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TODAY

Mostly cloudy with high in the 50s. Weather on 4A



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DiMaggio health

Joe DiMaggio's fight for life has turned more urgent with his doctor reporting Monday that the Hall of Famer's condition had deteriorated dramatically. WCBS television in New York reported Monday night that DiMaggio is in a coma and on a ventilator.

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Yeltsin firings

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Impeachment

WASHINGTON — Backpedaling under pressure, the White House jettisoned plans for a fresh assault on Kenneth Starr Monday as it readied a last-ditch impeachment defense of President Clinton for the House Judiciary Committee. The White House recast its strategy on the eve of historic hearings as the panel's chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said there was a "compelling case" for impeaching the nation's 42nd president.

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Gary Ott:

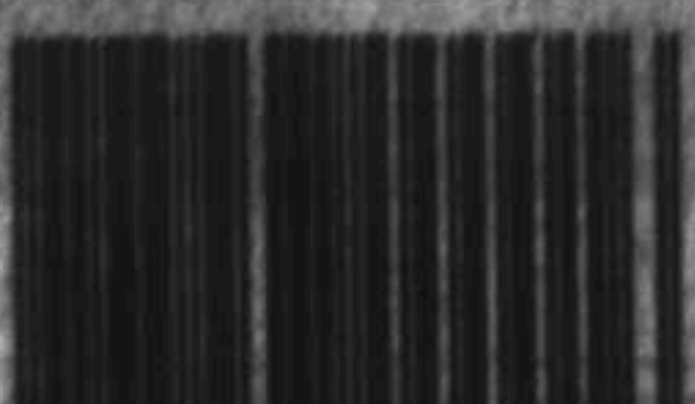
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Retreats spur '99 goal-setting

Morrow leads first meet of its kind for county officials

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Judge-elect Bill Morrow, fresh from a weekend retreat with fellow elected county officials, is engaging in a renewed effort to focus his team on objectives for 1999 and beyond.

Morrow called a Monday afternoon press conference on the heels of the weekend Fort Davis "planning" session featuring most of the county's 20-plus elected officials, as well as Commissioners-elect Mike Bradford and Randy Prude, and County Clerk-elect Shauna Brown.

The planning retreat marked a first for Midland County government.

"It's a new century, a new attitude, and a new way of doing business," Bradford said of county government's future. "You

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County Retreat At A Glance

- Number of Participants: 23
- Time spent in meetings: 15 hours
- Location: Indian Lodge, Davis Mountains State Park
- Total cost of retreat: \$7,500*
- * Including lodging, facilitator, meals and mileage

MISD Retreat At A Glance

- Number of Participants: 42
- Time spent in meetings: 12 hours
- Location: MISD Administration Building
- Total cost of retreat: \$1,240**
- ** Including meals, snacks and supplies

MISD lays groundwork for five-year strategic plan

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

If initial meetings are any indication, securing better facilities for secondary schools and finding an alternative to the cluster system will continue to be priorities for Midland Independent School District in the coming years.

MISD hammered out preliminary guidelines for a five-year strategic plan in three four-hour sessions that ran through this past week and spilled late into Monday evening.

A group of about 40 administrators, principals, teachers, business leaders and parents convened in the MISD administration building, drafting the district's statements of mission, beliefs, objectives and strategies for the next five years.

Though objectives and strategies were still being finalized Monday night, it is apparent through discussions MISD is still

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME



Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Interest rates are helping to boost the local housing market, though new home construction is lagging slightly.

Interest rates driving home sales

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Despite oil and natural gas prices at 12-year lows and regular reports of oil industry cutbacks, Midland's housing market remains robust, with sales surpassing year-ago levels.

At the same time, new home construction lags behind 1997 levels slightly but demand continues for new homes.

"Everyone's holding their breath, but the market is doing OK," said Kay McDonald of Century 21 Midtex, president of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

Mrs. McDonald attributed the strong sales market to continued low interest rates.

"Interest rates are the best in about 20 years from what I've heard," she said. Plus, she added, "we've got the best-priced housing in the state. People moving into Midland are thrilled."

Dayna Beikirch, owner of West Texas Mortgage Co., said that she has been seeing a lot of customers refinancing their homes because of the low mortgage rates.

Mrs. Beikirch estimated that her business is about evenly split between those refinancing mortgages and those taking out new mortgages.

She advised considering refinancing a mortgage if the mortgage holder can lower his rate one or more points.

Clara Johnson, loan originator with

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Leroy Mansanales lays slate-tile flooring at 3901 Tanforan.

Gas company moves offices to Midland

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland is about to become the new home of the West Texas and New Mexico regional headquarters of GPM Gas Corp.

The company expects to complete its move from Odessa to Building 7, 3300 N. "A" by Dec. 14. The new location will

house 120 employees and bring an estimated annual payroll of \$5.5 million. A five-year lease on the building has been signed with North Creek Partners.

GPM, a wholly owned subsidiary of Phillips Gas Co. and business unit of Phillips Petroleum, had announced this past July that it was vacating its offices in Odessa at 4044 Penbrook and in September said it would move to Midland.

Gil Glinsmann, GPM's New Mexico region manager, explained that the company wanted to move closer to its customers.

"Nine out of 10 of our producers in the Permian Basin and in the southeastern region of New Mexico have offices in Midland, so this will allow our producers more convenient access to our offices," he said.

Ann Clayton, senior public affairs representative, estimated that 284 of GPM's customers had offices in Midland and 25 customers had offices in Odessa. She said in July when the company's plans were announced, that the company needed to be competitive, noting that GPM competes with other companies for supplies of natural gas from producer that it then gathers and processes.

Customers, she said, include Conoco, Altura and Arco Permian, all with offices in Midland.

Richard Dunham, GPM's West Texas region manager, stressed that despite the move, the company will remain active in Odessa as well as Midland.

"The move will not change our long-standing community commitment to both Odessa and Midland," he said. "We've been members of the chambers of commerce in both cities for many

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Local bank turns focus toward oil, gas lending

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

With major bank holding companies like NationsBank and Bank of America, and Wells Fargo and Norwest merging to create even larger bank holding companies, one bank is moving back to community banking.

First American Bank is focusing more of its resources on the Midland market, which is a big market for First American, said Bobby Norman, president of First American, Midland.

That focus will be in the form of "creat-

ing local management, a local lending staff, a local loan committee and an advisory panel comprised of local business people," Norman said, explaining that the move follows a trend for First American and other industries.

In conjunction, the Olney, Texas-based savings bank will focus on oil and gas lending because, as Norman noted, the oil and gas industry is a mainstay of the Permian Basin area. The bank is leasing additional space at its location in Dinero Plaza on Big Spring Street and will be adding five peo-

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First American Bank, Midland bucks one trend to follow another — toward a local focus.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

DECEMBER 8, 1998

Yeltsin leaves sickbed for 3 hours, fires staffers

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin roused himself from his sickbed for three hours Monday, fired several of his top aides and then returned to a Kremlin hospital where he is recuperating from pneumonia.

It was a classic performance from the ailing Russian president, who rarely seems so energized as when he is firing someone. The dismissed aides included officials who had commented recently on the president's poor health.

"You can see how vigorous I am," Yeltsin told his staff as he delivered the news, according to presidential spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin.

Among those fired was Presidential Chief of Staff Valentin Yumashev, one of Yeltsin's closest and most loyal aides. A former journalist who was the ghost-writer of Yeltsin's memoirs, Yumashev had served as chief of staff for nearly two years — an eternity in Yeltsin's Kremlin.

"The president has found a way to revitalize his staff — by firing it," observed Alexander Shokhin, leader of the pro-government bloc in parliament and, until recently, a steady Yeltsin ally.

Shown on television, Yeltsin appeared animated and robust as he scowled and delivered one of his patented tirades.

"Tough discipline, order and reform is what we need," Yeltsin said slowly and sternly as he glared at his staff from the head of a long table. Aides looked down and scribbled notes.

Besides firing Yumashev and three of his deputies, Yeltsin announced that he was personally taking charge of "all power ministries" including the Justice Ministry and the tax police.

"Power ministries" are usually defined as those related to nation-

al defense and security. The Justice Ministry and tax police are at the forefront of the fight against crime and corruption, which has taken on new importance following the killing of a top liberal lawmaker, Galina Starovoitova.

Yeltsin's announcement was seen as mostly symbolic, however, since the president already wields authority over all the ministries he mentioned and the ministers who head them were left in place.

His remarks mostly suggested that Yeltsin is tired of being portrayed as a figurehead who has relinquished all power to his prime minister, Yevgeny Primakov.

Primakov, appointed in September, has been left to tackle the economic crisis that has mired the country deeper in poverty. Yeltsin has said little and done less about the economy since it went into a tailspin in August.

There has been a rising chorus of calls for the president's resignation, based on his poor health, but Yeltsin has been defiant, insisting that he will fill out his term until it ends in 2000.

Yeltsin has been hospitalized

with pneumonia since Nov. 22, and Yakushkin said he would remain in the hospital as long as necessary to recuperate. He refused to speculate about how long that would be.

Gen. Nikolai Bordyuzha, 49, the secretary of the presidential security council, was appointed the new chief of staff, and Vladimir Makarov, a former KGB officer, was named to one of the deputy posts. The others remained vacant. Bordyuzha, who will keep his security job, was formerly chief of the Border Guards.

Yakushkin said Yeltsin had dismissed the aides because of their failure to stem crime or respond to several incidents of political extremism, including anti-Semitic remarks by a Communist parliament deputy.

"That undermines confidence in the president and in the government as a whole, and that is inadmissible in the current difficult economic situation,"

Yakushkin said.

Yeltsin has a habit of unexpected and often unexplained dismissals. The latest round of ousters was also thought to reflect his unhappiness over aides' unusual candor about his health in recent weeks.

Yumashev and other Kremlin aides openly said Yeltsin is too weak to handle day-to-day affairs or to make foreign trips and suggested he leave control of the economy and other current affairs to Primakov.

"The president wanted to show who is the boss," said Shokhin.

