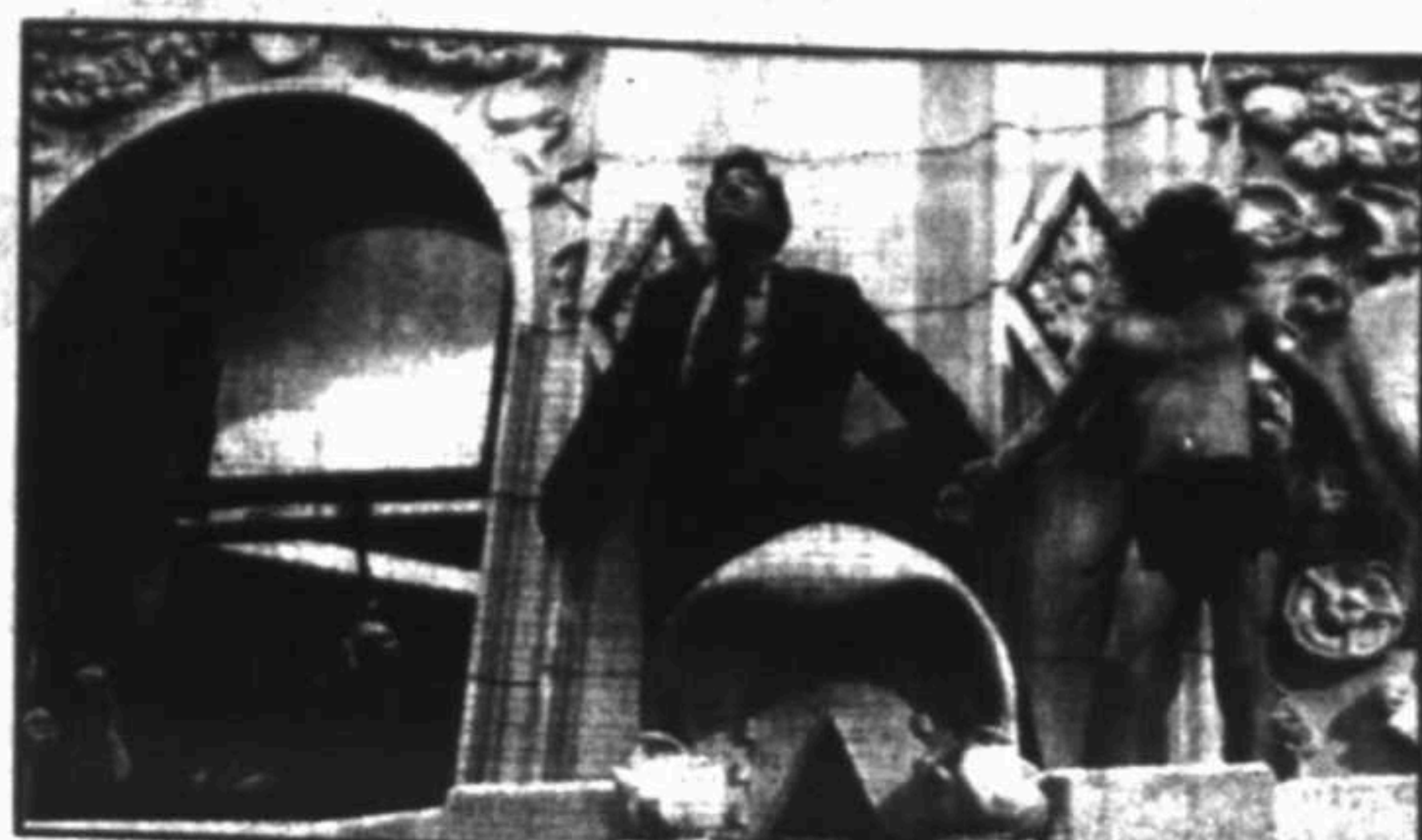




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Russian President Boris Yeltsin smiles for the camera before addressing a combined session of the parliament in a nationally televised speech in Moscow Thursday. Yeltsin pledged a major government shakeup and called for wide-ranging reforms to pull Russia out of its economic crisis. Story 6A

Israeli withdrawal

JERUSALEM — The Israeli government agreed today to withdraw its troops from 9 percent of the West Bank, expanding Palestinian autonomy and signaling that the peace process remains on track. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's proposal was approved by a 10-7 Cabinet vote after a seven-hour debate that ended at 3 a.m.

Story 2A

Ramsey case

BOULDER, Colo. — Jon Benet Ramsey's half-brother and half-sister were publicly ruled out Thursday as suspects in her slaying. John Andrew Ramsey, 20, and Melinda Ramsey, 25, "are being publicly cleared of involvement to relieve them of stress caused by inappropriate speculation," city spokesman Kelvin McNeill said at a news conference.

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Flood refugees face ruin on return home

■ Flood victims in Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia brace for another surge of floodwaters from the swollen Ohio River and smaller streams.

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press

FALMOUTH, Ky. (AP) — In their first look at their flood-ravaged hometown, weary refugees came face to face with houses in the middle of streets, trailers on their sides and roads covered in ankle-deep muck.

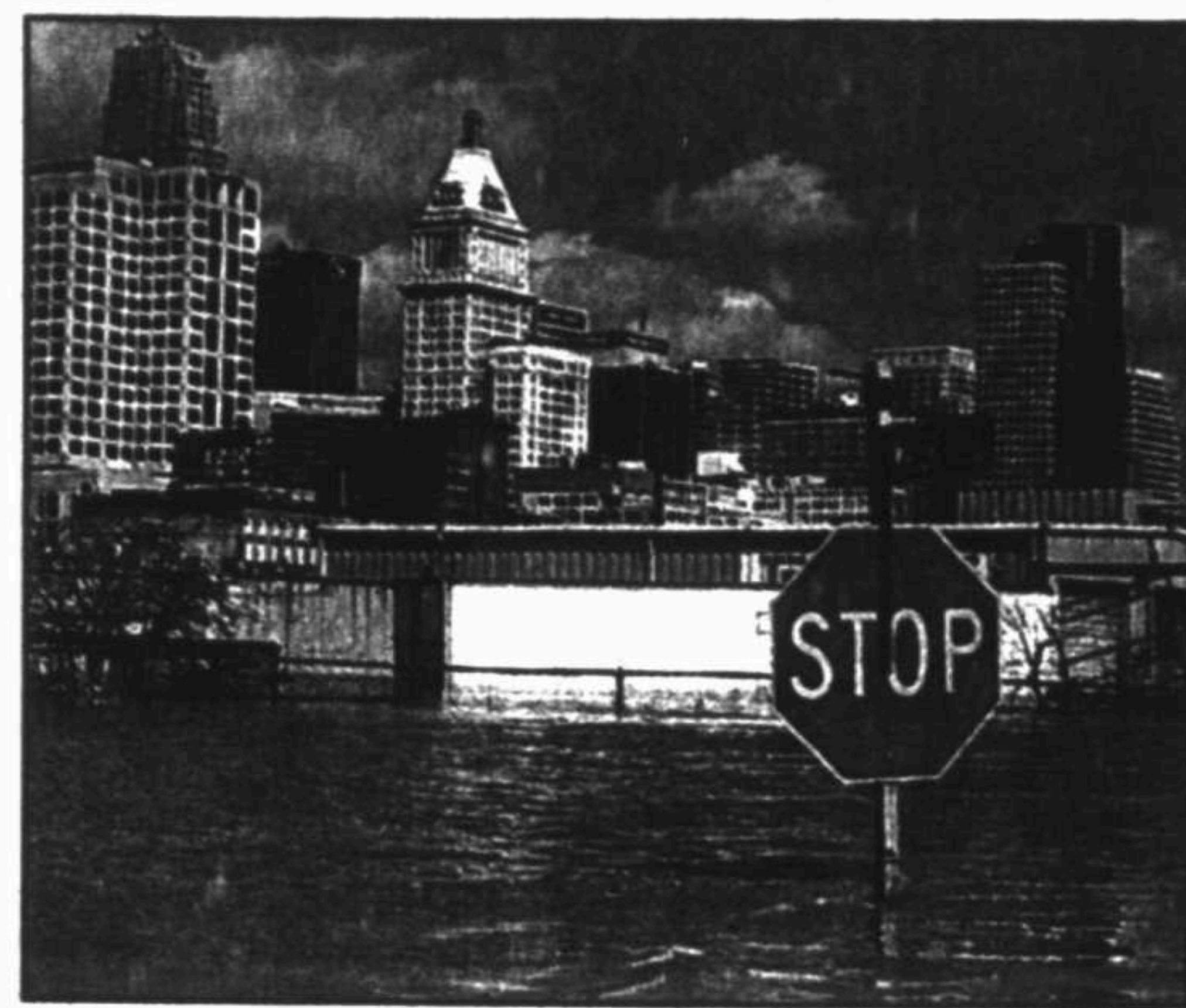
It made them think the unthinkable: that they may not have a home to return to — and some of their friends may not have gotten out alive.

"The trailers, they looked like bumper cars," Patrick Bass said after weary evacuees were allowed their first bus tour on Thursday through the town of 2,700 along the Licking River.

National Guard troops used bulldozers and other heavy equipment to clear away crumpled houses and piled-up cars. Some houses were ripped from their foundations and flung 100 feet by the floodwaters.

Rooftop-high waters had been receding since the

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The sign for Water Street in downtown Cincinnati rises out of five feet of water from the flooding Ohio River with downtown Cincinnati in the background Thursday.

A CHANGE of HEART



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

War changed how she looks at life, leaders, veteran says

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Vietnam War years changed Patty Bryant for life.

The war altered her view of the world and greatly changed her assessment of the credibility of the nation's political leadership.

But her experience in the Vietnam War-era did not diminish the honor that she holds for her country and its people.

"It changed the way I felt about the leadership of the country with the Pentagon papers coming out" in 1971 in exposing classified government documents on expansion of the war. "I kind of felt like they had deceived us. That left me very doubtful of our elected officials."

In 1969, 1 1/2 years after graduating from Midland High School, Ms. Bryant, then 19, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force to serve her country during wartime at home or abroad.

"I loved my country," she said.

Ms. Bryant's reflections on those Vietnam War years are "in heart," linked to the Midland Community Theatre presentation, "A Piece of My Heart," about the war's impact on American women serving in the military during the war. The drama opens today at Cole Theatre.

Though she did not witness combat or duty in Vietnam, Ms. Bryant still was exposed to the war's agony, to the student anti-war protesters, cries of "baby killer" and to the distrust of the nation's leadership.

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'I still love my country,'
— Patty Bryant

Prize-winning author offers praise, barbs

■ Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough praises early presidents, not those since Eisenhower, in speech at MC.

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer and historian David McCullough, in a lecture Thursday night at Midland College, spoke on the office of the president, the nation's history and its importance.

Before he gave his lecture, he met with students to talk about his books, including two about the building of the Panama Canal and Brooklyn Bridge and biographies on presidents Harry S. Truman and Theodore Roosevelt.

Between Truman and Roosevelt, McCullough said he found Roosevelt to be the more dynamic leader.

"We were lucky to have Roosevelt as the president to start off the century. He saw that the U.S. had to play a part in the world, whether others liked it or not," said McCullough, the first speaker in the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series.

Roosevelt is the president who started the environmental ethic, helping with the conservation of American lands by establishing several national parks and monuments.

However, Roosevelt didn't have the problems or have to make the decisions that Truman did, he said.

McCullough, who graduated from Yale University with a degree in English, didn't picture himself writing about history. He thought he would get a job at a New York City magazine or newspaper, eventually becoming a novelist or playwright, he said.

After college, he worked for the U.S. Information Agency when President John F. Kennedy was elected. After Kennedy was assassinated, he returned to New York and wrote for American Heritage magazine, and discovered he liked writing about history.

His next book will be about the crisscrossing lives of presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, his first venture into 18th century history. Adams, Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt were four presidents whom he said he considered geniuses.

In this century, Churchill has been the

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McCullough

'Lexigraphy' spells 'victory' for MC at Corporate Spelling Bee

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The team from Midland College correctly spelled "lexigraphy" Thursday to win its second consecutive title in the Reporter-Telegram Corporate Spelling Bee For Literacy.

Chevron's team was the first to be eliminated by misspelling the word "diminutive," meaning "indicating small size and sometimes the state or quality of being lovable, pitiable or contemptible."

The festivities began with a practice round to familiarize the three-person teams with the rules and procedures.

Master of ceremonies was Bill Dingus, who good-naturedly ribbed the participants.

"The 't' is invisible," he told the Mobil team after they spelled haggis 'h-a-g-g-i-s-t.'

After seven rounds, Midland College's team prevailed with "lexigraphy," a noun meaning "the art or practice of defining words."

The victory was the school's second consecutive win and third overall since the Corporate Spelling Bee began seven years ago for the benefit of Midland Need to Read. The team is sponsored by the

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Midland College's team, Cella Harris, Nancy Hart and Stan Jacobs, won the annual Reporter-Telegram Corporate Spelling Bee For Literacy Thursday.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

Rebel forces in Zaire close in on crucial city

KINSHASA, Zaire (NYT) — Advancing by foot, by jeep and in their stunning final approach to the unofficial capital of eastern Zaire, by dugout canoe, rebels determined to overthrow the government now stand poised to capture Kisangani, this country's third-largest city.

Foreign diplomats and Zairian military analysts said Kisangani could fall at any moment, giving the rebels the most significant strategic victory in their five-month campaign, and posing the gravest threat to the political survival of Mobutu Sese Seko in his 31 years in power.

"With the fall of Kisangani, the military campaign will be over," one Western diplomat said. "Beyond that point, what we'll have is a victorious road trip," he added, explaining that the collapse of the Zairian army "has caught the rebels by surprise and they have been moving very fast."

Here in the nation's capital, few people, be they the ordinary citizens who root openly for the rebellion, or foreign diplomats who have watched its advance in astonishment, say the government can survive very long after the fall of Kisangani.

Many, in fact, say that if Kisangani is taken, Kinshasa itself will either rally to the rebellion, bringing the Mobutu era to a close, or ignite in a panic, as happened twice this decade during bouts of widespread looting.

The rebels, known as the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo, has rejected international pressure for a cease-fire and confidently announced what resembles a plan of their own.

"We are hoping we will win the war and from that point we will have a transitional government for a year," said Mwenze Kongolo, the rebels' justice minister. "After that year we will have general elections."

Along with the fate of Mobutu, who is in the south of France,

where he has spent most of the war undergoing treatment for cancer, the future of as many as 200,000 Rwandan and Burundian Hutu refugees has been left dangling by the fighting.

In recent days, rebel attacks around the refugee camp at Tingi Tingi have sent well over 100,000 Hutu scrambling in search of a safe resting point. Many of them are women and children already sick and severely weakened by months of travel across the Zairian jungle.

Rebels who advanced on the camp from the direction of the town of Walikale are said to include substantial numbers of Rwandan Tutsi fighters who have enlisted to help the war effort of the Zairian rebel leader, Laurent Kabila. Diplomats and human rights advocates here described the Rwandan Tutsi as volunteers bent on revenge for the massacre of hundreds of thousands of Tutsi by Hutu in Rwanda in 1994.

Western diplomats say that as many as 1,000 Hutu fighters from the former Rwandan army and Hutu militias have lived interspersed with the Tingi Tingi refugees, and fighting between the rival Rwandan elements is believed to have been intense.

"The thesis of these Tutsi is that all of these Hutu are interahamwe," or members of the Hutu militia that organized the 1994 massacre, said Guillaume Ngefa Atondo, president of the Zairian Human Rights Association. "The geography of the fighting indicates a determination to exterminate refugees."

The Zairian government has accused the rebels of having massacred as many as 25,000 Hutu refugees in recent days. Both diplomats and aid workers discount that figure, but say the fate of the refugees is endangered by the uncertainty over whether there will be any relief workers left to help them, after some agencies withdrew workers and the Zairian government expelled others.

Israeli Cabinet approves West Bank pullout

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli government agreed today to withdraw its troops from 9 percent of the West Bank, expanding Palestinian autonomy and signaling that the peace process remains on track.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's proposal was approved by a 10-7 Cabinet vote after a seven-hour debate that ended at 3 a.m., after less generous options were also considered, spokesman Shai Bazak told reporters.

The pullout was expected to begin within hours today — the deadline set by the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords — but may take until Sunday to complete, officials have said.

It is the first phase in a three-stage pullback to be completed by mid-1998. Although it is up to Israel to determine the size of each phase, Israel and the Palestinians have offered widely divergent views on the amounts to be turned over.

No Palestinian reaction to the Israeli decision was immediately available.

Earlier, Palestinian officials said they wanted the first phase to cover about a fifth of the

West Bank, a 2,300-square-mile area that Israel captured from Jordan in a 1967 war.

Israeli hardliners had warned Netanyahu that they may bring down his government if he even came close to meeting that demand.

The decision today was more generous than initially foreseen and seemed to meet the expectations of the United States, which brokered the Hebron accord, in which Netanyahu committed to the "further redeployments" in the West Bank. The meeting was interrupted at one point so that Netanyahu could speak by phone with U.S. Ambassador Martin Indyk.

Until now, the Palestinians have had full control of about 3 percent of the West Bank. In another 24 percent, Palestinians run civilian affairs but the Israelis are in charge of security. In the remainder, Israel is in full control.

Although most of the West Bank falls under the third category, only some 30,000 Arabs out of a West Bank population of some 1.2 million live there — and Israeli hardliners oppose giving any of it up.

Today's decision stipulates that 7 percent of

the West Bank that previously had been jointly administered will go to the Palestinians, while 2 percent that had been totally run by Israel will now be fully controlled by the Palestinians.

Many in Israel see the decision as marking Netanyahu's final break with the "Greater Israel" ideology he once eloquently espoused, which held that Israel must retain the West Bank for its strategic value and as the heartland of biblical Israel.

The question now appears to be not whether to divide the land, but where the borders will be.

Israel seeks to retain control of about 50 percent of the West Bank by the end of the third pullout, while the Palestinians expect Israel to hand over a total of 90 percent.

The three pullouts are part of an interim phase that is to last only until a final Israeli-Palestinian settlement is reached in talks that are to start next week and be completed by 1999.

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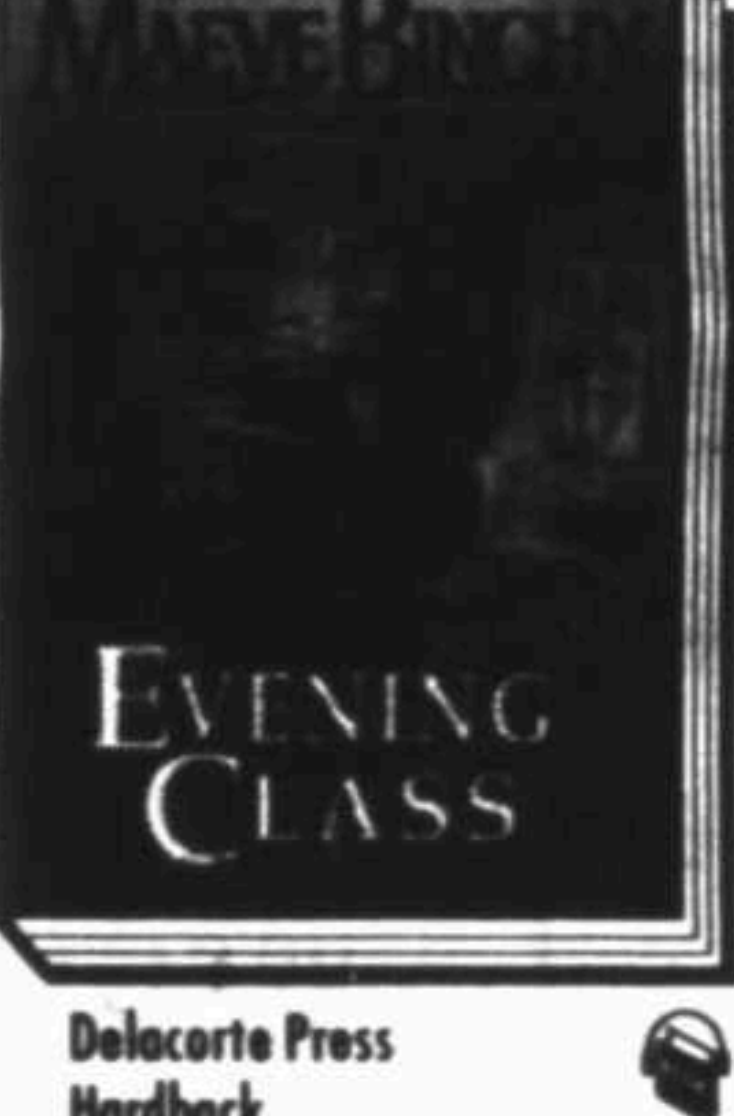
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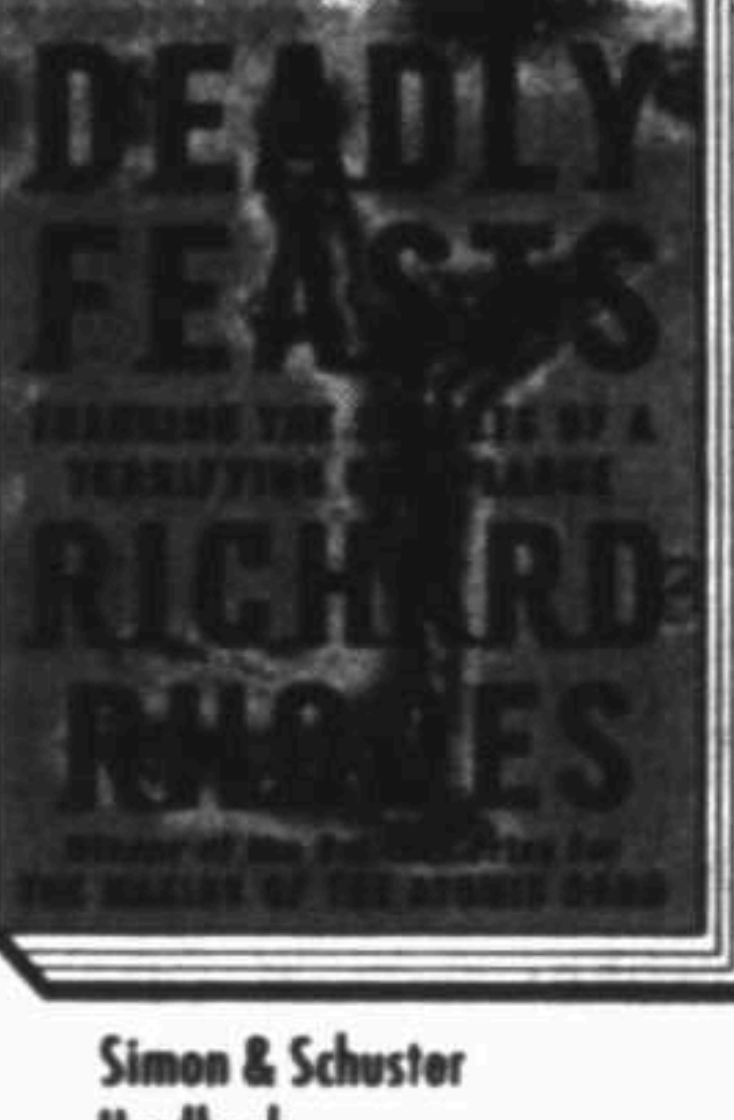
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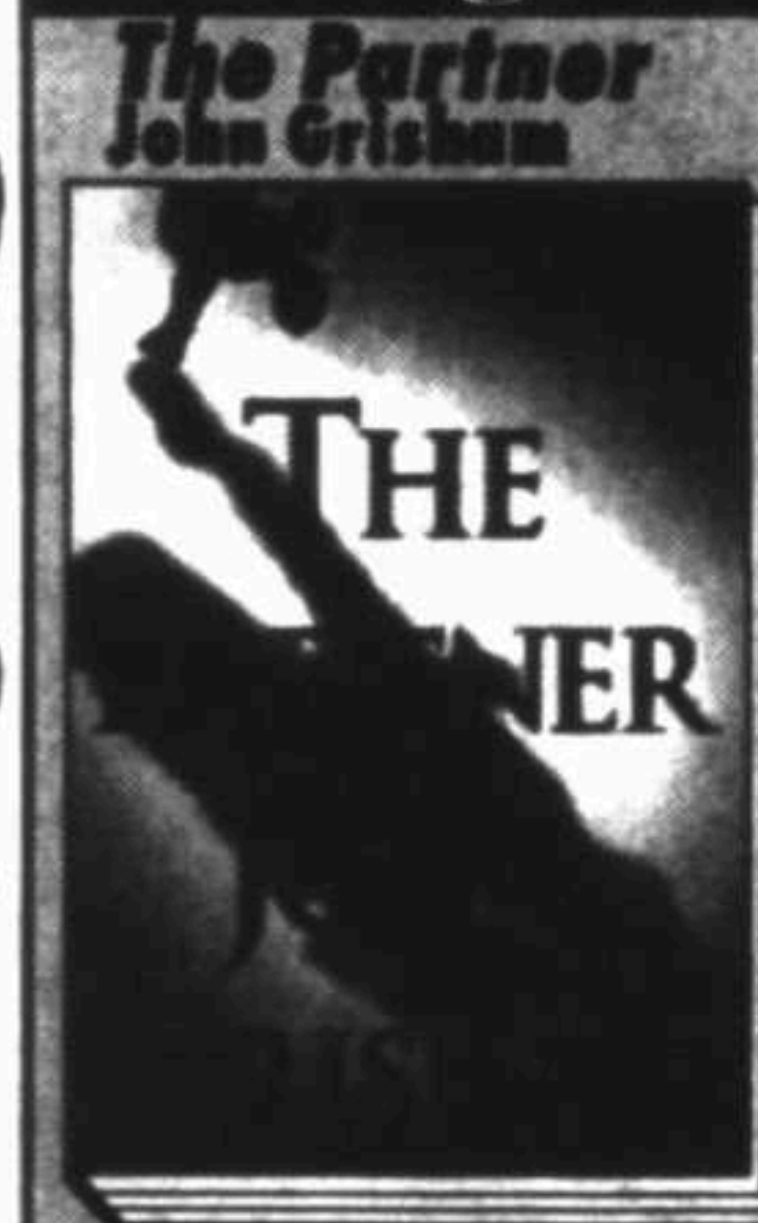


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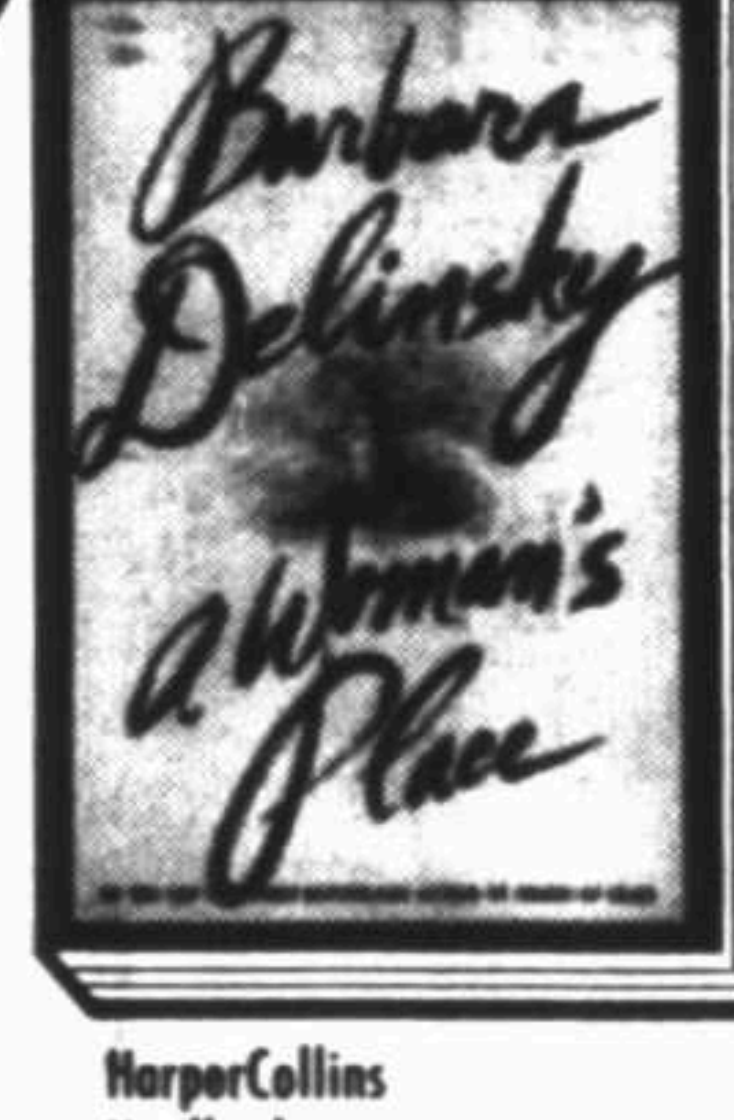
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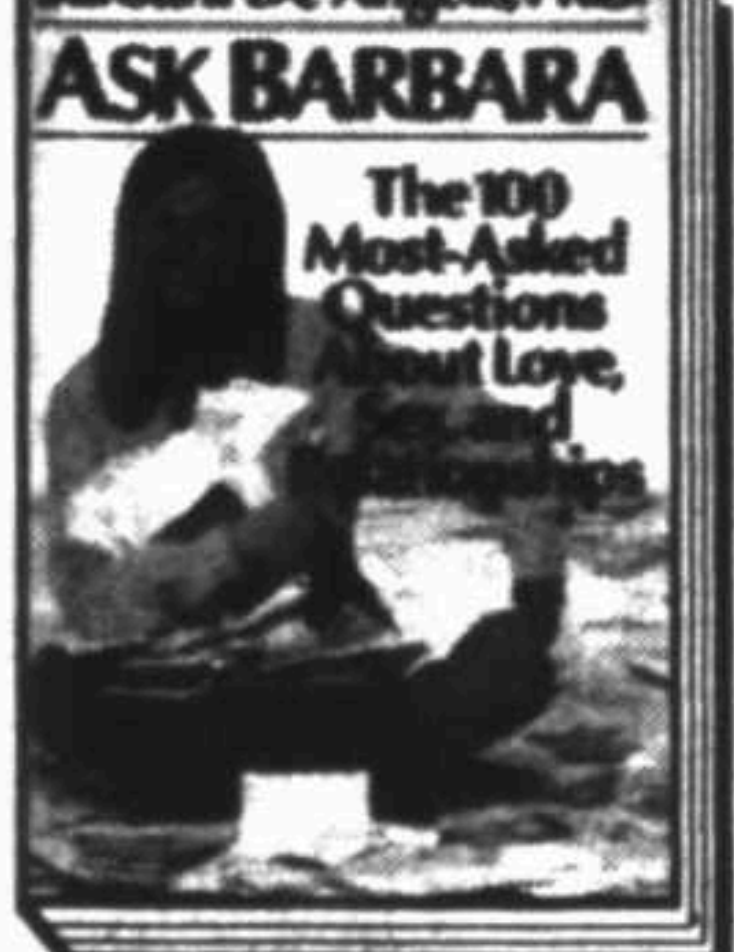
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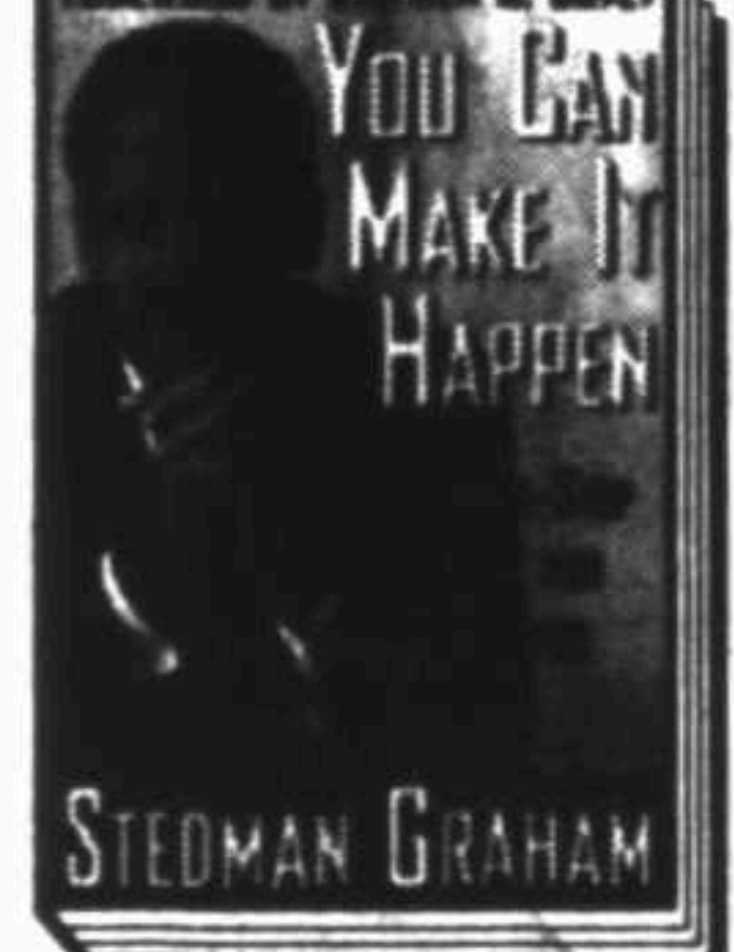
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President, opposition agree to suspend military offensive in Albania

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Seeking to stop Albania's armed revolt from sliding into full-fledged civil war, the president and opposition leaders agreed Thursday that the military would not launch any attacks for 48 hours.

But in southern Albania, the heartland of the insurrection, where insurgents have seized control of a number of towns, protesters refused to put down their guns.

"We won't turn over our weapons until our demands are met," said a civilian leader in the town of Saranda, identified as Captain Tato.

Dozens of men around him fired automatic weapons in the air as he chanted about the president: "He wants our guns, we want his head!"

Insurrection leaders in Saranda said before the announcement that they were demanding the resignation of President Sali Berisha, the formation of a coalition government until new elections, and compensation for those who lost money in the collapse of shady investment funds, which led to the violence.

Sharp north-south divisions have emerged in the last two months in this impoverished Balkan nation,

where most Albanians lost money in the schemes. Southerners, who were generally wealthier, lost more than northerners and support the opposition. Berisha, whose base of support is in the north, imposed a state of emergency Sunday after weeks of protests erupted into violence.

A statement signed by the president and opposition Thursday in Tirana calls for the formation of a commission, which will include members of all parties, to investigate the pyramid schemes.

Thursday's show of unity did little to appease some opposition leaders, who offered only lukewarm support for the agreement they had signed.

"The only success of this meeting was the suspension of the military operations," said Paskal Milo, head of the Social Democratic Party. "All the other points were a political maneuver to gain time."

Neritan Ceka, the head of the Democratic Alliance, said the agreement was a "first step" toward political compromise, and that talks on naming a new premier would continue Saturday. Berisha announced last week that the government of Premier Aleksander Meksi would step down.



The statement agreed to by both sides calls on Albanians to hand

over weapons beginning at 6 a.m. Friday — when the suspension of military action would begin. The statement also offered amnesty to all who complied and "had not committed crimes" during the unrest. Berisha formally issued the blanket amnesty late Thursday.

Ceka said the entire country — not just the towns protesters now control in the south — faces "the risk of civil war."

Berisha has been under intense political pressure from abroad to resolve the crisis, which has ignited fears among Albania's neighbors of a new flood of refugees and raised the prospects of a new Balkan war little more than a year after the end of the Bosnian conflict.

Chaos reigned in the south on Thursday. Militants blew up bridges on both sides of Saranda to prevent government tanks from reaching the city. Outside Tepelena, hundreds of people — ranging from young boys to old men — streamed into an armory, emptying it of machine guns and grenades.

Insurgents have commandeered tanks and torpedo boats, and blocked roads in hopes of preventing the military from entering towns the protesters now control, including Vloera, Saranda and

Delvina. "Don't call us terrorists," pleaded Fitim Beisi, a Vloera policeman. "We just feel the government is corrupt, and this is the only way we feel we can have our voice heard."

