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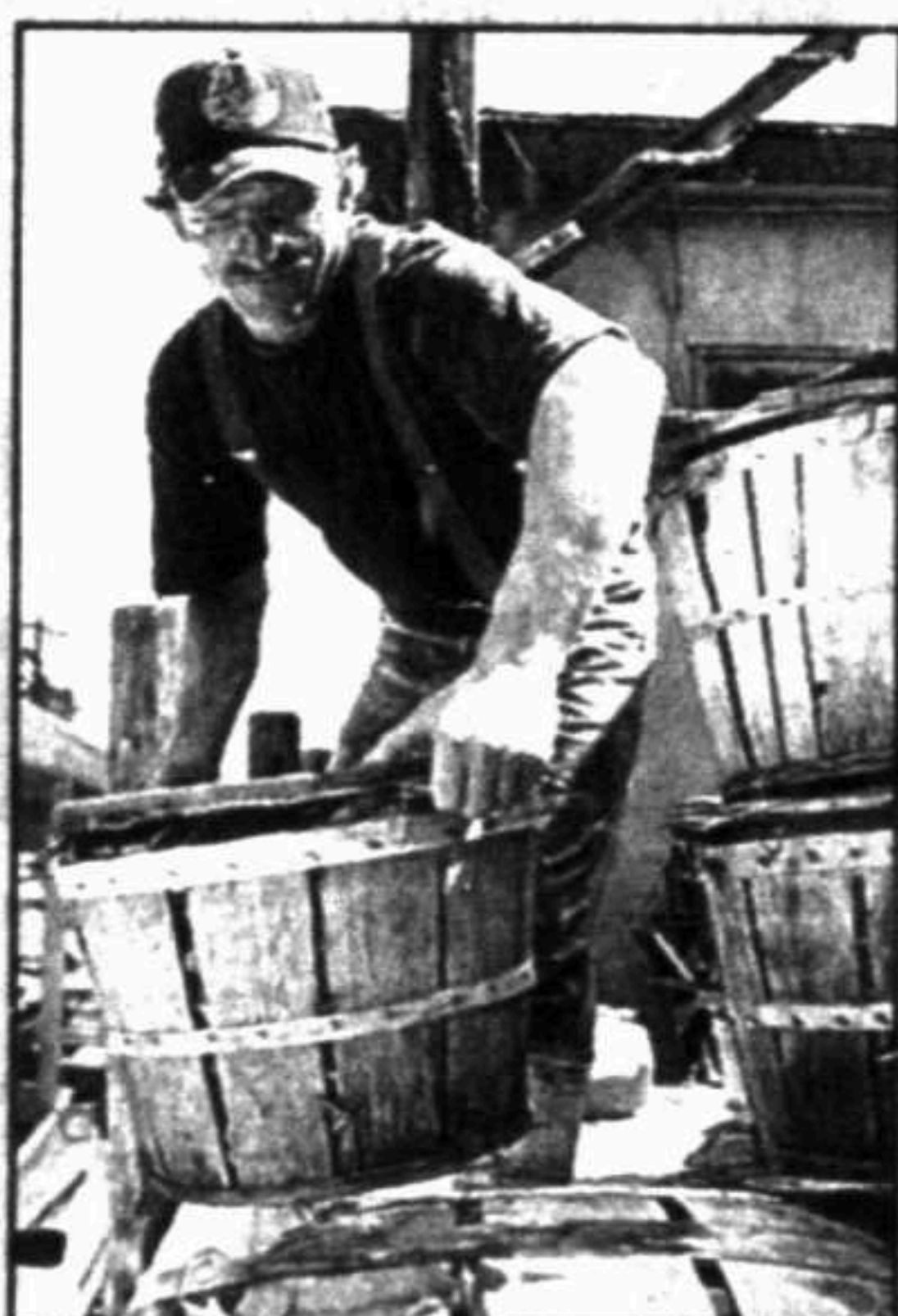
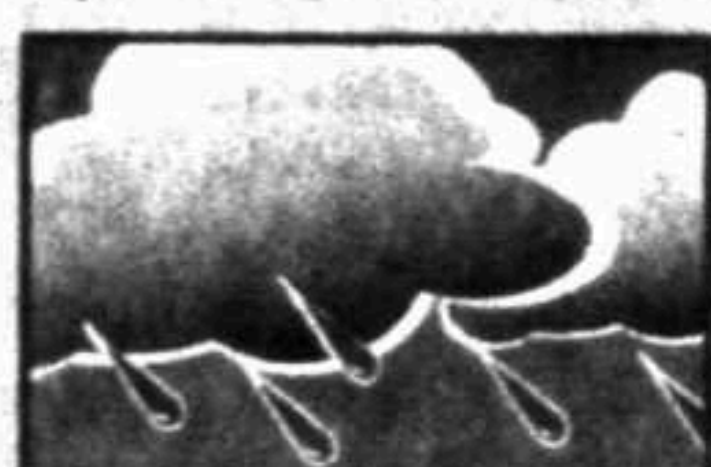
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Waterman Tom East of Crisfield, Md., unloads a bushel of crabs at the dock in Shelton Md., Thursday, Aug. 27. East has been complaining of sickness he believes is related to the Pocomoke River problems. Story page 8B

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Readers' views sought

The death of Princess Diana has brought an almost unprecedented outpouring of feelings from around the world. Seldom, if ever, has the death of a celebrity sparked such an international response.

What are your views about Diana, her lifestyle and the many contributions she made despite living in a jet set lifestyle complete with scandals and divorce?

We invite you to call Cityline's Community Pulse, 560-2400, Category 7658 and share your feelings with us about the princess. We ask that you leave your name after voicing your thoughts. The poll will remain open through noon Friday with a story to be published in Saturday's Reporter-Telegram.

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Pioneer acquires Canadian firm

■ Acquisition of Chauvco Resources makes company second only to Burlington Resources among publicly-traded independent oil companies.

By John Paul Pitts

Oil Editor

Less than a month after announcing the merger of Parker & Parsley and Mesa into Pioneer Natural Resources Co., the newly created company has announced the acquisition of Calgary-based Chauvco Resources Ltd.

Officials with Pioneer Natural Resources Co., which has its administrative operations in Midland, said

Wednesday that the \$1.2 billion value of Chauvco represented one of the largest cross border stock acquisitions in the history of the exploration and production industry.

The acquisition makes Pioneer the second largest publicly traded independent oil company in the U.S., behind Burlington Resources, and adds more than 1,700 drilling prospects to the Pioneer inventory.

Jon Brumley, chairman of Pioneer Resources, said a large acquisition coming on the heels of a large merger does not reflect too rapid a growth.

"You have to act while the iron is hot. I think the fact that we are able to make such an acquisition at this time is indicative of the full stride Pioneer's employees, board of directors and management have been able to achieve in such a short time. When we created Pioneer,

we said we would be opportunity driven. Opportunity was looking us in the eye. The growth has been faster than I expected, but not too fast."

Brumley said Scott Sheffield, then chairman of Parker & Parsley, had been talking to Chauvco for several years before the merger of Mesa and Parker & Parsley. "It was more of a friendly relationship and discussion of interests, rather than merger talks."

He said Sheffield told him about the possibility of acquiring Chauvco when Mesa and P&P merged. Both liked the idea and informed the board that the acquisition was a possibility.

Under the terms of the 100 percent stock deal Chauvco stockholders will receive .45 shares of Pioneer for

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Midlander shares memories, mementos

■ On a two-week visit to London at the time of the royal wedding, Terry Urban became an admirer of Princess Diana. Now, he is sharing his souvenirs with the public at his downtown coffee shop.

Terry Urban's downtown coffee shop has become a sort of impromptu memorial to Princess Diana. A table filled with his pictures and souvenirs from the royal wedding draws both customers and passers-by over for a look.

"Three-fourths of the customers have stopped and looked," he said.

Urban was visiting friends in London for two weeks at the time of the marriage of Charles and Diana on July 29, 1981. He has been an admirer of Princess Diana ever since.

"The world has lost a very special person — she will be remembered for the great person she was," Urban said.

He was shocked when he heard of her death on the news Sunday night. "I honestly felt chills and extreme sadness," he said. "I walked over and looked at the picture and thought 'what a loss.'"

Urban contrasts those feelings with the air of excitement that permeated London prior to the royal wedding.

"People were just so bubbly and excited — every single place was decorated," he said. "Pictures of Charles and Diana were everywhere."

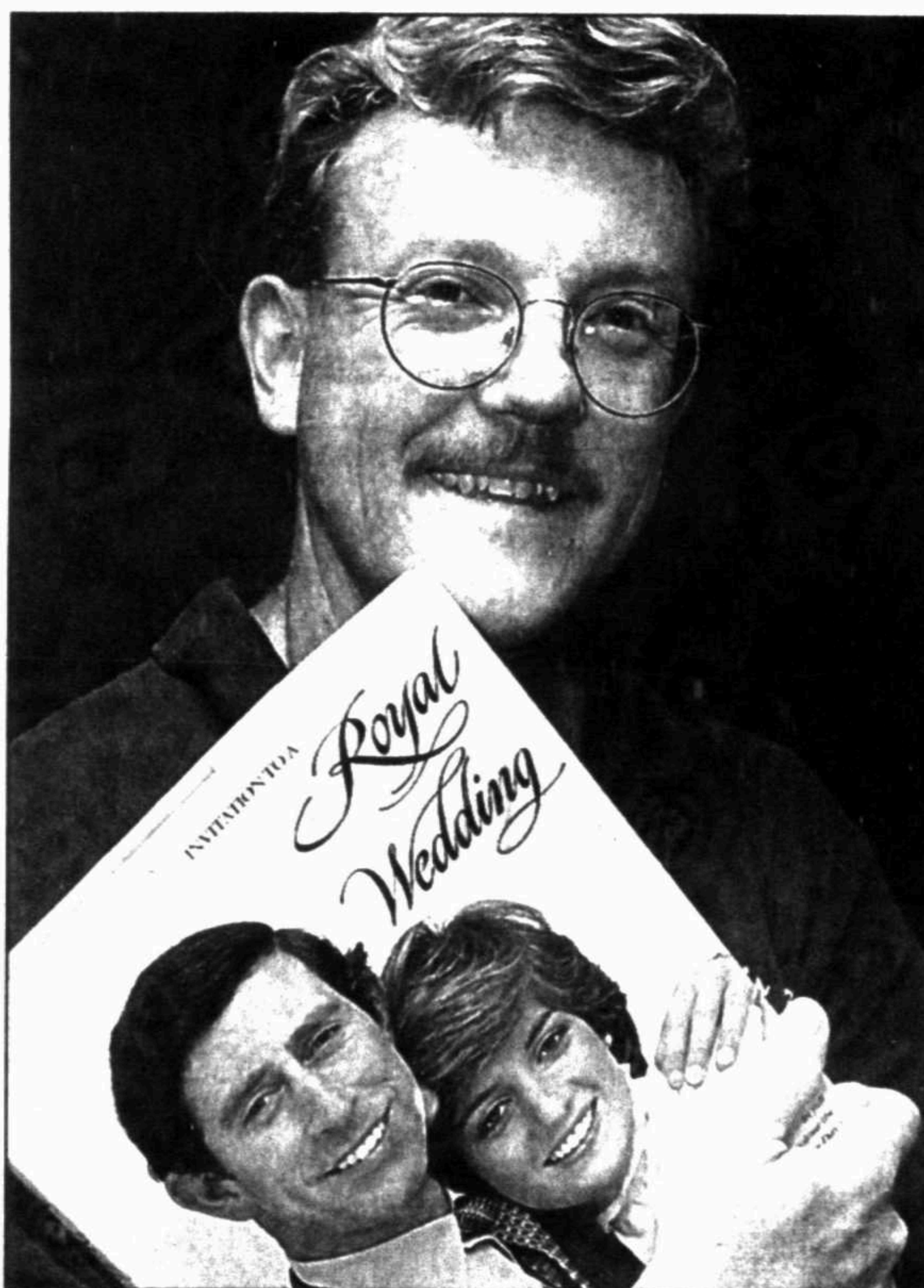
Even down to gracing the paper plates that he and his friends ate off of at a party before the wedding.

Urban said he spent three days picking out prime spots for picture taking along the parade route. "I stayed up two and a half days straight to get a place along the procession route."

Three albums of Urban's snapshots of the event document his persistence at capturing the princess's image.

He is most proud of a post-wedding picture of Charles and Diana in an open coach as they left for their honeymoon. He scaled a hospital wall to get a clear view of the carriage.

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Midlander Terry Urban, above, has been an admirer of the late Princess Diana since a visit to London at the time of the royal wedding. Some of his many souvenirs of the occasion are on display at his restaurant.

Citizens, officers support merger, Painter says

■ Sheriff says he has had 'endless support' for his plan to merge the Sheriff's Office and Police Department. City officials have questions.

By Rick Lopez

Staff Writer

Local residents and peace officers have shown support for an idea Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter conveyed to Midland city officials suggesting that the Police Department and Sheriff's Office should merge into one law enforcement agency. Painter said late Wednesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, city officials have several questions about the Aug. 27 memo Painter sent to the city officials. Some of the suggestions, at least one city official said, are somewhat nebulous.

"I've had endless support from people regarding this issue," Painter said, adding he has received "a lot of positive support" from the local Lion's Club, members of the Highway Patrol and former city officials.

In the memo Painter sent out Friday, he states, "I have been approached by many citizens regarding consolidating the office of Sheriff and the position of Chief of Police in Midland."

The memo continues, "Many police officers have recently suggested the combining of offices due to the resignation of Police Chief (Richard) Czech."

Painter explained that a special grand jury that met in early 1992 were impaneled to probe into five specific areas of the community — including law enforcement. The panel printed a report to three local judges suggesting that the Sheriff's Office and Police Department be consolidated into a Metro-Police Force.

Painter said that a merger would save taxpayer's money, avoid duplicated investigations and create one more efficient use of manpower.

The sheriff, on Wednesday, gave the Reporter-Telegram examples of other consolidations that have occurred recently in Midland County.

The most recent, he said, was a partnership between the Midland County Attorney and District Attorney offices that took effect Sept. 1. The District Attorney, Painter said, now prosecutes all felony and misdemeanor criminal cases, while the County Attorney handles all civil cases. This change was approved by legislators earlier this year.

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Senior T-shirts AbsolutLee banned

By Alice Ashmore

Staff Writer

The Lee High School Senior class of 1998 T-shirts went on sale last week, and to some school officials, the project has seemed like an absolute disaster.

The shirts were recalled Tuesday by LHS Principal George Cooper because they were a play on a popular advertisement by Absolut, a vodka manufacturer. The front of the shirt read "Absolut Seniors," while the back read "98 Proof."

"In no way does LHS want to be associated with alcohol," Cooper said.

LHS teacher John Briggs, the senior class sponsor, said "We tried to disassociate it (the design) from alcohol." He added, "I told the kids we have to distance ourselves from the ad."

"Things can be taken in a lot of different ways," Briggs stated. "In hindsight, I guess I should have stopped it."

Cooper said he had final approval of the t-shirt design, but did not see a complete rendering of the shirt before it was printed. "What I saw was an incomplete example of

the shirt," he said.

"I think they (the seniors) probably thought they would pull one over on us," Cooper said. He said that he had been led to believe the shirt would read "AbsolutLee Seniors."

Cooper said he was also unaware that Absolut was a brand of alcohol.

"Anything that depicts alcohol is against board policy," Cooper said. "We are not sanctioning anything that depicts alcoholic beverages."

The MISD student code of conduct states the students may "not wear any clothing and/or jewelry that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages..."

Briggs defended the senior class officers, stating, "These kids are great — they are not deviant."

He noted the seniors he spoke with did not seem upset by the decision to recall the shirts. "My perception from the kids is that they seem to understand the district's position."

"These are wonderful kids," Briggs said of the senior class officers. "They are the best class officers that I have worked with. They

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Cambodian plane crash

A little boy is rushed away from the crash site of a Vietnam Airlines plane Wednesday at Phnom Penh International Airport. The plane crashed while approaching the airport in heavy rain, killing at least 60 people.

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Paparazzi claim they are being made scapegoats

PARIS (AP) — Picture-hungry paparazzi pushed away the first police officer to rush to the scene of the Princess Diana car wreck, police were quoted as saying Wednesday. But the photographers protested they are being turned into scapegoats.

"There is enormous government and public pressure," Jacques Langevin, a photographer being investigated in the case, told The Associated Press.

Another photographer, one of the first on the scene, said he opened the car door hoping to help. "I saw the princess sitting on the floor, her back to me," Romuald Rat told France-2 television. "I said in English to stay calm, that I was there, that help would arrive." Doctors later said she was unconscious.

But now, Rat's boss said, "a total injustice" is being done to the photographer through the criminal investigation.

Langevin, Rat, four other photographers and a photo-agency motorcyclist are under investigation on allegations of manslaughter and failing to aid an accident victim, a crime under French law, in the deaths of Diana, her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed and their driver, killed when their car crashed at high speed in a tunnel along the Seine River early Sunday.

Driver Henri Paul, who blood tests indicated was drunk, apparently had been trying to elude celebrity photographers following on motorcycles. Paul was an employee of the Ritz Hotel, owned by Fayed's father, Mohamed Al Fayed.

The Paris daily Le Monde reported Diana's family and the British royal family are considering joining the case as civil parties, which would give them representation in court and access to documents. A lawyer for the elder Fayed has said he also would join the case.

In central London on Wednesday, thousands of mourners thronged the royal palaces for a fourth straight day, depositing flowers and other remembrances on sidewalks, and waiting patiently for hours in line to sign books of condolence at St. James's Palace, where Diana's coffin lay inside a closed chapel, awaiting Saturday's funeral at Westminster Abbey.

Fearing an unmanageable crush of crowds Saturday, Buckingham Palace extended the funeral procession route by more than two miles. It will now start from Kensington Palace, Diana's home.

The royal family issued a statement saying it was "deeply touched and enormously grateful" for the nation's response. Some had criticized the Windsors for their stoic near-silence in public since the tragedy.

There were earlier reports the pursuing paparazzi tangled with police at the accident scene, but Wednesday's article in the Figaro newspaper was the first of an official police account.

Citing initial reports by investigators, Le Figaro said photographers — unidentified — pushed back the first officer to arrive at the scene. Citing first reports by investigators. All the first policeman could see was "a blonde head" in the crushed vehicle, it said.

"They pushed back and blocked the officer from coming to the aid of the victims," the newspaper quoted the police report as saying.

Rat's boss, Didier Contant, chief editor of the Gamma photo agency, said his photographer, who has first-aid training, was one of the first at the scene and was quickly at Diana's side.

"He took her pulse and said, 'Do not move, please. Help is coming.' As soon as help came, he moved back right away," Contant said.

Rat said in the TV interview he did not call for help because he heard someone else saying they would do so. He said he began shooting photos after help arrived.

"He is in shock because he saw a terrible drama and he thinks a total injustice has been done to him," Contant said. He blamed "diplomatic pressure" to show that France is taking action on

the British princess's death.

Langevin, a journalist with more than 20 years of experience covering dangerous stories from Beirut to Beijing, called the charges "exaggerated."

The Sygma agency photographer said he took pictures of Diana outside the Ritz, where she had dined with Fayed, but did not follow when they sped away. He said he later came upon the accident scene en route to dinner with friends.

"It was already under police control," said Langevin, who worked for The Associated Press in 1978-84. "I took some shots from about 15 to 20 meters. The police came and took my press card."

Reporters Without Borders, a Paris-based media rights group, asked that the photographers not be vilified "before the facts are known."

Police were reported to be checking the photographers' cellular telephones to determine whether any called for help.

They are also seeking an undetermined number of other photographers who may have taken pictures and left before the arrests began.

The investigating magistrate will examine evidence presented to him by police and from witness interviews, then decide whether criminal charges should be filed against the seven.

Westminster Abbey prepares for Diana's funeral

LONDON (AP) — For once, a tour guide was speechless at Westminster Abbey, the House of God and the House of Kings, and begged a moment of silence for Princess Diana.

"She was of my generation, I'm a year older," Christina Gosney told her tour group, brushing a tear from her hazel eyes. "This Saturday her funeral will take place in this church. I still can't bring myself to believe it."

Big Ben knelled out 10 a.m. as Gosney led her three dozen charges from Grand European Tours through the cloisters and up to the Great West Door where Diana's casket will move in solemn procession toward the high altar, the site of 38 coronations and hundreds of royal weddings and funerals.

"I've been doing this for four years and have never broken down before," the tour guide apologized. She also apologized that the abbey was closed while TV technicians set up their camera stations for broadcasting Saturday's sad rituals to the world.

With electricians and carpenters swarming beneath the great vaulted ceiling, her mostly elderly American tourists missed the Poets' Corner and the royal tombs of Elizabeth I and her half-sister, Mary Tudor, and had to content themselves with viewing the cloistered graves of minor canons, vergers and prebendaries.

They did, however, get to see a relative newcomer among the 3,800 plaques, memorials and epitaphs to Britain's royal and famous, going all the way back to Edward the Confessor in 1065.

It was a replica of a space capsule placed in honor of the return of Halley's Comet — named for the 18th-century Astronomer-Royal, Edmond Halley — in 1986.

Their attention also was called to London's latest tourist attraction and photo opportunity, the balcony of Methodist Central Hall, just across from the West Door, where, as guide Gosney put it, "your countrymen Barbara Wal-

ters and Peter Jennings, whom I understand are famous too, will be broadcasting the funeral." Jennings, in fact, is Canadian.

Cameras clicked dutifully toward that eminent scaffolding.

Up the 513-foot length of the flagstone nave, a BBC technician tested the acoustics acclaimed by world-class organists, while pipe-toting laborers erected platforms for lights and cameras. A carpenter who banged his head against some scaffolding near Geoffrey Chaucer's canopied marble tomb in the Poets' Corner broke the cathedral silence with an Anglo-Saxonism that would have been acceptable in the poet's day.

"We didn't have h. If this lot carrying on when old Winnie was carried in here," a black-robed schoolmaster said, recalling Winston Churchill's 1965 funeral as he led a gaggle and giggle of angelic looking choir boys through Little Dean's Yard into the adjoining Westminster School.

Royal watchers have been wondering why the burial service for the Princess of Wales is being held in the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, as the abbey is officially

known, since they claim she always regarded it as a hard-luck venue.

Her mother and father were married in the abbey and their divorce, when she was only 6, was the first of her life's many dark moments. Her father lapsed into deep depression after that and sometimes went for days without speaking to anyone.

But Diana, with her dedication to charities for the poor and the homeless, must have delighted in the abbey's "Royal Maundy" custom, dating back to the reign of Edward III, when on Maundy

Thursday, just before Easter, specially minted coins are distributed to the needy under the watchful eye of the Lord High Almoner.

Denied entrance to the abbey, tourists and bus-loads of school kids bought bouquets of flowers from street vendors to place on the lawn in her memory.

And, bold as Martin Luther, 5-year-old "Kyri from Nottingham" pinned her thesis on a door on the north side of the church, a kindergarten drawing of Diana in a black strapless gown. Her message: "I never met you but I will miss you."

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Rumors say Castro is turning to God

New York Times Service

HAVANA — Does Fidel Castro believe in God?

Four months before pope John Paul II visits Cuba, the president's faith has become a source of speculation within the Roman Catholic Church, which has forged an uneasy alliance with Castro's Communist regime to stage the first papal visit here since the 1959 revolution.

The questions about Castro's faith highlight a significant change taking place in Cuba, which is experiencing a marked relaxation of curbs on religion and religious practices.

Moreover, in a country where almost every act is political, the pope's visit is certain to be one of the most charged public events since the revolution, the culmination of a historic transformation in the relationship between the church and state over the past three years.

Not long ago, Masses were held behind closed doors. Those brave enough to attend slipped in quietly and seldom talked openly. Church membership was forbidden within the Communist Party, and thus became a pretext for denying employment. Before July, no public Mass had been held in Cuba in 35 years.

Government pressure against the church had already started to ease before the January announcement of the pope's visit. Since then, however, the reforms have accelerated, according to many Catholics. With government approval, the church has organized door-to-door campaigns in which volunteers hand out pictures of the pope, talk about his visit and invite Cubans to church.

In some cases, state-run funeral parlors have agreed to bring bodies to churches for funeral Masses. Weddings, which once were confined to state-run wedding palaces, with the government providing everything from formal wear to the beer for the reception, also

are taking place in churches more frequently. In one church this year, a procession celebrating a local Catholic holiday was taken out of the building for the first time since the revolution, albeit in a furtive race around the building.

Castro's atheism seldom was questioned until last November, when he personally invited the pope to visit the island during an extraordinary 35-minute meeting at the Vatican that seemed to fill Castro with awe. The Rev. Beniamino Stella, the pope's representative in Cuba, has said privately the encounter appeared to have a spiritual effect on the 71-year-old Castro, according to two people who have spoken with the papal nuncio.

State-run television ran a highly unusual hour-long report on the meeting. Castro said the visit had "a strong, emotional impact," on him: "When I was young, and reading religious books, I never imagined I would meet the pope."

The church still has no access to the state-run media, however, so there are few visible signs that the pope is coming. And the lingering friction between the two institutions is palpable at almost any church gathering.

Last Sunday, a Cuban teenager asked Cardinal Jaime Ortega, the archbishop of Havana: "What is freedom to you?"

"The question is poorly constructed. You have to ask simply, 'What is freedom?'" responded Ortega, to raucous applause. "Freedom," he added, "is the right to choose."

Asked why she thought Castro had agreed to allow more religious freedom, Lupe Hernandez, who has been going door-to-door publicizing the Pope's visit, said: "Only God knows. I believe" Castro "studied at a Catholic school. You can never tell. Even people who are bad can be made good again."

Castro was baptized within the church and

educated by Jesuits. He can recite entire Bible passages from memory. However, after taking power, he expelled more than 100 priests, sent others to "reeducation camps," confiscated church property and essentially eliminated Christmas as a national holiday, marginalizing religion within Cuban society.

"I believe in man, now," Castro reportedly told friends after the revolution.

Speculation that he may be revisiting his religious roots has engendered bitter skepticism among some Catholics, who are concerned he is using the pope as a political prop. "He's an artist; he's very capable of making himself cry after kissing the hand of the pope," said the Rev. Rafael Fernandez, a Havana priest. "He's capable of high theater. He's a great actor. ... On the other hand, I can't say he hasn't changed, because he's a human being. I don't live inside him. This is something you have to ask him."

Theories vary about why Castro decided to invite the fiercely anti-Communist pope, whose visits to Eastern Europe are believed to have hastened the fall of Communism in that region. It was clearly not a decision he took lightly: He had talked about it off and on for nearly 15 years, and when the time finally came to fly to Rome to extend the invitation, he postponed the trip several times, reportedly to convene with advisers.

Diplomats speculate Castro ultimately decided it would help him calm some of the internal discontent in Cuba.

"He's sort of bought himself 18 months of peace," said one diplomat. "People might begin to believe that the hope and truth that the pope is going to bring with him will mean that something good will finally happen. Of course, the price he's got to pay is that the pope is actually going to come."

Others wonder whether the aging Castro, his health perhaps fading, has reached a point of spiritual reevaluation.

American, Russian plan Mir spacewalk

MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. astronaut Michael Foale and Russian cosmonaut Anatoly Solovyov rehearsed today for a spacewalk outside Mir, checking equipment and reviewing procedures for the six-hour mission.

Russian and U.S. space officials said it was a routine day of preparations but an important one. Foale had no training on Earth for this repair mission and has been cramming in last-minute practice sessions ahead of Saturday's spacewalk. The spacewalk itself was pushed back three days to give him more training time.

The spacewalk will be only the second by an American astronaut on the Mir — and the longest. Jerry Linenger performed a nearly five-hour walk with a cosmonaut last spring.

Foale's chief task will be to pitch in with repairs needed in the wake of the Mir's June 25 collision with a remote-controlled cargo spaceship. Unlike other spacewalks, which are mostly scripted while astronauts are still in ground training, NASA officials have been trying to help Foale wing it from afar.

"We view it as really turning adversity into advantage in terms

of learning this type of thing," said Jerry Miller, NASA spacewalks operations manager.

"Certainly it's going to be something that we will have to do on the international space station," he said from Russian Mission Control outside Moscow.

Saturday's trip is expected to be the first in a series of spacewalks needed to spot and patch holes in the Mir's damaged Spektr module.

Foale and Solovyov also will try to realign some solar panels in order to restore more power to the orbital station, and may also plug an open docking port and retrieve an American scientific experiment, among other tasks.

"It's a pretty long shopping list," Miller said. "It looks as if there's not going to be time enough to do everything."

Meanwhile, a second Russian spokesman disputed a high-ranking space official's statement that a commission had formally blamed cosmonauts Vasily Tsibilyev and Alexander Lazutkin for the June 25 crash.

Andrei Maiboroda, chief of the Cosmonauts Training Center, told the Interfax news agency that the investigation is not yet final.

Officials at conference push for land mine ban

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Anti-personnel land mines are "a symbol of shame" that should be eradicated, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan told international leaders considering a global ban on the mines.

Annan said Wednesday that the 100-nation conference should show even greater determination now in pursuing a cause championed by Princess Diana, who was killed in a car crash early Sunday.

When the conference opened in Oslo on Monday, delegates paused for a minute of silence in memory of Diana, who had traveled extensively to call attention to the problem of land mines designed to kill people.

"I urge you to pursue with even greater determination this people's crusade that Princess Diana did so much to promote," Annan said. "We must make land mines ... a weapon of the past and a symbol of shame."

At least 110 million anti-personnel mines are buried around the world. They kill or maim 26,000 people a year, many of them children.

Tough negotiations are under way at the conference, which lasts through Sept. 19, on a treaty that supporters hope will be signed by the end of the year.

Annan said he supported a complete ban because "the use of a weapon whose victims are overwhelmingly women and children is fundamentally immoral."

The Oslo talks are part of a process that began in Ottawa last fall, where a few small and medium-sized countries started a drive to ban the weapons for humanitarian reasons. Two weeks ago, the United States joined the talks.

In Oslo, the Americans have been criticized for demanding an exception for the Korean peninsula, where a heavily mined border separates the south from the communist north.

Backers of the proposed treaty say it is intended to set a global standard that land mines are unacceptable in all cases.

Annan refused comment on the

problem of exceptions because the talks were still under way. He paused on his way out to talk to Tum Channareth, a 37-year-old Cambodian who lost both legs to a land mine.

The United States had long stayed out of the Ottawa process, preferring U.N.-led talks under the Conference for Disarmament. But in his speech, Annan said both talks were important.

"The treaty will not only serve as a complement but also a great inspiration for greater and swifter progress in the Conference for Disarmament," he said.

The United States says Korea is a special case, partly because foreign troops, including 37,000 Americans, are enforcing a U.N.-mandated truce in a heavily militarized area.

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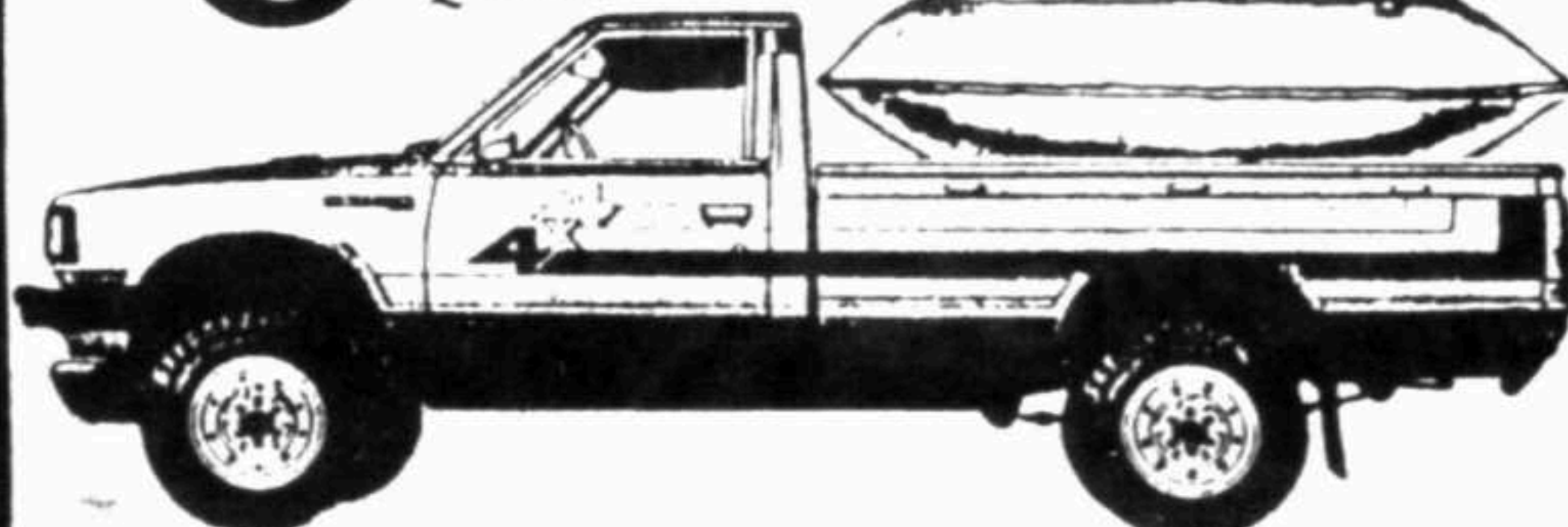
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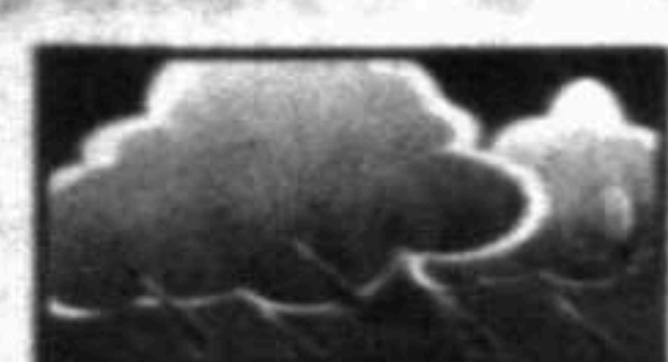
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Rainy
High 85
Low 65



Friday
Partly cloudy
High 85
Low 64



Saturday
Partly cloudy
High 91
Low 57

Today's forecast calls for cloudy morning skies becoming less cloudy by evening hours. The chance for thunderstorms will be less than 20 percent. The high will be in the mid-80s.

Tonight calls for cloudy skies near midnight with a low in the lower-60s.

Friday's forecast calls for early morning fog and drizzle with a high in the mid-80s.

After a high of 92, Tuesday's low was 67, compared to the record low for that date of 55 set in 1974. The record high was 101 set in 1985.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday .06 in.
Rainfall Tuesday .00 in.
Total for month .06 in.
Total for year 12.93 in.

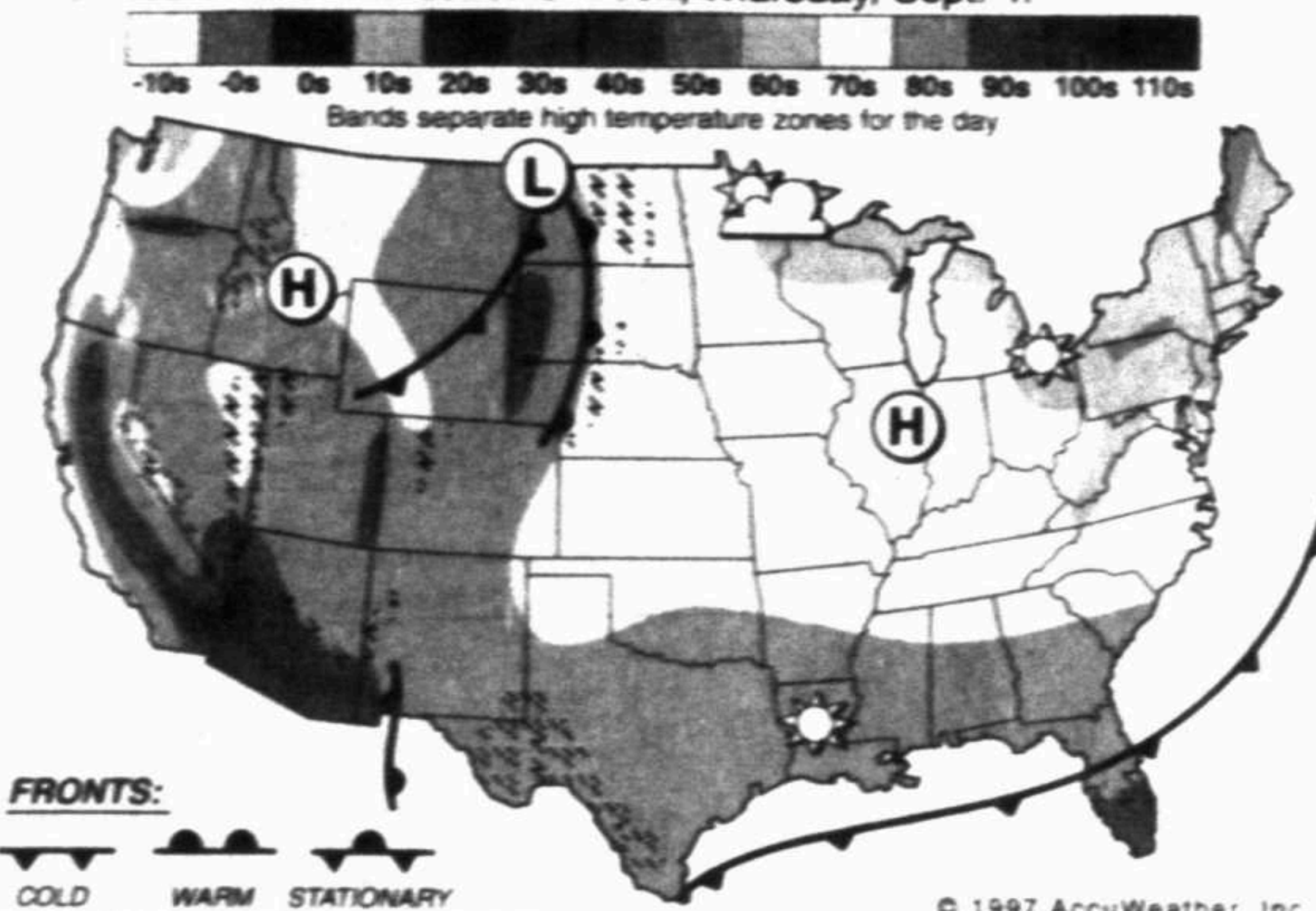
Yesterday's temperatures

High 92
Low 67
Normal high 92
Normal low 67

Sunrise 7:26 a.m. Sunset 8:09 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Sept. 4.