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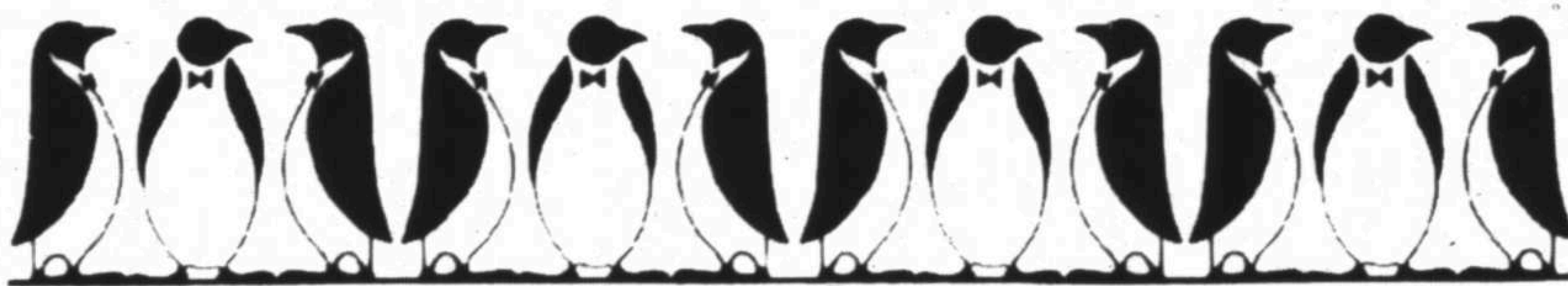
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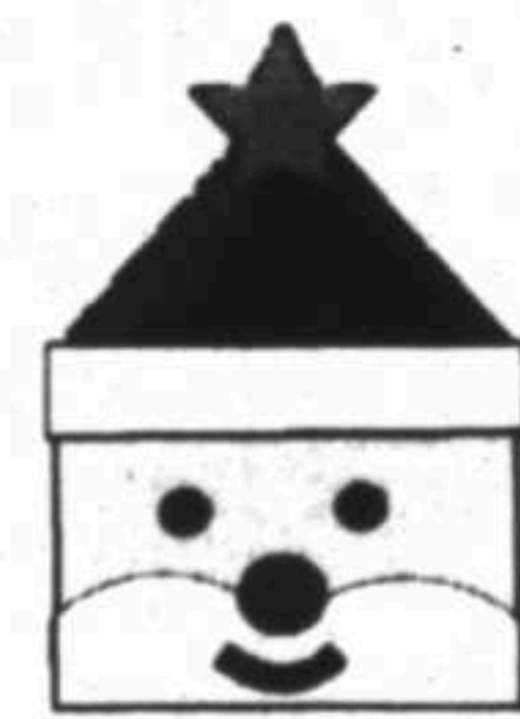
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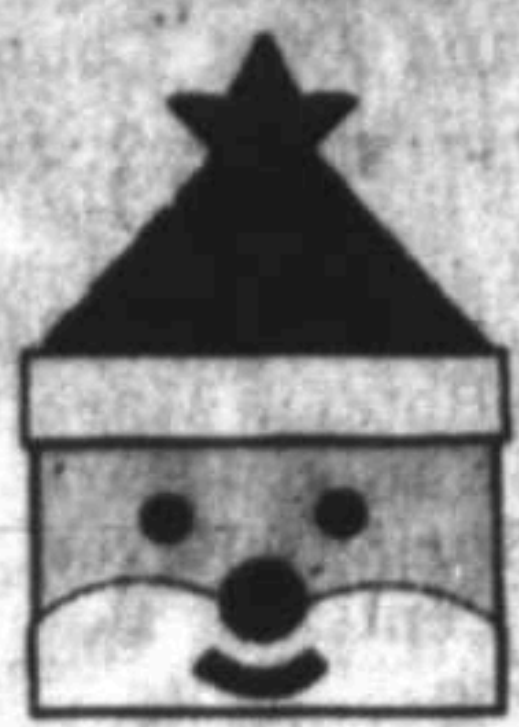
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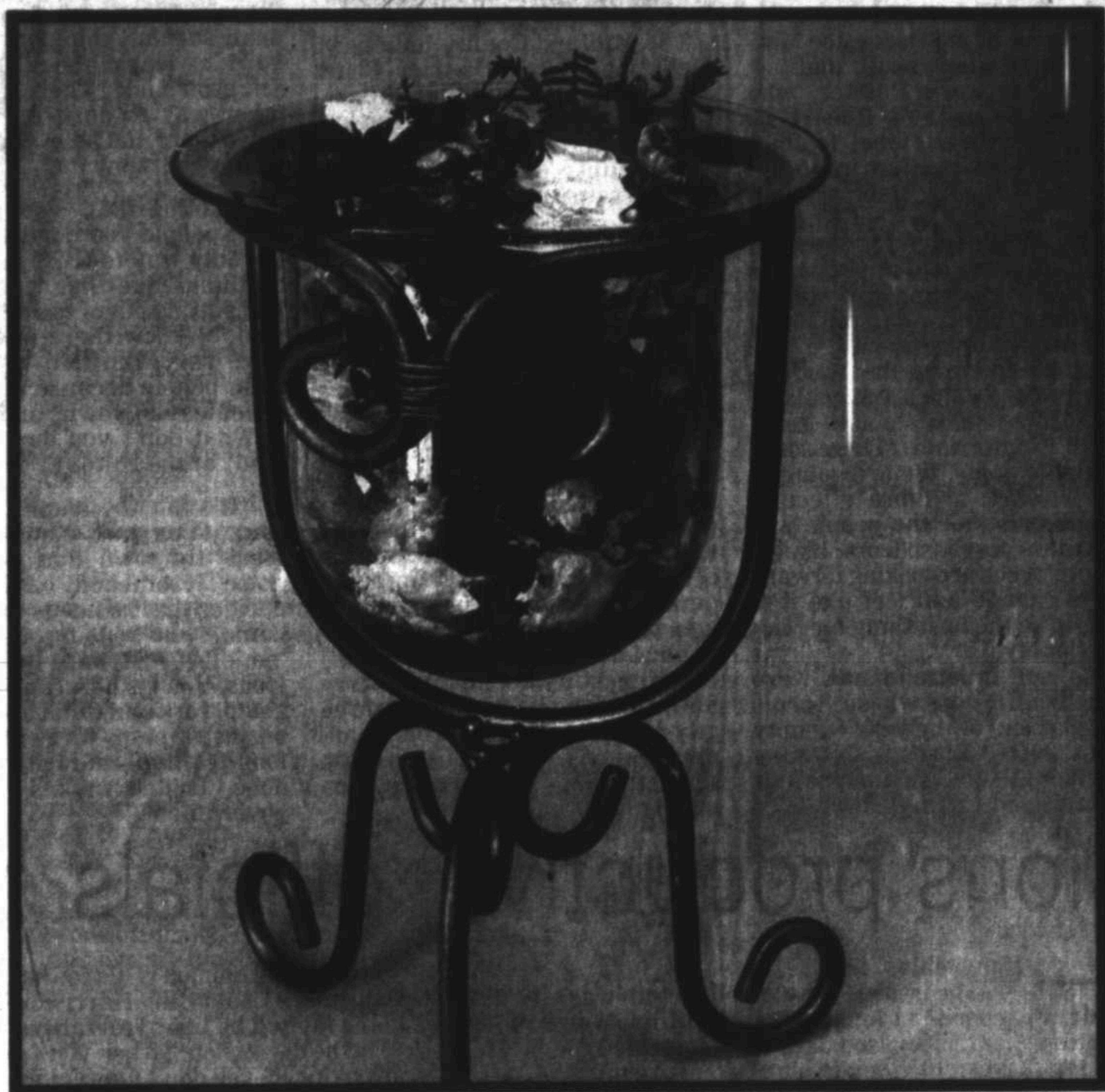
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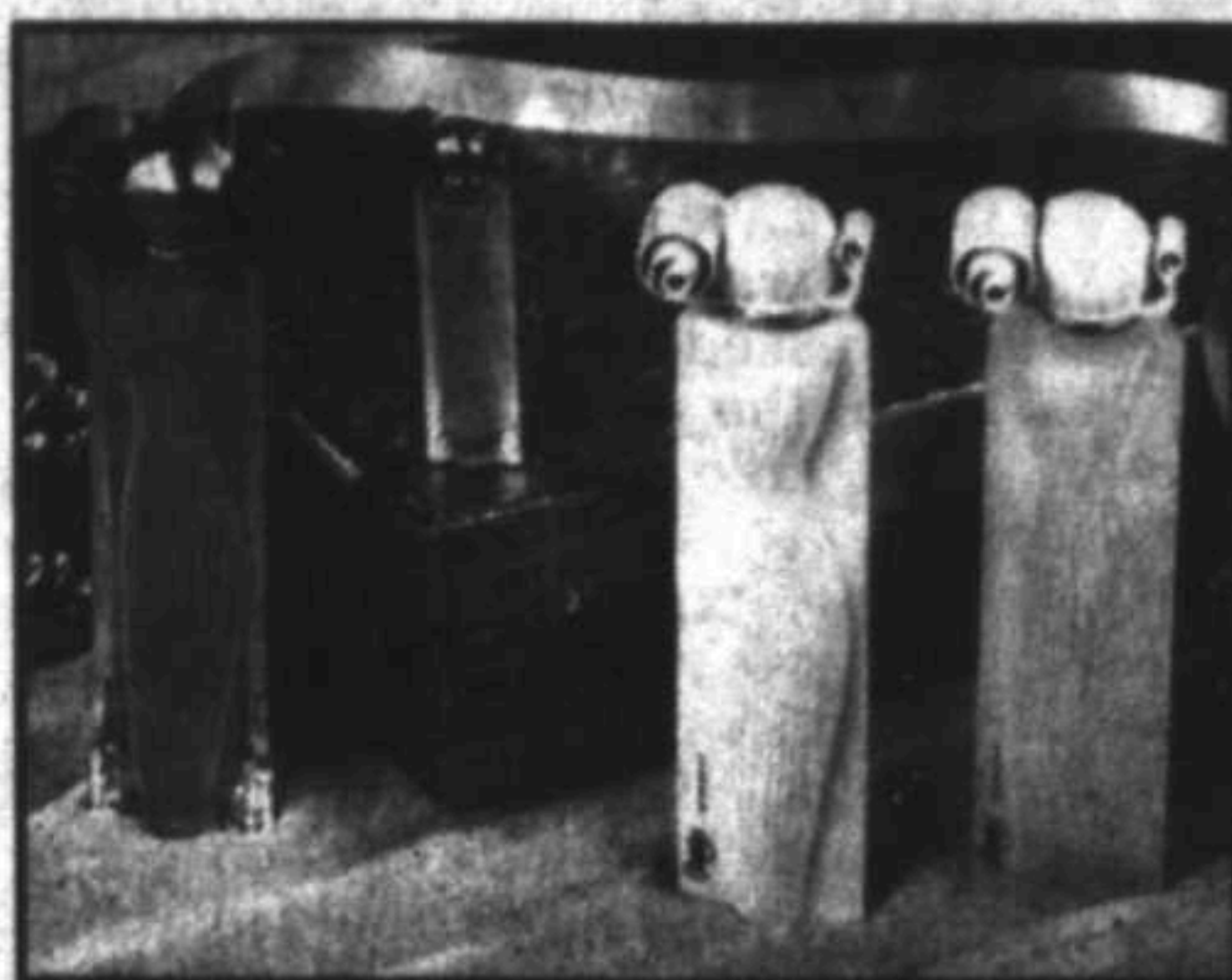
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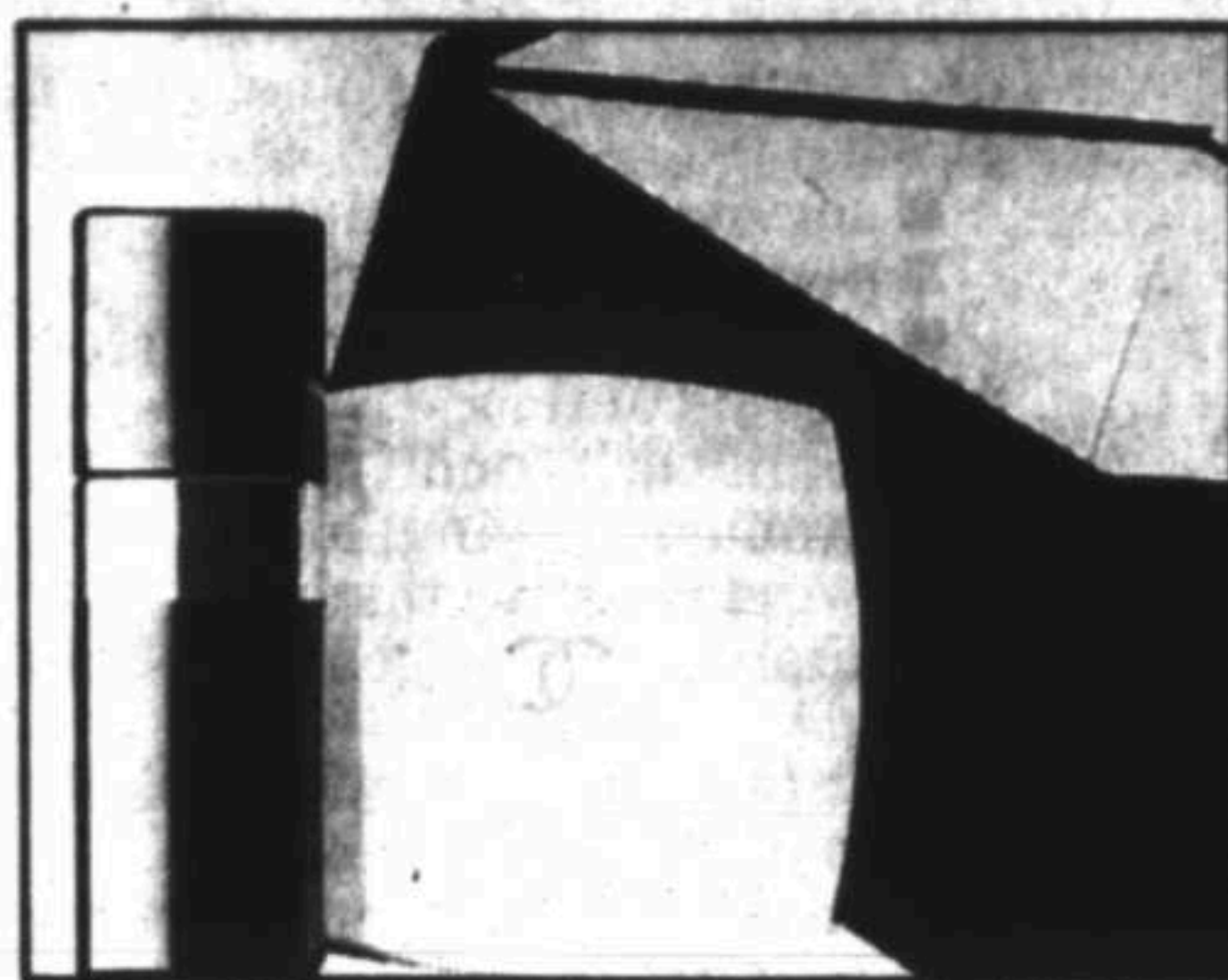
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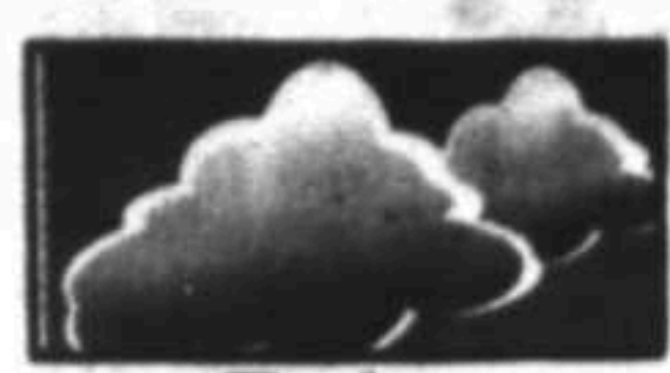
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Mostly cloudy
High 54
Low 27



Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 50
Low 29



Thursday
Snow
High 50
Low 29

Monday's overnight low brushed the freezing mark with a low of 32, the latest freeze date for Midland since record-keeping began in 1900. Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies early, becoming partly cloudy by afternoon with a high between 50 and 55 and light winds becoming south at 5-10 mph late in the day. Tonight should be clear and cold with a low of 25-30, according to the National Weather Service in Midland. Wednesday should show increasing cloudiness with a high of 50-55.

After the overnight low, Monday's high reached 56, compared to the record high for that date of 79 set in 1966. The record low was 20 set in 1976.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 4.57 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 55
Low 32
Normal high 60
Normal low 32

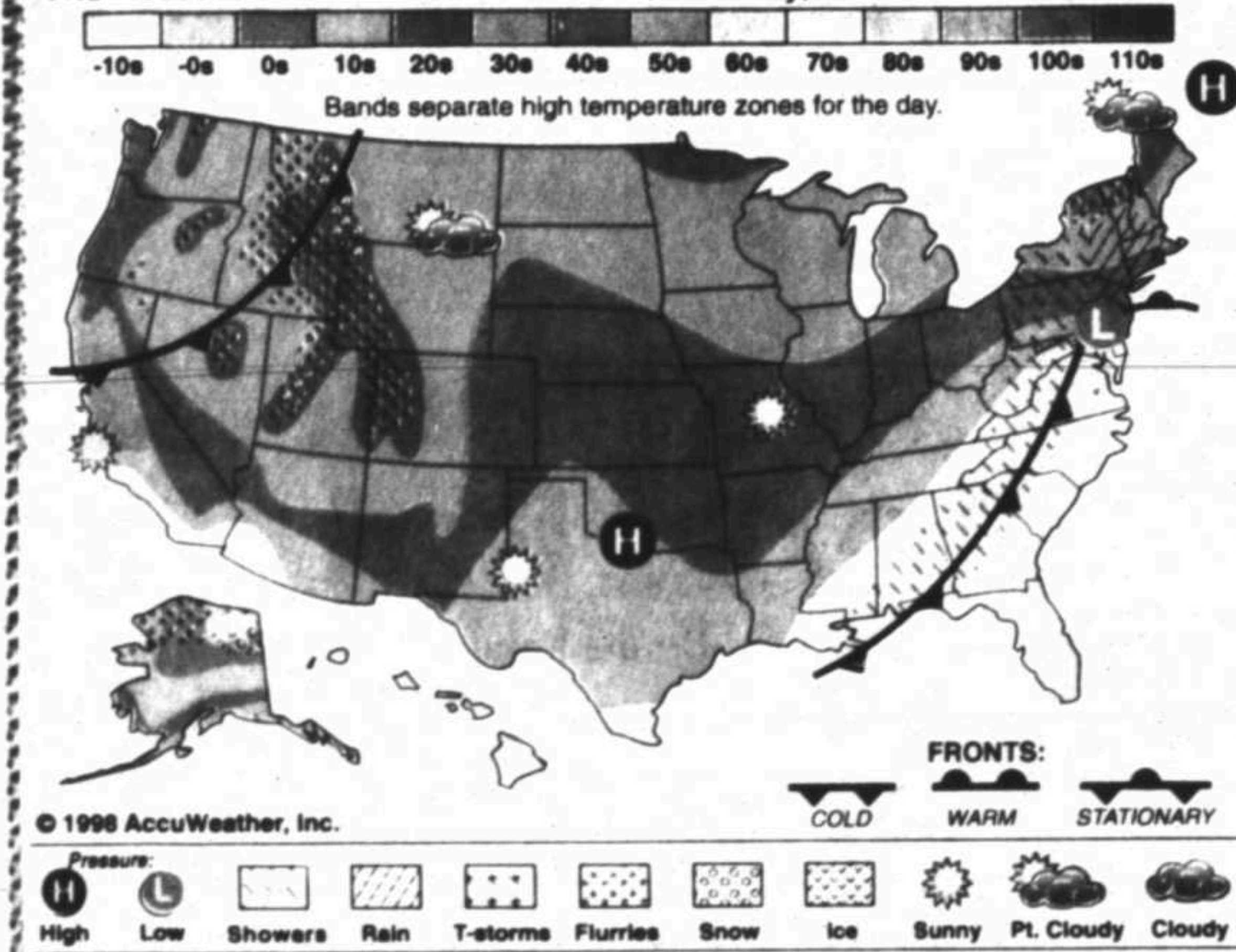
Pollen count

Trees: Low Weeds: Low
Grass: Absent Molds: Low
Dust: Moderate
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Sunrise ... 7:37 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:45 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Dec. 8.

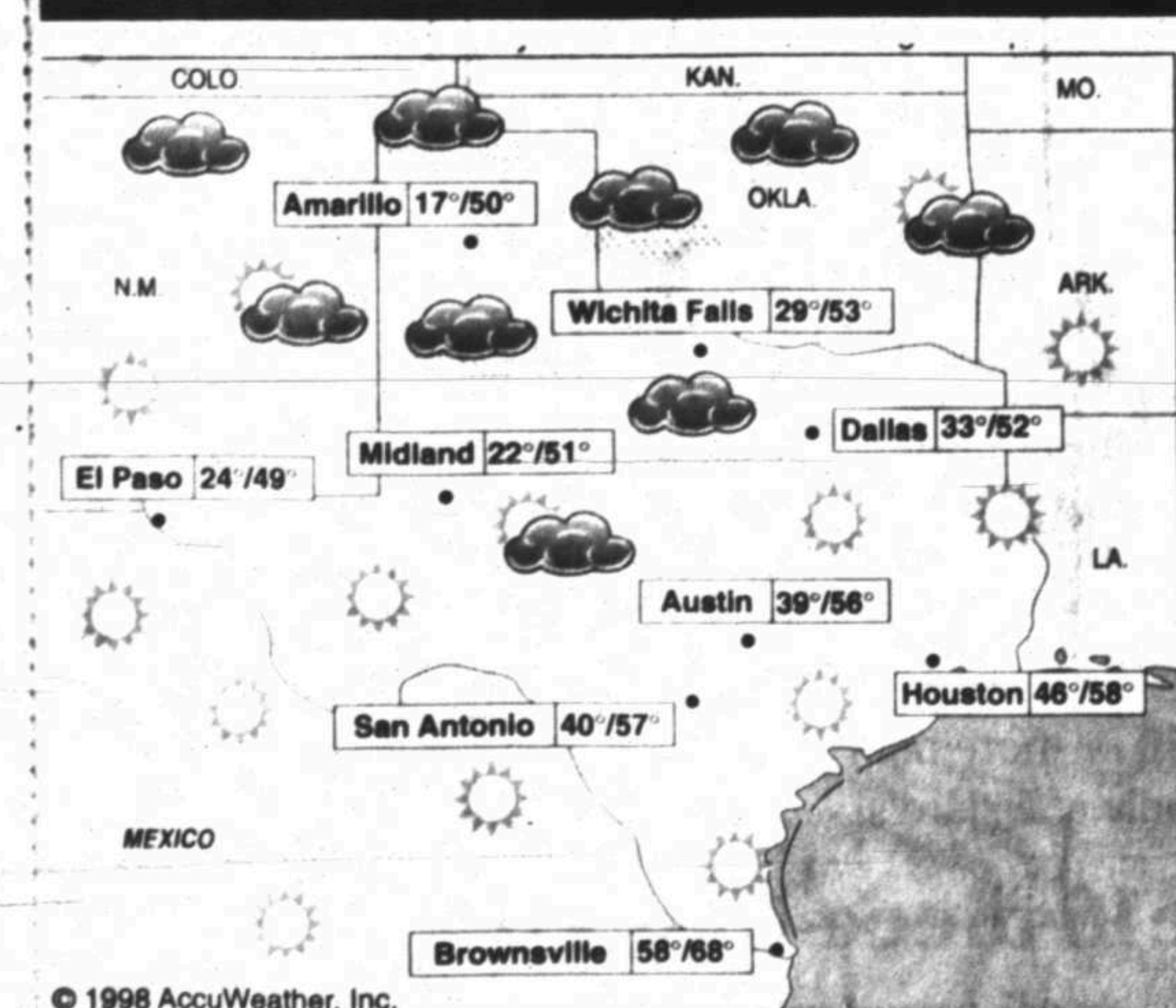


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST.