Vloera seemed quiet on Thursday. Hospital officials said that seven people had died in shootings on Wednesday, and 14 had been injured.

Also Thursday, a delegation from the Council of Europe came to meet with Berisha and opposition leaders, and an advance party from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe arrived ahead of a delegation led by former Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky.

Eight local and international human rights groups protested the repression of free expression. "President Berisha's attempts to lump all of his critics, both peaceful and violent, into one

group — labeled 'red terrorists' — is leading to a pattern of human rights abuse," said their statement.



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House panel votes to decertify Mexico as drug war partner

WASHINGTON (NYT) — A House committee voted overwhelmingly Thursday to overturn President Clinton's certification of Mexico as a cooperating partner in the drug war but waived imposition of sanctions against the Mexican government.

Without the waiver, foreign aid and loans to Mexico might have been suspended. Some lawmakers worried that might prompt Mexico to retaliate by ending all cooperation with the United States in the war on drugs.

The bipartisan 27-5 vote by the International Relations Committee set up a vote on the measure early next week in the full House. Similar legislation is moving at a fast pace in the Senate.

Unless both houses take action by March 28, Clinton's certification of Mexico will stand.

"The waiver takes the punishment out (of decertification), but it doesn't take the sting out," said Rep. Clay Shaw Jr., R-Fla., who sponsored a decertification measure.

Committee chairman Benjamin

Gilman, R-N.Y., said it was necessary to send a signal that the United States is serious about fighting drugs.

"The issue before us today is nothing less than the well-being of America's children," he said. "It is not the value of the peso, it is not the health of the Mexican economy or the status of diplomatic relations between our two countries."

But Jeffrey Davidow, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, warned that decertification would send the wrong message to Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and other Mexicans who have attempted to reduce drug trafficking.

"President Zedillo is fighting a tough uphill fight ... (and) taking responsibility," Davidow said, arguing that the number of drug seizures and arrests in Mexico have increased over the past year. "The trend is clearly positive and President Clinton believes strongly that President Zedillo ... is making real progress."

Lawmakers were unconvinced, noting widespread corruption

within Mexico's law enforcement agencies. They cited with alarm the arrest last month of Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, the country's top anti-drug official, on charges of taking bribes from a drug kingpin.

Davidow argued that Mexico should be rewarded, not punished, for arresting Gutierrez Rebollo.

"It wasn't swept under the rug. The Mexican government went public, exposed this, and did the right thing," Davidow said.

Lawmakers also said they were concerned by the escape last week of Humberto Garcia Abrego, the

brother of a convicted drug trafficker, while in the custody of Mexican drug enforcement agents. Mexican officials waited at least two days — until hours after Clinton's Feb. 28 certification of Mexico — before announcing Garcia Abrego's disappearance.

James Milford, acting deputy administrator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, told committee members that "we in the DEA do not have a trusting relationship with any of the law enforcement agencies that are operating within Mexico."

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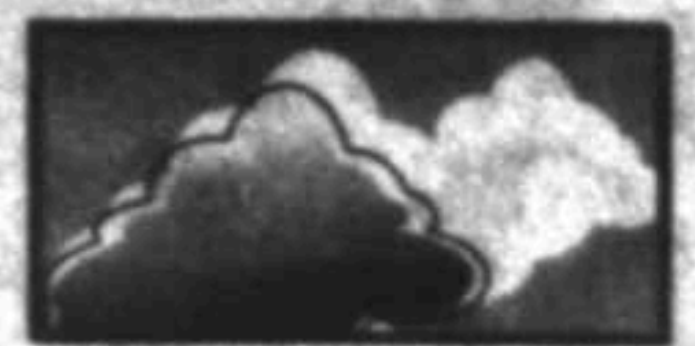
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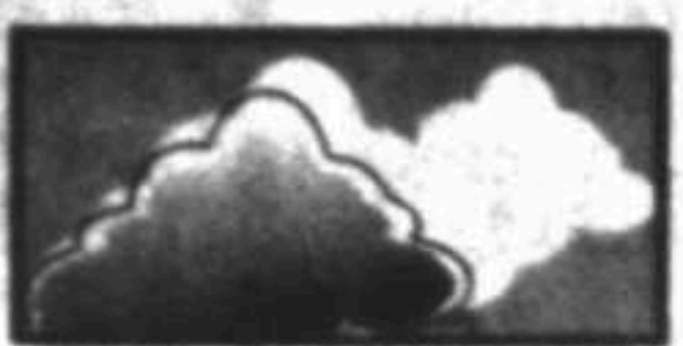
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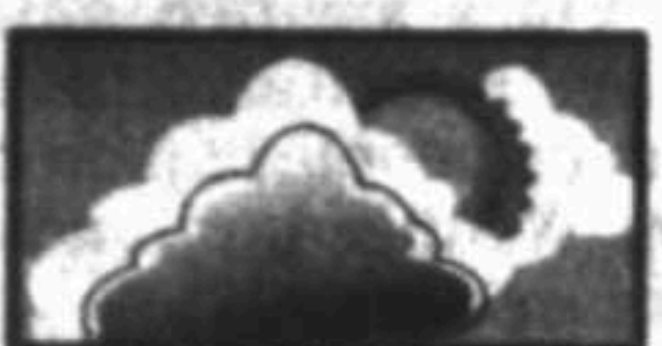
3-day forecast



Saturday
Mostly cloudy
High 75
Low 45



Sunday
Mostly cloudy
High 66
Low 46



Monday
Partly cloudy
High 65
Low 42

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high expected near 65. Winds will be from the south to southeast at 10-20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a low expected near 50.

Saturday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with 20 percent chance of rain and a high expected in the lower 70s.

The high for Thursday was 63, compared with the record of 90, set in 1946.

Thursday's low was 32, compared to the record low of 15, set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Thursday0.00 in.
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Total for year1.95 in.

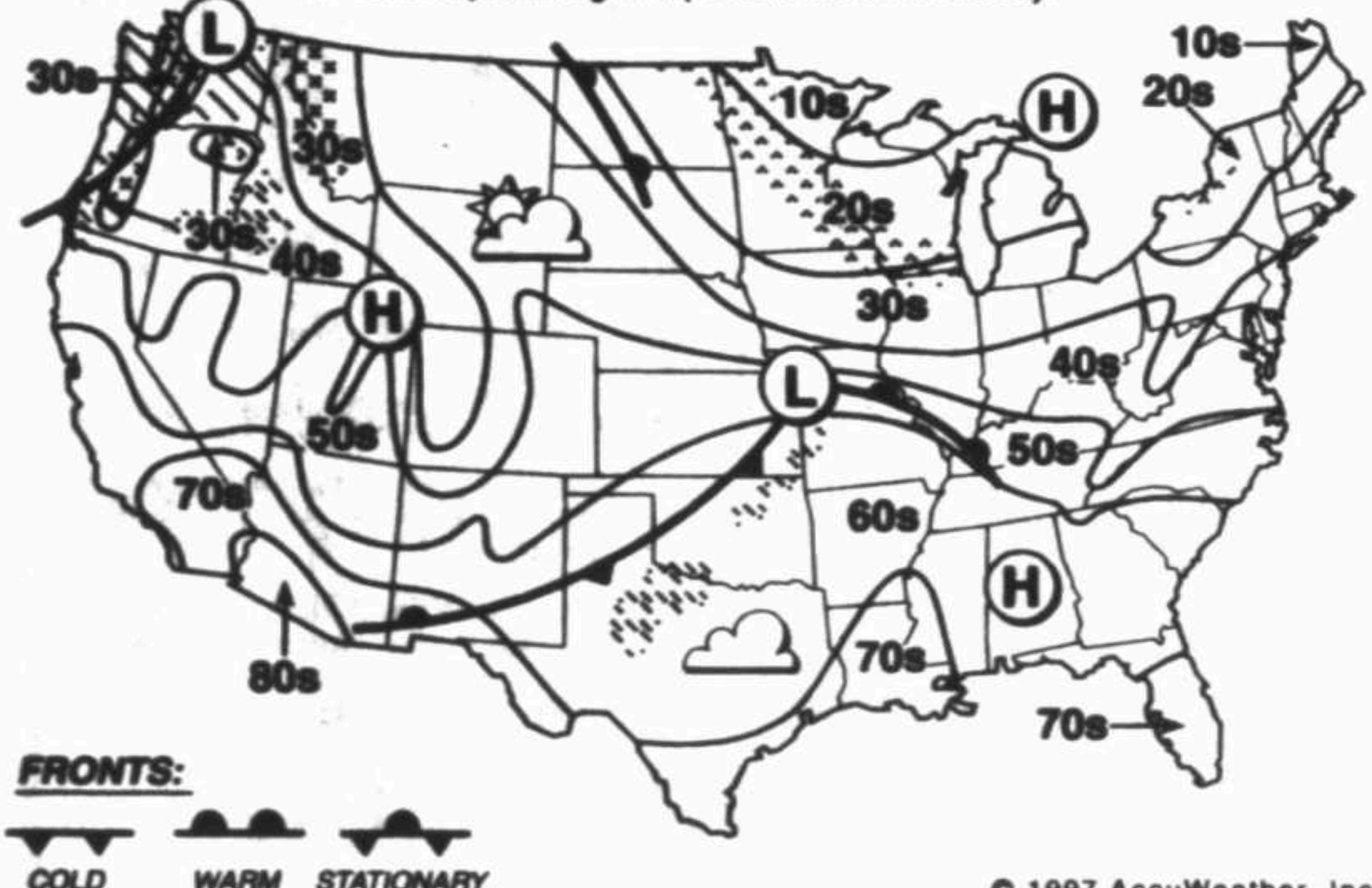
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National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, March 7.

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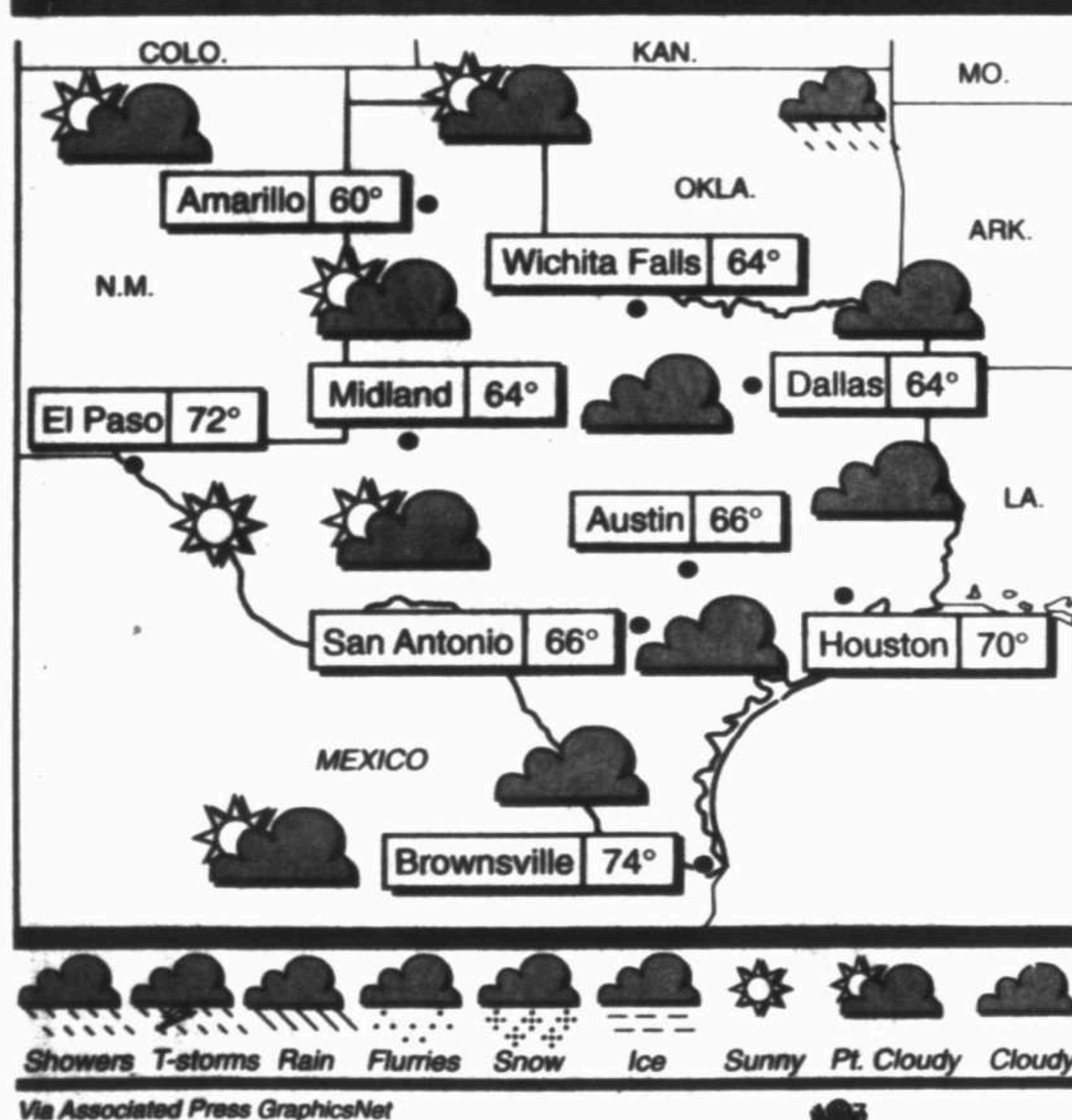
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:37 p.m. EST.

City	High	Low	Prev	Outl.	City	High	Low	Prev	Outl.
Albany, N.Y.	40	35	59	city	Kansas City	50	27	city	
Albuquerque	40	28	city		Las Vegas	69	39	city	
Anchorage	33	27	city		Little Rock	59	36	city	
Ashville	48	36	10	city	Los Angeles	72	53	city	
Atlanta	57	43	29	city	Louisville	48	32	city	
Atlantic City	49	44	15	city	Memphis	58	36	city	
Baltimore	50	38	city		Miami Beach	70	50	city	
Birmingham	57	38	40	city	Midwest	27	21	city	
Bismarck	14	-4	city		Mpls-St. Paul	18	5	city	
Boston	43	38	57	city	Nashville	55	34	city	
Brownsville	59	59	03	city	New Orleans	64	49	city	
Buffalo	34	28	79	city	New York City	48	39	city	
Butte	33	28	15	city	Norfolk, Va.	56	50	city	
Butte	44	28	city		North Platte	50	17	city	
Charleston, S.C.	70	64	city		Oakland	63	31	city	
Charleston, W. Va.	45	35	11	city	Omaha	37	18	city	
Chattanooga	61	46	47	city	Orlando	84	65	city	
Cheney	52	30	city		Philadelphia	48	44	city	
Chicago	51	23	city		Phoenix	80	52	city	
Cincinnati	44	30	city		Pittsburgh	37	32	city	
Cleveland	44	30	city		Portland, Me.	34	32	city	
Columbia, S.C.	64	55	city		Portland, Ore.	52	41	city	
Columbus, Ohio	39	33	city		Providence	46	39	city	
Concord, N.H.	32	22	city		Raleigh-Durham	56	48	city	
Dayton	38	29	city		Rapid City	34	14	city	
Denver	60	27	city		Reno	59	29	city	
Des Moines	32	18	city		San Diego	63	49	city	
Detroit	33	28	city		San Francisco	58	47	city	
Duluth	17	3	city		San Jose, Calif.	81	70	city	
El Paso	72	50	city		Santa Fe	59	23	city	
Evansville	48	28	city		Seattle	52	41	city	
Fargo	10	7	city		Shreveport	64	40	city	
Flagstaff	53	12	city		Sioux Falls	18	4	city	
Grand Rapids	28	27	city		Spokane	46	31	city	
Great Falls	46	17	city		Syracuse	17	17	city	
Greensboro, N.C.	53	40	city		Tampa-St. Petersburg	84	64	city	
Hartford	44	37	city		Topeka	59	24	city	
Helena	50	20	city		Tucson	80	52	city	
Honolulu	82	70	city		Tulsa	64	30	city	
Indianapolis	39	27	city		Washington, D.C.	51	47	city	
Jackson, Miss.	61	41	city		Wichita	62	26	city	
Jacksonville	73	64	city		Wilkes-Barre	37	26	city	
Jamez	36	27	city						

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 10 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT:

City	High	Low	Pcp.	City	High	Low	Pcp.
Arlington	63	32		Houston Hobby	67	46	
Austin	66	42		Houston Intercontinental	68	40	
Brownsville	74	51	0.03	Junction	65	28	
Bryan-College Station	66	38		Killebrew	65	49	0.02
Childress	63	32		Laredo	63	52	
Corpus Christi	66	48		Lubbock	62	27	
Corpus Christi NAS	64	54		Lufkin	65	40	
Cotulla	67	43		Marfa	65	25	
Dallas	64	38		McAllen	69	49	0.54
Dallas Love Field	63	41		Midland	64	31	
Del Rio	67	44		Mineral Wells	65	32	
Denton	61	30		Palacios	67	46	
El Paso	70	31		Paris	67	38	
Fort Stockton	63	38		Longview	65	29	
Fort Worth	62	33		San Antonio	66	41	
Fort Worth Meacham	64	33		Shreveport, La.	64	39	
Galveston	64	50		Texasians, Ark.	62	36	
				Tyler	67	34	
				Victoria	67	48	
				Waco	63	35	
				Wichita Falls	64	32	
				Wink	65	30	

FLOODS: Ohio River reaches 33-year high

(From 1A)

weekend, but residents had been kept out as search teams using dogs found at least four bodies — an elderly woman in her house and a man, a woman and a 14-year-old girl pulled from two trailers.

"It's just awful," said Becky Fogel, who knew 54-year-old victim Hazel McGovney and her daughter Crystal. "Hazel was a hard-working good-hearted person. She believed she could handle any situation."

Authorities ended their door-to-door search for bodies on Thursday, marking checked homes with red ribbons tied to door knobs. Some homes also were marked with Xs — too dangerous to enter because of gas or severe structural damage.

Bass said he and his wife left town just before the floods hit — to see a concert by country music star George Strait — and a friend who was staying in their home hasn't been seen since.

"He's probably gone," said Bass.

At the height of the flooding, this once-tidy town 35 miles southeast of Cincinnati was swamped, with only the roofs of homes and the twin humps atop the McDonald's sign visible amid a milky lake.

Now, it is covered with a goo the color of coffee with two creams that sucks at your boots as you walk.

Falmouth was among the hardest hit from the floods that forced thousands from their homes along the Ohio River and smaller streams in Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Floods and tornadoes were blamed for tens of millions of dollars in damages and at least 55 deaths, the latest Thursday when two bodies were pulled from a submerged car in Huntington, W. Va.

And while the Ohio remained at its highest levels in 33 years, officials expressed optimism that the worst may be over. The river was 15 feet above flood stage in Louisville on Thursday at 38.5 feet, and was expected to crest late Friday at 38.7 feet.

"I expect it's going to fluctuate, not go up a great deal more," said National Weather Service hydrologist Mike Callahan.

But in West Point, a town of 1,300 near the confluence of the Ohio and Salt rivers, chest-high floodwaters flowing swiftly through the streets rose several inches Thursday, prompting authorities to issue an ultimatum to about 45 stubborn holdouts.

Sandra Bratcher, coordinator

for disaster emergency services, said the Coast Guard was leaving at nightfall and taking their boats with them.

Coast Guard Lt. Michael Hart took that message to the K&I Cafe, announcing to the six people sipping coffee and smoking cigarettes: "You can take it to the bank, we're out of here at dark. We're here to help but I'm not here to endanger my people."

Tim Shively, whose sister owns the cafe, leaned back in his chair and responded: "I'm not going nowhere.... I can't afford to leave this unguarded."

Rhonda Daniels, the cafe's owner, grabbed her coat, took the money out of the tip jar and said: "I'm going. If it was just me, I'd stay, but I've got kids."

In Lockport, a tiny community of about 150 people on the Kentucky River northeast of Louisville, the fear of looting had residents sleeping in their cars and campers.

In Utica, Ind., meanwhile, 25 National Guard troops worked through much of the night to sandbag the only open road out of town, reduced to a single lane by the encroaching flood waters.

Curious residents came to the water's edge to check the damage to homes. Ray Kramer, 83, scanned rooftops and chimneys protruding from the swirling

water as railroad ties and other debris floated by.

"These people know it's going to happen, but they build here anyway," said Kramer, who's lived in the river town for 50 years. "That guy down there built some apartments to rent — they're soaked. If you live here your whole life, you know it's going to happen sooner or later."

In Falmouth, hopeful no more bodies would be found, authorities turned their attention to tracking an ever-changing list of people whose whereabouts were unknown.

As many 100 names were on the list at one point, but authorities believed most had simply evacuated and not been able to contact relatives.

Jerry Hensley, 18, was able to cross his name off a missing-persons list at the American Red Cross shelter set up at nearby high school.

But he and friend Tony Strunk, 20, agreed they'd narrowly escaped Sunday night from gushing waters that rocked Strunk's four-wheel drive truck as they fled town.

"We could have still been missing," Hensley reflected. "This is weird."

Rained-out circus entertains flood victims, families

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ever since Ohio River flooding washed out the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the greatest show on earth has been entertaining other flood evacuees.

Just ask 10-year-old Sara Lyons, who saw the Canines in Flight act Wednesday at a Red Cross shelter. "The dogs did tricks like jump through hoops and jump on people's backs. It was neat."

"They even brought Barnum & Bailey cookies," said Jan Bryant, shelter director. "It was the most wonderful thing."

Some clowns volunteered to visit emergency shelters at Falmouth, Ky., on Thursday. Other performers may help sandbag on Friday.

The circus was booked to perform Wednesday through Sunday at Riverfront Coliseum,

but we can't because it literally is a riverfront coliseum — the emergency exits go into the river," said general manager Doug Boyd.

"This is the nature of the business," said Boyd, a former clown, rigger and general manager for 2 1/2 years. "With a traveling show of this size, anything can happen."

Last year, the circus was snowed in after completing its run at Asheville, N.C., Boyd said. But he didn't remember ever losing a whole week of performances.

At the circus train's railroad siding, about five miles from downtown, crews unloaded the circus' 16 elephants, 17 horses, 11 lions and four dogs.

"We have all the animals set, although the

cats are a little nervous," Boyd said. The cats looked relaxed enough in cages beside the train. A heated tent had been put up for the elephants in the 40-degree weather.

Boyd said he was doing what he could to keep up the troupe's morale, chartering buses to shopping malls, hockey games and other diversions until the train moves on Sunday.

James Parlier, 53, lives in a house about 50 feet from the siding. He said he enjoyed talking to the roustabouts, who tried to recruit him.

"They said all you need is a passport, and I was tempted," Parlier said. "I told my boys (aged 30 and 24) if I was as young as they are, it wouldn't take much to get me to go with them."

WAR: Bryant says she was called 'baby killer'

(From 1A)

During her military service between 1969 and 1976, Ms. Bryant served as an administrative specialist for the Strategic Air Command in New York and Montana and with the Tactical Air Command and the Defense Nuclear Agency in New Mexico.

"When I was flying in uniform, I had people (at airports) calling me 'baby killer,'" she recalled.

Ms. Bryant, 47, a local businesswoman, said "I believed what they (politicians) said: 'If Vietnam fell (to communism), ... the domino theory' would dictate that Thailand, then the rest of Southeast Asia, much of the Pacific and much of the world would be ruled by the communists."

"So, I really thought it was important," she said of the war effort.

effort.

She said she was frustrated that the nation's leadership and Congress wouldn't let us go on in to win the war. They would just send enough (troops) there to keep the body count up, but not enough to actually win."

More than 58,000 Americans died in the Vietnam War, which the United States was involved in from 1950 to mid-1975, though the war escalated in the mid-1960s. During that time, 8.7-million American men and women served their country at home and abroad.

"A lot of my friends didn't come back (alive)," Ms. Bryant recalled. "A lot of these guys who I went to high school with didn't come back. There's a lot of them who won't be there" for her class's 30th reunion this year.

Despite her grief and disillusionment, Ms. Bryant said that the Vietnam War "didn't change the way I felt about the country. If they needed me, I would go back today. I love my country."

"Sometimes I am a little ashamed of the leadership ... I still love my country."

And the United States' 1975 withdrawal from Vietnam without victory "wasn't their fault," she said of U.S. troops. "They were just doing what their country, the leadership, told them to do."

She said she no longer has faith in the nation's elected officials.

"I take everything with a grain of salt when (government officials) start getting involved in conflicts, like when we had Desert Storm. And I am sure not happy with Bosnia."

Yet, she has faith "in the country and in the people. You bet."

"As it turns out, the students who were seen as enemies (in protesting the war) were actually the ones who were right," Ms. Bryant said. "We shouldn't have been in Vietnam. All we did was lose a lot of nice, good, young men for nothing."

Midland veteran Ritzie Putter Williford, 72, who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, pondered the nation's role in Vietnam.

"That was the saddest war I think we have ever had ..."

"A Piece of My Heart, is really a strong piece of drama," she said. "I cried every night" at rehearsals.

Mrs. Williford shares Ms. Bryant's anguish over the Vietnam War.

"Respect was not given to the soldiers, male and female, who gave their lives ... It is really sad."

BEE: Twelve teams take part in corporate contest

(From 1A)

Reporter-Telegram.

"It's an honor to win," said Celia Harris, who is retired from the college's nursing program.

"We like to win and we work at it," said Stan Jacobs, who is in charge of the college's academic and transfer programs.

"We feel we need to set an example. If Midland College didn't do well at the bee, we'd look bad," he explained.

He said he and teammates, Ms. Harris and Nancy Hart, got together four or five times before the bee to study and drill each other on the words.

The three then divided up the

book used for the bee and learned their specialty. Jacobs said his specialty is words concerning liberal and fine arts; Ms. Harris specializes in medical terms.

Despite all their hard work, he said that winning "is a combination of skill and luck. One round a team might get an easy word and the other a hard word; the next round it'll be the opposite."

Barbara Stoltz, president of Midland Need to Read, said she and other members of the organization are "thrilled with the community support and support from all the businesses and corporations and retailers, as well as the participating teams."

In addition to the spelling bee, local companies donated door prizes and items for a silent auction. All funds raised went to the Need to Read adult literacy program.

Ms. Stoltz pointed out that the corporate spelling bee is designed to "bring more awareness of the program to the community. We're always looking for volunteers because the list of people needing tutors is a little greater than the number of volunteers available."

Midland Need to Read trains volunteers to tutor clients and provides the needed materials.

"We're very blessed that a lot of people in Midland consider literacy an important issue."

There were 12 teams involved in this year's bee. In addition to the teams from Midland College and Chevron, three-person teams were provided by Bass Enterprises, Henry Petroleum, Arco Permian, Costilla Energy, Marathon Oil, Exxon, Mobil, NationsBank, Parker & Parsley and Conoco.

Ellabe McKool won the audience participation portion of the bee. She was the only one in the audience to spell all five words correctly. She received a \$25 gift certificate from Caramba's Spanish Inn.

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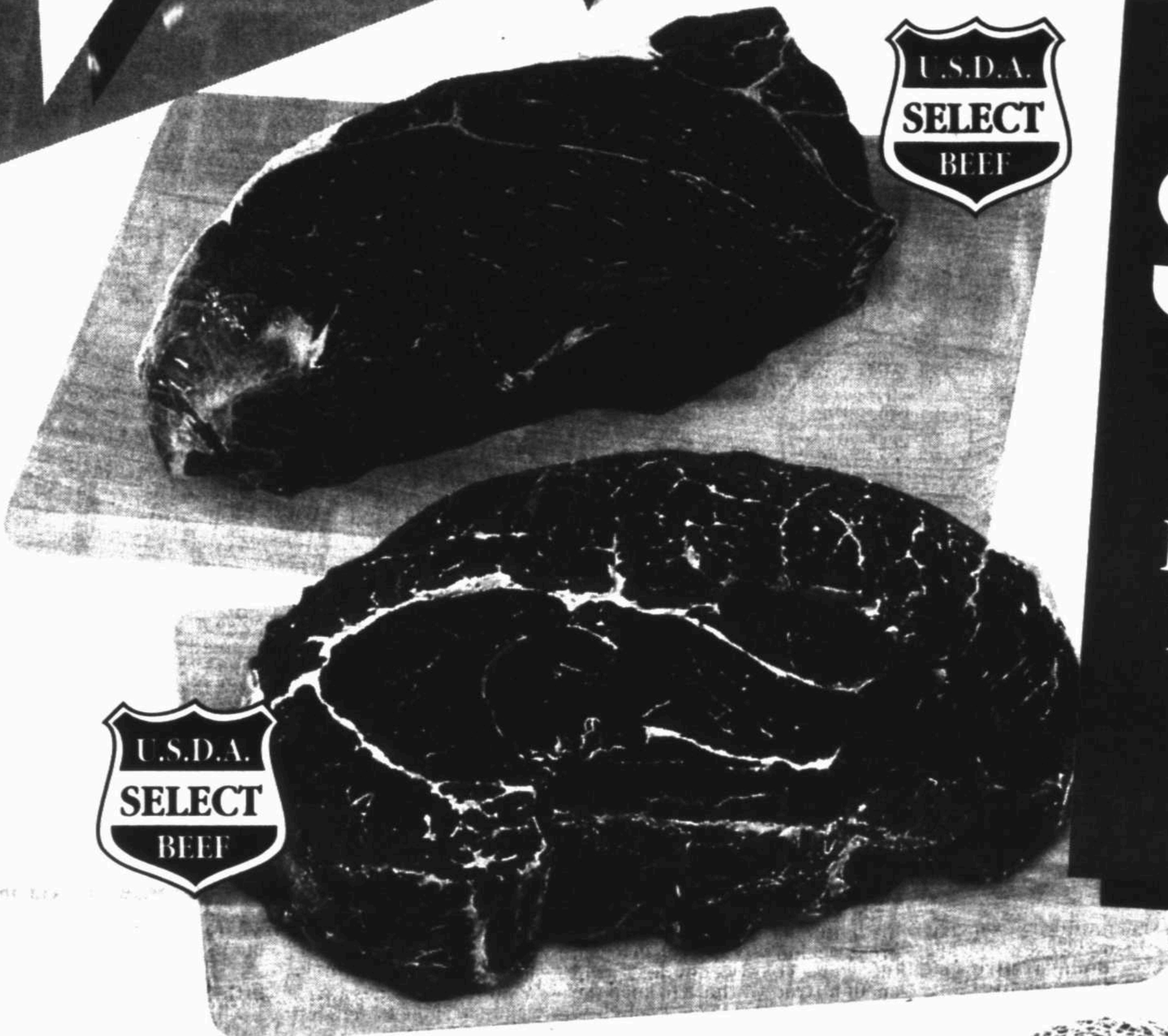
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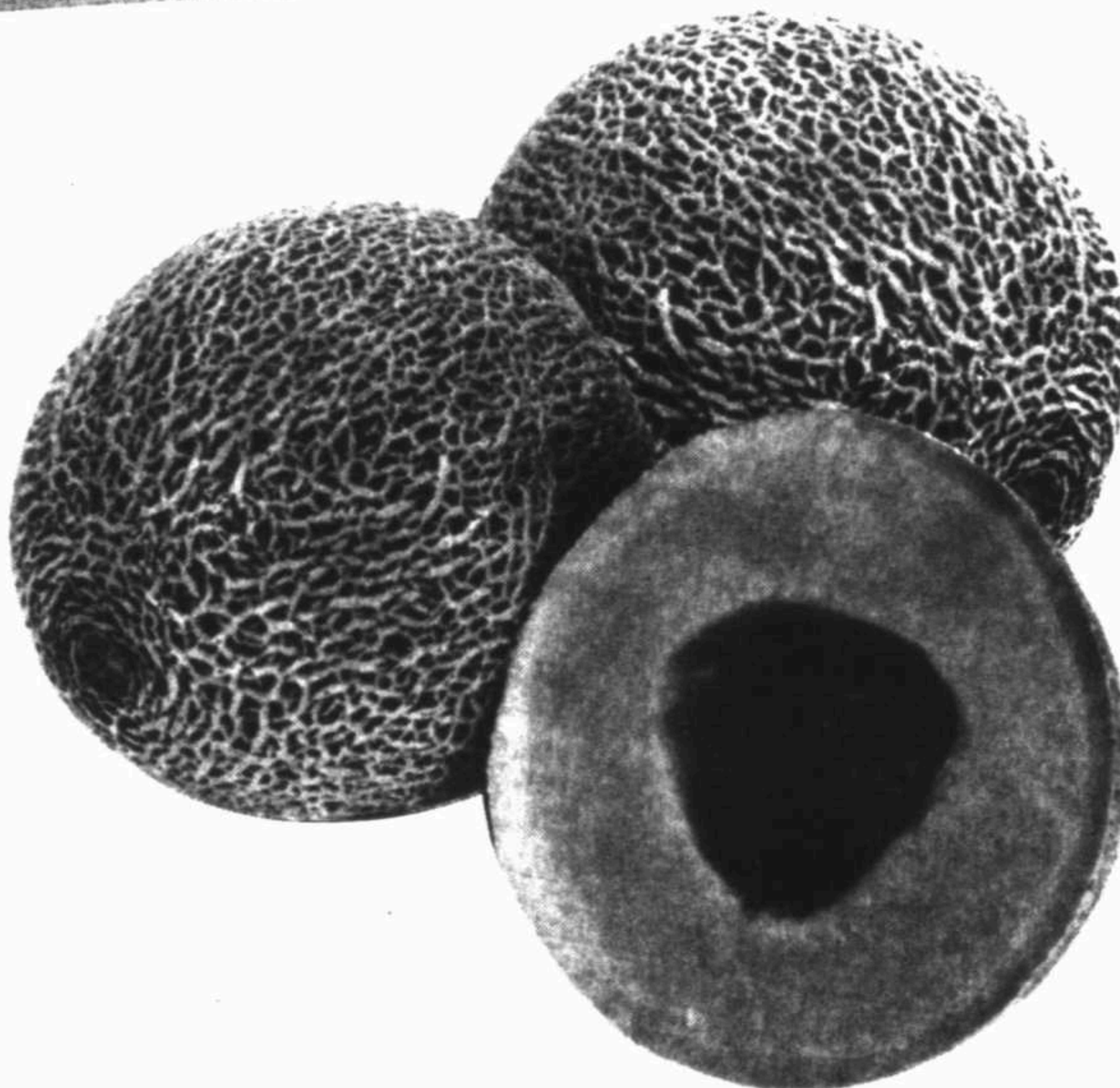


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Lott proposes compromise on campaign finance probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bidding to end a deadlock, Senate Republican leaders proposed Thursday that an investigation of political fund raising be conducted with a trimmed budget and include "all illegal activities in the 1996 campaign."

Pushing to get the proposal before the full Senate next week, Majority Leader Trent Lott said the plan would allow an investigation of congressional and presidential fund raising — and activities of both political parties.

"I just don't believe that the Democrats want to be in a position of trying to, you know, block this or filibuster this," Lott told a news conference. "I think there are a lot of concessions involved here."

The plan by Lott and Chairman John Warner, R-Va. of the Rules Committee would:

- Allocate \$4.35 million for an investigation led by Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., shaved from the \$6.5 million Thompson sought.
- Investigate "all illegal activities in the 1996 campaign," which would encompass the Clinton-Gore and Dole-Kemp campaigns, along with the Republican and Democratic national committees. Democrats had insisted that Congress be included.
- End the investigation Dec. 31, with another month for Thompson's Governmental Affairs Committee to write a report. Democrats wanted an end date for the probe.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said, "You don't know what is defined as

legal and illegal at this stage in the process. You're asking for a lot of scope definitional problems that may be very serious down the road. We do need to get on with something."

Meanwhile, new details emerged about the

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— Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott

\$50,000 donation delivered to Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief of staff, Margaret Williams, by California businessman Johnny Chung. Chung's donations to the Democratic National Committee — \$366,000 in all, including the check for \$50,000 — are being returned because of questions about their origin.

Chung handed the \$50,000 check to Williams at her White House office on March 9, 1995, said one of Chung's attorneys, Lisa Tucker.