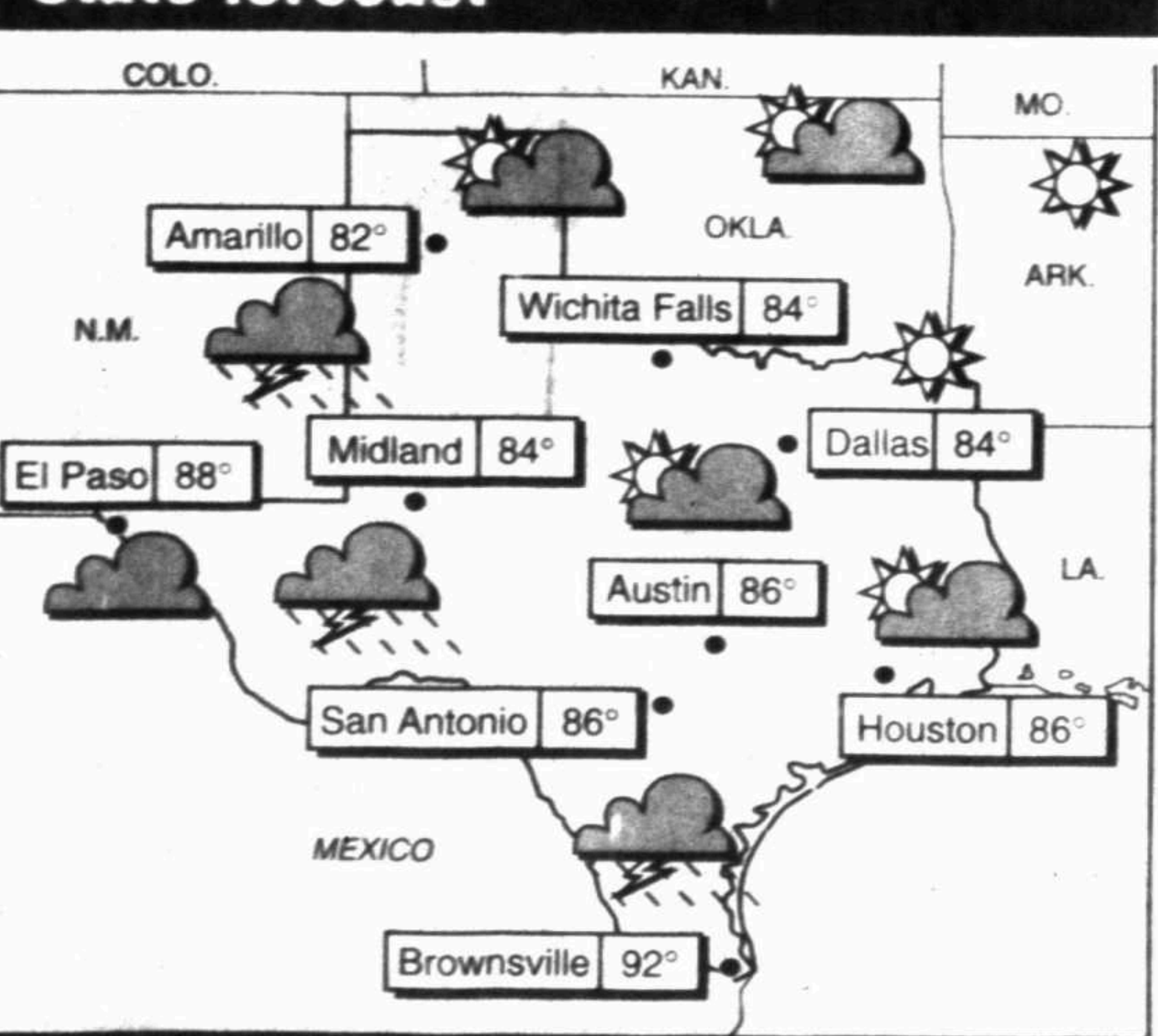
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Fronts: COLD WARM STATIONARY
Precip: H L W S R T F SN IC SU PT CL C

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 5:34 p.m. EDT.

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind	Clouds
Albany, N.Y.	66	57	16	city	
Albuquerque	83	69	03	city	
Anchorage	73	66	03	city	
Annapolis	62	43	city		
Ashville	79	61	city		
Atlanta	93	70	city		
Atlantic City	72	60	city		
Baltimore	76	70	03	city	
Birmingham	86	63	city		
Bismarck	90	70	city		
Boise	77	44	city		
Boston	83	63	02	city	
Brownsville	83	74	city		
Buffalo	61	50	city		
Burlington, Vt.	56	53	21	city	
Casper	88	53	20	city	
Charleston, S.C.	90	73	01	city	
Charleston, W. Va.	71	65	city		
Charlotte, N.C.	89	72	city		
Chattanooga	76	57	city		
Chicago	67	57	city		
Cincinnati	71	62	06	city	
Cleveland	64	58	27	city	
Columbus, S.C.	94	69	city		
Columbus, Ohio	69	59	01	city	
Concord, N.H.	66	58	city		
Dayton	89	55	03	city	
Denver	88	46	01	city	
Des Moines	69	54	city		
Detroit	67	52	01	city	
Duluth	63	39	city		
Evansville	75	64	city		
Fairbanks	63	43	city		
Fargo	72	40	city		
Flagstaff	81	53	city		
Grand Rapids	88	46	city		
Great Falls	86	63	city		
Greensboro, N.C.	83	68	city		
Hartford, Spfld.	70	64	city		
Helena	85	54	03	city	
Honolulu	92	80	city		
Indianapolis	71	61	city		
Jackson, Miss.	95	75	city		
Jacksonville	91	74	13	city	
Jaxson	91	55	city		
Kansas City	75	66	city		
Las Vegas	75	73	city		
Little Rock	83	78	22	city	
Los Angeles	92	76	city		
Louisville	75	70	26	city	
Memphis	81	76	city		
Miami Beach	91	78	city		
Minneapolis	63	54	city		
Mpls.-St. Paul	67	49	city		
Nashville	77	70	79	city	
New Orleans	95	75	city		
New York City	72	71	01	city	
Norfolk, Va.	83	73	09	city	
North Platte	77	54	city		
Oklahoma City	81	74	city		
Omaha	72	56	city		
Orlando	90	75	45	city	
Philadelphia	72	70	03	city	
Phoenix	106	80	03	city	
Pittsburgh	67	55	02	city	
Portland, Maine	68	61	08	city	
Portland, Ore.	80	64	city		
Providence	75	71	02	city	
Raleigh-Durham	88	67	city		
Rapid City	85	51	city		
San Antonio	81	46	06	city	
San Diego	95	63	city		
San Francisco	72	61	01	city	
San Jose, Calif.	80	66	city		
San Juan, P.R.	84	74	city		
St. Louis	77	63	city		
St. Paul	89	77	01	city	
St. Pete Beach	84	57	city		
St. Thomas, V.I.	84	59	city		
Seattle	73	60	city		
Shreveport	94	72	27	city	
Sioux Falls	69	43	city		
Spokane	65	57	city		
Syracuse	60	53	35	city	
Tampa-St. Petersburg	92	79	city		
Tucson	102	72	city		
Tulsa	82	74	city		
Washington, D.C.	78	71	city		
Wichita	78	71	city		
Wilmington, Del.	64	55	city		
Winnipeg	73	70	city		

State forecast



Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours; lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT.

City	High	Low	Precip.
Abilene	90	72	
Alice	99	75	
Amarillo	73	66	
Arlington	72	0.15	
Austin	97	0.47	
Beaumont	94	73	0.05
Brownsville	93	74	
Burnet	96	71	
Childress	98	74	
College Station	98	71	0.19
Conroe	93	72	
Corpus Christi	97	73	
Cotulla	98	72	
Del Rio	97	72	0.07
Dallas	73	63	
Del Rio	102	80	0.01
Del Rio	98	78	0.08
El Paso	87	72	0.04
El Paso	91	69	0.07
Fort Worth	93	74	0.58
Fort Worth	97	74	
Galveston	92	79	
Hartinger	95	73	
Hondo	95	77	
Houston Hobby	92	76	0.01
Houston Intercontinental	92	76	
Huntsville	95	73	
Junction	94	67	0.21
Kingville	99	74	
Lubbock	93	73	
Lufkin	94	71	
Marta	84	61	0.02
McAllen	97	74	
Mineral Wells	100	74	
Navy Corps	99	76	
New Braunfels	99	75	
Pallacios	92	74	0.07
Pampa	90	72	
Rockport	94	73	
San Antonio	95	70	0.02
San Antonio	97	79	0.03
Terrell	97	79	
Texasboro, Ark.	93	70	0.15
Victoria	95	79	0.40
Waco	99	70	
Wick	99	86	1.21

PIONEER: Canadian company acquired

(From 1A)

each share of Chauvo. There are 50,000 outstanding shares. Also, Guy Turcotte, Chauvo's CEO, and James R. Baroffio, both Chauvo board directors, will become board members of Pioneer Natural Resources Co.

The Chauvo acquisition will expand Pioneer core areas to Canada and Argentina and add approximately 153 BOE of reserves to Pioneer reserves. About \$700 million is estimated to be proven reserves with the balance of the value in potential reserves, proprietary seismic data, net assets and working capital. Brumley said the acquisition represented about 90 percent of the value of the company.

The acquisition does not include

the Alliance Pipeline, a Canadian pipeline being built into the Chicago area, or African and Middle Eastern assets of Chauvo.

Brumley said Pioneer would be able to put the acquisition "under its belt" by retaining most of the Chauvo employees, which he described as "high quality." Brumley said the quality employees' growth rate of the company, and Argentina and Canadian core areas were what attracted Pioneer to the Canadian company.

He was unable to say for sure if the acquisition would result in an additional work load or employees at Pioneer's Midland Division which handles administration for the company.

Scott Sheffield, president of Pioneer Natural Resources, said the acquisition would have a "positive effect on the future of Pioneer."

Said Sheffield: "Based on current prices it will add incremental discretionary cash flow of about \$185 million in 1998. The Argentina area alone is expected to grow 25 percent per year. Cash flow for the company is expected to increase 6-9 percent per share over the next year."

Said Brumley: "In January of this year, Chauvo had production of 1,500 barrel per day in Argentina. Today, they have 10,000 barrels per day. We expect to have a very aggressive drilling program in Argentina, with four to five rigs working continually."

He also noted that, Chauvo had been forced to divert much of its budget from Canada, because of the Argentina success, but said Pioneer would have the cash to increase the Canadian budget.

Chauvo has properties in the Chinchaga, Martin Creek, and Rycott/Spirit River as well as the Swallow/Nevis and Provost areas of Canada. "We see significant potential for Canada and we will probably add employees there," Chauvo presently has 160 employees.

In Argentina Chauvo assets are concentrated in Tierra del Fuego and the Neuquen Basin.

Besides improving cash flow, Garrett Smith, senior vice president of finance, said the acquisition offered many financial benefits by reducing leverage and improving credit ratios. On a pro forma basis, Pioneer's debt to book ratio will decrease from 45 percent to 39 percent.

DIANA: Midlander shares souvenirs of princess

(From 1A)

An enlargement of that photo shares the table with a souvenir biscuit (cookie) tin, a tea tin, a commemorative piece of blue Wedgwood Jasperware and other china collectibles bearing the image of the royal couple.

"I was totally fascinated by the whole event," Urban said. He notes it was his first trip abroad. "I spent a lot of money on souvenirs," he admits.

"After her death, I don't know how many times I have thought of this trip," he said.

Urban said Diana truly was "the people's princess — by all means."

"She was different than the rest of the royal family," he said. "She did not fit in with the royal way of life."

"She wanted to be a normal person," he added.

"She used her position to bring notice to the issues she cared about," he said, "including AIDS."

He recalls the images of her touching and hugging people with AIDS at a time when the rest of the world was too afraid for such close contact. "She was a very strong person," Urban said.

He said he will remember Diana most, however, for her role as a good mother.

"She was a loving and devoted mother — that is her number one legacy," Urban said.

"I feel as though her children are going to have to deal with using a very soft hand," Urban said.

"They will very much miss her influence."

Urban said he feels a personal connection to Diana. "I got so close to seeing her," But he said he had no idea the girl the world knew as "Shy Di" would grow into such a public figure.

He says he plans to get up "very early Saturday morning" to say farewell to Diana when her funeral is televised around the world.

"For sure — I wouldn't miss it," Urban said. "I personally feel a great loss."

He is unhappy about the circumstances that surround Diana's death.

"I felt sorry for her — the way she was hounded," Urban said. "She had no private life, which is sad."

He feels the paparazzi is not entirely to blame for the princess's untimely death. "The driver had four times the legal limit of alcohol in his system — he had to be somewhat at fault."

"I am beside myself that someone would not notice he had been drinking," he said.

Urban said he is considering a contribution to the memorial fund set up by the royal family in Diana's name. "She worked for so many good causes," he said. "She has such a good heart."

He sees Diana becoming a cultural icon, much like John F. Kennedy, who also died an early death.

"The good die young," Urban said. "It is so sad."



Among the items Midlander Terry Urban has saved from his trip to London is a framed picture he snapped of the Royal Couple as they rode by after their marriage ceremony.

Two convicts may hold key to \$200-million art theft

BOSTON (AP) — They are shady types, unlikely to get invitations to a Beacon Hill soiree or a gallery opening. Yet William P. Youngworth III and Myles J. Connor Jr. are very much in demand in the art world these days.

The two childhood pals — one of them an art thief in prison, the other facing drug and weapons charges — claim they can lead the FBI to the artwork stolen in a \$300 million heist in 1990 at Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Authorities don't know if they're for real yet. But investigators say they're willing to deal with them until they find out otherwise.

Agents of the FBI negotiate in certain areas on a daily basis, FBI spokesman Peter Giniere said. "It's part and parcel of being an FBI agent or an assistant U.S. attorney."

On Wednesday, Connor continued a weeklong

journey from a federal prison in Pennsylvania to Boston to talk with federal agents. Youngworth, meanwhile, wants to set up an appointment with the feds after a court appearance Friday.

"It's going to make a hell of a movie," said Youngworth's attorney, Howard M. Lewis.

If there is a movie, most of the script remains a mystery.

The first scene, of course, would take place March 18, 1990, at the Gardner, where two thieves disguised as police officers tied up security guards and made off with a dozen paintings by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Manet and Degas in the world's biggest art theft.

Cut to... nothing. Seven years pass without a significant break in the case. The reward grows from \$1 million to \$5 million.

Cut again, this time to a warehouse somewhere in the Northeast. In the dim beam of a

flashlight, a Boston Herald reporter is shown what is purported to be "Storm on the Sea of Galilee." Rembrandt's only seascape and the most famous of the Gardner's missing masterpieces.

Youngworth has said he arranged for the showing last month to bolster his claim that he and Connor, a convicted art thief, can get the goods. Both men were in custody at the time of the Gardner heist.

"They're either go-betweeners or hoaxers. We don't know yet, do we?" said Constance Lowenthal, executive director of the International Foundation for Art Research, a New York organization that collects information about missing art.

Exactly when and how Youngworth, an antiques dealer who once took karate lessons from Connor, entered the picture depends on whom you believe.

METRO: Use of property one issue raised by merger

(From 1A)

In 1990, the city and county reached an agreement to consolidate the city jail and county jail into one main detention center, handled by the county, which is now located at 115 W. Industrial Ave. The city, in turn, provides dispatching service for both the county and city, Painter added.

Large metropolitan cities, such as Las Vegas, Nev., and Nashville, Tenn., have chosen to have a sheriff department as their law enforcement agency.

Rankin and Big Lake are only two Texas municipalities that have decided to have a sheriff department as their law enforcement agency and not a police

department. The Texas Local Governmental Code states that a city must be served by a sheriff's department, but a police department is optional.

Some concerns Painter said he has received are from officers worried about their benefits. Others inquire how property from both governmental entities would be utilized if a consolidation would be approved.

The use of city property is one of several issues stemming from Painter's memo that is unclear, said City Manager Mike McGregor. The city recently acquired a police headquarters with funds from general obligation bonds approved by voters in the early '90s.

"Who would pay the debt on that building?" McGregor said. "It's a very good long-term idea, but it will not work at this point. I would not recommend this to (the city council). I can give a very long list of reasons."

Other reasons McGregor cited include pension systems, city assets, such as buildings and vehicles, and uncertainty about how much liability the governmental bodies would have with the joint police force.

City officials also said that applicant screening for Czech's position will not be halted by Painter's memo.

"If they're still screening applications, then they could consider this an application for that," Painter said. "I'm not looking for more authority — I am making

myself available, and that is in their court."

Painter added that the concerns both governmental entities have over property and manpower could be solved through negotiations.

"There is nothing that cannot be reached by mutual agreement," Painter said. "It can all be included in a contract."

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Vietnam Airlines plane crashes in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — A Vietnam Airlines jetliner crashed in a ball of flames Wednesday while trying to land at Phnom Penh's airport, killing 65 people. Only one Thai toddler was believed to have survived.

The Soviet-built Tupolev 134 plane, coming in from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, went down in a rice paddy a half-mile south of the runway, clipping palm trees and exploding upon impact, witnesses said.

A 1-year-old Thai boy, Chanayuth Nim-Anong, suffered a broken leg and was reported by doctors to be in stable condition. The child's mother was killed. His father, Nippon Nim-Anong, was awaiting the flight at the airport.

Bodies from the crash were strewn around the fire-blackened wreckage, which burned for hours after the early afternoon crash. A plume of smoke hung over the area.

The cause of the crash was unknown. No Americans were reported to have been on board.

Thousands of Phnom Penh residents converged on the crash scene, and witnesses said some police officers joined civilians in looting from the dead. The looters went through pockets and stole scattered luggage and pieces of the plane until they were chased off by other officers.

"There were so many people, and I saw someone carrying my boy," Nippon, the toddler's father, told The Associated Press. "I saw it was my son and brought him to the hospital."

Police and rescue workers gathered the bodies and brought them to a nearby military airfield, where they were covered with white sheets.

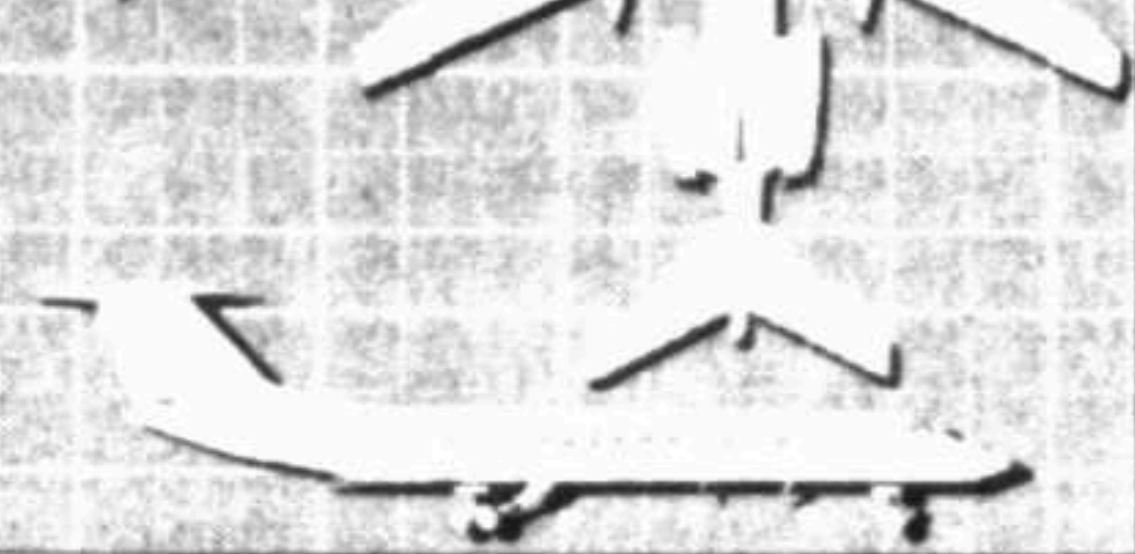
Four people initially survived, but

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Height: 30 ft.

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two men died at the capital's Calmette Hospital and a 4-year-old Korean boy succumbed to serious burns, doctors said.

A Cambodian boy about 3 years old was later brought to Calmette

'There were so many people and I saw someone carrying my boy. I saw it was my son and brought him to the hospital.'

— Nippon Nim-Anong, father of a boy who survived the crash

from another hospital with head injuries. Doctors said he had been found at the crash site, but it was unclear if he was a passenger or was injured on the ground.

Fire trucks and rescue workers were hampered by a narrow, flooded dirt road that was the only way into the crash site.

"My brother! My brother's supposed to be here," one Cambodian man cried, weeping as he surveyed the carnage.

The plane was carrying six crew and 60 passengers, mostly nationals of South Korea, Taiwan and Japan, Vietnam Airlines officials in Ho Chi Minh City said. The aircraft, designed in the 1960s, seats 67 passengers.

South Korean Ambassador Park Kyung-tai said 18 passengers from South Korea were aboard, though Foreign Ministry officials in Seoul put the number at 21. They were thought to include six doctors and medical students bringing medical supplies to Cambodia.

The Vietnam Airlines office in Taipei, Taiwan, said at least 22 Taiwanese passengers were on the plane, including 21 from Taipei.

Some Germans also were believed to be on board, said Cambodia's secretary of state for information, Khieu Kanharith.

Police were looking for scraps of paper and passports that might help identify the victims.

Witnesses said the plane appeared to be going in for a landing when the pilot realized he had

overshot the runway. The nose started to rise, but then the plane crashed.

"I was playing and I heard the sound of the plane, and then a very noisy BOOM!" said Roeun Phirum, a 12-year-old boy. "The plane hit a bunch of trees and went into the paddy and slid about 200 yards. It hit a cow tied to bamboo trees."

Only the tail section of the plane and a portion of the fuselage remained intact.

Ib Vanna, a farmer who was plowing his field, was a half-mile from the plane when it crashed. "There was this huge explosion," he said. "It sounded like the gas tanks had exploded."

The airport was not closed. Only one flight between Bangkok and Phnom Penh was canceled.

Vietnam Airlines was one of the first commercial carriers to resume service to Phnom Penh's Pochentong International Airport in the wake of a bloody coup in July where fighting was heavy around the airport.

The airport was badly looted during the fighting by soldiers loyal to coup leader Hun Sen.

The Tu-134 was once the mainstay of Vietnam Airlines' fleet. In recent years, Vietnam has steadily been replacing its aging fleet of Soviet-built aircraft with Western planes, including Boeings.

The airline signed a \$15 million syndicated loan with ANZ Investment Bank on Aug. 25 to help buy new aircraft.

Afghans face death while defusing land mines

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The path was well-trodden, the farm believed clear of mines. Then he heard thunder, felt himself suspended in the air, and saw his shredded right leg lying lifeless in the dust.

Zemari, an Afghan land mine surveyor, recalled that day three years ago when he stepped on a land mine. His first thought, he said, was of his remaining leg.

"It was bloody and it was injured, but it was there," he said Wednesday.

Zemari, who like many Afghans uses only one name, still works in the mine fields. The four other men on his team also have lost parts of their legs trying to find and disarm some of the millions of mines buried during nearly 20 years of Soviet occupation and civil war in Afghanistan.

About 280 surveyors work for the U.N. mine-clearing project in Afghanistan. One is injured or killed every week.

In Norway, about 400 delegates from 100 nations are gathered for three weeks of talks to draft an international ban on anti-person-

nel mines. On the front line of that crusade are men like Zemari, who inch through villages, across farms, along roads and through canals in search of the weapons.

"Whenever we leave our base, we think an enemy is sitting in an ambush waiting to pounce on us," Zemari said, resting in a Kabul neighborhood that looks a lot like an archaeological dig — its streets overgrown with weeds, its houses little more than rubble.

The estimated toll of mines alone in Afghanistan rivals the casualties of many wars — more than 400,000 people killed and as many wounded over the years. About 10,000 civilian vehicles have been destroyed, and \$60 million in livestock have been lost, said Tahsin Disbudak, regional manager of the U.N. mine-clearing office in Kabul.

Everywhere in Kabul, where six square miles of the city are still mined, residents hobble about on crutches.

At Chil Stoon, just outside Kabul, men in camouflage wave metal detectors over rocky soil and scrub brush. Clear areas are marked with white rocks, dangerous ones with red.

They map the terrain in a notebook using the tools of the trade: a compass, measuring tape and a mine-detecting dog.

Craters where mines were detonated dot the road, which looks out over low hills and villages of sun-baked brick.

Disbudak said the mine-clearing project, coordinated by the United Nations and funded by the European Union and other donors, often encounters a budget crunch toward the end of the year. This year, it was expected earlier than ever, in September, after only \$14 million of the \$20 million budgeted came through. Disbudak said he hoped the remaining funds would be donated before the end of the year.

The surveyors earn about \$300 a month — a fortune in a country where a doctor might earn just \$40 a month. But they and others involved in mine clearance say they will work for free if they have to.

"It shows they're not just working for money," said Sayed Aqa, who directs the surveyors. "They have a commitment to do the job."

South Africa sees its Olympic bid as proof of progress

New York Times Service

CAPETOWN — Two sections of an uncompleted, elevated highway dangle on opposite sides of Cape Town's busy downtown. Because of an engineering error, locals say, the two sides cannot connect. But in this, the new South Africa, where even the most impossible breaches strain to be reconciled, officials have affixed a hopeful sign on this road to nowhere: "The Olympics will help take care of unfinished business."

Cape Town is one of five finalists bidding to host the 2004 Summer Games. The Olympics never have been held in South Africa, and this week President Nelson Mandela and a contingent of 250 other South Africans will travel to Switzerland and make an impassioned appeal to the International Olympic Committee that it bypass Rome, Athens, Stockholm, and Buenos Aires in favor of their nation's picturesque, waterfront Mother City.

There is more at stake here in

Friday's expected decision than the estimated \$6.6 billion the Olympic games could inject into this country's sluggish economy, the 100,000 jobs, the opportunities for empowering fledgling black businesses and for highlighting South Africa on the lucrative tourist map. The bid is really about international recognition for Mandela and Co.'s remarkable achievement since the 1994 elections in peacefully transforming an oppressive, abusive, and isolated white-minority government to a free and fully functioning black African democracy.

More remarkable still is the effort at undoing the enormous evils of more than 40 years of state-sponsored apartheid. There is land reform, giving claims and compensation to those who, under the Group Areas Act, were forcibly removed from their homes and in some cases saw their neighborhoods leveled by government bulldozers.

Schools now are integrated, and the inferior system installed under the Bantu Education Act, which

taught blacks how to serve whites but gave them no real skills or job training, has been abolished. The systematic deprivation of basic services for nonwhites — no water for 12 million, no electricity for 8 million, no sanitation for 20 million — is being reversed. And equal protection for all under the law has closed the ugliest chapter of South Africa's murderous, racist past.

Yet despite the peaceful transition, the country remains anxious, worried, struggling to heal, and skeptical that the 79-year-old Mandela can achieve his dream of an integrated Rainbow Nation before finishing his term and passing the torch to a generation with perhaps less wisdom or patience. Gaining the Olympics would give South Africa a helpful lift. The country's new motto — "If Cape Town wins, we all win" — plastered on billboards, buildings, T-shirts, and bumper stickers — suggests what

is obvious from a visit here: The end of apartheid hasn't in a twinkling stopped human suffering, social injustice, or economic inequality.

"The struggle doesn't end with having the keys to the political kingdom when the economic power is still in the hands of white businessmen," said Aggrey Klaaste, editor of the Sowetan, newspaper of Soweto, the sprawling black township of 1.3 million outside Johannesburg where tidy homes of the middle class abut acres of tin and cardboard shacks with no plumbing.

The historic negotiations in the early 1990s between then-President F.W. de Klerk and longtime political prisoner Mandela that led to open elections and a shared Nobel Peace Prize brought political rights to the black majority but also ensured the economic security of the white minority.

Indicted leader invites investigators to Bosnia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In a show of bravado, indicted wartime leader Radovan Karadzic invited U.N. lawyers to Bosnian Serb territory on Wednesday to investigate him before he decides whether to agree to stand trial, his closest aide said.

Momcilo Krajisnik, the Serb member of Bosnia's three-man presidency, relayed the offer to U.N. human rights envoy Elisabeth Rehn during a meeting in Pale, Karadzic's stronghold.

Karadzic proposed that Rehn interview him and his wartime military commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, and mediate between the U.N. war crimes tribunal, on the one hand, and the two indicted suspects on the other, Krajisnik said.

Expressing his belief that the two would not be put on trial, Krajisnik said simply: "National heroes cannot be charged with war crimes."

The U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, has indicted Karadzic on two counts of genocide, including charges that he is responsible for the deaths of thousands of non-Serbs during the 3-year Bosnian war. It also has filed two indictments against Mladic.

The tribunal has rejected earlier Bosnian Serb suggestions that the two be allowed to stand trial in the Bosnian Serb substate rather than in The Hague.

Wednesday's offer was the first in which Karadzic, who is in hiding, has said he is willing to be investigated before an actual trial. The tribunal was not expected to approve the latest offer either since it says it has already built a solid case that needs no further investigation.

Rehn, speaking by telephone en route to Geneva, told The Associated Press: "I am prepared to meet Karadzic and Gen. Mladic if my meeting with them would help to get them in front of The Hague war crimes tribunal. And I would only agree to it on that condition."

Earlier in the day, Rehn expressed skepticism over Krajisnik's promise that U.N. judges and non-Serb witnesses could be guaranteed safety in the Serb-controlled half of Bosnia.

Krajisnik's comments indicated that Karadzic and his associates were feeling the pressure put on them by the international community, which has increasingly sided with Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic in her power struggle against them.

Karadzic is barred from formal office as an indicted war crimes suspect, but still wields enormous influence over Bosnian Serb media and large portions of the police and military forces. Given his clout, Western forces have been reluctant to risk trying to capture him for trial.

The struggle for control of the Bosnian Serb substate was the focus of talks Wednesday between Carlos Westendorp, the top foreign diplomat in Bosnia, and Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade, a statement from Milosevic's office said.

Krajisnik also went to Belgrade on Wednesday for talks with Milosevic.

Plavsic, meanwhile, appeared to be gaining influence. Late Tuesday, the top Bosnian Serb general appeared ready to mend relations with her and move away from the Karadzic camp.

After meeting her, Gen. Pero Colic, the army chief of staff, called her "supreme commander" — acknowledging Plavsic as his superior.

He also appeared to add his support to Plavsic's choice for interior minister — who heads police — over the man appointed to the job by the Karadzic camp.

Colic's switch to her side would further weaken Karadzic loyalists and help Western powers in the struggle to isolate the former Bosnian Serb leader.

Because Colic gets paid by Belgrade, it also could indicate that Milosevic — who continues to wield immense influence among Bosnian Serbs — is also switching loyalties from Karadzic to Plavsic.

Western powers back Plavsic, a wartime nationalist, because she is the only Bosnian Serb leader who will honor Bosnia's peace accords and because they hope weakening Karadzic would make it easier for him to be handed over to the tribunal.

Faced with eroding influence, Bosnian Serb Prime Minister Gojko of the pro-Karadzic government, offered concessions Wednesday in Brcko, the site of anti-U.S. violence late last week.

He told Robert Farrand, the U.S. administrator of Brcko, that police in the town would cooperate with U.N. police, and authorities would stop stonewalling and issue proper documents to Muslim refugees wanting to return.

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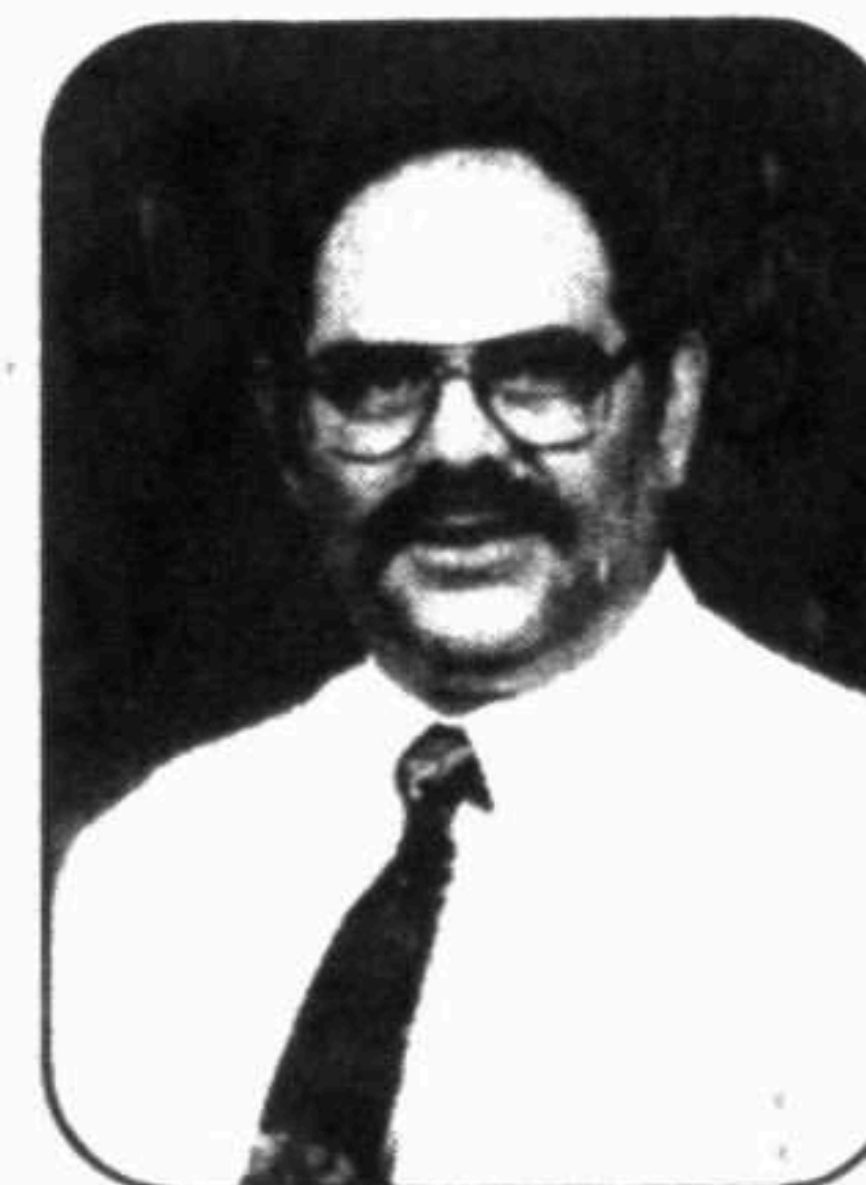
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Generosity cost taxpayers plenty

Wouldn't you know it? A report released by the National Taxpayers Union says that dozens of outgoing members of Congress increased the salaries of their staff members during the final quarter of 1996 right before they left their jobs.

In fact, said representatives of the private taxpayers' group, apparently exceeded their 1996 office or postage spending limits. "In the drive for re-election, too many lawmakers once again went on a taxpayer-funded spending spree," added David Keating, the group's executive vice president.

"A shocking number of departing congressmen also apparently used our tax dollars as a consolation prize for their soon-to-be-unemployed staffs."

The report went on to

note that 51 representatives increased personnel compensation by at least \$40,000 in the last quarter which confirmed rumors of widespread rewarding of staff members with hefty bonuses and pay raises in something akin to a "last hurrah" by departing congressmen.

My isn't it easy to be lavish with "goodies" when you aren't the one footing the bill. The members of Congress need to understand that it is exactly this kind of abuse of tax money that has angered taxpayers in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

All that we can say is thank goodness those outgoing congressmen are gone. Had they stayed in the Congress, with their tendency toward free spending of tax money, the nation might never get out of debt.

GEORGE WILL

Modern idea of fame leads to Diana's death

WASHINGTON—One cause of Princess Diana's death was the modern form of fame, "the frenzy of renown." The frenzied, meaning people who are intoxicated by synthetic significance, are complicit in her death.



Will

Death came when she and her companion of recent weeks were in high-speed flight from photographers hell-bent on supplying the highly remunerative market for snapshots of her life. Hers was a life somehow always rich in opportunities for photographs of the sort she deplored. Greta Garbo she was not. She had a great fondness for cafe society, which is not the milieu of the reclusive.

She died in, and to some extent because of, the vortex of publicity that surrounds—no, that is—the modern British monarchy, into which she fell by marriage at age 20. Once upon a time, the justification for the monarchy was clear: It was God's will. No one now believes that, and few really believe the subsequent justification which, unlike the first, was more or less true for a while. It was that the monarchy is a constitutional necessity.

The monarchy is a residue of the infancy of the British people. They still like it, and it is their right to retain it, rationality being broadly optional. But there is no evading the fact that an occupational hazard of royalty is infantilism, now that royalty is shorn of serious duties and exists primarily to do public relations for itself.

One manifestation of infantilism is a sense of entitlement to incompatible things. Princess Diana felt entitled to be forever the social fiction that she became by marriage: royalty. In negotiations about her divorce she fought for, and bitterly resented, the forced surrender of, the title "Her Royal Highness."

However, she also wanted the sort of privacy often claimed by the privileged, meaning publicity on her terms. She wanted to be listened to concerning various social causes (the latest being a ban on anti-personnel land mines). But she had a claim—make that a hold—on public attention only because she was a celebrity, as Daniel Boorstin has defined that term. That is, she was known for her well-knownness.

Thirty-six years ago, in his book "The Image," Boorstin argued that the graphic revolution in journalism and other forms of communication had severed fame from greatness, which generally required a gestation period in which great deeds were performed. This severance hastened the decay of fame into mere notoriety, which is very plastic and very perishable.

This severance was apparent by 1905, when the narrator of Edith Wharton's "House of Mirth" spoke of living in "a world where conspicuousness passed for distinction, and the society column had become the roll of fame." The noun "flack" pertaining to modern communications was prefigured by a proper noun, George Flack, the journalist in Henry James' "The Reverberator" (1888), who thought of himself as a servant of democratic values:

"You ain't going to be able any longer to monopolize any fact of general interest... it ain't going to be possible to keep out anywhere the light of the Press. Now what I'm going to do is set up the biggest lamp yet made and make it shine all over the place. We'll see who's private then... and who'll frustrate the People, the people that wants to know. That's a sign of the American people that they do want to know."

All democracies want that. They want

royalty of their own making, and unmaking. Democracy's leveling impulse is served by democracy's powerful, if fickle, machinery of elevation through publicity.

Princess Diana died, in a sense, at the intersection of a premodern institution, royalty, and the modern sensibility, which holds that privacy is a denial of a democratic entitlement, the public's entitlement to any fact that entertains. She seems to have understood that her life was a constant conjuring trick. There was an incurable precariousness to her position as she tried to live off derivative dignity from an anachronistic institution while cultivating the royalism of a democratic age—celebrity.

In one of her last interviews she, who kept the company of the flamboyantly rich, struck a populist note: "I am much closer to people at the bottom than those at the top and the latter won't forgive me for that." What proved to be fatally unforgiving was the insatiable craving of society, from top to bottom, for details of Diana's life as princess for a democratic age. It was a drama on which the curtain came down with a crash.

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ANOTHER VIEW

The search is on for a solution to road rage

Road rage is back in the headlines. Well, not BACK in the headlines. It's STILL in the headlines.

Road rage is news, big news, and getting bigger all the time. This is how we do things in America. A couple of cars crash into each other. The drivers get into a fight. One or both get arrested. A similar episode occurs a few days later.

Suddenly we have a trend. The trend needs a name. Somebody decides to call it "road rage."

Presto. Before the psychologists and sociologists can finish scratching their heads, road rage is all the rage.

Police departments launch massive enforcement plans to combat road rage. Special-interest groups publish studies and issue news releases using road rage to make the case for highway construction, road improvements, tougher traffic regulations. Congress holds hearings to consider anti-road-rage legislation.

Congress has to get involved, of course. It's an established fact that no problem of any kind, anywhere in America, can be solved without congressional involvement.

It is only a matter of time, as we know, until the president unleashes the vast bureaucracy of the United States government in an all-out war against the greatest threat to civilization since the nuclear arms race: road rage.

Many experts attribute the rise of road rage — often referred to as "aggressive driving" — to the frustration felt by drivers who must deal with increasingly crowded streets and highways. The number of vehicles on the roads has steadily increased, but the capacity of the roads has not.

Only figures, then, that an organization concerned with highway improvements would latch onto the road-rage issue to promote its campaign for new and

better roads. And what better time to do it than the Labor Day weekend, when many law-abiding motorists out for a harmless holiday drive quickly find themselves scrambling to evade hordes of crazed drivers who apparently see themselves as competitors in a demolition derby.

