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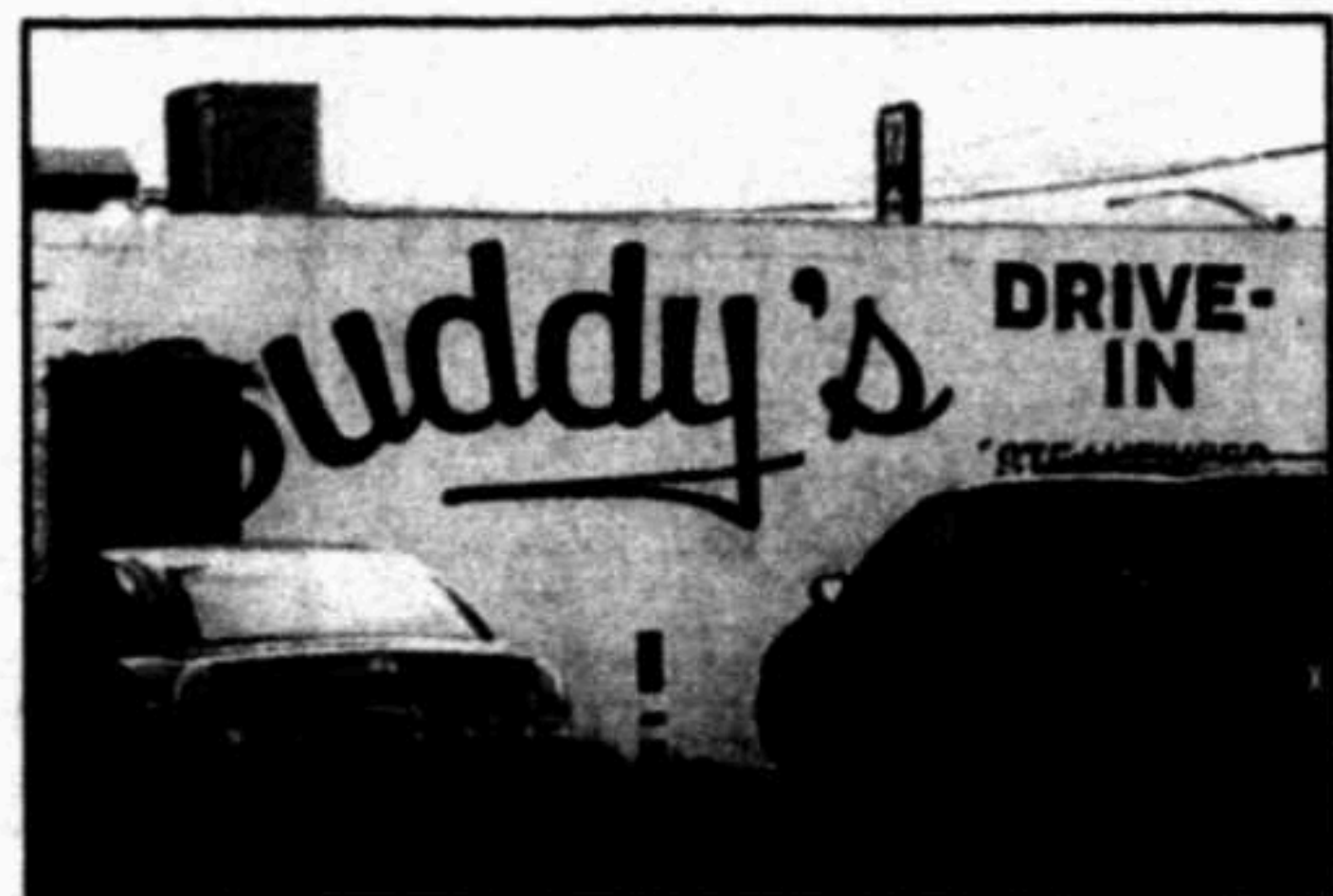
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CLOSING Buddy's Drive-in on Broadway Avenue in Andrews is shown in this file photo. The restaurant, co-owned by Bonnie Duncan, who went missing March 1 through 6, closed for reasons Buddy Coleman, co-owner, refused to discuss. The restaurant was featured last year on the syndicated "Texas Country Reporter" TV series.

Texas drive-in closes; owner not saying why

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

ANDREWS — Dual mysteries surrounding the week-long disappearance of the co-owner of a well-known drive-in restaurant and reasons for its subsequent closure deepened Monday.

Featured on the syndicated "Texas Country Reporter" TV series last year, Buddy's Drive-in was publicized for more serious reasons than its trademark steak fingers when co-owner Bonnie Duncan disappeared between March 1 and 6, triggering a nationwide manhunt and fears she had been abducted or even murdered.

When found at a Daly City, Calif., convenience store, the 53-year-old Duncan was reported "disoriented and confused." However, Police Chief Bud Jones Monday indicated Buddy's might have had financial problems.

"There have been no complaints filed with our department or the sheriff's office," he said. "If Bonnie left with money, who's to say it was his or hers? The only person that would have a legitimate complaint would be Bonnie or Buddy Coleman because they're the co-owners."

"If one of them comes forward and alleges wrongdoing, we will open an investigation."

When asked why the popular drive-in closed after more than 35 years in business, Jones said, "There must have been some kind of dissension or problem that caused them to shut down. They may be handling it as a civil matter."

Named after C.A. "Buddy" Coleman, who worked for Texaco until his retirement, the restaurant opened in September 1969. It was run by Duncan's mother, Floy Robertson, and Cole-

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Quake kills up to thousands

By Michael Casey
Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Women clutching children ran into Banda Aceh's darkened streets, crying and praying. Some held onto a fence to steady themselves, chanting "Allahu Akbar," or "God is Great." Other people grabbed small bags of clothes and fled their tents and homes for higher ground.

Another man rushed instead to the local mosque, saying "Where can I go, you can't outrun a tsunami."

A powerful earthquake struck off Indonesia's west coast late Monday, killing hundreds of people whose homes collapsed on them and spreading panic across the Indian Ocean that another killer tsunami was on the way. Indonesia's vice president predicted up to

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2,000 deaths.

Fears of a second tsunami catastrophe in just over three months eased within hours, as officials in countries at risk reported their coasts clear of the type of earthquake-spawned waves that ravaged a dozen countries in Asia and Africa on Dec. 26.

Almost all the deaths reported after the 8.7-magnitude quake were on Indonesia's Nias island, a popular surfing spot off Sumatra island's west coast and close to the epicenter. Police were pulling children's bodies out of the rubble of collapsed houses, and a fire was reportedly raging in one town.

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SEEKING SAFETY A fisherman family moves out with their belongings in search of a safe place at Nochikuppam in Madras, India, today after Monday's earthquake off the west coast of Indonesia raised fears of another tsunami like the one that devastated coastal areas across South Asia.



ANTICIPATING TSUNAMIS A Sri Lankan woman rests after reaching higher grounds, following a tsunami warning issued by the government, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, today. Sri Lanka withdrew a tsunami warning early today, following a new massive quake off the Indonesian coast, saying it was unlikely a devastating wave would hit the island.

Cargo on tractor-trailer ignites; fire closes I-20

By Ryan Myers
Staff Writer

ODESSA — A tractor trailer's cargo of drilling products being transported from Midland to Orla ignited Monday, causing a portion of eastbound Interstate 20 just west of the Midland-Ector County line to be shut down for several hours.

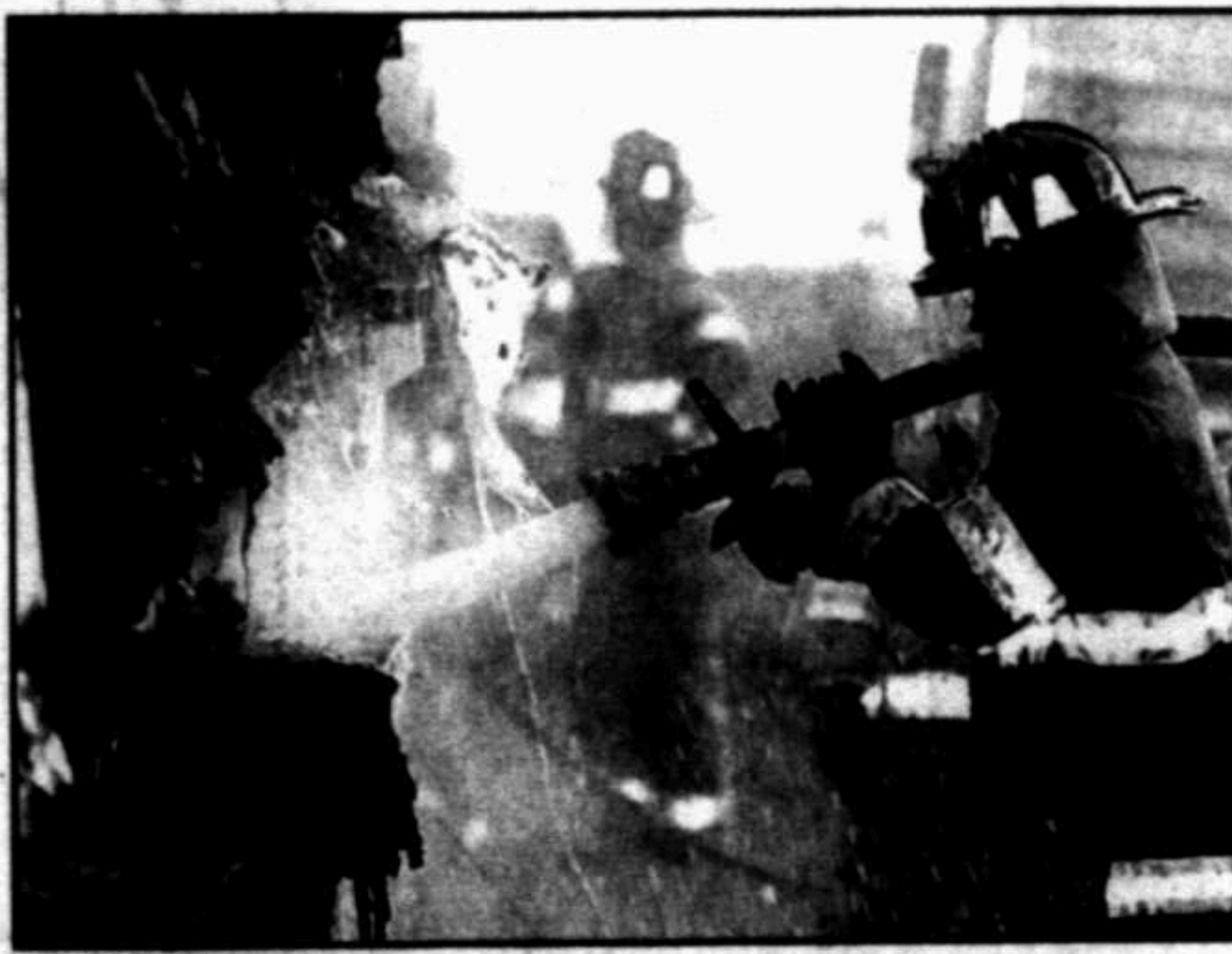
"The fire was going pretty good when we got here," explained Odessa Fire Department Battalion Chief Kevin Tinney. "It actually started between the bundles on the trailer, so we're not sure of the cause, but we got it knocked down pretty fast."

No one was injured by the incident.

The tractor-trailer was traveling from Midland, where its owner, Anchor Drilling Fluids, has a branch warehouse, to Orla in Loving County.

The tractor-trailer was hauling a product used to keep drilling mud circulating during oil and gas recovery.

After extinguishing the blaze, firefighters worked for more



TRACTOR-TRAILER FIRE An Odessa firefighter extinguishes a bale of fiber seal burning on a tractor-trailer on Interstate 20. The truck was en route from Midland to a West Texas oil field Monday evening.

than an hour, knocking the smoldering material from the trail-

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Commissioners pass new hotel occupancy tax raise proposal

By Stephanie A. Miller
Staff Writer

With an agreement city and county officials called "doable" and "equitable," hope for the county's hotel occupancy tax proposal appears to have been resurrected.

Midland County commissioners passed a proposal Monday for a 1.5 percent hotel occupancy tax raise. Should the Midland City Council agree to the terms and the Texas Legislature approve the hotel/motel tax, or bed tax, the revenue generated would help cover operating expenses of the Midland County multi-purpose facility, also known as the

Based on 2004 figures, the Bcounty's proposed 1.5 percent hotel-motel tax would generate approximately \$243,576.

Horseshoe.

At the request of House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, a handful of city and county officials have been working — even after the March 11 deadline — on a mutual agreement regarding the county's ini-

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Permian Basin could be site for expansion of high speed network

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

Midland College and other higher education institutions in the Permian Basin will be left in the dust on the information highway unless West Texas can connect to a high speed network that's already in place around the state, administrators said Monday.

Officials of Midland College are hoping part of the \$41.8 million proposed bond issue will allow them to buy into the Lonestar Education and Research Network, or LEARN, which connects colleges and universities around the state with a high-speed network.

If the bond issue passes in May, about \$300,000 will be earmarked for electronics to run a network connected with other Texas colleges, said Dennis Sever, Midland College vice president of information technology

and facilities.

The network will increase bandwidth — or the amount of data transmitted along a communications channel in a given period of time — and allow colleges to move beyond simple Internet access into large-scale videoconferencing. LEARN also will allow Texas to connect to the National LambdaRail, which is a network linking government and education institutions around the nation.

"What we're doing with the LEARN project really is essentially bringing in the next generation of data networking," said Jim Williams, LEARN executive director.

The network, which officially will be rolled out in the next few months, consists of colleges around the Metroplex, Houston and San Antonio, as well those along paths to El Paso and

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ELEPHANTS ON PARADE



TO THE BIG TOP Two elephants from the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus take a drink from water running along Seventh Avenue, as they walk around Madison Square Garden in New York Monday. The circus opened last week at the Garden, and remains there until April 10.

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Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

TRIP BREAK Terrance Anders, left, and bus driver Eddie Mitchell, right, relax at a restaurant in Wichita Falls during Midland College's trip to Kansas to participate in the men's national basketball tournament.

QUAKE

(From 1A)

"It is predicted — and it's still a rough estimate — that the numbers of dead may be between 1,000 and 2,000," Vice President Jusuf Kalla told the el-Shinta radio station. He said the estimate was based on an assessment of damage to buildings, not bodies counted.

Other estimates varied. A district official in the town of Gunungsitoli said about 300 had died there, while Indonesia's information minister said between 100 and 200 had died.

Two people were also reportedly killed in Sri Lanka during a panicky evacuation from the coast in a Tamil rebel-held area.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake struck about 19 miles under the seabed, some 155 miles south-southeast of Banda Aceh, the capital of Aceh province on Sumatra island. It was centered just 110 miles southeast of December's 9.0-magnitude temblor — the world's most powerful in 40 years.

Monday's wallop, although very powerful, was but a fraction of the earlier quake. In explosive power, December's quake was equal to 100 million pounds of TNT; it caused the seabed to spring up as much as 60 feet.

Terrified of a disaster of equal proportions, sirens sounded throughout the region as authorities issued tsunami alerts for six countries after the quake struck at 11:06 p.m. as many people were sleeping.

There were no reports of damage or casualties in Banda Aceh, where the quake lasted two minutes and briefly cut electricity. Thousands poured into the streets, where flickering campfires and motorbike and car headlights provided

the only lighting.

People grabbed small bags of clothes as they fled their tents and homes. Many were crying and jumping into cars and onto motorbikes and pedicabs to head for higher ground. Two women wearing prayer shawls and sarongs grabbed a fence to steady themselves.

"People are still traumatized, still scared, they are running for higher ground," said Fery, a 24-year-old aid volunteer who goes by one name.

In Sri Lanka, warning sirens blared along the island nation's east coast and President Chandrika Kumaratunga urged people to evacuate immediately to higher ground.

"It was like reliving the same horror of three months ago," said Fatheena Faleel, who fled her home with her three children after seeing the warning on television.

In Malaysia, residents fled their shaking apartments and hotels.

"I was getting ready for bed, and suddenly, the room started shaking," said Jessie Chong, a resident of the largest city, Kuala Lumpur. "I thought I was hallucinating at first, but then I heard my neighbors screaming and running out."

The quake was felt as far away as Singapore and the Thai capital, Bangkok, more than 435 miles from the epicenter.

Nias island was badly hit on Dec. 26, when at least 340 residents were killed and 10,000 were left homeless.

The devastation there from Monday's quake appeared to be far worse.

In the town of Gunungsitoli, about 70 percent of buildings collapsed in the market district, officials said.

"Hundreds of buildings have been



SOURCE: ESRI, U.S. Geological Survey

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damaged or have collapsed," said Agus Mendrofa, the island's deputy district head. He told el-Shinta radio station that at least 296 people had died in Gunungsitoli.

The MISNA missionary news agency in Rome, Italy, reported that a huge fire was raging early Tuesday in Gunungsitoli.

"From the window I see very high flames," MISNA quoted Father Raymond Laia as saying by telephone about two miles from the town. "The town is completely destroyed. I repeat, the town is completely destroyed."

Another police officer, who identified

himself as Nainggolan, said rescuers were trying to pull people out of the rubble, and that many were still panicking because of several aftershocks.

"We are busy now trying to pull people or bodies of children from the collapsed building," said Nainggolan, who like many Indonesians uses only one name. "It is very hard also because there is no power."

"The situation here is really messy," he said. "Aftershocks keep hitting every half hour making thousands of people flee their homes and afraid to go home."

U.S. State Department deputy

PROPOSAL

(From 1A)

tial bed tax proposal. "I think that's better than nothing, and it's equitable," Midland County Judge Bill Morrow said. "We're pleased with that amount, believing that we will bring the people to the area and that they will spend some hotel nights."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Mike Bradford said discussions about the proposal have taken place since January, when Precinct 4 Commissioner Randy Prude presented the initial 2 percent proposal.

Currently, the city has a 13 percent hotel/motel, of which 6 percent goes to the state. The remaining 7 percent is used for the city's promotion of tourism. If the proposal passes all stages, the 1.5 percent will go to the county.

Bradford said he thinks the new proposal "shows mutual respect for each other."

"It's a 50-50 split of what's available, realizing that in the future, the city may have some needs to go with their current 7 percent."

Based on 2004 figures, the county's proposed 1.5 percent

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LuAnn Morgan, District 1 councilwoman



hotel-motel tax would generate approximately \$243,576.

The proposal next goes before the City Council April 12.

Mayor Mike Canon said a measure like this can have long-term implications and therefore needs to be addressed by the council as a whole.

District 1 Councilwoman LuAnn Morgan and District 3 Councilman Scott Dufford still have concerns. One is whether Midland's potential \$14.50 hotel/motel tax would attract business to areas like Odessa, which has a 13 percent bed tax.

"We always look for a return on investment from the hotel/motel tax, and that return is putting more heads in beds."

That's how we keep the fund alive," Morgan said.

Morgan said she is in favor of an equestrian center and, like other council members, wants to see it work. But before making a vote, Morgan said she would need to see what overall financial impact it would have on the hotel/motel tax fund.

"My concern is that this could become a disincentive to put more heads in beds," Morgan said.

Councilman at large Wes Perry called the 1.5 proposal "doable" and said the two entities have "had great progress." He added there are some issues that need to be addressed and April's meeting would be the best place to discuss them.

TECHNOLOGY

(From 1A)

Lubbock. Williams said a committee will meet within a few weeks to discuss the future of the network, which could include expanding to the Permian Basin.

"We haven't figured out just how we're going to serve everybody directly," Williams said.

Part of Midland College's challenge will be locating so-called "dark" fibers. Fiber optic cables use light to transmit signals, so "dark" fibers are unused.

Miles of fiber optic lines — which transmit data at the speed of light — were buried in the 1990s, but have been dormant since a technology bust, Sever said. If nearby fibers can be found, a connection can be made to Lubbock or Alpine.

Expenses pose another challenge Mid-

land College will have to overcome to connect to the network. Administrators have ruled out laying fiber optic lines, which could cost around \$12 a foot.

Sever said he has discussed forming a consortium with community colleges nearby to share the cost of leasing fiber optic lines.

"If we don't join LEARN and get onto this in five years, we'll be ... seriously left behind," Sever said.

An increasing number of programs offered at Midland College are Internet-based, Sever said.

When students take exams online, Sever said, parts of the network are shut down — typically to residence halls — because the college cannot support all the Internet traffic.

Data shows the college often exceeds

its bandwidth, particularly during evening hours when students are studying or using the Internet in their dorm rooms.

The network will allow the college to videoconference with Fort Stockton students without having to worry about broken connections, Sever said. Also, officials with the Petroleum Professional Development Center have expressed interest in videoconferencing with universities leading oil and gas research, such as Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"We're going to somehow or another get a connection to (LEARN)," Sever said. "We are of the opinion that staying relatively current with technology is so critical to our citizens that we're going to do what we can do to do that."

FIRE

(From 1A)

er onto the shoulder of the road and spraying it with water and foam.

"I'm assuming someone flicked a cigarette out their window and it landed between some pallets," said Vernell Haynes, an Anchor employee and driver of the tractor-trailer. "I know good and well it couldn't have happened during loading."

Tinney said an errant cigarette butt causing the fire was an outside possibility.

According to Haynes, he immediately pulled to the shoulder of the road after noticing the smoke and emptied his fire extinguisher in vain trying to control the blaze.

"No luck whatsoever. It wasn't at the top, it wasn't at the bottom. The fire was right in the center," Haynes said. "I couldn't get to it."

BUDDY'S

(From 1A)

man's wife Minnie until their deaths in November 2001 and September 2002, respectively.

Coleman, 84, Monday declined to say why the restaurant was closing. "We might open it up one of these days," he said. "I don't know for sure right now. I kind of hated to, but I just decided I would. I don't think we need to go any further than that."

When asked what Duncan thought about the closure, he said, "I don't know about her. I haven't talked to her. Period."

Coleman was asked if closing the drive-in, which had 13 employees, was related to financial mismanagement. "I don't need to be doing too much talking," he said.

Duncan told the Reporter-Telegram in a 35th anniversary interview last fall that she had helped get the 106 E. Broadway

'I don't need to be doing too much talking.'

Buddy Coleman, co-owner of Buddy's

building ready to open and worked there as a high school student. She said she left Andrews and returned to work at Buddy's in 1981.

Efforts to reach her last week and Monday were unsuccessful.

Reacting quickly to earthquake, scientists spread global warning

By Katy Human
The Denver Post

GOLDEN, Colo. — Thirty minutes after a massive earthquake shook the seafloor west of Sumatra Monday, federal scientists here estimated its magnitude at 8.2 and sent word to nearly 40,000 people around the world.

That's half the time the process took in December, when a giant 9.0 quake thundered through the same fault, 110 miles northwest, triggering tsunami waves and killing more than 250,000.

Although they initially underestimated Monday's giant earthquake — now calculated at 8.7 — geophysicists at the National Earthquake Information Center said they applied crucial lessons from December's disaster to get word out more quickly to more people, perhaps saving lives.

The Golden agency and its counterpart — the Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center — were criticized in December for not warning quickly enough the enormous quake might send massive waves toward Indonesia and other Southeast Asian nations.

"For one thing, we modified our software so we could get information out before the automatic system finished" calculating location and magnitude from the data available at the time, said Golden geophysicist Harley Benz.

That meant an e-mail notification, sent to tens of thousands around the world, went out in about 30 minutes; not the

75 minutes it took in December.

Waves began hitting Sri Lanka's shores about two hours after the December quake; they struck Sumatra within minutes.

This time around, 15,000 more people — including unknown numbers of government officials from Southeast Asia — signed up for earthquake e-mail alerts, Benz said.

"This earthquake has the potential to generate a widely destructive tsunami," the first e-mail sent from Hawaii Monday said. "Authorities in those regions should be aware of this possibility and take immediate action."

"If you look at what happened today, they did exactly what they should have done on Dec. 26," said Barry Lee Myers, vice president of AccuWeather Inc., who was a vociferous critic of the previous federal response.

Golden geophysicist Waverly Person spent the day responding to phone calls from people across the world, including in the area affected.

"No, no, I don't think that's true," Person said over the phone in response to massive waves rumored in Indonesia. "There was considerable damage on Sumatra," he said later, after talking with a relief worker in Banda Aceh. "Buildings are down, people are panicking, running everywhere."

That, he said, may be December's most powerful lesson: People in that disaster took appropriate action this time, racing away from coastlines as soon as they felt the earth move.

Schiavo

By Robert Tamm
Associated Press

The Terri Schiavo resulted in an explosive est in living wills, estimate as few as Americans have filled at some basic facts wills and other media in question and answers.

Q: What is a living will?

A: A document that person to state he or she want medical care become severely ill or are unable to function assistance — and, in limits they want to.

Q: Where can you find forms?

A: Forms for living similar advance directives obtained from each state, also available in places — from hospice associations and local organizations dedicated to aging for the terminally ill. Specific forms can be loaded online at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Q: Do you need to prepare a living will?

Many families to reject the idea of a living will, but the law requires that you have one if you are 18 or older and have the mental capacity to make such decisions.

By Barry Schwab
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House American diplomat to the Senate to reject Bolton's nomination next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

"He is the wrong person," they said. Sen. Richard Lugar, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Republican has scheduled Bolton's nomination.

"We urge you to nomination," the Democrats said in a letter. The Associated Press Tuesday.

The ex-diplomats in both Democratic and Republican administration long terms and others.

They include Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., ambassador to France, and Soviet Union under Carter and Reagan.

Others who signed include Princeton University professor of state affairs under President Clinton, and ambassador to South Africa under President Clinton.