"There was a discussion in her office about a donation" and "the check was handed over to her," said Tucker, who declined to elaborate.

That was during a three-day period when Chung was showing a delegation of Chinese businessmen — executives in government-owned industries — around Washington, said

Tucker. Chung took the group into the president's radio address on March 11, 1995.

At a news conference, Attorney General Janet Reno read for reporters the law that bars solicitation or receipt of contributions in federal buildings. She said the "significant phrase" is the legal definition of a contribution, which requires the intent "of influencing any election for federal office."

Allegations about Chung's donation or Vice President Al Gore's solicitation of contributions have to be reviewed "based on that statute and what that meaning is, and we're in the process of doing that in a very careful, thoughtful way," Reno said.

Later, Justice chief spokesman Bert Brandenburg explained, "It's been the established practice of the career prosecutors of the criminal division that the definition of contribution does not include most soft-money contributions." Those contributions to political parties are not intended for use in a specific election campaign, but can be used for general advertising.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that House Speaker Newt Gingrich once courted wealthy donors to his political action committee by promising special access to him and a chance to influence national policy.

Some also were invited to a meeting with then-President Bush at the Old Executive Office Building next to the White House, the newspaper said.

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Citizenship backlog threatens welfare aid

N.Y. Times Service

NEW YORK — The backlog in processing citizenship applications has grown so large that many immigrants will almost certainly lose their welfare benefits because they cannot get citizenship credentials before an August deadline, federal immigration officials say.

The slowdown in approving the applications began late last year. Officials said then that they hoped it would be temporary, but so far it has persisted. And in recent months, the number of immigrants applying to become citizens has grown, greatly increasing the number of people in the pipeline.

The longer wait for citizenship could not have happened at a worse time, advocates for immigrants say. Elderly and disabled people who are not citizens are, with some exceptions, scheduled to lose their benefits in August and September as a result of a welfare law adopted last year.

David Rosenberg, who heads the citizenship program at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said that once an application is filed, the naturalization process now takes nine months or longer in New York City, Los Angeles and Miami, an increase from five or six months last year. The Social Security Adminis-

tration last month began notifying 544,000 aged and disabled immigrants — 86,000 in New York City — that they will lose their benefits in five or six months if they have not been naturalized by then.

"I'm very scared," said Salvador De Leon, a 76-year old retired carpenter from the Dominican Republic who lives alone in a rented room in upper Manhattan's Washington Heights and receives Supplemental Security Income. "I can't work because I have a weak heart and SSI is my only income."

Federal officials say three factors have slowed the processing of citizenship applications: a computer system relying on obsolete software, a large increase in the volume of applicants, and more stringent, time-consuming procedures for criminal background checks.

The panicky rush to naturalize,

visible in New York City centers for the elderly where immigrants are rolling to citizenship classes in wheelchairs and filling out applications with trembling hands, has helped drive the number of citizenship seekers to a record high in recent months.

From October to December, the number of people applying for citizenship rose 55 percent nationally and 96 percent in New York City compared with the same period the year before. INS officials expect 1.8 million people to apply this year.

The New York Immigration Coalition, an umbrella association of more than 100 groups that serve immigrants, estimates that it would cost \$17 million, or \$200 a person, just to provide citizenship classes and other help to the old and disabled people expected to have their benefits cut off in New York City.

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MISD bond vote targets repairs

Although voter turnout for the March 1 Midland Independent School District (MISD) bond election was characterized as "lousy" by election officials, the results of the \$39.5 million proposal was tacit recognition that the work outlined is definitely needed.

The turnout was low — with only about 12 percent of the eligible, registered voters casting ballots. Ironically, the \$39.5 million proposal was the largest ever passed in the history of MISD.

Despite the fact that some opponents criticized the bond proposal, the work it will fund targets the most important needs of the district and that assertion brought

little argument from opponents — renovations at 14 elementary schools that are more than 30 years old, hand washing facilities at some, roof repairs at others, chillers, new wiring and cable technology upgrades.

Midland has been experiencing growth for years — and MISD with it. Many of the schools that have served the community well during the past three decades are in dire need of work.

The voters of Midland recognized that fact, and by approving the MISD bond proposal, they have ensured that the improvements will be made for a large segment of the school children of Midland.

JACK ANDERSON

Banned Haitian family donated to DNC

WASHINGTON — It didn't take long for one of Haiti's most powerful families to make the journey from political purgatory to the inner sanctum of the Clinton administration.

In 1994, members of Haiti's influential Mevs family were effectively banned from the United States by the Clinton administration. Along with two other families, members of the Mevs clan had their visas blocked as part of the U.S. economic embargo of Haiti.



Anderson

But not long thereafter — with President Clinton's frenetic re-election campaign in high gear — Mevs family members apparently turned up at a Miami fund-raiser with Vice President Al Gore and at a White House reception in Washington.

In their battle for rehabilitation, access and influence with the administration, the Mevses have employed a number of weapons — including money.

Lords of a large sugar and manufacturing empire, the Mevses have long been open about their desire to influence U.S. political and economic policy toward their tiny, impoverished Caribbean nation.

Records filed with the Justice Department show they've spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on a well-connected Washington attorney, Gregory Craig, whose job is to lobby key members of the administration and Congress on the family's behalf. At key times they've provided lines of communication between Haiti and Washington.

A partner in the influential Williams & Connolly firm, Craig is a veteran Washington player with extensive experience in Capitol Hill. He was acquainted with the president and first lady while studying law at Yale.

Documents on file with the Justice Department show that Craig lobbied key players on the administration's Haiti policy team on the National Security Council and in the State Department. He also reached out on the Mevses' behalf to ranking Democrats and Republicans in Congress. Craig represented the Mevses from January 1992 until September 1995. Records reviewed by our associate George Clifford III show that from February 1993 until

June 1995, the Mevses paid Craig and his firm \$492,352.51 in fees and expenses.

So it came as a huge disappointment in 1994 when the administration blocked the visas and froze the U.S. assets of some family members. The administration cited concerns that the Mevses had possibly been adversaries of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the former president of Haiti who was ousted by a military coup and then returned to power with America's intervention.

Known for their political astuteness and adaptability, the Mevses were soon distributing 8-by-10 color photos of Aristide in their meetings with government officials and business contacts. In Washington, their lawyer worked to counter the ban of his clients. Eventually the ban was lifted.

On December 1995, Youri Mevs made a \$10,000 contribution to the Democratic National Committee, according to documents on file with the Federal Election Commission. Officials at the Democratic National Committee said their records show she attended a Miami fund-raising dinner with Gore.

Five months later, family patriarch Fritz Mevs is quoted in the Village Voice bragging about a White House reception he attended.

Members of the Mevs family did not return repeated calls for comment to their residences and businesses in Haiti and Florida.

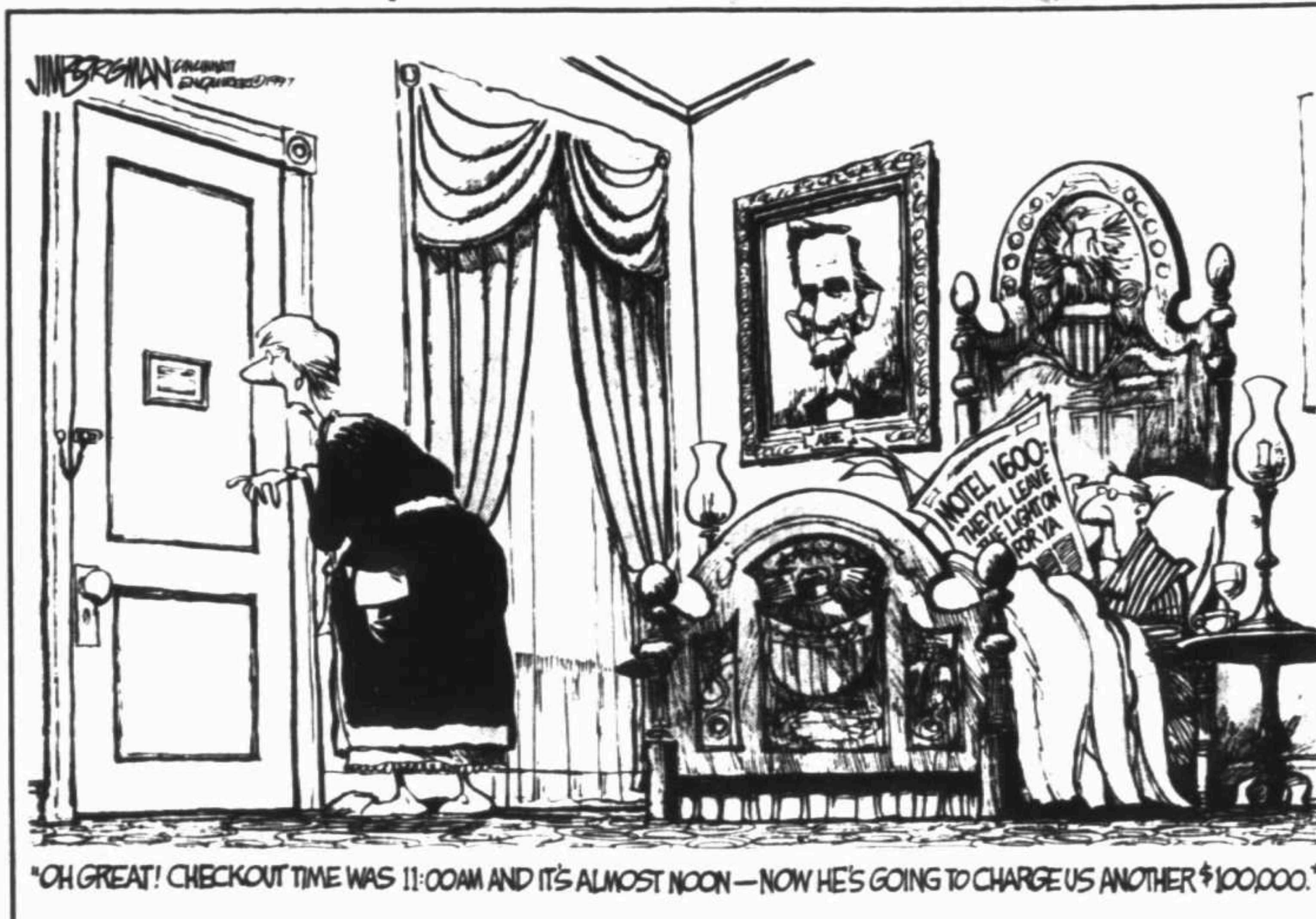
While most other foreign donors to the Clinton campaign have remained mum about their motives, the Mevses make no secret of their desire to influence American policy.

The family has also worked hard in recent years to ingratiate itself with the political allies of Aristide, who remains a strong figure behind the scenes in Haiti. By buddying up to the Clinton administration, the Mevses were simultaneously improving their standing with the new regime at home, as well as their business contacts in the United States.

DNC spokeswoman Amy Weiss Tobe said the party was unaware of any documents filed by the family regarding their desire to influence U.S. foreign policy.

"People can come and give a donation with an agenda in mind but policies are made and changed because of what's right for the American public," Weiss Tobe told us, "not because of a donation to a political party."

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ANOTHER VIEW

End to Mexican drug trade will require U.S. effort too

For many observers on this side of the border, the arrest of Mexico's top drug fighter, Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, represents the ultimate breach of confidence in Mexico's anti-drug effort.

So, too, are the New York Times reports this week that members of the family of former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, as well as the governors of Sonora and Morelos, were in cahoots with narcotics traffickers.

With corruption so easily reaching such high levels, how, they ask, can U.S. officials consider recertifying Mexico as a cooperative ally in the drug war?

The caution is not misplaced. Even Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo has said his nation's drug-trafficking problem threatens national security, as Gutierrez's arrest demonstrates.

Why, then, abandon Mexico in its greatest time of need?

While the revelations of public corruption have been stunning, the swift action of Mexican authorities indicate this is not the Mexico of old, where such allegations might be sniffed at and disregarded.

Consider also the recent report from U.S. drug czar Gen. Barry McCaffrey noting, as evidence of Mexico's commitment, that 200 Mexican policemen have been killed in the drug war.

Further, the United States is not without blame for Mexico's woes. More than half of the estimated \$80 billion in drug profits that are available to tempt public officials in Mexico comes from the pockets of U.S. drug consumers.

Ultimately, both countries must do more to stanch the drug trafficking. But success will come only if they work together.

— San Antonio Express-News

WILLIAM MURCHISON

If humans don't make the rules, who does?

Clearly life is no bowl of cherries. What it is, among other things, is a biological and spiritual wonder perpetually full of challenges — never more so than at present. Witness the furor over cloning and partial birth abortion.



Murchison

Dr. Ian Wilmut is untroubled by his discovery that, lo, he now knows how, through genetic manipulation, to replicate a given sheep: and if a sheep, why not also a human? As little disturbance as this new knowledge causes Wilmut when the lights go out, others bite their fingernails, pondering what it all means. Is this what we really want — power to make life itself? And make it the way we want it, as though following a Jeff Smith recipe?

That may be what many want. Power over life and death is the unspoken issue in the partial-birth controversy, which an abortion lobbyist, Ron Fitzsimmons, reignited the other day with his confession that he lied about these gruesome procedures. They aren't at all rare, Fitzsimmons said, contradicting the abortion industry's, and Bill Clinton's, rationale for defending the half-delivery of unborn children, capped by the suctioning out of their brains.

Congress will take another crack at banning

the practice, which is presently legal only because Clinton last year vetoed a bill that would have ended it.

I would throw in some news on the euthanasia front, only, at just this moment, there isn't any. Dr. Kevorkian must have gone skiing.

Life being the rock-bottom, untranscendable human commodity, you might suppose recent events would catapult us into a prolonged discussion titled, roughly, "Who's in Charge Here?" Not quite. Such a discussion, if it ever got going, would confront the participants with unwelcome news: that in the matter of life — breathing, feeling, seeing, digesting, thinking life — having charge is no task.

The power to create, the power to destroy: Here are the ultimate powers. Neither is unfamiliar. For a considerable period of time, humans have been having babies. Creation! For virtually as long, they have strained to define the conditions under which life may be taken away. Destruction!

Abortion is 20th century individualism raised to the nth power. If you can work where you want to, and vote how you want to, and travel at will, and say almost anything to anybody — why can't you extend the permission a fraction farther? Why can't you decide whether to carry through a pregnancy or not? Aren't these privileges all of a piece?

The traditional answer is no, they aren't. Life — the underlying condition of existence — is qualitatively different from speech and travel and the franchise and such like. Different rules apply. Except that, by common consent, we rarely talk about these rules. To do so

makes people uncomfortable; it hampers their freedom of choice. The horror of partial-birth abortion exists because of conversational squeamishness about the whole topic of who's in charge.

Now comes cloning, this time not as a comedian's throwaway line (as in the '80s) but as a reality we must face. Who's in charge? Can humans create human life? Yes. Should they? Er, interesting question. However, it can't be ducked.

The real squeamishness in these matters has to do with G-o-d (a Being supposedly resident somewhere in outer space) and such conversation as a discussion of life's origins might generate. Who's really in charge here? Not Dr. Ian Wilmut, who resolutely sticks to his sheep. Not Ron Fitzsimmons, who by his own admission hasn't figured out whether brain-suctioning (as distinguished from lies about it) is a bad thing.

Are humans really in charge? What if the partial-birth furor and the cloning controversy and, yes, the "assisted suicide" mess (once Dr. Jack resumes his labors) lead us eventually to ask the fateful question: If humans DON'T make the rules of life and death, who does?

Only one answer is available. Secular minds won't like it. On the other hand, look where secularism got us: boxed in by perplexities we can't resolve without resort to — gosh, even today! — our kneecaps.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 7, the 66th day of 1997. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

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CHARLEY REESE

Americans shouldn't be hypocritical about China

Politicians and journalists who have been heaping praise on the grave of Deng Xiaoping ought to be ashamed of themselves. The man was a mass murderer and totalitarian.



Reese

It's hard to say what part of this promiscuous praise can be attributed to simple-mindedness and what part, to amoral service of corporate greed.

I'm not suggesting Americans should celebrate nature's removal of one more killer. He was not our killer. Whether to celebrate or mourn is up to the Chinese and Tibetans to decide for themselves. But surely we should not have sent more than a formal note of condolence from our state department to the Chinese foreign minister. That would have sufficed for diplomacy.

It's alarming that so many Americans cannot tell the difference between an economic system and a totalitarian government. Deng, the generator of genocide in Tibet, did not bring, and did not desire to bring, democracy or liberty to China. He wanted Western money and Western technology in order to prevent the Chinese communist regime from collapsing because of its own economic incompetence.

Communists everywhere have shown they are experts in tyranny and propaganda but dunces in economic matters.

Mikhail Gorbachev, now embraced by the same simple-minded and/or amoral people, never intended to liberate the Russian people from the ugly grip of communism. He intended to do only what Deng succeeded in doing: duping the West into propping up communism with money and technology.

Russians, however, apparently are less docile than the Chinese. When "Gorby" loosened his grip on the reins, the people grabbed the bit in their teeth and ran away, wrecking the communist buggy in the process.

The Chinese students tried to do the same thing, but the Chinese army — to its everlasting shame — did not hesitate to murder Chinese patriots. Whereas in Russia, when it was game point, the Red army, to its credit, sided with the people. Otherwise, there would have been a Moscow massacre to match the one in Tiananmen Square.

And no one should forget that it was Deng who ordered that massacre of brave students, and the persecution of the survivors. It is the apex of hypocrisy for any politician or journalist who pretended to mourn the murder of Chinese students to now praise their murderer.

Yet you are witnessing that very act. That is how morally and intellectually barren is the corporate culture that has taken over a once proud citadel of liberty.

There was a time when Americans would ask, Are the people free to speak? Can they peacefully assemble to petition their government? Are they free to worship according to their conscience? Do they have a free press?

If the answers were no — and that's what they are in China — then Americans would not hesitate to pronounce their governors tyrants and have little to do with them.

Today, the corporate elite, which encompasses those who call themselves liberals and conservatives, asks these questions: Can they pay their bills? Will they hire out their slave labor to our merchants? Will they buy our machines, computers, airplanes and surplus grains?

If the answers are yes, then the elite unleashes its political, journalistic and academic whores to sing the praises of the evil regime. To praise an evil regime is to betray its victims.

Furthermore it is not in the rational self-interest of Americans to make any communist government, least of all China's, prosperous. It will use its profits to enhance its secret police and to build its military machine. One day the Chinese may direct those guns and missiles at Americans.

I agree 100 percent with communists on one point: Any capitalist stupid enough to sell rope to a communist deserves to be hanged with it.

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Clinton administration considering new dollar coin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans shunned the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin. They kept mistaking it for a quarter. But, finally, 16 years after the government stopped minting it, stocks are running low. Rather than mint more, the Clinton administration says it's open to considering a new dollar coin.

The sticking point, as always, is whether to do away with dollar bills. Though they get dirty, crumple quickly and cost a lot to replace, they are preferred by many Americans, who don't like weighing down their pockets and purses with heavy coins.

Two years ago, top administration officials opposed the last serious effort in Congress to replace the dollar bill with a new gold-colored, smooth-edged coin. But now they're showing more openness, at least to a new coin, if not to withdrawing the bill.

"As the Susan B. Anthonys run out, we may very well need to have new dollar coins," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said Thursday.

A lot has changed in two years. For one thing, the once-immense stockpile of Susan Bs, bearing the likeness of the 19th century feminist, is running low.

According to Mint Director Philip N. Diehl, there are fewer than 170 million in the vaults. That's about a 2 1/2-year supply if last year's demand — 65 million — holds up.

The Mint struck \$57 million from 1979 to 1981.

They proved so unpopular that 550 million remained when production ended. For a long time, annual demand fluctuated between 10 million and 20 million. But lately it's picked up, Diehl said.

The reason: Some metropolitan transit authorities, including Chicago's, are using them in bus fare boxes and change machines. And the U.S. Postal Service now dispenses and accepts them in \$300 stamp vending machines. It continues to replace old machines with new machines that use the dollar coin.

The other change from two years ago is the ascension of the dollar coin's chief congressional advocate, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., to the chairmanship of the House Appropriations treasury subcommittee.

The subcommittee oversees the Mint and votes annually on the Treasury Department's \$11 billion budget.

"I'm not looking to bull this thing through," said Kolbe, who first became interested in a gold-colored dollar coin in the late 1980s in response to queries from Arizona copper producers. "But obviously we have more of a forum."

Rubin, after presenting his department's budget to Kolbe's panel, told reporters, "We'd like to work with Mr. Kolbe on these issues and see where it all comes out." But, he said, the administration continues to "have a lot of reservations about withdrawing the dollar bill."

Expert: Science not ready for human cloning

NEW YORK (AP) — Trying to clone an adult person would be playing genetic Russian roulette, and could lead to the birth of abnormal children, an animal cloning expert said Thursday.

"The science is not there to do this without great hazard," said Marie DiBerardino of the Allegheny University of the Health Sciences in Philadelphia.

She spoke at a media briefing, sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences, on the recent cloning of an adult sheep in Scotland. It was the first cloning of an adult mammal, setting off waves of speculation about copying people, although researchers and others called that idea unethical.

To clone the sheep, researchers took cells from a 6-year-old ewe, fused them to unfertilized eggs and implanted the resulting embryos into other sheep. They got a single lamb with the DNA of the ewe.

One problem with doing that with adult people is that scientists would be starting with cells that had been living in the person for at least two decades. During that time, the cells would have been exposed to chemicals and environmental radiation that could cause alterations in the DNA, DiBerardino said.

So "you would have no idea" whether the body cells taken for cloning had harmful mutations in them, she said.

"How would you know which one

is normal and which is not?" she asked in an interview. "It's at the stage of Russian roulette."

If a scientist ended up cloning from a cell with damaged DNA, the pregnancy might fail or "you might get an abnormal child," she said.

Dr. Jon Gordon of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, who studies early development of mammals, said it's not clear how much of a risk that would be. He noted that cells naturally repair damage to their DNA efficiently.

But he thought a more significant risk could arise after the person's cells were extracted. The cloning method calls for cells to be grown for a period in the laboratory. During that time, the DNA could pick up defects that might not be readily detected, he said.

In any case, he said he doubted researchers would try cloning adult humans because of practical problems. One is getting enough women to donate all the human eggs that would be needed even for extensive experimentation, he said.

Several speakers also noted a cloned animal would usually be genetically different from the animal

it came from.

The cloning procedure used in Scotland passes the DNA in the nucleus, the cell's central control room, from an adult to the clone. But cells also have another kind of DNA outside the nucleus, in structures called the mitochondria, noted attorney Laura Coruzzi of Pennie & Edmonds LLP in New York.

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Bill to set intoxication definition introduced

WASHINGTON (NYT) — With an increase in deaths from drunken driving and the repeated defeat of stricter measures in many state legislatures, advocates of such tougher laws opened a drive Thursday for a strict national definition of intoxication, and for minimum sentencing rules for state judges to use in drunken-driving cases.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving and others want the blood-alcohol concentration that constitutes proof of drunkenness set by Congress at .08 percent, as it already is in 13 states.

Thirty-five states and the District of Columbia set the limit at .10 percent. Two states, Massachusetts and South Carolina, do not define drunkenness by blood alcohol.

Advocates of the stricter standard said the change would save at least 500 lives a year. The .08 standard would mean that a 170-pound man with an empty stomach, who now can have five drinks in an hour without necessarily being drunk, could have only four.

Either .08 or .10 is a high level of consumption for anyone who plans to drive, said Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., who introduced a bill in the House on Thursday to set the standard. "By most definitions, this just isn't social drinking," she said.

But the bar, hotel and restaurant industry, along with distillers and brewers, opposes making the rules stricter and has successfully fought the imposition of the .08 standard in state capitols.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., who introduced an identical bill in the Senate, said of the opponents, "It's not much different from the tobacco industry fighting to seduce and addict 3,000 kids a day to smoking."

Lautenberg wrote the 1984 law that required states to raise the drinking age to 21 or face loss of highway funds. The law redefining intoxication would use the same mechanism.

Ms. Lowey and Lautenberg each introduced another bill that would require a six-month license suspension for a first drunken driving offense, a one-year suspension for a second offense, and a permanent suspension for a third offense.

John C. Doyle, a spokesman for the American Beverage Institute, said that only 7 percent of alcohol-related traffic fatalities involve drivers who test .08 or .09. Most, he said, involve drivers with levels far in excess of .10.

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Ramsey siblings cleared of involvement in slaying

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Jon Benet Ramsey's half-brother and half-sister were publicly ruled out Thursday as suspects in her slaying.

John Andrew Ramsey, 20, and Melinda Ramsey, 25, "are being publicly cleared of involvement to relieve them of stress caused by inappropriate speculation," city spokesman Kelvin McNeill said at a news conference.

City officials refused, as they have all along, to discuss other suspects in the strangling of the 6-year-old beauty queen.

Meanwhile, investigators obtained a third handwriting sample from Jon Benet's mother because the earlier samples were affected by medication she has been taking since her daughter's body was found Dec. 26 in the basement of the family's home.

Investigators want to compare her writing against a ransom note found in the home. The note demanded \$118,000.

Until Thursday, investigators had not ruled out any family member in the slaying of the former Little Miss Colorado. Authorities said she might have

been sexually assaulted.

Melinda Ramsey and her brother, John Andrew Ramsey, are the children of John Ramsey and his former wife, Lucinda Ramsey Johnson. John and Patsy Ramsey, who is Jon Benet's mother, also have a 10-year-old son.

Ms. Johnson had said her children spent Christmas at her home in Atlanta, but police said they had trouble verifying the report. McNeill said police were forced to go to Roswell, Ga., last week to check out the alibis because the family has refused to cooperate with police and give a formal interview.

The Rocky Mountain News reported Thursday that Jon Benet's parents would only talk to police together and with a doctor standing by in case one of them became ill.

"This is a very close couple. They've been a source of support for one another throughout. It comes from their strong desire to see this thing through together," said Pat Korten, a spokesman for the family.

McNeill said that police will allow only a lawyer to be present and that the parents will have to be questioned separately.

Former soldier gets life for murder of black couple

N.Y. Times Service

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — With the jury unable to decide between a sentence of death or life imprisonment, a judge Thursday imposed two concurrent life terms on a white former soldier for the racially inspired murder of a black couple.

The jurors' deadlock on punishment in effect mandated a life sentence. Nothing less than life, without parole, was allowable given the murder verdicts they returned last week, and North Carolina law does not permit a judge to impose a death sentence without a jury's concurrence.

Four members of the mostly white jury said after they were discharged Thursday that the panel had voted 11-1 in favor of executing the defendant, James Burmeister II, a former private with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, based at Fort Bragg,

adjacent to Fayetteville.

Burmeister, an active participant in skinhead groups and a devotee of Nazi trappings and ideology, was found guilty last week of two counts of first-degree murder, and one count of conspiracy to commit murder, in the fatal shooting of Jackie Burden, 27, and Michael James, 36, on Dec. 7, 1995.

The jurors deliberated the sentence for 5 1/2 hours over two days and then, for a second time, told the judge, Coy Brewer Jr. of Cumberland County superior court, that they could not reach a decision. Brewer then dismissed them and, as required, imposed the life sentences on the murder counts. For conspiracy, he sentenced Burmeister to 16 to 20 years.

The sentence came in a case that prompted a worldwide Army inquiry into racism in the ranks. That investigation, completed last March, found that fewer than 10

of 7,600 soldiers interviewed belonged to white supremacist groups but that 3.5 percent had been asked to join one extremist group or another since joining the service.

Separate investigations at Fort Bragg identified 21 soldiers who had participated in skinhead groups. Those soldiers, including Burmeister and the two others implicated in the murder of Ms. Burden and James, have since been discharged.

The prosecution's star witness in the trial of Burmeister was Randy Lee Meadows Jr., who testified that he, Burmeister and a third white former paratrooper, Malcolm Wright Jr., had chosen the victims at random after a night of drinking and driving around Fayetteville looking for blacks to harass.

Meadows, of Mulkeytown, Ill., has pleaded guilty to conspiracy and accessory charges. Wright, of

Lexington, Ky., is to go on trial on March 31.

In the sentencing phase of the Burmeister trial, the defendant's lawyers argued, among other things, that he had grown up in a home where he never learned the meaning of racial tolerance. But before the judge imposed sentence Thursday, Burmeister told the court, "None of the blame for this falls on the shoulders of my parents."

The defense had also suggested that it might have been Wright, not Burmeister, who fired the shots that killed Ms. Burden and James. Seemingly addressing that possibility Thursday, Burmeister also told the court: "The state has chosen to blame me for this. So be it for now. I'm not conceding. I'm not going to give up. This is not over by any means. This is not over."

One of the defendant's lawyers, Carl Iverson, said later that the verdicts would be appealed.

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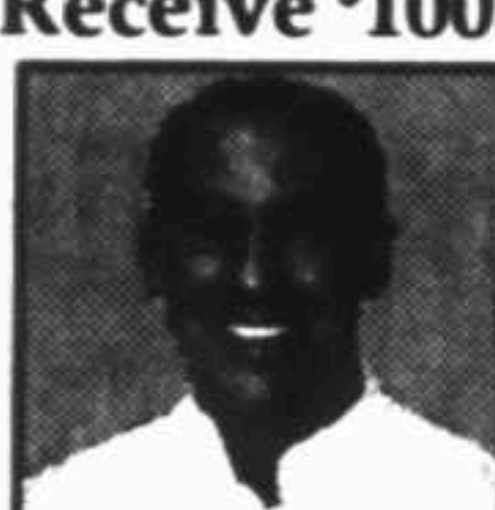
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BASIN BRIEFING

Mural voting

Voting for five locally created murals closes today at noon on the Reporter-Telegram's Cityline system. The winner of the community-wide voting will be announced next week and a replica of the mural chosen will hang in Midland City Hall for the remainder of 1997, according to Arts Assembly of Midland Director Linda Bond. To vote, call Cityline at 560-2400, and enter the corresponding category number below.

The murals, creators, location and corresponding Cityline category number:

1. "It's Great to Be a Lion," by Norman Johnson (200 Plaza St.), category 3031.
2. "Churches in Harmony," combined community church effort, (Scharbauer Drive and Lamesa Road), category 3032.
3. "Sunshine," by Erin King (100 N. Jersey St.), category 3033.
4. "Coming Together as One," by Jo duFo (504 S. Terrell St.), category 3034.
5. "Soaring Eagle," by Polito Trevino (215 W. Industrial Ave.), category 3035.

Photographs of the murals are also available in last Sunday's Reporter-Telegram Lifestyle section.

Performance

Joseph & Theresa, 2 Muses and former Midlander Laird Considine will perform today and Saturday at Herman's Hofbrau at San Miguel Square. Joseph and Theresa Brunelle, an acoustic folk/rock duo, live in Nashville. Bill and Mary Muse are from Willow City.

Poetry critique

The Permian Basin Poetry Society will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Midland County Public Library. Published poet Karen Pape, a writing lab instructor at Midland College, will lead a poetry writing workshop. Members may bring poems to be critiqued. Membership in the society is open to all interested in poetry. Annual dues are \$10. For more information call 520-4679.

World prayer day

The annual World Day of Prayer, an international, ecumenical worship services, will be celebrated today. The local observance will be held at Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway, at 10:30 a.m. Friday. A covered-dish dinner will follow the service. A portion of the World Day of Prayer offerings will be given to grants for projects in Korea, where the observance began in 1922, and a portion goes toward the world and ministries of Church Women United, which serves as the National Committee for World Day of Prayer in the United States.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Christian Motorcyclists' Association, Warfield Truck Stop, 7 p.m., 694-9765 or 697-5037.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 S. G St., 694-4166, 580-7545, 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Southside Lions Club, noon, Southside Lions Club Building.

Ranchland Hills Ladies' Association, bridge luncheon, 10 a.m., Ranchland Hills County Club.

Midland Woman's Club Shopper's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Hogan Park, open to public.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Team Bank, 694-5310.

Midland A&M Club, 11:30 a.m., Ranchland Country Club, 1600 E. Wadley.

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State officials discuss tax system

Bush's property tax plan leads to talk of total overhaul

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's call to lower local school property taxes has raised talk of overhauling the state's 70-year-old tax system.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the committee considering Bush's plan, said Thursday he's excited about the prospects of scouring the nearly three-inch-thick state tax code.

Sadler is leading the charge to review every state tax — and every tax exemption — to determine which should stay, which should be changed and which should go.

"Don't you like that idea?" he asked. "I do."

Rep. Ric Williamson, R-Weatherford, a member of the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding, called the effort a sunset on the tax code.

"Isn't it interesting what the light of day exposes?" Williamson asked as the committee looked at tax exemptions, some as old as state taxation.

"Many of these exemptions have been in existence for 70 years," Williamson said. "In hindsight, one might say these exemptions might not deserve continuation. They might have deserved continuation in 1921."

Williamson and others credit Bush for starting the debate that has led to the review of all state taxes and tax exemptions.

For his part, Bush remained optimistic about chances for school tax relief and said the lawmakers' inquiries only will help reach that goal.

"I tell you, we're making good progress on the issue," he said. "They are going to look at all kinds of ways on how to achieve the objectives of cutting school taxes. ... It's a healthy debate for Texas."

For nearly two years Bush has said local school property taxes are too high.

In January, the governor proposed a new business tax, an increase to the state sales tax and motor vehicle tax and the use of \$1 billion in additional state funds to lower local school taxes by \$3 billion a year.

Members of the House committee have set Bush's plan aside for now.

One idea being considered would lower school property taxes by \$3.6 billion a year. To do it, local school property taxes would be cut to 50 cents per \$100 valuation on residential property and \$1 per \$100 valuation on all other property. There would be no exemptions under that plan, which has not been formally voted on nor adopted.

That tax plan — combined with \$18 billion in state funds set to be spent on education in the 1998-99 budget years — still would leave more money for the state to come up with in order to reach the total \$38 billion sched-

uled to be spent on education.

To get there, the House committee is looking first at tax exemptions. Millions in potential tax dollars aren't collected each year because of tax exemptions.

The committee has all but decided to leave food and medicine untaxed and some social welfare, church and civic groups exempt from some taxes. All other state tax exemptions are being considered.

Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Kennedale and a member of the committee, says some will have to go. "We need to look at ways to broaden the scope. That starts with exemptions," he said.

Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, is chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee and a member of the House Select committee. He said the last major change to the state tax code came in 1961, when the sales tax was imposed. He couldn't recall a major review of the entire tax code.

Williamson said combing through the tax code guarantees some action to make the state taxing system more fair — and perhaps to lower some taxes — will be taken this year.

"The truth is that until the governor laid out his principles there was no impetus to do this," Williamson said. "What we have here is a sunset on the tax code."



Erskine says Trinity's outdoor lab is 'illegal'

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midge Erskine, who operates the controversial 4.7-acre Eos Wildlife Refuge in Midland, claims that Trinity School's outdoor biological-science learning plot is "absolutely illegal" because the native plants, mainly grasses, weeds, and wildflowers are too tall.

Midland city ordinances outlaw weeds and grasses that are 18 inches tall or higher.

Mrs. Erskine, who has been accused of violating city ordinances governing vegetation and wilderness, is charging Trinity School with breaking some of those city laws and the mayor and City Council with overlooking those violations.

"And the mayor's son goes there (to Trinity), and he knows what they are doing there is illegal," Mrs. Erskine said. "But because his son goes there, they aren't enforcing the laws at Trinity."

Those laws aren't being enforced because none is being broken, Mayor Bobby Burns said Thursday following Mrs. Erskine's complaint earlier in the day. "And I wish she would leave my son out of politics," Burns said of his 10-year-old son, Austin, who is a fourth-grader at the school.

Trinity's outdoor science laboratory, "The Prairie," was developed about six years ago at the suggestion of Trinity teacher Jack Hickman. "It has really been a wonderful thing," said Trinity Head of School Peggy Simmons. "Science classes go out there all of the time. It is really beautiful" in a setting of bluebonnets and other wildflowers.