"Motorists are facing increasing stress on the roads, in part because we have not kept up with the tremendous increase in travel by widening and improving roads," said William M. Wilkins, executive director of The Road Information Program (TRIP), in a news release distributed by the PR Newswire.

"Certainly drivers should be encouraged to adopt more courteous and considerate driving habits," Wilkins added. "But our nation has failed to provide relief to motorists by making needed highway improvements, even though we are currently taxing motorists enough to allow us to significantly increase highway investment."

TRIP is absolutely correct in pointing out that the roads in this country can no longer handle the traffic that uses them. It surely won't be long until the highways and byways of America are completely overwhelmed by the relentless onslaught of cars, trucks, buses and sport utility vehicles.

Imagine: total gridlock, from sea to shining sea.

Wilkins listed some improvements that are desperately needed: "Upgrading two-lane roads to four lanes, building new roads, where appropriate, and adding turn lanes and new interchanges."

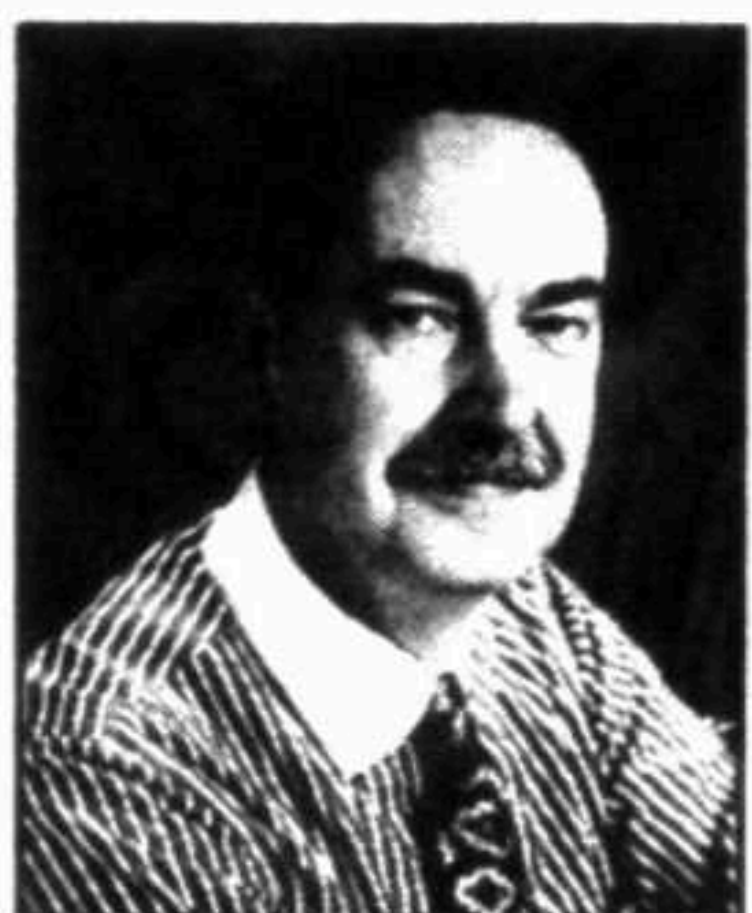
Such construction, he said, would "dramatically help improve traffic flow and reduce the severity of congestion. This, in turn, would help reduce the stress on motorists and reduce road rage."

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CAL THOMAS

In reality, Diana's fairy tale life was a tragic tale

The reaction throughout the United Kingdom to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, recalls America's response to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The BBC and the other television networks canceled all programming, the British national anthem was played as pictures of the Union Jack flying at half staff were shown, and the nation mourned.



Thomas

The plot of Diana's life — from beaming princess at her fairy-tale royal wedding to a mangled body inside the twisted wreckage of a luxury car in a Paris tunnel — is a tragedy of Shakespearean proportion.

Within hours of her death, recriminations were being heard. The notorious paparazzi, which had given chase after she and her new love interest, Dodi Fayed, had dinner at a Paris hotel, were singled out for special denunciation by Diana's brother. But who are we kidding? If the public didn't have a voracious appetite for every image and tidbit about Diana, the photographers would not have been there. Most American magazines reported record sales each time Diana graced their covers. Some said paparazzi who took gruesome pictures of the

death scene were asking \$1 million, which they will probably get.

The accessories in Diana's death are members of the royal family, who never appeared to welcome her and who constantly sought to make her over into their dull, dowdy and dysfunctional image. Her refusal to be like them immediately set her up for the many tragedies to follow. Instead of seeing her as a key to unlocking a bright future for the monarchy, they took that key and locked her into a social and political Tower of London which led to her "execution" as inevitably as if she had been one of the unfortunate wives of Henry VIII.

Charles seemed jealous of the attention his wife received (contrast this with the clear delight John Kennedy expressed over press interest in Jackie). Accustomed to having his every whim indulged since birth, Charles grew pouty when England, and then the world, became enthralled by Diana's charm, grace and beauty. Instead of trading on his greatest asset for the benefit of his country and family, he started behaving like a child robbed of his toys and sought out a mother figure in his once and future mistress, Camilla Parker-Bowles.

Charles didn't have the class or character to be worthy of his wife. She had her problems, but all probably could have been overcome (or never started) with loving attention from a husband devoted to her and not his mother, the monarchy and his mistress. He does not deserve the throne of England.

On national and then international tele-

vision, both Charles and Diana admitted to adulterous affairs. Apparently she was engaged in another such affair with al Fayed when she died. How does one explain such things to two young sons, one of whom is the future King William of England? Why would their mother leave them for weeks on end to cavort with a man not her husband or their father? It is a hard question, but covering it up or refusing to answer it while focusing on Diana's "charitable" work is a form of denial that ignores the real tragedy of this awful play that has been acted out in a very public way for the last 15 years.

Was there no one who could make Charles and Diana understand the damage they were causing themselves and their children? Did anyone try? Couldn't someone tell them that happiness is not found in the behavior in which they were engaged? It is repeated on television and radio how much Charles and Diana loved their sons. Is this the way loving parents behave toward their children and each other? Would they be happy if their sons became just like them? If not, why didn't they behave in ways they would want their sons to emulate?

The essence of tragedy is that things don't have to be the way they turn out. Hamlet and Macbeth had choices. So did Charles and Diana. They made the wrong ones, with tragic results.

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ART BUCHWALD

Tainted beef, but not tobacco, poses a danger

I realize that I may be the only one, but I am very confused by the recent tobacco settlements and the amounts of money the companies are willing to shell out so they can stay in business.



Buchwald

The last one is \$11.3 billion that manufacturers have offered to pay the state of Florida.

Mississippi accepted \$3 billion a few months ago, and other states are waiting in line for offers they can't afford to refuse.

All I can gather from this is that, even with billion-dollar payouts, the tobacco companies have no fears about being forced out of business — even though everyone now

agrees that cigarettes will kill you. The irony of this came to mind when I read that Hudson Foods Inc. had apparently distributed tons of tainted meat that had caused an outbreak of illnesses in those areas where the meat was sold.

The cry of "Fire" went up immediately. Hudson announced the largest recall of any food company in America. Burger King canceled its contract. The government issued warnings to people not to consume the meat. Hudson may well have a problem staying in business.

Felix Rendacker, a spokesman for the tobacco forces, told me, "We have always known that bad beef can cause stomachaches and nausea. But there is still some question about whether tobacco can make you sick."

"If this is true, why are you paying billions to keep the states from suing you?" I asked.

"They need the money and we don't."

"Is there any tainted chopped meat in your cigarettes?"

"That's a trade secret. Our competitors would like nothing better than to know if our product contained inedible beef or not."

"Would you consider a recall if it turned out that cigarettes caused as much trouble as tainted meat?"

"We'd give it serious consideration and then reject it. Everybody is picking on tobacco these days. But how many people are willing to put up \$11 billion to make peace with those who don't like it as much as frozen yogurt?"

This is not the end of the cigarette damage cases.

As long as there are lawyers, there will be unhappy smokers, and as long as there are unhappy lawyers, there will be smokers.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 1997. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers.

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In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film camera and registered his trade-

mark: "Kodak."

In 1894, some 12,000 tailors in New York City went on strike to protest the existence of sweatshops.

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In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina abdicated the Dutch throne for health reasons.

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Arizona Gov. Symington convicted of fraud, forced from office

PHOENIX (AP) — Gov. Fife Symington was convicted Wednesday of lying to get millions in loans to shore up his collapsing real estate empire, becoming the second Arizona governor in a decade to be forced from office by scandal.

"I have never been one to linger and I don't intend to start now," a tearful Symington said in a resignation speech after the verdict. His lawyer, John Dowd, said the two-term Republican would leave office Friday.

Symington, 52, would have been forced under the state constitution to leave office anyway when his felony conviction became official at his Nov. 10 sentencing, where he faces a lengthy prison term and \$6.25 million in fines.

His resignation sets the stage for him to be replaced by the secretary of state, Republican Jane Hull.

"The future lies ahead of us, not behind us," said Symington, "and others will now be entrusted to lead us there."

Symington, who was elected on a promise to run the state with the same business acumen he brought to real estate, stared blankly at the table in front of him as the bank fraud verdicts were read. Muffled sobs were audible in the courtroom

from spectators, and one juror wiped a tear.

"What is truly unfortunate is that Fife Symington will never be tried for his most serious offense — deceiving and lying to the voters of Arizona," said state Democratic Party Chairman Mark Fleisher.

The jury found Symington guilty on seven counts alleging he filed false financial statements to banks. He was acquitted of three counts, including a charge that he tried to use his political muscle as governor against a pension fund he owed \$10 million.

U.S. District Judge Roger Strand declared a mistrial on the remainder of the 21 counts because the jury was unable to reach a verdict. Prosecutor David Schindler said he would consider whether to try Symington again on those charges.

In 1987, Republican Gov. Evan Mecham was impeached and removed by the state Senate. He was later acquitted of charges related to a questionable campaign loan.

"What we need is an honest governor in this state. Enough is enough," said Tucson resident Fred Ortiz, who watched live TV coverage of Wednesday's verdict in an electronics store. "There's

too much corruption. First it was Ev Mecham, now it's Symington."

Symington, a Harvard-educated great-grandson of U.S. Steel co-founder Henry Clay Frick, was indicted last year on federal charges alleging that he repeat-

edly lied about the health of his troubled real estate businesses when applying for loans in the late 1980s.

Several jurors said a key to their convictions were financial statements that showed Symington overstated or understated his net

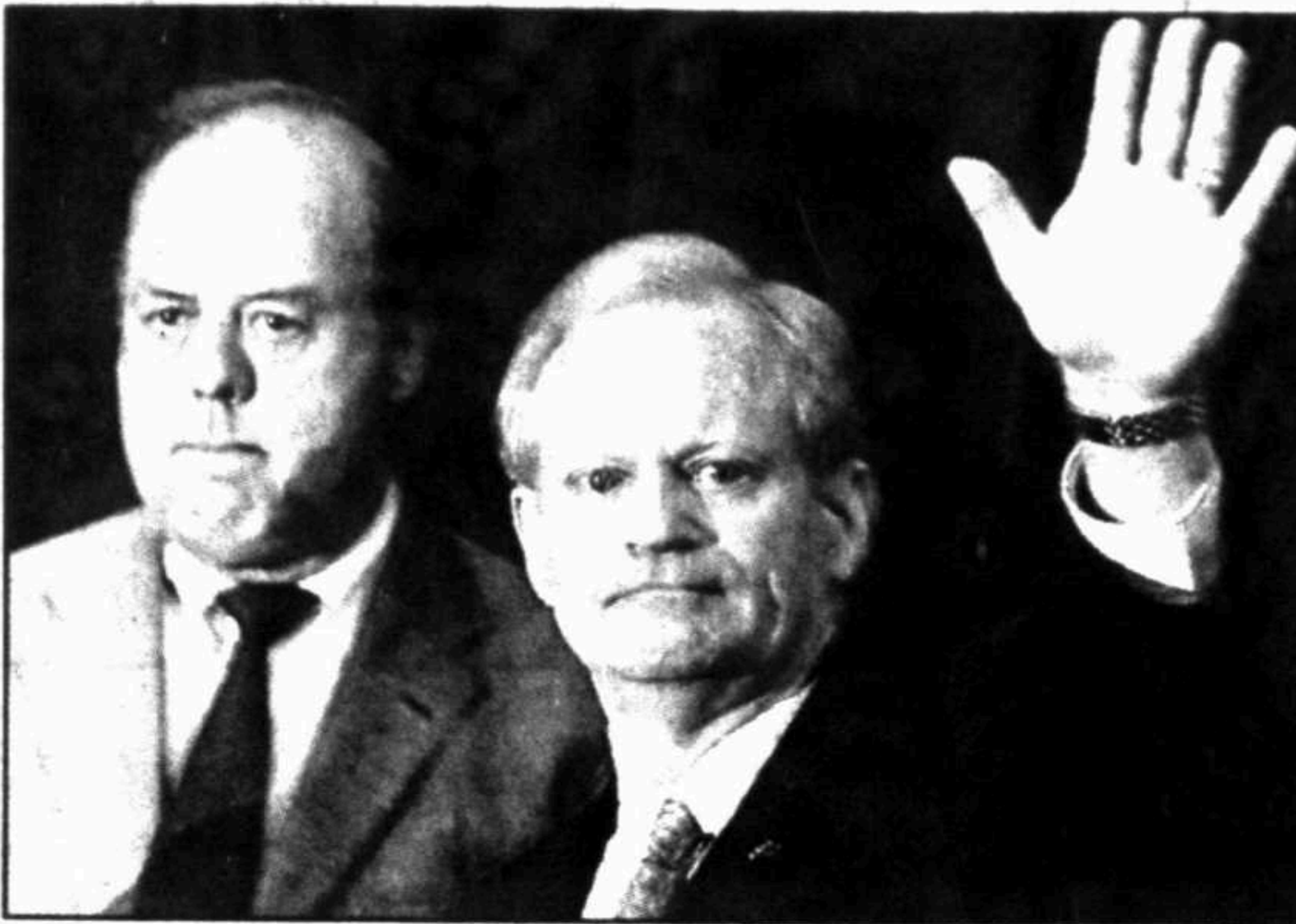
worth, depending on what was necessary to get loan.

But juror Robert Bamond said he would still vote for Symington.

"I think he's doing a good job as governor," Bamond said. "As a businessman, he didn't do as well. I think he got caught up in desperation."

The verdict came after a total of

17 days of tumultuous deliberations. The jury had to start all over again after seven days when one of the jurors, a 74-year-old woman, was dismissed because other jurors complained she was unable to concentrate on the case and refused to discuss her opinions. An alternate was added and the deliberations began anew.



With his defense lawyer John Dowd behind him, Arizona Gov. Fife Symington waves to reporters after his conviction in federal court Wednesday, in Phoenix. Symington was found guilty on seven counts and said he would resign his job as governor Friday.

Vanity Fair: JonBenet's mother gave conflicting accounts

DENVER (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey's mother gave police conflicting accounts of the morning she said she found a ransom note, according to Vanity Fair magazine.

The upcoming issue also reports that only Patricia Ramsey's handwriting, out of 74 tested, "set off alarm bells" and that affidavits for arrest warrants for JonBenet's parents have been ready since May.

The magazine's October issue also includes a transcript of the ransom note.

Six-year-old JonBenet's body was discovered in the basement of her Boulder home on Dec. 26, eight hours after Mrs. Ramsey said she found the note. John Ramsey found his daughter's beaten and strangled body after initial police searches turned up nothing.

Police have made no arrests in the case. Investigators have said John Ramsey has been ruled out as a writer of the note, but not Mrs. Ramsey.

Vanity Fair cited a police report written by Boulder policeman Richard French who said Mrs. Ramsey told him at first that she

had gone into JonBenet's room at about 5:45 a.m. to wake her up, and finding the room empty, went down the spiral back stairs where she discovered the note.

French said Mrs. Ramsey later told him she found the note on the spiral back stairs when she went down to make coffee, then ran to JonBenet's room, according to the magazine.

The magazine provided media outlets Wednesday with advance copies of the story and said the transcript of the ransom note came from a "knowledgeable source."

Vanity Fair quoted "an investigator closely involved with the testing of the ransom note" as saying of the 74 samples submitted for testing, "Patsy's handwriting was the only one that set off alarm bells."

The magazine also quoted a Colorado Bureau of Investigation report: "There are indications that the author of the ransom note is Patricia Ramsey, but the evidence falls short to support that definitive conclusion."

Published reports have described various aspects of the

note, including that it was purportedly from a foreign group and that it asked for \$118,000.

The only known copies were in the hands of the Boulder district attorney's office, the police department and the Ramseys' lawyers. They all denied providing the note to Vanity Fair.

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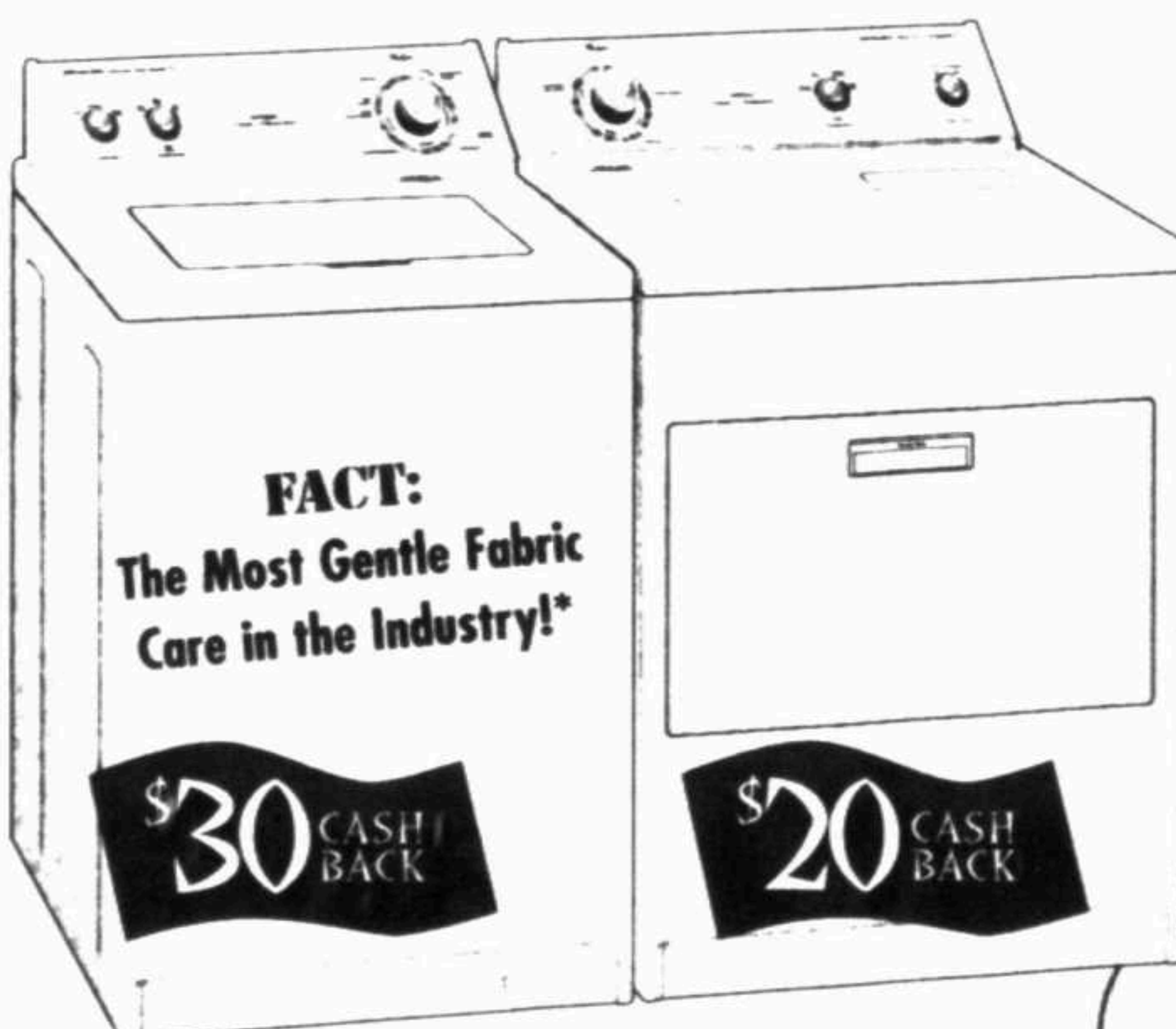
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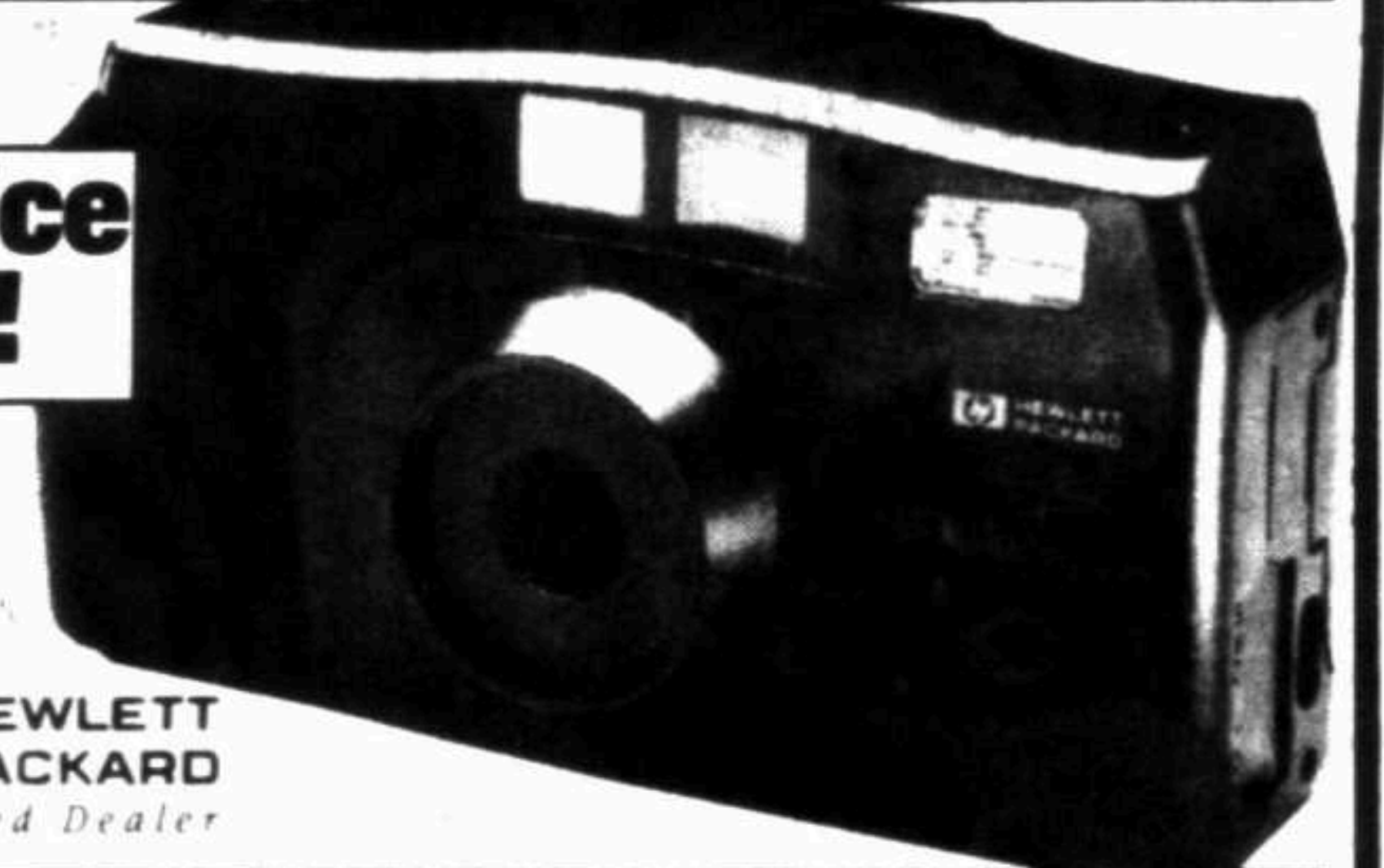
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Government scientists consider reviving thalidomide despite potential birth defects

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New Jersey company seeks to revive the world's most infamous drug this week, as government scientists debate whether it can sell thalidomide to treat a form of leprosy without risking a repeat of the birth-defect horrors of the 1960s.

All sides acknowledge accidents could happen if the Food and Drug Administration approves thalidomide — after all, just one pill in early pregnancy can harm. The question is whether the drug offers enough benefit to take that chance, and if so, how to protect women as much as possible.

"It's the moral quandary of the decade for us," said Canadian Randy Warren, head of North America's Thalidomide Victims Association, who was born with no hips and malformed legs. "We don't want to deny this drug to people. ... But one pill can lop off all four limbs."

Thalidomide, once sold in 48 countries for insomnia and morning sickness, was

banned in 1962 after some 12,000 babies were born with no limbs or tiny, flipper-like arms and legs, serious facial deformities and defective organs.

Thalidomide was never sold here, although some Americans got it abroad or in research trials. Instead, an FDA scientist spotted early signs of toxicity that the original manufacturer denied, and blocked U.S. sales long enough for the danger to be proved overseas.

Now FDA's scientific advisers will decide, in a two-day meeting ending Friday, whether to give thalidomide another chance because it appears to alleviate some devastating diseases.

Celgene Corp. wants to sell thalidomide to leprosy patients suffering a painful inflammation called erythema nodosum leprosum. Celgene says thalidomide offers at least partial relief to 90 percent of these patients, who today get less effective medicines with their own serious side effects.

'We don't want to deny this drug to people ... But one pill can lop off all four limbs.'

— Randy Warren, head of North America's Thalidomide Victims Association

Leprosy is extremely rare in the United States, and fewer than 50 ENL cases are diagnosed here annually.

But because doctors can prescribe FDA-approved drugs for any purpose, thousands of women could get thalidomide for other illnesses once it hits pharmacy shelves. Thalidomide has shown promise against AIDS-related wasting and cancer sores, and also is being researched as therapy for lupus, brain tumors and a host of other diseases.

Celgene is proposing restrictions

designed to make any woman capable of pregnancy use two forms of birth control while taking thalidomide, no matter what illness she is treating.

Pharmacists could not fill thalidomide prescriptions until they received a document signed by patient and doctor signifying the patient understood the risks and was complying with contraception.

Even male patients would sign this document, to ensure they knew never to share the drug — and because Celgene also wants men to use condoms in case thalidomide could be transmitted in semen.

Doctors could prescribe no more than four weeks of tablets at a time, forcing patients to return for refills in case pregnancy tests were needed.

The FDA, weighing Friday's advice from its scientific panel, is expected to decide this fall whether Celgene offers enough protection.

"We would aim for something that is highly foolproof," said the FDA's drug

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evaluation chief, Dr. Janet Woodcock. "But we have to recognize that no drug is used safely all the time."

Celgene Vice President Bruce Williams said the restrictions "go as far as is possible" to fight birth defects.

But "can I say categorically it will never happen? I cannot say that," he acknowledged.

More than 1,000 Americans are taking thalidomide in strictly controlled research studies, and so far no pregnancies have been reported.

On the open market, safeguards are harder. The FDA does allow an acne medicine, Accutane, that can cause birth defects to sell after contraception counseling. The safety program helped, but "has not been 100 percent successful," Woodcock said.

Plague strain not treatable by antibiotics

(AP) — For the first time, scientists have found a strain of the plague that is resistant to all the antibiotics normally used to treat and prevent the deadly infectious disease.

The strain was found in only one person, a 16-year-old boy in Madagascar who got bubonic plague in 1995.

But the resistant genetic material transferred easily to other strains of plague bacteria in the laboratory and could spread just as easily in nature, the researchers said.

The plague, the Black Death that killed one-fourth of the European population in the 1300s, is spread by fleas that have bitten infected rats and other rodents or by sneezes and coughs from infected people.

Antibiotics have proved highly effective against the plague as long as patients are treated in time. Public health measures such as killing fleas and rats and giving people preventive antibiotics also help control its spread.

The study, which appears in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, was done by researchers at the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

More research is needed to find out if the resistant strain is spreading among fleas and rodents in Madagascar, Drs. David Dennis and James Hughes of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in an accompanying editorial.

"If resistant strains spread in rodents, the public health implications could be substantial," Dennis and Hughes wrote.

Researchers should investigate other treatments and the United States and other countries should dedicate more resources to the plague and other re-emerging infectious diseases, they wrote.

Plague is considered a re-emerging disease by the World Health Organization. The number of cases reported each year is growing, cases are cropping up in more places and epidemics happened in 1994 in East Africa, Madagascar, Peru and India.

From 1990 to 1994, an average of 2,025 cases per year were reported in Africa, North and South America and Asia, compared with only 861 cases a year during the 1980s.

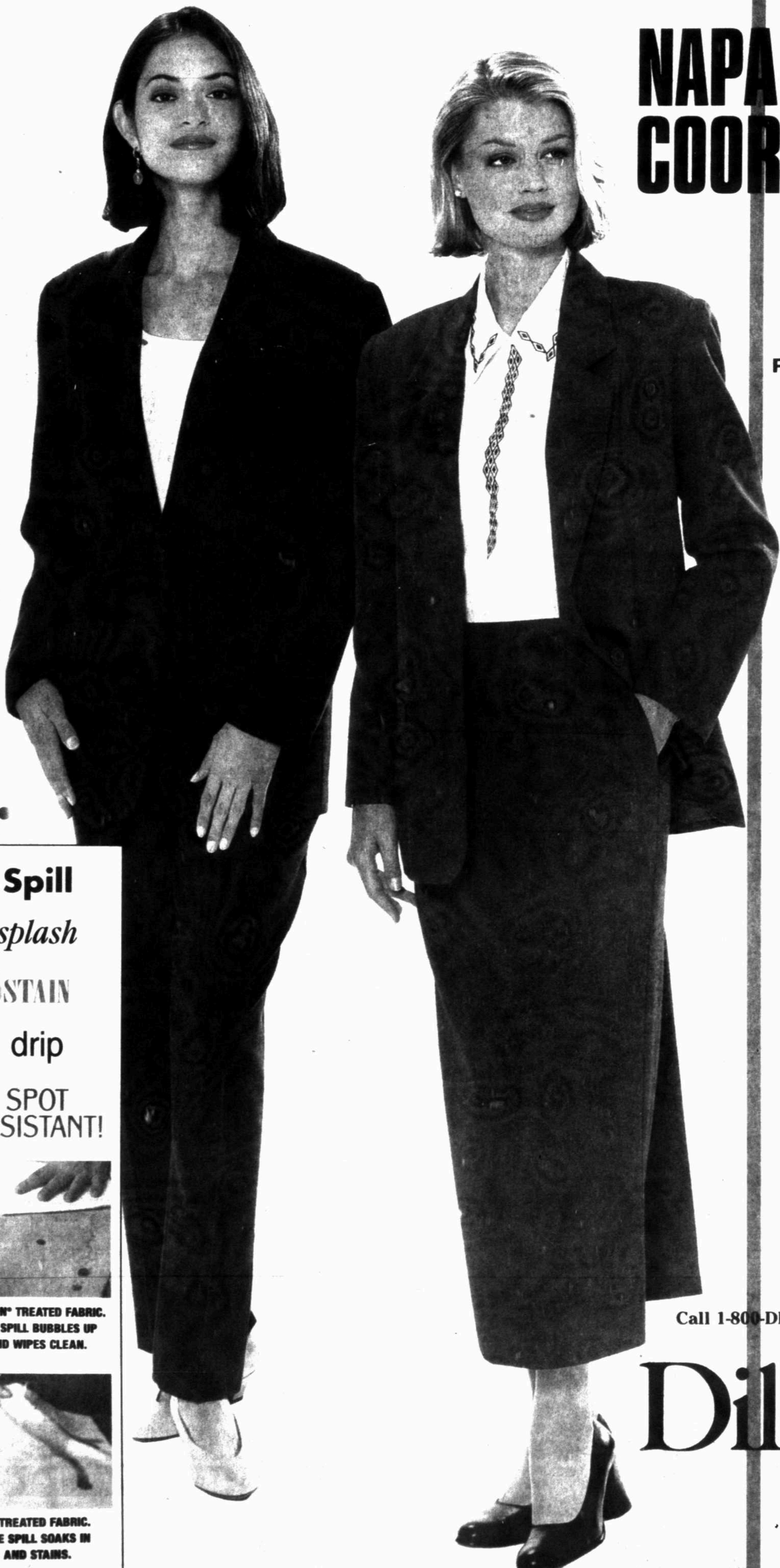
Ted Kaczynski transferred to federal prison

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Unabomber defendant Theodore Kaczynski was transferred to a top-security federal prison east of San Francisco on Wednesday at the request of his attorneys, authorities said.

An official at the Sacramento County Jail said he believes Kaczynski was moved to Pleasanton prison because Kaczynski couldn't get any sleep at the county jail because it was too noisy.

Kaczynski, 55, had been at the Sacramento County jail since June 1996. He faces a federal trial in November for four attacks in California: two fatal explosions in Sacramento and two attacks that maimed two people in the San Francisco area. He is charged separately in a New Jersey bombing.

U.S. Marshal Jerry Enomoto said Kaczynski was taken in a marshal's van from Sacramento shortly before 1 p.m. and arrived in Pleasanton about two hours later. Pleasanton is about 80 miles from Sacramento.



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BASIN BRIEFING

Air Competition

ODESSA — The Odessa Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will host the Southwest Region Competition Friday and Saturday. Aircrews from Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas will be in Odessa to determine the best aircrew. Twelve planes, two from each of the states in the Southwest Region, will fly into Odessa's Schlemeyer Field on Friday to begin competing. The aircrews will test their navigation, flying, and observation skills against pilot/observer teams from the other Southwest Region states. Competitors will be judged on their speed and efficiency in locating simulated downed aircraft in an organized search operation. They will also compete against the clock in finding emergency locator transmitters using radio direction finding equipment. These skills are used by the Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the Air Force, to perform their functions in emergency services. The Civil Air Patrol also serves the public with aerospace education and cadet training for young people.

Permian Basin Fair

ODESSA — The Permian Basin Fair and Exposition opens at 5 p.m. Friday at Ector County Coliseum. Attendance is expected to be between 80,000 and 90,000 with visitors coming from throughout the Permian Basin and eastern New Mexico. The fair closes at midnight Friday. Hours Monday through Thursday are 5 to 10 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and 10 a.m. to midnight Sept. 12 and 13. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children 12 and under. Complimentary "Park and Ride" will run both Fridays from 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and both Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Music City Mall, Sears parking lot. Those riding the bus may buy their admission tickets to the fair on the bus.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m., 687-7286.

LOOPS, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 550-LOOP.

Hearts Alive, 7 p.m., medical staff room at Memorial Hospital, 684-3745.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6:30-9:00 p.m., 689-8428 or 520-0277.

Toastmasters, Permian Club, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Novice duplicate bridge, Allison Bridge Center, 7 p.m., 682-4461.

East Side Lions, 8 p.m., Los Enriquez, 1401B N. Lamesa Road.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe.

Bereavement Support group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 332-1431, 332-0991.

Pilot Club of Midland, noon, Ramada Inn, 687-3109.

Hogan Park Women's Golf Association, Hogan Park Golf Course.

Westside Lions Club, noon, West-side Lions Den.

Rotary Club of Midland, 11:55 a.m., Chamber of Commerce, 109 N. Main.

Committee for Meals on Wheels, 9 a.m., Midland Senior Center.

Share Success-Basics of Goal Setting, Mr. Gatti's (party room 1), 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave., noon, 570-4533.

Tall City Lions Club, 7 p.m., 305 S. Stonewall St.

Non-smoking game, 7 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 682-8596.

Tall City RoadRiders 7:30 p.m. Warfield Truck Stop, 689-9950.

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Exchange of ideas focus of academy

■ Citizens Police Academy, a series of lectures and activities for the public designed to increase awareness of law enforcement procedures, is now accepting applications.

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

"Understanding through education." That is the mission that the Midland Police Department takes for each of the Citizens Police Academy sessions they have sponsored since 1989, said MPD Crime Prevention Specialist Ron Sartor said Wednesday.

The objective, Sartor said, is to provide the community with a knowledge of policing procedures to dispel any suspicion or misconceptions and increase rapport between the police department and the community. The public, in turn, makes the officers more aware of its feelings and concerns.

A lot of citizens do not understand law enforcement until they are the subject of it, Sartor said. "From this program, we have also learned a lot from the citizens. We have an exchange of ideas."

Applications for the academy will be accepted until Monday, Sept. 8, and can be obtained at the headquarters, 601 N. Loraine St. Thirty people will be admitted into the program.

Applicants must be 18 or older, and will be investigated for prior offenses. Sartor said,

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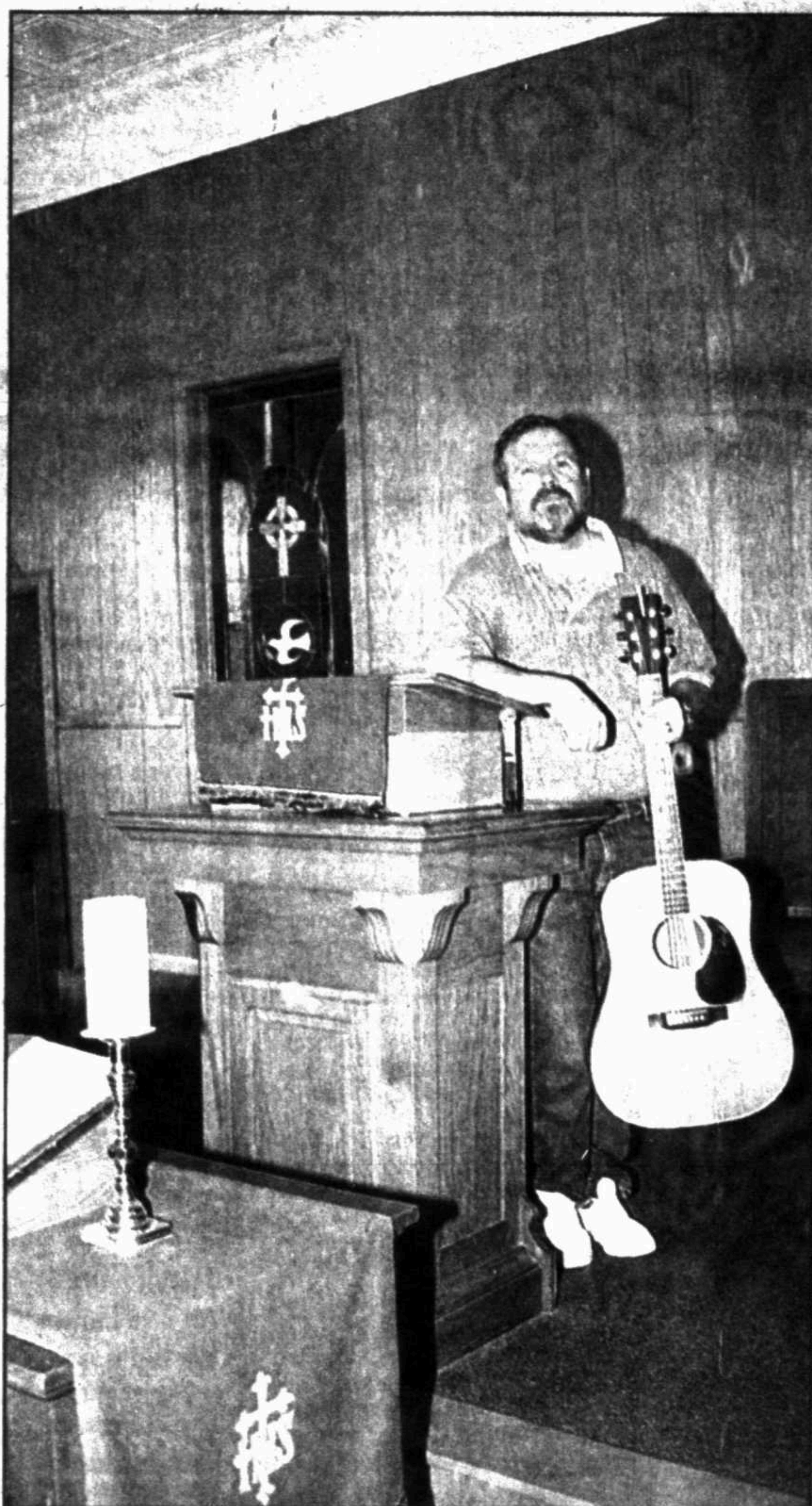
Chin UP!