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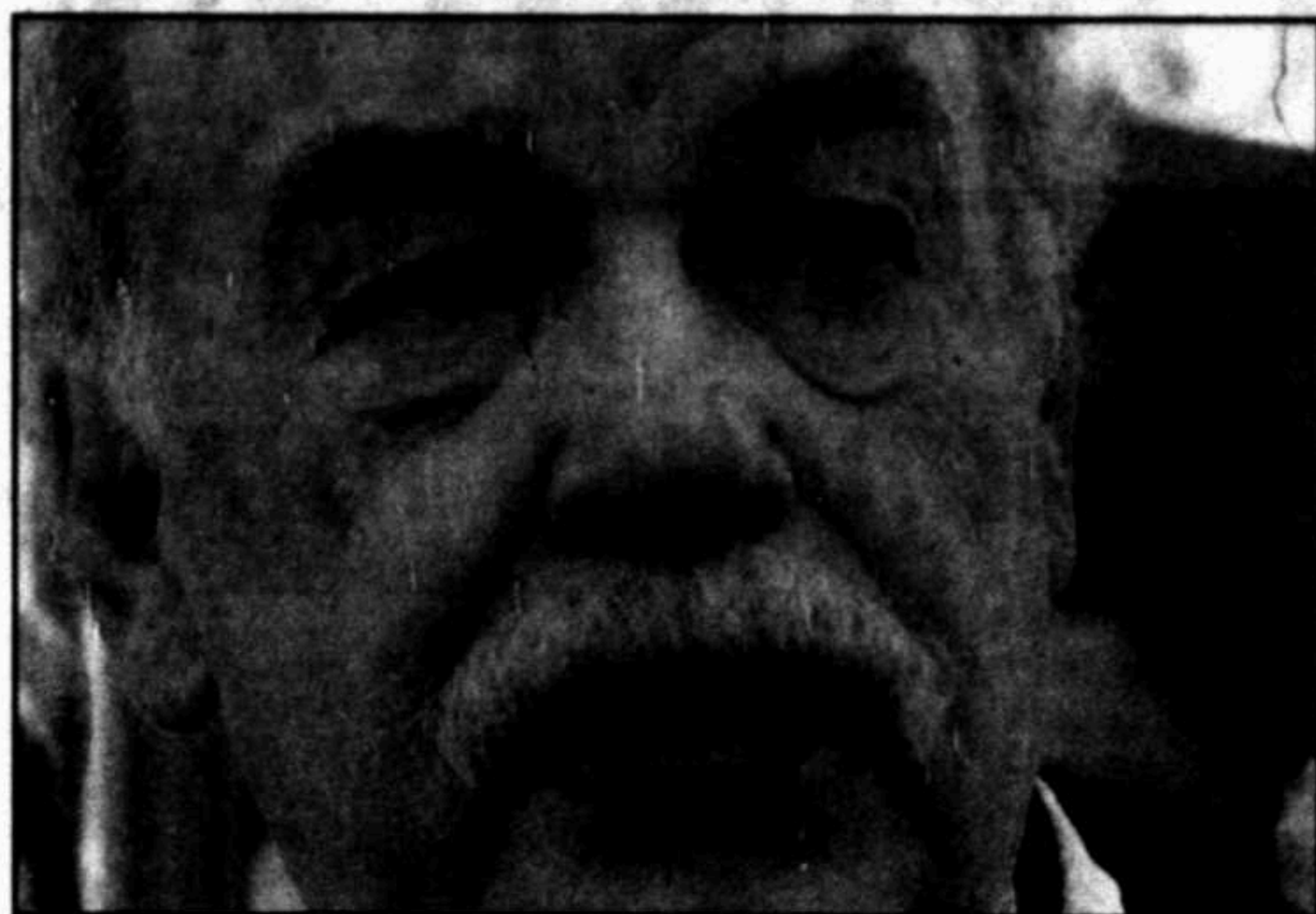
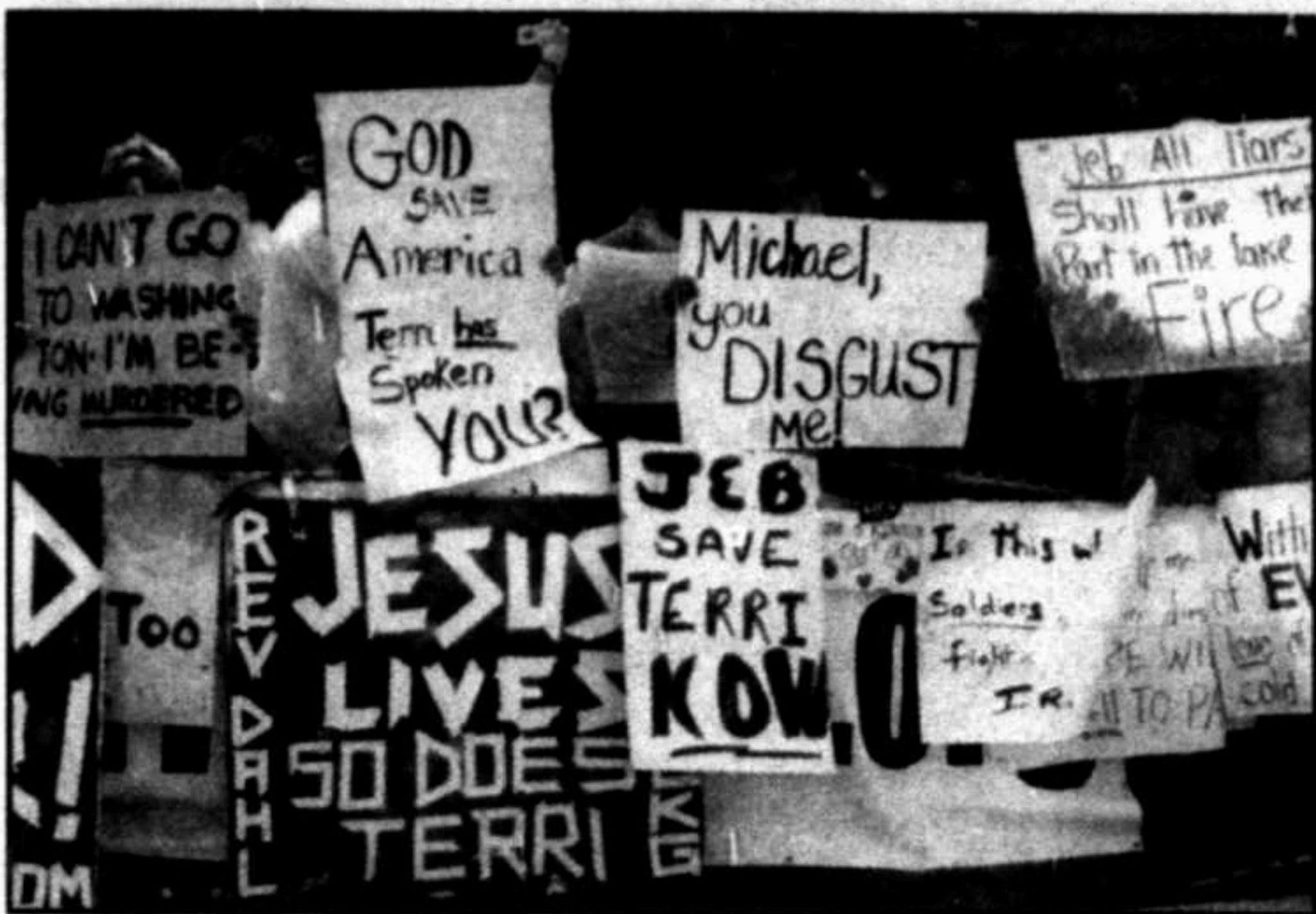
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Corrections

On mywesttexas.com, the founder of TOMCAT USA was incorrectly reported. The founder is Mitch Clark. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

The date of the Midland Exchange Club's Golden Deeds Award event, which will be presented to Mike Morgan, was inaccurately reported. The event will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

It was incorrectly reported in Monday's edition that Midland attorney Misty Borland had successfully tried 200 medical malpractice lawsuits in 10 years. A number of those lawsuits were otherwise disposed of. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.



SCHIAVO CASE Protesters, above left, gather outside the Woodside Hospice, where Terri Schiavo is a patient, in Pinellas Park, Fla., Monday. Terri Schiavo is in her 10th day without food and water. **ABOVE CENTER:** Bob Schindler, Terri Schiavo's father speaks during a news conference outside the Woodside Hospice Monday afternoon. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Hannah Amabile, 8, of Washington, participates in a press conference and prayer session in support of brain damaged woman Terri Schiavo in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House in Washington Monday.

Schiavo case causes increased interest in living wills, how they work

By Robert Tanner

Associated Press

The Terri Schiavo case has resulted in an explosion of interest in living wills, which some estimate as few as one in four Americans have filled out. A look at some basic facts about living wills and other medical directives, in question and answer form:

Q: What is a living will?

A: A document that allows a person to state how far they want medical care to go if they become severely ill or injured and are unable to function without assistance — and, importantly, the limits they want to set on care.

Q: Where can you get a living will?

A: Forms for living wills or similar advance directives can be obtained from each state, and are also available in many other places — from hospitals, medical associations and local organizations dedicated to aging or to caring for the terminally ill. State-specific forms can be downloaded online at the Web site for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Q: Do you need a lawyer to prepare a living will?

A: No, most documents only require witnesses. Some documents require or suggest the living will be notarized. But a lawyer can help you think through related end-of-life issues.

Q: Does a living will cost money?

A: The documents themselves can be obtained for free from many sources. A standardized living will, meeting legal requirements in 36 states, is the popular "Five Wishes" document produced by the nonprofit Aging with Dignity. It is available for \$5 through that organization.

Q: What do I do with a living will once I've signed one?

A: Make several copies. Keep one in a safe place, give one to a close relative and one to your physician. Some states suggest you file a copy with your county probate court for safekeeping.

Q: Does executing a living will mean I'm telling a doctor not to help me if I become critically ill?

A: Not necessarily. The will, depending on the choices you make, can specify what care you want and what you don't. It can tell doctors or hospitals, for example, to keep feeding you but

not to help you breathe if you can no longer do that on your own.

Q: Is a living will enough?

A: Experts recommend you also should choose a person to help manage your health care in case you become so ill you cannot do so yourself. That person is referred to, variously, as a health care proxy, surrogate or someone who is given durable power of attorney. "Not only do you have the living will, but you have someone who can say, 'Yes, that's what the patient would've wanted,'" said Dr. Cecil Wilson, a Florida internist.

Q: Once I complete the will and select a health care proxy, am I finished?

A: If you choose to be, but experts recommend you update the will if you are diagnosed with a serious or terminal disease.

Q: Why have so few Americans executed a living will?

A: Surveys estimate as few as one in four or one in five fill them out, and experts say there are many reasons: The idea of dying is an unpleasant one to consider; legal language can scare people off. Living wills also can't anticipate all possible health care complications, and sometimes

doctors and caregivers don't follow them, or not quickly enough.

Q: So then what should people do?

A: The best path, say those who work on these issues, is for a person to have a calm, detailed discussion with family members and loved ones about the end of life. That would include executing a living will and choosing a health care proxy, and also could touch on spiritual issues and messages to survivors, as well as other medical issues like organ donation and "do not resuscitate" orders.

Q: That sounds complicated. How do I start down that road?

A: Advice can be found from local hospices or aging organizations, or from an attorney who specializes in elder law. Another guide can be found for free online, the "Health Care Advance Planning" tool kit from the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging.

On the Net:
National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization:
<http://www.caringinfo.org>
American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging:

<http://www.abanet.org/aging/toolkit/home.html>
Aging with Dignity:
<http://www.agingwithdignity.org/>

Many former diplomats urge Senate to reject John R. Bolton's nomination

By Barry Schweid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Challenging the White House, 59 former American diplomats are urging the Senate to reject John R. Bolton's nomination to be the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

"He is the wrong man for this position," they said in a letter to Sen. Richard Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The Indiana Republican has scheduled hearings on Bolton's nomination for April 7. "We urge you to reject that nomination," the former diplomats said in a letter obtained by The Associated Press and dated Tuesday.

The ex-diplomats have served in both Democratic and Republican administrations, some for long terms and others briefly. They include Arthur A. Hartman, ambassador to France and the Soviet Union under Presidents Carter and Reagan and assistant secretary of state for European affairs under President Nixon.

Others who signed the letter include Princeton N. Lyman, ambassador to South Africa and Nigeria under Presidents Reagan,

George H.W. Bush and Clinton; Montague Stearns, ambassador to Greece and Ivory Coast in the Ford, Carter and Reagan administrations; and Spurgeon M. Keeney Jr., deputy director of the Arms Control Agency in the Carter administration.

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Nuclear power now becoming more popular

It is unclear what role nuclear power will play, though it appears to be an increasingly important one. All indicators show an increased level of emphasis on subjects such as fast growing energy demands, security of energy supply and the risk of climate change are driving a reconsideration, in some quarters, of the need for greater investment in nuclear power.

The IAEA's projection predicts 427 gigawatts of global nuclear energy capacity in 2020, the equivalent of 127 more 1,000 megawatt nuclear plants than previous projections.

The explosion at the Chernobyl plant in then-Soviet Ukraine, the world's worst civil nuclear accident, spewed a cloud of radioactivity across Europe and has been blamed for thousands of deaths from radiation-linked illness. More than 100,000 people had to be resettled. Nuclear power was dealt a heavy blow by the tragic Chernobyl accident, a blow from which the reputation of the nuclear industry has never fully recovered.

The IAEA pointed to nuclear energy policy plans in China, Finland, the United States and possibly Poland as proof nuclear power may be returning to vogue. The IAEA did not mention the nuclear power efforts of North Korea and Iran, since those countries may be masking nuclear complexes for the development of nuclear weapons.

The rise in the earth's greenhouse gases also makes nuclear power more attractive. Nuclear energy in combination with renewable sources of energy represent a safe alternative to fossil fuels.

Nuclear power emits virtually no greenhouse gases. The complete nuclear power chain, from uranium mining to waste disposal, and including reactor and facility construction, emits only 2-6 grams of carbon per kilowatt hour, according to the IAEA. This is about the same as wind and solar power and one to two orders below coal, oil and even natural gas.

But no matter how you look at nuclear energy, it leaves us all a bit uncomfortable. Still, we might need to get used to the idea. The world always will need energy, and we ultimately will do whatever it takes to get the power.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 29, the 88th day of 2005. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 29, 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

On this date:

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1847, victorious forces led by Gen. Winfield Scott occupied the city of Vera Cruz after Mexican defenders capitulated.

In 1867, the British Parliament passed the North America Act to create the Dominion of Canada.

In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1943, World War II meat, butter and cheese rationing began.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering at least 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up spending three years under house arrest.)

In 1974, eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. (The guardsmen were later acquitted.)

Ten years ago: The House of Representatives rejected, 227-204, a constitutional amendment placing term limits on lawmakers. (The rejected proposal would have limited terms to 12 years in the House and Senate.)

Five years ago: President Clinton told a news conference he was appalled when he first learned his campaign had taken illegal foreign donations in 1996 — contributions he called both wrong and unethical. A federal judge ruled that President Clinton "committed a criminal violation of the Privacy Act" by releasing personal letters to undermine the credibility of Kathleen Willey, one of his accusers.

Thought for Today: "Tolerance always has limits — it cannot tolerate what is itself actively intolerant." — Sidney Hook, American philosopher and author.

THOMAS FRIEDMAN

Oil consumption hurting U.S. foreign policy

How will future historians explain it? How will they possibly explain why President Bush decided to ignore the energy crisis staring us in the face and chose instead to spend all his electoral capital on a futile effort to undo the New Deal, by partially privatizing Social Security? We are, quite simply, witnessing one of the greatest examples of misplaced priorities in the history of the U.S. presidency.

"Ah, Friedman, but you overstate the case." No, I understate it. Look at the opportunities our country is missing — and the risks we are assuming — by having a president and vice president who refuse to lift a finger to put together a "geo-green" strategy that would marry geopolitics, energy policy and environmentalism.

By doing nothing to lower U.S. oil consumption, we are financing both sides in the war on terrorism and strengthening the worst governments in the world. That is, we are financing the U.S. military with our tax dollars and we are financing the jihadists — and the Saudi, Sudanese and Iranian mosques and charities that support them — through our gasoline purchases. The oil boom also is entrenching the autocrats in Russia and Venezuela, which is becoming Castro's Cuba with oil. By doing nothing to reduce U.S. oil consumption we also are setting up a global competition with China for energy resources, including right on our doorstep in Canada and Venezuela. Don't kid yourself: China's foreign policy today is very simple — holding on to Taiwan and looking for oil.

Finally, by doing nothing to reduce U.S. oil consumption we are only hastening the climate change

crisis, and the Bush officials who scoff at the science around this should hang their heads in shame. And it is only going to get worse the longer we do nothing. Wired magazine did an excellent piece in its April issue about hybrid cars, which get 40 to 50 miles to the gallon with very low emissions. One paragraph jumped out at me: "Right now, there are about 800 million cars in active use. By 2050, as cars become ubiquitous in China and India, it'll be 3.25 billion. That increase represents an almost unimaginable threat to our environment. Quadruple the cars means quadruple the carbon dioxide emissions — unless cleaner, less gas-hungry vehicles become the norm."

All the elements of what I like to call a geo-green strategy are known:

■ We need a gasoline tax that would keep pump prices fixed at \$4 a gallon, even if crude oil prices go down. At \$4 a gallon (premium gasoline averages about \$6 a gallon in Europe), we could change the car-buying habits of a large segment of the U.S. public, which would make it profitable for the car companies to convert more of their fleets to hybrid or ethanol engines, which over time

could sharply reduce our oil consumption.

■ We need to start building nuclear power plants again. The new nuclear technology is safer and cleaner than ever. "The risks of climate change by continuing to rely on hydrocarbons are much greater than the risks of nuclear power," said Peter Schwartz, chairman of Global Business Network, a leading energy and strategy consulting firm. "Climate change is real and it poses a civilizational threat that could transform the carrying capacity of the entire planet."

■ And we need some kind of carbon tax that would move more industries from coal to wind, hydro and solar power, or other, cleaner fuels. The revenue from these taxes would go to pay down the deficit and the reduction in oil imports would help to strengthen the dollar and defuse competition for energy with China.

It's smart geopolitics. It's smart fiscal policy. It's smart climate policy. Most of all — it's smart politics. Even evangelicals are speaking out about our need to protect God's green earth. "The Republican Party is much greener than George Bush or Dick Cheney," remarked Schwartz. "There is now a near convergence of support on the environmental issue. Look at how popular Arnold Schwarzenegger, a green Republican, is becoming because of what he has done on the environment in California."

Imagine if George Bush declared he was getting rid of his limousine for an armor-plated Ford Escape hybrid, adopting a geo-green strategy and building an alliance of neons, evangelicals and greens to sustain it. His popularity at home — and abroad — would soar.



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LETTERS

Family appreciates community's tribute to Thane Akins' life service

The outpouring of public and private sentiment in honor of the memories of Thane Akins' life demands a mention of public thanks. The humble opportunity to hear and see the many stories of his involvement in lives for many, many years speaks to the sincere interest he had in his quest for excellence for all whom he could help. It became readily apparent during the afternoon of March 17 that the scope of this influence meant something rather special to a large number of us.

On behalf of the family, please allow me this opportunity to express our genuine thanks to those who shared their life with Dad for the common good of all, and for your willingness to assist us in the final moments of our tribute to his life of honor. A special mention of warmest thanks must be extended to Ernest Angelo and Gary Thurman for their efforts in providing the civic recognition conferred so admirably upon Dad. The afternoon of tribute would not have been complete without the sounds and spirit of Barbershop from the Sun Country Gentlemen, and you must know Dad still encourages your efforts to "Keep the Whole World Singing."

Our fondest thanks go to Greg Fleming, Jimmie Rhoads, Amos Palma and Mike Fowler for conducting a memorable service of praise, and the great assistance with duty above and beyond from Virginia Hickey, Milt Thornton and the staff of Ellis Funeral Home. We also were quite honored to read the kind words of Ed Todd in his Reporter-Telegram articles, and we must offer our enduring gratitude for this special touch of commemoration. And finally, our memory of this special day was made complete by the recognition given by the city of Midland offices, the MPD Honor Guard and MFD. Our many thanks to you all!

May the contributions and legacy of Thane Akins continue to make a difference where we live and place within us a desire to fulfill our truest ambitions of life in service to one another.

ReX T. Akins
Enterprise, AL

Couple expresses appreciation for doctor helping their son

I would like to take this opportunity and thank Dr. Francisco Salcido for his treatment of our 7-month-

old baby boy. For the past five months, we've been taking our son to his pediatrician, as well as a couple of other doctors, and even to the ER to be treated for his breathing problem.

We were continually advised by these doctors to give our baby breathing treatments, which didn't seem to cure his continuous breathing problems and other related symptoms. Last weekend, while visiting my sister in El Paso, I had to rush my son to the hospital because he began turning blue, as he appeared to be struggling for air.

Consequently, we were told he had an infection in his lungs and were advised my son was going to need to stay in the hospital and be treated for several more days for him to get well. With the doctor's permission, my husband suggested we bring him home and continue with his treatment here.

We contacted Salcido with Wendover Medical Center and explained to him what had happened and requested he treat our son, even though he was not his pediatrician. By the time we left El Paso and drove back to Odessa, it was 11:30 p.m. and fortunately Salcido was waiting for us at Medical Center Hospital where he had a room waiting for our son.

I can't begin to tell you how relieved we were to see Salcido there. While in the hospital, Salcido ran some tests and found our son had a birth defect that was the cause of the infection. We would like to express our gratitude to Salcido for his care, professionalism and, more importantly, for his unselfish time. We are very fortunate to have a doctor like Salcido here in the Permian Basin. God bless you.

Wendy Morales

Daughter pleads with community to make Midland smoke-free

My name is Jacinda. I am writing this letter to ask Midland to please make Midland smoke-free. My mom has chemical-induced asthma. Cigarette smoke makes her really sick and makes her go to the hospital. She has to take lots of medicines and has to stay home.

This makes me sad because we cannot do things together and go out to eat because of the smoking in restaurants. I would like to be able to do things with my mom like other kids do. Cigarette smoke makes me sick, too. I get a runny nose, itchy eyes, sore throats and headaches. So please, please make Midland smoke-free.

Jacinda McLarey

ART BUCHWALD

It seems that mighty Casey has struck out

It looked extremely muddy for the Mudville Nine that day; Congress was in session and baseball was in play. So when McGuire took the fifth and Burrows did the same,

Congress knew there were steroids in the game.

Flynn wouldn't give his urine, and likewise neither Blake.

The former was a druggie and the latter was a fake.

Ten million fans tuned in C-SPAN.

To see who the House would slam.

"Casey," the owners cried from where they sat.

"We will pay millions to see you at the bat."

But there was little chance that Casey would play.

Or even at the hearings stay.

When Flynn named his dealer and Gansco wrote a book.

The owners yelled, "Casey will get us off the hook."

There was ease in Casey's manner, a smile on Casey's face.

As he took his oath and sat down in Blackman's place.

He swore he had not taken steroids of any kind.

Or any drugs that could affect his mind.

The questions kept flying through the air.

And Casey answered without a trace of fear.

"Even if I did use steroids, I still hit balls out of the park."

The Chairman said, "Strike one. This is not a lark."

A member of the panel asked for names who did the same.

Casey said, "If I told you names, it would only hurt my game."

They all looked at Casey grinning, and the committee wailed.

"If you don't tell us, for contempt you will be jailed."

Casey whispered to his lawyers, "What should I do?"

Before they could reply, the Chairman cried, "Strike two."

The press was in a frenzy and the whole room was awed.

As Casey grimly said, "Are you accusing me of fraud?"

Then he took another steroid and you could see his muscles strain;

He vowed he would never let a ball go by again.

The sneer has gone from Casey's lips; his teeth are clenched in hate.

He pounds with cruel violence his fist across the plate.

But when the Chairman let a spitball go,

The whole world was shattered by the blow.

Oh, somewhere in this favored land, the sun is shining bright,

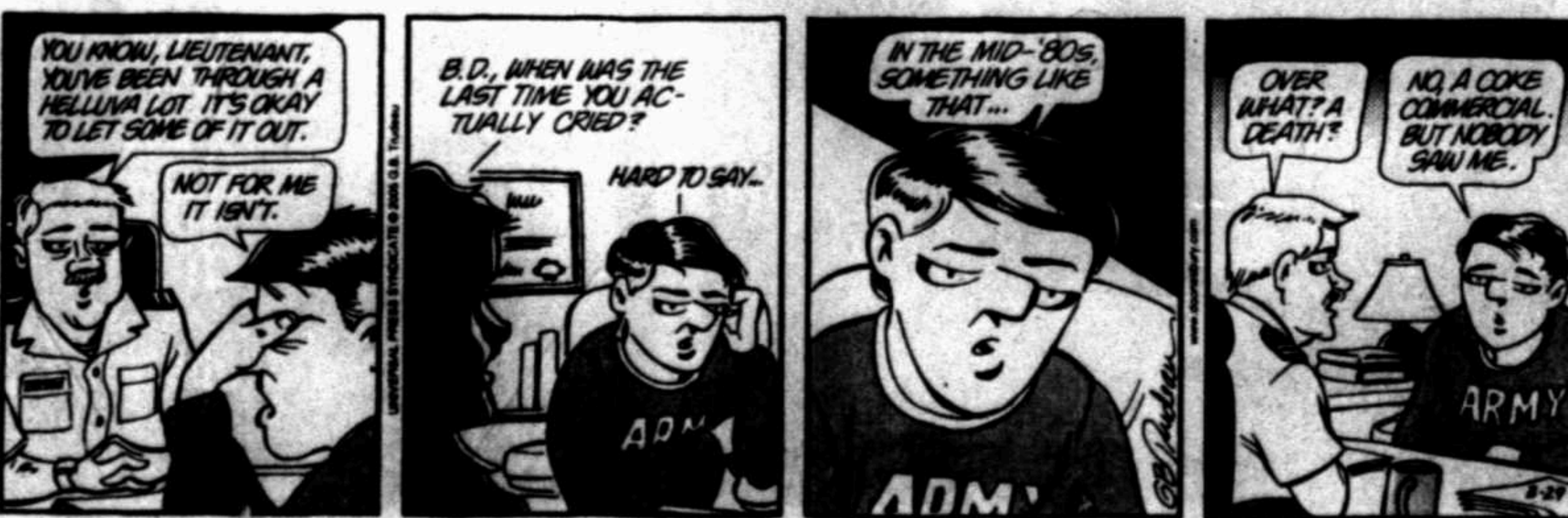
A band is playing somewhere, and somewhere beer is light.

And somewhere men are laughing and somewhere children shout.

But there is no joy in baseball — the mighty Casey just struck out. ♣



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More world

Kyrgyz poor v doubts leaders

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press

DARDOI, Kyrgyzstan — Jumatai is 8 and younger. He can't close his mouth only eat mashed state should have to ability, his grand but instead it turns ordinary people.

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"The government is a mess of the Aiyman Baita grandmother. "I once Akayev would past here. Right now so much anger do?"

