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Midland music teacher Joy Finley recently was named the Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Texas Music Teachers Association./1B



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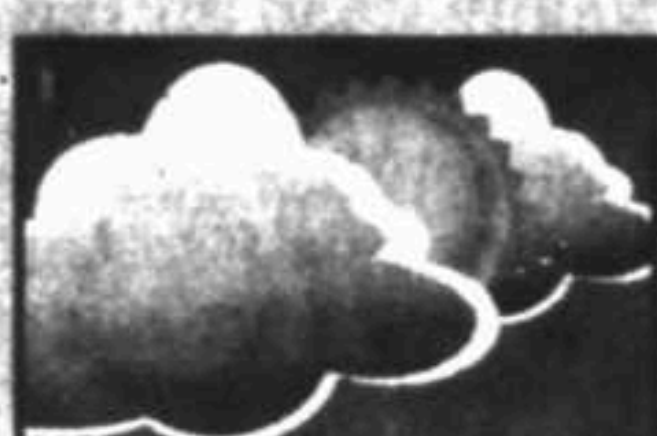
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PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland — Northern Ireland's two-century-old Protestant fraternity launched a "battle of wille" Sunday with British security forces who blocked them from parading through this town's main Catholic neighborhood.

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Early violence

NEW ORLEANS — Madeline Fennell has been hit, kicked and spit at as a teacher in a public school in Omaha, Neb. One pupil tried to bite her. "Luckily, I moved faster than he did," Fennell said. Her assailants were first graders. An outbreak of shootings by troubled high-schoolers and middle-schoolers marked the last school year. But most teachers will tell you that violent words and deeds show up as early as kindergarten.

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Clinton home

WASHINGTON — After a three-day pause to recuperate from jet lag and enjoy holiday fireworks, President Clinton shifts focus this week from China's problems back to his own — a Republican Congress that won't budge on his health and crime initiatives, the uphill battle for a Democratic majority and the continuing Monica Lewinsky investigation.

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Glaucoma care

WASHINGTON — White patients respond best to one surgical regimen for advanced glaucoma, while a different approach seems to work better for blacks, researchers for the National Institutes of Health reported Sunday. As a result, doctors are likely to start recommending different courses of treatment for blacks and whites suffering from open-angle glaucoma, the most common form of the eye disorder.

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Fire victims give thanks, pray for rain

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Diane Palmer-Pansullo has seen enough of hell lately. She went to church services Sunday for a glimpse of something better.

The Ormond Beach resident sat in the Peabody Auditorium and rocked silently, tears streaming from her eyes onto the head of her 6-month-old granddaughter. Fires drove her from her home Wednesday, and heavy smoke that has aggravated her asthma has kept her away.

"I can't take much more," she said, her voice breaking. "I needed God today of all days."

At makeshift churches around fire-weary northern Florida on Sunday, people clapped their hands and raised open palms heavenward. They clung to their Bibles and each other, giving thanks that

no one has died and hoping for an end to the firestorm that has eaten up 458,288 acres since Memorial Day.

"I see a lot of people cry," said a smiling Sam Haralampus, whose 1-year-old home in Palm Coast burned down June 6. "I lost a lot of valuable stuff. But that all can be replaced. That doesn't bother me. I keep smiling."

State officials estimate that nearly 2,000 fires have damaged or destroyed 222 homes and businesses and caused close to 100 injuries.

The total cost of fighting the fires has topped \$110 million and losses are estimated at \$276 million. More than 100,000 people had been evacuated from their homes, although many were allowed to return this weekend.

Fire officials said the intensity of the blazes had decreased, but conditions can Please see FIRES/4A

At the edge of disaster, bastions of support care for firefighters

By Ted Anthony
Associated Press

DeLAND, Fla. — Around every corner, behind every door and over every store counter, the stories just keep coming — stories of gratitude to the men and women who have come from all over to stare down an inferno.

There's the woman originally from Maine who invited all Maine firefighters to stay with her. There's the firefighter from western Florida who, try as he might, wasn't permitted to pay for a pair of boots at Wal-Mart. There's the laundry owner from nearby DeLeon Springs who

offered to wash buckets full of sooty, sweaty socks.

And there's the free eye drops and sunblock, the free bottled water and Gatorade by the truckload, the free food cooked up in every possible pot, from residents' kitchens to DeLand's most popular restaurants.

"It's the only fire I've ever fought and gained weight," joked Jacob Wilkerson, a 29-year-old DeLand firefighter who has been attacking flames since Memorial Day.

DeLand, a town at the edge of disaster. Please see SUPPORT/4A

Second cadet goes on trial in murder case

By Kelley Shannon
Associated Press

NEW BRAUNFELS — The next chapter in a grisly tale of high school sex, vengeance and death begins Monday when former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham goes on trial for capital murder.

Graham, 20, faces life in prison if he is convicted in the shooting death of 16-year-old Adrienne Jones, with whom he allegedly had sex and then helped kill at the behest of his jealous girlfriend, former Naval Academy cadet Diane Zamora.

Miss Zamora was convicted earlier this year in Fort Worth and sentenced to life in prison. At the request of the victim's family, prosecutors decided not to seek the death penalty in either case.

Jury selection in Graham's case begins Monday. Opening statements are scheduled for July 15.

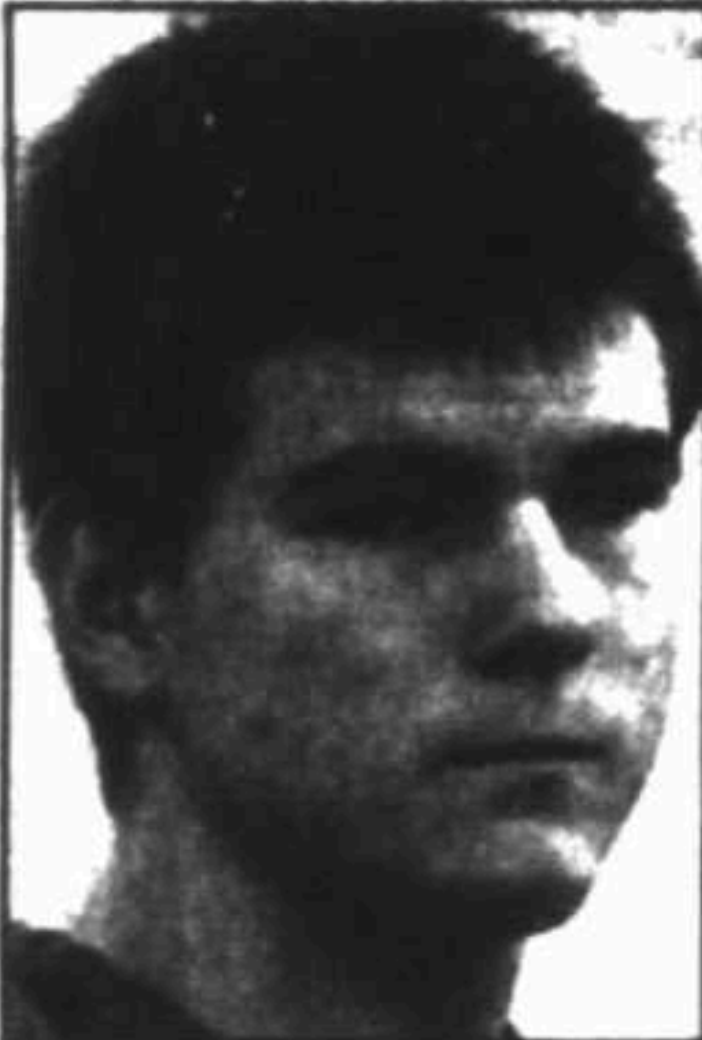
Graham's attorney, Dan Cogdell, did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press. But he told The Dallas Morning News in a copyright story that he plans to present a two-pronged defense that will "attack the accuracy" of Graham's lengthy typed confession, as well as the methods that police used to obtain it.

Graham wrote that he and Miss Jones had sex when he drove her home from Mansfield High School after a November 1995 cross-country meet in Lubbock.

Casting doubt on that confession, Cogdell said, is a new prosecution witness and former teammate of Miss Jones who will testify that she — not Graham — drove Miss Jones home.

"That means the whole basis of David's statements would be a lie, and that would play right into my hands," said Cogdell, adding that the witness has refused to speak with his investigator. "That goes right along with my defense."

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Graham

From Golden Age to digital era



Radio, TV repair business owners call it quits after 42 years



Top: John and Joy Butts, who own Signal Radio and TV Service, which they had operated for 42 years in Midland, have decided to close the business. Above: Vintage radios from the Golden Age of broadcasting.

"Those were the days, my friend. I thought they'd never end ..."

And John and Joy Butts were right there as one era of broadcasting gave way to another: radio to television. Their husband-wife role was on the technical side: keeping those radios and, later, television sets a-working, fixing 'em up, from the 1950s well into the 1990s, almost into 2000.

"A good radio is one that's working," figured Butts who, at 68, joined his wife in setting aside the soldering tools and test equipment and closed up their "Signal Radio and TV Service," which they had operated for 42 years in Midland. "It's the same with TV. The best TV is the one that's working."

The Midland couple's prime time in the radio-television repair business fell toward the end of radio's Golden Age from the 1920s into the 1950s and into television's heydays beginning later into the 1950s forward.

"It was the challenge of getting them fixed and back home," Butts said last week in the couple's old shop facing

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Story by Ed Todd Photos by Curt Wilcott

Four dead in shootings at Tacoma, Washington restaurant



Police officers fill out paperwork outside of the Trang Dai restaurant in Tacoma, Wash., Sunday, the scene of an early morning shooting that left four dead and six wounded.

By Tim Klass
Associated Press

TACOMA, Wash. — Gunmen fired a barrage of bullets inside a Vietnamese restaurant early Sunday, killing four people and wounding six others in what police say may have been a gang hit.

About 20 patrons were inside the Trang Dai restaurant and karaoke club when at least three gunmen barged in around 1:30 a.m., police spokesman Jim Mattheis said. Three men and a woman were killed.

"I'm sure it had to be total pandemonium in there when the shooting erupted because there was nowhere for people to go," Mattheis said.

No arrests had been made, and Mattheis said police were investigating the possibility of gang involvement because of the type of

shooting.

"It was not a robbery ... They didn't say anything, didn't take anything," he said.

Two of the wounded were hospitalized in critical condition and two were in satisfactory condition. Two others were treated for minor wounds and released.

The restaurant's owner was among those with minor wounds, but police did not know if the other victims were restaurant employees or patrons. It also was not clear if the victims had been targeted in the shootings.

Mattheis said police were investigating a videotape from a neighboring business owner's surveillance camera located in an alley behind the restaurant. Authorities are looking into residents' accounts that the tape shows a car burglary in which a woman's purse was stolen.

Residents, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the woman's boyfriend has gang ties in the Seattle area and that the tape helped the identify the thieves. The couple went into Trang Dai a day or two ago to confront the alleged thieves, and the woman threatened revenge, residents said.

Police would not comment on what is on the tape.

While gang graffiti dots the neighborhood, Mattheis said there has been little recent gang activity in the neighborhood. Police had received calls about the restaurant in the past, but Mattheis had no details on the nature of the calls.

Thai Nguyen, the owner of a hair salon next door, and Jimmy Win, a cousin of a waitress at the restaurant, said the restaurant had been the target of a drive-by shooting

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Orangemen launch 'battle of wills,' Northern Ireland peace on line

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland (AP) — Northern Ireland's two-century-old Protestant fraternity launched a "battle of wills" Sunday with British security forces who blocked them from parading through this town's main Catholic neighborhood.

Sporadic violence broke out in other cities by nightfall — more than eight hours after 1,000 Orangemen dug in for a long standoff at a barricade blocking their route down this town's predominantly Catholic Garvaghy Road.

In a show of support, Protestants in Belfast blocked minor roads with burning tires and debris, while a gasoline bomb was thrown and cars stoned in north Belfast. No arrests or injuries were reported.

Protestants also erected road blocks in several smaller towns, the British news agency, Press Association, reported.

"There are lots of groups on the streets in loyalist areas of Belfast, but there is no evidence of major disorder," said a Belfast police spokesman on condition of anonymity. "Many minor streets are blocked but all main roads remain open."

At Portadown, the protest began at midday when the Orangemen and four accordion bands marched from their annual church service to the base of a 15-foot-high wall of iron, barbed wire and cement blocks erected by the British army.

"I can assure her majesty's government that we will be staying here until such time as we are allowed our legitimate right to walk the road," said Portadown's senior Orangeman, Harold Gracey.

Some four hours after the start of the standoff, two men broke from the crowd, wiggled through an outer ring of barbed wire to cheers from onlookers, and were hauled off by riot police. Both were arrested, police said.



Royal Ulster Constabulary Police make an arrest Sunday in a field in Drumcree, Portadown, Northern Ireland. The annual Orangemen march was banned by the Northern Ireland Parades Commission from passing a Catholic nationalist Garvaghy Road.

About 60 Protestant women and children carrying Ulster banners marched to British army headquarters to protest curbs on the march, which has taken place every year since 1807.

Police chief Ronnie Flanagan insisted, however, that he would enforce a decision by a government-appointed commission barring the Orangemen from marching down the road, where militant Catholics

have converged the past three summers to block the march.

The four rows of coiled barbed wire that engineers built Saturday underscored that resolve, turning the pasture flanking Drumcree Anglican church, the focal point of the Orangemen's annual parade, into a no-man's land.

Riot police in helmets and flame-retardant jumpsuits stood by, watching for any Protestants who might try to breach the barrier and head for the nearby Garvaghy Road. Army spotter planes and helicopters hovered overhead.

Such showdowns have plunged Northern Ireland into sectarian chaos the past two summers. Disagreement over this year's march has already triggered a round of arson attacks on Catholic churches and halls belonging to the Orange Order, Northern Ireland's largest fraternal organization.

While such violence cannot unravel April's multiparty peace agreement, it tests its basic assumption — that Catholic and Protestant politicians will be able, for the first time in history, to effectively govern this divided land together.

David Trimble, Protestant first minister of the new government, is an Orangeman and defends their right to march. His moderate Catholic deputy, Seamus Mallon, wants the Orangemen to avoid antagonizing Catholics.

Orange leaders emphasized Sunday that they would not negotiate with Catholic protesters and that they expected to win this year's confrontation.

Underlining their plans for a long standoff, some marchers brought backpacks with sleeping bags, rain gear and food, and erected tents in the fields around Drumcree. Many more members of the 80,000-strong organization were expected to travel to Drumcree in a show of support.

"This will be a battle of wills to see who gives in first," said Joel Patton, leader of a hard-line Orange faction called Spirit of Drumcree, which opposes any negotiations with Catholic demonstrators.

"Our enemies know that if we lose the right to march on Garvaghy Road, every Orange march will be in jeopardy. We will disappear into oblivion," said Patton.

Since 1807, as part of their annual demonstration of Protestant solidarity, members of the 203-year-old Orange Order have marched along the road beneath emblems of a British crown on an open Bible.

Orangemen insist that the parades should offend nobody. But many Catholics consider the marches deliberately provocative and designed to make them feel like second-class citizens.

Catholic protest leader Brendan MacCionnaith said his community remained deeply suspicious that authorities would relent to Orange pressure. "How can you trust people who beat you into the ground?" he said of the predominantly Protestant police force.

Orangemen have refused to negotiate directly with MacCionnaith, a former Irish Republican Army prisoner.

In 1996, when police last blocked the march, Orangemen massed in tens of thousands at Drumcree, blocking roads across Northern Ireland, and Protestants rioted for four nights. Police finally caved in and cleared Catholic protesters off Garvaghy Road for the parade.

Last year, fearing more Protestant rioting, the security forces cleared Garvaghy Road so the parade could pass, sparking four nights of Catholic disturbances.

Three state elections key to Mexican presidential race

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (AP) — Three northern state elections on Sunday could affect Mexico's upcoming presidential race, offering important tests of party strategies and strengths.

Officials reported average-to-good voter turnout in tight races for three governorships — ballots seen as crucial gauges of support for Mexico's ruling party and two main opposition groups in the presidential race in 2000.

In Chihuahua, which borders Texas, Mexico's ruling party is trying a new strategy to recapture the governor's seat from the National Action Party and launch a strong comeback after unprecedented election defeats.

The ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, abandoned the tradition of party leaders choosing candidates and held a primary election in the state in March that was open to all voters.

The winner, former Chihuahua Mayor Patricia Martinez, held a narrow lead in most polls over Ramon Galindo of National Action.

If Martinez wins, it will be the first time the PRI has recaptured a lost governorship, and its only chance to do so before the presidential elections. A PRI victory would also give strength to those within the party who favor a national primary to choose a candidate for president.

Conversely, a National Action victory would increase that party's momentum for upcoming presidential and gubernatorial races.

While scattered early returns were expected late Sunday night, Mexico's complex vote-counting mechanism means definitive counts were unlikely until Monday.

Also Sunday, in the historic

mining center of Zacatecas state, the PRI was struggling to avoid a potentially embarrassing defeat.

The PRI's Jose Olvera Acevedo was in a dead heat in most polls with Ricardo Monreal of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party. Monreal bolted from PRI after officials passed him over for the gubernatorial nomination.

Although the leftist party had been a minor force in Zacatecas, as throughout northern Mexico, a win by Monreal would be the Democratic Revolution's first state-level victory since it won the mayor's seat in Mexico City last year.

Polls showed PRI with a lead in Durango state, which borders both Zacatecas and Chihuahua. National Action and the leftist Labor Party, which is weak elsewhere, also had significant support there.

Election officials said lines formed at some polling places in Durango before polls opened, and a Chihuahua state press officer said a good number of voters had come to the polls two hours after they opened. Average turnout was reported in Zacatecas.

The PRI has held power in Mexico since 1929, but its grip is slipping. Six state governorships, including the seat in Chihuahua, have been won by National Action over the past decade.

Seven other governorships will be contested this year — all are now held by PRI.

Last year, the PRI lost its majority in the lower house of Congress and was thrashed in the Mexico City mayor's race. PRI governorships will be at risk in nine states before the presidential election.

Long suppressed in Russia, Sigmund Freud makes a comeback

MOSCOW (AP) — Repressed for decades like the childhood traumas he diagnosed, Sigmund Freud is making a comeback in Russia as the country sheds the stigmas long attached to psychotherapy.

Until a decade ago, Freud's work was banned here and Russians viewed psychiatric treatment as a nightmarish experience. At its worst, Soviet authorities used psychiatry to classify political dissidents as mentally unstable and lock them up in hospitals.

But since the Soviet breakup, Russians have embraced a wide range of therapies, stoking demand for everything from expensive, long-term psychoanalysis to traditional faith healing.

"In the Soviet era, it was considered shameful for a person to seek psychiatric treatment," said Alexander Tkhostov, a practicing psychologist and a professor at Moscow State University. "The new generation is much more willing to consider therapy."

And many patients — and their neuroses — are products of the new, chaotic Russia, therapists say. The newly rich Russian man, overwhelmed by stress in the helter-skelter world of business, is a typical patient. His bored, neglected wife, who has time and money to burn, but little sense of purpose,

is also a candidate for the therapist's couch.

Russians have traditionally had high rates of depression and suicide and a legendary reputation for soul searching. That's made Russians receptive to traditional remedies such as witchcraft and folk medicine for generations, and more modern approaches are now taking root.

There are crisis hotlines, group therapy and family programs, and state schools increasingly have their own psychologists on site.

Because there was no system for teaching Western methods of psychotherapy, there are still relatively few practitioners. Most are in Moscow or St. Petersburg, working in private clinics where they cater to the new elite and charge \$50 or more for one-hour sessions — a prohibitive rate for the average Russian.

"Their skill levels are highly variable," said Dr. Gary Goldsmith, a psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School who has been visiting Russia regularly for several years to help train Russian psychoanalysts. "There's a lack of literature. They tend to be self-taught, and their models tend to be based on an authoritarian approach to patients."

But, he added, Russian analysts are hungry to study a field that was forbidden to them for so long.

Until his work was banned in Russia and the Soviet Union, where communists sought to make his ideas compatible with Marxist ideology.

But Freud's emphasis on a rich and complex inner world proved incompatible with the Soviet aims of political control and unified thought, said Martin Miller, a Duke University history professor and author of a soon-to-be published book, "Freud and the Bolsheviks."

Ironically, Freud's resurgence in Russia comes at a time when his ideas are on the defensive, if not in retreat, in much of the West. There are now many different styles of therapy, and scientific breakthroughs have led to an increase in the use of drugs to treat anxiety, stress and depression.

Freud won formal re-acceptance in Russia in 1996 when President Boris Yeltsin issued a decree recognizing the legitimacy of psychoanalysis.

"Psychoanalysis has rehabilitated Soviet psychiatry," claimed Dr. Aron Belkin, president of the Russian Psychoanalytic Society.

"It was forbidden fruit for so long that people now want it, and it has blossomed very quickly."

Some old-school psychiatrists still defend the Soviet methods, while those studying Freud and other Western psychiatrists are divided into rival camps.

"We are working to find our own path," said Belkin. "It is difficult to apply psychoanalysis in this country without knowing the history and the people."

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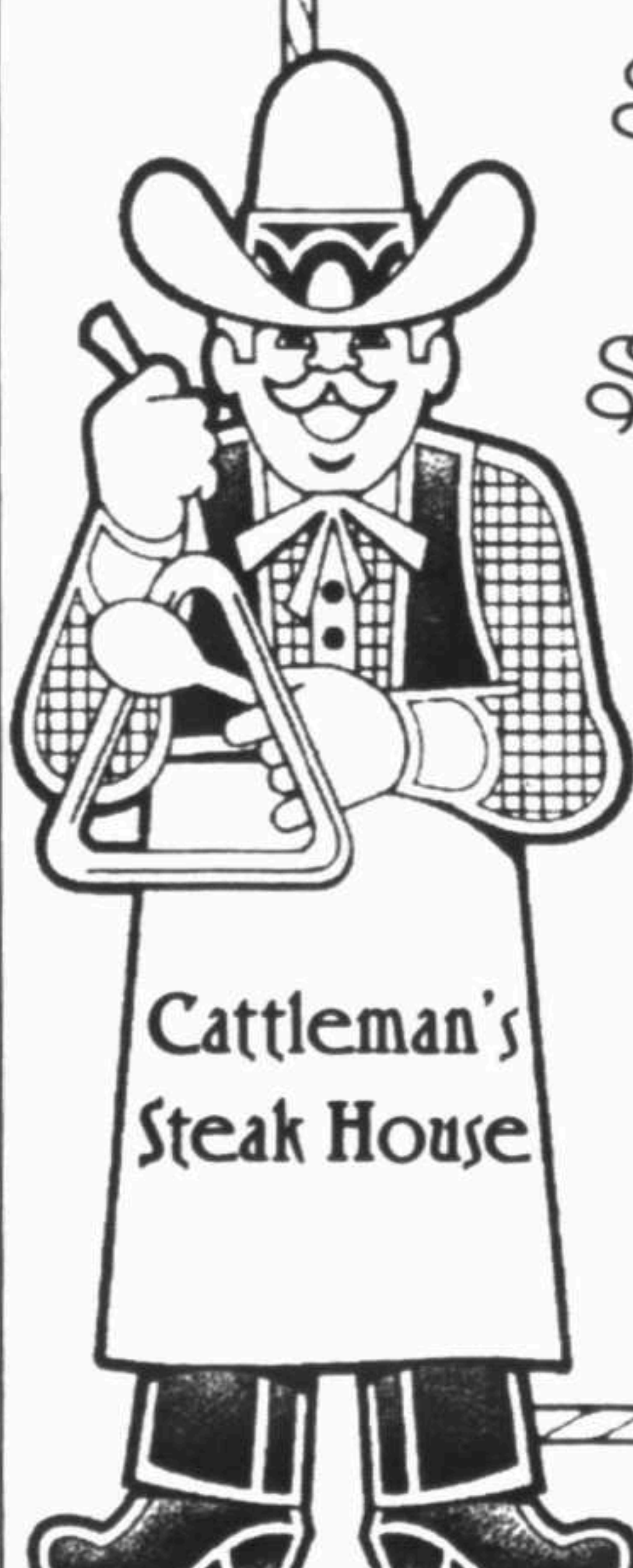
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Back-breaking rice sacks fuel dispute over foreign laborers

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — At rice mills around Thailand, poorly paid laborers have to lift hundreds of 220-pound sacks each day — but it's the mill owners who are complaining and causing a work stoppage.

Millers protesting a government ban on foreign workers shut down operations last week in one of the biggest labor disputes since the Asian economic crisis started choking Thailand a year ago.

Thailand is the world's No. 1 rice exporter, and foreigners make up the vast majority of its work force. Mill owners say they cannot find replacements among Thais, who shun such back-breaking labor after years of economic boom.

The government decided to crack down on foreign workers last year as economic crisis made it evident there would be layoffs in almost every business sector. Unemployment is forecast to double to 2 million this year, about six percent of Thailand's work force.

The plan called for foreign workers to leave their jobs by May 1, but the deadline was extended when rice mill owners complained that replacement workers could not be found. Most of the handful of Thais who signed up to work at the mills reportedly quit after a few days.

The government is resisting another extension, though talks are planned next week. On Friday, Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai suggested the obvious: mill owners should pay more and allow workers to carry less weight.

Outside the gate of the Sukjai rice mill in Bangkok hangs a sign advising farmers that the mill is "not buying due to the shortage of workers."

Laborers here are paid minimum wage — about \$4 a day. Before a labor shortage in 1991, they did not get even that.

Four of the 20 workers here are from Myanmar, also known as Burma, where most wages are even lower.

"These alien workers are honest. They never refuse work, nor request any extra welfare," said Somboon Pukkayaporn, a mill supervisor.

Bung, one of the mill workers, was a farmer in Myanmar before coming a year ago to seek

work in Thailand, a magnet of prosperity compared to its impoverished neighbors.

Of 20,000 foreign workers in the rice industry, most come from Myanmar, while the second largest group comes from Cambodia.

"I do not want to be sent back to Myanmar," said 35-year-old Bung, who uses only one name. "Working as a coolie for rice mills is tough, but I can save some money for the future when I return to my hometown."

Bung, who hopes to return home next April, saves most of his \$122 monthly base wage. The mill provides lodging and he scrimps on food to save money.

Bung lifts at least 200 sacks a day, each weighing more than his 178 pounds. He earns more money for every sack above the 200 quota, about 2 1/2 cents each, so he shoots for a total of 300 sacks — or 66,000 pounds — a day.

The government introduced a draft regulation last week to reduce the weight of a sack to 120 pounds, figuring that Thais would then be more likely to take mill jobs.

Bung prefers the heavier load, because he can haul more total weight in fewer trips.

Still, he acknowledged that lifting rice caused chest pain; dust is also a problem. He would love an easier job, but sees no other choice.

The heavy sacks have been used for years, said Kriengsak Tapananond, a member of the millers' association.

"When people from China immigrated to Thailand, they carried sacks like this," Kriengsak said. "It didn't kill them. They became rich and prosperous."

The millers make dire predictions that their halt of rice purchases will hurt farmers and lead to spoilage. They say 600 of Thailand's estimated 1,000 rice mills have shut down.

Millers have also reportedly defaulted on more than \$130 million in loans, are burdened with foreign exchange losses and cannot borrow from commercial banks because of Thailand's liquidity crunch.

Mexican government cracks down on rebel villages

MORELIA, Mexico (AP) — The biggest thing in this little village is a sprawling rebel meeting center: a scattering of clapboard buildings on the edge of town with a lurid painting of revolutionary icon Emiliano Zapata.

The work that went into building the center three years ago testifies to the support the leftist Zapatista National Liberation Army enjoyed after its January 1994 uprising.

But only a handful of people now can be seen on the center's grassy grounds. The wood on the buildings is starting to age. Crooked doors hang open.

In Morelia itself, dozens of villagers are having second thoughts about the rebellion, apparently because they're wearying of the conflict — and because of government efforts to erode the rebels' base of support.

Late in May, 69 people signed a letter to Chiapas Gov. Roberto Albores Guillen announcing they no longer oppose the federal government.

"We now repent and recognize our errors in the past," they said.

It was perhaps the most significant government triumph in a campaign trying to stamp out some 35 rebel self-governments

created since 1995 in the remote, rugged canyons of Mexico's southernmost state.

In recent weeks, the government has produced similar petitions from several other Zapatista strongholds.

It has taken a tougher line elsewhere. There have been four raids by hundreds of soldiers and police on similar towns. Pro-Zapatista local leaders were arrested on charges of usurping government functions. In June, eight villagers and two policemen died when Zapatistas resisted government forces raiding villages in the El Bosque area.

The rebels call the self-ruled villages "autonomous municipalities" and reject state officials' authority.

Government officials are using carrots and sticks to try to isolate the Zapatistas and force them to resume peace talks on government terms.

For example, aid programs are being increased for villagers willing to work with representatives of the authorities.

The army, meanwhile, has tens of thousands of soldiers in the rebel region.

Rebel sympathizers from out-

side who once poured into the area now face checkpoints where officials inspect documents. More than 100 foreign observers, mostly Zapatista sympathizers, have been expelled for violating their visas or allegedly meddling in politics.

Following months of high-level official criticism, Roman Catholic Bishop Samuel Ruiz quit as the conflict's main mediator. The government accused him of a pro-rebel bias.

Morelia's support for the rebels didn't come easy. Human rights groups accused troops of raping three village women and killing several villagers taken for interrogation during the two weeks of heavy fighting at the start of the Zapatista uprising in 1994.

In February 1995, villagers fled into the hills when troops briefly pushed into Zapatista territory.

Soon afterward, the government passed a law declaring the Zapatistas a legal political movement to smooth the way for peace talks. But the rebels have remained armed and wary, and talks have been suspended since late 1996, increasingly frustrating national officials.

Morelia residents are wary of

explaining their change of mind — whether out of mistrust of outsiders or fear of the rifle-toting Zapatista fighters who trudge past the chickens on the village's dirt paths.

A score of men in front of the town's farm hall hushed one another when a few started to explain their position to a reporter. None would give his name. But they insisted the letter to the governor was genuine.

"There were a lot of problems," said one. "The government is promising a project."

"What we want is to be at peace," he added, before warning glances silenced him.

A Zapatista activist in town, who also nervously declined to give his name, insisted some of those who signed the document were underage or from outside the village. Others, he said, had always been supporters of the government.

The men at the farm hall denied those claims.

The activist said the government was buying support by offering to acquire land on the outskirts of town for a cattle project and by donating a truck to the farm union and food to friendly villagers.

Holbrooke praises Albanian leader Rugova

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — U.S. and Russian envoys urged Kosovo's ethnic Albanian politicians Sunday to rally behind moderate leader Ibrahim Rugova, insisting he is the best choice to speak for the province's embattled Albanian majority.

Richard Holbrooke and Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Nikolai Afanasyevsky drove that message home during talks throughout the day with Rugova and representatives of all 16 ethnic Albanian political parties.

Absent from the meetings were representatives of the militant Kosovo Liberation Army, which is fighting for Kosovo's independence from Serbia, the largest of two remaining republics in Yugoslavia. Hundreds of people have been killed in Kosovo since a Serb police crackdown in February.

Holbrooke, nominated to be the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, has been shuttling between Kosovo's capital of Pristina and the Yugoslav capital Belgrade since Friday. He is trying to convince all ethnic Albanian factions — including the KLA — to accept Rugova's leadership.

The KLA has so far refused, and it was unclear whether Holbrooke's latest effort had narrowed the differences within the ethnic Albanian community.

"Rugova himself is going to continue to seek a broader base for his goal, which is a negotiated peaceful settlement to the Kosovo problem," Holbrooke said before returning to Belgrade on Sunday.

Afanasyevsky also urged support for Rugova and repeated Moscow's refusal to talk directly with the KLA, which Russia and Serbia have labeled a terrorist organization.

Russia sees no reason to negotiate with those who "kill citizens who are loyal to Serbia," Afan-

syevsky said.

The goal of U.S. and Russian mediation is to help Kosovo's ethnic Albanians speak with a single voice in negotiations with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic over the future of the province.

Milosevic has expressed willingness to restore the autonomy for Kosovo he canceled in 1989. While Rugova and others are demanding full independence, Rugova is considered the more acceptable negotiating partner because he opposes violence.

"Serbia is ready for a dialogue to solve the Kosovo problem" on the condition it doesn't harm Serbs living in the province, Vojislav Zivkovic, a member of Milosevic's party, told state-run Radio Belgrade Sunday.

The Serb crackdown has undercut Rugova's moderate appeal. The German news magazine Spiegel quoted KLA spokesman Jakub Krasniqi as saying his organization would never accept Rugova as a leader because nonviolence had failed to gain independence or halt the crackdown.

The Serb Media Center reported ethnic Albanian militants attacked

Serb police and villagers in two separate incidents in northwest Kosovo on Sunday. Militants also kidnapped three Serb civilians late Saturday from villages southwest of Pristina, the center said.

Meanwhile, officials close to Rugova claimed that fighting had flared up again in a strategic mining region that saw heavy fighting last week. It was not possible to confirm the Serb or ethnic Albanian reports independently.

As part of the diplomatic effort to curb the crisis, Belgrade-based diplomats from the United States, Russia, Poland and the European Union are to visit flashpoints in Kosovo on Monday.

Mexican intellectuals ask Zedillo to end attacks in state of Chiapas

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Hundreds of Mexican academics, writers and rights activists published an open letter to President Ernesto Zedillo Sunday asking him to stop "playing with fire" in government attacks on rebel sympathizers in the southern state of Chiapas.

In a paid, full-page advertisement in Mexico's major newspapers, 755 academics — including some well-known writers, artists and actors — said current policies would cause further violence in the state.

"Recent events in Chiapas show that people are playing with fire. We believe that if this attitude continues, it will only serve to ignite

the whole country," according to the letter.

The letter was an apparent reference to four raids this year by heavily-armed police and soldiers aimed at breaking up maverick village councils sympathetic to Zapatista rebels.

The latest raid, a June 10 sweep by soldiers and state police in the El Bosque township, led to a shootout in which 10 Indian villagers and two policemen died.

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Midland forecast

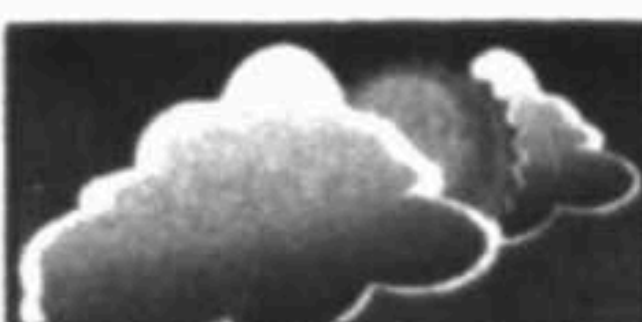
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 98
Low 76



Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 105
Low 77



Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 103
Low 76

The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy skies and hot, with a high near 100. Winds will be from the south at 10 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight calls for partly cloudy skies with lows in the mid 70's. Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and hot, with highs between 100 and 105.

