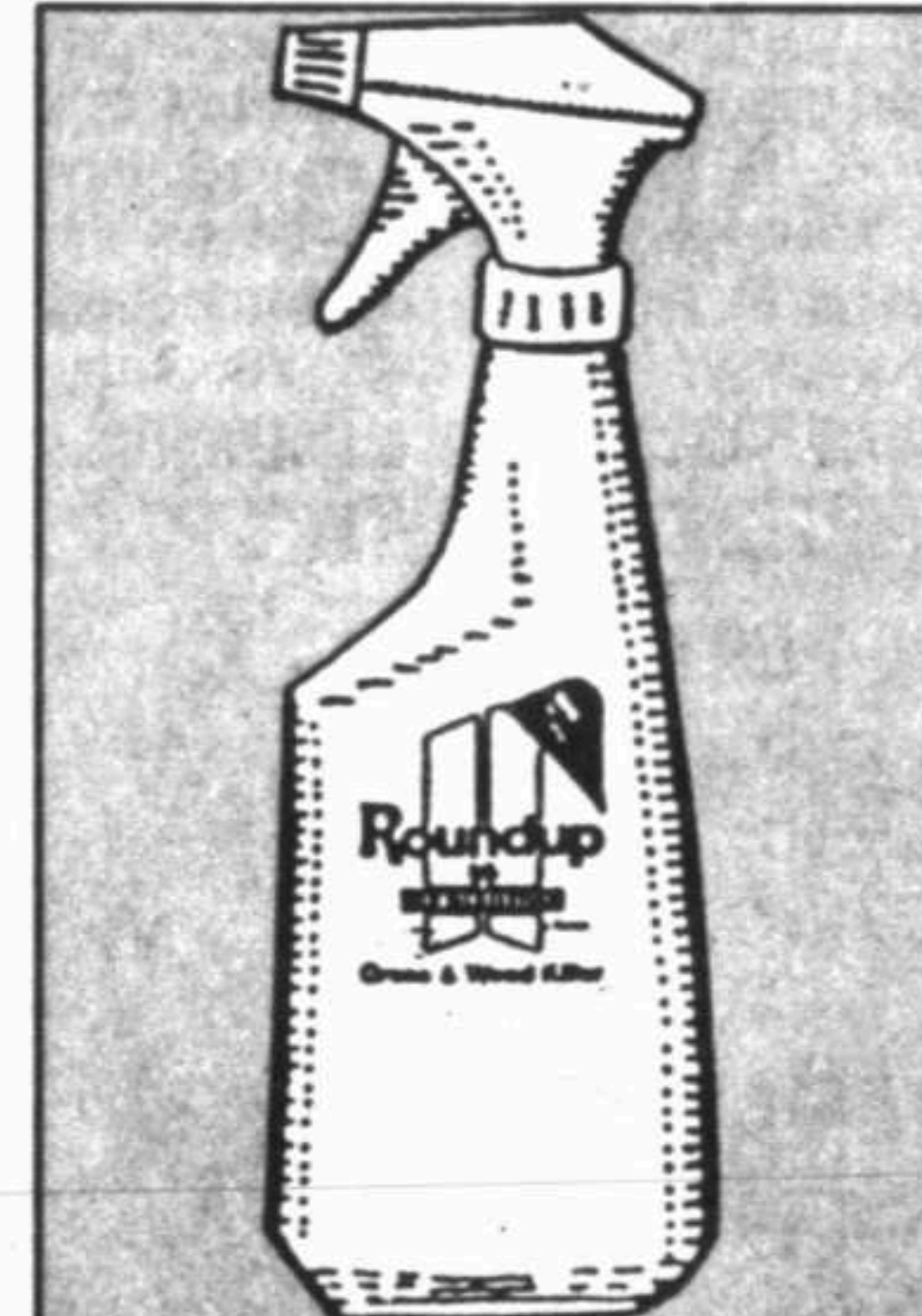
Earlier, defense attorney Fabian Dixon told the court that Thomas had submitted himself to Australian jurisdiction Wednesday under the Status of Forces Agreement signed by Australia and the United States in 1963.

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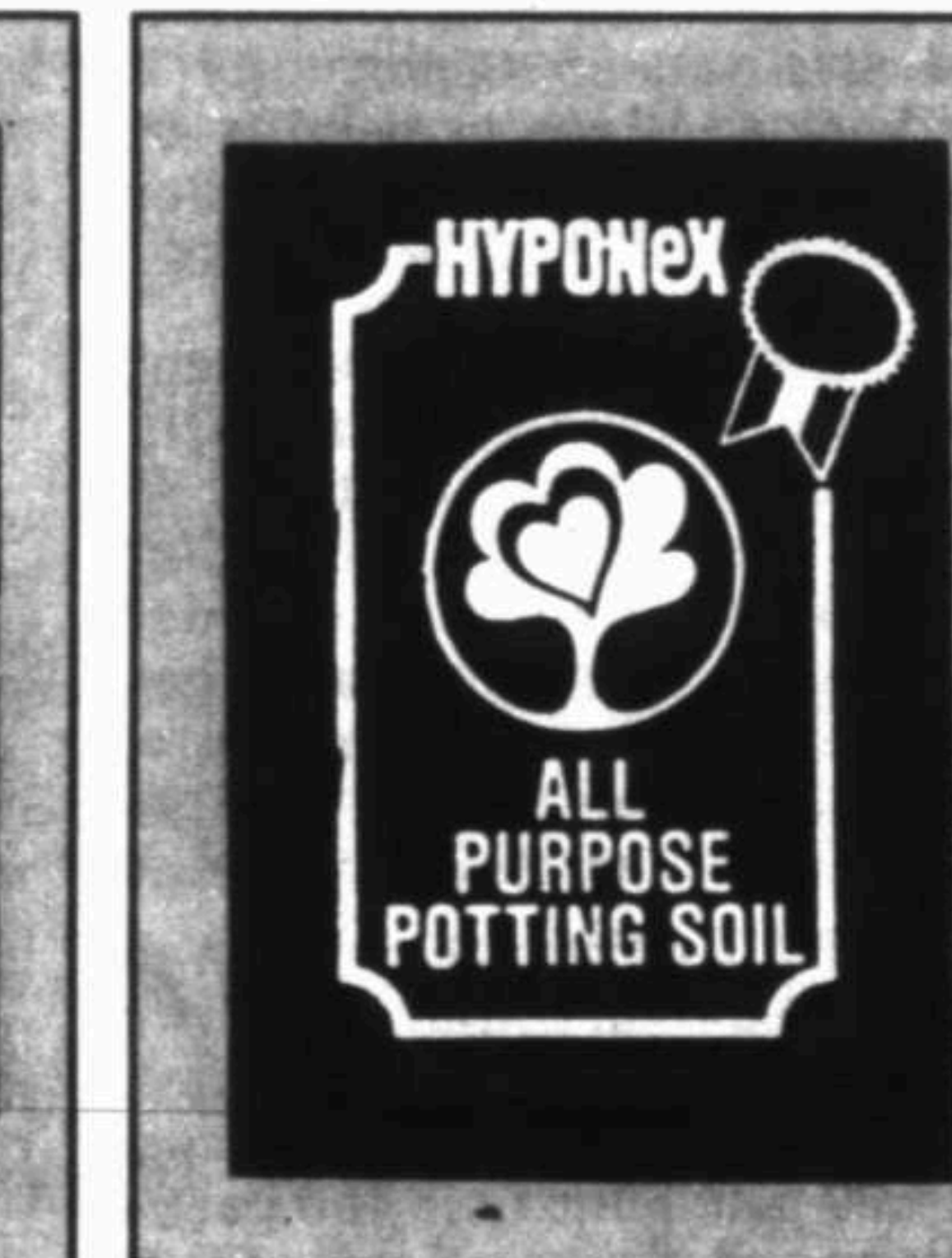
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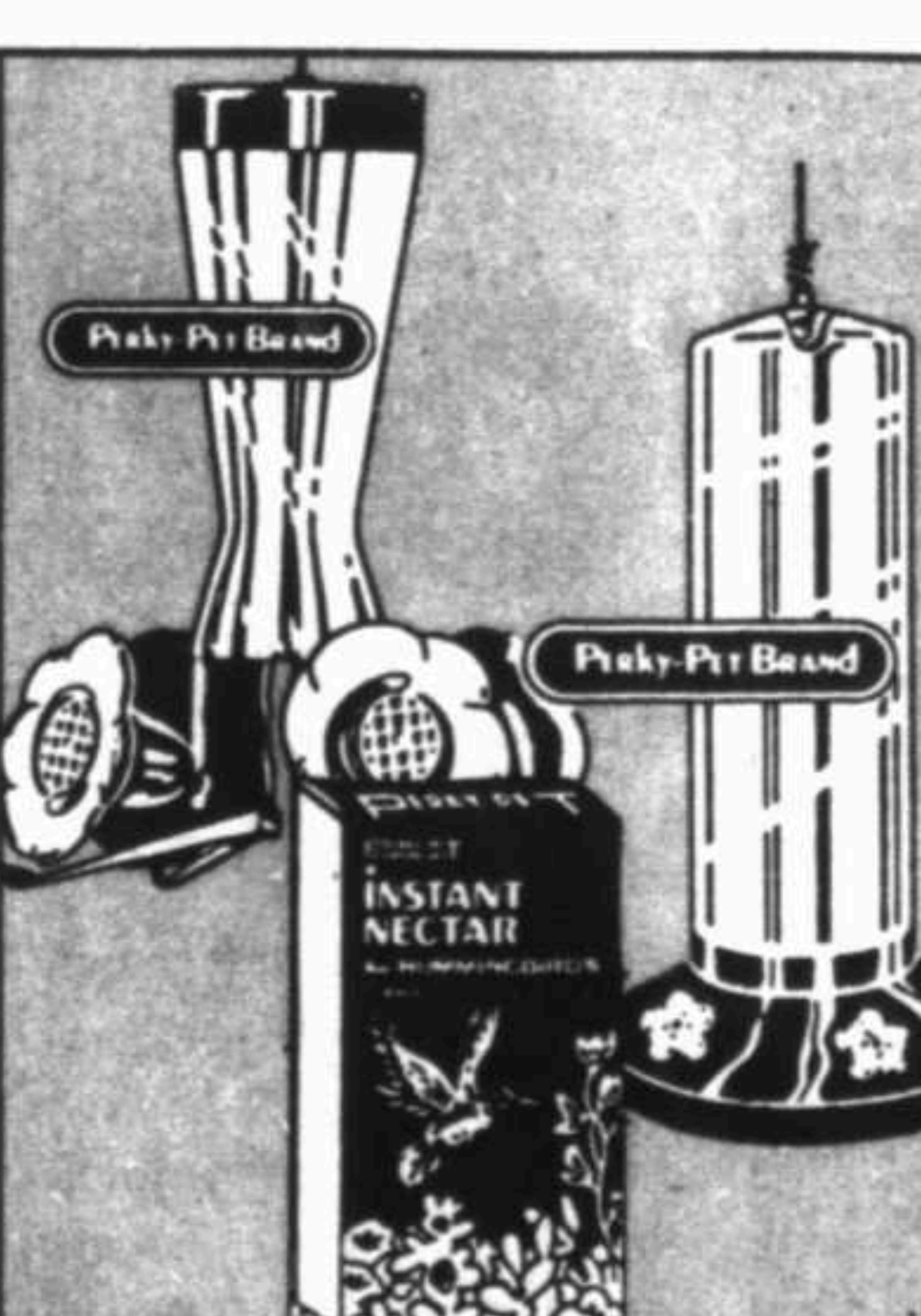
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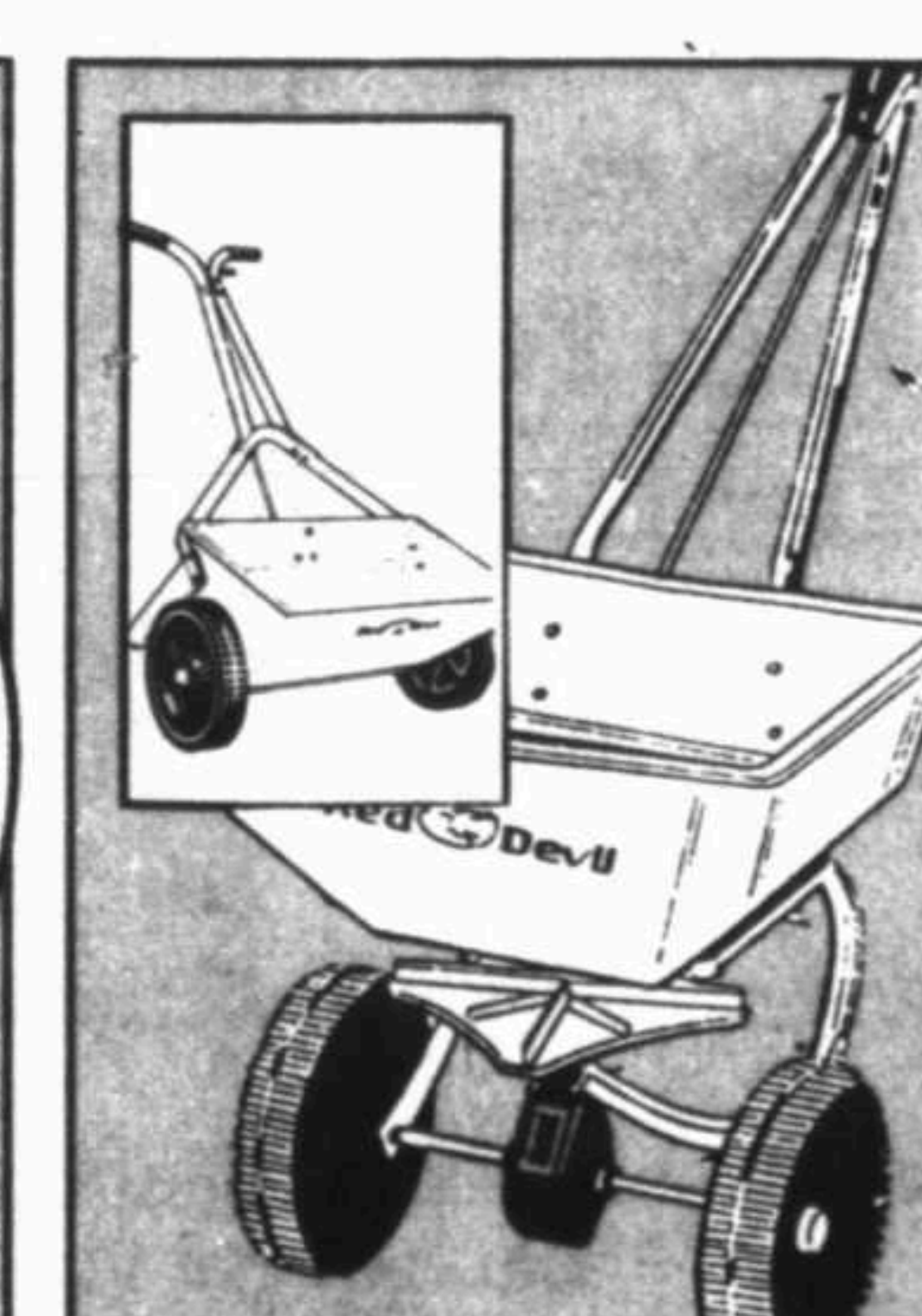
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Donations are being accepted each Wednesday morning at the Friends' bookdrop at Illinois and Weatherford Streets, and at Midland County Public Library.

Science magazines such as National Geographic and Natural History; engineering magazines, including Petroleum Engineering; sports magazines such as Sports Illustrated and Outdoor Life; and women's magazines, including Women's Day and McCall's, are especially appreciated. Non-acceptable magazines include damaged issues, weekly magazines such as Time and Newsweek, and men's magazines such as Playboy.

Persons wishing to purchase these donated magazines may pay for them at the library's check-out desk. For more information call the library at 683-2708.

...TEXAS WOMAN'S University Area Alumnae will have a luncheon noon May 4 at the Lubbock Club in the First National Bank in Lubbock. Tickets are \$12 and reservations must be made by May 1. For reservations call (806) 797-4646 or write Joyce Rinehart, 3610 61st Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79413.

...ALTRUSA CLUB of Midland will have a luncheon and "Celebrity Showers of Fashion for Men and Women," featuring fashions from Lou's and Cal's Man Shop, 11:30 a.m. April 27 at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$12.50 and may be purchased from any member or by calling 697-1633.

...PROJECT GRADUATION will sponsor an information and planning meeting for all parents of seniors 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Lee High School Youth Center. This meeting will inform you about the all-night party and details, entertain you with a skit by the Student Steering Committee and give you an opportunity to participate. All senior parents are urged to attend. For more information call 687-2286 or 697-2609.

...PERMIAN BASIN Landmen's Auxiliary will have a Spring Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Green Tree Country Club. Tom Manning of Manning's Garden Center will speak on spring gardening. For more information or reservations, members should call 683-2830 by noon Monday.

...FORT DAVIS volunteers will be honored — in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, April 21-27 — with a covered dish supper 5:30 p.m. Sunday in the park's Cottonwood Grove. Kevin Cheri will present certificates of appreciation to volunteers. Ruth E. Howard will be recognized as the Fort Davis National Park Service Volunteer of the Year for 1990.

All 1990 volunteers and their families, former and current volunteers and persons interested in the volunteer program are invited to attend. In case of bad weather, the activities will take place in the Fort's auditorium. For more information call (915) 426-3224.

...MIDLAND ROSE Society will present the Midland Rose Show 1:30-5 p.m. May 5 at TeamBank, 2301 W. Wall St. The public is invited to attend.

...PERMIAN BASIN Depression and Manic-Depression Support Group will meet 8 p.m. May 7 at Samaritan Counseling Center, 202 Pilot Road, Midland International Airport. Guest speaker Dr. Levinson will speak on sexual dysfunction in depressive and manic-depressive patients. For more information call 563-0927.

...MIDLAND CHRISTIAN School's seventh annual Arts and Crafts Show will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. April 27 and 1-5 p.m. April 28 at Midland County Exhibit Building. Tickets are \$1, with children younger than 12 admitted free. More than 100 artists will display their works, including ceramics, pottery, oils, watercolors, dolls, doll accessories, stained glass, quilts, brass work and bronze. Food and door prizes will be included in the event.

FAMILY MATTERS

Mother's 'help' not always necessary

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I am still mad over my parents' last visit here. It is always a problem when they come, but this time they were even worse than usual. We have a new baby and they came out to "help out." I don't know why I let them come because they always make me feel so bad.



May

I was almost flat on my back from having the baby by C-section and the first thing my mother does is start rearranging my kitchen. I couldn't believe it! She moved things all around in several of my cabinets and didn't even ask me. She just came and told me that she finally got my kitchen organized.

Then she started cleaning the whole house; moving furniture around and cleaning behind

things. I know that I'm not the best house cleaner in the world but I don't want her to show me. When I tried to get her to stop, she said that it was important that the baby have a clean place to play!

Her next project was to rearrange the shelves in my daughter's closet. My daughter came and asked me why Granny had done that and I told her I didn't know. I asked my mother and she said that (daughter's) room was such a mess that she barely had room to play.

All this time my father just sat around and watched television. He didn't make any effort to do anything. He is like having another kid around, leaving his stuff wherever he happens to be.

He and my mother bicker constantly. They never really have big fights like they used to have, but it's very uncomfortable being around them, just waiting for something to happen. I was on edge just knowing that any moment they could get into it. I got so sick of their fights growing up that I never want to hear another one.

I never said anything to mother about any of this because I didn't want to start another fight. The last time that I said something to her about doing things in my house that I didn't want her to do, she didn't call or write me for almost four months. I finally had to call her and apologize even though I thought that I was right.

I feel better writing you about this but I don't know anything that can be done. Now that I've written this, you don't have to put this in the paper because I do feel better, but I am going to mail it to you anyway. BETTER

DEAR BETTER: The therapeutic value of writing is amazing, isn't it.

In general, family interactions cannot be changed without consequences. You must be prepared to accept the consequences before you take action.

Or, you might learn to accept the situation if it is not destructive to yourself or others. I suppose you could consider your mother's efforts as "helpful" and let her do

the work. I don't know about you but cleaning closets, cabinets and rooms doesn't sound like much fun to me.

DEAR FAMILY: I have been in counseling for almost a year now and don't seem to be getting anywhere. I like my counselor and I think that it's me, not her, who's the problem. It seems like all I do is go to our session and say the same things over again. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I know that I need to do something because I have started to cancel sessions rather than going.

I know that you are a counselor too and may not want to answer this question, but I need an answer. What should I do about my situation? CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: I suggest you to discuss these concerns with your counselor. I believe counselors have the responsibility to, in turn, discuss their strategy for therapy with the clients.

People in counseling often feel as if things are not moving, but

sharing feelings is critically important. An important part of therapy is for the client to be able to express feelings and receive a safe, appropriate response from the counselor.

Professional counselors are trained to not take such concerns as personal affronts. While many clients have fears associated with authority figures, a counselor is a "helper," not an "authority." Rather than running from the problem by canceling sessions, you may make more progress by talking to your counselor.