The family lives impoverished man a 15-minute drive president's office, untreated home, running water, is typhoid on the Bishkek, the capital thousands migrate countryside hoping on post-Soviet can't live in slums.

Before 1990, when it was still a republic, it offered care and housing, it was one of the poorest regions, with 32 people living in poverty the U.N. Development program estimates that percent of Kyrgyz people live in poverty.

The poor blame came to power in the for corruption, the communist system and the rise of capitalism. They Bishkek fill up phones, Mercedes rooms and ads sunglasses, while 11-year-old grandchild in school because can't afford the \$10 fee or the transport.

Israeli p

By Ravi Nessim
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Parliament Monday rejected attempt to to Minister Ariel Sharon withdraw from the vetoing a proposed referendum. The plan the nation's Supreme

Democratized settlers said they their fight into the ing to bring 100,000 the settlements slated to prevent the

They also pinned the Supreme Court, Monday to hear a law providing the work for the withdrawal of the entire Gaza Strip and Bank settlements.

Approval of a would have almost delayed the withdrawal for this summer have brought down government and for tions. Sharon has rejected calls for a as a stalling tactic. show a large major

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Kyrgyzstan's poor voice doubts over leadership

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press

DARDOI, Kyrgyzstan — Jumatai is 8 and looks much younger. He can't walk. He can't close his mouth, so he can only eat mashed food. The state should have treated his disability, his grandmother says, but instead it turned its back on ordinary people.

Across Kyrgyzstan, frustrations such as these fused into the street protests that climaxed last week with crowds storming the presidential office building and driving out Askar Akayev.

"The government made such a mess of things," said Aiyman Baitasheva, the grandmother. "I wish that just once Akayev would have driven past here. Right now I am feeling so much anger. What can I do?"

The family lives in Dardoi, an impoverished market town just a 15-minute drive from the president's office. Their unheated home, with no gas or running water, is typical of conditions on the outskirts of Bishkek, the capital, where thousands migrated from the countryside hoping to cash in on post-Soviet capitalism but instead live in slums.

Before 1990, when Kyrgyzstan was still a communist republic, it offered free health care and housing, and even then it was one of the poorest Soviet regions, with 32 percent of its people living in poverty. Today the U.N. Development Program estimates that about 44 percent of Kyrgyzstan's 5 million people live in poverty.

The poor blame Akayev, who came to power in the Soviet era, for corruption, the collapse of the communist social safety net and the rise of cutthroat capitalism. They have seen Bishkek fill up with cell phones, Mercedes-Benz showrooms and ads for Versace sunglasses, while Baitasheva's 11-year-old granddaughter isn't in school because the family can't afford the \$16 enrollment fee or the transport costs.

TV - TONIGHT

TUESDAY EVENING

MARCH 29, 2005

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Israeli parliament rejects referendum for Gaza pullout

By Ravi Nessman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's parliament Monday rejected a last-ditch attempt to torpedo Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, vetoing a proposed national referendum. The plan now goes to the nation's Supreme Court.

Demoralized by the defeat, settlers said they would move their fight into the streets, promising to bring 100,000 protesters to the settlements slated for evacuation to prevent the withdrawal.

They also pinned their hopes on the Supreme Court, which agreed Monday to hear a challenge to the law providing the legal framework for the withdrawal from the entire Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements.

Approval of a referendum would have almost certainly delayed the withdrawal, scheduled for this summer, and could have brought down Sharon's government and forced new elections. Sharon has repeatedly rejected calls for a national vote as a stalling tactic. Opinion polls show a large majority of Israelis

back the withdrawal plan.

After a debate that was repeatedly interrupted by the shouts of angry lawmakers — several of whom were ejected — the Knesset overwhelmingly defeated the referendum proposal 72-39.

"This is a dramatic statement of the Israeli parliament that disengagement is going to be carried out as planned," Vice Premier Ehud Olmert said.

Settlers, thousands of whom protested near the Knesset, said the vote would split Israeli society. The government missed a chance to "prevent a violent confrontation and civil war," the Settlers Council said in a statement.

The vote exposed the deep divisions in Likud, a hawkish party filled with settlers and their allies that was stunned by Sharon's sudden reversal last year of his longtime policy of backing settlement building. Sharon says the pullout will help Israel hang on to parts of the West Bank.

Only 13 of Likud's 40 legislators voted against the referendum, forcing Sharon to rely on the support of dovish parties and Arab legislators.

The disengagement plan

repeatedly has won Knesset votes. In what will likely be its final legislative test, Sharon must get his budget passed by Thursday, a near certainty after the opposition Shinui Party agreed over the weekend to support the spending plan.

The Supreme Court hearing was set for April 8 before an expanded panel of 11 judges, the Courts Administration said. Such a large panel is generally reserved for landmark cases.

Israeli legal analyst Moshe Negbi said the court decided to hear the case to show that justice was being done, but it was highly unlikely to strike down the law. "The most (opponents) can hope for ... is that the court will say that the compensation is not high enough," he said.

On the Palestinian side, Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia sharply criticized the United States Monday after Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice reiterated support

for Israel's plans to keep large Jewish settlement blocs in the West Bank after the withdrawal. "This policy is completely incomprehensible," Qureia told reporters.

Israeli officials have confirmed plans to build 3,650 homes around the Maaleh Adumim settlement near Jerusalem. With the expansion and the construction of a separation barrier, Israel would effectively cut off east Jerusalem, the Palestinians' intended capital, from a future state in the West Bank.

A senior Israeli Defense Ministry official said Monday that the Maaleh Adumim project, originally conceived in 1999, could take years to begin.

Building permits cannot be issued because the status of the land has not been determined and the ministry expects court challenges that could last for years, the official said on condition of anonymity.

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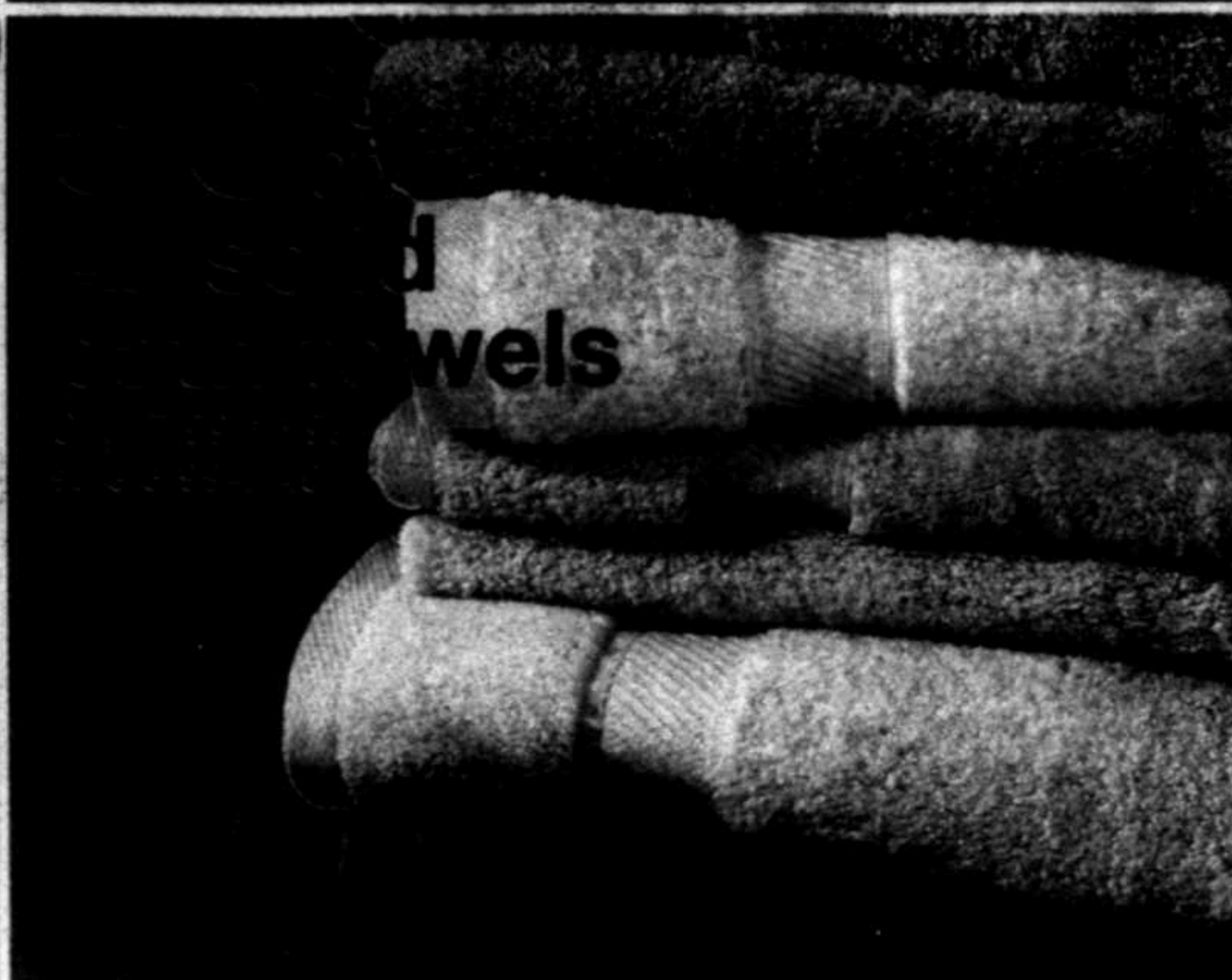
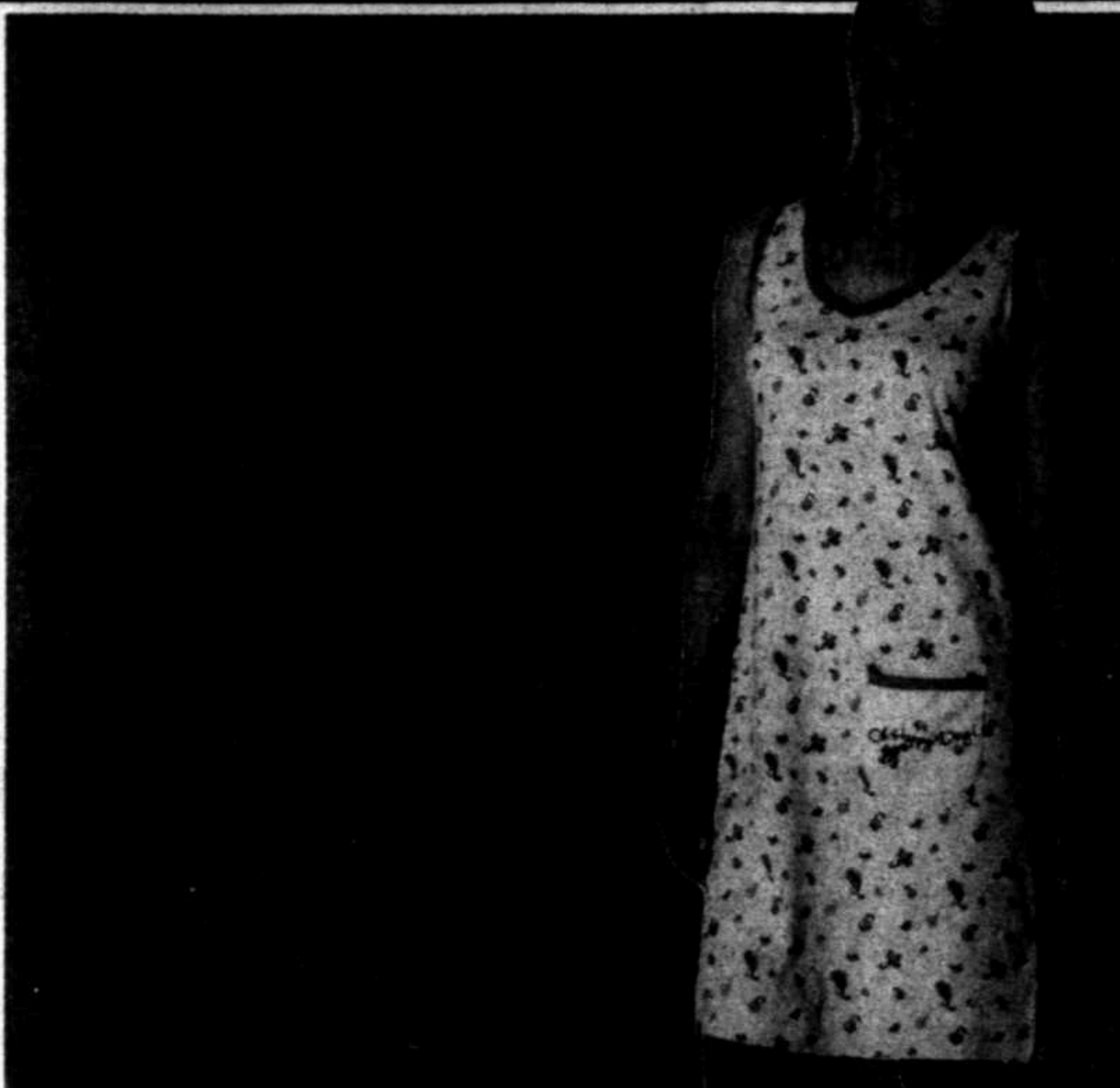
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Staff Writer

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Casino bills closer to full House, Senate

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

A proposed state constitutional amendment that could bring a casino to the Permian Basin is being considered in the House Ways and Means Committee in Austin and will probably come to a House floor vote within two weeks, one of the sponsors told the Reporter-Telegram Monday.

When asked how close proponents are to the necessary 100 votes to put it on the statewide ballot Nov. 1, Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, said, "Pretty close. We're not there yet, but we're getting closer."

Similar to a bill filed by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, Geren's bill and one sought by Rep. Kino Flores, D-Mission, would combine the state horse racing and lottery commissions into the new Texas Gaming Commission, which could issue licenses for 12 casinos in the state.

A difference between the House and Senate proposals is that the Geren-Flores measure would let horse racing tracks apply for their own casino licenses and install video lottery terminals showing dog and horse races from around the country.

Geren said a bill written by Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, is only concerned with allowing VLTs at racetracks and probably won't be

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State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo

considered. "We'll run with Kino's bill and see how it goes," said Geren, predicting it will be voted on by the full House "week after next."

"We're working on legislation to fine-tune it and get something we can all live with," he said from Dallas. "Every time there's a shortage of funds, we hold gambling out there as the fix. If it's not, let's get it off the table and quit talking about it. If it is, let's get on down the road with it."

Geren said House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, will have to be convinced proponents have two-thirds of the 150-member House's support before the amendment will be brought to a vote. Efforts to reach Craddick Monday were unsuccessful.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, who represents the Basin, was

unsure Monday if a casino gambling amendment will be approved. But he won't oppose it in the 31-member Senate.

"There's a race track that has a license and is being built in Randall County (near Canyon)," Seliger said from Amarillo. "I have no moral objection to gambling. I've been to Las Vegas and lost, and I came home. It's a matter of personal choice."

"I have the same concerns many people do about the problems that arise out of gambling. It's not an issue the public or Legislature should take lightly, and we're going to give it a lot of consideration and contemplation."

Robert Cox is an Austin lobbyist promoting the amendment and saying a casino could be opened in Martin, Midland or Ector Counties. In Midland to see relatives during Easter, he will return at mid-week to continue meeting potential investors in the \$150 million-plus project.

When asked if casino gambling would hurt the Texas Lottery, Cox said, "It will have some effect, but it's probably going to be minimal."

"Nobody seems to have thought it would be a drain on the lottery. The casino players are the ones taking money out of the state right now. They're not the same group as the lottery players."

Medical Beat:

Procedure can help prevent amputations

Editor's note: Medical Beat stories appear weekly as space permits.

By Emily Baker
Staff Writer

Jim Caldwell said he could hardly walk 10 feet before his toes felt like they would "crack off."

His leg circulation had deteriorated because of plaque buildup in his arteries. Caldwell's muscles couldn't get oxygen because blood wasn't flowing as freely as it should.

"The pain is excruciating," Caldwell said. "You scream out loud because the pain is so horrible."

Caldwell's options were bypass surgery or a "simple procedure" involving a laser that could open up the tiny blood vessels.

He chose the latter and was awake for the procedure during which Dr. Russell Sawyer of Midland Surgical Associates threaded a laser through a quarter-inch incision in his thigh.

The laser then "essentially vaporized" the plaque blocking Caldwell's blood flow, Sawyer said.

Caldwell was then walking within an hour and a half of the procedure.

Sawyer said the use of this laser, which can fit inside some of the smallest blood vessels all the way down to the feet, can help prevent amputations, which used to be considered the only treatment option for some patients with poor circulation.

Diabetic patients, in particular, faced amputations if a wound wouldn't heal because of poor circulation. Sawyer said he has had success avoiding amputation by using this laser treatment.

Patients with blocked leg arteries formerly had two more invasive options. Either a bypass was required for which a blood vessel was taken from another part of the body to replace the blocked vessel, or a stent could be placed in the

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PASSENGERS FREED Midland paramedics and firefighters work to free a woman who was trapped in an SUV for about half an hour Monday. Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to free passengers trapped in the vehicle following a rollover accident at the intersection of Wall Street and Eisenhower Drive. Several people with injuries were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, including one passenger who suffered a neck injury.

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Easy Riders

RIDING AROUND THE PARK
Tyler Duniven, 10, gives his friend, Garrett Hoffman, 9, a ride around House Park on his miniature motorcycle Monday afternoon.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



City working to improve drainage near Midland Drive

Midland officials are drafting plans and will begin receiving bids April 11.

By Stephanie A. Miller
Staff Writer

Coming soon: A more travel-friendly ride along Midland Drive, from Illinois Avenue to the service road of Business Interstate 20.

The city is about to draft plans and receive bids for improvements along the roadways, which tend to have drainage problems brought on by rain water.

The roadway has been maintained since the late 1950s, but no extensive repairs have been made to it, city engineering officials said.

One of the improvements is the installation of a 1,450-foot concrete center drain at the on Midland Drive.

Other improvements include the installation of about 70 hand-capped ramps, with four at most intersections. Street paving is also part of the modifications.

The entire base plan — which covers the paving, drain and hand-capped ramps — will cost an estimated \$1.28 million, said Midland City Engineer James Robertson.

The repairs will help make the road easier to travel.

The nuisance water will be on the concrete, which will be able to withstand it better than the pavement, Robertson said.

If there is enough money, sidewalks possibly could be put in, he added. The sidewalks would cost an estimated \$200,000.

The Midland City Council recently approved plans and specifications for the installation of street and drainage improvements in the area.

The council has also authorized advertisements for bids, which open April 1, city officials said.

Completion of the improvements depends on when utilities are replaced.

Robertson said the gas company has indicated it needs to replace some facilities within the area.

Though placement of utilities is a factor, Robertson said the city is hoping to get everything completed by the end of the summer.

It's days like these when I'd almost rather read the comic strips

Some news meetings are better than others, but Monday's late afternoon ritual was outright morbid as we reviewed possible front page items for today's edition, not knowing what pending national and world developments would emerge in the hours ahead.

What we did know early on was that at least hundreds had been killed by an earthquake in Indonesia, as talk of another tsunami disaster rang on the wire.

Pope John Paul II had not appeared at his window for what's known in Vatican City as Easter Monday, and concerns about his fragile health and even life itself continued to escalate worldwide.

And then there was Terri Schiavo, whose death we in the editorial department have unfortunately had to continuously plan for in recent days.

Even as I left the newsroom late Sunday night, a copy editor and I discussed what last-minute changes would be made to Monday's front page

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should the brain-damaged woman pass away before our presses started rolling at 12:30 a.m.

As I write just after 8 p.m. Monday, Schiavo is reported to be "barely clinging to life" in her 11th day without food or water. Police were guarding her hospice room, making sure no one could sneak in some water. Outside, people prayed and pleaded for intervention to save her.

America and much of the world is captivated with this story, and for good reason.

Schiavo is even the talk of Midland. Everywhere I have gone in recent days, someone brings her up.

If you look at the Reporter-Telegram's online reader forum, you'll find about two dozen subtopics of discussion on Schiavo, attracting thousands of views in recent days with hundreds of people posting their opinions on the woman's fate. Everyone seems to have a passionate opinion in regard to Schiavo.

I'll admit her husband's insistence she be dehydrated and starved to death has me beyond infuriated. It is not as if this woman is on a ventilator or life-support system other than a feeding tube, and many people stay alive for many years as she has on the tube.

Sure, she's brain damaged, but not brain dead. Many people suffer brain damage or are even born that way.

Never mind that the husband — who has lived with and fathered children by another woman —

wants his wife dead. But her family loves her, is more than willing to care for her and wants Terri to live.

Since there's no living will, the family has acted on an assumption the woman would want to live and not die. And if erring, doing so on the side of life and not death.

We all know the dynamics of the situation — at least as it is reported in the news — and may peacefully disagree amongst ourselves.

But, minus an unforeseen miracle, one cold fact remains: Schiavo's hours on Earth are numbered.

An act of Congress, a signature from the president of the United States and her own governor's efforts to become her guardian have not blocked her slow, and in my personal opinion, cruel death.

It has been a very deadly day already with wire reports Monday night now saying up to

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Jeanette Hiltbruner

On Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005, Jeanette Hiltbruner, 70, gave up a two year battle with cancer to be with her Heavenly Father. She was a homemaker. Jeanette was born on September 27, 1934 to Grover Earnest and Gertrude Givens in Wheeling, West Virginia. Everyone who knew her and met her was touched in a special way.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister. Jeanette is survived by her daughter, Zevie Brewer of Midland, TX; son, Billy Mullins of Jarrell, TX; four sisters, Gene Oberdick of Grants Pass, OR; Brenda Hill of Mulino, OR; Sheila Hyatt of Rancho Cucamonga, CA; Maureen Kelly of Rialto, CA; two brothers, Don Earnest of Tipp City, OH; Gerald Earnest of Twenty-nine Palms, CA; grandchildren, Shannon and Julene Haggard of Midland, TX; two great-grandchildren, Alex and Dominic Haggard of Midland, TX; numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

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We are angels - We are angels

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Dorothy Mae Davis

Dorothy Mae Davis, housewife, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away in the early morning of Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005, in Midland, Texas, at the age of 82. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30th at Mount Olivet Cemetery in

Fort Worth, Texas. Mount Olivet Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Davis was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 16, 1922. She will be buried beside her husband, Andrew Lee Davis, who died in 1991. She is also predeceased by a son, James Sutherland and a great-grandchild, Chase Long. At the time of her death, Mrs. Davis lived in Midland, Texas. She had lived in Midland for 5 years. The previous 38 years she had lived in Haltom City, Texas. She often spoke fondly of living in Haltom City, Texas, where she raised her 5 children and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The last 17 years of her life were devoted to the raising of her grandson, Kyle T. Sullivan. She requested that those who knew her not mourn her passing, but celebrate the long and full life our Lord had graciously allowed her to live.

The family suggests that memorials be made to your local chapter of the American Diabetes Foundation.

Survivors include two daughters, Annette Stephens and Carol McCaslin, both of Ft. Worth; two sons, Andrew Davis, Jr., of Fort Worth and Don W. Davis of Midland; one sister-in-law, Annice Thomas of Houston; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

J.L. Greene, Jr.

J.L. Greene, Jr., of Midland, died peacefully at home on Saturday, March 26, 2005.

He was born on May 26, 1930 in Midland, Texas to J.L. Greene and Hazel McCormick Greene. Jimmie, as he was known, was raised in Midland where he graduated from Midland High School in 1947. He attended Schreiner College and Baylor University earning a B.A. After graduating from Baylor in 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and later became a Supply Officer in Bayonne, New Jersey. In 1954, he married Joy Mashburn of Midland. Jimmie received an honorable discharge and the couple moved back to the blue sky and dust of Midland where their hearts were. He was an avid fisherman and woodcarver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Betty Jo Greene Morgan. Jimmie is survived by his wife, Joy Greene, son, Jim Greene, III, and daughter, Sheila Greene, all of Midland, TX; two nephews and one niece, and several cousins. Jimmie's family would like to thank his caregivers, Reina Leon, Kaye Nasset, Belia Bonilla and Hospice of Midland, Inc., for the kind and loving care he received. Private graveside services were held at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702 or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-7633 or to the charity of one's choice.

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Bonnie Dale Durant

Bonnie Dale Durant, 54, of Odessa passed from this life on Saturday, March 26 after a brief illness. Bonnie was born on April 10, 1950 in Odessa to N.H. and Mary Pearl Lake.

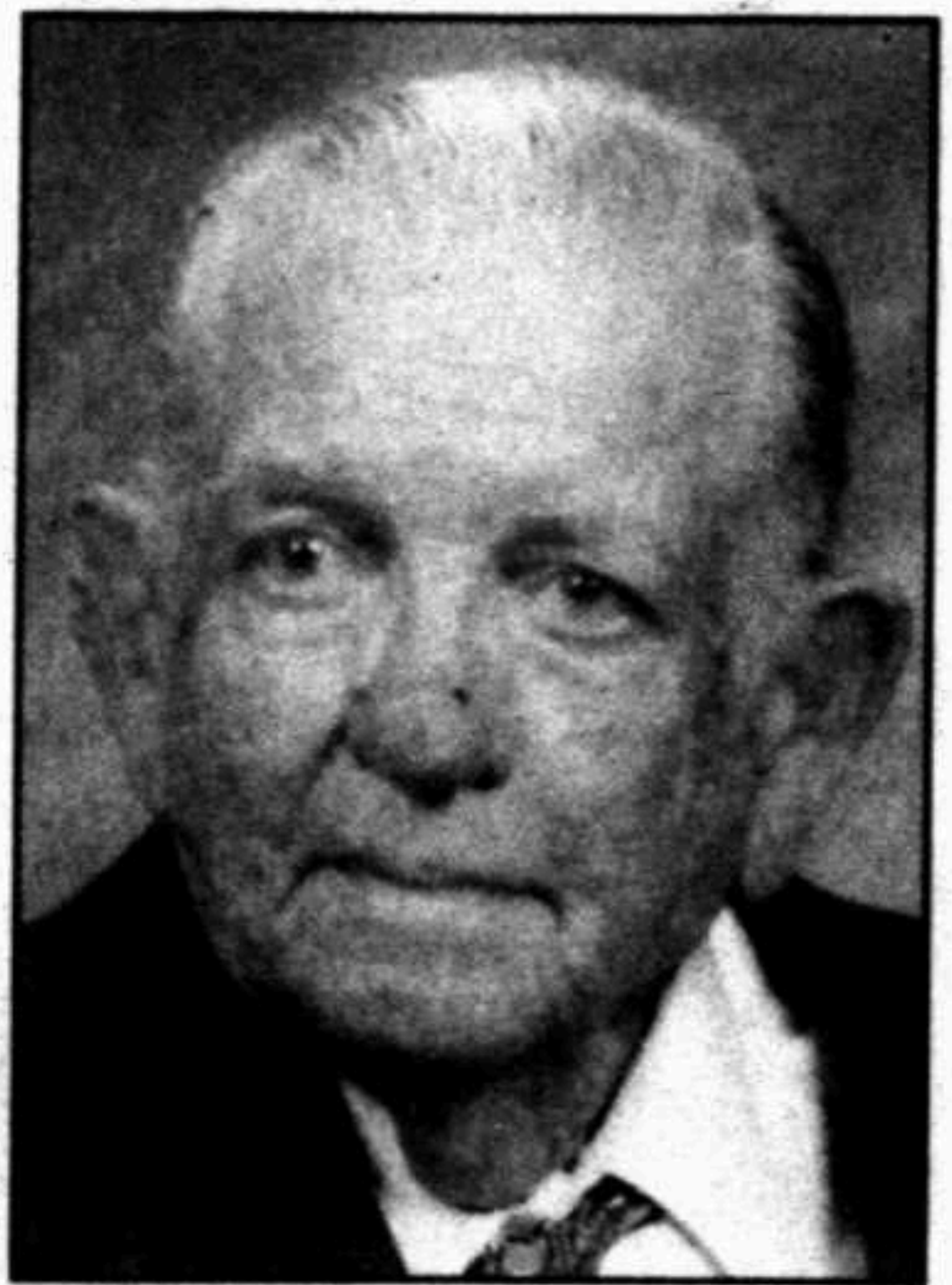
She graduated from high school in Cortez, Colorado.