After an overnight low of 75, Sunday's high was 98, compared with the record high for this date of 104 set in 1971. Record low for this date was 60, set in 1972.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 1.48 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 98
Low 75
Normal high 95
Normal low 68

Pollen count

Trees: n/a Weeds: n/a
Grass: n/a Molds: n/a
Dust: n/a

Courtesy: Allergy Alliance of the Permian Basin

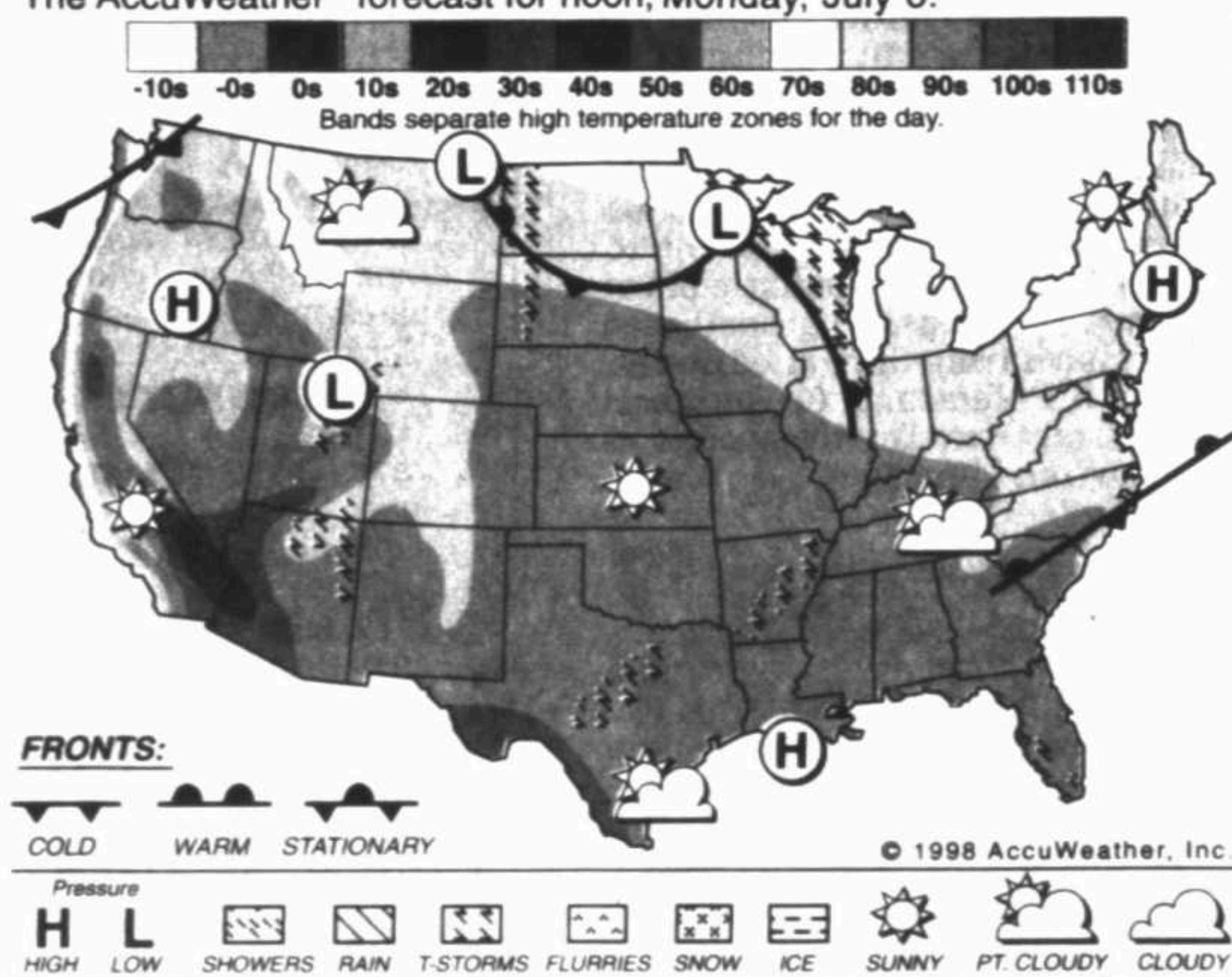
Sunrise ... 6:49 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:58 p.m.

UV reading

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Skin Cancer Prevention Project
UV readings for July 5:
11 a.m. - 5, moderate risk
1 p.m. - 7, high risk
3 p.m. - 7, high risk

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, July 6.

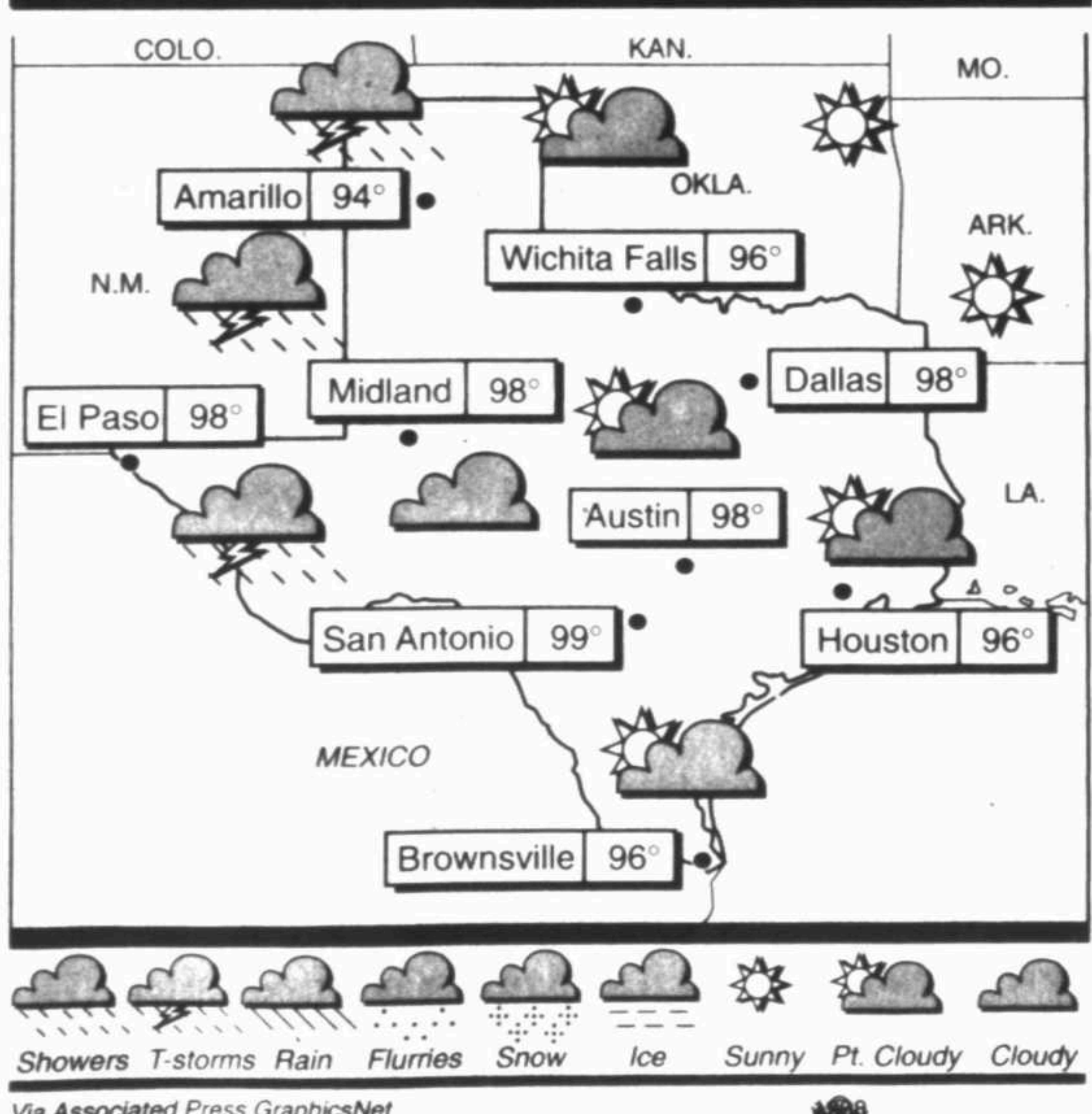


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:32 p.m. EDT

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind	Clouds
Albuquerque	90	65	0.00	04	04
Anchorage	55	04	0.00	04	04
Atlanta	91	69	0.00	04	04
Baltimore	81	69	0.00	04	04
Boston	71	65	0.00	04	04
Buffalo	75	58	0.00	04	04
Charleston, S.C.	94	77	0.00	04	04
Charlotte, N.C.	88	67	0.00	04	04
Chattanooga	91	71	0.00	04	04
Cheyanne	90	53	0.00	04	04
Chicago	78	62	0.00	04	04
Cincinnati	82	65	0.00	04	04
Cleveland	77	64	0.00	04	04
Colorado Springs	92	65	0.00	04	04
Daytona Beach	94	74	0.00	04	04
Denver	96	56	0.00	04	04
Des Moines	72	68	0.00	04	04
Detroit	78	57	0.00	04	04
El Paso	78	63	0.00	04	04
El Paso	78	63	0.00	04	04
Evansville	88	70	0.00	04	04
Faribault	84	58	0.00	04	04
Fargo	75	63	0.00	04	04
Flagstaff	75	56	0.00	04	04
Flint	78	64	0.00	04	04
Greensboro, N.C.	86	68	0.00	04	04
Harrisburg	82	64	0.00	04	04
Hartford, Conn.	80	65	0.00	04	04
Helena	81	50	0.00	04	04
Honolulu	86	75	0.00	04	04
Indianapolis	83	65	0.00	04	04
Jackson, Miss.	96	74	0.00	04	04
Kansas City	91	74	0.00	04	04
Knoxville	90	70	0.00	04	04
Lake Charles	93	75	0.00	04	04
Lansing	80	66	0.00	04	04
Las Vegas	96	84	0.00	04	04
Lexington	88	74	0.00	04	04
Lincoln	87	54	0.00	04	04
Madison	80	77	0.00	04	04
Memphis	74	59	0.00	04	04
Mobile	96	76	0.00	04	04
Montgomery	93	73	0.00	04	04
Nashville	89	72	0.00	04	04
New York City	81	67	0.00	04	04
Newark	84	67	0.00	04	04
Norfolk, Va.	80	73	0.00	04	04
North Platte	91	67	0.00	04	04
Omaha	81	66	0.00	04	04
Orlando	96	74	0.00	04	04
Paduach	89	70	0.00	04	04
Peoria	83	60	0.00	04	04
Pocatello	87	59	0.00	04	04
Pueblo	100	61	0.00	04	04
Rapid City	87	63	0.00	04	04
Reno	89	56	0.00	04	04
Richmond	85	71	0.00	04	04
Rio Grande	88	65	0.00	04	04
Rockford	77	55	0.00	04	04
St. Louis	86	69	0.00	04	04
St. Thomas	93	73	0.00	04	04
Salmon, Ore.	76	58	0.00	04	04
San Diego	71	64	0.00	04	04
San Francisco	73	54	0.00	04	04
San Jose	90	58	0.00	04	04
Seattle	71	55	0.00	04	04
Shreveport	100	76	0.00	04	04
Syracuse	75	56	0.00	04	04
Tampa	80	56	0.00	04	04
Tucson	81	72	0.00	04	04
Tulsa	95	74	0.00	04	04
Tupelo	94	86	0.00	04	04
Washington, D.C.	86	70	0.00	04	04

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 24 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT

City	High	Low	Precip
Abilene	92	75	0.00
Alice	102	78	0.00
Amarillo	101	66	0.00
Arlington	94	76	0.00
Austin bergstrom	92	79	0.00
Austin Mueller	97	76	0.00
Beaumont	95	78	0.00
Brownsville	99	78	0.00
College Station	99	77	0.00
Corpus Christi	95	79	0.00
Dallas	100	72	0.01
Daytona	95	75	0.07
Del Rio	101	81	0.00
El Paso	96	73	0.00
Fort Stockton	99	75	0.24
Fort Worth	96	76	0.03
Galveston	88	82	0.00
Houston Hobby	95	77	0.00
Houston Intercontinental	98	74	0.00
Huntsville	99	76	0.00
Junction	96	75	0.00
Kingsville	97	81	0.00
Laredo	104	81	0.00
Longview	101	75	0.00
McAllen	102	80	0.00
Mineral Wells	93	72	1.05
Navy Corpus	91	83	0.00
New Braunfels	98	77	0.00
Palacios	90	80	0.00
Panama	91	73	0.00
Panthers	96	75	0.00
Tarrant	96	77	0.00
Tyler	99	77	0.00
Wink	101	77	0.00

REPAIR: Butts studied electronics in Fort Worth

(From 1A)

Wall Avenue. Their technical expertise ranged from the old tube-type radios and their hand-built super-heterodyne circuitry and old black-and-white TV sets to their transistor, printed-circuitry, and integrated circuitry counterparts and, of course, color TV.

"Color was a different animal — temperamental," said Butts, who advanced with technology. "That's a transition just like anything else."

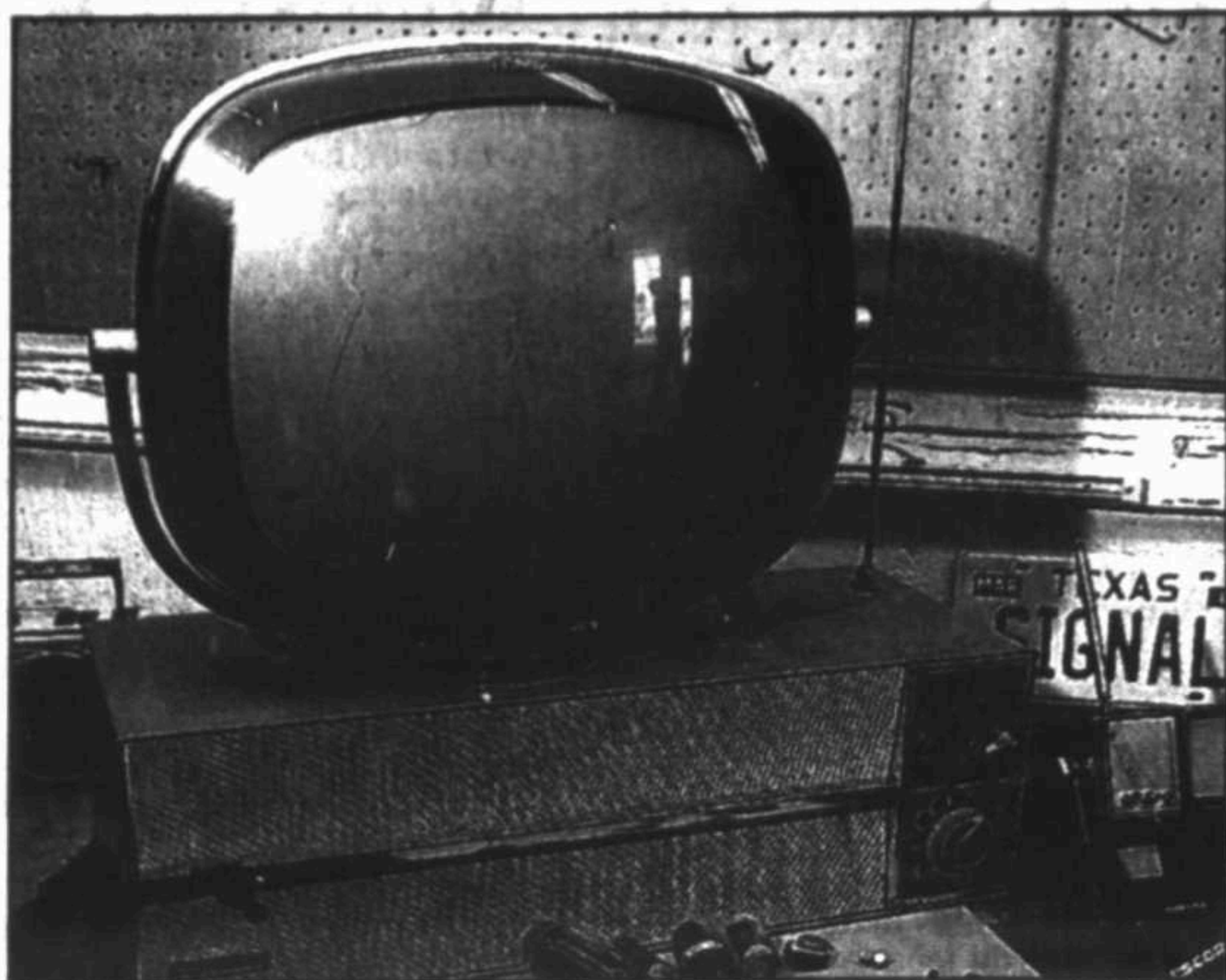
In development of the radio, technology included the crystal sets, the vacuum-tube technology, and "You just go from one (technology) to the next," such as transistors and the printed circuits. Repairing high-tech TV sets going into 2000 require the use of computers, he said.

"In 1956, there were 135 radio and television manufacturers (in America)," Butts surmised. Since then, the number has dropped to virtually nil due to worldwide competition.

The names of radio sets in the heydays of "the wireless" included Zenith, Philco, Magnavox, Emerson, RCA, Westinghouse, Admiral, Silvertone, Air King, Fada, Tom Thumb, Detrola, Airline, Airite, Majestic, General Electric, Arvin, Belmont, Porto Products, Stewart Warner, Sentinel, Crosley, Coronado, Bendix, DeWald, Dahlberg, and Addison. Butts recalled with delight the H.H. Scott radio, which is "kind of like a Duesenberg," American classic automobile.

Radio's Golden Age, which began to fade as television made inroads into the marketplace and into people's homes, included such programs as the dramas "Grand Central Station," "Gangbusters," "Inner Sanctum," "Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy," "The FBI in Peace and War," "The Lone Ranger," "Mr. and Mrs. North," "Escape," "The Shadow," "Lux Radio Theatre," and "Superman."

And then along came television and its early-years programs: "The Texaco Theater," "Gunsmoke," "I Love Lucy," "The Hon-



An old Philco TV.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

eymoonsers," "The Ed Sullivan Show," and Edward R. Murrow's "See It Now" and "Person to Person."

Those programs and broadcasts of political hearings and conventions and Space-Age events keyed Americans more and more to television-viewing.

And for the Butts family, business was good.

"I just like the independence," Butts said the business.

His interest in radios began in Oklahoma in his father's automobile shop in which there was a radio shop.

By age 7, "I was in the radio shop more than I was helping him," he recalled.

Butts studied electronics in Fort Worth where he worked on radios, ended up in Midland in the late 1940s working on the telephone company's radios and repairing radios for Fred Wemple's downtown mercantile business, worked on radio receivers and transmitters in the United States Army's Signal Corps in the early 1950s, and married Joy Graham, a Midland High School 1950 graduate who studied business in college and who did accounting work for

Wemple's businesses.

Later, the couple started their Signal Radio-TV repair business.

"At Signal, John took care of all technical duties, and I handled all business affairs, taxes, employees, customers, and other business," Mrs. Butts recalled.

Aside from radios and TV sets, their work also took in phonographs, juke boxes, public-address systems, antennas, radio towers, electric organs and pianos, microphones, intercoms, home-music systems, air conditioners, and medical equipment.

"We were loyal to our people, and they were loyal to us," said Mrs. Butts, who, under her husband's tutelage, got into repair work.

"It got to be a thing of necessity," said Mrs. Butts. "I'd work on the bench along side of John. All of the kids work here," she said of their children, John Robert "Bob" Butts, now an engineer in Houston; Lisa Kay VanWinkle, a professional musician and music teacher in New Mexico, and James Richard "Rick" Butts, a computer specialist in England.

In working in their parents' radio-TV shop, the Butts children

"learned a lot of valuable things that they used in their lives," Mrs. Butts noted. Their lessons were in "how to deal with people, how to solve problems, and how to work."

In developing radio-TV repair expertise in a trade stereotyped as a man's work, Mrs. Butts recalled an instance in which she both amazed and impressed an older man and his wife after she had fixed their broken television set.

"Mamma, come in here (into the shop)," the older man told his wife. "I want you to see this: Our television set was fixed by this lady TV-man."

"And he was so humble and so amazed," Mrs. Butts said, "and she was just as astonished as he was."

In a family business, "If you are going to be the boss, you are the bottom line," asserted Mrs. Butts. "You've got to work harder than anybody else. You've got to work longer hours. And you've got to be ready when you think you can't be ready."

In those more recent "olden days" of home-service calls and 30-day charge accounts, "We charged everybody who had a name," Butts said.

"This was a 90-day town" in which the petroleum companies routinely operated on 90-day charges, noted Butts. "Oil-company employees thought they had the same right that their company did." However, "all accounts were supposed to be 90 days. Oil companies just took 90 days" to pay.

As the couple's Signal Radio-TV business fades into the past, Butts is confident that all the radio and television speed-of-light signals, including his shop's, that "ever existed" are still around, somewhere into the heavens, out into the Universe, "going out through the ether."

"Every signal that was ever generated is still going: 186,000 miles a second," Butts said. "What makes you think it would stop out there some place? It's still going. If you could outrun it, you could see all of these old reruns free."

TRIAL: Graham's confession ruled admissible

(From 1A)

Lead prosecutor Mike Parrish declined to discuss the new witness, who was subpoenaed by prosecutors after the original Graham trial witness list was released in April.

"I'm not going to make any comment about a witness that has not already testified," he told The News.

Clearly, much of the same evidence presented in Miss Zamora's trial will surface again.

Despite efforts by Cogdell to exclude Graham's confession, the judge ruled in April it was admissible.

"This man must have had some

clue when they started talking to him about Adrienne Jones' murder," the judge said. "He knew they must have been focusing on him."

Graham typed the confession while detained in a military lockup in Colorado nine months after the Dec. 4, 1995, slaying.

According to the statement, Miss Zamora hid in the back of her parents' car while Graham drove Miss Jones to an isolated lake that December night. Then Miss Zamora hit Miss Jones over the head with a dumbbell weight and Graham allegedly shot the victim when she tried to flee.

The two weren't arrested until the following September after they'd both left Texas to attend

their respective military academies.

In a conversation with another Naval Academy midshipman, Miss Zamora admitted to the slaying and described Miss Jones as a "tramp" who "deserved to die," according to testimony.

Graham's lawyers asked that his trial be moved from Fort Worth, the city where her trial attracted national media attention and where her defense team portrayed Graham as domineering and violent.

"The publicity generated about this case has been so widespread, inflammatory, adverse and prejudiced as to raise a substantial doubt that the defendant can obtain a fair trial in Tarrant County,

Texas," Cogdell argued in a court motion.

State District Judge Don Leonard moved the case to this Central Texas town of about 30,000 people more than 200 miles south of Fort Worth. He has issued a gag order, and attorneys on both sides have said little publicly lately about Graham's trial.

News reporters from more than 20 organizations have descended on New Braunfels, a town along the Guadalupe River that seems most concerned at the moment with its bustling summer tourism season.

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SUPPORT: Firefighters astonished at outpouring

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might well adopt a Dalmatian as its mascot. In these jumbled, sweaty, smoky days, it has become a firefighters' community.

The town of 16,000, about 30 miles north of Orlando, is just beyond the area that the Florida wildfires have hit the hardest.

Teachers seek ways to restore classroom discipline

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Madeline Fennell has been hit, kicked and spit at as a teacher in a public school in Omaha, Neb. One pupil tried to bite her. "Luckily, I moved faster than he did," Fennell said.

Her assailants were first graders. An outbreak of shootings by troubled high-schoolers and middle-schoolers marred the last school year. But most teachers will tell you that violent words and deeds show up as early as kindergarten.

"I have had students who would fly off the handle at the drop of the hat, throw chairs and throw tables — these are 5-year-olds — because they didn't get their way," said Mary E. Pier, a teacher in Aberdeen, Wash.

Like other teachers, she's having to spend progressively more time helping children learn social skills that used to be taught at home, church or in the neighborhood. Even well-meaning working parents have less time than before to reinforce orderly behavior, however that's defined.

Instead, a message of violent solutions is creeping in more often and earlier. Speech and hearing specialist Lou Ann Smith of Lagrange, Ind., said "just shoot him" was the advice one second-grader immediately gave to another when he told of a mild insult.

She asked why. "Well, they wouldn't do it again," was the response.

"I'm noticing it more and younger, and that's scary," the veteran of 33 years of teaching said.

Teachers are especially frustrated because keeping an orderly classroom isn't something that's taught much in education schools, let alone modifying behavior and attitudes.

A survey last October by Public Agenda, an

'I have had students who would fly off the handle at the drop of the hat, throw chairs and throw tables — these are 5-year-olds — because they didn't get their way.'

— Mary E. Pier, Aberdeen, Wash., teacher

independent, nonpartisan group, found that classroom discipline held low priority among education professors. They believed that if teachers keep the children stimulated and eager to learn, the discipline would take care of itself.

Instead, behavioral psychologists and teachers themselves are coming up with ways. Fennell and other teachers helped Omaha schools devise schoolwide strategies and held a session on classroom management at the NEA convention.

The school where Pier teaches has adopted Second Step, a program developed in Seattle and used in more than 10,000 schools in the United States and Canada. Children take part in 35-minute sessions once or twice a week to learn empathy, problem solving and anger management.

Research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association has found that it works.

Part of the program requires that children look into the eyes of the target of their intend-

ed wrath, to see that a feeling person is on the receiving end of the fist, foot or threat. Researchers looked at behavior six months after the children finished the program.

In Baltimore, researchers from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health found that classroom control in the first grade can influence aggression in the middle school years.

Aggressive and disruptive first-grade boys who ended up in a classroom where the teacher was not in control were far more likely to be rated severely aggressive in middle school.

The study included local school pupils who took part in a good behavior game using classroom teams. Gradually the 10-minute game, played three times a week, became the model for behavior all the time.

"These findings suggest that effective behavior management by the first-grade teacher is essential," said Dr. Sheppard G. Kellam, author of the study.

What this kind of work will do to prevent shootings by quietly troubled adolescents is unclear.

"We know fairly well that the early aggressive, disruptive response is a risk factor for later antisocial behavior and violence," Kellam said. "That's not necessarily kids that looked OK until they began to have idiosyncratic, psychiatric difficulties."

Closer attention might do more, however, to prevent the kind of routine, daily violence that claims plenty of victims. Fennell said she delved into the issue after a 15-year-old girl was shot in her neighborhood because of a dispute over a parking space.

Blacks', whites' response to glaucoma treatments differ

WASHINGTON (AP) — White patients respond best to one surgical regimen for advanced glaucoma, while a different approach seems to work better for blacks, researchers for the National Institutes of Health reported Sunday.

As a result, doctors are likely to start recommending different courses of treatment for blacks and whites suffering from open-angle glaucoma, the most common form of the eye disorder.

"We predicted originally that one or the other approach would be better, but we never thought it would break down by race. So this was a surprise," said Dr. Douglas E. Gaasterland, who headed the study that identified the difference.

"This is the first evidence that members of two racial groups benefit from different treatments for glaucoma," said Dr. Carl Kupfer, director of NIH's National Eye Institute. "Doctors now have better information to recommend treatment programs depending on the patient's race."

"I'm not sure I can think, off-hand, of any other condition in which the treatment is different depending on the ethnic background or the race" of the patient, Kupfer said in an interview.

Why do the races respond differently?

"That's the million dollar question. A study of this design can't answer that, though we're looking into all of the possibilities we can find," Gaasterland, of University Ophthalmic Consultants in Washington, said. "We are looking, and we're going to keep on looking, because this is important."

The findings are reported in the July edition of Ophthalmology, the journal of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, released Sunday.

Glaucoma is a leading cause of irreversible vision loss, with an estimated 3 million Americans suffering the disorder and 120,000 blind as a result of it. The ailment is progressive, and treatment is designed to preserve vision. Treatment begins with eye drops and progresses to surgery.

Current treatment for advanced glaucoma, in which eye drops are no longer effective, begins with laser surgery and can move to a surgical procedure called trabeculectomy. This is the process that worked best for black patients studied in

the NIH project.

Through seven years of follow-up, researchers found decreased vision in the eyes of 28 percent of black patients who had laser surgery first, compared to 37 percent who began with the trabeculectomy.

Whites, on the other hand, had better results when they had the trabeculectomy first. For whites, vision declined in 31 percent who started with trabeculectomy and 35 percent who began with laser surgery.

Black patients should continue the current treatment process beginning with laser therapy, Gaasterland said. But "white patients with advanced glaucoma ... should begin a treatment program that starts with trabeculectomy."

Dr. Richard Mills of the University of Washington School of Medicine said the finding "has to be paid attention to."

"I believe it may cause (doctors) to, at least, discuss with their white patients a different treatment sequence," said Mills, former president of the ophthalmology academy.

One consideration, he said, is that black patients who have sight deterioration after laser treatment will resist having the trabeculectomy surgery. Just because the laser proved better as a first step should not prevent black patients from obtaining a needed trabeculectomy, he said.

The different responses to glaucoma surgery were discovered in the Advanced Glaucoma Intervention Study, an effort to determine the most effective long-term treatment regimen for glaucoma. The study looked at 332 black patients and 249 whites. Some had glaucoma in one eye, some in both.

The finding that surgical results varied by race comes as doctors are researching differences in people's responses to drugs. NIH is launching a \$30 million, three-year program seeking genetic information that will allow prescriptions to be tailored to an individual by pinpointing differences even more subtle than racial ones.

Doctors have known that even the best medicines don't work for every patient, and some are dangerous. Scientists are deciphering roughly 80,000 genes in people. Among the variations are polymorphisms, differences too subtle to cause disease but which can determine how people metabolize and react to drugs.

NEA rejects proposed merger with next largest teacher union

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The National Education Association soundly rejected a merger that would have created the nation's largest single teachers' union and a powerful force within organized labor.

Well over half the delegates to the NEA's representative assembly voted against the merger with the American Federation of Teachers. Sunday's vote was 5,624 against and 4,091 for, or 58 percent to 42 percent. Approving the merger would have required a two-thirds majority because the 141-year-old organization's constitution would have had to be changed.

The outcome was a blow to NEA president Robert F. Chase, who had put the weight of the union leadership behind the merger. Opponents feared the merger would have cost the organization its unique identity and institutions while taking a leap into the unknown.

Chase urged delegates to lay aside their differences and move on with their business.

"The decision was made on an issue. It was not based on personalities," he said. "When decisions are made, families come together and work in a united way."

AFT President Sandra Feldman said she was disappointed in the vote but took consolation in that both groups found they have much in common.

"Certainly, both organizations share the goals of improving education for America's 50 million students, fighting for the dignity and well-being of the nation's educators, and, of course, putting an end to vouchers and other privatization attempts," Feldman said.

Leaders of both unions had said unification would end years of rivalry for members, which NEA figures show cost more than \$100 million between 1973 and 1992.

More important, a combined union with 3.3 million members would have given public education a single voice in politics and issues of educational quality.

The two are already working together on teacher quality, school

construction and safety and discipline.

The NEA has 2.4 million members. The AFT has more than 900,000 and is affiliated with the AFL-CIO. The new organization would have become part of the AFL-CIO, whose membership is becoming increasingly white collar.

Both organizations have been stressing a "new unionism" that urged collaboration with management on improving schools.

The arguments were not enough to convince outright opponents and those who felt the blueprint for a merger failed to answer many questions about how the new organization would look.

Delegates were to consider alternative proposals along the lines of a working alliance, a "unity without merger," which many favored.

Many delegates also objected to a merger because of the AFL-CIO connection. They felt getting the union involved with nonschool labor issues could dull the organi-

zation's focus on education.

"How are the needs of educators going to be balanced with those of other workers?" said Ann Curl, 34, who teaches high school in La Grange, Ill., outside Chicago.

In several states, public employee unions and NEA affiliates have been at odds over how to raise and spend tax money.

Curl and others felt the merger blueprint called for the NEA to give up too much of its grass-roots nature. Too much power, they said, would be vested in a new 37-member executive board, consisting of seven national officers and 30 delegates elected at large.

"We're not even going to have one person representing each state," said Lynne Bludzus, 34, head of a newly formed local in Lansing, Ill.

Despite the outcome, the AFT intends to hold its own merger vote July 18, also in New Orleans. Two-thirds of the 4,000 delegates to the group's convention will have to approve the merger in what is now a largely symbolic vote.

Department store chain to buy Saks Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK (AP) — Upscale retailer Saks Fifth Avenue is being bought for \$2.1 billion in stock by Proffitt's Inc., which has grown to one of the nation's biggest department store chains, it was announced Sunday.

The combined company will have a total of 330 stores in 38 states and estimated 1998 revenues of more than \$6 billion.

Saks Chairman Philip Miller, who has been credited with much of Saks' recent success, will remain in charge of the Saks Fifth Avenue operation. Proffitt's Chairman Brad Martin will head up the

new parent company, Saks Inc.

"This transaction combines two of the most compelling and complementary growth companies in retailing today," Martin said in a statement. "Saks Fifth Avenue is the premier brand in global luxury goods retailing and certainly one of the most recognized retailing franchises in the world."

The combined company headquarters will be based in Birmingham, Ala., where Proffitt's moved recently from Knoxville, Tenn. Saks' stores will keep their name.

Saks had disclosed in late June

that it was putting itself up for sale. The decision came from the board of directors of Saks Holdings, the parent company of Saks Fifth Avenue, but the company had reportedly come under pressure from Investcorp International, an investment bank based in Bahrain which owns a majority stake in Saks.

Under the terms of the deal announced Sunday, holders of Saks stock will receive .82 shares of Proffitt's stock for every Saks share they own. Based on Proffitt's closing price on Thursday, the deal values Saks at \$2.1 billion.

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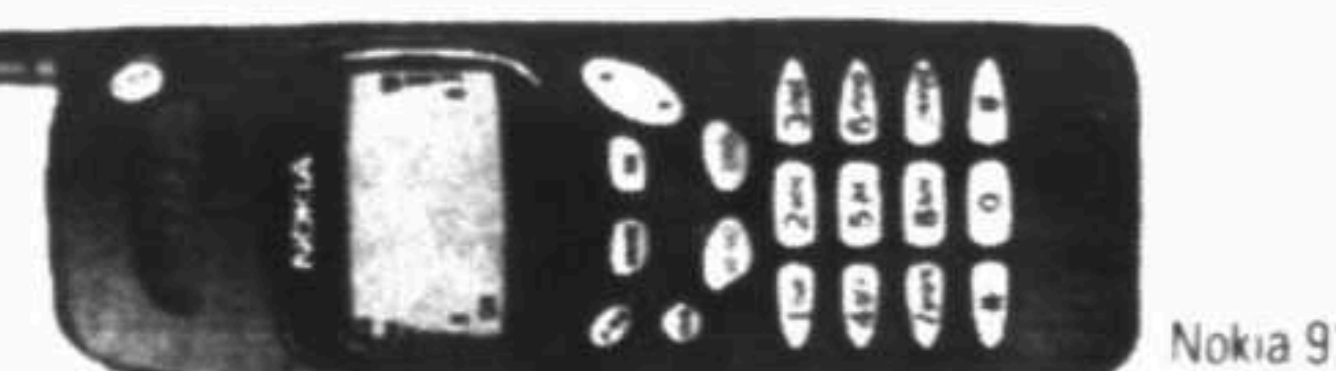
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Jackson speech offered fodder for racial unity

It's not uncommon for us to find the Rev. Jesse Jackson's oratory a bit too fiery and we have criticized the civil rights leader when we believed his comments were too harsh and counterproductive to the goal of racial harmony.