A counselor's first responsibility is to help the client. If that involves referring you to another counselor, then that is what should be done. Talk to your counselor, I bet it will turn out well.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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In corporate America, job titles suffering from inflation

By Suzanne Schlosberg
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — If Cami Berkus were to meet a bankruptcy administrator, she'd be pretty impressed.

"It sounds like you're part of the upper echelon, like you have an expense account and a car phone and a company Mercedes and you eat at Hy's every day for lunch," Berkus said.

Yes, Berkus would be pretty impressed — if she were not a bankruptcy administrator.

That's her title at a Century City law firm. Berkus, a 23-year-old Encino resident, drives a '66 Mustang and spends her lunch hour "at the mall eating yogurt." At work, she reviews creditors' claim forms, but she also pulls court files and verifies hearing dates.

"Basically," she said, "I'm a glorified secretary."

These days, personnel experts say, job titles are more inflated than ever. A car salesman has become a "sales consultant," a secretary is called "administrative assistant," and a supply clerk can be called a "technician coordinator."

Inflation goes all the way up the corporate ladder, experts say.

"Everyone who works at a bank is a vice president," said Steve Wolf, a partner at Byron Leonard International Inc., an executive search firm in Westlake Village.

Even Wolf's company isn't immune to exaggeration, he admitted. Virtually all of its clients are U.S. companies, but the partners added "international" to the title "because it kind of sounded good."

HIGH-TECH COMPANIES and large, established firms are less prone to title inflation, experts say, while the entertainment and financial industries are notorious for overstatement.

To many people, titles mean a lot — even if they won't admit it. "A title can be a deal breaker, whether it's stated as such or not," said Randall Hill of Heidrick and Struggles, a Chicago-based executive search firm. (Hill's title? Regional managing partner for fi-



nancial institutions for the Southwest.)

Titles can be just as important to entry-level employees as they are to executives.

"People are very title-conscious," said Renae Wilson, a consultant at Miss Paige Personnel Agency in Sherman Oaks. "They'll say, 'I don't want to be a secretary.' But if you say the word 'administrative,' they get excited about it, even though it's the exact same job."

The title "secretary" seems subservient, Wilson said, "whereas administrative assistant sounds more career-oriented, and they like that."

Many college graduates refuse to be called secretary, even though the best way to break into the entertainment industry is to type, file and fax for an executive.

"They say, 'I didn't go to Yale for four years to be somebody's secretary,'" said Joan Yeoman, a consultant at Future Personnel of

Beverly Hills. "Secretary has become a poisoned word."

When Yeoman interviews job applicants, she said, she ignores the title on their resume and focuses on job skills.

"Somebody who works in an office of three people comes in, and because they take care of the postage machine and Xerox machine, they call themselves an office manager."

ANOTHER NEBULOUS title is "financial analyst," Yeoman said. "What does that mean? They put a bunch of figures into a computer all day. Do they analyze what these figures mean? Do they make decisions? Probably not."

Definitely not, according to Barbara Rosenthal of Tarzana, who recently quit her job as a financial analyst for Shearson Lehman Hutton in New York.

Rosenthal said she spent her days entering numbers into a computer, pressing a button to compute the figures and printing out documents.

"I didn't analyze a thing," she said.

Actually, she did have some de-

cisions to make: whether to underline or double-underline a group of figures and whether or not to shade them in gray.

"And sometimes we had to decide whether to put a report in a leather or plastic binder," she said. "That was sometimes left to us, but not always."

Rosenthal said the joke among her peers was, "There are Labrador retrievers and golden retrievers, and we were data retrievers."

The fancy title was a recruiting tool, she said.

"You need a grandiose title that matches your humanities major," said Rosenthal, who majored in philosophy and comparative literature at Columbia University. "Nobody would go for the job if it were just a ... secretary."

Sometimes, a grandiose title can bring real benefits.

Paul Flores, for instance, said employees at the Prudential Insurance Co. of America treat him better because of his new title. He used to be a mail clerk. When he moved to the supply unit, he became a SIMS (supply inventory management system) technician coordinator.

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DEAR ABBY

Women share notes on college obsessions

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to "My Secret," the married woman who is still pining for "Father F.," the Catholic priest who was her college professor.

I experienced a similar obsession for many years. The man of my dreams had also been my college professor, and I was convinced that had I been a different kind of person, we would have had an affair.

After graduating from college, I moved to another city and married a wonderful man. Even though my marriage was a happy one, I continued to fantasize about meeting "him" again in some romantic place. I felt certain that during those times when I thought so intensely about him, he was having those same feelings about me.

Some years later, while visiting my hometown, I ran into him one afternoon in a busy mall. All those memories came flooding back and I was thrilled to see him. With outstretched arms, I shouted excitedly, "I can't believe it's really YOU!"

He stopped, and, Abby, he didn't even remember my name. I felt like a fool!

Quite often, especially when life gets rough, we recall special people in our past as still being there where we left off — frozen in time — waiting for us to come back and pick up where we left off. The sad truth is that time marches on for everybody.

You wisely advised the woman who was still carrying the torch for "Father F." to get rid of her fantasies. Others who are inclined to dwell too long on the past would do well to follow that advice. — A FAITHFUL READER FOR 30 YEARS

DEAR FAITHFUL READER: How wise you are. Read on for a letter from a younger soul sister who is also very wise:

DEAR ABBY: My heart stopped when I read the letter signed "My Secret." I could have written that letter. I am currently attending a Catholic university and would give anything for a relationship with my philosophy professor who happens to be a priest. Richard Gere he's not, but his intelligence, wit and personality make him the kind of guy most girls would kill for.

The way I look at it, I plan to take advantage of my time as his student and reap the benefits of his skill as an instructor. Like a flower making use of a spring rain shower, I want to soak up every bit of his wisdom so I can be the best person I can be. I will place him high on the list of professors who have had an impact on my life, then file that list with the rest of my college memories, and move on.

My advice to "My Secret": As for leaving your husband to be near "Father F.," forget it. Life is a continual journey; don't waste your time going down a dead-end street. Instead, emulate "Father F." and honor the vow you made, just as he must honor his. Having you hanging around nearby will only make things more difficult for him if he is to remain true to

his calling. Priests are only human, after all, and they probably don't relish the celibacy part of their commitment. I know exactly how you feel, but don't be the straw that broke the camel's back.

Like the prayer says, "Lead us not into temptation..." Just sign me ... CHERISHED MEMORIES

DEAR ABBY: Just a short time ago, a little 6-year-old Vancouver, Wash., boy lost his life because he got off his school bus on a windy day with his papers in one hand. As he stepped off the bus, his papers blew in front of the bus, and when he went to retrieve his papers, the bus ran over him, killing him instantly!

I know this isn't the first time something like this has happened, and it's not going to be the last, unless parents and teachers work together to correct the problem. I realize that children are already being taught about bus safety — but what about prevention?

I think it should be mandatory for all schoolchildren from kindergarten through third grade to have a backpack, and at the end of the day, their teachers should "re-mind" them to put all their papers into their backpacks and zip them securely. If that were standard practice, I doubt if there would be so many young lives lost.

I hope this letter encourages parents of young students to buy backpacks for them so that they can enjoy those "very important papers" their children worked so hard on. Those backpacks will prevent the papers from being lost — and they will also ensure that fewer parents will be making those dreadful funeral arrangements. — CARRIE IN OREGON CITY, ORE.

DEAR CARRIE: My heartfelt

sympathy to the parents of the little boy who died in that tragic school bus accident in Vancouver, Wash. I think your suggestion that children keep their belongings in backpacks (leaving their hands free for balance to prevent falls, as well as getting their homework home intact) is excellent, and I am sure many parents will thank you for it.

DEAR ABBY: In the past, you have put in a good word for many people who depend on "tips" to make ends meet. Will you please remind your readers that the rapidly growing number of pizza deliveries also need your help?

"Free delivery" of pizza — and other food delivered to your door — simply means that the company doesn't charge more for their product when it's delivered than if you were served in the restaurant, or carried it home yourself.

The person who delivers your pizza must use his (or her) own car and is paid minimum wage plus a small compensation for gas.

Some people offer no tip at all, and others think a dollar is a generous tip. Actually, any amount is better than nothing, but a tip of between 10 percent and 15 percent is appropriate. Think of it this way: A waiter or waitress carries your food from the kitchen to your table, and the pizza carrier has to drive several miles to get to you. — BOB IN GLENDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR BOB: Thank you for waking up a few million people.

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

Booklets provide information, applications for employment

Associated Press

If you want to work overseas in a developing country, the U.S. Agency for International Development may be looking for you.

The agency says it wants candidates for its International Development Intern (IDI) program, which trains future foreign service officers to staff its foreign economic and humanitarian assistance programs in more than 70 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern and Central Europe, the Middle East, Latin American and the Caribbean.

The IDI program is two-tiered, with tracks depending on academic and work backgrounds. Intern salaries range from \$18,986 to \$48,161 a year.

Call (202) 663-1299 for Standard Form 171, the federal employment application. Complete and send to Recruitment Division, Office of Personnel, Room 242 SA-1, U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington D.C. 20523-0114.

The hospitality industry, with a critical labor shortage, is targeting potential employees who may have a harder time in other fields: Beginners, older workers, students and young mothers.

"Your age may be an advantage," says Richard D. Nelson, presi-

dent of the American Hotel & Motel Association, which represents over 10,000 lodgings across the country. Retirees who would like to un-retire may be ideal in this service industry, he says. "Older workers are patient, tolerant and have greater job satisfaction because they want to work. They have proved they are as capable of learning new skills as the young. Above all, they are invaluable role

models for younger employees."

Nelson, managing director of the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C., says that part-time and flex-time jobs are available in most communities and should appeal to students and mothers of school-age children. And high school and college graduates just starting out can look to promising careers in the field, which he says will be the nation's

number one employer by the end of the decade.

Two booklets about the careers in the field are available. Write to "Careers" at the AHMA, 1201 New York Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., for "Check into Hotels and Motels." The Educational Institute, an association foundation, also offers a brochure, "Hotel-Motel Careers." Write to the institute, P.O. Box 1240, East Lansing, Mich. 48826.

Hotline keeps pool owners cool

Staff Report

New pool owners, and homeowners who have had a backyard pool for years, can ensure poolside pleasures for their families and friends if they are mindful of the two essentials for summer fun: chemical safety and people safety.

The Pool Care Hotline, 1-800-222-2348, provides callers with all the information they need to ensure a season of perfect swimming. The hotline is open from 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Among the information available is the Super Sock It Guide to Poolside Matters, a brochure that offers step-by-step tips for maintaining a clean and healthy pool and provides important pool safety rules for your guests.

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PRIME TIME

Retirement years should fulfill hidden identities

By Debra Cooper
Copley News Service

Retirement is your opportunity to do the things you've always wanted, to explore the world — and your own potential.

Begin by promising yourself you will do only that which really appeals to you. Life is too short and too much of it has passed already for you to spend another day wishing it were 5 p.m. or Friday.

Knowing what you really want is in itself a journey of discovery. According to "Here Tomorrow, Making the Most of Life After Fifty" by Janet K. Belsky, Ph.D. (Bantam), you should begin by defining your "identities."

Belsky explains: "Rutgers University psychologist Daniel Ogilvie asked a group of retirement-aged men and women to rank their 'identities,' the life roles that were most meaningful to them (e.g., mother, gardener, choir member, caregiver to ailing mother, highly organized person, pillar of the community).

"He then asked how much time they actually spent acting out these most meaningful aspects of themselves and probed their morale — how satisfied they were with life. The two assessments were closely related.

"People who spent the most time living out their highest-ranking identities were the happiest human beings. While we cannot expect perfection, the lesson of this study is that one key to happiness in our later years is to spend as much time as we can in meaningful activities, enacting life roles that genuinely express our inner selves."

YOU PROBABLY HAVE a mental list of "identities." Review it, and decide which are most important to you, then plan to spend



Retirement years are the perfect time to pursue a hobby or learn a new skill. Options range from gardening to getting a college degree.

more time at those you find most fulfilling. Add to the list those you've always wanted to try but never have had the time for. For example:

■ **Artist.** Sign up for an class in watercolor, oil painting or pencil sketching; set aside an area in your home to devote to your hobby; visit an art store for supplies and for tips on showing/selling your finished pieces.

■ **Writer.** Take a creative writing class at a community college; set yourself a goal of writing your autobiography, a short story, book

of poetry, cookbook — whatever you've always dreamed of doing.

■ **Photographer.** If you love to go on vacation so you can take pictures, why not pursue the hobby to the fullest at home? Invest in a new camera — you'll be amazed at the technology — and spend time learning how to use it. Take lots of slides; have the ones you like best enlarged and framed for gifts and for an ever-changing home "gallery."

■ **Grandparent.** If your grandchildren are close by, this one is easy. But what if your lap is empty,

with no kids to fill it? Work part time at a day-care center, hunt for a senior center that offers "intergenerational" interaction, volunteer as a foster grandparent, offer your services as a paid baby sitter or nanny.

■ **World traveler.** Visit a bookstore for colorful volumes that will tempt you to faraway places; subscribe to several travel magazines; drop in on your travel agent and browse through brochures. Ask about group tours that combine other interests (antique col-

Meeting people takes initiative

By Debra Cooper
Copley News Service

Although the majority of Cosmopolitan magazine readers are young single women, editor-in-chief Helen Gurley Brown says the same how-to-meet-men techniques work for women of all ages.

"It doesn't matter if you're widowed or divorced, you still have to get out there and be available," she advises. "Having a job helps, paid is preferable, but anything that gets you out of the house will do, just so you're with other people on a daily basis."

"You can't be too choosy in terms of your social activities. You may want a prince, but you have to be realistic."

"Of course you pester your friends. Let them know you're available. You have to entertain, have people to your home — brunch, lunch, dinner, it doesn't matter. You don't have to serve anything fancy, pasta with a nice tomato sauce is fine, but it should be good. You can get almost anybody to come if the food's good — I've seen it happen."

"But don't expect to have Barbara Bush and Henry Kissinger for dinner, don't be too fussy about who you invite over — as long as you can count on them to invite you back. Of course they have to have you back, it's the right thing to do, and who you meet at their house may be different and more interesting. Most people are pretty good about it, but they're not going to want to reciprocate if you come across as a 'poor, lonely widow.'"

"As for the peripheral stuff, of course you have to look your best. I can't imagine why someone would be 10, 20 or 30 pounds overweight — not that there's anything illegal or morally wrong about it — but if you take care of your appearance, it shows you care about yourself, you're doing it because you're somebody fun to be with."

"These may sound like clichés, but things become clichés because they work and have worked for a long time. What was true in 1910 is still true in 1990. When it comes to meeting people, you have to take the initiative."

lecting, gardening, playing golf or tennis) with travel.

■ **Free-lance consultant.** Miss your job? See if you can't fill in part time, during vacations and the busy season. Work as a consultant on special projects, and let other, similar companies know you're available.

■ **Community volunteer.** "Older people are the backbone of volunteer programs in practically every community organization — schools, hospitals, churches, nursing homes, museums, zoos," says Belsky. "Some volunteers make more than a full-time commitment, such as joining the Peace Corps; others lick envelopes a few hours a month."

■ **Pet owner.** What sort of pet have you always wanted? Depending on your lifestyle and home circumstances (including local zoning laws), you can have a dog (from Great Dane to toy poodle), a cat (how about a sleek Abyssinian or a fluffy Persian?), a bird (cockatiels are growing in popularity, and

breeding them can be lucrative), fish (set up that tropical fish tank you've always wanted), or something exotic (miniature horse, pig, rosy boa constrictor).

■ **Craftsperson.** Now's the time to learn macrame, create lavish embroidered linens, cover pillows with needlepoint, make wood toys and puzzles with a jigsaw, design jewelry, handcrafted Christmas ornaments. What you don't sell (on consignment at a local gift shop or at a neighborhood crafts bazaar) you can give away as gifts — or use to enhance your own home.

■ **Ballroom dancer.** You're never too old to glide across the floor, and when you do, you'll look and feel as good as you did when you were 20. Take lessons, join a dance club, visit local nightclubs, and when you travel, stay at resorts (or take cruises) that feature the "big band" sound. Not your style? Consider square dancing, or sign up for low-impact aerobics at your local fitness center.

PRIME TIME CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities for the week include:

■ **Monday:** 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. movie.

■ **Tuesday:** 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and minerals; 10 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Can bingo; 1 p.m. ceramics.

■ **Wednesday:** 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Living Wills program; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible class.

■ **Thursday:** 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult education; 11:15 a.m. lunch and blood pressure clinic; 12:15 p.m. Spiritual singing.

■ **Friday:** 9 a.m. billiards; 9:30 a.m. Frontier Day; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Frontier Day continues.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults.

For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469; Town West YMCA, 1012 Andrews Hwy., 694-6821.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

■ **Monday, Wednesday and Friday:** 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics, 7 a.m. YM-CARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning

class.

■ **Tuesday and Thursday:** 9 a.m. Y's Way to a Healthy Back; by appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

■ **Monday, Wednesday and Friday:** 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

■ **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:** 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

Scheduled activities for the Town West YMCA are:

■ **Monday, Wednesday and Friday:** 9 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics; 10 a.m. no-impact aerobics.

■ **Tuesday and Thursday:** 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics.

■ **Monday through Friday:** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Biking for fitness and Nautilus Weight Training for Prime Time adults is offered.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 400 S. Marshall, is open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each Wednesday and Friday. For more information about services offered, call Ellen G. Smith, center director, at 682-1574. Activities include:

■ **Wednesday:** 9 a.m. exercise, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. table games, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 1 p.m. crafts.

■ **Friday:** 9 a.m. exercise, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. table games, 9:30-11 a.m. arts, crafts and ceramics, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 12:45 p.m. bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, DELLWOOD MALL
The Dellwood Senior Citizens

Center is located in Dellwood Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 699-5023.

Activities planned include:

■ **Monday:** 9 a.m. billiards and exercise, 9:45 a.m. exercise, 10 a.m. Kitchenettes, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 12:30 p.m. bridge and novice bridge.

■ **Tuesday:** 9 a.m. billiards, exercise and ceramics, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 1 p.m. bridge.

■ **Wednesday:** 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics and exercise, 9:45 a.m. exercise, 10 a.m. Gospel Singing, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 1 p.m. bridge and "Helping Hands" sewing.

■ **Thursday:** 9 a.m. billiards and exercise, 9:30 a.m. dancing, 10 a.m. art for fun, 11 a.m. ballroom dancing, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 12:30 p.m. movie, 1 p.m. 42 Lessons and bridge.

■ **Friday:** 9 a.m. billiards and exercise, 9:30 a.m. sewing with Valentine, 9:45 a.m. exercise, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 1 p.m. bridge.

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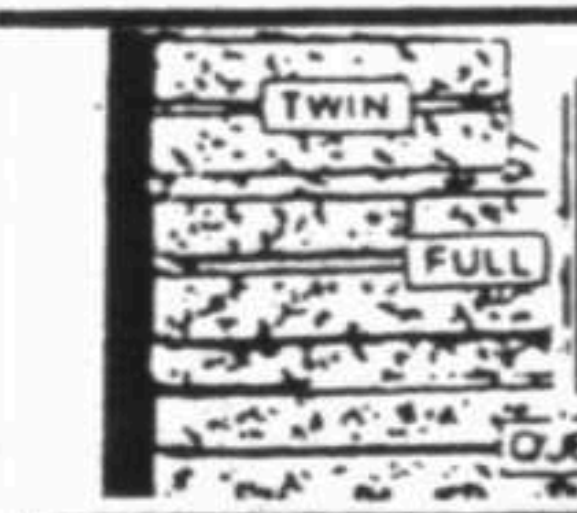


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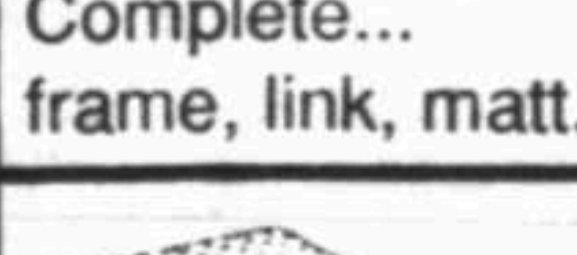
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 - The fish — estimated at 20 feet long and 1,500 pounds — towed Heatley's 12-ton boat 50 miles before breaking the line.
- SOURCE: Guinness Sports Record Book

Sanders acquitted

HOUSTON (AP) — Washington Redskins wide receiver Ricky Sanders was acquitted Thursday of failing to aid a person he was accused of hitting with his car as he angrily drove away from a club last May.

A seven-man, five-woman jury deliberated for just over one hour before reaching the verdict on the charge of failing to stop and render assistance to the parking valet of the topless bar.

The state dropped the pending charge of aggravated assault, said Assistant District Attorney Marc Brown.

"I doubt there was any question in (the jury's) minds that there was any crime involved," defense lawyer Randy McDonald said. "It was all just an extortion attempt to get money out of a celebrity."

A civil lawsuit against Sanders by the parking valet, Azzam Jamus, is pending.

Sanders was not available for comment, but McDonald said the football player had "been through a tense situation when you have charges like that against you. He finally got a chance to show how ridiculous the charges were."