St. Ann's student Cyrus Yazdani uses his neck to prove that there are many ways to twirl a hula-hoop.

From Peter, Paul and Mary to
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"If you have \$3 and that's all you can really afford, you're welcome. People pay on the honor system."

— Walter Lee



Johnnye Montgomery/Reporter-Telegram

Presbyterian minister Walter Lee is using his connections with folk musicians to help put the small town of Coahoma on the musical map.



Coahoma minister gets by with a little help from friends

■ Minister puts Coahoma on the map with music and well-known musician friends.

By Johnnye Montgomery

COAHOMA — Music is something Walter Lee, minister of the Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, has done all his life. He plays guitar and writes songs and sings them, as naturally as a homemaker would bake a cake. And he has lots of friends who are musicians. Well-known musicians.

So when the church's keyboardist moved from Coahoma, Lee appealed to his friends.

Lee said when he started looking for people to play piano for the church, there just weren't that many with the skills to do it.

He has led the worship services at the Kerrville Folk Festival every year for the last 17 years, and many of the cadres of musicians at the festival have become friends. So when he looked for an answer to his lack of musicians, he said he thought of his friends.

"Musicians are searching for a place where there is really a listening audience. Most of the job offers available to musicians are in bars, basically as background music."

"They play, and there are 100 people in the room who are there to visit with the people they came with, to have a drink. If the singer/songwriter is talented enough, he/she may get attention from the people sitting closest to the stage for a short while. Singer/songwriters are artists, but they can't put their product on a wall and let people look at it. They're hungry for places where they can simply share their message of what they've seen of the world, or whatever."

"I started thinking about how house concerts have been springing up across the nation, with 15 or 20 people gathering in a house or a room like a church social hall, and all those things flowed together with a

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Local officials recognized for efficaciousness

■ Midland watchdog group honors city and county officials for doing 'the most to deliver effective and efficient government to Midlanders.'

From Staff Reports

Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility Wednesday announced the recipients of its 1997 Efficiency in Local Government Awards. Winners were Midland County Judge Jeff Norwood, County Commissioner Guy McCrary, and all seven members of the hospital district board of directors: David K. Darmstetter, Steve Kuzmich, Ora Williams, Josie D. Ramirez, David Orr, Mark J. Brough, and Robert L. Dimit.

CFR initiated this award "to recognize those officials who have done the most to deliver effective and efficient government to Midlanders," according to a written statement issued Wednesday afternoon by CFR officials.

Norwood and McCrary spearheaded last year's significant property tax cut, and both voted for another tax cut this year, CFR officials said. "At the same time," the statement added, "county employees received their first general raises in six years, while purchasing procedures were streamlined. The county's debt load remains moderate at less than \$10 million."

In honoring the Midland County Hospital District directors, the statement said the district was the only local government to avoid a property tax increase over the past six years. Again this summer, directors voted unanimously to adopt the "effective rate", which is the rate at which the same tax is due from an average property as the year before. In contrast, all four other local governments raised property taxes this year, by voting for a tax rate higher than their effective rate, the statement said.

"When the hospital's directors decided to build several freestanding outpatient clinics, they claimed that this would save taxpayers' money while improving service to indigent patients, compared to using the emergency room. They turned out to be absolutely right. This is a splendid example of the kind of creative thinking and prudent investment that CFR advocates, and all Midlanders, should applaud," the statement said.

According to Richard D. Bowdon, CFR chairman, "We hope these awards will inspire other local officials to look for new, innovative ways to improve services while cutting cost. American businesses have re-engineered themselves to become more efficient and globally competitive; it's time for governments to do the same."

Midland College to offer Zig Ziglar self-improvement courses



Success trainer Zig Ziglar, center, meets with Midland College officials Leticia Rendon, left, and Camille Duchesne during a recent visit to consolidate the MC/Zig Ziglar Corporation partnership for continuing education in Midland.

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The famous Zig Ziglar self-improvement courses will soon be a part of the Midland College continuing education course offerings.

A partnership has been formed between the Zig Ziglar Corporation of Dallas and a number of community colleges, including Midland College.

"Partnering with community colleges is one of the most exciting things we've done in the history of our company," said founder Zig Ziglar.

A Showcase Seminar is scheduled at MC for Sept. 15 to introduce the success-oriented courses to be offered, explained Leticia Rendon, continuing education coordinator for MC.

The Ziglar programs are well known throughout corporate America and many local leaders are excited about the MC offerings. "We have had excellent response," Ms. Rendon said. Many MC personnel already have completed a

portion of Strategies for Success, the Ziglar foundation course that covers ethics training, so-called wellness training and stress management in one course.

The seminar will allow Midlanders to "get a glimpse of what will be offered," Ms. Rendon said.

The seminar will be in the Roadrunner Room at the college, beginning at 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. with lunch included. Tickets are \$39 for members of the Midland Chamber of Commerce or the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Tickets for non members will be \$44.

This seminar will provide an inexpensive way for people to familiarize themselves with the Ziglar courses, Ms. Rendon said.

The programs can be customized and arrangements made on fees for corporations wishing to train employees through the courses, she said.

"The only thing worse than training your employees and losing them is not

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DEATH NOTICES

Mildred Fiedler

ODESSA — Mildred Irene Fiedler, 81, of Odessa died Wednesday, Sept. 3, at her residence.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Dr. Ernest Easley officiating.

She was born Dec. 7, 1915, in Callahan County and married John Fiedler on Oct. 19, 1949, in Eunice, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Rex Cutbirth, Mack Cutbirth, C.C. Cutbirth, Watha Cutbirth and Dan Cutbirth; and a sister, Louise Wilkins.

Survivors include her husband, John Fiedler of Odessa;

a son, Billy Carson of Goldsmith; a daughter, Irene Paulette of Odessa; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Minnie Tatum

Services for Minnie Tatum, 66, of Midland are pending with Jackson-Warren Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tatum died Wednesday in a Midland hospital.

Willie Shortes

TAOS, N.M. — Services for Willie Epley Shortes are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

She died Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Taos, N.M.

OBITUARIES

Ben Hart

Ben Courtney Hart was born August 8, 1933, to Olen C. and Lois Hart in Midland County, Texas. He was reared and educated in Midland. Mr. Hart had worked for the City of San Angelo for 15 years, from 1959 to 1974. He married Patsy Oden on June 30, 1989, at Calvary Baptist Church in Midland. He retired from Midland County in 1992, after 14 years of service. Mr. Hart was an active member of Ranchland Heights Baptist Church in Midland. He was an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his mother, Lois Hart of Midland; his wife, Patsy of Midland; two daughters, Pam McClure (husband-Conrad) of Grape Creek, Texas and Beverly

Hart of San Angelo, Texas; three sons, Jeffrey Hart (wife-Sharon) of San Angelo, James Hart (wife-Lori) of Hawaii and Randy Hart (wife-Mary) of Germany; three step-sons, Peanuts Oden (wife-Dana) of Cross Plains, Cecil Oden (wife-Leslie) of Midland and Mike Oden (wife-Christy) of Lufkin; two sisters, Pearl Beake of Reno, Nevada and Sue Chambers of Midland; one brother, Billy Hart of Reno, Nevada; 22 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Hart died Tuesday morning, September 2, 1997, at Memorial Hospital in Midland.

Palbearers are Victor Hart, Ray Cline, Frankie Chambers, Richard Scott, Ray Taylor and Billy Ross. The honorary pallbearer will be Jim Winters.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

Graveside services have been set for 3 p.m. Thursday, September 4, 1997, at Greenwood Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Kepple of Ranch-

land Heights Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

MUSIC: Audiences average 20 to 30 people

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vision that we could do it at the church.

"Uncle Calvin's in Dallas, one of the premier venues for folk music in Texas, is in a Presbyterian Church."

Lee's plan was to invite musicians on their way through town to concerts in larger cities to stop over in Coahoma and play.

Ken Gaines, a folk singer who lived in San Antonio at the time, was one of the first. Then there was Bill Ward, who came up from Houston.

Then it was time for the Kerrville Folk Festival, and Lee met his friends Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen.

"You may not be familiar with the names, but you're familiar with Steve's music," he said. "He's been a Disney writer, he wrote some of the music for Dumbo, he's written for John Denver and Garth Brooks and Linda Ronstadt. And Cindy is one of the premier recorders of true folk music. They were asked to be showcase performers at the Folk Alliance, and so they're scheduling concerts along the way. When I saw Steve at Kerrville, he said, 'We'd love to come down and do a concert for you.' The next thing I knew I got a copy of Sing Out! Magazine, the

national magazine for musicians, and Steve and Cindy did national advertising the set of tours they were doing on their way to the Folk Alliance."

"Coming from Vermont, they would play in Boston, in Atlanta, in Nashville, Houston, San Antonio, Coahoma, Phoenix! People all over were probably saying 'What's Coahoma? WHERE'S Coahoma?' This is probably the only time Coahoma has been listed in that group of cities."

Lee said the schedules of the musicians dictate the day and time they play in Coahoma, and although he tries to get the word out to as many people as possible, the audiences usually number 20 to 30.

"The most we've ever had was about 50, and there have been several times when we only had 10 to 15," he said. "There are two ways to do something like this. Either you set up a night and you book people for that night, and that was what my intent was, when we started about three years ago. But it's like many dreams that don't play out the way you expect them to, and get modified along the way. Another thing, I wanted to expose kids. There aren't all that many kids that come to the concerts. Teenagers live in a different world. If you can do it in a room

this size (the social hall), they don't want to listen to it."

"We do have families that come regularly, and we try to make it as easy to come as possible. We ask for a \$6 donation from each person, or \$15 for families. But we tell people 'Don't let money be the reason you don't come. If you have \$3 and that's really all you can afford, you're welcome.' We have a basket at the door, and people pay on the honor system."

"The musicians get whatever is collected. But the crowds aren't crowds, they're gatherings. If they get \$90 or \$100, that's 10 percent of what they'll get at the next concert, but it's gas."

"They stay with Mary (his wife) and me, and they get free home-cooked meals while they're here, and they're friends."

"We've had some really fantastic music in this (church social hall)."

"On Saturday, September 13, Lui Collins, from New Hampshire, is going to be here. She's flying into Dallas on Friday night to play at Uncle Calvin's, she's coming here on Saturday, and she's going to College Station on Monday. She's well known throughout the New England area. She has a good children's album and a lot of good songs. She's carrying on the New England folk tradition, so we'll

have a taste of that."

Lee said he hopes the Lui Collins concert will bring in more children.

"When this all began, I had a vision of creating an environment in which kids could see music that people could make. Lui Collins is a great example of that."

He said although a few from Coahoma come regularly, the majority of the audience is from Big Spring.

"I don't push it as a program for church members, although the dates of the concerts are announced at church, and often the artists play at worship if they're here on Sunday, but it's not something I worry about if (church members) don't show up."

"It's entertainment and exposure to a wider culture. People with all political views come. We've had some people here who sing Christian-oriented music, but I think everyone who has come here has a message that addresses gospel themes in the same way the Peter, Paul and Mary's music addressed the social concerns and lifted up issues that the church needs to be aware of. Sometimes they use overt religious language; often, they simply bring portraits of the world."

ZIGLAR: Adult continuing education to offer four courses

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training them and keeping them," Ziglar quipped.

The MC courses will be taught by certified instructors, called trainers in the Ziglar program.

The Strategies for Success program will be the first taught and is scheduled for Oct. 7, Ms. Rendon said.

A second module in the collection of courses is entitled "Selling," and

is slated to be taught in November, she said. Selling is designed to teach sales staff how better to communicate with prospective clients.

Customer Service is the third course to be taught at MC, and will be scheduled during the month of December. This covers many "do's and don'ts" for providing customers with attention, satisfaction, value and quality service, according to Ziglar.

Another Ziglar course offering is

entitled "Inspire Any Audience," and is designed to teach the art of formal presentation.

The cost for the Ziglar courses will be \$129 per person, but fees can be negotiated in establishing a tailored course for a number of employees, Ms. Rendon said.

About 20 MC personnel already have gone through a portion of the training and have been complimentary of the motivational instruction, she said.

"It's amazing what impact it has on your productivity," Ms. Rendon said.

For more information on the programs or to set up a customized training program, call the MC Continuing Education Department at 685-4518.

POLICE: Midland's program serves as a model nationally

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however, that will not automatically disqualify applicants from the program.

"If they had a prior in their past, it should not disqualify them," he said.

So far, since its inception, approximately 400 citizens have graduated from the class, including a 78-year-old woman and several deaf participants.

"As a matter of fact, we will have two deaf interpreters in this academy," Sartor said.

One thing that volunteers must understand, Sartor said, is that

participants are not taught how to be police officers.

"We teach them how the police department operates, and the police departments policies and procedures."

Volunteers are afforded to participate in hand-on techniques, such as how to analyze a crime scene and how to search for fingerprints. Other activities include class lectures, an explosive simulation, a SWAT team demonstration and a ride-along with police officers. This year, participants will also see a hypnotist at work.

The class is limited to 30 individuals. If the department receives a surplus of applications, a committee will be screen applicants to where all areas of Midland are represented, Sartor said.

Graduates of the program are not allowed to do actual police work, but are able to cite vehicles illegally park in handicapped spaces.

The Midland academy is nationally recognized, and is a model program for similar projects in Hawaii and California. Sartor is also a member of the National Citizens Police Academy board of directors.

The is no fee for the academy. Classes begin each Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for 14 weeks. The last class date is Dec. 16. At the end of each class, graduates are honored with a banquet.

The academy is held twice a year: one in September and once in January. For more information, call the Community Relations Unit at 685-7130 or 685-7131.

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POLICE REPORTS

Drug bust

ODESSA — Ector County Sheriff Department officials on Wednesday executed a search warrant at an east Odessa residence and recovered a small amount of heroin no larger than four grams.

Authorities said that Larry John Weaver, a resident of 806 E. 5th St., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. He was remanded to the Ector County Detention Center, where he was pending a bond hearing.

Officials said that the man had at least four other prior arrests stemming from drug possession. Weaver was also charged with a separate offense for possessing a controlled substance near a drug-free zone. Authorities explained that the suspect lives less than 100 feet from Lamar Elementary School, which is declared as a drug free zone.

Midland Police Department Tuesday
Attempted sexual assault: A woman reported an attempted

sexual assault from an east Midland residence. It was reported at 2:30 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Bill Kirk told police that compact discs and a purse was stolen from a vehicle at 4027 Angelina Dr. It was reported at 8:05 a.m.

Criminal mischief: Michelle Martinez told police that outside walls to an apartment at 2301 N. Pecos St. was vandalized.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Wednesday

Criminal mischief: A car was damaged at 300 E. Walcott Ave. Jesus Cuellar made a report at 9:01 a.m.

Theft: An employee of Western RV and Marine, 4600 W. Wall St., reported a theft of a motor. A report was made at 1:50 p.m.

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

LOCAL IN BRIEF

Photographer reception set in Odessa

ODESSA — An opening reception with artist Beckwith Thompson is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Proteus Gallery and Salon, 112 W. 5th.

Thompson's show, "Sacred Centers: Photography and Printmaking," remains through Nov. 1.

Live audience needed for radio show

ODESSA — KOCV-TV, Channel 36/Cable 13, is asking members of the community to be a part of the live audience for the production of live radio drama in the style of old-time radio theater aired in the 1930s and 1940s.

The station will be producing two comedies — "The Marfa Jackalope," a spoof of "The Maltese Falcon," and "The Closet" — at 7 p.m. Saturday in Dederick Auditorium on the OC campus. The production will last around an hour.

Members of the audience will get to see how sound effects were provided and commercials were made and help supply laughter and other audience reaction during the taping. KOCV-FM will air the programs at a later date.

Brand New Oprea on stage Saturday

ODESSA — The Globe Theatre presents Odessa's Brand New Oprea, on stage Saturday at 7 p.m. Advance tickets for the show are \$5 reserve, \$3 open seating. Tickets also available the night of the show are \$6 reserve seating and \$4 open seating.

For more information and advance tickets call 915-332-1586.

Auditions for ballet to be held

The Midland Festival Ballet is holding auditions for "The Nutcracker" at the Coleman Academy, 4610 N. Garfield, Saturday. One year of dance training is required for children ages 6-7, who will audition from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

A minimum of two years of ballet training is required for ages 8 to adult.

Audition times are:
10:30 a.m.-noon for ages 10-12.
1 to 2 p.m. for ages 8-10.
2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 12-adult (please bring pointe shoes).

The Clara audition, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., requires three years of ballet training for ages 9 and up.

On Monday, Sept. 8, from 8 to 9:30 p.m., adults can audition for roles of parents in party scene. Adults must have dance training or feel comfortable with movement.

For more information call 682-2653.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Jacksonville woman charged in murder-for-hire involvement

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — The wife of a man who killed two of three intruders in his home this week was charged Wednesday with hiring the men to kill her husband.

John Haskins, 33, was held at gunpoint and his life was threatened by three men at his home early Tuesday morning before he was able to wrestle a gun away from his captors.

Haskins killed two of his intruders, and the third is in custody.

On Wednesday, Cherokee County Sheriff James Campbell arrested Haskins' wife, Cathy Therese Hask-

ins, on a charge of attempted capital murder for hire. Her bond was set at \$100,000.

Campbell said he called the Haskins couple in for statements on Tuesday and later determined that Mrs. Haskins had paid for the men to be in her home. She was not home when the early-morning incident occurred.

The intruder whom John Haskins did not kill, 22-year-old Joshua Mangrum, was charged Wednesday with attempted burglary and evading arrest.

After-concert wreck kills Odessa man

By Rick Lopez

Staff Writer

ODESSA — An Odessa man died and a Midlander was injured late Tuesday in a one-vehicle rollover that occurred at a residential area in the 5600 block of Ponderosa Ave., Texas Department of Public Safety authorities said Wednesday.

Matthew Shane Clark, 22, of Odessa, died after sustaining serious injuries from the accident. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Ector County Medical Examiner B.J. White at 12:30 a.m. Clark's body was taken to the Odessa Medical Center Morgue, where an autopsy was pending Wednesday, authorities said.

Midlander Robert Joseph Jones, 21, was hospitalized at the Odessa Medical Center, where he was reported to be in fair condition on Wednesday. DPS officials said that the man sustained lacerations and abrasions from the accident.

The accident occurred at 11:30 p.m. Friends of the victim were quoted as saying that the men were leaving the Sammy Hagar concert, which was held at the Ector County Coliseum that evening.

According to DPS reports, Jones, the driver of the vehicle, was allegedly driving at a high speed on the eastbound lane of Ponderosa. The driver was looking for State Highway 191 when he

made an improper turn and struck a dirt embankment, causing the vehicle to rollover at least two times, the reports said.

Friends of Clark family were quoted as saying that he was the father of a three-day-old daughter.

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Morales ready for tobacco industry trial

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales said Wednesday he is ready to argue the state's \$14 billion lawsuit against major players in the nation's tobacco industry.

Through the lawsuit, Morales is trying to recover state and federal funds spent on treating smoking-related illness for Medicaid patients in Texas.

A pretrial hearing in the federal case is scheduled for Monday. Trial in the Texarkana courtroom is scheduled to begin Sept. 29.

"We believe the evidence against the tobacco industry is overwhelming," Morales said. "It is time for this industry to be held accountable for its illegal activities, which have caused such great harm to our children and the public health."

Morales said most of the evidence comes from the tobacco industry's own documents, research and former employees.

Jack Maroney, an attorney for Philip Morris, said the industry is



Jeff Hill, a paralegal working with the office of the Texas Attorney General's Texas trial team, is shown in a gymnasium in Texarkana, Texas. About three fourths of the eight million documents and evidence to be used in the upcoming \$14 billion lawsuit against major tobacco companies is stored in the gym at Pinewood Hospital in Texarkana.

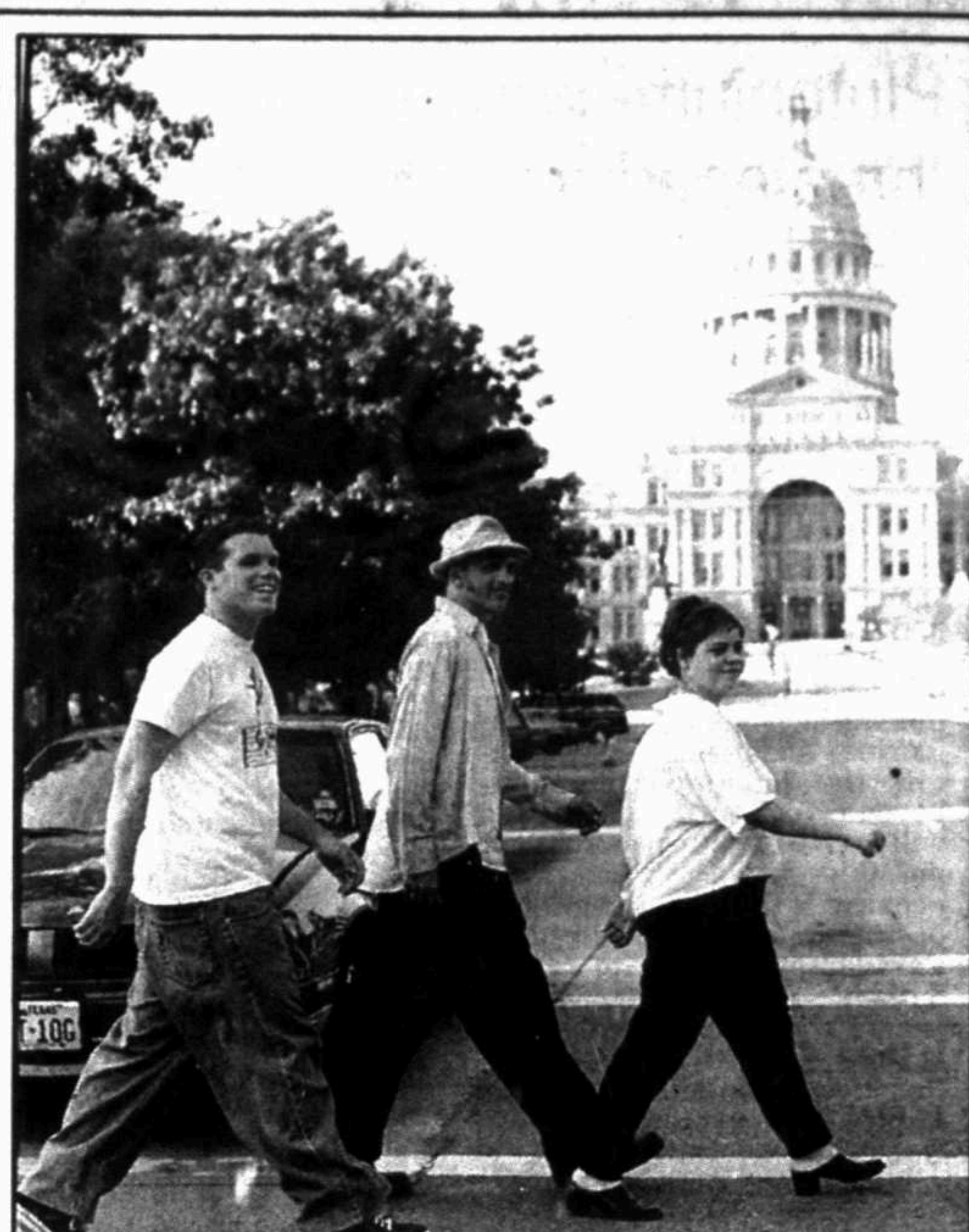
confident it will successfully defend itself. "Once the facts are presented before a jury of fair-minded Texans, the outcome will be a favorable one for the industry,"

Maroney said.

The lawsuit claims companies and tobacco industry groups broke state and federal laws, including deceptive trade and fraud. It names American Tobacco, R.J. Reynolds, Brown and Williamson, B.A.T. Industries, Philip Morris, Liggett Group, Lorillard, United States Tobacco; public relations firm Hill and Knowlton; the Council for Tobacco Research-USA and Tobacco Institute as defendants.

The trial comes as federal lawmakers consider a proposed settlement between American tobacco companies and nearly 40 states, including Texas, that have sued the industry. But the industry also has settled cases with two other states.

Morales has said the \$360 billion national proposal could net Texas more money than its separate lawsuit. But he says the state should go forward with the federal trial in case terms of the settlement are radically changed or rejected by Congress.



MTV in Austin

Cast members of the MTV sitcom "Austin Stories" are shown as they stroll across Congress Ave. in downtown Austin, Texas, Tuesday. From left are Brad "Chip" Pope; Howard "Howard" Kremer and Laura "Laura" House. The show is set to premiere Sept. 10.

Houston judge says students may wear rosary beads

Ruling reverses school policy claiming religious apparel may be perceived as gang attire.

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that New Caney High School students may once again adorn themselves in rosary beads, reversing a decision by authorities who had banned the religious apparel as gang attire.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner ruled that the New Caney Independent School District's policy on gang-related apparel was vague, and the district could not prohibit the students from wearing the beads.

New Caney students Jerry Robertson and David Chalifoux were told last spring they had to wear their rosary beads under their shirts. Their parents then



David Chalifoux smiles as he poses for the media outside the federal courthouse Wednesday in Houston. A judge ruled in favor of Chalifoux and his friend Jerry Robertson, allowing them to wear their rosary beads to school in New Caney, Texas.

sued the school district, arguing a violation of religious freedom. "I'm very excited," Chalifoux

said after Wednesday's ruling. "I can express my faith now. It's great."

In his decision, Hittner ruled that the boys' religious expression was protected under the First Amendment, which covers symbols and conduct that constitute "symbolic speech."

He discounted the district's argument that many non-Catholics and Catholics wouldn't know what the boys' intended message was.

"Even assuming that some persons are not familiar with the rosary, undoubtedly they are familiar with the crucifix attached to the center of the rosary, which is recognized universally as a symbol of Christianity," he wrote.

Hittner did not award the plaintiffs any monetary damages outside of attorneys' fees and court costs.

Plaintiff's attorney Brent Perry said the ruling was just.

Crackdown brings slight decrease in apprehensions

McALLEN (AP) — More than a week into a new initiative against illegal immigration in South Texas, apprehensions have dropped slightly but not enough to declare the mission a success, officials said Wednesday.

"It's a little early for us to declare victory. We're nowhere near there yet," Joe Garza, chief of the Border Patrol's McAllen sector, said at a news conference.

The initiative started Aug. 25 with more agents being deployed to the banks of the Rio Grande. The operation is concentrated in Brownsville, along a 2 1/2-mile slice of river guarded by agents stationed 200 yards apart and illuminated by dozens of 1,000-watt lights.

While illegal crossings have almost ceased along that section of river, overall apprehensions have dropped only slightly in Brownsville and other Rio Grande Valley cities, Garza said.

Before Operation Rio Grande began, the Brownsville Border Patrol station averaged about 200 illegal apprehensions a day. One week after the initiative started, that number had dropped to 191, Garza said.

In the entire McAllen sector, which spans 282 miles of river from Brownsville west to Roma, apprehensions have decreased from 692 to 657 in the first week of the operation.

Because of the heightened enforcement, Garza said he had anticipated a sharp rise in apprehensions in Brownsville. He also expected to see more arrests in other cities as immigrants shifted up and down river.

However, only the Rio Grande City Border Patrol station reported an increase in apprehensions in the past week, from 23 to 29. Several of those illegals said they had crossed there because of the additional manpower in Brownsville.

While apprehensions haven't changed much, there have been other signs that illegal immigrants are looking for new ways into the country.

In the first two days of Operation Rio Grande, 37 illegals sprinted past immigration officers at international bridges in Brownsville, a practice known as port-running. Security was heightened at the bridges, and just three port-runners have been reported in the past four days, Garza said.

Document fraud cases also have risen. This past weekend, immigration officers arrested 86 people in the Rio Grande Valley for using fraudulent documents or making false claims to try to enter the country, Garza said. Usually, officials see just 55 such cases over a weekend.

Despite all the numbers, the tangible effects of Operation Rio Grande on citizens on both sides of the border remain difficult to measure.

In downtown Brownsville, merchants have noticed more Border Patrol agents manning the streets, but they said they can't yet determine whether that has translated into a decreased number of vandals and shoplifters.

"We see a lot of agents," said Rocio Gutierrez, a salesperson at a

Radio Shack store on one bustling thoroughfare. "But they're concentrating on the people who cross the river and not the people who live over here. They're the ones that give us problems."

In Mexico, government officials remain concerned that Operation Rio Grande will result in human rights abuses and force immigrants to seek more dangerous routes into the United States.

However, one immigrant rights group on this side of the border said it had yet to receive any complaints of poor treatment or abuse since the initiative began.

"We really haven't heard much," said Nathan Selzer of the Valley Coalition for Justice, which has been distributing fliers urging immigrants to contact the group if they are mistreated by immigration officials.

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Plutonium-carrying spacecraft threatened by cooling problem

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A blasting air conditioner has damaged NASA's Cassini spacecraft and will probably delay its launch next month on a controversial, nuclear-powered mission to Saturn.

Program manager Richard Spelarski said it will take at least a week to remove the spacecraft from the launch pad and repair the ripped insulation. Cassini is supposed to be launched Oct. 6 on the \$3.4 billion mission to explore Saturn, its rings and moons.

If the launch is bumped beyond Nov. 4, the spacecraft will arrive at Saturn months or possibly even years late because of the planets' shifting positions. As it is, it will take Cassini seven years to reach Saturn.

Every day's delay means less scientific payback. The extra fuel that will be needed to get to Saturn will mean less fuel for scientific exploration.

When asked if Oct. 6 still was achievable, the European Space Agency project manager for the landing probe threw up his hands and grimaced.

"It's very disappointing but we're prepared to deal with it," project manager Hamid Hassan said. "The tear is there. For me, that's the worst that could happen."

Foam and insulation on the European-built landing probe was damaged by an excessive flow of air, Spelarski said.

The 55-degree air should have been flowing at 10 pounds per minute at about 140 mph onto the landing probe. In fact, for unknown reasons, it was shooting out at 30 pounds to 35 pounds per minute at more than 400 mph.

The landing probe is designed to parachute onto Saturn's largest moon, Titan, and is outfitted with 34 slightly radioactive heaters. Because of these heaters, the probe needs constant air conditioning until launch.

The insulating foil was torn nearly 2 inches, and the foam underneath also was damaged by the blasting air, which scattered foam particles.

The U.S.-European project has been criticized because of the 72 pounds of highly radioactive plutonium that will be used to provide electrical power for Cassini during its 11-year mission.

Some anti-nuclear activists, afraid plutonium could be showered on Earth in an accident, have threatened to try to stop or disrupt Cassini's launch. NASA insists the spacecraft is safe.

Cassini was moved to the launch pad last Thursday amid increased security and secrecy and placed on an unmanned Titan 4B rocket. The damage was discovered Tuesday.

Spelarski dismissed any suggestion the problem was the result of sabotage.

Gore to attend fund-raiser on eve of finance hearings

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On the eve of Senate hearings about his appearance at a controversial Buddhist temple fund-raiser, Vice President Al Gore is helping Virginia Democrats raise \$500,000 for their gubernatorial candidate.

The vice president was scheduled to attend the \$10,000-a-ticket dinner at the home of Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va., as the Senate prepared to examine the 1996 temple fund-raiser and new questions arose about calls Gore made to donors from the White House.

The Democratic National Committee acknowledged that \$120,000 of the money Gore raised in six of the 46 calls from his office was assigned to the party's "hard-money" account.

Neither the donors nor Gore was told that part of the "soft-money" donations was placed in that separate account, which the party can use to help candidates directly, said Steve Langdon, a DNC spokesman.

Accordingly, Langdon said Wednesday the DNC would transfer \$120,000 to its "soft-money" fund, which is supposed to be used for party-building activities and not to benefit specific candidates.

The distinction between the two types of donations is important because Attorney General Janet Reno has argued that Gore's fund-raising calls from the White House did not vio-

late any laws. Reno has argued that "soft-money" contributions are not covered by existing statutes barring political fund raising in government offices.

Reno's legal interpretation, cited to support her decision not to appoint an independent counsel, is disputed by Republican senators.

The fund-raiser Gore was to attend Wednesday night was organized to raise money for the already flush campaign coffers of Lt. Gov. Don Beyer, a Washington area car dealer who is in a close race for governor this fall.

Organizers of the event in suburban McLean, Va., said they expected it would raise \$500,000 for Beyer's campaign.

"The vice president will continue to raise money and help Democratic candidates across the country," said Lorraine Voles, a spokeswoman for the vice president. "He is happy to be able to go to Virginia and show his support for Don Beyer."

Gore's appearance at the Beyer fund-raiser was scheduled as the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee prepared to hear testimony Thursday from three Buddhist nuns, as well as a former top aide to the vice president.

The nuns from the Hs Lai Temple outside Los Angeles are expected to testify about their \$5,000 donations to the DNC, for which they were reimbursed by the temple.

The scheme to raise \$60,000 from the temple and disguise it as individual donations from

monks and nuns was hatched by DNC fund-raiser John Huang a day after Gore attended a luncheon there on April 29, 1996.

David Strauss, who was deputy chief of Gore's staff in 1996, was also scheduled to testify when the hearings on campaign fund-raising abuses resume after a month-long recess. Strauss was to be questioned about what the vice president and his aides knew in advance about the event.

When the controversy about the temple fund-raiser erupted last fall, Gore argued that he did not know at the time the event was being held to raise money. Gore said it was billed to him as a "community outreach event" for Asian-Pacific Americans.

Later, he acknowledged he "knew that there were finance people who were going to be present."

Memos, e-mails and other documents produced before the visit suggest that members of Gore's staff thought the temple event was a fund-raiser.

Meanwhile, seven interest groups spanning the political spectrum said they would resist Senate subpoenas for documents about their lobbying and electoral activities.

The groups, including the Teamsters, the Christian Coalition and the National Council of Senior Citizens, argued in a letter to the Senate panel that the subpoenas violate their First Amendment rights of political expression.

Baptists vote to retain leader after he begs for second chance

DENVER (NYT) — With his wife at his side pledging her love, the Rev. Henry J. Lyons, the embattled leader of the nation's largest black denomination Wednesday survived a no-confidence vote at the National Baptist Convention meeting.

Dissenting ministers had attempted to oust Lyons over allegations of financial impropriety. In what onlookers described as an extraordinary moment for the 8.5 million-member National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., delegates rejected a motion to expel Lyons after he and his wife begged for a second chance.

"I'm asking you, I'm begging you in the name of Jesus to give him another chance because he deserves it," Deborah Lyons told the several hundred delegates at the Denver Convention Center.

"I have not taken one single dime, not one single cent of this convention's money," Henry Lyons said. "I ask you to please, please forgive me."

The failed motion was introduced by the Rev. Calvin O. Butts III of New York. He is considered one of the most influential ministers in the country and has accused Lyons of "deceitful and deceptive actions."

Butts was one of about 200 dissidents who tried to mount the auditorium stage Wednesday but were blocked by Roscoe Cooper, the Baptist Convention's general secretary, who led the audience in a

gospel song in an effort to drown out protesters shouting. "Let the people speak."

Lyons asked that seven of the dissidents and seven of his supporters be allowed to address the convention. Lyons has been accused of using church funds to purchase real estate, a luxury car and jewelry for a woman he had named to a high church post.

As the dissenters took the stage, about 50 reporters were escorted from the auditorium and surrounded by security guards. Some reporters, however, managed to remain inside to hear the debate.

"They want you out so you can't see the corruption that happens in this convention," the Rev. Jasper Williams Jr. of Atlanta told reporters. "This is not what the Baptist church is about. It's about the freedom to express ourselves."

Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, who is a Baptist, also criticized the decision to remove the press and intervened to allow them back inside. "The best democracy has to be done in the open," he said.

After Butts' motion failed, delegates sang "Amazing Grace." Later, at a news conference, Lyons said he was grateful for the support and acknowledged that he had committed errors of judgment. "I

do consider this a serious, serious wake-up call," he said.

Before the vote, dissidents handed out documents they said showed evidence of Lyons's financial improprieties. The documents included a canceled check for \$10,000 made out to a Florida jewelry store. Lyons has been accused of using church funds to purchase a \$36,000 diamond ring for Bernice Edwards, hired by Lyons to handle corporate public affairs for the Baptist Convention.



From left, attorney Grady C. Irvin, Jr., leads Deborah Lyons, her husband, Rev. Henry Lyons, and Pastor Don Robinson into a news conference Wednesday in the Colorado Convention Center in Denver after Lyons, who is president of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., was reaffirmed as leader of the nation's largest black church during a raucous voice vote by the full convention. Rev. Lyons was the subject of allegations concerning misuse of church funds. Man at right is unidentified.

Weld lobbies Senate Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld renewed his long-shot Capitol Hill campaign Wednesday to become ambassador to Mexico, taking his case to friendly Democrats on a committee hostile to his bid.

Weld met separately with Sens. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who called Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., "unjust" for refusing to grant Weld a hearing.

"I have some indignation about this," Wellstone said in an interview after meeting with Weld. "I don't think it's fair to Governor Weld and I don't think it's fair to the way the Senate operates."

The staunchly conservative Helms has vowed not to grant a hearing to President Clinton's nominee. Helms has said that he

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— Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.)

believes Weld, a moderate Republican and former prosecutor, is soft on drugs for supporting the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

During the congressional recess, committee Republicans such as Sens. Paul Coverdell of Georgia, Rod Grams of Minnesota and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska voiced support for Helms and urged Clinton to withdraw Weld's name.

Senate OKs Clinton youth smoking crackdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing course by an unexpectedly large margin, the Senate dealt the tobacco industry a blow Wednesday by approving the Clinton administration's \$34 million request for a crackdown on cigarette sales to teen-agers.

"Big tobacco fought it because they want to keep on getting these kids hooked," said Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, the main sponsor of legislation backing the administration's funding request. "This is one step in a big battle, but it's a great step."

A few hours later, the House showed its nonbinding but also overwhelming support of the full \$34 million, which is \$10 million more than House members had initially appropriated.

"It is an important victory for our children and a clear endorsement of the national effort to protect them from the dangers of tobacco," Vice President Al Gore said in a statement.

In July, the Senate rejected an attempt to fully fund the Food and Drug Administration program that would provide money for all 50 states to ensure stores are checking identification to prevent minors from buying tobacco products. Instead, the Senate had approved just \$4.9 million, enough for perhaps 10 states.

During the August congressional recess, tobacco foes lobbied furiously to boost the amount, focusing on a provision of the just-completed balanced budget deal that permits tobacco companies to use \$50 billion from a future cigarette tax increase to help pay for the proposed national settlement of health-related smoking lawsuits.

Harkin also changed the source of the \$34 million for FDA from an assessment on tobacco companies to a reduction in computer money for the Agriculture Department.

"I think in many cases people have had a closer look and that they feel very comfortable with the vote," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who switched his vote.

When the issue came to a vote Wednesday, senators joined Daschle in rejecting an attempt to kill Harkin's amendment by a surprisingly decisive 70-28 vote. Harkin's previous effort failed 52-48.