It's only fair, then, that when we agree with what Jackson is saying, we acknowledge that fact.

That happened when Jackson was speaking at the League of United Latin American Citizens meeting in Dallas recently. Saying he wanted to avoid a partisan or ideological debate, Jackson told those attending the meeting, "The great challenge for America is for blacks and browns and whites to see each other as assets and not threats. We must not be forced to compete for scarcity at a time of surplus."

In that brief comment, Jackson captured the spirit that must be expressed by people of all races if racial mistrust and racial hatred are to be put behind us and people are to be perceived equally. While the recent dragging death of James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man in Jasper, was not the specific impetus for Jackson's comment about the need for blacks and browns and whites to see each other as assets, not threats, that kind of crime will disappear once all the races see each other in that way.

Jackson also urged corporate America to see inclusion "as the key to economic growth and expansion."

"We must not succumb to the temptation of fighting more and more over less and less, fighting over scarcity, when in fact we're living in a surplus."

Jackson's words call to mind a nation of diverse people living and working in harmony — and enjoying the uniqueness of their cultural differences. Viewing each other as assets rather than threats could be the key to an honest discussion of race in this nation, which even President Clinton has noted needs to take place.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, July 6, the 187th day of 1998. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1945, President Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

On this date:

In 1483, England's King Richard III was crowned.

In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for treason.

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin.

In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy bitten by an infected dog.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks.

In 1923, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed.

In 1928, a preview was held in New York of the first all-talking feature, "The Lights of New York."

In 1944, 169 people died when fire broke out in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title, defeating fellow American Darlene Hard.

In 1967, the Biafran War erupted. The war, which lasted 2 1/2 years, claimed some 600,000 lives.

Ten years ago: 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when a series of explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform. Medical waste and other debris began washing up on seashores near New York City, forcing the closing of several popular beaches.

Five years ago: On the eve of the Group of Seven summit in Tokyo, President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa expressed optimism about resolving a contentious trade dispute between their countries.

JACK ANDERSON

China pays top dollar for U.S. tech secrets

The House committee that's looking into the Clinton administration's China connection certainly has its work cut out for it. But no matter what they discover, they'll only scratch the surface of a problem that's becoming more serious every year.

As the end of the Cold War reduced the need for diplomatic intelligence, another problem began to heat up. Economic espionage has become the growth industry in intelligence gathering, consuming an ever-increasing slice of the Central Intelligence Agency's time, budget and interest.

Cold War downsizing meant that thousands of aerospace engineers and other highly trained professionals had to be laid off. These engineers, whose brains bore the knowledge that helped make American jet engines and weaponry the most advanced in the world, became a hot property to overseas governments seeking to jump-start their own weapons programs.

In one case, uncovered by our former associate Andrew Conte at the Stuart News in Florida, a group of laid-off engineers from Pratt & Whitney were approached by a Canadian firm that was serving as a front for the Chinese military. The Chinese wanted help in developing a certain type of engine that the engineers had worked on, and were willing to pay top dollar.

The Chinese plan failed after the ex-engineers became skeptical of the offers and U.S. intelligence

agents got wind of the Canadian front company.

But many foreign spy missions do work out. The American Society for Industrial Security estimates that economic espionage costs American companies about \$250 billion a year, which translates into thousands of American jobs going overseas.

Stealing American technology can be a quick ticket to success for foreign governments that want to boost their military might. Years of expensive and time-consuming research can be saved if the right technological secrets can be stolen.

But economic spies also target more mundane secrets, everything from the formula for Coca-Cola to computer software that has no national security applications. According to experts we talked to, the most active countries in this area are some of our strongest allies. Mexico, Japan, England, France and Canada join China as being among the most ardent thieves of American economic secrets.

What concerns some experts the most is that the Clinton administration — rather than trying to stem the flow of technology overseas — has taken a lax approach to the problem.

A hint of things to come occurred in 1994, when President Clinton allowed AlliedSignal Inc. to sell China the manufacturing technology used to build its Garrett gas turbine engines. One frustrated U.S. official complained at the time that the sale could be a major boost for China's military ambitions.

"This (sale) would give China the technological know-how to make engines for long-range cruise missiles capable of hitting any city in Japan, Korea — all the way through India," the official said. "The administration knows this, but so far no one has had the political will to stand up and say no."

Two years later, the administration codified such behavior when it switched decision-making author-

ity over technology transfers from the State Department (which usually takes a cautious approach) to the Commerce Department (which does not).

The House committee formed last month is supposed to find out which — if any — secrets were transferred to the Chinese government as a result of Loral Space and Communications Corp.'s efforts to launch their satellites on Chinese-made rockets.

But if they really want to get to the root of the problem, they should remember that the issue goes far deeper than the sum of a few campaign contributions. If they look deep enough, they'll find that foreign governments who can't get the technology they want by legal means have no qualms about breaking the law when it suits their needs.

TELLING STATISTICS — Number of states where all consumer fireworks are banned: Ten, according to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, which spent last Wednesday blowing up watermelons and crash-test dummies on the National Mall to illustrate the dangers of fireworks.

Estimated annual deaths resulting from fireworks: "About one," according to John Conkling of the American Pyrotechnics Association. The deaths, ironically, usually occur when something goes wrong at a professional display, and the victims are usually members of the firing crew.

Number of deaths per year from firearms in 1995: 35,957, according to the Centers for Disease Control. This includes homicides and suicides as well as 1,225 deaths deemed "accidental."

Number of states where all firearms are banned: Zero.

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CHARLEY REESE

Practical measures to limit the effects of screen violence

Romans watched human beings kill each other for recreation. Nobody ever accused the Romans of being sensitive.

Why then would anyone expect American children who grow up watching human beings kill each other on television, in the movies and in video arcades to be sensitive and compassionate?

The situation today is worse than it was a few decades ago. The fictional killing is more voluminous, more graphic, but most important, it is gratuitous, amoral and often presented as a source of humor.

Growing up during World War II, I was, of course, exposed to violence in the movies and on the news, but there was a big difference. The violence was always shown as a necessity — good men forced by evil men to fight. It was never celebrated or joked about. Everyone, most especially the soldiers, longed for the day when the real violence could end and they could come home to their peaceful pursuits.

Film stories presented violence in the same context. The movie heroes of those days were not assassins. They were men forced as a last resort to violence in order to defend the good. The killing of a human being, even a bad guy, was generally shown as a regrettable and sad event.

As a note of film history, the first break with that tradition, to my knowledge, was the initial James Bond movie, "Dr. No." It was the first film in which the hero killed an unarmed man in cold blood. It was also the first film in which the hero cracked a joke about killing a person. Unlike the Bond in the novels, who was more human and motivated by patriotism, the film Bond was and still is depicted as an amoral and cynical assassin.

Unfortunately, that became the pattern for the Hollywood action hero. The volume of killings increased tremendously, and many movies of that genre degenerated to the same formula: kill a man, crack a joke; kill a man, crack a joke. Thus, the value of human life is degraded and the act of killing is shown as gratuitous, even funny. This is a deadly message to implant in the impressionable minds of children.

There is something you can do about it. The best choice is to dump the TV set. I know that's hard to do for sports fans and for public TV fans who are addicted to watching sea turtles lay eggs and hyenas scratch fleas.

The next best thing is to regard the television set as a hazard to mental health and control its use accordingly. You wouldn't, I hope, hand your children over to some strangers standing on the street and say, "Entertain them for a couple of hours. I've got errands to run." Well, don't hand them over to the strangers in Hollywood and New York.

And complain about the violence and the vulgarity. Don't waste time writing to the networks or cable companies. The life support system of television is advertising. Write to the advertisers. Take note of their names. Any public library will have a directory that will give you the name of the chief executive officer and his address.

Just send him a note. "Sir, you are free to sponsor what you choose, but I am free to buy what products I choose, and as long as you choose to sponsor trash such as (whatever), I shall choose not to buy your products anymore."

Movies are even easier. Be careful what you buy tickets to see. And don't let your children play violent video games.

One often hears, as a political slogan, something like, "Let's take back the country." Politicians can't do that. Only the people can, as individuals, by making intelligent, moral choices in every aspect of their lives.

We don't need government to control the entertainment industry. Its customers can do that — if they have the will.

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HOWARD KLEINBERG

The side of the barn is safe from missiles

Ever since Lyndon Johnson fabricated the Gulf of Tonkin attack, I've stopped blindly accepting whatever my government is telling me. Particularly when it comes to threats against us, and military success.

Last week, in another of what are becoming routine flareups involving the United States and Iraq, we were informed that an Iraqi radar locked onto a patrolling British plane over the southern no-fly zone and that an accompanying American F-16 fired a missile at the anti-aircraft battery thought to be the source of the radar lock-on.

Wars of words usually follow these actions, and the Iraqis lost no time in claiming that the anti-aircraft battery the Americans supposedly fired at was, instead, a water reservoir. They fished bits of what they claimed to be the missile from the reservoir.

We have a choice here of selecting from two well-known practitioners of overstatement, the Americans and the Iraqis, and it's not a pleasant choice to make. Did or did not the missile get fired at an anti-aircraft battery, and if it did, what was it doing in the middle of a water reservoir in a demilitarized zone where, reportedly, there are no military installations?

This is not the first time American (and allied) claims of military strike precision have been challenged. The glowing reports of missile success against Iraqi targets during the Gulf War lost much of their gloss when it was later uncovered that much of our hardware went astray, off course, into things they weren't supposed to hit.

Additionally, the delayed news of American troop deaths and injuries caused by "friendly fire" made you begin to wonder who was at war with whom.

Peter Arnett, the CNN reporter who visited a bombed target outside Baghdad during the Gulf War and proclaimed it to be a baby milk factory, was condemned by many as treasonous. (Arnett isn't even American; he's a New Zealander.) But you don't hear too many rebutting his on-the-scene observation any more.

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President to shift focus back to domestic agenda after China visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a three-day pause to recuperate from jet lag and enjoy holiday fireworks, President Clinton shifts focus this week from China's problems back to his own — a Republican Congress that won't budge on his health and crime initiatives, the uphill battle for a Democratic majority and the continuing Monica Lewinsky investigation.

Clinton opens a packed week with two White House events — on Tuesday and Wednesday — meant to cast the administration as a "doer" and castigate Republicans for inaction on his bill of rights for managed-care patients and his juvenile crime proposals.

On Thursday, he travels with his hand out to Democrat fund-raisers in Atlanta and Miami — stops No. 1 and 2 in what promises to be an aggressive political schedule leading up to the November congressional elections.

Clinton is committed to at least one political event each week this month and spokesman Joe Lockhart said the fund raising and stumpeting will pick up after August, when the president will vacation for two weeks on Martha's Vineyard.

"The president will continue to aggressively push his agenda and look to make progress with the Republican Congress," Lockhart

said. "But at the same time, we're going to be helping Democrats across the country with their elections."

Intent on giving Democrats solid footing on the "soccer Mom" issues of education, health care, and juvenile crime, White House advisers have been scouring the books for executive action Clinton can order in the absence of legislation.

Already, he has extended consumer protections to patients in federal health programs and ordered child safety locks on all guns used by federal officers. This week, his advisers are promising more executive action to keep guns away from children and make parents take responsibility for the kids who have guns anyway.

Clinton wants Congress to ban violent juveniles from buying guns for life and spend \$95 million on after-school and crime-prevention programs for youngsters. Republicans in control of Congress have ignored Clinton's legislation, saying they instead want to end parole for violent criminals, increase prison capacity, make the death penalty a real threat and impose mandatory penalties for crimes committed with a gun.

"Even if Congress decides they want to play politics this year, we



President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton leave the Foundry Methodist Church, Sunday. Clinton plans to shift focus this week from China to domestic matters.

can move forward and make progress," Lockhart said.

To the extent his executive power will allow, Clinton also intends

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to keep up with his own baby steps on health care. This week, the administration will announce a new federal outreach effort to notify low-income elderly and disabled Americans that funds are available to help pay their Medicare premiums, said White House health policy adviser Chris Jennings.

The president is also looking for ways to keep alive his "Patient Bill of Rights" for frustrated consumers in HMO's. Republican leaders, businesses and insurers argue that such government-enforced protections will only drive up health costs and push more people out from under the health insurance umbrella.

Countered Jennings: "We're going to keep this in the news about how the federal government is giving patients rights. We're going

to show how we're doing it, how well you can do it and ask how can it possibly not be done for patients in the private sector."

A CNN/Time poll released Sunday showed three out of four people surveyed believe health care reform is among the top three issues faced by Congress in the next year. They favored such changes as getting the right to choose one's own doctor and the right to appeal HMO decisions to a neutral third party. The telephone survey of 1,024 American adults had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The president's efforts to get on with domestic business play out against the backdrop of Whitewater prosecutor Ken Starr's ongoing investigation. Linda Tripp, the woman who secretly tape-recorded Ms. Lewinsky's allegations of a presidential affair and coverup, finished two days of grand jury testimony last week and will return for a third. It is not known whether she will be summoned this week or later.

NATION IN BRIEF

■ Parachutist crashes through roof

LA CROSSE, Wis. — A skydiver taking part in a Fourth of July fireworks display plunged to her death Saturday evening when her parachute failed to open over this southwestern Wisconsin city. The skydiver was found in the rafters of a two-story building less than a mile from the Mississippi River beach where she was supposed to land. Part of the parachute was wrapped around her. The name of the 39-year-old woman was not immediately available late Saturday. She and her husband were part of a trio of parachutists scheduled to do an aerial display with fireworks, police said.

Hundreds of people attending Riverfest, an annual Independence Day celebration along the Mississippi River, watched as the parachutist fell at an estimated speed of 120 mph.

She crashed through the roof of the building, which has apartments on the second floor and a tavern on the first floor. Customers investigated after hearing a loud thud.

■ Fireworks explosions injure 7

HARVEY CEDARS, N.J. (AP) — Fireworks exploded on the ground during a Fourth of July display Saturday night, igniting surrounding bushes and injuring four people in this Jersey Shore town.

"Everything was just a ball of fire," Police Chief Thomas LaNeve said.

Three people involved in setting off the fireworks were taken to a hospital. Two suffered minor injuries; the condition of the third was not known, LaNeve said.

Two other workers dove into nearby Barnegat Bay to escape injury, he said. None of the 3,000 spectators gathered at Sunset Park was injured. The cause of the blast was under investigation.

Meanwhile, a 32-year-old Milwaukee man lost a thumb and three fingers when fireworks exploded in his hands at a Fourth of July party Saturday.

In a separate incident, a 21-year-old man lost his thumb and injured several fingers in Oconomowoc, Wis., some 20 miles west of Milwaukee.

Also, exploding fireworks blew off two fingers from a 27-year-old man's right hand in Shelton, Wash., a city about 40 miles west of Tacoma.

■ Ten injured in fairground shooting

PLEASANTON, Calif. (AP) — Ten people, including three children, were shot and wounded Saturday night at a rock concert and Fourth of July celebration at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

None of the injuries were life-threatening, hospital spokesmen said. The cause of the shooting was under investigation.

Thousands had come to see a performance by rock musician Peter Dinklage and a fireworks display at the fairgrounds, about 40 miles east of San Francisco.

A woman was treated for superficial gunshot wounds and her 8-year-old son for bullet wounds to his leg. Both were listed in stable condition at San Jose Medical Center.

Two 25-year-old males and a 19-year-old woman were taken to Valley Care Medical Center suffering gunshot wounds. All three were listed in good condition.

Two men, 18 and 21, were treated for shoulder and leg wounds, respectively, at Eden Medical Center. An 18-year-old female was in surgery for a wound to her buttocks.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Reenactors stage biggest-ever replay of Battle of Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Exploding cannon fire and screeching rebel yells signaled the start Sunday of what was billed as the largest reenactment ever of a Civil War battle.

About 15,000 Civil War Reenactors recreated the bloody charge led in 1863 by Confederate Gen. George Pickett, the final confrontation in a three-day battle that became a turning point in the war.

The performance of the Battle of Gettysburg began Friday, culminating Sunday with the final confrontation.

"I have never seen anything like this," said spectator Richard Joblom of Freehold, N.J., as he stood in the federal camp. "Yesterday was hot, but I had goose bumps to the tips of my toes."

The Battle of Gettysburg has been performed annually for about 75 years, but this year's was billed as the largest, drawing 35,000 spectators.

Reenactors used a 300-acre farm about two miles from the actual

battlefield.

Spectators cheered wildly as soldiers in blue and gray galloped by, touching the tips of their sabers to their noses and giving polite nods to women. The cannon pounded so loudly it set off car alarms.

On July 3, 1863, the last day of the three-day battle, Confederate commander Robert E. Lee ordered Lt. Gen. James L. Longstreet to send Pickett's Virginians into the center of the union line, hoping to break it in two.

The charge, across a mile of open field, was doomed. The federal line mowed down 12,000 of Pickett's troops, ending the battle and driving the Confederate forces out of the North for the rest of the war.

In addition, about 40 nurses and emergency management technicians worked throughout the three-day event, tending to hundreds of injuries that mostly included sunburns, heat exhaustion and accidents, such as from people sharpening knives in camp.

A small number of spectators were rushed to hospitals for chest pains. There were no "battle-related" deaths.

Temperatures on Sunday were much lower than on the day of the actual battle — 80-degrees rather than in the humid 90s. Confederate and Union flags rippled in a strong breeze.

Historians said that had the weather been similar 135 years ago, Southerners might have been able to better see their targets through dense cannon smoke and could have claimed victory.

Not everything was authentic. Food stands lined the farm, and spectators chatted on cellular phones. Costumed reenactors waited in long lines for portable toilets.

"You'll never get it like it was," said James L. Johnson, a reenactor from Mequon, Wis. "But the attraction of large events is the scale — the ability to draw large groups of people and recreate

Time formalizes apology for nerve gas story

NEW YORK (AP) — Time magazine has apologized for a story jointly reported with CNN that claimed U.S. commandoes used nerve gas to kill American defectors during the Vietnam War.

"Like CNN, we retract the story and apologize," Time Managing Editor Walter Isaacson said in a full-page statement in the July 13 edition.

"When we make mistakes, it's

important to be open and honest about them, get all the facts out as quickly as possible and try to set the record straight. And to say we're sorry. We are."

Isaacson said results of an examination by Time matched those of CNN's earlier retraction of the story. He said the allegations about the use of nerve gas and the killing of defectors were not supported by the evi-

dence.

The two organizations, both owned by Time Warner, had reported the story June 7 in the debut broadcast of a jointly produced television news magazine called "Newsstand."

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Mystery of life, death of outlaw could be unearthed this week

DALLAS (AP) — The body of thrice-hanged Texas outlaw Bloody Bill Longley, whose burial site has long been missing, could be unearthed in central Texas this week.

Scientists are set to excavate an unmarked grave on Saturday in Giddings, the town 180 miles south of Dallas where the outlaw was finally executed. The plot is one of dozens they've explored in their lengthy search for the bones of the missing and storied gunslinger.

"It's promising," University of Texas at Arlington researcher Brooks Ellwood told The Dallas Morning News in a story for Sunday's editions.

Samples taken from the suspected grave suggest that it is more than a century old. And research based on old photos indicates the site is where Longley's grave should be, the newspaper reported.

Born in 1851 in Austin County, Longley was first hanged by anti-rustling zealots in Arkansas, but somehow lived through it. Legend holds that he was either cut down after the lynching broke up, or that one of the departing vigilantes fired a parting shot that by chance cut the rope from which Bloody Bill dangled.

The crime that got him officially sentenced to death was the fatal shotgunning of Wilson Anderson as he plowed on his Lee County farm in 1875. Longley apparently suspected the farmer had slain his cousin, Cale Longley.

Bill Longley got away, but was captured two years later in Louisiana and brought back to Giddings, where he was convicted and sent to the gallows.

At the Oct. 11, 1878, proceedings, the condemned man, who once boasted of killing more than 30 deserving people, told the

crowd that he had miscounted. Though he said he only killed eight, he was hanged anyway.

Not easily, however. When the trap door fell from under his feet, Longley dropped all the way to the ground and collapsed in a very-much-alive heap.

Officials quickly hoisted Longley and launched him into eternity — or myth — making it the third time he danced on air. Applause broke out among the more than 4,000 spectators.

From there, his body was reportedly buried in the town's cemetery.

A piece of petrified wood was placed on the Longley plot as a marker. But it was carelessly moved about the cemetery, and the grave was lost.

The Longley bones have been on the Smithsonian Institution's most wanted list for more than a dozen years.

Ellwood, his associate Suzanne Ellwood and Smithsonian Museum forensic anthropologist Douglas Owsley will open the promising grave in Giddings Cemetery as they did 21 others in the graveyard after the hunt began in 1992.

Using sensitive scientific instruments, the Ellwoods detected 34 unmarked graves in the Giddings Cemetery. Each was eliminated as a potential Longley grave.

If successful, the exhumation would end years of speculation as to his final resting place.

Legend insists a bribed sheriff in Giddings helped Longley beat the noose yet again, this time with a concealed harness, after which he settled in Louisiana under the name John Calhoun Brown and died in 1923.

In another yarn, spun by his father, Cam Longley of Bell County, Bloody Bill became a prosperous rancher in Latin America.

West Texas cemetery holds history of community

The Associated Press

BIG SPRING — In the first part of this century or perhaps earlier, a small patch of West Texas prairie dotted with prickly pear and surrounded by barbed wire was known as "the burying ground."

Dozens of adults and children found their final resting place at the Luther cemetery, although no one knows now how many graves are there. Buried by families living in the farming community, or those passing through, most of the graves were marked only with carved pieces of wood that deteriorated in the harsh weather.

These days, only a few carved tombstones remain, alongside several metal temporary markers that long ago lost any form of identification. Luther is located 10 miles north of Big Spring in rural Howard County.

In the early 1900s, Velma Lloyd's family was one of many that decided to settle in West Texas. Soon after moving his wife and children here, however, her grandfather J.C. Graves died suddenly. His is now the oldest marked grave in the plot, dated 1910.

"It was the only headstone there for so long," Lloyd, now 95, remembered. "I've often wondered what's going to happen to it, and to the whole cemetery."

Lloyd cannot visit the grave of her grandfather much now, but she is concerned about what the future holds for this almost-forgotten place. She's not alone.

Others in the Luther community say they, too, are worried about the fate of the local landmark. No longer in use, it nevertheless holds history, they say, and for the families of the people buried there, it offers comfort.

"I hate for things like that to get lost," said the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, a resident of Luther who has served as minister at Luther Bethel Baptist Church. The church is adjacent to the cemetery, and in the 1920s was deeded the property.

Now, the congregation of a half-dozen elderly women, most widows, is responsible for upkeep of the land. In recent years, they have had help from Boy Scouts, and are looking for other ways to keep the cemetery mowed and cleaned.

Today, the plot is nearly overrun with thick prairie grass. It has no sign, just a large iron gate made by oilfield workers a few years ago.

Inside, there are marked graves of several children, a family of three, and Graves. There is a grouping of three dilapidated fence posts where church members say at least two children were buried. The plots are marked only with bricks.

Several temporary metal markers are tied with faded ribbons, and stacked with trinkets: a ceramic angel, seashells. Their glass facings are cracked and broken, long since having lost the paper inserts that identified who was buried there.

Members of the church say they have searched county records and checked historical volumes for

mention of the cemetery and its occupants.

"We've tried to find out anything, and we've just not had any luck," said Dorothy Coleman, a 21-year resident of the community and member of Bethel Baptist. The best source for information church members have found is the memories of their friends and neighbors.

"There's just no starting point that we can find," Coleman said.

Although he's moved on to another church, Wheat still searches for information about the cemetery. He has started a list of people buried there, and is seeking out family members who can help him gather more information.

"We've got bits and pieces, just nothing solid," Wheat said. "This is one of the things that happens to small, rural cemeteries."

Church members said that one Sunday in 1960, they were surprised to see a burial taking place at the cemetery just as worship services ended. It would be the last one: Elsa Mae Crane was buried next to her husband, who had died in 1958, and son, who had died in 1935 at age 15.

Buddy Heckler, who will turn 90 this month, has lived in the community her whole life.

She remembers many burials, and the stories that went along with them.

A man came to get her father for help late one night when one of his wife's newborn twin babies died.

Another baby buried there was said to have been accidentally

smothered by his father while sleeping.

A man, believed to be named Jim Simpson, was burned while branding cattle. Ms. Heckler said he had a seizure and rolled into the fire.

There were also suicides, an outbreak of influenza and other illnesses. The burying ground became a reminder to many that life could be cut short without warning. Situated near a school and later the church, the cemetery was a place people passed, often several times a day.

"There were more graves there than you can imagine," Heckler said. "They were just wooden markers, didn't last too long."

While attending a nearby school, Heckler remembers her teacher dismissing classes at least once so the students could attend a burial service. At another graveside, no minister was available, so the teacher said a few words.

Opal Barber, a long-time Luther resident now living in Big Spring, has a niece and two nephews buried in the cemetery.

"When I was a kid, we found 18 graves that weren't around the ones you can see now," Barber said. "None of them had markers."

Her father was a carpenter, and he gave pieces of wood so that Barber and her friends could mark the graves.

"We didn't have names or anything," she said. "But we did mark them. Those markers just didn't last all that long."

DEAR ABBY

Woman wonders if this man is really worth dyeing for

DEAR ABBY: Rick (not his real name) and I were attracted to each other the moment our eyes met. I am 24, Rick is 30. On our third date, we ended up in bed at his apartment.



Van Buren

Abby, I was so disappointed. He fiddled out in the middle of a very exciting moment. Then Rick explained that he has been unable to function with any woman who is not a redhead. He told me he liked me a lot, and asked me if I would dye my hair red. I am heartbroken. I like Rick very much, but I am very dark-complexioned and feel that my black hair is far more appropriate than a thatch of red hair.

Abby, do you think he's telling the truth? Are there really men who can function sexually only with women with a certain color hair? — NAMELESS IN LAS

VEGAS

DEAR NAMELESS: Perhaps. From your description, it appears more like a case of first-night jitters than a hair color preference. An honest conversation about his needs and yours is in order. The question is less about whether you can conform to his needs, than can he conform to yours.

DEAR ABBY: This letter is for "Hurting in Whittier, Calif.," who thinks that wrinkles on her face are keeping her from getting a second look from men. There is nothing that will make people respond to her more than a sincere smile. It will make her wrinkles essentially disappear. Not only will it make her feel good, it will brighten the day of everyone she greets.

Abby, there is no guarantee that having a man in her life will make her feel any better. Believe me, I have had more to smile about since my husband of 27 years left town with another woman. I look younger, feel younger, and my morale has improved 100 percent. I have the same wrinkles I had when he was here, but no one

notices them because I smile so often.

To paraphrase a quote from Nathaniel Hawthorne: "Happiness is like a butterfly — the more you chase it, the more it will elude you. But if you turn your attention to other things, it comes and softly sits on your shoulder."

I hope "Hurting in Whittier's" shoulders will soon be loaded with butterflies of happiness. Sign me... ALONE BUT NOT HURTING NOW, DANVILLE, KY.

DEAR ALONE: I'm printing your letter because many readers can benefit from your uplifting message. As the lyrics from a song in the Broadway musical "Annie" say: "You're never fully dressed without a smile!"

DEAR ABBY: What can I do when I am graciously treated to a restaurant meal by a friend or colleague, and when the bill comes, an inappropriate tip is left for the server?

I am embarrassed if we have received good or exceptional service and yet my dining companion leaves only a 10 percent tip, or less.

Whether it's an oversight, lack of appreciation for the 15 to 20 percent rule, or a lack of math skills, I feel compelled to supplement the tip out of my own pocket if I think the server deserves more. How can I do this without offending my host or hostess? — WELL-FED IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR WELL-FED: There is no need to offend or embarrass your host by calling attention to the small tips that shortchange a server, so as you leave the table, leave your tip as inconspicuously as possible.

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

FedEx hub in Texas not only reason for landing business

FORT WORTH (AP) — As a bill moves through the North Carolina General Assembly to give Federal Express \$115 million in tax breaks over the next 20 years as incentive to build a similar hub at Piedmont Triad International Airport, FedEx's promoters say that such a hub would attract big businesses to the Triad.

But at Alliance Airport in Fort Worth, business leaders say the FedEx hub is just one of many reasons that companies have set up shop here.

"The FedEx hub is an enhancement," said Mike Rosa, the vice president for research and development at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. "It is not the be-all that ends all, that creates an entire economy."

Alliance is also home to major water lines, a Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail hub and Interstate 35, which runs from Canada to Mexico.

"Our cup runneth over, basically, when it comes to transportation. The only thing we don't have is you can't sail a big freighter up and unload it," Rosa said. "There's not going to be many places that are going to have as many check marks when it comes to access, and this (FedEx hub) helps."

Intel Corp. plans to build a \$1.3 billion computer-chip plant at Alliance over the next four years.

A couple of hundred yards from that site, in the business park that surrounds the airport, pharmacists and technicians for PCS Health Systems Inc. fill 20,000 prescriptions a day and ship them by FedEx, United Parcel Service or the U.S. mail to patients as far away as Maine.

A few miles away, white warehouses are rapidly spreading to cover the prairie on both sides of a highway.

Being next door to FedEx's hub at Alliance has helped PC Service Source Inc., the largest supplier of repair parts for computer-service

companies. Paul Klotz, a vice president, said the company has extended its cutoff for orders from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Workers from Federal Express wait at the end of PC Service Source's packing lines and load computer parts for overnight delivery to technicians across the country.

And the company advertises its ability to deliver parts the next day.

"In our business, it's a big deal," Klotz said. "Many businesses are incapacitated without their computers and printers. They can't wait."

Fidelity Investments buys land for campus north of Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, (AP) — Fidelity Investments, the mutual fund giant, has contracted to buy about 300 acres north of downtown Fort Worth for a business campus that initially could house as many as 2,000 workers, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday in a copyright story.

Citing sources close to the deal, the newspaper reported that Fidelity would pay in the range of \$35 million for 200 acres belonging to developer Ross Perot Jr. and 100 neighboring acres belonging to Westlake mayor Scott Bradley.

Boston-based Fidelity already has a regional operating center in nearby Irving — one of seven nationally — that employs 2,000 people.

Officials with Fidelity, the nation's largest mutual fund management firm, declined to comment for the paper on any plans for North Texas expansion.

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At an Optometrist's Office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."
On a Scientist's door: "Gone Fission."
On a fence: "Salesmen welcome. Dog food is expensive."
Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary. We'll hear you coming."
Outside a Hotel: "Help! We need inn-experienced people."
In a Dry Cleaner's Emporium: "Drop your pants here."
On a desk in a Reception Room: "We shoot every 3rd salesman, and the 2nd one just left."
In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"
In a Beauty Shop: "Dye now!"
On the door of a Music Library: "Back in a minute."
In the front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive carefully, we'll wait."
In a Counselor's office: "Growing old is mandatory. Growing wise is optional."

Airline Humor

Here are some actual humorous statements by several airline flights crews. Occasionally, airline attendants make an effort to make the 'in-flight safety lecture' a bit more entertaining:
"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane..."
"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation, and in the event of an emergency water landing, please take them with our compliments."
"We do feature a smoking section on this flight; if you must smoke, contact a member of the flight crew and we will escort you to the wing of the airplane."
"Smoking in the lavatories is prohibited. Any person caught smoking in the lavatories will be asked to leave the plane immediately."
"Good morning. As we leave Dallas, it's warm, the sun is shining, and the birds are singing. We are going to Charlotte, where it's dark, windy and raining. Why in the world y'all wanna go there I really don't know."
Pilot: "Folks, we have reached our cruising altitude now, so I am going to switch the seat belt sign off. Feel free to move about as you wish, but please stay inside the plane till we land."
And, after landing: "Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."
And from the pilot during his welcome message: "We are pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry... Unfortunately none of them are on this flight..."

Late Night Lines

"Scientists now think birds descended from dinosaurs. I think that's true. Look how fast 'Godzilla' flew out of the theaters."
"Gene Siskel is recovering from brain surgery. Who would have guessed by looking at the two of them that Ebert was the healthy one."

— Jay Leno

"There was a big game in the World Cup between the United States and Iran, and Iran won the big contest 2-to-1... It's very exciting to be in Iran right now. They went crazy. Yesterday, people were up all night partying at the big, very popular nightclub there, Planet Khomeini."

"Yesterday (in World Cup soccer), Brazil was defeated by Norway 2-to-1. Well, there's \$10,000 I'll never see again!"

"Did you hear about the newly released tapes from Monica Lewinsky? Monica Lewinsky now says that she was very upset because she only got to see President Clinton the last time for 60 seconds... Well, yeah, fine, but in his defense, he had 12 other interns to see that day."

"President Clinton lands over there in China, gets off Air Force One. Kind of a touching ceremony - a little girl comes out to meet him and hands him a bouquet of flowers and a subpoena."

— David Letterman

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Trike Master

Eric Davis, 4, leads children attending St. Luke's United Methodist Church's Parents Day Out Camp in Lubbock, in a patriotic parade in the church's parking lot. Tricycles decorated in red, white, and blue carried children as they got an early start on celebrating Independence Day.

AP Laserphoto

Few things as enjoyable as bankrupting a family member

By David Grimes

N.Y. Times News Service

Summer vacation has begun, which means it's time for the traditional Grimes family Monopoly tournament.

Call me a sentimentalist, but to me nothing says

Humor

"family values" like slowly bankrupting a spouse or conning a small child into a one-sided real estate deal that costs him the game.

The way their little shoulders slump... the way their lower lip quivers and their eyes well up with tears... I don't know, you just can't put a price on that kind of stuff.

And yet, for some strange reason, I detected something less than unbridled joy on the faces of my wife and son when I dragged out the Monopoly game and began herding them toward the dining room table.

"I'm not playing," said my wife.

"Forget about it, Dad," said the boy.

Perhaps it had something to do with last year's tournament, which I won thanks to a cagey investment strategy and a shrewd real estate deal where I promised the boy he could go without brushing his teeth for a week if he would trade me Park Place for Oriental Avenue.

That lost him the game, of course, plus I made him brush his teeth twice as often for making such a dumb trade. Boy, I'll tell you, parenting doesn't get any better than that.

"Game chatter" is a big part of Monopoly's appeal and is certainly what brings us closest together as a family. When, for example, an opponent lands on a property you own, such as Illinois Avenue, the correct way to call for the rent is to shout, "THAT'S MINE!! That'll be \$20, lady, and I want it NOW!!"

This tells everyone that you are a real "player" and not someone to be trifled with or, for that matter, entrusted with sharp objects.

It is also important to publicize, in as loud a voice as possible, any financial difficulties your opponents may be having, such as: "Whatsamatter, kid? A little light on cash? Tell you what, I'll give you 30 bucks for Pennsylvania Avenue and I'll even throw in this Get Out of Jail Free card 'cause I like your face. Whaddya say? Deal? Huh? Deal? Huh? Huh?"

This is called "keeping the pressure on" and it always succeeds in rattling an opponent, sometimes to the point that he or she will whip a soft drink bottle at your head, so you've got to stay alert.

Since the object of Monopoly is to reduce your opponent to a whimpering, quaking, bankrupt blob of goo, it is important that you don't get "soft" with an opponent just because he or she is a spouse or a small child who has not yet mastered addition and subtraction, let alone the finer points of mortgaging.