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Diablos prove mortal

Angels hand El Paso club first loss of season

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

El Paso finally found the land of Texas League mortals at Angels Stadium Thursday night as the Midland Angels ended the Diablos' six-game winning streak with a 10-4 victory.

The Diablos, who came into the game averaging 12 runs per game in a gate busting start to the season, found hits easy to come by, but runs were scarce.

In fact, El Paso out-hit Midland by a 14-12 margin as Angel starter Glenn Carter (1-1) was in trouble most of his 5 1/2 innings of work, but the Angel bats produced in the clutch and that was a big difference until Angel reliever Marvin Cobb came on to hurl shutout ball for the final 3 1/2 innings for his first save of the year.

Carter had to pitch every inning with runners on base, but he was a tenacious competitor in tough situations, getting out of a bases loaded jam in the first inning and getting a double play with two on in the second.

"It just gets down to getting out there and going at them," Cobb reasoned. "They're going to go after you. They still had 14 hits. They just didn't get the runs. We had an offensive surge and that helped a great deal."

"I was just keeping the ball down and trying to stay ahead of

the hitters to keep them off stride."

Neither Midland manager Don Long or El Paso manager Dave Huppert made a big deal out of the fact that the Diablos' win streak was halted.

"It was nice to stop the streak — our two game losing streak," was the way Long put it.

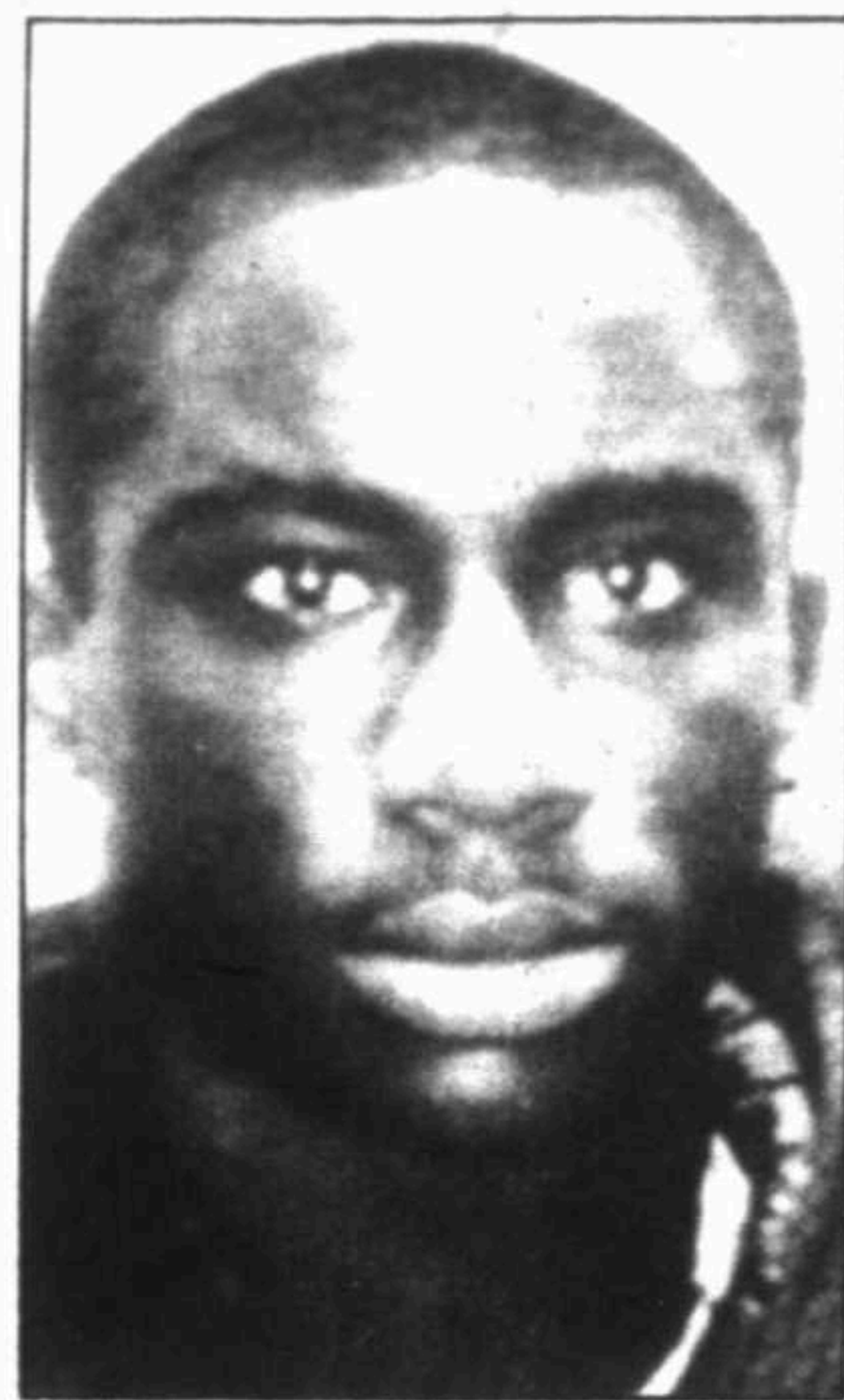
Huppert countered, "Hey, we got 14 hits and had a chance to put the game away early, but we left 11 men on base," Huppert said. "If we continue to get 14 hits per game, we're going to win a lot of baseball games. I didn't see anything that disturbs me."

El Paso took a 1-0 lead in the third inning when John Jaha hit a solo homer to left field. It was Jaha's fourth dinger of the year and gives him 20 RBI in El Paso's first seven games.

Angel radio announcer Russ Langer jokingly put in his game notes that Jaha is on course for a 430 RBI season.

However, the El Paso lead and Jaha's assault was over as Midland erupted for five runs in the fourth inning, which was keyed by a two-run single by Kevin Davis. Tim Salmon added his fourth homer of the season, a monster leadoff blast to deep center in the fifth and shortstop Damion Easley hit one in almost the identical spot for three runs in the eighth inning. "Joe Madden (the Angels' minor league roving hitting coach)

Please see ANGELS/2C



Raghib "Rocket" Ismail

Pokes out of running for Ismail

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Just when it seemed competition for Raghib "Rocket" Ismail was heating up, the Dallas Cowboys dropped out of the running for New England's top pick in Sunday's NFL draft.

The Patriots had been considering trade offers from the Cowboys and Atlanta, but Dallas owner Jerry Jones told the Associated Press on Thursday night that Dallas had no plans to acquire the No. 1 selection.

"We came close, but there's no deal," Jones said.

Sam Jankovich, the Patriots chief executive officer, said he expected pressure to build to complete a deal so the other team would have time to try to sign Ismail before the draft starts at noon EDT.

Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson said he and Jones discussed the possibility of making a trade with New England on Wednesday. Johnson said he and Jones decided to stick to certain restrictions throughout any negotiations.

But the Patriots demanded players that the Cowboys didn't feel they could afford to give up, Johnson said. However, Johnson did not name of the players New England wanted.

Although the situation can change, Jankovich said, the Patriots prefer to trade the first pick. Their next choice would be to take Ismail, he said, and the least likely option would be to make another player the top choice.

MC blanks OC women

By Jimmy Patterson
Assistant Sports Editor

The Midland College Lady Chaparrals, the nation's top-ranked tennis team, shrugged off an injury and a flu bug Thursday to put up another dominating, 8-0, win over Odessa College at the MC courts.

In a lineup juggled partly for health reasons and partly to give the remaining Chaparral women some new competition, MC seldom found itself in position of losing a match, or for that matter a set.

Seiko Ichioka, who normally plays either No. 1 or No. 2 for MC, was moved to the No. 5 position where she proceeded to do away with OC's Kelly Marshall, 6-1, 6-1. Ichioka injured her right ankle during a recent match at New Mexico State and has been forced to walk gingerly since.

Janneke Garos, MC's No. 3 singles player, was held out of singles because of a bout with the flu bug, but did muster enough strength to team with roommate and doubles partner Myriam Berthe to defeat OC's Jennifer Winter and Kathryn Norton, 6-0, 6-2.

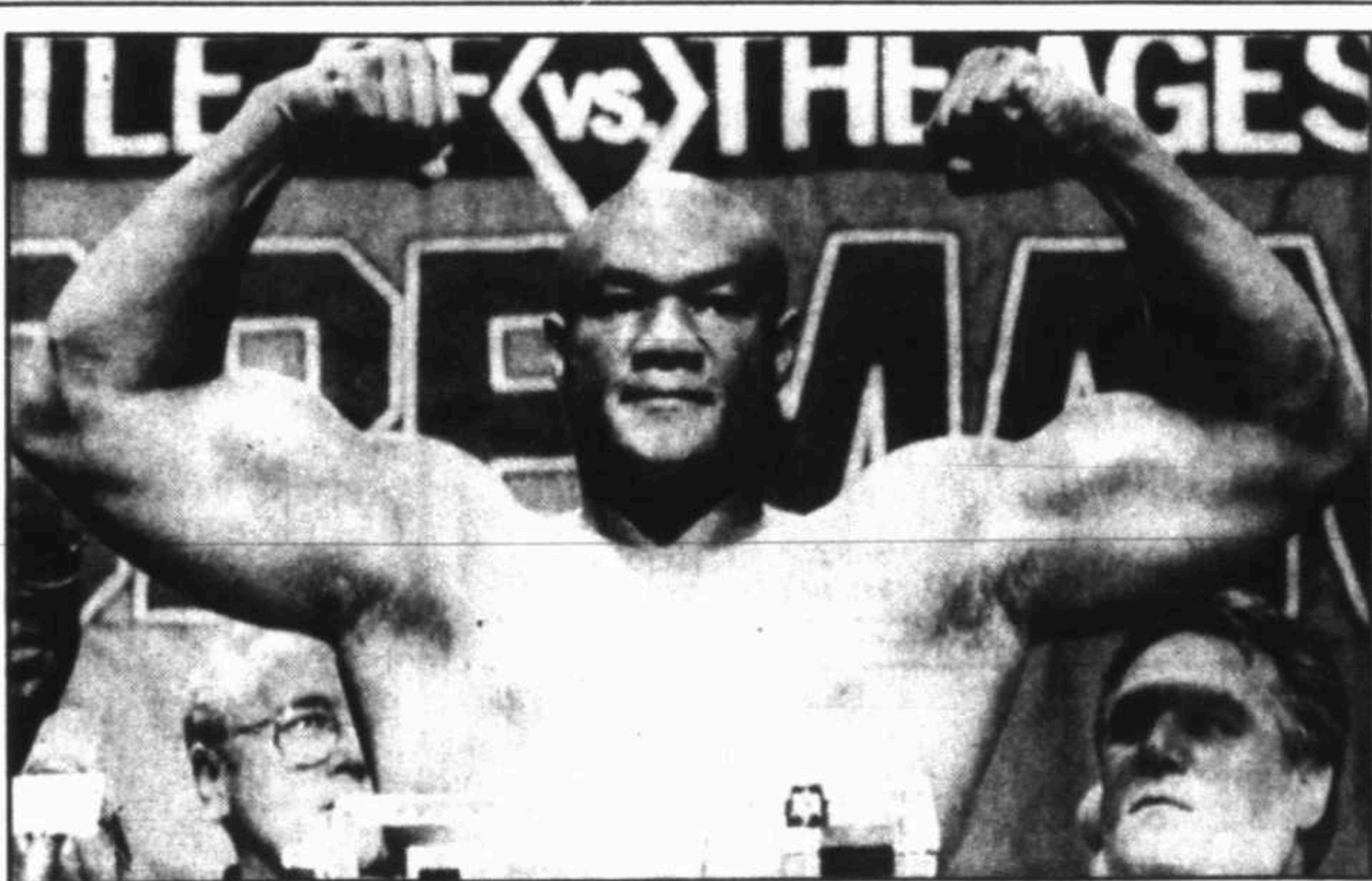
Adriana Isaza, Boba Tzvetkova and Caroline Reynolds, three women who

Please see TENNIS/3C



Caroline Reynolds of the Midland College tennis team goes after a shot during the Lady Chaps' shutout victory Thursday over the Lady Wranglers.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram



George Foreman, 42, is a 3-1 underdog going into tonight's title fight against Evander Holyfield.

AP Laserphoto

Moment of truth at hand

■ George Forman will make boxing history if he can dethrone Evander Holyfield tonight.

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The moment is at hand for George Foreman to make boxing history or be exposed as a fat old fighter.

The land of Oz for the 42-year-old, 257-pound Wizard of Self Promotion will be the Convention Center.

At the end of the yellow brick road paved by hand-picked opponents stands Evander Holyfield, the unbeaten and unheralded heavyweight champion of the world.

The 28-year-old, 208-pound Holyfield toiled for several years as a champion in that boxing wasteland called the cruiserweight division.

Relinquishing the cruiserweight title and becoming a heavyweight, Holyfield was ridiculed as being a blown-

up fighter, too small to become a champion.

So he simply became champion by knocking out James "Buster" Douglas in the third round last Oct. 25, although most of the attention was focused on Douglas' flabby 246-pound body as his shameful effort.

For Holyfield to keep the most lucrative title in sports, he must beat a man who has made himself the standardbearer for the middle-age-spread set.

"What kind of credibility will I get beating George Foreman?" Holyfield asked. "Probably none."

Holyfield will have a dandy credit rating, though.

He is assured of at least \$20 million. Foreman is guaranteed \$12.5 million.

"People write, 'You got to win George, you must do it,'" said Foreman, a 3-1 underdog in his bid to become the oldest man to win a world championship in any weight class.

The victory would come 16 years, five months and 20 days after he lost

Please see FIGHT/2C

Spurs knock Rockets from Midwest title hunt

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets tried to lull the San Antonio Spurs to sleep in the fourth quarter Thursday night but they refused to dose.

Rockets guard Sleepy Floyd scored 15 of his 19 points in the fourth period, including 12 points in a 2:45 span, but San Antonio held on for a 102-95 victory that eliminated the Rockets from the Midwest Division race.

The Rockets trail the first place Spurs by three games with two games left in the regular season.

Terry Cummings led all five Spurs scorers in double figures with 21 points. "We won the regionals and now we're going to the Final Four," Spurs coach Larry Brown said. "We've won in some tough buildings on the road. Cummings was really focused on the boards and played extremely well. He's played as well as anyone in the league the last two months."

Floyd scored 12 points in a 2:45 span of the fourth quarter that cut San Antonio's lead to 90-86 with 5:14 left in the game but the Spurs never allowed the Rockets to catch up.

"We need to be strictly business just like San Antonio," Floyd said. "We have to refocus the last two games. San Antonio lost players and now that they have all their people in place, they may reach their potential in the playoffs."

The closest the Rockets got was a 94-91 deficit with 2:24 to go on a free throw by Hakeem Olajuwon.

"Houston's lost now to the two hottest teams in the league," Brown said. "That's not the end of their world."

Rod Strickland scored 14 points and got 10 assists for the Spurs. David Robinson scored 18 points and got 8 rebounds despite getting in early foul trouble.

Floyd scored 19 points, Vernon Maxwell had 18 points and Olajuwon had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

San Antonio took a 57-47 halftime lead although center Robinson drew his third



AP Laserphoto

San Antonio's Willie Anderson (40) passes through the lane over Houston's Otis Thorpe (33) during NBA action Thursday.

foul 59 seconds into the second quarter and spent the rest of the half on the bench.

The Spurs withstood four consecutive 3-point goals by the Rockets in the third quarter that cut their lead to 66-60 with 6:03 left in the period and built a 76-66 lead going into the final quarter.

Robinson completed a 3-point play with 6:15 to go in the first half that gave

Please see NBA/6C

Tigers rout Chicago in Comiskey debut

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Maybe the Chicago White Sox should have stayed in the old Comiskey Park.

Rob Deer hit two home runs and Cecil Fielder and Tony Phillips added homers as the White Sox opened the \$135-million new Comiskey with a 16-0 rout Thursday at the hands of the Detroit Tigers.

Jack McDowell, who won the final game at the old Comiskey last Sept. 30, was shelled for six runs in the third inning. Detroit added 10 runs in the fourth off Brian Drahman and Bob Patterson.

The White Sox, who have allowed 26 runs in two losses after opening the season with six straight wins, managed just seven hits off Frank Tanana (1-1), who pitched his first shutout since Aug. 16, 1989, against Baltimore.

With Vice President Dan Quayle, Mayor Richard M. Daley and baseball commissioner Fay Vincent looking on, the White Sox came up with their worst shutout loss since a 17-0 defeat by Baltimore on July 27,

American

1989.

It was Detroit's biggest victory margin since an 18-2 win over Minnesota on July 15, 1982. The Tigers had 19 hits in all, including four each by Alan Trammell and Phillips.

The opener did not sell out, drawing 42,191 in the 44,702-capacity stadium.

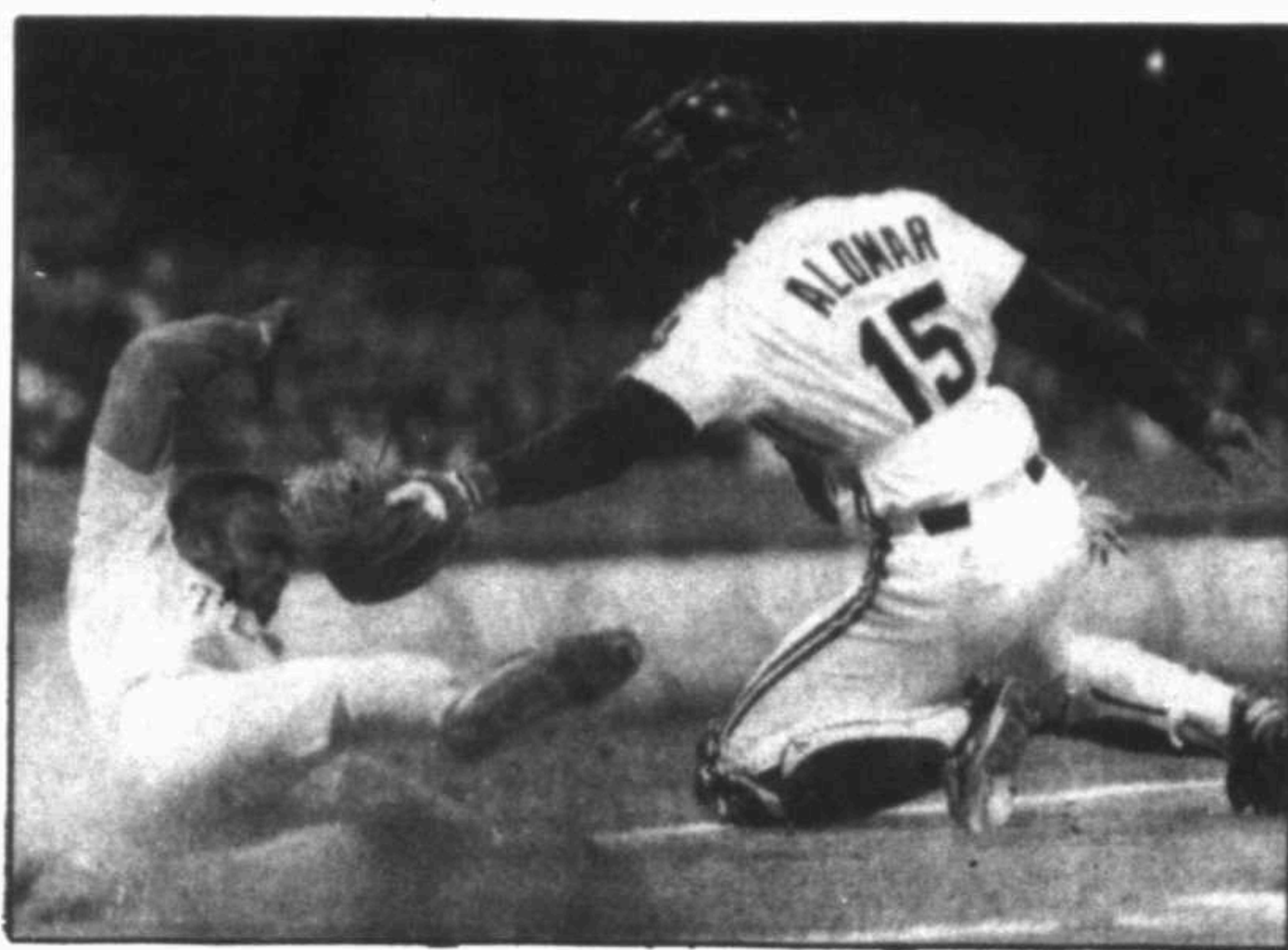
Rangers 7, Indians 0
CLEVELAND — Bobby Witt pitched a four-hitter as the Texas Rangers beat Cleveland, the third time the Indians have been shut out in nine games.

The Rangers have won three straight after opening the season with four consecutive losses. Julio Franco drove in three runs with a homer and a single.

Witt (1-1) struck out seven and walked five for his fifth career shutout.

Greg Swindell (0-3) gave up six runs, five of them earned, and six hits in 4½ innings. The loss was his first in six career decisions against Texas.

Texas leadoff hitter Brian



Gary Pettis of the Rangers slides safely past the tag of Indians' catcher Sandy Alomar Thursday night in Cleveland.