The prairie, which is shielded by an 8-foot-tall redwood fence, was developed on less than an acre of land in the school's garden area, Mrs. Simmons said.

The campus takes in about 21 acres in north-west Midland, according to the Midland Central Appraisal District.

The idea behind The Prairie, Mrs. Simmons said, was in "letting some of this (garden area) grow wild to see what the desert would look like if, indeed, you let it grow the way it would naturally."

Please see PRAIRIE/2B



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Reporter-Telegram

Midge Erskine, who operates the Eos Wildlife Refuge, claims that "The Prairie," Trinity School's outdoor biological-science learning plot, is illegal because the native plants are too tall.

Chamber volunteers search for new member businesses

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

As many as 100 volunteers with the Midland Chamber of Commerce will be searching for new member businesses to add to the strength of the 1,400-member organization.

Organizers for the annual drive, scheduled for March 17 through March 27, hope to add 150 new members, according to drive co-chair Patsy Welmaker.

In addition, drive volunteers hope to upgrade 40 of its current members to gold status, providing an additional \$30,000 for chamber projects, she said.

"I'm sure we will reach it," Ms. Welmaker said Thursday at a luncheon for chamber volunteers at Holiday Inn. "We have an excellent membership drive steering committee."

"Along with my co-chair, Bobby Burns, we're looking forward to a great drive," Ms. Welmaker said.

The theme for this year's effort is "Operation: Sky's the Limit."

Membership in the chamber is \$195, or \$295 for gold membership.

During the drive, volunteers will be offering potential member businesses a benefit package, which includes a free 1/4-page advertisement in the Reporter-Telegram.

Serving on the drive steering committee are Joyce Reeves of Pinkies, Carolyn Coleman of MOHRE, Vicky Hailey of Southwestern Bell, Donna Rogers of Glenwood Hospital, Maria Elena Duron of the Reporter-Telegram, Jody Hodges of Community National Bank and Debbie Bergen, sales-training coordinator.

Volunteer teams are from Arco Permian, Associated Publishing, CED Consolidated Electric, Community Concerts, Community National Bank, Ken Dawson, First American Bank, Kelly Services, The M-Squad, Midland American Bank, Reporter-Telegram, Prudential Preferred Financial Services, Sam's Club, Texas Commerce Bank, TU Electric, The President's Club and the United Way of Midland.

Other drive sponsors include Albertson's, Burlington Resources, Conoco, Henry Petroleum, Parker & Parsley Petroleum, Permian Distributing, Pipkin Funeral Home, Qualified Printers, Southwest Airlines and Westwood Medical Center.

The chamber performs a number of projects to "enhance the quality of life for businesses and individuals in the community," according to the organization's mission statement.

To accomplish this, the chamber has ongoing activities in four primary areas: Economic Development, to support existing industry and to attract new industry; Community Development, to promote improvements through Leadership Midland, the Government Affairs Committee, Transportation Committee and Education Combination; Convention and Visitors Bureau promotes conventions, sporting events and tourism; and Membership and Communications oversees the annual business trade show and business networking activities and mixers.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Wednesday

Burglary of a vehicle: A cellular phone was taken at 2810 N. Big Spring St., reported New Methods Cleaners at 3:21 p.m.

Theft: A clarinet was taken at 3500 Neely Ave., reported Lee High School at 4:57 p.m.

Assault: A 17-year-old was reported injured in the head at East Front Avenue and North Terrell Street at 5:54 p.m.

Theft: A cellular phone was taken at 1500 Phaedrus Blvd., reported Sam's Wholesale at 6:47 p.m.

Thursday

Vandalism: A window was broken at 1113 Carrizo St., reported Bernardo Galindo at 12:08 a.m.

Assault: A report was made at 200 S. Lee St. by Jimmy's Grocery at 12:47 a.m.

Burglary of a building: A computer, VCR and copier were taken at 1411 W. Illinois Ave., reported David Koch at 7 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A report was made at 4700 Boul-

der Ave. by Rory Brintley at 7:45 a.m.

Vandalism: A garage window was broken at 4301 Trevino St., reported Guadalupe Salinas at 8:17 a.m.

Assault: A report was made at 108 S. Mineola St., by Rosemarie Greer at 9:48 a.m.

Theft: A newspaper dispenser was taken at 3303 W. Illinois Ave., reported Dollar Saver at 12:26 p.m.

Assault: A report was made at 601 Watson St. by David Hayes at 1:30 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's
Office

Thursday

Assault: A report was made at 115 W. Industrial, reported Kelly Rowe at 10:53 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: A purse and money were taken at 3900 Cotton Flat Road, reported Shanna Reeves at 11:32 a.m.

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

OBITUARIES



Joseph Brown

Funeral services for Joseph Darnell Brown, 42, will be Saturday, March 8, 1997, at 2 p.m. at the Greater Ideal Baptist Church with pastor Terry Walker officiating. Mr. Brown died on March 3, 1997, in Arlington, Texas.

Joseph Darnell Brown was born on March 6, 1954, in Mart, Texas, to Thomas Lee and Sedalia Montgomery. He moved to Midland on April 8, 1954, and attended Carver High School. He later moved to Denver, Colorado, where he finished high school. He attended Midland College and worked for the United Parcel Service.

Survivors he leaves to cherish his memory are his wife, Daphne Brown of Midland; mother, Sedalia Montgomery; father, Thomas Lee Brown, and stepfather, John Lewis Montgomery, all of Midland, Texas; seven children, Shanta Brown, Shaundra Brown and Shawcia, all of Com-

ton, California; Jennifer Brown of Midland, Texas; Yolanda Patton, Tawana Patton and Darrell Patton all of Arlington, Texas; two grandchildren, Michelle Wilfies and Michael Wilfies of Compton, California; three sisters, Gwendolyn Davis, Sherry Ingram, and Amy Brown, all of Grand Prairie, Texas; five brothers, Elston Lewis Montgomery of Midland, Texas; Bennie Brown of Houston, Texas; Michael Brown of Dallas, Texas; Gary Brown of Grand Prairie, Texas; and Stanley Brown of Arlington, Texas; seven aunts, Quillar Woods of Compton, California; Ruby Jordan of Midland, Texas; Mercy Jordan of Houston, Texas; LA Joyce Brown, Ruby Esta Whitaker and Reba Brown all of Waco, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends.

Active Pallbearers are Gary Brown, Stanley Brown, Michelle Brown, Bennie Brown, Kenneth Brown, and Elston Lewis Montgomery.

Honorary Pallbearers are L.B. Watson, J.B. McGowan, Willie Montgomery, Robert Gibson, John Anders Jr., and Roy Harris.

Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Mary Lipscomb

Mary Gillard Lipscomb was born November 20, 1905, to Joseph and Celimene Gillard in Breau Bridge, Louisiana. At an early age she moved to Port Arthur, Texas, where she was reared and educated. She met and later married the late Patrick C. Lipscomb Jr. on May 3, 1928. The couple lived in Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas before moving to Midland in 1950. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. She taught dancing at the studio of the late Georgia Horston.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

Mrs. Lipscomb worked with the Midland Civic Ballet. She was preceded in death by her husband on February 11, 1996.

She is survived by a son, Patrick C. Lipscomb III of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; a daughter Joane Askins of Atlanta, Georgia; a half-brother, Ivy Plot of Port Arthur, Texas; a sister, Jane Tanner of Jackson, Mississippi; two granddaughters, Sherrill Thomas and Melissa Stang of Atlanta; and two great-granddaughters, Emma Stang and Elle Stang of Atlanta.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1400 W. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.

Mrs. Lipscomb died Thursday morning at her Midland residence.

Memorial services have been set for Friday, March 7, 1997, at 2 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity with the Rev. Stockton Williams officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pat O'Brian

Pat O'Brian was born April 16, 1941, at home to Pete and Leotie

O'Brian in Roby, Texas. He grew up in Rotan and attended school there. He then joined the U.S. Army and served three years in Germany, from 1961 to 1964. He married Lois Van Alstyne on February 3, 1964, in Germany. The family lived in Canada for 15 years, then moved to Midland for the past 18 years.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Lois of Midland, Texas; their adored daughters, Deborah and Kathryn of Bryan, Texas; his mother, Leotie O'Brian of Rotan, Texas; his only brother, Mickey O'Brian (wife-Tammy) of Sweetwater, Texas and their sons Paul and Michael O'Brian; along with cousins, aunts, uncles, and innumerable wonderful friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702, would be most appreciated.

Mr. O'Brian passed away in the arms of his family at 6:39 p.m. March 5, 1997 at his Midland residence.

Memorial services have been set for Saturday, March 8, 1997, at 3 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Evelyn Heard

Evelyn McCluney Heard, 81, died Wednesday, March 5, in Midland.

Graveside services are to be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, in San Marcos. Arrangements are under the direction of Pennington Funeral Home in San Marcos.

She was born Aug. 24, 1915, in Powell.

She was a longtime resident of San Marcos and Midland.

Survivors include a son, Jed Heard of Midland; a daughter, Nancy Noller of Atlanta; and a sister, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Lonnie Flud Jr.

Midlander Lonnie (Hap) Flud Jr., 78, died Thursday, March 6, at a Big Spring hospital.

Services were at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Timmie Donn officiating. Burial with military honors is to be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Arrangements are under

the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

He was born Oct. 5, 1919.

He was a welder and a Baptist. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dianna Lasater.

Survivors include two sons, James Lasater of Big Spring and Larry Lasater of Dallas; a daughter, Lynell Daniels of Hawley; a brother, George Flud of Midland; and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Cornelia Steele

Services for Cornelia Steele, 83, are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, March 5, at a local hospital.

Carrie Gutierrez

Services for infant Carrie Marie Gutierrez are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, March 6, at a local hospital.

PRAIRIE: Mayor replies to accusations

(From 1B)

Naturalist Burr Williams, education coordinator for the 49-acre Sibley Environmental Learning Center, assisted students and teachers with the project.

"It is outdoor education," Williams said. "It is a place to find what plants, what animals, what insects come in and colonize a place that is built specifically for them."

The plot of wildflowers and native plants and grasses includes a living pond.

"It is an educational plot of land to learn about various biological processes," Williams said.

A 1996 federal court order, which prohibits Mrs. Erskine and her husband, Woody, from operating the Eos Wildlife Refuge, is being appealed by the couple.

"It is OK to enforce the ordinance against me," Mrs. Erskine reckoned. "But they (city officials) are ignoring enforcing it against the school because the (mayor's) son goes there."

And Mrs. Erskine lamented the possible demise of her Eos Wildlife Refuge.

"A U.S. Fish and Wildlife (Service) biologist said that it would take 50 years to replace my habitat and it is so valuable."

Burns noted that in the "last few years, she has made a lot of accusations and accused the city of breaking the law and doing the wrong thing. The federal judge (Royal Furgeson) found for the city in every case in which she said we were doing something wrong. I believe there comes a time for the accusations to stop. And I wish she would do that."

"As far as Trinity, I don't believe that they are doing anything wrong," Burns said. "I believe what they are doing is legal and

appropriate."

The Midland city ordinance that prohibits accumulations of vegetation allows certain exceptions. Those include:

■ Weeds and tall grass that are less than 18 inches tall and brush that is less than 2 feet tall;

■ Weeds, tall grass, and brush that are "located on a City Council-approved wildlife sanctuary or on land that is zoned Agriculture-Estate ... and is devoted to livestock grazing; and

■ Weeds, tall grass, and brush that are on "public property owned by the State of Texas of any of its subdivisions," including counties, public schools, and cities, as long as "such government entity has determined that it is in the public interest that such property should remain in its native biome, and the condition of such property is does not present a danger or hazard to abutting properties."

Mrs. Erskine's complaint came a day after Trinity School received a \$660 grant from H-E-B and the Texas General Land Office in recognition of the school's winning a statewide Environmental Challenge grant.

"The Prairie" was hailed by Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro as "one of the best" native-plant educational projects in the state.

Mrs. Erskine alleged that the grant was illegal since the school's outdoor science project allegedly violates city laws.

Burns said that the City Council has been "very appropriate" in its dealings with Mrs. Erskine. "We have tried to work with her. I think it is funny," Burns said. "She attacked me, and I voted for her (to operate the Eos Wildlife Refuge but was outvoted). I raised my hand for her. I don't know why she is attacking me and my son."

Editors quit after censorship allegations

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The editor of the student newspaper at the University of the Incarnate Word has resigned because he said an article about a former employee accused of sexual harassment was being censored.

Three other top editors of Logos joined John Tedesco in leaving the newspaper Wednesday.

University officials said they asked Tedesco not to name the former employee, who quit late last year, because they feared a lawsuit.

"The administrators asked that the students not use names, basing the request on the University's

responsibility and rights as publisher of the newspaper," read a statement issued by the Catholic university.

Tedesco said he felt the news story had the potential to raise important issues about how the university handled such employees. He said he objected because the decision to use the name was being taken away from the student editors.

"We have to go through that decision process ourselves. We have to go to our lawyers and say, 'Does this story have the potential for libel?' That way, we learn about journalism," he said.

Indictment accuses man of laundering drug millions

■ A Mexican national has been accused of drug smuggling and conspiring with a former American Express banker to launder money.

Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — A Mexican man has been indicted on charges of smuggling tons of cocaine and conspiring with a convicted American Express banker to launder millions in drug proceeds.

The federal indictment unsealed Thursday accuses Jose Jesus Echegollen Barrueta of laundering at least \$17 million in drug money with help from Antonio Giraldi, a former executive for American Express Bank International.

Giraldi was found guilty in 1994 of helping an employee of convicted drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego hide more than \$30 million.

Federal prosecutors would not say if Echegollen also worked for Garcia Abrego but said he had been connected to Garcia Abrego associates.

The indictment also links Echegollen to Mexico's most-wanted drug trafficker, Amado Carrillo Fuentes.

While not naming Carrillo Fuentes, prosecutors allege that Echegollen helped store 21 tons of cocaine in a California warehouse in 1989. Authorities traced the drugs, found in what remains the largest cocaine seizure ever, to Carrillo Fuentes.

He was accused in the California seizure and other operations, dating to 1986, that moved drugs from Texas, California and Michigan.

"We obviously believe Echegollen is a sig-

nificant defendant," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Dause. "He's a drug dealer, and he sets up other businesses or involves himself in other businesses for the purpose of laundering his money and that of other drug dealers."

Echegollen was arrested last month in Las Vegas and transported to an undisclosed location in Texas. He was arraigned this week on five counts of money laundering and drug trafficking and faces up to life in prison.

Two other Mexicans, both of whom live in Las Vegas, were charged along with Echegollen.

Guillermina Chavez, who runs a restaurant in Las Vegas, is accused of assisting Echegollen with drug trafficking and money laundering. She remained jailed Thursday.

Jacob Levy, who works as a host to rich out-of-town visitors, is accused of helping Echegollen distribute cocaine. He was released on \$100,000 cash bond and has returned to Las Vegas.

Attorneys for Echegollen and Ms. Chavez did not return telephone calls Thursday. Levy's attorney, Oscar Goodman, said his client probably knew Echegollen but never helped him deal drugs.

The alleged money laundering conspiracy started in February 1989, when Echegollen began working with Giraldi.

Giraldi, then employed by Banker's Trust Co. in New York, created a holding company that was controlled by Echegollen under the alias of Jose Castellanos, prosecutors said.

Echegollen transferred millions of dollars to the holding company from banks in El Paso, Mexico and Houston. The largest transaction was a \$2.6 million transfer from a Swiss bank in April 1989, according to the indictment.

In April 1990, Giraldi left Banker's Trust and

began working for American Express Bank International in Beverly Hills, Calif. One month later, Echegollen transferred his account to American Express.

Over the next seven years, Giraldi created a half-dozen private investment companies in the Cayman Islands for Echegollen and transferred at least \$14 million into those companies.

Another \$3 million was deposited in a Las Vegas bank and used to invest in "apparently legitimate businesses in order to conceal the source," the indictment alleges.

Dause said the alleged scheme was similar to the money laundering operation for which Giraldi was convicted in 1994. In that operation, Giraldi set up offshore accounts for Ricardo Aguirre Villagomez, a money launderer for Garcia Abrego.

The indictment also alleges that Echegollen and Aguirre's brother worked together to distribute drugs in South Texas in 1986.

The holding company allegedly controlled by Echegollen was mentioned during testimony at Giraldi's 1994 trial.

George Amy, a Banker's Trust employee, testified that he took over the account after Giraldi joined American Express.

Amy, who said he knew the account owner only as Jose Castellanos, testified that he had concerns about the client because he had to use a code number to telephone him.

Amy testified that he also suspected Castellanos was using fake names, because when he asked to make a copy of his driver's license, Castellanos refused. A few days later, the account was closed and transferred to American Express, he testified.

Bullock challenges committee to pass water legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — Five water conservation bills have come and gone from the Texas Legislature in the last 60 years. On Thursday Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock stressed the importance of not letting a sixth get away.

"There have been an number of bills that have gathered dust. I'd say now it's time to fish or cut bait," Bullock said. "To me there's no bill more important to our state and to our future than Senate Bill 1 because it deals with such a precious commodity and that's water."

Bullock was the first to give testimony at the Senate Natural Resources Committee's hearing for the water conservation bill authored by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

The legislation would create a statewide drought management plan created by the coordination of existing city and county plans. Brown introduced a revised version of his bill Thursday.

Changes included an effort to enhance water marketing — the sale or lease of a property owner's water rights.

The committee will continue testimony next week.

Brown has said last summer's drought cost Texas farmers \$2.1 billion and the entire state \$5 billion.

Ninety-five of the state's 254 counties sought federal disaster funds for that drought. In testimony Bullock said, the state has had five major droughts the last 60 years.

The lieutenant governor stressed the urgency of the bill's passage and called for the com-

mittee to pass a water management bill — in some form — this session.

"Water experts have warned us that every single area of Texas will be starved of water in the next 50 years. This is not a time to be timid," Bullock said. "It's a time for us to work together and it's not a time to be against something. It's time for all of us to be for something and work together to get a product that will serve us for the next 50 years and for the next 100 years if possible."

Church to conclude revival today

From Staff Reports

The Greater Ideal Baptist Church concludes its Spring Revival today with the Rev. Matthew McGruder of the Sunset Baptist Church in Grand Prairie speaking at 7:30 p.m.

McGruder has been preaching for 24 years and has been pastor of the Sunset Baptist Church for 20 of those years. He is a graduate of Southern Bible Institute and attended Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, and Dallas Baptist University.

The public is invited to hear him speak.



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The community of friends who honored the precious memory of Judge Robert H. "Bob" Pine and who gave him comfort in his latter days is deeply appreciated.

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I received it last fall. And, it made me feel special. A letter with a story and ribbons. One for me, and two for a special person in my life who would in turn give a ribbon to their special person. I was impressed with the story and gesture by the sixth grade Social Studies classes of Robbie Rucker at Ben Milam Elementary. And, it worked! Even for a grandfather of five whose world is filled with people, this touch of love is still special. You know, it made me wonder. When such admiration and love is genuinely felt and shared by 12 year olds, it has a pretty good chance of changing our world. You see, it all continues with you and me. Treating other folks like I wanted to be treated.

That "golden rule" from Jesus says, "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them." Matthew 7:12. We learn how to "love one another" by those qualities seen and taught by Jesus Christ. Ephesians 4:32 tells us, "be kind to one another..." Even when folks are rude and irritating? When they treat me badly? Yes, kindness can be firm and honest. Then we learn to "steer clear of every form of evil." I Thessalonians 5:22. Thanks, kids for the reminder and the hope that you gave me.

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Council asks NASA to develop plans to protect Earthlings from contamination

Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — With the nation's space program eight years from launching an unmanned probe to Mars to collect rocks and soil, experts already are sizing up the threat posed by extraterrestrial organisms.

In a study presented Thursday, the National Research Council concluded that the risk of contamination to Earthlings from the returned samples is low. But it urged the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and its community of research biologists and geologists to develop a strategy for protection that assumes the threat is high.

"Samples returned from Mars by spacecraft should be contained and treated as though potentially hazardous until proven otherwise," concluded a panel of 12 experts assembled by the research council, a government-funded study group. "Therefore, it is reasonable that NASA adopt a prudent approach, erring on the side of caution and safety."

"This basically gets the ball rolling," said Michael Meyers, NASA's Washington-based planetary protection officer, the official developing a strategy. "We have thought about it, but now the debate will go on as to how to do it and where to do it."

In its recommendations, the council urged NASA to establish an Earth-based laboratory for receiving the samples at least two years before the sample-return mission is launched, so its procedures can be reviewed and altered.

The Johnson Space Center in Houston, site of the receiving lab for lunar rocks collected by Apollo astronauts in the 1960s, is a possible site for the complex as is NASA's Ames Research Center in California.

However, even before extraterrestrial samples are permitted to enter Earth's atmosphere, ground teams must be assured of air-tight containment, the panel said. Otherwise, the payload should be sterilized by automation before reentry, a requirement that could ruin the scientific value of the material.

NASA faced similar concerns in the 1960s, when it sent astronauts to the moon to collect hundreds of pounds of rocks and soil, material that along with the astronauts was first quarantined at the now-defunct lunar receiving laboratory at Johnson Space Center.

According to Meyers, the Apollo experience, may offer only limited help in preparing for samples obtained robotically from Mars and perhaps even Europa, Jupiter's ice-covered moon.

On one hand, the absence of

human explorers should simplify the procedures that will be required. On the other hand, environmental regulation is now so stringent that it might make opening a returned capsule illegal, Meyers said.

Scientific interest in the Red Planet has soared since the claim by space agency scientists in August that meteorites of Martian origin collected from the Antarctic contained fossil evidence of bacteria-like organisms.

Late last year, the space agency initiated a campaign to widen its search for life on Mars with the launchings of two unmanned probes. One is scheduled to place a small robotic soil analyzer on the Martian surface July 4. The second should arrive in September to begin two years of orbital reconnaissance.

In its latest budget request, NASA is seeking legislative permission to develop a robotic probe that could retrieve about five pounds of Martian soil samples for studies by Earth-based scientists. A launching in 2005 is proposed.

Because Mars is cold, dry and its atmosphere too thin to block the lethal bombardment of the sun's ultraviolet radiation, there is little likelihood of current life on the planet, the research council concluded.

Senate OKs managed care bills

AUSTIN (AP) — People in managed health care plans would get more information, protection and coverage options under bills passed Thursday by the Texas Senate.

The measures were sponsored by Republican and Democratic senators who cited the importance of protecting Texans enrolled in the growing number of managed care plans.

"Such plans generally limit patients' choice of doctors, thus offering lower out-of-pocket costs than patients get under traditional health insurance. One facet of such plans is a 'gatekeeper' to coordinate treatment and determine its medical necessity."

The bills, which now go to the House for consideration, would: create a rating system and report card to allow consumers to compare health care plans; allow a bigger variety of HMO coverage options; and give doctors in HMOs greater ability to provide prompt emergency treatment to a patient in obvious trouble.

"An individual can look at a child that was not breathing and say, 'This is an emergency,' without checking with a gatekeeper," said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound.

Some senators said the need for a health-plan report card is exemplified by the case of one HMO — Kaiser — which obtained a temporary court order to prevent state insurance officials from releasing information

about it.

The judge who issued the order said an insurance agency draft report on the company appeared to contain medical inaccuracies, misstatements of law and information that is to remain confidential by law and agreement.

"I wonder what in the world they've got there that they don't want the folks in Texas to know about," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco. "I've just never heard of a state official being restrained from speaking. It's extraordinary."

Gov. George W. Bush said he was troubled by the matter.

"I wish that (Insurance Commissioner) Elton Bomer would be able to have his say in the public arena about an HMO that apparently needs to be held accountable for its behavior," Bush said.

Representatives of the company didn't immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

An investigation last year by WFAA-TV reported on several wrongful death lawsuits filed against the company in the Fort Worth-Dallas area.

Sibley said that under a bill by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, information would be released about HMOs on an ongoing basis, thus avoiding a court-ordered information blackout.

Bush, lawmakers push speedier adoptions

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers and Gov. George W. Bush joined forces Thursday to push legislation designed to speed up adoptions in Texas.

Bush and the legislators said the children deserve no less than quick placement in good homes.

"Adoption is the loving option. Adoption means a brighter future for thousands of Texas children," Bush said.

He said the adoption reform bill says to children, "Texas wants to help find you a loving home as fast as we can and as compassionately as possible. The proposed laws say to prospective parents, we want you to adopt, we encourage you, and we will make it easier for you to adopt a child in Texas."

A study by a special gubernatorial task force said that in April 1996, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services — the state's child welfare agency — reported nearly 12,000 children were in foster care. Of

those, nearly 1,400 were legally free for adoption.

However, it said, while improvements had been made in the child welfare system, many children spent far too long in foster care before being permanently placed in homes.

Statistics for the 1991-1995 fiscal years showed that children who were adopted spent an average of 40.8 months in the system before the adoption was completed. Those children averaged four temporary placements before adoption.

Lawmakers said the bill to be considered would put children into adoptive homes earlier, shorten the time needed to terminate parental rights and finalize adoptions and provide more security that adoptions won't later be challenged.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, the chief sponsor of the bill, said it is important to get children into adoptive homes more quickly.

"What we have learned over the

years is that the greatest problem related to foster care is that the children age out of the process," Mrs. Zaffirini said. "They move from foster home to foster home and finally they are of age and they are out on the street. We are going to stop that."

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, a cosponsor, said the measure will make Texas a better place for children and adoptive parents.

"For too long, Texas has been dubbed an unfriendly adoption state. Too many of our constituents have decided to go not only out of state to adopt children, but out of the country," she said.

Lawmakers said they expected the bill to speed through the Legislature.

"We already have the votes to pass the bill," said Mrs. Zaffirini, who has 26 cosponsors in the 31-member chamber.

Plan to use state employees for lottery not a hit with lawmakers

AUSTIN (AP) — An idea to use only state employees to run the Texas Lottery isn't a winner with the legislator who pushed for creating the state numbers game.

When the lottery was established in 1991, lawmakers set it up as a cooperative effort between the state and private companies. The state manages and promotes the games and private contractors do much of the work.

This week, the Lottery Commission asked agency officials to draw up plans to change the structure of the lottery. They did not decide to make a change but want plans ready in case they do.

One idea would be to replace private contract workers with state employees.

Other ideas would be to split the lottery's main contract into several contracts or to take over some of the private work with state workers.

But the idea of giving all the work to state employees — a plan that would require hundreds more workers — is heading nowhere at the Capitol.

"Not going to happen," Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, told the Austin American-Statesman.

Wilson sponsored the 1991 constitutional amendment that won legislative and voter approval for the games that began in May 1992.

TNRCC to submit comments on EPA standards

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is weighing in against a federal government proposal to tighten air quality standards for smog-causing ozone and microscopic soot.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency "needs to do its homework before imposing this on the states, communities and people of Texas and the U.S.," TNRCC Chairman Barry McBee said Thursday after the commission voted to submit comments to the federal government.

The EPA's proposed standards have produced an avalanche of criticism from business people, who argue the changes would carry huge costs and provide marginal improvements in health protection.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner has said scientific research shows tighter standards are needed to protect the elderly, children and people with respiratory illnesses such as asthma.

Disagreeing, the TNRCC said Thursday the current ozone standard should be maintained until the EPA produces "sound, conclusive scientific studies" which support a new standard.

If a new standard is implemented, the commission recommended one that would be less strict than that proposed by the EPA. McBee said the state-recommended standard still would protect public health.

The EPA proposal would mean several areas of Texas would be out of compliance with air quality standards, triggering mandatory air pollution controls, the agency said. They include Austin, Corpus Christi, Longview-Tyler-Marshall, San Antonio and Victoria.

The proposed standard would require communities to cut ozone levels to 0.08 parts per million cubic feet of air from 0.12 ppm, the current standard.

But the readings would be taken over an average of eight hours, rather than during a single one-hour period, softening the effect of meeting the new standard.

TNRCC said if there is a new standard, it should be no more than 0.09 ppm.

That level provides at least as much health protection as the current standard and would keep the Texas areas cited in compliance with the federal standard for ozone, the agency said.

"The better policy would be to set a standard we know is protective, yet will not impose tremendous costs," McBee said.

McBee said a study released by EPA two weeks ago cast new doubt on the health effects of the proposed standard in Los Angeles and Houston, the country's two most ozone-polluted cities. The study indicated the existing standard would be more protective of children's health in Houston, he said.

"The only thing which is clear in this debate is that there are still questions about our understanding of ozone, questions that do not justify implementation of a new ozone standard," McBee said.

On fine soot, called "particulate matter," the commission recommended that the EPA aggressively pursue research and not propose a new standard until more is known.

"There is information out there that there are potential health effects from fine particulate matter. But the scientists who advised EPA on the matter could not even agree on a standard — how can I vote for a standard that the scientists can't agree is the right one," said TNRCC Commissioner Ralph Marquez.

The EPA is proposing to regulate the tiny particles of dust down to 2.5 microns in diameter. Current standards apply only to particles of 10 microns or larger. It would take about 28 microns to equal the width of a human hair.

The TNRCC also voted to recommend to EPA that it separate the ozone proposal from the fine particulate matter proposal. The state agency said the EPA is under a court order to take some action on particulate matter, but not on the ozone standard.

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AROUND TOWN

City of Midland Solid Waste and Streets Department, Keep Midland Beautiful, and the Reporter-Telegram have teamed up to offer Midlanders a chance to have large, unwanted items removed from their alleyways free of charge.

To have large items removed, call 689-4139, or 689-2400 category 4653, between March 10-19. Leave a message including name, address and listing of items to be removed.

Items not accepted for removal include construction debris such as bricks, concrete, rock, gravel and plaster; tires, car batteries and liquid waste. If tree limbs and shrubs are to be included, they must be cut in 3-foot lengths or less and bundled.

Items will be removed from alleyways March 24-April 4.

PERMIAN BASIN Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary will meet 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 13 at Midland Country Club for a guest day luncheon and style show, "Spring Ahead in Style," by Ginny's Collection. For reservations call 689-5718 by noon March 11.

PERMIAN BASIN Poetry Society will meet 2 p.m. March 8 in the upstairs meeting room of Midland County Public Library. Karen Pape, published poet and writing lab instructor at Midland College, will lead a workshop. Visitors are welcome. Persons wishing to have original poems critiqued are asked to bring 10 to 12 copies of the poems. For more information call 694-5193.

FREDDA TURNER Durham Children's Museum of the Southwest has several programs and events planned for spring break March 10-14.

Kick-Off Celebration for "Light and Color," the new interactive exhibition, will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 12. Louie the Lightning Bug from TU Electric will attend, and Power 106 Radio will broadcast live.

Other activities include Art Basics classes for ages 3-5 from 10-11 a.m. March 11, 12 and 13; and for ages 5 through 12 from 2:30-5 p.m. on the same days. Weekend classes will be 2-4 p.m. March 15 and 16.

Low Learning Center has computers and software programs in science, strategy, thinking skills, art and music, and books. Imagination Station has try-on costumes; Buckaroo Corral is designed for toddlers.

"Light and Color" is sponsored in part by TU Electric and Capp Electric of Midland. Part of the operating support for the Children's Museum is from the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

The museum, located at 1705 W. Missouri in Midland, is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; and 2-5 p.m. Sundays. For more information call 683-2832 or 570-7770.

HUMAN RESOURCE Professionals of the Permian Basin will meet noon-1 p.m. March 11 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 N. FM 1788. Tommy Jones, fraud investigator with the Texas Workers Compensation Commission, will speak on "Workers Compensation Insurance Fraud Investigation." Cost of the luncheon will be \$10 per person, and reservations must be made by noon March 10. Call 571-2376.

Human Resource Professionals of the Permian Basin is a non-profit organization open to those dealing with human resource management, including business owners. The group uses networking, educational seminars and regular meetings and programs to enhance the professional level of human resource management.

MIDLAND NEED to Read, an adult literacy organization that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for prospective volunteer tutors 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. March 26 at Midland College. For more information or to reserve a training packet, call 685-4972.

MIDLAND SOCIETY of University Women will meet 10 a.m. March 21 in the Montgomery Room of First Christian Church, 1201 W. Louisiana. Margaret Kennedy will present a program on "Native Plants of West Texas." Business meeting will follow.

FAMILY MATTERS

Internet relationship causes problems for couple

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I have just discovered that my wife has a boyfriend on the Internet.

She is a housewife, and every time I would call her during the day, our telephone would be busy. She always had some story, so I started keeping a log of when I called, and called more often at different times during the workday. The telephone was almost always busy no matter when I called.

When I showed her the log and pinned her down, she admitted that she was on the Internet, but that's all she said. She agreed to cut back and I thought she did.

When I was taking the trash out this week, I noticed that there was something that looked like a letter to her in the trashcan by the computer. It was to her and was very sexually explicit. I dug through and found several more; some were romantic and others were just plain dirty.

When I confronted my wife with these, she got very angry and said I had no right going through her garbage. She accused me of trying to control her, and it was just got worse from there. She didn't deny anything this time, she just said it was all just innocent fun and that I just had a dirty mind.

Right now we aren't speaking, but I think she's very wrong and that it's not right for a wife and mother of two children to be writing to people the kinds of things she was.

I tried to get her to tell me what was going on, but she's so mad she won't talk to me. This could go on for days, so



May

I'm frustrated.

I've already talked to several of my friends, and they all think that I should shut her down off the computer. I haven't done that yet because I don't want to make her any madder than she already is at me.

Have you ever heard of this? I don't want to make a big deal out of something that's not. I'm including a copy of three of the letters I found so you can see what I mean. This just isn't like her; she's never even been that interested in sex anyway. Should I cut her off from the computer or what should I do? CAUGHT IN THE INTERNET

DEAR CAUGHT: I don't think the correspondence that you have could be classified as "innocent." There is difference between "fantasy" and "dangerous liaisons."

One obvious issue — even if there is no actual affair — is the creation of a kind of sexual relationship outside of the marriage.

Start with the simplest position first by scheduling a quiet time to discuss this with your wife. While you have the right to be angry, try to focus on what is missing in your marriage that would cause her to enter into such relationships. If it is as simple as the fact that she enjoys the fantasy and you could be supportive, you could consider working together to establish appropriate boundaries for these interactions. For example, she would restrict her conversations to a set amount of time each day and make you copies of all the interactions.

One of the major concerns of such interactions is the possibility of the people deciding to actually meet. Ample evidence in the therapeutic literature tells of the dangers of such liaisons.

A common argument is that it is not an "affair" because there is no physical sexual contact. While this may be true

at one level, clearly a person's sexual — and often emotional — energy is going to someone outside the marriage. This is not healthy for the marriage when done in secrecy.

Another problem can be associated with such relationships, and that is the potential addictive nature of an intense, immediate response. Some people find the exhilaration that goes with the experience to be addictive. They spend endless hours on fantasy computer relationships — time that could be better spent working on actual relationships.

Try to get your wife to discuss this situation and create possible solutions. If this proves unsatisfactory, seek marital counseling together.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TIPS ON "WAYS TO STOP YOUR CHILD FROM DOING SOMETHING UNDESIRABLE" ARE OFFERED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

■ Consequences should be related to the child's behavior as much as possible.

■ Use "time out" when you cannot think of a consequence directly related to the child's behavior.

■ The time-out chair should face away from the wall in a room with limited auditory or visual stimulation — say, the dining room.

■ Use one minute per year of age of the child in the chair.

■ Always ask the child the reason for the consequence before she gets out of the chair. If she does not know, tell her.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

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

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DEAR ABBY

Children taught to call collect will be able to phone home

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Please advise all parents to take time RIGHT NOW to show their children how to place a collect call from a pay phone.

Our 9-year-old son attended his school basketball game and was to have been brought home by his coach. Well, the coach forgot him. So our son thought the best way to handle the situation was to start walking!

We were alarmed when he did not show up at the expected time and went looking for him, but somehow we missed him. Fortunately, he knew his way home and arrived safely, but not until 9:30 p.m. Had he known how to make a collect call, we could have been saved a lot of grief.

From now on, our children will always have money for a phone call, and they now know how to dial collect.