For example, I know some people who think Monopoly is more "fun" if everyone owns a block because then everyone is "in the game" and has a chance to win

Please see MONOPOLY/2B

Abilene minister treats Buick to pizza party

By Bill Whitaker
Associated Press

ABILENE — In an age when birthday parties for folks long in the tooth are commonplace, Ed Lang has gone one step further.

Or, rather, one mile further.

Recently, the retired Methodist minister threw a party for his '83 Buick Park Avenue on occasion of its passing the 200,000-mile milestone. He took it down to K.D. Harbin's Exxon station at 2465 Buffalo Gap Road, had the thing hoisted high into the air and saw it given an oil change.

During all this, Ed, wife Amy and the trio of mechanics who routinely work on

Ed's beloved car ate pizza and celebrated the Buick's triumph on the American Road.

"It's not really for the car," Ed finally confided, "this is for the mechanics."

Just the same, Ed acted as if he'd landed on the moon or something (though I'm told the moon is actually another 38,000 miles off). The odometer turned to 200,000 when he and wife Amy were 10 miles north of Fort Davis on Texas Highway 17 at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 23.

"Since then," Ed said, "my wife has driven the car to Houston and together she and I have driven to Fort Worth. We plan a July trip to El Paso."

When I arrived at Harbin

Exxon the other day — one of the few true service stations in town, incidentally — Jerry was eating pizza with station owner K.D. Harbin and his fellow mechanics Ron Wilson, 44, who has worked there 13 years, and Billy Belyeu, 35, on board for four years.

"To be honest," K.D. told me at one point, "I thought Ed here was going a little beyond the call of duty."

"Yeah," Billy added, "but you know what we say around here: Anything for the customer."

Ed, however, refuses to underestimate his pit crew.

"The key to a long life for a car is a good mechanic

Please see PARTY/2B



Joy Finley was recently honored for her work as a private music teacher.

Courtesy photo

Midland teacher receives statewide honor for her work in music field

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland music teacher Joy Finley recently was named the Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Texas Music Teachers Association.

"I'm still on cloud nine," she said of the honor received at the association's convention in San Antonio. "When I think of all the different associations that nominated me and when they announced

my name, I started crying."

She was one of four nominees and was nominated by the local music teachers associations in Midland, Abilene, Dallas, Fort Worth, Mesquite, the Metroplex, Richardson and Waco.

"We're talking about Fort Worth and Dallas, associations who each have 200 to 250 members," she said. "And then I found out the selection was unanimous."

In nominating her, the associations cited Ms. Finley's 30 years involvement with the association. She has been involved with the Midland association since 1961, before her younger daughter was born. She is serving as immediate past president of the association this year and as president last year implemented a policy of having state association officers visit the local associations and

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Hey dad, why'd you take a picture of a duck?

Most families, upon returning home from a big summer vacation, gather around each other on the couch and slowly, enjoyably sift through packets and packets of pictures, fondly remembering moments captured on film.

At our house, we all sit around, mostly wondering things like,

"Where's Mickey Mouse's ears?"
How can you take a picture of Mickey Mouse and not include his ears?"

As Rod Stewart once sang:

"Every Picture Tells a Story."

Around our house, that story is this: Dad is a really lousy photographer. But for some reason, dad is usually the one in charge of the picture taking. And it's probably because dad asks to be in charge of the picture taking because he figures that one day, he may just get it right.

After sorting through our Disneyland pictures, we came across the ones we took while visiting Mrs. P's grandmother. I'm not totally sure, but I'd be willing

to bet that I'm probably the only person in the world who could take his family to his wife's grandmother's house and get a picture of every family member — except grandma.

I just don't have what it takes.

There's that other old expression: A picture's worth a thousand words. I'm sure you've heard it. Around our house that's true too. And when the family is talking about my pictures, the thousand words used to describe the pictures are things like: bad, really bad, horrible, awful, dark, out of focus, and really, really, really, awfully, horribly bad.

You get the picture.

Sometimes the words used to describe my photo taking are even worse when the kids leave the room. But when we are happily gathered on the couch looking through the packet of pictures with the hope of coming across an occasional good one, there are common phrases that are often heard:

"Whose foot is that?"

"What is that supposed to be?"

"Why did you take a picture of total darkness?"

"Why did you take a picture of a kitchen window

sill?"

"Hey dad, great picture of the end of your finger."

"Where's Uncle Dan's head?"

"It's a duck. Hey dad, why did you take a picture of a duck?"

There is actually a story about the duck. I'm just not emotionally prepared to write about it yet.

In the meantime, there's a story about my pictures of the polar bear we can talk about.

Frankly, I have not yet grasped the concept of the zoom lens. Probably because I rarely spend more than \$12.99 on a camera that can be easily tossed away after its use. Disposable don't come with fancy gimmicks like zoom lenses, but they are convenient, which is why I like them better. Until the film is developed.

At a zoo in Chicago, we were fortunate enough to be in front of the polar bear's habitat when he decided to get playful. The trainer would squirt him with a water hose, then he (the bear) would jump into the water and make a big splash. He did this about 15 times, back to back. So I got a picture of it every ...

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DAVE BARRY

Government shields us from ultimate threat: Windows

If you asked me to name the three scariest threats facing the human race, I'd give the same answer that most people would: nuclear war, global warming and Windows. So I was happy to learn that the federal government has decided to protect me from Microsoft.

Sometimes, when we face a really huge threat, we need the government to protect us. This idea was dramatically dramatized in the recent movie "Deep Impact," which you might have missed because it was in theaters for only about 15 minutes before spontaneously mutating into rental videocassettes. The plot is that the astronomy community - which I sometimes wish would just shut up and leave us alone - announces that a comet is hurtling through space on a course that will cause it to smash into the Earth right



Barry

before the end of the movie and destroy all life on the planet, which consists primarily of actress Tea Leoni.

Our nation's leaders, recognizing that the comet is (1) the greatest danger the human race has ever faced, and (2) unlikely to make large campaign contributions, decide to destroy it by launching a rocket containing Robert Duvall. This tactic always worked for Marlon Brando in "The Godfather," but it seems to have failed this time, and when the world appears to be doomed, U.S. President Morgan Freeman, conveying sincerity by means of eye bags the size of catchers' mitts, announces that the government has a plan to save two million people who have been determined, by totally objective means, to be worthy of survival, including: top government officials, doctors, relatives of top government officials, movie extras, scientists and Monica Lewinsky. The plan is that these people will spend two years in a cave in Missouri, along with precious artifacts of American culture and, presumably, a huge quantity of deodorant.

But just when all appears to be lost, Robert Duvall manages to destroy most

of the comet. All that's left is a small piece that falls harmlessly into the Atlantic Ocean, after which a computer-generated wave destroys New York and Washington, D.C. So it's a happy ending after all.

But my point is that when we are faced with a threat that we cannot handle ourselves, we depend on our government to protect us. And that's exactly what is happening right now, as the antitrust division of the Justice Department takes on a huge and arrogant monopoly; a monopoly that, by totally dominating its market and ruthlessly eliminating competitors, has left us, the consumers, with no choice but to buy its products and pay whatever inflated price it demands: the U.S. Postal Service.

No, sorry. The federal government wouldn't dare take on the Postal Service, which is heavily armed and recently tested a thermonuclear device. So instead the government is going after software giant Microsoft (motto: "We Have Worked Out All The Bugs").

Microsoft's No. 1 product is Windows, which now comes automatically installed on every computer in the

world and many kitchen appliances. Technically, Windows is an "operating system," which means that it supplies your computer with the basic commands that it needs to suddenly, with no warning whatsoever, stop operating. I speak from experience here. Many a time I have spent hours writing a serious and thoughtful column on an important issue, only to have Windows - which is often referred to as "the French labor union of software" - get into a snit and call a general computer strike that erases all my work moments before deadline, leaving me with no choice but to bang out a highly inaccurate column such as this one.

The big dispute between the government and Microsoft concerns the Internet "browser," which is the piece of software that puts a message on your computer screen informing you that the Internet is currently busy and you should try again later. As you can imagine, the potential market for this service is huge, so Microsoft would like you to use its browser, and not somebody else's. Microsoft can be very insistent about this kind of thing. On my current computer, Windows has created a little

Earth-shaped icon on the screen, and if I click it, it tries to get me to sign up for something called the Microsoft Network. It's like having an Amway representative right on my computer, and the hell of it is, Windows will NOT let me get rid of this icon. I've tried everything, including scrubbing the screen with harsh abrasive cleansers.

So I think the Justice Department should spend however many hundreds of millions of dollars it takes to figure out a way to get this thing off my screen, even if it takes military force or - as a last resort - duct tape. I also want Janet Reno to appoint somebody - I'm thinking Kenneth Starr - to look into the very real possibility that Windows is cheating at solitaire. Above all, I think the government needs to immediately start constructing caves in Missouri, in case the Postal Service goes postal.

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PATTERSON: The Boy turns duck shot into eating, drinking utensil

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single ... time.

We get the film back, and there's almost an entire role of pictures of a really small white spotch jumping into a pool of water.

Oh well, at least we have our memories.

So on to the duck. I think I'm ready.

Of all the rude things uttered about my lack of photographic skill, perhaps it was the repeated question, "It's a duck. Why did you take a picture of a duck?" statement that maybe hurts most.

Because it was there. Sir Edmund Hillary climbed Everest because it was there. I took a

picture of a duck because it was there. The duck happened by in the zoo and I thought, "A duck! How unusual." So I took a picture of the duck. Ten minutes later, I discovered ducks weren't terribly unusual in a zoo. In fact they're everywhere. And no one else was bothering to take pictures of them. I could tell by everyone else's smug looks that I was the only one in the zoo with duck on my film.

Looking back on it, there is really little or no reason to own a snapshot of a duck. At the time, I suppose I was thinking how much The Boy would like it. I figured we'd get home, I'd surprise him with a picture of a duck and he would marvel at it and place it alongside Buzz

Lightyear and his Hot Wheels collection as one of his most prized possessions.

But as it turned out, he took the picture of the duck into his room, and brought it back out a few minutes later. He had water colored all over it. The formerly white duck was now black.

"Look, dad ... Daffy Duck," The Boy said.

The picture, aside from being moist from top to bottom and from beak to bottom, was also bent into an unrecognizable blob, the way all 4-year-old boys bend things when they carry them from room to room.

The Boy then stuck the duck in a glass of milk, rendering the fowl shot a total waste of film not 20 minutes after I had given

it to him while hopelessly hoping he would consider it a beautiful, touching gift from father to son.

Instead, he sucked milk through it. Which means the duck shot must be a highly prized possession after all. If The Boy thinks enough of the picture to use it as an eating and drinking utensil, he treasures it.

Quick ... I need my disposable camera.

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FINLEY: Students' success a factor

(From 1B)

make them feel more a part of the state group. She also worked to increase accessibility to members of the local associations.

"They all felt they could talk to me - if they had problems, they could pick up the phone and call me," she said.

The letters also praised the success of her students, many of whom have won local and state competitions. "Some of my students have gone on to universities and become teachers or to perform professionally," she said.

The policy of accessibility she practiced with the local music teacher associations that comprise the state group has always been part of her teaching method, she said, saying she likes to build a rapport with her students.

Ms. Finley is proud of the

fact many of her past students maintain contact with her.

"They like to come and just visit," she said. "They've taken me to lunch and they like to keep me up on what they've done. I got a letter recently from a former student who's majoring in music at Hardin-Simmons telling me how she was doing and another student called me from Texas Tech, saying she had just come from music theory class and was thinking of me."

Music has meant a lot to her most of her life, she said, and being named Outstanding Teacher of the Year "is like a crowning," she said.

"Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought this honor would be bestowed upon me."

PARTY: Car had 48,000 miles on it when purchased

(From 1B)

who will take care of the car all the time," he said. "Pick one mechanic you can trust and do all your business with that person. He or she will then know the car and feel a sense of responsibility for its operation."

"Do not shop around for a better deal," he added. "It is a false economy. Pick one person and stick with him for the care of the car."

That's pretty much the bargain he made with K.D., a long and reliable presence on this stretch of Buffalo Gap Road.

"I made a deal with him 14 years ago," Ed said, "that I would do all my car business with him, buy all my gas here, my tires, all of it, and in return, if my wife and my kids ever had trouble with a vehicle, they'd go out and rescue them."

"I've been true to my part of the bargain. I have not bought so much as a gallon of gas from anyone else in town."

Ed tells me he almost passed up buying his trusty Buick back in 1985.

"My kids wanted me to buy a Datsun 280ZX, and I brought one home, too," he said. "But I was so fat it took me 10 minutes just to get into the car. Plus, it was uncontrollably fast, and I knew my kids were going to kill themselves driving it if I didn't kill myself first!"

So he bought a used car originally purchased by Jerry Thomas for his wife at the beginning of the model year in August 1982. Ed, who was then head of the used car department at Hughes Buick, kept the car in what Ed says was excellent condition.

Ed bought the car in 1985,

when it had 48,000 miles on it, and promptly forged his agreement with K.D. for the car's maintenance.

So far the only major mechanical problems have been the failure of the air conditioner (first at about 80,000 miles, then at about 180,000 miles), then a rear-end failure requiring that the differential gears be rebuilt at about 120,000 miles.

Ed was in Dallas when the rear-end failure occurred.

"I went to a mechanic in Dallas, but the guy looked at me like I was a first-class sucker in his hands," Ed remembered. "Well, I called Ed and he gave me some advice about bringing it back. I drove it back from Dallas at 30 mph, too. Got it back late at night and left it for them to work on."

"I'm real uneasy putting my car in anyone else's hands," he

said. K.D. and his crew say lots of customers bring food by as a way of extra gratitude for their service work - especially women - but the idea of actually throwing a party, complete with pizza, for one's own car and "pit crew" is a first.

Wife Amy, an English teacher at Cooper High School (who had wanted Ed to buy a Mercedes back when he was car-shopping), says she's happy for her husband.

"He's so proud the car made it 200,000 miles," she said, "and he's so proud of these guys."

Ed is already planning a party for when the car reaches the 300,000-mile mark - assuming he and the mechanics he cherishes are still road-worthy.

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MONOPOLY: Owning everything would be a beautiful thing

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and yadda yadda ya. This, of course, is sheer nonsense and the kind of behavior that should draw the attention of the House

Un-American Activities Committee, assuming such a committee still exists.

To me, the perfect Monopoly game would be me and three opponents. One opponent would

own Mediterranean Avenue, another would own Vermont Avenue and the third would own St. Charles Place. I'd own everything else. The reds, the yellows, the greens, everything. Plus all

the railroads and both utilities.

It would be a beautiful thing, the kind of moment you'd like to share with your family, if they'd only give you a chance.

To horsemeat, California voters can just say neigh

By Frank Bruni

N.Y. Times News Service

ANTELOPE VALLEY, Calif. — The scenery around the retirement community that Linda Moss manages here is flat, chalky and desolate, and the slow-moving, spindly-legged retirees don't have much to occupy their days.

But the sun is reliable, the company is dependable and the alternative might be considered harsh. The roughly 300 residents in Ms. Moss' care almost exited life as sausages or steaks.

Ms. Moss runs a rescue center in this dust bowl between Los Angeles and the Mojave Desert for old, disabled or unwanted horses that were bound for slaughterhouses in Texas or Nebraska and for sale abroad to French, Belgian or Japanese restaurants and meat shops.

The animals on her 40-acre ranch are refugees from an industry and culinary tradition of which few Americans are even aware. They are also poster creatures for one of the latest initiative drives in the nation's most populous state.

Come November, Californians, who recently weighed in on the fates of bilingual education and affirmative action, will be asked to decide the destiny of horses: specifically, whether to make it illegal to participate in the sale or purchase of a horse pegged for human ingestion.

"It's the least we can do for a nice animal that's given so much to us," Cathleen Doyle, one of the initiative's principal backers, said as she walked with Ms. Moss among the

Arabians, Clydesdales and thoroughbreds at the Equus Sanctuary here.

These women and their allies have named the initiative "Save the Horses" and hitched it to a number of informal slogans, including "Off the Table, In the Stable" and "Just Say Neigh." It is intended to spare what Ms. Doyle estimated to be about 10,000 horses in California every year from winding up as breakfast, lunch or dinner.

But the referendum also draws attention to people's complicated, contradictory attitudes toward the animals they raise and to the fuzzy, fickle lines they draw between acceptable and unacceptable uses of different beasts.

Many of the supporters of "Save the Horses" happily chew the flesh of cows and pigs and issue no particular lament over horses dragging heavy carriages of wealthy tourists through American cities in the oppressive summer heat.

But sirloin of pinto? "It just strikes the wrong chord," said Bill Hemby, a legislative advocate for the California Organization of Police and Sheriffs, one of several groups to endorse the referendum. "I can't give you a hard and fast ideological reason," Hemby said. "I guess it's just that if we're going to breed horses or dogs for pleasure or show, we have an obligation not to eat them."

Some critics of the referendum say that's a silly strain of sentimentalism that ignores the logic of finding a profitable use for uneaten horses and that disingenuously

equates horses with household pets.

"They want horses recognized as 'companion animals,'" said Brent Heberlein, general manager of Beltex Corp. in Fort Worth, Texas, which slaughters horses from all over the country and exports their meat, mostly to France.

"Does that mean everybody's going to be walking their horse around the block before work in the morning?" Heberlein asked. "Or taking it to the 7-Eleven to pick up a quart of milk?"

Although few if any restaurants or stores in the United States sell horsemeat, similar establishments in other countries do, and animal welfare advocates estimate that about 100,000 horses are slaughtered in the United States every year to supply those foreign businesses.

Several thousand additional horses from the United States are transported to Mexico or Canada to be killed there. Advocates said they have received reports of horses being flown to Japan to be eaten raw and thinly sliced, like sashimi.

This trade has existed for decades and is not only legal, but also regulated by the Department of Agriculture. Horse owners get several hundred dollars from traders, and the slaughterhouses that buy and kill the horses send the low-fat, high-protein meat to countries where it fetches as much as \$15 a pound and is eaten by people who could well afford other foods.

The California measure, the first of its kind, would affect only animals and transactions within the state, making it a crime to sell or buy a

horse, mule, donkey or meat from any of these animals if it is intended to feed people. But its supporters say they hope it will spark similar referendums in other states.

The initiative's promoters do not oppose the rendering of horses into products from pet food to paint thinner because horses used for these purposes are killed painlessly.

But horses to be eaten by people cannot be pumped full of drugs, which would taint their meat. Like cattle, they must be slaughtered, and the method is similar: a long metal nail is shot into their heads to knock them out, then they are hoisted into the air and drained of blood.

Trina Bellak, an executive with the Humane Society of the United States, said a horse's experience of this is more terrifying than a cow's. Because a horse is more likely to thrash its head in the killing stall, Ms. Bellak said, several metal nails are sometimes used to topple the animal.

Ms. Bellak also said that the way horses are transported to slaughterhouses, packed into trucks for trips that can last two days, disregards their panicky reaction to crowding.

"Horses get very territorial and have a personal space issue," Ms. Bellak said.

But beyond all this, supporters of "Save the Horses" say they object to what they see as a violation of the unspoken human covenant with horses, which have long been treated with more affection than common livestock.

Barbershop convention comes to Atlanta but brings no barbers

ATLANTA (AP) — There may have been hundreds of tenors and basses in town for the International Barbershop Harmony Convention, but where were the barbers?

"No, I don't know of any barbers here," said Peter Francis Charge, 65, who traveled from Manchester, England, to sing with the Grand Central Chorus. "I've never met a barber in a quartet."

Tom Larsen, of Columbus, Ohio, also didn't know of any barbers attending the week-long competition for the best barbershop quartet and chorus, but he did know where barbershop singing got its start.

"Back in the 1900s, there were only saloons and barbershops to go to," said Larsen, who's been singing the a cappella music since 1959. "The barbershop was a place to sit down and socialize,

and men just started humming."

More than a thousand people showed up at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta to hear the songs from yesteryear - from "Beautiful Dreamer" to "Hello, My Baby." Forty-eight four-man vocal groups and 21 all-male choruses competed for titles. The competition concluded Saturday.

The Harmonizers, a 124-member group from Alexandria, Va., won the chorus competition, while Revival, of San Diego, was judged the top quartet.

The competition was melodious and serious. Results were updated on several Internet sites.

"Once you win, it's like Miss America, you can't keep competing," said Jason January, a non-barber who sings with Acoustix, the 1990 international quartet champion.

But win or lose, the music made the occasion.

"Pretty close call there, huh, fellow?" Barbara Clarke, the director of Redwings, said as she stroked his mane.

Ms. Clarke also has a few horses that she said were rescued as young, healthy ponies. They had been taken from their mothers so that their mothers would get pregnant again quickly. The reason, she said, is that the hormone-dense urine of pregnant mares is used in a drug for post-menopausal women.

And she has a pen of six aggressively friendly donkeys that she said might have become "donkey jerky" if they had not ended up with her.

At the Equus Sanctuary, Ms. Moss attributes extraordinary sensitivity to the horses in her care.

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to affect every country," said Ahmad Kamal, a Pakistani diplomat who heads the United Nations working group on information technology. "Due to the mere existence of information-technology networks, no country is in an isolated pocket that can be hermetically sealed."

In the United States, government and corporate decision-makers began focusing seriously on the problem in 1995. Prosperous European and Asian countries followed up within the next two years. A survey this year of governments in 158 of the world's poorest countries showed that more than half had done nothing — mistakenly thinking of the so-called Y2K bug was a "rich nations' problem" that wouldn't affect their phones, power grids, shipping or fuel supplies.

"It's kind of late right now for many of us," acknowledged diplomat Carl Frances of Trinidad and Tobago. "The World Bank is using British

grants to sponsor 20 meetings, including one in Jamaica for Caribbean countries within a few weeks, to see a presentation an Italian firm has developed on what to do."

"In China, we do not have today the manpower with the precise skills needed to do this work," said Junjie Li, a professor working for a joint state-private software firm in Qingdao. Imported software riddled with Year 2000 bugs is used to run Chinese computers that handle everything from airports and military missiles to the payrolls at government-owned factories.

"We are outsourcing to Americans for the fixes," Junjie said. Taiwan's government recently decided to give tax credits to businesses that make deadlines and punish government officials who miss them, said Kuo Yun, the former general who heads Taiwan's official Year 2000 efforts.

Meanwhile, some American firms are subcontracting Year 2000 work to India, where lower wages and longer hours cut the

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cost by three-fourths.

"We are running three shifts a day right now, doing a lot of work right from Calcutta for customers in the United States," said Tapan Mukerji, director of a systems integration firm. "Of course, we have our own Year 2000 problems, though not as intense or extensive as in the United States."

"I wouldn't put it in the category of 'we're satisfied and we don't worry about it,' or, you know, 'we're hysterical and our hair is on fire.' It's somewhere in the middle," said Michael Dell, chairman and chief executive officer of Dell Computer Corp. His Texas-based company depends on the Internet, phone

calls, faxes and trips to coordinate operations in 42 countries.

Small firms, exporters and importers will bear the brunt of the risks, predicted David J. Cassano, general manager of Year 2000 global initiatives for IBM Corp.

"Many small companies are still holding out hope that someone will come up with the one tool, the silver bullet, that they can install on a Friday and be okay on a Monday. It isn't going to happen," Cassano said. He said IBM polls of its own customers suggest that three-fourths of them "either haven't gotten started or are in denial."

Even among large companies, "globally, many of them are

still in the assessment phase — sorting out what really has to get fixed," Cassano said.

Efforts in Europe are handicapped by the diversion of many programmers to work on converting financial systems for next year's switch from marks, francs and other currencies to the new euro.

Asia's economic turmoil has drained corporate and government budgets that could have been diverted to Year 2000 fixes, as well.

In many African and Latin American countries, private and public leaders alike were concentrating on switching from government-commanded economies to free-market systems, and did not pay much attention to warnings from their technical staffs.

"Some executives tell me 'I'm working on it,' and they just mean they're still deciding which outside vendor they will try to hire to perform a miracle," said Fernando Parra, president of DTS Software Latin America, which works on Year 2000 fixes for clients in many countries.

In a telephone interview, Parra said, "Here in Brazil and in most of Latin America the worst problem is huge governmental

firms — telephone companies and banks and electrical companies — that move so slowly because they need to ask for public bids, and need budgeting in advance."

He added, "If a telephone company in Peru or in Brazil stops working, or if an insurance company or bank shuts down for a few days or a few weeks or whatever, it is a problem for everyone in every country that is doing business with them."

"Face it, everybody's behind schedule everywhere, and not all the work will be done," said Barry Ingram, a vice president for Texas-based Electronic Data Systems Inc., which does systems work in most countries of the world.

"What people have to do is assess all their systems, designate the mission-critical ones that they must repair or replace, and find ways to live with the errors in the rest of them," Ingram said.

The resulting problems should be kept in perspective, said Cassano of IBM. "If an ATM won't give you money, it doesn't mean your money is not safe. It means the ATM is broken," Cassano said.

SPANGLISH: Web site has 650 English, Spanish technological terms

(From 4B)

puters, the highest proportion in the country's Latino communities. They are no strangers to the Cyber Spanglish debates popping up in chat rooms and Web sites.

Some say using English words with Spanish conjugations leads to the corruption of the Spanish language.

For others, it's a natural evolution rising from the lack of Spanish translations for English technospeak.

All agree that Cyber Spanglish is as pervasive on the Net as cortaditos and Cuban sandwiches are on local menus.

Like chameleons straddling two cultures, many Latinos here tailor their language to their audience.

Amelia Iglesias, who was born and raised in Peru, said she avoids Spanglish when speaking but uses it often on the Internet, which she considers a more relaxed form of communication. She feels Spanglish is lazy.

"I have a problem with people

who carry on a conversation in Spanish and use a word they have created," said Iglesias of Miami. "That's when the language starts to deteriorate."

Mauricio Paniagua, of Delray Beach, agrees.

"Every language should be spoken correctly," said the Bolivian native. "It's like Americans are taking more and more of Latin culture when we use their terms."

Spanish translations for technological terms can be awkward. "Dar un tapeito" seems a mouthful, while "click" is quick and efficient.

"I don't blame people for using Spanglish because there aren't enough translations," said Alfred Gomez, a computer science professor at Broward Community College.

Like others, Gomez would like to see an approved list of translations, so Latinos from Buenos Aires to Boca Raton can share a common computer vocabulary.

Last year, MCI released a Spanish and English Technoglossary that defines nearly 1,000 computer terms.

Also, a CyberSpanglish Web

site (<http://www.actlab.utexas.edu/seagull/spanglish.html>) has 650 English, Spanish and Spanglish technical terms. Yolanda Rivas, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Texas at Austin, founded the site in 1995 with 100 words and has received hundreds of contributions since then.

Some feel Rivas is promoting a bastardized version of the language. One Spanish Web site refers to her as a Peruvian who has lived in Texas too long.

"But that's the way we talk," Rivas counters. "One of the beauties of our culture is that we are very flexible."

Since founding the site, Rivas has noticed more Latinos using Spanish translations like "raton" and "enlace" rather than opting for the English "mouse" and "link." Transliterations like "escaner" for "scanner" are appearing in dictionaries.

"Users will become more comfortable using Spanish words as they become more comfortable with the technology," Rivas said from Austin. "With a little time, we'll stop saying 'cookies' and start saying 'galletas.'"

As U.S. Latinos gain more

political and commercial clout, so will the Spanish language, predicted University of Miami professor of bilingual communications Sandra Fradd.

"Spanish is very vulnerable to the intrusions of English," Fradd said. "But we're about to see a resurgence in purism in Spanish because the economic value of (speaking) Spanish is going up."

According to Hispanic Business Magazine, Miami in 1997 was second only to Los Angeles in its number of Hispanic-owned companies: 136,204. Fort Lauderdale came in 12th with 23,211 Hispanic-owned companies.

The future of Spanglish on the Internet is as wide open as the technology itself. But some, like Bill Teck, editor of the Miami-based Spanglish magazine Generation 6, refuse to take it too seriously.

"It's proof of the completeness of a culture when it has its particular dialect that only those people in the culture understand," Teck said. "People enjoy the humor. It gives language a little more flavor, a little more spice."

RUCKUS: 'At Home' begins slow groundswell as online service

(From 4B)

Case, issued a statement challenging AT Home's exclusive deal to provide high-speed programming over TCI's cables and challenging AT&T to let his service offer high-speed cable-modem access under its own brand.

This did not sit well with AT Home.

"The thought that AT&T or TCI will become a dumb pipe and turn over the portal service to AOL is just ridiculous," Thomas Jermoluk, AT Home's chairman, said in an interview last week. "AOL is paranoid about keeping exclusive control of the portal. But in the new broadband world, the facilities provider wants to participate in the revenue stream when users see ads and buy things."

The stakes are compounded for AT Home, which has a minority of its shares trading publicly. The company has shot up to a value of \$4.2 billion despite huge losses because of the perceived potential of its exclusive contracts with TCI and other cable systems.

To be sure, even if At Home controls the first screen its users see, any At Home user with only a modest technical ability could use the cable modem to gain access to America Online or any other Internet service at high speeds. That is no different than the ability of a current America Online user to jump right to Yahoo or any other Internet site. But experience shows that that most people do not tinker with default settings; they use whatever pops up on the first screen they see.

At Home, however, does not want simply to depend on inertia. It has been developing attractive content that takes advantage of its service's speed. Its news and information screens, for example, have much bigger, brighter color graphics than other Web-based services. And it offers a wide range of short video clips from sources like CNN.

Jermoluk says that one measure of the drawing power of these flashy offerings is that half of AT Home's first customers were America Online

members and that most of them dropped the online service once they got used to the cable offering. His conclusion: America Online will have to give up its dream of being the exclusive portal in a broadband world.

"We have the access to the home," he said. "If AOL wants to get there with broadband, they will have to work with us."

Robert Pittman, America Online's president, insists that despite the protests over the current cable lockout, he is not worried. To start with, it is very early in the game, he said.

"Broadband is just not ready for prime time," Pittman said. As much as consumers may want faster access, broadband will not take off, he said, until its price comes down from the current \$40 a month and customers can hook themselves up easily without technicians visiting their homes, as the current technology requires.

More important, Pittman argues that for the foreseeable future, the most likely prospect for broadband services is someone who is already on line at

slower speeds. Thus, America Online offers the biggest pool of broadband prospects in the world. So the cable companies and the phone companies will all eventually trip over themselves to cut deals with the online service.

"At the end of the day, economics always win," he said. "Since we have so many subscribers, we have big buying power already." Moreover, Pittman argues that AT&T's strategy of selling telephone, cable and Internet services in one package will ultimately prove ineffective.

"They talk about bundling, but what's missing is someone to sell the bundle," he said. "The only thing TCI can sell is cable TV. AT&T has 80 million customers, but it was only able to get 1 million customers for Worldnet," the Internet service AT&T introduced two years ago.

"We have an interactive relationship with our consumers," he added, "so when we started offering long distance we converted 1 million lines in six months."

98: Early receipts don't indicate overall success of new product

(From 4B)

first four days on the market three years ago, Windows 95 sold 510,000 copies.

Microsoft had sought to deflate expectations for Windows 98, positioning the new operating system as a "tune-up" to its predecessor instead of a ground-breaking new product. With the low-key introduction, most analysts had expected Windows 98 sales to build more gradually than was the case with Windows 95.

"Everyone was wrong in saying there was no pent-up demand for Windows 98," said Ann Stephens, president of PC Data in Reston, Va.

Yet the early results, analysts say, do not necessarily indicate how well Windows 98 will do in

the long run. The first few days of retail sales tend to be to computer enthusiasts, who are but one slice of the market.

"These are the guys who regard putting a new operating system on their personal computer as a form of entertainment," said Chris LeTocq, an analyst at Dataquest, a research firm in San Jose, Calif.

Still, the number of these computer enthusiasts has increased sharply in the last few years as more and more people use computers. By the end of this year, the number of personal computers in use running some version of Microsoft's Windows operating systems will be 376 million, Dataquest estimates. At the end of 1995, the number of machines using Windows was 153 million, according to Dataquest.

With more people using Windows machines, the potential market of those who might spend \$89 to upgrade to Windows 98 is far greater than when Windows 95 was introduced — making the initial sales of Windows 98 somewhat less impressive.

Besides, about 90 percent of all shipments of PC operating systems come already installed in new machines instead of as retail, shrink-wrap programs for upgrading an existing operating system.

David Readerman, an analyst at Nationsbank Montgomery

Securities, estimates that Windows 98 will generate revenues for Microsoft of \$3.2 billion in its first 12 months from sales to both computer makers and retail customers.

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Antenna magic

By Bill Husted
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — It's hard for technology to shock people anymore. Once upon a time, folks sat open-mouthed

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at their first sight of a television set. When radio was first invented, some people seriously thought it might be the work of devils. And nowadays we have computers that can read handwriting, understand human speech and translate more languages than a platoon of U.N. translators.

So — compared to all that — I have my work cut out for me when I tell you that the most magical technological device that I know is an antenna. For most of you, an antenna is one of those ugly aluminum things that once sprouted on rooftops across America. It was replaced by cable TV and lately, in increasing numbers by the pizza-sized dish antennas used by satellite TV systems.

To understand why an antenna is such a magic device, think of how it works. In its simplest form — maybe one of those whip antennas you find on portable radios and TVs — it's no more than a hunk of metal. There's no need to power it with electricity. Yet it captures tiny electrical signals broadcast by the radio or TV station and then translates those signals into music and pictures.

I've spent more than my share of time building antennas because of my ham radio hobby, sometimes stringing hundreds of feet of wire between tall trees just so that I could talk and listen to people around the world. Most of you will never have to embarrass yourself in front of your neighbors as I have — using a casting rod in my back yard trying to get a fishing line over a tree so that I could use that line to pull a rope over the tree so that I could hoist up the wire. I'll never forget the way the neighbors peered out their windows, wondering what kind of fish I hoped to catch in a tall oak tree.

But now that a lot of us live and work in steel-and-concrete cages in the form of high-rises and apartment buildings, there are practical reasons to learn a little about antennas. An acquaintance, here at the newspaper, complained to me the other day that her fancy portable shortwave radio couldn't pull in many stations. And here at the newspaper, you can't pick up many of the local AM stations.

The problem in both cases isn't the strength of the signals. The problem was that the buildings themselves — both at the newspaper and the place where my friend lives — were blocking the signal.

Here at the newspaper, we solved the problem by putting up a simple wire antenna — the kind you can buy at Radio Shack for about \$10 — on the roof. Then we used coaxial cable — that's the same kind of shielded cable used to pipe in cable TV signals — to connect the antenna to the radio.

And that's what I'll do with my friend. The outside antenna doesn't have to be fancy at all to pick up commercial shortwave stations or the local AM broadcast. In cases like the ones I mentioned, the purpose of the antenna isn't to amplify the signal, it's simply to grab the signal from a point outside the steel cage and then to pipe that signal inside.

You may be in the same boat. Even some homes have enough wire and steel in them to make any kind of radio — shortwave or regular AM — pretty feeble. The good thing about this problem is that an antenna is one of the few technological devices that the average person can build for himself. Unlike transmitting antennas, the shape and length of the wire you use isn't all that important (in fact, with most portable radios, you actually don't want to have too big of an antenna — the signal can overload radios built to work with a whip antenna).