Downing was held hitless for the first time in four games, but he walked three times and was hit by a pitch. He has reached base safely 16 times in 20 plate appearances.

Red Sox 1, Royals 0
BOSTON — Roger Clemens increased his shutout streak to 23 innings as the Boston Red Sox beat the Kansas City Royals on an unearned run off Bret Saberhagen.

Clemens (3-0) won the battle of two-time American League Cy Young Award winners by al-

lowing three hits in eight innings.

Brewers 4, Orioles 3
MILWAUKEE — Robin Yount hit his second home run of the year with two outs in the 11th inning to give Milwaukee Brewers a victory.

Yount hit a 1-0 pitch from Jose Bautista (0-1) over the fence in left-center field.

Edwin Nunez (1-0) got the victory with one inning of hitless relief. He followed Darren Holmes, who was perfect for 4½ innings.

Padres burst out of slump, beat Dodgers

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Jerald Clark hit a three-run homer and Tony Fernandez and Tony Gwynn hit consecutive two-run doubles — all with two outs in the fourth inning — to lead the San Diego Padres over the Los Angeles Dodgers 10-5 Thursday.

Clark's homer ended a 0-for-16 slump. Fernandez extended his hitting streak to 10 games and the Padres roughed up Kevin Gross again to improve to 4-0 against the Dodgers this season. San Diego busted out of a batting slump after scoring only four runs in losing two of three games to Cincinnati.

The Padres' biggest inning of the year rescued Eric Nolte (2-0), who fell behind 3-0 in the first. Nolte gave up four runs on 10 hits before leaving with two on and two out in the sixth. He struck out five and walked none in beating Gross and the Dodgers for the second straight time.

Gross had been within one strike of getting out of the seven-

National

run fourth inning unscathed. But Fernandez bounced a 0-2 pitch over the left-center field wall for a bases-loaded, ground-rule double to tie the game at 3. Gwynn then hit a 0-1 pitch into right field to chase Gross (0-2).

Cubs 3, Pirates 2
PITTSBURGH — Rick Sutcliffe pitched six innings for his first victory since Oct. 1, 1989, in a matchup of former Cy Young Award winners and Doug Drabek lost his third in a row.

The Chicago Cubs defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 Thursday night.

Mark Grace and George Bell drove in runs in the Cubs' two-run sixth inning and Doug Dascenzo's grounder drove in the tie-breaking run in the ninth later as the Cubs stopped a seven-game losing streak in Pittsburgh.

Paul Assenmacher got the last three outs for his first save.

TENNIS: Williams alters lineup

(From 1C)

normally make up the bottom half of the Lady Chap lineup, played one-two-three Thursday and each walked away from the competition with relative ease.

Isaza, playing her first semester at MC, defeated OC's No. 1 Trish Holloway, 6-2, 6-2; Tsvetkova put away Jennifer Winter, 6-0, 6-4; and Reynolds downed Laura Worley in three sets, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, in the longest — only sole three-set — match of the day.

"Joe may disagree with me," OC tennis coach Jay Box said, "but this is a very unusual team for him. I don't think he's ever had a team this strong from top to bottom. They don't have any weaknesses. To be real honest, I think their women are stronger than their men."

With the men, there are a couple of teams in the southeast region that can compete, but for the women, there's nobody."

Box, whose men's team fell victim to an altered MC lineup last week and proceeded to

lose, 9-0, said he warned his women's team to anticipate alterations as well.

"I told them to expect it," Box said. "It's good, though, because it gave our higher kids an opportunity to compete."

Williams said regardless of injury or illness he would've made the lineup switch "just to give us a little variety."

"When you play the same team four times in a year, you can become lackadaisical. They could still win the match, but (a lineup switch) keeps them more alert."

The win advanced the MC women's record to 11-0 on the season; the team is idle until the Region V tournament, April 26-27, in Waco.

Midland College 8, Odessa College 0

Women's Tennis

At Midland College

(MC players listed first)

Singles

1. Adriana Isaza def. Trish Holloway, 6-2, 6-2;

2. Boba Tsvetkova def. Jennifer Winter, 6-0, 6-4;

3. Caroline Reynolds def. Laura Worley 6-4, 4-6,

7-6; 4. Myriam Berthe def. Jennifer Alexander, 6-

0, 6-3; 5. Seiko Ichikawa def. Kelly Marshall, def.

6-1, 6-1; 6. Toni Yates def. Kathryn Norton, 6-4,

6-2.

Doubles

1. Isaza-Tsvetkova def. Holloway-Alexander,

6-2, 6-4; 3. Jannet Garos-Berthe def. Winters-

Norton, 6-0, 6-2.

Qualifiers descend on Ratliff

Staff Report

ODESSA — Approximately 350 athletes from over 70 teams will be at Ratliff Stadium today for a regional qualifiers track meet.

Field events will start at 5:05 p.m. The 3200 run is at 5:15 p.m. with the remainder of the running events beginning at 6:05 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

Midland Lee's regional qualifi-

ers are expected to enter the meet, including record setting hurdler Traci Logan and quarter-miler TaNisha Mills. Also Tekeira Strambler will be in both the long jump and triple jump while Rosie Eaden will be in the high jump. In addition, the Lee girls will have a sprint relay team and a 1600 relay team.

Scott McLeod and Jovan Tellez, both of Lee, will be in the boys shot put.

ANGELS: Series now even with three left in homestand

(From 1C)

had the team out today and it did some good. We were attacking the ball," Long said.

Kevin Flora had three hits while Ramon Sambo, Easley and Salmon all had two hits each. Everyone in the Midland order hit safely except Bobby Jones and Daryl Sconiers, but Jones had an RBI on a grounder to short in the five-run fourth.

El Paso's John Byington got four hits, but was left stranded four times. Jim Tatum got three hits for the Diablos.

The unbeaten has stumbled, but the Diablos are far from looking like a team ready to take a fall. Midland's work has just started.

The two teams are now even at 1-1 in the series and meet again at 7 p.m. today.

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Jacobs cf	5	0	1	0	Sambo lf	4	1	2	1
Guerrero 2b	4	0	0	0	Easley ss	4	1	2	3
Tatum 3b	5	1	3	1	Howie dh	5	1	1	0
Jaha 1b	5	1	1	1	Salmon cf	5	2	2	1
Nelson c	3	1	2	1	Jones rf	4	0	0	1
Ashley lf	5	0	0	0	Sconiers 1b	3	1	0	0
Byington dh	4	0	4	1	Rivers c	4	1	1	0
Jackson rf	4	0	2	0	Davis 3b	4	1	1	2

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ley (1), SB-Nelson, Flora, Jackson, Easley, Lietach,

Jones.

El Paso Sparkes L 1-1

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Gordon 3.0 4 4-3 0 2

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Cobb S 1 3.1 3 0-0 0 2

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Cunningham relieved Shaw (2-0)

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

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AL Boxes

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Dwight 11 0 0	Hall 1 0 0
Reimer 11 0 0	Clayton 3 0 0
Hudson 11 0 0	Adams 1 0 0
Pierson 11 0 0	Salmon 4 0 0
Storrie 11 0 0	Jacobs 13 0 0
Francis 11 0 0	Baugh 4 0 0
Bosch 11 0 0	Farmas 2 0 0
Storrie 11 0 0	Alford 1 0 0
Johannes 11 0 0	Escobar 1 0 0
DePuy 11 0 0	McWhir 1 0 0
Pettis 11 0 0	Thurmond 1 0 0
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TEXAS	000 010-7
Cleveland	000 000-0
E-Swift, Sells, DP-Texas 1, LOB-7	
Texas 7, Cleveland 0. HR-Franco (1), SB-Hall (2), Pettis (4). 3B-Adams.	

Red Sox 1, Royals 0

KANSAS CITY	BOSTON
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Seitz 11 0 0	Reed 11 0 0
Brill 11 0 0	Griffith 11 0 0
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KGBW 11 0 0	Burke 11 0 0
Storrie 11 0 0	Brady 11 0 0
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TEXAS	000 000-0
Boston	000 000-0
E-Enrich (1), Clemens (1), LOB-Kansas City 6, Boston 5. 2B-Brady (2), SB-Enrich (1), KGBW (1), Quinn.	

Brewers 4, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE	MILWAUKEE
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Tigers 16, White Sox 0

DETROIT	CHICAGO
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Texas League

First Half	Eastern Division
Tulsa	5 2 714
Shreveport	3 2 800
Arkansas	4 2 922
Western Division	
El Paso	1 1 257
Wichita	5 2 714
Midland	3 4 429
San Antonio	0 7 000
Thursday's Games	
Midland 10, El Paso 4	
Wichita 10, San Antonio 6	
Shreveport 6, Jackson 3	
Tulsa 2, Arkansas 0	
Friday's Games	
El Paso at Midland	
Wichita at San Antonio	
Shreveport at Jackson	
Arkansas at Tulsa	
Saturday's Games	
El Paso at Midland	
Wichita at San Antonio	
Shreveport at Jackson	
Arkansas at Tulsa	

Comiskey Firsts

CHICAGO (AP) — Firsts at the new Comiskey Park, which opened Thursday:	
• Pitch-Jack McDowell (ball).	
• Batter-Tony Phillips.	
• Out-Tony Phillips (fired to Cory Snyder in left).	
• Hit-Alan Trammell (first single off short off McDowell, first single off Stolen Base-Lou Whitaker off McDowell and Carlton Fisk, first inning).	
• Strikeout-Tim Lincecum (by Frank Tanana), first inning.	
• Walk-Travis Fryman (by McDowell), third inning.	
• Run Scored-Travis Fryman, third inning.	
• RBI-Alan Trammell (single to right off McDowell, third inning).	
• Home Run-Cecil Fielder (off McDowell), third inning.	
• Double-John Shelby (off McDowell), third inning.	
• Triple-Tony Phillips (off McDowell), fourth inning.	

Bowling

COLUMBIA, Tenn. (AP) — Results Thursday after the final round of the Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour \$40,000 Lady Elite Classic at Pin Chase Center, with names, hometowns, pinfall totals and prize money:	
1. Lesma Barrette, Oklahoma, City, one game, 288 pins, \$7,000.	
2. Carol Gionetti, Perth, Australia, four games, 833 pins, \$3,500.	
3. Stacy Rider, La Habra, Calif., one game, 305 pins, \$2,200.	
4. Donna Adams, Apple Valley, Calif., one game, 190 pins, \$2,000.	
5. Nikki Gianella, Vallejo, Calif., one game, 149 pins, \$1,800.	

First Picks

1990-Jeff George, Indianapolis, QB, Illinois.	
1989-Troy Aikman, Dallas, QB, UCLA.	
1988-Andrew Bruce, Atlanta, LB, Auburn.	
1987-Vinny Testaverde, Tampa Bay, RB, Miami.	
1986-Bruce Jackson, Tampa Bay, RB, Auburn.	
1985-Bruce Smith, Buffalo, DT, Virginia Tech.	
1984-Jerry Fryar, New England, WR, Nebraska.	
1983-John Elway, Baltimore, QB, Stanford.	
1982-Kenneth Sims, New England, DT, Texas.	
1981-George Rogers, New Orleans, RB, South Carolina.	
1980-Billy Sims, Detroit, RB, Oklahoma.	
1979-Tom Campbell, Buffalo, LB, Ohio State.	
1978-Earl Campbell, Houston, RB, Texas.	
1977-Ricky Bell, Tampa Bay, RB, Southern Cal.	
1976-Lee Roy Selmon, Tampa Bay, DE, Oklahoma.	
1975-Stevie Barikowski, Atlanta, QB, California.	
1974-Ed Jones, Dallas, DE, Tennessee State.	
1973-John Matuzak, Houston, DE, Texas.	
1972-Walt Patulski, Buffalo, DE, Notre Dame.	
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Late NBA Box

Kings 123, Nuggets 104	
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Baseball Standings

AL East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Toronto	6	4	.600	—	5-4	W3	4-1	1-0
Detroit	5	4	.556	1	5-4	W3	4-1	1-0
Minnesota	5	5	.500	2	5-5	W3	3-1	2-2
Cleveland	4	5	.444	3	5-5	W3	3-1	2-2
Baltimore	3	5	.375	4	5-5	W3	3-1	2-2
New York	3	6	.333	5	5-5	W3	3-1	2-2

Baseball Standings

AL West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Oakland	8	1	.889	—	8-1	W7	5-1	3-0
Chicago	6	2	.750	1	6-2	W2	0-1	6-1
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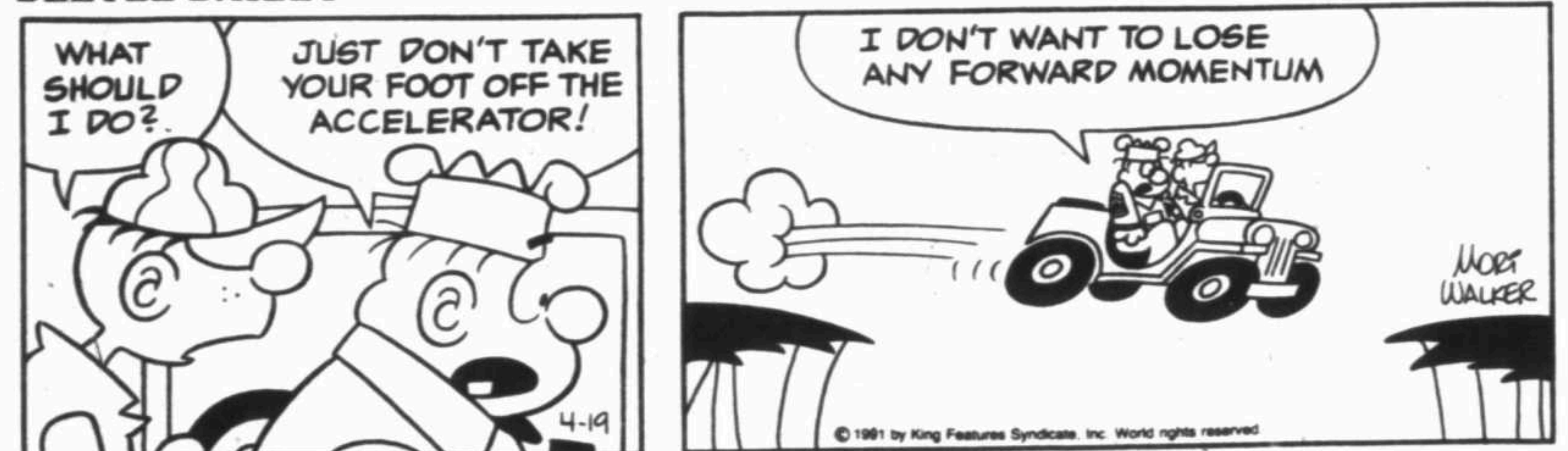
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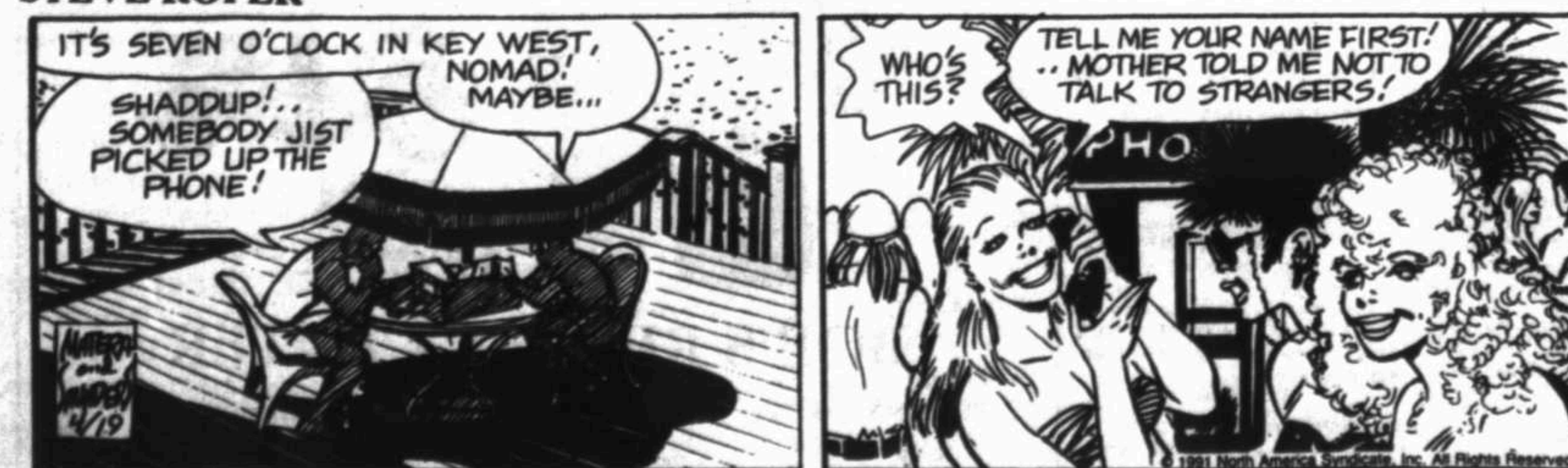
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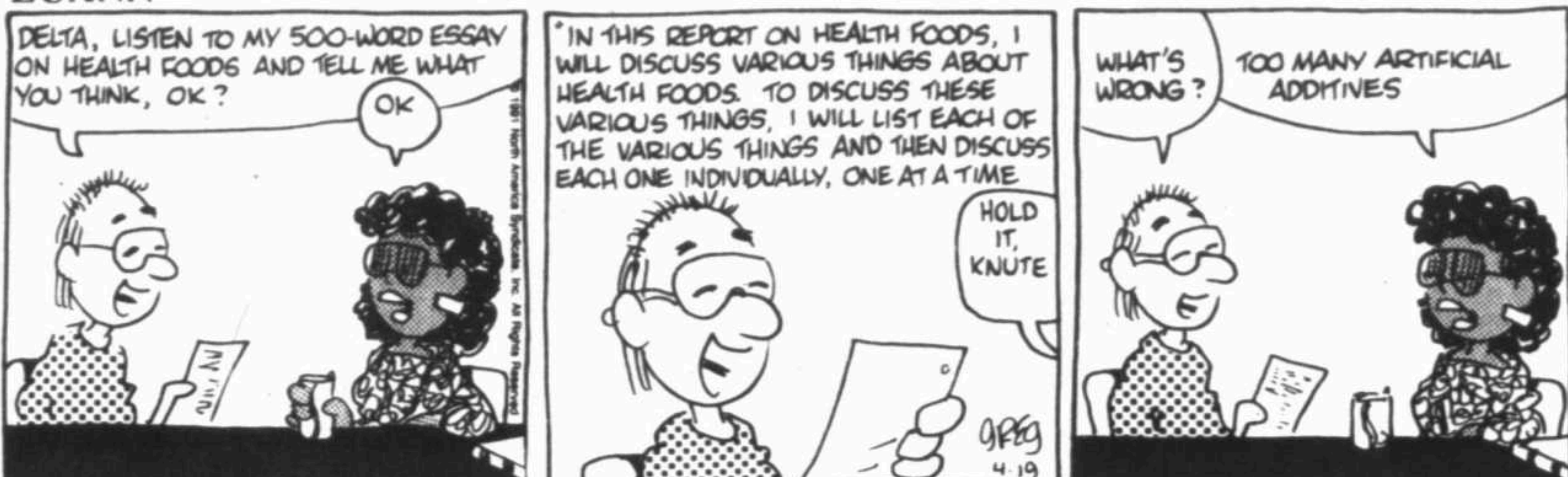
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Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1991

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Your career could take off like a rocket now! Keep in touch with foreign contacts throughout the summer. Powerful and protective influences will safeguard your funds in September. A new business enterprise could show a nice profit by October. Many happy romantic moments lie ahead. Choose a business or marital partner who has a strong sense of purpose. Early 1992 is a good time for a honeymoon.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actors Dudley Moore and Don Adams, baseball's Frank Viola, actress Jayne Mansfield.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You develop new rapport with an influential group. Your popularity enables you to move mountains of paperwork! The night ahead should be special. Put your best foot forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Settle down at work today. Smile even if certain limitations are placed on you! Focus on projects you can handle alone. Residential matters enjoy highly favorable influences.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be alert to sudden changes. Anything you say today will reflect heavily on you. Crossing swords with higher-ups will only make things more difficult. Keep confidential matters under wraps.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stay

out of the limelight if you can. You need to keep an eye on someone who flatters you. Set aside anything that interferes with your getting your regular work done on time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A friendship makes special demands on you now. Good will flourishes between family members. Although certain tasks are tough, you do an excellent job. A business hunch is right on target.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may get a glimpse of the future today. Make plans for an auspicious new beginning. Your dynamic personality wins you many admirers. Romance should sizzle tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do not be afraid to venture off the beaten track. Once you learn to delegate routine responsibilities, you will have more time for a pet project. Try to spend more time outdoors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have a special knack for building other people's confidence. Regular exercise keeps you feeling fit. Do not be too quick to agree with every-

thing a loved one says. Be careful with your money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A valuable new alliance could lead to a promotion or an important conference. Make your own decisions after carefully weighing what other people have to say. Ration your energies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Search for solitude early today. A low-key approach will work best at both home and place of employment. Domesticity beckons. You and your loved ones draw closer together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Joint finances enjoy favorable influences. Make an important career decision only after talking with family. Extra demands at work are possible. Any problems with loved ones can be resolved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Apply the lessons you have learned in the past. Resist the temptation to flirt. Arousing someone's jealousy will not help restore domestic bliss. Postpone any big financial moves until next week.