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Oth	City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Oth
Albany, N.Y.	36	27	22	dr	Greenboro, N.C.	78	59	ody	
Albuquerque	65	55	m		Hartford, Conn.	76	48	m	
Anchorage	23	16	an		Havana	32	24	ody	
Asheville	75	53	m		Honolulu	81	73	ody	
Atlanta	70	61	ody		Indianapolis	45	43	ody	
Atlantic City	77	56	m		Jackson, Miss.	76	70	ody	
Baltimore	77	52	m		Jacksonville	81	57	ody	
Birmingham	78	68	ody		Juneau	34	33	ody	
Bismarck	41	14	ody		Kansas City	39	28	ody	
Boise	33	21	ody		Las Vegas	48	38	ody	
Boston	76	47	ody		Little Rock	54	52	ody	
Brownsville	85	72	ody		Los Angeles	60	42	ody	
Buffalo	45	45	ody		Louisville	57	49	ody	
Burlington, Vt.	67	57	ody		Memphis	61	61	ody	
Casper	32	7	ody		Miami Beach	81	72	ody	
Charleston, S.C.	81	57	ody		Milwaukee	39	32	ody	
Charleston, W.Va.	66	64	ody		Minneapolis	40	18	ody	
Charlotte, N.C.	76	54	ody		Nashville	67	64	ody	
Chicago	43	34	ody		New Orleans	82	71	ody	
Cincinnati	53	53	ody		New York City	75	54	ody	
Cleveland	44	43	ody		Norfolk, Va.	79	60	ody	
Columbia, S.C.	80	58	ody		North Platte	41	9	ody	
Columbus, Ohio	52	52	ody		Oklahoma City	42	39	ody	
Concord, N.H.	73	40	ody		Orlando	83	57	ody	
Dayton	48	47	ody		Philadelphia	73	51	ody	
Denver	35	17	ody		Phoenix	52	34	ody	
Des Moines	39	21	ody		Pittsburgh	59	58	ody	
Detroit	41	39	ody		Portland, Maine	71	41	ody	
Duluth	35	18	ody		Portland, Ore.	46	41	ody	
Evansville	49	46	ody		Providence	77	46	ody	
Fairbanks	5	16	ody		Raleigh-Durham	60	59	ody	
Fargo	35	16	ody		Rapid City	40	13	ody	
Flagstaff	25	7	ody		Reno	33	15	ody	
Grand Rapids	40	34	ody		Richmond	81	60	ody	
Great Falls	37	19	ody		Sacramento	47	29	ody	
					St. Louis	40	39	ody	
					Salt Lake City	30	22	ody	
					San Diego	59	43	ody	
					San Francisco	50	42	ody	

State forecast



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

via Associated Press

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST.

City	Hi	Lo	Pop.	City	Hi	Lo	Pop.
Abilene	50	42		Dallas Love Field	51	45	0.88
Alton	87	67		Del Rio	70	50	
Amarillo	32	30	0.05	Denison	49	45	
Arlington	51	47	0.28	DFW Airport	51	46	0.15
Austin Bergstrom	63	53		El Paso	47	32	
Austin Mueller	65	53		Fort Stockton	57	37	
Beaumont	81	67	0.18	Fort Worth Alliance	50	46	0.11
Brownsville	85	72		Fort Worth Meacham	50	47	0.04
Burnet	61	49		Galveston	79	71	
Childress	41	37		Hartlingen	84	66	0.01
College Station	65	52	0.72	Hondo	69	53	0.01
Corpus Christi	80	66	0.12	Houston Hobby	82	70	0.01
Corpus Christi	82	70		Houston Intercontinental	84	73	
Comstock	56	49		Huntsville	66	58	0.38
Del Rio	71	63		Junction	59	40	
Dallas	32	28	0.09	Kingsville	57	40	
				Laredo	79	54	
				Longview	63	52	1.55
				Lubbock	45	34	
				Lufkin	73	60	0.80

COUNTY: Judge leads first-ever retreat

(From 1A)

have to have a set of values to arrive at a goal."

The retreat was held Friday afternoon through Sunday morning at Indian Lodge in the Davis Mountains State Park near Fort Davis.

"We got a marvelous reception, good participation," Morrow said of the session, which was led by North Carolina professional facilitator Lyle Sumek.

"I was absolutely, totally impressed with the input we got from the elected officials who were able to be there," Morrow said.

He expressed grief and "extreme regret and sorrow" over the accidental death of 41-year-old Argelia Pedraza Terrazas, who was a deputy clerk in the County Clerk's Office. She was killed in a weekend automobile accident.

Morrow outlined the "core values" endorsed by the elected officials:

- serving the community;
- personal integrity;
- accountability for performance and action;
- teamwork; and
- problem-solving, looking forward and creative thinking.

Midland County goals by 2004 include:

- Safest county in West Texas where people feel safe;
- county government working as a team;
- financially sound county government;
- strong relationship with other local governments; and
- quality service to citizens, efficient operation, and responsive to (the) customer.

"We're moving and doing," Morrow said.

Commissioner Henry Goulet said the planning session "was not a fun-and-play weekend. It was a real work weekend."

Unable to attend the session were:

- Commissioner Louisa Valencia, who is recuperating from surgery;
- Justice of the Peace Michael Wallace, who was on duty call over the weekend;
- Justice of the Peace Joe Matlock, whose wife was ill; and
- Sheriff Gary Painter, who attended Saturday's Robert E. Lee High School Rebel football game at Texas Stadium in Irving.

"I went to the Lee Rebel football game where my boy (Justin) is playing," Painter said on Monday.

"My family is very important to me. And supporting my kids is something that I as a parent have to do. Well, I love my kids."

Painter endorsed the Morrow-outlined core values and goals.

"There's some good goals there," Painter said. "There are some reachable goals. We are going to look forward to more effective government that the people will have more response from. I know the employees are looking forward to this change and feel like it is going to be the best thing for Midland County."

Also not in attendance were elected officials whose terms expire at end of the year: County Judge Jeff Norwood, Commissioners Guy McCrary and James Brezina, and County Clerk Alice

Brown.

Prude, who is succeeding Brezina in office, applauded Morrow for organizing the weekend planning session.

"It's something that several of us had wanted to do for quite a while. There will be respect," Prude said. The Commissioners' Courtroom in session under Morrow's leadership "will not be a place where people will dread coming," Prude said. "Everybody has been busy... In the past court. We feel real good about how positive this is going to be."

The Midland County judiciary, including Texas District Court Judges John Hyde, Willie DuBose, George Gilles, and Dean Rucker and District Attorney Al Schorre and County Attorney Russell Malm, were represented at the session.

"I was enthused about our weekend," Rucker said. "The goal of each person there was for more efficient and more effective county government for the citizens of Midland County."

Justice of the Peace David Cobos said that the Morrow-outlined "core values and these goals that we set are a very great need. All the elected officials gave input from their perspectives. It seems that now we are going to work as a team for Midland County: no personal agendas. The agenda is going to be based on service to the public and what the public needs."

Midland City Councilman Berry Simpson, who has attended three city-of-Midland-sponsored "planning sessions," cited benefits of the sessions' dialogue and the nurturing of trust.

"We have very little extra time in the round-table discussions with Midland City Councilmen and departmental leaders," said Simpson, who noted that recent city "retreats" have been at Indian Lodge in the Davis Mountains, the Gage Hotel in Marathon near Big Bend National Park, and the Tapatio Springs Resort and Conference Center at Boerne near San Antonio.

"It was good to get me up to speed as a councilman because there's so many departments doing so many things, and it's just hard to learn about them all," Simpson said. "There's really no other way to do it except to go down there and let everybody talk about what they do."

In noting that "you just don't trust people you don't know... the only way to trust people is to do things like that (the retreat) and getting out of town," Simpson said. "I know there have been a few, very limited, complaints from people because of the money, of leaving town" and who ask, "What don't you do it (in Midland) at the Hilton?"

"It's not the same," Simpson said. "You just can't keep the focus (in town due to distractions). If somebody on the Council decides that he needs to leave for home, who's going to tell him 'no.' It's just hard to keep the focus. You're there, and all you've got to work and think about is that business: plans for next year and long-term planning and get it done. It just makes for better government."

MISD: Sessions productive, officials say

(From 1A)

pushing for renovations to its secondary schools, as well as early childhood education facilities. The district tried to pass a \$110 million renovation bond issue in 1996, but the measure failed. Last year, voters approved a \$40 million bond issue to renovate elementary schools, but MISD has maintained that its secondary schools need attention.

"One of the items that constantly comes up is having the right amount of space and the right configuration of that space," said Wilson Heidelberg, executive director of auxiliary and construction services. He said, however, that he doesn't expect any finalized plans for renovations to come until after the development of an action plan, a two- or three-month process in which the district fleshes out strategic goals.

The issue of the cluster system was also discussed at length. District officials presented and discussed data that suggested the busing system — put in place to ensure integration in public schools — had an adverse effect on minority students' scores on the statewide standardized TAAS tests. Students showed a decline in performance after being bused in fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Though many of the topics were controversial, most in attendance agreed the sessions went relatively smoothly.

"It's been very interesting — and not ugly," said Board President Martha Manulik. "You have a real good range of agendas in this room."

Some parents, however, expressed concern that there was not enough parent representation in the sessions.

"My personal opinion is it's too heavily laden with insiders," said Billy Harris, one of seven parents invited by board members to participate in the discussion. "When you're on the outside looking in, you don't appreciate being told you're just on the outside, and too bad."

The group of seven parents were individually selected and invited by board members.

Ms. Manulik countered this argument by saying, "I think it would be like asking IBM to get the computer users off the street to help develop their strategic plan. It's just not realistic."

In spite of differences, there were very few heated discussions at any of the meetings.

"They're very open-ended discussions," said Herman Gunter, principal of Goddard Jr. High. "I think we've already been very productive."

LENDING: Banker calls outlook 'cautious, optimistic'

(From 1A)

ple to its staff, some lenders and some support staff, he said.

To better serve the Midland market, "we need to develop an expertise in energy lending because that's the underpinning of that market," he said.

Norman sees opportunities in the oil and gas industry, despite the current low commodity prices.

"A lot of the press about oil and gas commodity prices is not positive," he noted. "But if you look at the long-term trend line, though

we're well below the line, at some point the laws of supply and demand require that prices rise to that line. The question is when — six months? Eight months? Eighteen months? This market has proven resilient, so we're cautious but optimistic."

Norman went on to observe that "The influence of OPEC and its ability to control oil prices is less than it was 20 years ago, the Midland economy is more diversified than it was 20 years ago. If you look at world markets, there are opportunities. China is a tremen-

dous market and is just beginning to exert demand. Indonesia is also a tremendous market, and as those markets develop, oil prices will stabilize."

Prior to refocusing on community banking, Norman said the bank operated on the branch system, with four branches in Midland: on Big Spring, in Midland Park Mall, on Andrews Highway and at Wadley and Midkiff.

"We looked at our markets and asked ourselves how we were serving our local markets," he said. "The way we operated before

was with branches, without local management and input. The way to compete with the large national banks is more personal service and marketing, going back to community banking."

GPM: Company moves offices to Midland

(From 1A)

years as well as strong supporters of the United Way and Junior Achievement. So, as far as the

communities are concerned, the impact will be minimal.

Of GPM's employees, 42 live in Midland, 59 in Odessa and 19 in outlying areas.

GPM and its parent company, Phillips Petroleum, have provided gas gathering, processing and marketing to natural gas producers for over 75 years.

HOMES: Lower rates driving steady sales

(From 1A)

Norwest Mortgage, said that her office has "definitely had an increase in the volume of purchases, but specifically in refinancing. This has been a record year for Norwest and for the industry."

She advised homeowners considering refinancing their mortgage to first contact their lender. "If the difference is 2 percent, you really need to do it, but I advise first contacting a lender and visiting with them about your situation," she said.

If, for example, a homeowner has a 30-year note "and knows he's going to stay in that house, he can save quite a lot of interest by reducing his rate 1 percent. Or if he has a 30-year note, has been in the home four years and can afford a little more payment, he can save 1 percent and switch to a 15-year note, not only saving on interest payments but cutting 10 years off his mortgage."

The factors, Ms. Johnson said, should be how long the mortgage holder plans to stay in the home, the terms of the mortgage and whether or not those terms can be reduced through refinancing.

"I can't say what will be happening," she said, "but we hear in the industry that rates could even go a little lower."

Mrs. McDonald acknowledged that the market is not seeing as many move-ins of oil company personnel, "but we still have buyers and sellers and move-ups," she said.

According to the board, a total

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— Clara Johnson, Norwest Mortgage

of 1,539 homes have been sold through the end of November at an average sales price of \$94,210. This compared with a total of 1,355 homes sold for an average sales price of \$91,201 for the first 11 months of 1997.

The board also reported 641 active listings for an average list price of \$110,218 with an average of 103 days on the market. For the same period of 1997, there were 613 active listings at an average list price of \$105,743 and 123 average

days on the market.

The City of Midland has issued 238 permits for new homes to date, with a total valuation of \$26.4 million. That is down slightly from 1997, when the city issued 269 permits valued at \$28.8 million for the first 11 months of the year.

Construction employment has remained strong this year, according to the Texas Workforce Commission, fueled by new home construction and construction projects for the Midland Independent School District, the city's new air terminal and various commercial projects.

The commission reports that employment in the construction sector has grown by 1,300 jobs or 22 percent in October, compared with October 1997.

"I see demand for new homes continuing," said Mrs. McDonald. "There will always be buyers who want new homes."

Correction

In Sunday's edition, it was reported that Don O'Shaughnessy had been a member of the Midland College board of trustees from 1977 until his death in 1995. It should have stated that he had been a member of the Midland College Foundation Board. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Pick 3 Texas

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Palestinian police fire on civilians in West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian police fired on protesters in the West Bank on Monday, wounding at least 12 people — the first sign that the Palestinians were moving to contain violence ahead of President Clinton's visit.

Gunfire also broke out during confrontations between Jewish settlers and Palestinians in two places in the West Bank. Two Palestinians and a settler were wounded.

The worst violence was in the northern city of Nablus, one of many West Bank cities and towns where Palestinians staged protests to call on Israel to free Palestinian prisoners.

Early in the day, mothers of prisoners demonstrated in Nablus. Palestinian police responded by sending in club-wielding officers to drive away the women.

That prompted loyalists of Fatah — a movement started by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — to surround the police station and throw stones and firebombs inside. They set fire to police vehicles, and tried to storm the prison gates.

Palestinian police then fired on the protesters, injuring at least seven, hospital officials said.

Later, police took to the rooftops in Nablus and fired onto a crowd of 3,000 Palestinians, mostly people who gathered to watch the protests and rioting. Witnesses said at least five people were wounded.

Also Monday, a Jewish settler was shot and wounded while driving near the northern West Bank city of Jenin, the Israeli army said. The settler drove to an Israeli army outpost several miles away and was taken to a hospital.

And a settler opened fire on rioters on a major road to Jerusalem, injuring two Palestinian youths — one critically. His driver said the settler fired after Arabs with stones surrounded their car.

Violent attacks and clashes have steadily increased as the Clinton visit nears.

Arafat, who will play host to Clinton on Dec. 14, is anxious to show that the Palestinians are meeting the conditions of the U.S.-brokered accord reached in Mary-

land in October.

Clinton will visit Gaza — the first sitting U.S. president to do so — and open a meeting of the Palestinian National Council. Palestinians and Israelis see the visit as tacit endorsement of Palestinian hopes of statehood.

The Palestinians exhibited confiscated weapons to CIA officials on Monday in an effort to prove that they are meeting the Wye River accord's security commitments.

But Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has accused the Palestinian Authority of stage-managing the riots, was not enthusiastic about the Clinton visit.

"I hope Mr. Clinton uses his visit to demand Palestinian compliance," he told Israel television.

Israel already was balking at troop withdrawal plans called for in the accords.

"We have to find out whether (the Palestinians) are living up to their commitments," said Netanyahu adviser David Bar-Ilan. "So far the conclusion is that it will be very difficult to implement the next withdrawal on time."

The Palestinian Authority, which denies that it is backing the rioters, has accused Netanyahu of reneging on a commitment to free prisoners.

Israel released 250 prisoners last month, but most were common criminals rather than security prisoners — those detained

without trial under measures aimed at preventing terrorism.

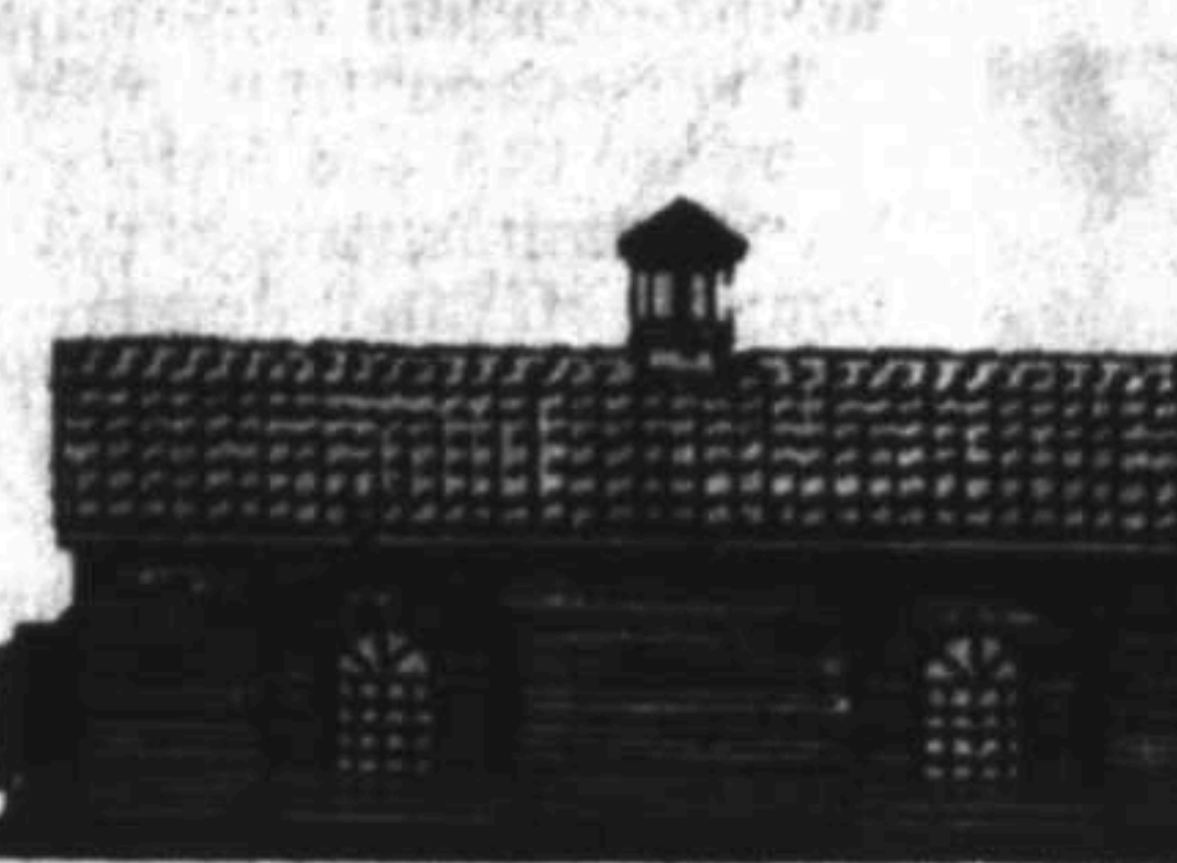
The prisoners have gone on a hunger strike that they say encompasses all 3,000 Palestinians in Israeli jails. The Israel Prisons Service says it knows of 514 hunger strikers.

