



SPORTS

Cowboys win

Quincy Carter threw for a career-best 194 yards and ran for a crucial first down to rally Dallas from a 10-point deficit to a 20-13 victory over the Giants./1C



WORLD

Striking caves

U.S. bombers pounded the hills and caves of Tora Bora on Sunday, trying to soften al-Qaida defenses for a ground assault by Afghan tribesmen./7A

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Cheney: Videotape proves bin Laden's role

Vice President Dick Cheney talks with reporters about Osama bin Laden and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, during the taping of "Meet the Press" at the NBC studios in Washington Sunday. Cheney said a recently discovered videotape provides clear proof that bin Laden and the al-Qaida network were behind the attacks.



AP Photo

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden says in a videotape he was pleasantly surprised by the extent of damage from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, U.S. officials disclosed Sunday. The tape also suggests that some hijackers did not know they were going to die.

Vice President Dick Cheney confirmed the tape's existence, and officials who spoke on condition of anonymity described the contents. It was obtained by Americans in Afghanistan, though the officials declined to say how.

Cheney said it provides clear proof the leader of the al-Qaida network was behind the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon that killed about 3,300 people.

"He does in fact display significant knowledge of what happened and there's no doubt about his responsibility for the attack on September 11," Cheney said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The tape shows bin Laden being interviewed or meeting with a cleric. He speaks in Arabic and discusses the terrorist attacks, according to Cheney, who said he had seen parts of the tape.

Bin Laden appeared relaxed on the tape, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, said on CBS' "Face the Nation." Myers is chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

President Bush ignored reporters' questions about the tape as he returned to the White House from Camp David early Sunday morning.

On the tape, bin Laden recalls tuning in to news shows hours before the attacks, waiting to hear reports about the destruction, a U.S. official said. Bin Laden also says that after the first plane struck, he told those who were with him that more destruction was coming.

The al-Qaida leader expressed surprise and pleasure at the amount of damage done to the World Trade Center, the official said. Another government official said bin Laden indicates on the tape he had expected the twin towers

only to collapse down to the level of where the planes struck the buildings.

Bin Laden's comments show he had specific advance knowledge of the time, method and location of the attacks, the officials said.

A third official said Sunday that the tape suggests the ringleaders of the attacks did not tell all the hijackers that their mission would end in death.

U.S. officials declined to say how the United States obtained the tape, which one described as amateurish and apparently made with a handheld video camera. The Washington Post, which first reported the existence of the video, said it was discovered during the search of a private home in Jalalabad.

Bin Laden has not publicly taken responsibility for the attacks, though he has praised them. U.S. officials have said they intercepted communications tying bin Laden or associates to the attacks, but have refused to release any materials, citing intelligence concerns.

Please see PROOF/2A

Midland office features horseshoe Christmas tree

By Johnnye Montgomery
MRT Correspondent

What's 7 feet tall, with lots of lights and ornaments ... but different this year? Yes, Virginia, it's a Christmas tree, but the tree standing in the corner of a Midland office's reception room didn't come from some snowy hillside, nor did it originate in a Christmas tree factory.

Linda Stephens, co-owner with her husband, Autry, of Endeavor Energy Resources LP, was browsing an art show in Ruidoso, N.M. last July, when she found a tree made of horseshoes and coated with rust-colored ceramic paint.

Ms. Stephens said she knew immediately it belonged in the company office in Midland, given the Stephens' preferred recreational activities and the general lifestyle of the office staff.

"My husband and I belong to a country and western dance club that meets at the Petroleum Club once a month, and we're always having office parties where we dress in western casual, so I just thought this tree would be perfect."

She also knew a tree made of horseshoes called for a radical change in the decorations.

"I went to Hobby Lobby and bought a bunch of burgundy bandanas, because our carpet is burgundy, and red bandanas would have been really glaring against that burgundy," she said. "I took them to my decorator, Sharon Smith, and she started cutting the bandanas into strips."

The tree arrived just before Thanksgiving, in two parts, ready for assembly. First, however, it had to be taken up to Endeavor's second floor reception room.

Please see TREE/2A

Sept. 11 attacks give holiday decorations patriotic theme

By Johnnye Montgomery
MRT Correspondent

Just when retailers were beginning to receive shipments of Christmas decorations for this season, Sept. 11 changed Americans' minds about what they wanted for Christmas. It also changed their thoughts about how to decorate.

The runaway favorite among tree trimmings this year is flag-based.

At the Museum of the Southwest's annual Christmas decoration exhibit, red, white and blue ribbons appear everywhere — from tiny flags as ornaments to huge swags of red, white and blue ribbon to garlands of stars and stripes.

Please see DECOR/2A



A kicker of a tree



This Christmas tree is made out of horseshoes and is located in the office of Endeavor Energy.

MRT photo

Local officials seek funds for hike/bike trail

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

The city of Midland is playing the waiting game after City Councilman Berry Simpson made his pitch to Texas Department of Transportation commissioners for funds to help pay for the Briarwood Hike/Bike Trail.

This past week, representatives from the city and Chamber of Commerce were in Austin, pleading their respective cases for projects affecting different areas of Midland. Assistant City Manager Marcus Johnston addressed the commissioners about a railroad corridor project. Chamber representatives spoke on behalf of the Rankin Highway Visitors Center.

However, according to Johnston, it was the hike/bike trail that city officials feel very good about. The total cost of the project is approximately \$660,000. The city is asking for \$528,232 in transportation enhancement funds. The rest of the money will come out of the city's general fund.

The enhancement grants are federal funds to be distributed by each state. State and city representatives spoke on behalf of 120 different projects that are in need of funding.

Please see CITY/2A

MISD board to hear plans for two posts

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

At its next meeting Tuesday, the Midland Independent School District board of trustees will hear a plan for filling two administrative positions during the spring semester.

MISD Superintendent Robert Nicks said he hopes to fill the position for Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, a new position he has created in his first few months at MISD, by the start of summer. He also has a long list of qualifications for the potential candidates — including specific knowledge of Texas curriculum requirements and performance standards.

"That's important, because Texas has a very specific curriculum, and how well students perform can impact individual districts and cam-

Please see MISD/2A

Police roll out substation for holiday presence

By Emily Baker
MRT Correspondent

In an effort to deter crime this holiday season, the Midland Police Department's Mobile Substation will be out and about.

"Substation officers will be out on foot and will also be on bicycle patrol in the parking lots," said City of Midland Public Information Officer Tina Jauz. "This is a busy time of year for major retail areas of the city. Having officers present will help patrol officers with the calls for service. The officers will be on the lookout for shoplifters, auto burglars, purse and wallet snatchers and other criminal activity."

Throughout the year, the substation is used for many projects including bike rodeos and safety fairs, the annual citizens survey, Project Rescue Me, National Night Out and hostage negotiations.

It is set up during the holiday season for two purposes, said Sgt. Kimberly Martinez who is assigned to the substation.

"We take it to stores to use as a police office so if there is a shoplifting going on, we can handle all the paperwork right there and keep our patrol officers on the street," she said. It also acts as a deterrent because it makes the police officers more visible.

Though there are no statistics to prove the substation's effectiveness or ineffectiveness, Ms. Martinez said the police presence at a store makes the public feel more safe.

Please see STATION/2A



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
MPD sergeant Kimberly Martinez quizzes 4-year-old Nikki Dwyer during an afternoon visit to the mobile substation at Midland Park Mall Saturday afternoon. The girl had been brought to the substation by her mother to get her enrolled in the program that gets children videotaped and fingerprinted in case the child is ever lost or missing.

A look inside

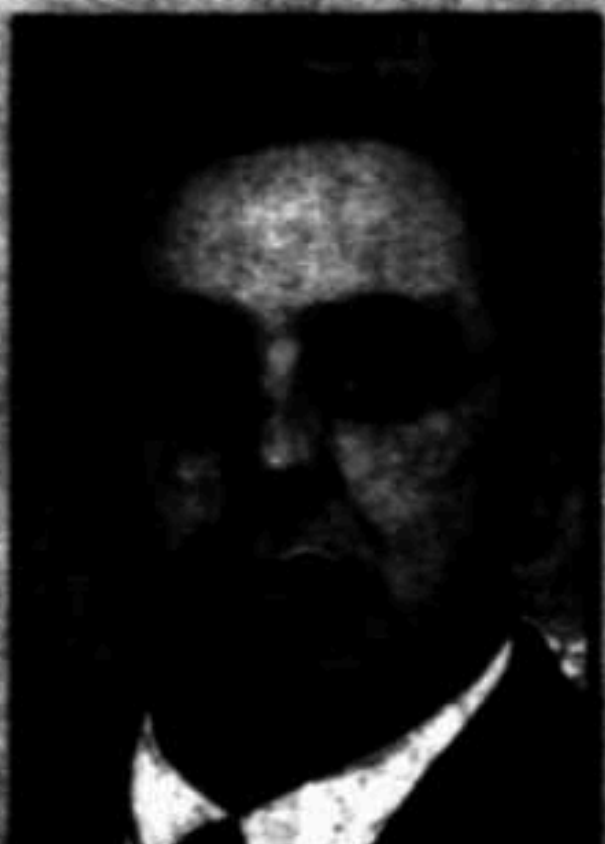
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TODAY

Sunny skies with
high near 58.
Weather on 2A

Person to Person

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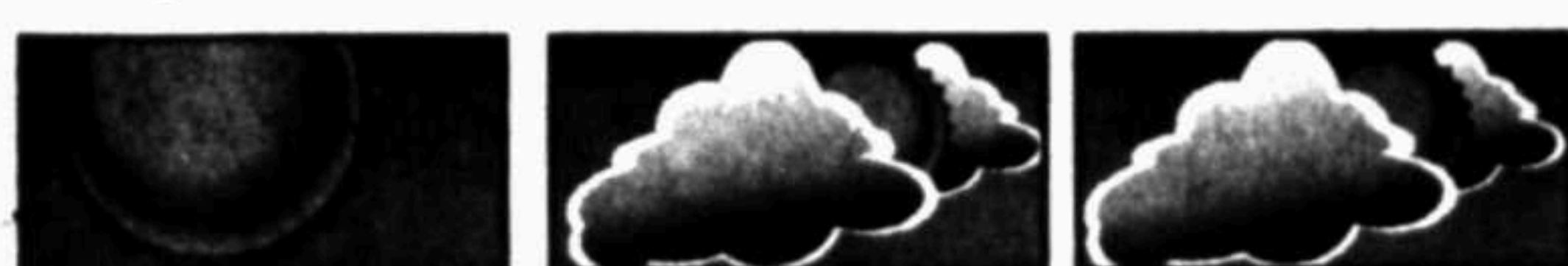
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 58
Low 37

Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 63
Low 37

Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 52
Low 35

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and highs from 55 to 60 with southerly winds at 5 to 15 mph. For tonight, expect partly cloudy skies with lows from 35 to 40.

For Tuesday, expect partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain, becoming breezy with highs from 60 to 65.

Wednesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with lows in the mid-30s and highs in the lower 50s.

The high on Sunday reached 54, while the low dropped to 21. The record high for Dec. 9 is 81 set in 1970. The record low is 13 set in 1978.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday0.00 in.
Total for month0.00 in.
Total for year9.75 in.
Normal total (year to date)14.56 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

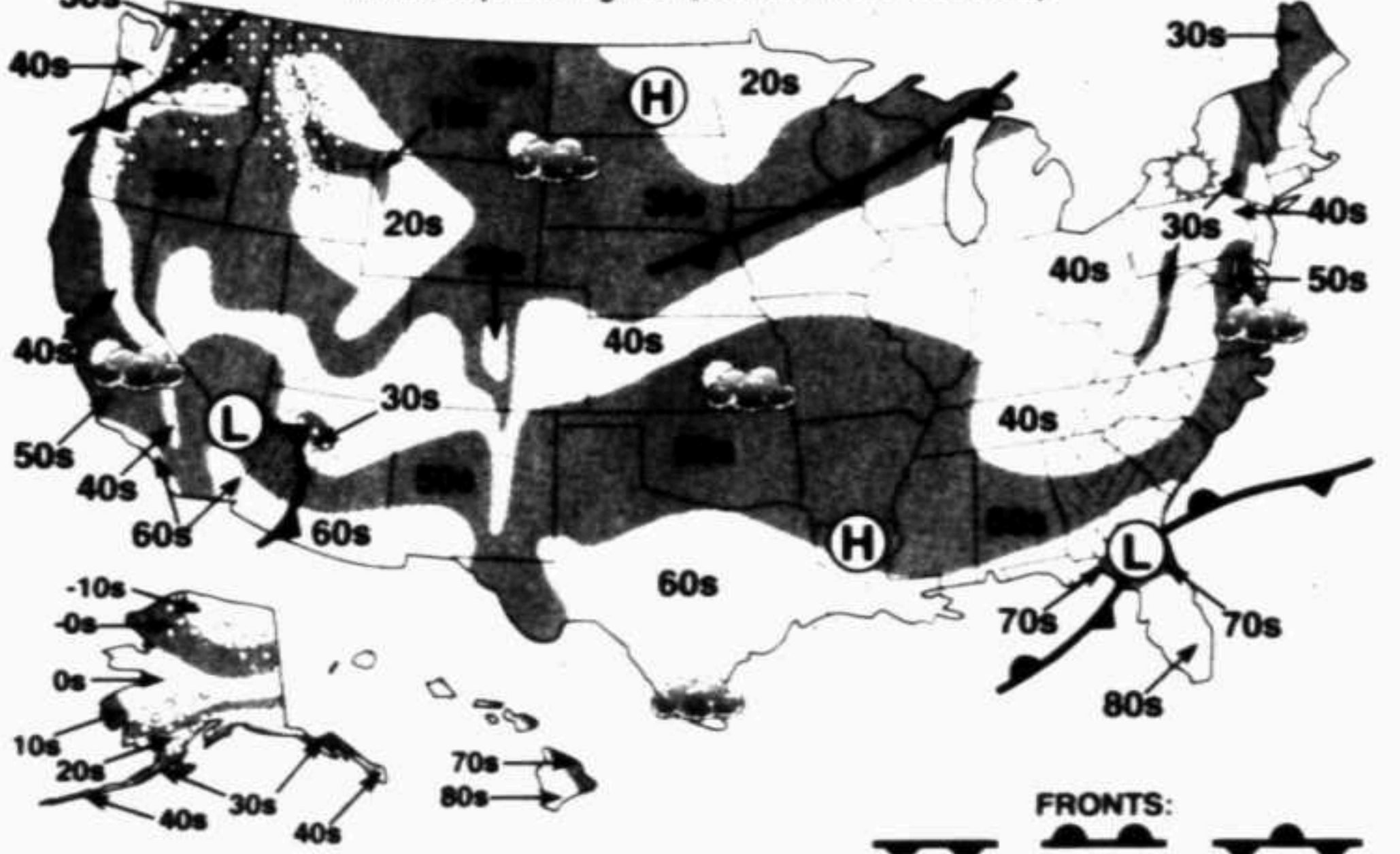
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Low21
Normal high59
Normal low32
Sunrise7:38 a.m.
Sunset5:45 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 10.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



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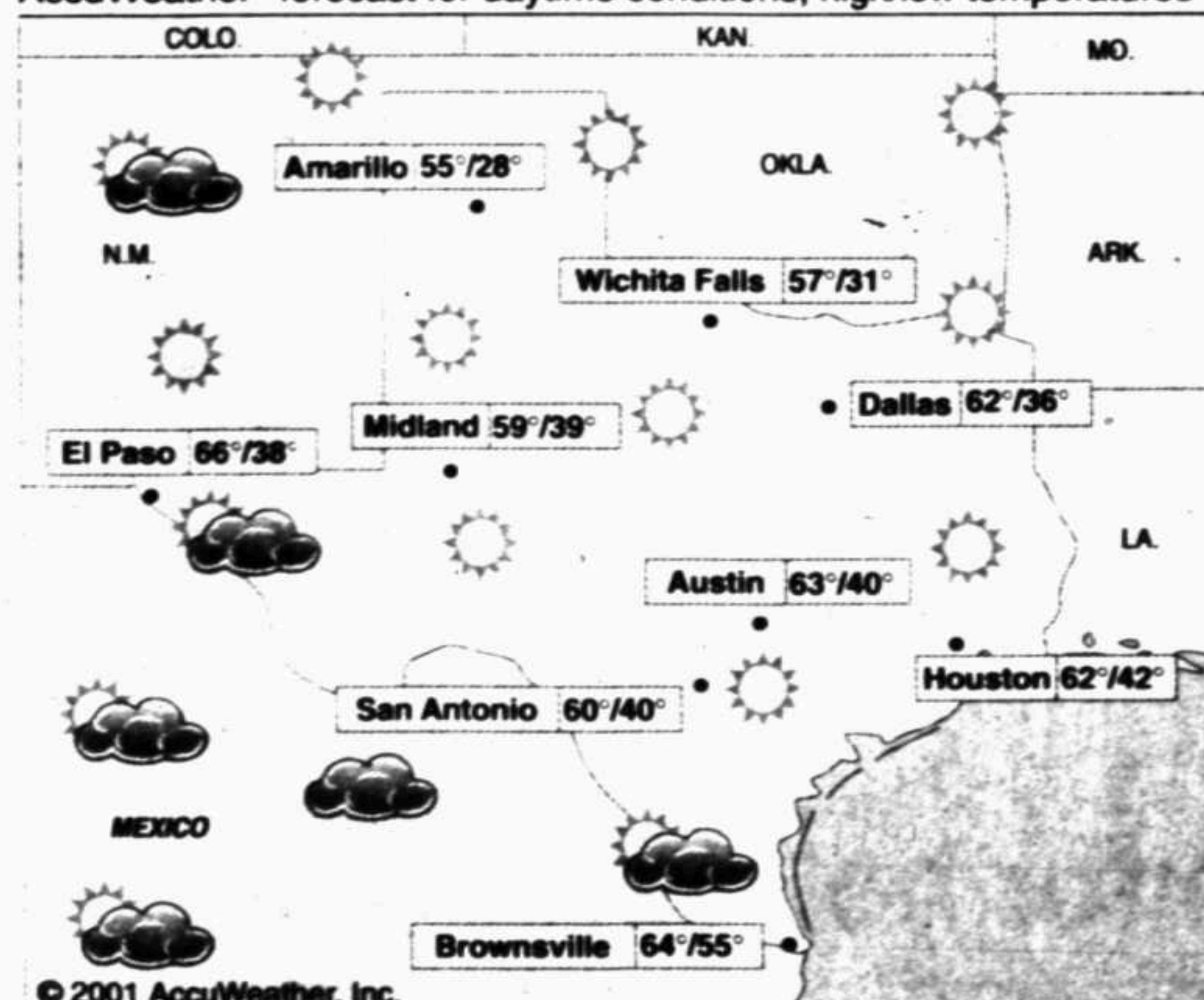
United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Sunday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time			
Albany, N.Y.	36	28	47
Albuquerque	44	22	cdy
Amarillo	56	21	cdy
Anchorage	57	12	cdy
Atlanta	61	52	m
Atlanta City	49	41	22
Baltimore	53	43	10
Baton Rouge	57	42	cdy
Billings	48	42	cdy
Birmingham	57	49	cdy
Boston	36	31	55
Buffalo	41	33	cdy
Burlington, Vt.	36	27	06
Charleston, W. Va.	46	42	01
Charlotte, N.C.	61	40	m
Cheyenne	53	29	cdy
Chicago	40	23	cdy
Cincinnati	44	34	cdy
Cleveland	41	35	03
Colorado Springs	55	17	cdy
Columbia, S.C.	70	52	m
Columbus, Ga.	66	54	m
Dayton	43	34	cdy
Daytona Beach	81	64	01
Denver	57	28	cdy
Des Moines	49	23	cdy
Detroit	41	31	cdy
Eugene	46	36	11
Evansville	47	33	cdy
Fairbanks	-19	-31	cdy
Grand Junction	38	18	cdy
Grand Rapids	40	28	07
Great Falls	44	39	cdy
Green Bay	37	19	cdy
Greensboro, N.C.	58	50	m
Harrisburg	48	37	11
Honolulu	83	74	cdy
Indianapolis	43	27	cdy
Jackson, Miss.	57	49	02
Jacksonville	75	63	01
Juneau	36	30	22
Kansas City	50	24	cdy
Knoxville	53	46	07
Lake Charles	56	50	01
Lansing	40	29	02
Las Vegas	59	35	cdy
Lexington	45	36	cdy
Lincoln	55	27	cdy
Little Rock	51	34	cdy
Los Angeles	65	48	cdy
Louisville	45	36	cdy
Madison	39	19	cdy
Madison	46	37	06
Memphis	50	42	cdy
Miami Beach	83	73	02
Milwaukee	40	23	cdy
Minneapolis	46	19	cdy
Montgomery	59	56	cdy
Nashville	47	39	cdy
New Orleans	61	57	cdy
New York City	42	38	54
Newark	44	37	51
Norfolk, Va.	54	53	cdy
Oakland, Calif.	52	23	cdy
Oakland, Calif.	55	26	cdy
Orlando	82	63	cdy
Philadelphia	49	40	24
Phoenix	72	46	cdy
Pittsburgh	41	34	cdy
Portland, Maine	35	30	13
Portland, Ore.	46	39	09
Providence	36	32	43
Raleigh-Durham	59	50	m
Reno	44	33	cdy
Richmond	55	47	03
Rochester	41	31	10
Rockford	41	20	cdy
Sacramento	56	45	03
St. Louis	47	27	cdy
Salt Lake City	40	27	cdy
San Diego	63	48	cdy
San Francisco	56	49	08
San Jose	53	45	08
Santa Fe	44	15	cdy
Seattle	42	39	03
Sioux City	53	25	cdy
Spokane	34	34	30
Springfield, Ill.	43	22	cdy
Syracuse	39	31	18
Tallahassee	74	64	m
Washington, D.C.	53	44	06
W. Palm Beach	82	69	cdy
Wilmington, Del.	51	41	16
Yakima	44	21	cdy
Yuma	72	47	cdy

State forecast

Monday, Dec. 10

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



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Texas temperatures

High temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 16 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.			
Abilene	54	24	
Amarillo	56	20	
Arlington	53	32	
Austin	55	40	
Beaumont	57	48	
Brownsville	53	47	0.14
Burnet	52	35	
College Station	56	38	0.01
Conroe	57	43	
Corpus Christi	58	48	
Costerton	53	32	
Dalhart	56	16	
Dallas	52	33	
Del Rio	53	40	
Denton	53	32	
Dryden	53	37	
El Paso	51	24	
Fort Stockton	56	35	
Fort Worth	58	28	
Galveston	59	51	
Georgetown	52	36	0.21
Hartsville	53	46	
Houston	59	47	
Huntsville	55	39	0.01
Kingsville	56	46	0.02
Laredo	56	46	
Longview	53	33	
Lubbock	54	24	
Lufkin	56	41	
Marfa	48	28	0.02
McAllen	56	47	
McKinney	51	26	0.03
Mineral Wells	53	25	
New Braunfels	54	40	
Paris	50	30	
Rockport	52	25	
San Angelo	52	25	
San Antonio	55	40	
San Marcos	54	38	
Schertz	53	33	
Terrell	52	34	
Tyler	54	37	
Victoria	56	46	
Waco	53	34	
Wink	55	22	

TREE: Owner plans to trim tree for other holidays

(From 1A)

"This is a tree made of horse-shoes," said Ms. Stephens, "and it takes two or three really hefty guys who have been eating their Wheaties, to carry it. It's easy to fit together, if you can just get it lifted."