Also, if you have volunteered to be responsible for any child, be sure to uphold your end of the bargain and see that the child gets home safely. — RELIEVED PARENTS, LA HABRA, CALIF.



Van Buren

DEAR RELIEVED PARENTS: Thank you for a valuable letter. When children are involved, it's a good idea to have an alternate "game plan" for every situation. No child should walk alone after dark. In most (but not all) cities, simply dialing "0" for operator from a pay phone will put the child in touch with assistance.

Parents: Find out what's required to dial a collect local call and teach your children today.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter's husband had two children with his first wife, and then had a vasectomy. Now he and my daughter want to have a family of their own. He has tried three times to have the vasectomy reversed, without success. In vitro fertilization costs more than they can afford.

They are considering using sperm from her husband's brother to impregnate my daughter. The brother's wife has agreed. Have you ever heard of this arrangement? Has it worked successfully? — WONDERING FAMILY

DEAR WONDERING FAMILY: I have heard of this arrangement and others similar to it. It is important for all concerned to remember that the commitments required from everyone are lifelong.

If your daughter and son-in-law have not already done so, they would be wise to consult a fertility expert about their alternatives. A counselor who is familiar with infertility and family dynamics could also be helpful, as well as an attorney with expertise in family law.

DEAR ABBY: I work at a public library, and a patron has a question about whether she should receive a thank-you note for a hostess gift she took to a young couple's house. The expensive box of candy was put out by the young couple, but most was saved for later.

The patron said she wrote a note the next day, thanking them for the evening. Should she expect a note of thanks for the candy? — S.H. IN FLORIDA

DEAR S.H.: A hostess gift is usually a token of gratitude for the effort made to entertain the guest. I see no reason why the guest should expect a thank-you note for her thank-you.

DEAR ABBY: I have read with interest the letters in your column about providing condoms to youth in high schools to protect them from pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. I am reminded of something that happened during World War II.

A company of young U.S. infantry soldiers was preparing to invade a Pacific island. Our company was assembled on the upper deck of our ship, and we were told we would have to wade ashore under enemy fire. All of our personal belongings except our battle gear were put in duffel bags for storage.

Our sergeant then gave each man a cellophane-wrapped package. Much to our surprise, each package contained four condoms! You can imagine the comments that were made about what kind of invasion this was to be!

However, our speculations were short-lived because we were told to roll our socks and put one in each condom and tie the end so that water could not get in.

Of course, we immediately understood the importance of this command. Since the infantry travels on its feet, it was mandatory that we put dry socks on at the first opportunity after getting ashore.

No doubt some high-ranking "dog-face" in the Pentagon thought of this detail, and we owe him a debt of gratitude. — JIM ISBELL, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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For many '90s women, one job, paycheck, are not enough

By Irene Sege
N.Y. Times News Service

Weekdays, 24-year-old Sarah Medina buys posters for a graphic arts company. Sundays and every other Saturday are not days of leisure for her. Instead, Medina goes to her other job as a part-time manager at a fitness center. Anyone who thinks that the typical moonlighter is a married man making a little extra money for his wife, his kids and his mortgage should meet Sarah Medina.

The '90s is the decade when working women became as likely as working men to work more than one job. And the worker of the '90s most likely to moonlight looks a lot like Medina: young, unmarried and female.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, one of every 16 workers, male and female, held more than one job last year. But one of every 13 working women between the ages of 20 and 24 were found to be moonlighting, more than any other age group regardless of gender.

The pattern is equally striking in terms of the marital status of today's moonlighters. One of every 14 working single women — never-married, divorced, separated or widowed — holds more than one job. By contrast, working men most likely to moonlight are married, and only one of every 16 of them holds down a second job.

For Medina, the reason she moonlights is simple: "After college you have all these loans to pay off," she says. "It gives me a little security."

But the fact that she and other women like her give up dating, entertaining and leisure activities on some evenings and weekends in order to work second jobs is a broader reflection of fundamental changes in American society ranging from lifestyle to the economy.

If the message of the dual income couple is that the man's income alone is no longer enough to support a middle class lifestyle, then the message of the female moonlighter is that one job alone is not always enough to support a single woman. She's independent enough to have postponed marriage, but life's so expensive she needs the boost of a second job.

"What we are seeing is the economics of trying to support yourself," says Karen Conway, an economist at the University of New Hampshire. "Women used to get married in their early 20s. For the first time you have a significant portion of women this age having to support themselves."

Medina began working at Healthworks Fitness Center in Cambridge, Mass. to help pay for college, and when she graduated from Suffolk University in 1994 and went to work at Grafiq de France in Woburn, Mass., she kept the Healthworks job as a second source of income. She works there 10 to 15 hours a week.

Even though Medina lives with her parents and pays no rent, her expenses mount fast. Between her two jobs, she takes home \$1,400 a month after taxes and the \$100 a week she automatically deposits in her savings account. But she pays \$900 a month on loans and credit card debt, including loans for her car and a trip to Italy and, of course, college. Without her earnings from Healthworks, she'd have less than \$300 left each month.

"It helps a lot," Medina says. "I like to enjoy myself. Take vacations. Working at Healthworks helps me do that. And the future. Who knows what might happen?"

The irony is that women like Medina prepared for the future by going to college, and now she'll be paying for that for another eight years. She cannot afford her own apartment. The future Medina dreams of includes going back to school for training as a phys-

cian's assistant or nutritionist, but the prospect of taking more loans, she says, "makes you not want to go back to school and accumulate another 10 years" of debt. "There are times at the end of the week," she says, "when I don't want to deal with anything except sleeping, especially when I work the two days of the weekend."

There has been little research into the subject of women moonlighters, economists say. Some theorize that women work a second job because they typically earn only 75 cents for every dollar that a man earns. But among younger women, that gender gap narrows substantially. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median weekly wage of working women under 25 is 92 percent of what men earn.

For 25-year-old Meggan Dwyer, moonlighting became a way of life because, she says, "I never stay any place long enough to get a better paying job." She moved to Somerville, Mass. last fall from Rhode Island where she was a sea kayak guide and a waitress, and before that she traveled in New Zealand, Mexico, Thailand and Singapore. She used to live in the Virgin Islands.

Weekdays Dwyer works at Wilderness House in Boston, and she just left a weekend job at a restaurant because a higher-paying waitressing post never became available. She doesn't expect to be without a second job for long. "I'm not making enough money," she says. "I'll have to pick something else up. I'll probably look for bartending."

For 25-year-old Jessica McCuen, human relations coordinator at a law firm, the 12 hours a week she moonlights at an Ann Taylor shop give her access to new clothes at a 40 percent discount. "It's only 12 hours a week," she says, "so it's easy to fit it into my schedule."

Sometimes the never-married or divorced or widowed women most likely to moonlight are supporting children as well as themselves. Before Denise Stephens, mother of two daughters, arrives at her job as a staff assistant for a telecommunications company, she's spent two hours working as a resident assistant in a program for teenage mothers in her apartment building. She leaves clothes and breakfast out for her children, and after they dress and feed themselves they join her.

"I need the money. Just for everyday living," says Stephens, 31. "It's rough. The level of pay on both jobs is not enough, but until I can do better I have to do this."

While women moonlighters are more likely to hold two part-time jobs than men, a strong plurality, 49 percent, have a full-time job and a part-time one.

Zinah Abukhalil-Quinonez of Boston is 26 and single, and she has worked two jobs since college. She earns almost \$25,000 a year as a full-time caseworker for the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston.

"It's just not enough," she says. So three nights a week she waitresses at Casa Romero in the Back Bay to earn another \$150 to \$200. All told, she works 70 to 80 hours a week, six days a week, weekends till midnight or later, and takes home about \$2,000 a month after taxes.

Rent and utilities run \$750. Then she pays \$270 a month for student loans and \$250 a month to reduce a credit card debt that includes the washer and dryer she recently bought for her mother. She's applying to graduate school in social work even though that means taking on substantial new debt.

"A lot of my friends can go to their families if a big bill comes. I can't," she says. "I like nice things. I like going out to dinner and traveling to Florida. I've been to Mexico three times. That's so important to me. I love those things. Why don't I treat myself to those things I love?"

"But sometimes you question why do you do this. I'm just so tired. To tell you the truth, there are times I cry."

Moonlighting in the '90s

A look at how many workers were holding down more than one job, broken down by age and marital status:

AGE	WOMEN	MEN
Total, 16 and older	6.2%	6.1%
16-19	5.9%	4.4%
20-24	7.4%	6.1%
25-34	6.3%	6.6%
35-44	6.5%	6.5%
45-55	6.5%	6.5%
55-64	4.5%	5.0%
65-plus	2.7%	3.9%

MARITAL STATUS	WOMEN	MEN
Single, never-married	7.2%	5.8%
Married, spouse present	5.5%	6.4%
Widowed, separated, divorced	7.1%	5.9%

Profile of moonlighters:

Among workers who hold more than one job, a look at how their jobs are divided

	WOMEN	MEN
Primary job full time and secondary job part time	48.7%	62.2%
Both jobs part time	32.5%	12.7%
Hours vary on one job	16.5%	20.4%
Both jobs full time	1.9%	4.2%

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

- Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.
 - By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.
- Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.
 - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for March 10-14 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch; noon craft class (call center for details); 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. AARP tax assistance, bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. AARP tax assistance, bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Friday: 9 a.m. wellness clinic, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 10 a.m. bingo; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. creative writing class, bridge, dominoes and cards.

Mailout project continues 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. AARP volunteer counselors are available to help low- and medium-income seniors with 1996 tax returns from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays until April 15 at the center.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.
- Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.
- Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.
- Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aids present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. Seniors/therapeutic schedule is:

- Monday: 7:30-10:30 a.m. water walking; 10:30-11:15 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:15-1 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Tuesday: 7:30-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10:30-11:15 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
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RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

- St. Vincent de Paul Store needs office clerks to help the store manager with filing, telephones and client assistance forms. Shifts are four hours weekly, between 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday.
- Meals on Wheels needs drivers or substitute drivers to deliver hot meals to elderly homebound clients. Deliveries take about an hour. Volunteers may work one to four hours a month. Handbook and map provided.
- Southeast Afterschool Program needs helpers to assist children during Arts Assembly's "Kids Art" program, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays. Orientation and support provided.

Fashion 'right in style' in museums

NEW YORK (AP) — Fashion designers are in style just now at the nation's museums. Three are featured in exhibitions:

"Christian Dior" is at the Metropolitan Museum of Art through March 23. The Costume Institute's exhibition surveys the work of one of the 20th-century's fashion greats through the decade of couture-design renaissance ushered in by Dior's 1947 New Look.

"New Art 8: Issey Miyake" is at the Cincinnati Art Museum through April 20. The exhibition looks at Miyake as an artist and sculptor of fabric, presenting his designs as abstract art, often in cubist style, responding to motion. Miyake works in natural fabrics as well as unconventional materials

ranging from rattan to rubber.

"Galanos" is at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art through June 8. This retrospective celebrates Philadelphia-born Galanos' 40-year career, a museum spokesperson says, considering him the only American designer whose techniques and finishing details equal French haute-couture standards. Among gowns on show are three opulent evening dresses made for former First Lady Nancy Reagan.

The museum says Galanos has promised to donate his archives to the museum and they will soon be available to researchers. Included are interviews taped for a documentary which is shown at the exhibition.

By Lana Cunningham

The mellow notes flowed from the cello, gently rising through the air before floating back to the listener's ear. The musician was one with the instrument and the music, making the listener feel the swan slowly unfold its long beautiful neck and spread its wings in this segment from "The Carnival of the Animals."

"Music is very vital to me," said cellist, conductor and teacher Walter Osadchuk. What are black notes on white paper to most people is transformed into colorful, living images under the hands of Osadchuk.

When he was growing up in the Detroit area, music always was a part of his life, recalled the man who exhibits a quiet demeanor. "I played several instruments in grade school and junior high," he said, and that included brass instruments and the violin. But in the sixth grade, a teacher switched Osadchuk to the cello and that's where he stayed.

"I had some fine teachers who guided me. When I entered college, I had in mind that I wanted to teach and to maybe perform." And that's exactly what he has done for more than 40 years. A man with gray hair who confesses only that he's "three times my voting age," continues his hectic schedule that sometimes sees him slipping into his seat minutes before a performance begins.

"I chose this profession because I felt I really wanted to do this," he added.

Today he performs with the Midland-Odessa Symphony, Big Spring Symphony, San Angelo and Lubbock symphonies and on occasion with the Abilene Symphony or Opera.

He also serves as instrumental instructor at Midland College, where he conducts the Community Band and the Jazz Ensemble, and on Sundays he serves as choir director at Grace Presbyterian Church.

"Sometimes, I find me chasing myself," he said with a light chuck. Osadchuk related stories of arriving at performances minutes before the opening notes. "It's always been a hectic ride, having to get from one place to another. I dream sometimes of missing a performance or a rehearsal —



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Walter Osadchuk, a musician who says he is "three times my voting age," has been teaching others the joys of music for more than 40 years.

those are my nightmares. I'm trying to be more judicious in my scheduling," he said.

Teaching and performing — this was his goal and Osadchuk realized it with his first job after college. He performed with the Tulsa Philharmonic and taught at the University of Tulsa. Then came a 21-year stint at Pittsburgh State University in Kansas, where he met and married Grace. After that, he took a position at Southern Mississippi University before moving to Midland about 15 years

ago. His wife had completed her doctorate and had obtained a position with the school district as director of fine arts. "We felt it was best for our kids to be in Midland," said Osadchuk.

Kansas, he reflected, was an exciting period for the musician still wanting to absorb as much as he could. "It opened areas for me I hadn't had a chance to explore. Our department was not a large one, but we did a lot."

And he did a lot during the summers to increase his knowledge

and to share his skill. For a couple of years he started the summer break by teaching at the Taos Chamber Music Festival and then heading up to Maine for a conducting school led by famed Pierre Monteux. "I kept coming back each summer because I thought each one would be his (Monteux's) last. He was quite old, but he kept getting stronger." The conductor finally died at the age of 89, and many well-known conductors today come from that school, according to the cellist.

Osadchuk is following that conductor's lead, becoming stronger with the passing years and staying active while instilling a love of music in young children.

"Music is a wonderful way to give you a natural high. I've felt if more children would get into it and feel the high you get in playing, it would supplant any need for drugs," he said. "It doesn't have to be perfect." Recently Osadchuk performed in several concerts for children in an effort to expose them to various instruments. "This kind of exposure will make kids more eager to try something."

He no longer teaches classes at MC, but still conducts the Community College Band and the Jazz Ensemble, which are preparing for a joint concert March 25 in Wager-Brown Auditorium.

"This gives me time to recruit and look for players who are there and no one knows about them. None of them is a professional musician. It's very satisfying and gratifying to me to work with these people."

"They're all ages, from young up to a great-grandfather, and all degrees of proficiency. I've met so many interesting people (in the band at MC). There's a new minister who came to town and he took up percussion and is having a ball," said the conductor with a smile that glowed.

He encourages anyone who used to play an instrument and is thinking of playing it again to contact him at MC.

"It doesn't matter whether I'm working with a beginner student or a highly professional musician — music is very vital to me."

"As long as my health and mind are sound, I'll keep doing this," Osadchuk said.

"I can't imagine doing anything else."

DR. PAGE

Volunteers brighten days for nursing home residents

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

Talk about having a heart: Midland is replete with volunteers who brighten the day for their fellow citizens confined to nursing home-type status.

These unfortunates, bereft of vital stimuli and prone to just sit around contemplating their next bowel movement or conjuring complaints regarding the next meal, are lifted out of their doldrums by the basic rhythm of nature reflected in music, song and dance.

These core reactions survive despite the atrophy of more sophisticated functions of cerebral gray matter, and thus, when stimulated, can afford pleasure, a sense of reality, and physical and mental activity to "senile" souls and others afflicted with boredom.

For example, witness a recent "gig" presented at the Mabey Nursing Center and adja-

cent Younger Care Center by the Country Line Dancers from Midland's Senior Center.

Under the direction of Fay Hamilton and John Evans, they cavorted, danced to country music brilliantly and were joined by the audience in the spirit of the occasion when some notable chair-bound residents helped pound out the rhythm in a flourishing style. A good time was had by all.

Under the aegis of Kim Parker and Kathleen Leibert, a host of activities is conducted. The Country Line Dancers consist of a dozen women and one man who have performed for over five years and won many gold awards; hence they are known as the "Golden Girls." They are far from being alone in entertaining the "troops."

Maneeta Heckathorne's Kitchenette Band provides literally soul-stirring vibrations, and the Sorehead Band from Stanton sounds loud and clear.

Spanish dancing is performed by Yolanda's Los Adelitos, and Maywood Kelly sings and plays grand old tunes on the piano, as does Carol Pate.

"Paws Across Texas" delights the residents

at monthly intervals, lowering both their anxiety and blood pressure.

Exercise and bingo, tailored to the audience, are great favorites, occurring weekly or even more often.

Holiday seasons are rife with activity. Barbershop quartets, church choirs and groups, students of all grades, young and old, perform joyfully.

All are gratefully appreciated, and in turn the givers gain a feeling of spiritual nobility.

In many brain-damaged individuals, music and song (such as old time Gospel hymns) constitute their sole means of vocal expression, while dance can be the one thing that liberates them from their chairs, at least temporarily. Jonathan's trumpets blew down the wall of Jerico. It now seems that music and rhythm can penetrate the iron curtain of Alzheimer's-like obstruction.

This gives meaning to the old German proverb: "God gave us music that we may pray without words."

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David Bowie on career and a 'very dada thing'

By Neil Strauss
N.Y. Times News Service

Ask almost any rock musicians under 35 where they'd like to be at 50, and they'll point to David Bowie as a role model.

Bowie, who turned 50 last month, may not sell as many records as he used to, but unlike most other English pop stars of his generation, he has managed to retain his reputation as a creative, experimental, thinking artist bent on trying new things, even if it means hurting his career.

His moves remain multifarious and unpredictable. One day he's declaring his loyalty to art over commerce. The next he's putting himself for sale on the financial market, selling some \$55 million in bonds with his back-catalogue royalties as collateral.

Speaking from Hollywood on the way back from the Walk of Fame, which he described as "a silly and rather campy" tourist attraction that his name has just been added to, Bowie talked about his latest projects and the secrets of his longevity.

Q. Every album you put out seems to give rise to some kind of controversy or debate —

A. Yeah, I know. (He laughs.) Q. And on "Earthling," the debate, which is probably a familiar one to you, is whether you're making your own music or just stealing things from young people?

A. It's stealing things from black people, actually. But it's difficult to answer this. It wasn't noted upon when I did the same thing in "I'm Deranged" on the "Outside" album, presumably because nobody had ever heard drum-and-bass. The music came

from the Caribbean into London. Within a year or two a lot of white kids jumped onto it. Is it their right to do that? Does a rhythm belong to anybody? I don't know. When I started playing rhythm-and-blues in the early '60s as a white kid from South London, I don't think that gave me a priority to steal the black music that was coming out of Chicago. It's all just what you choose to paint with.

Q. Do you think that as a musician you have anything in common with an A&R talent scout, that you have your sensors out for what is new and viable and current?

A. I always have. Ever since I was a kid, I was overly enthusiastic. I'm a real fan. I love new music. I've always been delighted when I've heard sounds I've never heard before. And I just want in. It's kind of childlike, but it's how I work. And that's cool. What I'm trying to do is to move along with rock itself. I work in a fairly old-fashioned melodic way, and one of the things I'm trying to do on "Earthling" is to amalgamate a really hard-edged rock sound with a dance vocabulary and fairly melodic hooks. Actually, I don't know where I am at the moment. It's not rock. And it's not dance. I'm not quite sure if it has an audience at all.

Q. What's happening with your trilogy with Brian Eno?

A. Brian has pulled up his roots in London, and he and his wife and children have moved to St. Petersburg in Russia. The exercise we've given ourselves for the second album is that we're not going to meet. We're just going to send the tapes to each other. And it will just be Brian and myself. No other musicians.

For Tim Allen, there's no need for improvement

By Sylvia Rubin
N.Y. Times News Service

For thrills, Tim Allen races souped-up Mustangs at Sears Point Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., and other tracks around the country. But he steers his acting career like a Volvo.

Allen has chosen safe projects so far, creating a comfort zone for himself by working with the same director on television and in the movies, writing autobiographical humor books and never straying from his persona as the amiable rascal.

Articulate, funny and friendly, Allen is Disney's Prince Charming of the moment, one of the company's most bankable stars. The company produces his movies, has published both of his books and owns ABC, the network that airs his hit sitcom "Home Improvement."

Allen's first movie, "The Santa Clause," has become Disney's highest-grossing live-action hit. His second, the computer-animated "Toy Story" (he was the voice of Buzz Lightyear), has generated about \$360 million worldwide. (Last week Disney announced that the studio will produce a direct-to-video sequel to "Toy Story" with Allen and Tom Hanks likely to return as the voices of lead characters Buzz and Woody.)

In his third Disney film, "Jungle 2 Jungle," Allen stays on familiar terrain, playing a harried but nice commodities broker who learns how to be a father. The movie opens Friday.

"It's a little obnoxious, actually," Allen says of the bow-and-courtesy treatment he has been receiving from Disney.

That leaves his Midwest mother to remind him that he's mortal. "I told her what I was making on my second movie. She said, 'That's obscene.'"

"Well, that deflated every-

thing," he says with a laugh.

But nobody, not even his mother, could deflate Allen's ego during that one magical week in 1994 when he flattened the competition in TV, film and publishing. He held the No. 1 spot in all three endeavors simultaneously when "Home Improvement" and his first book, "Don't Stand Too Close to a Naked Man," were the three most popular forms of pop culture in America.

Still, not even the Disney machine has been able to help Allen win an Emmy for "Home Improvement." The show, now in its sixth season and consistently in the Top 10, has been snubbed each year while Ted Danson, Kelsey Grammer and their directors and writers collected the statuette.

Allen believes his time has come and gone for recognition from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Irritation and anger have given way to a dismissive wave of the hand and a lingering wound to his psyche.

"I don't get it. You can't not give my directors Emmys for doing these shows," he says. "What steps do you take creatively to obtain an Emmy? As an old philosophy major, here's the best I can come up with. I'm a competitive guy. If an Emmy is something you want to get, there is no way to get it by hard work. I apparently have done something, the show has done something terribly wrong to offend them."

So he has collected People's Choice Awards instead, five years in a row, and taken home one Golden Globe for the show.

At regular Friday night get-togethers of the "Home Improvement" cast, the pressure over whether to continue or end the show is becoming palpable. "I'm starting to see these long faces," Allen says. "If I don't come back, they don't come back. For me, the gas tank is three-quarters empty and there is no gas station in sight."



Tim Allen

It's very safe to assume that it's early August in the middle of summer vacation. We started at No. 7, and we'll probably end at No. 7. It's very funny."

All salary demands on the show have been "taken care of," he says. "My deal with Disney is that nobody knows near what I make. About four people know. There is an ego involved that I keep in check, and Disney has been very good about keeping the money issue under wraps."

No matter what he makes, he says somewhat defensively, viewers still tune in for free, right? "If it doesn't affect the price of the ticket, why all the hoopla about salaries? Even if the guys on 'Friends' made \$2 million an episode it doesn't affect the price of your beans. It would be ridiculous not to shoot for what you think you deserve, what you are doing for the team."

He earns extra checks from syndicated reruns and a bit more from the Tim Allen Signature Tool Line he helped design, which is sold at Home Depot, among other places. Allen hasn't yet agreed to do lucrative commercials, though he has been asked.

"Coca-Cola wanted me to do some commercials. They see me as blue collar. I love commercials. I started in the advertising business. But, forgive the term — it isn't mine — when you get to be a movie star and you start doing commercials it diminishes that appeal."

By choosing the right vehicles for his light comedy talent, Allen should remain a very rich man for a very long time. "I watch my role models," he says. "Schwarzenegger, Jimmy Stewart, Henry Fonda." An odd threesome, but Allen explains,

"They were all the same guy, always the same guy. I loved Schwarzenegger in 'Twins.' He was a big, dumb lug. And you loved him. It's that same part about him that you love even in the violent films. He's still got a likable quality. It proves to me that you don't want to change your core."

Allen, 43, is married to his college sweetheart, Laura, and they have a 6-year-old daughter, Kady. Last year he wrote a second, less successful book, "I'm Not Really

Here" (a riff on metaphysics), on a laptop in Venezuela while he was filming "Jungle 2 Jungle." He is currently reading "The Game of God," a metaphysics book about identity. He is a research freak who surfs the Net just because it's there.

"My current question of the week is: Are Italians Romans and vice versa? Is that like Mexicans taking credit for the Aztecs? I went to the Web, looked up 'Rome' and boom, I got the names of 700 books."

On screen he is much the same guy, minus the metaphysical stuff. "I'm ... what's the word I'm looking for? A rascal. I'm the kind of guy that makes my grandmother laugh, not wince. I'm the kid that goes to church and cleans his room. I'm just on the edge of being a bad kid, but I'm not going to go over the top."

He stops, then laughs, because it's well-known that he was arrested for selling cocaine while he was a college student and spent more than two years in prison. When he got out he started to do stand-up, which led to a couple of Showtime specials, which led to "Home Improvement."

His new movie is a remake of a French movie, "Little Indian, Big City," a hit in France but a mega-disaster when it was dubbed and released in the United States in 1996. In order to remake the movie, Disney was contractually obligated to release the French version domestically first. "It was an absolutely deplorable dub," Allen says.

Siskel and Ebert agreed that it was one of the worst movies they had ever seen and questioned Allen's judgment. "They did give us credit for at least remaking a really horrible movie and trying to fix it instead of remaking a classic," Allen says.

In order to fix it, Allen's friend, director John Pasquin, who produced and directed "Home Improvement" for a year and a half and also directed Allen in "The Santa Clause," changed several of the principal characters and rewrote the second act. The movie also stars Martin Short, JoBeth Williams, Lolita Davidovich and newcomer 14-year-old Sam Huntington.

STERN: Howard's faithful will adore movie's shenanigans

(From 8B)

"Private Parts": the lesbian dating game, jokes about Vietnam veterans, a little racism, a lot of scatology. He assures us he means no harm, although you wonder if his audience understands that.

But if you already follow Stern, there's little one can add. You know what to expect. For Stern lovers, this movie is "Citizen Kane." For Stern haters, it's a

chance to curse at him again while laughing in spite of themselves.

And those who don't care? Well, they might be the sanest people of all.

"Private Parts," a presentation of Paramount Pictures and Rysher Entertainment, was produced by Ivan Reitman and has three executive producers: Daniel Goldberg, Joe Medjuck and Keith Samples. The running time is 111 minutes and the rating is R, for reasons too obvious

to mention.

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U2: Band preaches meaning of life through chaos of modernity

(From 8B)

the band will be playing this summer, reportedly opening up shows with a string from "Pop." U2 has long been about finding new language, struggling to maintain integrity in the face of superstardom that borders on worship.

On "Pop," U2 finds itself asking us to look for meaning, be it love or faith, amid the chaos and media onslaught of the modern age. "Last Night on Earth," with its urgent "You got to give it away" refrain, is about living each day as if it might be your last. Not as Pink Floyd once put it — "shorter of breath and one day closer to death" — but with a sense of purpose and community.

The lyrical content is often at odds with the dark-tinged musical content, which creates, mostly, agreeable tension. Bono's the voice, but the Edge is the sonic master, his guitar style ever expanding beyond the chiming riffs of yore. There are nods to U2's anthemic rock past here, especially in "Do You Feel Loved" and "Gone." But there's a lot here that is watery, and nearly everything moves at a midtempo drift, with techno beats, Clayton's ominous bass lines, and Edge's scrapings and

scrawlings adding detail.

It gets quieter, but more engaging, near the end with "If You Wear That Velvet Dress," "Please," and "Wake Up Dead Man." It's in the last song that Bono's voice takes on the most urgency, a wake-up call to himself, if he feels dead, and you, if you do. Edge has a brilliant riff that jars you and sucks you further into the vortex.

"Pop" is a moving record, but it is not a thrilling record. While not quite up to "Zooropa" or "The Joshua Tree," it is by no means the misguided stretch of

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ARSENIO: Freeloading brother-in-law offsets Hall's lack of comic talent

(From 8B)

from being a "Mad About You" replica is the presence of Alimi Ballard as Fox's unemployed, live-in brother. He freeloads while Hall fumes.

If nothing else, "Arsenio" seems to underscore my old suspicion about Hall. He has enough panache to belong somewhere in the entertainment world. But despite his feverish efforts, he isn't a gifted comedy actor.

Sinbad is another incomplete "star," I think. Bob Saget, too. I can see practiced performers, but not the accompanying wellspring of comic talent beneath the gloss.

As for CBS' new "Temporarily Yours," you can't watch it without thinking that the star, Debi Mazar ("Civil Wars," "L.A. Law"), is Fran Drescher's kid sister.

She's all earthy pluck and thick New Yorkese ("toastah," "cheapah," "aftah") as a 28-year-old single woman who takes a job at a temporary employment agency run by co-star Joanna Gleason.

Her first temp job: applying makeup to a corpse. What should we have expected, half an hour of typing and shorthand?

Like "Arsenio," "Temporarily Yours" is an attractively produced show that fails to deliver the comedy goods. You can snap gum and watch at the same time, though.

"Feds," the new drama in Wednesday night's three-some, squanders an imposing cast. Produced by Dick Wolf ("Law & Order,"

"New York Undercover"), it stars Blair Brown, Regina Taylor, Adrian Pasdar, John

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Slattery, Grace Phillips and Dylan Baker.

Those actors bring with them a list of credits that includes "The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd" (Brown), "I'll Fly Away" (Taylor), "Profit" (Pasdar) and "Murder One" (Phillips and Baker).

Wolf has cast them variously as federal prosecutors and FBI agents working in the office of the U.S. attorney (Brown) in New York City. It's "Law & Order" at the federal level, and with the elements of investigation and prosecution scrambled rather than separated.

In the pilot episode, Wolf accomplishes surprisingly little with his performing assets. The problem is a script that's pungent in its language and attitude, but weak in imagination.

All of the multiple story lines are hackneyed and manipulated for dramatic effect. The court cases feel impossibly rushed. Two of them end Wednesday night in verdicts contrived to make us feel that justice has been served, when in fact both verdicts are laughable.

The scariest thing is that CBS deems "Feds" a "compatible" lead-in show to bolster the genuinely worthy "EZ Streets," which has been tucked in behind it on Wednesdays.

LETTERMAN: Despite resurgence, host's numbers still down 12 percent

(From 8B)

up? Letterman can still be choppy, but he's improving.

Similarly, Letterman is showing occasional signs of sincerity, always a key missing ingredient in his juvenile wise-guy persona. He'd never reveal himself. Just this Monday, though, after Bill Cosby vacated the guest chair, Letterman lowered his guard and paid short but gracious tribute to Cosby's handling of personal crisis. It felt good.

What's missing in all this Letterman bliss? Numbers, chiefly. If viewers have recognized a "Late Show" creative resurgence, they're not rewarding it with higher ratings.

Letterman's household ratings have fallen 12 percent this season, continuing a downward trend. The slip is even more precipitous in the key 18- to 49-year-old demographic bracket.

The rival "Tonight Show With Jay Leno" is comfortably ahead of Letterman and widening its lead, despite steeper competition with the introduction of ABC's "Politically Incorrect."

The disparity can no longer be dismissed as only a byproduct of overall network strength. Letterman stood to lose when several big-market stations switched affiliations from CBS to Fox, beginning in 1994, and he did. But the "Late Show" losses continued afterward.

CBS' prime-time problems have also been blamed for Letterman's slump, frequently by Letterman himself. Fact is, CBS is doing better than Letterman. CBS' prime-time ratings are virtually unchanged this season, while Letterman has sustained that 12 percent loss.

Meanwhile, NBC's prime-time ratings have declined 10 percent this season, but Leno's ratings have risen 8 percent. Obviously, NBC alone doesn't account for Leno's current success.

I still prefer the flashes of brilliance on Letterman to the granite sketch material on Leno, but there are still wearying elements in Letterman's routine. Letterman gets consistent

laughs when he refers to President Clinton as "Fat Boy" or "Tubby." This is the Clinton of Letterman cosmology — he's fat, and he's a whoremonger.

"President Clinton — maybe you don't know this — President Clinton is in town," Letterman joked last week. "That, of course, explains why today it was nearly impossible to get a cab or a hooker."

And, "Today, of course, is Presidents Day. Here's how dumb I am. I never understood the connection between Presidents Day — and they have all of those mattress and bedding sales — until, of course, President Clinton was elected."

(Letterman isn't alone. Here was Leno on the same night:

"Happy Presidents Day, everybody. I was thinking about this. With Bill Clinton as president, this is really the only time it actually makes sense to celebrate Presidents Day with a mattress sale.")

Leno jabs and moves on, though.

Letterman seems more intent on drawing blood. Fat Boy. Whoremonger. Never mind the vulgarity of it; it's just plain cheap.

Any president is fair game. This one is practically a duck in a shooting gallery. But a comedian of Letterman's national stature ought to couch the laughs in something brainier and more politically astute than "Fat Boy" and "Tubby." Otherwise it's nothing more than playground name-calling, and the prostitute jokes are even lower than that.

There's also a bothersome cultural myopia in Letterman's humor, a knee-jerk distrust of anything alien to his white-bread Indiana upbringing.

I sometimes sense that he's uncomfortable with black guests, Cosby excepted. Asians fit into comic niches; after Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping died, Letterman joked, he was cremated and his ashes were put into a small white takeout carton. Letterman's sessions with Richard Simmons, a frequent

guest and willing accomplice, have turned into little lip-curling rituals of homophobia.

Letterman's most overt targets are people who might have a "Muhammad" or a "Mustafa" somewhere in their names. They're crunched into the unsavory personification of New York cabbies. They wear turbans, you know, and how suspicious is that? Their cabs are filthy and so, presumably, are they.

Letterman: "Did you hear about this? Oh, it was crazy. It was a typical New York cab explosion, though ... the driver nodded off while roasting a goat in the front seat."

Heaven preserve us from the leaden curtain of political correctness, and most of all in the open sanctuary of late-night comedy. But there is an unmistakably ugly side to picking on people who can't easily defend themselves. Even in Letterman's old neighborhood, it might have been called bullying.

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PARTNER: Grisham's plot well driven

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Along the way there's a lot of plot to unravel. "The Partner" may be the most plot-driven of Grisham's books to date; the others depend more on situation and issues (the death penalty; health insurance). All of Grisham's familiar villains are back, the people America loves to hate, the slick, smooth-tongued lawyers and the forked-tongued insurance companies.

The system that protects us is fragile and corruptible, but it's all we have. A strong factual sense of how the system works was a strength of the earlier Grisham books; that element is present again, but the fantasy element continues to grow stronger — evi a stronger than it was in the last Grisham, "The Runaway Jury." That was a fairly recondite fantasy about corrupting a jury. This story depends on a fantasy that is almost universal: If only we could get away from it all, escape completely, begin a totally new life, with a new name, and enough money to do anything we wanted to. "At some point in life," Patrick observes, "everybody thinks about walking away. Life's always better on the beach or in the mountains. Problems can be left behind. It's inbred in us. We're the products of immigrants who left miserable conditions and came here in search of a better life." Even the judge in the case envies Patrick. "A bad day on the bench, and he would think of Patrick on a sun-drenched beach reading a novel, sipping a drink, watching the girls."

Most of the way through "The Partner" Grisham keeps a firmer hand on the proceedings than he sometimes has in the past; sheer narrative momentum hurries him over the pot-holes in his plot. He still doesn't know how to write about women, and at points you wonder if he even knows how to write about men. "Even her sweat was cute," an FBI agent thinks as he watches Patrick's "widow" during her aerobics. Grisham isn't really interested in people at all; he's interested in power.

Grisham once again indulges in some amusing coarse-grained humor. The widow's boy-toy, "a strong handsome loser," learns he's a father when a grinning lawyer tosses him a cigar. New for this writer is an element of tourism. "Home was a powerful magnet. All true Cariocas love their city, and consider it specially created by the Almighty." Grisham stops just short of writing that Rio is a city of exotic charm and class.