Israel's opposition — which sought support in parliament Monday for an early elections bill —

blamed Netanyahu's struggle to keep his coalition afloat for the lack of direction in the peace process.

"The prime minister is busy with another trick, another maneuver, with one purpose, not for the economy, not peace, but only to survive," Labor party lawmaker Haim Ramon said. "He has no time for the real problems."

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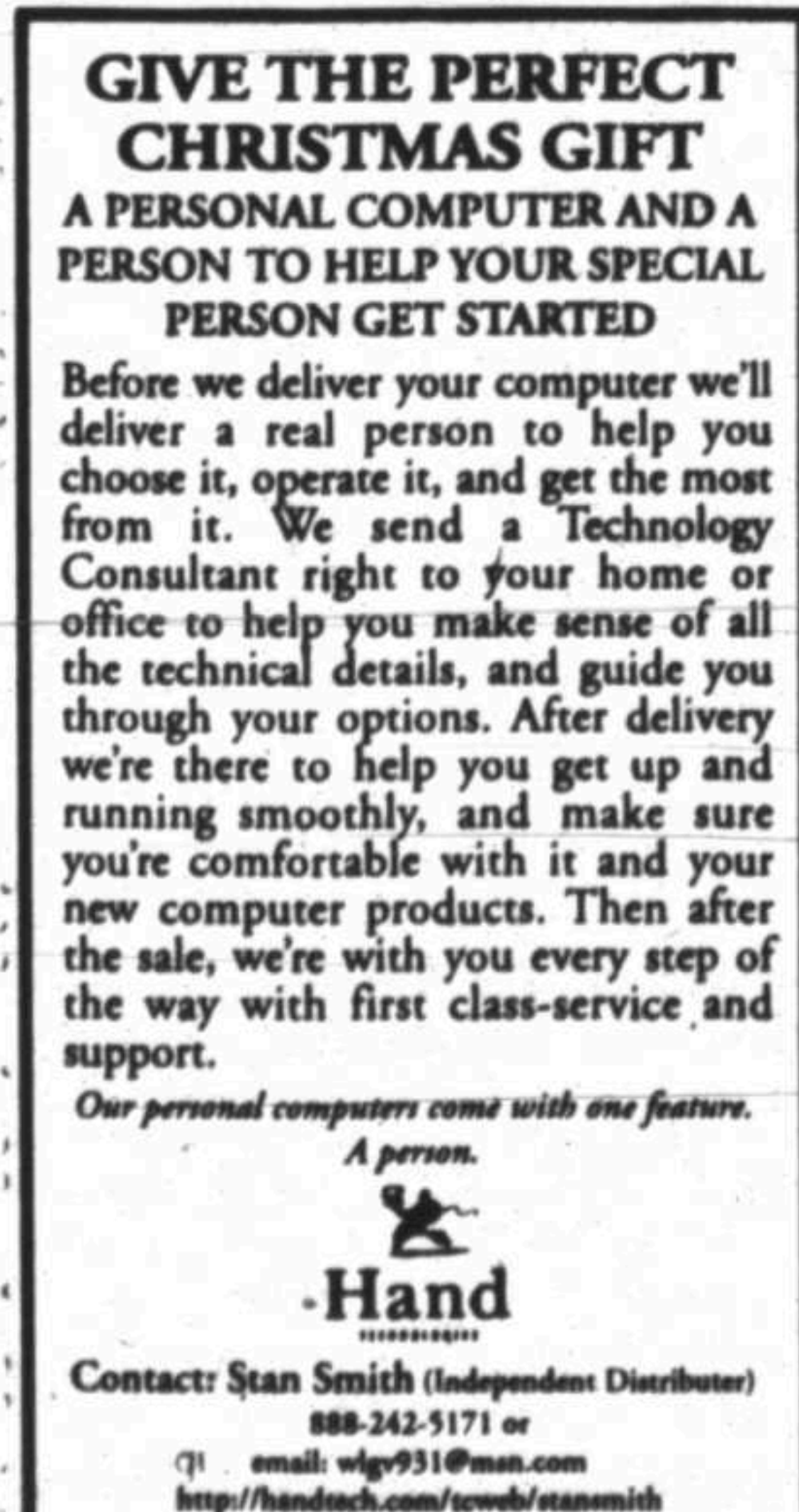
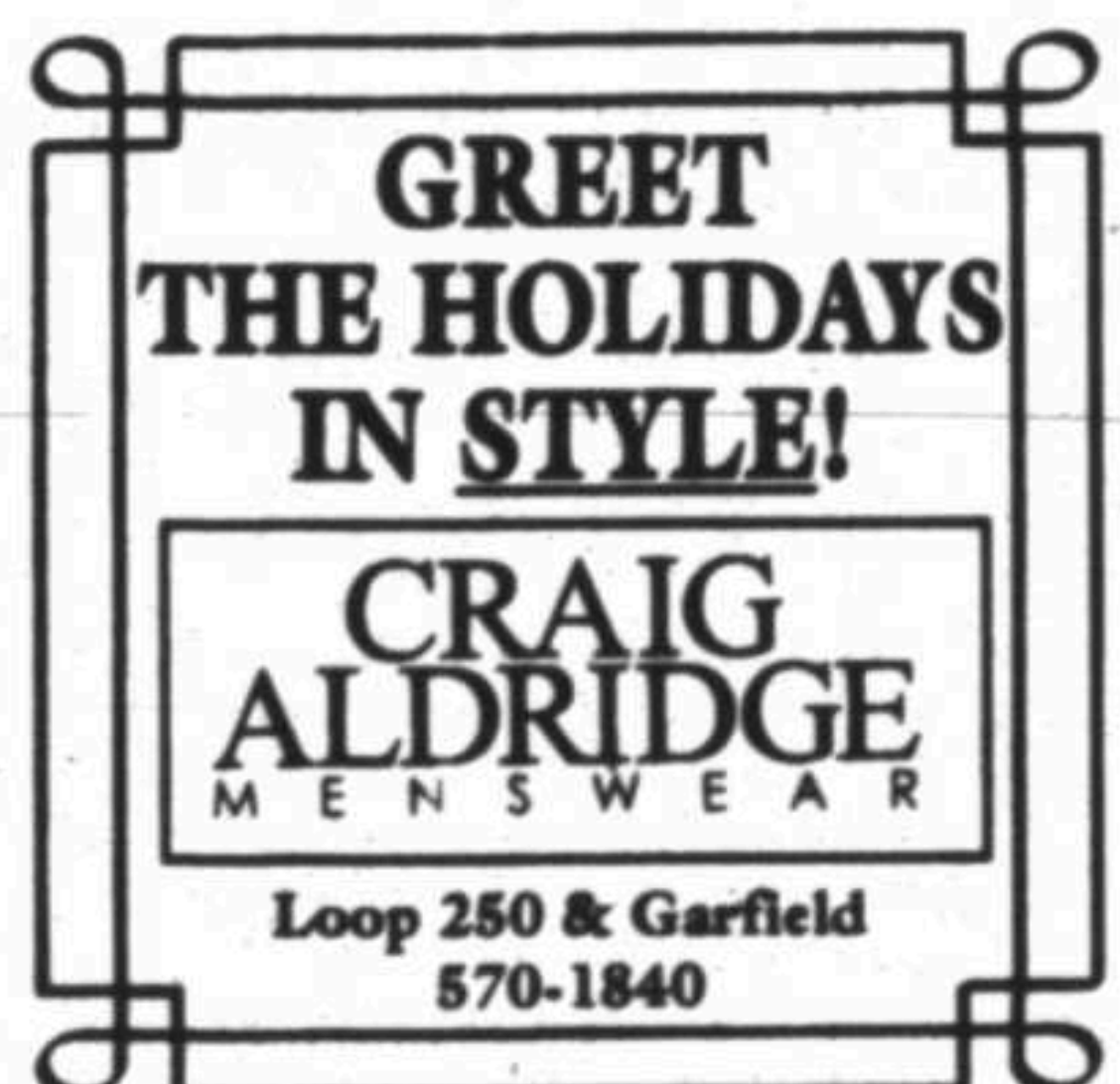
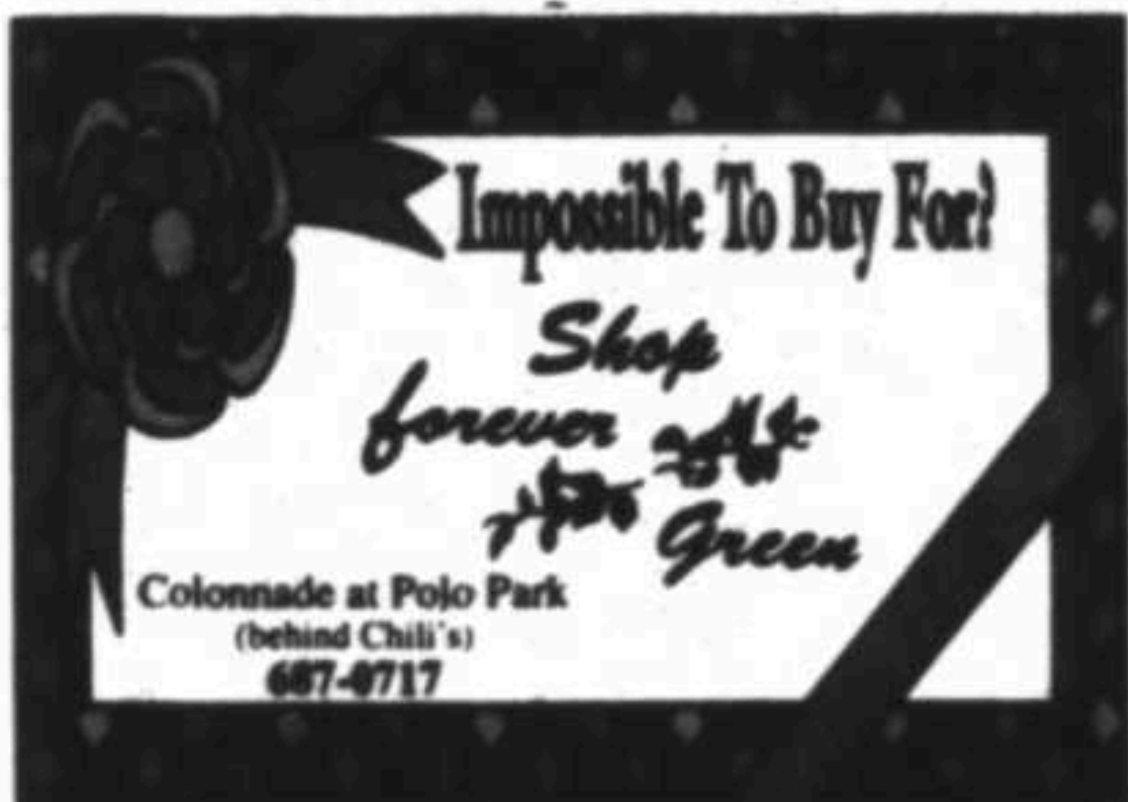
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Habitat project gives Midland chance to join in

Ever since President Jimmy Carter left the Oval Office in 1981 and a few years later picked up a hammer as a volunteer carpenter for Habitat for Humanity, his work for the non-profit organization that builds houses for the poor has become widely known.

This March it will become known even better when Carter and other Habitat for Humanity volunteers team up to conduct "Jimmy Carter's Work Project." In the project, Habitat intends to construct 250 new homes in the Philippines in the one-week period from March 21 through March 28.

So far Habitat has constructed 2,000 homes in the Philippines, with eight affiliates in operation and three new ones beginning operation.

President Carter's project will significantly boost the number of safe homes available there for poor people.

Habitat for Humanity's approach as an ecumenical Christian housing ministry aimed at eliminating substandard housing by making decent homes available to low-income families has achieved noteworthy success during the past few years. The Midland organization was launched in the spring of 1991 and since that time has regularly constructed homes for low-income residents.

Now Habitat is inviting Midland residents to become involved in President Carter's project. In fact, a former Midlander, Dan Smith, is involved in the project in the Philippines and recently visited Midland to encourage Midlanders to join in the project.

The Habitat concept is outstanding. Using the motto "No more shacks," Habitat makes it possible for the prospective owner to take an active role in the construction of his own home. In fact, homeowners-to-be must put 500 hours of work into their homes and an additional 50 hours into another Habitat for Humanity home.

That gives the new homeowner a special stake in the dwelling and it spreads the joy around to others.

We encourage Midlanders to get involved in President Carter's project. It is for a good cause and Midlanders always support good causes!

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 1998. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date:

In 1776, George Washington's retreating army in the American Revolution crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey to Pennsylvania.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

In 1863, President Lincoln announced his plan for the reconstruction of the South.

In 1949, the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1980, former Beatle John Lennon was gunned down outside his New York apartment.

In 1986, House Democrats selected majority leader Jim Wright to be the chamber's 48th speaker, succeeding Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

In 1987, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty under which the superpowers agreed to destroy their arsenals of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev cut short his U.S. visit in order to return home following a killer earthquake in Armenia.

Five years ago: President Clinton signed into U.S. law the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect at the start of 1994.

CAL THOMAS

Destroying the Jews on the installment plan

After repeatedly telling overburdened taxpayers that there can be no tax cuts until "Social Security is saved," the Clinton administration has pledged to spend an extra \$400 million in aid for the Palestinians. This decision is flawed for at least two reasons.

First, British aid directed at housing projects for needy Palestinians in Gaza was siphoned off and used instead to construct luxury apartments for supporters of Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat, according to the Sunday Times of London. Asked about this, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said that mis-spent British aid "is not an issue for the United States." Albright assured reporters that "every dollar (of U.S. aid) is accounted for and is completely transparent."

Not exactly. A secret 600-page report last year by the PA's own auditing office found \$323 million, nearly 40 percent, of the PA's annual budget had been wasted, stolen or misused. A December, 1995, General Accounting Office report said it was "unable to independently verify (the Palestine Liberation Organization's) financial condition since the PLO was unwilling to provide us with requested accounting reports and supporting documentation."

Arafat claims there has been a decline in the living conditions of Palestinians since the current

"peace process" with Israel began five years ago. He blames Israel because of its frequent border closures to curtail terrorism. But Arafat for more than 25 years has prevented outside aid, even in the refugee camps, in order to cynically manipulate world opinion against Israel and in favor of an independent Palestinian state.

The second flaw in the decision to sharply increase U.S. aid is the view held by this and previous administrations that Israel's enemies can be bought off and deterred in their unchanging objective to take all of the land for themselves. Even while accepting the new financial package, which totals more than \$3 billion when other nations' contributions are factored in, Arafat repeated his promise to declare a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. He even referred to Jerusalem as "occupied territory." The status of Jerusalem and of any Palestinian entity is supposed to be reserved for talks on the final status between Israeli and Palestinian territory.

President Clinton is scheduled to go next week to the Middle East, where he will address a sham meeting of the Executive Committee and the Central Council of the PA. At that meeting, the PA supposedly will vote to repeal a section of the PLO Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel, which Arafat pledged to do at the agreement he and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signed last October in Maryland. But the Palestinian media reveal that its side takes a different view of the forthcoming meeting from the United States and Israel.

According to the Middle East Media and Research Institute, the Arabic version of the Wye agreement (unlike the English) states the meeting to be addressed by President Clinton "will reaffirm the decisions of the Executive Committee and the Central Council regarding the amendment of the (Palestinian) Covenant." The Arabic version says it will be President Clinton, not the Palestinian side, who will "reaffirm his commitment to the peace process." No Palestinian reaffirmation is mentioned. Nor is any decision to abrogate part of the PLO Covenant. The head of the Palestinian negotiating team, Saib Ereiqat, said the meeting of the various Palestinian bodies "will convene to listen to Clinton, not to vote."

Former U.N. arms inspector Scott Ritter told the Jerusalem Post Nov. 3: "The (Wye accord) is to be monitored by the CIA, but the real arbiter will be the State Department, and this is a cause for great worry. The entire effort has been politicized — this is the Clinton administration's own Camp David, and they really can't afford to let it fail. Therefore they cannot be counted upon to be honest brokers."

So, the Jews are again being sold out. In World War II, the U.S. wouldn't spend the money or the political capital to save Jews from the Nazis. Today it is spending the money, but giving it to Hitler's ideological descendants to help them finish the job. It is shameful and it won't work because the PA has made it abundantly clear to everyone, except those who will not see, that their ultimate objectives have not changed. Instead of achieving them through war and terror, which they so far have been unable to do, they will now win on the installment plan — with the United States making the payments.