The hefty guys put the tree together the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Ms. Stephens and Ms. Smith went to work tying on the bandana strips, hanging red raffia garlands and attaching tiny lights that glow from inside plastic cow skulls, rocking horses and cactus figures. They also found other ornaments — flat cutouts that look like gingerbread cookies in the shape of ten-gallon hats, pistols in scabbards, cowboy boots and hats — and still Ms. Stephens felt something was lacking.

While shopping at H-E-B, she noticed a string of chile pepper lights in the floral section, exactly the added touch she'd been looking for.

But after wrapping the lights around the horseshoe branches of the tree and plugging them in, she said the glare of so much red was

jarring. So she proceeded to pull the plastic peppers off every other light. What was left was magic — tiny lights twinkling like distant stars against the rust-colored horse-shoes, nestled among the bandanas and rocking horses and boots and hats and a few of the remaining peppers.

To anchor the arrangement visually, the two women brought out children's cowboy boots, spray-painted gold and silver, that they stuffed with burgundy bandanas. The boots come with a story of their own.

"Whenever people take their children to Lusk's Western Wear to buy new boots, a lot of times they leave the old boots there," Ms. Stephens explained. "So people like me go down and collect them."

Ms. Stephens says when the Christmas season is over, she plans to leave the horseshoe tree in place.

"It truly is a work of art, and I'll trim it for other holidays," she said. "We'll do red, white and blue for the Fourth of July."

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

After spending all the time and energy it takes to decorate a tree, it could all go up in smoke if a person gets careless. The Midland Fire Department has a few tips for holiday safety.

Christmas tree safety

- Needles on a fresh tree should be green and hard to pull back from the branches.
- The tree should be sticky to the touch.
- Bounce the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long and is probably a fire hazard.

Caring for trees

- Do not place a tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent.
- Do not leave a tree up for too long (in excess of two weeks).
- Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Holiday lights

- Inspect for frayed wires, broken or racked sockets and excessive kinking.
- Don't link more than three strands of lights, unless the directions indicate that it is safe to do so.
- Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.
- Wires should not be warm to the touch.
- Do not leave lights unattended.

DECOR: American flag popular Christmas tree topper

(From 1A)

The exhibits this year are almost totally devoted to comfort food for the eyes, running to the traditional, with huge balls three or four inches in diameter, hanging among branches laden with cuddly stuffed animals, sequin-encrusted fruits and lots and lots of stars.

In the CAF Air Power Heritage exhibit, there is the popular red, white and blue color combination to carry out the patriotic theme with airplanes both antique and futuristic. One tree is hung with red velvet ribbon, bells and military headgear.

The room designed by Graham Kracker, devoted to decorations centered around infants, features a tree bearing nothing but baby paraphernalia: silver infant drinking cups, pacifiers, rattles, stuffed animals and the like.

This was not the year for standing out in

the crowd. Even decorator James Van Stavern, who joined forces with Manning's Garden Center, kept his lavish baroque display traditional.

One tree that did depart from the norm was an inverted tree, with pine needles, but with the longest branches at the top, and the trunk bare for about four or five feet.

The decorations throughout the residential section of Midland also stuck to the traditional this year. With the abundance of lights strung down nearly every block of every street, Midland is probably visible to overhead traffic as far away as Crane or Big Spring. And inside, the theme is overwhelmingly patriotic.

Trees large and small, whether out of a box from Wal-Mart or cut from the hillside at Cloudcroft or Santa Fe, nine out of 10 it seems are decorated in red, white and blue. For many, the flag is the tree topper.

Linda Stephens, who bought a tree made of horseshoes for her office, said her tree at home is red, white and blue.

"I got the idea from September 11, and it all came together while I was on a Smokey Mountain trip on a tour bus," she said. "I pulled out my cell phone and immediately called my decorator, Sharon Smith, and said, 'I don't know how fast you can find red, white and blue ribbon, but that's what I want for my Christmas tree at home.'" Ms. Stephens said Ms. Smith found the ribbon with no trouble, but made a small adjustment to accommodate the household environment.

"Instead of white, which would have just been too stark, we used beige, which fits into the room's decor," she explained. The finished tree, she said, "is not cutesy in any way."

"It's tasteful and beautiful, and it expresses how I feel."

MISD: Board to hear plan about graduation ceremonies

(From 1A)

pus," Nicks said. "That individual also needs to have administrative experience, in that they know how to manage the activities of other staff members and be a team player. This individual will work closely with administrators and curriculum directors, ... and obviously needs to be able to generate consensus among a number of people."

Nicks said the communication with the board will include his timeline for filling that position, as well as for filling the position for Director of Communications Services, which will officially be vacated Dec. 31. Nicks said he would like that position to be filled by March 1 at the latest.

He also will communicate a plan to the board regarding next May's graduation ceremonies, which Nicks characterized as a "no-winner." Midland College's Chaparral Center, the largest

indoor facility in Midland, has now attracted crowds far beyond capacity, creating dangerous — and illegal — conditions. Nicks decided earlier this year to allow each graduate a set number of tickets to ensure that every one has representation, without breaking fire codes.

He also designated district funds to have live television coverage of the event on several channels and the Internet for those who could not personally attend. Still, he's sure it will cause problems for some families and friends who want to see someone walk across the stage.

"We've looked for various ways to meet everyone's expectations as we possibly can," Nicks said. "I just don't think we can make everyone happy."

The board also will hear a presentation from First Southwest Securities, which is vying for a position as the district's financial adviser. Nicks said there will not

be any action taken, but the presentation will include a list of the amenities the company will provide, including preparation for a possible bond issue.

The board will take action on a proposed plan from Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Tom Holland to inform and support the MISD instructional aides interested in becoming certified teachers. Holland said the plan is basically two parts — the plan for the remainder of the school year, with no-cost items, and for 2002-03, when the plan will be allotted funds from the budget. He said he thinks the board will support the plan, despite the money it will need.

"I think the board is going to be very supportive of any plan where we can utilize the grow-your-own approach to hiring teachers," Holland said. "And that's basically what this does — the only problem with any grow-your-own

approach is that when they're working for you and going to school, it takes longer for them to get out of school, and so its going to take some time to get the results of this. But we will see some results."

The MISD board of trustees will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at the MISD Central Office, located at 615 W. Missouri Ave.

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CITY: Visitor center funding also being sought

(From 1A)

Approximately \$30-35 million is still available. The city expects to be informed by January if funds will be made available for any of the area projects.

"The fact that Berry Simpson made the trip to speak on behalf of that really helped," Johnston said. "Any time they have an elected official speak regarding a project, you can see it in the commissioners' faces that they seem to pay more attention. They show more attention and ask more relevant questions."

The trail — located in northwest Midland — is expected to link three schools (Abell Junior High, Greathouse Elementary School

and Scharbauer Elementary School), two parks (C.J. Kelly and Grasslands) and the Holiday Hill Senior Center.

The project is considered high priority for the city of Midland, is a key component of the hike/bike master plan and will provide a safe and obstacle free route in an area that is experiencing growth and increased traffic.

Johnston spoke on behalf of the possible million-dollar landscaping effort along a 40-mile Union Pacific railroad corridor, which stretches from east of Midland to west of Odessa.

According to Johnston, the city was asking for \$1.9 million to help fund the \$2.4 million project, which will clear mesquite, and

brush along the corridor and plant grasses in certain areas. It is similar to the landscaping along 1788 and Interstate 20.

The rest will be paid for by the cities of Midland and Odessa along with Ector and Midland counties.



AP Photo
President Bush and first lady Laura Bush pose with elves Kate Perry, 6, twins Bennett and Reece Lincoln, 5, and Elizabeth Perry, 4, at the taping of "Christmas in Washington," at the National Building Museum, Sunday. The Perry sisters are Vice President Cheney's grandchildren. The Christmas show will be aired next weekend on Turner Network Television.

Bush attends Christmas event, gives prayer for 'return to peace'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush delivered a prayer for peace at a holiday TV gala Sunday and said the nation mourns for terrorism victims and American military casualties.

Bush made brief remarks at the 20th annual "Christmas in Washington" taping near the White House, and then he and Laura Bush joined Tony Bennett, Reba McEntire and a choir on stage for "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." Bush smiled his way through lyrics he wasn't sure about.

In the Christmas season, "Our thoughts turn to justice and compassion and love, and to a prince of peace," Bush said. "All America prays for strength in this time of challenge, and for a return to peace."

The commander in chief spoke on a day when American bombers pounded the hills and caves of Tora Bora in Afghanistan, trying to soften terror suspect Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida defenses for a ground assault by Afghan forces.

Bush paid tribute to those grieving over loved ones killed in the Sept. 11 terror attacks and on the battlefield since. "America grieves with you, and we hope that you especially find comfort and hope

Menorah lit close to ground zero to observe Hanukkah

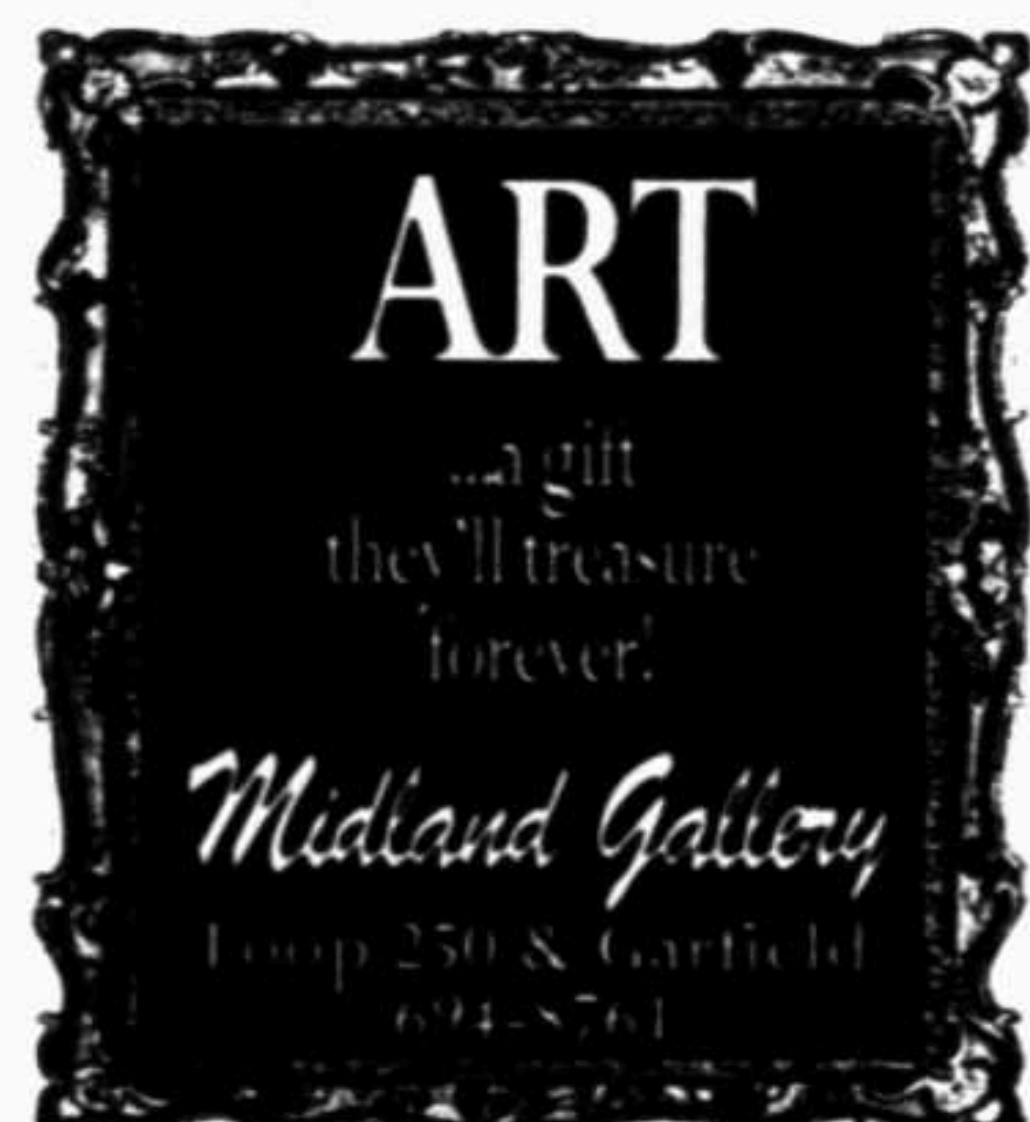
NEW YORK (AP) — Ground zero was a little brighter Sunday with the lighting of an 8-foot-tall menorah to commemorate the first night of Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights.

"The lesson for all of us is that they can take down the towers, they can remove the structures, but they can't take away the symbols we hold so dear," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, the Jewish chaplain for the Fire Department of New York.

Rescue workers and several family members of victims of the terrorist attack gathered near the rubble of the World Trade Center after sunset to light the menorah's first candle. A similar ceremony will take place each of the next seven nights of Hanukkah.

A 30-foot Christmas tree was lit during a ceremony Friday.

Eighteen-month-old Laura Lehrfeld, who lost her father when the twin towers collapsed, lit the menorah's first candle.



Military camp in Utah redesigned to look like Afghanistan

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A military training camp built to resemble Afghanistan sprawls across 1 million acres in Utah's West Desert.

The camp includes caves, tents, villages and abandoned mines on the brush-covered hills of the Utah Test and Training Range west of Great Salt Lake, said Boe Hadley, deputy for range operations.

Today, pilots and other military from Hill, Luke and Mountain Home Air Force bases will descend on the camp for a 10-day training exercise where they will simulate bombing missions.

"When I see Afghanistan on television, this looks like Afghanistan to me," Hadley said.

The idea for the range came from Col. Steve Hoog, who returned to Hill Air Force Base last July to take over as commander of the 388th Fighter

Wing.

He noticed pilots were still using the same bombing range targets that had been designed to look like Soviet or Warsaw Pact airfields, surface-to-air missile sites and tank columns.

But things have changed since the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Persian Gulf war and military actions in Bosnia and Hoog believed the test targets needed to change too.

Although the training range spans a million acres, explosives may be dropped on only about 1 percent of the land. Since the latest training mission will involve only simulated bombing missions, the terrorist camps have been expanded into the rest of the land to give pilots more variety.

Officials have also set up challenges. For example, tents set against the west side of a

ridge of hills cannot be attacked flying from the east. Those tents would be in the shadow of the hills until midmorning.

"The pilots will find out they can't attack from certain directions. But that's what we want. We want to let the kids go out there and solve those prob-

lems," Hoog said.

Pilots from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, will act as the enemy air force, and pilots from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., will serve as airborne controllers for the training exercise.

"We want to get it as realistic as possible," Hoog said.

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Coroner: Gunman in Indiana factory shootings had four self-inflicted wounds

GOSHEN, Ind. (AP) — A gunman who shot seven of his factory co-workers also shot himself four times with his 12-gauge shotgun before dying, according to the coroner.

Robert Wissman had two wounds to the head, one to his neck and a chest wound, Coroner Jeff Landrum said Saturday.

Landrum ruled Wissman's death on Thursday a suicide but acknowledged his findings might cause some to wonder how a per-

son could survive three shots before firing the last one.

"If I felt more evidence was needed, I would say so or say the investigation was pending," Landrum said.

Wissman went on the shooting spree Thursday afternoon, several hours after he had quarreled with another employee over a female co-worker, police said. Greg Oswald, the plant manager of Nu-Wood Decorative Millwork, died in the rampage.

Of the six others wounded, Rosario Rodriguez, 27, remained in critical condition Sunday and Kaestner K. Richard, 52, was in fair condition, both suffering head wounds. Michelle Morgan, who is three months pregnant, was in fair condition in hospital Sunday with wounds to the hip and hand.

The three others injured have been released from the hospital. Nu-Wood is expected to resume operations this morning,

but employees will be given time off to attend Oswald's funeral Tuesday.

Wissman's funeral also will be on Tuesday.

"I don't know who is going to that," said Ed Rutledge, a production manager at Nu-Wood and friend of Wissman's. "I

definitely will be there."

Friends and colleagues began noticing changes in Wissman's behavior days before the shooting. They believe it was brought on by his involvement in a love triangle.

A prayer gathering is also planned before the factory

reopens.

"We just want to try to get everybody back into our routine," said Rutledge. "I've already gone back. I've already been in there, and it's very hard. It's going to be hard for everybody."

Kids from public schools among Rhodes Scholars

By Josh L. Dickey
Associated Press

Zac Miller already knows what he'll do with his experience as a Rhodes Scholar — whatever the Army tells him.

The 21-year-old graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point said if he hadn't received the scholarship to Oxford University in England, he would have gone to Italy with a quick-reaction force.

"One of the unfortunate things ... is you don't get to choose, you go to the needs of the Army," said Miller, from Stonesboro, Pa.

On Sunday, Miller was announced as one of 32 American students to receive the prestigious scholarships. Others included a mathematician, an aspiring poet-neuroscientist, and a skydiving refugee worker from rural Iowa.

The Rhodes scholarship, created in 1902 from the will of British philanthropist and colonialist Cecil Rhodes, is the oldest international study award available to American scholars.

Winners this year were chosen from 925 applicants endorsed by 319 colleges and universities; Harvard University led with five recipients.

They are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential and physical vigor, among other attributes.

Three Duke University students made the cut, including Samuel Malone, 21, of Zebulon, N.C., who wants to study ways to manage global financial markets by using his mathematical skills.

Another Duke grad, Alexis Blane, 21, of Charlotte, said her two main interests are poetry and neuroscience.

John Probasco, of Rio Rancho, N.M., said he wants to use the scholarship to study medical ethics in a program that combines philosophy, psychology and physiology.

Another graduate of a public high school, Neil R. Brown, 22, of St. Charles, in rural Iowa, is the first student of Interstate 35 Community High School to attend Harvard University, and the first to be chosen as a Rhodes Scholar.

All the candidates went

through a battery of preliminary interviews in their respective regions before advancing to the final selection process in New York. On Friday night, they opened the pressured-filled, two-day selection process as the candidates, judges and Rhodes officials attended a get-to-know-you cocktail party.

On Saturday, candidates were interviewed individually by seven judges for a total of 20 minutes.

Then they waited.

"I was absolutely shocked. I don't think there was any part of me that thought I'd get it," said Yale University senior Shayna Strom of Penn Valley, Pa. "I am stunned and so happy."

Strom plans to "end poverty — a lofty goal," her father, Dr. Brian Strom, said with a laugh.

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What is temporomandibular joint disorder?

Some health care professionals have estimated that as many as one-third of all Americans may have temporomandibular joint disorder (TMD or TMJ) to some degree—many of them without ever having had it diagnosed.

You hear a lot about this disorder—and you may have even wondered if you have it. Dr. Grant E. Giles of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates offers some information about TMD, its causes and treatments.

TMD generally describes a condition in which the chewing muscles and jaw joints do not work together properly. Because this structure of joints and muscles is so complex and so highly used, it is not surprising that so many people have problems. Talking, eating, breathing and swallowing all involve the temporomandibular joints—swallowing alone moves these joints over 2,000 a day.

The condition can be hard to diagnose because there are 64 muscles that move the jaw. At one end, of course, these muscles attach somewhere on the jaw—at the other end, however, they attach across the face and neck and even behind the ears. Stress on any combination of these muscles can, therefore, have far-reaching and painful consequences, making it at first seem unlikely to have anything to do with the jaw.

Dr. Giles notes that there are some symptoms that do involve the jaw—such as clicking or popping of the jaw when yawning or talking, pain in and around the jaw joints and locking or limited opening of the mouth.

Other, more distant symptoms may include headaches, pain behind the eyes, dizziness, earaches or ringing in the ears; clenching or grinding of teeth; neck, shoulder or back pain and even numbness or tingling in the fingers (neck muscles affecting nerves that pass through them on the way to your hands).

These problems may be caused by an accident, says Dr. Giles, but more often TMD is rooted in the patient's bite—how their teeth come together. If your upper and lower teeth do not fit together in a way that provides the proper support for your jaw against your skull,

your jaw joint may begin to hurt.

TMD falls partly into the medical field and partly into dentistry, which has allowed it to "fall through the cracks" of diagnosis and treatment for many years. Dr. Giles, however, has worked, studied and lectured extensively in this field over a long period of time.

When a patient goes to Dr. Giles with what they suspect is TMD, he first obtains a complete medical history. Dr. Giles then performs a thorough oral examination. If TMD treatment is indicated, Dr. Giles often begins with the use of an oral appliance that helps to position the jaw properly in order to reduce stress on the affected muscles and other tissues.

After 60 to 90 days, Dr. Giles usually reevaluates the patient to determine the efficacy of the treatment.

"In many cases," Dr. Giles relates, "clients experience improvement after using the orthotic device for a few days or weeks."

You may see Dr. Giles either on your own or as a referral from your physician or dentist. If you have suffered from any of TMD's common symptoms, even if you have been previously treated for the condition without success, you owe it to yourself to give it one more try. Dr. Giles may be able to help you get relief from chronic pain!

Dr. Grant E. Giles, DDS, FAES, FAGD, FICCMO, DAAPM is director of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates of Midland. He has lectured internationally on TMD diagnoses and treatments. His office is located in the Westwood Medical Building at 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite 307. For an appointment, call 522-1450 or 1-888-263-2631 toll free.

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Train kills three teen-agers on railroad tracks near Philadelphia

FAIRLESS HILLS, Pa. — An Amtrak Acela train traveling 100 mph rounded a curve and killed three teen-agers who were walking on the railroad tracks with their backs to the train, authorities said Sunday.

None of the roughly 300 passengers were hurt.

The three victims were among a group of five teen-agers trespassing on the tracks in an industrial area in suburban Philadelphia, police said.

"We don't know if they heard the train or not," Falls Township acting Police Chief Neil Harkins said. "The train engineer saw them and he tried to stop and was unable to do so and they were struck."

A 14-year-old boy, a 15-year-old boy and a 19-year-old man were killed, Harkins said. A 14-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy got away before the train reached the group.

Terror attacks send pump prices plummeting to two-year low

LOS ANGELES — Gasoline prices have plunged more than 40 cents a gallon since Sept. 11, reaching a two-year low.

The average retail price of a gallon of gasoline, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.15 on Friday, down more than 8 cents per gallon in the past three weeks, according to the Lundberg Survey of about 8,000 stations nationwide released Sunday.

It's the lowest price since March 1999, when the national average was about \$1.08.

In some cities the average gas price dipped below a dollar a gallon, to the joy and amazement of drivers.

The roller coaster ride for gas prices began in May, when the national average peaked at \$1.76 per gallon.

"There had been pressure to prepare for summer driving. Demand was strong. An oversupply developed," analyst Trilby Lundberg said.

Prices bottomed out in August and began slowly rising until Sept. 11 when crude prices crashed amid the shakier world economy and uncertainty about U.S. retaliation. Americans did some panic buying but then became afraid to travel, irritating the usual seasonal drop in gas demand because of cold weather.

As Sept. 11 money is distributed, concerns of inequality arise

NEW YORK — Some relatives of the civilian victims of the Sept. 11 attacks fear that the nation's admiration for firefighters, police and other uniformed rescue workers has created a hierarchy in the distribution of charity.

They also fear their voices have not been heard nearly as clearly as the uniformed victims' families on issues ranging from the recovery of remains to the establishment of a memorial at the site of the World Trade Center.

Even the memories of the civilian victims, some say, have not been treated with the same level of respect by the media and politicians.