The amendment was added to the Agriculture Department spending bill for fiscal 1998, the final version of which will be produced through House-Senate negotiations.

Later Wednesday, the House voted 299-125 for a non-binding

resolution instructing its negotiators to support the Senate funding level instead of the \$24 million the House had approved.

Meanwhile, a Senate committee continued hearings Wednesday on the proposed \$368 billion settlement of state health-related smoking lawsuits despite growing sentiment that Congress will put the issue off until next year because of its complexity and controversial nature.

"At this point, it doesn't appear as if we're prepared ... to come to any conclusion about the tobacco agreement," Daschle said. "We want to make sure we've covered the bases."

On Tuesday, the wholesale price of cigarettes rose by 7 cents a pack, about 7.5 percent, which should translate into a 4 percent retail boost for smokers.

The rise, which follows an increase of about 5 cents a pack in March, will be used by companies to pay for smoking lawsuit settle-

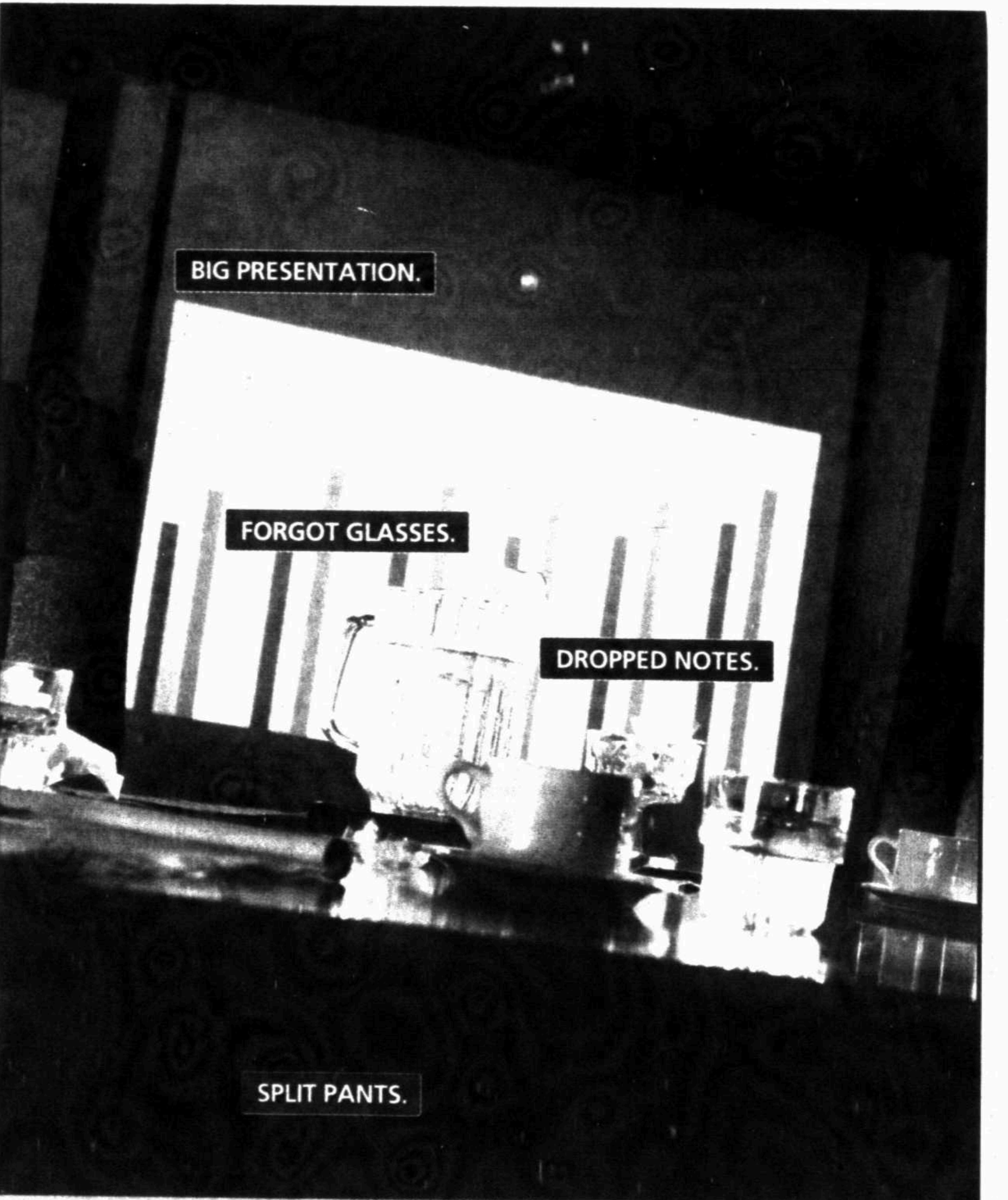
ments.

Under the FDA's crackdown on teen smoking, government money will be distributed to states that request it to help them check retail stores to determine if they are selling tobacco products illegally to youngsters under 18. The Clinton administration estimates that such sales could reach \$1.2 billion annually.

Opponents complained that Harkin's use of Senate rules to block the agriculture spending bill to force a vote on his amendment was a violation of an agreement aimed at speeding appropriations measures through Congress.

Nobody spoke against the funding the FDA program itself.

"We're all for doing everything possible to persuade young people, minors, not to smoke. That's not the issue here," said Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., chairman of the Senate Appropriations panel on agriculture.



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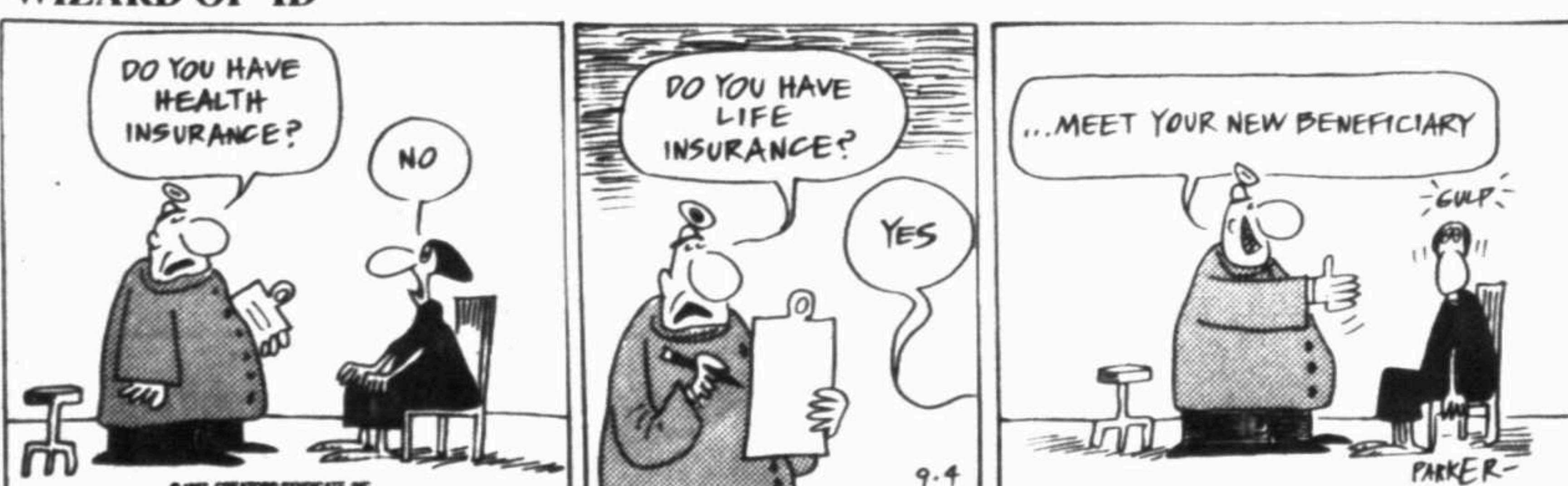
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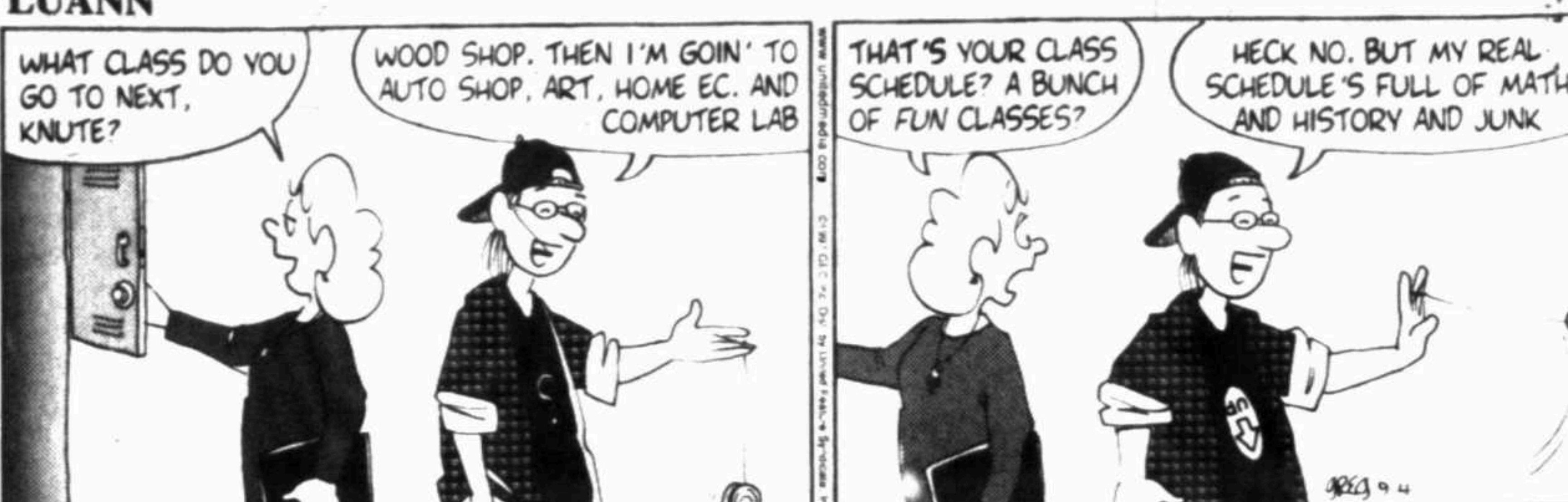
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 4, 1997:

You will gain financially this year, as long as you avoid taking risks or spending when you are angry. Learn new ways of processing and expressing your feelings. Work remains a high priority, and a very rewarding one, as long as you stay flexible. You have a lot of energy, and need to use it. Getting into an exercise routine will help you remain more even. If you are single, your romantic life becomes more exciting in 1998. You will like what life offers. If attached, you feel as if you are on your honeymoon again. **LIBRA** helps you recognize your assets.

BORN TODAY
Singer Mitzi Gaynor (1931), actress Jennifer Salt (1944), golfer Tom Watson (1949)

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Let others speak their mind; actually, you won't be able to stop them. Your goodwill and openness allow others to come to you. A partner informs you that he disapproves of how you handle a professional matter. Tonight: Do what another asks.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Make work the highest priority. You disagree with someone. You can let it develop into a difficult situation or decide to let it go. Special opportunities appear on your doorstep. Weigh the pros and cons. Remember, this is your call. Tonight: Work out at the gym.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Your imagination knows

no limits. Make calls, reach out for others and listen to others' feedback. Travel an offbeat path to realize a long-term professional goal. You are concerned about a needed change. Worry less, and leap into action. Tonight: Flirt!
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Family and home assume starring roles. You might not concur with another, but listen to his opinions. Relating opens unknown paths. Let your imagination lead. A loved one rebels; it's momentary. Tonight: Don't let anything get to you!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** An associate is full of surprises; just roll with them. The more adaptable you are, the greater your success. Others are no longer constant in your life, but they give you a lot of feedback. A family member could cause a problem with a partner. Tonight: Be diplomatic.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Keep your eye on your objectives. You have several financial choices. It's your call. Be realistic about your work abilities. You feel overwhelmed by all that is on your plate. Be clear with work associates. Tonight: Call it an early evening.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Allow your loving side to come out. You might not be aware of it, but you are someone's muse. Flow with creativity, the moment and your needs. Being light and easy makes all the difference. Be careful with an office flirtation. Tonight: Avoid monetary risks.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Be a good listener. Your point

of view isn't the only one. A family member needs to talk, but he might trigger your emotions and get you angry. Let this person have his catharsis. Discuss your feelings in a cool, collected way. Tonight: Make it an easy night.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Be direct with a friend about what you are thinking. You might need to screen calls; you could have a prank caller! At any rate, there's a lot to do. Make time for an important group meeting. Do not let frustration get to you later in the day. Tonight: Talk about feelings.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You are being held responsible for what is going on at work. While the going is good, you will like it. Emphasize money, new additions and greater opportunity. A friend might disappoint you in a pinch. Maintain control, and stay even. Tonight: Reconsider loaning money.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Your optimism, energy and eccentricities work in your favor. Be willing to blaze a new trail, even change direction, if necessary. When someone in power goes ballistic, stay level. Think through what is happening, rather than react. Tonight: Be your spontaneous self.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** You are in your element dealing with others. Do not hesitate to reveal your feelings. Listen carefully to what a partner shares. With understanding, you can bring a relationship to a new level. A change in plans could be upsetting. Tonight: Don't buck trends!

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Sitting West was the inventor of the weak two-bid and one of the great players of all time, Howard Schenken. South was the then-editor of "The Bridge World," Sonny Moysie.

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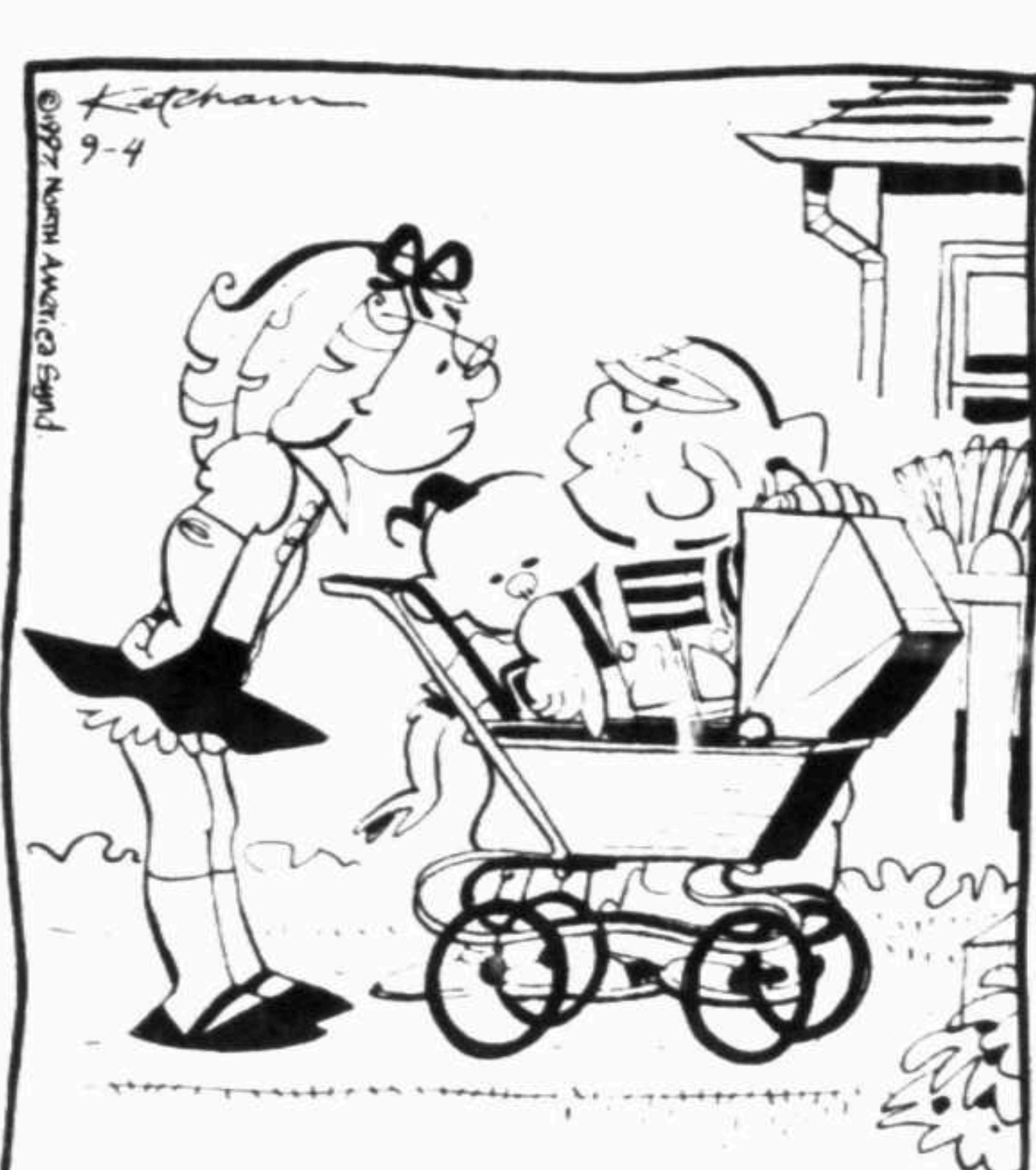
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'Roseanne' actor has made second career out of playing 'undesirables'

NEW YORK — Johnny Galecki has a simple goal for his acting: undesirability. Galecki, who played the good-guy adolescent David on "Roseanne," has made three movies since the series ended.

In "I Know What You Did Last Summer," he plays a hapless murder victim. In "Bean," he's a motorcycle riding freak and in "Suicide Kings" he's a compulsive teen-ager.

"I don't know what it is, but something always drives me to make my characters as undesirable as possible," Galecki told Movieline magazine in its September issue. "For 'Suicide Kings' I wanted John Turturro eyes and Kramer-esque hair."

He said his role as Roseanne's son-in-law had advantages. "A friend told me that his sister and his assistant agreed that if they could choose only one actor to sleep with it would be Robert Downey Jr. If there was only one they could date, it would be Johnny Depp. And if there was only one they could marry, it would be David from 'Roseanne.'"

MONTERREY, Mexico — Lucha Villa, one of Mexico's most popular singers and actresses, has virtually recovered from a coma apparently caused by liposuction, her doctor said Wednesday.



Villa is recovering from coma caused by liposuction, doctors say.

Villa, 61, can open her eyes, move her limbs, talk and breathe without the help of a respirator. Dr. Jose Luis Assad Morel told reporters. Assad, head of a medical team attending her at Muguerza Hospital, said it will take several more days for Villa to achieve full recovery.

"She is not in danger anymore," he said. She collapsed Aug. 28 and went into shock at another Monterrey hospital after undergoing liposuction to remove fat from her midriff. She was under anesthesia during the procedure. Villa has made more than 100 films and is best known along northern Mexico and in Hispanic communities along the U.S. border for her ranchero music, a Mexican style of western.

LOS ANGELES — Frances McDormand is trading in her "Fargo" police badge for a nun's habit as the headmistress in the movie adaptation of the

Madeline children's stories. McDormand will play Miss Clavell, the stern but sweet headmistress who must keep up with her most spirited charge in the children's classics by Ludwig Bemelmans.

The movie begins filming in Paris later this month and will also be shot in London, Daily Variety reported Wednesday.

McDormand, who won an Oscar for her role in "Fargo," will follow Miss Clavell with Blanche Dubois in a Dublin revival of "A Streetcar Named Desire."

LOS ANGELES — George Clooney plans to "spend every free moment" making it easier for celebrities to sue for libel.

The "ER" hunk and latest "Batman" star likened the tabloids to drug dealers in the wake of the Paris crash that killed Princess Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and their driver, who authorities said was drunk as they were chased by paparazzi.

Clooney singled out National Enquirer editor Steve Coz.

"I wonder how you sleep at night," Clooney said at a news conference Tuesday. "You should be ashamed."

Clooney said tabloids hide behind the legal requirement that public figures accusing media organizations of libel must prove stories were motivated by "malicious intent." He called that a nearly impossible hurdle to overcome.

"They are the two words that every ethical journalist says is the loophole tabloids hide behind," he said. "They are two words in the law that I will spend every free moment trying to change."

Contacted later, Coz said: "Let's allow the facts of this tragedy to speak for themselves rather than have celebrities twist it to fit their own publicity agenda."

WASHINGTON — Mario Cuomo, the three-term Democratic governor of New York, and William Bennett, who was President George Bush's drug czar and President Ronald Reagan's secretary of education, are not normally allies in public causes. But Wednesday it was announced that they will serve as co-chairmen of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. The two men appeared at a news conference Wednesday morning at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington.

First on their agenda will be an effort to win passage of a bill now before Congress that would allocate about \$175 million a year to buy television time for antidrug advertisements aimed at parents and children.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire reports.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

THURSDAY EVENING				September 4, 1997				For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listing					
Broadcast	Channel	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMD	2	News 181	Wheel of Fortune	High Incident: Shootout	When Stunts Go Bad	Turning Point: Whiz Kids	Mystery of Happiness	News	Cheers	Nightline	Keenen I. Wayans		
(5) KPEJ	24	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Entertain Tonight	Promised Land: Cowboy	World's Scariest Police	FX: The Series (Part 2)	News	Who's the Boss?	Vibe	594984		
(7) KOSA	7	News 8013	Seinfeld	Friends	Men Behaving Badly	Seinfeld	3rd Rock From Sun	News	Late Show With David Letterman	10:35	U.S. Open Tennis		
(9) KWES	9	News 4029	The Light of the Southwest	West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery!	722839	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	10:35	U.S. Open Tennis		
(12) KMLM	42	The Light of the Southwest	West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery!	722839	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	10:35	U.S. Open Tennis			
(13) KOCV	36	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 205742	West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery!	722839	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	10:35	U.S. Open Tennis			
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(10) WGN	11	Family Matters	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?
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(16) BRAV	18	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles	Bravo Profiles
(20) BET	20	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove	Planet Groove
(21) DISN	21	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel	Disney Channel
(22) FAM	22	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons
(23) CNN	35	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline	Moneyline
(24) ESPN	35	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
(27) USA	37	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker	Walker
(28) FX	38	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Miami Vice
(30) A&E	39	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order
(40) TLC	40	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime	HomeTime
(41) NICK	41	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug
(43) LIFE	43	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait	Intimate Portrait
(46) OUTDR	46	Safari	Safari	Safari	Safari	Safari	Safari	Safari	Safari	Safari	Safari	Safari	Safari
(48) UNI	49	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel	MI Querida Isabel
(50) HSE	50	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight	Sports Tonight
(51) COM	51	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money	Ben Stein's Money
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(15) AMC	15	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent	Tarzan the Magnificent
(16) TNT	16	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard
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(22) MAX	22	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas	Lucas
(29) VC1	29	Evita	Evita	Evita	Evita	Evita	Evita	Evita	Evita	Evita	Evita	Evita	Evita
(30) CHTS2	30	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation	Vegas Vacation
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Congress back to business following August recess

WASHINGTON (Hearst)—House leaders promised speedy approval of appropriations bills to avoid another government shutdown and Senate leaders clashed over a contested 1996 election as Congress returned to business Wednesday.

Back from August recess, both chambers also opened debate on education spending, which could lead to a fight over an amendment in the House that would prevent the Clinton administration from establishing national testing standards. A vote on the amendment could come as early as Thursday.

A Senate clash between Republicans and Democrats loomed over the still-contested election of Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., whose victory in 1996 over Republican candidate Woody Jenkins by 5,788 votes has been under Senate investigation since February.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., threatened Wednesday to slow down Senate business by using parliamentary maneuvers to block most Senate committees from

meeting Thursday because of the continuing investigation.

Daschle told reporters that the Landrieu probe "should have been wrapped months ago" and that Senate Republicans heading the inquiry had yet to produce "any evidence" indicating that voter fraud was involved in her election.

"It will be our intention to selectively oppose committees meeting until we resolve the Landrieu matter. That is first and foremost our priority in the coming days," Daschle said.

"It's a matter of fairness. Senator Landrieu has done everything right. I don't see why anyone should be held hostage like she has," he said.

Daschle's tactics, which would demand voice votes on each committee meeting, could slow the Senate schedule, which includes debate and possible votes on a number of appropriations and other matters.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., blamed the Democrats for dragging out the

investigation, noting that they had boycotted a hearing on the matter last month in New Orleans.

"We could have concluded it already if we'd had cooperation from the Democrats," he said.

The House, meanwhile, spent its first day back debating the 1998 foreign aid bill and education spending. Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-Pa., said he hoped to have all 1998 spending bills completed and voted on by the first week of October.

That would mean that Congress might have to pass a short-term continuing spending resolution to keep the government operating past the deadline of midnight Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

Livingston stressed that the budget process would not degenerate into the kind of political fighting that occurred in the winter of 1995, when the GOP received most of the blame for two government shutdowns caused by a delayed budget process.

On Pocomoke River, something makes fish — and people — sick

SHELLTOWN, Md. (AP) — Jack Howard spent two full days on the Pocomoke River last week. By nightfall the second day, the recurring stomach cramps had returned and the vomiting started.

He knows the cause: the river.

Scientists believe a microorganism is making people sick and killing fish by the thousands along the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Some watermen have suffered itchy, red, dime-sized lesions and complained of memory loss and respiratory attacks. Many of the fish have bloody sores.

Howard, a 46-year-old waterman, has spent years working the river but now spends his days catching fish and taking water samples to help scientists solve the mystery. Pulling up fish in nets, he sometimes finds as many as 90 percent of the fish are covered with the ugly sores.

"I've put all my interest in this," Howard said. "It's just something I had to do."

Maryland and Virginia officials last Friday shut down a seven-mile stretch of the Pocomoke and a small part of Pocomoke Sound near the river's mouth to swimming, boating and fishing.

Gov. Parris Glendening cited medical evidence that a parasitic microorganism — perhaps the *Pfiesteria piscicida* responsible for killing fish here and in North Car-

olina — is sickening people.

A team of researchers from Johns Hopkins Hospital and the University of Maryland Medical Center found it likely a toxin released by the microorganism hidden in the river's mud flats caused human brain damage, leading to a loss of concentration and short-term memory, as well as the diarrhea and breathing trouble some Pocomoke watermen have complained of since last fall.

On Wednesday, a third fish kill was detected from Shelltown to Cedar Hall Wharf about four miles north, inside the already-closed portion of the river. State Natural Resources officials did not have any estimate on the number of fish killed but believed it was smaller than last week, when an estimated 2,000 fish died in Pocomoke Sound and an unknown number perished in the river.

Scientists who discovered *Pfiesteria* in the early 1990s believe the one-celled organism has existed for centuries, usually remaining in a nontoxic form that feeds on bacteria and algae.

Researchers suspect that animal

wastes and fertilizers running from farms and poultry houses into the Pocomoke's slow-moving, shallow waters encourage the *Pfiesteria* to multiply.

The microorganism secretes a toxin that subdues the fish until it can attach to their skin and feed on their tissue and blood. Some 11,000 fish died in the river last month. A smaller kill, stretching over a larger area, occurred in the Pocomoke last week.

Scientists believe that the watermen are falling ill from direct contact with the water.

North Carolina health officials said Tuesday they will conduct a study similar to Maryland's, even though problems linked to *Pfiesteria*, including rumors of human illnesses, have been going on there for several years.

Pfiesteria has been blamed for

killing millions of fish in North Carolina's Neuse and Pamlico rivers, both located off Pamlico Sound, which separates the state's mainland from the Outer Banks.

Researchers at North Carolina State University suffered nausea, memory loss and respiratory problems while working with *Pfiesteria*. One worker crawled out of the lab on his hands and knees, vomiting.

Marion East, a 54-year-old boat mechanic, stopped going out on the Pocomoke River this spring after he became ill. His nephew, Tom, didn't have that luxury. He was back Wednesday on an unclosed stretch of the Pocomoke Sound checking crab traps, even though he has suffered pneumonia-like symptoms for months and has lost some 40 pounds.

Reagan made fund-raising calls at White House, hosted donors

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan made telephone calls to fund-raising events from the White House and Camp David and promised donors on one occasion they'd be visiting the White House "quite often," documents from his presidential library show.

Then-Reagan political director Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. recommended the president make calls to congressional fund-raising events. "It's a good idea and we're eager to cooperate," Daniels wrote in a 1986 memo.

Reagan's fund-raising call sheets were prepared on official White House stationery by presidential aides who sometimes noted the exact amount of money to be raised at the event.

Reagan was assured by

lawyers the calls were legal.

The documents do not indicate Reagan ever made a call directly to individual donors from the White House to solicit a specific amount of money — like Vice President Al Gore has admitted. President Clinton has said it is possible he, too, may have made direct telephone solicitations.

Those admissions have embroiled the current White House in questions of whether the president or vice president violated a federal law prohibiting solicitations on federal prop-

erty. Senate hearings resume Thursday with testimony concerning Gore's attendance at a controversial Buddhist temple fund-raiser.

The Associated Press obtained the Reagan fund-raising documents from his presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif., after being alerted to the papers by Democratic sources.

Republicans have been relentless in their criticism of Clinton White House fundraising practices, and the documents shed light on how the GOP used the presidency to good effect during Reagan's two terms.

Former Reagan aides were quick to defend their boss Wednesday.

"I don't recall any time that Ronald Reagan ever made a direct solicitation," said former aide Michael Deaver.

Former White House counsel A.V. Culvahouse, whose office once cleared a fund-raising call by Reagan, said Reagan's calls differed from Gore's.

"As long as the government didn't defray the costs. As long as there was no solicitation and it was a call just to a traditional, large fund-raising event where people are not buying specialized access, I don't have a problem," Culvahouse said.

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GOLF — Canadian Open, first round, at Ile Bizard, Quebec, 3 p.m., ESPN.

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers at Toronto Blue Jays, 6:30 p.m., FSS.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — NCAA Football, Auburn at Virginia, 7 p.m., ESPN.

Arizona at Oregon, 9:30 p.m., FSS.

BASEBALL — Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres, 9 p.m., TBS.

BOWLING — Ladies Pro Bowling, Long Island Open, at Lake Grove, N.Y. (delayed tape), 11:30 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers vs. Los Angeles, late.
Houston Astros 4, Milwaukee Brewers 0.

Texas Tech's arena

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech has signed a \$41 million contract with a Dallas construction firm to build a 12,700-seat basketball arena, the school said Wednesday.

The school, which has been negotiating for seven weeks to get costs for the United Spirit Arena in line, has finalized a deal with Centex Corp.

Construction was to begin immediately and the building, located on the southwest side of campus, is scheduled to open by January 1999. The arena will house the university's basketball and volleyball teams. Both teams currently play in the outdated Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Aikman honored

NEW YORK — Eddie George won the AFC offensive player of the week award Wednesday for his 216 yards rushing in the Tennessee Oilers' overtime win against the Oakland Raiders.

George's performance was the second-best opening-week effort in NFL history, second only to O.J. Simpson's 250 yards in 1973.

Dolphins' safety Shawn Wooden and Jets' rookie kicker John Hall won the AFC's top defensive and special teams honors.

Troy Aikman of the Cowboys, Lions' linebacker Stephen Boyd and Packers' return man Bill Schroeder won the NFC's offensive, defensive and special teams awards.

Wooden had six tackles, two interceptions and one fumble recovery in Miami's 16-10 victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

Hall kicked two field goals, including a 55-yarder to tie Pat Leahy's Jets' record. Hall added five extra points and sent all eight kickoffs into the end zone, including five touchbacks as the Jets trampled Seattle 41-3.

Aikman completed 19-30 passes for 295 yards and four touchdowns to lead Dallas to a 37-7 win against the Pittsburgh Steelers. His four touchdowns against the second-ranked defense in the NFL in 1996, tied a career high.

Boyd returned a fumble 42 yards for a touchdown, intercepted a pass and had a game-high 13 tackles in the Lions' 28-17 win over the Atlanta Falcons.

Schroeder, who replaced Super Bowl MVP Desmond Howard, returned five punts and two kickoffs for 160 yards as the Packers beat the Chicago Bears 38-24.

Dugout collapses

MIAMI — A portion of the wooden roof over the Baltimore Orioles' dugout collapsed during Wednesday night's game against the Florida Marlins at Pro Player Stadium. No one was seriously hurt.

Two members of the Marlins' Bleacher Brigade, which entertains fans between innings, were on the roof launching T-shirts to the crowd when it collapsed. A 30-foot chunk of the roof fell onto the dugout steps in one piece.

One member of the Bleacher Brigade was treated for a cut. Remarkably, the roof missed the Orioles players in the dugout.

Play was briefly delayed while the grounds crew carried away the section of roof.

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Big Spring hopes for different results against familiar 3A foe

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

The opening week of high school football could almost be viewed in terms of a sparring match. In preparation for games in their own class, schools will be taking on opponents in higher — or lower — classes to find out what they need to do to prepare for the big bouts.

There are several intriguing matchups among area schools Friday which promise to push the season off to an entertaining start. Arguably, the best one will be at 7:30 p.m. in Big Spring, when the Class 4A Steers take on Monahans, the defending District 3-3A champion. While it might seem that Big Spring is taking a step down in class in hosting the Lobos, it hasn't escaped Big Spring coach Dwight Butler that Monahans was a 4-4A school along with the Steers before realignment two seasons ago.

"That's a 4A program playing in 3A," said Butler of Monahans. "I don't think there's any doubt they'll be back in 4A."

It's likely that Monahans will be back in 4-4A with Big Spring should it move back up to Class 4A next season,

but the Lobos and Steers still can't help but tangle with one another. The two teams played last year in Monahans to open the season, with Big Spring rallying from a 20-point deficit to take the lead, only to have Monahans score a last-minute touch-

Area Roundup

down to beat the Steers 34-28.

That game provided as good a compass as any to the subsequent fortunes of the two teams. Monahans went undefeated in the regular season and reached the area round of the playoffs while Big Spring lost seven games by eight points or less to finish with a 2-8 record which was misleading but nonetheless heartbreaking.

"It was indicative," said Butler of the loss to Monahans as it related to his team's season. The Steers were competitive almost every time out, but couldn't do what it took to win those tight games.

This will be Big Spring's first opportunity to reverse that trend as well as unveil a new look offensively with

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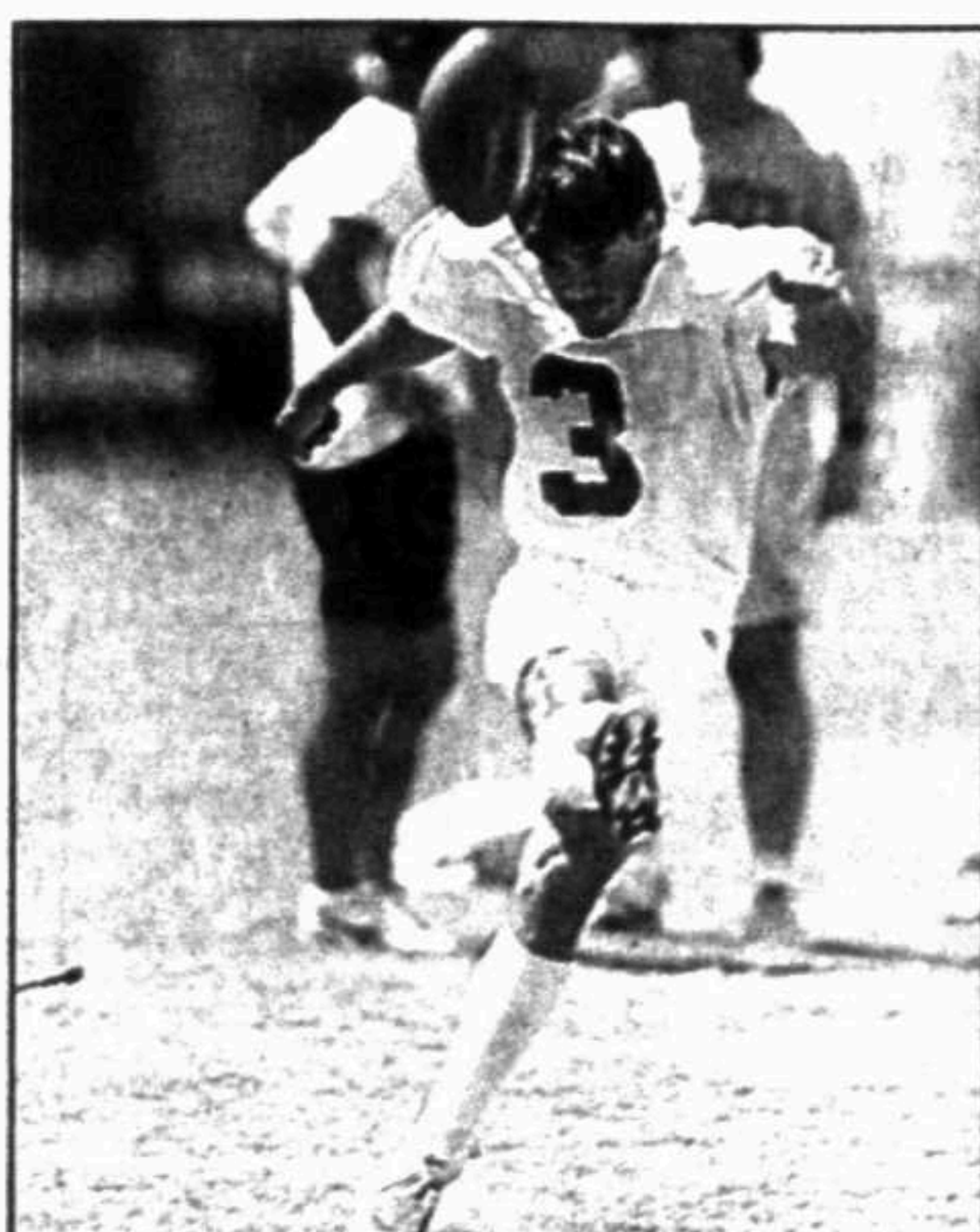
■ Big Spring opens against Monahans and its first-year coach, Larry Hanna. Last year, Hanna coached Iraan to the Class 2A title.

■ Rankin opens against one of its own as a Rankin graduate Randy Doege takes over for Hanna at Iraan.

■ Class 2A Stanton steps up to play 3A Colorado City.

■ Midland Christian begins its second year of 11-man football with a trip out to Roby.

■ Andrews opens the year at home, hooking up with Snyder of District 2-4A.



AP Laserphoto
Dallas Cowboys kicker Richie Cunningham was working in the health care industry in 1996. Now he is Dallas' starter.

Happy days for Cowboys kicker after solid debut

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — These are happy days for Richie Cunningham.

No, not THE Richie Cunningham of the old "Happy Days" television sitcom but Louisianan Cunningham, who kicked his first regular season NFL field goals including a 52-yarder Sunday against Pittsburgh.

"People have always been able to remember my name," Cunningham said. "Now, I hope they'll remember it because I kick field goals for the Dallas Cowboys."

Cunningham of Southwestern Louisiana went to camp with the Cowboys in 1994 and became locked in a head-on duel with Chris Boniol, a good friend out of Louisiana Tech.

"It went down to the wire and Chris won," Cunningham said. "I went home and nobody called."

Cunningham got a job in the health care industry which is where the Green Bay Packers found him in 1996. Instead of getting a Super Bowl ring, Cunningham got cut after the preseason.

"I had a good preseason but it wasn't good enough," Cunningham said.

Then Boniol, who had hit 27 consecutive field goals for the Cowboys, defected to the Philadelphia Eagles for big free agent dollars.

Kicking coach Steve Hoffman, who developed Boniol into a top placekicker, called Cunningham to see if he was free. Cunningham figured health care could wait.