Bonnie attended Denver University, the University of Colorado, and earned her degree from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. She earned a Masters Degree in Education from Abilene Christian University. Bonnie was an elementary school teacher for 19 years in Cortez and Mid-

land. She retired from teaching after she married Joe Meegan on May 23, 2000.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her father N.H. Lake, her mother Mary Pearl Lake, and a nephew, Michael Goldsmith. She is survived by a son Casey Durant and wife Shayla of Midland, son Cody Durant and wife Julia of Phoenix, husband Joe Meegan of Odessa, grandson Nathan Durant, granddaughter Ivy Durant, brother James Goldsmith and wife Jemmie Ray of Odessa, sister Peggy Johnson of Levelland and a sister Gertie Mills of Pampa.

Funeral services are set for 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, March 30, at the Frank Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Curtis Brewer will officiate. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family asks that memorial donations be made to Home Hospice of Odessa.



Travis M. Lary

Travis Marvin Lary, 80, of Midland, passed away at home Sunday, March 27, 2005 after a lengthy illness.

He was born January 10, 1925 in Coryell County, Gatesville, Texas to Marvin Stanley Lary and Irene Harrington Lary. Travis attended school at Gatesville, but due to poor health and the climate, he moved to Sudan, Texas and stayed with an aunt and uncle while attending school. When his health improved, he returned home and graduated from Gatesville High School. When World War II began he joined the service, until due to poor health, he was given an honorable discharge. Travis came back to West Texas

and worked for Civil Service in Dalhart and Lubbock, Texas. He later moved to Midland and married Beatrice Clary on March 18, 1948. The couple has lived in Midland all of their married life. Travis was a deacon and later an elder of Westside Church of Christ, until he resigned. Currently he was a member of the Fairmont Park Church of Christ. Travis was an outstanding student of the Bible. He studied diligently and spent many hours memorizing much of the text. He retired from oil field trucking, receiving a special award in Austin, Texas for driving more than 100,000 miles per year, for over thirty years, without a chargeable accident.

Travis and Bea had twins born October 10, 1951, Milton Ray Lary and Janet Kay Lary. While attending Abilene Christian University, Janet married Joe Don Martin May 25, 1973. They have two children, Jacob Dee Martin and Jennie Kay Martin. Milton married Jan Harkness June 1, 1974, also while attending Abilene Christian University. They have three children, Nathan Ray Lary of Midland, Lauren Elizabeth Lary of Abilene, and a daughter, Kristin King and husband, Jonathan King, of Lubbock. They are the parents of their only great-grandson, Tristin.

Travis is also survived by one brother, Belvin Lary and wife, Wanda, of Jonesboro, Texas; one sister, Orene Donnell of Marshall, Missouri; aunt, Mattie Poe of Arlington; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, James Troy Lary.

His family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Mohr and Dr. Mayron, family, members of the church and friends for the kindness shown to him during his years of heart problems.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at Fairmont Park Church of Christ with Don Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Manufacturing, delivering or possessing a controlled substance:

Jermine Lecharles Bryant, 24, was arrested Monday by Midland Police Department officers in the 400 block of East Texas Avenue on a charge of manufacturing, delivering or possessing a controlled substance. Bond: \$15,000.

Violation of probation:
Anival Pando, 31, of Pecos was arrested Monday by Department of Public Safety troopers on Texas highway 191 east of County Road 1275. No bond set.

Note: All reported arrests are for felony offenses.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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Resthaven Memorial Park

JERRY BAUGH
1:00 P.M.
First Assembly of God Church

TRAVIS LARY
3:00 P.M.
Fairmont Park Church of Christ

Ellis Funeral Home
683-5555

Wayne Hunter

LUBBOCK — Wayne Horace Hunter, 82, died Wednesday, March 23 in Lubbock. A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the Carillon chapel in Lubbock, with a reception following the service. Cremation is under the direction of Moore-Rose White Funeral Home of Floydada. Ashes will be interred at the Flomot Cemetery at a later date.

He was born Nov. 25, 1922, in Howard County, Ark. to Horace and Adeline Hunter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Randy Hunter.

He is survived by his wife, Jimmie Lee Hunter of Lubbock; two daughters, Anita Carter of Lubbock and Susan Smith of Austin; a son, David Hunter of Midland; four grandchildren; three step-granddaughters; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Flomot Baptist Church or a favorite charity.

Hector Gutierrez

EL PASO — Hector Gutierrez of El Paso died Saturday, March 26. Visitation will be 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, March 29 with a prayer service at 6:40 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Rosary will be 7 p.m. today, March 29 at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Mass will be 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 30 at San Juan Bautista Catholic Church. Interment with military honors will follow at Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

He was born to Eulalio and Angela Gutierrez and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He received three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, as well as several campaign ribbons. He worked in civil service and was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Consuelo Gutierrez; sons, Ruben Gutierrez of San Antonio, Alex Gutierrez of Midland and Hector Gutierrez Jr. of El Paso; two daughters, Elizabeth Rincon and Peggy Garcia, both of El Paso; brothers, Efrén Gutierrez and Saul Gutierrez, both of El Paso; sisters, Rebecca Salinas and Elva

Carrera, both of El Paso; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hillcrest Funeral Home.

Jack Clinkscales

BIG SPRING — Jack Clinkscales, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 27. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 30 at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Revs. Jim Wilkerson and Bobby Fuller officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born April 18, 1916, in London, England and married Georgina Buttle Sept. 29, 1948 in Lindsell, England. He served in the Royal Air Force during World War II. He owned a mercantile business until coming to the United States on July 22, 1957. He pastored various churches in Indiana, New Mexico and Texas, retiring from Forsan Baptist Church in 1996 after 26 years of service. He continued to preach and serve as interim pastor until his death.

He was preceded in death by two sons and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Anne Schulz of Andrews and Brenda Doil of Monticello, N.M.; one son, David Clinkscales of Big Spring; one brother, Graham Martin of Ipswich, England; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Gideons International, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring, 79721-0133.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Robert Mersereau

GRAND HAVEN — Robert B. Mersereau, 76, of Grand Haven died Thursday, March 24 in Reno, Nev. A memorial service will be held in Grand Haven at a later date.

He was born March 14, 1929, to Robert and Josephine Mersereau in

DEATH NOTICES

Indianapolis, Ind., and married Muriel Jacobson in 1953. He lived in Dowagiac, Mich., before moving to Grand Haven. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business from the University of Michigan. He was an auditor in the United States Air Force. He also worked with Seidman & Seidman, Old Kent Bank and Union Bank.

He volunteered with First Presbyterian Church, Wedgwood Christian Services, Tri-Cities Museum, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Sigma Phi Fraternity, U of M Club of Grand Rapids, Round Table, Scottish Rite and Boy Scouts.

Survivors include his wife, Muriel Mersereau; a son, Bob Mersereau of Grand Haven; three daughters, Mary Mersereau-Kemp of Midland, Mich., Sarah Mersereau-Adler of Carson City, Nev., and Elizabeth Griffin of Grand Rapids; a sister Joyce Sherrod of Midland; seven grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven Building Fund, 508 Franklin Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417; International Aid, 17011 W. Hickory, Spring Lake, MI 49456; or Wedgwood Christian Youth Services Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 88007, 3300 36th St. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49518.

Jerry Baugh

Jerry Eugene Baugh, 63, of Midland died Saturday, March 26. Services will be 1 p.m. today, March 29, at First Assembly of God Church with Mike Hanks and Mike Philiber officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

He was born Nov. 24, 1941 to Eugene and Doyleene Baugh in Big Spring. He graduated from Stanton High School in 1960 and married Joyce Stephens Jan. 30, 1971 in Midland. He worked at the Texas Highway Department and moved to the Dallas area in 1970. He also worked for Mid County Asphalt and Trinity Core Lab. He also worked for L & L Well Service and Perma Sand

until his retirement in 1999.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his father and a nephew.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Steven Baugh and Christopher Baugh, both of Midland; mother, Doyleene Baugh of Baytown; a sister, Martha Horelica of Baytown; three grandchildren; and several nieces and cousins.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri Ave., Midland, 79701; or First Assembly of God Church, 100 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, 79705.

Ira Bisbee

Ira Bisbee, 83, of Midland, died Monday, March 28. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Georgia Thompson

BIG SPRING — Georgia Thompson, 80, of Big Spring died Monday, March 28 at a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Gary Grice

BIG SPRING — Gary Wayne Grice, 56, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 27 at his residence. Services will be 11 a.m. today, March 29 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park with military honors. Dean Thomas will officiate.

He was born to Lee and Ruth Grice of Hobbs, N.M., and was raised by his paternal grandparents near Jayton. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He worked in the oil fields of New Mexico and West Texas. He received his associate's degree in science at Texas Technical College in Waco and was a certified biomedical technician. He married Lucy Gill and worked in a bio-med tech position at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring. He was a member of the VFW, the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation,

the Harley Owners Group and the American Federation of Government Employees.

He is survived by his wife and several other family members.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

James Horton

BIG SPRING — James A. Horton, 86, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 27 at a local hospital. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. today, March 29, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Teeters officiating.

He was born April 11, 1918, in Big Spring and married Wanda Pearce May 11, 1940 in Big Spring. He worked for Union Pacific Railroad for 36 years and was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Staked Plains Lodge and the Trainmans Association.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Jimmy Horton of Big Spring; two daughters, Nora Phillips of Big Spring, and JoAnn Armstrong of Austin; one brother, T.F. Horton of Big Spring; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave., Suite A-5, Midland; or the First Baptist Church Organ Fund, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Mary Paul

BIG SPRING — Mary Paul, 62, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 27. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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David Lawrence Glover, 26, possession of cocaine.
Jesse Ramirez Corona, 18, aggravated assault and evading arrest in a motor vehicle.
Byron Oakley Strange, 21, two counts of theft of firearms.
Rosemary DeJesus Regardiz, 22, burglary of a habitation.
Randy Lee O'Neal, 42, cocaine possession and evading arrest in a motor vehicle.

Source: Midland County District Clerk's Office

TEXAS CITY — tor into last week refinery said crumpled trailer of a pressure workers died.

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BP refinery blast scene reveals signs of pressure wave

By Pam Easton
Associated Press

TEXAS CITY — The lead investigator into last week's explosion at a BP refinery said Monday that she found crumpled trailers, damaged cars and signs of a pressure wave in the area where 15 workers died.

"It is very sobering to see first hand the place where 15 souls were taken," Angela Blair, with the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, said Monday evening after a brief tour of the site.

"That image is permanently etched on my heart and it serves to emphasize even more the importance of the chemical safety board mission. We are going to investigate this accident to the deepest level possible and to the broadest extent possible so that our mission to prevent this from happening here or at any other refinery can be accomplished."

Blair said she saw quite a bit of blast damage in the area where some of those killed worked in trailers.

"Those are not substantial structures and there was a very significant amount of broken trailers and cars with their windows blown out and debris everywhere but no fire damage," she said. Blair saw significant fire damage on the other side of the unit, which she said indicates a fire on the ground on one side of the plant and a pressure wave out toward the trailers.

Contractors at the refinery returned to work Monday for the first time since Wednesday's explosion, but some employees took the day off to attend the funerals of co-workers. A makeshift memorial outside the plant's front gate continued to grow with individual floral



EXPLOSION INVESTIGATION A hearse carrying the body of Rafael Herrera passes an Exxon Mobil plant Monday in Baytown after his funeral at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Herrera, 27, was one of 15 workers killed Wednesday in an explosion at a BP plant in Texas City.

memorials for two of the victims, Art Ramos and Lorena Cruz. Workers hugged and comforted each other.

BP spokesman Bill Stephens said about 2,200 contract workers were at the plant on Monday along with BP workers. All were offered counseling and had to undergo security briefings before returning to their job sites. Some of those who worked near or in the site of the

explosion were told they could go home, but many stayed.

Stephens said that the refinery is back to normal operations except for the unit affected by the blast.

Blair said that her team of investigators hope to get clearance Tuesday to check out the isomerization unit and begin measuring the extent of the damage.

The explosion at the 1,200-acre plant

shot flames, ash and blackened metal into the sky — blowing out windows a half a mile away and injuring more than 100 workers and residents. Nine people remained hospitalized Monday, five of them in intensive care, according to a hospital spokesman.

Three funerals were held Monday in neighboring Baytown for Morris King, 57; Rafael Herrera, 27; and Larry Lin-

senbardi, 58.

King and Linsenbardi worked for J.E. Merit Constructors Inc., a Houston-based subsidiary of Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., based in Pasadena, Calif. Herrera worked for another California contractor, Fluor Corp. All 15 killed were contract workers; 12 worked for J.E. Merit and the rest worked for Fluor.

Blair said earlier that her team had talked for three hours with at least one unit operator working at the time of the explosion and got "good, very detailed information." She wouldn't discuss specifics.

The blast occurred in the plant's isomerization unit as a portion of it was brought up to full production after a two-week shutdown for routine maintenance.

Preliminary evidence suggests a flammable liquid and vapor were released and then ignited as the equipment was restarted, Blair said.

She said investigators are examining equipment that feeds the isomerization reactor, which converts the chemicals pentane and hexane, both highly flammable, into isopentane and isohexane, which boosts the octane rating of gasoline.

"We may be able to fairly quickly say what physically happened," Blair said. "But as to why there were 15 people killed and so many other people injured, those answers take a lot longer to get at."

The explosion was the third accident at the plant in a year. An explosion during maintenance in March 2004 forced an evacuation, but no one was injured. Two workers died in September after they were burned with superheated water.

Republicans weigh in on possible run by Hutchison for governor

AUSTIN (AP) — As U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison considers a possible Republican primary race against Gov. Rick Perry, some GOP power players are urging her to seek re-election instead of targeting the incumbent governor.

But Hutchison's camp says she's getting encouragement from all sorts of Republicans and that the opposition is being fueled by Perry's political team.

"I think that's orchestrated out of a scared governor's office," high-profile Republican Jim Francis, a Hutchison supporter, said Monday.

Hutchison has not said yet

which office she will seek in 2006. She has fund-raisers this week in Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston and Dallas.

The money-raising events are organized under federal campaign rules, meaning donations are limited. The money could be used in a Senate re-election bid. Under a recently enacted federal law, she could transfer the money for a governor's race.

In letters, e-mails and direct conversations, some nervous Republicans have told Hutchison they want her to seek re-election to the Senate and abandon thoughts of running for governor in what they expect would be a

fractious GOP primary. The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

"It would be like throwing a hand grenade in a chicken yard," said former Texas Republican Party chairman George Strake, a Perry supporter.

In a March 12 letter, 34 members of the 62-person State Republican Executive Committee urged Hutchison "to stay the course as our United States senator from Texas." Some GOP contributors have cautioned Hutchison in face-to-face meetings, allies of both candidates acknowledge.

However, Hutchison's cam-

paign manager, Terry Sullivan, said Monday that in Hutchison's conversations with Texas Republicans, no one has told her they like Perry's performance as governor.

"Not one single person has come up to the senator and said, 'Please don't run because Governor Perry is doing a good job,'" Sullivan said.

Luis Saenz, campaign director for Perry, said Republicans are satisfied with the governor.

"Governor Perry has accomplished a lot of what conservatives have wanted over the years — tort reform, balancing the budget with no new taxes. He's focusing

on highways," Saenz said. "They appreciate that and admire the leadership that's taking place in Texas."

Dallas lawyer Pat Oxford, co-chairman of the senator's statewide finance committee, said Hutchison is attractive to many in the party hierarchy and to grassroots Republicans, but not everybody is free to talk about it.

"The truth is, Senator Hutchison is not in a position to muscle up on anybody. The governor is, because of appointments and legislative initiatives," he said.

Perry officials deny the governor has used his office to pressure supporters.

While her fund-raising invitations suggest prominent Republican support, not everyone remained publicly committed if she decides to run for governor.

One veteran Republican grassroots activist Hutchison personally visited in an unsuccessful bid for support was Annette Hopkins of San Angelo.

"I want her to stay a senator," she said. "I told her I'd work hard for her again as senator, but I've committed to Gov. Perry for governor."

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artery to open it back up.

Though nobody really knows why, stents tend to close up when placed in the body below the groin, Sawyer said. Gravity may play a role in that, but stents typically need to be replaced after a few years, he said. Bypass surgery is painful and has a long recovery period, Sawyer said.

The laser procedure has fewer risks than the other options because the incision is much smaller, and the entire procedure less is disruptive, he said.

The laser procedure is more expensive up front, however, because some of the surgical devices can't be sterilized and reused, Sawyer said. But the lack of physical therapy and wound care and the less time spent at the hospital after the laser procedure should contribute to a lower total bill, he said.

Caldwell said the procedure "is

really nothing" and people who are afraid of surgery shouldn't worry about this procedure because he had no pain afterwards, Sawyer said. The level of a patient's sedation can vary based on what a patient is comfortable with.

Success rates have been high, Sawyer said.

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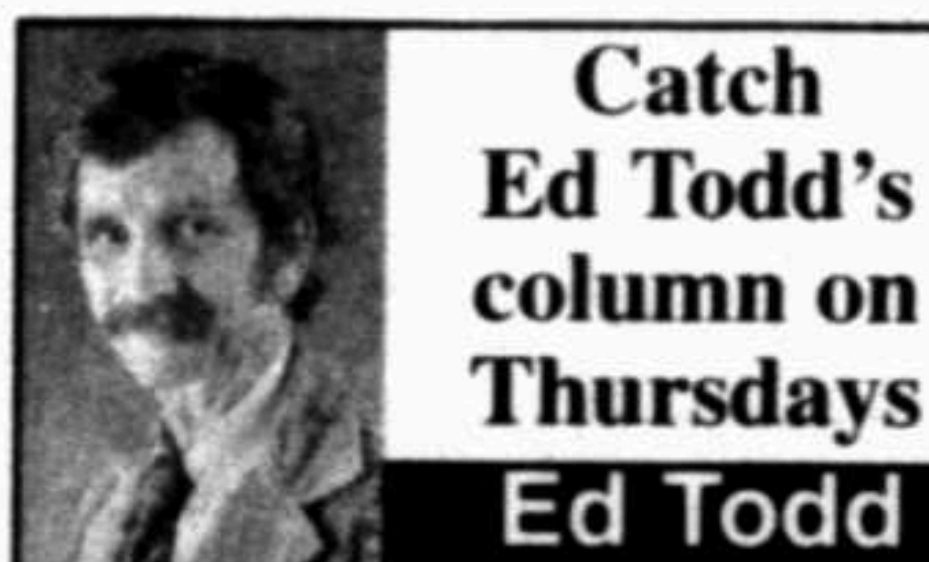
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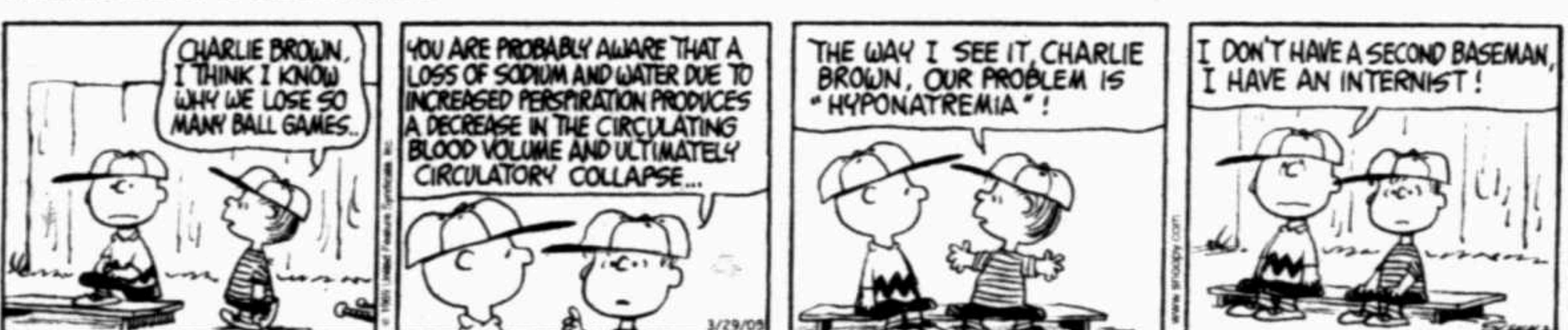
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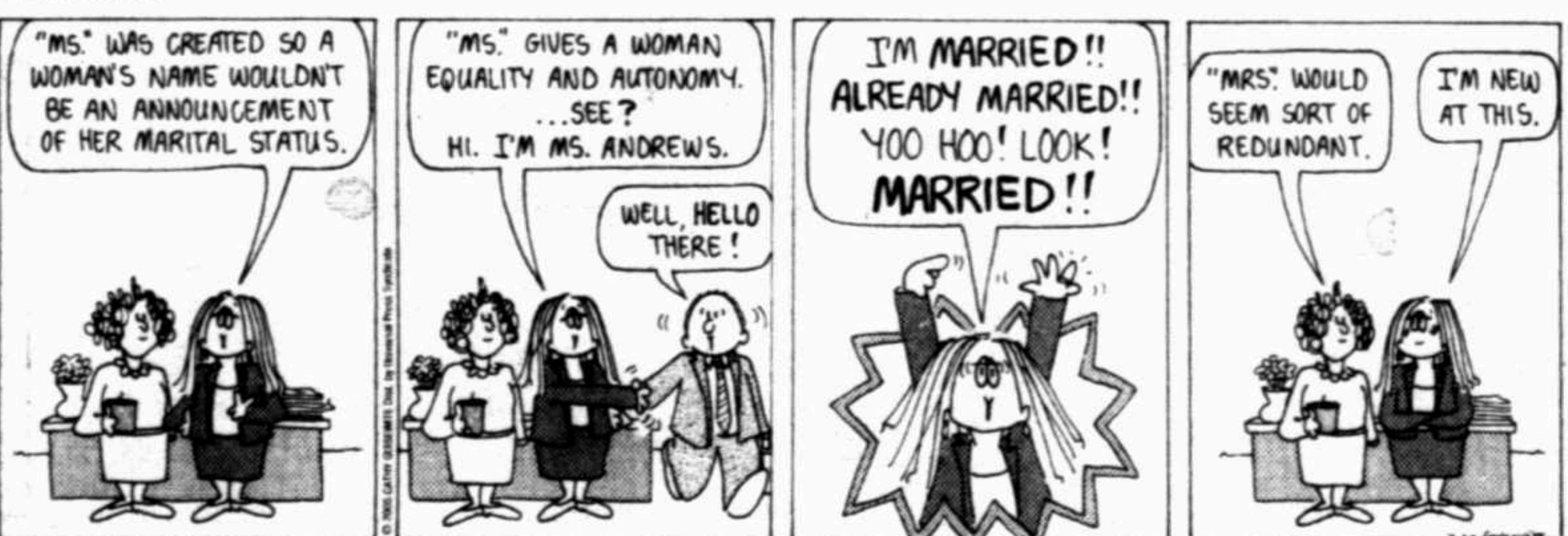
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Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high around 81 and west winds between 15 and 30 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with a low around 45 and west winds between 5 and 25 mph.

Wednesday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 78, a low around 41 and north winds between 5 and 20 mph.

Thursday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 63 and a low around 38.