Theresa Riccardelli is trying — unsuccessfully, so far — to qualify for aid from the Twin Towers Fund, which has raised \$113 million for the families of the uniformed officers killed in the terrorist attacks. About 410 firefighters, police officers and other uniformed officers died.

"What it comes down to, in essence, is what he was wearing," said Riccardelli, whose husband, Francis, was a non-uniformed supervisor of elevators and stairwells for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, owner of the towers.

Survivors have told her that he and several co-workers stayed behind to help others get to safety.

In all, \$1.3 billion has been collected in aid available to families of both civilian and uniformed victims. In addition to the Twin Towers Fund, charities devoted to uniformed personnel have collected more than \$180 million.

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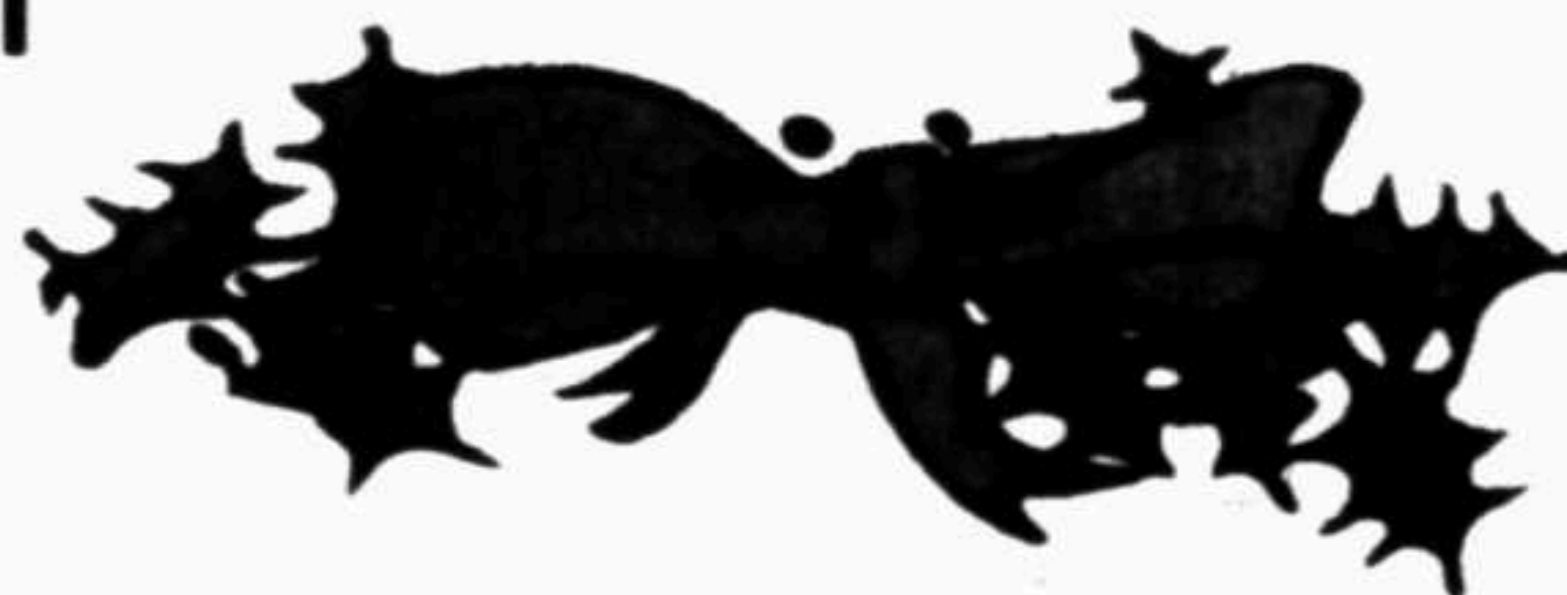
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Food distribution agencies need to mend fences

There has been a great deal of attention and scrutiny focused on area food distribution agencies in recent months, most notably the West Texas Food Bank. Controversial Dolly Neff recently left her position as executive director of the West Texas Food Bank. To some, she was a tireless champion of the underdog, swimming against the tide of overwhelming need and burdensome government regulations. To others, she was a tyrant who ran the food bank with an iron fist.

Now the West Texas Food Bank is under the leadership of a new executive director and working to firm up its reputation and re-establish ties with area agencies that have found themselves at odds with the West Texas Food Bank.

Previously, we had suggested all of the agencies that distribute food to those in need come together and work out their differences. We have asked that a respected, unbiased member of the clergy — perhaps the Rev. Jerry Hilton of First Presbyterian Church of Midland — act as a mediator to lead the wary participants through this suggested summit-style meeting.

In other words, it's time for healing. Why? Because dissension and bickering between these groups drives up the suspicion and cynicism of longtime and future donors in the community. It discourages potential volunteers.

These are hardly the times of Charles Dickens-like poverty in the Permian Basin. We have government programs and charitable organizations working to ensure no one is starving. But at this time of the year, we think of novelist John Cheever's short story, "Christmas is a Sad Season for the Poor," and are reminded that while some of us feast on rich food and fine wine during the holidays, there are those who only look forward to a can of condensed soup on Christmas Eve.

At this time of year, charitable organizations can make the holidays a bit brighter and less worrisome for those in need.

Are there those individuals who have and will continue to try to abuse the food distribution system? Are there those who load their surplus goods into the trunks of Cadillacs and shiny BMWs? Perhaps. But if those individuals have so little shame, they'll simply have to live with what they have done.

In the meantime, there are many people who truly are in need and we can't afford to disrupt the system or tarnish the reputations of these charitable organizations and their hard-working volunteers because, as always, there are a few cheaters in our midst. Donors and supporters of charitable organizations don't like to see abuse of the programs, but understand and accept that volunteers simply aren't able to weed out 100 percent of the dishonest recipients.

This is the holiday season. Now more than any time during the year, we would hope we can all find a way to work together and bury the ill will.

The need is too great.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2001. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
 On Dec. 10, 1931, Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.

On this date:
 In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.
 In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.

In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize during ceremonies in Oslo, Norway.

In 1967, singer Otis Redding died in the crash of his private plane in Wisconsin.

In 1990, industrialist Armand Hammer died at age 92.

Ten years ago: William Kennedy Smith, accused of raping Patricia Bowman, proclaimed his innocence during his trial in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Five years ago: Roman Catholic Bishop Filipe Ximenes Belo and exiled activist Jose Ramos Horta, opponents of Indonesia's occupation of East Timor, accepted the Nobel Peace Prize. On International Human Rights Day, President Clinton urged the Senate to embrace a 17-year-old treaty barring abuses against women.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

More police presence equals less terrorism

WASHINGTON — Since the mid-1980s, we have called for more police on the beat. During the Clinton presidency, federal funds were allocated to put 50,000 more police officers into our communities. Now, with a recession running full blast, local governments are tending to cut all budgets, including those for law enforcement. But in light of the terrorist threat facing America, the opposite course is called for.

The arguments against this proposal have always centered on two issues: money and the specter of a police state.

Money is always a problem, but not when we recognize that the first duty of government is to provide for the public safety.

The police-state argument is more difficult to address because it is in the eye of the beholder.

For decades, police and/or soldiers armed with automatic weapons patrolled airports in Europe, a fact that made people more secure without instilling a police-state fear. The fact is that police are like referees on a sports field. Without them, there is anarchy and chaos — rule of the strongest. With them, there is order. The idea is to mimic the sports field on the streets of America. A police officer on every other corner would create order, not fear. And with the advent of the terrorist threat, that sense of order is more important than ever.

It should be noted that police have several advantages that the typical citizen does not have:

1. Police are trained to look for criminal activity;
2. It is their full-time job; they are not distracted so easily as civilians by shopping and conversation;
3. They are armed;
4. They are trained to disarm and arrest suspected criminals;
5. They possess the latest photos of suspected criminals, including terrorists;

6. They are connected by radio to bring in back-up;
7. They are equipped to call in emergency vehicles;

Uniformed and armed, they represent a visible deterrence against crime, including terrorism. In short, police officers are human enforcement centers, and, as such, they are essential to the well being of our society. These facts should be obvious to citizens and legislators alike, but they have not been. Police cannot stop all crime, but they can play a significant role in reducing it, especially becoming the most important element in deterring terrorism.

So America wants an economic stimulus package? How about allocating funds to add 200,000 police on the street? That would very quickly bring a simultaneous infusion of cash and safety into our communities.

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MARIANNE MEANS

Osama bin Laden not 'Person of the Year'

WASHINGTON — Nearly 75 years ago, when Time magazine dreamed up the stunt of putting a "Man of the Year" (belatedly renamed "Person of the Year" to recognize the existence of two genders) on its first January cover, it seemed like a brilliant marketing plan.

But the concept has become stale over the decades, seriously flawed by too many dubious, even silly, choices for the designation. Its Time has gone.

The decline in importance is amply illustrated this year by an admission from Time executives that Osama bin Laden is a candidate for the title. Magazine officials stress that the cover is supposed to single out the one person who has had the most impact on history in any given year, without regard to popularity, morality or harm to civilized society.

Picking bin Laden, however, would be as offensive now as a choice to put Lee Harvey Oswald on the new-year cover would have been after President Kennedy's assassination in 1963. Certainly Oswald had an impact on history, as has bin Laden. But it would have been outrageously inappropriate to celebrate Oswald's dastardly deed, just as it would be to recognize bin Laden's. (The cover for 1963 went instead to Martin Luther King, a leader of a noble cause.)

A far better choice this time would be New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and the city's firefighters and police, who together represent our first real heroes in a long time. Their collective brave conduct has thrilled us all. How could Time overlook it?

We do not produce genuine heroes every year, which is part of Time's problem in desperately trying to come up with some when no major events or individuals have cooperated to create them.

Although some of their choices have been obvious and legitimate, Time editors have also picked many clunkers that are best forgotten.

In January 1985, for instance, the title went to 1984 Olympic games organizer Peter Ueberroth. Time described him as symbolic of "the entrepreneurial spirit that is so manifestly alive and well in America." What the magazine most admired was that the Olympics in Los Angeles had turned in a surplus of \$215 million, a magnificent sum in those days.

Nor has Time always been judicious about distinguishing between evil-doers and nice guys, in keeping with its theme of recognizing historic importance over positive contributions to the world. But the editors have usually balked at naming bona fide heels

who might depress newstand sales. That is a reason to suspect bin Laden won't make the cut after all.

Yet Adolf Hitler made it for 1938, for what Time understated as "drawing his shadowy curtain across Europe" and Joseph Stalin was on the covers for 1939 and 1942, first for cutting a brutal deal with Hitler over Poland and then fighting the Nazis to protect the Soviet homeland.

In 1979 the magazine picked Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who had ousted the secular shah and taken U.S. hostages whose failure to be rescued doomed President Carter's re-election campaign in 1980.

That was as bad as it got. Modern presidents, an easy choice, have usually been selected at least once.

In an exceptionally perceptive cover, the senior President George Bush appeared for the year 1990 as an oddly schizophrenic president with two faces, one a master of foreign policy and the other a blockhead at domestic affairs. At that point, Bush's confrontation with Iraq's Saddam Hussein over the invasion of Kuwait had not yet escalated into war. But once the battle was over, Bush's indifference to the domestic economy destroyed his re-election prospects.

By the next year, Time dumped politics to move on to Ted Turner, whose 24-hour Cable News Network was firmly on its way to transforming the world into a global village. For 1994 the magazine went for Newt Gingrich, who led the conservative Republican takeover of Congress. Gingrich quickly became a political liability and was out the door himself after big GOP losses in the 1998 elections.

In dull years, Time has tried to keep the adrenaline pumping by being cute. In 1982 it named "The Computer," a bow to a then-primitive but promising machine. In 1988 its choice was "The Planet of the Year" bemoaning the lack of conservation to preserve "endangered earth." In 1969 it was "People of the Year," honoring "Middle Americans, a silent majority who were suddenly vocal about values."

This year Time has an opportunity to do a good deed by recognizing the unusual individual sacrifice in the New York City terrorist crisis that has touched the whole nation. What bin Laden did, by contrast, was to set in motion a tragic chain of events because of a vicious religious notion that had no basis in reality and no hope of gaining any. He may be the most hated man in America, if not the world. But notoriety should not be the standard. Inspiration should.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

GEORGE WILL

'60s leftists still can't face reality

WASHINGTON — In Southern California, on the shore of the sun-drenched sea, the sunset of the 1960s myth continues. The most telling recent episode was not the much-remarked death of a semiretired guitarist. Rather, it was the little-noticed "girl excuse" offered in court by a retired terrorist.

That George Harrison's death from cancer at 58 was treated as epochal news is redundant evidence of the baby-boom generation's infinite narcissism. That cohort's mere size made it important, economically and hence culturally, and self-importance has been its defining attitude. Pop music is for boomers what the madeleine was for Proust — an especially powerful trigger of memory. Hence the quintessential boomer movie, "The Big Chill," in which some boomers wallow, to the accompaniment of oldies but goodies, in bewilderment because one of their peers has died. No one had told them their importance would not exempt them from death.

Last week, in a Los Angeles courtroom not far from where Harrison died, there was a display of a boomer's sense of entitlement to exemption from life's rules. The aging boomer, bound for prison, is Kathleen Soliah — or Sara Jane Olson, as she has called herself since she became a fugitive 26 years ago.

She first became a minor celebrity of the cracked left in 1974 when she delivered a fiery speech in Berkeley's Ho Chi Minh Park, as it then was called, denouncing the Los Angeles police for the shootout that killed six members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, with which she was associated. The SLA's brief life featured an assassination of a black superintendent of schools in Oakland, a bank robbery in which a mother of four was murdered, and the kidnapping — and temporary conversion — of Patty Hearst.

Olson hid under her new identity until captured in 1999 in St. Paul, Minn. She was evading prosecution for complicity in an attempt — fortunately incompetent — to kill LAPD officers with bombs attached to two patrol cars. While her lawyers sought repeated delays of her trial, she entertained sympathizers with talks about her persecution. Prosecutors waited their chance to present 40,000 pieces of physical evidence, such as handwriting evidence that she ordered fuses two weeks before the attempted bombings.

But after Sept. 11 she changed her tune. Never remorseful and now self-pitying, she said she was eager for a trial but could not get a fair one because Americans were so wrought up about terrorism, and had become pro-government. So she pleaded guilty in a bargain that would mean a milder sentence.

Then she walked out of the courtroom and told the media she was innocent. She did not feel guilty. The judge, unamused, set another hearing, at which he told her a guilty plea is not a mere prelude to a press conference. She again pleaded guilty, in a pouty way, saying, well, OK, she technically did aid and abet the bombing attempts.

But later her tender conscience again told her she must ask the judge to disregard her second guilty plea. At the next hearing her co-counsel, a veteran defender of leftists, failed to appear. He later faxed a letter to the judge, pleading "bad karma." He had missed his flight from Oakland and assumed there would not be a seat on the next flight: "Therefore in a state of mind of dank frustration, I went home and went back to bed."

In his absence, Olson's other co-counsel, a woman, told the judge that Olson had been browbeaten by the absent male co-counsel into pleading guilty. One of the prosecutors, a woman, accused Olson of using the "girl excuse." Thus ended the bomber's career, not with a bang but a whimper.

The judge said: "She pled guilty because she is guilty. The facts show she is guilty." Olson, who will be sentenced next month, is getting what she deserves. But the 1960s, supposedly the left's salad days, deserve an amnesty from conservatives. The principal political result of the decade in which Olson and kindred spirits were active was the ascendancy of conservatism, partly because of leftists' activism.

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By Chris Tomlin
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American jets pound caves around Tora Bora

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — American bombers pounded the hills and caves of Tora Bora on Sunday, trying to soften al-Qaida defenses for a ground assault by Afghan tribesmen. Pakistani forces moved to seal off escape routes on their side of the border.

In the south, rival tribal leaders worked out differences over the administration of Kandahar, the Taliban's former stronghold, with the former governor returning to his old office. The agreement reduces fears of factional fighting now that the Taliban are gone.

The bombing around this village beneath the spectacular, snow-covered White Mountains in eastern Afghanistan is aimed at rooting out Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida fighters believed holed up around cave hide-outs near the Pakistan border.

A commander of the anti-Taliban forces in Tora Bora said he was certain bin Laden himself was among them, and Vice President Cheney said Sunday that intelligence reports indicate bin Laden is in the area. Others speculate the elusive terror suspect may be hiding north of Kandahar.

"They were eager to send young men on suicide missions, but they appear to be holding up in caves," Cheney said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

B-52 bombers made repeated passes over the Tora Bora area throughout the day, and huge plumes of smoke rose from the barren hills and ridges. Hundreds of anti-Taliban fighters watched from several miles away as dust filled mountain valleys.

Their commander, Mohammed Zaman, said bombs alone will not dislodge the al-Qaida fighters. He said the ground assault will be difficult, as the Arabs have had years to build up their defenses and restock their caves with weapons and food. He said bin Laden "has not escaped, and we will do everything possible to make sure he doesn't."

From the other side of the front line, a 27-year-old Tunisian, Abu Abdullah, claimed weeks U.S. bombing have had little effect, killing only two people and slightly injuring eight.

Contacted by radio from Pakistan, Abdullah said 84 Arab fighters — mostly from Iraq, Tunisia, Algeria and Egypt — were hiding in the mountains. A few had wives and children there, he said. He claimed the fighters had no links to bin Laden and scoffed at the idea that the world's most wanted man was among them.

"I swear by Allah that Osama is not present here," he told The Associated Press. "But now we have no alternative except to embrace death instead of dishonor."

Just across the border, the Pakistani army won permission from tribal elders — for the first time ever — to move several thousand troops to the semi-autonomous border region to cut off possible escape routes, said Malik Inayat



AP Photo
Lance Cpl. Michael Brown of Northport, Fla., left, and Sgt. Christopher Wallace of Pataskala, Ohio, dig in a new fighting position on the perimeter of Camp Rhino in southern Afghanistan Sunday.

Khan, chief of the Kuki Khel tribe. He said they planned to take their positions today.

Cheney said a videotape of bin Laden obtained by U.S. officials in Afghanistan makes clear the al-Qaida leader was behind the terrorist attacks. The Washington Post, quoting unidentified senior government officials, said the tape shows bin Laden praising Allah for the attacks, which he said were more successful than anticipated.

"He does in fact display significant knowledge of what happened and there's no doubt about his responsibility for the attack on September 11," Cheney said.

The Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press also reported strong U.S. air attacks Saturday and Sunday against convoys in Afghanistan's eastern Paktika province, killing 24 people. The report could not be independently verified. The area includes al-Qaida hide-outs and could be among the destinations of Taliban leaders fleeing Kandahar.

U.S. Marines set up roadblocks around Kandahar, searching for wanted leaders, but U.S. officials reported no encounters with hostile groups.

Hamid Karzai, who takes power as Afghanistan's interim leader on Dec. 22, told Fox News on Sunday that he had "no idea" where bin Laden was located but said his men were searching.

"He is a criminal," Karzai said of bin Laden. "He has killed thousands of our people. He has ruined

our lives. He has done horrible things. If we catch him he will be given to international justice."

The whereabouts of the Taliban supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, are also unknown since the Taliban abandoned Kandahar on Friday.

The Taliban on Sunday lost the last province of Afghanistan where they held control, when two Tal-

iban officials handed over Zabul province, neighboring Kandahar, to tribal leaders, the Afghan Islamic Press reported.

Karzai — whose interim government is to replace Taliban rule throughout the country — entered Kandahar and met with the feuding factions at the bombed-out former residence of Mullah Omar to work out a power-sharing deal.

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With the situation resolved in Kandahar, Karzai planned to go to Kabul, the Afghan capital, a spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's former king hopes to return to his homeland from his exile in Italy on March 21, his grandson said Sunday. The former monarch, Mohammad Zaher Shah, 87, is to play the symbolic role of convening a traditional grand council of Afghan tribes six months from now. That council will set up a two-year transitional government and draw up a constitution. Zaher Shah has lived in Italy since his 1973 ouster.

In other developments:

■ John Walker, an American who fought with the Taliban, was recovering from dehydration and a gunshot wound in the leg at a Marine base in southern Afghanistan but is in good condition, officials said. Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Walker has been providing useful information and no final decision has been made on what to do with him.

■ At least seven fighters were killed in Lashkargah, west of Kandahar, where two tribes fought for control after the Taliban's flight, the Afghan Islamic Press reported. Its report could not be independently verified.

■ A U.N. official said the world body was sending experts to Afghanistan to help the new interim administration set up a government, write a constitution and prepare for elections.

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Suicide bomber strikes Israeli city; five Palestinians killed in West Bank

By Beth Gardiner
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A suicide bomber set off an explosion at a busy intersection in northern Israel on Sunday, failing to kill anyone other than himself but intensifying already heavy American and Israeli pressure on Yasser Arafat.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said a string of recent bombings are "destroying his (Arafat's) authority and credibility," and Vice President Dick Cheney told NBC's "Meet the Press" that "until Arafat demonstrates that he is serious about suicide attackers, there won't be progress."

The United States and Israel have demanded that Arafat do more to stop terrorists; the Palestinian leader says he is already cracking down on them and that 180 have been arrested. So long as the terrorism continues, Israel says its incursions into Palestinian territory are necessary.

In the West Bank on Sunday, Israeli soldiers killed five Palestinians and detained 30 suspected militants in raids on two villages.

American diplomatic efforts hit a rough patch as peace envoy Anthony Zinni told Israeli and Palestinian security officials that if they didn't make real progress in the next 48 hours, he would consider leaving the region, one Israeli official said on condition of anonymity.

The Israeli said Zinni — who arrived in Israel just two weeks ago, saying he would stay as long as it took to restore calm and restart peace talks — stood up and left talks between the two sides after issuing his ultimatum.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Paul Patin declined to comment on the meeting Sunday afternoon at Jerusalem's King David Hotel, other than to say the United States planned to convene another in a few days.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon warned after the botched bombing in the northern port city of Haifa that Israeli strikes on the Palestinian territories were likely to intensify.

"In light of what is going on, we will apparently have to increase our (military) activity," he said.

The Haifa bombing, which killed the attacker and slightly injured 11 bystanders, came exactly a week after another suicide bomber detonated himself on a bus there, killing 15.

That attack and one that killed 11 in Jerusalem the night before set off a new crisis, prompting Israel to strike Palestinian police and security installations.

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sunday's bomber had intended to set off two explosions, one to draw rescue workers to the scene and then a larger bomb strapped to his body.

Instead, he blew himself up when police confronted him. Emergency workers found a second bomb hours later and detonated it in a controlled explosion.

Palestinian security sources identified the attacker as Nimr Abu Sayfien, 20, from the town of Yamoun in the northern West Bank.

About 3,000 people marched through Yamoun later to show support for Abu Sayfien's family, some shouting "Intefadeh until victory."

The bomber's father, Muhammad, said his son rose early for the

pre-dawn meal customary during the current Muslim holy month of Ramadan, then told his parents he was leaving to look for work in Israel.

Later, the father said, the family found a note under his pillow saying he was a member of the radical group Islamic Jihad and was planning to attack Haifa as revenge for Israel's killing 10 days ago of Mahmoud Abu Hanoud, a top militant of the Hamas group.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack. Hamas has said it carried out the earlier bombings in Haifa and Jerusalem.

Arafat, interviewed by The

Associated Press at his Ramallah headquarters Saturday night, called on the United States to press Israel to stop assaults on the Palestinians and pledged to continue a crackdown on militants.

The Bush administration seemed unimpressed. Cheney said the Palestinians "are led by someone who can't control terrorists."