On the last page, however, he springs one surprise too many, one for which readers haven't been adequately prepared. Most are going to feel annoyed and cheated. Grisham will laugh all the way to the bank. The first print order for this \$26.95 novel is 2.8 million copies. Do the

math — don't forget to throw in the paperback, film and foreign rights — and we're talking more than \$90 million, precisely Patrick's nest egg. Patrick went to even more trouble than Grisham to get his; for his pains, at one point he suffers torture in Paraguay. He could have chosen an easier line of work.

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"Private Parts" and "Jungle 2 Jungle" open at the Tall City 10.

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Top weekend movies

Weekend of Feb. 28-March 2

All dollar figures in millions

Open to date, weeks in release, number of screens

Weekend gross

1. The Empire Strikes Back \$13.1

2. Donnie Brasco \$11.7

3. Star Wars \$8.9

4. Body Heat \$6.4

5. Absolute Power \$6.7

6. Dances with Wolves \$6.3

7. Vegas Vacation \$4.6

8. Fools Rush In \$3.6

9. Marvin's Room \$3.3

10. Rosewood \$2.9

Top 10 lists

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

Video Rentals

1. "Phenomenon," (Touchstone)
2. "A Time to Kill," (Warner)
3. "The Fan," (Columbia)
4. "Jack," (Hollywood)
5. "Kingpin," (MGM-UA)
6. "Fargo," (Polygram)
7. "The Rock," (Hollywood-Buena Vista)
8. "Last Man Standing," (New Line)
9. "Trainspotting," (Miramax)
10. "Escape From L.A.," (Paramount)

Top Singles

1. "Wannabe," Spice Girls (Virgin)
2. "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," Puff Daddy featuring Mase (Bad Boy)
3. "Un-Break My Heart," Toni Braxton (LaFace) (Platinum)
4. "You Were Meant For Me," Jewel (Atlantic)
5. "In My Bed," Dru Hill (Island) (Gold)
6. "I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly (Warner Sunset-Atlantic) (Platinum)
7. "Every Time I Close My Eyes," Babyface (Epic)
8. "Don't Let Go (Love)," En Vogue (EastWest) (Platinum)
9. "For You I Will," Monica (Rowdy-Warner Sunset)
10. "Don't Cry For Me Argentina," Madonna (Warner)

Top Albums

1. "Howard Stern Private Parts: The Album," (Warner Bros.)
2. "Secret Samadhi," Live (Radioactive)
3. "Unchained Melody/The Early Years," LeAnn Rimes (Curb)
4. "Falling Into You," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
5. "Tragic Kingdom," No Doubt (Trauma) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1. "We Danced Anywhere," Deana Carter (Capitol Nashville)
2. "Me Too," Toby Keith (Mercury Nashville)
3. "Unchained Melody," LeAnn Rimes (Curb)
4. "She Drew a Broken Heart," Patty Loveless (Epic)
5. "She's Taken a Shine," John Berry (Capitol Nashville)
6. "Where Corn Don't Grow," Travis Tritt (Warner Bros.)
7. "How Was I to Know," Reba McEntire (MCA)
8. "Rumor Has It," Clay Walker (Reprise)
9. "Running Out of Reasons to Run," Rick Trevino (Columbia)
10. "Holdin'," Diamond Rio (Arista)

Latin Tracks

1. "Enamorado Por Primera Vez," Enrique Iglesias (Fonovisa)
2. "Juguete," Grupo Limite (PolyGram Latino)
3. "Pienso En Mi," Grupo Mojado (Fonovisa)
4. "Quien Pienso Mas," Bronco (Fonovisa)
5. "Ael Como Te Conoci," Marco Antonio Solis (Fonovisa)
6. "Ya Me Voy Para Siempre," Los Temerarios (Fonovisa)
7. "Que Tu Te Vaya," Luis Miguel (WEA Latina)
8. "Como Te Voy A Olvidar," Los Angeles Azules
9. "Volaveras," Ricky Martin (Sony)
10. "Se Fue Mi Paloma," Los Mismos (EMI Latin)

REVIEWS AND PREVIEW EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Plot thickens in Grisham's latest, 'The Partner'

By Richard Dyer
N.Y. Times News Service

THE PARTNER
By John Grisham
Doubleday, 367pp. \$26.95.

Everyone is interested in Patrick Langan. The public is interested in him because he's the hero of John Grisham's annual best-selling novel, his eighth, "The Partner."

A lot of other people are interested in Patrick because he has walked away with \$90 million that don't belong to him; not only has he walked away, he's disappeared. For a few days people even thought he was dead — after all, his smashed car was found after an accident, the body inside charred beyond recognition. Patrick didn't attend his own funeral,

but he did observe his own interment, watching his not-so-desolate widow from the vantage point of a nearby tree.

There's some question about just who the rightful owner of the money is — a number of parties strongly believe they are entitled to it, if they can only find it. The crooked partners in the law firm where Patrick used to work are of the opinion that part of the money belongs to them. A crooked whistle-blower named Benny Aricia knows the money belongs to him. A couple of crooked insurance companies are involved, along with a crafty thug named Jack Stephano, whose job is to find Patrick and the money. The federal government has also taken an interest

in the matter.

Patrick is a smart guy who knows how to look out for himself. Better than that, he knows he doesn't have to look out for himself. He's got a partner — actually, he has two of them. The first is a longtime friend, Sandy McDermott, who becomes his lawyer. The second is his lover, a beautiful Brazilian named Eva Miranda, who is also a lawyer, although everyone in the book notices her legs first. Sandy shoulders a lot of the burden of a complicated plot: Eva Miranda flies all around the world, transfers millions from bank to bank, changes clothes, and goes shopping when she dares. "A gorgeous lady, with exotic charm and class," Sandy thinks, with Grisham's own characteristic grace of style.

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Stern's debut film not for the faint of heart

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press Writer

Music radio was once a pretty dull world, at least until around 1981 when a shy young stork named Howard Stern got personal on the air and forever changed the medium.

"Private Parts," Stern's big screen debut, is really two movies in one: a vehicle for Stern's outrageous radio act, and a docudrama about music

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radio in the late 1970s and early '80s. As far as the latter story goes, the film is invaluable.

Based on Stern's best-selling autobiography, "Private Parts" follows his transformation from nice Jewish boy to long-haired shock jock.

Directed by Betty Thomas and written by Lenny Blum, this is a professional piece of filmmaking, and Stern, who stars as himself, is a natural.



Radio shock-jock and self-proclaimed King of All Media Howard Stern brings his brash satire to the big screen in "Private Parts."

No, he's not an "actor," such as Robert De Niro, but he's very good in the old Hollywood style, projecting a personality as well-defined as Schwarzenegger's or Stallone's.

"Private Parts" is perhaps the best movie ever made about the radio business, and watching it is like watching "Network" adapted as a radio story — only this time it's all true. As Stern proves, you really can get away with anything as long as your ratings are good.

Forget, at least for a moment, what Stern says, and consider what he did. Like a true innovator, he broke every rule. He joked with the newscasters, talked over the music and eventually didn't even bother with the music. Market research had taken the life out of radio, but Stern outsmarted them all: the researchers, the advertisers, the programmers with their insane formulas such as giving the time and temperature four times an hour.

But, of course, you can't ignore what Stern says. What he accomplished is revolutionary, the shows themselves are something else again. It's all there in

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Hall keeps busy, but not funny in 'Arsenio'

By John Carman
N.Y. Times News Service

I watched Arsenio Hall's new ABC comedy series without a chuckle. Not even a cursory "Woof, woof, woof" for old times' sake.

Didn't like it. It's just TV. Yawn, and what's on next?

The thing is, shows that are "just TV" tend not to last long in today's competitive climate, unless they're on NBC at

8:30 or 9:30 on Thursday nights. Hall's show is mildly companionable, at least. He and Vivica Fox play newlyweds in Atlanta. He's an anchor on a sports cable network, and she's a lawyer.

Because he is the male in the relationship,

and TV routinely punishes sitcom males, Hall seems primed for several weeks of buffoonery until "Arsenio" trails off into vapor.

Wednesday night, Fox fails to make partner at the law firm. When she arrives home in a funk and in need of solace, the clueless Hall is insufficiently supportive.

The main device that keeps "Arsenio"



Arsenio Hall

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U2 still U2, even when using tools of the techno trade

By Jim Sullivan
N.Y. Times News Service

"Discotheque," the advance single from U2's "Pop" album (out Tuesday on Island records), is something of a tantalizing tease, with its oozing hedonism, its dizzy disorientation and clattering electronic rhythms. The video has the four Irishmen dolled up as ersatz Village People. Is U2 — singer Bono, guitarist the Edge, bassist Adam Clayton, drummer Larry Mullen Jr. — continuing with the pseudo-Elvis, faux-glitz approach from their Zoo TV tour, in effect, deciding they're eager to pay the price — willful irony — for their younger passions? Are they issuing a challenge to the denizens of the dance floor, the highly charged 120-beat-per-minute Wizards of Oz who rule the chemically inflected world of techno or electronica?

Well, no. For all the murmurings and mutterings

about U2's immersion in the world of techno — and, yes, U2 is using the tools of that trade here with co-producers Flood and Howie B. — U2 remains identifiable as U2, and this work might also be titled "Conversations With God." As with Prince, it's been a thread that's been woven through much of the group's work since they were teenagers in 1980, and it remains so here.

U2's ideas do come near the realm of traditional Christian rock — Bono bemoans Jesus's dive into show biz (come to think of it, probably the same way old U2 fans might) — and it closes with "Wake Up Dead Man," Bono's rousing plea for Jesus's help because he's alone in this, uh, messed-up world. (It wasn't Jesus who dove into show biz, actually, in "If

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but he did observe his own interment, watching his not-so-desolate widow from the vantage point of a nearby tree.

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Jungle 2 Jungle

Tim Allen, left, stars as commodities trader Michel Cromwell, and Sam Huntington, right, is Mimi-Siki, Michael's 13-year-old son who has been raised in the Amazon rain forest in Walt Disney's latest live-action adventure, "Jungle 2 Jungle." The movie opens today at Midland's Tall City 10. Related Story/6B

A better Letterman? Good for him

By John Carman
N.Y. Times News Service

The latest book on David Letterman is that if things were going any better, he'd have to wear joy buzzers on both hands.

Letterman is just finishing a monthlong celebration of his 15 years in late-night television, and critics blew kisses at his CBS prime-time special three nights ago.

The consensus is that his "Late Show" has finally regained its sharpness under executive producer Rob Burnett and that Letterman is no longer muttering about early retirement.

Smack in the middle of the February sweeps, TV Guide put a grinning Letterman, surrounded by three gaudy showgirls, on its

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cover. The story: "Why It's Still Cool to Love Dave."

Gee, if I didn't know better, I might sense a masterfully orchestrated publicity push to erase Letterman's troublesome image as a remote, paranoid, self-loathing TV star.

It isn't just hype, though. Letterman genuinely seems to have snapped out of a year-and-a-half funk, and to be re-energized for the onerous burden of making America laugh.

Lately, he isn't belaboring listless jokes. His writers have relocated the connective tissue between silly and funny. Letterman is wading into the studio

audience more often, and appears to enjoy it. And slowly, he is becoming a better interviewer.

I first noticed it several months ago, when Lisa Kudrow of "Friends" was a "Late Show" guest. Kudrow promptly revealed a charmingly goofy personality. Letterman didn't press. He sat back, asked questions, didn't grope for his own punch lines and let Kudrow shine.

That cordial emphasis on the guest is part of what enabled Johnny Carson to cruise through three decades of late-night stardom. It can't be easy, though, if you knew that a couple of million people were watching your conversation, expecting to laugh, wouldn't you strain to punch it

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Animated 'Hunchback' upbeat and enjoyable

By Michael Blowen
N.Y. Times News Service

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (animated) — The Disneyfication of Victor Hugo might not please literary purists, but this feature-length cartoon is mighty enjoyable. While the upbeat songs and comical characters all fit the prefabricated Disney mold, that's just what the story needs.

"The Grass Harp" — Charles Matthau, son of Walter, directed the marvelously sophisticated film version of the Truman Capote story. Touching without being maudlin.

"House Arrest" — This inventive comedy is a morality lesson in divorce prevention as a kid locks his squabbling parents in the basement to prevent them from separating.

Some Oscar contenders and their probable release dates: "Fargo" (available now), "Jerry Maguire" (probably late spring), "The English Patient" (post-July), "Shine" (post-July), "Sling Blade" (post-July), "The People vs. Larry Flynt" (post-July), "Evita" (post-July), "Marvin's Room" (post-July).

COMING ATTRACTIONS: March 15: "Space Jam," "Maximum Risk." "The Glimmer Man," March 15: "Harriet the Spy," March 18: "The Long Kiss Goodnight," "The First Wives Club," "Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves." March 25: "The Chamber," "Vertigo," "Flirting With Disaster," "High School High." April 1: "Sleepers," "The Spitfire Grill," "Michael Collins." April 8: "Romeo & Juliet," "Somebody to Love," "Extreme Measures." "Small Faces," "The Proprietor," "Lone Star." April 15: "101 Dalmatians."

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God Will Send His Angels": it was those fundamentalist hawkers using TV Jesus.) In "Mofo," Bono's "looking for a place to save my soul... looking for to fill the GOD-shaped hole." "Mofo," a tense, pulsing song, has Bono looking down from the mountain he once looked up at. "Boy," their first album, is all about the bridge from boyhood to manhood. Here, at manhood, Bono asks, "Mother, am I still your son?" The song also has a nice twist on the Tubes' "White Punks on Dope" with a "white dopes on punk" line.

Make no mistake, though: This is a serious record — more art than rock, more meandering and moody than exhilarating and defiant, more intimate than broad-based. In this it's much like "Zooropa" or the Passengers album they recorded with longtime (but not here) producer Brian Eno. It certainly doesn't sound like stadium rock, and those are the venues

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament quarterfinal, Maryland vs. Clemson, 11 a.m., ESPN. Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament quarterfinal, Duke vs. Georgia Tech/North Carolina State winner, 1 p.m., ESPN. America East Conference Tournament Championship, Drexel at Boston University, 3:30 p.m., ESPN. Big East Conference Tournament semifinal, teams TBA, 6 p.m., ESPN. Big East Conference Tournament semifinal, teams TBA, 8 p.m., ESPN. Western Athletic Conference Tournament semifinal, 11 p.m., ESPN. **GOLF** — PGA Doral Open, second round, 3 p.m., USA. **MOTOR SPORTS** — Swamp Buggy Classic 1 (same-day tape), 7 p.m., TNT. **NHL** — Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

Texas Scores

EXHIBITION BASEBALL — tie, Houston Astros 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 5. Chicago White Sox (ss) 7, Texas Rangers 5. **COLLEGE BASKETBALL** — Men, Big 12 Tournament, First Round. Oklahoma State 80, Baylor 66. Texas Tech 73, Kansas State 57. Missouri 78, Nebraska 72. Oklahoma 67, Texas A&M 58. Western Athletic Conference Tournament, Quarterfinals. TCU 106, Fresno State 81. No. 3 Utah 59, SMU 58. Women, No. 17 Stephen F. Austin 92, Sam Houston State 66. Big 12 Tournament. Colorado 64, No. 12 Texas 50.

Sports Today

PREP TRACK — West Texas Relays, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa. **PREP BASEBALL** — West Texas March Classic, Christensen Stadium.

State tournament

CLASS A SEMIFINALS — Wortham 65, Brock 61. Nazareth 58, Moulton 51. **CLASS 3A SEMIFINALS** — Dallas Madison 91, Kountze 78. Tulla 73, Sinton 56. **CLASS 4A SEMIFINALS** — San Antonio Fox Tech 71, Sweetwater 58. Dallas Lincoln 86, Houston Wheatley 85.

Weatherford wins

CISCO — The Weatherford Junior College women's basketball team defeated Howard College, 90-74, Thursday in the championship game of the Region V Tournament. Weatherford (28-4) advances to the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament, which starts March 18 in Tyler. Howard, the WJCAAC co-champion, ended its season at 28-5.

Rangers tickets

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers have set a record for full season tickets sold in one year. As of Tuesday, the Rangers had sold 14,706 full ticket packages for 1997, surpassing the old mark of 14,661 set in 1994 — the first year The Ballpark in Arlington was opened. The Rangers have sold 1,445,000 tickets for the 1997 season. The team also has set a record by selling 10,065 13-game and 27-game mini plans. With the mini plans, the defending AL Western Division champions have already sold the equivalent of 16,750 full season tickets for 1997.

Seattle twin-Bladed

SEATTLE — Bennie Blades is joining his brother Brian in Seattle, signing with the Seahawks as a free agent after spending nine seasons with the Detroit Lions. Bennie Blades, who will be the Seahawks' starting strong safety, agreed to a three-year, \$3.3 million contract that includes a signing bonus of more than \$1 million. It was an argument between the two brothers in July 1995 that led to a fight in which their cousin, Charles Blades, was shot to death in Florida.

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West Texas Relays bring track's best to Odessa

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

The track and field season is well under way, but for the fans in West Texas, today might as well be opening day as the season shifts to a higher gear at the 53rd Annual West Texas Relays.

More than 1,600 contestants from 60 schools will gather at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium today and Saturday to display their talents in one of the largest meets in the state.

Among the teams from the three boys' and one girls' divisions are the Midland Lee boys and girls teams and the Midland Lady Bulldogs.

So the only question that remains is how will the Tall City teams fare?

The Midland High Lady Bulldogs are taking a group that is not much different from past seasons. Susan Nix

team will again be among the contenders, if not the favorite, for the girls' 400- and 800-meter relay titles. The MHS speedsters (Tami Zachery, Talitha Belcher, Shatagua Butts, Niki Green and Hillary Davis) have already won one title in the sprint relay and taken the victory stand for the 800 relay in Frenship and San Angelo. Nix hopes to make this meet another example of her team's strength.

"That is what we are good at," Nix said. "If we run well and get good handoffs, we will be competitive. We are also looking to get stronger and faster (overall). Points-wise, we will increase our totals as we get closer to district. For now, the times are dropping in workouts."

The team has had good efforts individually, and that starts with Zachery, the champion of the 100 meters in last year's West Texas Relays. The two-time Region 1-

5A qualifier produced a Concho Belle record time of 11.84 in the 100 meters last week. The time was one-hundredth of a second off her best time in 1996. MHS will also look to Belcher in the sprints, while Stephanie Burden, who had two top-5 finishes in San Angelo, will head the distance crew for MHS, running the 1600 and 3200.

For Kelvin Ratliff's Midland Lee boys' team, another record-breaking performance like hurdler John McAfee's in 1996 is probably out the question. The Lee boys coach said that his squad will use the Relays for meet experience. That starts with the 4x400-meter relay team and hurdler John Norman.

"We should look strong in some spots," Ratliff said. "I would like for someone to come to the top. We only have three meets left before district, and we will find

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Red Raiders ride Carr past K-State

■ Texas Tech opens initial
Big 12 Basketball Tournament
with 73-57 victory over Wildcats.

By Craig Horst
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — First games of single-elimination tournaments are all about survival.

Cory Carr scored 22 points and led a second-half surge Thursday to help Texas Tech survive 73-57 against Kansas State in a first-round game of the Big 12 Tournament.

"The best thing about it is we get to stay and play tomorrow," Tech coach James Dickey said. "I didn't really care how pretty it was. I just wanted to survive and get it behind us and get another win."

Carr, just another of the fine point guards in the Big 12 this year, had eight points in a 14-4 run that gave the Red Raiders a 54-40 lead with just over 13 minutes to play.

"We made shots in the second half and got comfortable," said Carr. "The game was played in spurts. They took advantage of our mistakes. In the second half we turned it around and got comfortable with our offense."

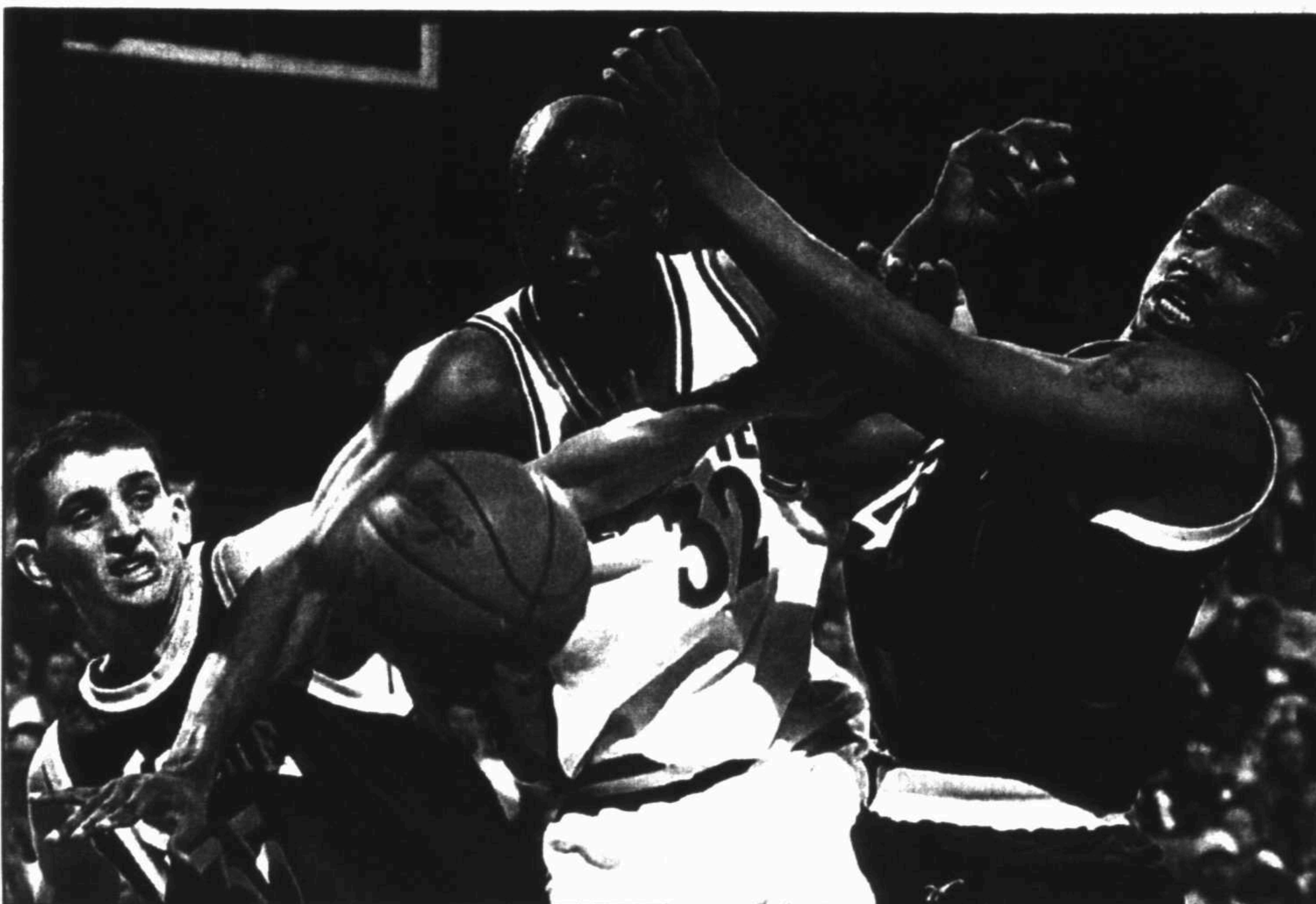
Tony Battie had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Red Raiders (19-8). The win over Kansas State (10-17) sends Tech into the second round Friday against Iowa State. The Cyclones, the fourth seed in the tournament, had a first-round bye.

Carr, who made many of his points in traffic in the lane off short jumpers, hit two straight 3-pointers late in second half for a 67-48 lead with 4:12 remaining. The Wildcats shot just 27 percent in the second half.

Mark Young and Shawn Rhodes each had 13 points for Kansas State.

K-State rallied to within 40-36 with just over 18 minutes left when Young scored off a nice inside pass from Paco May.

But Carr scored three straight baskets for Tech, one of them coming when Stanley Bonewitz found him streaking down-



Kansas State's Shawn Rhodes, left, and Gerald Eaker, right, fight for a loose ball with Texas Tech's Gionet Cooper (32) during the first half of Tech's 73-57 win in the first round of the Big 12 tournament Thursday at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo.

court on a fast break.

"We didn't do it at the offensive end. Anytime you shoot 30 percent at this level, you are going to lose," Kansas State coach Tom Asbury said. "We had opportunities. We made runs. We got within striking distance. We just didn't make the plays."

Gracen Averil converted a three-point

play and Carr hit a pair of free throws to give the Red Raiders the 54-40 lead with 13:09 to play.

Battie stayed out of the foul trouble that sometimes plagues him and dominated the first half with 14 points and seven rebounds. The Red Raiders led by as many as 16 in the first half before Kansas State was able to fight back and

make a game of it.

Young rallied the Wildcats, scoring 13 points in the half while making five of eight from the field.

Manny Dies, who was listed as doubtful for Kansas State for the game because of an injured hamstring, played after all and led the Wildcats with seven rebounds.

WEST TEXAS MARCH CLASSIC

Greenwood goes through agony, ecstasy

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Greenwood Rangers produced a miracle and found the land of hard knocks all in the same day as the Greenwood-hosted West Texas Classic began a three-day run Thursday at Christensen Stadium.

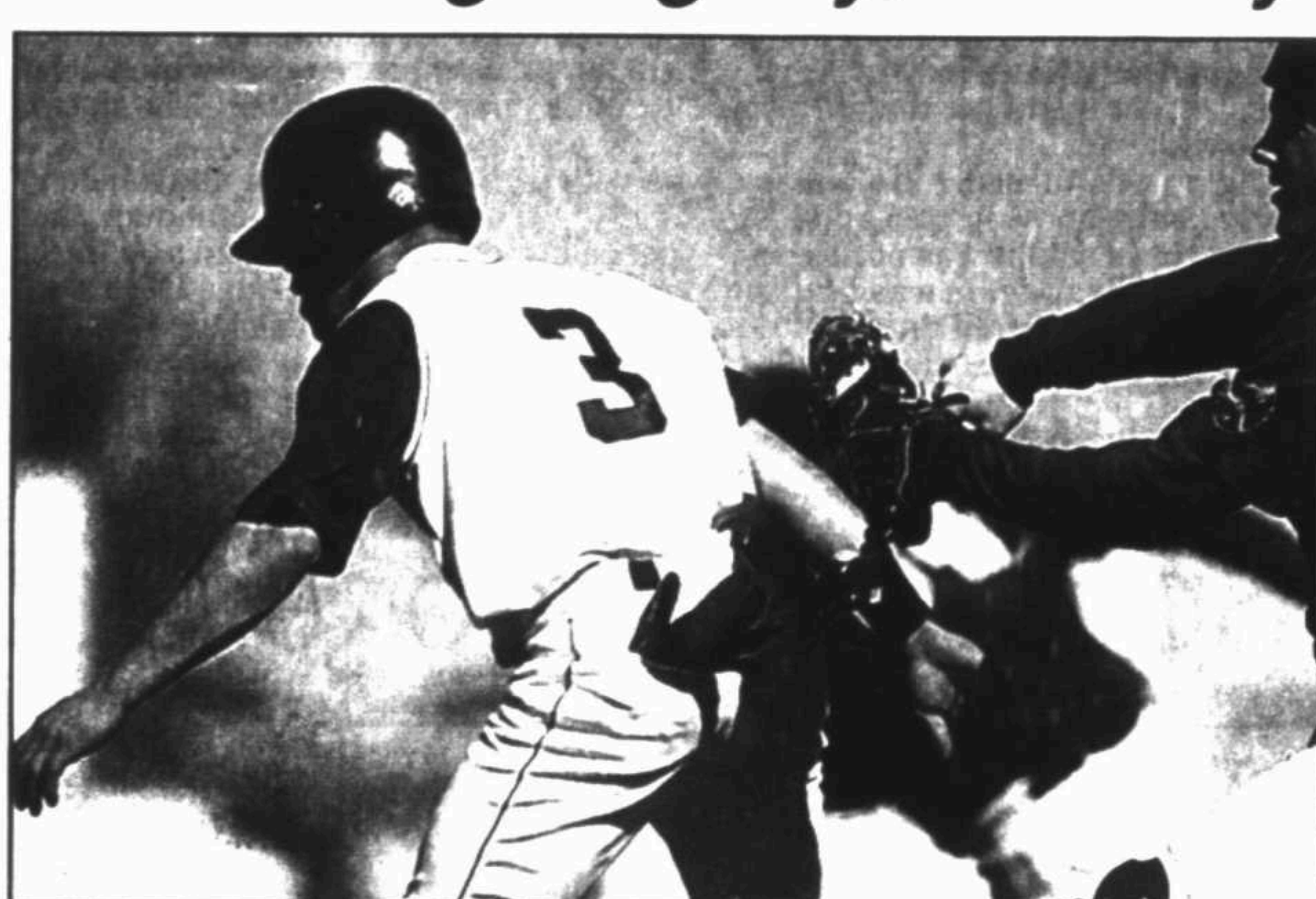
Greenwood erased a 5-1 deficit with two outs in the seventh inning to defeat Clint, 6-5, in a first round game and then watched as Pecos pounded out 18 hits in a 21-3 loss to fall into the losers' bracket.

But the Rangers won't soon forget the game against Clint. With two outs, Frankie Keller hit a bases loaded triple to cut the Clint lead to 5-4, and then Steven McFadden hit a two-run homer to left field to win the game for the Rangers, a monster shot that easily cleared the left field wall.

In addition to the rally starting triple, Keller picked up the win with the comeback, striking out eight Lions.

But sweet success turned into a nightmare against the Eagles, who produced an eight-run inning and a 12-run marathon fourth inning. Greenwood actually led 3-1 in the top of the third. David Curry drove in two runs with a single and Shay Macias walked with the bases loaded.

But Pecos was just getting warmed up as runs came in waves for the Eagles after that point. Eric Abila hit a solo homer to left in the first and Cisco Rodriguez had a three-run, inside-



Kermit's J.J. Chavez (3) gets run down by Alpine catcher Marty Donet during a West Texas March Classic game played Thursday at Christensen Stadium. Kermit won the game, 11-7.

the-park homer to highlight the 12-run fourth. Eric Abila drove in four runs for Pecos while Mark Abila drove home three as did Joseph Strain. Moses Mendoza also had a two-run double.

The win makes things much easier for the Eagles since they don't have to play again until 8 p.m. today against

the Kermit-Wylie winner, which play at 10 a.m.

Greenwood must play at 3 p.m. against the Seminole-Alpine winner, a 10 a.m. game at Greenwood. Clint plays Monahans in another losers' bracket contest at 12:30 p.m. at Christensen Stadium.

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Pavlik battling unpredictable mechanics

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Roger Pavlik's pitching mechanics have a few more moving parts than Texas Rangers manager Johnny Oates prefers. But Oates can live with it.

The Rangers have tried and failed to stabilize Pavlik's across-the-body style that is deceptive when it works and a disaster when it doesn't. Oates has decided Pavlik's herky-jerky motion gets good overall results.

"It became apparent that his delivery was pretty ingrained in him so the key is finding enough mechanical keys to keep him on track," pitching coach Dick Bosman said.

It worked well the first half of 1996 when Pavlik started the season 10-1, earned a spot on the All-Star squad and helped the Rangers to a running start to win their first division title.

Then came the downside, and Pavlik struggled through much of the rest of the season, finishing 15-8 with a 5.19 ERA.

Oates believes working with Pavlik is worth the effort.

"The mark of a great coach is to take what you have and work with it," Oates said. "Not everyone pitches like Tom Seaver or Roger Clemens. You have to adapt to the player, and Roger will be just fine."

Pavlik's 1996 performance was divided between the good and ugly.

He won his first three decisions, followed by three no-decisions, including failing to hold 6-1 and 5-0 leads. He won his next two decisions for a 5-0 record, matching the second-best start ever for a Rangers pitcher.

After a loss to Kansas City on May 15, Pavlik won his next five decisions over seven starts for a 10-1 record. After another loss, he boosted his record to 12-2, the best team record in history after 14 decisions.

That's when Pavlik started experiencing more mechanical breakdowns. He especially had problems surviving the first inning.

"It's on his mind when he goes out there," general manager Doug Melvin said. "Maybe we should just pitch some-

FBI looks into point-shaving at Fresno State

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Rumors of Fresno State basketball players shaving points this season have prompted college and law enforcement authorities to investigate. The Fresno Bee reported Thursday.

But coach Jerry Tarkanian said there was no truth to the rumors and that the investigations were only launched after the newspapers asked.

"There's no basis to the article," Tarkanian said before his Bulldogs met Texas Christian in a Western Athletic Conference quarterfinal game on Thursday. "The newspaper asked the FBI to look into it."

Tarkanian said the rumors have focused on point guard

Dominick Young. However, Tarkanian said he was sure Young and other players have not shaved points.

"He's so upset," Tarkanian said of Young. "I want someone to investigate this because it's the worst thing you can say about someone — that they shaved points."

Young said he never has been asked to keep a winning score under the point spread. Point-shaving by a college athlete is a federal crime.

"I've never even heard anything about it until coach came up to me," Young told the Bee. "That's ridiculous. I don't even understand how a rumor like that gets started."

Fresno State president Jon Welty told the newspaper the uni-

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Fox Tech sours Sweetwater's season

By Chip Brown
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Lenny Brown scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half and ignited a key third-quarter run as San Antonio Fox Tech defeated Sweetwater 71-54 Thursday night in the Class 4A semifinals.

Fox Tech (35-3), which also got 25 points from star 6-foot-6 guard Robert Bell, a Tulsa signee, will play in Saturday's championship game against Dallas Lincoln, an 86-85 winner over Houston Wheatley in the other semifinal.

Sweetwater, led by Robert Ree with 17 points and nine rebounds, finished the season 25-12 after making its second state tournament appearance.

Fox Tech appeared to be in trouble when Bell was forced to sit with four fouls with 3:38 left in the third quarter and Sweetwater leading 33-29.

But the Buffaloes picked up their intensity and went on a 10-2 run, highlighted by six points from Brown that included a steal and acrobatic layup that brought the Fox Tech fans to their feet.

The surge put Fox Tech up 39-35 with 48 seconds left in the third quarter.

Brown, who finished 10-of-21 from the field and had seven rebounds, continued to lead Fox Tech in the fourth quarter with 12 points. After Sweetwater pulled within 41-40 on a jumper by Sherrick Williams with 6:55 left, Brown answered with a 3-pointer and another layup off of a steal in a 10-4 spurt that gave Fox Tech a 51-44 lead with 5:19 to play.

Sweetwater never got closer than six points the rest of the way, thanks largely to swarming defensive pressure applied by Brown and Marlon Gonzales, who added 15 points for Fox Tech.

Brown, Bell and Gonzales scored all of Fox Tech's 32 points in the fourth quarter.

Derrick Franklin had 12 points and Jason Blueford added 11 for Sweetwater, which finished 39 percent from the field. Fox Tech shot 52 percent.

Fox Tech appeared as though it might take command in the first half after a 13-0 run, capped by 3-pointers by Brown and Robert Bell, that gave the Buffaloes a 19-10 lead late in the first quarter.

But Sweetwater went on a 12-5 run, capped by a 3 from Williams, pulling within 24-22 with 4:13 left. Both teams then went cold, each scoring one field goal in the final four minutes as Fox Tech took a 26-24 lead at intermission.

Dallas Lincoln 86, Houston Wheatley 85

Willie Davis scored 29 points as Dallas Lincoln lost an early 13-point lead, rallied late, then held off Houston Wheatley in the final seconds to win 86-85 Thursday night in the Class 4A semifinals.

The two teams set a record for total points scored in a Class 4A

tournament game with 171 points, replacing the record of 164 set when Lincoln beat Boerne 87-77 in 1990.

Lincoln (31-7), the state champions in 1990 and 1993, will play in Saturday's title game against San Antonio Fox Tech (35-3).

Wheatley, winner of five state titles, finished the season 22-10 after making its ninth tournament appearance. The Wildcats were led by Jermaine Lewis and Louis Golden with 18 points each.