Local User Groups

- The Macintosh Permian User Group meets the 4th Thursday of every month (except Nov. & Dec.). MacPUG has its own web domain at <http://www.macpug.org>.
- The Permian Basin User Group, an open platform user group, meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at Barnes & Noble.
- The Internet Users Group meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble.
- The MMUA meets the third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m., at the Permian Basin Graduate Center, 221 No. Main, in Midland.

THE I-WAY EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

U.S. threatened by delays abroad

By Andrew Mollison
N.Y. Times News Service

FAIRFAX, Va. — American prosperity could be eroded by slow progress in many other countries toward updating millions of computer systems and billions of microchips to recognize the year 2000.

The damage "would be about the same size as the expected economic damage from the turmoil in East Asia," Maria Livanos Gattai, secretary gen-

Year 2000 Bug

eral of the International Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday.

"How do we inject a sense of urgency without generating doomsday hysteria?" she asked some 1,700 senior high-tech and government leaders at the World Congress on Information Technology here.

The delegates from 93 coun-

tries spent hours comparing notes on the political and technical changes needed to fix or replace millions of pre-1997 computers and software programs and billions of embedded chips in electronic devices that won't know whether the two-digit date "00" stands for 1900 or 2000.

"Irrespective of whether it is a problem of \$1 billion or \$1 trillion, it is a problem that is going

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Technology run amuck

NEC Corp. employee Yumiko Ueno, holding a fish-shaped remote control, watches goldfish in a newly unveiled compact virtual aquarium system "Sakana Hakkel Junior" at the computer maker's headquarters in Tokyo. The 24-inch monitor screen, with its front thinly covered by a real water tank that creates bubbles, displays soothing images of seven different types of fish installed in IC cards. The system is sold at \$3,536 and the IC card is \$281.

AP Laserphoto

English-Spanish concoction invades cyberspace

By Vanessa Bauza
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Javier Sotomayor speaks in either English or Spanish — not the controversial concoction called Spanglish.

But, like thousands of other Latinos, he peppers a daily slew of e-mail messages with Spanglish

phrases like "estoy surfeando el Internet" ("I'm surfing the Internet") and "emailame" (e-mail me).

"I only use Spanglish for technical terms," said Sotomayor, who moved to Miami from Puerto Rico seven years ago. "I feel embarrassed with older people who are new to technology, and I've been criticized by a few."

From South Beach to Palm Beach, Spanglish — already a standard in homes, on radio shows and I-95 billboards — has conquered cyberspace.

According to the Miami-based marketing firm Strategy Research, one-third of South Florida's Latinos have personal com-

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Windows 98 flies off shelves much like Windows 95 did

By Steve Lohr
N.Y. Times News Service

Windows 98 went on sale last week with little fanfare and a puny marketing budget compared with its relentlessly promoted predecessor, Windows 95. And Windows 98 also came to market under a legal cloud, as Exhibit A in the Justice Department's antitrust suit against the Microsoft Corp.

No matter, it seems, at least not in the first few days. Windows 98 flew off store shelves just as quickly as did Windows 95 when it went on sale, even slightly faster, according to PC Data, a market research firm.

In the first four days of sales, from last Thursday through Sunday, retailers sold 530,000 copies of Windows 98. PC Data reported Tuesday, based on daily sales reports from 20 chains with 6,000 stores. In its

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Suddenly, a ruckus at the front door of the 'Net

By Saul Hansell
N.Y. Times News Service

When America Online rebuffed AT&T's merger flirtations last month, it could hardly have known that the long-distance giant would soon marry what may be the online service's most potent long-term enemy: the At Home Corp.

At Home, in which AT&T will get a 42 percent interest as part of its \$31.8 billion acquisition bid for Tele-Communications Inc. last week, markets a high-speed Internet service over cable television wires. It is hardly a force today, with only about 100,000 subscribers. America Online says it has 12 million customers, more than half of the homes in the United States that have online access.

Still, a new front is opening in the Internet wars with the development of so-called broadband services like At Home that offer

transmission speeds 20 to 100 times as fast as traditional modems. That is fast enough to offer rich graphics, live video feeds and an end to the finger-tapping waiting that most online users endure today.

Right now, the most visible battles in the broadband world are among various technology providers — for example, between cable-modem systems and a new standard of high-speed Internet access over telephone wires called digital subscriber lines. And the cable industry itself is divided: One group backs At Home, and another supports Time Warner's cable-modem service, Road Runner.

But a much more intense clash is brewing over whether access to broadband lines will be open to America Online or any other online service or will be closed to all content except that chosen by the system oper-

ator, just as cable systems now choose which channels to carry. Not surprisingly, both At Home and Road Runner want to use their wires to promote their own online news, information and entertainment services.

Why does this matter? For the same reason that media giants like the Walt Disney Co. and General Electric's NBC have been buying Internet directory services: It is clear that whoever controls the front door that people use to start their Internet surfing — a "portal" in industry jargon — will control the biggest share of advertising and shopping revenues. And whoever sells the connection to the Internet, as America Online and At Home both do, controls the portal.

Just hours after the AT&T-TCI deal was announced, America Online's chairman, Steve

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Cost of Fixing the Year 2000 Problem

N.Y. Times News Service

United States	\$520.0 billion	31 percent spent
Germany	\$96.8 billion	17 percent spent
United Kingdom	\$50.9 billion	26 percent spent
Italy	\$16.8 billion	16 percent spent
France	\$12.0 billion	21 percent spent
Netherlands	\$9.4 billion	17 percent spent
Other countries	\$11.1 billion	N/A
Global Total	\$717.0 billion	N/A

Source: Estimates by Howard Rubin for Cap Gemini, cited by International Chamber of Commerce.

Netizens debate how to organize unions online

By Amy Harmon
N.Y. Times News Service

These are the times that try a cyberpatriot's soul.

Consider Jon Postel, who has served as the unflinchingly serene citizen-sentry of the Internet's address system since he began keeping track of it on a piece of notebook paper in 1969. But Postel is weary these days, and a little bit grumpy — and not because the Internet has doubled in size yet again in the last year.

It is because Postel, a University of Southern California researcher, has recently been anointed a founding father of the network's nascent political structure — a move toward Internet "self-governance" that is being propelled by various governmental, commercial and social forces.

For nearly three decades, Postel's work has been supported by a combination of contracts from the federal government and consensus by the Internet's ad hoc technical community. But now, as a de facto delegate to what is shaping up as a constitutional convention in cyberspace, Postel suddenly finds himself being accused of seizing illegitimate power, threatened with lawsuits and bombarded in e-mail wars.

His critics include Jim Dixon, president of Euro Internet Service Providers Association, a trade group of 600 Internet companies in Europe. "You have a small group of people asking that they be given a large amount of power simply because they've been there for a long time," complains Dixon, noting that Europe wants more say in how the Internet will be run.

His concerns are shared by many Internet industry leaders outside the United States, who have made their feelings known to Postel and the U.S. government via e-mail.

Postel cannot help but feel besieged. "I'd rather be doing the technical stuff," he said

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Join your favorite Muppets for the sing-along of a lifetime at the Muppets Movies Lyric Archive. Follow the rollicking sounds to <http://www.jclark.edu/~ryong/muppets.html> and get in tune with Kermit the Frog, Fozzie Bear and Rowlf. The Web site, dedicated to Jim Henson and Richard Hunt, features lyrics from "The Muppet Movie," "The Great Muppet Caper" and "The Muppets Take Manhattan." Plus, there's movie dialogue and photos of your favorite Muppets characters. From "The Rainbow Connection" to "The Muppet Baby Song," you'll be singing, dancing and laughing along with this classic gang. Be sure to save a dance for Miss Piggy!

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At the White House for Kids, V.I.P. stands for Very Important Pet. Socks the Cat is it, and he's your personal guide for a great tour of the most important home in the country. Getting to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is as easy as clicking on <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/kids/html/home.html>. Have you

heard about Buddy, the new dog at the White House? There were a lot of other presidential pets making messes on the White House lawn before Buddy came along! And there were lots of kids before Chelsea Clinton to play with those official animals. Check out the history of White House pets (from ponies to puppies) and the "First Children" who played in the halls of this amazing mansion. Oh, and while you're at the White House, don't forget to send an e-mail to the president!

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AskAmy@4Kids.org

Dear Amy: Why don't kids know smoking is bad for them? — Michael, Kansas City, MO
Dear Michael: Kids hear it all the time, but I guess just knowing it doesn't keep them from smoking. There is a cool Web site at <http://www.bloccomics.com> that uses a comic book hero called Captain Bio to teach kids about the bad effects of smoking. It has excerpts from the comic book stories and lots of interactive games that are fun to play. It helps kids understand the social and physical issues about using tobacco without preaching to them. They can face off against the evil tobacco villain, Sinister Smoke, who tries to get kids "hooked" on smoking. Instead, they can get hooked on the facts.

Dear Amy: Are there any Web sites just for girls?

— Melissa, Peoria, IL
Dear Melissa: A good place to start is a World Wide Web site called Girls Talking at <http://www.west.net/~hellen/>. It has some nice areas about having fun, making changes and finding solutions. Another of my favorite sites is Girl's World, "the space where girls rule the place" at <http://www.girlsworld.com>. This home page is hoping! You can make some new friends or give your opinion about what to do if your best friend blabbed all your secrets.

Send your comments or questions about the WWW to Amy at: AskAmy, 3001 Dole Center, Lawrence, KS 66045 or AskAmy@4Kids.org

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Much of probe still a mystery one month after Laredo raids

LAREDO (AP) — More than a month after federal agents raided the Webb County district attorney's office and hauled away thousands of files in a moving truck, much of the case is still a mystery. Starting on Friday, May 29, federal agents executed search warrants on the homes and offices of 14 Laredo officials and others, including District Attorney Joe Rubio, bail bondsman Jesse Castaneda, and former state district judge Ruben Garcia. The home of Rubio's father was also searched.

"I just hope that the investigation they're conducting is done as quickly as they possibly can..."

— Webb County District Attorney Joe Rubio

Garcia pleaded guilty on Tuesday to taking bribes for fixing court cases in connection with the federal probe.

But the 73-page affidavit used as the basis for issuing the search warrants remains sealed at prosecutors' request, and federal officials are saying little.

"There are ethical and legal constraints that keep me from commenting on an ongoing criminal investigation," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle, the lead prosecutor in the case. He has said the affidavit includes details about confidential sources, taped telephone conversations and witnesses who are cooperating with the government.

Rubio said he hopes for a rapid end to the probe investigating what happened to criminal charges against 128 people over the nine years he has been in office.

"I just hope that the investigation they're conducting is done as quickly as they possibly can, while protecting the rights of everyone involved," Rubio said.

DeGabrielle was making no promises.

"It's difficult to say how long this investigation will take," he said.

Castaneda, the bail bondsman, told the San Antonio Express-News that not only were his home and office searched, but he was

questioned for hours in San Antonio by federal agents. Castaneda said agents had been on the case for three years and had bugged his house, office and bedroom.

Some light was shed on the case when one of its targets admitted wrongdoing. Garcia, the former judge, pleaded guilty to conspiring with an unnamed

assistant district attorney and others to fix the outcome of his clients' criminal cases in exchange for bribes.

Rubio, meanwhile, is criticizing the way the raid was handled.

He said carting 5,000 files from his office in moving trucks was unnecessary because federal agencies have always been allowed to make copies of whatever they needed.

"A lot of this information was readily available to federal agencies upon request," Rubio said. "I don't think that the far-reaching warrant was necessary and the fact that it was carried out in a sensationalized manner was not necessary either."

But DeGabrielle said it is standard procedure to take files, make copies and return them as soon as possible.

Theories about the probe have run rampant since the raids. Some speculate that it is retaliation for Rubio's decision last October to stop prosecuting minor drug cases for the federal government.

Rubio said he stopped the long-standing practice of handling federal drug cases involving amounts under 50 kilos because his office was handling about 750 cases a year to the tune of \$1 million. He said the federal government would not pay incarceration costs.

"There's a lot of feathers that were ruffled in the U.S. attorney's office," Rubio said, although he added that he could not speculate if that incident has anything to do with the federal investigation.

DEATH NOTICES

Leonard McMinn

Former Midlander Leonard N. McMinn, 85, of Oklahoma City, Okla., died Friday, July 3, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

He was born May, 1913, in Van Zant County.

He worked as a carpenter and construction supervisor. He was a Baptist. Aside from living in Midland, he lived in Mineral Wells, Albuquerque, N.M., and Oklahoma City, Okla.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, three sisters and his wife, Lena Mae (Pilgrim) McMinn.

Survivors include Janet Davis of Midland, Neva Sutton of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons, Nolan McMinn of Valley Centers, Kan., and Elton Ray McMinn of Big Bear Lake, Calif.; one sister, Kathryn Brown of Mount Pleasant; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Martell Lewis

BIG SPRING—Martell "Bud" Lewis, 81, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, July 4, in a local nursing home.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday,

July 8, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born July 23, 1916, in Hillsboro.

He graduated from Overton High School and Kilgore Junior College. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and as a sergeant in the State Guard before the war. He was a member of the Overton Masonic Lodge and a founding member of the Big Spring Gem and Mineral Society. He worked for Gulf Oil Company for 49 years before retiring in 1981, as an LPG Field Coordinator.

He was a member of East Fourth Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Curtis Lewis.

Survivors include his wife, Letha Lewis of Big Spring; a son Jerry Floyd Lewis of Killen; daughters, Linda Lewis Cundiff of Lubbock and Peggy Jeanne Smith of Tucson, Ariz.; sisters, Jean Suber of Henderson, Mildred McLane of Levitts Chapel, JoAnn Kirkland of White Oak and Nancy Roberts of Pasadena; a brother, C.E. Lewis of Liberty City; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to High School Bible Fund, %Howard County Ministers Fellowship, 1008 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

Jack Everett

Jack P. Everett died Sunday, July 5, at his Midland residence.

Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. G.A. Magee officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born February 5, 1920, in Valley Mills.

After graduation from high school in Valley Mills, he attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine and later received his master's degree from Texas Western University. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from November 6, 1940, until October 5, 1945. He was in the 411th Airborne Quartermaster Company. He received the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. He married Lucille Blackmon December 21, 1947, in Lamesa. He taught school in Lamesa, Fort Hancock, Big Spring and began teaching in Midland in 1958. Mr. Everett was a member of the Midland Retired Teachers Association and Midland Genealogical Society.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Everett of Midland; two brothers, Claude Everett and Clyde Everett, both of Crawford; two nephews; two nieces; two

cousins; and five great-nieces and nephews.

Mary Buss

Mary Christine Buss, 38, died Saturday, July 4, in Ruidoso, N.M.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Alvie Stephens

COLORADO CITY—Alvie Lee "Fat" Stephens, 75, of Colorado City, brother of Midlander H.N. Stephens, died Friday in a local care center.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Gene Parham officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born April 17, 1923, in Mitchell County and has been a lifelong resident.

He was a retired truck driver. He was a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Patsy Robinson of Colorado City; Birdie Stephens, Eddie Stephens and Douglas Stephens, all of Colorado City; another brother, Earnest Stephens of Abilene; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Tornado forces holiday revelers to flee barbecue

ROUND ROCK (AP) — A twister that forced Central Texans at a July Fourth barbecue to take cover injured 11 persons and damaged buildings.

Workers at the Forrest Creek Stables near Round Rock and more than two dozen friends at the barbecue witnessed the twister's descent from the clouds Saturday.

"We screamed tornado and we ran," B.J. Slover, who runs the ranch, told Austin television station KTBC.

The tornado peeled off the stable's roof and overturned trailers. Some horses were hurt by flying debris.

Residents who took shelter in a bathroom were uninjured.

"We all got in the tub and kids (were) crying," said Carol Wallen, another witness. "And we ran out and saw the roof flying in circles."

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Saturday

Criminal Mischief: Paul Ramos, Jr. told police that the windows were broken out of a vehicle at 1001 N. Lee St. He told police the incident was possibly in retaliation for information Ramos had provided to police. The report was made at 10:33 p.m.

Theft: Booker T. Johnson of 309 S. Tyler reported to police that a woman known as "Sunshine" took \$200 from his pants pocket. The theft was reported at 3:30 p.m.

Theft: Christine Hanks of Trade Secrets at 4511 N. Midkiff reported a theft to police officers.

Criminal Mischief: Kean Tan Wee told police that the windows were broken out of a vehicle at 2000 W. Michigan.

Criminal Mischief: Laura Sanchez told police that \$400 in

damage was done to a vehicle at 803 N. Marienfeld.

Theft: Jimmy Joe Martinez reported that an impact wrench was stolen from a service station at 3211 Andrews Hwy.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Saturday

Theft: Marty Felts reported a Motorola portable radio was taken from 4915 W. Loop 250. The report was made at 6:23 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Tergeson's Fine Foods at 3801 Cottonflat Rd. reported four trucks were burglarized. It is unknown if anything was stolen from the trucks. The report was made at 10:55 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crimestoppers at 694-TIPS



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BASEBALL— Texas Rangers 8, Seattle Mariners 4.
Houston Astros 5, Arizona Diamondbacks 2.
TEXAS LEAGUE— Tulsa Drillers 5, Midland Angels 4.

Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE— Tulsa Drillers at Midland Angels, Christensen Stadium, 7:11 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

DieHard 250

WEST ALLIS, Wis.— Dale Earnhardt Jr. captured the DieHard 250 Sunday at The Milwaukee Mile, his third NASCAR Busch Series title of the year.

Earnhardt, who led 208 of the 250 laps on his way to pocketing \$39,625 for the victory, was rarely challenged during the day.

"We were just awesome," said an elated Earnhardt. "Tony Eury Sr. (crew chief) and Tony Eury Jr. told me this car was going to be awesome today. They were right."

Trailing Earnhardt across the line in second place was Elton Sawyer, who had won the pole position on Saturday only to have it stripped away by NASCAR in post-qualifying inspection for a fuel violation.

Jeff Purvis finished in third place, followed by David Green and Matt Kenseth.

Points leader Kenseth was able to protect his lead over Mike, who finished up in sixth. Kenseth still leads the 1998 NASCAR Busch Series standing by 20 points over and 22 points over Earnhardt.

Sosa sidelined

CHICAGO— Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa said Sunday he will not be able to participate in the All-Star Game or the home run hitting contest because of a sore left shoulder.

Sosa, who set a single month record with 20 home runs in June, said he woke up Sunday with soreness in the back of his shoulder which he thinks was caused by sleeping awkwardly on it. He was scratched from Sunday's lineup, the first game he has missed all year.

"If I don't play today, I don't think I'll be available tomorrow (Monday)," said Sosa, the Cubs lone representative on the NL team. "The doctor said three to four days. I can't swing the bat."

Second baseman Bret Boone of the Cincinnati Reds was chosen to replace Sosa on the National League roster. With the trade Saturday of reliever Jeff Shaw to Los Angeles, Boone becomes the Reds' lone representative on the team.

Sosa said he planned on attending the All-Star festivities at Coors Field, especially the home run hitting contest.

"You know me, I want to be there," Sosa said. "I'll be there watching (Mark) McGwire."

By resting these three days, Sosa said he'll be ready for the second half of the season.

"It's much better to have this happen now and get three days to rest and come back Thursday and finish strong," he said.

Sosa has 33 home runs and 81 RBIs, and is batting .324.

Ross retires

KANSAS CITY, Mo.— Kevin Ross, a two-time Pro Bowl cornerback for the Kansas City Chiefs, has told the team he plans to retire.

Ross, 36, was the Chiefs' eighth-round draft pick from Temple in 1984. In his 14-year career, which included two seasons with Atlanta and one with San Diego, he played in 204 NFL games.

But he spent most of the 1997 season on the injured reserve list after having knee surgery, and did not attend the Chiefs' minicamp or participate in the off-season program. He had one year left on his contract.

"Kevin Ross has asked for his termination pay and is going through the procedures that you have to for retirement," said Carl Peterson, the Chiefs' president and general manager.

"He indicated he wanted to retire as a Chief, and we wanted him to retire as a Chief."

Ross could not be located Sunday for comment.

Ross was a cornerstone of the Chiefs' vaunted secondary from 1984 through 1993, when the club featured fellow Pro Bowl cornerback Albert Lewis and Pro Bowl safeties Deron Cherry and Lloyd Burruss.

King helps Drillers nip Halos, 5-4

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Before the season, Baseball America ranked Tulsa's Cesar King as the No. 2 prospect in the Texas organization.



Sunday, the catcher lived up to the billing. Twice in the last two innings of Tulsa's 5-4 win over the Midland Angels, Halo runners tried to steal second to put a man in scoring position. Both times, King gunned them down allowing the Texas League East leaders to take their second straight victory at Christensen.

"He's got a good arm," Tulsa manager Bobby Jones said. "When he threw out the two guys in the last two innings. That is a big plus. If a guy makes it to second base you never know what will happen."

Midland falls to 13-9 and remains in a tie with Wichita on top of the Texas League West standings. Arkansas beat the Wranglers, 7-6.

In the eighth, the Angels tied the game at 4-4 after Eddie Christian's homer to deep center. The next batter, Larry Barnes walked, and Midland manager Don Long, went to the bench and put in pinch-runner Trent Durrington, who came into the game with 19 steals.

Durrington was gunned down and the inning later ended with no damage.

"I think about everybody running," said King, who has thrown out four of five Angels runners in the series. "I know the guys can run. I just have to catch the ball and throw. That is it."

After Tulsa scored the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth, catcher Matt Curtis earned a walk to open the bottom of the ninth. Like Barnes before him, Curtis was also lifted for a pinch runner. However, Randy Betten, who three stolen bases coming into the game, also tried King's arm and failed.

"Obviously to put yourself in a situation (to drive a runner in), you have to take a risk and be aggressive,"

Long said.

King, who also had given the Drillers a 4-3 lead with an RBI double in the sixth inning, is a heralded prospect. The problem for King is that the player at his position at the Major League level is a young-in-the-tooth All-Star named Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez.

"I had Pudge two years in a row," said Jones, who coached Rodriguez at Class A Port Charlotte and Double-A Tulsa.

"He (King) doesn't throw with Pudge. There is no one who throws with Pudge. He's is pretty good and has a good arm, but Rodriguez is exceptional."

Trying to take the spot of a potential Hall of Famer doesn't help when looking for immediate vacancies but the native of the Dominican Republic hasn't changed his future goals.

"I never think about him (Rodriguez). A lot of big league teams need a catcher," King said. "They can play me, maybe trade me or train me in the outfield. I will keep working. I don't feel that Rodriguez is going to stop

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Sweet emotion: Sampras wins 5th

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England— Just when everyone thought it was safe to play Pete Sampras, a champion beset by burnout, he unleashed his finest tennis in his toughest Grand Slam final Sunday and captured a record-tying fifth Wimbledon title.



Pressured by a barrage of 32 aces that often left him shaking his head, Sampras couldn't afford even a moment's letdown in a 6-7 (2-7), 7-6 (11-9), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory over brokenhearted, three-time runner-up Goran Ivanisevic.

"Now I guess I'm out of my slump,"

Sampras said with a smile. Sampras had been shut out of every major final since winning Wimbledon a year ago, briefly lost his No. 1 ranking, and the whispers on the men's circuit were that he had lost his edge, the desire it takes to train and win. Sampras himself admitted burnout had gotten to him after ruling tennis for five years. Former Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek even weighed in last week with the idea that Sampras was playing more like a No. 10 than a No. 1.

Not in this tournament, and certainly not in the final. A month shy of 27, Sampras showed the full range of his tennis artistry in tying Bjorn Borg for the most Wimbledon men's championships of the 31-year Open era, and matching Borg and boyhood idol Rod Laver with 11 Grand Slam titles. Only Roy Emerson, with 12, has won more majors.

"Borg's five I thought would never be broken," said Sampras, who also won \$722,000 to push his career earnings past \$33 million. "I think I've got some years left in me so that I can, hopefully, do it again."

Sampras took this one — his first five-set Grand Slam final — as much with his craft as with consistency and will. Stroke for stroke, little separated him from Ivanisevic, whose left-handed serves are among the most intimidating in tennis. The radar speed gun clocked them both with serves up to 134 mph.

"Compared to all the finals I've played, this is by far the toughest," Sampras said. "I didn't think I was quite in control of the match, and Goran was playing huge. I got a little bit lucky out there, I must admit, and raised my level just enough in the fifth set. And before I knew it, I won it."

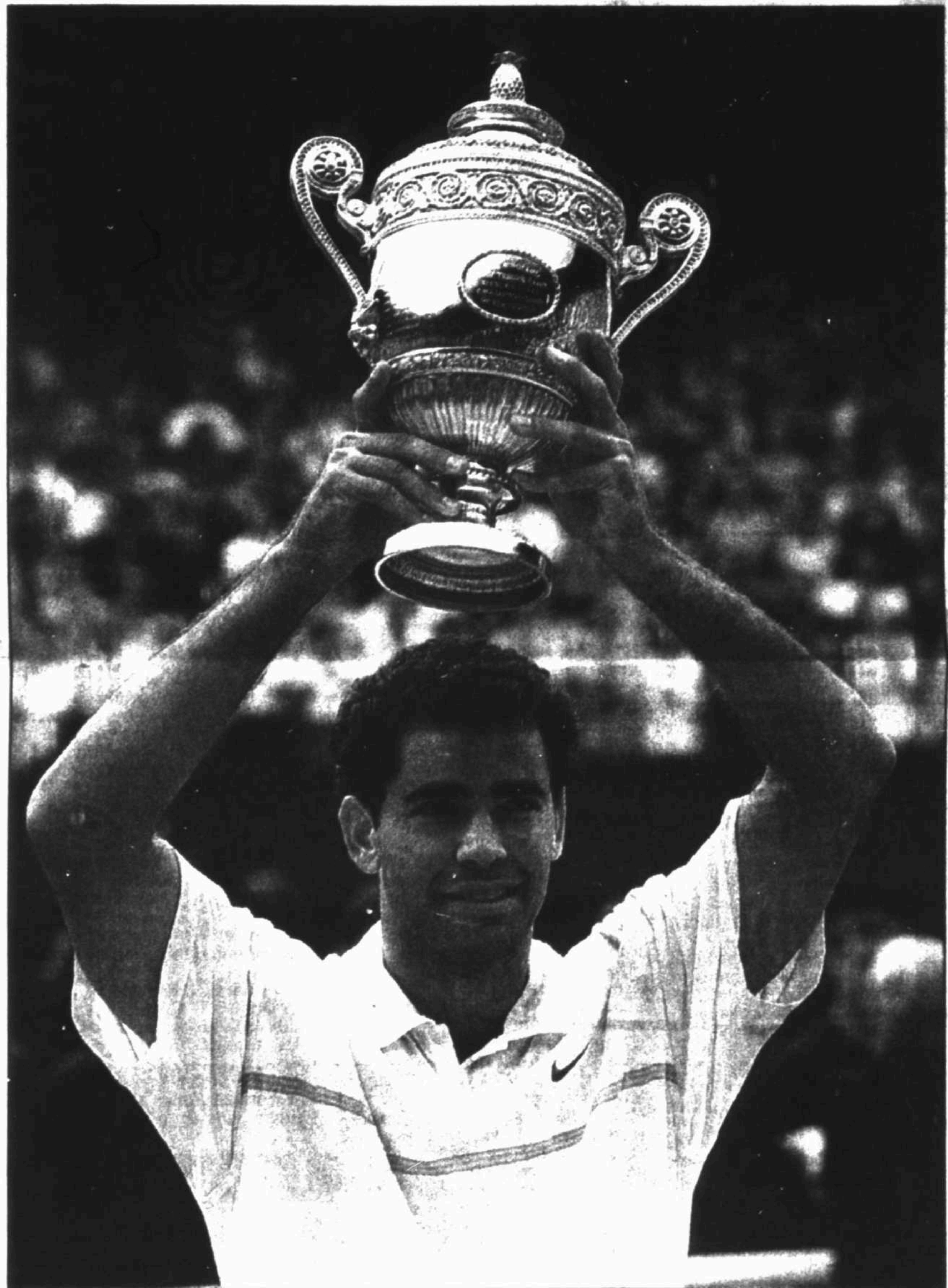
For Ivanisevic, performing in front of Croatia's prime minister in the Royal Box, the loss hurt more than any in his career. He had played one of the greatest Wimbledon finals, serving 37 aces against Andre Agassi in 1992, and lost. He fell to Sampras after two tiebreakers in the 1994 final. But he described this as one that would torment him the rest of his career.

"It hurts most because this time I had the chance," Ivanisevic said. "He didn't play well."

As Sampras carried his trophy around the court in a lap of honor for the fifth time in six years, Ivanisevic slumped in his chair in the deepest gloom.

He was harder on himself than he deserved. He volleyed well, Sampras a tad better with a bit more range. Ivanisevic nearly tripled Sampras' 12 aces, but

Please see SAMPRAS/4C



Pete Sampras holds the men's singles trophy aloft, after defeating Goran Ivanisevic in the final on Wimbledon's Centre Court, Sunday. Sampras won the match 6-7 (7-2), 7-6 (11-9), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, to take his fifth Wimbledon title.

Mighty McGwire featured in HR derby



St. Louis Cardinals' Mark McGwire will be a favorite in today's All-Star game home run derby to be held at Coors Field in Denver.

By I.J. Rosenberg
Cox News Service

DENVER— As Mark McGwire's traveling home-run show appears in Denver tonight for the annual All-Star Game home run derby, the burning baseball question is not if he will break Roger Maris' single-season home run record of 61, but when.

Later August, perhaps? Not so fast, cautions Henry Aaron, who hit more homers than anyone in the sport.

"Well, I think if anybody has a chance to do it, he can," Aaron said. "But the whole key will be going into the last month well ahead of Maris' pace. If he's not six or so homers ahead of the pace, I don't think he can do it."

McGwire is two homers ahead of the pace, but Aaron thinks things will get tougher for the St. Louis Cardinals' first baseman.

"The pressure and the teams he will be facing," Aaron explained. "If he is facing contending teams, they are not going to pitch to him. And the television exposure. I know what it is like, and it is worse now. It was very testy for Maris when he did it. I remember my encounter. You get the same question over and over again, and you get them from people who don't know anything about the game. It's going to be very interesting to see if he can do it."

McGwire said he plans to relax and enjoy the All-Star festivities, beginning with tonight's home run derby. He'll be free-swinging at Coors Field, the homer-friendliest park in the big leagues, and he'll be competing against some of the best home run hitters in the game.

"It's the best part of the All-Star Game," said McGwire, who won the event in 1992.

And the best part of the first half of the season certainly has been McGwire. His 37 homers have traveled almost 15,392 feet (three miles), an average of 416 feet a shot. He has filled ballparks in both leagues, made pre-game batting practice a social gathering, damaged scoreboards, hit balls through stadium doors, and hit three homers in one game at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia that traveled a combined 1,362 feet.

"It's very fitting Godzilla is opening this week; I think it opened a day early in Philly," said Philadelphia center fielder Doug Glanville, who later complained of a sore neck.

That is just one of many McGwire stories that have developed during the first half of the season.

THE SHOW: Opposing parks are opening their gates early to let fans watch McGwire take batting practice. It has been routine for 25,000 fans to gather in St. Louis several hours before game-time. NBC announcer Bob Costas took his son, Keith, to see batting practice in St. Louis recently, and McGwire responded by hitting 22 of 25 pitches out of the park.

The Padres drew 30,000 for McGwire's batting practice. Cardinals catcher Tom Pagnozzi

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Ausmus leads Astros to victory vs. Arizona

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Brad Ausmus had been the forgotten man in Houston's NL-leading offense, but lately he's been reminding everyone of his presence.



He's got a much-deserved reputation as a solid defensive catcher but the last two months he's really picked up the pace offensively. Houston manager Larry Dierker said after Ausmus drove in three runs with a pair of hits in Houston's 5-2 victory over Arizona on Sunday.

Moises Alou and Craig Biggio homered and Sean Bergman recorded his career-high eighth victory as the Astros took the series two games to one.

"Hitting eighth is always a difficult job, but Brad has handled it as well as anybody in the league," Dierker said.

Ausmus, who was hitting .103 on May 3, was 6-for-11 on the homestand to improve his average to .251.

"With this lineup I'm probably the last guy (opposing pitchers)

think about," Ausmus said. "With as hot as some of the other guys are, I'm getting a lot of fastballs lately and I think that's helped me."

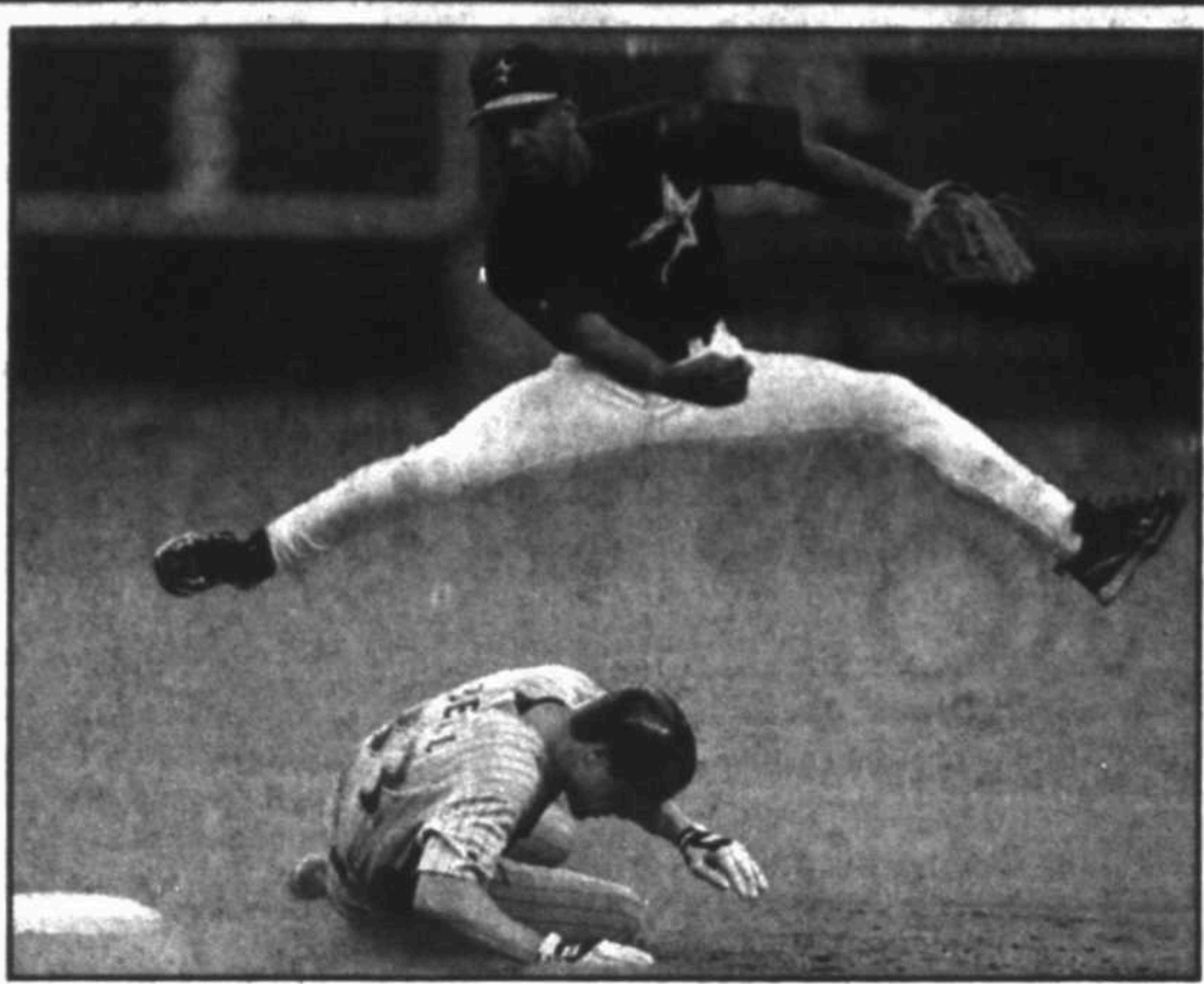
Bergman (8-4) pitched five innings, allowing five hits and two runs while walking five and striking out two. Willie Blair of Arizona suffered his major league-leading 12th loss.