"It's not surprising given that level of violence and those repeated attacks that the Israelis take steps to defend themselves," he said. "They have a right to do so."

Powell, speaking with reporters as he flew to Moscow from Kazak-

stan in Central Asia, said both sides had taken unhelpful actions.

But, he added, "I think the burden right now is on Mr. Arafat to do more to get the violence down to zero. ... The Palestinian people ought to asking their leaders, 'Where does this take us?'"

In the West Bank, Israeli forces entered the Palestinian town of Anabta and killed four Palestinian policemen in a gunfight, said Izzadine al-Shariff, governor of the nearby town of Tulkarem. An army statement said troops were conducting searches and arresting "people engaged in terrorist activity."

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DAVE BARRY

Nothing says festive like yard bags under the Christmas tree

This is the time of year when we think back to the very first Christmas, when the Three Wise Men — Gaspar, Balthasar and Herb — went to see the baby Jesus, and, according to the Book of Matthew, "presented unto Him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

These are simple words, but if we analyze them carefully, we discover an important, yet often-overlooked, theological fact: There is no mention of wrapping paper.



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If there had been wrapping paper, Matthew would have said so:

"And lo, the gifts WERE inside 600 square cubits of paper."

"And the paper WAS festooned with pictures of Frosty the Snowman."

"And Joseph WAS going to throw it away, but Mary saideth unto him, she saideth, 'Holdeth it! That is nice paper!'

Saveth it for next year!"

"And Joseph DID rolleth his eyeballs."

"And the baby Jesus WAS more interested in the paper than, for example, the frankincense."

But these words do not appear in the Bible, which means that the very first Christmas gifts were NOT wrapped. This is because the people giving those gifts had two important characteristics:

1. They were wise.
2. They were men.

Men are not big gift wrappers. Men do not understand the point of putting paper on a gift so somebody else can tear it off. This is not just my opinion: This is a scientific fact based on a statistical survey of two guys I know. One is my son, Rob, who said the only time he ever wraps a gift is, quote, "if it's such a poor gift that I don't want to be there when the person opens it." The other is my friend Gene Weingarten, who told me he does wrap gifts, but as a matter of principle never takes more than 15 seconds per gift.

"No one ever had to wonder which presents daddy wrapped at Christmas," Gene said. "They were the ones that looked like enormous spitballs."

I also wrap gifts, but because of some defect in my motor skills, I can never COMPLETELY wrap them. I can take a gift the size of a deck of cards and put it the exact center of a piece of wrapping paper the size of a regulation volleyball court, but when I am done folding and taping, you can still see a sector of the gift peeking out. (Sometimes I camouflage this sector with a marking pen.) If I had been an ancient Egyptian in the field of mummies, the lower half of the Pharaoh's body would be covered only by Scotch tape.

On the other hand, if you give my wife a 12-inch square of wrapping paper, she can wrap a C-130 cargo plane. My wife, like many women, actually **LIKES** wrapping things. If she gives you a gift that requires batteries, she wraps the batteries separately, which to me is very close to being a symptom of mental illness. If it were possible, my wife would wrap each individual volt.

My point is that gift-wrapping is one of those skills — like having babies — that come more naturally to women than to men. That is why today I am presenting: **GIFT-WRAPPING TIPS FOR MEN**

■ Whenever possible, buy gifts that are already wrapped. If, when the recipient opens the gift, neither one of you recognizes it, you can claim that it's myrrh.

■ The editors of Woman's Day magazine recently ran an item on how to make your own wrapping paper by printing a design on it with an apple sliced in half horizontally and dipped in a mixture of food coloring and liquid starch. They must be smoking crack.

■ If you're giving a hard-to-wrap gift, skip the wrapping paper! Just put it inside a bag and stick one of those little adhesive bows on it. This creates a festive visual effect that is sure to delight the lucky recipient on Christmas morning.

YOUR WIFE: Why is there a Hefty trash bag under the tree?

YOU: It's a gift! See? It has a bow!

YOUR WIFE (peering into the trash bag): It's a leaf blower.

YOU: Gas-powered! Five horsepower!

YOUR WIFE: I want a divorce.

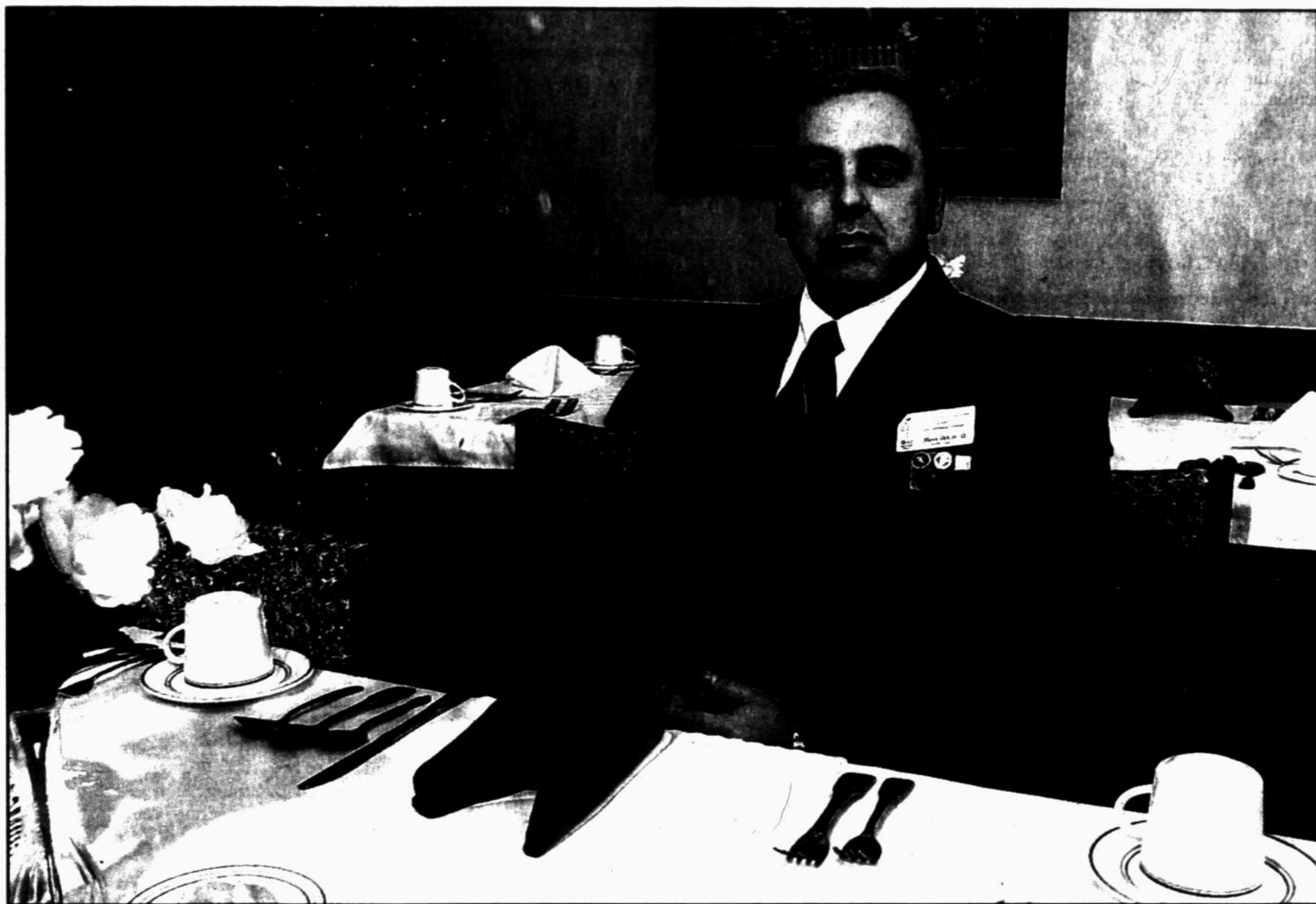
YOU: I also got you some myrrh.

In conclusion, remember that the important thing is not what you give, or how you wrap it. The important thing, during this very special time of year, is that you save the receipt.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery



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Manor Park food service manager

Carl Guy

At Manor Park's annual Christmas party Friday, the guests will be served a sit-down dinner of about 100 pounds of prime rib, about a thousand roasted new potatoes to go with the mountains of vegetables that Carl Guy and his five cooks and the other kitchen staff will prepare from scratch, starting long before dawn that morning.

For dessert, they'll have strawberry soufflé, also hand-prepared, and for guests who don't happen to like prime rib, or the veggies or the strawberry soufflé, Carl and the staff have that covered also.

That's their job. That's what they do. Carl said they do it day after day, seven days a week, 365 days a year — 366 on leap year.

Carl moved here from El Paso in May to take over the operation of the Manor Park food service.

He said he can't remember a time when he wasn't happiest working with food — not just cooking barbecue on Sunday afternoon or grilling hot dogs on a picnic, or even doing the cooking for the family, but large-scale cooking for hundreds if not thousands of people.

He got his start toward a career while still in high school.

"I grew up in an Air Force family, and during my high school years in England, they had a cooperative work experience where you could choose to get training in a career of your choice three times a week, the last three periods in the day," he said.

"I chose hospital food service."

"The last three periods, three times a week, I would go down to the hospital and be a cook's helper."

"They would teach us how to prepare special diets for the patients in the hospital. I also took a part-time job in an Air Force's consolidated dining facility, where there was a really great British chef that we called Chef Taffy. I started out as

a dishwasher there, but I was very interested in cake decorating at the time, and when Chef Taffy heard of my interest, he took me under his wing and began showing me how to decorate cakes."

Carl said this experience solidified his career choice as far as he was concerned.

"Along with learning how to decorate cakes, he taught me so many of the essentials of food preparation that he gave me an excellent background for the rest of my career, even today," he said.

"That was really what started my interest in institutional food service."

Upon his graduation, however, he found his opportunities overseas in food services were limited, despite his preparation. So he did the next best thing.

"The military was the only thing I knew," he said. "So I went to an Army recruiter — I don't know to this day why I chose Army when my experience had been with the Air Force — but anyway, I thought it would be fun, so I signed up in 1981, and I was ordered to go to Fort Jackson, S.C., for basic training."

"After basic training, I stayed there for 12 weeks of intensive training in industrial cooking, learning to cook for crowds," he added.

He spent the next 20 years of his life cooking for soldiers, where he worked his way up through the management side of the food service, during which time he worked in Germany, Hawaii, Washington state, New Jersey and South Carolina before retiring in 2001. He has also managed food service at Fort Bliss in El Paso.

Wherever he went, Carl made it a part of his routine to investigate the foods people ate and how they cooked them, in the places he was stationed.

"Even though we were on an Army base, we would always try to bring in the culture all around us," he explained. "A lot of the guys didn't get the chance to get off the base much, so we tried to bring the local tastes to them."

Toward that end, Carl said, he visited his peers in the community and learned what the natives of the locale ate.

"In Hawaii, they eat rice for breakfast instead of oatmeal or cream of wheat, so we served lots of steamed rice for breakfast."

"In Germany, whenever they had fried potatoes, they would serve gravy over them, and we did too."

"We just wanted to bring in a taste of the culture for the soldiers and the airmen who we served, no matter where we were."

While he was still relatively new in the military, Carl married a girl who knew nothing about cooking. Carl said the idea of learning the cooking to him never occurred to them.

"Instead, every day when I came home, I would show her what I'd been taught that day, and so whatever I learned, she learned, but she converted it to family cooking."

His wife, Natalie, is now an excellent cook, Carl said.

"I never tell her how to cook anything any more," he said. The Guys have been married for 20 years. They have a son, David, who will leave in February to attend college in Phoenix, and a daughter, Kayla, 14, who goes to school at Abell Junior High.

"She just loves it here," said Carl.

Since coming to Midland, he has been active in the Permian Basin Texas Chef's Association, where, as a Texas Department of Health certified food management instructor, he was asked to chair the education committee. He is also an active member of the American Culinary Federation.

Carl said that when he was asked to come to Midland to interview, he immediately felt that this was home.

His first step in taking over the Manor Park food service was to confer with the residents.

"The way I was always taught, and the way I

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Bruce Iglauer, founder of Alligator Records, reclines among CDs by artists recorded on his record label at his Chicago warehouse. Alligator Records is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

AP Photo



Alligator Records sings blues for 30 years

By James Reindl
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The owner of what may be the world's best-known blues record label has a corner office with a view. Similarities to a record company mogul end there, however.

Alligator Records owner Bruce Iglauer looks out on a grocery store across from his converted brick building on Chicago's north side. His second-floor office is clogged with boxes of old master tapes, piles of magazines, cartons of demos from wannabes and battered furniture.

From here, Iglauer, 54, has made a living and a life recording, producing and selling the blues. The label he started with a small inheritance in 1971 celebrated its 30th anniversary this year with a double CD sampling of studio and live recordings.

"It certainly is true that by the standards of the American recording industry it's a small independent label but by the standards of the blues, it's an 800-pound gorilla. It has been virtually since its inception the single most influential label in America, if not the world," said Peter Aschoff, who teaches the anthropology of the blues culture at the University of Mississippi and is a long time Iglauer friend.

Alligator Records started when rock 'n' roll was king in the United States, its blues roots having been overshadowed by rock's new beat and glamorous life style.

There were no exclusive blues labels then, said Howard Stovall, executive director of the Blues Foundation in Memphis. The foundation sponsors blues' highest honors, the W.C. Handy Blues Awards.

"Nobody made blues the centerpiece," Stovall said. "Bruce came into it with blues as the centerpiece, not as some peripheral to some

core curriculum."

Iglauer recognizes his place but occupies it with some modesty.

"I'm proud of the fact that I learned to be a businessman," Iglauer said on a recent night working at his desk well after dark.

"I'm proud that I've built this little anthill in the desert of the blues. I'm proud that I'm the tallest of the midgets among the blues midgets, but if I could produce records all day, every day, I would."

It was Iglauer's desire to produce a record that led to Alligator's birth.

The blues first took hold of the Cincinnati native while he attended Lawrence University in Wisconsin. When Iglauer moved to Chicago in 1970, he took a \$30-a-week job with Delmark Records and continued his pastime of hanging out in blues clubs. The raw sounds of slide guitar player Hound Dog Taylor and the House-Rockers captured Iglauer's ear.

Delmark founder Bob Koester declined to record Taylor so Iglauer, then 23, decided to do it himself. A record label was born, the name coming from the way Iglauer clicks rhythm patterns with his teeth when he likes a song.

Alligator certainly isn't the only blues label with longevity. Blind Pig Records celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. Alligator was first, however, and first to push blues back into the nation's consciousness.

"There's no question that there's a greater realization in mainstream America of the role blues has played in influencing American music than there ever has been," Stovall said. "In 1972, I don't think many people knew that."

Artists such as Johnny Winter, Buddy Guy, Luther Allison, Koko Taylor and Lonnie Brooks help define the Alligator sound and give it its crossover appeal.

CARL: Manager cannot say enough about dedication of staff

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always saw my managers work, was to listen to your customers," he said. "When I was just a cook, I would always notice how my manager operated, and I watched them listen to their customers — listen to what they want to eat, and to how they want it prepared. "So when I came here, the first thing I did was to ask the residents of Manor Park what they liked to eat, and what they didn't like."

He said he found that most of the people in the Manor Park community like West Texas food.

"They want country-fried steak with cream gravy. They want food they're able to get in the best restaurants in the area."

Carl said that after knocking on doors and asking questions, his next step was to consult the registered dietitian of Morrison Senior Dining, the firm he works

under, and review menus and dietary requirements.

"We spent two days putting in what people wanted, and taking out the items on the menu that they said they didn't want to eat."

Carl said some of the problems had to do more with preparation and presentation than with the foods themselves.

"For example, corned beef and cabbage is something that a lot of people don't care for, unless it's prepared and presented properly. Sometimes it's just a question of what foods are served together, or how they're cooked," he said.

After designing the menus, Carl then began to train his cooks.

"That's a part of my job description," he said. "It's important that you don't just hand a cook a menu and expect them to know how you want the food prepared."

"The cooks here were conscientious about following the dietary guidelines and they knew how to read the recipes, but they needed some hands-on training in how to make the food look and smell and taste good."

"Presentation skills are a big part of a successful food service."

Once the Christmas party is over, Carl said he and his staff will still have the regular meals to prepare.

And then, of course, there's the traditional Christmas dinner

to prepare on Dec. 25. Carl said that menu is honey roasted ham, roast turkey, cornbread dressing, green beans, corn and pumpkin pie, with alternate offerings of sweet potato pie, cherry pie or apple pie. He's ordered 50 pounds of ham and 40 pounds of turkey.

"We did the same thing for Thanksgiving," he said. "Normally, ham goes over better for Christmas, and turkey is preferred for Thanksgiving. But just in case, we'll have both, so that our residents can have a choice."

He said he cannot say enough about the dedication of his staff at Manor Park.

"They go out of their way to please our residents. They never complain about preparing a special dish for a special resident, and in fact, they may be cooking for 300, but they realize that each meal is for an individual, and they take their responsibility seriously. They know that what they do is important."

"Just to give you an example, in the recent snowstorm, we had

100 percent attendance. I would never have seen that in the Army."

"They struggle to get here, because they know how important it is to our residents."

"My lead cook lives in Odessa, and the morning of the snow, she called me at 5 a.m. and told me she would be late, but she'd be here."

"It took her an hour and 45 minutes, but she got here."

TALKIN' TEXAS

There's more to Iraan than greasewood bushes

By Tumbleweed Smith

Iraan is in that area of Texas that people drive right on through without stopping. They think about the only interesting things to see there are cat claw, yucca and greasewood bushes.

Funny thing. The people of Iraan think the same thing. But there is one big difference in the people who live in Iraan and those just passing through: the people in Iraan love the place.

Iraan was named for Ira and Ann Yates, a ranching couple who became wealthy when oil was discovered on their land in 1926. The Yates Field was the biggest oil find in Texas. It ranks third in production in the nation behind the Prudhoe Bay and Kuparuk fields in Alaska. More than 1,000 producing wells are located in a 26,000-acre area. The field continues to produce 25,000 barrels of oil per day.

The first place of business in Iraan was a filling station. Seems only right.

The Yates family acquired the land in 1915 by trading a grocery store in Rankin. He lost everything twice and took a job as a street grader in San Angelo. By the fall of 1926, cattle prices were down and the ranch was in serious financial trouble. Yates was sitting on his porch, worrying, the night before his 67th birthday when word reached him that the well had come in. He said he would see about it the next morning and went to bed.

The area around ranch headquarters became a boom town. Yates converted a barn into a hotel and the area became known as the Red Barn community.

It supplied groceries, work clothes and other essentials to oil-field workers.

A town named Grube sprang up across the Pecos river in Crockett County. It was named for a man who started selling bootleg whiskey in a small tent on the river bank opposite the Yates field. Soon the traffic over the rickety bridge became so steady that more businesses started. Grube was for entertainment and featured dance halls, saloons and gambling joints. The dance band in one place had two fiddlers, a piano player and a guitarist. When the group added a

trombone player, the customers became so annoyed with the sounds they chased the trombone player across the river with gunfire.

When a saloon owner tried to overcharge the oil-field hands, they fastened a winch line around the saloon and pulled it off the foundation. Texas Rangers raided the town frequently and finally it shut down.

V.T. Hamlin, an artist and writer doing some work for an oil company, went to Iraan, became fascinated with the geology and history of the area and started a comic strip about cavemen entitled Alley Oop. It featured the antics of Alley Oop, Dinny, Oola, Dr. Womung, the Grand Wizer, King Guz and Foozy. The strip is still carried by some newspapers.

A large likeness of Alley Oop is in a park in Iraan and one of the city's big events is a celebration called Alley Oop Days. It features a mule race, golf cart polo and goat sailing. Queen Oola and Miss Pebbles rule over the festivities.

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.



Smith

DEAR ABBY

Cheap thrills in bedroom can't substitute for intimacy

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the letter from "A Reader in St. Louis," who was indifferent to sex until she rediscovered a loving relationship with her husband and learned the true meaning of intimacy.

Her letter made me wonder how many women whose sex drive has diminished or disappeared have



Pauline and Jeanne Phillips

husbands like mine, who regards the romantic side of lovemaking as "sis-stuff," saying "real men" don't act that way.

My husband's image of a real man is any actor in a porno flick. Unfortunately, I am partly to blame for his attitude. I admit that we were both hooked on porn films as a turn-on. When we had sex, my husband expected me to writhe in ecstasy, moan and utter expletives for several minutes — just like the porn actresses did. Never was the word "love" mentioned. It was as if it didn't belong in this scenario.

Because my husband has no other bad habits, doesn't cheat, and demonstrates his love in everyday acts of kindness, I went along with this play-acting for many years. However, the arousal I once felt from this contrived sex wore off for me a long time ago. It hasn't for him, though. He can't understand why I've gone from being a hot tamale to a cold fish.

When "Reader in St. Louis" wrote that "sex isn't entertainment," that line really hit home. The truth is, I have come to this same realization, while my husband has not. And, after 30 years of marriage, he probably never will.

In spite of all the advice we hear about experimenting with sex in different ways to keep the excitement in a relationship, take it from one who's tried it all: Cheap thrills don't last forever and can even have a damaging effect if there is no communication or intimacy between lovers. — BEEN THERE, DONE IT ALL

DEAR BEEN THERE: It's time you and your husband attempted a new kind of sex thrill — a frank and honest conversation about what is and is not going on in your bedroom. If you haven't verbalized your feelings to your spouse, you cannot blame him for continuing to do what he still thinks is "thrilling" to both of you. I agree with you that communication is vital. Marriage counseling can help you to achieve it. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 67-year-old widow of two years. I live alone in the country, about a mile from a small two-stoplight town. My problem is that a nice gentleman who lives about seven hours away has been coming to see me from time to time, and he calls me every day, sometimes twice a day. He would like to come to see me and stay at my house, since he

lives so far away. I am reluctant to let him because I don't know if it would be proper. I trust him, but I don't want to do anything that would embarrass my children and grandchildren.