TODAY'S CHILDREN are passionate, artistic and fun-loving. They never do things by halves! These Aries seek to emulate those they admire and will respond beautifully to a positive role model. Parental approval and praise is very important to these children — and there could be some sibling rivalry. Once they grow up, however, their brothers and sisters are often their best friends! Hard-working and reliable, people born on this date do brilliantly in business.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

YOU BE THE JUDGE

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 6 5 3
♥ A 4
♦ Q 6
♣ Q 10 9 7 3

WEST
♠ Q 9 8 4 2
♥ 9 7 3
♦ J 10 2
♣ A 6

EAST
♠ K 7
♥ J 10 8 5
♦ 9 8 5 4
♣ K 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A J
♥ K Q 6 2
♦ A K 7 3
♣ J 8 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♠

Here's another chance for you to test your analytical skills. Study the bidding and play of this three-no-trump contract and then decide which, if any, of the players committed any errors.

We don't agree with those of our readers who feel that North should have passed one no trump. The five-card suit, distributional values and fine intermediate cards clearly merit a game invitation either in spades, if a 4-4 fit exists, or in no trump.

West led a low spade to East's king and won with the ace in the closed hand. Declarer crossed to the queen of diamonds and led a low club. East climbed up with the king and, when that held, reverted to a spade. West forced out the ten of spades and, on regaining the lead with the ace of clubs, cashed out the spades for a one-trick set.

First, let's hand out a couple of kudos. Declarer did well to cross to dummy to lead a low club toward the closed hand. Secondly, East made an expert play by rising with the king. Had that defender reflexively played low, declarer would have been able to force out West's only

entry to the spades and the contract would have coasted home.

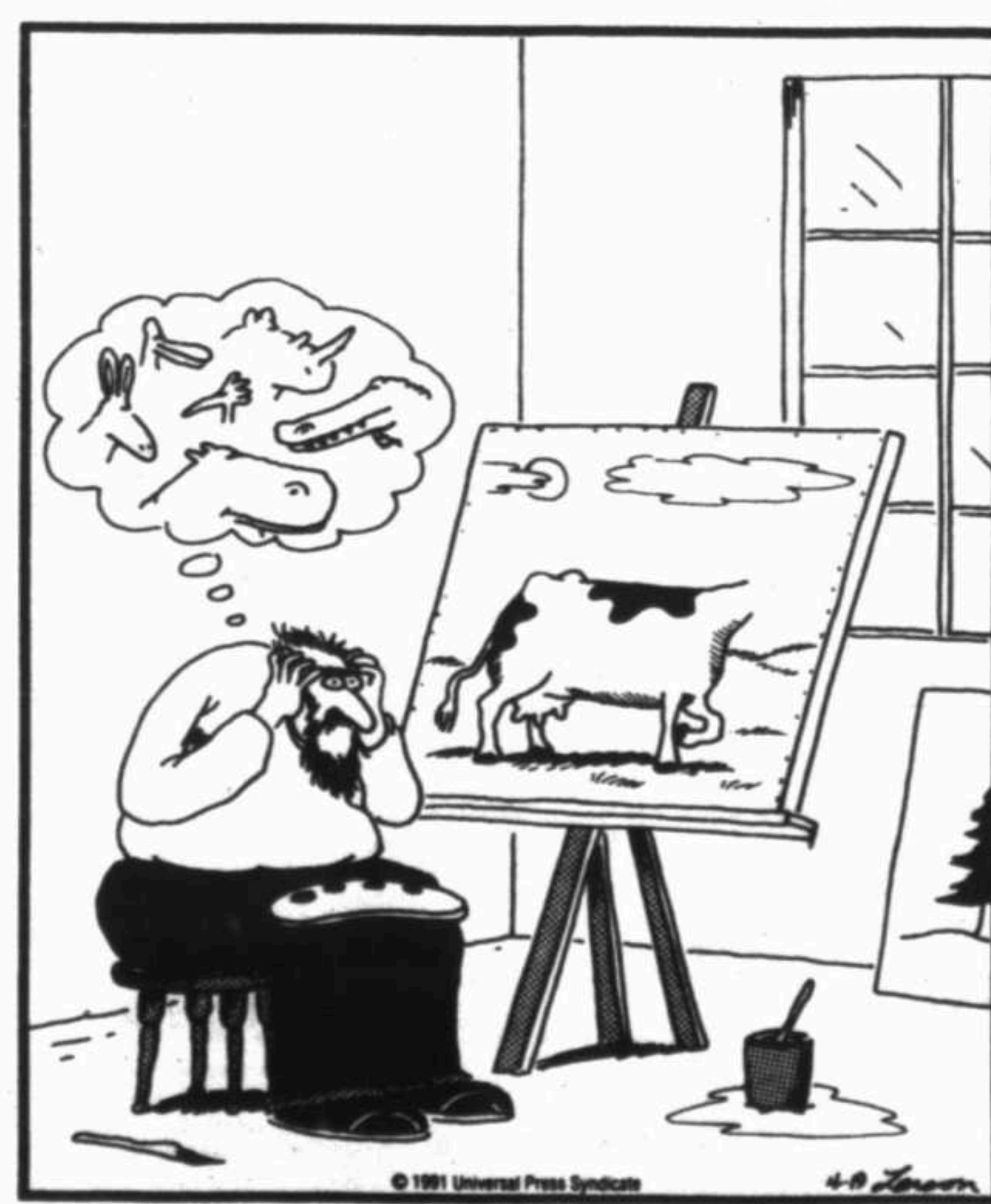
For all that, we must blame declarer for not taking an extra chance for the contract. South does not need a second spade trick to fulfill the contract. If clubs can be developed, nine tricks are there for the taking. A late second stopper in spades could, however, be crucial.

Observe what would happen if declarer allows East to win the first trick with the king of spades, then

wins the continuation. When declarer now goes after clubs, East can again win the first trick in that suit, but doesn't have another spade. And when West gets in, the ten of spades is still a stopper in the suit. Three no trump bid and made.

For information about Charles Goren's newsletter for bridge players, write Goren Bridge Letter, P.O. Box 4426, Orlando, Fla. 32802-4426.

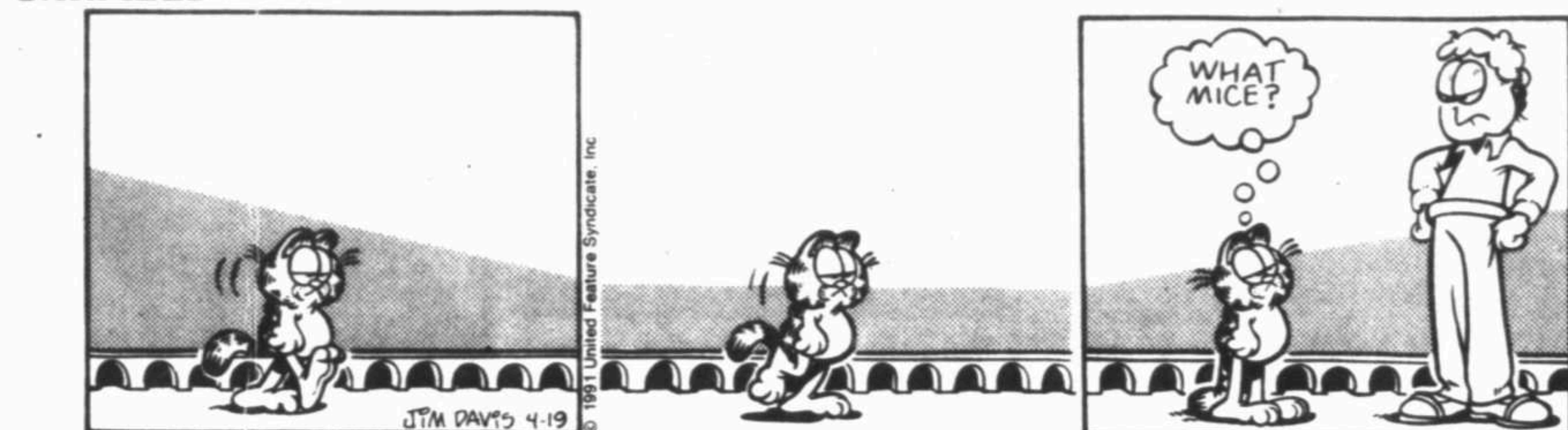
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FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE



PEOPLE

Labeling some Renoirs junk, Annenberg raises eyebrows

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Billionaire art collector Walter H. Annenberg has urged the Barnes Foundation, an art museum, to sell up to 15 of its paintings, calling many works in its collection "junk."

"They probably have about 200 first-class paintings," Annenberg told The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Annenberg also resigned Wednesday as honorary chairman of the foundation's art advisory committee. Barnes has a \$1 billion collection of French impressionist and post-impressionist paintings.

"There are any number of horrible Renoirs, and between 20 and 30 Renoirs that are first-class," he said. "To keep hanging all of that is ridiculous."

Annenberg, 83, said in a letter of resignation he was leaving the post he held since November on doctor's orders, the Inquirer said.

But in an interview Wednesday, Annenberg told the paper he resigned "because I don't want to be around when there's a ruckus going on with the advisory committee."

Annenberg was the only committee member known to support the foundation's announcement last month that it would sell off some paintings to raise money to renovate its 65-year-old galleries.

In March, the former publisher and ambassador to Britain announced he was giving his own collection of impressionist and postimpressionist art to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York — on the condition the paintings would never be sold or even loaned outside the museum.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music singer Lynn Anderson was denied custody of her two children Thursday by a judge who decided they should stay with her ex-husband.

But Circuit Court Judge Muriel Robinson-Rice granted the singer four weeks of visitation this year and five weeks annually beginning in 1992.

The children, aged 9 and 11, have been in the custody of their father, Harold Stream III, at his home in Lake Placid, N.Y., for the last year.

The singer smiled as she left the courtroom and said: "At least I get to see the kids."

Earlier this week, Anderson's mother, Liz Anderson, told the court she believed the children would be better off if they stayed with their father.

The singer is best known for the hit record "Rose Garden" in 1970.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of allied forces in the Persian Gulf War, will be the first active duty general to give the keynote



AP Laserphoto

President Reagan has switched his official portrait in the White House foyer because his friends didn't like the old one, by Aaron Shikler, which has been banned to storage. The new portrait, by Everett R. Kinstler, was put up on Tuesday and was on view Wednesday night when guests arrived for the state dinner honoring Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro.

speech at a Naval Academy graduation. "We're absolutely thrilled," said academy spokeswoman Carol Feldmann.

Graduation speeches at the service academies usually are delivered by the president, the vice president, the secretary of defense, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or the secretary of the Army, Navy or Air Force. Dwight D. Eisenhower was president when he spoke at the graduation.

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Consumer activist Ralph Nader told college students that they can make a difference in saving the environment.

"A lot of change starts on college campuses. Students don't think of themselves as a class, but they are," Nader said in a speech to an audience of about 700 Wednesday night.

Nader said there is probably no other time in students' lives when they will have access to the powerful resources they do now, including campus newspapers, radio and TV stations, and experts in almost every field.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY APRIL 19, 1991

Programs subject to change without notice

	KMID Cable 3	KOSA Cable 8	KTPX Cable 9	KPEJ Cable 14	FAM Cable 4	WTBS Cable 7	SIN Cable 10	WGN Cable 11	ESPN Cable 12	KOCV Cable 13	HSE Cable 20
7:00	Good Morning America	This Morning	Today	Muppets	Dinosaurs	Leave-Beaver	TV Mujer	Banana Splits	Nation's Bus	Body Electric	
8:00				Chipmunks	Little House	Bewitched			SportsCenter		
9:00	Sally Jessy Raphael	B. DeAngelis Family Feud	Wheel-Fortune Concentration	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	700 Club	Movie: "Love Boat Visits"	Hijas	Magnum, P.I.	Tennis Inside Sr. PGA	Mister Rogers Sq. 1 TV	
10:00	Home	Price is Right	Tell the Truth	Love Connect	Sheila Walsh Paid Program	Greece	El Lobo Encadenados	Joan Rivers	Getting Fit Basic Training	3-2-1 Contact Garden	Body by Janis Talk Baseball
11:00	Hard Copy News	Young and the Restless	Joker's Wild	B. Hillbillies	Paid Program Am. Baby	Perry Mason	Simplemente Maria	Geraldo	In Motion Bodyshaping	Quilt in a Day Gourmet	Softball: Arizona at Oregon
12:00	All My Children	The Judge Bold, Bea	Days of Our Lives	Benson It's a Living	Movie: "My Darling Clementine"	Movie: "Mad Bull"	Cristal	News	Body by Jake Indy 500 Film	MacNeil/Lehrer	
1:00	One Life to Live	As the World Turns	Another World	Robert Tilton			TV Mujer	Andy Griffith Dick Van Dyke	Muscle College Base-	Vietnam TV	
2:00	General Hospital	Guiding Light	Santa Barbara	700 Club	Father Knows Father Knows	Tom & Jerry's Funhouse	Platavision	H'mooner Beaver	ball: UCLA at Stanford	Special	Golf: Jerry Ford Invit.
3:00	Geraldo	Oprah Winfrey	Challengers Trump Card	Chip 'n' Dale Peter Pan	Batman C.O.P.S.	Flintstones Brady Bunch	Natacha	Inch Priv. Eye DuckTales		3-2-1 Contact Mister Rogers	Silver Spurs Rodeo
4:00	Donahue	Growing Pains Night Court	Personalities People's Court	Tale Spin Tiny Toon	Popeye Popeye	Good Times Jefferson	Cristina	Chip 'n' Dale M.A.S.K.	Trucks	Reading Sesame Street	Big Ten Report
5:00	Cosby Show ABC News	Jeopardy! CBS News	News NBC News	Highway to Heaven	Rin Tin Tin Zorro	B. Hillbillies Andy Griffith	Maria Noticiero Uni.	Charles Abbott	Motoworld Up Close	Sq. 1 TV	German League Soccer
6:00	News Wheel-Fortune	News Golden Girls	News Current Affair	Who's Boss? ALF	Big Bro. Jake Man. Mansion	Happy Days Major League	De Mujeres	Jeannie Major League	SportsCenter Major League	MacNeil/Lehrer	Sports Forum Sportstalk
7:00	Full House Family	Guns of Paradise	100 Lives of Black Jack	America's Most Wanted	Movie: "My Darling Clementine"	Baseball: Cincinnati Reds	En Carne P. Pobre Diabla	Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves	Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates	Wash. Week Wall St. Week	NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Dallas Mavericks
8:00	Strangers	Dallas	Hunter	DEA			Amor de N.			West Tex Jrnl McLaughlin	Rockets at Dallas Mavericks
9:00	20/20	True Detectives	Midnight Caller	Hunter	700 Club		P. Rodriguez			American Playhouse	Major League
10:00	News Cheers	News M*A*S*H	News Tonight Show	Arsenio Hall	Bordertown Bonanza: The Party Machine	Lost Episodes	Movie: "Framed"	En Vivo Movie: "La Re-bellion de las Hijas"	Night Court Roustlers	Baseball: Thanh's War	Baseball: Houston Astros at San Francisco
11:00	Ent. Tonight	Dark Justice	David Letterman	Party Machine	Movie: "Framed"	Movie: "Framed"	Movie: "Framed"	Movie: "Framed"	Movie: "Framed"	African Jrnl Euro. Journal	Sign-Off
12:00	Into the Night	Mission: Impossible		Man Magnum, P.I.	Hawaii Five-0	Feeling Fear	Portada	of Kit Carson Law-Golden	SportsCenter		

	SHOW/TIME Mov / Spec Cable 5	TMC Cable 17	DISNEY Cable 18	MAX Cable 21	HBO Cable 22	TNN Cable 23	USA Cable 24	NICK Cable 25	A&E Cable 26	KMLM Cable 31	TNT Cable 37
7:00	Movie: "The Burbs"	Movie: "Witness for the Prosecution"	Donald Duck Pool Corner	Movie: "Pack of Lies"	Movie: "Real Men"		Cartoon Express Cont'd	Insp. Gadget Heistcliff	Survival World Heroes	Greg Laurie Robinson	Popeye Hour Cont'd
8:00			Umbrella Tree Dumbo	Cont'd Movie: "Some Remember"				Lassie Maya the Bee	City of Angels	Rich Roberts Joy	Fraggle Rock Muppets
9:00	Movie: "China Seas"	Movie: "American Ninja III: Blood Hunt"	Movie: "The Barefoot Executive"	Kind of Wonderful	Charlie Chaplin: Little Tramp	Movie: "Rocky"		New Mike Hammer	Eureka's Castle	Fugitive	Movie: "A Yank at Eton"
10:00	Movie: "Side Out"	Excellent Adventure	Lunch Box Music Box	Movie: "Golden Boy"	Movie: "Con-victed"	Top Card Be a Star	Country Standard Time	Wipeout Lose or Draw	Lassie	Robison Ben Hinn	Movie: "Brass Legend"
11:00	Movie: "Dead Poets Society"	Movie: "Ninja Turtles"	Danger Bay Puppies	Movie: "National Velvet"	Movie: "Three Amigos"			Cookin' U.S.A. Top Card	Flipper Looney Tunes	Movie: "Old Enough"	700 Club
12:00								Senior PGA Golf: PGA Seniors	Heathcliff Yogi Bear		
1:00								Chain Res. Man. Tune	Noozles Mays the Don	Behind Scenes J. Swaggart	
2:00								Cookin' U.S.A. Top Card	Flipper Looney Tunes	Movie: "Old Enough"	700 Club
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DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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16. Yuk-yuk
17. "White Christmas" star
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21. Playwright's product
22. Extreme degree
23. Algonquian
25. Singer Twitty from Mississippi
29. Actors' assistants
34. Forcefully
34. Catcalls
35. Woody's co-star
36. "Moonlight in Vermont" singer
40. Huit moins sept
41. Crafts' accompaniment
42. To the point
43. Like certain siblings
46. Foul-mouthed person
47. Crooked
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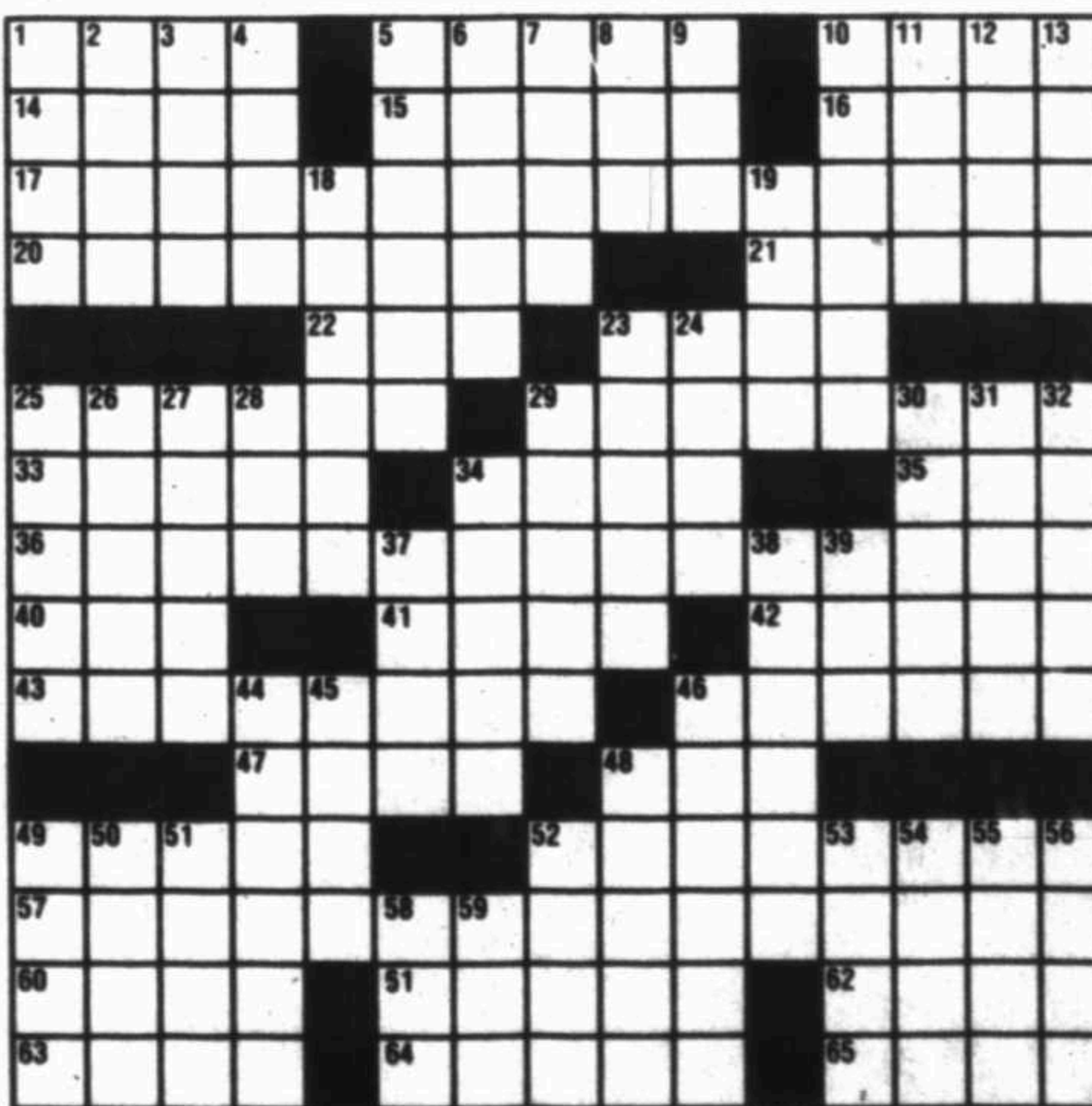
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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NBA: 76ers smash Celtics

(From 1C)

the Spurs a 17-14 lead and they did not trail again.