Ausmus' two-run double gave Houston a 3-1 lead in the fourth. Carl Everett began the inning with a double to right and moved to third on Ricky Gutierrez' single. Ausmus' line drive down the third-base line scored both runners.

Ausmus added a RBI single in the seventh to give Houston a 5-2 lead.

"The third and fourth innings were the ones that really killed me," Blair said. "I kind of got out of the groove. I had a chance to put them away with Alou up and I made a mistake."

The Diamondbacks had cut the lead to 3-2 in the fifth when Bergman walked David Dellucci, Travis Lee and Devon White in succession to force home Andy Fox. Bergman fanned Karim Gar-



Houston Astros' Ricky Gutierrez leaps over the Arizona Diamondbacks' Jay Bell after throwing to first in the third inning Sunday in Houston. Bell was forced out at second base on the front end of a double play.

cia to end the inning. "We wasted an opportunity to beat them two out of three," Arizona manager Buck Showalter said. "It was just a very frustrating game for us."

Alou's homer, his 20th, came with one out in the seventh on a 1-2 pitch from Blair and increased Houston's lead to 4-2.

Biggio tied the game at 1-1 when

he drove a 3-2 pitch from Blair (3-12) over the left-field fence for his 12th homer of the year with two outs in the third.

The Diamondbacks took a 1-0 lead in the first on Lee's RBI single. Lee had three singles for the Diamondbacks, and Everett finished with three hits, including a double.

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Simms also had a two-run homer in the fourth off Johnson, who has lost both his starts against

Gonzalez homers twice for Rangers

ARLINGTON — Juan Gonzalez hit a pair of two-run homers to boost his major league-leading RBI total to 101 at the All-Star break as the Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 8-4 on Sunday night.



Gonzalez has the second-most RBIs before the All-Star break in major league history. Hank Greenberg of the Detroit Tigers had 103 in 1935 en route to 170.

He is also ahead of Hack Wilson's record pace of 1930 when Wilson drove in 190 runs for the Chicago Cubs. Wilson had 89 RBIs after 87 games.

Gonzalez homered in the first and seventh innings off Randy Johnson (7-8), the 31st multi-homer game of his career. It was the 10th time this season he has driven in four or more runs in a game.

Xavier Hernandez (3-1) pitched 3 2-3 innings of two-hit scoreless relief for the victory.

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Texas this season. Johnson had a career record of 13-3 against Texas prior to 1998.

Johnson allowed eight runs and nine hits in his third complete game of the year. He walked two and struck out 12, giving him 10 or more strikeouts for the 92nd time in his career and 10th time this season.

Texas extended its lead to 6-4 in the seventh on Will Clark's RBI double, and Gonzalez hit his 26th homer with Mark McLemore on second to make it 8-4.

Rangers starter Rick Helling took a 4-1 lead into the fifth, but failed to join teammate Aaron Sele as the AL's only other 12-game winner.

The Mariners cut the deficit to 4-3 on RBI singles by Alex Rodriguez and Ken Griffey. Helling was lifted with the bases loaded and one out, and Hernandez walked Jay Buhner to force in a run and tie the game at 4-4.

The Rangers got off to a 2-0 first-inning lead on Roberto Kelly's single and Gonzalez's 25th homer, a 433-foot line drive to left-center.

Seattle's David Segui made it 2-1 in the second with his 15th homer.

But in the fourth, Ivan Rodriguez doubled and Simms hit his seventh homer, barely clearing the wall in the right field corner to give Texas a 4-1 lead.

Cone becomes second 12-game winner

Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Cone became the second 12-game winner in the AL as the New York Yankees matched the best 81-game start in major league history with a 1-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

New York won its sixth straight, 10th in the last 11 games and improved to 61-20 matching the record of the 1902 Pittsburgh Pirates and the 1907 Chicago Cubs.

Cone (12-2) allowed seven hits in eight innings and struck out four. He did not issue a walk for the third straight start. Mariano Rivera got his 22nd save.

The Yankees scored the only run in the third when Scott Erickson (8-7) hit Chad Curtis with the bases loaded.

Blue Jays 2, Devil Rays 1

TORONTO — Roger Clemens struck out seven to become only the 11th pitcher to get 3,000 strikeouts as Toronto swept the three-game series.

Clemens, who got a no-decision, allowed one run and five hits in 7

AL Roundup

1-3 innings, leaving after allowing consecutive walks to Quinton McCracken and Wade Boggs. He has 3,002 strikeouts in his career.

Tony Fernandez hit an RBI single in the eighth of Rock Wey (1-4) to give the Blue Jays a 2-1 lead.

Paul Quantrill (1-3) got the win and Randy Myers pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

Red Sox 15, White Sox 14

BOSTON — John Valentin's RBI single broke a seventh-inning tie and Boston recovered after blowing an eight-run lead.

Troy O'Leary had four hits and Valentin, Mike Benjamin and Darren Bragg each had three for Boston, which has scored 15 runs three of its last four games.

Carlos Reyes (1-0) earned the victory, pitching a scoreless seventh before putting two on with no out in the eighth. Tom Gordon got his 25th save despite allowing a three-run homer to Wilfredo Cordero in the eighth.

Bob Howry (0-1) took the loss,

but the real damage was done by Chicago starter Jaime Navarro, who allowed eight runs on nine hits in two-plus innings.

Indians 12, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Manny Ramirez hit two home runs for the second time in three days, including a grand slam in a six-run sixth inning, to lead Cleveland.

All-Star first baseman Jim Thome and David Bell also homered and Travis Fryman had four hits for the Indians.

Ramirez's 10th career two-homer game backed Cleveland starter Jaret Wright, who was ejected in the seventh inning after throwing a pitch over the head of Larry Sutton. Wright (8-5) allowed just three hits and two runs in six-plus innings.

Glendon Rusch (6-10) took the loss.

Twins 5, Tigers 4

MINNEAPOLIS — LaTroy Hawkins struggled but won his first game in three weeks, as Minnesota salvaged the final game of their three-game series.

Todd Walker hit his seventh

homer off Brian Moehler (8-6) and Ron Coomer drove in two runs for the Twins, who enter the All-Star break in second place in the AL Central, 10 1/2 games behind Cleveland.

Hawkins (5-8) allowed seven hits and four runs — three earned — in five innings, working out of a two-on, one-out jam in the fifth to gain the win. Rick Aguilera pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

Athletics 5, Angels 4

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Kevin Mitchell homered in the eighth to tie the game and walked with the bases loaded in the ninth to force in the winning run.

It was the fourth straight win for Oakland, which swept the Angels in Anaheim for the first time since 1991. The Angels have lost five straight but head into the All-Star break atop the AL West.

Mike Fetters (1-2) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings for the victory. Billy Taylor pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

Troy Percival (1-3) took the loss.

Braves win on controversial play at plate

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Michael Tucker scored on a close play at the plate on a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning Sunday, giving the Atlanta Braves a 3-2 victory and a three-game sweep of the New York Mets.

Home plate umpire Angel Hernandez ruled that Tucker slid under the tag, and reliever John Franco, catcher Mike Piazza and manager Bobby Valentine protested vehemently. Television replays were inconclusive.

Rudy Seanez (1-0) got the victory with one scoreless inning of relief. John Franco, who hit two batters in the 11th, took the loss.

Reds 6, Cardinals 1

CINCINNATI — The St. Louis Cardinals again failed to turn a double play, setting up Cincinnati's winning rally in a victory that gave the Reds a three-game sweep.

Rookie second baseman Placido Polanco missed the base with his foot while making a pivot in the sixth, allowing the go-ahead run to score. Brook Fordyce followed with a bases-loaded single for a 4-1 lead.

The Cardinals' up-the-middle defense played a big role in the series. They failed to turn a double play once every game, setting up a rally each time.

Brett Tomko (8-6) allowed one run on six hits in six innings to win his third consecutive start. Kent

NL Roundup

Mercker (5-6) took the loss.

Marlins 2, Expos 1

MONTREAL — Brian Meadows won his third straight decision and drove in a run with a sacrifice fly to lead Florida over Montreal.

Meadows (7-6) allowed one run on nine hits, struck out five and walked one as Florida won for the fifth time in seven games. Antonio Alfonseca pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Montreal lost for the fifth time in its last six as Carlos Perez (6-9) allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings in losing his sixth straight start.

Phillies 4, Brewers 3

PHILADELPHIA — Scott Rolen hit a three-run homer and rookie Carlton Loewer allowed only three runs over seven innings as Philadelphia completed a three-game sweep.

Philadelphia scored the eventual winning run in the third against Cal Eldred (4-6) on doubles by Desi Relaford and Rico Brogna.

Loewer (3-1) gave up seven hits while walking none and striking out four.

Cubs 7, Pirates 6

CHICAGO — Jose Hernandez hit a tie-breaking two-run single with two outs in the eighth, completing a late comeback and giving the Cubs their fifth straight win.

The Cubs trailed 5-0 in the sev-

enth before Hernandez hit a two-run single. In the eighth, Matt Mieske singled Mark Grace walked and Manny Alexander reached on an error. Rich Loiselle (1-6) walked Scott Servais to force in a run, and Jeff Blauser followed with a double down the right-field line to tie the game, 5-5.

Pinch-hitter Kevin Orrie walked to load the bases, and Hernandez hit the next pitch to right-center to make it 7-5.

Dave Stevens (1-0) picked up the win with one inning of hitless relief.

Padres 7, Rockies 2

SAN DIEGO — Greg Vaughn hit his 29th and 30th homers and Carlos Hernandez hit a three-run homer as San Diego completed a three-game sweep and moved a club-record 26 games above .500.

Vaughn, having a sensational

LOCAL SPORTS

Massie aces No. 12 at RHCC

Jim Massie had a hole-in-one this past weekend on the No. 12 hole at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Massie aces the 181-yard hole with a six-iron. The ace was witnessed by George Moody, Rene Laughlin and Stephanie Holmes.

Lovett scores ace at GTCC No. 16

Scott Lovett had a hole-in-one at Green Tree Country Club's No. 16 East hole over the weekend. Lovett used an eight-iron to ace the 160-yard hole. Bob Anderson, Garrett Lang and Scotty Lovett witnessed the ace.

STAR: Home runs have been legendary

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summed the moment: "I saw something like this on TV when I was a kid. I think they called themselves the Beatles."

In Houston, the left-field bleachers were filled 90 minutes before the game. McGwire hit four balls into the fourth deck of the Astrodome, sending so many fans fighting for the balls that police had to be called to restore order.

THE PROMOTIONS: Despite being five games under .500 and 11 1/2 games out of first place, the Cardinals are averaging 37,971 a game. If McGwire hits a home run into a certain section of the upper deck in the left-field bleachers — the McDonald's promotion calls it "Big Mac Land" — fans get free hamburgers. On a night when attendance was 47,549, McGwire hit the spot, leaving McDonalds facing the possibility of handing out \$95,000 worth of free Big Macs. On the day after the game, lines were 60 deep for hours at the area stores.

"Let me tell you, this was the most unbelievable ticket-stub

turn-in we ever had," said John McCook, owner of four St. Louis franchises.

THE FANS: When McGwire hit three home runs in a game against Arizona on April 14, Debbie Durwater crawled across the dugout to give him a high five. "They escorted me out promptly," she said. "It was worth it, though. I have good karma with him."

In Kansas City, 38,000 Royals fans stood to cheer when McGwire walked to the plate. Kansas City and St. Louis are heated rivals. "I don't know how he does it," Cardinals second baseman Delino Deshields said. "He signs more than a thousand pieces of memorabilia a day. Fans come to see him take batting practice. And they sometimes boo if he doesn't hit a home run. I don't know if I would like that."

Last week in Cincinnati, more than 50,000 fans, double the Reds' average attendance, came to see McGwire. Flashbulbs went off every time he walked to the plate. Fans booed when he was walked twice and hit by a pitch.

THE COVERAGE: One radio station in Houston broadcasted a live account of McGwire's batting practice, in which he hit nine homers. "Ridiculous," he said. "I felt like a caged lion and didn't like it." McGwire then considered not taking batting practice for the rest of the season. He reconsidered.

But the stress level is increasing. After McGwire hit No. 32 in another Cardinals' loss, he was repeatedly asked about the home run.

"We just lost a game, so why talk about a home run?" McGwire asked. "Why is hitting a home run important to the American public?"

THE FEARS: Third base coach Rene Lachemann said he's not trying to make a spectacle of himself by leaving the coaching box and standing down the left-field line during McGwire's at-bats. "I'm trying to save my life," he said.

THE DAMAGE: McGwire hit a massive home run against the Twins that almost scraped the Metrodome roof. "It was up there so long my neck started to hurt,"

Twins manager Tom Kelly said.

On May 16 at Busch, McGwire hit a ball 545 feet to center field that put a dent in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch sign. Two days later, a 4 1/2-foot Band-Aid covered the spot. He also hit one off the concrete facade above the Stadium Club in St. Louis.

"The people up there in that Stadium Club were ducking," Marlins coach Rich Donnelly said. "If that ball had hit the window, it would have knocked a few turkey-clubs across the room."

Perhaps Donnelly best sums the McGwire phenomena by issuing a warning for Denver-based aviation.

"With certain teams, those air-traffic controllers ought to be on alert right now," Donnelly said. "Bring in that 747 — and here comes a McGwire on Runway No. 7."

Big Mac lands in Denver tonight. But his homers... well, they may land in Wyoming.

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Clemens gets 3,000 strikeouts

TORONTO (AP) — Roger Clemens joined an exclusive baseball club Sunday, becoming the 11th player in major league history to record 3,000 strikeouts.

Clemens needed five strikeouts against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to reach the milestone, and he got them quickly. He struck out Quinton McCracken and Wade Boggs in the first inning and then got Mike DiFelice, Miguel Cairo and Randy Winn in the third.

"It was a special day," Clemens said. "When people call me a power pitcher, I really enjoy the second part of that because I think I'm a pitcher as well as a guy that can challenge you at times."

Winn took the first two strikes and then, with the fans standing, swung and missed at strike three as Clemens pumped his fist. His teammates came over to congratulate him and catcher Darrin Fletcher gave him the ball as he walked off the field.

Clemens, whose four boy's names begin with the letter K, pointed to his wife, Debra, as he entered the dugout. He then came back on the field and tipped his hat to the fans.

"The ball will go to the house and my four boys will probably fight



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Roger Clemens waves his hat to the crowd after striking out Tampa Bay Devil Rays' Randy Winn to record his 3,000th career strikeout.

over it," Clemens said.

Nolan Ryan is baseball's career strikeout leader with 5,714. Ryan and Bert Blyleven (3,701) are the only 3,000-strikeout pitchers not yet in the Hall of Fame. The 3,000-strikeout club is more exclusive than 300 wins (20 pitchers).

HALO: Drillers get some breaks in Sunday's triumph

(From 1C)

me."

Jones said that his Tulsa team (16-6 overall) has been getting the breaks and the key plays this half and that is why they have the best record in the Texas League. Sunday was no different.

With the game tied at 4-4, Jason Conti led off the top of the ninth with a single, moved to second on a balk and watched Ruben Mateo fly to left field for the first out of the inning.

The second out of the inning looked like a harmless grounder to first by Warren Morris, but it proved to be key as it moved Conti to third. Juan Alvarez then proceeded to unleash a wild pitch, which went 10-15 feet from home plate. That was enough space to allow Conti to score.

"I almost passed out when he (Conti) took off from third," Jones said. "I thought he would be out by 10 feet and then the pitcher stayed on the mound and he was able to get in there."

"It was a great read by Conti to score on that ball in the dirt. It seems like that is the way things have been going. In the first half, we didn't do that. That is why we had 24 wins or whatever the hell we had."

ANGELICS: There was a sense of normalcy at Christensen on Sunday as the paid attendance was 2,018, a big drop from Saturday. The crowd of 5,886 on Saturday was the second largest in stadium history. The largest (6,188) came in July of 1993. That was also a fireworks night. Keith Luuloo, who was 2-for-3, took the lead in the Texas League batting race with a .358 average. Teammate Eddie Christian, who was 1-for-4, moved to second at .353. Christian did have his second homer of the season... Danny Buxbaum, who made his first start at second base, was 3-for-4... Lou Pote, who leads the Texas League in complete games, just missed his seventh. Pote went eight innings, throwing 124 pitches... Today's starters are Tulsa's Dan Kolb (5-9, 5.38) and Midland's Brian Cooper (6-6, 5.44)...

Tulsa Drillers 5, Midland Angels 4

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Two 20-year-olds force playoff to decide U.S. Open

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

KOHLER, Wis. — Jenny Chuasiriporn and Se Ri Pak, two very different 20-year-olds emerging as forces in golf, stood over two very different putts on the 72nd hole at the U.S. Women's Open.

One was seemingly impossible, the other very makeable.

The shocker on Sunday, though, was which one fell and which one didn't.

"The last 15 feet my eyes probably popped out," said Chuasiriporn, an amateur who made a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 18, then watched as Pak missed an eight-footer for birdie on the same hole that would have meant a victory.

The two will meet Monday in an 18-hole playoff to determine the youngest winner in the 53-year history of the Women's Open.

Nerves finally got to Pak, the shy and stoic South Korean who, in leading the tournament since Friday, had seemed so impervious to pressure through 71 holes.

But she missed her birdie putt by about two inches.

"The last putt went straight and it needed to break," a still-unflappable Pak said with a shrug.

Chuasiriporn certainly didn't have any butterflies — she didn't even know she was putting for a share of the lead.

"Right before she hit the putt, I looked up at the leaderboard and saw them change Pak's score," said her caddy and brother, Joey Chuasiriporn. "When the putt went in, everything happened so fast I didn't even have time to tell her."

When her improbable birdie putt fell, Chuasiriporn put her left hand over her mouth in amazement, then double high-fived her brother.

"Just incredible," Chuasiriporn said. "Wow."

Now, Pak and Chuasiriporn will play at least one more round on the unforgiving Blackwolf Run Golf Course, where only one golfer has broken par since Friday.

If they're still tied after that, they'll go to sudden death.

Pak might have missed her putt, but she made the money.

Because Chuasiriporn is an amateur, Pak got the \$267,500 first-place check before she even left the clubhouse.

Even though she's playing for pride and not pay, Chuasiriporn can't wait.

"I really enjoy just playing," said Chuasiriporn, who will be a

senior at Duke next fall. "Just two 20-year-olds, I guess. It should be fun."

If the 18th hole is any indication, it should be fantastic, too.

After Chuasiriporn's dramatic putt brought her into a tie for the lead at six over for the tournament, Pak, playing in the next, and final, twosome, missed hers, setting up the 11 a.m. CDT playoff.

"It was difficult to play today and I didn't play my best," Pak said. "Hopefully, I'll play better tomorrow. I wasn't nervous. It's been a great week and a tough course and I'm still tied for first."

Pak, who began the day with a one-stroke lead, finished with a 5-over 76 for a 6-over 290 for 72 holes. Chuasiriporn, who had a closing 72, started the round four strokes back, tied for fourth.

Chuasiriporn, who was fifth at the NCAA championships at Madison two months ago, will try to become the first amateur to win an Open since Catherine LaCoste in 1967. Her 72-hole total is the lowest ever for an amateur in an Open.

Pak, South Korea's most famous athlete, who won the LPGA Championship in May, is seeking to become the first rookie to win two majors since Juli Inkster captured the Nabisco Dinah Shore and du Maurier Ltd. Classic in 1984.

The last woman to win consecutive majors was Meg Mallon in 1991.

The drama at 18 capped an unbelievable round in which Pak, Chuasiriporn and several others, including Mhairi McKay, Liselotte Neumann, Chris Johnson and Pat Hurst all had a shot at winning the tournament.

After a tough front nine, Pak's birdie on 14 had tied her with Chuasiriporn, who then bogeyed 15 and 17 to fall two shots back.

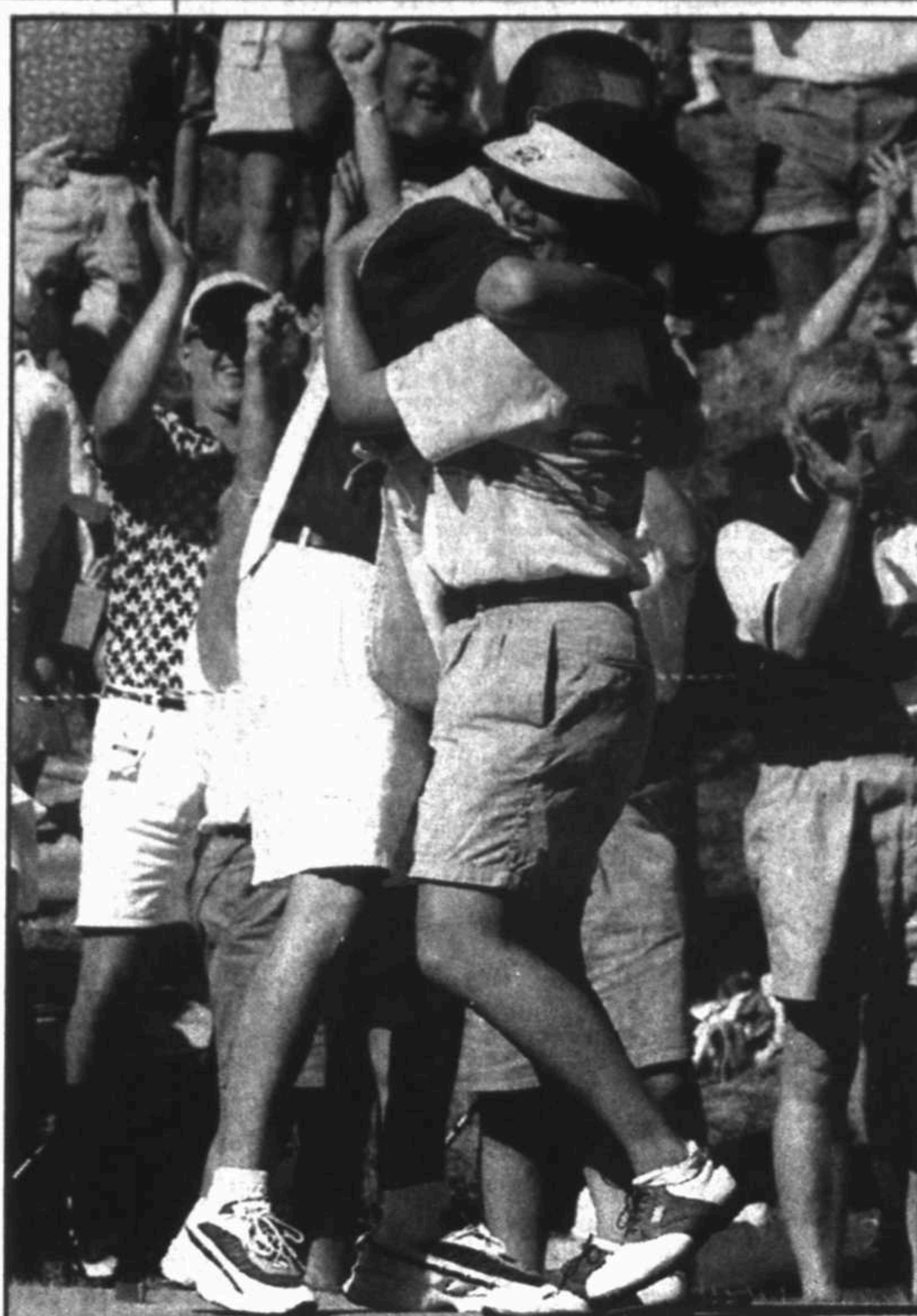
As Chuasiriporn was waiting to putt on 18, Pak's bogey on the par-3 17th was posted on the leaderboard and suddenly, Chuasiriporn was putting from 40 feet for a share of the lead.

Only, she didn't have a clue.

"I thought I was playing for second," Jenny Chuasiriporn admitted. "It wasn't until right before she putted that I realized she was putting for the win."

Because Joey Chuasiriporn also is a golfer — he plays at Penn State — he had to cancel his appearance at the Eastern Amateur on Monday — and gladly.

"This is truly amazing," he said. "I've caddied for her since junior



Jenny Chuasiriporn gets a hug from her brother and caddy Joey after making a long birdie putt on the 18th hole at Blackwolf Run during the final round of the U.S. Women's Open Sunday.

golf and nothing like this has ever happened to us."

Neumann parred 18 for a 76 and finished one shot out of the playoff.

"It was a disappointing day," Neumann said. "I didn't get anything going today. It was a long day out there. I didn't make any birdies; it's difficult to win an Open with no birdies."

But this ought to make her feel better: Because Chuasiriporn will leave without any money, Neumann got the second-place windfall of \$157,500 instead of the third-place money of \$77,351.

Danielle Ammaccapane, who began the round seven strokes back, shot an even-par 71 to finish in a three-way tie for fourth at 8-over 292, along with Hurst (73) and Johnson (74).

Chuasiriporn also was the low amateur at last year's Open in Pumpkin Ridge in Oregon — but that was a tie for 56th. LaCoste is the only amateur ever to win the biggest event in women's golf.

The last playoff at the Open was in 1992, when Patty Sheehan defeated Inkster by two strokes at Oakmont, Pa.

Pak began the final round Sunday with a one-stroke lead over McKay and Neumann but she carded three bogeys and a double-bogey on the front nine, and the steady Chuasiriporn took the lead with an even-par 35 at the turn.

McKay, a 23-year-old from Scotland who was trying to become the first golfer to win the Open on her first attempt since Kathy Cornelius in 1956, took the lead at three over early on the front nine.

But her triple-bogey on No. 7, where it took her three shots to escape a bunker, and a bogey on No. 8 left her with a 78 and 293 total.

Then came the back-and-forth with Pak and Maryland's Chuasiriporn, whose parents are from Thailand.

Although the weather proved more accommodating than it did for Saturday's ghastly round in the wind, pin placements remained difficult.

The 6,412-yard layout is the second-longest in the 53 editions of the Women's Open. And swirling gusts off Lake Michigan blew drives off course, scattered approach shots and left everybody above par Saturday.

Browne chips in on playoff hole to win

Associated Press

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Moments after winning his first PGA Tour title, Olin Browne recalled one of golf's most memorable shots — Larry Mize's 140-foot chip-in in a playoff to win the 1987 Masters.

"That's the greatest shot I ever saw," Browne said Sunday.

But what now ranks up there on a very short list is Browne's birdie chip-in from 40 feet to win the Canon Greater Hartford and beat Mize and defending champion Stewart Cink on the first playoff hole.

Browne's approach shot on the 444-yard, par-4 18th, which was used as the playoff hole, rolled across the green and into the left fringe about pin high. Mize reached the green in three and could only watch at that point. Cink, bidding to become the first repeat GHO winner, had an opportunity to tie but his 15-foot birdie putt rolled wide.

Browne had a similar chip for birdie on the final hole of regulation but narrowly missed and learned from it.

"The one before I had to kind of ease it up over a hump," he said. "This was more uphill and less left to right. As a result of where I chipped from earlier, I had a good idea what it was going to do."

The playoff followed the stunning collapse of Mize, who had a four-stroke lead going to the 15th hole after stringing together birdies on Nos. 11-14 to stand at 18 under par.

But on the par-4, 296-yard 15th, he shanked a 5-iron deep into the woods and, after several minutes of searching, found his unplayable ball and had to tee it up again. He took a double-bogey on that hole and missed a 1-foot par putt on No. 16.

By the time he reached the final hole, Mize was clinging to a one-stroke lead over Browne and Cink. But his approach shot rolled off the back of the green and his chip left him with about a 15-foot putt that he narrowly missed for par and a 1-under 69.

Browne, playing one group ahead of Mize, sensed an opening when Mize finished the disastrous 15th.

"As soon as he doubled 15, I started thinking birdies," Browne said. "The game has a way of beating you up and it has a way of pushing you around. I'm thankful for the golf gods."

Despite his swoon, Mize maintained a bit of optimism as he, Browne and Cink all set the GHO 72-hole scoring record of 14-under 266.

"I've had a lot of good breaks in

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my time, and you know this one didn't work out my way. But this week encourages me to just keep working hard," Mize said.

Browne, who became the sixth first-time winner on tour this year, finished with a 67 that was marked by four birdies and a double-bogey on the 462-yard, par-4 10th. His birdie at No. 16 put him 14 under and in contention for the playoff.

"I had a good week and I played well all four days and I think that's what it takes. You can't have a skittish round out here, the guys are so good," he said.

Cink, who also shot a 67, was 13 under when he birdied the signature 17th hole to reserve his spot for the playoff.

Browne won \$360,000 to increase his career earnings to \$1,196,817. Summerhays' 20-footer nets him second senior title.

COLUMBIA, Md. — The money shot was the 20-footer that dropped in for a birdie on the final hole of the tournament.

Yet Bruce Summerhays' victory in the inaugural State Farm Senior Classic probably occurred one hole earlier, when he salvaged a par to remain atop the crowded leaderboard.

Summerhays, who started the day three strokes off the pace, shot a 69 Sunday for a 10-under-par 206 total and a one-shot victory over Hale Irwin and Walter Hall. His second Senior PGA Tour victory in 96 events earned him a career-best paycheck of \$187,500.

Summerhays' birdie putt on the 18th hole enabled him to avert a playoff, but he put himself in that position by scrambling for par on the 381-yard 17th after he left his tee shot in a divot filled with sand.

"I told my son William, 'It's just another challenge,'" said Summerhays, who used an 8-iron to get within 27 feet, then two-putted.

"That fact that I could get the (second) shot pin-high out of a divot really gave me a boost," Summerhays said. "I was really happy to hit that shot well."

Irwin, who shot a 3-under 69, collected \$100,000 to pass Greg Norman and become the leading career money winner among PGA players.

Carter denies Montgomerie third successive Irish Open title.

DUBLIN, Ireland — David Carter denied Colin Montgomerie a third successive Irish Open title Sunday by winning the first hole of a sudden death playoff.

Carter clinched his first European tour title and the \$276,656 winner's purse when Montgomerie missed a bogey putt on the first extra hole, the 18th at Druids Glen.

McEnroe defends Wimbledon's honor

Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Three-time Wimbledon champion John McEnroe says the biggest problem with men's tennis is that too many players give an inconsistent effort, even at Grand Slam events.

"How can these guys who make millions of dollars a year appear to not care at Wimbledon?" McEnroe said.

"It's embarrassing. I hope and pray that changes soon, so that every time a tennis player steps on the court, he feels an obligation to give 110 percent."

McEnroe spoke specifically of second-ranked Marcelo Rios of Chile, who lost in the opening round and then ripped Wimbledon as "just another tournament."

"Rios has had a great year," McEnroe said. "His problem is he came in here and didn't give this the respect it deserved."

Men's rankings will put more emphasis on Grand Slam results beginning in 2000, a change that McEnroe favors. He also supports moving the service line closer to

Wimbledon Notebook

the net, making the serve a less dominant shot.

Aces have been plentiful at Wimbledon again this year. Goran Ivanisevic got 32 in losing Sunday's final to Pete Sampras, who won his fifth title to match Bjorn Borg's mark.

"It's a server's paradise," McEnroe said. "Because of the power, players don't volley as well, but they don't need to. Guys are hitting rockets."

"Serving has become so big that you don't have to follow it up with a solid volley, and I think that's what people want to see. They want to see all parts of the game."

TIM FOR PRESIDENT: Tim Henman, who became the first British semifinalist at Wimbledon since 1973, is among the top candidates to become the new president of the ATP Tour Players' Council. Spain's Alex Corretja recently stepped down. Henman is on a short list of three candidates including American Todd Martin and Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov. The council represents the players

interests to the ATP.

WILLIAMS SISTERS CASH IN: Serena Williams, who pulled out in the third round of singles with a calf injury while trailing Spain's Virginia Ruano-Pascual, won the mixed doubles title Sunday with Max Mirnyi of Belarus.

They defeated Mahesh Bhupathi of India and Mirjana Lucic of Croatia, 6-4, 6-4. The win was worth \$59,900 to the 16-year-old American.

Serena also picked up \$22,660 for reaching the third round in singles. Sister Venus Williams, 18, won \$80,000 for making the quarterfinals in singles and \$31,400 for reaching the mixed doubles semifinals. The two pulled out of women's doubles — following Serena's injury — without playing a match.

SERVE AND VOLLEY: Jana Novotna on winning the women's doubles with Martina Hingis after taking the singles title Saturday: "I don't think it can get any better than this next year," she said. "It felt different (walking back on the court) after last night's celebration. I did well. I should go out like that more often."

The most spectacular shot of the match in that set — a half-volley between the legs that helped him take a 3-2 lead on serve. He then broke Sampras at 15-40 with a brilliant running forehand pass cross-court, and closed out the set with his 30th ace.

But Sampras, who is 26-9 in five setters, showed he still has the stamina and will to go the distance. At 3-2 in the fifth set, he reached break point with a sizzling backhand pass that barely clipped the frame of Ivanisevic's outstretched racket. Sampras followed that with a huge forehand return that Ivanisevic caught on the half-volley at his feet, but couldn't get back to the net.

"15-13 against Krajicek cost me this final today," Ivanisevic said. "In the fourth and fifth set, my legs were not fresh."

Ivanisevic flung his racket in disgust when he went to the chair after Sampras held to 5-2, and both players knew the match would soon be over.

Actually, it lasted only a minute longer. Ivanisevic going down in a heap at love with the help of one more double fault and a final volley long under pressure from Sampras.

SAMPRAS: Ivanisevic disgusted by loss

(From 1C)

also nearly tripled his double faults — 20 to 8. Ivanisevic returned solidly when he could get his racket on the ball, and so did Sampras.

This was not a match of clever tactics, rather a slugfest of brute force. There wasn't a rally longer than eight strokes, not one exchange where the players stayed behind the baseline for more than a couple of strokes.

It was grasscourt tennis at its fastest and best, but a total bore for those who prefer well constructed points, efficient movement and soft touch. For almost the entire 2 hours, 52 minutes, the players whacked serves that couldn't be returned, then walked to the other side to do it again.

Ivanisevic took the first set without a break when he sneaked a couple of passing shots by Sampras on his serve in the tiebreak. The second set had one exchange of breaks in the second and third games, then went to another and more tense tiebreak, with Sampras winning the "crap shoot" this time. The slightest letdown by Ivanisevic — a volley long that made it 10-9 — allowed Sampras to serve for the set for the first time.

Sampras didn't waste the chance, drilling a service winner to tie the match.

Ivanisevic is infamous for losing his temper, but in this match, like most of his others this Wimbledon, he stayed remarkably composed. Sure, he cracked his racket once when he bounced it on the court, and yes, he flung his racket around a couple of other times, but for the fiery Croatian that was tame stuff.