What do you think? Should I let him stay at my house? — LONELY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR LONELY: By all means allow him to come and visit — it's the only way the two of you will be able to decide whether the relationship has a future. However, because there are no secrets in a

community as small as yours, invite one of your grandchildren to "chaperone" during his visits. If the relationship becomes romantic, the two of you should arrange to take some trips together. The tongues may still wag, but at least you'll have a degree of privacy.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



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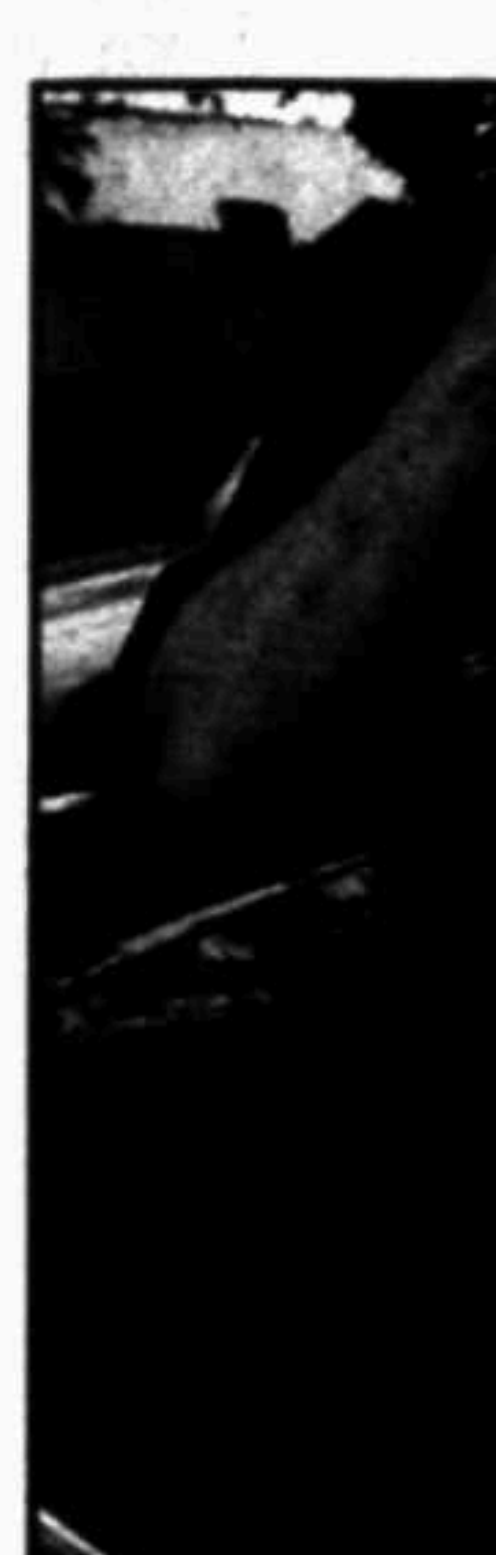
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By Julie Watson Associated Press

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Police search for robbery suspect

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Midland Police are continuing to search for a male suspect accused of robbing the Arby's located at 1822 N. Midland Dr., at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

The suspect, described as a male wearing a ski mask, showed a weapon at the time of aggravated robbery, police said.

He left with an undetermined amount of cash.



AP Photo
Mexican immigrant Jose Luis Lopez, 24, from the central Mexican town of Arandas, looks at a map in this Dec. 3 photo, on the border in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Lopez, who often works in Detroit, Mich., said he will hire a smuggler this next year to make it back into the United States, but the trip will likely cost him double what it did in the past due to heightened security.

Mexican migrants heading home for holidays, but some may stay for good

By Julie Watson
Associated Press

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico — Their cars overflowing with televisions, bicycles and clothing, thousands of Mexican migrants are making the trek home for the holidays.

But this year, with terrorism and a recession plaguing the United States, some say they may stay for good.

Waiting in this border city for a government permit to take his well-packed van deep into Mexico, Julio Servin, 25, said he's not just bringing gifts back to his hometown of Los Reyes, he's moving back for good, along with his wife and 4-month-old daughter — a U.S. citizen.

Servin has seen his share of danger the past seven years, slipping back and forth across the border, fording the Rio Grande, running through the brush to evade the U.S. Border Patrol, then making his way to New York state.

But after the World Trade Center fell a little more than an hour from his home, he decided that earning dollars wasn't worth the risks anymore.

"I didn't feel safe. Things just weren't the same as before. We didn't feel comfortable walking around with bioterrorism and everything, especially now that we have a baby girl," Servin said as his wife nursed the infant in the back of their van outside the Mexican Customs office. "Man, those people (terrorists) are crazy. You don't know what they could do next."

Servin, a mechanic, plans to open a garage in Los Reyes, about 65 miles northwest of Mexico City in Michoacan state.

Nearby, Antonio Garcia, 45, reloaded his truck after Customs agents checked the towering mound of blankets, toys and other goods he was hauling. He said he had no choice but to come home.

"There's no work up there anymore," said Garcia, who lost his job as a waiter at an Indianapolis restaurant after the economy slumped. "I was out of a job for two months and couldn't pay my rent. They are laying off a lot of people, and the undocumented workers are the first to go."

Three of the six men traveling with Garcia also had lost their jobs. The men had been working in different parts of the United States and met up for the long ride to Michoacan, where all plan to look for work.

While officials say it is too early to be sure, there are indications terrorism and the U.S. economic slump may be slowing Mexico's century-old flow of migration to the north.

Immigration arrests along the U.S.-Mexico border have dropped dramatically. For the year until Sept. 11, arrests were already down 25 percent from 2000. After the terror attacks, arrests dropped 54 percent from

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— Julio Servin, Mexican migrant

the same period the previous year, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service says.

Mexican officials said their 46 consulates in the United States have seen a dramatic jump in applications for Mexican passports and other documents used to return home by Mexican citizens living abroad, who are known as "paisanos."

The number of migrants returning this Christmas season is expected to be 9 percent above the 2 million who made the journey in 2000, said Mexico's top immigration official, Felipe de Jesus Preciado.

Sergio Casanueva, coordinator of the National Paisano Program, a government program that assists returning migrants, thinks most of the returns will be temporary.

"People are going to come back and talk with their families over Christmas and see what possibilities there are for them in Mexico," he said. But more than anything, they just want to visit to assure their families that everything is fine, he said.

Casanueva expects only 2 percent to 3 percent of returning migrants will remain in Mexico.

A mass return could present problems for Mexico, already stumbling from its own recession, which has more than a half million people unemployed.

But illegal immigrants who hope to return to the United States after the holidays say it won't be easy to cross the border with the tightened security. Mexican officials are warning all migrants — even those who have U.S. visas — to carefully plan their return trips.

Jose Luis Lopez, 24, from the central Mexican town of Arandas, said he will hire a smuggler on his return, but the trip will likely cost him double what it did in the past due to heightened security.

Down the road, Renato Benitez, 33, said many migrants are caught between struggling on meager wages in Mexico or attempting to cross the more-secure border.

"Osama bin Laden is making it tough for everyone," he said.

OBITUARIES



Ysidro Silva Rodriguez

Ysidro S. Rodriguez, 80, died at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on December 8, 2001.

Rosary will be said, Monday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Newnie Ellis Funeral Home.

The funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on December 11, 2001 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home and Chapel.

Pallbearers will be Manuel Ortega, Rob Pester, Alex Rangel, Ron-

ny Rodriguez, Randy Rodriguez and Robert Rodriguez. Honorary pallbearer will be Severo R. Enriquez.

Ysidro was born on May 15, 1921 to the late Ricardo Rodriguez and Ramona Silva.

He joined the United States Army during World War II. Upon his return, he was married to Julia Morales Rodriguez for 39 years before she preceded him in death. He married Lilly Martinez Rodriguez on September 3, 1988.

Ysidro worked for The Midland Sample Cut/Oil Scouts Association for 30 years and continued to work for the Midland Sample Library for 22 years until his retirement in 1997.

Ysidro leaves behind his beloved wife, Lilly Rodriguez; his sons, Ysidro Rodriguez, Jr., and wife Sandra; Gonzalo Rodriguez and Pablo Morales; his daughter, Olga R. Enriquez and husband, Severo; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; four brothers, John Rodriguez from Fresno, California, Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr., Andy Rodriguez and Frank Rodriguez from Midland; two sisters, Socorro (Corine) Natividad from Midland and Cuca De Zavala from Fresno, California and many nephews and nieces.

Memorials will be forwarded to the American Lung Association.



Ruby E. Carter

Ruby E. Carter, age 91, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, December 8, 2001 at Trinity Haven Nursing Center in Midland.

Mrs. Carter was born in Brown Co. Texas on April 10, 1910 to Will and Myrtle Henderson. She spent most of her life in the Brownwood area. She attended Mac's Business School and worked for Kimbles Canning Company in Brownwood. She married Charles R. Duke on August 15, 1931. He preceded her in death in 1956. She later married

George E. Carter on April 17, 1964. He preceded her in death in 1984. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Velma, Maggie Mae, Marie, and Bertha, and three brothers, Roy, Donald, and Joe and one step-daughter, Bonna Nelson. She was a member of Parkview Church of Christ in Odessa.

Mrs. Carter relocated, to the Odessa area in 1991 to be near her son, Charles J. Duke of Midland.

She loved her family and they all knew it, as she showed it every day. Family meant everything to her.

In addition to her son, she is survived by a stepdaughter and her husband, Sandra and Jack Smith of Brownwood, two brothers, C. L. Henderson of Graham and J.T. Henderson of Florence, OR, one granddaughter, nine step-grandchildren, 20 step-great-grandchildren, and 17 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland on Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at 10:30 AM with Reverend Charles Jones officiating. Burial will be in Zephyr, Texas on Thursday, December 13, 2001 at 2:00 PM with Reverend Paul McClung officiating.

Instead of flowers, anyone can make a contribution to Hospice of Midland in her memory, PO Box 2621 Midland, Texas 79702.

DEATH NOTICES

Joe Bill Donaldson

Joe Bill Donaldson died Sunday, Dec. 9. Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. today, Dec. 10, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Davidson Cemetery in Davidson, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 8, 1910 in Idabel, Okla. to William Gilbert and Cora Donaldson. He married Liddie Ann Crow in Madill, Okla., in 1934. He was a rancher in Idaho for most of his life. He moved to Midland in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Liddie Ann Crow Donaldson Burns. Survivors include a son, Billy Joe Don-

aldson of Peoria, Ariz.; foster son Bill Watson of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho; seven daughters, Betty Cauble of Riverside, Calif., Pattie Garrison and Jackie Gamble of Midland, Tommie Almanza of Austin, Bobbie Meechem of Grand Prairie, and Jimmie Burns of Midland; 26 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

James Ward

LAKE BROWNWOOD — James Ward, 68, of Lake Brownwood died Sunday, Dec. 9, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Rocky Creek Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Rocky Creek Cemetery with

Heartland Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include a daughter, Danna Seerey of Midland.

Roland Thomason

Services for Roland Thomason are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Thomason died Saturday, Dec. 8, at his residence.

Senaida Garcia

Senaida Garcia, 50, died at her residence Sunday, Dec. 9.

Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.



I saw Santa on a Harley!

Delfino and Lydia Mendoza sit on their motorcycle as they prepare to lead the 10th Annual Toys for Tots Toy Run/Parade from Cielo Vista Elementary School to the group's next stop at MacArthur Elementary in El Paso, Friday. The group stopped at the school to give out candy and pick up toys collected by the students for the annual event.

AP Photo

Alamo's water supply to be treated with new disinfectant

MALLEN (AP) — A new disinfectant will be added to the water supply in Alamo starting Monday to rid the water of a harmful chemical byproduct that can cause spontaneous miscarriages in pregnant women.

City officials are trying to reduce trihalomethane levels in the water by using chlorine and liquid ammonium sulfate.

State officials are urging dialysis patients to use carbon filters for their drinking water and medical procedures because the treatment leaves chloramine in the water. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission says the chloramine, which is necessary to purify the water, can be harmful to people on kidney dialysis.

State officials say the levels of chloramines in the water are not lethal, and will likely only affect people using old dialysis machines.

The TNRCC cited Alamo in August for having potentially high levels of trihalomethanes, or THMs, in the water. The agency mandated the city change its water purification process.

City officials encouraged residents to install carbon filters to their water faucets or purchase bottled water, and they're advising residents to do the same with the new disinfectant as a precaution.

TNRCC wanted to issue the warning only as a precaution, agency officials said.

"There was a study done with machines that were 20 years old and older that if you submersed the (dialysis) tank in chloramine water, it would cause problems," said Jean Pieper Voshell, a spokeswoman for the TNRCC.

Tree of Memories

Those who have lost a loved one this year are invited to place a ribbon on the *Tree of Memories* in the chapel of *Ellis Funeral Home* 801 Andrews Highway. The public is invited to attend the *Fourth Annual Tree of Memories Remembrance Service* December 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Tree ribbons are provided at no charge by *Ellis Funeral Home* & *Resthaven Memorial Park*. The *Tree of Memories*, donated by *Blooming Rose*, will remain on display until January 1, 2002.

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JOE DONALDSON
3 p.m. — Ellis Chapel

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LISTEN UP!

Einstein and Newton ...

Young scientists compete at MISD fair

By Jonathon Carrasco
MRT Correspondent

Every year around this time, kids take part in the scientific process and walk in the shoes of Einstein and Newton by getting the chance to ask and answer questions about the world around them.

Though it may take a fair amount of work to compose a winning project, the lessons learned in research skills, presentation and pride in a job well done more than compensate for the weeks of preparation.

Young science students from around the Tall City who won their school science fairs were at Kingsway mall Saturday morning to present their projects in the MISD District Science Fair. By winning at the school level, these same students also have a chance to compete in the regional fair to be held in March at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

"The district fair is an opportunity for students to not only experience the scientific process, but a chance for them to look at other projects and to visit and learn from each other," said Janice Baulch, Director of Science and Health for MISD.

"Science fair teaches kids how to research a topic, create a presentation, and write concise conclusions about their work," Ms. Baulch said.

"Kids get the opportunity to learn how to talk to people and communicate their ideas to others."

The science fair, also gives parents a chance to get involved with their kids in a school-related activity.

"The kids and parents get to learn the true scientific method and can apply the skills acquired from science fair to other facets of their life," said Sara Peterson, whose son, Jake Peterson is a sixth-grader at Washington Magnet. He won second place in the Physical Science II category for his project on insulation of roofing materials.

The scientific process is the format that a science project is based on. It begins by observing a common problem or occurrence that may need to be corrected or changed. Then students develop a statement to remedy the problem, a hypothesis. With the aid of an experiment, kids try to prove their hypothesis is true or false. Then they record data, display it and explain the reason the experiment worked out the way it did.

Science fair is a place where ideas meet technology. Now, in addition to traditional research, students are get-



ting online to find helpful science information.

"I just got online and typed in what I was looking for and got some helpful things to use in my project," said Elissa Russell, a Rusk Elementary sixth-grader who did her project on the surface tension of water.

Bowie Elementary fifth-grader Callie Cothran did her project on natural dyes.

"A long time ago people didn't have the man-made dyes we have today, so they had to use natural dyes like berries to color their clothes," Callie said.

It is important to note that students learn more than the science behind their project; they learn the history behind their interest.

The opportunity students get from science fair increases with time.

"If kids continue with science fair at the senior level, they have the chance to qualify for the international science fair where major scholarships are awarded capable of paying for college," Ms. Baulch said.

Science fair represents more than a competition; it's a chance for young students to learn and grow.

The list of science fair winners will be published on next Monday's Listen Up! page.



Midland Independent School District's fifth- and sixth-grade science fair was Saturday at Kingsway mall.

ABOVE RIGHT: Henderson Elementary School fifth-grader Kerstin Sims' project was about the "Motivation of a Gerbil."

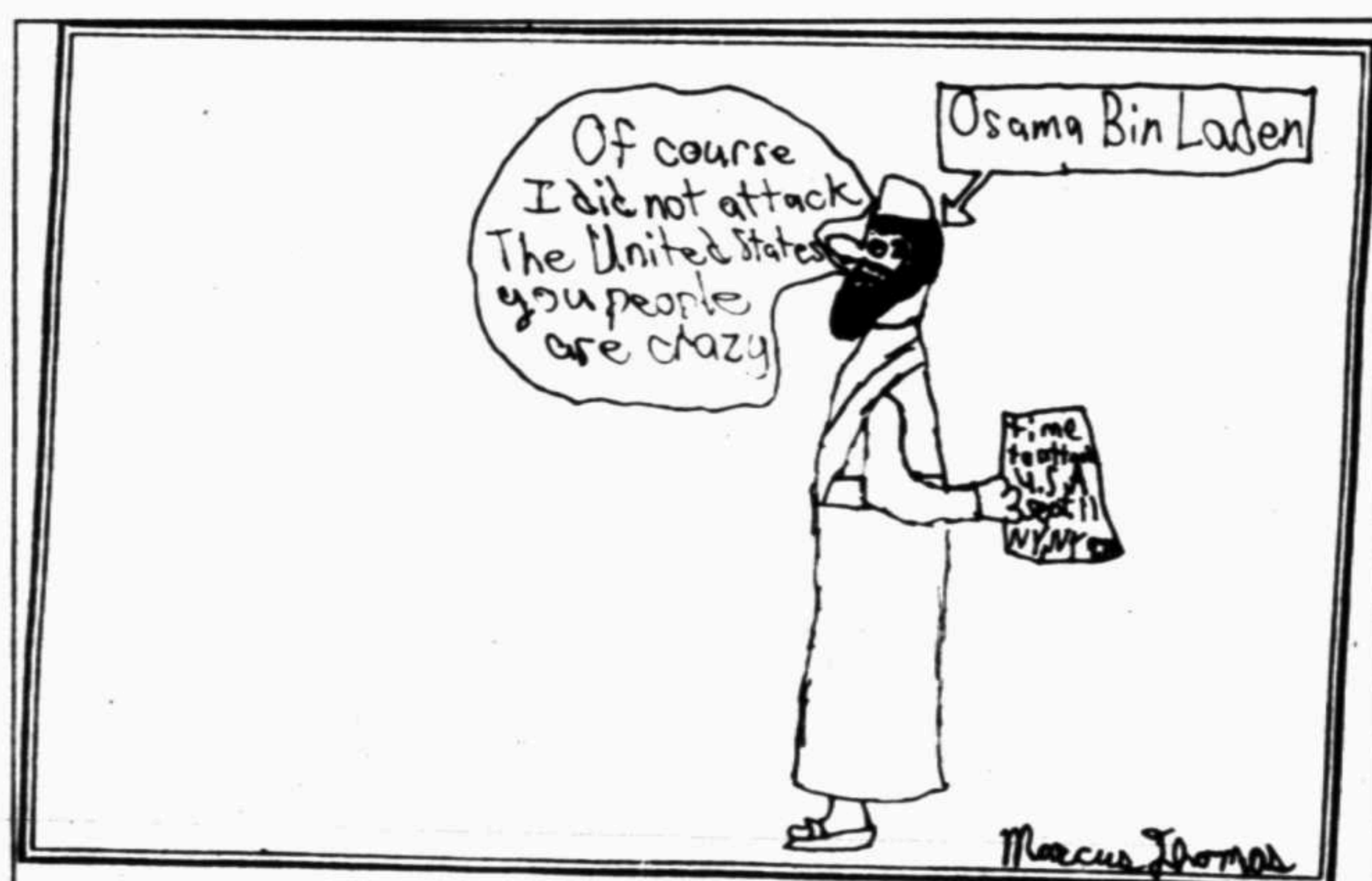
ABOVE LEFT: Bush Elementary School fifth-grader Bixi Patel listens as judge Azad Khan talks about her project on lung capacity.

LEFT: Judge Ed Lookabaugh asks Jones Elementary School sixth-grader Iline Tang a question about her "Liquid Freeze" project.