Nathan Bluiitt hit two free throws to give Lincoln an 86-82 lead with 29.6 seconds left. But Wheatley's Tyrus Fields answered with a 3-pointer that banked in with 24 seconds left, narrowing Lincoln's lead to 86-85.

Then Bluiitt missed two free throws with 14 seconds left, and Wheatley took two time outs to set up a final shot. Wheatley's Casey Pleasant lost control of the ball, but Lincoln knocked it out of bounds with 2.9 seconds left.

Wheatley's Emile White inbounded the ball to Lewis, who appeared to be fouled by Bluiitt before he fired an unsuccessful 3-pointer as time expired. There was no call, and Lincoln escaped with the victory.

Bluiitt had 16 points, Dean added 14 and Sammy Giles scored 13 for Lincoln.

White had 14 points, Fields added 11 and Don Floyd scored 10 for Wheatley, which erased a 13-point, first-half lead by Lincoln with suffocating defense.

After leading 40-27 midway through the second quarter and 48-37 at halftime, Lincoln came out flat in the second half. Wheatley turned up its intensity, closing to 49-46 on a 3-pointer by Lewis with 5:58 left in the third quarter.

Trailing 57-54, Wheatley went to a full-court press that immediately paid dividends, resulting in four straight steals that led to easy baskets in a 10-0 run, giving the Wildcats a 64-57 lead with 2:04 left in the third quarter.

Davis pulled Lincoln back, scoring eight straight points as the Tigers narrowed the lead to 70-68 with 6:13 left to play.

Dean scored six points in a 7-0 run that gave Lincoln a 75-72 lead with 4:10 left.

The teams traded leads the rest of the way.

Davis, an SMU signee, was 9-of-19 from the field and had 10 rebounds in a dominating performance.

The game was played without incident. When the two teams last met, in a tournament on Nov. 29 in Fort Worth, the game was called in the fourth quarter when a bench-clearing brawl spilled over to the spectators.

Class 3A Semifinals
Tulsa 73, Sinton 56

Tim Marshall had 26 points and 10 rebounds as Tulsa won its 28th straight game Thursday, beating defending champion Sinton 73-56 in

the Class 3A semifinals.

Tulia (35-2), making its first state tournament appearance, will play in Saturday's title game against Dallas Madison (27-7), a 91-78 winner over Kountze in the other semifinal.

Sinton, which defeated Graham in last year's 3A championship, was led by Joe Hernandez with 18 points and five rebounds and finished the year 23-15.

Tulia used a patient half-court offense to slow the pace and frustrated Sinton with a 2-3 zone.

Sinton struggled from the field, hitting just 9-of-34 (26.5 percent) in the first half, including 0-of-5 from 3-point range.

Tulia took control in the first quarter as Nathan Culwell hit a 3-pointer and Charles Sims hit a 3 and a layup in an 8-0 run that gave the Hornets a 16-9 lead after the first quarter.

Tulia, which led by as many as 12 in the first half, took a 35-25 lead at intermission on a 3-pointer by Culwell and gradually expanded its margin in the second half.

Lance McCaslin, Culwell, and Mark Dyer ran a precision offense for Tulia, whipping the ball around the perimeter until one of them was open for a 3-pointer or until Marshall could work himself free for an inside shot.

Marshall, who is 6-5, dominated down low, scoring several points off of offensive rebounds and altering several Sinton shots. He finished 10-of-13 from the field and 6-of-7 from the foul line.

Dallas Madison 91, Kountze 78
Latronio Sheffield scored 33 points and Archie Beason added 25 Thursday as Dallas Madison sizzled from the field and defeated Kountze 91-78.

Dallas Madison (27-7), which finished as runner-up in Class 4A last year before being moved down to 3A due to declining enrollment, will play Tulia for the championship Saturday.

Kountze (31-5), led by Chris Miller with 25 points and 10 rebounds, finished the season 31-5 after making its fourth state tournament appearance.

The game quickly resembled a track meet as both teams went up-tempo and frequently took the first shot available. The pace of the game didn't adversely affect the shooting, however, as Madison shot 51 percent from the field and Kountze hit 46 percent.

Madison had just six turnovers that led to two Kountze points, while Kountze had 11 turnovers that were converted into 19 Madison points.

The teams tied the Class 3A state tournament record for aggregate high score, 169, set when Lamesa beat Gonzales 100-69 in 1990.

Class A Semifinals
Wortham 65, Weatherford Brock 61

Reuben Randle stole an inbound pass and scored while

being fouled with 2.5 seconds left, helping Wortham defeat Weatherford Brock in the Class A semifinals Thursday.

Wortham (26-2), making its first state tournament appearance, will play in Saturday's championship game against Nazareth (32-4), a 58-51 winner over Moulton.

Brock, led by Chris Martin with 18 points and 11 rebounds and Lance Welch with 16 points and 11 rebounds, finished the season 28-9 after making its fourth trip to Austin.

Leading 62-61, Wortham had a chance to put the game out of reach when Terrell Spence was fouled with 8.9 seconds left, but he missed the front end of a one-and-one.

After Wortham mishandled the rebound out of bounds, Brock had a chance for a last shot with just over seven seconds left. But Randle anticipated the inbound pass under Brock's basket and soared up for a layup while being fouled by Martin.

Nazareth 58, Moulton 51
Bryan Braddock scored 21 points, including five 3-pointers, as Nazareth won its 19th straight game with a victory over Moulton Thursday in the Class A semifinals.

Nazareth (32-4), the 1994 runner-up and 1986 state champion, will play in Saturday's title game against Wortham, a 65-61 winner over Weatherford Brock in the other semifinal.

Moulton (36-3), making its fifth state tournament appearance, was led by Kevin Fishbeck with 20 points, seven rebounds and four steals.

Nazareth took the lead for good in the second quarter as Marcus Brockman, Barry Hoelting and Braddock each hit 3s in a 10-0 run that gave the Swifts a 28-20 lead with 2:58 left in the period.

Nazareth increased its lead to 45-35 after three quarters and led 55-41 with 3:01 left to play on two free throws by Braddock.

Moulton got four points each from Robert Tovar and Fishbeck in an 8-0 run that narrowed the lead to 55-49 with 1:11 left. But Moulton was unsuccessful on three straight 3s and Brockman hit two free throws with 24.6 seconds left, giving Nazareth a 58-49 lead.

Anthony Weeaks, who had 15 points and five rebounds for Moulton, hit a layup with 5.5 ticks to go to round out the scoring.

Nazareth shot better from 3-point range — 9-of-22 (40.9 percent) — than from the field — 19-of-47 (40.4 percent), and outrebounded Moulton 35-24.

Moulton shot better from the field (50 percent) than Nazareth, but the Swifts shot 13 more free throws than Moulton, connecting on 11-of-19 from the line. Moulton was 4-of-6 from the foul line.

Hoelting had 15 points, eight rebounds and four steals, while Brockman added nine points for Nazareth.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lee baseball gets by Marcus

An RBI single by Chad Chandler in the bottom of the eighth inning lifted the Midland Lee baseball team to a 5-4 win over Flower Mound Marcus in the first round of the Duncanville Tournament Thursday.

Chandler's single brought home Dusty Crowe from third base to give the Rebs the extra-inning win. Lee will play host-team Duncanville, which beat Euless Trinity 9-0, today at 11 a.m.

Duncanville tied the game in the fifth inning when Miles Koon hit a solo home run off Lee pitcher Mike Hale (2-1 for the season). However, Hale went the distance for the win, striking out 10.

The Rebs had a 4-0 lead after two innings when Ryan Klatt walked with the bases loaded and David Smith knocked in two with a single. For the game, Smith went 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Klatt was 1-for-3 with a RBI and Chandler was 2-for-4 with a RBI. Lee and Marcus had five hits for the game.

Midland Lee 5, Flower Mound Marcus 4, 8 innings
Marcus 000 310 00-4
Lee 130 000 011-5
W-Mike Hale (2-1) L-White 2B-FMM, Tyler Edwards, L. David Smith, HR-FMM, Miles Koon

MHS baseball falls in opener

LUBBOCK — The Midland High baseball team fell to Wolf-ford Frenship 10-4 Thursday in opening round action of the Lubbock ISD Tournament.

MHS (5-5 for the season) tied the game at 4-4 on a two-RBI single by John Butler in the fourth inning. Lee Dunn was 2-for-3 for MHS.

Frenship, however, broke the

game open in the sixth inning with six runs on five hits off Bulldog pitching. Joey Schlaifer pitched a strong five innings, allowing five hits and five strikeouts.

Midland High will play today versus Lubbock Coronado at 3 p.m. and then versus Lubbock High. Both games will be at O'Banion field in Lubbock.

Frenship 10, Midland High 4
MHS 200 000 0-4
Frenship 100 006 1-10
W-Leist, L-Joe Schlaifer (0-3), 2B-Steve Ferris, Maddux, 3B-Hamman, Denson, HR-Leist

Roberts named All-America

Matthew Roberts of Crockett, the grandson of Midlanders Jerry and Edwina Roberts, was recently named by the National Skeet Shooting Association to the 1997 All-America Rookie Skeet Team.

Roberts, who is just 16 years old, was one of 12 shooters from across the nation to land a first team berth.

Roberts, a first-year shooter, shot his first 25 straight in all four gauges and his first 100 straight in 12 gauge at the Texas State Skeet Shoot. He also won a silver medal in the Junior World Shoot. He also teamed with John Williams to win the Texas 4-H State Shoot in San Antonio.

Trinity golf takes fourth

The Trinity golf team finished the Greenwood Tournament at Hogan Park with a score of 363 to place fourth.

The Chargers were paced by Mark Stoltz's 84. John Driscoll added a 91 while Jamil Driscoll finished with a 97 and Jay Leonard had a 91.

Eagles land ex-Raven offensive tackle Everitt

By Maria Panaritis
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Steve Everitt is a 290-pound center with a penchant for painting. More important to the Philadelphia Eagles, he has the ability to anchor an offensive line in dire need of improvement.

Everitt left the Baltimore Ravens to sign a contract with the Eagles on Thursday that sources said was for five years and \$11.5 million, including a \$2 million signing bonus.

Everitt, who holds an art degree from the University of Michigan, said he rejected lower offers by the Ravens and the New York Jets, who also pursued him during two weeks of negotiations.

"It definitely was the best offer, and not just from a money standpoint," he said.

Everitt said he was looking forward to competing on a playoff-cal-

iber team with a straight-talking coach — Ray Rhodes. And Rhodes is looking forward to having Everitt.

After all, the Eagles have not had an offensive lineman in the Pro Bowl since Jerry Sisemore in 1982.

"Steve Everitt, without a doubt, was our top priority as we entered the free agent period," Rhodes said. "He fits the mold of the type of player we're always looking to acquire. He's the best young center in the NFL."

Everitt, 26, has been a Pro Bowl alternate twice in the last three years. He will no longer be playing in the shadows of such top AFC centers as Mark Stepnoski and Dermontti Dawson.

"In the end, it didn't even have to do with what the other teams had to offer," Everitt said. "There's just no downside to coming here."

Rice, Mason team up to spark Hornets past Celts in overtime

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Glen Rice scored a franchise-record 48 points and Anthony Mason had his second straight triple-double as the Charlotte Hornets beat the Boston Celtics 122-121 in overtime Thursday night.

Tony Smith's layup off an assist from Mason with 39.5 seconds left provided the winning points after Boston had taken a 121-120 on Marty Conlon's drive with 51 seconds left in overtime.

Eric Williams scored 25 points to lead six Celtics in double figures, but he lost the ball in the lane with three seconds left on Boston's last possession. Dell Curry then dribbled out the clock.

Mason had 19 points, 14 rebounds and 12 assists. Vlade Divac, who knocked the ball away from Williams on the final play, had 23 points and 18 rebounds and fell one assist short of a triple-double.

Bullets 99, Heat 95
MIAMI — Tracy Murray scored a season-high 22 points and Washington overcame a 15-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Miami and knock the Heat out of first place in the Atlantic Division.

The Heat, division leaders since

Jan. 15, fell one-half game behind the New York Knicks.

Murray scored 16 points in the fourth quarter, including four 3-pointers, as Washington won its third in a row and beat a first- or second-place team for the first time this season in 19 tries.

Isaac Austin and Jamal Mashburn led Miami with 19 points. The Heat, who shot 7-for-25 (28 percent) in the fourth quarter, fell to 3-3 since Alonzo Mourning tore a tendon in his foot.

Hawks 117, 76ers 104
PHILADELPHIA — Christian Laettner, Steve Smith and Dikembe Mutombo all had double digits in points and rebounds and all five Atlanta starters scored in double figures as the Hawks beat Philadelphia.

Laettner had 23 points and 12 rebounds, Smith had 25 points and 10 assists and Mutombo added 12 points and 12 rebounds. Tyrone Corbin and Mookie Blaylock chipped in 15 points apiece.

The win, Atlanta's 40th of the season, was the Hawks' fourth in their last five games.

Derrick Coleman led Philadelphia with 23 points and nine rebounds. Allen Iverson added 20 points.

CLASSIC: Greenwood splits

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tensen Stadium.

Pecos was the only two-game winner Thursday, beating Seminole 8-6 in the first round. Seminole led 4-0 in that game as Thomas Vizcayno had a two-run double, but Richard Gutierrez ignited a three-run fifth for the Eagles with a triple to take over the lead they didn't give up.

The tournament's defending champion, Alpine, was stung by Kermit, 11-7, in another first-round game. Kermit scored three runs in the first and five in the third inning to control that game. Kermit lead-off hitter Arnold Navarro had four hits to pace the Yellow Jacket attack.

Pecos, however, wasn't the only team in the tournament to score 21 runs in a single game. Abilene Wylie pounded Monahans, 21-8, in a first-round game with a tournament high of 19 hits. Wylie's Patrick Barnes hit a homer in the second inning and Marc Deffenbaugh had a three-run triple in Wylie's six-run fourth inning.

Wylie and Kermit face off at 10 a.m. today for the right to move up against Pecos in the winners' bracket.

The tournament runs through Saturday at Christensen with the championship game set for 5:30 p.m. An "if" game will be played at 8 p.m. if the team from the losers' bracket wins at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Cigar not successful in stud career

VERSAILLES, Ky. (AP) — Cigar, the two-time Horse of the Year, is not yet ready to win any titles as Father of the Year.

Having been sent out to stud after a glorious racing career, Cigar might be sterile. The first mares bred to him failed to become pregnant.

Ashford Stud farm said Wednesday that nine mares bred to Cigar were not in foal. However, Ashford was not ready to say the horse is sterile.

"Some horses that come off the racetrack are slow to start," said farm manager Barry Simon. "Rather than for rumors to start, we decided to go ahead and make the announcement."

Fertility specialists saw Cigar on Wednesday and will send their report to insurance companies. The horse's stud fee is \$75,000.

Simon said ultrasound tests will be performed in the next 10-20 days on other mares

Cigar mated with to see if they are in foal.

"We have that lag time for more tests," said Simon, who declined to say how many mares have been bred to Cigar.

If tests show the horse is sterile, Cigar could return to racing.

"I guess we'll see what happens," Allen Paulson, who owned Cigar during his racing career, told the Daily News in New York. "I wouldn't want to comment on that. I'd have to think about it."

Cigar, who turned 7 in January, was voted racing's top horse in 1995 and last year.

The news said it was not clear if a decision on racing Cigar again was Paulson's to make. After Paulson retired the Cigar, the horse was sold to Ashford Stud in a sale valued at \$25 million.

"All I can say is that it's a shock," Paulson said. "We were counting on his babies awful

badly."

Cigar ended his career at age 6 as the richest horse ever, just shy of \$10 million. He was retired to stud after he finished third in the Breeders' Cup Classic on Oct. 26 at Woodbine in Toronto.

It was his second consecutive loss and third in four races since the end of his record 16-race winning streak, which equaled the modern record of Citation. The streak included a 10-for-10 record in 1995.

Cigar won an allowance race on the dirt on Oct. 28, 1994 at Aqueduct, then didn't lose again until he was second to Dare And Go in the Pacific Classic on Aug. 10, 1996 at Del Mar.

The streak included a victory on Feb. 11, 1995, in which Holy Bull broke down. A year later, Cigar traveled to the Persian Gulf and held off Soul of the Matter to win the Dubai World Cup on March 27.

WT RELAYS: Sports' best go to Odessa

(From 1C)

out who we have."

The Rebs' relay runners (Norman, Antwan Alexander, Fred Pertile and Cory Pertile) were victorious in Frenship and hope to bring down their only time of 3 minutes, 27.17 seconds to around 3:20. Norman, who won the 110-meter hurdles in Frenship, also appears to be the next in the line of standout Lee hurdlers. He is not expected to run the 300 hurdles at this point in the season.

Lee has other potential point producers — Matt Cobb in the high jump, Alexander in the long jump and 100 meters and Robert Douglas in the 800. However, with tracksters still coming from other sports with not enough meet experience, winning the title might be a little presumptuous.

"They have to get the race experience. We don't have any except for the seniors. The kids are just green," said Ratliff, whose team placed fourth in 1996. "I have the talent, but we just need to compete. The West Texas Relays is strong and I don't know if we can run with the big boys."

The Midland Lee Lady Rebels won the team title in Frenship and like the boys, they are hoping to improve on individual times and looking to find the right people for the right events come district.

"We are still working to find the

West Texas Relays Schedule

Preliminaries and Finals
(all Divisions unless specified)

At Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

2:30 p.m. — Girls High Jump, 5A High Jump, Girls Discus, 3A Pole Vault, 3A Shot Put, 5A Shot Put, 4A Long Jump, 4A Discus, 3A Triple Jump.

4:20 — 5A Long Jump, Girls Long Jump

4:25 p.m. — 3A Discus.

4:30 p.m. — 3A High Jump, 4A Shot Put

4:45 p.m. — 4A Pole Vault, 400 meters

Preliminaries

2:30 p.m. — 400-meter relay

3 p.m. — Girls 400 meters

3:35 p.m. — 100 meters, 110-meter hurdles

4:45 p.m. — 400 meters

5:50 — 800 Relay

6:05 p.m. — 300 hurdles

7:00 p.m. — 200 meters

7:55 p.m. — 1600 Relay

At Odessa High

2:30 p.m. — 3200 run

4 p.m. — 800 meter run

5:30 p.m. — 1600 meters

Saturday's Finals

10:30 a.m. — 4A Triple Jump

11 a.m. — 5A Triple Jump, 5A Pole Vault

Oklahoma St. knocks Baylor out of tourney

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chianti Roberts and Adrian Peterson had 17 points each as Oklahoma State consistently got the ball inside for easy baskets to beat Baylor 80-66 Thursday in a first-round game of the Big 12 tournament.

Alonso Mayes, a tight end who joined the Cowboys' basketball team just two weeks ago because of injuries and the departure of Jason Skaer, scored two key baskets around a critical rebound as the Cowboys (16-13) held off Baylor's attempt to stay in the game with 3-point shooting.

Mayes, who weighs 280, had a career-high 10 points for Oklahoma State, which advanced to a second-round game against No. 1 and top-seeded Kansas on Friday. Kansas had a first-round bye.

Baylor (18-12) failed to get the ball inside to center Brian Skinner in the first half, and fell behind 35-26 at the half despite making five of 13 3-pointers.

Skinner finished with 21 points, but had only six in the first half. Patrick Hunter scored 15 points.

The Bears drew within 51-42 on a 3-point by Hunter, but Mayes muscled inside and put back a missed Cowboys shot. He then rebounded a missed Baylor shot and ran down the floor in time to take a pass for a layup and a 55-42 Oklahoma State lead with 10:23 to play.

Baylor committed nine turnovers in the first half and consistently gave up easy inside passes to Oklahoma State, which led 29-16 with 4:32 left in the first half after a basket by Peterson. The Bears made 16 turnovers in the game.

Baylor scored only one basket in the first eight minutes of the first half, but stayed in the game by suddenly finding the range from 3-point range.

The Bears shot only 36 percent in the first half, but were within 29-19 on a 3-point by Hunter near the end of the half.

Oklahoma 67, Texas A&M 58 KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Nate Erdmann and Corey Brewer scored 20 points apiece and led Oklahoma to a victory over Texas

Big 12 Men

A&M in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

The Sooners (18-9), who have won four of their last five, led all the way as Texas A&M (9-18) ended its season losing 9 of the last 10. The Aggies had as many turnovers as field goals (23).

In the second round Friday, Oklahoma will play No. 18 Colorado, a team the Sooners destroyed 91-66 on Feb. 12 in their only previous meeting.

The Sooners went on a 12-0 run in the first half against Texas A&M and appeared to be pulling away to an easy win over the team they had already beaten twice in the regular season.

But Jerald Brown, the Big 12 freshman of the year, completed a three-point play to break the drought and the Aggies cut the lead at halftime to 29-23.

Brown hit a bucket at the outset of the second half, cutting the lead to 29-25, but the Aggies did not score again until Larry Thompson got a bucket with 12:41 left.

By then, Oklahoma again had the lead in double-digits and was never threatened again.

Shanne Jones had 13 points for Texas A&M while Brown and Calvin Davis each had 12.

Missouri 78, Nebraska 72 KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jason Sutherland broke Missouri's all-time 3-point record and scored six points in a key stretch as the Tigers broke a four-game losing streak and beat Nebraska 78-72 Thursday in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

Leading by 15 with 7:38 left, Missouri (14-16) withstood a Nebraska bid in the closing minutes by hitting free throws — something the Tigers did in the regular season better than any other team in the conference.

Missouri — just 2-6 since handing No. 1 Kansas its only loss — held a 60-45 lead when the Huskers went on a 10-2 run that Tyrone Lue capped with a leaping tip-in that made it 57-62 with 3:49 left.

That was the closest the Huskers (16-14) had been since it was 16-12.

WAC Men

the point-shaving allegations before the game. "I'm sure it will affect them."

No. 3 Utah 59, SMU 58 LAS VEGAS — Keith Van Horn tipped in an inbound lob pass at the buzzer, rallying No. 3 Utah to a wild victory over Southern Methodist in the quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

Only three-tenths of a second were left when Utah set up for the final play. Andre Miller tossed the ball in the air from underneath the basket and Van Horn, the Utes' star player, used one hand to send it through the net from about three feet.

The 6-foot-10 Van Horn, a leading candidate for All-America honors, jumped and ran down the court in celebration and his teammates mobbed him while SMU players stood in stunned disbelief.

Utah (24-3) trailed by 15 points in the second half, but held the Mustangs (16-12) scoreless for the last 8:20 of the game.

Tulsa 68, UNLV 65 LAS VEGAS — UNLV had Tulsa on the ropes and a possible NCAA bid in sight. Then Michael Ruffin quieted the crowd and helped send the Hurricane into the semifinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

Ruffin scored eight points in a row to tie the game at 61-61 with 3:02 left Thursday afternoon, then Tulsa made crucial foul shots down the stretch to beat UNLV 68-65 in a WAC quarterfinal game.

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Baylor center Brian Skinner, left, and Oklahoma State guard Marion Dorsey fight for a rebound in the second half of OSU's 80-66 victory Thursday in the Big 12 Tournament at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo.

Colorado blasts No. 12 Lady Longhorns, 64-50

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Raegon Scott scored 12 of her 16 points in the second half Thursday night to lead Colorado to a 64-50 win over No. 12 Texas in the semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament.

The Buffaloes (20-8) will play Kansas State on Saturday in the championship game.

Colorado led 33-25 at halftime, but Angela Jackson scored back-to-back baskets in a 6-1 run midway through the second half that allowed Texas (21-8) to close to 43-48 with 8:11 remaining. Scott responded with a pair of acrobatic moves on back-to-back baskets and Colorado closed the game with a 16-7 run.

Texas had a 7-4 lead early in the game, but Scott converted a three-point play to tie the game 7-7 with 16:57 left in the first half. Alexis Felts hit a 3-point 33 seconds later to give Colorado a lead it would never relinquish.

Colorado will play in its conference championship for the fourth consecutive season.

In 1994, the Buffaloes were upset 79-71 in overtime by seventh-seeded Missouri, but they haven't lost conference tournament game since, winning the Big Eight crown in 1995 and '96.

Erin Scholz added 14 points for Colorado.

Jackson paced Texas with 14 points and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds. Amie Smith scored 12 points for the Lady Longhorns.

Ladyjacks roll over SHS

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — No. 17 Stephen F. Austin, led by Katrina Price's 21 points, ran past Sam Houston State, 92-66, in the semifinals of the Southland Conference women's tournament Thursday night.

The Ladyjacks (27-3) will go for their 10th straight Southland title when they meet Southwest Texas in Saturday's championship game. The winner receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Southwest Texas defeated the

Big 12 Women

Kansas State 73, No. 9 Kansas 58

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Andria Jones scored 28 points to lead Kansas State to a upset victory over No. 9 Kansas in the semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament.

The Wildcats (19-10) will play Colorado in the final on Saturday. The last time Kansas State was in a tournament championship was the Big Eight championship in 1990, which they lost.

Jones' 3-pointer with 10:07 remaining sparked a 25-8 run in which the Wildcats dominated every aspect of the game, scoring inside, outside and hitting 13 of 16 free throws.

Kansas (25-4) held a 28-18 lead with 8:36 to go in the first half. But Kansas State fought back to retake the lead on a bank-shot by Jones with 35 seconds left in the half, going into the break leading 33-32.

The Jayhawks retook the lead in early in the second, and went up 43-37 when Angie Halbleib hit a 3-pointer with 16:35 to go. But Kansas State fought back, with Jones' 3-pointer tying the game and Britt Jacobson hitting another 3-pointer to give the Wildcats a lead they would never lose.

Jacobson finished with 18 points. Missy Decker had 11 and Angie Finkes added 10.

Halbleib led the Jayhawks with 19 points.

University of Texas-Arlington, 58-56, in Thursday's other semifinal game.

SFA has dominated the tournament since joining the Southland Conference for the 1987-88 season. The Ladyjacks have won every conference tournament since then and are riding a 21-game SLC winning streak.

Norman returns with 66 at Doral

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

MIAMI — Greg Norman is back, maybe all the way back.

Swinging like his old self and showing the flair that made him the most compelling golfer of the past 15 years, Norman returned to the PGA Tour with a 6-under-par 66 on Thursday, one stroke behind leader Skip Kendall after the first round of the Doral-Ryder Open.

"I've got more freedom," Norman said about the effects of the swing changes suggested by golf guru David Leadbetter. "I have a familiar swing again."

Norman hasn't won on the PGA Tour since this tournament last year and if he was feeling any lingering ill effects from his collapse in the final round of last year's Masters, he hid them beautifully on a relatively windless day perfect for scoring.

In fact, the whispered message in Norman's gaudy return to the tour seemed to be that the glamour guy of golf for more than a decade was not quite ready to surrender that title to Tiger Woods, who skipped this event.

"I think I'm longer now," Norman said, comparing his game to

last year. "I'm getting back to where I was in the mid '80s," he said with the enthusiasm of a rookie, not a 20-year veteran.

"I had lost my yardage over the last couple of years," Norman said. "That drive I hit down 18, I hit that well over 300 yards. Those types of things are making me feel good again."

Norman, who hasn't played a PGA Tour event since the Tour Championship in October, needed just a 9-iron for his second shot into the 435-yard 18th hole.

"I drilled. I drove it way down the middle. I just took it over the bunker" on the inside corner of the dogleg left, "over everything," he said.

The Blue Monster course at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa was toughened up since last year's tournament as Raymond Floyd did a re-design that included adding more bunkers and subtracting some of the thick Bermuda green-side rough, bringing the ever-present water more into play.

Predictions were for a much higher winning score than Norman's 19-under-par total last year, but the lack of wind enabled players to go for the flag in the first round.

Georgia ends Brown's career in 1-point loss

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Dale Brown began his career as an underdog. It was a role he relished. It was also the role he was in once again as undermanned LSU opened the SEC tournament against No. 24 Georgia.

Brown, retiring after 25 years with the Tigers, was on the sidelines for his 749th game Thursday night. As many predicted, it was his last — a 75-54 loss to the Bulldogs that gave him a career record of 447-301.

It was a lackluster game, not just because of the lopsided score, but because of the spiritless attitude of the normally fiery Brown.

Even when LSU, which had trailed by 10 or more points much of the game, brought what was left of the crowd to its feet by cutting Georgia's lead to 45-42 with 9:33 remaining, Brown remained quietly on one knee on the sidelines.

The modest crowd, which included a smattering of LSU fans, gave Brown a brief round of applause before the game — nothing like the ovations he received at SEC appearances during the season.

"Some people liked him while he was winning, some of us loved him no matter what," said Ted Batturs, 58, who traveled from Fleetwood, Pa., to see Brown's last game. "I think the game is losing something great with him leaving."

He went out as the winningest coach in LSU history — 18 winning seasons and 15 straight postseason appearances, including 13 in the NCAA and two Final Four trips. Brown also had the second most victories in SEC history behind Kentucky's Adolph Rupp.

No. 2 Minnesota 81, Michigan 51

MINNEAPOLIS — Sam Jacobson spent the night before the Illinois game two weeks ago in a cold sweat with a 102-degree temperature, symptoms from a flu-like virus that had weakened him ever since. Until Thursday night, that is.

Feeling healthy for the first time since catching the bug, Jacobson scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half as No. 2 Minnesota rallied to beat Michigan State.

No. 10 Cincinnati 71, Saint Louis 43

ST. LOUIS — Danny Fortson scored 15 points on an off-night as No. 10 Cincinnati beat Saint Louis for the third time this season.

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embarrassing the host school in the Conference USA tournament with a quarterfinal victory.

Cincinnati (25-6), the top seed, beat Saint Louis by 12 and 13 points during the conference season. In the third meeting, it was 38-20 at halftime and the Bearcats poured it on in the second half, holding Saint Louis to 26 percent shooting.

Cincinnati will play the winner of the Memphis-Marquette game later Thursday in the semifinals.

Temple 69, No. 11 Xavier 62 OT PHILADELPHIA — Lamont Barnes had Temple's last six points and one key block in overtime as the Owls fought off a late surge by No. 11 Xavier to win in the Atlantic 10 tournament quarterfinals.

With the game tied at 62, Barnes drove the baseline and scored. At the other end, he blocked a shot by Darnell Williams. He missed two free throws, but got the rebound and tossed up a shot as he was pulled to the court.

No. 19 St. Joseph's 75, St. Bonaventure 59 PHILADELPHIA — Its leading scorer went scoreless for most of the game and its top defensive player spent the second half on the bench. Yet No. 19 St. Joseph's still routed St. Bonaventure behind 20 points from Arthur "Yah" Davis.

No. 21 Villanova 80, Syracuse 70

NEW YORK — Villanova's big three were all recognized with postseason honors by the Big East. The forgotten starter came up big in the Wildcats' conference tournament opener.

Chuck Kornegay, wearing a face mask after breaking his nose in the first half, had season highs of 14 points and 12 rebounds, including two big offensive boards late, as the top-seeded and 21st-ranked Wildcats beat Syracuse in the quarterfinals at Madison Square Garden.

N.C. Charlotte 64, No. 20 Louisville 60

ST. LOUIS — DeMarco Johnson and Sean Colson hit two free throws apiece in the final 16 seconds as North Carolina-Charlotte, down 14 points early in the second half, rallied to beat No. 20 Louisville in the quarterfinals of the Conference USA tournament.

TCU drubs Fresno State after investigation report

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Jerry Tarkanian has seen a lot and been through a lot more in his 26 years of major college coaching.

Never has he seen a team disintegrate in front of him as Fresno State did Thursday in a cloud of point-shaving allegations.

With rumors of point-shaving surrounding his team, Tarkanian could only sit back and watch with a sorrowful look on his face as the Bulldogs were beaten 106-81 by Texas Christian in the quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

"I thought this was the worst effort that any of my teams has ever made," Tarkanian said. "We didn't do anything well. We were listless offensively and we didn't guard anyone."

A day that started with the Fresno Bee reporting that rumors of point-shaving were being investigated by authorities got worse as Mike Jones and the rest of the TCU team scored at will against Fresno State's lethargic defense.

When it was over, Jones had a tournament record 44 points and Fresno State had eliminated itself from any NCAA consideration.

"I thought we caught Fresno State at a good time," TCU coach Billy Tubbs said.

For the record, Fresno State was a 2 1/2-point favorite against TCU, which won its second straight tournament game. Soon after Jones launched his first 3-pointer, though, it wasn't a question of covering a spread but on how bad the Bulldogs would get beat.

"This can't be good for them," a visibly worried Tarkanian said of

FRESNO: Team being investigated

(From 1C)

versity is investigating the rumors and is in contact with the WAC and NCAA.

"We're attempting to track down the rumor or rumors, consulting with the WAC and NCAA during the process," Welty said. "If we substantiate anything, we will act swiftly and forthrightly. I'm absolutely not going to tolerate that sort of behavior."

Besides the university's investigation, Fresno County sheriff Steve Magarian said his detectives became aware of the allegations while working on another case and turned their information over to the FBI.

The Bee published an analysis that shows the Bulldogs (20-10 in the regular season) beat the spread just seven times in 30 games.

Three of those seven were the final victories Fresno State needed to win the Pacific Division

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State lost two key players just before Wyoming made its run. Kendrick Brooks fouled out and Chris Herren left the game because of a sprained ankle.

The Bee reported that speculation about Young increased after he was seen with a Fresno businessman the newspaper identified as a "sizeable sports bettor with ties to organized bookmaking."

The newspaper also said the businessman threatened the life of a Bee reporter researching the article. The reporter was not named, but the article was written by general news reporters Tom Kertscher and Stevan Rosenlind and sports writer Andy Boogaard.

The Bee said Young was a guest of the businessman at a nightclub following the Wyoming game and that after another game, Young went out partying in a limousine rented from a company owned by the businessman's cousin. A girlfriend said she rented the limo to take Young out.

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Prices rise

Crude oil rose amid optimism that demand from U.S. refiners is set to increase as they wrap up seasonal maintenance work and boost operations in preparation for the summer driving season.

With U.S. gasoline inventories almost 5 percent below last year and another summer of record or near-record consumption expected, perceptions are mounting that crude refining is set to increase.

April crude oil rose 45 cents to \$20.94 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Dollar weaker

NEW YORK — The dollar hit a three-year high against the mark for the third straight day Thursday after Germany reported record unemployment, but the U.S. currency later retreated to end mostly lower.

In European dealings, the dollar reached an intraday high of 1.7208 marks before falling back to settle in New York at 1.7155 marks, up from 1.7121 Wednesday.

The dollar settled at 121.13 yen in New York, down from 121.21. The pound cost \$1.6155, up from \$1.6137.

Other late dollar rates in New York compared with late Wednesday: 1.4811 Swiss francs, down from 1.4821; 5.7825 French francs, up from 5.7750; 1,699.50 Italian lire, down from 1,704.75; 1.3644 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3685.

Anthony's bought

OKLAHOMA CITY — C.R. Anthony Co. has agreed to become part of Houston-based Stage Stores Inc., in a deal that will end Anthony's 75-year corporate presence in Oklahoma.

The two companies announced the \$93 million deal Wednesday.

Anthony has nearly 200 corporate employees and about 75 workers at an Oklahoma City distribution center. They may be transferred or offered jobs in stores or elsewhere, said Michael E. McCreery, Anthony's vice chairman and chief administrative officer.

No timetable has been set for discontinuing local corporate and distribution operations, and no decisions have been made about layoffs, McCreery said.

The companies expect to close the deal sometime in June or July, if regulators and both companies' stockholders approve, McCreery said.

Over time, most Anthony's stores will be rebranded under Stage Stores' Stage or Bealls trade names.

Stocks slip

NEW YORK — Stocks turned mostly lower Thursday as interest rates shot up in the bond market on worries about Friday's report on February employment and more signs the economy may be too robust to keep inflation in check.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.15 to 6,944.70. The blue-chip barometer surrendered an early 42-point advance.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 522.48 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 3.40 to 798.59, and the NYSE's composite index fell 0.43 to 420.24.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 13.66 to 1,315.43, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 0.57 to 600.31.