Even when Sampras broke him for a 3-2 lead in the third set and bellowed in triumph while pumping his fist, Ivanisevic stayed in control of himself and dug in to fight back. But Sampras never gave him the chance, raising his game now as if smelling blood. Sampras suddenly was lunging all over the court, pounding winners from both sides and at the net, and yielding only two points on serve in his next three service games to close out the set.

As tired as Ivanisevic might have been two days after his five-set semifinal marathon against Krajicek, which ended 15-13 in the last set, he mustered enough strength to win the only break of the fourth set against Sampras.

Ivanisevic even came up with

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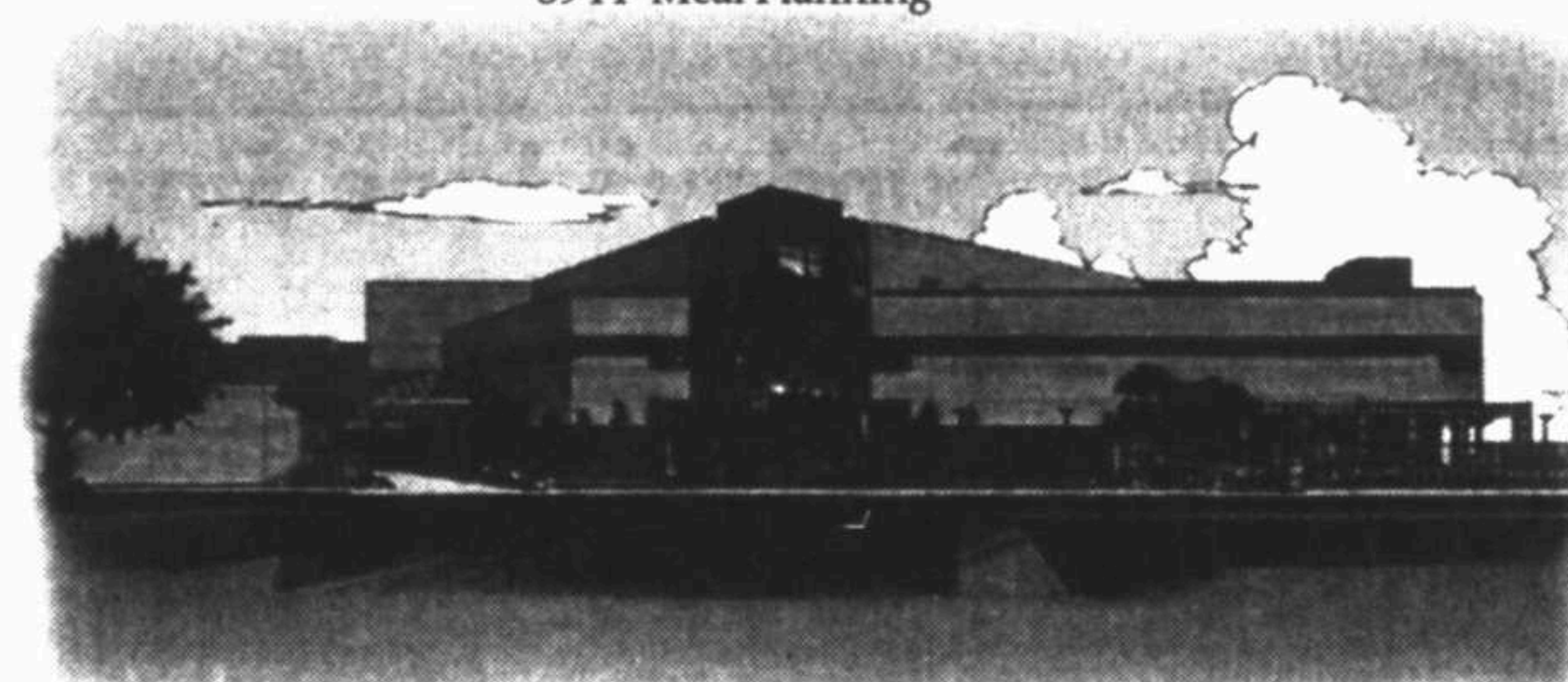
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By Snjezana V
Associated Press

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World Cup Final 4 has one surprise

By Barry Wilner
AP Sports Writer

The World Cup semifinals look strangely like an NCAA Final Four, with three high seeds and one outsider.

Nobody can be surprised that Brazil, the defending and four-time champion, has made it this far. Nor can the host French be a shock.

The Netherlands hasn't been this far in 20 years, but generally is a soccer power and was regarded as a contender entering the tournament. It plays Brazil on Tuesday.

Croatia, though, is something different: a first-time participant and conqueror of two of Europe's strongest teams, Germany and Romania. It faces France on Wednesday.

What, no Italy, Germany or Argentina in the semis? Well, Duke, UCLA and Kentucky don't get there all the time, either.

Brazil vs. the Netherlands at Marseille

The Brazilians have been brilliant at times, ordinary at others. Their 3-2 victory over Denmark in the quarterfinals demonstrated their sensational scoring power, but also displayed once more the problems they've had on defense.

Because this is Brazil, it will always play aggressively with the ball. It will attack, and will do so with style — what Pele, the game's all-time greatest star, has always called "beautiful football."

"We are obligated to that type of game," said Cafu, a defender who, like everyone else, frequently gets into the offensive mix. "Brazil is not only expected to win, but to win with class."

But the Brazilians have not outclassed their opponents here. Except for Chile in the second

round, a 4-1 win, the games against solid foes have been close. That doesn't bode well for them because of the leaky defense.

Still, if any team can make up for not being stingy enough, it's Brazil, with the likes of Ronaldo, Rivaldo, Bebeto and Cesar Sampaio.

The Dutch have also had their moments, good and bad. They had a shaky first round marred by Patrick Kluivert's two-game suspension after elbowing a Belgian opponent in a lackluster 0-0 opener. They routed South Korea, but then blew a 2-0 lead in the second half against Mexico. The 2-2 tie allowed them to win the group, but not in the manner they preferred.

But the Netherlands, which last made it this far in 1978 when it lost to Argentina in the title game, has opened things up since. The Dutch needed last-minute goals to beat Yugoslavia and Argentina, but were the better team both times.

"If we play the same way, not as individuals, I think we will do well against Brazil," coach Guus Hiddink said. "But they are a totally different opponent."

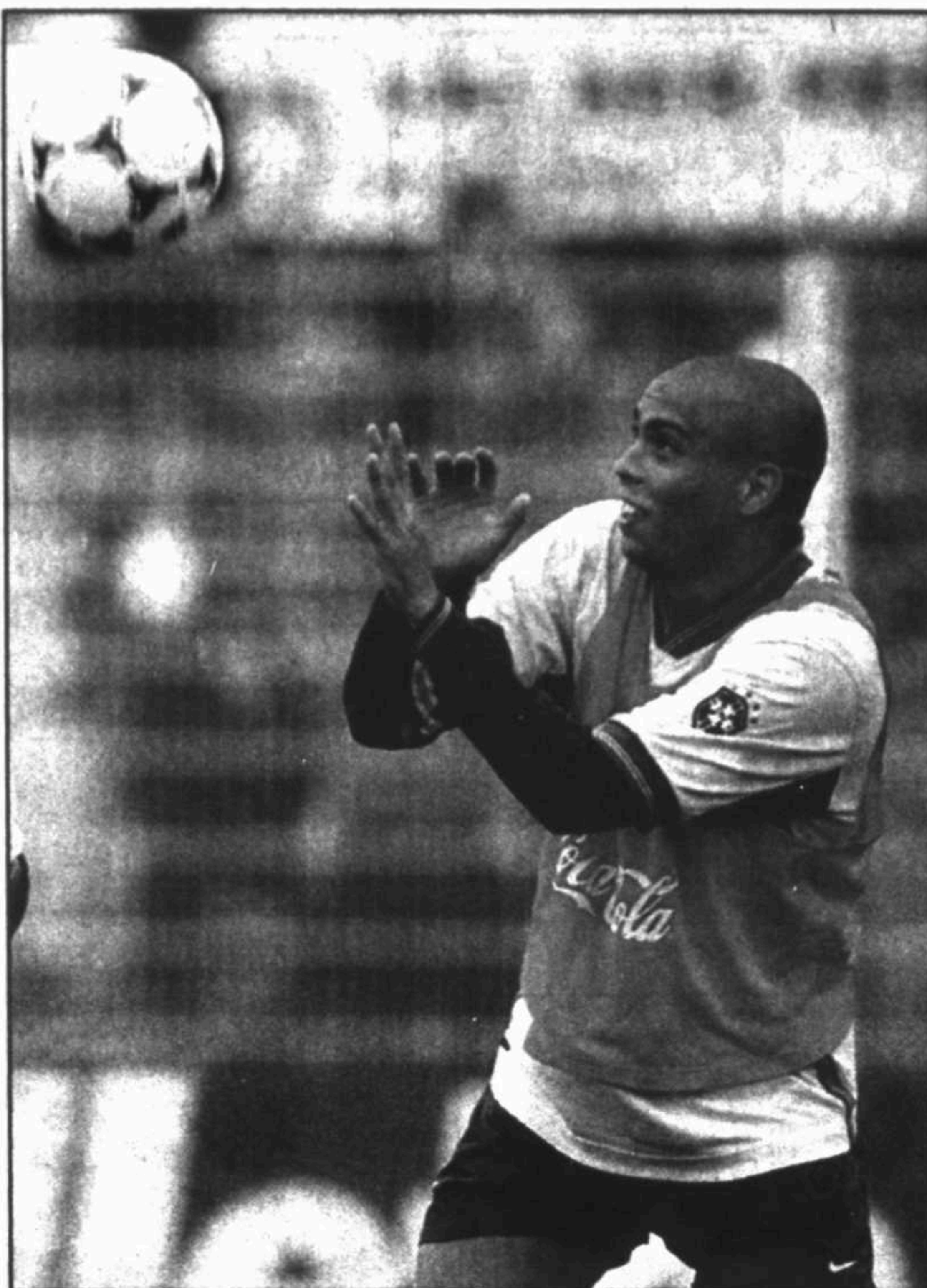
France vs. Croatia at Saint-Denis

Host teams usually do well in the World Cup, although none has won since 1978. France just might do it while not looking particularly like champions.

The French squeezed by one-dimensional Paraguay 1-0 on a sudden-death overtime goal by Laurent Blanc in the second round. Blanc had the deciding shot in a penalty kick shootout against Italy in the quarterfinals.

While France clearly was superior in both games, it couldn't finish off a multitude of scoring chances. It got impatient, even frustrated.

"I know the problem and there



Ronaldo trains with the Brazilian soccer team in Ozoire-la-Ferrière, outside Paris on Sunday. Brazil will face The Netherlands Tuesday in Marseille in a semifinal soccer match of the World Cup.

is no explanation," captain Didier Deschamps said.

Croatia can withstand physical play, as it did against Germany. It also has impressive counterattacking skills, and its defense has been among the staunchest in the Cup.

And don't be misled by the debut stuff, because many of its players have solid international backgrounds. Croatia made the European Championship field two

years ago, so its achievement as the first newcomer to make the semis is somewhat misleading.

"When I heard (German coach) Bertie Vogts called us a small country, this raised our morale by 200 percent," star striker Davor Suker said. "We were fired up to send the Germans packing. This shows that small can beat big."

But can small beat the home team?

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WORLD CUP NOTEBOOK

Associated Press

PARIS — When it comes to giving the old heave-ho, there's no one in World Cup history like Arturo Brizio.

The Mexican referee set a Cup record for ejecting players for roughness when he threw out Arthur Numan of the Netherlands and Ariel Ortega of Argentina in Saturday's quarterfinal.

That gave him seven ejections in just six World Cup appearances, topping the old mark of five red cards in eight games held by Joel Quiniou of France.

FIFA, which released the statistic, said it was reluctant to do so but did not see it as a slight to either Brizio or the quality of refereeing in the tournament.

"I don't think it has anything to do with the referee. He was in the wrong place at the wrong time, or the right place at the right time," spokesman Keith Cooper said. "He was in a game that developed to the point where he had to take that kind of action."

"Are we worried (at so many red cards)? No. That's the decision and we'll stand by that."

A PATTERN DEVELOPS: The semifinal field has three European teams and one South American team for the fourth straight World Cup.

France, Croatia, the Netherlands and Brazil also continue a pattern that has occurred eight times in the 16 Cups. For Brazil, it's the ninth semifinal appearance, tying Germany's record.

There also have been three times when all of the final four were from Europe, the last with Italy, Poland, West Germany and France in 1982.

And the presence of the French team in the semis resumes a string of success for the home team.

FIFA said the host nation has made the last four 10 times, the only exceptions being France in 1938, Switzerland in 1954, Mexico in 1970 and 1986, Spain in 1982 and the United States in 1994.

SHOOTOUT ALTERNATIVES: The shootout doesn't always hit the bullseye, and soccer's leaders are looking at possible alternatives to deciding World Cup ties with a string of penalty kicks.

The one receiving the most attention would provide for a 30-minute overtime period followed by a shootout, FIFA spokesman Keith Cooper said Sunday.

If the overtime ended in a tie and each team converted the same

number of penalties, then the win would go to whichever team scored first in OT.

"It gives the team that scores first the advantage because the other team then would have to score at least twice," Cooper said.

Other plans that have been considered and rejected included a shootout followed by overtime, and even a penalty kick parade before the game starts.

Shootouts have been in the rules to break ties in the knockout phase of the Cup since 1978 and were first used in 1982. The last Cup was the first decided by shootout, with Brazil beating Italy in the final, and this year's tournament is the first involving sudden-death overtime, with France winning the only one so far over Paraguay in the second round.

There also have been two shootouts, with Argentina beating England in the second round and France topping Italy to reach the semifinals.

ODDS NOT ODD AT ALL: Brazil remains the favorite for a fifth World Cup title, according to Britain's legal bookies.

Ladbrokes, the country's largest betting house, gave 6-to-4 odds Sunday on Brazil retaining the title.

France was 9-4, the Netherlands 5-2 and Croatia 5-1.

A STAR IS GONE? Juergen Klinsmann, the German captain who played his last national team game in the 3-0 loss to Croatia in the World Cup quarterfinals, said Sunday he may quit soccer altogether.

"I'll go away with my family for a couple of months and then decide whether to go on at all," Klinsmann said.

Klinsmann spoke less than 24 hours after the German team's stunning loss in Lyon. The Germans returned to their headquarters outside Nice during the night and some players had already left France.

"I'll think things over without rushing in the next couple of months," Klinsmann said. "There is a feeling of great emptiness. But I am proud to have been able to play for this team and to have been its captain."

Klinsmann, who played for Stuttgart and Bayern Munich in the Bundesliga, also played club soccer in Italy, France and England. There have been reports that he may go to Major League Soccer. Klinsmann's wife is American.

Croatia overwhelmed with joy after victory over Germany

By Snjezana Vukic
Associated Press Writer

ZAGREB, Croatia — The last time Croatia partied like this, it was to celebrate independence. This time, it was to cheer the biggest sports event in the young nation's history.

The party lasted until dawn Sunday as tens of thousands of people poured into the streets of the capital to joyously mark their team's 3-0 victory over mighty Germany and a spot in the World Cup semifinals.

They cheered long and loud over

Saturday's game, singing, dancing and dousing one another with champagne. By early Sunday, banners fluttered from apartment houses in Zagreb reading, "We are the champions."

Croatia has not seen such a massive celebration since 1991, when it broke away from Yugoslavia.

"We are a small nation; many in the world did not even know that we existed," said Ante Zupan, a 33-year-old electrician. "Now they'll know."

President Franjo Tudjman, who attended the match in Lyon,

France, said the victory "boosts our confidence but it also raises our reputation in the world. ... It's great to be the winner."

Giving Germany its most lopsided loss in the World Cup since 1954 was not only a huge upset, but sweet revenge. Germany beat Croatia 2-0 in the 1996 European Championship.

And while Germany has traditionally backed Croatia, as the first country to recognize their independence in 1991, a move which some argue sparked bloody war that spread to Bosnia and ripped apart the former Yugoslavia,

Croats gloated for one night.

"Danke Deutschland (Thank you, Germany)," giggled Damir Skaro, a former boxer and a parliament deputy, playing with the popular motto and a refrain of a song made at the time when Germany recognized Croatia.

It was hard to find anyone in the country of 4.5 million who did not watch the match on TV. Bars carried the game live on big screens and no one went to sleep. Shops were closed earlier because they expected no customers.

Healthy Living

Facing surgery? You do have a choice

"Approximately one-third to one-half of all surgeries are now done on an out-patient basis," says Ann Wilson, R. N. and administrator of the Surgery Center of Texas. "In the future, it's possible that the only surgeries done in hospitals will be the most major types such as heart or brain procedures." Outpatient facilities are ideal for such surgeries as orthopedic, podiatric, cosmetic, gynecological, eye surgeries and others.

Having surgery done at an outpatient facility such as the Surgery Center of Texas offers a long list of benefits to you as a patient, many involving time savings.

First, you'll get to surgery quicker. At many hospitals, you must arrive up to two hours before surgery is scheduled. A long wait like that can be very difficult. At the Surgery Center, Ms. Wilson says your time in the waiting room should be no more than 15 minutes before they start preparing you for surgery. From there, procedures such as taking your vital signs, completing admission paperwork and the like should take no more than an hour.

Second, you can go home sooner, for two major reasons. Most surgical procedures are less invasive nowadays. "Arthroscopy, endoscopy and other techniques allow surgeons to make smaller incisions and close up faster," Ms. Wilson relates. "Also, the manner

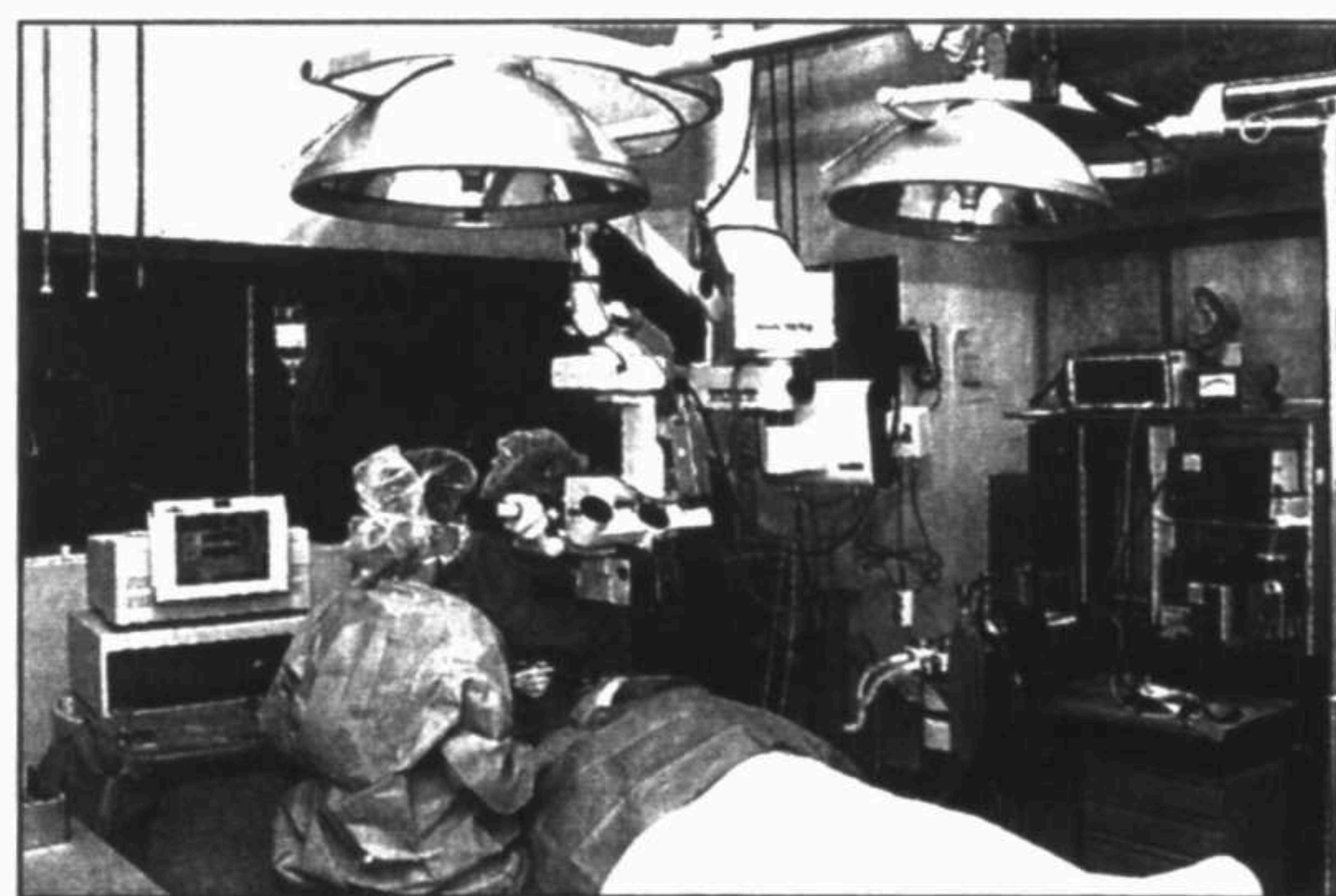
in which we administer anesthetics now means you are alert almost immediately after surgery, even if you've had a general anesthetic."

Altogether, these mean your time away from home is often no more than four hours, as opposed to the multiple days involved in many hospital surgeries.

Third, the shorter stays mean reduced costs. Even though you may be paying only 20 percent, when outpatient costs are often half of hospital charges, that reduces your copay by half. Lower costs can also help keep rising insurance premiums under control.

Fourth, a smaller patient load allows the Surgery Center staff to give you close personal attention. They can take more time making sure you're comfortable and all your needs are met. "Patient needs come first," says Ms. Wilson. She adds that the Surgery Center begins with a more relaxed atmosphere than the stark whites of many hospitals. Softer colors and comfortable chairs add to the pleasant experience for both patients and family members.

This is a good atmosphere for children's surgeries as well. "Approximately 20 percent of our patients are children," Ms. Wilson points out. There are toys and games in the children's play area, and children are invited to visit the facility before the day of their surgery, to get familiar with the



Convenient outpatient surgery at the Surgery Center of Texas usually gets patients home in about four hours.

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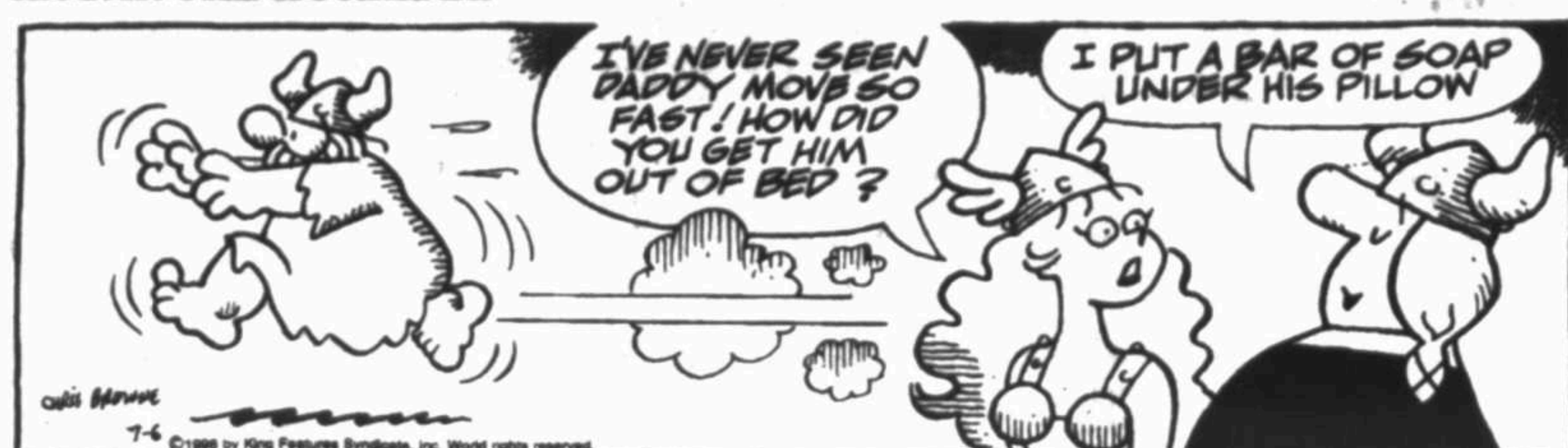
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Reach out for someone. Animated discussions prevail on the home front. You need a change. Consider rearranging furniture or adding a home office. Take the overview. Brainstorming produces solutions. Be more accepting of the unusual. Tonight: Attend a meeting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Make that extra effort with new people. Co-workers appreciate your questions and ideas. Willingly accept new technology; don't fight the inevitable. A benefit is likely to come through your superiors, who express their approval of your work. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others' ways sometimes challenge you. Refuse to get involved in something you don't want to. Stay open to unusual information. There is more than a kernel of truth here. Others can trigger your emotions, but keep the conversations going. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You express yourself in a more vital and direct way. Discussions are focused. Look at a possible change in patterns. Your health and work benefit as a result. A partner surprises you. You pull the wild card financially; it's time to buy a lottery ticket. Tonight: Fit in exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Your vibrant nature blossoms. Over the next few weeks, you are likely to say exactly what you think. Be aware that your diplomatic skills might be lacking. A new love interest or child could be contentious. Avoid a power play. Tonight: Fun with a favorite friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Stay centered, and visualize more of what you want. Surprise! A partner or friend does everything in his power to make it happen over the next few weeks. Redecorate, clean house or create a home office. Your domestic life recharges you. Tonight: Put your feet up!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Starting up a conversation is easy; ending one is another story entirely. Traveling or a long-distance call brings good news. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. Someone definitely cares about you, and shows it. Go with a spontaneous idea; you'll have fun. Tonight: Breeze around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Indulgence and moneymaking are closely tied. Pull back, and look at what you are doing. You hear news that presents another slant or new information. Avoid gossip, and make an adjustment accordingly. Security comes with your home and family. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Nothing can stop you, but don't think a partner won't try. Laughter and humor mix. Say what you think, but be reasonable. Someone responds. Unexpected developments lighten up the day. Work with spontaneity. Others admire changes you made. Tonight: Call the shots!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Take a deep breath. You might not be sure about where someone is coming from, but you certainly are going to find out. Listen carefully to others, who will let you know more than you wanted to. Use your intuitive abilities regarding money, then proceed cautiously. Tonight: Take a much-needed break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Zero in on what you want. Do not do anything halfway, especially involving work. Listen carefully to someone's feedback. Your ability to incorporate great ideas into your plans makes you a winner. Open up to new possibilities. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Work is demanding yet forces you to mobilize your creativity. In the next few weeks, you'll push hard to come up with ways to circumvent red tape. A boss's demands could substantially change. Listen to feedback, especially about a diet. Tonight: Attend a must-show event.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 6 ♥ K 8 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ J 9 5 4 ♣ 10
 Partner opens the hand with one no trump and your right-hand opponent passes. What do you respond?
 A - You have little in the way of high cards, but the trick-taking potential of your hand is excellent, especially since you know partner has at least two hearts. We would opt for a jump to four hearts. (If you use some system of transfer bids at the four-level, by all means deploy it.) This has an added advantage — the hand might belong to the opponents in spades and you could possibly preempt them out of their best spot.

Q 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ K 7 6 3 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ 8 7
 Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?
 A - With three kings opposite even a 15-17 point no-trump opener, you want to be in game, but not necessarily in no trump. Bid two clubs first, to check on whether partner holds four spades. The ruffing value in clubs makes it right to probe for a possible 4-4 or better fit in the major.

Q 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ A Q 5 ♥ A Q 9 2 ♦ Void ♣ K 8 7 6 3 2
 The bidding has proceeded:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
 1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
 What do you bid now?
 A - What an unpleasant development. It might seem that three clubs is automatic, but be careful — the hand is a misfit and the opponents might start doubling soon. Partner must have six, perhaps seven, diamonds on this auction, so bail out before you get into deeper water. Pass.

Q 4 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 7 3 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ A 10 9 2 ♣ Q J 8 3
 The bidding has proceeded:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
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 What action do you take?
 A - With four probable defensive tricks, it is unlikely that East can make two clubs, so double — the penalty could be substantial. Two no trump is a poor second choice since there might not be a source of tricks on the hand. Playing negative doubles, pass and hope that partner will reopen with a double.

Q 5 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ A 9 4 3 ♥ Q 10 6 5 4 ♦ K 9 5 4 ♣ Void
 The bidding has proceeded:
 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
 Pass Pass 1♥ 2♠
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 *penalties
 What action do you take?
 A - Partner should have a reasonable hand for a two-level overall, so your high cards should prove useful. Just because trumps are stacked against partner is no reason to panic. Pass. Partner might make it, and any rescue action by you could be disastrous.

Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ A Q 10 8 6 5 4 ♥ Void ♦ A J 6 ♣ A K 9
 Partner opens the bidding with four hearts. What action do you take?
 A - If partner is the type who, at this vulnerability, would open four hearts on a suit that is likely to contain several losers, it is time to change partners. If not, raise to six hearts, despite your void.

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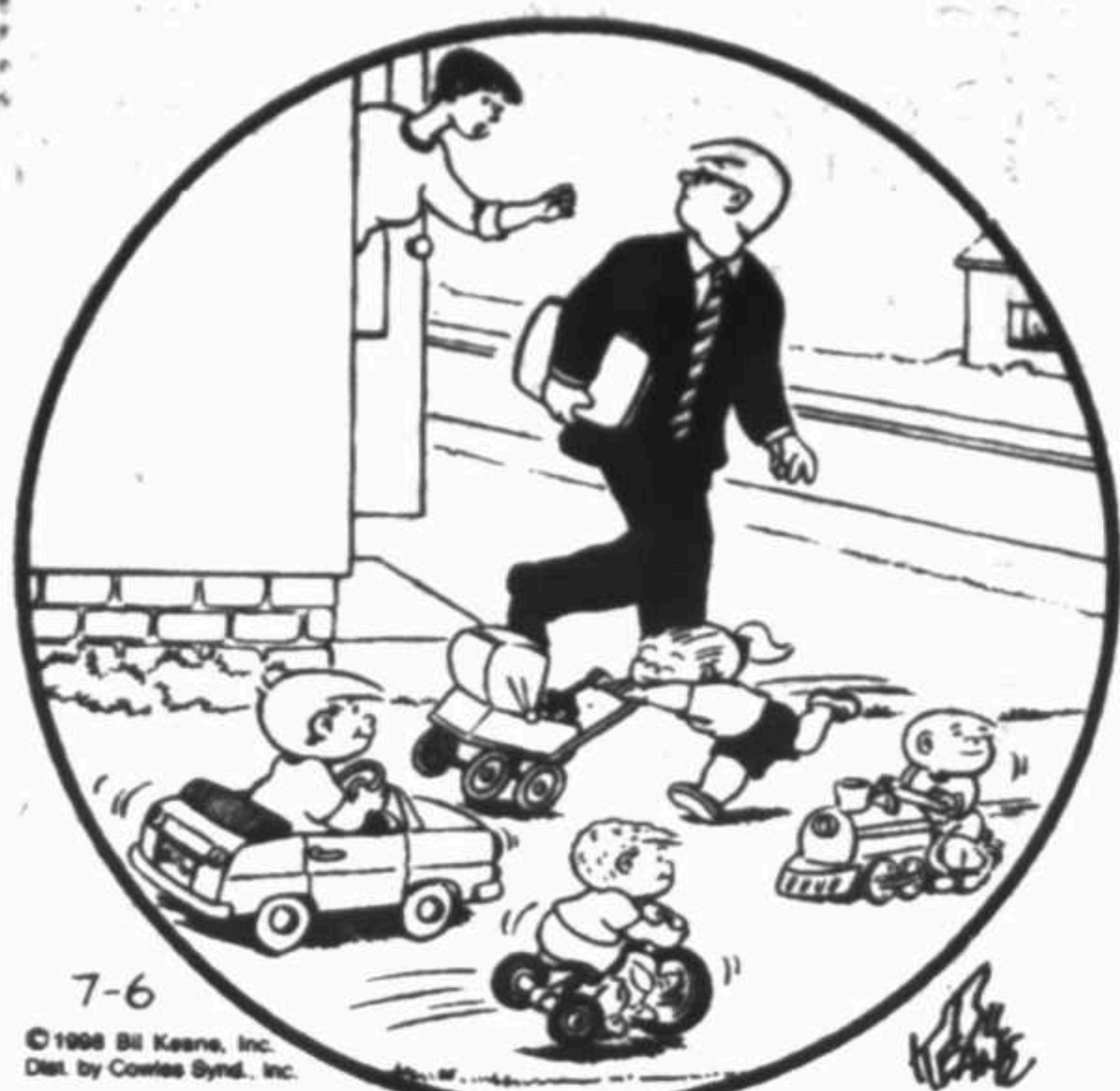
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PEOPLE TODAY

Garrison Keillor says he is not a storyteller

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Garrison Keillor says he's not much of a storyteller. "I don't think I can (tell a story). I don't really," Keillor said. "I'm not very good at it. I'm good at impersonating it. I can stand up there and impersonate a storyteller pretty well."

His faithful listeners would disagree.

Keillor brought his PBS radio show "A Prairie Home Companion" to Kansas City for the Fourth of July.

"I like the idea of being close to the center of the country on the Fourth of July," Keillor said. "I'm very fond of the Fourth of July. It's a holiday that's looking for some kind of revival."

NEW YORK — Hauling 40 pounds of equipment on five-mile marches with only three hours of sleep wasn't too appealing for cast members of "Saving Private Ryan." Before filming began on Steven Spielberg's new movie, Tom Hanks and the cast endured a 10-day boot camp under the instruction of a former Marine captain.

Most wanted to bail out after four days, but Hanks voted to stay.

"It was absolutely necessary to do it right," Hanks told Newsweek for its July 13 issue. "It probably would have been more fruitful if it were twice as long."

The movie chronicles the story of a post D-Day mission to save a man after his three brothers died in combat.

ATHENS, Greece — The teen-age heiress to the Onassis shipping fortune arrived in Greece, her second visit since her father intensified his battle over the management of her inheritance.

Athina Roussel, the 13-year-old granddaughter of the late shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis, arrived Saturday to embark on a six-day cruise with her family in the Saronic Gulf.

Athina is at the center of a bitter battle over a \$600 million fortune that pits her French-born father, Thierry Roussel, against the four Greek trustees of the Onassis Foundation.

The Foundation administers the money until Athina reaches her 18th birthday.

In March, Roussel and Athina came to Athens for a high-profile weekend trip. Roussel said his daughter wanted to strengthen her connection to Greece to counter accusations by the Foundation that he had isolated her from her roots. Since the death of her mother Christina Onassis in 1988, Athina has spent about 20 days in Greece.

NEW YORK — Actor Dennis Quaid says he was on the road to jail eight years ago when he finally got the message that it was time to turn his life around.

"I think I would have crashed and burned no matter what, because I was ready for a crash and burn," Quaid says in the July 11 issue of TV Guide. "I have nobody but myself to blame. I was partying very hard. Robert Downey Jr. got arrested. I didn't. There were plenty of times I probably could have been."