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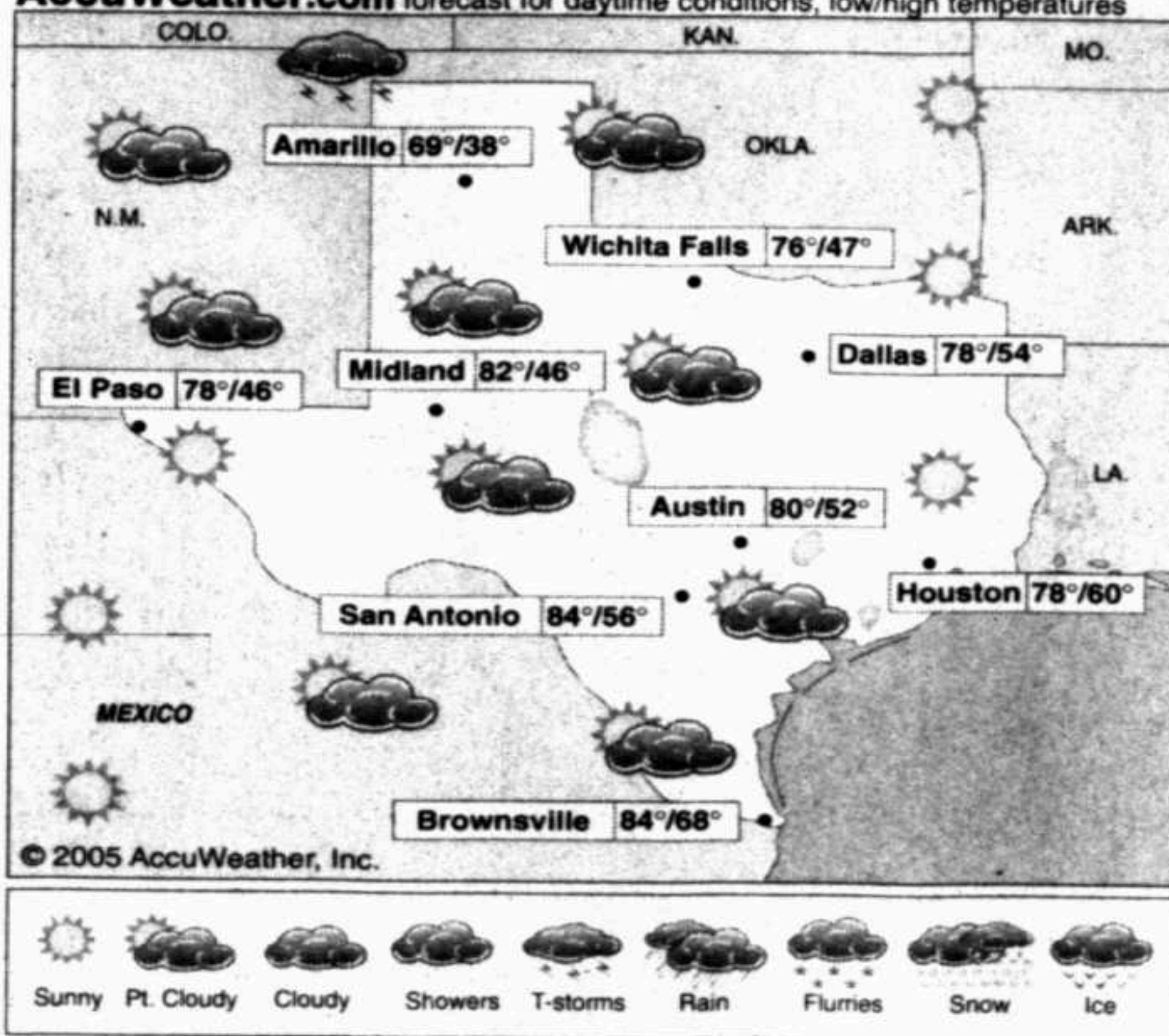
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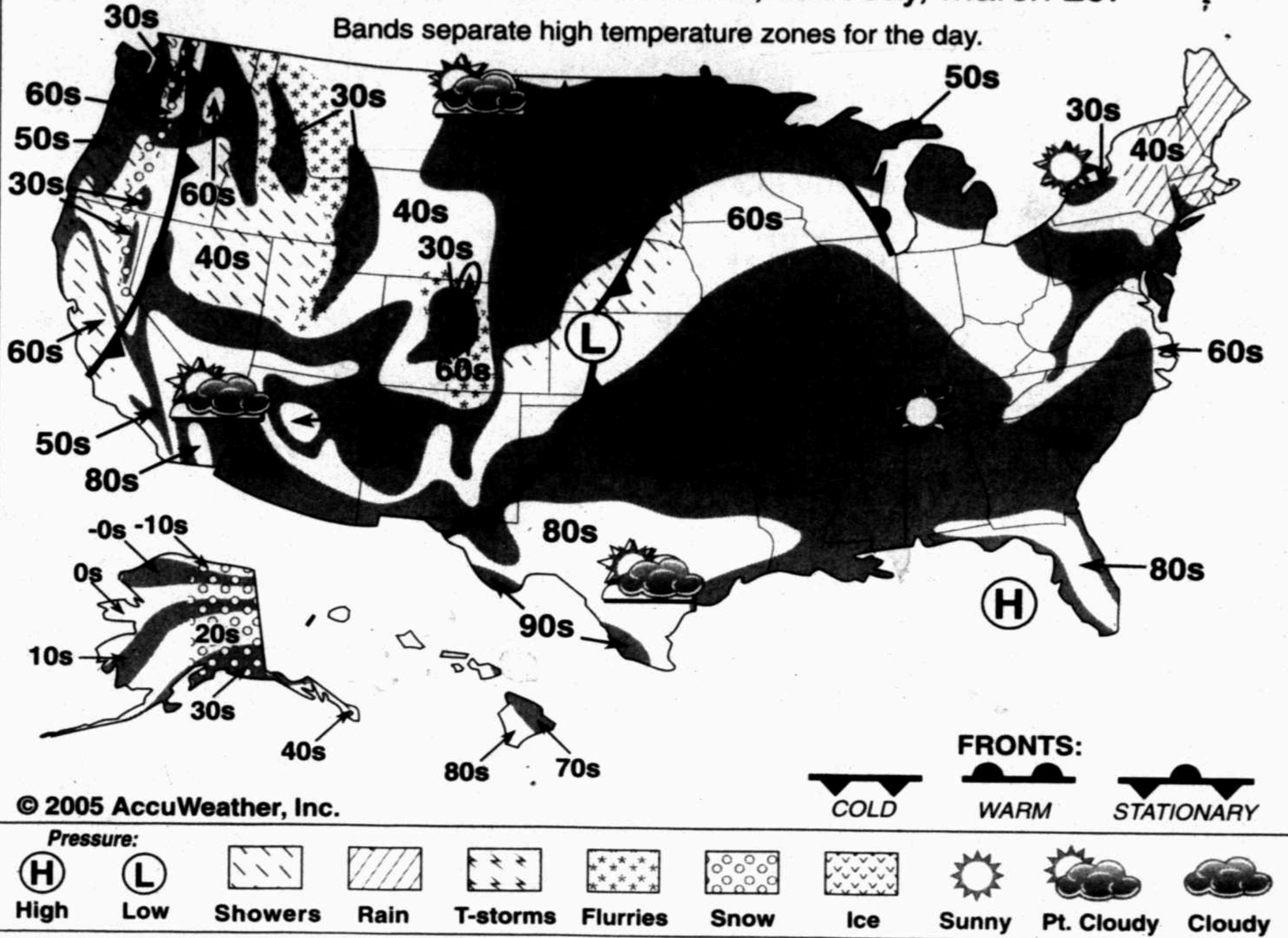
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AccuWeather.com forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



National weather

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Via Associated Press

DEAR ABBY

Husband's
hostility strains
marriage to
breaking point

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible to marry someone for love and have it turn to what feels like hate over nothing? (I mean, I can't think of one "big" thing that has gone bad.) My 11-year marriage is about to end because of — get this — nothing! We have three wonderful kids, 3, 6 and 9. I'd do anything for them, which is why I'm still here.

Abby, when I wake up in the morning, it is without a "good morning." When I enter a room from shopping, etc., the reaction I get from my husband is not a "hello," but a sneer, and I'm not exaggerating. He says "good-night" only if I say it first. I take care of the bills, the kids and the house. I also work outside the home. I never get any acknowledgment for anything I do. There is a lot of tension all day long. (You should try walking around the house with him.) I am ready to do something — but I don't know what. I know the first step is talking, and I have tried. His usual response is, "I'm acting this way because you did it first!"

Am I wrong to want a sincere smile and someone who likes me and is happy at least some of the time? (Oh, he is a wonderful person to everyone else.) I feel really hated, and he won't tell me why. What now? — SUFFERING IN WASHINGTON

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DEAR SUFFERING: You are not suffering because of "nothing." You are under full-scale assault by your passive-aggressive spouse. His refusal to discuss what's wrong ensures whatever it is, it cannot be fixed. Please do not continue to tolerate it because your children will notice, if they haven't already, and mistake what's going on for "normal."

For your sake and for theirs, copy all the financial records and property records you can locate. Make sure no assets can be hidden. Then, offer your husband a choice: marriage counseling or a divorce lawyer. You have suffered enough.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl who has a third-

degree black belt. When I was 14, I had a boyfriend who was very abusive both physically and verbally. Back then, I didn't know how to handle him — even though I was a first-degree. He drilled into my head I was ugly, fat and good enough only for him.

I finally broke it off, and I have found a great guy whom I love a lot. My problem is, even though he says I'm beautiful, I don't believe him. And that makes him sad. I haven't believed any of the guys who told me I'm pretty. I know it's because of my abusive ex.

How do I make myself believe I'm pretty and finally make my new boyfriend happy? — NEEDS TO KNOW IN FLORIDA

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: Perhaps understanding your ex-boyfriend's behavior will help. Abusers — and that is what he was — use criticism and insults to chip away at the self-esteem of their victims and make them incapable of leaving. You nailed it in your letter when you said, "... and good enough only for him."

The reason you have trouble believing you're attractive is you're still feeling the effects of the psychological poison he spread. It has nothing to do with reality. If you weren't attractive, the abuser wouldn't have wanted you. Remind yourself of it every time you put yourself down. If that doesn't work, you may need counseling.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 29, 2005:

You have a way of stating your feelings and opinions that makes waves. Your smile carries your message. You hit the bull's-eye. Others make an impression on you, but you also make an impression on them. Use your intellectual abilities to home in on what you want. You have a gentle way of expressing yourself that draws many. One-on-one relating energizes success and closeness. You deal with others well. Creativity punctuates your relationships. If you are single, you have a way of drawing in others. Verbalize your feelings. Be sure of yourself when making a commitment. If you are attached, your relationship develops because you are more willing to share your perspective and feelings. **SCORPIO** tells it like it is.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Be willing to bottom out and look at a primary issue. How you see a situation could change with a conversation. You are unusually verbal and direct. Count on your ability to maintain a viable discussion. Tonight: Take the high road.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Others delight in having a discussion as long as you are honest and express what is going on. Your ability to discuss pertinent information helps another reveal his or her feelings. You don't need to agree. You simply need to listen. Tonight: Time for a quiet chat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your work demands a lot of attention. You

have the wherewithal to clear out everything you need to. If retired, you still have quite a few projects on the horizon. Handle them. Express your feelings in a way that others can hear and respond to. Tonight: Hook up with a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to use situations creatively separates you from many. Brainstorm. An innate flirtatiousness comes out whether you want it to or not. Try to use it where it counts. A discussion about feelings is way overdue. Start up talks. Tonight: Relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Deal with basics. Don't hesitate to express your thoughts. You might be a little taken aback by a close loved one, but it is better to clear the air. Your genuineness comes through. Anything is resolvable, as you will discover. Tonight: Let the romantic Lion out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your inquiries bring about a very forthright discussion in which you can deal with the feelings of both of you. What might not have been a problem could develop into one. Loosen up and work with facts — you'll gain. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Despite your focus on material gain, you have the ability to move past that realm. A relationship opens up because of a talk and an open exchange. You can count on a partner to tell it like it is. Make room for more intimacy. Tonight: Chat over dinner. Be yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You're in a position to clear up problems and handle them in different ways. A con-

versation will open a door if you allow it to. Good relationships with the people you deal with on a daily basis might be as important as the one with your sweetie. Tonight: Pay bills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Take your time right now responding to someone's very caring gesture. He or she is sincere, but you need to know your feelings. A discussion warms the atmosphere when you are ready to share. Tonight: Just be yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Sometimes you might feel that others demand way too much. Considering what is happening, be willing to take a leap of faith. You're coming from a grounded space. You can deal with the unexpected. Tonight: Retreat and take some personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Many dump responsibilities on you, but you accept what is happening pleasantly. You want to understand what makes a key person in your life tick. Start conversations and ask questions. You have a way with others. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Financial matters take a different slant when you do some research. Still, you might not want to sign an agreement today. Take your time and don't allow someone to push you. You have excellent questions. Tonight: Check in with a parent or older friend.

BORN TODAY
Singer Pearl Bailey (1918), actor Christopher Lawford (1955)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Hear the Auction

The great Terence Reese remarked: "There is no such thing as a blind opening lead. Just deaf opening leaders." West put the information obtained from the bidding to excellent use on this deal.

North's decision to jump to six hearts was a practical solution to a difficult bidding problem. It reached the optimum contract, but unfortunately paved the way for West to find the killing defense.

West decided that North would not have leaped to six hearts with two fast losers. Since West was looking at the

ace of clubs, that translated into North holding the ace or void in diamonds and second-round club control. West decided that the best chance to defeat the contract was a spade ruff and he knew how he might accomplish that.

West led the six of clubs. East was somewhat surprised to win the trick with the jack, but he knew what to do. He returned a spade and West's ruff was the setting trick.

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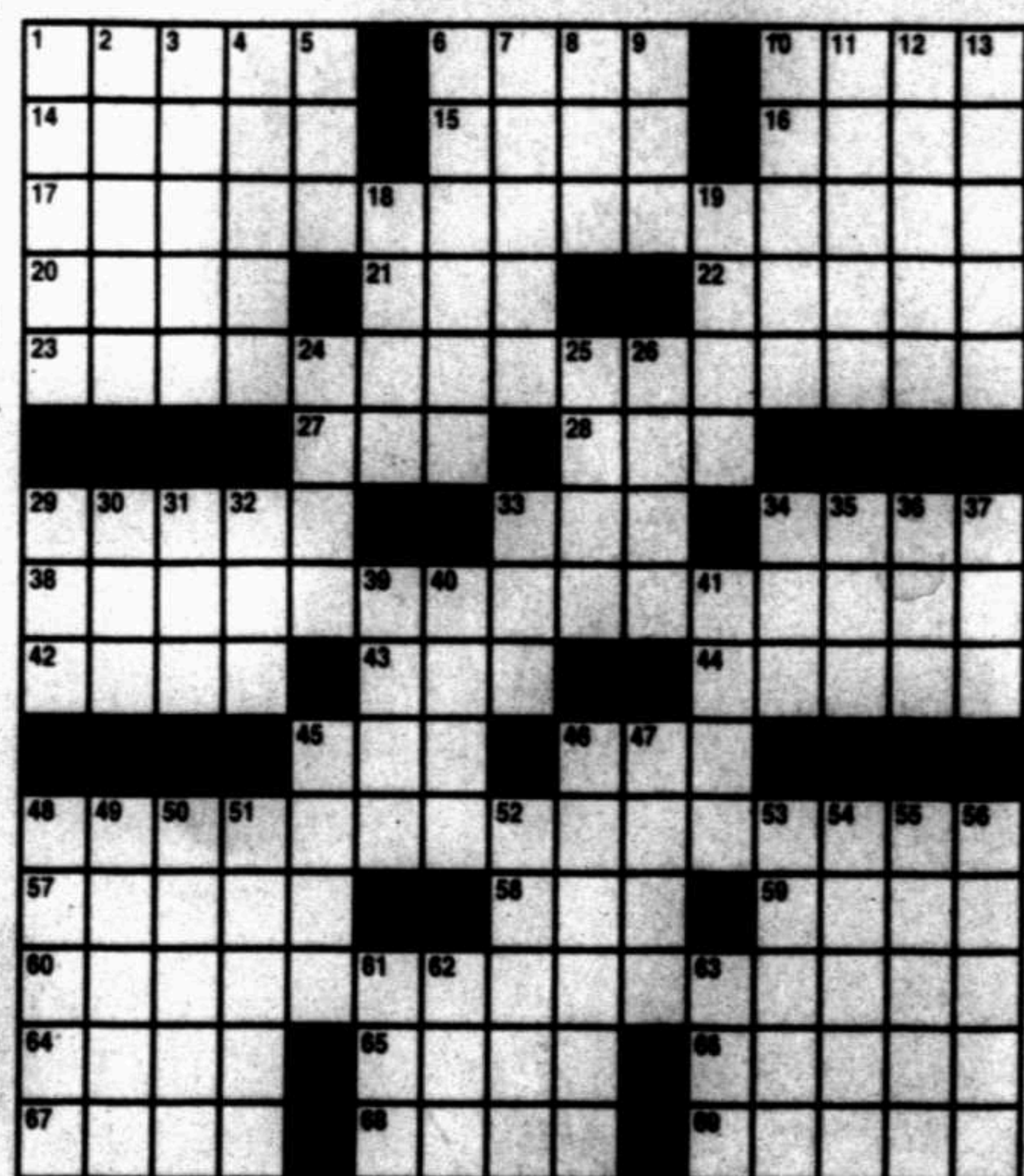
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- Pond covering
 - Cast opening?
 - Clothing company with a reptilian logo
 - Running mates
 - Stratford's river
 - Title girl in a Kinks hit
 - "Can someone else please start?"
 - Middle Eastern prince
 - Driver's ID
 - Titillating show
 - "Hold on there!"
 - Qty.
 - Bridal bio word
 - Dairy purchase
 - Follower's suffix
 - Warn with a horn
 - Showed, at the track
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 - Watched the kids
 - '40s jazz style
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 - Helping theorem
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 - Mickey's dog
 - Solitary soul
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Fultz

By Len Hay
Sports Editor

Even after a long season, 3-5A boys soccer fielder David Fultz is still a key player. But his contributions to the team's run to the state championship counted in statistics. From his outstanding play, Fultz is called upon for opportunities for the team. Holder, Keal R. front to score.

And he's also called back to defense to help the team's attack. Fultz's contributions were not measured in statistics. "Anybody that can do that (statistics) and measure how good they are, Holder, a senior,

Lee by n

By Dave
Sports Writer

With all the talk about the golf team finishing rounds of the tournament on Monday, Lee moved into the lead. Lee senior, a 2-over-par, Club, leading who now leads strokes. Lee round trailing. That's a "We flipped

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REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP game. B. in Indianapolis.

Fultz key contributor for Rebels

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Even after a long look at the District 3-5A boys soccer statistics, senior midfielder David Fultz is not on the list.

But his contributions, along with a few others, to the Lee boys soccer team's run to the playoffs cannot be counted in statistics.

From his outside midfield position Fultz is called upon to create. Create opportunities for players such as Nathan Holder, Keal Rasavage and others up front to score.

And he's also counted on to find a way back to defense to help ward off opposing teams' attacks. It's those types of contributions where Fultz's success is not measured in by goals and assists.

"Anybody that knows soccer knows that (statistics) are not a good way to measure how good somebody is," said Holder, a senior center midfielder.

"Fultz is really big on the outside and he's at one of the running positions. He's always up there, and he's a big part."

Fultz's type of contribution is typical of a Rebel team loaded with senior experience. Fultz, though, is one of only

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stand where they need to be."

Fultz's experience has helped him become a team leader and key cog on both ends of the field. He's not a vocal leader, but when something needs to happen, Fultz usually finds a way to make things happen.

Bryant said his ability to push up field with his speed keeps defenses on their toes and allows other players room to work. That in turn puts more pressure on an opponent's defense.

"He sees players and he holds onto the ball," Bryant said. "He's deceiving. He's one of those players that doesn't get a lot of attention but he makes a lot happen."

This all goes back to possessing the ball, a characteristic of the Rebels that comes straight from its head coach, and one that Fultz adheres to nearly every time he touches the ball.

Fultz said he does his best work on the

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Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

CREATING SCORING OPPORTUNITIES Senior midfielder David Fultz practices with the Lee boys soccer team in preparation for today's bi-district playoff game against Mansfield High.

District 3-5A Girls Golf Tour Out in Front

Lee girls lead by nine strokes

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

With all five members of Lee's top golf team finishing in the top 10 after two rounds of the District 3-5A Girls Golf Tour on Monday, the Lady Rebels have moved into the lead with two rounds remaining.

Lee senior Ashley Brassfield carded a 2-over-par 73 at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, leading the way for the Lady Rebs, who now lead Odessa Permian by nine strokes. Lee came into Monday's second round trailing by one shot.

That's a 10-stroke swing.

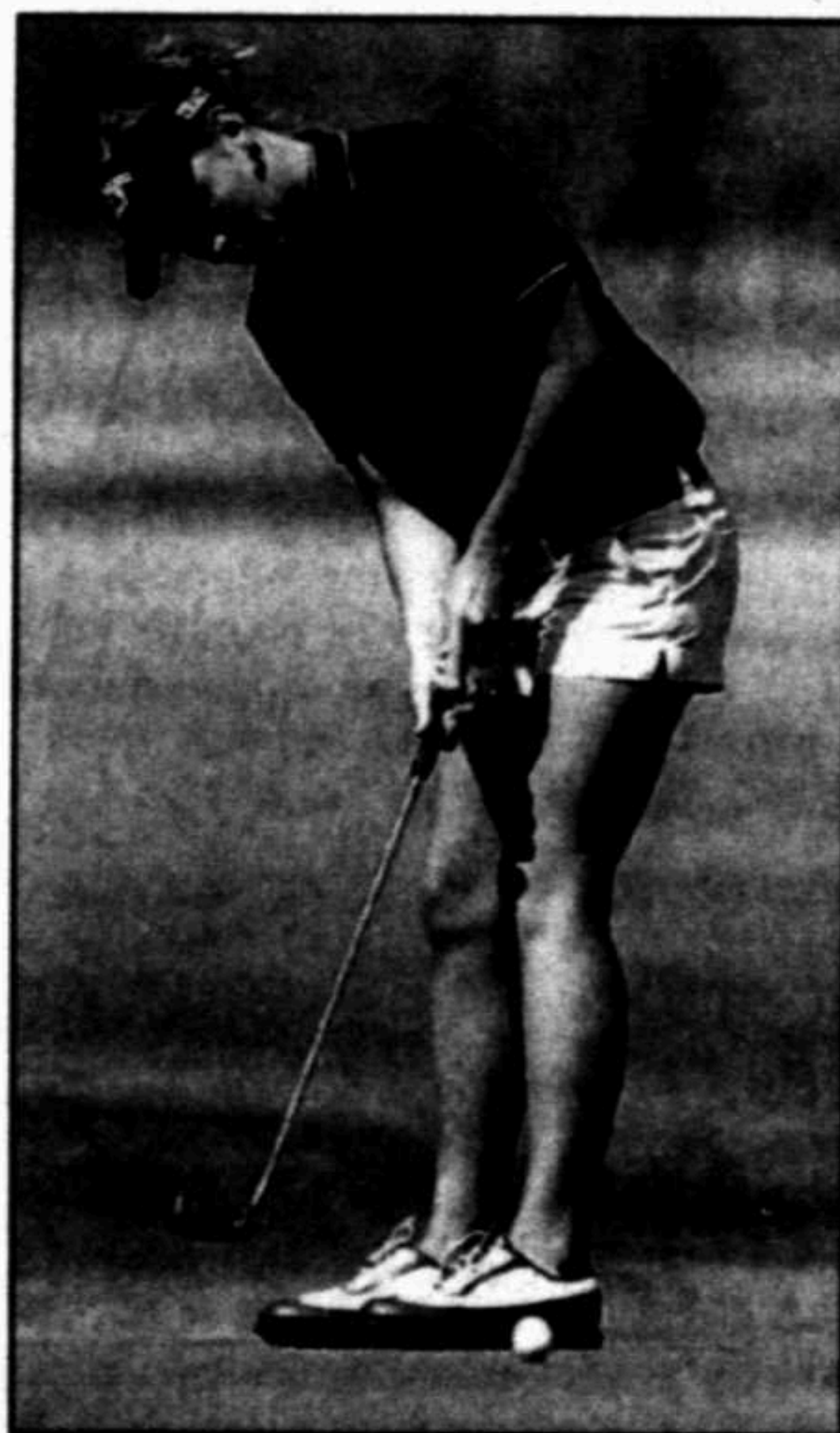
"We flipped the field and that's what

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Lee senior Ashley Brassfield watches her drive off the third tee Monday during the District 3-5A Girls Golf Tour at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Brassfield fired a 2-over-par 73 to improve to second in the medalist standings. LEFT: Lee's Tracy Stanford shot a 79 on Monday.



Lee offense catching up with defense

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

The Lee girls soccer team's run to the playoffs this year was mostly paved by its defense.

For most of the District 3-5A season, Lee senior stopper Sara Schneider, a TCU signee, was the team's leading scorer, and junior goalkeeper Kayla Weant was statistically the best goalie in the district.

In fact, San Angelo Central head coach Warren Cottle said midway through the season that Weant was the best keeper in 3-5A and he's not the only coach to agree.

"I think so too, but then again I'm a little biased," third-year Lee head coach Amanda Melchor said. "I have not seen Kayla play this well. She's always been a good keeper, but this year she's made some saves where you sit there and go 'How did she get to that?' She's doing a really good job this year."

The Lady Rebels (16-7 overall), who finished as the 3-5A runner-up, enter the postseason for the first time since 2002, where they will face Mansfield Summit (15-4-4), the District 4-5A third-place team, today in a bi-district playoff game at 6 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

Through 12 district games, Weant owns six shutouts and has allowed 0.50 goals per game. But the modest Weant gives all the credit to her teammates.

"We've all worked hard and the team's confident in me, they help me out," Weant said. "I know that if I go out for a save they're going to cover the goal."

Weant has started for the Lady Rebels since she was a freshman and she's consistently gotten better. Lee was 5-7 in district in 2003, 6-6 last year and finished an impressive 9-3 this season.

"Even as a freshman she was very mature," Melchor said of Weant. "She sees the game bet-



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NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship



Paul Connors/AP

REGIONAL CHAMPS Baylor guard Chelsea Whitaker cuts down the net after Baylor defeated North Carolina Monday in Tempe, Ariz., in their NCAA Tempe Regional championship game. Baylor won 72-63 to advance to Final Four in Indianapolis.

Baylor upends UNC for first trip to Final Four

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — The ugly stain on Baylor basketball is fading. The women are taking care of that.

Sophia Young scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and the second-seeded Lady Bears are headed to the Final Four for the first time in school history after beating No. 1 North Carolina 72-63 Monday night.

Young, whose mother came from the West Indies last week to see her play in college for the first time, was named the MVP of the Tempe Regional.

The Lady Bears (31-3) extended their

school-record winning streak to 18 games, leading by as many as 19 points in the second half against the Tar Heels (30-4), who had won 16 straight going into the game.

"You can coach a lifetime and have great teams that are expected to be in the Final Four and never make it," said coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson, who took over in 2000 and built the lackluster program into a powerhouse. "For our team to do it in five short years, I can't say enough about our coaches and players. These are tears of joy."

The Baylor men's basketball team made it

to the Final Four in 1948 and 1950, but that program gained infamy when a former player was accused of killing a teammate in 2003.

"This means a lot and speaks volumes for what we've done for the Baylor University community," said Steffanie Blackmon, holding a piece of the net the players cut down. "Last year we decided to be the shining light for the university because of everything that happened. We wanted to be something positive for Baylor."