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Economic expansion marks six years

■ As expansion enters its seventh year, reports indicate it may be growing more sprightly.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economic expansion celebrates its sixth birthday this month but is showing no signs of old age.

In fact, reports Thursday suggested it may be growing more sprightly, heightening concerns the Federal Reserve may boost interest rates soon to avoid overheating and igniting inflation.

U.S. factories reported a 2.5 percent increase in orders in January, more than expected, and a surprising drop in new claims for jobless benefits last week pushed the four-week moving average to an eight-year low.

At the same time, major retailers

reported modest sales gains in February as consumer optimism about the economy fueled some spending during the typically slow month. Most retailers, from discounters to upscale chains, reported better sales last month than a year ago.

"The economy is moving full steam ahead," contended economist Sung Won Sohn of the Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis, saying there's a 50-50 chance Fed policy-makers will raise rates at their March 25 meeting.

"The next meeting's not until May 20, some eight weeks later, and I'm not sure Chairman (Alan) Greenspan wants to wait that long," he explained.

Analysts believe a strong February employment report on Friday may be the deciding factor on whether to boost rates. Many say the jobless rate likely fell to 5.3 percent from 5.4 percent in January at the same time the economy created a quarter-million new jobs.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that factory orders for both durable and nondurable goods totaled a seasonally adjusted record \$323.2 billion in January, up from \$315.4 billion a month earlier. The previous high was \$321.9 billion in October.

The increase, biggest since last September, was broad-based and extended to every major category. Analysts had expected a smaller, 2 percent gain.

Orders for durable goods, items such as cars and computers expected to last more than three years, jumped 4 percent, even higher than the 3.6 percent initial estimate last week.

Tickets for nondurable goods such as chemicals and clothing rose 0.7 percent, the fourth increase in the last five months.

The Labor Department said new claims for unemployment insurance fell by 6,000 to 310,000, the seventh decline so

far this year. Analysts say a level in the lower 300,000 range reflects a tight labor market.

The drop drove the average of new claims for the last four weeks down by 3,500 to 310,000, lowest since 309,750 during the period ended May 13, 1989. Many analysts track the four-week average because it smooths out the spikes in the weekly reports.

The gain in orders for durable goods was led by a 16.6 percent surge in demand for electronic and other electrical equipment, mostly communications gear and electronic components.

But other durable categories also registered increases — transportation, 2.5 percent; primary metals, 5.2 percent; industrial machinery and equipment, 1.6 percent.

Usually volatile orders for military goods dropped 20.2 percent. But excluding that category, orders still shot up 5.2 percent, steepest since February 1993.

American, pilots may resume talks

Associated Press

CHICAGO — American Airlines and its pilots said Thursday they are willing to resume mediated talks next week but will not compromise on the biggest obstacle to a contract settlement.

The Allied Pilots Association and the airline said they will accept an offer by Robert Harris, chairman of the President's Emergency Board, to mediate a renewed effort to settle the dispute over wages and who will fly new regional jets.

Harris' three-member board has heard both sides of the issues from the pilots and management and has until March 17 to come up with a recommended settlement. He said neither side changed its position substantially during the five days of meetings with the board, but some progress was made.

"At this point, there is a greater willingness to try and solve the problems than there was a couple of weeks ago," Harris said.

APA President Jim Sovich didn't hold out much hope that renewed negotiations would produce results.

"Both sides well understand the issues but we are willing to spend a couple more days to see if Harris can come up with anything," said Sovich. He was in Chicago for the first of a series of informational meetings with pilots across the country.

He said no date or place has been set for another round of talks, but he expects it will be late next week.

Pilots' spokesman Jim Philpot said the key obstacle to an agreement is the question of who will fly the airline's regional jets.

American's pilots fear they will lose jobs to the American Eagle commuter affiliate if Eagle pilots are allowed to fly the small regional routes in planes with 40-70 seats.

Philpot said APA members are willing to fly these planes at a pay rate competitive with what other feeder airlines pay.

But Robert Crandall, chairman of American's parent company, AMR Corp., has said he will not compromise. The smaller jets would replace propeller planes now operated by American Eagle and flown by lower-paid pilots represented by another union, the Air Line Pilots Association.



George Kerbeck, of Kerbeck Corvette in Atlantic City, N.J., wraps one of three 1997 Corvettes. Kerbeck, the nation's leading Corvette dealer, will be part of a nationwide unveiling for the new Corvette this Friday.

Dealers roll out redesigned Corvette

Associated Press

DETROIT — Chevrolet's calling it "an automotive high holy day" for the rabid Corvette faithful.

On Friday, 402 select Chevy dealers across the nation will take the gray covers off their sleek '97 'Vettes — showing off the first complete redesign of the venerable sports car in 13 years.

It's an old marketing trick. Decades ago, dealers would keep covers on their new models in the showrooms until the designated unveiling day each fall, making it a special event.

Today, new models come out year-round with little, if any, showroom ceremony or fanfare.

Details of the new 'Vette are no secret — especially to Corvette fanatics. It was unveiled at the Detroit and

Los Angeles auto shows in January. Pictures have adorned car magazines and Chevy's Internet site for months.

But Chevrolet dealers have been under orders to keep their new 'Vettes under wraps until Friday. No touching. No peeking.

When pressed, however, some dealers admit they've given discreet "sneak previews" for their most demanding Corvette customers.

"You can't really offend someone who has bought several 'Vettes from you," said Charlie Kerbeck, vice president of the nation's top-selling Corvette dealer, Kerbeck Chevrolet in Atlantic City, N.J.

"The car's sitting there and they've come a distance to see it. You have to be a little bit human about it," he said.

For the 'Vetteless masses, Friday will be their first chance to see the car in person, sit in it, or shell out the \$38,060 needed to drive one home.

Don't have that much cash or credit? At one dealership you can pray for a raise at a "Corvette shrine," an exhibit of 'Vettes representing the car's five generations.

Only the highest-volume Corvette dealerships — less than 10 percent of the nation's 4,200 Chevy dealers — will have the car Friday. The rest will have to wait until production at Bowling Green, Ky., catches up.

Some dealers plan to take the covers off at just after midnight to give their local Corvette fans the earliest possible peek.

NAMEDROPPING

FELIPE MORALES of Midland has been named a top independent general agent by Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co. He is one of 25 of Provident's 700 independently contracted agents to receive top honors based on outstanding achievements in the life insurance business during 1996.



Morales



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Harrell

CHRISTI CALLICOTATTE has joined Dominey & Etheridge Inc. as account

executive and public relations consultant.

ELIZABETH HARRELL has been promoted to senior vice president at Community National Bank. She joined the bank in 1984 as vice president and cashier.

KYLE WOMACK, principal/vice president of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper in Midland has begun a one-year term as chairman of the Central Basin chapter, Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce.

PATRICIA ORSETH, a member of Langston Realtors, has been awarded the Certified Real Estate Broker (CRB) designation by the Real Estate Brokerage Managers Council.

DOLLY P. DOCTOR, M.D. of Midland has passed a voluntary on-site peer-reviewed office inspection to verify her compliance with the Bariatric Practice Guidelines of the American Board of Bariatric Physicians.

She has also completed the requirements to earn board-certified status of Diplomate from the board.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Stocks most accessible way to make money grow

By Eric Tyson

Q: It seems that everywhere I turn these days, people are talking about investing in the stock market. What exactly are stocks? What determines their value, and how I can successfully invest in them?

A: Investing in stocks, particularly through mutual funds, is one of the most accessible ways for people to make their money grow.

When companies "go public," they issue shares of stock — tiny percentages of ownership — which people like you and me can buy and sell on the major stock exchanges, such as the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq over-the-counter market.

As the economy grows, companies grow with it by expanding and earning greater profits.

As a company's profits grow, the price of its stock shares generally increases. If you happen to own shares

of that stock, then your investment grows with the rising stock price. Your "gain" is the difference between what you paid for your shares and what they're currently worth in the marketplace.

Stock prices don't always move in lockstep with earnings. Still, over the decades, the relationship has been pretty darn close.

In fact, the price-earnings ratio of U.S. stocks has averaged approximately 14 during this century. The ratio measures the level of stock prices relative to — or divided by — company earnings. While the ratio has varied and been as high as 27 and as low as 6, it tends to hover around 14.

The economy doesn't always grow. Companies don't always make more money. And therefore stock prices don't always rise. During the past 100 years, the U.S. stock market, as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial Average, fell more than 20 percent during 16 different periods.

That's the bad news. The good news is that those declines lasted, on average, less than two years. Periods of growth are more common and last longer.

Over the long-term, the stock market has produced an average 10 percent total return per year. So if you can withstand declines over a few years, the stock market is a terrific place to invest for long-term growth.

There are two basic ways to invest in the stock market. You can pick your own selection of individual stocks or let a mutual fund manager do it for you.

Researching individual stocks can be more than a full-time job, and if you choose to take that path, remember that you'll be competing with the pros.

For most individual investors, investing through mutual funds is the better option. Efficiently managed mutual funds offer you low-cost access to high-quality money managers.

Of the many types of mutual funds out there — money market funds, bond funds, etc. — stock funds offer the greatest potential for appreciation but also the greatest short-term volatility.

Whether you invest in stocks individually or through funds, here are some practical words of warning:

■ Don't try to time the markets. One of the biggest mistakes that novice investors make is jumping in and out of the stock market in an attempt to "buy

low and sell high." Market timing is difficult if not impossible to do, even for the best professional investors. In fact, it has been demonstrated repeatedly that "buy and hold" investors consistently outperform so-called market timers.

■ Watch out for commissions and transaction fees when investing. Commissions and fees cut into your returns; the higher they are, the lower your investment performance. With mutual funds, for example, load funds — so named because they deduct a sales commission from your investment — perform worse on average than no-load funds. Mutual funds that charge higher ongoing fees to cover operating expenses also tend to underperform those that have lower fees.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Taking on a second job will improve your finances and improve your financial status. Put your best foot forward when dealing with VIPs; someone with clout will be impressed. Experience really is the best teacher. Ask an older person to be your business partner. Learning new skills is more important than ever. A legal matter will eventually be settled in your favor. Avoid risking money you cannot afford to lose. Say "no" to unsecured loans.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: "Today Show" weatherman Willard Scott, auto racer Janet Guthrie, TV evangelist Tammy Faye Bakker, Disney executive Michael Eisner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take care of routine chores and clear your desk so that you can look forward to an especially fun weekend. Using public transportation may be a better bet than driving.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A change in a personal relationship will not be easy to accept, even if it is long overdue. At-home activities can be a source of real pleasure this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A great day for advancing your professional ambitions and improving your financial status. Put your best foot forward when dealing with VIPs; someone with clout will be impressed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A home improvement plan or property deal gets the green light. Seek your mate's input before rearranging a favorite room or disposing of old furnishings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A spur-of-the-moment invitation is extended this morning. Exciting developments are on the agenda! You will blossom under the attentions of a new admirer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your personal plans move along smoothly now. Be prepared to take off at a moment's notice if you get an opportunity to further your professional aims.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People at a distance offer you an attractive way to increase your income. Carefully investigate a neighborhood before committing yourself to a major move.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Beneficial influences are evident where your career and finances are concerned. End a squabble with your romantic partner before going out this evening. Love deepens.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Arguments over money could continue. Resolve to withdraw from the scene of battle. Look for recreational activities that will appeal to the entire family without wrecking your budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a practical approach to a financial dilemma. Analyze the situation carefully, then follow your instincts. Behind-the-scenes activities designed to improve a relationship will work as planned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check the details of an employment contract. Look for clauses that could trip you up later. The social scene will be in full swing tonight. Try not to appear overanxious. Give romance time to develop.

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♥ 7 2
♦ A 10 6
♣ 5 2

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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ 2NT 3♠ Pass
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If you are going to put an opponent in the position where a guess is required, the sooner you do so, the better. The more a player learns about the distribution, the less likely is the chance of going wrong.

Note North's raise to four spades on a doubleton. To introduce spades over East's jump to two no trump, which was a distributional takeout for clubs and hearts (the lower unbid suits), South surely has a good six-card suit, so the raise is reasonable.

The defenders started with two rounds of clubs. What should East lead to the third trick?

If East makes a passive return of

a club or a trump, declarer cannot go wrong. Two rounds of spades will reveal there is a trump loser, so the only hope is a diamond finesse. When that succeeds, all is well.

Now let's presume that, after cashing the two clubs, East shifts to a low diamond. Since the defender's two no trump marks East with at least 10 cards in hearts and clubs, the risk of the diamond being a singleton and, therefore, a diamond ruff ensuing if the finesse is taken is real. We would give dollars to doughnuts that declarer will rise with the ace of diamonds and rely on a 3-2 trump split. When trumps turn out to be 4-1, there is no way declarer can avoid losing a trump and a diamond trick for down one. Nothing brilliant, just deadly.

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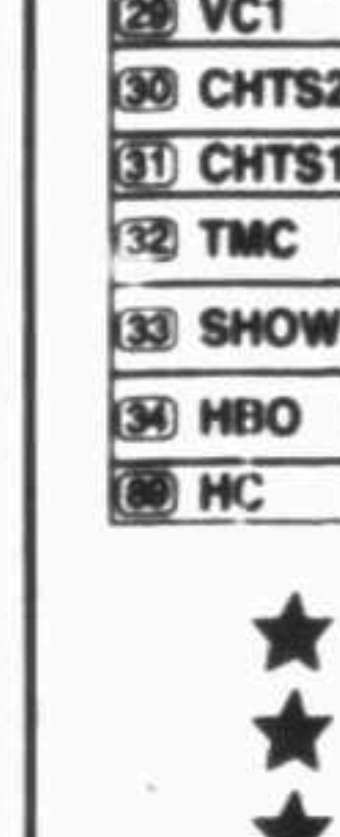
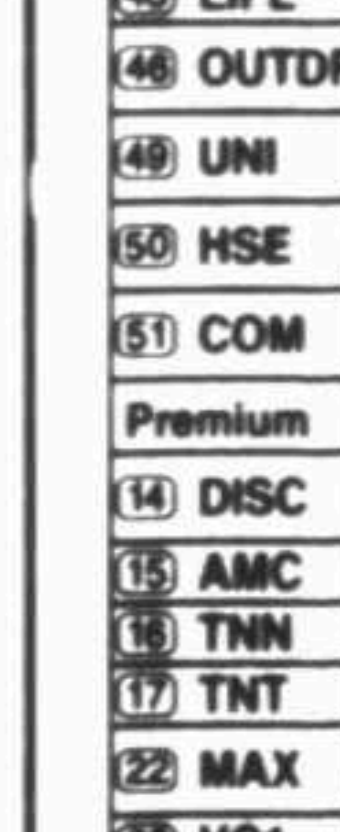
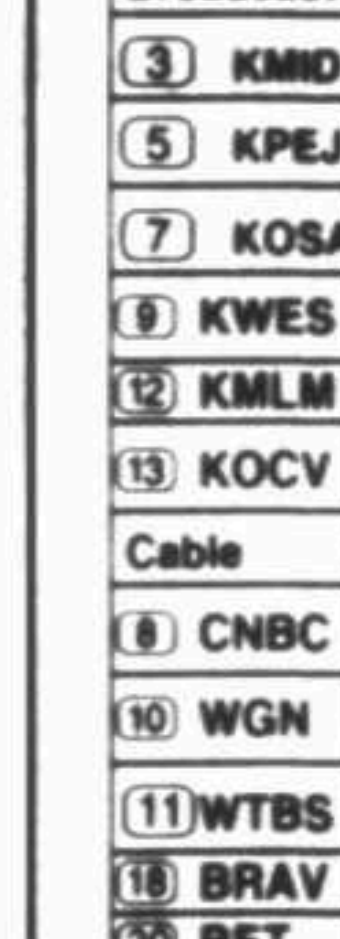
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White Sox split squad defeats Rangers

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Mario Valdez hit a three-run homer to highlight a six-run third inning off starter Bobby Witt, leading a Chicago White Sox split squad to a 7-5 victory Thursday over the Texas Rangers.

Noberto Martin reached on shortstop Benji Gil's fielding error and scored on Darren Lewis' triple to start the White Sox' big inning off Witt, who allowed seven hits and seven runs over three innings.

Lyle Mouton homered over the center field fence and Jeff Abbott doubled and Chad Kreuter walked prior to Valdez' second homer of the spring.

Lee Stevens hit a two-run homer off Chicago starter James Baldwin in the fourth inning. Dean Palmer singled to right-center field prior to Steven's homer.

Andrew Vessel's three-run triple off Scott Eyre narrowed the gap in the seventh inning.

James Baldwin pitched four innings for Chicago. He allowed three hits and two earned runs.

Jeff Abbott went 3-for-5 for the White Sox.



Chicago White Sox catcher Chad Kreuter heads earthward but not before tagging the Rangers' Dean Palmer (16), who tried to score from third on a fielder's choice in Texas' 7-5 loss Thursday in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Astros 5, Dodgers 5, tie
KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Ray Montgomery drove in a run and scored another in the fourth inning as the Houston Astros and Los Angeles played to a 5-5 tie in 12 innings before calling it a day.

Roger Cedeno opened up a 5-3 Dodgers lead in the top of the fourth with his two-run triple. The Astros responded with Montgomery's RBI double. Montgomery scored on a sacrifice fly by Pat Listach.

Dodgers center fielder Brett Butler left the game after the first inning after aggravating a hip flexor. Dodgers officials said the injury doesn't appear to be serious.

Dodgers knuckleballer Tom Candiotti gave up three runs in three innings. Left-hander Gary Rath gave up two runs, including the tying run, in two innings.

The game was halted by mutual agreement of the teams after the 12th inning. Each team used seven pitchers.

Mariners 8, Rockies 1
TUCSON, Ariz. — Alex Rodriguez hit his first home run of the spring, and Jeff Fassero pitched four perfect innings as the Seattle Mariners beat the Colorado Rockies.

Fassero, a former Montreal pitcher bidding for the No. 2 slot in the rotation, retired all 12 batters he faced to open the game. He struck out two and benefited from two running catches by right fielder Jay Buhner.

Rodriguez's two-run homer in the fourth off loser Bryan Rekar broke a scoreless tie.

The Mariners, who pounded out 13 hits including eight doubles, got two more runs off Rekar in the fifth on back-to-back RBI doubles by Brian Raabe and Lee Tinsley.

Seattle scored four runs in the eighth off Mike Farmer, including run-scoring doubles by Raul Ibanez, John Marzano and Rich

Amaral.

Four Seattle pitchers limited Colorado to four hits.

The Rockies didn't get a hit until Jeff Huson doubled with one out in the sixth. The Rockies scored their lone run in the seventh on singles by Angel Echevarria, Blake Barthol and Neifi Perez.

Colorado closer Bruce Ruffin, sidelined by an inflamed right Achilles tendon, made his first appearance of the spring. He pitched the ninth, allowing a hit and then retiring the next three batters.

The Mariners extended their errorless streak to 33 innings before second baseman Gomar Guevara booted a grounder in the eighth.

Mets 5, Braves 2
PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Bernard Gilkey and Alex Ochoa hit two-run homers in New York's four-run sixth inning, propelling the Mets to a victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Armando Reynoso, acquired from the Colorado Rockies, increased the Mets' scoreless inning streak by starters to 17. Reynoso allowed one hit — a first-inning single to Mark Lemke — while walking one and striking out four.

Gilkey's homer, with Roberto Petagine aboard, snapped a 1-1 tie. Two batters later, after Butch Huskey singled and stole second, Ochoa hit an opposite-field homer off the foul pole in right field.

Cardinals (ss) 7, Tigers (ss) 3
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Royce Clayton and Willie McGee led the way as St. Louis began around Detroit pitchers in a split-squad victory, but a handful of Cardinals pitchers were the ones feeling the pain.

Clayton had two triples and two RBIs. McGee was 2-for-4 with four RBIs.

Before the game, St. Louis reliever Rick Honeycutt was hit by a line drive during batting practice. An MRI was negative.

Earlier, Andy Benes left a split-squad game in Sarasota after experiencing pain on his left side. An MRI was scheduled for Friday. Benes pitched two innings against the White Sox before leaving.

Indians 9, Red Sox 2
WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Manny Ramirez had two hits and two RBIs, and newly signed Chad Ogea pitched three scoreless innings as Cleveland handed Boston its first loss of the spring.

Ogea, who signed a \$3.35 million, three-year contract extension, allowed three hits. Omar Vizquel, Tony Fernandez and Chad Curtis had two hits apiece for Cleveland.

Mike Gordon gave up two unearned runs in 2-2-3 innings and took the loss, Boston's first in six games.

Phillies 9, Pirates 8
CLEARWATER, Fla. — Jon Zuber's RBI single in the 10th inning gave Philadelphia the win.

Zuber drove home Kevin Seick, who went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored, after the Pirates blew leads of 5-1 and 8-4. Seick scored from second, just beating Emil Brown's throw from left.

Ron Blazier got the win. John Briscoe took the loss.

Tony Womack went 4-for-4 for Pittsburgh, while Garcia singled, doubled and homered in five at-bats, driving in two runs.

Cardinals (ss) 7, White Sox (ss) 5
SARASOTA, Fla. — Dmitri Young's bases-loaded three-run double keyed a five-run seventh inning for St. Louis in a split-squad game.

The Cardinals' Ron Gant hit his first home run of the spring, in the first inning off Chicago starter Chris Clemons.

In the seventh, the Cardinals sent 11 batters to the plate against Nelson Cruz, scoring five runs on four hits.

Orioles 9, Expos 7
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Jeffrey Hammonds drove in three runs with a bases-loaded double off

Exhibition Roundup

Carlos Perez, and Baltimore beat Montreal.

Baltimore's Brady Anderson was ejected in the sixth for arguing a third strike call by home-plate umpire Brian Gibbons.

Hammonds, trying to earn a starting spot after several injury-interrupted seasons, doubled off Perez in the fourth.

Perez gave up four runs while making 42 pitches in the inning. Orioles starter Mike Mussina allowed one run in three innings.

Rookie Vladimir Guerrero had a big day for Montreal, leading off the sixth with a home run off Shawn Boskie. Guerrero added two singles and scored another run.

Reds 7, Royals 5

HAINES CITY, Fla. — Chad Mottola's two-out double broke a tie in the eighth inning, and Jeff Brantley continued his near-perfect relief for Cincinnati.

Brantley got the save by retiring the Royals in order in the ninth. He has retired 12 of the 13 batters he has faced this spring. Brantley, who had 44 saves last year, has two in four appearances this spring.

Mottola's hit off loser Brian Bevel scored Brian Hunter.

Giants 6, Angels 5

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Wilson Delgado had a two-run single, and Dante Powell drove in the winning run with a double as San Francisco rallied for three runs in the ninth inning to defeat winless Anaheim.

The Giants' comeback was fueled by three balls misplayed by Angels fielders, including two fly balls lost in the sun. Anaheim has lost all seven of its exhibition games this spring.

Cubs 15, Athletics 6

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Sammy Sosa homered for the fourth time in five games, and Ryne Sandberg had two doubles and two RBIs Chicago routed Oakland.

With a three-run homer Thursday, Sosa is now 7-for-14 with four homers and 12 RBIs in five games. Sandberg was 2-for-3 with two doubles, two RBIs and two runs scored, and is 7-for-15 in five games with a homer and four RBIs.

Scott Servais chipped in with two hits and two RBIs for the Cubs, and Brooks Kieschnick was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Brewers 9, Padres 3

PEORIA, Ariz. — John Jaha went 3-for-3 and drove in a run, and Todd Dunn hit a two-run pinch homer in the fourth-run eighth for Milwaukee.

Matt Mieske, a former Padres farmhand, added two hits and two runs.

NL MVP Ken Caminiti saw his first defensive action of spring training, and booted the first grounder hit to him. But Caminiti, a Gold Glove third baseman rehabbing from reconstructive shoulder surgery, atoned for his miscue by snagging a line drive to completed a double play in the second with a sprawling tag.

Until Thursday, Caminiti had seen action only as a designated hitter. He says he'll be ready to play by opening day.

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Negotiations stall between Yankees, Jeter

By The Associated Press

American League Rookie of the Year Derek Jeter is taking a wait-and-see approach about stalled negotiations that could result in the New York Yankees renewing the shortstop's contract.

Negotiations reached impasse Wednesday after the Yankees rejected a proposal submitted by Jeter's agent Casey Close that sought a \$550,000, one-year contract.

"I don't want to get into the dollar amount," Jeter said. "We thought it was a fair offer. They didn't. They have their reasons."

New York could renew Jeter's contract at \$150,000 under terms of major league baseball's collective bargaining agreement, although a higher figure is expected.

The Yankees offered \$450,000. Jeter made \$120,000 last year, \$111,000 over the old minimum.

"It's up to them to decide," Jeter said Thursday. "So, I'm not going to worry about it. We'll find out what happens."

Jeter hit .314 with 10 homers and 78 RBIs last season.

Phillies: The agent for Philadelphia ace Curt Schilling talked contract with general manager Lee Thomas, then said he was optimistic about getting a new deal done shortly.

"I believe the Phillies are as committed to signing Curt as Curt is committed to staying with the organization," agent Jeff Borris said. The next few weeks will determine whether Schilling, whose one-year deal for \$3.5 million expires after this season, will stay in Philadelphia, the pitcher said.

Schilling is believed to be seeking a three-year deal for \$15 million.

The 30-year-old right-hander went 30-18 for the Phillies in 1992-93, but injuries limited him to only 30 games the next two seasons. The most serious was a shoulder injury that ended his 1995 season in August and prevented his return until mid-May last year.

But when he returned, Schilling was sensational, limiting hitters to a .223 average (fifth best in the NL) while striking out 182 in 183 1-3 innings. He led the National League with eight complete games.

Cardinals: Reliever Rick Honeycutt was hit in the neck and left hand during batting practice before a game against Detroit at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Honeycutt was throwing batting practice and was behind a protective screen when Eliase Marerro hit a line drive that struck his hand and the right side of his neck. Honeycutt fell to the ground immediately, but eventually was able to walk off the field.

He was taken to a hospital for an MRI, which was negative. He is expected to throw again in two days.

Meanwhile, right-hander Andy Benes left a split-squad game against the Chicago White Sox at Sarasota after experiencing pain on his left side. An MRI was scheduled for Friday. Benes pitched two innings before leaving.

Mets: Right-handed reliever Derek Wallace is expected to miss most of this season because of an aneurysm in his pitching shoulder, and will undergo surgery next week.

Team physician David Altchek said the injury is similar to that which afflicted the New York Yankees' David Cone last season. Cone underwent surgery on May 10, and was pitching by early September.

Wallace, a 25-year-old reliever complained of intermittent coldness of his two middle fingers after pitching in an exhibition game Monday. He allowed six runs in one inning while facing just seven batters against the Montreal Expos.

Indians: Pitcher Chad Ogea signed a three-year contract with a club option for the 2000 season. Ogea, 18-9 the last two seasons, is Cleveland's fourth starter behind Charles Nagy, Orel Hershisier and Jack McDowell.

The contract was for \$3.35 million guaranteed over three years, and could be worth up to \$7.75 million if the Indians exercise their option and he pitches 230 or more innings per season.

The 26-year-old right-hander, Cleveland's third-round pick in the 1991 amateur draft, was 10-6 with a 4.79 ERA last season.

Cleveland also signed 10 players to one-year contracts.

Orioles: If Brady Anderson's ejection from Baltimore's game with Montreal was as a result of major league umpires saying they won't take much guff from players or managers this season, so be it.

Anderson was ejected from the game by umpire Brian Gibbons after arguing a called third strike in the sixth inning.

"Just your garden-variety ejection," Anderson said later, then admitted it was beneficial. Anderson and pitcher Mussina had hoped to escape the stadium early in order to beat the rush-hour traffic on I-95 back from West Palm Beach to Fort Lauderdale, where the Orioles are based.

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one else in the first inning and then bring him in.

"But the guy's won 43 games (43-33 career). You can say his ERA is high, but other guys don't win. Roger's won. For whatever reason, Roger has pitched well enough to win."

Pavlik reached a point last season where he stopped talking about his pitching. It's been a silent spring, too.

"Last year, when he had a game that didn't start well, the press

would descend on him with the same questions he regarded as a negative influence," said Pavlik's agent, Randy Hendricks. "He wanted to avoid that this year and concentrate on baseball."

"It's not an anti-press viewpoint, he just prefers to keep his thoughts to himself and concentrate on baseball and get into a groove."

Everyone with the Rangers would like for Pavlik to get into a groove and stay there.

"We sometimes worked so much with him that instead of making it

better we made it worse," Oates said. "When he's on, he can be very deceptive. Against right-handed hitters, it looks like the ball is coming right at your head. It's been proven you can pitch that way."

And the Rangers believe the time has passed to change Pavlik's style.

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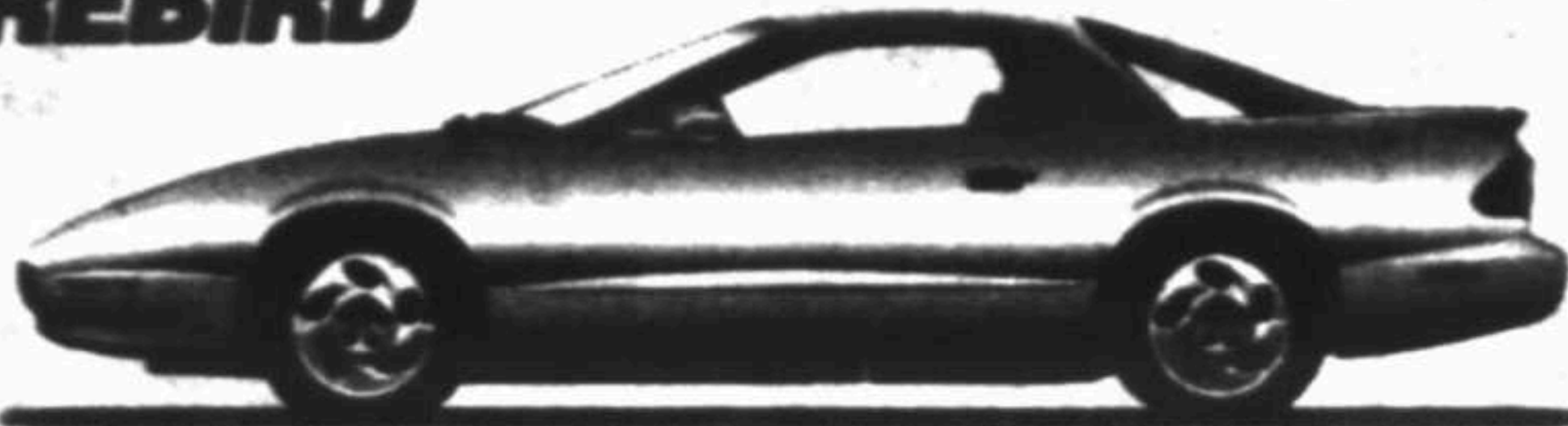
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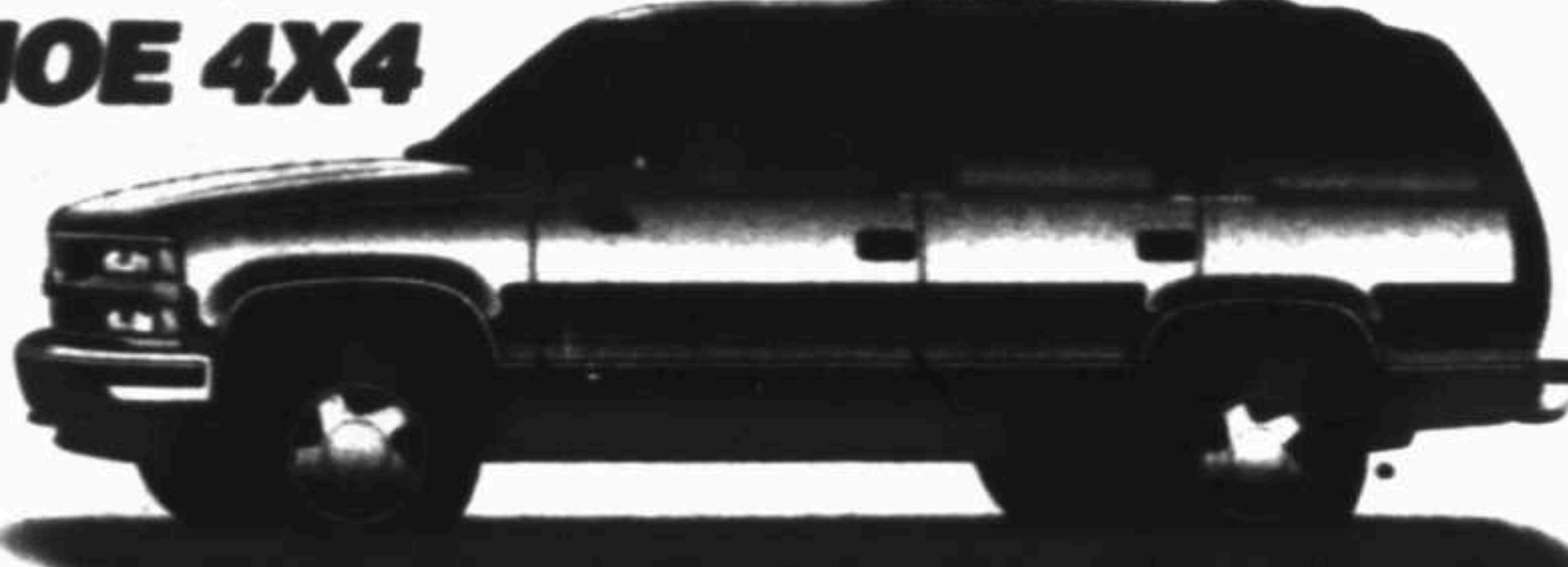


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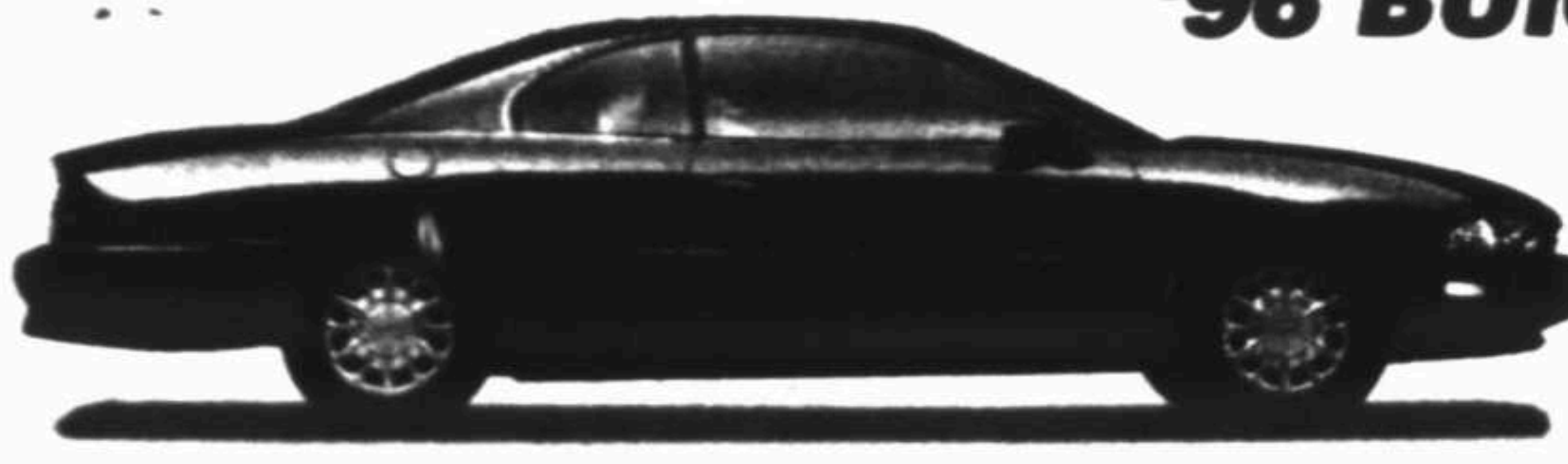
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