The Rockets, continuing to cool off after a hot second half of the season, are a concern for Coach Don Chaney.

"Our level of concentration has dropped dramatically at both ends," Rockets coach Don Chaney said.

76ers 122, Celtics 97
PHILADELPHIA — Charles Barkley scored 21 points in 24 minutes in his first game back after a knee injury as the Philadelphia 76ers routed Boston, snapping a three-game losing streak.

Barkley, who sprained his left knee on March 31 and missed seven games, was scoreless in 5½ minutes in the first quarter but went 5-for-6 and scored 10 points in the second as the 76ers built a 60-48 half-time lead. Barkley scored two points in the third quarter and nine in the fourth, when the 76ers put the game away.

Hersey Hawkins and Ron Anderson led the 76ers with 26 points apiece.

Jazz 130, SuperSonics 103
SALT LAKE CITY — John Stockton broke his own NBA single-season assist record and triggered a game-breaking 25-4

run at the start of the third quarter as the Utah Jazz routed Seattle.

Stockton's 10th of 11 assists, a handoff to Tony Brown for a layup with 9:16 remaining in the game, gave him 1,135 for the season, one more than the record he set last season. He was taken out of the game for good midway through the final quarter.

The victory kept Utah one game behind San Antonio, which won at Houston, in the race for first place in the Midwest Division. Both teams have two games left.

Nets 108, Bullets 103
LANDOVER, Md. — The New Jersey Nets snapped a 20-game road losing streak on, beating the Washington Bullets behind a 29-point, 11 rebound effort by Derrick Coleman.

It was New Jersey's first victory away from the Meadowlands Arena since Jan. 26 in Miami and its first win at the Capital Centre since March 17, 1986 — ending a string of 13 straight losses.

Kings 123, Nuggets 104
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Lionel Simmons had 26 points as Sacramento handed Denver its 10th straight loss and defeated the Nuggets for the first time this season.

North Stars stay on upset roll, make St. Louis Blue

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jon Casey stopped 31 shots as the Minnesota North Stars continued their upset run in the NHL playoffs with a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues in the opener of the Norris Division finals Thursday night.

Dave Gagner got the North Stars' 16th power-play goal of the playoffs and Shane Churla also scored while the Minnesota defense did the rest. The North Stars' forechecking frustrated the Blues all night and Casey was there to stop St. Louis' best scoring chances.

Casey shut out the Blues the first two periods before Rich Suter scored on his own rebound at 4:35 of the third.

The Blues were 5-1-2 against the North Stars during the regular

NHL Playoffs

season and had 37 more points while finishing with the second-best record in the league. They also have the highest point total of the remaining teams in the playoffs, but they're having a hard time handling the favorite's role.

St. Louis fell behind three games to one before finishing off the Detroit Red Wings in the first round and will be playing catch-up again in Game 2 Saturday night in St. Louis.

The North Stars tied a playoff record with 15 power-play goals in 54 chances in their first-round upset of overall points champion Chi-

cago, and they didn't waste any time getting No. 16.

Gagner put the North Stars ahead when he scored on a deflection at 1:46 of the first period, only four seconds after the Blues' Glen Featherstone was whistled for tripping. Gagner won the draw on a faceoff and passed it to Mark Tinordi near the right-side boards, then redirected the shot past Vincent Riendeau for his fourth goal

of the playoffs.

Churla, who had only two goals during the regular season, made it 2-0 on a 3-on-1 break with 11 seconds left in the period.

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Prices fall

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices fell Thursday, relinquishing some of the recent gains made on concerns about the nation's shrinking supply of gasoline.

West Texas Intermediate for delivery in May took the biggest hit, falling 63 cents to close at \$21.08 per barrel at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Refined petroleum products also fell Thursday, but didn't lose as much ground because traders were still keeping an eye on U.S. gasoline supplies, at their lowest level in nearly 16 years.

Analysts say it's too soon for anybody to worry about gasoline lines, because hitting the minimum briefly should not pose any problems. But the industry is watching to see if imports and domestic gasoline production pick up and increase gasoline supplies as the peak summer driving season gets closer.

There was no news moving the market on Thursday, according to traders who said the decline was mostly a technical correction of the earlier rises in petroleum futures.

Natural gas prices were mixed with little change. Natural gas for delivery in May settled at \$1.375, down .3 cent, per 1,000 cubic feet.

Stocks retreat

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed lower Thursday as traders were torn between positive financial news and an urge to profit from the recent rally.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 5.20 to 2,999.26, but it was still the third highest close in history.

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Dollar surges

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar surged on world currency markets Thursday amid a backdrop of positive news that hinted the U.S. economy might be poised to emerge from recession.

Gold prices fell worldwide. On the New York Commodity Exchange, gold bullion for current delivery declined \$3.90 a troy ounce to settle at \$357.90.

In earlier Tokyo trading, the dollar rose 1.30 yen to a closing 136.27 yen.

In London, the British pound fell to \$1.7715 from \$1.7835 late Wednesday.

Gold fell in London to a late bid price of \$358.50 a troy ounce, from \$360.80 bid per ounce late Wednesday.

Silver prices also lost ground. On New York's Comex, silver bullion for current delivery settled at \$3.939 a troy ounce, down from \$4.087 on Wednesday.

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Jobless-benefit claims plunge

Some economists believe end of recession is at hand

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported Thursday that the number of people filing initial claims for unemployment benefits plunged for a second straight week in early April, leading some economists to declare the end of the recession is at hand.

The Labor Department said new applications for jobless benefits fell by 22,000 in the week ending April 6 after a drop of 70,000 a week earlier.

The two consecutive drops pushed total for initial claims downward to a seasonally adjusted 451,000 for the first week in April. Initial claims had been above the half-million mark for three consecutive weeks earlier in March, their highest level since the 1981-82 recession was drawing to a close.

Economists had been looking for claims to rise again for the first week of April. They said the two consecutive weekly declines was the strongest indication yet that the current recession could soon be over.

"We have had a clear change in momentum on unem-

ployment. If we can hold at this level for a week or two, I would be prepared to say this recession is over," said David Rolley, senior financial economist at DRI-McGraw Hill.

In other good economic news Thursday, the Commerce Department said that America's trade deficit plunged 25.5 percent in February to \$5.33 billion, the smallest monthly imbalance in more than seven years.

The trade improvement reflected a big drop in the country's foreign oil bill as the average price per barrel fell by 19 percent. But the improvement also showed that U.S. exports, while down slightly, were holding near all-time highs.

The Bush administration hailed the trade report as evidence that strong foreign demand was lessening the severity of the U.S. downturn and hastening its end.

In a third encouraging report, the American Business Conference said that a survey of its member companies found them significantly more upbeat about the future

than they had been a month earlier. The business executives reported stronger sales, higher profit margins and larger investment outlays in April than in March.

"This survey gives further evidence that the recent recession has bottomed out and that recovery is on the way," said Barry Rogstad, president of the Business Conference, which represents 100 of the country's fastest growing companies.

Jobless claims are one of 11 key business barometers included in the government's main forecasting gauge, the Index of Leading Economic Indicators. Analysts said that in past recessions, a drop in jobless claims has signalled that the recession will be ending in one to two months.

Analysts cautioned that the jobless claims report can be extremely volatile from week to week, but they said if coming weeks confirm the two drops already report-

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Why on earth send cards?

It's time to send Earth Day cards to make sure friends and community leaders observe Earth Day on Monday. Michael Apollo checks over the industry's only line of Earth Day Cards, from Recycled Paper Products Inc., Chicago.

Delta, Pan Am talk merger

NEW YORK (AP) — Officials of Pan American World Airways and Delta Air Lines are discussing a possible merger, an airline official said today.

Confirming a report in The Wall Street Journal, the official said Delta officials met with Pan Am Chairman Thomas Plaskett Wednesday at Pan Am headquarters to discuss a move that would broaden Delta's area of operation while saving Pan Am from liquidation. The official spoke on condition neither he nor his airline be identified.

Delta is the nation's third largest carrier, and Pan Am is the sixth largest.

Delta spokesman Neil Monroe said Del-

ta would not comment on the report. Pan Am spokeswoman Elizabeth Hlinko said Pan Am had no comment this morning.

Pan Am, one of the oldest and best-known names in the airline business, has been operating under federal bankruptcy law protection since January because of tremendous debts, high costs and a dropoff in business.

Delta requested the meeting with top Pan Am management to examine financial data, the airline official said today. He said Delta officials met last week with

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Poll: Americans see Japan's competition as major problem

NEW YORK (AP) — Nine of 10 Americans see economic competition from Japan as an important problem for the United States, an Associated Press poll found.

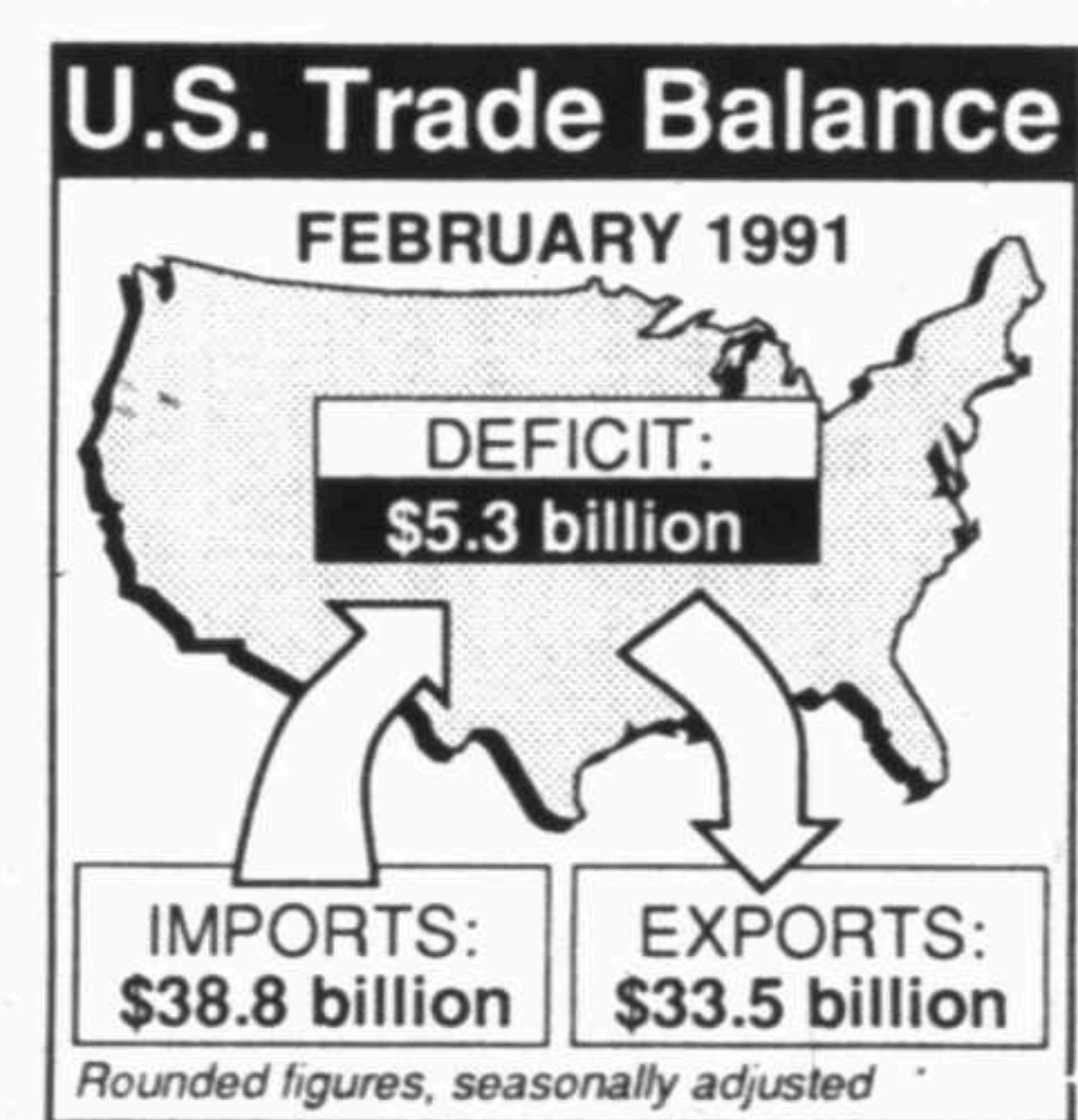
The poll found Americans pessimistic about foreign business competition though the Commerce Department reported Thursday that the difference between the nation's exports and imports shrank in February to the smallest level in more than seven years.

Three of four Americans questioned in the poll at the end of March said they think U.S. businesses lost ground to imports in the past year. Only 15 percent said U.S. businesses gained ground.

The telephone poll of 1,006 adults was taken for the AP by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa. Overall results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

On the question about economic competition from Japan, 56 percent said it is a very important problem, 34 percent rated it somewhat important and 8 percent not important.

The Commerce Department report said that in February, 60 percent of the country's \$5.33 billion merchandise trade deficit occurred with Japan. For 1990, the U.S. deficit in trade with Japan amounted to \$41 billion, which was down \$8 billion from 1989. In contrast, the trade deficit with Germany was up from



\$7.95 billion in 1989 to \$9.4 billion last year.

Yet only 14 percent in the poll said economic competition from Germany was very important; 44 percent said somewhat important and 35 percent not important.

Media coverage of the two economic powerhouses could account for the difference in public perception, said Jay Schmiedeskamp, an economist who is an analyst at the Gallup Organization.

"There's been an enormous amount of press about competition from Japan," he

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Mosbacher begins campaign blitz for free-trade agreement

By Mark Smith
Hearst News Service

MEXICO CITY — U.S. Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher has told Mexican press and business leaders that the alternative to a North American free-trade agreement "would be unthinkable."

Mosbacher, here Wednesday to begin a three-day, six-city campaign blitz for a proposed trilateral free trade agreement involving the United States, Canada and Mexico, said "a vocal minority" oppose the elimination of trade barriers.

During his Mexican campaign swing, Mosbacher will be accompanied by Mexican Commerce Secretary Jaime Serra Puche on stops in Merida, Veracruz, Monterrey, Chihuahua and Guadalajara. The stops include meetings with Mexican political and business leaders, along with visits to Mexican factories, including a maquiladora (twin plant) manufac-

turing plant in Chihuahua.

The commerce secretary, fighting off growing fears of U.S. unions that believe their members' jobs may be exported to Mexico, said it is necessary that President Bush be allowed fast-track authority to negotiate the trade accord without congressional interference.

Under fast-track authority, Congress would be able only to approve or disapprove a trade deal with Mexico.

If Congress fails to give fast-track authority, free trade negotiations likely would be derailed due to congressional squabbling over "each page, perhaps each paragraph," Mosbacher said.

"It would be a slow track, perhaps no track," Mosbacher said.

Later, Mosbacher added that a rejection by Congress to grant fast-track authority "would be more like shooting ourselves in the head."

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INVESTORS' GUIDE

Retirement calls for fiscal conservatism

By Bill Doyle

Q. My husband is 70. I am 65. We both retired April 1. Between us, we receive about \$1,500 a month from Social Security benefits and my husband's pension. We need to come up with another \$1,000 monthly income from our savings.

We have a total of \$157,000 in various accounts. A financial planner suggested we put all that money in mutual funds. He said we could draw out \$1,000 every month and "not to worry" if the funds went up or down, as we would be getting our money anyway.

I do not consider that advice to be in our best interests. Am I being too conservative by thinking we must keep all



Doyle

our money in government-insured savings?

A. It's wise to be conservative when retirement time rolls around. However, you are going to find out you can't easily obtain the income you need from accounts with Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. coverage. You would have to get a 7.7 percent yield on your money to clear \$1,000 per month on \$157,000.

Now that interest rates are down, very few FDIC-covered accounts pay that high. You might find it by buying certificates of deposit through one of the many securities brokerage firms that sell high-yield CDs for banks and savings and loan associations.

You can get 7.7 percent and better on U.S. Treasury securities due to mature in five years or longer. But if you put your money there and later have to sell before those securities reach maturity, you could lose money. Treasuries are a good choice only if you are certain you will hold them until they mature.

That financial planner was recommending a periodic withdrawal plan. With that arrangement, the monthly check you would receive would come, first, from dividends paid on the mutual fund shares you own and, if necessary, from redemption of some of those shares.

Unless the fund's dividend yield is higher than the withdrawal rate your capital would gradually diminish. Not many mutual funds have dividend yields of 7.7 percent or higher. If you had gone along with the planner, there is a strong possibility your mutual fund holdings would eventually reach zero. Then you would have lots of worry.

Q. I am in the 28 percent federal income tax bracket and have been advised by my accountant to get some kind of tax-free investment. Your column has never been too supportive of tax-free mutual funds. I have been investing in Treasury securities, U.S. Savings Bonds and CDs.

I recently purchased shares of such a fund. I realize I might lose principal and interest by this move. But the prospectus says the fund purchases only AAA, AA and BBB bonds. I don't plan to put a large percentage of my money in this arrangement and feel some speculation is in order to reduce my tax load. Do you agree?

A. Of course. It has been explained here that, although there is risk in tax-free mutual funds, they are suitable investments for people in high income tax brackets. You call that not "too supportive," but it's certainly not a rap against that type of fund.

Funds holding highly-rated bonds as investments run very little risk of big loss. But this column must always point out the risk that does exist.

Bill Doyle is a syndicated columnist for King Features. He welcomes written questions, but is able to provide answers only through the column.

Oil giants' profits expected to surge

DALLAS (NYT) — Big international oil companies, including Exxon, Mobil and Royal Dutch/Shell, are expected to report a surge in first-quarter profits next week, but analysts say others that operate mainly in North America are likely to be less fortunate. ARCO and Unocal, among others, will probably post modest declines, they said.

Unlike the last three months of 1990, when war fears pushed crude prices up to an average near \$30 a barrel and oil production units posted big earnings gains, profits in the exploration and production sector will probably be little changed for the first quarter from a year earlier.

Oil producers received about \$21 a barrel for their crude oil in the quarter, about the same as a year earlier.

But the Persian Gulf war's indirect impact on the global oil giants was potent because of the huge orders that Saudi officials placed with refiners to stockpile jet fuel, gasoline and other critical petroleum products before and during the war against Iraq, analysts said.

They project that overall profit gains for the big international companies will average more than 40 percent, mainly because their refining and marketing units in Europe, Singapore and Asia reaped a bonanza from military purchases.

Weather was also a factor, with colder temperatures gripping Europe, in contrast to a remarkably mild winter in most of the United States.

The weather added to a run-up in natural gas prices that was already under way in Europe. Natural gas demand and prices plunged in the United States because of the warmer weather.

Market values for global oil companies have increased nearly as much as the Standard &

Poor's industrial index, which has risen 20 percent this year.

From Jan. 1 through Wednesday, Exxon was up by 16 percent, Mobil by 17 percent and Texaco by 14 percent on the Big Board.

Meanwhile, the stocks of ARCO and Unocal, both domestic refiners, were up 7 percent apiece.

Fareed Mohamedi, senior economist at Petroleum Finance Co., a Washington consulting firm, said the Saudis had accumulated at least 300,000 barrels of jet fuel for an air campaign projected to last three months against Iraq and gasoline supplies to keep tanks and other vehicles operating for a monthlong ground war.

Saudi orders pushed the profit margins for the big oil companies' refineries in Singapore above \$20 for the equivalent of a barrel of gasoline, jet fuel and other petroleum products, compared with margins of about \$2 a barrel before the gulf crisis erupted last August.

At that time, Kuwait supplied about 4 percent of the world's refined crude products.

Michael Mayer, an analyst at Wertheim Schroder & Co., in San Francisco, said some refining and marketing units posted staggering profit margins in Europe, Japan and the Middle East and could set records for operating income in those sectors for Exxon, Mobil and Texaco.

In his view, Exxon's profits from all global operations will rise 44 percent, to \$1.40 a share, from 97 cents in last year's first quarter.

Mobil's operating income will jump by 63 percent, to \$1.63 from \$1.01, and Texaco's by 35 percent, to \$1.55 from \$1.15, he said.

George F. Friesen, an analyst at the Deutsche Bank Group, was even more bullish on Exxon and Mobil, putting Exxon's increase at

55 percent, and Mobil's at 68 percent.