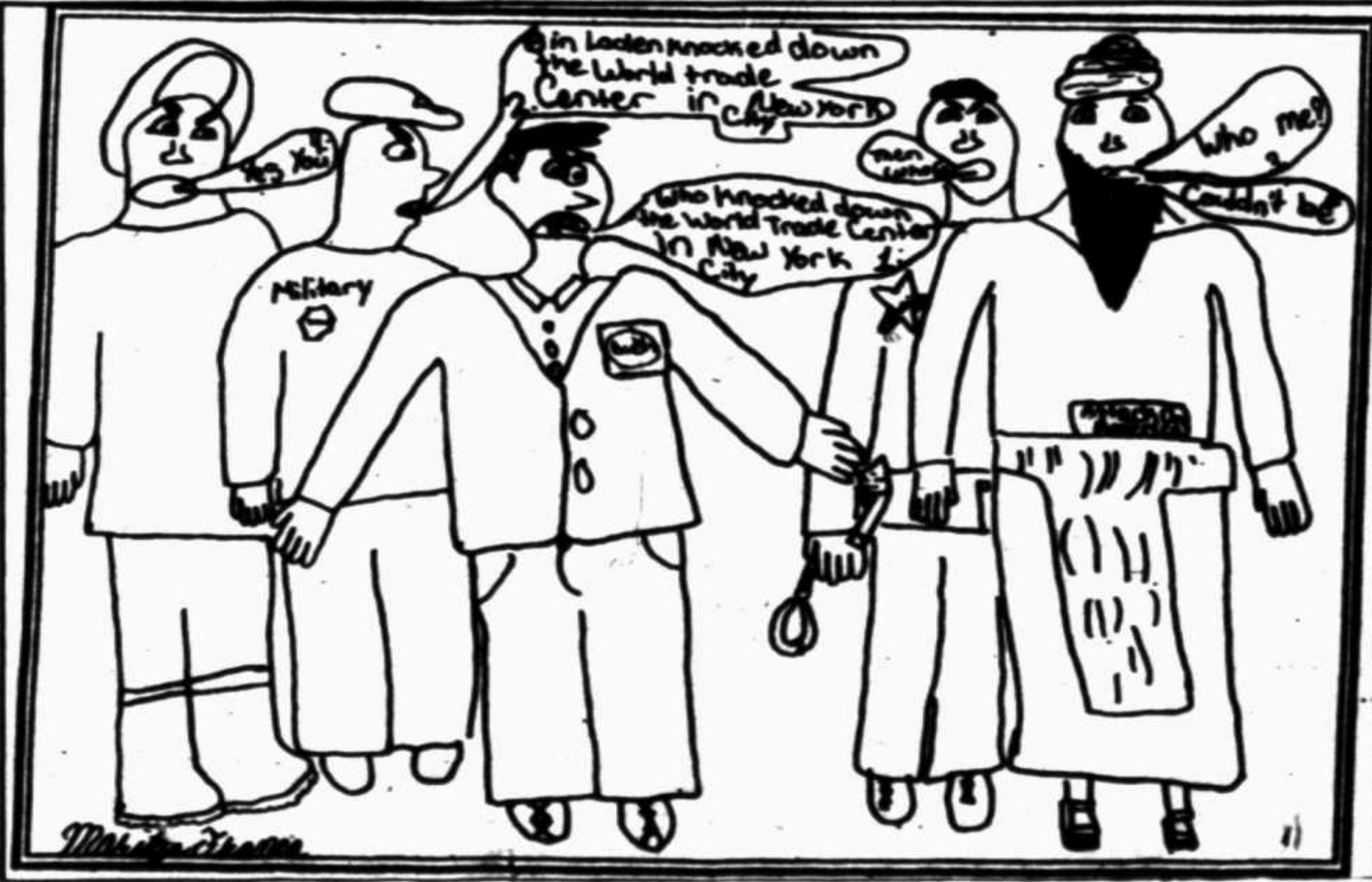
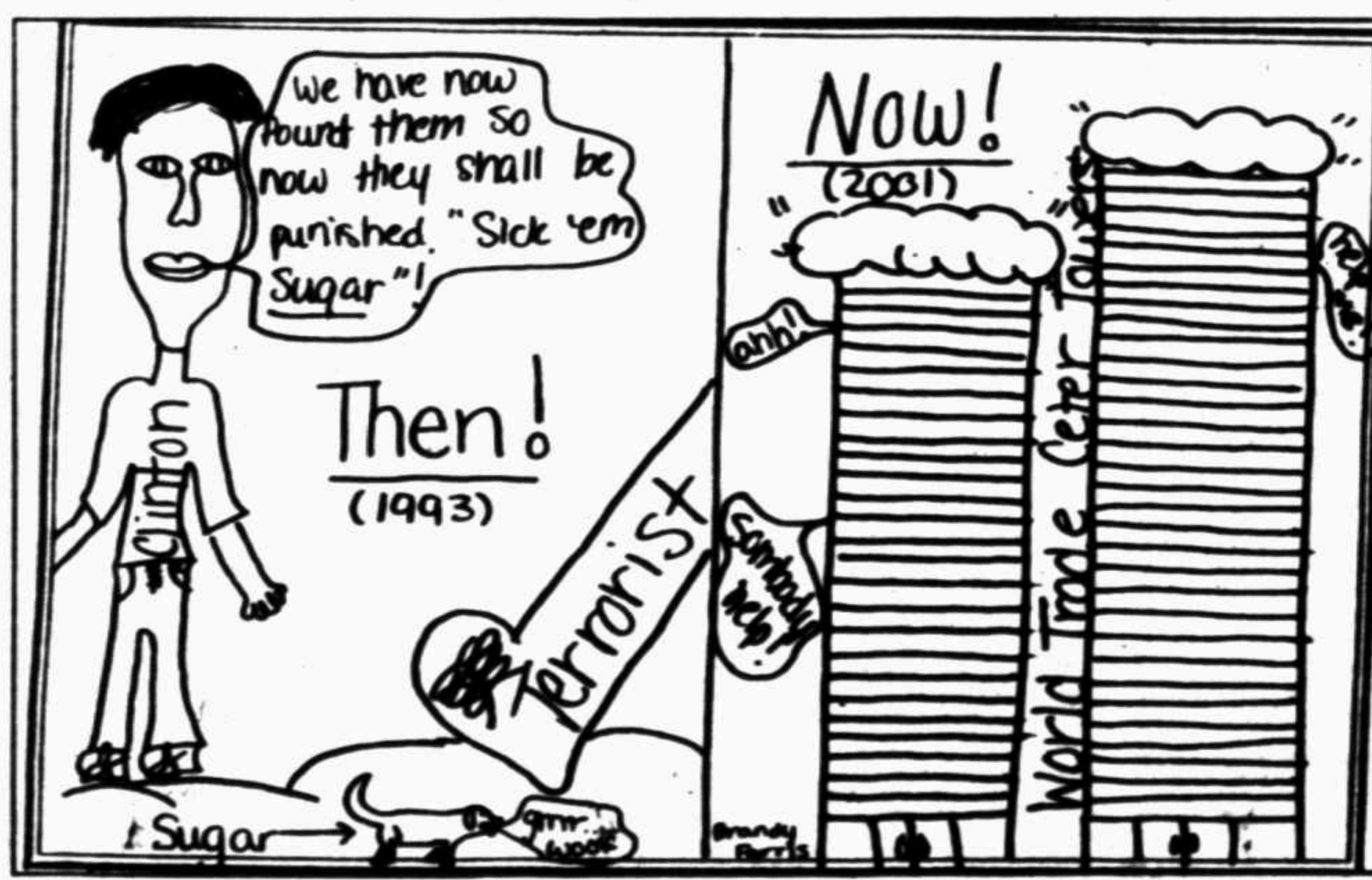
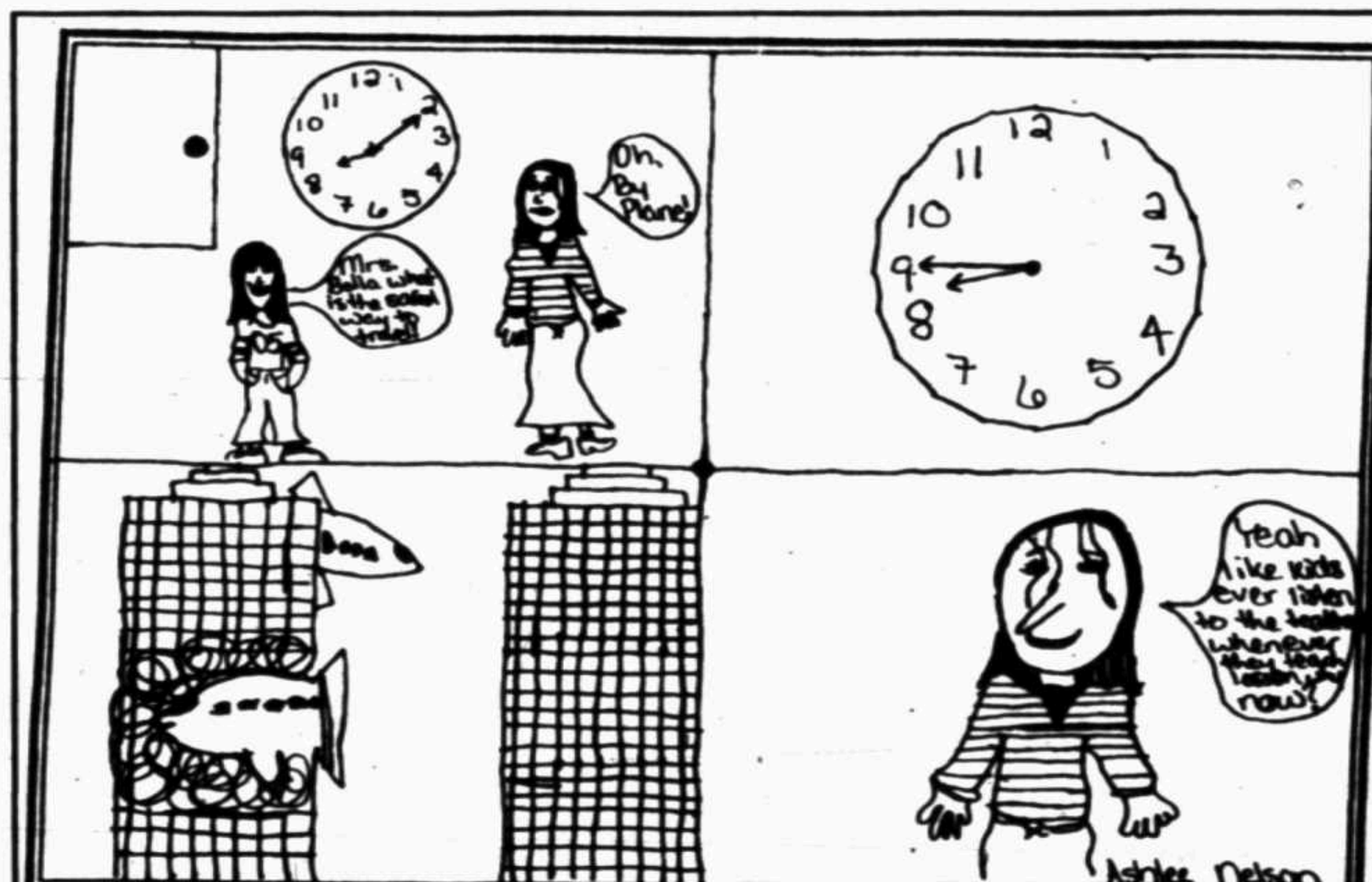
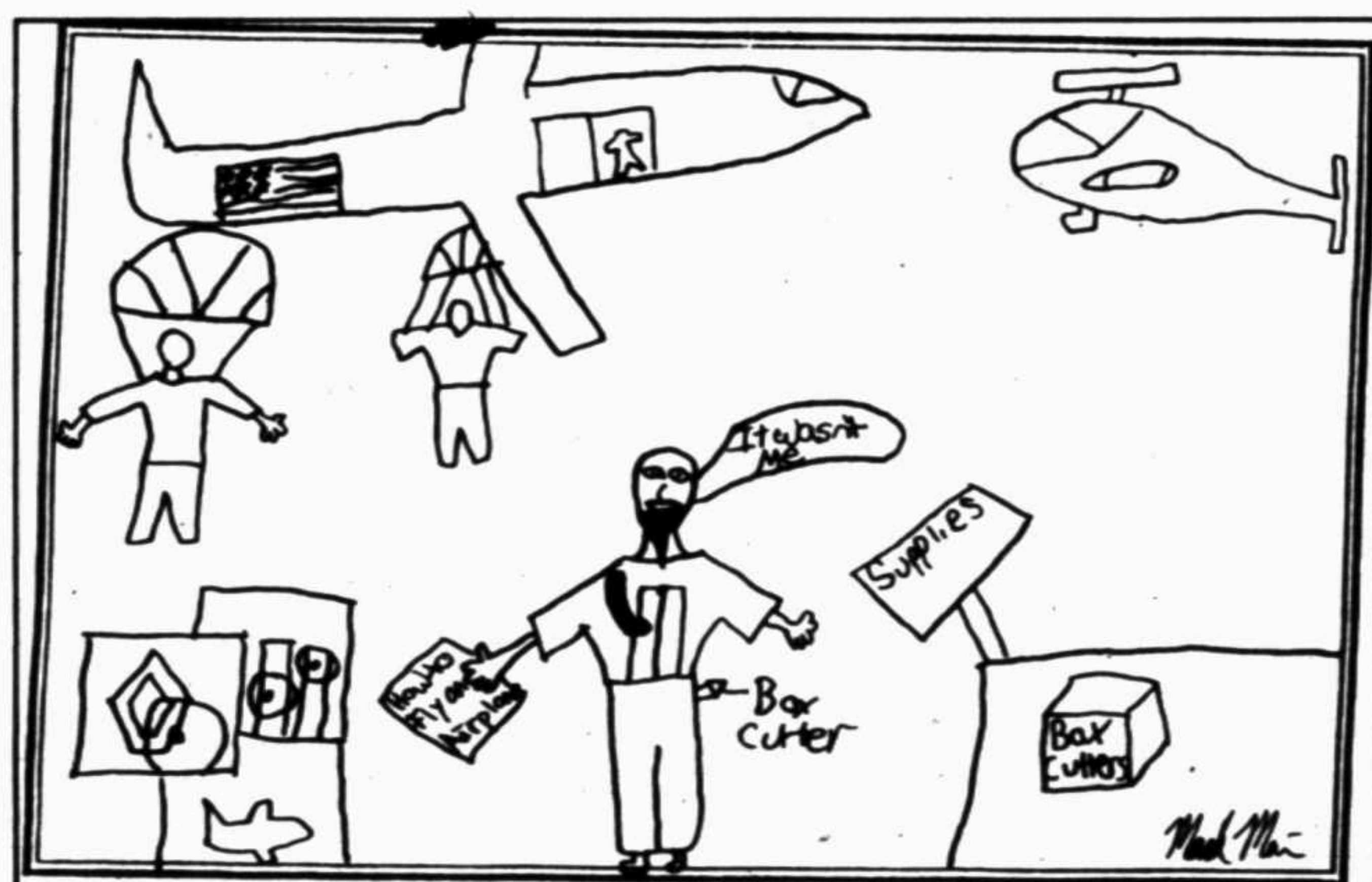
Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram



Political cartoonists



The following political cartoons were drawn by members of Kim Bolla's sixth-grade journalism class in the GEM program (Gifted Education of Midland). Each cartoon represents research, incorporates elements of editorial cartooning and reflects the student's opinion.



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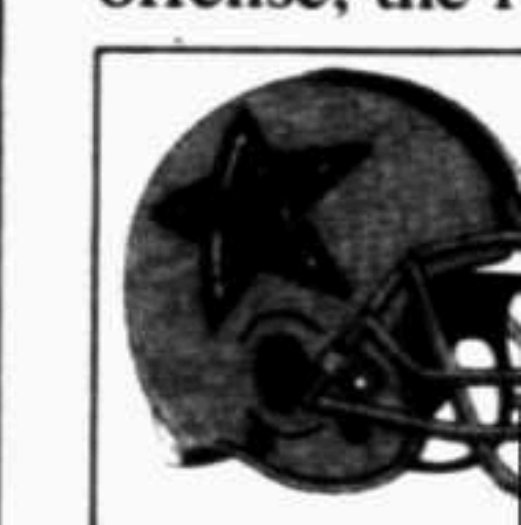
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Nebraska set to play Miami in Rose Bowl

Thanks to upsets, Huskers in BCS championship game

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

With no playoff in place, college football almost always comes up with a wacky way to end the season. It came up with a doozy on Sunday.

Nebraska will play undefeated Miami in the Rose Bowl for the national championship on Jan. 3, thanks to an amazing series of upsets during the last two weeks that lifted the Huskers (11-1) in the final Bowl Championship Series standings.

Not even a last-game 62-36 loss to Colorado could keep Nebraska out of the BCS' title game.

Miami (11-0) finished first in the final standings, and the Huskers beat out the Buffaloes for second place by a scant five hundredths of a point.

"We think the formula is fair," BCS chairman John Swofford said. "Controversy doesn't affect credibility."

Don't tell that to Colorado coach Gary Barnett, whose Buffaloes (10-2) will play Oregon (10-1) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1.

"This sort of takes a little luster off my support for the BCS," Barnett said. "I think I put a lot of trust in the system working, and it did work. It just didn't work in our favor."

"How you're playing at this point — seems to me that should be thought of," he said.

Added Florida coach Steve Spurrier: "As we all know, college football is not the most fair thing without a playoff system."

Thanks to LSU's 31-20 upset of Tennessee in Saturday night's Southeastern Conference title game, Nebraska found itself packing for Pasadena in what turned into a glorious weekend for the HuskerNation. On Saturday night, quarterback Eric Crouch won the Heisman Trophy.

Please see BCS/2C



Nebraska head football coach Frank Solich speaks during a news conference Sunday. Nebraska squeezed into second place over Colorado in the final BCS standings on Sunday.

Ducks, Buffaloes fume at being left out of Rose Bowl

By Landon Hall
AP Sports Writer

Both feeling jilted by the system, Oregon and Colorado will get their chance to prove that the BCS computer brain had its wires crossed by choosing Nebraska instead of them.

The second-ranked Ducks (10-1, No. 4 BCS) will meet the third-ranked Buffaloes (10-2, No. 3) in the Fiesta Bowl. And judging by the coaches' reaction on Sunday, the teams should be ready to take out their frustrations on each other New Year's Day in Tempe, Ariz.

Oregon's Mike Bellotti, who rarely shows anger on or off the field, fumed at the BCS rankings, calling them a "travesty."

"I liken the BCS to a bad disease, like cancer," he said before the Ducks' practice in Eugene. "Not to take anything away from Nebraska or Colorado — they're great football teams — but one has two losses and the other didn't win their conference championship. We're No. 2 in both polls, but those things don't have a lot of merit, obviously."

Colorado coach Gary Barnett couldn't understand how Nebraska, which was thrashed 62-36 by the Buffaloes in Boulder on Nov. 23, could be ranked ahead of his team.

"It's hard to be gracious at this moment," Barnett said.

There could be more at stake than just a philosophical debate over the embattled BCS system when Oregon and Colorado play. Should Nebraska, ranked fourth in the Associated Press and coaches' polls but No. 2 in the BCS, beat consensus No. 1 Miami in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3, the 72 voters in the AP poll could choose the Fiesta winner as the national champion. The coaches are obliged to cast their vote for the Rose Bowl winner.

Asked whether the Fiesta winner should be crowned the champion if

Please see FUMED/2C

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Cowboys topple Giants

Carter leads Dallas in 20-13 upset win

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Now that Quincy Carter is healthy and comfortable with the Dallas offense, the rookie is becoming the dynamic player Cowboys owner Jerry Jones thought he could be.

Carter threw for a career-best 194 yards and ran for a crucial first down to rally Dallas from a 10-point deficit to a 20-13 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday.

Carter has led the Cowboys (4-8) to two straight wins since returning from a thumb injury and torn hamstring that limited him to five quarters in the first 10 games. The poise, confidence and accuracy he's shown are proof that he put his time off to good use.

"It's a different feeling now," said Carter, who was playing at home for the first time since struggling in the opener. "I know a lot more than I did the previous game I played here. I'm making quick decisions and knowing where everybody is."

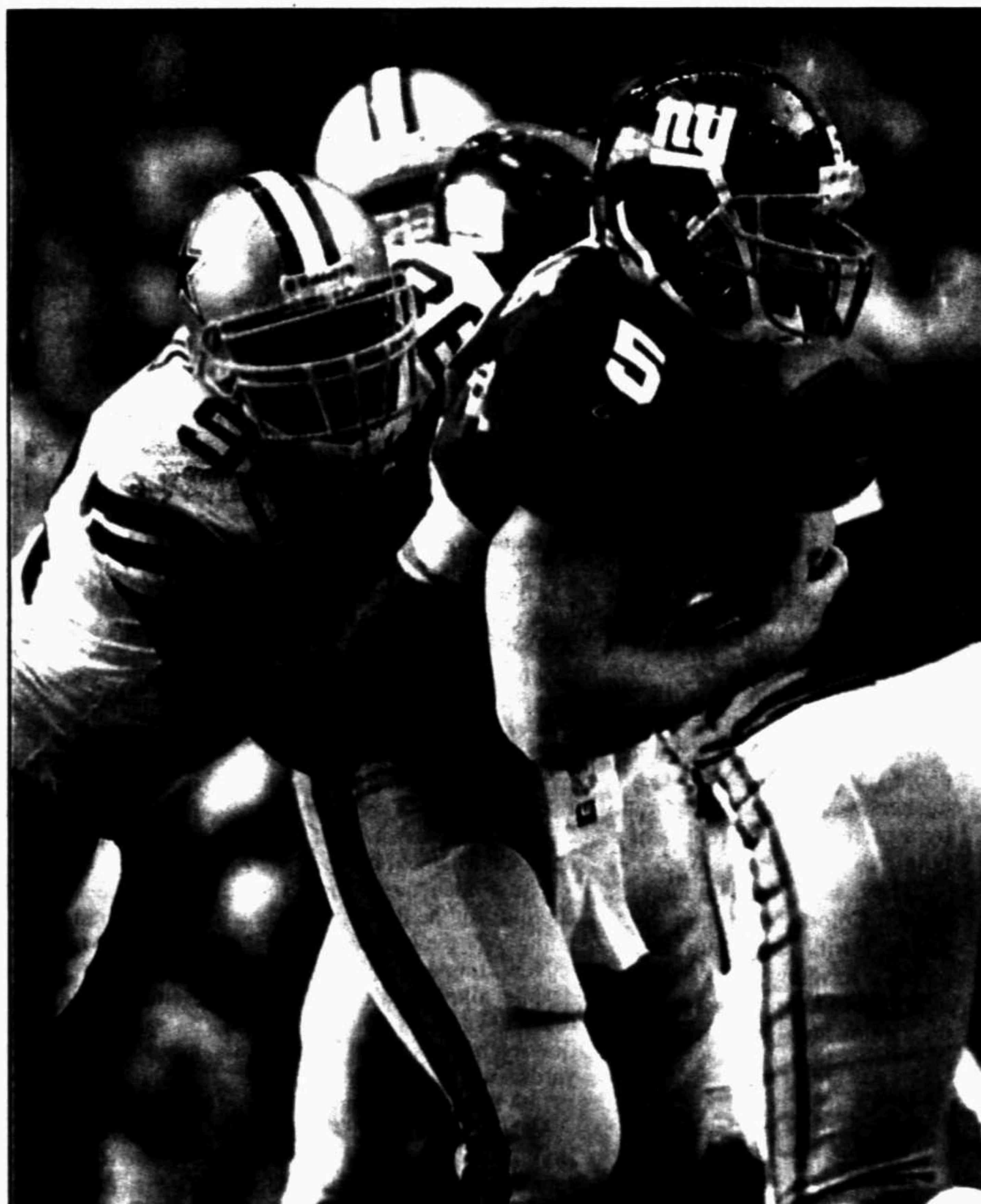
Jones took Carter with the 53rd overall pick of the 2001 draft and labeled him the team's quarterback of the future. Midway through training camp, the 23-year-old former minor league baseball player became the starter, making him the immediate heir to Troy Aikman.

It seemed like a curious move at the time as Carter was having trouble with basics like the center exchange and throwing tight spirals. His erratic play in his first two starts led to more questions, enough that Dallas signed — and started — Ryan Leaf. The Cowboys also started two other QB candidates.

Carter reclaimed the job when he returned last week and led Dallas past Washington. On Sunday, he came back from a slow start and made key plays against the Giants (5-7), who are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs a year after reaching the Super Bowl.

"Blind faith is one thing, but to see something that looks like we've got something to build on at that position is another," Jones said. "It does build some confidence."

New York started out great, scoring on three



New York Giants quarterback Kerry Collins (5) fumbles after being hit from behind by Dallas Cowboys defensive end Greg Ellis (98) in the fourth quarter Sunday in Irving. The Giants recovered the ball but Dallas won the game, 20-13.

of its first four possessions to lead 13-3. At the time, Dallas didn't have a first down and Carter had minus-2 yards passing.

Carter wound up 17-of-26, including a 41-yard completion to Raghbir Ismail that set up a 1-yard, game-tying touchdown run by Emmitt Smith midway through the third quarter.

Dallas went ahead early in the fourth quarter on Carter's soft-tossed 3-yard touchdown pass to Jackie Harris. Carter set it up by running for 11 yards on third-and-11 from the New York 14.

"I think Quincy has started something that is very positive," Smith said. "Since he's come

Please see DALLAS/2C

Rams take huge battle of NFC West leaders

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Marshall Faulk scored two touchdowns and Kurt Warner threw for two as the St. Louis Rams won a matchup of NFC West leaders Sunday, defeating the San Francisco 49ers 27-14.

The victory, coupled with the Bears' loss at Green Bay, gave St. Louis the best record in the conference (10-2).

Faulk ran for a 6-yard score in the first quarter, and his 3-yard touchdown catch put the Rams ahead 21-7 at the half en route to a season sweep of the 49ers (9-3). Faulk, who has scored five touchdowns the last two weeks, had 88 yards on 25 carries and five catches for 19 yards.

Warner was 26-for-42 for 294 yards and one interception, also hitting Ricky Proehl for a 15-yard score in the first quarter.

Packers 17, Bears 7

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Ahman Green ran for 125 yards and a touchdown, and Brett Favre got career victory No. 100 as Green Bay took over the top spot in the NFC Central.

Both teams are 9-3, but the Packers swept Chicago, which lost on the road for the first time since the season opener against Baltimore.

Green broke a 7-7 tie late in the third quarter with a 12-yard touchdown run that capped a 91-yard drive. He became the first running back to top 100 yards against the Bears since Robert Smith for Minnesota on Oct. 15, 2000, a span of 20 games.

Green rushed 29 times and also had 49 yards on two receptions from Favre, who improved to 100-53 as a starter, including 16-4 against Chicago.



Favre finished 15-of-27 for 207 yards, with one touchdown pass and an interception. He went over 3,000 yards passing for the 10th straight year, breaking the NFL mark he shared with Dan Marino.

Bucs 15, Lions 12

TAMPA, Fla. — Keyshawn Johnson caught a 13-yard touchdown pass with 45 seconds remaining, his first scoring reception of the season, and Tampa Bay kept Detroit on track for a winless season.

Johnson had 10 receptions for 101 yards, including a 15-yard catch on fourth-and-8 to keep the game-winning, 80-yard drive alive at the Detroit 13. His final catch gave him 93 for the season, a career high.

It was the third straight win for Tampa Bay, heading into a tough stretch in which the Bucs (7-5) will face Chicago, New Orleans, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Detroit (0-12) took a 12-7 lead on Jason Hanson's fourth field goal of the game with 11:43 remaining.

Eagles 24, Chargers 14

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb passed for 221 yards and two touchdowns, and Brian Dawkins returned a fumble 49 yards for a TD for Philadelphia against San Diego.

Doug Flutie threw for 307 yards and two TDs against the NFL's top-ranked pass defense, but couldn't prevent the Chargers from losing their sixth consecutive game after opening 5-2.

On two previous occasions this season, Philadelphia (8-4) lost games at home against teams it should've beaten. Arizona, a 13-point underdog, defeated the Eagles 21-20 on Oct. 7, and Washington, a touchdown underdog, beat them 13-3 two weeks ago.

Saints 28, Falcons 10

ATLANTA — Deuce McAllister tossed a touchdown pass from his halfback position, then broke free for a 54-yard scoring run in the fourth

Please see ROUNDUP/2C

O'Leary hired by Notre Dame

By Tom Coyne
AP Sports Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — George O'Leary long dreamed about two jobs: New York Yankees manager and Notre Dame football coach.