Quaid, who makes his directorial debut with TNT's "Everything That Rises" and is about to star in the remake of "The Parent Trap," credits his wife, Meg Ryan, with standing by him during the rough times.

"It's great to have that kind of support," he says. "And I think I bring a certain stability to her life. Basically we make each other get through things."

DUBLIN, Ireland — Outgoing U.S. Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith will be made an honorary Irish citizen, a rare tribute that honors her "immense service to Ireland."

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern announced the honor Saturday night at a party in Dublin marking Independence Day and the end of the ambassador's five-year term.

Ahern said people across the country saluted the ambassador for her support for the Northern Ireland peace deal that has set up a compromise government in the troubled province.

Kennedy Smith was due to complete her ambassadorial duties over the weekend and was to leave her official residence in Dublin this week.

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Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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- Rum cake
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- Statesboro university
- Slaughter of baseball
- PBS scientist
- Display stand
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- Cowboy hat
- "Yoo-hoo!"
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- Florence Nightingale's prop
- Toast starters
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Talented Lopez ready and waiting

By Michael Rosenthal
Los Angeles Daily News

LOS ANGELES — It looks like a fight between Felix Trinidad and Ike Quartey is all but set for later this year.

And every welterweight in the world wants a piece of Oscar De La Hoya, which means the winner of Trinidad-Quartey could end up in the ring with De La Hoya next year.

Ironically, the fighter who seems to be left out of the immediate mix might be the best of all: Jose Luis Lopez. For what it's worth, De La Hoya himself said Lopez would give him his toughest fight.

If your reaction is "Jose Luis Who?" you're not alone. Lopez, another in a never-ending stream of capable fighters from Mexico, is the least known of the group.

In part, that can be attributed to the fact he began fighting in the U.S. less than two years ago.

However, he won't be overlooked for long.

One, his performances have established him as a legitimate — perhaps (begin it) the (end it) legitimate — heir to Julio Cesar Chavez.

And, two, he recently signed a promotional contract with Main Events. He now has a powerful machine behind him.

"I know I'm not the most recognized fighter. I think I have the qualities to be a (great fighter), though," he said through an interpreter.

Indeed.

Lopez, 25, has a solid technical background. He was raised in the gym: His father and trainer, Jose Luis Lopez Sr., was a bantamweight contender in the 1960s and '70s.

And he has an innate fighting spirit that is frightening. He has the will and ferocity of a young Chavez but can punch harder. Like a missile with gloves on, he locks onto his target and just keeps coming, an endearing quality to action-starved fans.

If Lopez proves to be as durable as Chavez — and so far, he has — he might emerge as one of the great fighters of his era.

In his best performance, he drew with WBA welterweight champion, Quartey last October.

Lopez (41-3-2, 32 knockouts) had some trouble with Quartey's speed but ultimately did what some believed no

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one could: He made the Ghanan look human, knocking him down and forever altering his imposing image.

Lopez has his problems. He has a wild side.

After annihilating Luis "Yory Boy" Campas to retain his NABF title in 1996, he was stripped of the title after he tested positive for marijuana. That's an image that doesn't fade away.

And he tends to lose focus. Before the Quartey fight, his manager sent him all the way to England to train to keep him away from distractions at home in Durango, Mexico.

However, he seems to be determined.

"I want to be like Julio Cesar Chavez," he said. "I don't want to have the same (legal) problems he's having now. I just want to be known as a good fighter, a good champion like him."

Naturally, he wants De La Hoya and the money and fame that goes along with him.

Unfortunately for Lopez, again, it looks as if he'll have to wait in line and build his reputation in the meantime. He seems willing to fight anyone to build his name recognition.

Bob Arum, De La Hoya's promoter, said Lopez's relative anonymity would make it difficult to sell a De La Hoya-Lopez fight, and there's some truth to that. At the same time, Arum undoubtedly fears Lopez — perhaps more than anyone else.

Still, Lopez, encouraged by De La Hoya's reference to his skills, expects to get the fight that could propel him to stardom.

"He's mentioned already that he wants to fight the best welterweights," Lopez said. "That's why I think the fight will happen. He doesn't need to be fighting some of the people he's fighting. It's why boxing is going downhill."

"The fight will happen sooner or later."

Give us a break: Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis, with the help of their handlers, are sabotaging efforts to put together a title-unification bout.

First, HBO, which has Lewis under contract, makes a \$20 million offer to Holyfield through the media and

alienates him and his attorney, Jim Thomas. Holyfield and Thomas are right: That's no way to do business.

Then, Holyfield says he wants \$25 million for the fight. Very simply, that's asking too much.

HBO, which reportedly offered Lewis \$10 million, would be taking a significant risk by putting up (begin it) \$30 million (end it) for the fighters, given the poor pay-per-view buy rates for recent fights.

By asking for \$5 million more, Holyfield seems to be pricing himself out of the fight purposely. Once again, he says he wants the fight, but his actions are out of sync with his words.

The only reasonable conclusion is this: He doesn't want to jeopardize a potential third fight with Mike Tyson. Lewis, he might be thinking, could come afterward.

Rabbit punches: Last week, I stated that Oscar De La Hoya has not faced a Hall of Fame-level fighter in his prime.

Not true. Genaro Hernandez is in that category. However — and this is a big however — Hernandez came into the fight with a broken nose and had to move up in weight....

P.J. Goossen, heartbroken when he had to pull out of a big-money fight with Roberto Duran last year because of a sprained ankle, will get another opportunity to face a big-name former champion.

The North Hollywood resident is set to fight Hector "Macho" Camacho in a junior middleweight bout on Aug. 11 in Miami, according to Pat Goossen, P.J.'s father and trainer.

The fight will be televised on USA.

P.J. Goossen is expected to make roughly \$20,000, his father said. That would be the biggest payday of his career....

Saturday's pay-per-view card in San Antonio is unique in at least one respect: seven former champions will be fighting. The matchups: Azumah Nelson-James Leija, Gabriel Ruelas-Troy Dorsey, Goyo Vargas-Tracy Patterson and Miguel Angel Gonzalez-Alexis Perez. Perez is the only non-champion....

Don Dunphy, a blow-by-blow announcer whose career spanned from Joe Louis to Muhammad Ali, turned 90 on Sunday.

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Hall of Fame quarterback dead at 81

By Noah Isackson
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — Hall of Fame quarterback Sid Luckman, who led the Chicago Bears to four NFL championships in the 1940s, died Sunday at a Florida hospital. He was 81.

In his 12 seasons with the Bears, Luckman became the team's career leader in touchdowns with 137, and yards gained — 14,686.

Luckman once said he wanted three sentences on his tombstone: "He had it all. He did it all. He loved it all."

Luckman died at Aventura Hospital in North Miami Beach, Fla., where he was a patient, according to the nursing supervisor, who would not give her name. The cause of death was not given.

Born in New York in 1917, Luckman attended Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn. He went to Columbia University where he earned All-America status as a senior in 1938.

Luckman made the cover of Life Magazine in his senior year, with the headline, "Best Passer," printed under his picture.

Bears owner George Halas traded two players and a draft choice to the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1939 to acquire the 5-foot-11 inch, 190-pound Luckman. Halas offered Luckman the highest salary ever paid by the team at the time, \$5,000 a year.

Luckman played his first game against the New York Giants in 1939, a 16-14 loss.

"You'll never know the emotion, stress," Luckman once said of that game. "That had to be the most emotional time in my football history. My family, my friends from col-

lege, the Columbia coaches, the dean of the college... they were all at the game."

In 1940, Luckman led the team to a 73-0 victory over the Washington Redskins for the NFL championship.

Luckman was named NFL MVP three times during his 12 seasons as a pro, and was selected All-Pro seven times.

When he stopped playing football in 1950, Luckman's salary was \$23,000, matched only by Redskins quarterback Sammy Baugh.

He then began a 14-year part-time coaching career for the Bears and other teams Halas wanted to teach about the T-formation. Luckman never accepted a coaching salary from the Bears.

"I can never repay the Bears for making my life a more enchanting life," he said.

Luckman left football in 1950 and went to work for Celu-Craft Inc.

In 1946, he bought a half interest in the company, which manufactured wrapping materials for companies including Kraft Foods, Quaker Oats, Sara Lee, Superior Coffee and Morton International. He later sold his interest in the company.

"George Halas told us that football was a means to an end," Luckman said of activities after retiring from the game. "All of us had to seek a way to keep up our income, because you never really know in professional football what could happen on any given Sunday."

Luckman is survived by a son. His wife, Estelle, died in 1981.

No details were available about funeral services.

Campbell, BYU fight NCAA's Sunday play rule

BUIES CREEK, N.C. (AP) — Campbell, with strong Baptist ties, and Brigham Young, founded by the Mormon church, are working together to suspend NCAA legislation that would force schools to play or forfeit when faced with Sunday competition.

Campbell has never participated in formal athletic competition on Sundays. But the NCAA board of directors voted in April to eliminate long-standing provisions in championship scheduling that accommodated members whose religious convictions did not allow them to play then.

The board also eliminated restrictions that prevented championship competition from beginning before noon on Sunday, games that would conflict with traditional worship.

Brigham Young and Campbell, an affiliate of the N.C. Baptist State Convention, have gotten the necessary 30 votes for an override, requiring the board of directors to reconsider the proposal.

If the board doesn't reverse its action, the issue will be put to a vote of the entire NCAA Division I mem-

bership — 312 institutions — during meetings in San Antonio in January. A five-eighths majority would be required to overturn the measure, which became effective with the board's vote.

If the NCAA receives requests to override the proposal from 100 of its members by 6 p.m. Monday, the new policy will be suspended until the vote in January. As of Thursday, the NCAA had received 86 responses supporting the Camels' and Cougars' position.

"It's not a heaven-or-hell issue," said Tom Collins, Campbell's athletics director, "but we're saying we don't want to be in a position of playing on Sunday, and we think we ought to have that right."

Campbell was a member of the Big South Conference until that league voted to eliminate its provisions that respected Campbell's no-Sunday-play policy. That prompted the Camels to move to the Trans America Athletic Conference in 1994.

In 1992, when the Campbell men's basketball team won the Big South

Conference tournament and received the league's automatic berth in the NCAA tournament, the Camels notified the NCAA of their Sunday policy and were placed in a Thursday-Saturday regional in Greensboro.

The NCAA's rationale for the new policy is that it is not legally bound to accommodate institutions' policies on Sunday play, and that certain events will get more exposure on television as a result.

Campbell won't be faced with a play-or-forfeit decision before the matter is voted on by the entire membership in January unless its men's or women's soccer teams advance to the national championship games. Those games are scheduled for successive Sundays this December.

"If it ever came to that, we wouldn't play," Collins said. "We feel that it is part of our educational mission to teach our students that Sunday is not like all other days. One way we teach that principle is our policy on Sunday play."

Marion Jones captures 100 in stadium record time

LINZ, Austria (AP) — Despite the unseasonably cool weather and a small crowd of 3,000, American Marion Jones stepped up her onslaught on the record book Sunday when she captured the women's 100 meters at the Zipfer Grand Prix IAAF track meet.

A distinct threat to eventually break the world records in the 100 and 200 as well as the long jump, Jones won the shorter dash Sunday in a stadium record 10.85 seconds.

In only her second full season on the circuit, Jones has dominated. She was the only woman to win two golds at last year's World Championships in Athens, Greece — in the 100 and 400 relay. And just last month she easily won the 100, 200 and long jump at the USA Championships in New Orleans.

She owns the world's three best performances this year in the three events, including one wind-aided effort in the long jump. And she even ran the fastest 400 by an American in her only race at that distance this year.

In Sunday's meet, American Melissa Morrison broke her own 1998 seasonal record by six-hundredths of a sec-

ond in winning the 100-meter hurdle event.

Russian Svetlana Masterkova ran the mile in 4 minutes 32 seconds, the fastest time of the season.

Other highlights of the night included Cuba's Ivan Pedroso, who won the long jump in 27 feet, 7 1/2 inches, and Dimitri Markov of Belarusia's 19-0 1/2 effort in the pole vault.

Reggie Torian, the 1997 NCAA champion, nipped Britain's Colin Jackson at the tape in the 110-meter hurdles. Torian was clocked in 13.17 seconds.

"It's never nice to lose," said Jackson, who was timed in 13.18.

Surinam's Laetitia Vriesde ran 2:00.68 to win the 800 meters, besting Austrian Stephanie Graf by 24-hundredths of a second.

Hopes of a new world record in the women's pole vault were dashed with Daniela Bartova of the Czech Republic and Australian Emma George tied with 13 feet 9 1/2 inches.

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1800 W. Wall M.M. Degree 7/8/98. Reg stated meeting 1st & 3rd Sat 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am. Henry McElyea, W.M. Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club

2019 Trade Dr. 520-9206 Reg mting 3rd Thurs. each mo. Hosp. 6:30 pm. dine 7 pm. Bus mting 8 pm. Earl Selman, Pres. Keith Hughes, Sec'y

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414

1000 Upland Stated Meeting 2nd & 4th Tue at 7:30 P.M. Bruce Milkien, W.M. Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623

1600 W. Wall P.O. Box 1758 M.M. Degree 7/8/98 at 7 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM Tom Arnold, W.M. Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

Announcements

NEW LOAD catfish, grab your pole and family and come fishing. Catfish Lake, 2200 Todd Road. 683-8114.

Personals

MARY KAY COSMETICS Sybil Wallace, 684-5464. Kay Gilley, 520-3167. Crete Arnold, 689-7002.

Lost & Found

FOUND: Shepherd mix, female, black & tan, about 8 months old. Three geese, need a good home in country. Call Midland Animal Control 685-7420.

IF your pet is lost - even if you live in the county, please check with MIDLAND ANIMAL CONTROL (on Fairgrounds Road) every three days.

FOUND: female mixed breed dog, tan color, wearing collar, vicinity NCR 1136, 682-7481.

LOST: Solid White Siberian Husky with blue eyes, wearing black collar with blue Lubbock tags. Missing since 7/2/98 from vicinity of Neely & Ward 683-7998.

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ALTERATIONS
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Dear Mark & Dale:

I read in your column about a guy named Gary who worked in an auto dealership. One of the things Mark told him was that workers can become too "valuable" to promote. That's where I believe I fit in. I have a new boss who is not familiar with the business. I applied for a promotion, but was told I'm not qualified. I understand that it would benefit the company for me to remain in my current position, because it may not be able to find a proper successor. Any advice?—Bill

DALE: When Mark offered his "too good" theory, I was skeptical. Still am. If you're indispensable, then management would be foolish NOT to promote you—you couldn't risk alienating you & having you leave. Better to promote you & have you hire, train & support your replacement.

MARK: Who said that promotions were logical? But I think we can agree on this much: The Old Workplace had an implicit assumption that part of management's job was to give promotions. The New Workplace dictates that it's up to the employees to get the promotions.

DALE: Still, in the New Workplace, just as in the old, there are occasions when a job opens up & management has to choose. People in technical positions assume that the boss should be the best technician... not always true.

MARK: There's an expression in the computer world for the most knowledgeable technical person: the "Alpha Geek." That person is hard to promote because the company doesn't want to compromise its technical expertise.

DALE: You're assuming the problem is with the "Alpha." I think it's with the "Geek." Being a great specialist doesn't necessarily prepare you to be a manager.

MARK: And there's the answer to Bill's problem. He has to prepare to be a manager, & do it in such a way as to let upper management know that he isn't content to stay in his current job. And since it already placed a new manager above him, all Bill can do at this point is to go to that new manager & say, "I would like to create a personal career management plan, and I would love your help. I was passed over for promotion, & now I'd like to develop the skills or attitudes I need to make me qualified to move up. I need a mentor to help monitor my progress, & I'm hoping that you will help."

DALE: That seems like a lot of a new manager. But, if Bill is lucky, his new boss is one of the enlightened ones, the secure kind who are always training their replacements, always preparing to move up. And perhaps they'll help one another move up in unison.

MARK: Or, if Bill gets rebuffed, he can start his own self-advancement campaign, getting out, looking for mentors at other companies, making himself available for new & better situations. Remember, Bill: It's your career... promote it.

Dear Mark & Dale:

If a job listing online asks for a resume, should a cover letter be inserted also? How long should one wait before giving a company a courtesy call after mailing out a resume?—Rea

MARK: Yes.

DALE: Two weeks.

MARK: Next question.

DALE: We thought we'd demonstrate how "just the facts" can feel a bit abrupt & impersonal. The point being this: A resume sent off by itself can seem like a "product specifications" page. I know that cover letters may seem like a waste of time, like mere "packaging." But a smart marketer knows the importance of packaging—it's an opportunity to "position" yourself. And just because it's online doesn't change that opportunity. In fact, scrolling down your letter may provide a better chance to catch the eye of the reader than flipping over the traditional paper cover letter.

MARK: And here's a principle to remember: Less is more. The shorter the cover letter, the more likely it is to get read. Instead of a list of adjectives about how perfect you are, think of your cover letter as a kind of "home page." It greets readers & tells them what to look for. And it also tells them what to look forward to—a call from you in a week or two.

Mark & Dale Talk Jobs is a new feature of the Midland Reporter-Telegram Classified Employment Section.

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DRIVING POSITION Available immediately. Must be over the age of 25, have valid TX drivers license, valid proof of insurance, vehicle furnished. Please call between 8-5 Monday-Friday, 520-2990.

EXPERIENCED Truck Driver/ Warehouse person. Apply in person at QuickSalad Produce, 2510 W. Front, between 8 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday.

FOR RESUMES THAT GET RESULTS call 699-9197. Conventional or computer scannable. Professional, fast, affordable service.

FULL TIME Housekeeper and full time Make-Ready persons needed. Experience preferred. Excellent benefits. Apply at 5101 N. "A" Street, no phone calls please.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting. Class C drivers license required. Leave name/number (915)553-1464.

310 General
Help Wanted

HAIR STYLISTS. Lease Stations available. Newly remodeled, centrally located family hair care salon. Call Kelly, Salon 2000, 684-2517. Monday-Saturday, 9:00-5:00.

HAIR SALON. Hair Stylist, Nails, Manicuring/ Pedicuring, Waxing, Massage Therapy. Do it all, if you like. One price lease. Hair Scapes, Walter or Sylvia, 699-5999 or 697-1794.

HIRING HAIRSTYLIST. Apply in person at 4324-A Andrews Hwy. No phone calls please. Ask for Maria.

HOST PERSON/ WAIT STAFF. Great tip! Lunches only. Apply in person. Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Culbert.

PART TIME help needed at Player's Paradise. Call 699-1848 or 682-2644.

LABORERS needed. Work available in the Midland/Odessa area. Short and long term assignments. MUST have home phone, transportation and safety equipment. V.I.P. Employment, 4305 N. Garfield, Ste 200 A.

LANDSCAPE Hands. Commercial and residential maintenance. Full time. Monday thru Friday. Apply in person 5000 N. Midkiff.

LEAD MAINTENANCE needed for Hunter's Glen Apartments. 212 units. Two years apartment experience plus HVAC license required. Great company with benefits. Call 699-5168 or come by 1902 N. Midland Drive, Midland.

NEED AUTOMATIC transmission manager/ rebuilder for a long time established shop in Big Spring, TX. Call for more information (915)267-3955 or (915)399-4299. Leave Message.

NEEDED: Baker for Sanwichery. Experience a plus. Benefits include health & dental insurance. Pay depending on experience. Apply at One Stop Sanwichery, Monday, Friday, 900 S Dallas, Midland.

NEEDED: Energetic college students and others for cashier position. Great Fun Summer job! Pay depending on experience. Apply at One Stop Drive Thru Monday-Friday, 900 S Dallas, Midland.

NIGHTCLUBS. Now accepting applications. Waitstaff, Bartenders, DJ and Door Staff. For new club opening soon. Indigos. Must be TABC certified. Apply in person weekdays between 12-2 pm, 3312 W. Wall, Midland.

NURSERY Worker. part time. 12-16 hours per week. Call Nursery at the Alamo Y.M.C.A. 694-2528.

OIL FIELD: Regional Oil Field Service Company in New Mexico is looking for an HSE Manager. Qualified individuals should have a combination of field experience and schooling. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Resumes should be sent to: Key Four Corners, Inc., 3501 E. Main, Suite F158, Farmington, NM 87402.

ON THE BORDER MEXICAN CAFE. We are now accepting applications for experienced food servers and cooks. Apply in person Monday-Friday.

PAINTERS & Drywall Finishers needed. Must have 5 years experience. Apply in person, 1905 W Industrial 570-8558.

PART TIME: Camp Fire is looking for managers, teachers and aides for Kids Care and Wilderness after school programs. Apply in person at 4500 West Illinois, suite #112. 915-553-1464.

REUSE/ Technician. Entry level position with excellent benefits. Will train. Good mechanical aptitude desired. Apply at Permian Basin Dialysis Center, 4200 W. Illinois, Space 140 or phone 522-2300.

ROUTE DRIVER Wanted. Vending experience preferable but not necessary. Must be neat in appearance with good work habits. Drug test required. Send resume to Box J-1076, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

ROUTE DRIVER. Requirements: Clean driving record, highway driving ability, able to do heavy lifting, customer oriented, good math aptitude helpful. This is an unlimited income opportunity. Experience preferred, but will train the right individual. Apply in person: Snowwhite Laundry, 303 S Terrell, Midland, Texas or fax resume to: 915-682-8032. No phone calls please.

SALON: Great Expectations is looking for full time and part time stylists and part time receptionist. Please call 697-7961.

SALON: Station for lease for one stylist and one nail tech. 570-7100.

SHOGUN HIRING all positions, experienced, personable cooks for Samurai Chefs. 570-8888.

SMALL ENGINE Mechanic wanted. Tools and references required. Good pay and benefits. Monday thru Friday 5000 N. Midkiff.

STATION ATTENDANT wanted. Must be reliable, dependable, have a willingness to work. Experience a plus. Will train. Good starting pay. Apply in person, 2301 W. Wadley, Midland.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERA person needed part time, 10:00 pm-2:00 am. Apply in person, 409 S. Main. No phone calls please.

311 Medical
Help Wanted

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Childrens Day Out seeks part time teachers & assistants for the 1998 school year. 683-0851.

POOL INSTALLERS needed with experience. Apply in person at Morgan Building & Spas, 12000 W. Hwy 80 E, 1/4 mile east of Water Wonderland.

REPRESENTATIVES Needed- sell Avon part time. Full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

RENT N OWN Immediate position for full time employee. We are seeking individuals who possess a willingness to learn & grow. Qualified candidate will possess:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Collection experience a plus
- Clean driving record and be drug free
- Physically able to lift furniture & appliances

If you possess these qualities Please apply today in person at Player's Paradise. Call 699-1848 or 682-2644.

RENT-N-OWN 2200 N. Big Spring Midland, Texas NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

RESTAURANT Now accepting applications for several lunch and full time waitstaff positions. Apply between 8:00 to 10:00 or 2:00 to 4 pm only. Monday through Friday 606 W. Missouri, 685-1757.

RESTAURANT: The Bar is currently accepting applications for Cooks. Apply in person between 8-10 am or 2-4 pm, Monday through Thursday, 606 W. Missouri.

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TECHNICAL: Mitchell County Hospital is taking applications for a Radiology Technician. Full Time position available plus call. Preferred experience in ultrasound or/ and CT. Colorado City's population is 4,600. Mitchell County Hospital is a 26-bed hospital. Send resume to: Mitchell County Hospital, 1543 Chestnut Street, Colorado City, TX 79512 or call Mary Paul Proctor at (915) 728-3431 ext. 200. Fax (915) 728-3047.

ULTRASOUND TECH: RDMS or Eligible RT (R) ARRT Required. Monday- Friday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM. Plus on call rotation. For more information, please contact: Odessa Regional Hospital, Human Resources Dept. 915-334-8397.

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310 General
Help Wanted

TRAVEL AGENCY needs delivery person. Must be 18 years or older, good driving record, and ability to do some clerical work. Must be available to work from 1pm-5:30 pm, Monday - Friday. Call Envoye Travel at 689-0057.

TRAVEL AGENCY. Professional agent with 3+ years experience to start immediately. Salary DOE. Please send resume with salary history and requirements to: Travel Agent, P.O. Box 50562, Midland, TX 79710.

WALL STREET EXXON has immediate openings for reliable cashiers to join our team. Apply at 3603 W. Wall, Midland, Texas.

***NURSEFINDERS* OF WEST TEXAS** RN(s) up to \$37.50 LVN(s) up to \$30.00 ** Sign On Bonus ** ** Referral Bonus ** ** 10 Shift Bonus ** Nursefinders provides Workman's Compensation, Professional Liability Insurance and 401K Plan. Health Insurance Available. 570-8082

BILLING/ RECEPTIONIST needed for allergy/ immunology office. Billing and computer skills needed, as well as good public relation skills. Pay commensurate with experience. Send resumes to Box 9-04065, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

CNA's & PSA's Part time and full time needed. Assisting tenants with daily living, serious applicants only. Must be dependable and have working phone. Apply in person only. Caldera House, 3400 Caldera Blvd., ask for Dave or Lydia.

DENTAL ASSISTANT: busy Pediatric Dental office seeks active, bright, humorous, creative Dental Assistant to work with children. Only dental assistants with radiology certification and prior experience need apply. Send resume to James H. Miller, DDS, 2461 East 11th St., Odessa, 79761. No calls, please.

***PART-TIME** Position in Physician's office. Need a dedicated, energetic person for heavy volume office work. Approximately 20 hours per week. Must be highly motivated and well organized with excellent office & communication skills. Computer knowledge essential. Bring resume in person to 1304 W. Texas Ave. only between 10:00 am-3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday (Closed Noon-1:00 pm).

FAMILIES TOGETHER Consultant: Bachelor's degree in a related field working with children. Reimbursed travel within a 17 county area serving families in their home. Bilingual required. 20K annually. EOE. Please call for application or pick up at High Sky Children's Ranch Families Together, 8701 W. County Road 60, Midland 79707 (915)520-8370.

LEGAL ASSISTANT position, plaintiff's trial practice. Litigation experience on the plaintiff's side a plus. Legal experience and organizational skills a must. Call 684-5290 or apply, fax resume to 684-5681.

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312 Professional
Help Wanted

Foster Parents High Sky Children's Ranch, Inc. "Making a Difference"

MARRIED COUPLES Surrogate Parenting Careers Work together side-by-side parenting 4-6 youth while also raising your own family of up to 2 dependent children. NO EXPERIENCE or COLLEGE DEGREE required. We WILL TRAIN you in proven child-care techniques. You will

- * Have one spouse available to work outside the home
- * Have private quarters w/in attractive home
- * Extensive training and support
- * Tax Free reimbursements

Must be 21+ years with a HS diploma and valid driver's license (good record) and willing to live in group home. Call 915-694-7728 High Sky Children's Ranch, between Midland and Odessa. EOE

Making a difference in the lives of children, youth and families.

MIDLAND DIALYSIS Center now accepting applications for an RN, PCT, and Reuse Tech. Dialysis experience preferred. RN with ICU/CCU experience preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Call Jacqueline Riptoe for application at 915-687-1201 or send resume to: Attention Doro Flores, 731 W. Wadley, Bldg K, Suite 130, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax resume to 915-687-5008.

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Help Wanted

PRE SCHOOL Teachers needed at First Presbyterian Child Development Center for the school year. College degree required, experience preferred. Call 683-0851 for more information.

POLICE OFFICER: City of Lamesa accepting applications for certified (TCLOSE) police officer. Contact the Lamesa Police Department for applications at 601 S. 1st Street, Lamesa, TX 79331. (806)872-2121. EOE

PROGRAMMER: Immediate opening. VB required, VC. Access a plus. Apply at 312 E. 2nd, Odessa for consideration.

R.P.L.S. Needed immediately Large Austin surveying firm needs a Registered Professional Land Surveyor to meet our growing demands. We offer excellent benefits including insurance and a retirement plan. Great salary in a great city! Please call Victor at (512)458-1099, Excel and Word desired. Must be willing to travel. Bilingual ability and prior work experience a plus. Contact Crew Office at 915-699-7727, Room 118 for application.

***Are You Not Finding The Right Job?** Maybe You Are Not Looking In The Right Place! We Have Excellent Office Jobs. Call Now! Temporary Resources 684-0527

***DATA ENTRY CLERK NEEDED:** Great company seeking a highly motivated professional for their data entry department. Must be proficient in Excel, Oil and gas experience is a plus. Bring resume to 4000 N. Big Spring, Suite 113, or fax to (915) 682-3041. Call (915) 682-2119 for more information.

***LAND TECH** Midland Independent Oil and Gas Exploration Company seeking a Land Tech/ Lease Analyst for rental payment and processing of leases. The position will work with the Land Manager and Landmen in preparation of documents and administrative duties. Good organizational skills, MS Word and prior experience in land support required. AS400 and Arctis land system experience preferred. Please submit resume and salary requirements to: Box B-04059 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

***RECEPTIONIST** Independent Oil & Gas Company Non-smoking office. Must be personable with neat appearance and excellent telephone etiquette. Responsibilities include both secretarial and clerical duties with knowledge of Lotus helpful. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. References required. Please bring or mail your resume to: H.L. Brown, Jr., 300 W. Louisiana (P.O. Box 2237), Midland, Texas 79702.

***There are always positions open in the following areas:**

- * Secretary
- * Strong Computer Skills

GARAGE SALES
Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!
Call 682-6222 today. A Weekly Classified Consultant
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Saturday - Monday, 9am - 5pm
Office furniture, equipment, supplies, furniture,
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electronics, miscellaneous, 697-6627.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES
20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.
Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.
Tami, Pam, Brandi, Jennifer or Nancy are ready to help you!

410 Misc. Sales
FOR SALE, in frame hltz, its 1995 S-10 pickup or blazer, \$50. Portable oxygen tank with cart, pressure regulator and gauges, \$75 or best offer. 520-3252.

RESTHAVEN GARDEN of Meditation, 2 Lots \$950 each. Please call 683-1524.

8' X 12' STORAGE building, \$800. 29' Pipe trailer, \$600. 686-0781.

ELECTRIC SCOOTER, Electric mobility heavy duty Rascal Model 235. Complete with cover, 1993 Model. Excellent condition. 694-0137 or 697-6321.

BIBLE TALK: What is God's Design for Marriage? (Part 1) 520-0381. Free recorded message.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, Riding mowers, refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, bamboo dining buffet, others. Miscellaneous furniture. 570-4851.

COLOR TV, Portable, 19", remote control, cable ready, works great, \$85, 697-1558 or 699-1454.

COMMUNION/WEDDING dress, white, satin, lace, pearls, size 12, lace length, easily altered. \$50. 683-9478.

413 Jewelry & Furs
ROLEX LADIES 18 karat Presidential Mother of pearl and sapphire face/diamonds. Purchased locally, papers in order. Paid 16K sacrifice for 12K. 684-5604.

BUYING ROLEX Watches Vintage to New. Cash paid. Call John, 685-1037 or Cellular 559-1785.

415 Misc. Wanted
WANT to buy or rent used electric wheelchair for short time. 694-2948.

SOUTHWEST COMPANY Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

CASH FOR 4 X 8 Little Tex Trailer or Equivalent. Please call 570-9572.

WANTED MARTHA Stewart wedding cake shaped cookie cutter will buy or pay to borrow. Please help mine is on backorder. 699-4472.

420 Good Things To Eat
PERMIAN BASIN Farmers Market will open at 5021 Princeton Street, beginning Saturday July 4th. And 1505 East Fort, beginning Tuesday July 7th. Shop early for best selections.

1 BAKE BIG Wonderful pound cakes! Let me bake one for you! Call 684-5473.

432 Household Furniture
SET OF Red, Pipe Bunkbeds: twin top, full bottom. Good condition. \$175. Negotiable. 570-7622, after 3 pm, weekdays.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards - Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

BLACK PIPE bunk beds, double on bottom, twin on top with beds and bedding. \$400. 689-0842.

PIONEER 500 watt, VHS-456 home theater receiver. Practically new. Perfect. A real bargain. \$275. 520-2700.

LIGHT BROWN couch with flowers, 7 feet long. \$50. Call 570-1277 after 12 noon.

435 Household Appliances
FOR SALE, Frigidaire dishwasher, \$35. Tappan gas stove, \$200. White Whirlpool washing machine, \$100. Living room set, \$100. 570-8820.

FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

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\$50 Off Deposit
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\$150 off!
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RAFTER H TRAILERS & TACK
SALES, New & Used Trailers, Financing Available, Trailer Repairs. Hitches, 5203 East Garden City Highway 158. 684-5850.

BLUESTEM GRASS hay \$25 per 5 X 5 round bale. Ammoniated switchgrass hay \$30. 915-459-2611, Tarzan.

HORSE BOARDING, Clean covered stalls in North East Midland. Feed and feeding provided twice daily. Dirt arena and tack storage. 697-6751.

MUST SELL THIS Week! 14' X 32' red barn. Heavy duty floor. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.
SHARP COPIER with document feeder and stand, \$650. HP fax/copier plain paper, \$275. 697-6627.

580 Portable Buildings
PORTABLE STORAGE Buildings/ Shops. Wood floors. Starting at \$39.00 a month. Delivery and installation available. 563-3108.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies
FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682-1546.

590 Legal Notices
LEGAL NOTICE
WESTWOOD MEDICAL CENTER HOME HEALTH AGENCY will be closing effective August 1, 1998. Any patients still under the care of Westwood Medical Center Home Health Agency on August 1, 1998 will either be transferred to another certified Home Health Agency or will continue to receive care from Westwood Medical Center Home Health for as long as that care is deemed medically necessary.

570 Rooms for Rent
FURNISHED BEDROOM in quiet home, cable tv, kitchen privileges, all bills paid, near K-Mart \$200 per month. 694-3972.

560 Apartments Furnished
Newcomers Unlimited is a welcoming service for new people moving to Midland! To receive your welcome packet, call 570-8045.

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2 BEDROOM, 1 Bath, 1 Garage, central heat and air, low maintenance front yard, large backyard with water well and storage building. \$400 per month, \$200 deposit. Call Richard at 520-6351 or 684-5881. Centage Company Realtors.

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FOR SALE or Lease, 3 Bedrooms, den, 2 dining rooms, wet bar, ceiling fans, walk in closets, 2 baths, attached garage. Storage building, shop building. Pool with large enclosed patio. \$875 monthly plus deposit. Possible owner finance. 689-8123.

3616 W. Michigan, Nice 3 Bedroom, 2 bath home with fireplace, fenced yard, double garage, sprinkler system, RO unit, kitchen stove, dishwasher. \$800 month, \$700 month property deposit. 683-9371 or 697-0312.

BRICK Veneer 2 bedroom house with garage on West Michigan. Electric range/ oven, hardwood floors, evaporative air. No pets please. Call 682-0706.

LUXURY DUPLEX, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, double garage-automatic, fenced yard, sprinklers, \$745. 694-2957.

2 BEDROOM, 2 Living areas, 1 bath in Old Midland, large yard, very clean, \$625 month, \$600 deposit. 694-6835.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, single garage, West side location, new a/c and water heater. \$500 per month, \$350 deposit. 570-9991, 520-6842.

LARGE 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Clean, Bright, in Great Area! Rent includes water and lawn maintenance. 3419 Mark Lane. Available now! 684-9888.

SEVERAL nice homes and apartments, \$250-\$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

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