Chameka Scott, 0-for-9 from 3-point range in her previous two games, was 4-for-8 against North Carolina and scored 18 points for Baylor. Blackmon added 14 points.

The Lady Bears, who hadn't even been to a

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LSU beats back Duke to win Chattanooga Regional

By Elizabeth A. Davis
Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Finally met with a challenge in the NCAA tournament, LSU was up to the task.

The top-seeded Lady Tigers are going to a second straight Final Four after beating second-seeded Duke 59-49 Monday night in the Chattanooga Regional final.

LSU was down early but tied it at halftime, went ahead in the open-

ing minutes and never trailed again.

The Lady Tigers (33-2) will face second-seeded Baylor, a 72-63 winner over top-seeded North Carolina, in the national semifinals on Sunday in Indianapolis.

All-American Seimone Augustus finished with 22 points and Sylvia Fowles added 13 points and 11 rebounds.

LSU beat its first three opponents in the tournament by an average of 36 points, but the competition was much tougher on Monday.

The Blue Devils (31-5) had a good game plan to go inside and take advantage of their bigger posts, and it worked early. Duke was ahead by as many as 12 in the first half, putting the Lady Tigers in their biggest deficit of the season.

Then LSU turned up its defensive pressure, tipping passes and blocking shots, and brought in Fowles, the 6-foot-5 freshman, from the bench to help clog up the middle. She helped the Lady Tigers outrebound Duke 42-27.

LSU's shooting was cold to start the game, and the Tigers went down 12 points when Alison Bales made a basket over Fowles with 8:14 to go in the first half.

LSU trimmed the lead and then took control when they keyed an 8-0 run to finish the half with three straight takeaways and tie it at 30.

Duke could not regain the intensity they had at the beginning. The Blue Devils got as close as two points with 13:40 remaining, but couldn't stop LSU.

Rebels defeat Lubbock Monterey

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — It wasn't a District 3-5A win, but it could nonetheless serve as a confidence booster for the Lee baseball team. Taking advantage of a district open date, the Rebels jumped on a formidable Lubbock Monterey squad early and rolled to a 7-1 win Monday. Lee improved to 12-9 on the season.

It was a win which the Rebels needed for their psyche after having lost their last two district games to fall to 2-2 and third place in 3-5A.

The biggest morale lift had to be for sophomore pitcher Conrad Flynn. The right-hander pitched

a complete game victory, giving up only five hits.

"It felt good because it gave Conrad a chance to throw a lot," Lee coach Jesse Benavidez said. "He kept the ball down and did real well."

Leading 2-1 heading into the fourth inning, the Rebels broke in open thanks in large part to some generous defense by Monterey. Matt Day and Wesley Huddleston both reached on singles and moved up on an error as all three Lee runs in the inning scored passed balls to give the Rebels a 5-1 lead.

The Rebels scored all of their runs off Monterey ace Chris Hob-

dy, as they pounded out 10 hits.

"I didn't think (Hobdy) was as sharp as he usually is," Benavidez said. "We got to him in the first inning for a run and that got him riled up a little bit."

Aaron Powell and Jake Pulliam each had two hits for the Rebels. Brandon Britto had a two-run double in the fifth which concluded the scoring.

Lee returns to district play Saturday at 2 p.m. with a game at Odessa Permian.

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 Conrad Flynn and Logan Forest, Chris Hobdy, Lorea (6) and Tyler Reagan, W. Flynn (3-1) L. — Hobdy, 2B — Lee, Aaron Powell, Forest, Brandon Britto.

MC golfers second in Albuquerque

From staff reports

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The Midland College golf team took the lead after one round, but the Chaps slipped into second place behind the host school after two rounds of the Mustang Intercollegiate on Monday.

Midland College shot a 296-304-300 to trail host Western New Mexico University by five strokes heading into today's final 18 holes at the University of New Mexico Championship Course. MC's first round score was the low morning score by a stroke, but the Chaps couldn't maintain

that narrow lead.

"We played well but let the wind bother us in the afternoon round," MC coach Delnor Poss said. "We need to step it up (today) if we're going to win."

Midland College's JV team was tied for third with Dixie State with a 305-301-606.

The two MC teams combined to put five individuals in the top 10. Nils Bjorling from the JV team was in second place with a 74-71-145, two shots behind leader Mike Wog of Western New Mexico.

The leading scorer for Midland College's No. 1 team was

Creighton Honeck, who was tied for fourth with a 72-77-149.

Mustang Intercollegiate University of New Mexico Championship Course
 Team standings — 1. Midland College 296-304-600; 3. (tie) Dixie State 309-297-606 and Midland College JV 305-301-606; 5. West Texas A&M 304-311-615; 6. Western New Mexico JV 308-310-618; 7. Colorado State University-Pueblo 306-315-621; 8. Fort Lewis College 307-317-624; 9. College of the Southwest 315-313-628; 10. New Mexico JC 325-308-633; 11. New Mexico Military 321-327-648; 12. Adams State College 326-337-663.

Medalists (top 10) — 1. Mike Wog, Western New Mexico, 74-71-145; 2. Nils Bjorling, MC JV, 74-71-145; 3. Miguel Griego, NMJC, 74-74-148; 4. (tie) Creighton Honeck, MC, 72-77-149; Scott Shoudice, Southwest, 75-71-149 and Robin Loggreen, MC JV, 75-74-149; 5. Brent Myers, Western New Mexico, 75-75-150; Jason Kirein, MC, 74-76-150; Dusty Fielding, Dixie State, 77-73-150 and Greg Bowden, MC, 75-75-150.

3-5A BASEBALL TODAY

Midland High at San Angelo Central

When: 4 p.m.
Where: Central baseball field
Records: Midland High is 15-4-1 overall, 3-1 in District 3-5A; Central is 4-9-1 and 0-3.
Last meeting: Midland High 6, Central 1 (April 24, 2004)

Last game: Midland High 10, Abilene Cooper 8; Odessa Permian 10, San Angelo Central 4.

Notes: Midland High is on a roll right now, as the Bulldogs have won three straight in district after dropping their 3-5A opener to district leader Abilene High. In their three district wins the Bulldogs have scored 34 runs. Leadoff hitter J.W. Wilson has shown he's worthy of the hype thus far, as the Texas Tech signee is batting .571 in district with two home runs and nine RBI, both of which lead the Bulldogs. In Midland High's three district wins, Wilson is 8-for-11 at the plate... The Bulldogs got another stellar relief pitching performance from Kevin Newton to sew up the win over Cooper. Newton, a senior right-hander who also got a win in relief against Odessa Permian, picked up the save against Cooper for Jeremy Baker by pitching the final two innings. Newton has a 1.17 ERA in district... Midland High will at least remain in second place with a victory, and will be tied for the district lead if Odessa High beats Abilene High. With a loss and a Permian victory over Cooper, the Bulldogs would fall into third... Central is looking just to get a district victory before it falls too far out of the playoff race. The Bobcats return only two starters from last season.

Next game: Odessa High at Midland High, noon, Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Central, 2 p.m., Saturday.

Midland High Statistics (District Games Only)

BATTING												
Player	AB	R	H	AVG	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	CS	PO
Spencer Sell	3	2	2	.667	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
J.W. Wilson	14	8	8	.571	3	1	2	9	1	1	0	1
Austin Burns	7	3	1	.429	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0
Kevin Newton	10	4	1	.400	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Alex Lopez	14	5	3	.357	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
Seith Hudson	9	3	2	.333	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2
Spencer Robnett	11	3	2	.273	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	3
David Harp	10	2	5	.200	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
James Armendizez	5	1	0	.200	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Brandon Fierro	11	2	3	.182	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Cameron Cole	6	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Keith Almaguer	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Justin Hamilton	0	0	3	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Craig Elliott	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Booker	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PITCHING												
Player	W	L	SV	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BB/K	IP/K
Kevin Newton	1	0	1	6.0	7	1	1	1	17	2	7	14
Brandon Fierro	1	0	1	13.0	15	8	7	3	77	6	7	21
Jeremy Baker	1	0	0	6.0	12	12	8	9	33	2	10	20

3-5A Standings

District				Overall			
W	L	SV	IP	W	L	SV	IP
Abilene High	4	0	13	5	5	1	17
Midland High*	3	1	15	4	4	1	13
Odessa Permian	2	1	11	9	9	1	11
Midland Lee	2	2	11	6	6	1	11
Abilene Cooper	0	3	6	11	11	1	11
San Angelo	0	3	4	9	9	1	9

*includes a tie

Thursday's games
 Midland High 10, Abilene Cooper 8; Abilene High 11, Lee 10; Odessa Permian 10, San Angelo Central 4; Odessa High vs. Abilene High was open.

Monday's game
 Lee at Lubbock Monterey, 2 p.m.

Today's games
 Midland High at San Angelo Central, 4 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper, All games start at 4 p.m.

HS SOFTBALL TODAY

San Angelo Central at Lee

When/where: 4 p.m., today, Lee High School Softball Field.
Records: Lee 17-2 overall, 5-0 in District 3-5A; San Angelo Central 4-14, 0-5.

Last game: Lee 9, San Angelo Central 3; Abilene Cooper 7, San Angelo Central 4.

Last meeting: Lee 3, San Angelo Central 2 (April 8, 2004)

Notes & quotes: The Lady Rebels are on a hot streak in District 3-5A and have shown to be the district's most explosive offensive club. Tuesday against Odessa Permian, with the help of a stiff win, Lee hit five home runs, two by pitcher Kaitlyn Witte. ... Lee has outscored its five opponents 34-5 with Tuesday's game the first time the Lady Rebels have allowed more than one run in a league game. ... Witte has quickly become the top pitcher in the district, throwing two shutouts this season. Witte is 13-0 overall along with going 5-0 in league play this season.

... The Lady Bobcats have struggled most of this season and struggled again on Thursday. The Lady Cougars scored five runs in the sixth coming back from a 2-0 deficit to win their first district game of the season. ... San Angelo Central was 2-10 in league play a year ago.

Next game: Lee at Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m., Saturday; Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m., Saturday.

Midland High at Greenwood

When/where: 4 p.m., today, Greenwood High School Softball Field.
Records: Midland High 15-8; Greenwood 13-7.

Next game: Abilene High at Midland High, 2 p.m., Saturday; Audrey Gill Sports Complex; Presidio at Greenwood, 4 p.m., Friday.

3-5A Standings

District Overall

	W	L	W	L
ee	5	0	17	2
Abilene High	4	1	8	10
Odessa High	3	2	11	9
Midland High	3	3	15	7
Odessa Permian	2	3	9	9
Abilene Cooper	1	4	7	8
San Angelo Ctrl	0	5	4	14

Thursday's scores
 Lee 9, Odessa Permian 3; Odessa High 7, Midland High 3; Abilene Cooper 7, San Angelo Central 4; Abilene High was open.

Today's games
 San Angelo Central at Lee, 4 p.m.; Midland High at Greenwood, 4 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Abilene High, 4 p.m.; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m.

Midland Christian at Alpine

When/where: 7 p.m., Alpine.
Records: Midland Christian 25-3
Notes & quotes: This will be the first game action for the Lady Mustangs since finishing with a 2-1 loss to Forney at the Arlington Spring Break Classic.

Next game: Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 5 p.m., Bill Williams Softball Complex

HS SOCCER PLAYOFFS

Class 5A

Girls
District 3 Third-Place Playoff
 Odessa Permian 2, San Angelo Central 1 (SO, 3-2)

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
 El Paso Socorro (16-7) vs. Lubbock Monterey (8-8), 6 p.m., today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa

Mansfield (14-9-1), bye
 Lee (16-7) vs. Mansfield Summit (15-4-4), 6 p.m., today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
 Amarillo High (18-4-1), bye
 Southlake Carroll (19-3-2) vs. Euless Trinity (16-5-3), 8 p.m., today, Southlake Carroll HS, Plano West (17-4-1), bye
 Arlington Martin (19-6-2) vs. Allen (18-5-1), 7 p.m., today, Flower Mound HS
 Coppell (19-4-2), bye
 El Paso Eastwood (17-6) vs. Lubbock Coronado (11-7), 6 p.m., today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa

Midland High (21-1), bye
 Odessa Permian (17-7-2) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (18-2-3), 8 p.m., today, Shotwell Stadium, Odessa
 El Paso Franklin (23-1), bye
 Keller (10-7-5) vs. South Grand Prairie (19-5-3), 8 p.m., today, South Grand Prairie HS
 Arlington High (19-2-1), bye
 Duncanville (12-9-1) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (18-5-4), 7 p.m., today, Duncanville HS
 Colleyville Heritage (23-2-1), bye

Boys
District 3 Third-Place Playoff
 Flower Mound Marcus 2, Plano 1

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
 El Paso Socorro (14-5) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (11-9), 5:30 p.m., today, Audrey Gill Soccer Complex, Odessa

Mansfield Summit (16-4-1), bye
 Odessa High (12-6-1) vs. Weatherford (15-4-3), 2 p.m., today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
 Lubbock Coronado (10-7), bye
 Keller (16-5-3) vs. Irving Nimitz (9-7-4), 7 p.m., today, Irving HS
 Plano West (20-2), bye
 Arlington Martin (17-2-4) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (16-8), 7 p.m., today, R.L. Anderson Stadium, Mansfield

dium, Mansfield
 Coppell (22-1-1), bye
 El Paso Eastwood (16-8) vs. Amarillo High (14-7-1), 3:30 p.m., today, Audrey Gill Soccer Complex, Odessa

Abilene High (15-5-2), bye
 Lee (14-10) vs. Mansfield High (19-4-2), 4 p.m., today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
 El Paso Coronado (18-6), bye
 Fossil Ridge (15-7-4) vs. South Grand Prairie (12-8-3), 6 p.m., today, South Grand Prairie HS
 Duncanville (20-2), bye
 Arlington High (17-2-2) vs. Allen (18-3), 7 p.m., today, Arlington HS
 Colleyville Heritage (18-3-3), bye

Class 4A

Girls
BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
 EP Jefferson 3, Canutillo 0

Abilene Wylie, bye
 Stephenville 1, Canyon 0 (SO, 2-1)
 El Paso Del Valle, bye
 Lewisville Hebron 3, Wichita Falls Rider 1
 Fort Worth Arlington Heights, bye
 Keller Central 4, Southwest 0
 McKinney, bye
 EP Riverside 2, EP Chapin 1
 Canyon Randall, bye
 San Angelo Lake View 5, Amarillo Caprock 0
 El Paso Andrews, bye
 McKinney North 6, Burk Burnett 0
 North Richland Hills Birdville, bye
 Fort Worth Western Hills 2, White Settlement Brewer 1

Wichita Falls High, bye

AREA PLAYOFFS
 El Paso Jefferson (17-7) vs. Abilene Wylie (13-4-1), 4 p.m., today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa

Stephenville (11-10-4) vs. El Paso Del Valle (19-3), noon today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa
 Lewisville Hebron (14-6-5) vs. Fort Worth Arlington Heights (17-6-1), 6 p.m., today Dragon Stadium, Southlake

Keller Central (18-4-3) vs. McKinney (15-2-4), 7:30 p.m., today, Flower Mound Marcus HS
 El Paso Riverside (13-9) vs. Canyon Randall (10-4-2), 2 p.m., today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa

San Angelo Lake View (16-6-1) vs. El Paso Andrews (18-5), 7 p.m., today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa

plex, Odessa
 McKinney North (16-5-4) vs. North Richland Hills Birdville (19-2-2), 7 p.m., today, Lake Dallas
 Fort Worth Western Hills (17-3-3) vs. Wichita Falls High (21-2-3), 6 p.m., today, Fort Worth Brewer HS

Boys
District 1 Third-Place Playoff
 El Paso High 2, El Paso Chapin 1 (SO, 2-1)

District 6 Third-Place Playoff
 McKinney 1, Frisco 0

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
 El Paso Jefferson 1, El Paso Parkland 0 (SO, 1-0)

Brownwood, bye
 Canyon Randall 5, Stephenville 0
 El Paso Del Valle, bye
 McKinney 1, Wichita Falls Rider 0
 Fort Worth Arlington Heights, bye
 Fort Worth Carter-Riverside 2, Fort Worth Southwest 1

Justin Northwest, bye
 EP Riverside 1, El Paso High 0
 Borger, bye
 Abilene Wylie 2, Amarillo Caprock 1 (OT)
 El Paso Irvin, bye
 Denton 4, Wichita Falls High 2
 Keller Central, bye
 Fort Worth Polytechnic 1, Fort Worth Diamond-Hill Jarvis 0

Gainesville, bye

AREA PLAYOFFS
 El Paso Jefferson (20-4) vs. Brownwood (14-6-2), 6 p.m., today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa

Canyon Randall (12-7-3) vs. El Paso Del Valle (19-4), 2 p.m., today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa

McKinney (17-3-3) vs. Fort Worth Arlington Heights (16-6), 7 p.m., today Ford Field, Allen
 Fort Worth Carter-Riverside (15-7-1) vs. Justin Northwest (18-5-3), 7 p.m., today, Justin Northwest HS

El Paso High (13-11) vs. Borger, 4 p.m., today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa

Abilene Wylie (12-8-1) vs. El Paso Irvin (20-2), 7 p.m., today, Ratliff Soccer Complex, Odessa
 Denton (16-6-4) vs. Keller Central (19-5), 5:30 p.m., today, Flower Mound Marcus
 Fort Worth Polytechnic 2, vs. Gainesville 0 (OT)

LEE SOCCER TODAY

Boys

Class 5A bi-district Mansfield vs. Lee

What: Bi-district round of the Class 5A boys soccer playoffs

When/where: 4 p.m., today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Lee 14-10, Mansfield 19-4-2

Last game: San Angelo 1, Lee 0, March 23; Weatherford 3, Mansfield 2, March 23

Notes, quotes: Both teams are coming off one-goal losses in their season finales. ... Mansfield, though, has not had much trouble scoring goals this season. The Tigers have scored more than 100 goals in 25 games and have one of the Dallas-Fort Worth area's top-scoring teams. Senior midfielder Blake Lankford has 16 goals and 21 assists this season, and fourth-year head coach John Fazekas said senior midfielder Josh Conn also is one of the team's top playmakers. ... Mansfield has also won eight of its last nine games, along with averaging nearly four goals a game. "We don't usually panic when we get behind because we know that there's a chance that we can score," said Fazekas. ... The Tigers' scoring prowess will provide a challenge for Lee's defense. The Rebels, though, have played a number of one-goal games during a tough District 3-5A season. ... Seniors Keal Rasavage and Nathan Holder were the Rebels' top scorers in league play this season, each with three goals. ... Since missing the playoffs in coach Chris Bryant's first season, the Rebels have qualified for the postseason the last three years. They have also won at least one playoff game in two of those seasons. ... In 2004, Lee advanced to the area round before losing to Amarillo High.

Next game: The winner will take on District 1 champion El Paso Coronado in the area round.

Final District 3-5A statistics

Scoring leaders			
Player, School	G	A	Pts
Chris Hawkins, Midland High	8	1	17
Mike Abalos, Midland High	5	3	13
Brandon Cain, San Angelo Central	4	4	12
Hunter Yancey, San Angelo Central	4	1	11
J.D. Bales, San Angelo Central	4	3	11
Lahnden Onger, Abilene High	5	0	10
Daniel Robles, Odessa Permian	4	1	9
Keal Rasavage, Lee	3	2	8
Nathan Holder, Lee	3	1	7
Matt Lawson, Odessa Permian	3	1	7
Spencer Weibusch, Lee	3	1	7

Other local players			
Player, School	G	A	Pts
Eric Carrillo, Midland High	2	1	5

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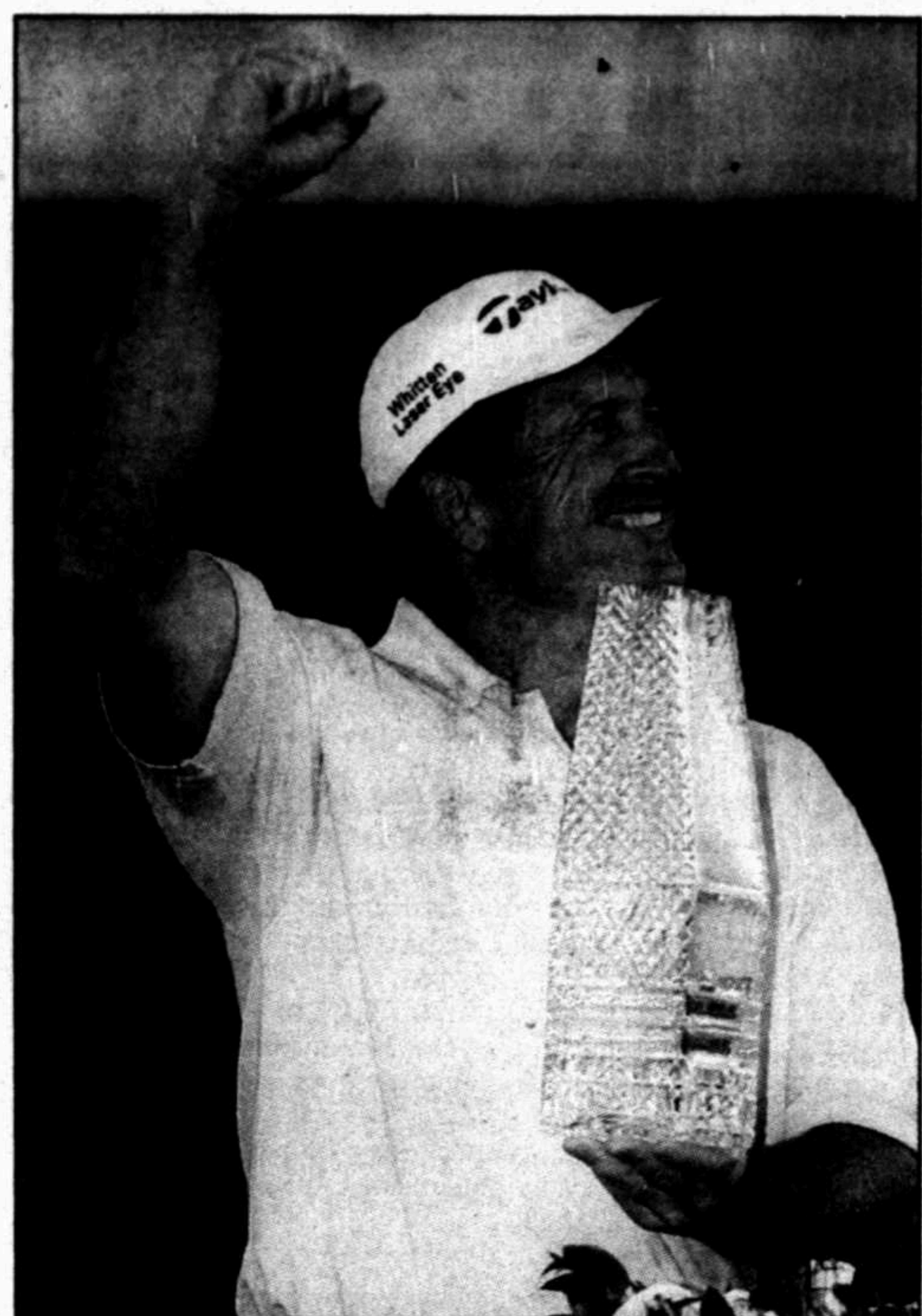
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WE WANT THE FUNK Fred Funk holds the winners trophy on the 18th green Monday after winning the final round of the Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Still Shining

Funk becomes oldest to win Players crown

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — It took five days for The Players Championship to resemble a major. Fred Funk had to wait even longer to show he's a big-time player.

A former college golf coach and career grinder, Funk delivered clutch shots over the water and the only par putt that mattered, a 5-footer on the final hole that gave him a one-shot victory Monday in the toughest round the TPC at Sawgrass has ever had.

"I can't believe it," Funk said, choking back tears. "I didn't fathom this happening."

He closed with a 1-under 71, then had to wait until Luke Donald missed a 20-foot birdie putt from just off the green before celebrating the seventh — and by far the biggest — victory of his career.

Funk, 48, became the oldest winner of The Players Championship with a final round that aged him even more, with conditions that were tougher than most majors because of 35 mph wind.

He had three-putt bogeys on consecutive holes to lose a two-shot lead. He got it back with a bold 3-iron from 234 yards that narrowly cleared the water on the par-5 16th and set up a two-putt birdie. He found land on the island-green 17th, a victory in itself, only to three-putt for another bogey.

And after a bold tee shot over the water and a bad shot into the bunker on the 18th, he saved par with a 5-foot putt that ultimately spared this wacky week from stretching into a sixth day.

"Yes!" Funk screamed out as the putt disappeared, giving a quick thrust of his fist and slamming his cap to the ground. Funk finished at 9-under 279 and earned \$1.44 million from the richest purse on the PGA Tour, nearly three times as much as his previous largest paycheck.

Without that putt, it could have been a four-way playoff with no daylight remaining.

Scott Verplank, who earlier Monday watched best friend Bob Tway take a 12 on the par-3 17th, watched in disbelief as his 10-foot par putt caught the left lip on the 18th. He shot 70, one shot behind.

Donald, the 54-hole leader, recovered from a 40 on the front nine and had a chance to force a playoff until his putt up the slope and down toward the hole stayed slightly to the left. He closed with a 76.

Funk became third player to win before a home crowd at The Players Championship, joining Mark McCumber in 1988 and David Duval in 1999. He was followed around by a group of friends called "Funk's Punks," and he kept them on the edge of their seats.

"I never made anything easy on myself," Funk said.

Nothing has come easy for a guy who once coached at the University of Maryland until

deciding to give the PGA Tour a try. He had won six times on tour, but always against weaker fields — two victories were opposite-field events; two others are no longer on the PGA Tour schedule.

He was criticized last year for skipping the British Open and instead playing the B.C. Open, with hopes of earning Ryder Cup points.

But he showed plenty of spunk at Sawgrass by beating the strongest and deepest field in golf, playing 32 holes Monday on a course that was the hardest it has ever been.

The wind was the strongest since the tournament moved in 1982 from Sawgrass Country Club across the street and next to the ocean. It nearly blew flagsticks out of the hole, swept sand from the bunker and produced the highest final-round scoring on the Stadium Course.

There were 16 rounds in the 80s, more than two dozen balls in the water on the island-green 17th and never a dull moment during a marathon Monday.

With so much attention on the Big Four at the start of the tournament, none finished in the top 10.