He got the one with the team that had a losing record this season and hasn't won a championship in 13 years.

O'Leary was introduced Sunday as Notre Dame's new head coach and is certain he can restore the team to its past glory.

"I'm here to get you back to where you need to be as far as the national championships," said O'Leary, who is leaving Georgia Tech after seven seasons. "I think this program is basically inches away from where it needs to be."

He was 52-33 at Georgia Tech, helping it earn five straight bowl invitations for the first time since the 1950s.

His original contract at Georgia Tech had a "Notre Dame clause," which allowed him to go to the Irish without a buyout. That part was removed last year when he signed a six-year, rollover deal worth nearly \$1.1 million annually. Notre Dame would be responsible for a \$1.5 million buyout.

O'Leary was the ACC coach of the year in 1998 and 2000, and he received the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year Award in 2000. His team went 7-5 this season.

He vowed to uphold Notre Dame's traditions and academic standards while rebuilding the football program.

"My job is twofold — to graduate our athletes and to win a lot of football games," the gruff, no-nonsense coach said. "I'm coming to Notre Dame to win games, and win a lot of them."

Asked how long significant improvement would take, O'Leary responded with a question: "When does spring football start?"

O'Leary replaces Bob Davie, fired a week ago. The Irish lost six or more games three times under Davie, whose 35-25 record gave him the third-worst winning percentage in Irish history.



O'Leary

TCU in another bowl after cartoon twists

By Troy Phillips
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Southern Miss quarterback Jeff Kelly's otherwise distinguished college career ended Friday with a three-interception, 14-12 home loss to TCU.

The Eagles' bowl chances were cooked after two consecutive losses to end the season, and Kelly found comfort in some old advice his father dispensed after the occasional rough outing in high school.

"He always said no matter what happens, the cartoons are on the next morning," Kelly said, invoking a colorful version of the sun-comes-up-tomorrow homily.

In this cartoon, Southern Miss was Wile E. Coyote to TCU's Roadrunner. Kelly seemingly had enough ACME gadgets at his disposal to foil TCU as it beep-beeped into Hattiesburg. But the dreaded anvil always flattens Wile E. like a cartoon accordion after the catapult goes haywire.

Good luck trying to count all the cartoon twists in TCU's past four seasons. Somehow, the Frogs are in a fourth consecutive bowl game, thanks to a familiar culprit. Again, the defense basked in the spotlight of a big game. Those who fret over style points can deduct for inconsistency this season, but the track record remains solid.

USC, 1998 Sun Bowl. East Carolina, 1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl. Big 10 champion Northwestern, 2000. WAC co-champions Fresno State, and UT-El Paso, 2000 Conference USA champion Louisville, two weeks ago. And Friday.

"I'm not ready to put them up for any awards, but I won't complain," said TCU coach Gary Patterson, architect of TCU's four consecutive bowl-worthy defenses. "You have to play great defense in the last minutes to win big games."

TCU's defense was thrown over a cartoon cliff more than once this season. At times, it couldn't get to the quarterback, couldn't force turnovers and couldn't cover C-USA's speedy receivers. Of TCU's school-record 112 penalties, the defense carried its load.

With TCU's past four teams, beginnings have often signalled how the end turns out. The Frogs manhandled Iowa State in Dennis Franchione's debut in 1998 in Ames. TCU's defense had Arizona frustrated late in the 1999 opener, but Franchione's refusal to go on fourth-and-short late had much to do with that 35-31 loss.

Last season, a 41-10 pasting at Nevada set the table for a

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

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Class 5A

DIVISION I
Region I and II
Mesquite 28, Keller Fossil Ridge 16
Region III and IV
SA Tatt 21, Pearland 14
State semifinals
Mesquite (14-0) vs. SA Tatt (12-2).
TBA.

DIVISION II
Region I
Eulless Trinity 31, DeSoto 21
Region II
Lufkin 28, Spring Westfield 19
State semifinals
Eulless Trinity (13-1) vs. Lufkin (13-1). TBA.

Region III
Houston Madison 56, Fort Bend Hightower 52
Region IV
Austin Westlake 31, SA Madison 28 (OT)
State semifinals
Houston Madison (14-0) vs. Austin Westlake (13-1). TBA.

Class 4A

DIVISION I

DIVISION II

Region I and II
Denton Ryan 38, Burleson 0
Region III and IV
Smithson Valley 38, Nederland 14
State semifinals
Denton Ryan (14-0) vs. Smithson Valley (14-0). TBA.

DIVISION II
Region I
Southlake Carroll 14, Frerish 7
Region II
Ennis 45, Highland Park 38
State semifinals
Southlake Carroll (10-4) vs. Ennis (14-0). TBA.

Region III
Bay City 35, Jasper 7
Region IV
Austin Reagan 42, Bastrop 38
State semifinals
Bay City (13-1) vs. Austin Reagan (12-2). TBA.

Region I and II
Everman 36, Perryton 6
Region III and IV
Sinton 36, Bridge City 0
State semifinals
Everman (14-0) vs. Sinton (14-0). TBA.

Region I
Bridgeport 35, Kennedale 28
Region II
Commerce 14, Gladewater 10
State semifinals
Bridgeport (9-5) vs. Commerce (12-2). TBA.

Region III
Giddings 24, Newton 20
Region IV
La Grange 21, Wimberley 9
State semifinals
Giddings (13-1) vs. La Grange (11-3). TBA.

Region I and II
Van Alstyne 29, Post 14
Region III and IV
Blanco 28, Hemphill 27
State semifinals
Van Alstyne (12-2) vs. Blanco (14-0). 6 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD Stadium.

DIVISION II
Region I
Sonora 28, Quanah 14
Region II
Celina 28, Whittier 20
State semifinals
Sonora (14-0) vs. Celina (13-0). 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville.

Region III
Garrison 47, Alto 0
Region IV
Ganado 7, Rufugio 0
State semifinals
Garrison (12-3) vs. Ganado (11-2). TBA.

Region I
Stratford 27, Chilton 13
Region II
Celeste 20, Petrolia 7
State semifinals
Stratford (14-0) vs. Celeste (13-0). TBA.

Region III
Tenaha 27, Chilton 13
Region IV
Burkeville 34, West Sabine 7
State semifinals
Tenaha (10-3) vs. Burkeville (8-3). TBA.

Region I and II
Whitharral 42, Sanderson 34
Region III and IV
Richland Springs 55, Woodson 54
State semifinals
Whitharral (14-0) vs. Richland Springs (13-1). TBA.

DALLAS: Harris has 3-yard TD catch

(From 1C)

here, he's had the right attitude. He's very humble and has worked very hard to prove he's worthy. You have no choice but to respect that."

Ismael had a career-best 10 catches for 118 yards. He caught a 64-yard TD pass from Carter the previous week.

Smith, who had only 8 yards after 15 carries, finished with 62 yards on 22 attempts, including a season-best run of 44 yards.

New York came in trying to spark a seven-game roll like the one it got on following coach Jim Fassel's playoff "guarantee" at this point last season. Instead, the Giants ended a nine-game winning streak in December. Fassel had been 13-2 in the month.

"If we're thinking playoffs right now, we're kidding ourselves," said quarterback Kerry Collins, who was 13-of-26 for 122 yards with an interception on New York's second-to-last drive. "We're all searching for answers and I don't think we have a whole lot right now."

The Giants moved 48 yards on their first three plays and put together a three-play, 68-yard drive that ended in their only touchdown, a 2-yard catch by Marcellus Rivers early in the second quarter.

New York had 186 yards at halftime and finished with 245. Tiki Barber had 93 of his 110 yards in the first half. The Giants had only three first downs in the final two quarters.

"This was indicative of the whole season," receiver Amani Toomer said. "We are not finishing."

Notes: Dallas had three long completions for first downs wiped out by penalties. ... New York's Michael Strahan added to his NFL-leading and career-best sack total with one in the second quarter. ... Dallas' Jon Hilbert had a 48-yard field-goal attempt bounce off the crossbar twice, the second one knocking it into the end zone for a miss. ... A bobbled snap by Giants punter Rodney Williams set up Carter's TD pass. A fumbled punt by Barber set up Dallas' first field goal.

Cowboys 20, Giants 13

N.Y. Giants	1	2	3	4	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	7	7	7	0	21

First Quarter
NY—FG Anderson 35, 11:10.
Dal—FG Hilbert 48, 7:35.
NY—FG Anderson 41, 2:15.
Second Quarter
NY—Rivers 2 pass from Collins (Anderson kick), 10:31.
Dal—FG Hilbert 41, :48.
Third Quarter
Dal—Smith 1 run (Hilbert kick), 6:28.
Fourth Quarter
Dal—Harris 3 pass from Carter (Hilbert kick), 12:30.
A—61,821.

First downs	NYG	Dal
Rushes-yards	24-125	37-102
Passing	180	187
Comp-Att-Int	13-29-1	17-28-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2	1-7
Punts	7-38.9	6-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-15	0-0
Time of Possession	25:03	34:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New York, Barber 18-110, Dwyer 4-10, R. Williams 1-5, Collins 1-6, Dallas, Smith 22-62, Hamrick 4-16, Wiley 4-15, Carter 7-9.
PASSING—New York, Collins 13-28-1-122, Dallas, Carter 17-28-0-194.
RECEIVING—New York, Toomer 4-68, Barber 4-26, Hillard 2-18, Campbell 2-8, Rivers 1-2, Dallas, Ismael 10-118, Harris 2-25, Galloway 2-17, Wiley 1-17, Randle 1-14, Smith 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Dallas, Hilbert 48 (84).

TCU: Defense steps up for Frogs

(From 1C)

defense that finished the season ranked No. 1 nationally. Only twice, including a last-second 28-21 loss to Southern Miss in the Mobile Bowl, did TCU allow more than 21 points.

Don't forget a certain notable defensive effort, albeit a losing one, against Nebraska in August.

There were stumbles: a loss at San Jose State last season that might have cost BCS-aspirant TCU untold millions; Kelly's last-second strike in Mobile; that unspeakable four-game losing streak to Rice; and bad losses to

Wyoming and Colorado State that nearly sank TCU's 1998 season.

Still, the Frogs have bowled on.

"We can finish," said safety Kenneth Hillard, who had two of TCU's three interceptions off Kelly, including one to end the game. "We might start good, be bad in the middle or in the beginning, but always finish at the end."

After Friday, Hillard's interception and the downfield heroics of receiver Adrian Madise will be remembered. But what about an unremarkable series of plays on the next-to-last Southern Miss

drive? Fate intervened for TCU after the Frogs' defense did its part.

On second-and-five, TCU linebackers Chad Bayer and LaMarcus McDonald sandwiched Southern Miss running back James Walley for a 3-yard loss. Kelly misfired on third down, making way for kicker Brant Hanna. With victory riding on his 44-yard attempt, Hanna bottomed the ball like a bad golf shot and was short by, oh, about 3 yards.

Cartoon plots thrive on such happenstance. Kelly should know that by now.

LOCAL SPORTS

Trinity at Fort Davis

FORT DAVIS — It was a successful trip to the Fort Davis Tournament over the weekend for both the Trinity boys and girls basketball team, as the girls won the tournament and the boys claimed third place on Saturday.

The Lady Chargers (4-3) defeated host Fort Davis 50-32 in the championship game. Kelly Griffen led Trinity with 15 points while Christa Leibrock and Afton Bailey scored 14 apiece. The Lady Chargers led 21-20 at halftime but pulled away with a big second half.

Leibrock was named the tournament MVP while Griffen was named to the all tournament team.

Trinity's boys defeated Fort Davis 54-28 in the third place game. Andrew Anderson led the Chargers with 12 points.

Anderson and Matt Attanuci made the all-tournament team for Trinity.

Floyd wins 3 for COM

COLLEGE STATION — City of Midland swimmer Travis Floyd led a strong contingent at the Gulf Senior Championship at Texas A&M this past weekend, winning three events.

Floyd won the 400-yard individual medley, 100 backstroke and 200 IM. He was also third in the 1,000 freestyle and teamed with Kyle Edens, Ryne Wilson and Tommy Brown to help COM to third place finish-

es in both the 400 and 800 free relays.

The only other winner for COM was McCall Keathley, who won the girls 100 breaststroke.

Here are the COM boys and girls swimmers who finished in the top four in their events.

Boys
Travis Floyd — 3rd 1,000 Free, 1st 400 IM, 1st 100 Back, 1st 200 IM, 3rd 400 IM, Kyle Edens — 2nd 1,000 Free, 4th 200 Free, 3rd 200 Fly, 3rd 500 Free.

Girls
Jill Granger — 3rd 1,000 Free, Keleigh Wentworth — 4th 1,000 Free, McCall Keathley — 1st 100 Breast, 3rd 100 Fly, 3rd 200 Breast, 3rd 200 Fly, 3rd 500 Free.

Basketball
Boys
Sophomores
Pecos Tournament Semifinals
Midland Lee 75, Presidio 25. For Lee: Drew Winston, 15; Tony Harper, 15; Blake Nichols, 11; Derek Cunningham, 10.
Finals
Lee 64, Pecos 31. For Lee (10-0): Kendrick Brown, 12; Michael Clay, 10; Harper, 10.

FUMED: Ducks, Buffs meet in Fiesta

(From 1C)

Nebraska pulls off the upset, Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington didn't hesitate.

"Absolutely," he said. "I'm always the eternal optimist, thinking of possible ways to kind of sneak in the back door here. But I think we had a great season, and I do think we have a shot, a legitimate claim to possibly be playing in Pasadena."

The only blemish for Oregon, the Pac-10 champion, was a 49-42 loss to Stanford on Oct. 20 in which the Cardinal blocked two

punts in the fourth quarter and scored 21 straight points.

The Ducks responded with four consecutive wins, but they moved up just one spot in the BCS over the final three weeks, even after five teams ranked ahead of them lost.

"I know we could play with Miami," said Oregon tight end Justin Peelle.

Colorado perhaps has a stronger case: The Buffs played a tougher schedule than Oregon, and their only defeats came to Fresno State and Texas. After

beating Nebraska, they avenged the Texas loss with a 39-37 victory over the Longhorns in the Big 12 title game.

When the final BCS standings came out, however, the Cornhuskers were ahead of Colorado, by a mere five hundredths of a point.

"They say the computer is right," Colorado running back Bobby Purify said. "We're just going to have to go out and play well against Oregon and prove to the nation how good we really are."

BCS: Early losses hurt Colorado

(From 1C)

Texas was eliminated by Colorado, 39-27. On Saturday, it was LSU's turn to throw the BCS into chaos.

Even though the Vols (10-2) were knocked down to the Citrus Bowl against Michigan, coach Phillip Fulmer is OK with the current setup.

"If you're not going to have a playoff, this is a real good system," Fulmer said. They'll continue to tweak it to be as good as it can be. We've been beneficiaries of the system, winning it in 1998, and putting ourselves back in the picture in 1999. I see it as a plus — if you're not going to have a playoff."

The BCS standings were devised by SEC commissioner Roy Kramer in 1998 in hopes of ensuring that the top two teams play for a national title. The rankings use a formula that incorporates the AP media and the coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, won-lost record and bonus points for big wins.

Nebraska will go to the Rose Bowl as an at-large team, the first time that's happened in the BCS's four-year history. The winner of that game is automatically crowned the coaches' champion.

But there's also a possibility of split national champions with the Fiesta Bowl winner claiming the No. 1 ranking in the final AP poll. AP voters will turn in their ballots immediately after the Rose Bowl, and all teams are eligible for the title.

The Ducks and Buffaloes seem to have legitimate gripes about being left out of the Rose. ■ Oregon won the Pac-10

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ROUNDUP: Raiders improve to 9-3

(From 1C)

quarter, lifting New Orleans over Atlanta.

Cheered on by thousands of gold-clad fans who turned the Georgia Dome into Superdome North, the Saints (7-5) came up with a critical victory in the NFC wild-card race. They reversed an Oct. 21 loss to the Falcons (6-6), who have dropped two in a row at home and are 2-5 at the Georgia Dome.

McAllister threw a 12-yard scoring pass to Willie Jackson, and the 54-yard run was McAllister's only carry of the day.

The Saints also sacked Falcons quarterback Chris Chandler nine times.

Bills 25, Panthers 24 — ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Brandon Spoon returned an interception 44 yards for a touchdown, and Travis Henry scored on a 1-yard plunge, rallying Buffalo from an 18-point deficit.

The Bills (2-10), who snapped a six-game losing streak, came back against a Carolina team (1-12) that has lost 12 straight, including nine in which the Panthers had the lead or were tied in the second half.

Trailing 24-6, the Bills' comeback began when Alex Van Pelt hit Peerless Price for a 7-yard touchdown with 1 second left in the first half. Spoon's interception return cut Carolina's lead to 24-19 in the third quarter, and Henry's dive with 7:51 remaining finished the rally.

Patriots 27, Browns 16 — FOXBORO, Mass. — Antwan Smith ran for two touchdowns, and New England (8-5) forced four turnovers against Cleveland.

The Patriots, 7-2 in their last nine games, finish the season against two of the NFL's weakest teams, Buffalo and Carolina, on the road, and then Miami at home.

Tim Couch threw three interceptions for the Browns, 6-6 after going 5-27 the last two seasons.

New England's Tom Brady, despite allowing Corey Fuller's touchdown on a 49-yard interception return, was 19-of-28 for 218 yards and two touchdowns.

Vikings 42, Titans 24 — MINNEAPOLIS — Todd Bouman, making his first NFL start, passed for 348 yards and four touchdowns, leading Minnesota (5-7) past Tennessee (5-7).

Staying on the fringes of the

NFC playoff hunt, the Vikings (5-7) scored four touchdowns in a 12-minute stretch spanning the second and third quarters.

Michael Bennett ran for two touchdowns and had 113 yards on 16 carries, the first 100-yard game for a Minnesota running back since Robert Smith against Detroit on Nov. 30, 2000.

Randy Moss was booed the first few times his name was announced. But he was cheered after catching seven passes for 158 yards, including a 73-yard TD catch with 2:35 left.

Jaguars 14, Bengals 10

CINCINNATI — Mark Brunell threw two touchdown passes, including an 11-yarder to Keenan McCardell early in the fourth quarter, to lift Jacksonville.

Brunell's performance decided a game between the AFC Central's two most miserable teams. They're tied for last at 4-8.

The Bengals matched their franchise record with eight sacks — rookie end Justin Smith had three — but couldn't stop Brunell when it mattered. The loss extended the Bengals' streak to 11 years without a winning record.

Brunell, hobbled for more than a month by pulled muscles in his right thigh, also threw a 17-yard pass to Jimmy Smith in the first quarter. Smith had nine catches for 119 yards.

Steelers 18, Jets 7

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh improved to 10-2 for the first time since its Super Bowl days in the 1970s, overcoming another erratic game by kicker Kris Brown and Jerome Bettis' absence.

Brown, who missed four field goals last month against Baltimore in Pittsburgh's only loss in 11 games, missed two field goals and an extra point against New York (7-5).

But he made four short-to-medium-range kicks, and Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala scored a 1-yard touchdown as a replacement for Bettis, who missed his first start in 54 games because of hip and groin injuries.

The touchdown came after a 79-yard drive featuring Kordell Stewart's completions of 29 and 11 yards to Hines Ward, who made 10 catches for 124 yards.

Raiders 28, Chiefs 26

OAKLAND, Calif. — Tim Brown ran 88 yards for a touch-

down on his first punt return in three years, and Regan Upshaw forced Trent Green's fumble on a 2-point conversion with 1:38 left.

AFC West-leading Oakland (9-3) looked nothing like the team that won the division last season and rolled up 10 straight regular-season home victories before last week's stunning overtime loss to Arizona.

But with big plays from Brown and Upshaw, the Raiders survived a series of blunders to widen their division lead and keep moving toward the playoffs.

Leading 28-20, Oakland stopped the Chiefs at the 4 with 3:03 to play. But Rich Gannon fumbled with 1:49 left while stretching for a first down that would have allowed the Raiders to run out the clock.

Trent Green, who passed for 253 yards and two scores, hit Tony Gonzalez for a 24-yard TD 11 seconds later. But Upshaw put a big hit on Green on the 2-point try, causing a fumble.

Redskins 20, Cardinals 10

TEMPE, Ariz. — Tony Banks threw for 210 yards and a touchdown, and Stephen Davis rushed for 110 yards in Washington's sixth victory in seven games.

Davis' 1-yard touchdown run after Banks' 40-yard pass to Rod Gardner put Washington ahead 20-3 with 8:20 remaining.

Washington (6-6) lost the first five games of the season before winning its next five, becoming the first team in NFL history to accomplish the extraordinary turnaround. Dallas beating the Redskins last week for the second time this season.

The Cardinals (5-7) managed only a 24-yard field goal by Bill Gramatica until Jake Plummer's 10-yard touchdown pass to MarTay Jenkins with 1:16 to play.

Broncos 20, Seahawks 7

DENVER — Gus Frerotte, replacing the injured Brian Griese early in the second half, drove Denver to two third-quarter scores that carried the Broncos past Seattle.

Denver (7-6) sacked Matt Hasselbeck five times and held the Seahawks' running game in check. Frerotte, seeing his first significant action since last season's AFC wild card playoff game, completed 10 of 20 passes for 77 yards and a touchdown.

Terrell Davis, starting his second straight game in an injury-plagued season, ran for 109 yards.

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The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 8, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pts
1. Miami (72)	11-0	1,800	1
2. Oregon	10-1	1,686	3
3. Colorado	10-2	1,649	4
4. Nebraska	9-1	1,556	5
5. Florida	9-2	1,396	6
6. Maryland	10-1	1,384	7
7. Illinois	10-1	1,381	8
8. Tennessee	10-2	1,309	2
9. Texas	10-2	1,236	10
10. Oklahoma	10-2	1,222	11
11. Stanford	9-2	1,089	12
12. LSU	9-3	1,006	21
13. Washington St.	9-2	897	13
14. South Carolina	8-3	742	14
15. Virginia Tech	8-3	732	15
16. Georgia	8-3	672	16
17. Michigan	8-3	620	17
18. Syracuse	9-3	523	18
19. BYU	12-1	522	9
20. Fresno St.	11-2	518	19
21. Washington	8-3	502	20
22. Ohio St.	7-4	266	22
23. Louisville	10-2	228	23
24. Florida St.	7-4	160	24
25. Toledo	9-2	85	25

Others receiving votes: Hawaii 57, N.C. State 37, Auburn 26, Arkansas 22, Marshall 21, Boston College 13, Georgia Tech 11, North Carolina 7, Texas A&M 6, UCLA 6, Iowa St. 4, Mississippi 3, Texas Tech 3, Louisiana Tech 2, Bowling Green 1.

Pistons 105, Rockets 77

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jon Barry had 15 points, and Ben Wallace added 10 points and a season-high 18 rebounds to lead Detroit over slumping Houston.

Detroit's margin of victory was its largest against Houston, surpassing two 27-point wins over the then-San Diego Rockets. The Pistons also stayed on top of the Eastern Conference, improving to 13-6.

Cuttino Mobley scored 17 points for Houston, which lost its 10th straight — the team's longest skid since a 10-game slide to start the 1982-83 season.

Both teams were short-handed, with Detroit missing All-Star Jerry Stackhouse (groin) while Houston (7-15) was without leading scorer Steve Francis (foot), Glen Rice (knee) and Kelvin Cato (wrist).