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SUZANNE FIELDS

Presidential politics as performance art

A former television pundit notes how everyone greets her with "I haven't seen you in a long time."

That's not simply polite chit-chat in Washington. "What these people mean is, 'I haven't seen you on television in a long time.'"

Like the character played by Nicole Kidman in the movie "To Die For," who says "You aren't anybody in America if you're not on television," politics in America's No. 1 company town is driven by television, too.

The proliferation of cable channels has reduced the size of specific audiences dramatically: the average national audience watching a specific cable-network show is often no bigger than the "audience" reading the editorial page of the Quincy Herald-Whig or the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal but it doesn't matter. The visual image, which requires no work from the viewer, transcends the printed page in post-literate America.

We live in a Performance Age. This point is made repeatedly in movies, plays, television, Web sites — and the critics who write about them. In post-literate America, it's more important to have performance skills (some call it chutzpah) than any other if you want to have a public presence.

"The result is that *Homo sapiens* is rapidly becoming *Homo scaenicus* — man the entertainer," writes Neal Gabler in his book: "Life the Movie: How Entertainment Conquered Reality."

He offers rich and varied examples in news, politics, sports, even religion where the entertainment value becomes the gold standard for reference and measurement. Plato had his ideal chair; we grope toward our ideal entertainment. It's what CBS anchor Dan Rather meant when he told a group of news directors: "They've got us putting more and more fuzz and wuzz on the air, cop-shop stuff, so as to compete not with other news programs but with

entertainment programs, including those posing as news programs, for dead bodies, mayhem and lurid tales."

When I appeared on television several years ago to discuss my book about the relationship between fathers and daughters, Kathy Cronkite, daughter of Walter was on the panel with me. She announced with irony and not a little bitterness that she was with her father every evening in their living room — only he was on the television screen and she was on the sofa in front of a set. It was a poignant image for our time.

As a society we're continually improvising and updating Marshall McLuhan's determinist doctrine that "the medium is the message." The recent "60 Minutes" show of Dr. Jack Kevorkian killing a patient wasn't "news," it was real life and real death as entertainment, the ultimate ratings builder.

When President Clinton's testimony to the grand jury was televised, the networks spent huge coverage over the nondramatic fact that he didn't lose his temper. The testimony included X-rated subjects, but it was still boring.

Last week it was big news when Tom Hanks, who after all is merely a movie star, told the New Yorker that he had second thoughts about contributing \$10,000 to the president's defense fund. The next day it was entertaining again when he changed his mind. Why do we care? Because it was one performer criticizing another: Tom and Bill inhabit equivalent star stations in the hierarchy of celebrity. (What a set, that White House.)

One reason so many people judge Bill Clinton lightly is that we expect his kind of behavior from celebrities. Now we expect nothing better in the house where Lincoln, Wilson and FDR lived. Bill Clinton is only playing a role as president. Stars will be stars.

Classical drama evokes pity and fear, sympathy and identification: "There but for the grace of God go I." In a media-saturated celebrity culture there's only them and us. They depend on us for an audience and we depend on them to be entertained. Both "them" and "us" go away happy.

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CHARLEY REESE

Crime rate is down because criminals are in prison ... duh

A journalist recently wrote that the crime rate was going down despite the fact that prisons were full.

Gadzooks. Gee whiz. Duh. Hello.

The crime rate has gone down because the prisons are full. People inside prisons can't commit crimes outside of prisons. Get it? Let's try a little basic criminology. A small percentage of the population commits crimes. A small percentage of the criminal population commits a majority of crimes.

So, you see, all along the solution to the crime problem was really simple. Catch the people doing the most crimes. Put them in prison. Don't let them out. Ergo, the crime rate falls.

Crime for 1997 (statistical studies necessarily run at least a year behind since there is no way to measure what has not yet happened) is 3.2 percent lower than 1996, 10 percent lower 1993 and 13 percent lower than 1988. The '97 homicide rate is down 8.1 percent from '96.

There are several factors in this. One, while the gun control nuts were trying to disarm potential victims, the National Rifle Association and other rational people were lobbying hard for tougher and longer sentences for violent criminals.

Second, many states followed Florida's lead and now allow honest citizens to get permits to carry guns. Armed citizens deter crimes, and nothing is a more certain cure for recidivism than a bullet in a bad guy's head or heart. For those of you for whom nothing exists unless "a study shows" that it does, read "More Guns, Less Crime" by John R. Lott Jr., John M. Olin Visiting Law and Economics Fellow at the University of Chicago. The University of Chicago Press is the publisher.

It's a sound piece of research. It has stood up under the barrage of lies and howling by the ideological gun control crowd. The research is based on 54,000 observations across 3,000 counties over 18 years. The conclusion? Allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed handguns saves lives.

So if you kill more criminals and put more criminals in prison for very long times you get less crime. That's so simple, so obvious, so logical only a liberal would argue otherwise.

Of course, the federally funded criminal hand-holding industry and its bureaucrats are not interested in facts or logic, nor, for that matter, public safety. They are interested in their appropriations. They want your tax dollars, and to get them, they have to claim they perform some useful function.

In fact, the crime rate went up in the first place because the social-study approach to criminal justice ruined what was once a perfectly good system of criminal justice — tough cops, tough judges, tough prisons. They hollered long and loud: Building prisons won't solve the crime problem. They were dead, flat wrong.

But in the 1960s and '70s, those liberals who were not engaged in wrecking other aspects of American society decided to take a "therapeutic" approach to crime. Criminals were not responsible. Crime was a social illness to be cured by this elaborate network of public-private social agencies.

It was balderdash, plain and simple, and self-serving balderdash at that. It caused a blood bath on American streets. Crime is a moral decision to do bad things — to steal, to harm, to kill. Such people deserve punishment, not rehabilitation, which doesn't work anyway.

If we make it exceedingly dangerous to commit a crime, exceedingly likely a criminal will be killed or caught, and exceedingly likely that once caught he will go to prison for an exceedingly long, unpleasant length of time, then the crime rate will continue to go down. Defund the social workers, and build more prisons. That's the happy trail to a safe society.

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Gargantuan economic challenges face new Venezuelan president

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — After a landslide victory, president-elect Hugo Chavez is vowing to crack down on tax evaders, cut the number of ministries by two-thirds, restructure Venezuela's foreign debt, eliminate corruption and call a referendum to rewrite the constitution.

But with Venezuela's oil-based economy running on empty — and a political establishment that sees Chavez as a villain — the former coup leader faces gargantuan obstacles.

"There seems to be a wide gap between what he thinks he can do and the reality," said economist Roberto Botto.

Millions of Venezuelans flooded into the streets to celebrate what they saw as a victory of the poor over a corrupt political establishment. Chavez, who staged a failed 1992 coup attempt, won Sunday's vote by the largest margin in Venezuela's 40 years of democracy — 56 percent compared to 39 percent for his challenger, Yale-educated businessman Henrique

Salas Renteria.

The win was a stunning blow to Venezuela's political and economic establishment and a red warning flag for Latin America — where the gap between rich and poor is the widest in the world.

Wealthy Venezuelans, fearing that Chavez would impose a leftist dictatorship, had begun sending assets out of the country even before the vote. But reactions to Chavez's initial statements as president-elect seemed hopeful.

"I think Chavez was deeply conciliatory," said Andres Mata, editor of Caracas's El Universal daily.

Chavez, 44, who takes office on Feb. 2, extended an olive branch to his adversaries, saying, "The fatherland is for everyone. ... We must not cut Venezuela into pieces."

He also said he would "improve and deepen economic, commercial, scientific, technological and academic relations with the United States" — which last year denied him a tourist visa because

of his coup attempt. Washington has not said whether Chavez will get a visa now, but that appeared likely.

"The White House applauds the Venezuelan people for their display of democracy at work," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said in Washington. "We congratulate Mr. Chavez on his impressive victory."

But Chavez's history as a coup-plottor, his vitriolic campaign rhetoric and his calls to change the constitution and dissolve Congress have terrified many.

After he vowed to refinance part of Venezuela's \$21 billion public debt, the country's bonds trading in New York dropped several points Monday, although they rebounded somewhat later. Monday was a bank holiday in

Venezuela, so the first reaction from the Caracas Stock Exchange will come Tuesday.

Some Venezuelans are also frightened by the militaristic imagery employed by Chavez and his supporters — including his trademark red parachute beret, which has become ubiquitous.

On Sunday, Chavez promised to raise the army's profile and use it to help build infrastructure. He paid tribute to the rebellious soldiers killed during his Feb. 4, 1992, coup attempt, but made no mention of the dozen or so soldiers who died defending the government.

Nonetheless, most of his comments aimed to calm fears. Venezuela, an OPEC member, is the top oil exporter to the United States, and Chavez promised to

honor price-boosting agreements with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to limit output.

Venezuela's economy dove into a tailspin earlier this year when world oil prices hit a 12-year-low. The country relies on oil for 75 percent of its export revenue and over half the government budget, which has been slashed by \$2 billion this year.

Venezuela has more oil reserves than any country outside the Middle East, but most of its citizens live in dire poverty and blame the

ruling classes for squandering the nation's wealth.

Support for Chavez is feverish, but the expectations about his presidency may be too high for Chavez's own good.

"Corruption is over," said one reveler, 21-year-old student Felix Villarroel. "This country is going to be the country that liberates all of the Americas."

Volcano near Mexico City belches steam, ash

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A volcano towering near Mexico City sent bursts of steam high into the air Monday and had what officials described as an explosion that launched ash 2 1/2 miles (4 kms) above the crater.

Lava streamed out of the Popocatepetl Volcano during the explosion Monday morning, according to the National Disaster Prevention Center.

The volcano, whose name means "Smoking Mountain" in

the Aztec language, has been emitting bursts of steam and ash in recent weeks, causing alarm but no reported damage.

The 18,000-foot (5,490-meter) volcano is just 50 miles (80 kms) southeast of Mexico City, and 300,000 people live on its slopes. About 15 million people live within a 50-mile (80-km) radius of the volcano, which has been active since 1994 and regularly emits gas and steam.

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White House abandons strategy to attack Starr during Judiciary Committee hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Backpedaling under pressure, the White House jettisoned plans for a fresh assault on Kenneth Starr Monday as it readied a last-ditch impeachment defense of President Clinton for the House Judiciary Committee.

The White House recast its strategy on the eve of historic hearings as the panel's chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said there was a "compelling case" for impeaching the nation's 42nd president.

"I haven't heard anybody say Monica Lewinsky is a liar," the Illinois Republican said of the former intern whose detailed allegations of White House sexual encounters with the president are at the core of the nation's impeachment drama. Hyde challenged the White House to present exculpatory evidence over the two days allotted for the president's defense.

With the committee expected to vote by week's end on articles of impeachment related to perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power, Clinton's defenders were increasingly turning their attention to a likely battle in the full House next week.

The White House has been given

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a list of 30 or so GOP lawmakers whom officials believe could be persuaded to oppose impeachment, either on the merits of the case or on the basis of the political make-up of their districts, according to sources who are familiar with the situation and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

These lawmakers are from districts that Clinton won in his re-election campaign in 1996, and where there is a significant Democratic vote in general.

The list is heavily tilted to the Northeast — ranging from New York Reps. Jack Quinn, Rick Lazio and Michael Forbes to others such as Connie Morella of Maryland, Jim Leach of Iowa and Heather Wilson of New Mexico.

The GOP holds a 228-207 majority in the expiring Congress. Only three Democrats are believed

ready to support impeachment, meaning that moderate Republicans hold the balance of power in determining whether Clinton's case goes to trial in the Senate.

In a fresh sign of the political intensity of the issue, officials said that outgoing Speaker Newt Gingrich would decline to preside over the House if impeachment comes to the floor.

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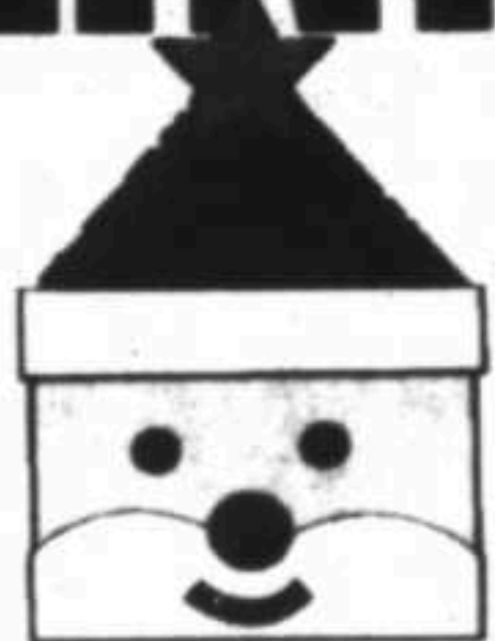
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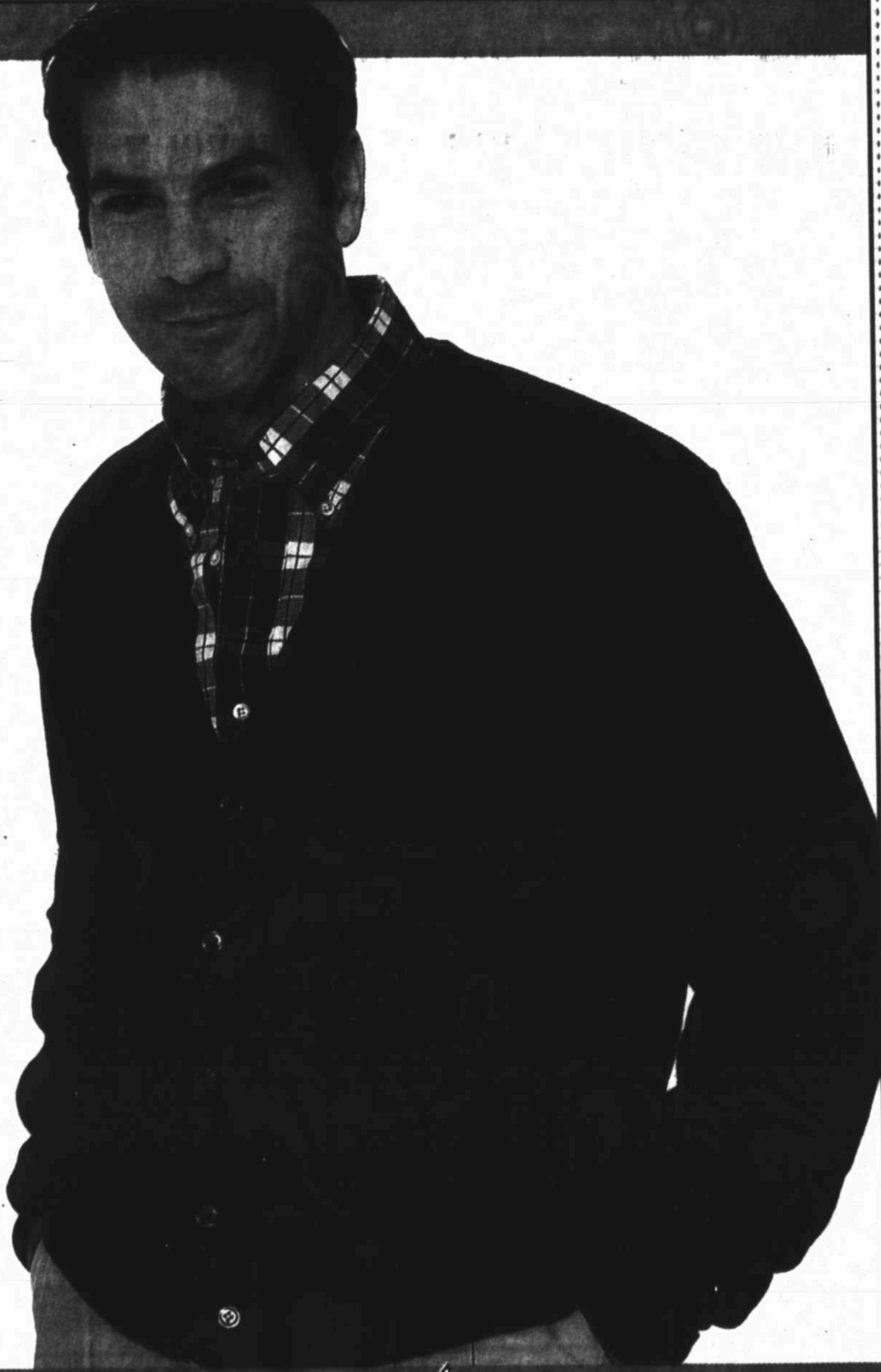


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Davidian dead

BIG SPRING — Former Branch Davidian leader George Roden, who had been in state care since he was declared insane in 1989, turned up dead Monday outside the mental institution he was trying to escape. An employee at the Big Spring State Hospital discovered Roden's body on the north side of the grounds around 7:30 a.m. He escaped the hospital Saturday night. It was the third time he'd fled a state mental institution since 1993.

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Execution

HUNTSVILLE — A serial killer who blamed uncontrollable "pressures in my head" for his violent spree was executed Monday for murdering three Southeast Texas women during a nine-month period of 1987. Daniel Lee Corwin, 40, of Temple, was pronounced dead at 6:33 p.m., seven minutes after a lethal flow of drugs was started into his arms. Corwin spent much of a lengthy final statement addressing six family members of his victims who watched from a few feet away.

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Space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Spacewalking astronauts successfully hooked up 40 electrical connections between the first two pieces of the international space station on Monday, allowing power and data to flow from one side to the other. To NASA's surprise, the critical wiring job took less time than expected. Jerry Ross, NASA's most experienced space-walker, deftly snapped the connectors together as James Newman handed him the attached cables. They were impressed with the seven-story station towering above them.