Exxon sold far more refined products in Europe than in the United States last year. Combined sales in Europe and Asia provided 55 percent of its total revenues.

Mobil, with several refineries in France, Germany, the Britain, Singapore, Japan and Australia, also sells more fuels in Europe and Asia than in the United States.

Friesen projected that the profits of two other big suppliers for Europe and Asia, Royal Dutch/Shell and British Petroleum, would rise by 54 percent and 50 percent, respectively.

"The higher profits had to be expected," said Philip K. Verleger Jr., an energy specialist at the Institute for International Economics, in Washington. "It's just the ordinary functioning of the market. It's not profiteering."

The profit profile for companies that market mainly in North America is not so buoyant. Frederick P. Leuffer, senior oil analyst at C.J. Lawrence Inc., in New York, said ARCO's operating earnings for the first quarter would fall 31 percent. Gasoline price wars on the West Coast, where ARCO leads others in market share, have been hurting its refining profits.

In addition, ARCO is feeling the pinch of declining natural gas prices, which are about 20 percent lower than a year ago.

Profits from operations at Amerada Hess will be off by 38 percent, and by 9 percent at Pennzoil and 6 percent at Unocal, Leuffer said.

Chevron and Amoco should post modest increases, Leuffer and other analysts say. These companies are large oil producers abroad but not as active there in refining and marketing.

Their profit growth also was restrained in the quarter because they are large natural-gas producers.

POLL: Japan poses threat

(From 1A)

said.

Schmiedeskamp said a Gallup poll taken in October amid growing recession fears found 68 percent expected the quality of goods made in the United States to gain ground against Asian competitors.

Despite this optimism about the quality of U.S. goods, the AP poll found 75 percent of Americans believe U.S. businesses have lost ground in competing with imports.

Eighty-six percent of those questioned in the Northeast said U.S. businesses had lost ground.

Americans are split on why U.S. companies are no longer the leading producers of many goods. About half, 48 percent, say it's mainly because U.S. businesses failed to compete, but 36 percent say unfair foreign competition is more to blame.

When foreign competition is hurting an American industry,

only 28 percent favor having the government fight back. Twenty percent say the government should not get involved, and 45 percent say the best approach for the government is to act to strengthen U.S. businesses.

Having government strengthen businesses is more popular among women than men by a 51-39 percent breakdown. Government not getting involved has more appeal to men than to women, 25 percent to 15 percent.

"On all sorts of questions more women believe in governmental involvement than men do," political analyst Ethyl Klein said. "Women in general believe that the American economy is more vulnerable than men do."

Women "have to pick up the pieces when unemployment hits" the family, and they are more tuned in than men to whether their children's schooling is preparing them to earn a living, said Klein, of EDK Associates in New York.

MERGER: Deal to save Pan Am from liquidation?

(From 7C)

Pan Am's pilots union.

Pan Am pilots have reportedly been seeking a merger partner for the airline, talking with several healthy carriers.

The chairman of the Pan Am pilots, Richard Burke, was not immediately available this morning, according to a receptionist in his Miami office.

There are several obstacles to a combination of Delta and Pan Am,

including Pan Am's underfunded pension plan, its high labor costs and its leased fleet.

In addition, Pan Am is unionized while Delta is non-union except for its pilots. Delta owns most of its jets.

But the two airlines have few overlapping routes.

A merger could make Delta the largest carrier in the country, flying to more than 300 cities compared with 208 currently.

Sears nearly doubles earnings

CHICAGO (NYT) — Sears, Roebuck & Co., in a report that gave Wall Street a surprise, said Thursday that its first-quarter net income nearly doubled, to \$202.7 million, from \$106.3 million in the 1990 period.

Sears showed improvement in its troubled retailing operation, but largely because of cost cutting, not increased sales.

The net result was that while Sears was unable to produce an operating profit in its retail group, the group's operating loss narrowed nearly 50 percent, to \$35 million, from \$68 million.

Analysts called it the first encouraging earnings report in some time for Sears, which has interests

in retailing, finance and real estate.

On a per-share basis, Sears' earnings soared to 70 cents, from 28 cents after a special one-time reduction in earnings related to taxes was removed from the 1991 results. Its revenues were also up, although modestly, to \$12.88 billion from \$12.60 billion.

"The company has turned the corner," said Walter F. Loeb, a New York retail analyst.

To be sure, a large portion of the earnings increase in the first quarter came from the sale of a West Coast shopping center. The sale produced about \$65 million in after-tax earnings for Sears' Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group.

ECONOMY: Trade deficit drops 25.5 percent

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ed then the economy could begin growing again by June.

Bruce Steinberg, an economist with Merrill Lynch in New York, said he had been in the camp that believed a sustained economic recovery would not begin until fall. He said further jobless claims im-

provements would prompt him to move up the recovery timetable.

Samuel Kahan, chief economist at Fuji Securities Inc. in Chicago, said that the drop in jobless claims, along with the big jump in stock prices, a rebound in consumer confidence following the end of the Persian Gulf War and lower interest rates, were all pointing toward a recovery.

The Bush administration has adopted a similar position, forecasting that the downturn will be over sometime in the April-June quarter with unemployment topping out at 7 percent. The jobless rate is already very close to that level, hitting a 4½-year high of 6.8 percent in March.

The bond market reacted negatively to the second weekly drop

in jobless claims, with the yield on 30-year bonds rising as investors expressed a belief that signs of an improving economy will put further interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve on hold.

"The numbers are telling us that there is a recovery coming and the Federal Reserve is likely to stay put and not lower interest rates further," Kahan said.

MOSBACHER: Three-day, six-city blitz begins

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"If it (the U.S. Congress) turns this economic agreement down, the United States will lose its economic leadership completely," said Mosbacher, speaking Wednesday before more than 100 cheering Mexican business leaders.

Mosbacher earlier said that he had "an excellent" 45-minute meeting with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari at Los Pinos, the Mexican equivalent of the White House. Although Mosbacher failed to give further details about the meeting, Commerce Department officials said

that the private meeting was designed to update Salinas on details surrounding the agreement and to help plot strategy to ensure fast-track authority.

Salinas last week completed a weeklong, eight-city Canadian-U.S. trip to promoting a free trade agreement that included meetings with Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Mosbacher said a free trade agreement is needed to allow North America to compete with the European Community, planned for integration in 1992, and the growing economic strength of Japan and the Pacific

Rim trading bloc.

Such free trade blocs, Mosbacher said, are "the wave of the future. If we want to get with the game, we better get with it."

Mosbacher said, "The advantages are many in doing it, the disadvantages are unthinkable in not doing it."

Opponents of a free trade agreement fear that American companies will move south of the border at a cost of thousands of jobs to take advantage of cheap labor and lax environmental laws.

Mosbacher charged that many of the unions and lawmakers have resorted to "scare tactics" to block the agreement.

The vote in over whether to grant fast-track authority is "very, very close" in both the Senate and House of Representatives, Mosbacher said.

Administration officials have said they would abandon the proposal if Congress refuses by June 1

to grant fast-track authority.

Serra Puche said an agreement will allow businesses "clear and permanent regulations" and "stable markets" when conducting business in North America.

But he cautioned that a free trade agreement is "not a panacea to solve all of Mexico's economic problems."

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Trade commission ends FNN-CNBC merger probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission on Thursday closed an antitrust investigation of the proposed acquisition of Financial News Network by its main rival without filing any objections to such a deal.

But the outcome of the fight for control of FNN remained in doubt.

A bankruptcy judge had accepted a \$115 million offer for FNN from NBC's rival Consumer News and Business Channel pending FTC approval.

The judge also disqualified a competing bid from a partnership of Dow Jones & Co. Inc. and the Group W Satellite Communications division of Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.

But on Wednesday, a federal court overturned that ruling and ordered the bankruptcy court to consider both bids to determine which is in the best interest of FNN, creditors and shareholders.

The FTC had asked the bankruptcy court in March to withhold final approval of the merger until the commission had completed its review.

At the time, the commission told the bankruptcy court the proposed transaction "would eliminate CNBC's only competitor" in 24-hour financial and business programming.

Thursday's commission action closing the case came on a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Andrew J. Strenio Jr. dissenting.

Strenio and Commissioner Mary L. Azcuenaga said they would have supported a motion authorizing the commission staff to seek a preliminary injunction blocking the investigation.

Azcuenaga voted to close the investigation after it became apparent there was not majority support for a preliminary injunction.

CNBC agreed in February to buy FNN for \$105 million, topping a bid from the Dow-Westinghouse partnership of \$90 million. FNN's

parent, Financial News Network Inc., sought protection of the bankruptcy court on March 1.

The Dow-Westinghouse partnership subsequently raised its offer to \$115 million, but its bid was disqualified by the bankruptcy judge because the partners refused to keep it open until May 31 as CNBC offered.

CNBC raised its bid to \$115 million after unsecured creditors complained the judge had not selected the best offer available.

The FTC's decision was welcomed by CNBC.

Tom Rogers, president of NBC Cable and business development, said, "We look forward to an early closing of this transaction and the opportunity to provide strengthened programming for viewers."

Peter Skinner, senior vice president for Dow Jones, said, "We are disappointed. We thought the federal antitrust enforcers would see the obvious."

CNBC plans to merge FNN and CNBC into a single network if it buys FNN. The Dow-Westinghouse partnership would operate FNN as a competitor to CNBC.

Skinner said the partnership is still considering filing a private lawsuit challenging any FNN-CNBC deal on antitrust grounds although no decision had yet been made.

Financial News Network's biggest shareholder is Infotechnology Inc., which owns a 46 percent stake in FNN. Infotechnology also owns 97 percent of financially troubled United Press International, which is also up for sale.

Its chief executive officer, Pieter VanBennekum, told the news service's staff in a memorandum Thursday: "I am more confident now than at any time in the recent past that the corporate future of UPI can be resolved" in time to avoid liquidation.

He declined to give details, but said "a deal inspiring the confidence of everyone inside and outside UPI may be at our fingertips."

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Group: China misuses labor

WASHINGTON — China makes systematic use of forced labor to produce items for export to the United States in violation of U.S. law, a human rights group charged Thursday.

Asia Watch, a New York-based rights group, called on the Bush administration to apply the law against China by prohibiting the entry of these products. Such goods also are sent to West Germany and Japan, it said.

The allegations of use of forced labor by China have circulated for years and are now the subject of an investigation by the U.S. Customs Service. The importation of prison-made goods has been prohibited for 60 years.

Asia Watch said in a report that official articles, with limited distribution and obtained from Chinese sources, demonstrate that forced labor is official Chinese government policy and is not carried out on an ad hoc basis.

Kuwait offers fares

KUWAIT CITY — As the Kuwaiti government prepares for an influx of exiles returning home from abroad, the government has decided to offer free air tickets back to Kuwait for all exiles from May 12 to June 12.

The government has also announced that all personal loans are to be forgiven, a sum estimated at about \$5.3 billion. This latest decree would be a severe blow to Kuwait's financial institutions, according to bankers here.

People here regard the two policies as attempts to win the allegiance of the exiles, thought to number around 600,000, returning to a ruined land where electricity, water, and local phone service have been restored, at least to some degree. But medical services are rudimentary, schools remain closed, work places in shambles, and public security precarious.

450,000 emigrated

MOSCOW — The Soviet Interior Ministry has released figures showing that 452,000 people emigrated from the Soviet Union last year, the Tass news agency said Thursday.

About one-fourth of the emigrants, 103,600, came from the populous Russian Federation, while the smallest number was from the tiny republic of Estonia, where 892 people left to live elsewhere, Tass said.

According to the ministry figures, nearly 60 percent of the emigrants went to Israel, where Jews automatically gain citizenship.

Almost a third of the emigrants went to Germany, while only 2.9 percent went to the United States, Tass said.

Groups protest BBQ

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Plans for what is believed to be the world's first giraffe barbecue have drawn protests from animal rights groups, according to a report Thursday.

The Star newspaper said a social group called Die Afrikaanse Klub plans to roast a 2,800 pound giraffe on a six-yard long spit on May 4. It said it would take 20 hours to cook the animal.

Charles Harper, chairman of the club, said there was strong interest in the event and that the club had already sold 300 tickets at \$40 each.

Several animal rights groups denounced the plan. The groups said it was irresponsible to kill a wild animal as "a gimmick."

But a spokeswoman for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said the barbecue was not illegal since giraffes are not on the endangered animal list. The society said it was no worse than slaughtering a cow or a sheep.

Spanish poet dies

MADRID, Spain — Gabriel Celaya, the post-Civil War poet who became a leader of literary protest against the right-wing dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco, died Thursday in a Madrid hospital. He was 80.

Celaya, who suffered for years from arteriosclerosis, died of cardiac arrest after a bout of internal bleeding, said a statement issued by Gregorio Marañon Hospital. He had been hospitalized since April 3.

Originally known for his lyric poetry, Celaya gained fame as a leader of protest poets in the 1950s and 1960s.

His essays on poets and poetry also strongly influenced younger poets, especially his key work "Exploracion de la Poesia," ("An Exploration of Poetry") in 1964.

His most widely known poem, "Poetry is a Weapon Loaded with the Future," served as a rallying call and inspiration for poets.



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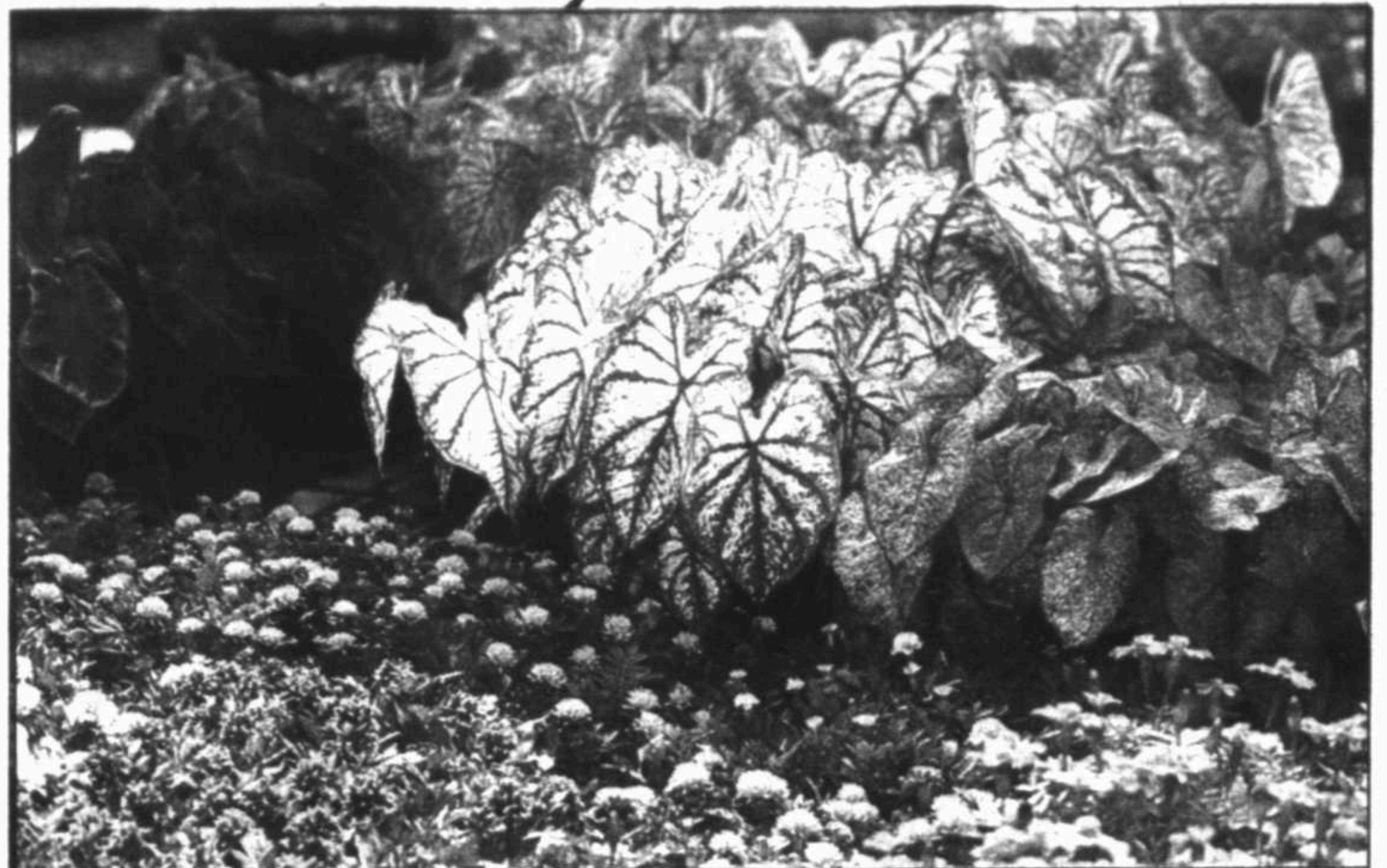
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U.S.-Soviet team tracks 'the greatest cats on earth'

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FROSTBURG, Md. — Siberian tigers, the greatest and most mysterious of the great cats, may vanish from their snowy home in the next few decades.

U.S. and Soviet scientists are about to embark on an unprecedented project to keep that from happening.

It will blend the divergent expertise of the two superpowers in their first joint study of Siberian tigers in the wild. The Soviets are unparalleled in their ability to track the huge beasts in the deep snows of the Soviet Far East. To this the Americans will add tranquilizing techniques, sophisticated telemetry for monitoring the animals, and computerized data-processing programs.

After three years of study, the experts say, only tigers in zoos will ever have been watched so closely. Intimate details of the Siberians' lives will, it is hoped, become clear for the first time: how far they roam, what they eat, where they live, how they mate.

"Ultimately, the measure of our ecological conscience, of our attitude toward the natural world, will be how many of these animals — and others — are allowed to live in their natural state," says Howard B. Quigley of Frostburg State University, a wildlife ecologist who is one of the two American leaders of the project.

Quigley estimates the number of Siberian tigers surviving in the wild at 200 to 700. Nobody knows for sure. All of them live in wooded areas in a small region where southeastern Russia, northeastern China and North Korea come together. Quigley thinks there are about 450 tigers in the Soviet Union and much smaller numbers in the other two countries.

The other key American on the project is Maurice G. Hornocker, director of the Wildlife Research Institute in Moscow, Idaho, and an authority on all kinds of cats.

"It's the same story that many of the big carnivores face the world around — shrinking habitat, more and more people," he says.

Endangered though they are in the wild, Siberian tigers breed well in captivity. A leader in research on the captive animals is biochemist Ulysses S. Seal of the Minnesota Zoological Gardens. He says that captive Siberian tigers now total 700 to 1,000, of which about 225 are in U.S. zoos.

But Seal and all other tiger experts emphatically draw the line between animals in captivity and animals in their natural habitat.

"The problem is, if you look at captive breeding as an alternative to habitat protection, you might as well shut off the lights right now," Whitney Tilt of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has said.

"The time you can call captive breeding a success is not when you get your first baby born, but when you can get animals back into the wild."

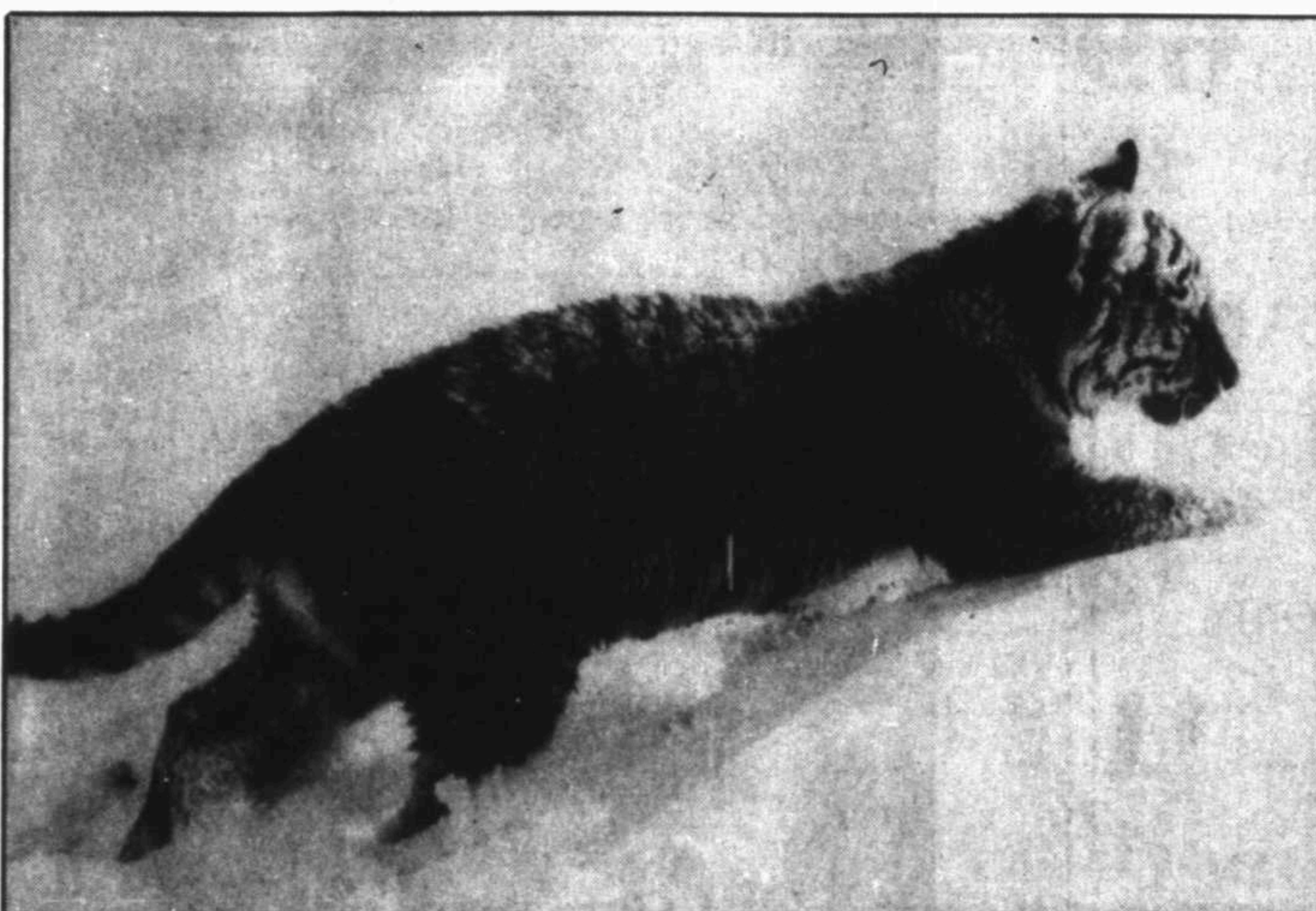
The foundation and the National Geographic Society are supporting the U.S.-Soviet project, the first year-round study of Siberian tigers.