Chaney expected to be named Knicks coach today

NEW YORK — Don Chaney met with New York Knicks president Scott Layden on Sunday to work on details of an agreement that would keep Chaney coaching the team at least for the rest of the season.

Chaney, with a career NBA coaching record of 266-382, guided the Knicks to a 101-99 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Saturday night after Jeff Van Gundy's unexpected resignation.

"I'd love to coach here and if it works out, fine. I'm happy," Chaney said. "I have two goals: To win a championship and to be a head coach. I won two championships as a player and I'd like to win one as a coach before I set sail."

Chaney let point guards Mark Jackson and Charlie Ward call more of their own plays Saturday night, a freedom they did not have under Van Gundy.

Several players said they looked forward to pushing the ball upcourt more than they did under Van Gundy while still playing the type of tenacious defense the Knicks have become known for.

They also said Chaney's laid-back demeanor will be a welcome change from Van Gundy's personality.

Layden was not available for comment Sunday. A team spokesman said the Knicks would talk about their coaching job Monday.

Miami 57, No. 17 Texas 55
MIAMI — Chanivia Broussard scored 23

MIAMI — Chanivia Crossland scored 20 points and added six blocks and five steals to lead Miami to a 57-55 victory of No. 17 Texas on Sunday that was decided by a video replay after time expired.

Texas' Tracy Cooks appeared to hit a game-winning 3-pointer as time expired, but it was waved off. The shot was initially ruled good, but officials disallowed the basket after watching a replay that showed the ball was still in Cooks' hands as time ran out.

Miami (5-2) took a 46-42 lead when Broussard converted a 3-point play with 11:08 remaining. Alisha Sare's 3-pointer a minute later gave Texas a lead they held until Sheila James' 3-pointer with 18 seconds remaining.

The Lady Longhorns (6-1) trailed 32-22 with 4:08 left in the first half, before going on a 18-2 run over the next 10:12 to take a 38-32 lead early in the second half.

The teams combined for 56 turnovers, 32 by Texas.

Doan sets speedskating world record

LeMay Doan of Canada set a world record in the women's 500 meters Sunday at a World Cup event in long track speedskating.

"I am happy I won a medal. I felt good and skated well," Parra said.

LeMay Doan was timed in 37.22 seconds at the Olympic Oval to lower her record of 37.29 set last season. She had tied her 500 record Saturday.

"I'm doing what I love and seeing what I can do," LeMay Doan said.

The gold medalist at the 1998 Winter Olympics remains unbeaten at 500 meters after two World Cup stops.

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Derek Parra, of San Bernardino, Calif., won a bronze medal in the men's 1,500. Parra finished in 1 minute, 46.54 seconds.

"I am happy I won a medal. I felt good and skated well," Parra said.

LeMay Doan was timed in 37.22 seconds at the Olympic Oval to lower her record of 37.29 set last season. She had tied her 500 record Saturday.

"I'm doing what I love and seeing what I

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Women's Scores

Toyoki Takeda of Japan won the men's

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 11
6:00-9:00 Sam Zachary
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12
7:00-9:00 Bill Erwin
THURSDAY DECEMBER 13
7:00-9:00 Allison Morgan

MALL HOLIDAY HOURS

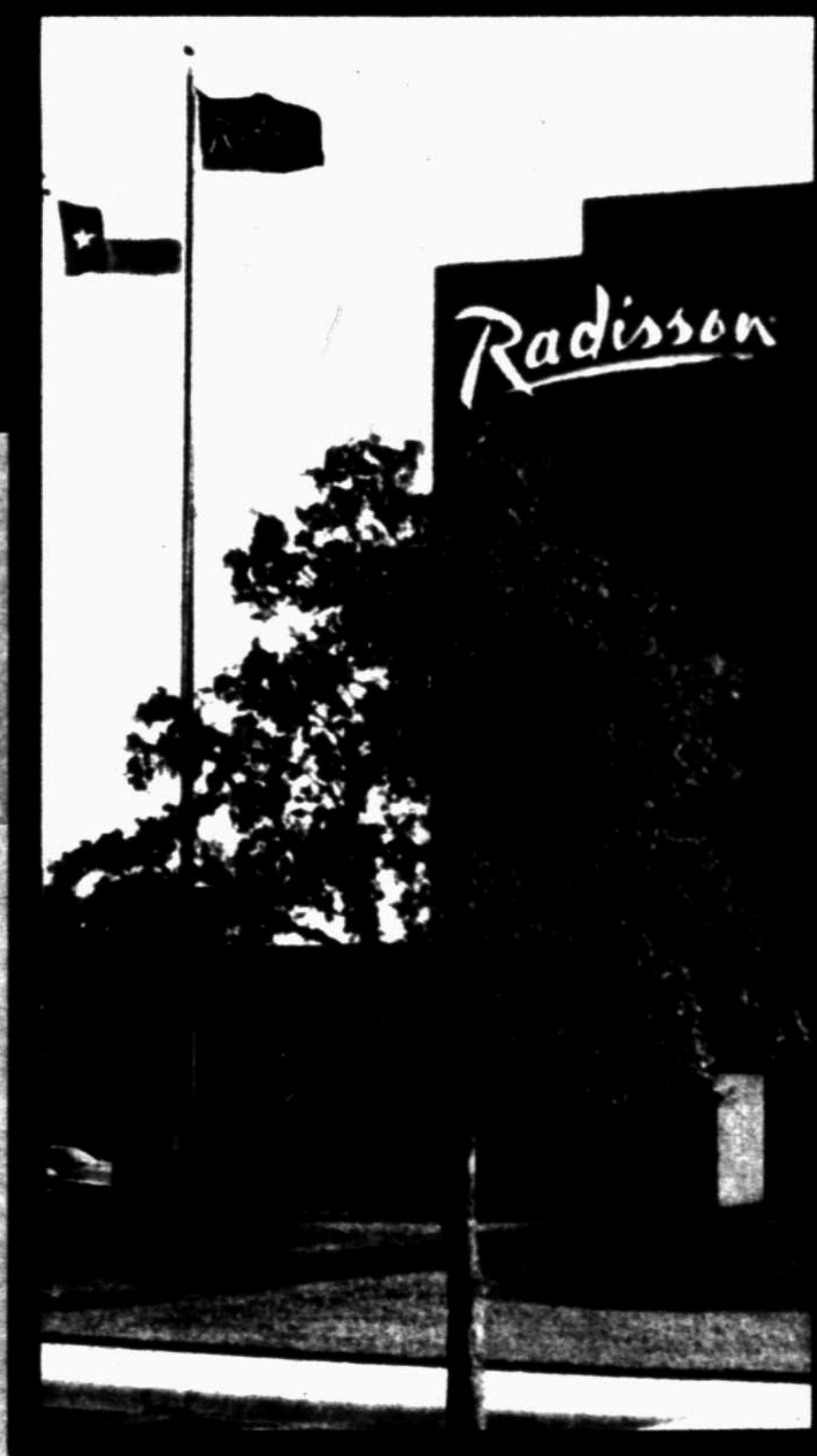
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Tolkien's son says he's not opposed to film version of book

LONDON — Breaking his silence over the film "The Lord of the Rings," the son of fantasy writer J.R.R. Tolkien says he is not critical of the way film has interpreted his father's classic books.

Reports suggested that Christopher Tolkien was so unhappy about how the films of the trilogy had been made that he had fallen out with family members.

But in a statement issued Friday, Tolkien said while he had doubts about the viability of the projects, these were personal opinions. Tolkien said his position is that "The Lord of the Rings" is unsuitable for transformation into visual dramatic form.

"On the other hand, I recognize that this is a debatable and complex question of art, and the suggestions that have been made that I 'disapprove' of the films, whatever their cinematic quality, even to the extent of thinking ill of those with whom I may differ, are wholly without foundation," he said.

J.R.R. Tolkien sold the film rights to his fantasy books in 1969, leaving his family and those in charge of his estate with no control over the movies.

"The Fellowship of the Ring" is the first installment in the trilogy and will have its worldwide premiere on Monday in London.

LONDON — Harry Potter movie fans may find a free map just the ticket for a tour of the film's locations.

The British Tourist Authority has released a new map — "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone — Discovering the Magic of Britain," that includes sites associated with the country's magical and mythical heritage.

The huge popularity of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" books and the just-released movie may attract fans to Britain to see some of the locations, such as Alnwick Castle, Gloucester Cathedral and the London Zoo.

A government report Friday revealed a 33 percent drop in overseas visitors in October, continuing the slump since Sept. 11.

The map is available in English, Dutch, Italian, German and Spanish editions from the British Tourist Authority's overseas offices or on its Web site.

MIAMI — Former Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino and his son jogged the Olympic Torch to its final Florida destination as part of the symbolic journey leading up to the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

The torch made its way from Fort Lauderdale to Miami Saturday in the hands of torchbearers, who trotted about two-tenths of a mile before handing it off to another runner.

Several hundred people then watched as Marino and his 13-year-old son, Michael, jogged up a downtown Miami thoroughfare and to a park on Biscayne Bay. The two then lit a larger Olympic torch.

"How proud I am to be able to run down here and set the torch aflame for Miami with my son," Marino said.

The relay began Tuesday in Atlanta and follows a 65-day, 46-state course, arriving in Salt Lake City on Feb. 8. The torch arrived in Alabama on Sunday and will travel in a vehicle caravan to Mississippi.

LAS VEGAS — Andre Agassi received hugs from grade school students and autographed their hands at an open house for the charter school bearing his name.

"It's been a long time in the making to be here today," the tennis star told a crowd of teachers, parents and administrators on Thursday. "It's a bit overwhelming."

Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy, underwritten by the Las Vegas native, opened in August with three applicants for each of its 150 desks.

The academy is open to at-risk students in grades 3 through 5. A computer randomly selects eligible students, who do not pay tuition.

The school is designed to give disadvantaged youths the opportunity to increase their education opportunities, attend college and participate in community and cultural activities.

The Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation provided \$1.5 mil-

lion to help build the West Las Vegas campus, which also received funding from the state and federal governments.

On Sept. 11, Agassi said he made a trip to the academy.

"I'm an optimistic person, but I lost a lot of hope that day,"

he said. "The looks on the children's faces, in their eyes, gave me back my hope."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

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Harry Potter spell cast on Internet too

By Greg Hernandez
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" isn't just red-hot at the nation's box offices — the official Web site dedicated to the 11-year-old boy wizard and his friends is also burning up the Internet.

The site, HarryPotter.com, has been averaging 8.5 million hits per day domestically with an additional 2 million daily hits internationally, Warner Bros. officials said Tuesday.

"This is completely off the charts," said Jim Noonan, senior vice president and general manager of Warner Bros. Online. "We've never had anything else even close. We believe this is the most popular movie Web site ever."

The Web site was launched in February and had attracted a total of about 25 million visitors, averaging about 2 million visitors a week. Those numbers were quickly dwarfed after the film's Nov. 16 debut in the United States and its London premiere earlier in the month.

"It's got a very passionate community of people who are huge, huge fans of the books," Noonan said. "They want to chat about every little nuance of the story."

The movie, based on the popular book by British author J.K. Rowling, has been setting numerous domestic box office records including a record \$90.2 million in ticket sales during its first three days of release. As of Monday, it had earned \$189.5 million and seems virtually certain to cross the \$200 million mark before the weekend.

Activity in the HarryPotter.com's chat rooms has also spiked to unprecedented levels in recent weeks, so much so that Santa Monica-based PeopleLink, which manages the site's chat rooms for Warner Bros., has had to more than triple the usual number of staff members who monitor content on a site to at least a half-dozen for the "Potter" site. Most sites normally have one or two people monitoring on a part-time basis.

"These kinds of numbers are unheard of," said Caprice Young, managing director of PeopleLink. "It has just gone through the roof with kids talking about the movie. We're seeing a lot of speculation right now about how good the sequels are going to be."

The heaviest traffic comes between the hours of 3 p.m. and 1 a.m., which is when the moni-



UNDER THE SPELL Bearing a lightning bolt mark on her forehead, Mary Grace Harris, 5, sits with assistant librarian Alicia Martin, right, as she waits to see what Hogwarts School for Wizardry house she'll be assigned to during a Harry Potter Party at the Marion Public Library in Marion, Ind., on Nov. 16.

AP Photo

toring is beefed up considerably.

"Warner Bros. takes extra care to make sure that people are kept safe if they are on the site," said Young, whose company also monitors Web sites for MTV and Comedy Central, among others. "You are talking about kids 9, 10 and 11 years old and you want to make sure they are safe from Internet predators."

In addition to the chat rooms, the Web site gives

fans access to movie trailers, newsletters, Harry Potter e-cards, the Magical Creature Maker and interactive experiences at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. It also featured a live Webcast of the film's world premiere in London.

Noonan said Warner Bros. wants to keep content of the Web site fresh in anticipation of a sequel to the first film, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets." The second movie began

filming in Great Britain earlier this month and will be released a year from now. In between, the DVD version of the first film will hit stores.

"In the meantime, we will try and continue to maintain a level of momentum on this site throughout the year," he said.

On the Web:
Official site www.harrypotter.com

Enron layoffs prompt Web sites that spoof

HOUSTON (AP) — At least one Enron Corp. employee who was among thousands laid off last week is keeping his sense of humor while trying to help former colleagues land jobs elsewhere.

Jose Lazo, an analyst with Enron for two years, joined forces with a Techxans, a Houston-based business networking group, to launch a Web site that spoofs the former energy giant's slick corporate site while offering message boards, job information and a forum for friendship for co-workers thrust into unemployment.

The site, www.enronX.org, displays images similar to those on the company's site, www.enron.com. However, instead of a sleek cyclist racing in a block design, the new site shows a beefy football player with a bulging gut, standing idle.

The corporate site also shows the company slogan, "Discover the power of Why," while the new site says, "Discover the power of why Not."

"I'm trying to bring a little happiness into this potentially unhappy holiday season," Lazo said of www.enronX.org. The site isn't all satire.

Enron's Houston headquarters cut its work force to 3,500 from 7,500 on Dec. 4, the day after the company filed one of the largest Chapter 11 bankruptcies ever. Those moves capped a whirlwind

downward spiral prompted by questionable financial strategies and evaporation of investor confidence and willing partners for its flagship trading operation.

Lazo said the site is intended to give workers a spot in cyberspace to congregate as they look for jobs and go their separate ways.

The site offers links to other energy companies that may be hiring and schedules of upcoming job fairs in Houston. It also promoted a "pink slip" party, much like many in high-tech centers held in the aftermath of the dot-com crash.

"My friends and I at Enron are desperately seeking new job opportunities and feel that it is our personal obligation to right the wrongs of a handful of individuals who have destroyed our careers," he said.

Another former Enron employee last week set up a separate Web site for laid-off workers. But the site launched by Brandon Rigney, the Web master for five years at Enron.com, eschews the spoof to be a conduit for former employees to maintain contact and access job information.

The site's address isn't being released to the public pending installation of security measures.

enronX.org: discover the power of WHY NOT

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CONTACT US

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Music goes on and on ...

It's not as flashy as the new Apple iPod MP3 player, but if you are planning a music marathon, the latest version of the Remote Solution player, PBJ100, with 540 hours of storage, may go the distance.

The original player, developed in cooperation with Compaq, has been upgraded with a 30-gigabyte hard drive that can hold about 7,500 songs, or approximately three weeks' worth of music without a repeat. Software has been upgraded to allow listeners to browse through their music while listening. The player maintains its original size, 6 by 3 by 0.9 inches, and six button controls on a silver, black or translucent blue case. The PBJ100, which costs \$665, is available only on the Web, at www.mp3factorydirect.com.

A spinoff company called Pogo Products (www.pogoproducts.com) will soon release the RipDrive, an MP3 player with less storage — 300 hours of music — that can also record directly from a microphone, tape or record player (remember those?), without ripping to MP3 format first.

The new player will have a price between \$400 and \$500 and can also be used as an external drive to transport any kind of data to another machine.

For panting aficionados

Nokia, long in the vanguard of innovative cell phone design, has a new model that has mobile-phone aficionados panting. The company has introduced the Nokia 7650, a cell phone that has a large color screen and a built-in digital camera.

The phone, which slides open to reveal a numeric keypad, has the same basic design of other models in the 7000 line, but this one uses its color display as a viewfinder.

Snapped pictures can be saved to the phone's photo album, where there is memory for dozens of pictures.

Nokia says it will start shipping the phone in the second quarter of 2002 in Europe and Asia for about \$480. That is not a exactly a bargain basement price, especially considering that consumer sales of mobile phones were 10 percent lower during the third quarter of this year compared with the same period last year, according to a recent Gartner Dataquest study.

Maybe XP isn't better

Maybe Microsoft's new Windows XP operating system really is better than the Windows version

you might currently be using. Then again, maybe it isn't. If too many "maybes" leave you wondering about the nifty features you may miss by not upgrading, or familiar ones you may lose if you do, one answer is to keep your present operating system and emulate the others.

Emulators enable a computer to run a second operating system at the same time. One popular emulator, Connectix's Virtual PC (www.connectix.com), emulates all flavors of Windows including XP, 2000, NT, Me, 98, 95 and 3.1, as well as OS/2, DOS and Unix. Virtual PC (\$199) runs under Windows Me, NT (with service pack 6), 2000 (with service pack 2) and XP.

The emulator makes it easy to use applications for any of a dozen operating systems without a time-consuming reboot or linking multiple computers on a network. For example, you can run Word XP while still having access to old favorites that ran under Windows 3.1 or DOS. Virtual PC installs quickly, configures easily and runs smoothly, but its Help menu has some gaps. The program had some hiccups when running on a computer with 128 megabytes of RAM that disappeared with 256 megabytes and a 500-megahertz processor.

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Q&A

Internet can seem slow at times for number of reasons

By J.D. Biersdorfer
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Q. Why does the Internet seem so slow at times?

A. Many factors can contribute to the Internet's being slow or seeming slow.

The modern speed at which your computer connects to the Internet can vary, and even if you have a 56-kilobits-per-second modem, you may not always connect at the highest speed because of line noise or other interference on your telephone line.

High-speed connections like DSL or cable modems offer more consistent connections, although both can occasionally be influenced by outside factors. Just like roads and highways, the Internet can become clogged as the chunks of data that make up e-mail, Web pages and other files travel along the network. The Internet is a collection of interconnected networks with varying kinds of technology all working together, and sometimes the capacity is greater in some places than others.

On some parts of the network, the sheer amount of material that is available (and the demand for it) often seem to have outpaced the ability to move it quickly. Malevolent forces like viruses that send out huge amounts of e-mail or denial-of-service attacks designed to flood servers with junk data can also bring the Internet to a grinding crawl. The Internet Traffic Report page (www.internettrafficreport.com) offers a

glimpse of the state of the Net at a particular time.

Q. How do I make a plain text file? Is this the best format for files being sent to other people on different computer systems?

A. Plain text files, sometimes called ASCII text files, can be opened by a wide variety of programs on many types of computer operating systems. That makes plain text a good choice when you are sending file attachments to people working on a mix of systems.

Most word-processing programs on Macintosh, Windows and Linux machines will give you an option for saving files as plain text. In Microsoft Word, for example, when you use the Save or Save As dialogue box, you can go to Save as Type and select a Text Only option, and other programs will usually handle saving text files in a similar way. If you are writing simple short documents, you can get a plain text file by using the WordPad (or NotePad) program that comes with Windows, the native Macintosh SimpleText program or the text editors available with most Linux distributions.

Unlike word-processing documents, plain text files do not accommodate fancy formatting or fonts. If you need to have certain fonts or formatting in your documents, (and your recipients do not need to edit the text) you can convert your files to the Portable Document Format, or PDF, which can also be handled by most computer systems. For a list of programs that can create PDF files, click the Toolbox link at [zone.com.](http://www.pdf-</p>
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Q. What do you have to do to set up two monitors on one Windows computer?

A. Multiple monitors on one computer system can be quite helpful if you like playing video games or generally have a lot of data on your desktop. You can, for example, keep your e-mail in box open on one monitor while keeping the other screen free for spreadsheets.

To set up dual screens you generally need an extra video card and driver that can handle a multiple monitor configuration. (Not all of them do, so shop carefully.) You also need a spare PCI slot on your motherboard for that extra card, and you may have to fiddle with the computer's basic input-output system, known as BIOS. When everything is set up properly, you should see two monitors in the Settings tab in your Display properties box.

The procedure for setting it up varies from system to system. The UltraMon site (www.realtimesoft.com/ultramon) has a helpful shareware program and good sources of information about using multiple monitors.

Circuits invites questions about computer-based technology, by e-mail to QandA@nytimes.com. This column will answer questions of general interest, but letters cannot be answered individually.

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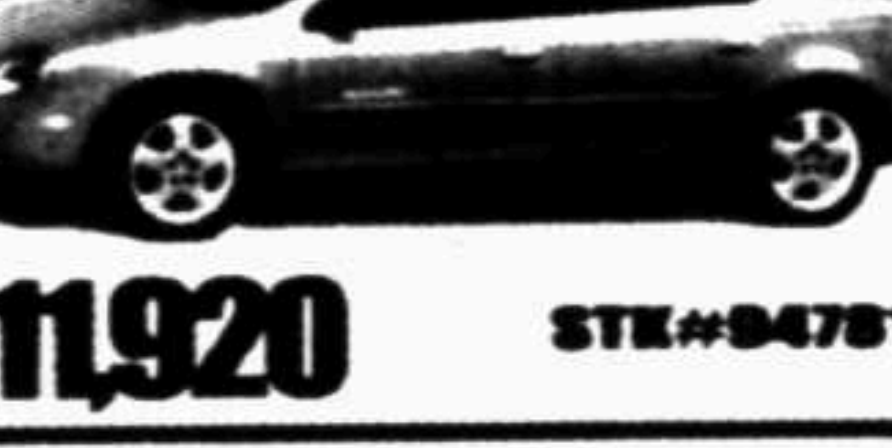
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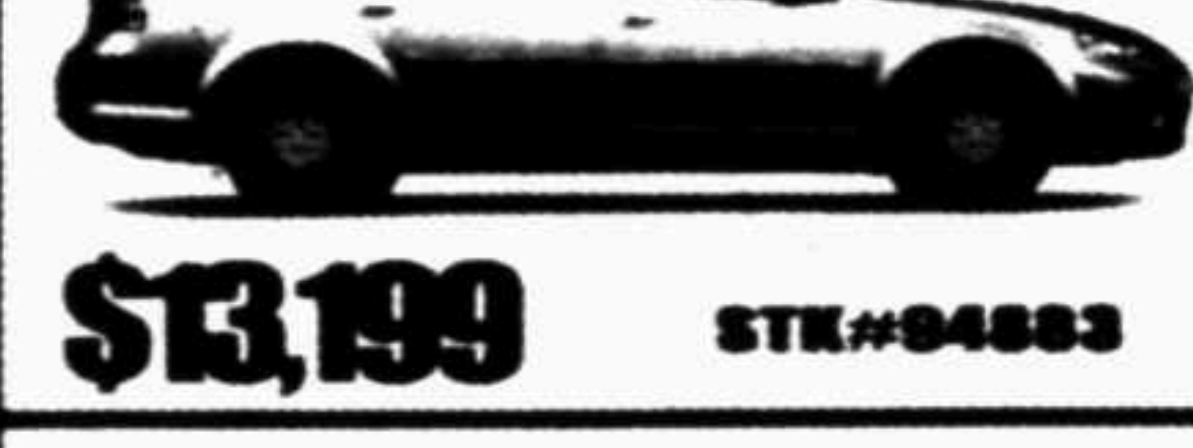
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