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Gas additive

HOUSTON — A proposed state rule could increase the use of a lead-replacing gasoline additive over the eastern third of Texas, bringing a heated national debate to the region in the process. The chemical, known as MTBE, began being added to gasoline in the late 1970s to boost octane. More has been added in recent years to gas sold in pollution-prone areas, such as Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-6991.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-9928.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018 or 697-0539.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Fuira Cafeteria.

45-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-8442.

Midland Outreach Aglow Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 758-3688 or 332-9151.

The Permian Basin Stamp Club, 7:30 p.m., General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 699-0202.

Downtown Bible Study, noon, 312 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 6, 682-6748.

Alcoholics Anonymous closed step-study, 8 p.m., 111 E. Michigan Ave., 694-9430 or 687-3427.

Seasonal shops fill up mall vacancies

■ Christmas vendors attract customers to Midland Park Mall during peak shopping time.

By Rick López
Staff Writer

'Tis the season to be jolly ... and even make a buck or two.

With that in mind, clever merchants have invaded Midland Park Mall's vacant stores and quickly set up businesses just in time for the Christmas rush.

From smoked sausage to fancy wrist-watches, close to a dozen new stores now offer specialized products to yuletide mall shoppers.

While their items are hot, they'll only be available for a few weeks.

Stores that offer these products are what mall officials call "seasonal shops," which typically open a few days before Thanksgiving and close a few days after the holiday season.

They're cute, quick to set up and can make a lot of cash in just a little time.

Just ask Midlander Stephanie Benham, co-owner of The Royal Soap. Her sales went so well last year that she sold out of her fun-shaped glycerin soaps.

Ms. Benham and her boyfriend, who is also her business partner, bought the soaps from a wholesaler and sell them at retail cost to eager shoppers. This is their second year of partaking in seasonal business.

"Sales were good last year," she said. "So far, they're so-so, but we changed products, so it's hard to tell what happened."

However, there's still hope that money can be made. Last year, most of her sales were made within the last two weeks before Christmas Day.

"I'm hoping it will happen again," she said.

Some merchants are waiting for the "perfect" weather to help them make sales.

Lucian Rudd, who operates a Hickory Farms stand, said winterlike conditions can speed up the holiday cheer.

"When the weather gets colder, people think about Christmas more, so they do more shopping," he explained.

Dallas businessman Doug Huddleston said he couldn't resist the temptation to

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Cube-shaped aquariums on display at Aqua Babies, owned by a Dallas businessman, capture the attention of Tasha Tuck. A Midland Park Mall official says the flourishing seasonal stores have helped keep the mall bustling and left only five of its 80-plus stores vacant.

Brian Adams/Reporter-Telegram

Police substation enhances shoppers' safety

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Having police set up a command post at Midland Park Mall should give Christmas shoppers one less thing to worry about.

The number of car break-ins and store thefts reported to authorities during the holidays decreased each year the Midland Police Department parked its mobile substation outside the mall.

As a result, the department will continue its annual project this year, police spokeswoman Tina Sanders-Jauz said.

"Just having a police presence in a crowd helps deter crime," she said.

'Just having a police presence in a crowd helps deter crime.'

— Tina Sanders-Jauz, police spokeswoman

Between now and Christmas Day, the substation will set up its command post outside Midland Park Mall to prevent crime from striking the mall and other shopping centers in north Midland, she said. Its presence is limited to the high-

traffic days of Thursday through Sunday.

The department's objective is to alleviate patrol officers from having to respond to service calls in that area. As a result, patrol officers will be free to answer bigger emergencies, she said.

Substation officers will also help control traffic congestion and can answer queries from the public. A team of bike officers will also patrol the parking lots, while other police will patrol the inside by foot, Ms. Sanders-Jauz said.

The substation, which was purchased three years ago, has been used to house officers conducting special investigations dealing with gangs, graffiti and narcotics.

Juvenile program hopes to reduce repeat offenses

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Not only the hardened criminals leave an impact on police officers.

For Midland Police Lt. David Wilks, the person he will never forget was a teen-age boy who was heading down the wrong road in life.

The teen had several run-ins with police before Wilks arrested him. Instead of just forgetting about the boy, Wilks went to his parents and discussed his unruly behavior. Every now and then, he'd check up on the boy to see how he was doing.

Eventually, the department began to see less and less of the

teen — until one day when the troubled youngster, now a grown man, walked back into Wilks' office.

"He introduced me to his wife and said, 'I want you to meet the man who helped me change my life,'" Wilks said. "He didn't feel like we were enemies anymore. We were working together, which is what the essence of community policing should be."

Wilks, who drafted a grant request to the state's Criminal Justice Division, helped the force obtain more than \$40,000 to start a program for troubled

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Reggie Brown walks to the field for the coin toss at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich., Oct. 25, 1998, his first time on the playing field since his career-ending neck injury in December 1997.

Former Detroit Lion talks about his road to recovery

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Former Detroit Lions linebacker Reggie Brown spoke about his career-ending injury to local high school football players and patients undergoing rehabilitation.

In December 1997, Brown dislocated the top two vertebrae of his spinal column in a game against the New York Jets. His spinal cord was badly bruised, but not separated.

As he lay on the field, he could not feel his arms and legs and slowly lost the ability to breathe on his own.

After months of medical care and rehabilitation, Brown regained the use of his legs and appeared Monday in apparent top physical condition as he spoke to a group at Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

The Austin native also offered his story later that evening at Green Tree Country Club.

Brown said he could identify with the MRH group, where Midland High School football players were bused in to join the people undergoing physical rehabilitation.

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Food Bank helps 15,000 families a month

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

The West Texas Food Bank is one of the many recipients of gifts the public will bring to the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Community Christmas Party, from 6 to 9 p.m., Dec. 15, at the Midland Center.

The public is asked to bring one of several items to be donated to local charities as admission to the evening's festivities. Children are requested to bring an unwrapped toy that a child of equal age would enjoy. Toys will be donated to Casa de Amigos, Freewill Foster Home, Rainbow Room and the Center for Battered Women and Their Children. Adults are asked to bring



either articles of clothing or non-perishable food items. The West Texas Food Bank will receive food items brought to the party.

The food bank provides food to more than 400 agencies in West Texas. More than 15,000 families are served every month. Through September, more than 1.5 million pounds of food have been distributed to more than 10,000 families

participating in the program this year. In November alone, the distribution included more than 500,000 pounds of food.

A recent survey indicated that of the people who benefit from the West Texas Food Bank, 69 percent are female, 32 percent are 17 or younger, 15 percent are over 65, 48 percent are Hispanic, 30 percent are white and 22 percent are African-American.

Seventy-seven percent receive food from emergency food programs and have an annual income of less than \$10,000.

In 1997, 4.5 million pounds of food had been distributed to almost

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West Texas Food Bank employee Nora Ramirez hands a box of food to Vic Brenon with Helping Hands of Midland.

GARY OTT

In history, Dec. 8 just hasn't been one of world's better days

More rambling thoughts ...

— Line from a country-western song: "The last thing I needed the first thing this morning was to have you walk out on me."

— It was 20 years ago today that Golda Meir, one of the all-time great-sounding names, died at the age of 80.

— And it was two years later on this day that John Lennon was gunned down in New York City.

— All in all, this has not been one of our better days in history.

— Embarrassing feeling: To eat so much food at one meal that you literally have to lie down and rest before doing

anything else.

— Nietzsche once said, "In individuals, insanity is rare; but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule."

— Unfortunately, sometimes people do burn their bridges, and then later on wish they hadn't.

— Overheard: "I'm too old to die young."

— Aren't we all?

— What this world needs is more politically incorrect moderates.

— For some reason, Tibet just sounds like a wonderfully mysterious place to be.

— Here's a question for you: Why is Scotland Yard in England?

— Large men, especially those who possess a gentle personality, are among the most enjoyable people to be around.

— Someone once wisely pointed out, "We are all citizens of history."

— When you read about how much peo-

ple like Helen Keller overcame in their lives you feel rather foolish complaining about your problems.

— Just a guess: More American workers call in sick on Monday than on any other day. And second most popular choice? I'm guessing Friday. Something about three-day weekends.

— Inadvertently catching another person telling a lie can be most embarrassing ... for both you and that other person.

— Sometimes it is just wishful thinking when people lean back in their chair and groan, "Things can't get any worse."

— It was Logan Pearsall Smith who first said, "It is through the cracks in our brains that ecstasy creeps in."

— There is a fine line between being a "good person" and a "goody-goody two shoes."

— Here's betting that most single men who live alone go a lot longer before

changing their sheets than their female counterparts do.

— But because the men go so long between changes, they probably appreciate that wonderful freshness all the more.

— I don't know about you, but I've never had much interest in attending a bull fight.

— One man's opinion: Few things make a home look, or feel, more comfortable than a quilt spread out on a sofa in front of a television set ... with a good book, a bag of chips and the TV remote control right next to the sofa.

— And today's final quote comes from Muriel Spark, who once said, "Be on the alert to recognize your prime at whatever time in your life it may occur."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

POLICE REPORTS

Birds taken

An estimated 596 exotic birds were reported stolen from their holding pens at 600 S. Fort Worth in an early Sunday burglary, according to reports. Investigators found that locks were cut from the doors to give the burglars access to the birds.

Police were notified of the incident at 2 a.m. and are continuing to investigate the theft. A transom tool was also reportedly taken from the building.

The owner said he raised the finches, parakeets, English parakeets, South American parrots, African parrots and other exotic birds for sale at flea markets, according to police reports.

Midland Police Department Saturday

Burglary of a vehicle: A car was broken into at 3416 W. Wall St., it was reported at 2:15 a.m.

Sunday

Burglary of a vehicle: A wallet was taken from a vehicle at 503 S. Jackson St., it was reported at 4 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: A

home was broken into at 606 Devonian Dr., it was reported at 1:30 a.m.

Stolen vehicle: A Ford pickup was taken without permission at 3315 N. Godfrey St., but was later recovered by police. The incident was reported at 12:30 p.m.

Monday

Burglary of a building: A door was kicked in but nothing was taken from 408 W. Florida Ave., it was reported at 12:30 a.m.

Burglary of a home: A residence was broken into at 3207 Marmon Dr., it was reported at 5:45 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Sunday

Vandalism: Vehicle windows were found broken at 3712 W. CR 118, it was reported at 4:42 p.m.

Monday

Vandalism: A metal fence was cut and items stacked up for possible theft at 11722 W. Highway 80, it was reported at 1:22 p.m.

Former Branch Davidian leader Roden found dead in Big Spring

BIG SPRING (AP) — Former Branch Davidian leader George Roden, who had been in state care since he was declared insane in 1989, turned up dead Monday outside the mental institution he was trying to escape.

An employee at the Big Spring State Hospital discovered Roden's body on the north side of the grounds around 7:30 a.m. He escaped the hospital Saturday night. It was the third time he'd fled a state mental institution since 1993.

A news release from the hospital said Big Spring police were investigating the cause of death.

Roden was driven from the religious group in 1987 in a gun battle with David Koresh.

Two years later, he was institutionalized after being found innocent by reason of insanity in the killing of his Odessa roommate. Since then, he had been shuffled between a maximum-security unit in Vernon and the Big Spring hospital.

Roden's first escape was in September 1993, when he eluded authorities for four days before

being captured in Abilene.

In February 1995, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's Dangerous Review Board declared Roden "not manifestly dangerous." Seven months later, he fled Big Spring for three days before being caught outside the Israeli consulate in New York City, where he reportedly caused a disturbance after being denied a visa to Israel. Roden, who claimed to be Jewish, said PLO-trained hit men were trying to kill him.

Roden's mother owned the 77-acre site of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco known as Mount Carmel. She named Koresh as trustee of her will.

Roden fought Koresh for control of the group, then moved to Odessa after a gun battle that led to attempted murder charges against Koresh and seven others. Koresh's case was declared a mistrial; the followers were acquitted.

Koresh and 78 followers died in a fire at Mount Carmel on April 19, 1993, ending a 51-day standoff with federal authorities.

FOOD BANK: Community party to benefit organization

(From 1B)

300,000 families.

The West Texas Food Bank distributes food to agencies in 22 West Texas counties. Of those, zero percent live at or below the poverty level in Loving County and at the other extreme, 48.1 percent live at or below poverty in Presidio County.

"To spend one's energies and enthusiasm to feed hungry people is the ultimate job," said West Texas Food Bank director Dolly Neff. "When I was a youth in school, I ran across a slogan that has stuck with me to this day: 'Count the day lost that the setting sun finds no worthy deed from thy hand done.'"

JUVENILE: Midland police officer develops program for offenders

(From 1B)

children. The city will contribute an additional \$5,000 to the grant.

The program, called the Juvenile First Offender Program, is aimed at helping children who have had their first contact with the criminal justice system — regardless of whether the offense can be prosecuted.

The intervention would include contacting all the young offenders, discussing the problem with them

and their parents, monitoring school attendance curfew adherence and eliminating association with gangs.

Wilks said a juvenile's first run-in with the law is not always subject to criminal penalty. As a result, some children might think that there are no serious consequences for their bad choices.

There was a time when officers had an opportunity to meet with a young offender and his family and try to make the child aware of

DEATH NOTICES

Argelia Terrazas

Argelia Terrazas died Saturday, Dec. 5 in Big Lake.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 in San Juan Catholic Church with Father Thomas Kelly officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, Dec. 8, at Ellis Chapel North. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Ellis Chapel North on Loop 250.

She was born Feb. 7, 1957 in Kermit. She worked for First State Bank in Kermit, Bank One in Midland and the Midland County Courthouse. She was a member of San Juan Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar Terrazas; a son, Oscar Manuel Terrazas; two daughters, Jessica Terrazas and Melissa Terrazas Villa; her mother, Isidra Pedraza, all of Midland; three brothers, Oscar Vigil of Odessa, Alonzo Vigil of Midland, and Hector Pedraza of Wickett; a sister, Alice Hernandez of Fort Stockton; two granddaughters.

Sue Orson

Sue Orson, 52, died Sunday, Dec. 6, at her Midland residence.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews with the Rev. Mike Henson officiating. Burial will be at Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She was born May 1, 1946 in Waco. She moved from Andrews to Midland in 1988. She was a homemaker and a volunteer for the Commission of the Blind.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth Orson and Scooter Orson, both of Andrews; one daughter, Kim Orson of Andrews; one sister, Sharon Graves of Midland; and three grandchildren.

Gene Tabor

CISCO — Former Midlander Gene Tabor, 72, died Monday, Dec. 7, at an Eastland hospital.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Oakwood Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Ferguson officiating. Visitation will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, Dec. 8, at the Chambers-Wilcox Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 16, 1926 at Pearl. He worked in Midland as a butcher and salesman before moving to Cisco.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jack.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo of Cisco; three daughters, Judy Gressett of Albuquerque, N.M.; Co Swanson of Corpus Christi; and Melamie Agan of Hale Center; one step-son, Matt Johnson of Cisco; three brothers, James Tabor of Oklahoma City, Z.O. Tabor of San Antonio, Turner Tabor of Kennedale; one sister, Elwanda Hall of Plugerville; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

F.E. Green

Services for F.E. Green of Lubbock will be at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 8, at Englund's Funeral Service Chapel with the Rev. Mel Swoyer of Shepherd King Lutheran Church and David Murrach of Houston officiating. Burial will follow in Slaton's Englewood Cemetery.

He died Sunday at his home. He was born May 19, 1925 in Slaton and graduated from Slaton High School. He received a doctorate in petroleum geology at Texas Tech in 1954 and worked for Tidewater Oil. He was also involved in several archeological projects and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife,

Mayrene Green of Lubbock; two sons, Joe Green of Lubbock and Tom Green of Houston; two brothers, Bill Green of Slaton and Kenneth Green of Midland; four sisters, Betty Orr of Slaton, Joan Green of Dallas, Venita Womack of Gruver and Mary Ruth Gossett of Lubbock; and two grandsons.

Lillie Spence

Lillie M. Spence died Monday, Dec. 7, at Courtyard Care Center.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Coy Schofield

BIG SPRING — Coy Schofield, 71, died Monday, Dec. 7, at his residence.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

SEASONAL: Christmas vendors attract shoppers to mall

(From 1B)

sell his product in the Tall City's mall. The time and opportunity were just right, he said.

Curious shoppers are drawn to his Aqua Babies, which are cube-shaped, miniature aquariums that house tiny, live fish, frogs and plants. The animals only need to be fed twice a week and never grow.

"December is a good month to do this," Huddleston said, adding that he also sells his product at a mall in Abilene. "If sales are good, I might consider staying until January."

Cash registers ring a little more often as the number of remaining shopping days dwindle, said Jolene Proski, saleswoman at the Unique Watches kiosk.

Now that most of the browsing has been done, parents are walk-

ing up to the sales counter knowing what item to buy and its exact price, Ms. Proski said.

"They're coming in here and asking for a specific watch," she said. "Today, a woman came up to the counter and said, 'That is the Michigan watch my son wants.'"

Not all seasonal store owners are novices.

Russell Dewey, owner of Ricochet Sports and Graphics located on Andrews Highway, opened a satellite location at the mall to promote his business in a more-popular shopping area.

"We needed a little more exposure during Christmas," he said. "It'll all be OK if we achieve higher promotion."

Undoubtedly, his hottest-selling item is Lee High School athletic wear. Each victory brings in more business, he said.

Even manufacturing giant Procter and Gamble has chosen Midland as one of two testing markets for their new product.

Bill Garcia, a spokesperson from San Diego, has set up a holiday break area to promote ThermoCare, a new pain-relieving wrap that absorbs and distributes body heat to aching areas.