Vijay Singh was within four shots of the lead until he three-putted from 8 feet for a double bogey on No. 15. He closed with a 72 and tied for 12th, enough to retain his No. 1 ranking by finishing ahead of Tiger Woods.

Woods tied for 53rd by shooting a 75. Phil Mickelson dropped out of contention with two balls into the water on the 17th in morning, and another one in the afternoon. He shot 75 and tied for 40th.

Ernie Els started his day with a double bogey and a triple bogey, but closed with a 69 to tie for 17th.

Defending champion Adam Scott had a 73 to tie for eighth, four shots behind.

Already bizarre because of the rain, The Players Championship got downright wicked in sunshine. The most fearsome element of all is the wind, and that showed up with a vengeance.

As expected, some players paid dearly.

Tway was only four shots out of the lead late in the third round when he dumped four ball into the water on the island-green 17th and took a 12, the highest score ever on the infamous par 3. Two of those shots from the drop area landed on the front of the green and spun off.

Lee Westwood was only three shots out of the lead until playing his final five holes of the third round in 8 over par, including a quadruple-bogey 8 on the 17th.

Donald recovered from a double bogey on the 14th to take a one-shot lead into the final round. He had only 15 minutes to grab lunch, and his lead was gone even quicker than that.

The lead changed four times in the first four holes, and everyone else strapped in and tried to survive, just like they do at most majors.

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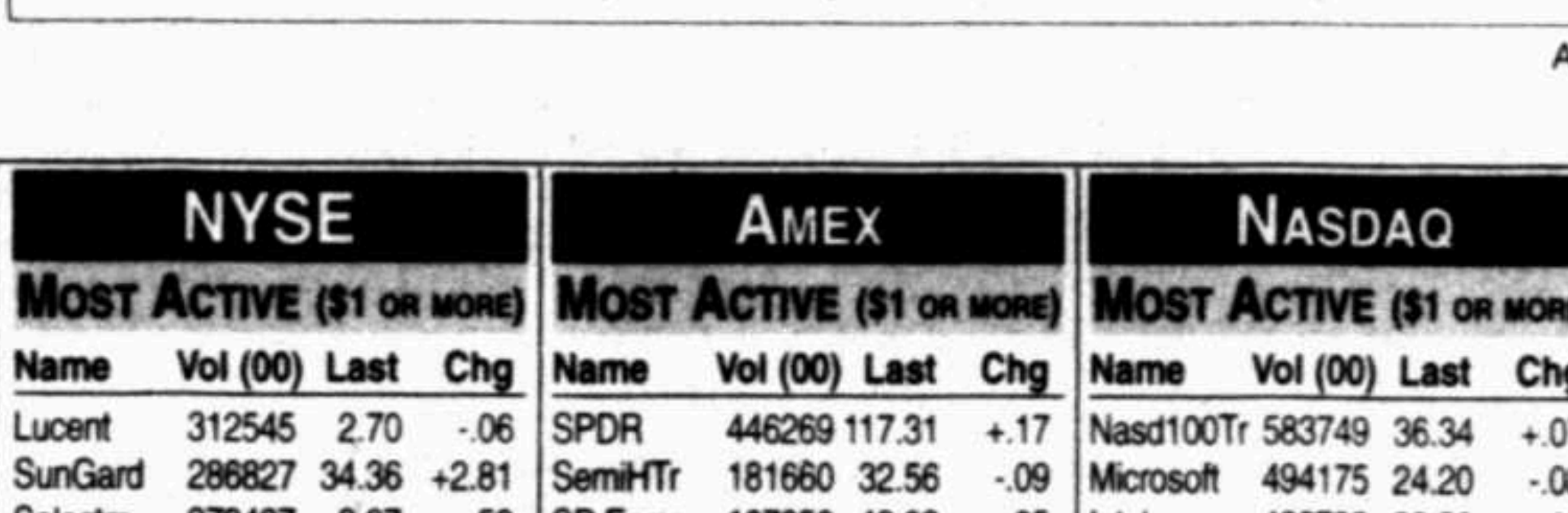
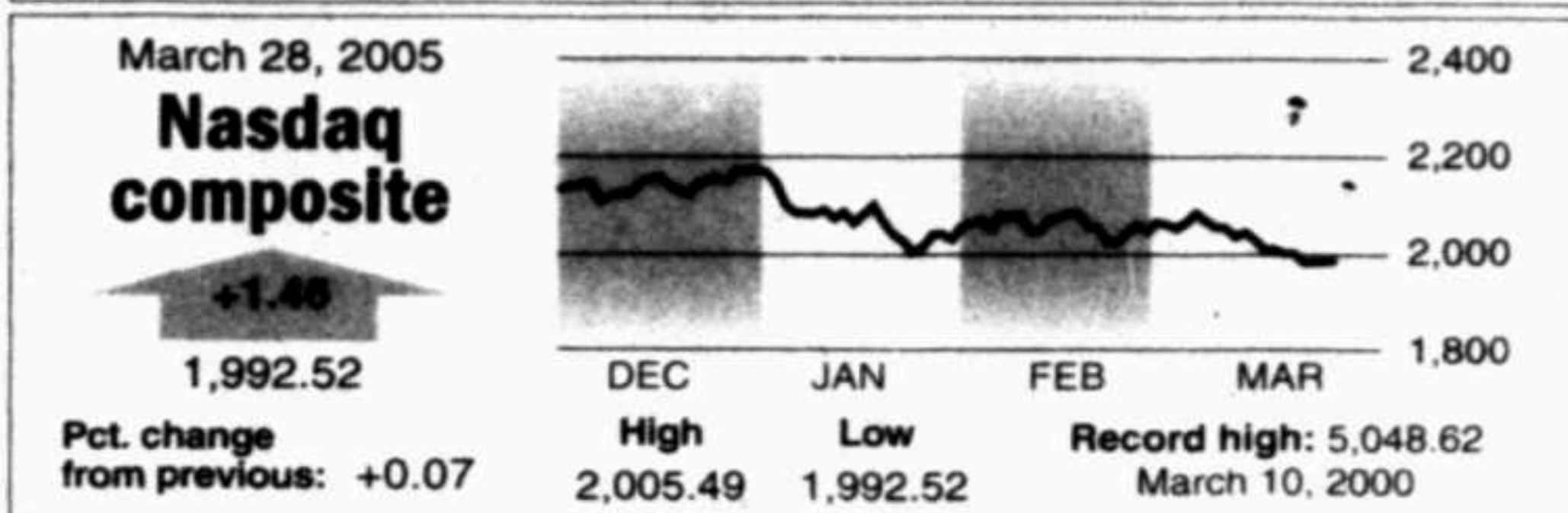
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GrafTech	5.41	-7.2	-11.7	MexCoEn	9.40	-1.09	-11.5	PackIndst	7.65	-2.12	-21.1
AmeriBrg	54.06	-7.08	-11.6	Transn n	1.98	-2.7	-11.1	UAC Int Wt	4.75	-2.25	-20.1
TritonPCS	2.02	-1.8	-8.2	CogenC n	9.06	-1.09	-10.7	LexarMf	5.22	-1.10	-17.1

DIARY			DIARY			DIARY		
Advanced	1,437		Advanced	375		Advanced	1,413	
Declined	1,866		Declined	552		Declined	1,661	
Unchanged	141		Unchanged	85		Unchanged	144	
Total Issues	3,444		Total Issues	1,012		Total Issues	3,222	
New Highs	366		New Highs	10		New Highs	56	
New Lows	69		New Lows	38		New Lows	8	
Volume	1,703,361	630	Volume	203,328	055	Volume	1,506,784	033

US Global Investors:		US Global Investors:	
Value	54.46 +0.6	Value	54.46 +0.6
Thornburg Funds:	10.51 -.02	Thornburg Funds:	10.51 -.02
World:	INVAAP 20.37	World:	INVAAP 20.37
Mod 22.74		Mod 22.74	
Amia-Aberdeen:	LGCSB 25.04 +0.7	Amia-Aberdeen:	LGCSB 25.04 +0.7
Mer Funds:	Torrey Funds:	Mer Funds:	Torrey Funds:
Value 39.35 -.01		Value 39.35 -.01	
Tweedie Brown:	Geobla 24.02 +0.7	Tweedie Brown:	Geobla 24.02 +0.7
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Maligned Big Ten has two in Final Four

CHICAGO (AP) — Excuse the Big Ten if it gloats a bit these days. Dissed and dismissed all year as being weaker than the other power conferences, the Big Ten is showing its mettle when it counts. After putting three teams in the regional finals of the NCAA tournament, the Big Ten is sending Illinois and Michigan State to the Final Four this weekend.

For those keeping score, that's one more Final Four team than the vaunted ACC. And two more than either the Big East or the Big 12.

"We're proud of our teams and our players," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said Monday. "You don't take it too seriously. You'd like people to say nice things instead of not-so-nice things. But I think the criticism, to the extent there was some, I don't think it was justified."

But knocking the Big Ten has become the thing to do in recent years. Critics say it isn't as strong as it once was, with an RPI this year that was sixth-best among the elite conferences and only three teams in the final Top 25. Others say it can't compare with the ACC.

After Illinois lost for the first time this season, for example, it kept its No. 1 rank-

ing but 22 voters went for North Carolina, a team with three losses.

Delany disputes all that, and can rattle off the numbers to back it up. The Big Ten had seven teams in the top 50, and beat 32 of the top 50-ranked teams. The Big Ten also won 70 percent of its 110 nonconference games.

Those who claim the Big Ten is too plodding? Delany said the ACC averaged 71 points a game, a mere 3-pointer ahead of the Big Ten.

And when it comes time for the NCAA tournament, few conferences match the Big Ten. It has the most appearances of any conference, and trails only the ACC in victories (309-278). This is the third time since 1999 it's had two teams in the Final Four, and seventh time since 1976.

Since 1997, more than half of the conference — six teams — has made at least one Final Four appearance. Michigan State, which will play North Carolina on Friday night, is playing in its fourth Final Four since 1997.

"When they put it on the TV screen, the conferences and the records, we're on top right now, so it's a good feeling," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "I know our

coaches in the league have been upset about it really since last spring. ... Our image is being hurt, because it mainly affects recruiting.

"So it's got to be a positive to have two teams, to have them win in overtime, to win in an unbelievable fashion," Weber added. "Hopefully it will give us some good publicity nationwide."

And the Big Ten is watching to make sure it does. Delany said his office has monitored the national broadcasts on CBS and ESPN. When he's seen something unfair, he's called the networks to point it out.

Delany said he's only done it a "handful" of times. But even a handful is too many, especially with all the attention paid to the Dukes, North Carolinas and Connecticut.

"I have a lot of respect for basketball in the East Coast," said Delany, an East Coast native. "I just don't think there's two levels: A level in the East and a level everywhere else."

JUBILATION Michigan State's Maurice Ager jumps into the arms of a teammate after beating Kentucky 94-88 in double-overtime during the NCAA Austin Regional Final on Saturday.

Deborah Cannon/AP



VICTORY Louisville forward Francisco Garcia hugs head coach Rick Pitino after Louisville's 93-85 win over West Virginia in the NCAA regional final on Saturday in Albuquerque, NM.

Pitino on schedule with Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Rick Pitino is right on schedule. College basketball's great rebounder needed four seasons to guide Louisville from crumbling program to the Final Four, just like he did at Kentucky in the early 1990s. He got Providence there in two years in the mid-1980s and is the first coach to take three teams this far in the NCAA tournament.

The Cardinals (33-4), back in the Final Four for the first time since they won it all in 1986, play Illinois (36-1) in St. Louis on Saturday.

"It happens so fast," Pitino said. "The NCAA starts, the season ends so abruptly. It goes on, and you don't expect anything. We haven't really been able to catch our breath. It's been a great ride."

It nearly ended in Albuquerque, where West Virginia put Louisville in a 20-point hole and led by 13 at halftime.

Pitino wasn't sure the Cardinals would come back, but they defied the 5,300-foot altitude and rallied from a double-digit deficit for the fourth time this season in a 93-85 victory.

"They're very resilient, very tough-minded," he said of his team. "Whatever has made them tough, they're tough. I'm just a pussy-cat following their coattails. I just sit back and marvel at what they accomplish."

And Pitino sees them only getting better. The Cardinals have won 22 of their last 23 and new stars keep emerging.

Senior guard Larry O'Bannon

scored 24 second-half points against the Mountaineers and has averaged 18.6 points in Louisville's last nine games, all victories. Freshman forward Juan Palacios had 11 rebounds in the second-round win over Georgia Tech and has averaged nine rebounds in the postseason. Sophomore Brandon Jenkins played 24 minutes last Saturday and blocked a shot in the final seconds of regulation.

"Our players have been like a blue chip stock. They've just been going like this the whole time," Pitino said, raising his right arm.

The potential seemed pretty shaky early in the season. Before it even began, Pitino was kicking himself for recruiting high school stars Sebastian Telfair and Donata Smith, who jilted him to jump straight to the NBA. Another incoming prep phenom, Brian Johnson, missed the season because of a recurring knee problem that required surgery.

At some point during the year, every Cardinal had an injury. The maladies ranged from head to toe — from Palacios' scratched cornea to the stress fractures in Otis George's right foot.

Somehow, the Cardinals kept winning.

"That's what makes this season so fulfilling," Pitino said. "Everything you believe in as a coach, every principle, every dream, has come true. You have to overcome injuries and most of the times, you lose."

"This year, the guys wouldn't take any losses."

Pitino planned to meet with his players on Monday night and explain what they should expect from the busy week.

He wasn't going to offer any profound advice.

"Have fun, enjoy it. It's a once in a lifetime experience," Pitino said. "It's like being a great pianist and going to Carnegie Hall. It's a great act going to Broadway. It's what we all dream about."

Pitino will be coaching in his fifth Final Four, but the first without his brother-in-law and best friend, Billy Minardi, who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Several family members will meet Pitino in St. Louis. Pitino's wife and Minardi's sister, Joanne, made sure Billy Minardi wasn't forgotten as the Cardinals were dueling West Virginia.

Joanne Pitino was watching from the family's Louisville home, where a portrait of her brother hangs in the living room. When Pitino returned from Albuquerque on Saturday night, he noticed the portrait was sitting in a chair.

The next morning, Pitino asked his wife why she had taken the picture down. She said she propped it up in the chair, facing the television.

"She said, 'They were shooting so well and you guys were out of it. Only he could pull us through this,'" Pitino said.

Mavs get defensive against Detroit

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — When the Dallas Mavericks play the Detroit Pistons, a dominating defensive performance isn't a surprise.

Unless it comes from the Mavericks.

Dallas held Detroit to 23 points in the game's first 22 minutes and went on to beat the slumping Pistons 95-88 on Monday night.

The Mavericks have won six of seven, while the defending champions lost for the fourth time in five games.

Josh Howard led Dallas with 24 points, while Dirk Nowitzki

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added 22 and Keith Van Horn had 17 off the bench.

Chauncey Billups led the Pistons with 26 and Richard Hamilton added 23, but the Pistons bench only managed a season-low two points. Detroit's top perimeter backups — Lindsey Hunter, Carlos Arroyo and Carlos Delfino — have gone scoreless in 41 combined minutes over the last two games.

Dallas led by 17 points with 90 seconds left in the first half, but Detroit went on a quick 8-0 run to pull within 42-33 at the inter-

mission. The Pistons continued the rally after the break and went ahead 51-50 on Billups' three free throws midway through the third.

Rockets 99, Jazz 85

SALT LAKE CITY — Tracy McGrady scored 44 points, and Mike James had 14 of his 16 in the second half to lead the Houston Rockets past the Utah Jazz 99-85 Monday night.

Utah tried everything from switching defenders to changing defenses and nothing worked to stop McGrady. He continued to hit shot after shot and by the time he started missing in the fourth quarter, Houston was already comfortably ahead with a 12-point lead. McGrady made 14 of his first 17 shots and finished 15-for-21.

BAYLOR

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regional final before, will play LSU in the national semifinals on Sunday in Indianapolis.

"Baylor has been through so much," Scott said. "If you go back to Waco, we have the whole community behind us. That's part of our momentum and part of what got us so far."

North Carolina, trying to join the Tar Heel men in the Final Four, shot just 32 percent. Ivory Latta, North Carolina's 5-foot-6 point guard, scored 21 but was bounced around all night by the Baylor defense and was just 6-for-22 shooting. 3-for-13 from behind the 3-point line. Leah Metcalf scored 11 and Nikita Bell 10 for the Tar Heels.

"We know we could have won that game," North Carolina freshman Erlana Larkins said. "We beat ourselves down pretty bad-

ly. We didn't box out and we just didn't do the little things."

Larkins, who scored 18 in North Carolina's victory over Arizona State on Saturday, was held to just six points.

"We took her out of her game," Young said. "I think we got in her mind."

Two more victories for Baylor would give the Waco school its second national title in any sport. Baylor won the NCAA men's tennis championship last year.

Baylor outscored the Tar Heels 12-2 over the final 5:16 of a sometimes-frenzied and often-sloppy first half to take a 33-24 lead at the break. Scott's 3-pointer with 12:01 to play made it 49-31, and Young's two free throws with 11:01 remaining gave Baylor a 53-34 lead.

The Tar Heels had not faced that big a deficit all season, and

responded with an 8-0 run to cut it to 49-38. La'Tangela Atkinson's rebound with 6:57 left. But the closest North Carolina got was seven in the final seconds.

"We didn't get it to Erlana enough," said North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell, looking for only her second Final Four berth in 19 seasons with the Tar Heels.

"We weren't setting screens and getting people open. We were trying fadeaways instead of taking it to them."

The game was not the up-and-down, freestyling showcase it was supposed to be. There were 42 turnovers, 25 by Baylor and 17 by North Carolina. Eight of the Lady Bears' turnovers were committed by Chelsea Whitaker.

"Hey, Chelsea's my point guard," Mulkey-Robertson said, "and Chelsea's heading to the Final Four."

GOLF

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you've got to do at home," Lee coach Gary Simmons said.

"You've got to defend your home course. Now we've got to go to Odessa next week with business on our minds. We've got to go up there with the intent of hoping they don't get it back. But they're good."

The Lady Rebels have a team score of 645, while the Lady Panthers have a 654. San Angelo Central is in third place with a 670.

"We felt good," Brassfield said, who will play for Redlands (Okla.) Community College in the fall. "We came out here with nothing else in our minds but to defend this course. We play it all the time, day-in and day-out, but it's by far not over. We're playing (Odessa's) course next week and I know they'll have the home-field advantage. We're not worried, but we're going to be prepared."

Individually, everybody is chasing Permian's Raelyn Smith. Smith came into the second round with the only sub-par score of the tournament. She shot a 1-under 71 in San Angelo last week and carded an even par 71 on Monday.

She's the only player to be in red numbers for the tournament and the only player with a combined two-round score in the 140s.

"She's a dominant player," Simmons said of Smith. "She's the best this district has seen in a long time. She's solid, she's got a great head on her shoulders and she's just a solid player."

Brassfield, who moved from third to second place in the medalist standings played with Smith on Monday. And although Brassfield's 73 was much improved from her first round score, the deficit between her and Smith continues to grow.

"We expect that," Brassfield said. "She's always been up there and we know she's a great player. I love playing with her. It's

nice to know I can keep up with her."

Smith's combined score of 142 is nine strokes better than Brassfield, the same number of shots by which the Lady Panthers trail the Lady Rebels in the team standings.

"I'm definitely disappointed in the way the team's standing right now," said Smith, who finished with four birdies and four bogeys on Monday. "We knew Midland Lee was good. I definitely could have shot lower to help us out a little bit more, but Megan (O'Connell) played a great round. We just all have to play good at the same time for us to be able to catch Lee and stay with them."

Sitting in third place individually is Permian's O'Connell. She's 13 strokes off the pace and four strokes behind Brassfield.

Aside from Brassfield, Lee's Tracy Stanford is sixth, Melissa Seaward is seventh, Narissa Mahaklan is eighth and Becca Ulmo is ninth.

The Midland High girls improved one spot from eighth to tied for seventh. The Lady Bulldogs are just two strokes behind Abilene Cooper for sixth place.

"That's what I want," Midland High girls coach Rick Sample said. "That's all I'm looking for — improvement. If we keep improving through district I'll be happy."

Individually for the Lady Bulldogs, junior Claire Legg, in just her second competitive round this spring, followed up her 88 in the first round with an 86 on Monday.

"Claire shot two strokes better and if she starts making her birdie putts, her score's going to go down," Sample said. "I'm really proud of her."

The third round will be at Odessa Country Club's Old Course on Thursday, April 7, with the final round in Abilene on Tuesday, April 13th.

District 3-5A Girls Golf Tour

Monday's second round results
Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Yards: 5,353 Par: 71
Team scores: 1. Lee 327-318-645; 2. Odessa Permian 325-328-654; 3. San Angelo Central 331-339-670; 4. Abilene High 343-361-704; 5. Lee 366-358-724; 6. Abilene Cooper 368-392-760; 7. (tie) Midland High 393-389-782; 8. Abilene High 372-410-782; 9. Midland High 415-438-853; 10. Odessa Permian 448-464-912; 11. (tie) Abilene Cooper 443-455-898; 12. Odessa High 475-485-960; 13. San Angelo Central 489-505-994.
Medalist (top 10): 1. Raelyn Smith, Odessa Permian 71-71-142; 2. Ashley Brassfield, Lee 78-73-151; 3. Megan O'Connell, Odessa Permian 79-76-155; 4. (tie) Brittany Tomerlin, San Angelo Central 77-79-156; 5. Chandra Alexander, San Angelo Central 79-77-156; 6. Tracy Stanford, Lee 85-79-164; 7. Melissa Seaward, Lee 86-82-168; 8. Narissa Mahaklan, Lee 85-84-169; 9. Rebecca Ulmo, Lee 79-92-171; 10. Hailee Harper, San Angelo Central 83-89-172.
Team-by-team results:
Lee (327-318-645): Tracy Stanford 85-79-164; Ashley Brassfield 78-73-151; Becca Ulmo 79-92-171; Narissa Mahaklan 85-84-169; Melissa Seaward 86-82-168.
Odessa Permian (325-328-654): Raelyn Smith 71-71-142; Megan O'Connell 79-76-155; Jordan Conklin 88-86-174; Tara Dugan 88-95-183; Lyndy Riley 101-102-204.
San Angelo Central (331-339-670): Brittany Tomerlin 77-79-156; Chandra Alexander 79-77-156; Hailee Harper 83-89-172; Megan Busker 92-94-186; Holly Wright 105-NC-NC.
Abilene High (343-361-704): Samantha Chevie 89-84-173; Cassie Calderon 87-98-185; Tarell Black 87-95-182; Robin Lozano 80-99-179; Lauren Goodnight 93-84-177.
Lee (366-358-724): Cogourney Chandler 86-91-177; Samantha Fields 88-89-177; Jennifer Pitts 97-85-182; Emilee McBride 95-93-188; Abilene 114-112-226.
Abilene Cooper (388-392-780): Lana Givens 96-102-198; Nydia Gray 100-91-191; Julie Froh 99-99-192; Janna Quinn 99-100-199; Karissa Goetz 109-106-215.
Midland High (393-389-782): Claire Legg 88-86-174; Denica Weddle 102-106-208; Brianna Bertelson 99-103-202; Mary Faulkenberry 99-97-196; Haylee Wright 97-103-200.
Abilene High (372-410-782): Wesley Polk 99-96-195; Lauren Turman 91-104-195; Ashley Jacques 99-102-201; Emily Dickinson 86-108-194; Sara Morris 96-108-204.
Midland High (415-438-853): Molly Eyer 105-114-219; Julie Friday 104-99-203; Larice Perkins 115-114-228; Paige Futrell 104-120-224; Katie Chiles 124-117-241.
Odessa Permian (448-464-912): Hilary Shipman 116-125-241; Ashley Garcia 105-105-205; Ali Butler 123-110-233; Chelsea Atkins 131-123-254; Tabitha Gomez 124-115-229.
Abilene Cooper (443-455-898): Leonor Javier 117-100-217; Stephanie Norton 91-100-191; Alyssa Lucarelli 127-NC-NC; Sarah Morris 118-NC-NC; Chelsea Marler 125-NC-NC.
Odessa High (475-485-960): Letha Sullivan 118-97-215; Meagan Farrell 114-108-223; Amanda Thompson 134-126-260; Jacey Weston 130-114-244; Stephanie Eimer 113-118-231.
San Angelo Central (489-505-994): Jenny Cook 128-128-256; Serena Sosa 113-111-224; Kayla Brown 127-NC-NC; Heather Tarr 131-124-255.
Individual medalists: — Frances Behrman, Midland High 112-111-223; Amanda Sterling, Midland High 112-111-223; Katy Morgan, Abilene High 115-115-230; Erin Wartles, Abilene High 93-99-192.
Tour Schedule:
March 24 — First round, completed.
March 28 — Second round, completed.
Thursday, April 7 — Third round, Odessa Country Club's Old Course.
Tuesday, April 12 — Final round, Maxwell Municipal Golf Course, Abilene.

Utah center Bogut to enter NBA draft

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Andrew Bogut couldn't pass up the opportunity to be the top pick in the NBA draft.

The Utah center announced Monday that he would forgo his final two years of eligibility to enter the draft, confirming what his coach, teammates and Utes fans have known was coming.

"I have no regrets and full-speed ahead," the 7-footer from Australia said at a news conference Monday.

Bogut, the leading vote-getter on the AP All-America team, averaged 20.4 points and 12.2 rebounds while leading the Utes to a 29-6 season, which ended with a loss to Kentucky in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

"I feel the time is right to move on to the next level of basketball," Bogut said.

Bogut has hired agent David

Bauman of SFX Basketball, making him ineligible to play again in college. Bogut plans to stick around Salt Lake City for a few weeks, then head to Washington, D.C., to begin preparing for pre-draft workouts.

Bogut's parents, Anne and Michael Bogut, sat in the front row for their son's news conference. Michael Bogut ran an auto shop when Andrew was growing up and the younger Bogut remembered some lean times for the family. As a top NBA pick, Bogut's family should be comfortable for a long time.

Bogut considered leaving after last season, when he was the Mountain West Conference freshman of the year, but a visit to Australia from new Utah coach Ray Giaconetti convinced Bogut to put off the NBA at least another year.

Bogut is expected to be — at

the very least — a lottery pick and possibly the first player chosen overall. He led Utah in scoring and rebounding and is an exceptional ball handler and passer for a big man.