Starting next December, the Americans and Soviets will begin work in the 1,329-square-mile Shikote-Alin Biosphere Reserve, home of perhaps 20 tigers, north of Vladivostok. Quigley says he expects to capture most of them with snares.

Quigley's wife, Kathy, a veterinarian, will tranquilize the animals with darts, weigh them, draw blood samples and collect other



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This relaxed Siberian tiger, above, at the San Diego Zoo sizes up visitors. Endangered in the wild, Siberians breed well in captivity. Zoo populations are estimated at up to 1,000 worldwide, including about 225 in this country. This young tigress, left, in the Soviet Far East is well protected against the elements with long heavy coat and thick fur pads on her paws. The few hundred remaining wild Siberian cats live only in southeastern Russia, northeastern China and North Korea.

vital medical data.

Then the tigers, wearing new American-made radio-transmitting collars, will be set free. For at least the next three years, the collars will enable researchers to keep track of the cats and to record previously unknown information.

What is already known is that Siberians, the biggest of all tigers, are loners, like their smaller relatives. In captivity they may grow to more than 800 pounds, although some experts think they seldom weigh much more than 500 pounds in the forest. In Russia, their favorite prey is wild pigs.

Besides their immense size, Siberians differ from other tiger subspecies because of their long, heavy coat and their broad, fur-padded paws, which make travel in snow easier.

Tigers don't purr. When angry or attacked, they roar — an earth-vibrating explosion.

Ronald L. Tilson, a Siberian-tiger expert at the Minnesota Zoo, tells of a zoo board member who was standing near the cage of a large, hostile Siberian that simultaneously roared and threw itself against the bars.

"I swear to God, I thought this guy was going into cardiac arrest," Tilson says. "I really thought I'd lost him."

Such sounds, conservationists say, are an integral part of nature. Unless something is done to save Siberian tigers, say Hornocker and Quigley, the animals and their sounds may disappear from the wild.

Then the woods would be silent — with no more paw tracks in the snow.

Wild animals ill-suited as urban neighbors

By Pat Durkin

National Geographic

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — When the creek rose almost to the patio and the mosquitoes began to drive his family crazy, Albert McJoynt decided he'd had enough.

He called in a trapper to exterminate the beavers that were homesteading in his suburban back yard.

"It pained me to do that. We love wildlife," says McJoynt, who moved into this wooded neighborhood outside Washington, D.C., 12 years ago. "But when animals start destroying your house, you have to do something."

McJoynt is one of a growing legion of suburban homeowners who complain that nature is squeezing a bit closer to their neighborhoods than they'd like.

Residents of Princeton, N.J., will decide soon whether to decrease the town's overgrown deer herd. The animals wander through residential areas, browsing on valuable bushes and trees. They've caused hundreds of automobile accidents.

Controlling mountain lions will be the subject of a symposium April 24-26 in Denver. The slopes surrounding some Western mountain communities are bristling with cougars, some of which slink into back yards to stalk pets — and occasionally people. Earlier this year a mountain lion killed a jogger in Idaho Springs, Colo.

Wildlife invasions of suburbia usually aren't that traumatic, but they are becoming more common. Wildlife biologists explain the trend as an animal housing problem that will only grow worse with increasing development.

Every year the United States loses 1.5 million acres of natural lands. Since the turn of the century, 90 percent of the nation's wetlands have been paved or drained.

Many bird and animal species have dwindled or disappeared. But Canada geese, white-tailed deer, beavers, coyotes, armadillos and about a dozen other animals are setting up housekeeping in America's back yards and pocket parks.

"The most adaptable species establish themselves in the suburbs," Lowell W. Adams, a research biologist for the National Institute for Urban Wildlife, tells National Geographic.

Metropolitan America has welcomed them. Hundreds of communities have set aside areas for wildlife. In the past three years, the wildlife institute has helped 65 organizations set up comprehensive in-town animal refuges.

Individual homeowners have joined in. The National Wildlife Federation receives hundreds of requests a week for its pamphlet on creating a backyard wildlife habitat. Feeding wild birds has become a billion-dollar-a-year business.

So hospitable is the suburban environment that some species fare better there than in the wild. One



Veronica Morrison/National Geographic Society

study found that Washington, D.C., has the country's densest known population of raccoons.

But success breeds its own problems. With plenty of food, water and cover to sustain them, animals flourish and multiply — sometimes with a vengeance.

Colorado's mountain-lion population, for example, has quadrupled in 25 years. Princeton's deer herd is six times the size it was two decades ago. In some creeks and rivers outside Washington, proliferating beaver colonies have built dams 50 feet wide.

Burrowing armadillos have churned up lawns throughout the South. Geese and ducks have fouled community ponds in almost every state. Coyotes have rebounded widely, reviving their image as varmints by snatching pets. A child was killed by a coyote in Glendale, Calif., 10 years ago.

Close encounters inspire some remarkably tolerant reactions. A majority of Americans surveyed say they appreciate having wildlife within a mile of their homes.

Coexistence is the animal-control official's way of walking the tricky line between tolerant public opin-

ion and frustrated homeowners who want animal pests removed immediately. Callers are told how to live around nuisance animals by using physical barriers or non-chemical repellents such as hot pepper sauce.

"Animal populations will always outgrow habitat," says Bobby R. Acord, chief of the U.S. Agriculture Department's animal-control division. "Communities must start looking ahead to how they'll handle it when it happens — and that may involve lethal control."

But as a final solution, even lethal control has its limitations, as Albert McJoynt learned in Alexandria.

When neighbor John Travers, an animal-rights advocate, heard that beavers were being killed in the creek, he vowed to put a stop to it.

He kept removing the killing traps until the trapper took him to court. When the court ordered Travers to desist, he slept by day so that he could spend nights by the creek, shunting the animals away from the traps with a long pole.



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Fairfax County, Va., game warden Diane Cook, above, releases a red fox some distance from the suburban neighborhood it was captured. Raccoons have taken over the cat dishes, left, at another suburban home near Washington, D.C., where one study found the densest concentrations of raccoons.

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Bobby R. Acord, USDA animal-control

The feud finally ended when Travers trapped the last remaining beaver alive and transported it to a secret location. But Travers and McJoynt know that they'll probably tangle again.

"This is a prime beaver location. There'll be more," says Travers. "But killing them is not the way we're going to deal with it."

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P.O. Box 80130
Midland, Texas 79709
Attn: Ray

Medical Help Wanted

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NEED RN DON. Wages competitive in this area. Benefits include paid vacation, 7 paid holidays. Seminole Nursing Center, 1-758-9401 ask for administrator.

PHLEBOTOMIST- Part-time mornings, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., Monday-Friday. Send resumes to: Box E-11 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

NURSE III (HF) THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH is accepting applications for Nurse III (Health Facilities) headquartered in Midland to work in the Long Term Care Unit. Performs professional nursing services for the Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASARR) Program. Requires license as RN in Texas plus 5 years of full-time paid experience as a practicing registered nurse, in a hospital, institutional health care facility, home health nursing, or surveying health care facilities for licensing and/or certification. Position requires year of MI or MR experience. Must provide own transportation. Approximately 50-60% travel required. Normal working hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., but additional hours are occasionally required. Salary: \$2,251/month plus excellent benefits. For additional qualifying options and applications, Contact: Brenda McCoy (915) 779-8029 AA/EOE

AMERICAN Manor has an immediate opening for a licensed physical therapy assistant to work in the West Texas area. Contact Deborah Jones, 1-263-7633.

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LVN CHARGE NURSES Share with us the satisfaction of caring for those who used to care for us. We need 2 caring professionals for the 2-10 shift.

Call the DON or Administrator.
Terrace West Nursing Center
2800 N. Midland Dr.
697-3108

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WANTED Distributor for the Midland Reporter-Telegram in North-east Midland & High Sky Childrens Ranch area.

Some of the Advantages are:

- Excellent part-time income
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- Self-employment
- Early Morning Hours
- Gain valuable experience in one of the largest industries in America

Start earning money immediately. Will train. Must have economical vehicle and be bondable.

Call Marvin at 682-5311 after 5 & weekend call 687-8810

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OFFICE ASSISTANT Needed for client company. Job requires heavy data entry, bank deposits, accounts receivable, and posting payments. Good phone skills and professional appearance also required. Could be career opportunity for the right person. Pay rate is \$5.75. Call Temporary Resources for more information at 684-0527.

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EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK needed for busy insurance agency. Computer knowledge necessary. Lotus 1-2-3 helpful. Please send resumes and salary requirements to: BOX D-12, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

V.I.P. TEMPORARIES. Call for Temp. or permanent jobs available now! No Fees. 686-9722.

We Need WORD PROCESSORS TEMP TIME 687-1545

PART TIME Secretary, Word Perfect 5.0 or 5.1, Two 1/2 days per week. 699-4441.

WORDPROCESSOR/Transcriptionist with good grammar skills. The ideal candidate will need working knowledge of medical terminology and be willing to learn more. Must type 75 words per minute. WordPerfect experience a plus. 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 3383 Midland, TX 79704.

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ENTRY LEVEL SALES Need someone to learn all aspects of our business. Must be able to make decisions, be of good moral character and eager to learn. Will be involved in all areas of sales and service. Sales experience preferred, but not necessary. I am looking for Aptitudes and personality. Many company benefits available. Unlimited potential for someone determined and hard working. Call Jess Upham 915-687-2021 Equal opportunity Employer M/FH

IDS Financial Services Inc., an American Express company is Hiring & training financial planners: salary, commission, plus benefits. Call 685-3889. EOE M/F

NATIONAL Company has 2 openings in Midland. Must be - Skip tracers. Must have experience. Apply Bidco Corporation, 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

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SALES Help Wanted

TELEPHONE Ticket Sales for statewide fraternal organization. Experience and a good strong voice a plus. Day and evening hours available. Minimum \$7 per hour. 682-0014.

SHOE SALES Need experienced children's shoe sales person. Apply at Buster Brown, 10288 Andrews Highway, Monday - Friday, 10 am - 6 pm. 694-3255.

TELEPHONE FUND RAISERS needed. Solid local organization, full or part time, hourly or commission. Will train. Management possibilities. Contact Don between 1 - 4, Monday - Friday. 682-1247.

EDUCATIONAL SALES Management Trainee Salary & Commissions Bonus & Benefits

Send resume to: 3211 Lockheed Midland, Tx 79701

NEEDED Immediately Dental Supply Sales Person for local and surrounding areas. Experience preferred. Straight commission. Send resume to: Shaver Dental, 3911 Kill, Suite B, Wichita Falls, TX 76080.

DO YOU want to be the best? Then we need you! Need highly motivated Sales people. High commission and good benefits. No experience necessary. Will train. Apply in person only, 2510 E. 8th, Odessa. Sun Chrysler Plymouth Dodge

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ACCOUNT REP Leading information Services Company that specializes in sales of networks, fiber optic installation, and computer related products, has an opening for experienced major accounts sales rep for West Texas and New Mexico. Liberal commissions plus travel expenses. Send resume to: Computer Technology Assoc. 1901 E. 37th St., Suite 202 Odessa, TX 79762.

No Walk-ins. No calls.

SALESPERSON Needed for established local company. Knowledge of personal computer, networks, and oil and gas accounting is helpful but not required. Moderate monthly base plus commission. Potential annual income of \$60,000 is expected. Submit resumes to BOX D-15 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

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Midland, Texas 79705
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SALES Help Wanted

MAKE Extra income selling hair & skin care products from your home part-time. 694-4316.

320 Sales Help Wanted SALES PERSONS DREAM SELL A NECESSITY If you can provide us with the sales to close sales. We will provide: Excellent training Qualified Appointments 30,000 to 50,000 annual income Group Life & Health Insurance Dental Insurance Stock Options Retirement Plan Cash Bonus Advancement Opportunities We are service corporation inter- national. The leading sales organi- zation in the cemetery/funeral industry. If you would enjoy help- ing people and at the same time earn above average income. Please call: 684-5462 For Personal Interview CARPET SALES REP needed for Midland area. Great opportunity. Will train. Call 915-387-5700.	340 Child Care BABYSITTING in my home, meals provided. Northridge. References. Call 685-1834, 8:30 am - 12 noon. NEED non-smoking Christian to care for my children in my home. Call 686-7870. FORMER TEACHER would like to take care of your child while you work. Would also pick up Em- erson school kids. Neat activities, hot meals, snacks. 697-5670. LIMITED. Careful, Experienced. Learning Child Care. My North- west home/years. Any hour 1/2 day. References. Reasonable. 697-8768. I will care for infants in my home. Experienced and regis- tered. Call Sharon at 694-0765. REASONABLE. loving Christian child care. Loop 250 and Gar- field. 0-3 years. Call 686-0921. BABY sitting in my home. \$4.00 a week, between Midland/Odessa. Call 561-5240. NOW OPEN: Rainbow Christian Day Care. Hourly, 7:30 - 3:30 weekdays. Transportation to and from school. 1009 W. Mis- souri. 683-5161. WILL BABYSIT in my home, any hours, any ages. Experienced. Reasonable rates. Please call 682-4235. DEPENDABLE MOTHER will keep children in my home, 7:30 - 5:30. Trained in CPR. 699-3008. BABYSITTING in my home Mon- day - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. to 6 year-olds. Have references. 684-3259	350 Business Opportunities MAKE approximately \$200 a day. No investment required. Need person 21 or older, club civic group to operate a family fireworks stand. June 24-July 4. Call 1-800-442-7711. REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY. Get your real estate license quick- ly! Short state accredited courses. Southwest College. 683-4555. WESTERN Schools is offering classes to obtain/upgrade your real estate license, locally owned. 682-4045. OPPORTUNITY to become finan- cially independent in one to three years. Low capital. We will train. 694-4316. RETAIL GARDEN Center/Plant Nursery. On 2 acres in Northwest Midland. Great profit potential in a nearly recession proof business requiring a considerable cash in- vestment. Prime real estate, fix- tures, equipment, and inventory included in this offering. Call Pen- ny Wilhite, Langston Realtors. 682-9423. CAREER Burnout? Get the facts on a serious alternative. 24 hour recorded message (915) 560- 5234. FREE One Hour Audio Cassette Tape. Hear one man's experience in changing careers. The better. Call recorded message. 560-5282. VENDING ROUTE. Your answer to extra income. Must sell. High traffic locations. Up to \$1,000 per week, income possible. 1-800-822-2466. Safe & Secure Business. Own GTE pay Telephones. Call NEIL 1-800-741-2051. LARGE Local Vending Route for sale. Repeat business, secure lo- cation. Above average income. 800-940-8883. SNOW GLOBE Stand, all equip- ment included. \$12 skid mount with air conditioner. \$3,500. 697-4463. YUM YUM Shop. Drive Thru baked sweets, drinks, sandwiches, ice cream, cones, GREAT Po- tential - Very low price. 390 N. Midland Dr. (located next to Kmart) 699-1121 or 684-3994. FOR SALE. DOWNTOWN MID- LAND snack bar and Sandwich Shop. Doing good business. Can be one person operation. Very reasonably priced. Call 689- 0600. "UNDER COVER WEAR" Home Linen Party Plan Become an agent and receive \$400 in free linen to start your own business. Good through April only. CALL 687-4531 for details. MEDICAL BILLING Opportunity to qualify as a li- censed medical biller. 22 annual medical claims processing for medical practitioners. \$30,000 PART TIME TO OVER \$8,000 FULL TIME. COMPANY TRAIN- ING! Initial capital required. \$5,000 plus PC. For information by mail, call (702)352-4420 (24 hours).	405 Garage/Yard Sales GARAGE SALE. 4603 Versailles (in back). Saturday Only. 8 - 3 lots of miscellaneous items. 2600 NORTHROP. plants, TVs, jewelry, baby and adult clothes all sizes, chairs, and miscellaneous. ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ GARAGE SALE 3210 Seminole Dr. Saturday 7am - 7pm ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ FOUR FAMILY SALE. Saturday. 8:30 am - 7:45 pm. West Illinois Ave. Three sofas, two beds, chair, car, wardrobe, bass guitar, stereo component, electronics, base- ball cards, vacuum cleaner, clothes and more. TWO FAMILY GARAGE SALE. Books, clothes, Avon, jewelry, lots of miscellaneous. Friday and Sat- urday. 8 - 3. 416 Stonybrook Ave. Some antiques, furniture, crystal and miscellaneous. 9 am. Sat- urday. 608 West Cowden. ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ 1800 NORTH "H" Household furniture, pool equip- ment, pictures, guitars, books, jewelry, clothes, flower arrange- ments, lots of miscellaneous. Saturday - Sunday, 8 am - 6 pm ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ MOVING SALE 1500 DOUGLAS Items will be shown this Sunday Sectional family room suit, rug, car, \$500. 6 piece living room pit group includes recliners, \$600. 2 recliners, 1 beige, 1 light green, \$80 each. Sofa and navy blue, \$160. 5 piece bedroom suit, \$400. Henderson sofa, \$600. 2 side chairs, \$250 each. Queen Anne chair, light blue, \$75. Oriental rug, dining room set, (with china cabinet, table, 6 chairs), \$1,750. Call 694-4077, days, or evenings. 683-4703. ALLEY OF 4406 Wilshire and Thomas Dr. 8 am, Friday and Sat- urday. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Lawn mowers, 1 hp electric mowers, lawnmowers, 1 hp electric mowers, tools, compressor and household items. 4608 W. STOREY. Friday and Saturday. 9:00 AM. Upright piano, furniture, western books, pool supplies, Army gear, miscellaneous. MOVING. 2801 Shanks (Loop 250 in Skyway addition). Sat- urday. 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM. King- size bed, frame, brand new King size bed, trundle beds, TV, fax machine, woodburning stove. 4306 COUNTRY CLUB. Saturday Only. 8 - 1. TV, bookshelves, wa- ter, lawn mower, 12 clothes plus lots of miscellaneous. GARAGE SALE - Friday & Sat- urday. 1805 Garfield. Beautiful re- frigerator, lots of house paint, lots of miscellaneous. ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ CLUBS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE 2404 Stanolind Saturday (April 20) only 8:30 - 4:00 Exercise bicycle, food processor, milk glass, other decorative and household items, clothing, more. ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ SATURDAY ONLY! 301 S. Dew- berry. Boys clothes, linens, typewriters, lamps, Vision Cookware, and more. 2500 GOLF. SATURDAY ONLY. 8 am - 2 pm. Children's clothes, toys, maternity clothes, twin beds, hide- a-bed couch, artificial Christmas tree, TV, many household items, NO CASH. ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ LARGE GARAGE SALE IN ODESSA Lots of baby clothes (some never worn), brand new Fisher Price high chair (never used), lots of la- dies clothes, 22 annuals, 22 an- nals, 22 annuals, 22 annuals, 22 large beds, 22 annuals, 22 annuals, 4716 KIRKWA. 3807 MERRILL (off Garfield in Odessa) SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 8 AM 3517 STANOLIND, SATURDAY ONLY. 8 am - 5 pm. Baby, little girl's clothes, adult clothing, miscel- laneous household. 1407 W. LOUISIANA, SATUR- DAY & SUNDAY, 3-FAMILY SALE, clothes, furniture, knick- knacks, books, sheets, quilts, and more. MOVING SALE. 5111 TEAK- WOOD TRACE, Saturday 9 am - 3 pm. Household goods, linens, golf bag, etc. SATURDAY 9 am, 4506 Neely. Tires, camping equipment, kitchen items, clothing, other, fragrances, and more. MOVING SALE. 5111 TEAK- WOOD TRACE, Saturday 9 am - 3 pm. 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