The company said it couldn't have chosen a better time to promote its product at the mall. Exhausted shoppers are given a sample of the product and a place to sit and recoup.

Midland Park Mall's marketing director Sylvia Hernandez said the flourishing seasonal stores have left only five of the mall's 80-plus stores vacant.

"Things are looking quite full," she said.

She added that some stores,

like Wilson's Leathers, are here temporarily, but are considering opening year-round locations if sales are strong enough.

Other stores, like Giant Book Sale, are roaming businesses that don't stay at a single location for long. Assistant store manager Allison Zugg said the discount book retailer packs up and leaves for another location every six months.

Though the mall's mission is to have more new stores like Old Navy and Wet Seal stay permanently, any new business is good news — even if they just stick around for the holidays.

"We've been blessed this season," Ms. Hernandez said. "The crowds have been consistent, and the parking lots are filled to the end."

RECOVERY: Ex-pro football player tells story to Midlanders

(From 1B)

"I've been a high school football player, and I've also been in a wheelchair for a while," he joked.

Brown talked about his football career and his chance to go to college at Texas A&M University, where he enjoyed more than 40 victories and only six losses, he said.

With the chance to play professional ball, Brown never dreamed he'd be the 14th pick of the draft and a starting linebacker for the Lions, but he always gave his best, he said.

"If you really want something, you've got to go out and get it," he

said. "You don't often get anything for free."

When the injury happened, Brown found himself without direction for the first time in his adult life.

"I've had a lot of ups and downs — a lot of negatives. But I've had a lot of positives as well," he said.

Back in good health, but unable to play football, Brown is now finishing up his degree in economics and plans to, one day, coach high school football.

Brown said he was raised to

believe that actions speak louder than words, saying that acting like a good person means more than speaking like one.

"If you're going to preach a certain thing, you should do a certain thing," he said.

"Don't talk about it — just be it," Brown said of his personal credo.

Brown's visit was sponsored by SportsCare, a service of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital is a division of MHMC.

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Death penalty opponents plead for Canadian's life

AUSTIN (AP) — An international delegation of death penalty opponents asked Gov. George W. Bush on Monday to halt the execution of a Canadian citizen whose cause has won backing from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

"I know that Texas will do the right thing if it's brought to their attention," said Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, director of the Toronto-based Association in Defense of the Wrongly Convicted.

Joseph Stanley Faulder, 61, was convicted of the 1975 murder of Inez Phillips, the matriarch of a wealthy oil family in Gladewater, Texas.

Barring a stay of execution, Faulder on Thursday will become the first Canadian executed in the United States since 1952. Appeals are pending in state and federal court.

"We are urging the Texas people, particularly the governor of

Texas, not to kill this man," said Carter, who spent nearly 20 years on death row in New Jersey for a triple homicide he didn't commit.

The delegates made their case before Bush's general counsel, Margaret Wilson, Rick Halperin of Amnesty International cited what he called outrageous trial procedures, a lack of qualified attorneys and a flagrant disregard of international treaties.

"Just about anything that you can think of that is wrong with the death penalty as an institution is in place in this state," Halperin said.

Bush said he wouldn't let the criticism affect his decision. "No one is going to threaten the governor of the state of Texas," he said during an appearance in San Antonio.

Responding to reporters' questions about how the incident reflected on the job he could do as president, Bush said that's not an issue.

Texas executes serial killer for 1987 slayings

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A serial killer who blamed uncontrollable "pressures in my head" for his violent spree was executed Monday for murdering three Southeast Texas women during a nine-month period of 1987.

Daniel Lee Corwin, 40, of Temple, was pronounced dead at 6:33 p.m., seven minutes after a lethal flow of drugs was started into his arms.

Corwin spent much of a lengthy final statement addressing six family members of his victims who watched from a few feet away.

"I want to express my sorrow and regrets from the deepest part of my heart," he said. "I'm sorry. I regret what happened and I want you to know that I'm sorry. I just ask and hope that sometime down the line that you can forgive me. I think in a lot of ways without that it becomes very empty and hollow and the only thing we have is hatred and anger."

He also suggested that the state reconsider the death penalty, which he called "two-sided."

"There's pain on both sides," he said.

Corwin was the 18th convicted

murderer to receive lethal injection this year in Texas and the first of four on consecutive days this week.

Corwin was condemned under the state's serial killer statute for the murders of Alice Martin, 72, of Normangee; Debra Lynn Ewing, 26, of Conroe; and Mary Carrell Risinger, 36, of Huntsville.

All died similarly horrible deaths.

Ms. Martin was abducted while walking near her home in February 1987. She was found in a Robertson County field, raped, strangled and stabbed.

Ms. Ewing was abducted in July 1987 from her job at a Huntsville eyeglass office. She was found two days later in Montgomery County, raped, strangled and stabbed.

"I get satisfaction he's dead and not going to get out," Wanda Simmons, 29, of Odessa, Ms. Ewing's

sister, said after watching Corwin die. "I expected him to lay there and die. And he did."

Ms. Risinger was fatally stabbed during an attempted abduction while washing her car at a Huntsville car wash in October 1987. Her then 3-year-old daughter, who was inside the vehicle, watched the attack.

"He was just an animal," said William Carrell, 44, of Alvin, Ms. Risinger's brother. "I think it was too easy."

A Montgomery County jury in 1990, after hearing chilling testimony from three rape victims who survived his attacks, took only 25 minutes to decide he should be put to death.

"I think they invented the death penalty for people like him," Peter Speers, the former Montgomery County district attorney who prosecuted Corwin, said Monday. "He's

a bona fide serial killer. And I think the events surrounding him point out how lousy the parole system here was in the 1980s. He's just bad, bad, bad."

Corwin, who worked as a cabinet maker and had three years of college, had a history of sexual assaults beginning as a teen-ager and was serving a 99-year sentence for attempted capital murder from Brazos County when he confessed to killing the three women.

Corwin earlier had been paroled after serving more than nine years of a 40-year term for aggravated rape. He had pleaded guilty to the rape charge stemming from the abduction of a classmate at Temple High School who was stabbed and left for dead. The wound, however, just missed her heart and she survived to identify Corwin as her attacker.

DEAR ABBY

Diaries give extraordinary voice to ordinary events

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "Tempted in Tennessee" NOT to destroy her diary of 50 years. She should leave it to a women's history archive, such as the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women in New Orleans.

Women's lives are reported far too often through the eyes of the men around them. Their writings and papers are either considered inconsequential or, if they're saved, they are archived with those of their spouse.

Diaries give historians and other scholars insights into the daily lives of ordinary women (and men) and are a valuable resource. Public television recently had a program about the diary of a midwife in early 18th-century Maine. This diary is the focal point of a marvelous book by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, "A Midwife's Tale."

Reading the diary excerpts in this book gives one a picture of the daily experiences of women in that time and place. Ulrich went beyond just the daily activities and wove them into a historical background.

The place for longtime diaries is, ultimately, a research library. According to the archivist at Newcomb, if you do not want to give up the papers themselves, they can be copied onto acid-free paper and the papers preserved for historians. The archivist will also tell you how to maintain any privacy you feel is needed. (I am currently doing this with a collection of letters my uncle wrote during World War

II.) Please don't destroy records of lives — let them become part of our history. — SUE ROWLAND, SLIDELL, LA.

DEAR SUE: Thank you for pointing this out. "Tempted in Tennessee" did not include her name and address with her letter, so I'm printing yours in the hope that she (and others who keep diaries and journals) will see it. I was unaware that research libraries might find them valuable. Since that letter appeared, I have been inundated with letters telling me that such memorabilia could also be of interest to libraries and historical societies. If the contents are very personal, they can be donated under the condition that the contents not be revealed before a specific period of time has elapsed — say, 25 to 50 years.

DEAR ABBY: May I share with you what my 17-year-old stepson, Brandon McCoy, has done on his birthday since he was 11 years old? He has a party and invites many friends. He asks them to design a card or write a funny poem for him instead of buying a commercial card. He also asks them to bring cans of food instead of gifts. Friends deposit a sack of food as they enter the party, and no one sees who brought how much or what — they just see a sack.

After the party, Brandon calls the food bank to come and pick up the "loot."

What inspired Brandon was seeing a man begging for food outside a fast-food place. He took the man inside and bought him a meal, and thus was born the tradition of celebrating his birthday by gathering food for hungry people in our neighborhood.

Abby, he has fed many families this way, and we are so proud of

him. — MAX AMOS, ANDERSON, IND.

DEAR MAX: I can see why you are proud of this generous-spirited young man. Brandon's idea could be implemented at holiday parties as well. Sharing the "wealth" with those less fortunate should be part and parcel of the holiday season.

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Reno rejects independent council appointment in re-election ads probe

Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno decided Monday not to seek appointment of an independent council to investigate President Clinton's role in so-called issue advertisements during his 1996 re-election campaign.

Reno notified a three-judge federal court late Monday that she found "no reasonable grounds" to continue investigating allegations that Clinton or Vice President Al Gore were involved in planning the advertisements that were financed by the Democratic Party.

In a 31-page report to the court that oversees independent counsels, Reno wrote that she found "clear and convincing evidence" that Clinton and Gore were

unaware they might be violating the law and had no criminal intent to circumvent campaign finance laws.

Reno explained that Clinton and Gore had been assured by their attorneys that the ad campaign complied with federal law. In addition, lawyers for the Democratic Party screened the ads to be sure they met legal requirements.

Reno's inquiry was triggered by draft versions of FEC staff audits that concluded both Clinton and his 1996 Republican opponent, Bob Dole, committed civil violations of federal spending limits. Drafts of the audits were delivered to the Justice Department in August. The audits, which were released two weeks ago, recommended Clinton repay the government \$7 million and Dole repay \$17.7 mil-

lion in mispent federal matching money.

The FEC auditors argued that the issue ads, which both Clinton and Dole personally helped coordinate, went too far and amounted to advocating the candidate's election. If so, the advertising costs should have fallen under campaign spending limits Clinton and Dole agreed to when they accepted public campaign funds, the auditors argued.

The attorney general noted that the bipartisan Federal Elections Commission last week found that the legal standards for separating candidates' campaign advertising from the "issue ads" financed by political parties was "fuzzy" and "hardly clear." In their meeting Thursday, four of the six commissioners disagreed with the auditors' recommendation.

At the White House, deputy press secretary Amy Weiss said officials are "gratified" by Reno's decision. "As we have said all along, the president and the Clinton-Gore campaign complied with the spirit and the letter of the law."

Reno's decision was the second in two weeks in which she ended a 90-day preliminary inquiry by declining to ask the court to appoint an independent prosecutor to take a portion of the campaign finance investigation her agency has run for the past two years.

On Nov. 24, Reno cited "insubstantial" evidence in rejecting a call — supported by some agency officials and the FBI — for seeking an independent council to investigate whether Gore lied about telephone fund-raising calls from his office

during the 1996 campaign.

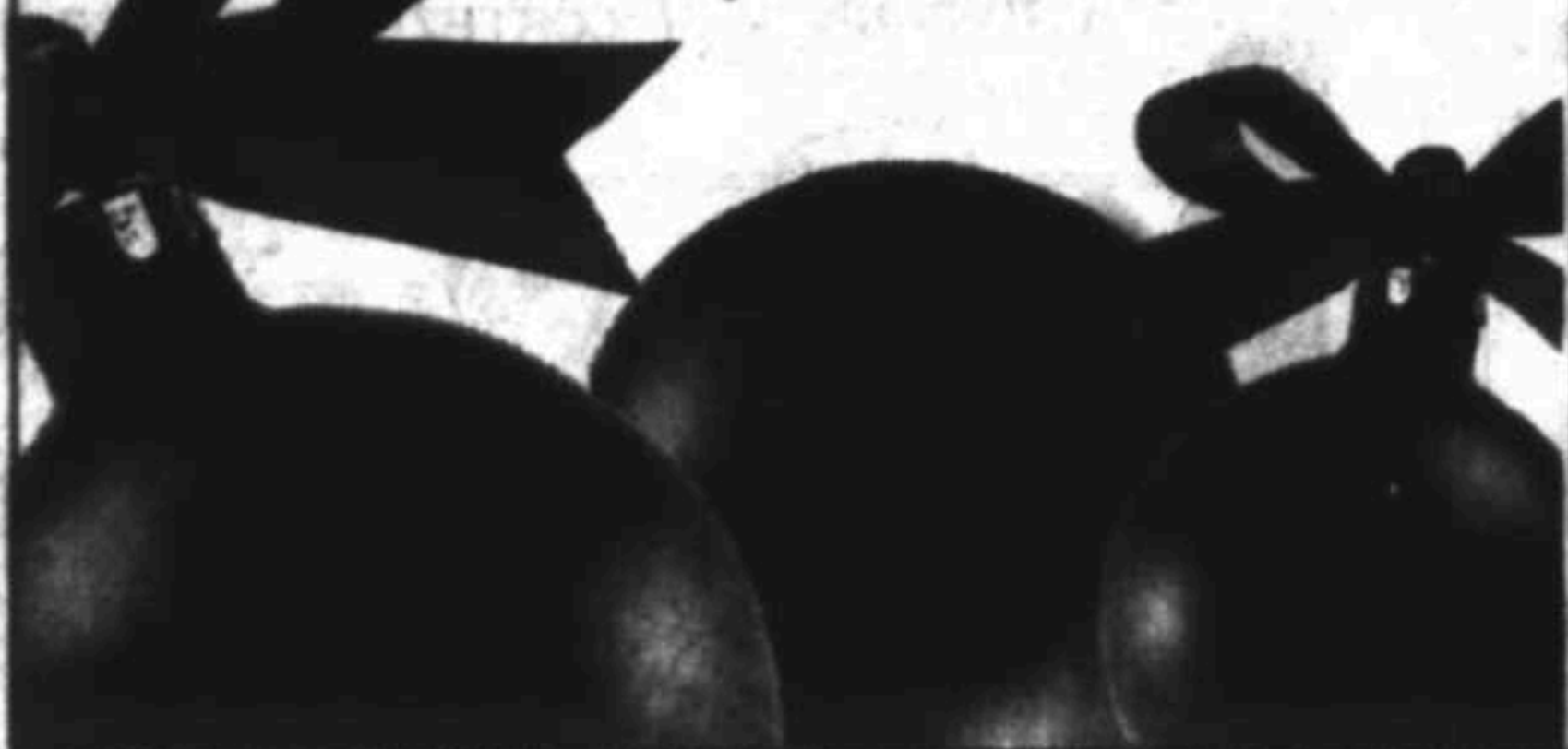
Last Monday, Reno was granted extra time by the three-judge panel to determine whether an independent inquiry was needed into allegations against former deputy White House chief of staff Harold Ickes. The New York Democrat was accused of lying to federal investigators about his efforts to lend administration support to union leaders in a California labor dispute. The unions helped finance Clinton-friendly advertisements.

"Today's determination only ends our probe into whether issue ads paid for by the Democratic National Committee violated federal criminal statutes," Reno said. "It does not end our vigorous investigation into allegations of illegal activity surrounding the 1996 elections."