"There hasn't been one day when he hasn't been our hardest worker," Giaconetti said. "It's all been about the team and that's very rare this day."

Bogut is the second Utah sports star to choose an early departure this year. Quarterback Alex Smith, a Heisman trophy finalist last season, announced in January he would skip his senior season for the NFL. Smith is also projected to go early and it's possible the No. 1 pick in both drafts could be Utes.

Bogut recorded double-doubles in all but nine games this season and finished with at least 10 points and 10 rebounds 40 times in his Utah career.

SECTION D Tuesday, March

A number of M School District juniors have been named to the "fourth six weeks" list.

NOTE: The list of students whose parents have been named to the list is being released.

Abel J.

Seventh grade
AGUIRRE, BRADLEY
AWBREY, MARY
BATEMAN, JON
BERRY, DANIEL
BREWER, DOUG
BROUGHTON, CHAD
BUENDIA, ROBERT
CRUZ, OMAR
DELGADILLO, DANIEL
DIAZ, DANIEL
ESTRADA, DAVID
FIRKINS, KYLE
HARRISON, KYLE
HAYS, AUSTIN
IBANEZ, MAC
KLEIN, JENNIFER
LIVINGSTON, LUCAS
LOPEZ, JASMIN
LOPEZ, RUDOLFO
LUGINBILL, SETH
LUTHI, EMMA
MARTIN, DILLON
MATA, STEPHEN
MCMILLAN, IAN
MORIN, MEGAN
NAVARRO, JESSIE
NELSON, CLAYTON
OLSON, ERIC
PATEL, KIRIT
PAYTON, PATRICK
RUNKEL, KYLE
SIMPSON, CHRIS
SMITH, ERIC
SMITH, JAMES
SMITH, KATHLEEN
TAFOYA, CRYSTAL
TAYLOR, JARVIS
WALKER, JARVIS
WELCH, CAROL
WHEELER, JESSIE
WHITE, JENNIFER
WHITE, MORRIS
WILLIS, KAITLIN

Eighth grade

BAINS, ASHLEY
BANTA, JACK
BOHON, DEVIN
BUCKLEY, KYLE
CALDWELL, SETH
CHIU, ALLY
CLARK, JORDAN
COFFMAN, RICHARD
COLBURN, BRIAN
CORNAL, CRISTIAN
COULON, BRIAN
DYE, CLINT
DYE, JUSTIN
ESTRADA, MARCO
FLOYD, MONTY

Midland High School senior Patrick Trevor Wayland was honored by the Midland Downtown Lion's Club. He is the son of David and Carole Wayland.

He is a Model of American States member of National Society, the varsity basketball team. Club. He is an academic and is listed in "Among American Students."

He is a member of the byterian Church and with vacation Bible Place and Christmas.

Wayland plans U.S. Naval Academy. University of Texas.

Midland Christian senior Cici Nunez was honored by the Midland Lion's Club. She is a member of Art and Kat Nunez Club, National High Spanish Club, Student

ODESSA — Tom Parks, Ph.D., a Pulitzer-Prize nominee for a series of newspaper articles on education, has been named assistant director of the John Ben Shepperd Public Institute.

Parks is former of distinguished Professional Leadership University in South.

He recently was a national education for his role in founding the "Call program," which is American males to elementary school teaching, founded in 1995, has since to other states. Since Call Me Mister more than 200 African

MISD HONOR ROLL

A number of Midland Independent School District junior high students have been named to the "A" Honor Roll for the fourth six weeks.

NOTE: The list does not include students whose parents have requested that information about their children not be released.

Abell Junior High Seventh grade

AGUIRRE, BRENDA
AWBREY, MATTHEW
BATEMAN, JORDAN
BERRY, DANIEL
BREWER, DOUGLAS
BROUGHTON, BROOKE
BUENDIA, RONNIE
CRUZ, OMAR
DELGADILLO, MARISSA
DIAZ, DANIEL
ESTRADA, DEREK
FIRKINS, KAITLYN
HARRISON, KRISTI
HAYS, AUSTIN
IBANEZ, MAGALY
KLEIN, JENNIFER
LIVINGSTON, MARY
LOPEZ, JASMINE
LOPEZ, RUDOLPHO
LUGINBILL, SARAH
LUTHI, EMMA
MARTIN, DILLON
MATA, STEPHEN
MCMILLAN, RITA
MORIN, MEGAN
NAVARRO, JESSICA
NELSON, CLAIRE
OLSON, ERICA
PATEL, KIRTY
PAYTON, PATRICK
RUNKEL, KAYDEE
SIMPSON, CHEA
SMITH, ERIC
SMITH, JAMES
SMITH, KATHERINE
TAFOYA, CRYSTAL
TAYLOR, JARRED
WALKER, JACOB
WELCH, CARISSA
WHEELER, JENNIFER
WHITE, JENNY
WHITE, MORGAN
WILLIS, KAITLYN

Eighth grade

BAINS, ASHLEY
BANTA, JACKIE
BOHON, DEVIN
BUCKLEY, KOURTNEY
CALDWELL, SARAH
CHIU, ALLY
CLARK, JORDAN
COFFMAN, RILEY
COLBURN, BLAKE
CORNAL, CRISTIN
COULON, BRITTANY
DYE, CLINT
DYE, JUSTIN
ESTRADA, MAXINE
FLOYD, MONTGOMERY

GAWLOSKI, NICHOLAS
GRONER, JERED
GULLEY, ERIKA
HAYNER, MEGAN
HUDEK, ROBERT
HUZZEY, MATTHEW
IVANHOE, TROY
KUSE, KRISTINE
KUSE, MICHELLE
LAMAR, BRITNEY
MCCOWN, AUSTIN
MCNEIL, JORDAN
MIDDLEMAN, ALLISON
MILLER, EMILY
NOORMOHAMED, RYAN
ORTIZ, GABRIELLE
PATEL, DIXI
PHARR, LAURA
QUACH, KRISTIE
RENDON, AMY
ROBINSON, DONALD
ROGERS, JEFFORY
RUIZ, CHRISTINA
RUIZ, JAZMIN
RYAN, BROOK
SANFORD, DEREK
SCHUSTER, MEREDITH
SMITH, MEAGAN
SMITH, MICHAEL
SPRAY, KELSEY
SUDDUTH, IAN
TARANGO, DELMA
THOMPSON, TREY
VOORHIES, CHRISTY
WILKINS, KAITLYN
WILLIAMS, CALLIE

Alamo Junior High Seventh grade

BEAN, CHRISTINE
CLARK, KYLE
CROSS, AARON
DAY, KELBIE
EVANS, ASHLYN
GARCIA, TREY
GASKINS, SARAH
GRAHAM, KIRSTEN
GRIFFITH, PATRICIA
GUTIERREZ, JENNIFER
HENDERSON, MORGAN
HERNANDEZ, BERTHA
HOOVER, NATHAN
JOHNSON, MATTHEW
KENNEDY, BRITTANY
KROL, MICHAEL
LONG, JUSTIN
LYLES, AMANDA
MADRID, ADAM
MCDANIEL, TRENTON
MERRILL, KAMBRIE
NELSON, JAMIE
NUTT, ALEC
OCHOA, MIRIAM
ROTAN, KEYLE
RUIZ, NICKOLAUS
SANCHEZ, ANTHONY
SCHWAB, JONATHAN
SOUTHERLAND, RACHAL
STAFFORD, XANTIPPE
STRICKLAND, ADRIAN

Goddard Junior High Seventh grade

AGUILAR, CRYSTAL
AGUILAR, MAYRA
ALBIN, TARYN
ALEMAN, CHARLES
ALLEN, DYLAN
BAKER, CAROLINE
BARR, ALEXANDRIA
BRICKEY, KEATON
CALDWELL, OLIVIA
CHAVEZ, ASHLEY
COLLYER, LAUREN
COWLEY, MAREN
COX, RACHEL
CUMMINGS, BRITTANY
DAVIS, ASHLEY
DOVER, DAVID
EICHORST, DIRK
FISHER, MARY
FLORES, ZACARIAH
FORRESTER, RACHEL
GARNICA, JENNIFER
GATES, ROBERT
GLENN, SARAH
GOLDEN, TRINITY
HANKINSON, BROOKE
HARSHBARGER, CAYLEN
HENRY, CHARLES
IBARRA, YAHDIRA
JEANSONNE, DAVID
JIMENEZ, REBECCA
JUNGK, TORI

LANEY, PRESTON
LARGE, MADALYNE
LAUGHLIN, ASHLEY
LEYBA, KASSANDRA
LOPEZ, CRUZ
LOSOYA, GABRIELA
MALONE, JAKE
MARTIN, KATHRYN
MOORHOUSE, DEIDRA
NAVARRO, VALERIE
NGUYEN, ELAINE
NIEDECKEN, ANDREW
NOBLES, SARAH
OLIVAS, REY
POOL, MORGAN
PUGA, MAEGAN
RICE, RACHEL
ROWAN, EVAN
SCOTT, AMANDA
SINGH, INDIRA
SPARKS, JUSTIN
STARK, JEREMY
SWANNER, CLARK
TAYLOR, MELISSA
URIAS, PATRICIA
VALVERDE, KRISTEN
WELLS, KRISTYN
WITT, CALLIE
ZAPATA, ZAVANA

Eighth grade

AMAYA, ANA
BARTON, ALLIE
BISGARD, BRIAN
BROWN, STEFANY
COFFMAN, CHANEY
DELAPEÑA, TESLA
DIAZ, ISABEL
DOMINGUEZ, IVANAH
ERB, KIRA
ESCALANTE, JOSE
ESTRADA, SARAH
FARISH, DAVIS
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MAKING THE GRADE

Midland High School senior **Patrick Trevor Wayland** was honored by the Midland Downtown Lion's Club. He is the son of David and Carole Wayland.



Wayland

He is a Model Organization of American States delegate, is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, the varsity football and basketball teams and Spanish Club. He is an academic letterman and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

He is a member of First Presbyterian Church and volunteers with vacation Bible school, Safe Place and Christmas in Action. Wayland plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy or the University of Texas.

Midland Christian School senior **Cici Nunez** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lion's Club. She is the daughter of Art and Kat Nunez.

She is a member of the Science Club, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Student Council

and the varsity tennis team. She is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She is a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church and volunteers with Meals on Wheels, soup kitchen and Christmas in Action.

Nunez plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Lee High School senior **Michael Montalvo** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lion's Club. He is the son of Daniel and Tammy Montalvo.



Montalvo

He is involved in art and metal shop. Montalvo plans to study art.

Midland High School senior **Betsy Lynn Dufford** was honored by the Downtown Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Scott and Beth Dufford.

She is a Model Organization of American States delegate, is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Student Council, Senior Girls, cross country team, D-F-

It, is a Texas Scholar and academic and track letterman and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

She is a Bible study leader and Symphony Belle and is a member of Fannin Terrace Baptist Church. She volunteers with the Midland Baptist Crisis Center and Habitat for Humanity.

Dufford plans to major in petroleum engineering at Texas A&M University.

Midland Freshman High School Top Dawgs for the third six weeks are:
English, **Joshua Measles**; foreign language, **Kaitlin Miller**; social studies, **Sonia Torres**; biology, **Victoria Moore**; integrated physics and chemistry, **Jaycie Patterson**; geometry, **Jonathan Berry**; algebra, **Shantel Torres**; computers, **Diana Truitt**; art, **Allyson Davis**; theatre arts, **Frances Behrmann**; speech, **Malarie Jimenez**; health, **Chelsi McDonald**; choir, **Stephanie Wilmes**; band, **Ashley Esquibel**; orches-

tra, **Jordan Gillean**; junior ROTC, **Daniel McBeath**; PE/athletics, **Colby Hinsley** and **Kylie Gillard**.

Lee High School senior **Ashlyn Le'Shay Samuels** was honored by the Negro Business & Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of Charlotte and Willie Samuels. She is a member of National Honor Society and is an academic letterman, Texas Scholar and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."



Samuels

She volunteers for Midland Teen Court and attends Harvets Time Church. Samuels plans to attend Prairie View A&M and major in forensic science.

Four area students recently were presented with scholarships in conjunction with engineering week.

■ **Bradley Barnum**, of Midland, a senior at Lee High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Permian Basin Chapter

of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

■ **Brennan Bailey**, of Big Spring, a senior at Big Spring High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Sivalis, Inc.

■ **Sarah Smith**, of Odessa, a junior Civil/Architectural Engineering Major at Texas Tech University, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the West Texas Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

■ **Mark Villalva**, of Seminole, a junior Civil/Architectural Engineering Major at Texas Tech University, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the West Texas Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineer.

Midland High School senior **Kareana Deann Bowers** was

honored by the Negro Business & Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of Karen Bowers.

She is a member of Soul Club, choir and is a teacher's aide.

She is a member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church and the

church choir.

Bowers plans to attend Midland College and University of North Texas.

Lee High School senior **Chevar Danté Bryson** was honored by the Negro Business & Professional Women's Club. He is the son of Laurie and Walter Bryson.



Bryson

He is class president, member of the homecoming court, Spanish National Honor Society and is a Texas Scholar. He is a member of the varsity football and track teams and has been named to the Second Team All State Football, Second Team All District Football, Honorable Mention All State Football, the Texas Prep Xtra First Team Football, All State Track and Field and All District Track and Field. He volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club and Martin Luther King Center. He attends Alexander Temple Church of God and Christ and is a member of the church choir.

Bryson plans to attend Texas A&M and major in business.

BRAGGIN' RIGHTS

ODESSA — **Tom Parks**, Ph.D., a Pulitzer-Prize nominee for a series of newspaper articles on education, has been named assistant director of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute.



Parks

Parks is former dean and Distinguished Professor of Educational Leadership at Clemson University in South Carolina.

He recently was recognized at a national education conference for his role in founding and directing the "Call Me Mister" program, which assists African American males to become elementary school teachers. The program, founded in South Carolina in 1995, has since expanded to other states. Since its inception, Call Me Mister has enabled more than 200 African-American

males attend college with the intent of becoming teachers in grades one through three.

Parks, who serves on the Midland County Public Library Board of Advisors, is the author of a children's book, "Promise of the Faraway Flower."

Cub Scout Pack 84, sponsored by St. Ann's Catholic Church, celebrated its 50th anniversary Feb. 26 with a Mass and Blue and Gold Banquet with a catered barbecue dinner.

During the Mass, **Bishop Michael Pfeifer** of the Diocese of San Angelo, spoke to the youth about the 4 C's of scouting — Christ, character, community, country — and awards were presented to scouts and adult leaders.

The event included a ceremony in which the pack's flag was retired and presented to **Msgr. Larry Droll** and **St. Ann's Church**, and recognition of **Webelos** who were advancing to

Boy Scouts

Sam Cowan, **Dimitri Guzman**, **Daniel Hernandez**, **Joseph Perez**, **Frankie Sanchez**, **Potsy Sotelo**, **John Michael Soza** and **Sam Valenzuela** received the Arrow of Light award, Cub Scout's highest award, and then crossed over into Boy Scouts.

Midland High School senior **Shannon Burdett** is one of four students selected as Texas

Acteen panelists and one of eight teens selected for the National Acteen Panel.

Acteens is an organization for Baptist girls ages 12 through 17 in which members learn about and are involved in missions.

Burdett is a member of the



National Honor Society and First Baptist Church youth group and is an Opportunity Camp counselor.

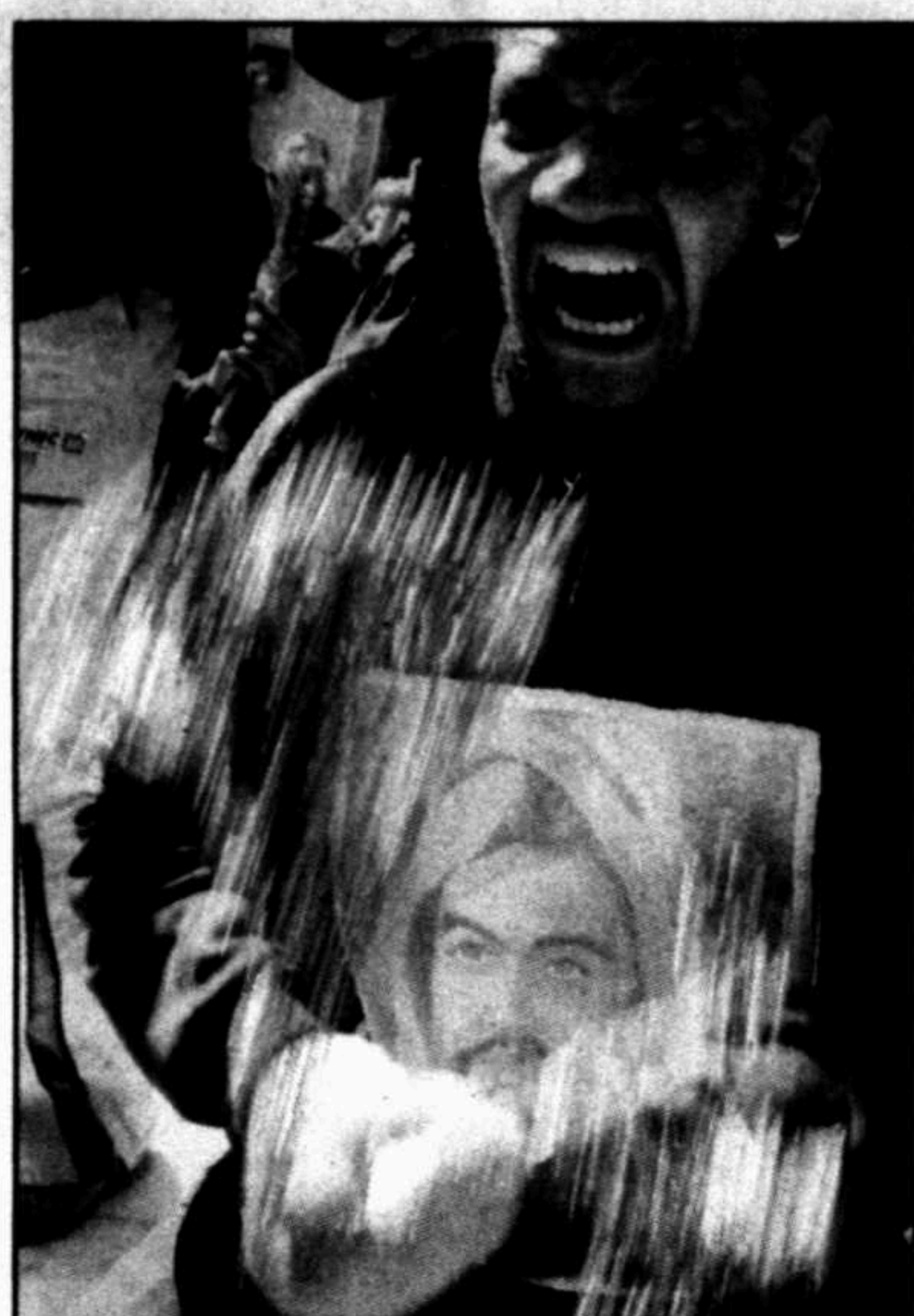
She plans to study nursing at Texas Tech University and hopes to become a missionary nurse in Africa.

Lee Freshman High School reading teacher **Lee Ann Woodward Porter** has been included in the latest edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

The recognition is for teachers

who have "made a difference" in the life of a former student, according to Parke Davis with "Who's Who."

Porter, who has one son, Colbey, 15, is secretary for Midland CTA and was listed in a previous edition of the publication.



Heidi Michener/AP

IN IRAQ An Iraqi man holding Imam Hussein's portrait lashes himself with chains in ritual mourning of Imam Hussein in Karbala, Iraq, Monday in advance of al-Arbacen ceremonies, which culminate Thursday. More than 1.5 million Shiite pilgrims massed in Karbala last year for al-Arbacen, one of the holiest days of their religious calendar. Al-Arbacen commemorates the end of a 40-day mourning period after the anniversary of the seventh century martyrdom of Imam Hussein, one of the Shiites' top saints.

Officials say Iraqi police, army should secure country in matter of months

■ Shiite pilgrims head to Karbala for a major religious ceremony.

By Traci Carl
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's outgoing interior minister predicted Monday that his country's emerging police and army may be capable of securing the nation in 18 months, saying his officers are beginning to take over from coalition forces.

Insurgents, meanwhile, targeted Shiite pilgrims, setting off two blasts that killed at least three people. Interim Interior Minister Faleh al-Naqib's comments came as security was heightened in the already heavily fortified Green Zone, where the National Assembly will hold its long-awaited second session Tuesday to choose a parliament speaker and two deputies.

Negotiators haggled over who would get the parliament speaker job, considering interim President Ghazi al-Yawer. They hope the inclusion of Sunni Arabs like him in the new government will help quell the Sunni-led insurgency.

But al-Yawer turned down the post and instead asked the Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance for the vice president's post, said Ali Faisal, political coordinator for the Shiite Political Council, which is part of the alliance.

Alliance members agreed to nominate former nuclear scientist Hussain al-Shahristani as one of two deputy parliament speakers and interim Finance Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi as one of two vice presidents.

Alliance negotiator Jawad al-Maliki said the Sunni Arabs were expected to name a candidate for the parliament's speaker position Tuesday.

Al-Naqib predicted that militants will target Tuesday's National Assembly meeting — only the second since the parliament was elected nearly two months ago in the nation's first free election in 50 years. The lawmakers met March 16 but repeatedly have postponed a second meeting because of negotiations over Cabinet positions.

Roads were blocked off Monday, and security was tightened around the area, already surrounded by concrete blast walls and barbed wire. Several mortar rounds slammed into the banks of the Tigris River, just short of the Green Zone.

Underscoring tensions with the country's majority Shiites — who make up 60 percent of Iraq's estimated 26 million people — insurgents set off two explosions targeting Shiite pilgrims heading to Karbala for a major religious ceremony.

In Musayyib, 40 miles south of Baghdad, a suicide bomber on a bicycle blew himself up near a police patrol protecting the pilgrims, Capt. Muthana al-Furati of the Hillah police force said. Two policemen were killed. The attack wounded two other officers and three civilians.

The other bombing took place at the Imam al-Khadher shrine compound in Khalis, 50 miles north of Baghdad. The attack killed one pilgrim and wounded two others resting at the compound, Col. Abdullah Hessonni Abdullah said.

Pilgrims travel to Karbala to mark al-Arbacen, the end of a 40-day mourning period after the anniversary of the seventh-century martyrdom of Imam Hussein, one of the Shiite religion's top saints.

In a news conference, al-Naqib outlined progress by the country's fledgling security forces, predicting that U.S. troops would be able to begin slowly pulling out of parts of the country, and that "hopefully, within 18 months at the most we will be capable of securing Iraq."

"We hope that next summer, there will be a huge reduction in the numbers of multinational patrols," he said. "In some cities, there will be no foreign troops at all."

He said Iraqi police had better intelligence on local insurgents and criminal gangs that have flourished since the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion, helping reduce the number of casualties caused by car bombs and other attacks.

"I think it will collapse very soon," he said of the country's insurgency.

The interior minister added that Iraq's most-wanted terrorist, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, "has been surrounded in more than one area, and we hope for the best."

Al-Zarqawi's organization has claimed responsibility for kidnappings and killings across Iraq. On Sunday, militants posted a video on the Internet showing the purported execution of a man identifying himself as Interior Ministry official Col. Riyadh Gatie Olyway. The authenticity of the tape could not be verified.

Al-Naqib gave no timeline for a complete U.S. withdrawal, something U.S. officials have repeatedly said hinges on the security situation in Iraq and the wishes of the Iraqi government.

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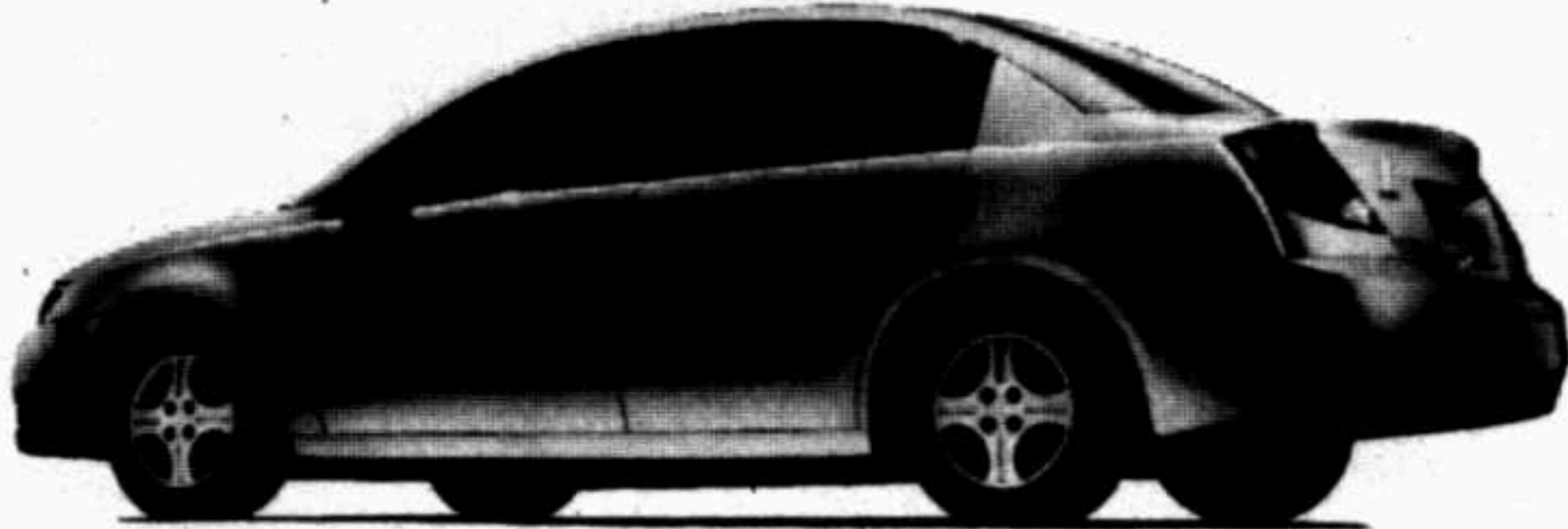
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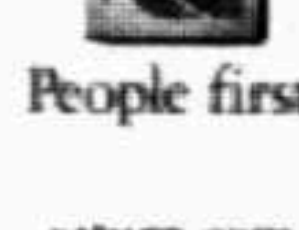
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