"It's ironic that I would get another chance with Dallas because Chris left," Cunningham said. "We had competed against each other in college. He beat me

Please see KICK/4C

Open's Mystery Men Unknowns making mark in men's draw



AP Laserphoto
Greg Rusedski, of Great Britain, reacts to his defeat of Richard Krajicek, of the Netherlands, at the U.S. Open in New York Wednesday. Rusedski defeated Krajicek 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (8-6) to reach the quarterfinals.

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — So who are these mysterious survivors on the men's side of the draw at the U.S. Open?

Greg Rusedski and Jonas Bjorkman introduced themselves Wednesday, one a big serve specialist, the other part of a Swedish renaissance at the Open.

Rusedski continued his straight-sets march through the Open, ousting Richard Krajicek 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (8-6) in a battle of booming shots. Then Bjorkman joined him in the semifinals, defeating No. 15 Petr Korda 7-6 (7-3), 6-2, 1-0. Korda, bothered by flu-like symptoms and general fatigue, retired in the third set.

"I'm not feeling well," said Korda, who beat top-seeded Pete Sampras on Monday. "I have some kind of virus. This morning I couldn't lift my arms. I spent the whole day in bed, sweating. I didn't want to give up. It really hurts."

"It's the worst thing that could happen to me. I was struggling at the beginning. I was pushing hard as I could. I didn't want to default. I was doing the best I could. I didn't want to collapse."

The losses of Krajicek and Korda subtracted two of the mystery men. The other two men's quarters are scheduled for Thursday with Bjorkman's countryman, Magnus Larsson, facing No. 13 Patrick Rafter and old pal Michael Chang, seeded No. 2, against No. 10 Marcelo Rios.

Bjorkman and Larsson gave Sweden two players in the Open quarterfinals for the first time since 1987 and now Bjorkman is in the semis.

With just three seeds left in the final eight, the tournament matched an Open record established in 1994.

Rusedski and Krajicek conducted a big serve showdown at Arthur Ashe Stadium, matching booming power shots as stiff winds whipped around them. They are ranked first and third in the speed serve

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Hingis, Davenport qualify for women's final four

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — Serve tosses floated like beach balls in the breeze, groundstrokes flew crazily, and napkins scudded across the court.

Martina Hingis dealt with it all so effortlessly Wednesday night at the U.S. Open, as if she were riding the whipping wind past a befuddled Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, 6-3, 6-2.

For Lindsay Davenport, it took much more of a struggle to tame her game during the blustery afternoon and get past Jana Novotna, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), to earn her first semifinal berth in a Grand Slam tournament.

Hingis and Davenport will meet Friday, each knowing how to beat the other. Davenport dealt Hingis one of her two losses

this year, and the only one on a hardcourt, in a three-setter last month in Los Angeles, just after Hingis won their three-setter duel at Stanford University.

Though the wind blew hard and chilly Wednesday evening, Hingis moved as smoothly as ever, peppered the lines and kept Sanchez Vicario, her doubles partner, running in frantic chases from side to side. Nothing glamorous, nothing dramatic, just a straightforward romp by Hingis that drew perfunctory applause from the shivering crowd.

"Arantxa played very different this time because I think the wind was bothering her," Hingis said. "It was very strange. I almost didn't make one mistake. I played nearly faultless."

"It doesn't matter if it's windy because no will remember it was very cold out there if you lose. You just have to play your

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JAY PEDEN

Once the main course, Texas teams licking chops

Bring on the dessert cart.

Last week, Texas teams in the Big 12 served as sacrifices to the football powers. Texas Tech didn't have a chance against Peyton Manning and Tennessee, and the fifth-ranked Vols won, 52-17.

Baylor welcomed No. 14 Miami to Waco, and the Bears got a 45-14 spanking.

This week, it's Texas' turn to feast.

The state's two biggest schools — Texas and Texas A&M — on Saturday host teams that should have no chance to win.

Rutgers visits the Longhorns one week after a 59-19 loss at home to Virginia Tech, and Rutgers won't find Austin's new, improved Royal Memorial Stadium hospitable.

Virginia Tech ravaged Rutgers with a succession of big plays created by the Hokies' defense and new quarterback Al Clark. If the Hokies can do that to Rutgers, what should the Longhorns do with veteran playmaking quarterback James Brown and powerful running back Ricky Williams? The Scarlet Knights should leave Austin with red faces and black and

blue bottoms.

Meanwhile, Texas A&M kicks off the 1997 Cupcake Cavalcade with Sam Houston State. The Aggies, burned in the past by tough non-conference schedules, hope they've solved that problem by signing up Sam, Southwestern Louisiana and North Texas for September slaughters. Southwestern Louisiana proved conclusively with last year's upset of the Aggies that this strategy isn't foolproof, but let's assume that the Aggies learned their lesson well, and that the Ragin' Cajuns won't surprise them this year. And neither will Sam Houston.

Aggie quarterback Brannon Stewart had a disappointing season last year, but Aggie fans also had unrealistic expectations for him. Aggie coaches know they've got the running backs and offensive line to subdue Sam Houston, but Stewart needs to use this game and the next two to find out which of the untested Aggie receivers he can throw to.

On defense, A&M's backfield and brand new line need to learn what they can before they get into the Big 12 schedule. Oh, by the way, Colorado looms fourth on the schedule.

Baylor at least gets a chance this week. The Bears were overmatched against Miami, but this week they face Fresno State, which was 4-7 last year in the WAC. This is a good chance for new Baylor coach



Peden

Dave Roberts to get his first victory.

Texas Tech is open this week. Coach Spike Dykes no doubt spent the week trying to convince his young defensive backs that not all college passing attacks are as good as the one they faced Saturday.

Manning put on a show for the national cable-viewing audience, throwing for 310 yards and five touchdowns. His Heisman campaign is well underway — now if only he can repeat those numbers against Florida Sept. 20.

Of all the times for the Red Raiders to take on a guy who may be the best college quarterback of the decade, Saturday was the worst. Cornerback Tony Darden has a good shot at all-conference honors, but he reached out and touched someone using the wrong phone codes, so he was suspended for the Tennessee game. That left Dane Johnson and a bunch of young, untested players in the Tech backfield. They've got talented players — Midland fans can probably name two — but Saturday's test was too much, too soon.

Their consolation prize is that, with Colorado not on the Big 12 schedule this year, Tech won't have to face an aerial attack like that again this year.

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Tigers, Clark score most runs on Braves this year

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tony Clark broke out of a power slump with a homer and five RBIs as the Detroit Tigers routed John Smoltz and Atlanta 12-4 Wednesday, the most runs scored against the Braves this season.

Smoltz, a Michigan native who began his professional career with the Tigers before a 1987 trade to Atlanta, lasted only 3 1/3 innings, his shortest outing in more than two years. He surrendered eight runs and 10 hits.

Clark, who had only two homers in his previous 118 at-bats, hit a run-scoring double in the first and an RBI single in the third to give him 100 RBIs for the first time.

But the 6-foot-7 switch-hitter wasn't through, slamming a three-run homer in the fourth to highlight a six-run inning and equal his career high for RBIs in a game, set June 21 game against Boston.

Cubs 10, Twins 6
CHICAGO — Mark Grace had a two-run homer and Ryne Sandberg and Dave Clark drove in two runs each Wednesday to lead the Chicago Cubs over the Minnesota Twins 10-6.

Sandberg hit a two-run double in the second and Clark had a two-run pinch single in the fifth as the Cubs finished interleague play 9-6. Grace, who drove in three runs, homered off Todd Ritchie in the eighth.

Expos 1, Red Sox 0
MONTREAL — Aaron Sele and Tom Gordon combined on a one-hitter but lost on Mike Lansing's third-inning homer as Montreal

Baseball Roundup

beat Boston 1-0 behind Carlos Perez's two-hitter.

Lansing hit his 17th homer of the season with two outs in the third, enabling Montreal to complete interleague play with a 12-3 record.

Perez (12-10) pitched the low-hit game of his career.

Mets 4, Blue Jays 2
NEW YORK — Reliever Paul Quantrill's throwing error allowed the tying run to score and Rey Ordonez drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning as New York beat Toronto.

New York's fifth straight win also was the club's major league-leading 41st come-from-behind victory. Toronto dropped its sixth straight.

Phillies 5, Yankees 4
PHILADELPHIA — Mike Stanton forced home the winning run by walking Tony Barron on four pitches in the ninth inning as Philadelphia beat New York to complete a three-game sweep.

Kevin Stocker was 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs for the Phillies, who have won eight of their last 10 games. The Yankees, who completed interleague play at 5-10, have lost five of six.

Indians 7, Pirates 3
PITTSBURGH — Omar Vizquel and Matt Williams hit two-run homers in a five-run fourth inning to keep Orel Hershiser unbeaten since July 2 as Cleveland beat Pittsburgh.

Hershiser (13-5) won his sixth

decision in a row despite allowing eight hits over six-plus innings. He hasn't lost in his last 10 starts and is 4-0 in five outings since coming off the disabled list Aug. 13.

Reds 6, Royals 3
CINCINNATI — Pokey Reese and Eddie Taubensee homered as Cincinnati scored six runs off former Reds pitcher Ricky Bones.

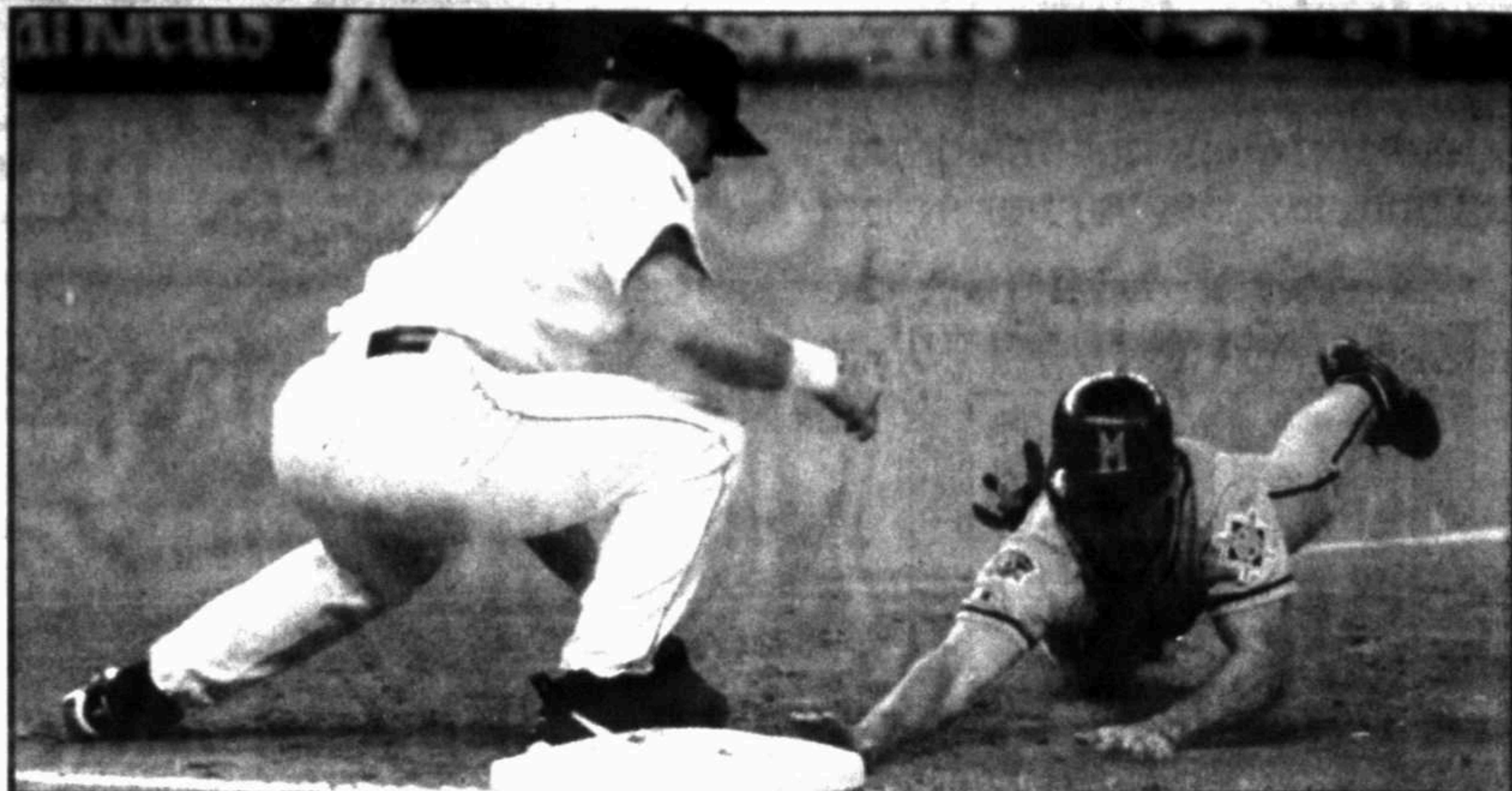
Rookie Brett Tomko (10-5) struck out nine in 6 2/3 innings, allowing five hits and walking five. Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 30th save.

Marlins 7, Orioles 6
MIAMI — Gary Sheffield homered with one out in the ninth inning as Florida beat Baltimore, the Marlins' 22nd victory in their last at-bat and second in a row against the Orioles.

With their sixth consecutive victory, the Marlins closed within 2 1/2 games of NL East-leader Atlanta. Baltimore has lost five straight for the first time since ending a season-high losing streak at six on July 13.

Cardinals 4, White Sox 2
ST. LOUIS — Gary Gaetti hit a tie-breaking home run and Manny Aybar won for the first time in the major leagues as St. Louis beat Chicago.

Gaetti's homer leading off the sixth broke a 2-2 tie and made a winner of Aybar (1-4), who pitched six after surviving a shaky start.



Milwaukee Brewers' Fernando Vina (1) is picked off at first base as Houston Astros' Jeff Bagwell tags him during the first inning Wednesday.

Astros finally break six-game streak

HOUSTON (AP) — The first complete game of Ramon Garcia's major-league career couldn't have come at a better time for the Houston Astros.

"This was pretty much a must-win for us," Jeff Bagwell said after Garcia pitched a five-hitter to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-0 Wednesday night and stop the Astros' six-game losing streak.

Houston opened a 2 1/2-game lead in the NL Central over second-place Pittsburgh, which lost to Cleveland 7-3.

"When you're in a hitting slump like we've been, the best way to stop it is to have your pitcher throw a shutout," Bagwell said.

The second-place Brewers dropped 3 1/2 games behind the Indians in the AL Central.

"We're not going to win all our games and Cleveland's not going to win all theirs," Milwaukee manager Phil Garner said. "But you live and die with these games late in the season. We want to keep the gap close with Cleveland and put some distance between us and Chicago. After the win last night, we were at such a high point. Now we're at such a low point."

Garcia (6-8) struck out four and walked four, sending Milwaukee to just its third loss in 11 games. He also singled in a run against the Brewers, the team he played for last season.

"That didn't make it special," Garcia said. "It was big because we had lost six games in a row and because we are in first place."

AREA: Rankin opens with 2A defending champs

(From 1C)

Antwoyne Edwards (who gained 225 yards against Monahans last season) moving to full-back and speedy Tory Mitchell taking over at halfback. The Steers will often operate out of the Delaware Wing-T as opposed to their more traditional I-formation.

Monahans returns senior Brandon Stephens, a two-year starter at quarterback, and has a new head coach in Larry Hanna, who led Iraan to the state 2A title last season with a 16-0 record.

"(The Steers) have got a good program and good coaches," said Hanna, who coached against Big Spring as an assistant at Monahans. "I see them as being an excellent opponent at this point in the season. If I was making up the schedule, I'm not sure I'd want to open with Big Spring."

What the two schools will provide for each other is a measuring stick. While the game is important, it's hardly a be-all, end-all for either team.

"There's a lot at stake but it's not the end of our season," Butler said. "We've got to show up and not give them a 20-point lead."

Rankin has the privilege Friday of opening its season by hosting Hanna's former team at 8 p.m. in a 1A vs. 2A matchup. Much like Monahans and Big Spring, Rankin and Iraan have been traditional rivals, only much closer to each other with Iraan sitting just south of Rankin on route 349.

The two teams opened last season in Iraan, with the Braves administering a 38-0 reality check on the Red Devils. Both went to the playoffs last season, with Iraan going further than anybody else in 2A. That should provide plenty of incentive for Rankin.

"I told our kids 'You're in a very unique posi-

Area Schedule

Friday's Games
Monahans at Big Spring . . . 7:30 p.m.
Snyder at Andrews . . . 7:30 p.m.
Lamesa at Pecos . . . 7:30 p.m.
Colorado City at Stanton . . . 8 p.m.
Midland Christian at Roby . . . 8 p.m.
Greenwood at Ballinger . . . 8 p.m.
Iraan at Rankin . . . 8 p.m.
Garden City at Forsan . . . 8 p.m.
Saturday's Game
Sierra Blanca at Trinity . . . 3 p.m.

tion. You're one of eight teams who get to open against a defending state champion," said Rankin coach Greg Althoff. "A lot of these kids have known each other since they were in diapers."

Making this matchup even cozier is the fact that Hanna's successor, Randy Doegge, is a Rankin graduate.

Along with Rankin, 2A Stanton is stepping up in class to open its season. The Buffaloes host Colorado City, a 3A playoff team at 8 p.m. Stanton hardly figures to be lambs led to the slaughter since it has playoff ambitions of its own.

"One of the reasons for us playing (Colorado City) is for us to improve," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton. "They're a high-quality 3A team."

Just as Stanton is a high-quality 2A team which should make a run for the District 6-2A title. Last season the Buffaloes gave Colorado City all it could handle before finally losing the opener 21-17. Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm threw for 145 yards and a touchdown in his var-

sity debut and is back to lead the offense this year.

Colorado City finished second in 4-3A before losing in the bi-district round of the playoffs. The Wolves return running back Arian Emerson, who leads a corps of strong skill players. Still, Cotton thinks his team could have won last year's game and has a good chance this year.

"Last year (the Wolves) were physically bigger and stronger than us, but I felt we had the effort to win," Cotton said.

In area 4A games, Andrews, a 4-4A title aspirant, will have an early season test when it hosts 2-4A Snyder at 7:30 p.m. Another 2-4A school, Lamesa, will try to rebound from a 1-9 season when goes on the road for a 7:30 p.m. game at Pecos, which it beat 21-0 last season. It was Lamesa's only victory.

Greenwood will open its season on the road against another 3A school, traveling to Ballinger for an 8 p.m. game. Garden City, which closed last season with five straight wins in District 7-1A, goes to Forsan for an 8 p.m. opener.

Opening week is also a chance for private schools to show what they can do against public schools. Midland Christian, playing under the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools banner, will travel to Roby for an 8 p.m. game which could bring back some pleasant memories for several returning Mustangs: In its first game as an 11-man team last season, Midland Christian defeated Roby 10-0 at home.

Midland Trinity will take the field a day later than anybody else in the area to start the season. The Chargers, who finished 2-7 last year as a six-man team in the Texas Christian Athletic League, look to improve on that Saturday afternoon when they host Sierra Blanca at 3 p.m.

MEN: Quarterfinalists own total of two majors

(From 1C)

standings: Rusdski reached 142 mph Wednesday — the fastest ever recorded at the Open — and Krajicek reached 139 mph in an earlier match. Krajicek boomed 10 aces to just two for Rusdski but managed to break the left-hander just once.

"You both play with the wind," Krajicek said. "I got the break in the first game. Instead of consolidating, I gave it back. That's basically where disaster started."

Rusdski, a transplanted Canadian now living in Britain who will turn 24 on Saturday, wore a black

mourning ribbon on his right shoulder in memory of Princess Diana. He came into the Open with a career-best ranking of No. 20 that will improve considerably after his performance here.

He won the last two sets of the tight match on tiebreaks, finishing with match point on his serve, the place a player with his booming shot wants to be. When Krajicek's return soared out of bounds, Rusdski thrust both arms in the air as his unlikely run at the Open continued.

The weather turned brisk in the evening and Bjorkman took advantage of Korda, who was

struggling with a head cold and put up little resistance after losing a first-set tiebreaker.

It was an abrupt ending for Korda, two days after he pulled off the biggest upset of the tournament by knocking off Sampras.

"I won the important first set and it made him feel worse," Bjorkman said. "It's too bad for him."

When Sampras washed out against Korda at the beginning of the second week, it left the men's side of the Open wide open. Sampras anointed Chang and unseeded Andre Agassi as the likeliest players to succeed.

Agassi lasted only one more day before he tumbled out of the field on the same day that Chang barely survived a grueling five-set match against Cedric Pioline.

That brought the Open to the quarterfinals with eight players still swinging who are more likely to show up in a tennis Who's Who rather than a Who's Who.

Among them, they owned just two Grand Slam championships. Krajicek won Wimbledon two years ago but arrived at the Open unseeded. Chang burst on the tennis scene when he won the French at the age of 17 in 1989. He hasn't won any Slams since.

TENNIS: Davenport fights off Novotna in three

(From 1C)

game (even if it's a different strategy." Sanchez Vicario sees in Hingis a player who has confidence on every shot, no matter the conditions. Though the temperature dropped close to 60 degrees, and felt much colder in the wind, Hingis played as if it were a balmy evening.

"Everything for her is working really well," said Sanchez Vicario, the 1994 U.S. Open champion. "Every time she needs a shot, she hits a line."

It was ugly and maddening tennis that Davenport and Novotna played, yet it was grand theater. And the crowd roared and groaned with every shot.

Davenport blew a huge lead, Novotna let a match point slip away, then Davenport came on to drive one last forehand pass through that wind.

"Just luck," Davenport said, summing up the way she finally beat her doubles partner.

Maybe, but perhaps the 21-year-old Davenport deserved a little luck in her 22nd major. She won the Olympic gold medal a year ago, won 11 tour events, beat all the top players, yet the furthest she had ever gone in a Grand Slam

was the quarterfinals four times.

Not this time.

She can thank the wind that tormented her so much, or she can thank Novotna, whose propensity for letting matches slip away at the end remains a valuable advantage for her opponents. It's one thing to come from behind, as Novotna did so splendidly from 4-1 down in the third set and in her third-round match against Mirjana Lucic, and quite another to close it out.

Novotna served for the match at 5-4, fended off four break points, then reached match point after the fourth deuce. Novotna charged in during the ensuing rally and sliced a backhand on a sharp angle out of Davenport's reach and, unfortunately for the Czech, out of bounds by an inch.

"The wind was blowing from that end," Novotna said. "When I hit the approach, I could see that ball just drifted away. There was nothing I could do. But there was no doubt that it was out."

Davenport glanced at the spot where the ball hit, saw the difference between winning and losing in the space of that inch, and considered her good fortune.

"She hadn't missed one backhand approach the whole match," Davenport said. "The wind

was actually going one way and she hit the ball the other way. That was very lucky for me that the wind didn't bring that ball back in. I thought I was gone at the point. I didn't think that was going out. I was very shocked when it did go out."

That opportunity gone, Novotna never had another. Davenport notched her fifth break point of the game with a volley on the next point, then made it 5-5 when she outlasted Novotna in a rally.

Told that she had converted only six of 25 break point opportunities, perhaps the worst of her career, Davenport looked stunned.

"That's pathetic," she said with a laugh. "Wow, I didn't know that. I seemed to play very aggressive. Then when I would have the break point, I wouldn't hit it or come in. Maybe I'd wait for her to make the error. I'll definitely have to work on that for the next match. Wow."

Davenport is seeking to become the first American-born women's U.S. Open champion since Chris Evert in 1982.

"Right now, at this moment, I'm very happy to be alive," she said. "Tomorrow, I'll take a different approach to it. I'm sure. When you win a match like this, for the first couple of hours you have to be happy that you won it."

Realignment proponents to push 16-14 team split

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Baseball's realignment committee said Wednesday it plans to push for a 16-team with 16 teams in one league, 14 in the other and unbalanced schedules starting next season.

"The real goal isn't to realign. The real goal is to come up with very efficient scheduling which would make the season more meaningful," realignment committee chairman John Harrington said Wednesday after his group met with the sport's ruling executive council.

"Due to the complexities of scheduling ... 16-14 is probably what we would come out with," said Harrington, the CEO of the Boston Red Sox. "And all of our teams want unbalanced scheduling."

Most recent plans have placed 16 teams in four NL divisions and 14 clubs in three AL divisions. Several clubs would have to change leagues to make for good geographic matchups.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig reiterated that with Tampa Bay and Arizona joining the major leagues as expansion teams next season, the time for change is now. Selig and Harrington favor radical geographic realignment in which 15 teams would switch leagues.

"They talk about, 'Those doses don't know how to grow the revenues,'" Selig said. "Well, the schedule's the most important marketing factor you have. And if you're not sensitive to that and try to do the very best ... you're denying your sport the opportunity to grow."

"The worst mistake we can make is a Band-Aid approach, do a little now. Because we're fooling

you and we're fooling ourselves, and in a year or two we'd be back again and that would be unconscionable."

Selig said that while there are up to five basic realignment proposals with "lots of variations," he expects the committee to submit one plan for a vote when the owners meet Sept. 16-18 in Atlanta.

Philadelphia Phillies owner Bill Giles said simply putting Tampa Bay in the AL West — currently the only open spot — would be wrong because it would preclude the expansion team from having any geographic rivals.

Giles said most owners favor placing all the Pacific Time Zone teams in the NL, as part of one large division or two smaller ones.

Under that scenario, he said, "Many clubs will play 150 of their 162 games in their time zone, and there would be more young people seeing games."

Radical realignment, which would put the New York Yankees and Mets in one division and put the Chicago Cubs and White Sox in another, has drawn the opposition of at least seven NL teams.

"I wouldn't say it's dead," Selig said. "Nothing is dead right now." Selig disputed that one or two dissenting owners could block any realignment plan. Owners have said no team would be forced to change leagues against its will.

"That's open to some debate. The lawyers (say) ... that isn't necessarily true," he said, without providing details.

Selig said it's likely the designated hitter will remain an AL-only proposition, even though owners last week proposed its total elimination. Most NL clubs have voiced strong opposition to bringing the DH to their league, and the players' association has said it is against dropping the DH.

LOCAL SPORTS

Stars win West Texas Classic

The Midland Stars won the under-10 division of the West Texas Soccer Classic, which was held over the weekend in Canyon.

The Stars edged Midland Sting in a shootout in the championship game. The Stars finished the tournament with a 4-0-1 record.

Team members are Carrie Gates, Elizabeth Gates, Kathryn Gates, Darcy Gist, Caitlin Gravelle, Alexan, a Ochsen, Melissa Scott, Susie Shelton, Callie Speight, Nicole Vest, Haylee Wright and Melissa Schulze.

Junior high volleyball

The junior high volleyball season started off Wednesday with teams playing within their own schools.

In seventh grade action, Alamo Red outlasted Alamo Gray, 9-15, 15-7, 15-13. Isabel

Alvarado led the Red with eight service points and Barbara Butts added five. For the Gray, Lisa Armstrong had 13 service points and Mandy Bryant had seven.

Abell Blue needed two games to beat Abell Silver, 15-8, 15-11. Heather Schulze recorded five kills for the Blue, and Renee Maxwell served for six points.

In an eighth grade match-up, Alamo Red defeated Alamo Gray, 15-4, 15-9. Katie Kiser scored eight points and Celeste Rodriguez had six for the Red team. Bonnie Jordan scored eight for the Gray.

San Jacinto White beat San Jacinto Green, 9-15, 15-9, 15-13. The Green's Melanie Ybarra served for 10 points in the first game, but White came back behind 10 service points from Megan Mocksfield and eight from Tori Perkins.

Abell White defeated Abell Maroon, 9-15, 15-12, 15-8. The White team's Adrienne Ross served for 12 points, including an ace, and Laura Beggs served for 10 points, including three aces, for the Maroon.



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Transactions

BASEBALL

TEXAS RANGERS

Hanley Frazer and Of Marc Sagnone from Oklahoma City of the American Association. Announced they will not offer 1998 contracts to Oklahoma City coach Steve Foucault, and moving minor-league pitching instructor Steve Luebber. Announced the resignation of Ken Mallory, general manager of organizations operations in Port Charlotte.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO CUBS

Recalled Of Brooks Kieschnick from Iowa of the American Association. Signed Of Petr Korda (15), Czech Republic. 7-6 (7-3). 6-2. 1-0. net.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

CHICAGO BULLS

Signed Of Joe Kump to a one-year contract. Signed Of G. Mark Davis to a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Atlanta Falcons—Signed Of Larry McCall. Released CB Donovan Greer.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Placed CB Craig Newsome and K Brett Conway on injured reserve. Signed Of Robert Jensen off the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Placed DE Daniel Starks on injured reserve.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOSTON BRUINS

Agreed to a three-year contract. Signed Of Jon Coleman to a two-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS

Placed Of P. J. Smith on injured reserve.

DETROIT RED WINGS

Placed Of F. Dan Korte on injured reserve.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

Placed Of D. J. Smith on injured reserve.

WESTERN PONY HOCKEY LEAGUE

SIGNED G. FREDERICK ANDERSON

Placed Of D. J. Smith on injured reserve.

APPALACHIAN STATE

Placed Of D. J. Smith on injured reserve.

CAMPBELL

Placed Of D. J. Smith on injured reserve.

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California teams to see where they stand when No. 3 Tennessee, FSU come calling

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

College football in Los Angeles may have reached a new low this week: Both Southern California and UCLA are double-digit underdogs. At home.

Tough to comprehend, perhaps, but the reasoning seems justified considering the opposition. The 23rd-ranked Trojans open the season against No. 5 Florida State and the Bruins play No. 3 Tennessee at the Rose Bowl.

"USC is definitely a program that any college coach would like to play," Seminole coach Bobby Bowden said.

For Florida State, Saturday might be a good time for the first meeting between the teams. The Seminoles are favored by 12 1/2 points, even with a bunch of suspended players.

USC coach John Robinson figures his team needs a little luck to pull an upset.

"I don't think our weapons are very sharp," Robinson, who will start sophomore John Fox at quarterback, said. "We're not one of those teams where you say, 'Whoa.' Our weapons could be pretty sharp by midseason."

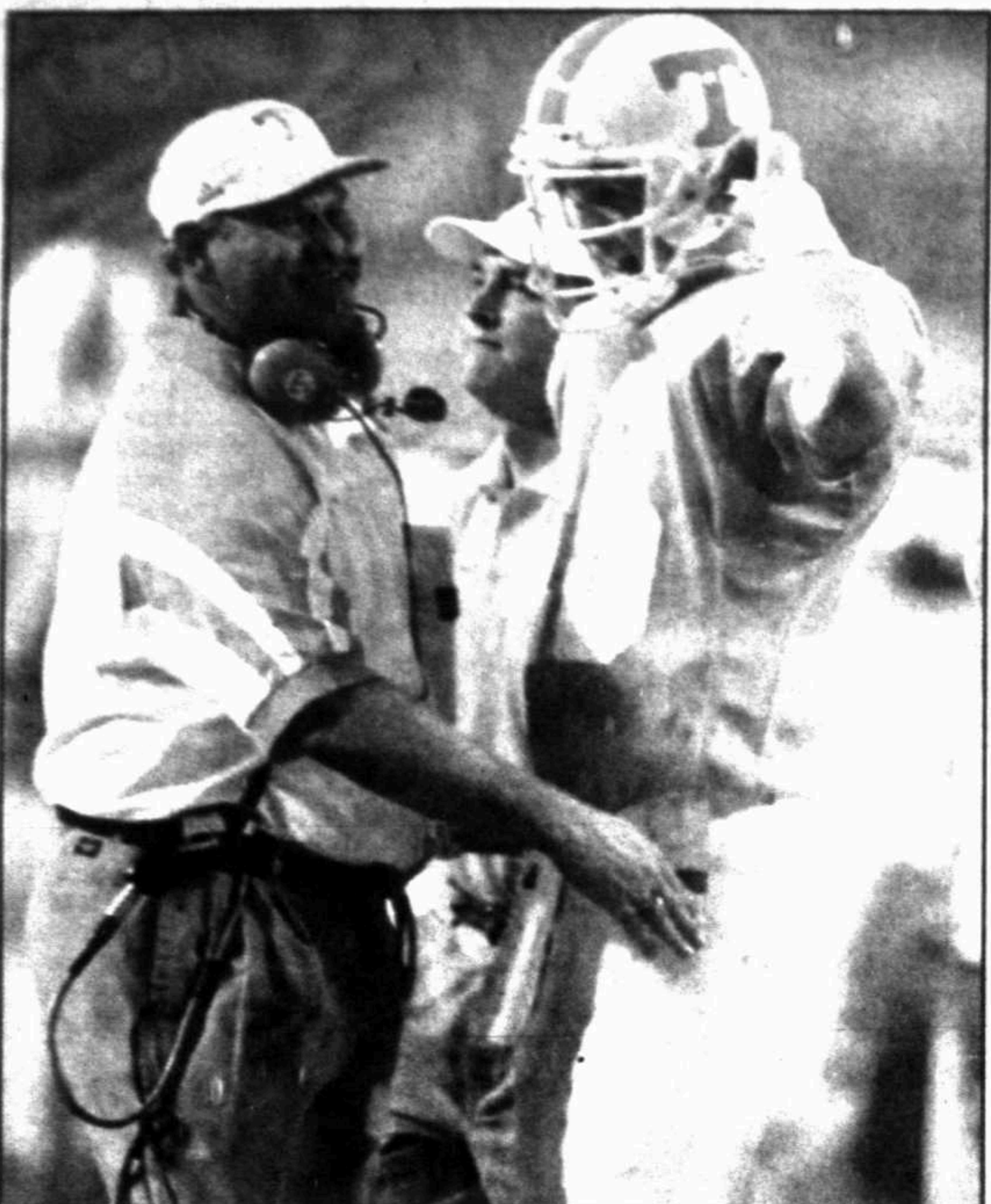
While the Seminoles go with Thad Busby — he threw for 1,866 yards and 16 TDs in '96 — Fox has thrown two passes for the Trojans — one incomplete, the other intercepted.

The Vols, coming off a 52-17 rout of Texas Tech that saw Peyton Manning tie a school record with five TD passes, are favored by 14 1/2 points over the Bruins.

UCLA dropped a 37-34 decision at Washington State last week as the Cougars' Ryan Leaf threw for 381 yards and three TDs and the defense stopped freshman Jermaine Lewis on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with 2:48 left.

How can the Bruins stop Manning?

"You've just got to hope that you improve," UCLA coach Bob Tole said. "This isn't the NFL, you don't make trades or put guys on waivers. We've got to go with the guys that we've got."



Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer enjoys a moment on the sidelines with quarterback Peyton Manning after the offense began rolling against Texas Tech on Saturday in Knoxville. Manning threw five touchdown passes and the Vols won 52-17. Tennessee plays UCLA in Los Angeles Saturday.

The Vols, meanwhile, had problems with the Bruins last season before winning 35-20 at Knoxville, Tenn., in Toledo's coaching debut.

UCLA crossed up the Vols' offense with a variety of attacking defenses. Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer remembers it well.

"Last year it was just a fire drill out there at times, trying to figure out who to block," Fulmer said. "It'll help us having played them once, and it'll help that we've seen them on film once this year."

Twenty of the Top 25 teams are in action this weekend, including

three matchups between ranked teams — No. 5 Florida State at No. 23 USC, No. 7 Washington at No. 19 Brigham Young and No. 24 Colorado State at No. 8 Colorado.

BYU lost one game last season — 29-17 to Washington — and is looking to spring an upset at home.

Six Top 25 games are first-time matchups: Florida State-USC, Auburn-Virginia, Indiana-North Carolina, Central Michigan-Florida, Texas-El Paso-LSU and Rutgers-Texas.

Pittsburgh (plus 32) at No. 1 Penn State
Mike McQueary passes first test as Nittany Lions QB ... PENN STATE 44-14.

Central Michigan (plus 40 1/2) at No. 2 Florida

Gators score points aplenty now that coach Steve Spurrier is angry at his offense ... FLORIDA 56-7.

No. 3 Tennessee (minus 14 1/2) at UCLA

Now that Peyton Manning is warmed up ... TENNESSEE 42-31.

No. 4 Washington (minus 7) at No. 19 Brigham Young

BYU has score to settle, but Huskies QB Brock Huard has other plans ... WASHINGTON 41-21.

No. 5 Florida State (minus 12 1/2) at No. 23 Southern California

Seminole 37-11-1 vs. teams ranked in AP poll ... FLORIDA STATE 35-28.

Indiana (plus 29 1/2) at No. 7 North Carolina

Tar Heels defense still the best, offense pretty good, too ... NORTH CAROLINA 42-7.

No. 24 Colorado State (plus 15 1/2) at No. 8 Colorado

Buffs are 31-1-1 vs. Rams in Boulder ... COLORADO 42-35.

Texas-El Paso (plus 37) at No. 10 LSU

Kevin Faulk gets his Heisman campaign off to flying start ... LSU 42-14.

Georgia Tech (plus 20) at No. 11 Notre Dame

Finally, Bob Davie makes Notre Dame coaching debut ... NOTRE DAME 35-20.

Rutgers (plus 38 1/2) at No. 12 Texas

Scarlet Knights allowed 200 points in last four games ... TEXAS 50-0.

No. 16 Auburn (minus 3) at Virginia

Passing of QB Dameyune Craig should be enough for Auburn ... AUBURN 27-26.

San Jose State (plus 30) at No. 17 Stanford

Not a pretty coaching debut for San Jose State's Dave Baldwin ... STANFORD 45-10.

Appalachian State (no line) at No. 18 Clemson

Tigers won three previous meetings by combined score of 122-7 ... CLEMSON 42-0.

Northern Iowa (no line) at No. 20 Iowa

Another mismatch for a new coach — Northern Iowa's Mike Dunbar ... IOWA 45-0.

No. 21 Kansas State (minus 32 1/2) at Northern Illinois

JUCO transfer Michael Bishop has easy time in QB debut for K-State ... KANSAS STATE 35-7.

No. 21 Northwestern (minus 14) at Wake Forest

Will Northwestern be ready for the Deacons this year? ... WAKE FOREST 27-24.

Western Michigan (plus 27) at No. 25 Michigan State

Sedrick Irvin has a field day for Spartans ... MICHIGAN STATE 47-14.

Last Week: 8-2 (straight); 5-5 (spread)

Season: 10-2 (straight); 6-6 (spread)

Young's playing status to be decided today

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Steve Young's latest concussion looks like it might keep him on the sidelines for at least a week, and rookie Jim Druckenmiller, the only healthy quarterback on the San Francisco 49ers' roster, may make his first start Sunday at St. Louis.

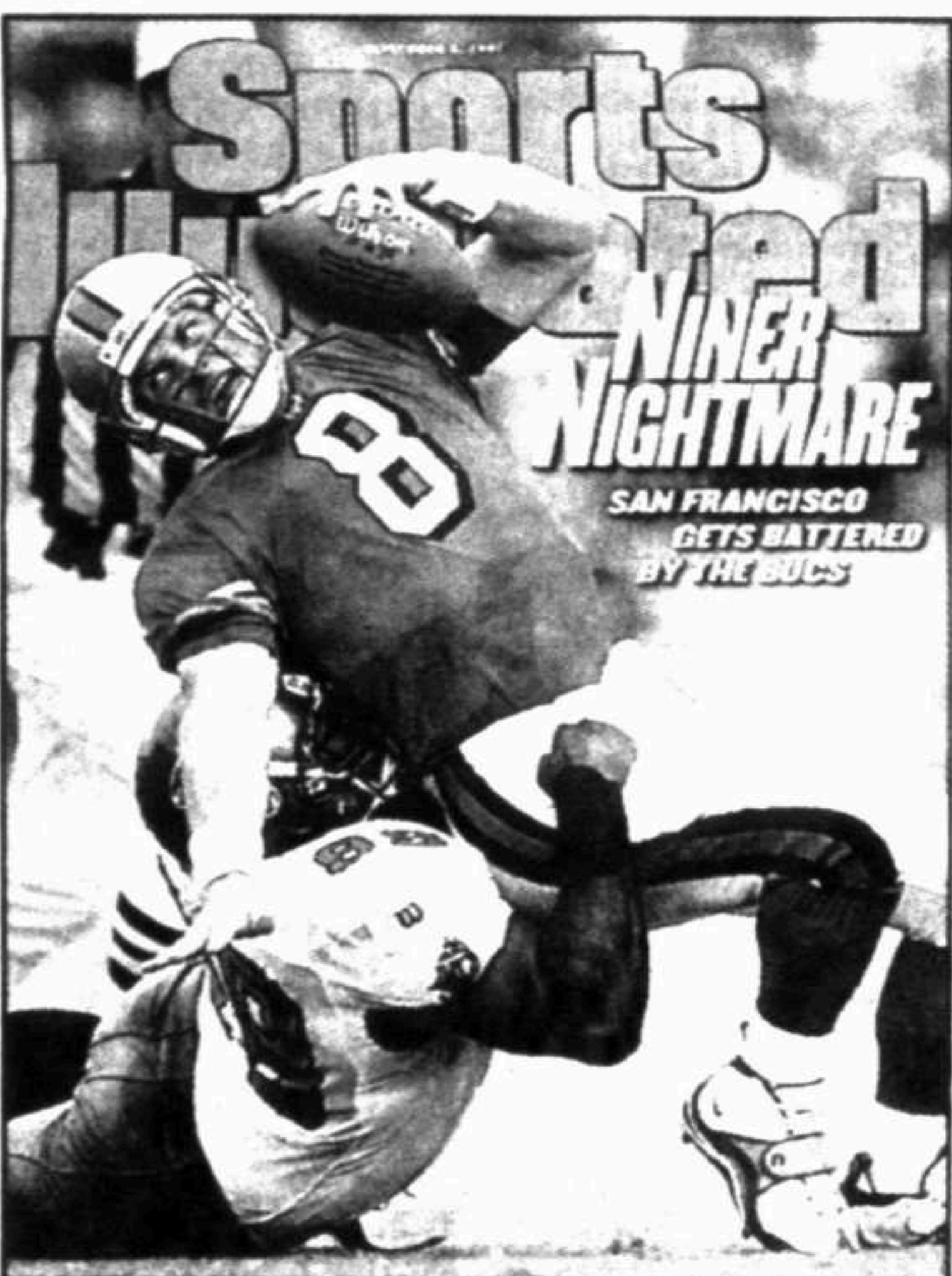
Coach Steve Mariucci said Young's playing status was undecided but it was apparent he was leaning toward making him inactive this week. Mariucci said he would announce his decision Thursday and that the neurologist's recommendation Young, who has had three concussions over the last 10 months, sit out a game carried a lot of weight.

"He gave me his assessment of the situation and he made a very conservative suggestion that certainly it would benefit Steve to rest this game, give him a little bit more time in between possible hits," Mariucci said. "The concussion was much less severe than it was in the past, yet it was still a concussion and that we should proceed with caution."

"Maybe it's a time we can be conservative, because Steve's health is the issue, first and foremost, and it always will be. We've got a long season ahead of us. We're going back (to St. Louis), and there's AstroTurf there. It's probably safer and more beneficial for Steve to take some time off."

Young, who was kneed in the head in Sunday's season-opening loss at Tampa Bay, said he felt good enough to play but conceded he couldn't keep taking shots to the head and continue his football career.

Druckenmiller, the 49ers' top draft pick out of Virginia Tech, took almost all the snaps at Wednesday's practice. Young took some snaps with the scout team. Backup Jeff Brohm, who has a broken bone in the middle finger of his passing hand and a lower back injury, didn't



Steve Young, seen above on the cover of this week's Sports Illustrated, might not suit up this weekend due to a hit on this play.

practice but will try to work out Thursday after getting some pain-killing injections.

The 49ers plan to work out quarterback Mike McCoy, who was in their training camp this summer, and sign him if Young doesn't play. The choice on a starter could hinge on whether Brohm can practice.

"If he misses a lot of practice time, then provided we choose not to use Steve and make him

inactive, we'll let the youngster go," Mariucci said.

"There's a couple of question marks right now and that's the big thing right now, what's going to happen. We're just going to have to wait and see," Druckenmiller said.

The uncertainty at the quarterback position comes at a time when the 49ers are still reeling from the loss of wide receiver Jerry Rice, who is expected to miss the rest of the regular season with a serious knee injury from the Tampa Bay game.

Young, a two-time NFL MVP who led the 49ers to a Super Bowl title in 1994, was kneed in the head by Bucs linebacker Hardy Nickerson in the second quarter, but came back to play the final quarter.

Before heading to the practice field Wednesday, Young acknowledged the repeated concussions concerned him.

"I know this cannot continue and I can't keep getting hit in the head and continue to play football," Young said. "But I still feel like I want to play and there's a lot of professional opinion, that with rest, you can continue to play. That's kind of where we are now."

Young said he took the recommendation of neurologist Dr. Joseph Lacy seriously.

"I feel good," Young said. "I feel like I would do almost anything to help the 49ers win. Certainly, as you know, we've talked about this, at some points ad nauseum, about how concerned we are and how concerned I am."

"I've talked to old 49ers, old college friends, coaches, family and everyone else trying to get a handle on exactly what we're facing. And you know the concern for me is not only for just for the near future but for my longterm health. Those are key issues for me. I intend to have another great career doing something else and I'm going to need all my senses to do that. So it's a concern of mine."

Holmgren: Cox' complaints may be valid

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said the complaints by Chicago Bears linebacker Bryan Cox about the late substitutions by the Packers may have been valid.

Cox threw a tantrum and his helmet in the closing minutes of Chicago's 38-24 loss to the Packers on Monday night, an outburst that resulted in a \$10,000 fine by Bears coach Dave Wannstedt.

Cox, who was assessed three straight unsportsmanlike conduct calls in a span of two plays, the second one a 1-yard TD run by Dorsey Levens, said he was peeved by the Packers' substitutions.

He said they were leaving 13 men on the field until the last second, not giving the Bears a chance to match up.

And he claimed the officials weren't regulating the substitution patterns properly because Holmgren is on the NFL Competition Committee.

Well, Holmgren wasn't sure about that one.

But the Packers coach, while certainly not condoning the outburst, did acknowledge that Cox was right about the late substitutions — at least on one occasion.

"I think in that instance, when Bryan was upset, I just quite frankly got the play in late," Holmgren said Wednesday. "I guess I'll take credit for being really deviant. But the fact was I got our play in late."

"We had our four-wide receiver group on the field, we're down in there close and I looked at the

plays I had in that situation, they involved all our tight ends," Holmgren added.

But starting tight end Mark Chmura was on crutches with an injured knee and backup Jeff Thomason was hobbled by a sprained ankle.

Quarterbacks coach Andy Reid assured Holmgren that the proper call adjustments had been made. "So I said 'OK' and I sent in a group late," Holmgren said.

"I'd like to think that I'm deviant, but on that particular play I was not."

Holmgren noted that NFL rules require offenses to give defenses a chance to set up if a group of players is sent in late.

"And so if everything had calmed down, they would have,

you know? But it was a little hectic at that particular time," Holmgren said.

Wannstedt said substitutions are the responsibility of the officials and something the players can't worry about.

Packers quarterback Brett Favre said it wasn't just Cox who was troubled.

"They were complaining that we were shuffling in our personnel groups right at the end of the 40 seconds and they couldn't change. I was talking to the referee. He was like, 'Please get them in on time.'"

Favre recounted, "I said, 'I wish we could, because it's making it tough on me.'"

KICK: Cowboy made 3 field goals in Week 1

(From 1C)

out then he left the Cowboys and it gave me another opportunity."

It's one Cunningham doesn't intend to let go. Besides the 52-yarder, he also kicked field goals of 24 and 28 yards against the Steelers.

"The first one was kind of tough," he said. "Ideally, you don't want your very first field goal try to come from that distance. But I just try to hit the ball straight no matter the distance. This

one went over the crossbar with plenty of room."

"Richie has good technique and good timing," Hoffman said. "He could become a good one."

Cunningham has kicked field goals from as far away as 72 yards during practice in college.

"I feel comfortable on anything from 55 yards in," Cunningham said. "I doubt we'll be trying field goals much farther than that."

Cunningham realizes he has no tenure. "You don't see me smiling," Cunningham

said. "When the season is over and I'm still with the team I'll smile."

Coach Barry Switzer said Cunningham doesn't have a season pass yet.

"He has to do what he did last Sunday over a period of time to make it in the NFL," Switzer said.

Cunningham knows.

"My locker is next to Troy Aikman's," Cunningham said. "I know he wasn't an instant success."



Rudy Aguillar cleans the floor-to-ceiling windows that grace the new luxury sky boxes in Memorial Stadium Tuesday.

Report: Big wigs paying big bucks for University of Texas' stadium suites

More Sports/2D

AUSTIN (AP) — Those leasing the University of Texas' new luxury football stadium suites — equipped with kitchenettes, sound systems and electronically operated sliding windows — include some big UT donors, the Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday.

The 14 new suites on the stadium's west side — and 52 more under construction on the east side for the 1998 football season — are part of the university's overhaul of Royal Memorial Stadium.

The university released the names of tenants to the newspaper after it filed a request for the information under the state's open records law.

Included are Freeport-McMoran executive Jim Bob Moffett of New Orleans, car dealer Red McCombs of San Antonio, Dallas investor and UT regent Thomas Hicks, and Austin lawyer and UT fund-raiser Frank Denius.

UT athletics officials are using a list of 9,200 individual and corporate donors, giving them first crack at renting the 66 suites. The university is considering the prospective leaseholders' cumulative donations, the American-Statesman reported.

For the 14 suites leased for this year, three of the leaseholders — McCombs, Moffett and Mike Myers of Dallas, chairman and owner of Myers Financial Corp. — gave more than \$3 million apiece to UT over the years, the American-Statesman reported.

One donor — whose name wasn't available — gave less than \$20,000, according to associate athletic director Chris Plonsky. UT

said it still was finalizing the unidentified donor's lease.

"I think one reason for the big range is that some of our top donors wanted suites on the east side, which is closer to the parking garage," Plonsky said.

The average suite costs \$50,570 a year to lease. Leaseholders must commit to a minimum of three years.

About 20 people have expressed interest in leasing east-side suites so far, but no decisions will be made until Jan. 15, when cumulative contributions will be assessed to determine the pecking order for lease awards.

McCombs, who had given UT athletics \$3.04 million by the July 1 cutoff for west-side suites, said he was pleased with his 12-seat sky box.

"It's more than I hoped for," he said. "I didn't expect the sight lines to be as good as they are ... And the ability to open the window to give you the atmosphere of the stadium is a very exciting feature."

McCombs, however, won't be using the suite when UT kicks off the first of its five home games in the 1997 season Saturday.

He's making the box available to key employees and customers. He prefers to sit in the 10th or 15th row so he can focus on the game and soak up the "squeals and feels" of the crowd.

"I really get into the game," he said, adding that it's hard to do that while entertaining in a sky box.

Dallas Carter prep football act to Miami's Orange Bowl

By David McNabb
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — University of Miami assistant coach Don Soldinger is kidding following a Hurricanes football tradition. He taunts freshman receiver Daryl Jones.

"Almost every time I see him, Soldinger said, 'I tell him his guys are going down.'"

Jones' "guys" are the Carter Cowboys, who have built a national reputation for producing some of the best football players in the country. They meet South Florida power Miami Southridge on Saturday to open the season in the Orange Bowl.

Soldinger, by the way, used to coach Southridge.

"I've just seen Carter on film," Soldinger said. "And they've got players with great speed. Texas football is very well coached. Texas and Florida football are very comparable." Neither Carter nor Southridge is expecting to have one of its best teams this season. But neither is expecting big dropoffs, either.

"Kids growing up around Carter expect to be able to play with the best," Carter coach Bruce Chambers said. "We're not afraid to play anyone anywhere."

Carter and Southridge each has produced nearly a dozen players in the past 20 years who have reached the NFL. Carter's notable alumni include New York Giants linebacker Jessie Armstead, Kansas City running back Greg Hill and Jacksonville fullback LeShai Maeston.

Southridge has produced Seattle linebacker Winston Moss, New Orleans running back Troy Davis and emerging college standouts Sedrick Irvin (Michael Irvin's cousin) of Michigan State and Davis' younger brother, Darren, at Iowa State.

Carter has typical speed this season, with cornerback Clifford Jefferson and safety Jamal Joyner considered its top players.

Southridge has highly regarded defensive back Shaddrick Carter and lineman Dwight Slater.

Soldinger opened Southridge in 1977 and quickly developed it into a power using a mix of players in a middle- to lower-middle class neighborhood in a large classification, a 3,000-student school.

Carter and Southridge can match "Dream teams" from their past.

For Carter, its state title in 1988 featured Armstead, who signed with Miami, Maeston, quarterback Robert Hall and receiver Marcus Grant. Hall had a standout career at Texas Tech, while Grant was a fixture in Houston's successful

Run-and-Shoot offenses in the early '90s.

The '88 Cowboys trounced traditional power Converse Judson in the state final, taking a 31-point lead before winning, 31-14, at Texas Stadium. The title later was forfeited because of a grade discrepancy for one of Carter's players, but the '88 Cowboys generally are considered among the best Texas state champs.

Southridge's reputation was cemented with Soldinger's '93 backfield, which featured the Davis brothers and Irvin. The Davis brothers totaled 498 all-purpose yards and seven touchdowns in a state final victory over Bradenton Manatee.

Southridge won 29 consecutive games before losing in the 1994 state final.

Soldinger has had two stints coaching at Southridge. He was there from 1977 until leaving to join Jimmy Johnson's staff at Miami in '84. When Johnson took over the Cowboys, Soldinger coached a year with the Dolphins before returning to Southridge. He left for the college ranks to join Butch Davis' Hurricanes staff in 1995.

Mark Guandolo replaced Soldinger in 1995 and coached Southridge to its first nationally prominent victory. The Spartans beat Massillon (Ohio) Washington, 20-7, in 1995.

Southridge athletic director Bob Burnside said he'd like to schedule a national opponent in the Orange Bowl every year.

Talks for a game with Carter started as Soldinger passed the word along to Southridge that Carter was needing games to fill its schedule. Burnside placed a call to Dallas school officials and completed the negotiations. Carter will pay its expenses, expected to be about \$35,000, this year and get a share of gate receipts. Southridge is expecting a crowd of 15,000-20,000 at \$10 per ticket to raise revenue.

Southridge will pay its expenses in a return game at Dallas next season, with Carter officials hoping to make a profit from similar gate receipts.

"I know there's a lot of talk among our players about the game," Soldinger said. "We've (Hurricanes) got a dozen kids from Texas, and, of course, a lot of Florida kids who want to go over there and watch it."

Dallas Carter opens the season against Miami Southridge at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Orange Bowl.

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OIL PRICES

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Wednesday \$19.61
Previous Close \$19.65
Year Ago \$23.40

POSTED
Today \$17.50
Previous Close \$17.25
Year Ago \$21.75

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Today \$2.807

Futures steady

NEW YORK — Energy futures were barely changed Wednesday ahead of a weekly inventory report showing supply levels as the peak summer driving season comes to an end.

October crude fell 4 cents to \$19.61 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. October unleaded gasoline fell 0.24 cent to 62.55 cents a gallon; October heating oil fell 0.05 cent to 53.35 cents a gallon.

The American Petroleum Institute reported after the market closed Wednesday that crude oil stocks fell by 2.8 million barrels to 305.7 million barrels last week. Gasoline supplies fell by 1.97 million barrels to 187.5 million barrels, while stocks of distillates, including heating oil, rose by 1.98 million barrels to 126.9 million barrels.

Dollar slips

NEW YORK — The dollar declined against major currencies Wednesday after a German central banker said in published remarks that the Bundesbank is "quite certainly not interested in having a weak mark."

On Tuesday, the dollar set a nearly two-week high against the mark after the Bundesbank decided to leave interest rates alone.

But the remarks by Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer, published in the German weekly Die Woche and released Wednesday, signaled to traders that Germany may raise interest rates to defend its currency after all.

Higher German rates would support the mark and diminish the dollar.

Meanwhile, the dollar eased against the Japanese yen in what traders said was mostly a correction from last week's big runup on discouraging news about Asian economies.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.8203 German marks, down from 1.8335 late Tuesday.

Stocks inch upward

NEW YORK — Stocks rose only marginally Wednesday, fading into the close of a ho-hum sequel to Tuesday's dramatic rally, which propelled blue-chip indicators to their biggest point-gains ever.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose a record 257 points on Tuesday, added just 14.86 to 7,894.64, surrendering most of an earlier 65-point gain after the release of some robust auto sales data that stoked the market's nagging inflation fears.

Broad-market indicators also posted slim gains, but it was enough to give the Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks its fifth consecutive record high.

Stocks were rising steadily Wednesday afternoon until the bond market sagged, boosting interest rates, after General Motors and Chrysler reported stronger-than-expected August sales.

"It snapped a string of poor months in terms of retail auto activity, which is a good proxy for consumer spending," said Ned Riley, chief investment officer at the Bank of Boston, noting that the numbers may have been bolstered by rebates and other sales incentives.

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Leading indicators, construction up

■ Fastest rise in rates in five months indicates growth may accelerate in second half of year.

N.Y. Times Service

Washington — The index of leading U.S. economic indicators rose at the fastest rate in five months in July and construction spending advanced — evidence that growth may accelerate in the last half of the year.

Investors, who had already seen evidence of July's strength, weren't troubled by the reports, pushing stocks higher and short-term interest rates lower. Still, some analysts said the news keeps alive the possibility Federal Reserve policymakers could raise the overnight bank lending rate later this year to prevent the growing economy from sparking an

acceleration in inflation.

"The economy is robust; leading indicators tell us it will continue on that path," said Patrick Retzer, who helps manage \$300 million in bonds at Heartland Advisors in Milwaukee. "If the strong data continues, I think they'll have to raise rates later this year."

The Conference Board's index, intended to predict growth over the next half year, rose 0.3 percent in July — the best showing since February — after rising a revised 0.1 percent in June and 0.2 percent in May.

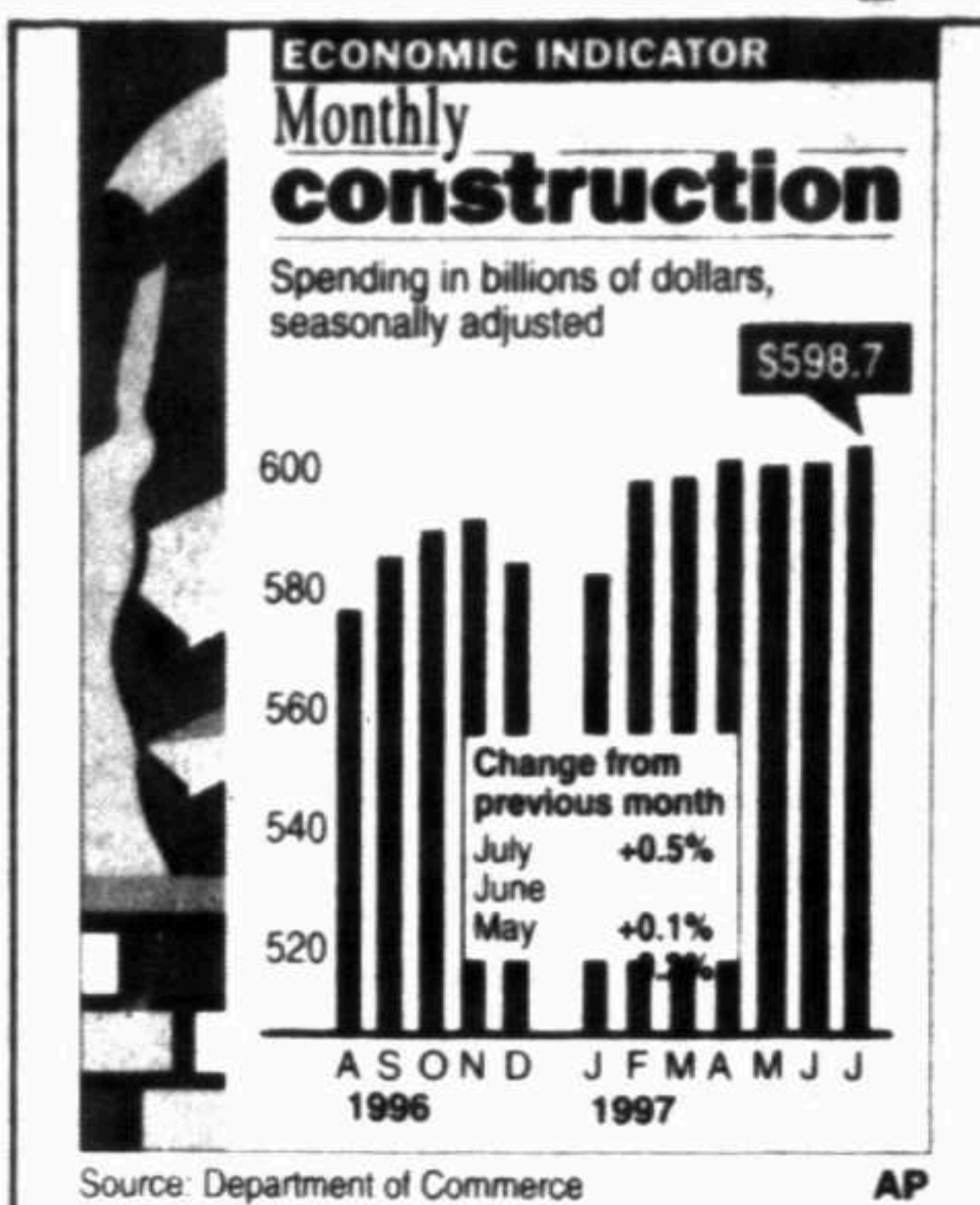
Meanwhile, spending on new U.S. construction rose in July for the second month in a row. Commerce Department figures showed. Spending increased 0.5 percent in July to a \$598.7 billion annual rate, also the largest monthly gain since February when the economy was running at full throttle. That follows a revised 0.1

percent gain for June construction, which the government had previously estimated as a 1.1 percent drop.

In financial markets, government bonds were lower after rallying yesterday. The Treasury's benchmark 30-year bond fell 1/8 after the reports, pushing up the yield a basis point to 6.57 percent. At the same time, yields on three-month Treasury bills — more sensitive to interest rate changes by the Fed — fell 5 basis points to 5.14 percent, the lowest since mid-July.

Stocks were higher just a day after the Dow Jones Industrial Average posted its biggest one-day point gain. The Dow rose 14.86 points.

Still, if the economy's strength persists, Fed policymakers could spring into action, analysts said — if not at their next meeting Sept. 30, perhaps on Nov. 12 or Dec. 16.



Soler Suriday processes a credit card transaction as Jose Villafane, assistant manager of the Pizza Hut in Fairview, N.J., prepares the carryout order for Eric Mendez. Pizza Hut announced Wednesday that it is the first pizza restaurant company to accept credit cards nationwide. By Sept. 14, all locations — restaurants, restaurant-based delivery and delivery-carryout units — will accept all major credit cards.

Pizza Hut takes credit cards for delivery

NEW YORK (AP) — Hungry for pizza but short of cash and stuck at home? Pizza Hut is going to let you charge it.

The nation's biggest pizza chain said Wednesday it will expand its program of accepting most major credit cards to all company-owned outlets by mid-September, including using cards to pay for home deliveries.

Dallas-based Pizza Hut said it is the first pizza chain that will take credit cards nationally. It is investing \$3 million in phone lines and card verification equipment.

Its biggest rival, Domino's Pizza, has similar capabilities in more than a third of its company-owned stores and hopes to take cards at all the company-held outlets by the end of next year.

Franchisees of both chains are not bound by the company plans, however. About 45 percent

of Pizza Huts and 84 percent of Domino's restaurants are owned by franchisees.

Both chains say taking credit cards make it more convenient for customers while making drivers a less tempting target for robbery since they will carry little or no cash when making deliveries to folks who charge the purchase.

"You are seeing more and more card acceptance and tests at fast-food places," said Chris Theoharides, who heads Advantage Consulting Group Inc. that advises companies on payment systems.

He said an obstacle has been to get consumers to feel comfortable using credit cards for fast food. "People ask themselves 'Do I really want to start charging little things on my credit cards,'" he said.

States settle Sears credit harassment

CHICAGO (AP) — Several states, including Texas, announced Wednesday they have reached settlements with Sears, Roebuck & Co. that will require the retailer to pay \$40 million for improperly collecting money from customers whose debts were erased by bankruptcy filings.

Under an agreement filed in June with U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Carol Kenner in Boston, Sears admitted it had failed since 1985 to get judicial approval for repayment agreements with more than 150,000 bankrupt customers, including 11,000 in Texas.

The company took a \$320 million charge against its second-quarter earnings to cover the settlement costs and penalties.

Under terms of the agreement, each of the 50 states had to file individual lawsuits charging Sears with deceptive trade practices to receive their share of the \$40 million set aside to cover the states' part of the pact. Several attorneys general announced settlements, which include money for consumer education materials and other programs.

Affected Texans will receive \$1 million in restitution. "We've been reaching these settlements over the last several days," said Sears spokeswoman Jan Drummond. "This is the final step in the implementation of the settlement" with states.

Sears also has agreed to track down customers with whom it improperly renegotiated debt before Jan. 1, 1992. Those eligible for the settlement will receive cash payments automatically unless they opt out of the agreement.

Sears, based in the Chicago suburb of Hoffman Estates, has been trying for months to put the flap behind it after admitting its executives "exercised flawed legal judgment" in handling the debt collections.

Sears holds a secured interest in purchases made with its card, giving the company the right to reclaim purchased items when the buyer defaults on the credit card debt or tries to wipe it out by filing for bankruptcy.

Sears told the Securities and Exchange Commission that its potential liability under the class-action lawsuit exceeds \$400 million. Some industry analysts have estimated it would be close to \$1 billion.

ESPN buys Classic Sports

(NYT) — ESPN reached beyond telecasting live sports and news Wednesday to acquire Classic Sports Network, which in two years has carved a nostalgic cable television niche by repackaging old sports events.

The terms of the deal were not disclosed, but the purchase price is believed to be between \$175 million and \$200 million. The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday that the price was about \$175 million.

Classic, with 10 million subscribers, will join ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN3 as the fourth cable network owned by ESPN Inc., which is 80-percent owned by Walt Disney Co., the parent of ABC. Hearst Corp. holds the remaining stake.

The acquisition will provide Classic with access to the libraries of ESPN and ABC Sports, which includes "Wide World of Sports," "The American Sportsman," Olympics and college sports; a place on ESPN Sports Zone, the popular Internet site, and cross-promotion on the ESPN services and ABC.

ESPN announcers may appear on Classic — whose signature personality is Joe Namath, the former New York Jet quarterback — and Classic may be shown for short periods on ESPN or ESPN2 to showcase it in areas where it is not now seen.

"It's a good move for both," said John Mansell, an analyst with Paul Kagan Associates. Classic is "a nice network with a lot of upside."

"In time, I think it can be broadly distributed," he said. "It's a function of channel capacity, which cable operators are upgrading dramatically, and Classic figures to be one of the top 10 services they add."

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Tracking software best for individual stock traders

By Eric Tyson

Q: As an investor, I am quite disorganized. I have no idea how my investments are doing or even how to calculate my returns. What do you think about using a computer software program to track the performance of my investments?



Tyson

A: I'm always surprised by the number of people having problems tracking their investments. Most investors don't know how they're doing — that is, what returns their investments are producing.

Increasingly, software makers are producing packages that claim to solve investment-tracking quandaries and conundrums. Many people buy these programs thinking that the programs will, after a small investment of time, simplify their investing lives. My review of investment-tracking packages suggests that you should be pre-

pared to commit substantial time toward learning how to use them, and that other, less-high-tech alternatives might be more efficient and enlightening.

Software that can help you with investment tracking falls into one of two main groups: personal-finance software that includes investment-tracking capabilities and software focused on investment tracking.

The broader personal finance packages such as Quicken, Managing Your Money, Kiplinger's Simply Money and Microsoft Money are more user-friendly and are probably more familiar if you are already using the packages' other features, such as bill paying.

The main problem with software is all the time it takes to plug in the data, especially if you plan to include historic data (good luck gathering up all your old account statements). In order for the programs to calculate your returns accurately, you need to enter not only every new investment you make but also every dividend, interest payment and capital gains distribution.

Many of the packages allow you to download current security prices from

the Internet. While that might save some time by eliminating the need to enter pricing data, you still need to enter distributions manually.

For buy-and-hold mutual fund investors especially, tracking software probably is not worth the time required to enter all the data. Mutual funds and many other published resources tell you what the funds' total returns were for the past year.

Investment-tracking software can be more useful for individual stock traders, especially since, in my experience, stock traders often don't track their returns. If they did, they could calculate the benefit, or lack thereof, of all their trading. (By the way, I've never worked with a stock picker who went through the exercise with me and found that he beat the market indexes over the long term.)

One of the greatest benefits of investment-tracking packages is that using them can help get you organized. If you enter your investments into the package, they can help you make sure you don't lose track of your holdings.

While entering some personal data while reviewing one of the software

packages, I realized that I hadn't seen an individual retirement account statement for more than a year from one firm. Keeping a current copy of each of your investment statements in one binder or file folder — which I'm now doing — can accomplish the same purpose.

As for calculating the return of your overall portfolio, there are fairly simple ways to estimate your return using paper and a pencil. Simply weigh the return of each investment by the portion of your portfolio invested in it. For example, with a simple portfolio equally divided between two investments that returned 10 percent and 20 percent respectively, your overall portfolio return would be 15 percent.

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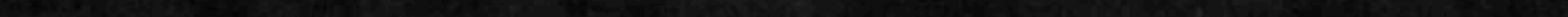
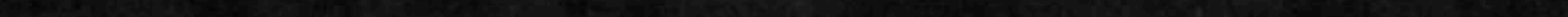
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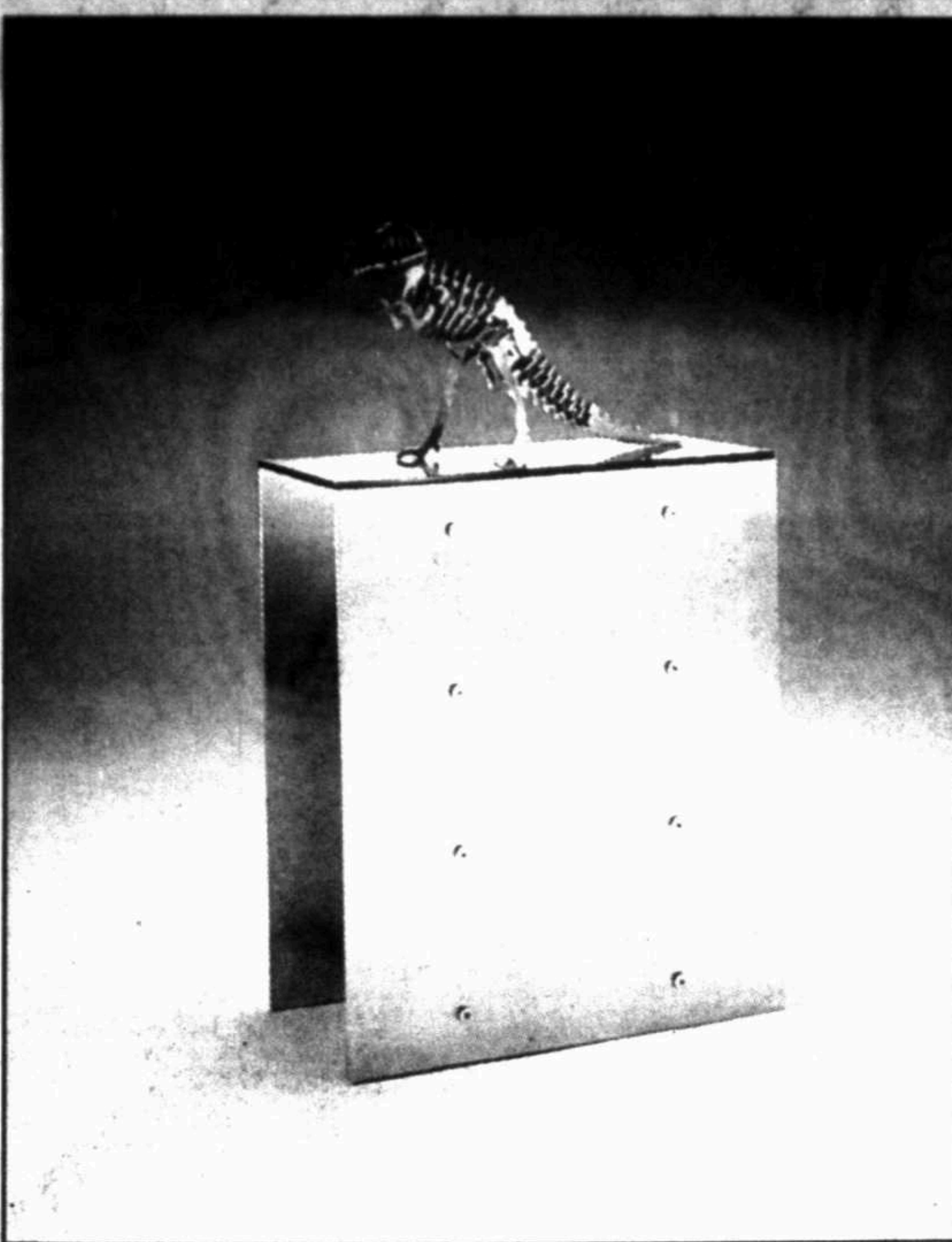
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New York-based Brueton, a to-the-trade company known for uncompromising modern designs, offers these two pedestals. Left photo, this inverted pyramid of wood or stone is in a stainless steel cradle. Right photo, this design, called the Kyoto, has a lighted pedestal made of aluminum and stainless steel with a cobalt blue top.

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Pedestals tilt toward modern look

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

If they could put a pedestal up on a pedestal, a lot of interior designers would do so because the pedestal currently is highly regarded as a decorating tool.

Some say their modern use started in the garden, then when the garden look moved indoors, so did pedestals. Others say they're just great accessories. They add architectural interest to a room yet require no installation and very little space.

Whatever the reasons, pedestals are enlivening dull corners, balancing large pieces of furniture and showcasing favorite objects.

"The familiar saying about putting someone on a pedestal gives a clue to what to display there," Connie Beale, a decorator in Greenwich, Conn., says. "Something that means a lot to you."

Some good spots for a single pedestal include the entryway, a stair landing, or a corner, she says. Or position a pair at either side of a window or a fireplace. Just be sure the pedestal base is heavy enough so it doesn't tip.

Since the ancient Greeks developed

pedestals as base supports for columns, nearly every culture has adopted them. In the course of history, they evolved into supports for a variety of objects, particularly statues and busts, clocks, potted plants, cut flowers and table tops.

Popularity has its price, though. The days of finding an antique gem in a barn sale or on a salvage lot are limited, according to Kerry Shriver of Skinner Inc., an auction house in Boston. It's a seller's market for 18th- and 19th-century European and American pedestals, she says.

At Skinner sales, simple wood pedestals usually go for \$300 to \$500, and plain marble, alabaster, and onyx pedestals for under \$1,000. Those with carving or ornate bronze mounts, figural decoration, or a bust are more expensive.

But there are good reproductions. Henfeathers Corp., in King of Prussia, Pa., sells both fiberglass and bonded marble pedestals. Henfeathers' selection ranges from plinths a little over 4 inches tall to 35-inch pillars. There are rounds and squares in white or black and finials in a variety of designs, all based on antiques.

Ballard Designs of Atlanta got its start 15 years ago when Helen Ballard Weeks' dining room, with glass-topped dining table, was featured in a decorating magazine.

The magazine received some 500 calls from readers interested in the table base, a pedestal shaped like a dolphin.

With their classical antecedents, pedestals are associated with traditional design. But not for long. Beale has begun manufacturing a wood Gothic-revival pedestal that she had designed for a client. It's \$1,200 and up, depending on size.

And Joe Boehle, a Chicago furniture maker, has a 32-inch pedestal of twigs topped by a 12-inch square of granite. It sells for about \$250 at stores such as Home Bodies in Chicago and An American Craftsman in New York.

Brueton, a New York-based-to-the-trade company known for uncompromising modern designs, has introduced the Kyoto. The lighted pedestal is made of aluminum and stainless steel with a cobalt blue glass top.

Other designs include an inverted pyramid of wood or stone in a stainless steel cradle.

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Bagworms 'decorate' many area trees

By Deborah A. Bengé Frost

Is your juniper decorated with spindle-shaped, natural-looking decorations? If look — these "decorations" may be insects.

Bagworms are pests that never leave home. From the time of hatching, they begin to spin a tough silken bag. While young they carry the bag upright, but as they grow the bag becomes larger and hangs in downward. They collect bits and pieces of leaves, twigs and even berries to attach to the exterior of their "home." This "siding" provides protection from the environment and camouflage from predators.

Bagworms can grow up to an 1-1/2 to 2 inches long. As the worm feeds, its head and first few pairs of legs protrude from an opening at the top of the bag. It pulls itself, body and home, around the plant

while it feeds. Females stay in these bag homes until they die, while males pupate in the bags and emerge as clear wing moths.

Bagworms can be a big problem on narrow-leaf evergreens, such as juniper, arborvitae and Arizona cypress. Deciduous trees and shrubs such as pecan, purple leaf plum and ash — almost any deciduous plant — can also be infested. Bagworms can devastate, even kill, evergreens and denude deciduous plants. Evergreens are hardest hit because they cannot promptly releaf like pecan, mulberry or elm trees can.

If you find bagworms hanging in your plants, try handpicking them off, which is the safest, surest and cheapest method of control. Pick bags off and seal in a plastic sack or container. If there are more bags than you can pick and bagworms are still actively feeding, try spraying with a Bt or *Bacillus thuringiensis* product.

For more information concerning bagworms, contact the Midland County Extension Service for a copy of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service publication L-1802 entitled, "Bagworms."



Benge Frost

The Permian Basin Fair and Exposition is planned for Sept. 5-13. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Master Gardeners are giving garden and landscape seminars Sept. 5-8.

Topics, times and speakers for the educational seminars are:

■ Sept. 5: "Plant Propagation and Repotting," presented by Roger Corzine, 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

■ Sept. 6: "Xeriscape Landscaping," Millard Alexander, 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.; and "Butterfly Gardening," Andra Chamberlain, 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

■ Sept. 7: "Preparing Plants for Fresh Use or Show," Marge Hurt, 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.; "What's Bugging You: Insects in the Lawn and Garden," Holly Mote, Extension Entomologist, 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

■ Sept. 8: "Water Gardening," Tamara Listiak, 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The seminars will be presented on the west end of the Ector County Coliseum in the Horticulture Show section of the annex.

Master Composters will host a

drawing for three home compost bins Sept. 5-8. Master Composters will have a booth and display, and will be available to answer questions on composting in the home landscape. They also will have puppet shows after each of the above seminars.

The Horticulture Show entries will be taken 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 10. Bring your prize flowers, vegetables, fruit, trees, shrubs and vines to the west end of Ector County Coliseum annex. For more specific information on entering the various categories of the Horticulture Show, contact the Ector or Midland County Extension Services at 498-4071 or 687-1351, or call Horticulture Show chairman at 332-8927. Horticulture Show will be open to the public Sept. 10-13.

Master Gardeners will be on hand during the fair to answer lawn and garden questions and questions about Master Gardener Program, provide handouts and demonstrate tying chile ristras.

Deborah Bengé Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.

DEAR ABBY

Savvy mechanic wins loyalty from customers

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have been a widow for 10 years. I've always kept my car in good repair. While I wait for my car to be serviced, I usually sit in the shop's waiting room. Magazines are provided for waiting customers, but all the magazines are about fishing, hunting, mechanics, racing, etc. In other words, the magazines are meant for male customers. Women who bring in their cars are totally ignored.

I have news for these auto shops: I have spent several hundred dollars with them, and I am only one of thousands of women who take responsibility for auto maintenance. Recently, however, I had a pleasant surprise when I took my car in for service. The new manager greeted me politely and invited me to have a cup of coffee.



Van Buren

When I sat down with my coffee, I was surprised again — displayed on the table were a number of magazines women love to read.

Abby, that manager recognizes that women matter, and you can bet I'll patronize his shop again because they obviously appreciate the business of women. — PLEASANTLY SURPRISED IN KNOXVILLE

DEAR PLEASANTLY SURPRISED: The new manager is obviously a smart businessman. Women of the world, clip this letter and present it to your mechanic. If he (or she) is as enterprising and service-oriented as the manager of the business where the reader took her car, you'll soon be taken seriously in auto shops.

DEAR ABBY: I am currently seeing a counselor for depression and anxiety. On top of that, I am in constant pain from arthritis and a condition called fibromyalgia.

My counselor and physician advised that walking would improve both my depression and muscle tone. However, until I

made a call to the local humane society, I had no motivation to make myself do it. Now I volunteer to walk dogs almost every day.

The results have been great — both for me and the dogs. I get my exercise and several dogs get the individual attention, petting and loving they need, as well as a chance to get out of the kennels. My depression is lifting, too.

Abby, there must be other animal lovers who cannot have a pet in their homes for one reason or another. Walking dogs is a great way to have contact with animals we love.

Words cannot describe the intense satisfaction I feel when these animals say "thank you" with their eyes and wagging tails. All it takes is a stop by the local humane society to volunteer. Sign me ... INCURABLE ANIMAL LOVER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR INCURABLE: Orchids to you. It has long been known that people who interact with pets are much happier and healthier. I can't think of a better way for people to help themselves — and needy animals.

Readers, this two-way street is a route to better health and happiness for yourselves — and a welcome respite for furry creatures who are incarcerated through no fault of their own.

DEAR ABBY: I quit smoking 11 years ago, and put my cigarette money into a savings bond for my 1-year-old grandson.

A year later when another baby was added to our family, I put a similar amount into a savings bond for him. I repeated this for No. 3.

As of July this year, there is a total of \$10,000 in the savings pot for my grandchildren, and the added bonus of a healthier body for me.

It's wonderful what cigarette money can do rather than go up in smoke. — MARILYN J. OSTRONIC, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

DEAR MARILYN: What a terrific idea. It's a pleasure to know that something so positive can come from cigarette money.

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Mirrors used in home decorating

By Edward R. Lipinski
N.Y. Times News Service

For most people, mirrors are indispensable grooming aids, but they can also be decorating tools to create accents, transform space and dematerialize mass. They can also be used to establish mood, to provide more security and even to help babies develop faster.

Mirrors have been around since ancient times. The Egyptians, Greeks and Romans made small hand-held mirrors of polished metal.

Glass mirrors were rare until the Venetians perfected the art of casting sheet glass and silvering it. They jealously guarded their technology so that they could maintain a monopoly on the mirror trade.

In 1670, the French persuaded a number of Venetian glass craftsmen to set up glass factories in France. French interior designers embraced the mirror, and used it in a number of innovative ways to enhance a design scheme.

Even though the mirrors were used on a grand scale in Baroque and Rococo palaces, the techniques developed are useful for smaller rooms today.

For example, it is possible to create the illusion of infinite space by placing mirrors on facing walls. The mirrors reflect their opposite images, projecting a feeling of extreme depth. This effect, called glances repetition, can be effective in opening up a small room and making it seem larger.

Another way to open up a small room is by hanging a mirror slightly above eye level so it reflects space. The traditional and most practical place for this type of mirror is above the fireplace.

Mirrors can also be used to dematerialize mass. Hung on a wall or solid object, they make it seem smaller or less dense. Many department stores achieve this effect by encasing free-standing walls or columns with mirrors.

In the home this technique can be used to make the walls between windows seem less massive. The mirror, called a pier mirror, is mounted between two windows; it creates the illusion of a third window between the two others.

If a mirror is placed opposite or adjacent to a window, it reflects light back into the room to increase the ambient brightness. Placing a mirror behind a light fixture can double the amount of light thrown into the room.

Mirrors can also be used effectively in a nursery. Studies have shown that babies will crawl toward a mirror to see their reflection. This helps them develop motor skills and a greater sense of self-awareness.

To most people a mirror is simply a sheet of silver-coated glass. While this is essentially true, there are different types of mirrors. Clear mirrors are the most common. These are available in four standard thicknesses: 3/32-inch, 1/8-inch, 3/16-inch and 1/4-inch. The 1/4-inch thickness is used for most applications, while thinner mirrors are used in furniture applications.

Some mirrors are designed for esthetic appeal as well as function. These include tinted and antique mirrors, and mirrors with surface decoration.

Tinted mirrors have colored glass and are available in a variety of colors, including green, blue, pink, gray and gold.

In addition to having tinted glass, antique mirrors have a reflective surface that has been purposely distressed to give the piece an aged look.

Surface treatments include sandblasting, cutting, painting, slumping and glue chipping. Sandblasting is used to etch a matte or frosted pattern onto the surface of the glass. Cutting with high-pressure air and abrasive wheels produces a pattern that is multi-layered and faceted.

No matter what style mirror you choose, it still must be hung properly. Most people hang framed mirrors like a picture, with a single hook and stranded wire, but mirrors are heavier than pictures so they need additional support.

Attach two steel strap hangers to either side of the mirror frame. These can then be attached to the walls with screws or heavy duty picture-hangers.

Use mirror mounting clips (available at home centers and glass shops) to attach frameless mirrors to a wall. Mirror clips are padded to protect the glass and slotted so they can be adjusted.

First draw a horizontal line about 3/4 inch higher than the final position of the bottom edge of the mirror. Mark off the position for the clips on this line. The clips should support the mirror about four inches from the corners.

Drill a hole at each mark. If you hit a wall stud, you can screw the clip directly into it; otherwise insert anchor sleeves in the holes then screw the clips in place.

Measure the length of the mirror. Transfer this measurement to the wall starting from the bottom clips. Mount the top clips along this line.

Use the adjustment slots to position the mirror. Push the clips up and place the mirror in the bottom clips. When the mirror is in place, push the clips down to secure it.

Techniques make old decks look new again

Associated Press

Decks lead a hard life.

After years of exposure to sun, rain and snow, a deck may show its age with cracked or rotted steps, warped railings, deck boards with popped nails and cracks, and joists and support posts showing signs of decay.

You can make your old deck look like new with first-aid treatments that require only a modest amount of skill, money and tools. More often than not, you may be looking at little more than giving your deck a power washing, resetting popped nails and applying fresh stain or sealer.

POWER WASHING

Giving your deck a good power washing is your first move. To clean the deck thoroughly, rent a power washer rated at 1,000-psi (pounds per square inch). Until you peel off the layers of grime covering the wood you won't be able to gauge how much work you face. CAUTION: Use a power washer with care. It's powerful enough to blow aluminum or vinyl siding off your house. Never point it at yourself or another person.

First, scrub the deck with deck cleaner recommended for the type of wood. Then rinse with the power washer. You'll not only remove layers of built-up dirt but also expose fresh wood fibers, which will make the surface look new.

You may notice that the deck has more popped nails than it did before the cleaning. Power washing not only removes years of built-up dirt and grime but also dislodges loose surface wood fibers.

POPPED NAIL

Setting a popped nail is a two-step process. First, drive the nail-head back below the surface of the wood, using a nail set to avoid dimpling the wood with your hammer.

Then predrill a pilot hole alongside the nail and drive in a galvanized

deck screw whose head overlaps the nailhead to hold it down.

Once you have power washed the deck and reset all the popped nails, give your deck a careful inspection. Write down everything that needs attention. Note damaged deck boards and steps. Check wood that looks damaged for rot. The wood is rotted if you can easily insert a sharp tool such as an awl or a knife blade. Look for dangerous loose railings or steps.

With list in hand, calculate the cost in time and money for repairs. Here's a guide:

■ Stain or paint the deck: You'll need stain or paint and other supplies and about two days time.

■ Stair stringers and treads: Buy 2-by-12 and 2-by-6 replacements. Estimate one to two days to finish.

■ Deck boards: Allow a few hours to one day, depending on the number of boards which will be replaced.

■ Support posts and beams: Posts are usually 4-by-4s. Beams are 2-by-12s attached to the tops of the posts. It will take a few hours to replace an above-ground post or beam. More time will be required if the posts are on in-ground footings or if they do double-duty as deck railing posts.

■ Deck joists: Joists are the supports your deck boards are nailed to. You will need 2-by-8 replacements and possibly new metal joist hangers. This may take a few hours or more, depending on the number to be replaced and how easy it is to get access to them.

■ Railing: Estimate costs by 4-foot sections. Assume it will take three hours for each section.

Make sure all new wood is either pressure-treated or a rot-resistant species such as redwood, cedar or cypress. Match the deck's original wood.

Use an exterior finish. A semi-transparent stain is best for areas that receive foot traffic.

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Seeds for Thought/8C
Dear Abby/8C



A Rufous Hummingbird dines at a backyard feeder, above. A Ruby-throated Hummingbird, left, seeks nectar from a trumpet flower. Both hummingbirds are migrating through Midland this month on the way to wintering in South America. In addition, there are still many Black-Chinned hummers here, not having yet begun their migration. They are the most common summer hummingbird resident. A monarch butterfly, below left, lights on a flower while a host of monarchs gather on tree branches, below.

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Staff Reports

If you've been hearing lots of buzzing in your backyard lately, don't automatically assume you are hearing a large bee, or one of our industrial-strength West Texas cicadas. The sound may be coming from one of the many varieties of hummingbirds that are starting their Southern migration through Midland now.

September is an excellent time for spotting "hummers" in the Tall City as they make their long journey to winter homes in South America. Three exotic varieties of hummingbirds are passing through the Permian Basin now: the Rufous, Ruby-throated and Broad Tail. The Rufous is the only hummingbird with distinctive "rufous" brown sides, tail and back. It's sometimes tinged with green and a bright orange or red throat.

The Ruby-throated hummers are distinguished by their bright red throat, green head and back. Broad Tails look very similar, but sport a much larger, broader tail. It's the Broad Tail whose "wing whistle" is so very noticeable this time of year. The wing whistle and nervous behavior are part of the hummingbird's way of marking territory, and protecting what it considers its very own feeding ground. That feeding ground could be a backyard hummingbird feeder, or many of the pollen-filled flowers now abundant in Midland gardens. Hummers enjoy impatiens, and are quite fond of the bright orange, succulent trumpet vines.

Like many other birds, hummingbirds are attracted to water. A dripping faucet, fountain or bird bath will make an area even more attractive. According to local birders, many varieties of Midland's migrating birds that will not come to seed feeders, will come to water, including yellow warblers.

The Permian Basin is a popular stopover for a large variety of other birds and numerous but-



terflies this time of year. According to the North American Butterfly Association (NABA), recreational butterfly watching was recognized as a hobby about five years ago. Today, there are more than 3,000 NABA members.

With just a little effort and luck, almost any West Texas resident can attract a variety of butterflies. Common Midland area host plants on which butterflies lay their eggs include parsley, mustard and turnip greens, cabbage, clover and fruit trees. They feed on a variety of flowering plants and will also feed from man-made nectars similar to hummingbirds.

This time of year, large flights of the popular Monarchs, Swallowtails and Painted Ladies can be spotted in Midland yards. (A list of 114 species of butterflies found in the Midland area is available free of charge from Wild Birds Unlimited nature store.)

Members of the Midland Naturalists group carefully watch and record local bird activities.



Birding festival planned

Staff Reports

HARLINGEN — Bright yellow kiskadees, large and noisy chachalacas, and squawking red-crowned parrots populate Harlingen parks and neighborhoods, and will be on hand for the city's fourth annual birding festival Nov. 12-16.

Billed "Tropical Birds of the Border," the event will feature guided bird watching trips to the King Ranch and Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, across from South Padre Island. The five-day event will include workshops on bird photography, bird painting, viewing shorebirds, and field trips to viewing sites.

Falcons, vultures, and hawks will glide, swoop and dive in an outdoor exhibition. The birds have been trained by a raptor (bird of prey) rehabilitation center.

Afternoon sessions will range from Birding 101 for beginners

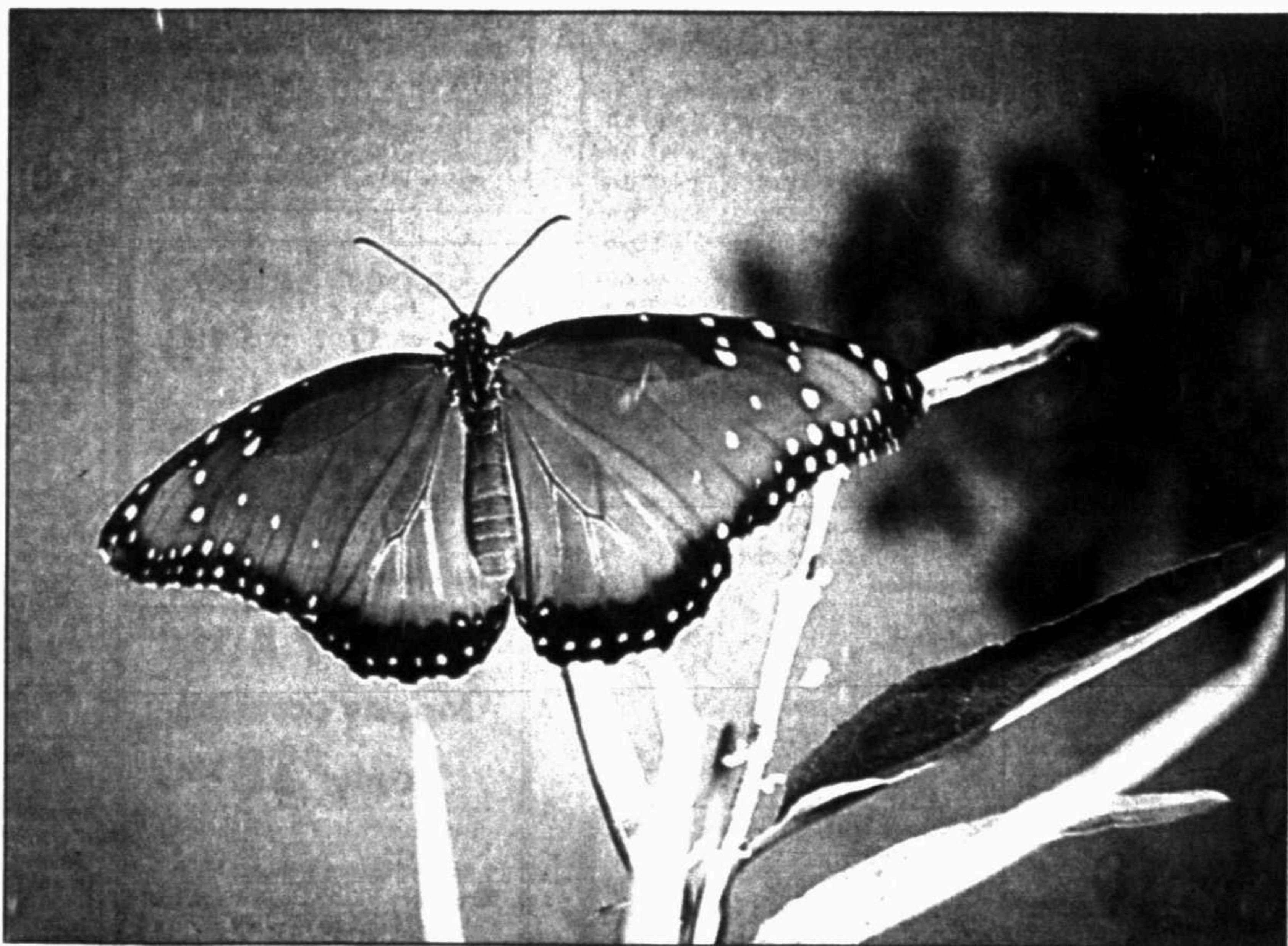
to in-depth looks at pygmy owls, sparrows, and warblers. There will also be tours and talks on landscaping with native, bird-attracting plants. Fees for all events will be priced between \$3 to \$10.

Birders will give presentations on hummingbirds, Aplomado falcons and warblers. Pete Dunne, author of "Tales of a Low-rent Birder," and "Feather Quest," will also give a presentation.

A Birding & Nature Fair and Art Show — with free admission — will feature various artists.

"Rio Grande Valley offers some of the finest birding in the U.S. — more than 465 species at last count," said Tom Pincelli, birding festival chairman.

For registration packets or more information, call the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce toll-free at 1 (800) 532-7346, or e-mail birding@Harlingen.com.



The deep hues of a queen monarch look dazzling in contrast against a gray sky.

Earnhardt waits word from SCAR on return to racing

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Medical tests have found no cause for Dale Earnhardt's health problems during the Southern 500, and the seven-time Winston Cup champion was waiting for NASCAR clearance Wednesday to resume racing.

Doctors at two hospitals examined Earnhardt over a four-day period that ended Wednesday morning with a final battery of tests, race team spokesman David Allen said. The information was shared with doctors at two other hospitals, giving the driver opinions from specialists at four institutions.

"All of our indications are nothing was found and that he's fine," Allen said.

The medical reports were forwarded to NASCAR headquarters in Daytona Beach, Fla., where officials of the sanctioning body for stock car racing were reviewing them Wednesday night.

Allen said Earnhardt, who twice nodded off at the wheel before Sunday's race and then wrecked on the first lap and had trouble finding the pits, was anxious to get back on the track.

"He's as ornery as he's ever been," Allen said, "and he wants to race."

Earnhardt cancelled a promotional appearance Wednesday at the Mall

of America in Bloomington, Minn. His son, Dale Jr., attended and said his father seemed fine. The two were hunting less than 24 hours after the elder Earnhardt's problems.

"We got back Monday and went dove hunting on the farm, just like always," Earnhardt Jr. said. "He caught his usual. To do that, his eyesight would have to be at least near-perfect. That's something I really paid attention to."

However, Earnhardt Jr. said his father had no memory of parts of Sunday's events.

"He doesn't remember since he got in the car until they got him to the hospital," the son said.

Earnhardt, 46, has started 537 consecutive races, the second-longest streak on NASCAR's Winston Cup circuit behind Terry Labonte's 560.

The next event is the Exide NASCAR Select Batteries 400 at Richmond International Raceway. Practice and qualifying is scheduled for Friday, with the 400-lap race set for Saturday night.

It's not unusual for Earnhardt to take cat naps while sitting in his car waiting for repairs or for a race to begin, so when he nodded off before the start of the Southern 500, no one in his pit paid much attention.

They became suspicious, though,

when Earnhardt fell asleep a second time. But by then the drivers were being ordered to start their engines, so Earnhardt fired up the car and drove away with the rest of the field.

On the first lap, Earnhardt's Chevrolet Monte Carlo slammed into the concrete retaining wall in both the first and second turns. Earnhardt failed to respond when car owner Richard Childress called him on the radio several times, and the driver also couldn't find the entrance to pit road.

When Earnhardt finally came over the radio, he apologized for seeing "two racetracks."

Earnhardt finally pulled over and was lifted from his car like a rag doll and taken first to the infield care center, then to a hospital in Florence, S.C. Tests conducted there were negative, and he was released the next day but underwent more tests Tuesday and Wednesday upon his return to his home in Mooresville.

Earnhardt's unusual actions prompted NASCAR officials to ask for medical records before allowing him to return to racing.

"We have to keep in mind that racing is what we all do for a living, but that's secondary to good health," NASCAR spokesman Kevin Triplett said.

U.S. team squeezes into Gymnastics finals

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Defending world champion China drew on its depth, and Olympic gold medalist Russia on its stars to lead the qualifying round of the World Gymnastics Championships on Wednesday.

But the U.S. men's team scraped into Thursday's team finals with a no-holds-barred performance, demonstrated quite literally by U.S. champion Blaine Wilson's one-armed grab to save a botched release on the high bar — and himself from crashing to the mat.

"All I knew is I had to stay on the bar," Wilson said. "When I grabbed, I decided I wasn't coming off."

China, which won the silver at Atlanta, stormed into the qualifying with the most consistent performances and highest overall difficulty — scoring 224.394 points, 3.427 ahead of Russia.

To foil China's quest for a third consecutive world championship, Russia will have to squeeze more challenging elements into their routines during Thursday's team competition.

Olympic silver all-around medalist Alexei Nemov of Russia, like some of the other top gymnasts, was dogged

World Championships

by a new scoring code getting its first competitive test internationally at these championships.

Only one of Nemov's six routines contained enough difficulty to earn perfect 10s under the new code, if executed flawlessly, and that was the rings, an event he almost skipped because of a shoulder injury.

He came closest to top form on the floor with a 9.725. But he missed an element on the parallel bars, lost credit for difficulty, and wound up with a score of 8.912 that disappointed even the crowd.

"It's a very difficult scoring system now, but of course it's on all apparatus and applies to everyone," Nemov said. "We did well. But tomorrow we have to do better than today."

Japan appeared geared for a comeback after a disappointing 10th at Atlanta, vaulting to third in the qualifiers with 220.133, ahead of Belarus, 219.158, in fourth and a fifth-place German squad that had 217.569 and was bolstered by Azerbaijan's Valeri Belenki and Sergei Charkov of the

1996 Russia Olympic team.

The United States took the sixth and final team spot with 217.245.

Ivan Ivankov of Belarus led the all-around after the qualifying rounds with a display of strength and precision demonstrated best on the rings, with unwavering swings connecting steady holds. The routine earned him the highest of his scores, a 9.525.

With a strong men's field, the American's needed to push the difficulty to have any hope of qualifying for the team finals.

That hold capped a rotation that started rough with a missed flip on a tumbling pass and cost Wilson bonus points. But he recovered well enough to qualify ninth for the individual men's competition on Friday.

Jason Gatson, at 17 the youngest U.S. male to compete at the world championships, likewise overcame a tough break, a fall on the parallel bars, his strongest event, but just missed qualifying for the all-around.

The senior team member, two-time Olympian and a four-time world competitor John Roethlisberger, forfeited chances at the overall by foregoing the floor due to a sore ankle.

FISHING REPORT

By Chester Moore

For The Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 3:

WEST

KEMP: Water fairly clear, 1 foot low, black bass to 4 pounds are fair to good on jugs and spinners fished on the outer edge of grass and mud points. Carp and minnows are taking fish during the middle period in deeper water. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait, no report for catfish.

OJIVIE: Water fairly clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries, black bass up to 6 pounds are fair on small crankbaits, Texas-rigged worms and buzzbaits fished early in the morning. Largemouth bass are fair on small crankbaits, spinners and Texas-rigged worms fished over secondary rocky points and shoals. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished over bottom structure. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait and flathead catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait fished in the river.

POSSUM KIN: Water clear, 3 feet low, black bass to 4 pounds are fair on spinners and Carolina-rigged pumpkin green worms, striped and white bass are fair on live bait fished on the main lake, crappie are good on minnows fished in deeper water, channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait, yellow catfish are fair on jugs baited with live perch.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water fairly clear, 90 degrees, black bass up to 6 pounds are fair on Texas-rigged worms and spinners. Some bass are coming on topwaters like Pop-R-Pop fished early in the morning. Crappie are fair on spinners. No report is available for catfish.

BELTON: Water fairly clear, normal level, black bass up to 5 1/2 pounds are fair on small topwaters and buzzbaits fished early in the morning. Some fish are also being caught on live bait. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait and flathead catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait and cut bait.

BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear, 88 degrees, black bass to 6 1/2 pounds are fair on red and white spinner baits and on topwaters fished in shallow water early in the morning. Hybrid striped bass are fair on spinners and buzzbaits. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live crabs and crabs.

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear, 2 feet low, 85 degrees, black bass are fair on Texas-rigged worms, topwaters and minnows and watermelon seed colored worms fished around grass and on points. Topwaters and spinner baits are taking the fish that are still schooling around the shoals. Crappie are fair on minnows and small jigs fished around boat docks. Channel catfish are good on cut bait and night crawlers. Flathead catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

CANYON: Water clear, normal level, 88 degrees, black bass up to 5 pounds are good on live spinners fished in 12 feet of water around the edges of the hydrilla. Carolina-rigged 6 inch worms are still taking some fish in the mornings. Hybrid striped bass are fair to good on spinners and live bait. Catfish are fair to good on live bait and spinners. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait and on topwaters fished under the bridge. Catfish are good on cut bait and live crabs and minnows.

FAYETTE: Water fairly clear, 92 degrees, black bass to 5 pounds are fair on topwaters fished early and on Texas-rigged worms and minnows fished around the outer edges of the grass and on the points later in the day, no report for catfish.

STILLWATER: Water fairly clear, normal level, black bass up to 5 pounds and smallmouth up to 3 1/2 pounds are fair on pumpkinseed colored worms and lizards fished on points. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and small spinner baits rigged on ultra-light spinning tackle fished around boat docks and around boat docks. Catfish are good on Carolina crickets and blood bait.

SOMERVILLE: Water fairly clear, 1 foot low, black bass are fair to good on small spinners and beetle spins with some fish still being taken on live minnows fished around grass and submerged timber. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut perch fished around brushy areas and around boat docks at night. Carp are good on dough bait.

TRAVIS: Water clear, lake high, 85 degrees, black bass up to 6 pounds are fair on Texas-rigged worms and on tube jugs fished around rocky points. Striped and white bass are good on live bait and spinners. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around boat docks and over baited brush piles. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait and flathead catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live crabs and minnows.

WACO: Water clear to murky, 1 foot low, black bass are fair on small spinners and beetle spins with some fish still being taken on live minnows fished around grass and submerged timber. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut perch fished around brushy areas and around boat docks at night. Carp are good on dough bait.

WHITNEY: Water off-colored, 2 feet low, black bass up to 5 pounds are fair to good on Carolina-rigged worms and on topwaters. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait and on tube jugs fished around rocky points. Striped and white bass are good on live bait and spinners. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around boat docks and over baited brush piles. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait and flathead catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live crabs and minnows.

ATHEENS: Water fairly clear, 91 degrees, black bass to 4 pounds are fair on live spinners and yellow H&H spinners. Some bass are being caught on live spinners fished under a cork, crappie are slow, catfish are fair on rods and reels baited with cut bait and trotlines baited with cut bait and prepared bait.

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ADDO: Water murky, 98 degrees, black bass up to 7 pounds are fair on a punnet of colored popping spinners fished on the edge of the lily pads. Some fish are also coming on Tiny Topwaters and Zara Poppers. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

COOPER: Water fairly clear, 86 degrees, black bass up to 7 pounds are fair on live tiger colored Rat-L-Trap and on spinners fished around the schooling fish. Texas-rigged worms and jigs are taking fish in 12 to 18 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in deep water over brush piles. Catfish are fair to good on night crawlers and cut bait fished on rod and reels fished around drop offs.

FORK: Water fairly clear, 87 degrees, black bass up to 8 pounds are fair on Chug Bugs and Zara Spooks fished early in the mornings. There are still some larger fish showing in the mornings. There are also some Texas-rigged green and yellow spinner baits and also on Rinky Dink and Little Georgia. Night fishing has been good on black spinners and an 8 inch Texas-rigged black worm fished in shallow water. Crappie are fair on live minnows and white crappie jigs fished over baited brush piles, no report for catfish.

JOE POOL: Water fairly clear, 2 feet low, black bass are fair on spinners and Texas-rigged worms fished in 6 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cut bait.

LEWISVILLE: Water murky, 2 feet low, black bass are fair to good on Hart spinner baits fished on the outer edge of grass and brush lines. Main lake bass are coming on Carolina-rigged worms and on spinners. Striped and white bass are fair to good on live bait and also on topwaters. Look for action to pick up. Catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with cut bait. Catfish are fair to good on night crawlers and cut bait fished around boat docks.

PALESTINE: Water fairly clear, 86 degrees, black bass up to 8 pounds are fair on spinners fished early in the mornings and on buzzbaits. Most of the bass action is coming early in the morning. Striped bass are fair on live bait and on small crawfish-colored Beetle Spins and also on a white and red variation. Catfish are good on Magic blood bait and on frozen shrimp or shad fished on rod and reels.

RAY ROBERTS: Water fairly clear, 1 foot low, 86 degrees, black bass to 7 pounds are fair on wacky worms fished in protected areas and on Texas-rigged Culpit worms fished in 8 to 12 feet of water. Some fish are also coming on Carolina-rigged worms and on spinners. Striped and white bass are fair to good early in the mornings. Crappie up to 2 pounds are fair on minnows and small tube baits fished over baited brush piles and also starting to show around boat docks. Catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with cut bait and earthworms.

RICHLAND CHAMBERS: Water fairly clear, normal level, 83 degrees, black bass up to 10 pounds good on pumpkin seed colored worms and on Texas-rigged worms fished in the mouths of creeks. Catfish are good on shrimp, blood bait and shad.

TEXOMA: Water fairly clear, 6 inches low, 88 degrees, black bass up to 6 1/2 pounds are fair on black and white spinners and topwaters fished around Washita Flats early in the morning. Some larger fish are being caught on jugs with trevise trailers fished on main lake points, some fish are also coming on red worms fished in this same zone. Striped bass are good on chrome baits and topwaters fished under the bridge. Catfish are good on cut bait and live crabs and minnows.

SOUTHEAST

B.A. STEINHAGEN: Water fairly clear, 1 1/2 feet low, 88 degrees, black bass are fair to good on small white and yellow spinners fished on the outer edge of the grass early in the mornings. Bass are schooling on the main lake points and in the mouth of creeks during the day and taking Spill-fires and other small topwaters and 1/8 ounce Rat-L-Trap. Crappie are slow to fair with a few fish caught on shrimp fished over baited brush piles and under fishermen's lights at night. Catfish are good on night crawlers and cut perch fished around boat docks and baited holes in 15 feet of water at night.

CONROE: Water clear to stained, 90 degrees, black bass up to 8 1/2 pounds are fair on spinners fished on the edge of the grass and around log piles. Some fish are also coming on Carolina-rigged Zoom lizards fished in 12 to 15 feet of water around humps and on the edge of the grass. Crappie are spotty with some good catches reported at night around baited brush piles. White bass are fair to good on live bait fished around the bridge. Catfish are slow to fair on cheese bait fished in the creeks early in the morning.

LIVINGSTON: Water murky, normal level, 92 degrees, black bass up to 6 pounds are fair on spinners fished around grass and in shallow water early in the morning. Some fish are coming on small topwaters like Zara Poppers and on small worms in a blue/watermelon pattern fished in 3 to 10 feet of water. Some of the bigger fish are coming in 1 ounce Stanley Jig fished in 12 to 15 feet of water. Buzz bait action has been in the past few weeks, but good fish are being reported after the first bright light. Crappie are fair to good on jugs and minnows fished over main lake brush about the thermocline, no reports for catfish.

COASTAL

AMISTAD: Water clear, lake level 1085, 86 degrees, black bass up to 5 pounds are fair to good on topwaters fished from 8 to 9 a.m. Some of the bigger fish are coming on jugs and Carolina-rigged worms fished during the middle period in deep water. Striped and white bass are good under lights on dark nights fished with live bait. Catfish are slow on rod and reel, but fair on trotlines baited with worms, cheese and shrimp.

CAJALVERAS: Water fairly clear, black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on buzzbaits and spinners fished in 3 to 4 feet of water early in the morning. The larger fish are coming on jugs and worms fished on Texas-rigged worms later in the day. Hybrid striped bass are good on crankbaits and live bait. Redfish are fair to good on live bait fished from boat. Catfish are slow to fair on cut perch and shad. No reports for coney.

CHICK: Water murky, 91 degrees, black bass to 7 1/2 pounds are fair on topwaters, buzzbaits and large spinners fished early in the morning and in protected coves during the day. Larger fish are coming on Carolina-rigged worms fished under the bridge and on black spinners fished at night. White bass are fair to good on live bait and slabs. Catfish are fair on cheese bait and shad baited on trotlines and on night crawlers baited on rod and reels.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE: Redfish are fair on fresh, dead shrimp and live mullet fished in Coffee Ground Cove and around Mid-Pass islands in the evening. Trout are fair on Chug Bugs and live shrimp fished around the rig at East Pass and on the main lake. Flounder are good on live mud minnows in the bayous. Catfish are fair on cut bait and shrimp fished on trotlines.

SOUTH SABINE: Redfish are fair on live finger mullet and crab fished around the causeway reef and on bone colored Jumbo Minnows and Ghosts fished in Keith Lake. The jetty has been good on live finger mullet on cut bait and crab fished on the Gulf side of the jetty and around the Louisiana out-trout are good on live shrimp fished along the east jetty, but ladyfish are a problem. Best action for big fish is on live mullet and live shrimp fished along the jetty at East Pass and at the Walter Humphrey Pier at night. Flounder are fair to good on mud minnows and glow M. Twister jigs fished in the bayous and live finger mullet fished under a cork on cut bait and crab fished on the Gulf side of the jetty and around the Louisiana out-trout are good on live shrimp fished along the east jetty, but ladyfish are a problem. Best action for big fish is on live mullet and live shrimp fished along the jetty at East Pass and at the Walter Humphrey Pier at night. 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Excellent condition. \$2,500. Call 697-0725 or 697-1389.

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1973 DIAMOND Class C 22
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Contact Mary Byars, RN at 570-8080

MEDICAL Certified Nurse Assistant needed for 4-9 pm shift. Certified Medication Assistant needed for PRN position, applications may be completed at Manor Park, Inc., 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707 or send resume to Personnel Manager, EOE/MF

MIDLAND DIALYSIS is accepting full time applications for an RN. Dialysis experience preferred. Great salary and benefits. If interested apply at: 731 W. Wadley, Bldg. K, Suite 130, Midland, TX. Or fax resume to: 915-687-5008. Or contact: Barbara Vaughn, 915-687-1201.

312 Professional Help Wanted

***ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**
Odessa Regional Hospital Admitting Department. Experience in hospital or physicians office preferred. Supervisory experience preferred. Nursing background a plus. For more information, call 915-334-6397 or come by ORH's Human Resources Department at 5th & Muskingum in Odessa. EOE.

AUTOCAD OPERATORS wanted with piping and instrument walkdown experience. Must be level 10 AutoCAD Certified in release 13 or higher. AutoCAD. Requesting Salary Send resume to: Drafting, PO Box 10863, Midland, TX 79702-0863.

BRANCH MANAGER \$3 million per year business needs qualified manager. Successful candidate will train and relocate to Dallas. Degree or college background preferred. Fax resume and resume to 915-337-1014.

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DIRECTOR Terrace Gardens Nursing Center Director of Nurses. Long term care experience required. Apply in person only, resume with references. George Garlock, Facility Administrator, 2901 W. Ohio, Midland.

SCHOOL JOB OPENING Stanton ISD To Run an Alternative Education Center and Administer some Special Programs. Salary Depend on Qualifications. Contact: Jim White, 915-756-2244.

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330 Employment Wanted

I WORK 2 hours daily helping elderly and disabled with meals, cleaning, errands. Call 570-6315.

CAREGIVER/ COOK needed full time for adult nursing facility. Call 687-2503.

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EXPERIENCED, caring, Christian, Certified Nurse aide with excellent references. Call 8 am-5 pm, 684-8555.

340 Child Care Needed

LIVE IN NANNY for cooking and cleaning. Monday thru Friday, 6 Month raise program. \$150 weekly. Spanish speaking okay. 553-2940.

PART TIME (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) Child care in my home- ages 2 and 3. 12. Take and pickup from pre-school. Good driving record and references required. 689-1949.

PART-TIME child care, our home, 10 month old twins. Mornings 9-1. Non-smoker. References. 683-2773.

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341 Child Care Providers

CHILD CARE 2-5 Years. 7 am - 7 pm. Open Weekends. Call 684-6575.

BABYSITTING in my home. 20 Years experience. Reasonable rates. Call 684-5461.

WOULD LIKE to keep after school children in Emerson or Fannin Districts. Will pick up. 570-1234.

PRE K classes for 98/99. K's Four per class. Develop testing and curriculum. M/W T/T 9-12. 570-8685.

NEED A PLAYMATE for my 3 year old daughter. Any hours, except overnight. Call Tracy 620-0131.

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LEARNING PROGRAM for toddlers. Clean, safe, loving environment. Breakfast, lunch snack. First aid/ CPR. 694-9871.

350 Business Opportunities

GOVERNMENT Foreclosed Homes from pennies on \$1. Delinquent Tax, Repo's, RED's. Your Area: Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext H-1523 for current listings.

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STORE FIXTURES: 200 sections metal gondola shelving, metal wall shelving and end caps, shopping carts, 5,000 peg hooks. 501 S. Birdwell, Big Spring, TX. 8 am-5 pm Tuesday - Sunday.

GARBAGE FOOD Disposer, new 1/2 hp, full warranty, install in sink only \$45. 367-5433.

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KARAOKE MACHINE with two microphones. \$50. Call 694-0585.

MILLER WELDER Bobcat 2256 plus 8,000 watt generator, torch/ 2 tanks, rods, helmet, \$2,500. 570-0442.

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NORDIC TRAK- Like new, 2 years old, \$350. Please call 683-8405.

RESTHAVEN, Garden of Last Supper, lot 56, space 4. \$500. 683-1432.

BIBLE TALK: "Will Jesus Reign on the Earth 1,000 Years?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

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413 Jewelry & Furs

ABSOLUTELY STUNNING ladies Hamilton diamond bracelet watch, platinum with total 64 diamonds. \$2,500. Call (915)362-2376.

WANT TO Buy a clean used spa. Call Joe or Pam at 694-7650.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

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regulations. Date of Sale:
September 18, 1997. Time of
Sale: 2:30 PM. Place of Sale:
Christie's, 502 Park Avenue at
59th Street, New York, New
York 10022. Title Offered: Only
the right, title, and interest of
David Porras, William
Edmiston, HWD Inc., Pharaph
Corp. in and to the property will
be offered for sale. If
requested, the Internal
Revenue Service will furnish
information about possible
encumbrances, which may be
useful in determining the value
of the interest being sold (See
attachment for further details).
Description of Property: A
pair of Large Chinese Iron
Ovoid Jars and Covers (item
3306). A massive turquoise
ground bottle vase (item 2853).
Property may be inspected at:
502 Park Avenue, New York,
New York 10022 (call the
phone number below for
additional information about
viewing the property prior to
sale). Payment Terms:
Deferred payment as follows:
In accordance with Christie's
published payment terms.
Form of Payment: All
payments must be by cash,
certified check, cashier's
check, or by a United
States postal, bank, express, or
telegraph money order. Name
and Title: Mary Durgin, Chief,
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Antique Porcelain Satsuma
Temple Jars, Late 19th Century
(item 2814). Property may be
inspected at: 502 Park
Avenue, New York, New York
10022 (call the phone number
below for additional information
about viewing the property prior
to sale). Payment Terms:
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In accordance with Christie's
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Form of Payment: All
payments must be by cash,
certified check, cashier's
check, or by a United
States postal, bank, express, or
telegraph money order. Name
and Title: Mary Durgin, Chief,
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