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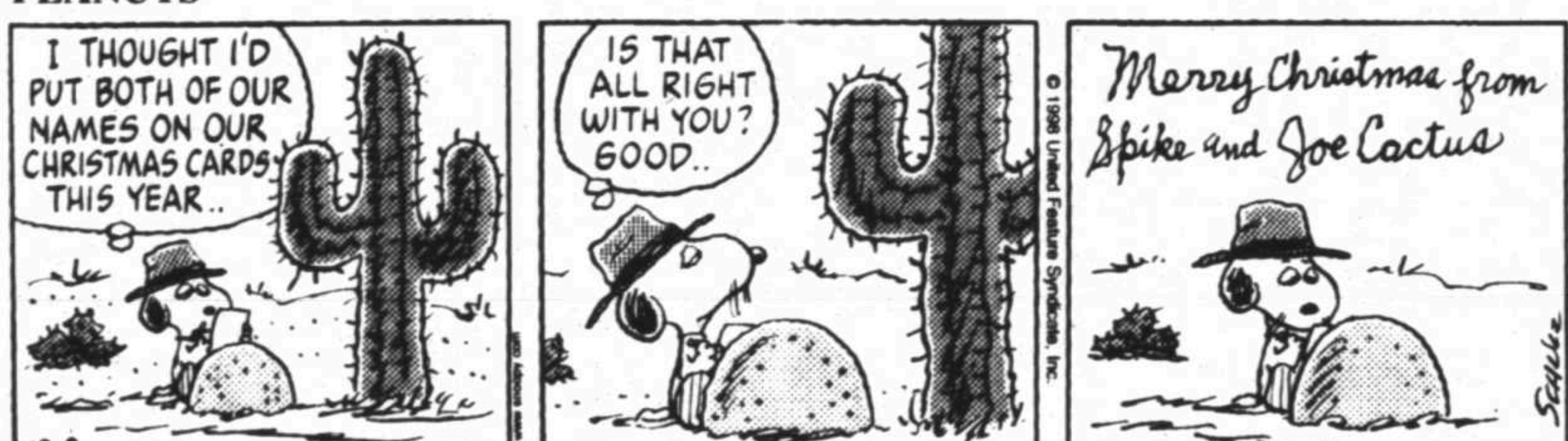
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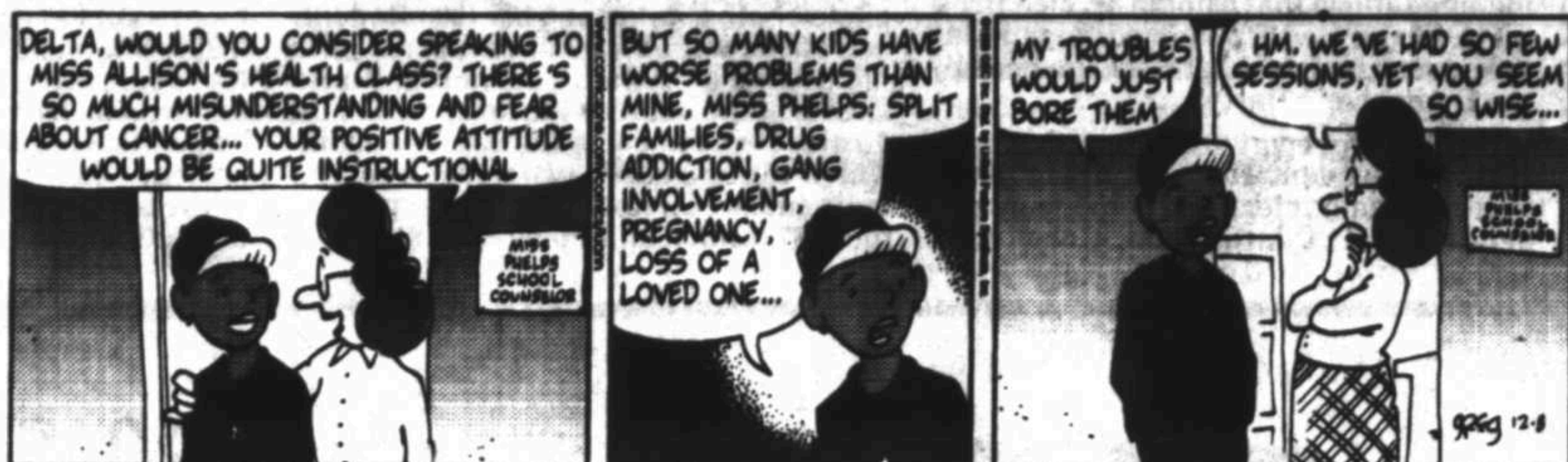
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998:
Look at the long-range implications of different situations in your life. You might not always be able to detach from the immediate and go for an overview, especially when the issue is close to your heart. However, creative in 1999. Your high energy and enthusiasm make you a winner. If you are single, you are unusually attractive, drawing others with ease. 1999 produces a romance that could become a major relationship. If attached, the two of you get involved in an important project together. You become even more committed to each other. VIRGO can be tough on you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Your even, steady attitude makes others comfortable. Taking action has a positive response. Impulsiveness works in an unique way right now. Travel and someone who is at a distance occupy your thoughts. Don't hold yourself back. Tonight: Be spontaneous.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Emphasize family togetherness. A partner pitches in and makes an enticing offer. Intuition might be off because you are insecure. Share some of your thoughts, and get past immediate restrictions. Someone cares and demonstrates it. Tonight: Put your feet up.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You are expressive, directed and vibrant. A long-toiled project finally nears completion. Don't let a friend discourage you. You know what you can do. Popularity allows you more options than you have had in awhile. Tonight: Get started on holiday errands.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Finances dictate many of your choices. Don't kid yourself. Listen to someone's feedback. You don't have to agree with a co-worker, though he has a valid point. Consider the hectic pace challenging, not overwhelming. A boss is out of sorts! Tonight: Run errands on the way home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You could easily play it low-key and choose to avoid taking a risk. You might not be able to see the big picture. Trust your energy and enthusiasm. Your softer side emerges in your love life or with a child. Let someone make an extra effort. Tonight: It's your call.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Take a back seat when someone reveals his personality. Be more responsive to a family member. Make a point of scheduling some quiet time with this person. A partner approves, but expresses himself poorly. Read in between the lines. Tonight: Make it a home night.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Your efforts bring rewards. Your way of expressing yourself draws others and allows more friendship into your life. Return calls. Someone pays you a compliment. You love it! A difficult partner goes with the flow, but don't think it's permanent. Tonight: With friends.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Beam in what you want. Though you could be overly sensitive, you can still read a loved one cold. Follow through on a hunch with a boss. Discuss a difficult work-related situation; the time is right, especially if it involves money. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Distant elements draw your attention. You might have a hard time staying in the here and now. Make calls and contact people whom you are thinking about. Don't hold back on your feelings because of what you perceive someone's reaction to be. Tonight: Find the music.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** One-to-one relating opens doors. Think more about a domestic issue. Discussions with a roommate or partner prove enlightening. Know that answers exist, but you need to reveal your true feelings. Someone is there for you. Don't worry as much. Tonight: Dinner for two.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Allow others to see what you really are about. You can help a friend ease past a problem. One talk could be stilted and uncomfortable. Be sensitive to someone's offer. Others prove helpful and are willing to pitch in. Projects are easily completed. Tonight: The party happens.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** A compliment is important because of its source. Accept an offer that advances your career or improves your image. Others are responsive to your overtures. Do not overspend, even if it feels like a good idea. Count change. A mistake is likely. Tonight: Off for a workout.

BORN TODAY
Actress Kim Basinger (1953), actress Teri Hatcher (1964), singer Sinead O'Connor (1966)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

THE VANISHING TRUMP TRICK

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

rounds of spades, bringing about this ending:

NORTH		NORTH	
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SOUTH		SOUTH	
♠ 4 3 2	♥ 9 8 6 2	♠ —	♥ 9 8
♦ Q 8 6 2	♣ A 4	♦ —	♣ —

The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♠
Pass 2NT Pass 3♠
Pass 3♥ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Looking at all four hands, it seems that West must surely make two trump tricks. But appearances can be deceiving.

South's three clubs, by agreement, showed a weak hand and was an attempt to sign off in one of the bid suits. With excellent three-card support, North elected to rebid three hearts rather than three diamonds since game was still a possibility.

West led the jack of clubs, won in dummy. The ace and king of hearts were cashed, followed by a club to the ace. The eight of diamonds was run, followed by the queen. Another diamond brought the king and ace, and West ruffed the fourth diamond. The defenders now reeled off three

CLOSE TO HOME



"Good news, Mr. Harriman! After some consultation with the hospital's administration and some creative input from our kitchen staff, we've come up with a way for you to work off your medical expenses."

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22	TNN	
23	TNT	
24	BRAY	
25	BET	
26	DBN	
27	CHN	
28	ESPN	
29	USA	
30	FX	
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32	TLC	
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40	HBO	
41	MAX	
42	SHOW	
43	TMC	
44	HBO 3	
45	MAX 2	

FAMILY CIRCUS



"MOMMY! My NOSE!
Daddy took off my nose!"

ZITS



ANDY CAPP



DENNIS THE MENACE



"I LET RUFF DRIVE BECAUSE HE HAS
A LICENSE, AND I DON'T."

PEOPLE TODAY

Cindy Crawford sustains minor injuries

MALIBU, Calif. — Cindy Crawford got pieces of glass in her eyes when her husband ran their Jeep into a concrete mailbox to avoid hitting a horse on Pacific Coast Highway. Paramedics washed the supermodel's eyes with water after the accident Sunday, sheriff's Deputy Cruz Solis said. She wasn't hospitalized and her husband, Rande Gerber, wasn't injured or cited.

Gerber lost control of the Jeep after swerving to miss the horse. The passenger window shattered.

Ms. Crawford, 32, married the bar owner and former model in May.

MALIBU, Calif. — Robert Downey Jr. won praise from a judge Monday for making progress in drug rehab but still has to complete his 100 hours of community service.

"You're doing a lot better than you did in the past," Municipal Judge Lawrence Mira said during a hearing. "You look great and you seem to be doing well. Keep up the good work."

Mira gave Downey six months to complete his community service. The star of "Chaplin," "Less Than Zero" and "Natural Born Killers" appeared in court clean-shaven and wearing a dark suit and tie.

"I'm just glad to be well. I'm doing real well. I've never felt better and actually I'm glad he (the judge) agrees," Downey said outside court.

Downey was stopped for speeding in 1996 and authorities found cocaine, heroin and a pistol in his vehicle. His probation was revoked and he was sentenced to six months in jail. He was released in March after 113 days.

LONDON — Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie made their stage debut in a surprise performance to raise money for a children's charity.

The daughters of Prince Andrew and Sarah, the Duchess of York, danced with the Natalie Vincent Ballet School on Sunday to support Children in Crisis.

Beatrice, 10, and Eugenie, 8, were dressed in matching pink tops, blue skirts and ballet shoes. They practiced for a couple of months.

"It was genuinely their idea," said presenter Jeremy Beadle. "It's the first time the two princesses and their friends have ever performed in public."

Officials hoped to raise \$160,000 for the charity, which the



Travolta spouse wanted to make it on her own.

duchess helped found in 1993.

NEW YORK — Kelly Preston says she could have asked hubby John Travolta to demand that she appear as his co-star in "Phenomenon," but she wanted to make it on her own.

Ms. Preston said in the upcoming USA Weekend magazine that she screen-tested for the part and was passed over for Kyra Sedgwick.

Rather than moping, she "let it go" and moved on to co-star with Michael Keaton in the about-to-be-released movie "Jack Frost."

NEW DELHI, India — Worldwide celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the U.N. human rights declaration has the Dalai Lama encouraged.

"Some governments have contended that the standards of human rights laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are those advocated by the West and do not apply to Asia and other parts of the Third World because of differences in culture, social and economic development," he said Monday in a statement, without directly mentioning China.

"I do not share this view and I am convinced that the majority of ordinary people do not support it either."

The Dalai Lama, who won the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize, has led a campaign seeking greater autonomy for Tibet within China. He accuses China of trying to smother the Tibetans' language and culture. Beijing denies it and says the Dalai Lama is trying to split China.

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37	KMLM	42	12	Herald of Truth	John Hagee 65224	The Light of the Southwest 54798	Just Shoot Me	Working 2872	Dateline NBC 81868
38	KOCV	38	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 67021	Great Performances: Cats 503683				
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40	WGN	10	10	Family Matters	Family Matters	Buffy the Vampire Slayer 648640 (TVPG-DL)	Pelican: Boggled 944066	News 944224	MacGyver: Blow Out 947311
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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Rules of society
- Run after
- Fertility deity
- Three tenors' tune
- "Monopoly" building
- Express shock
- Face on a \$500 bill
- Actor Beatty
- Great joy
- Bit of dust
- Musical transitions
- Bay of Naples isle
- Lab animal
- "E.R." staff
- Author Blyton
- Hawke of Hollywood
- Weave together
- Shrink's "self"
- Face on a \$2 bill
- "And I Love —"
- Beetles song
- Young pig
- Boxer's "dukes"
- Just fair
- Mount —, Texas
- Prehistoric
- Singer John
- Handshakes, e.g.
- "Oh, what fun — to ride..."
- Voucher
- Nose-stretcher
- Face on a \$1,000 bill
- Gordie of hockey
- Windy City airport
- In the past
- Travel stope
- Piglike animal
- Wannabe adult

DOWN

- Mower's area
- The Ram
- Author Oscar
- Gal of song
- Cottage in the Alps
- Residences
- "Don't throw bouquets —"
- "Just a —!"
- B.P.O.E. member
- Disregard
- Caviar quality
- "Oh, that's what you mean!"
- Secret watcher
- Tree lizards
- Sprite
- Metric unit
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- "In your dreams!"
- Fear
- "— Rhythm"
- Puts on
- OE letters
- It can be logical

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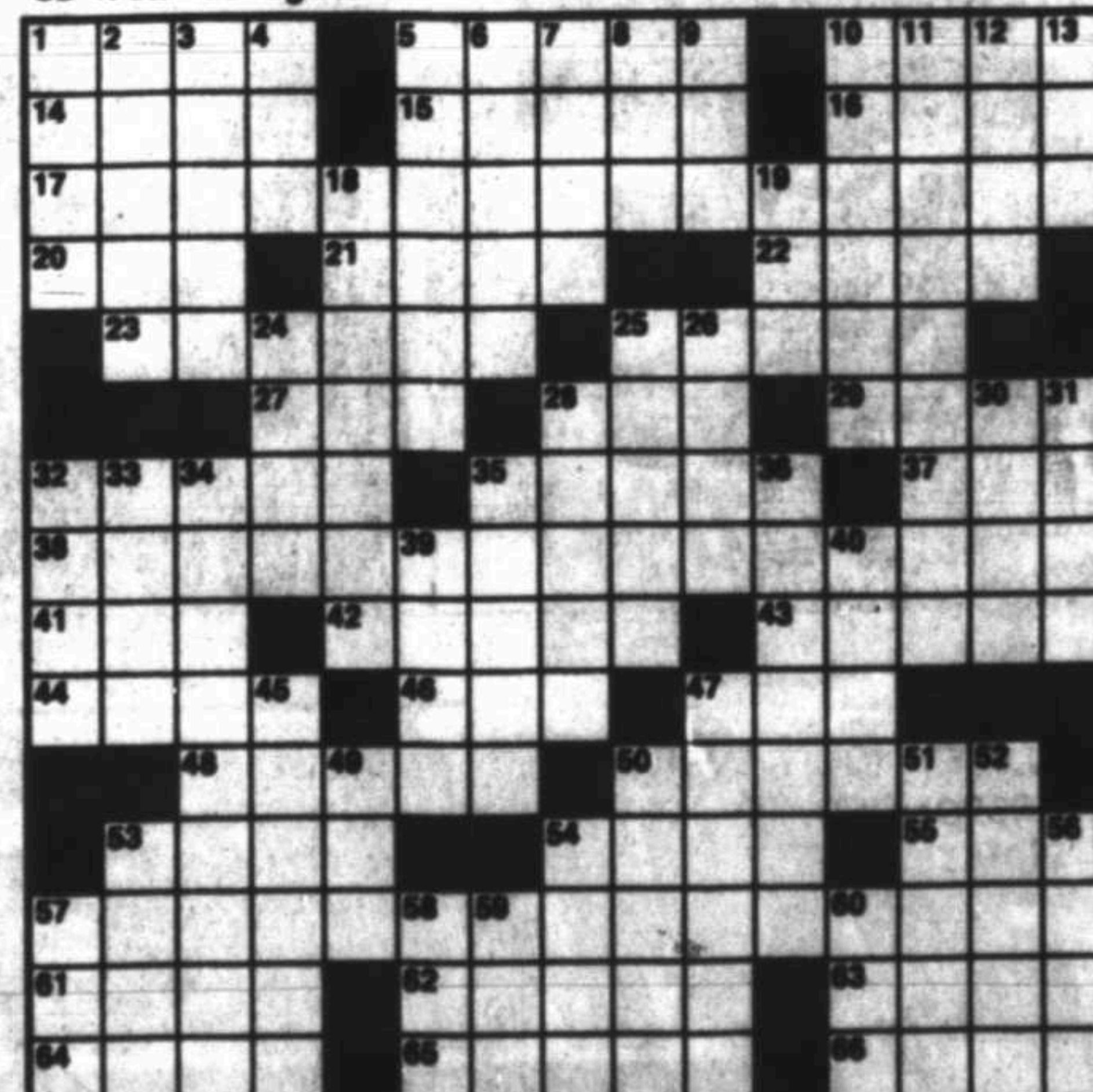
- Hicksville
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- "Make tracks"
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- Poet's monogram
- Fate

50 Colette's beloved

- Enola Gay, e.g.
- Because
- Golf club
- Show of hands?
- Ideal spot
- Alphabet series
- "Bosh!"
- It takes two, but
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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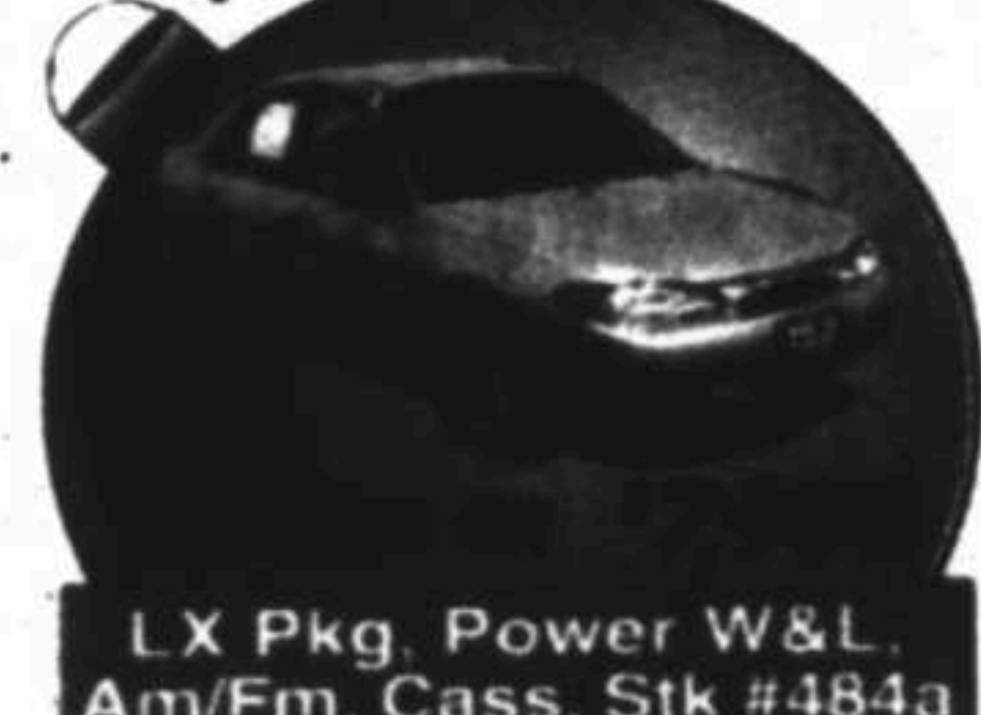
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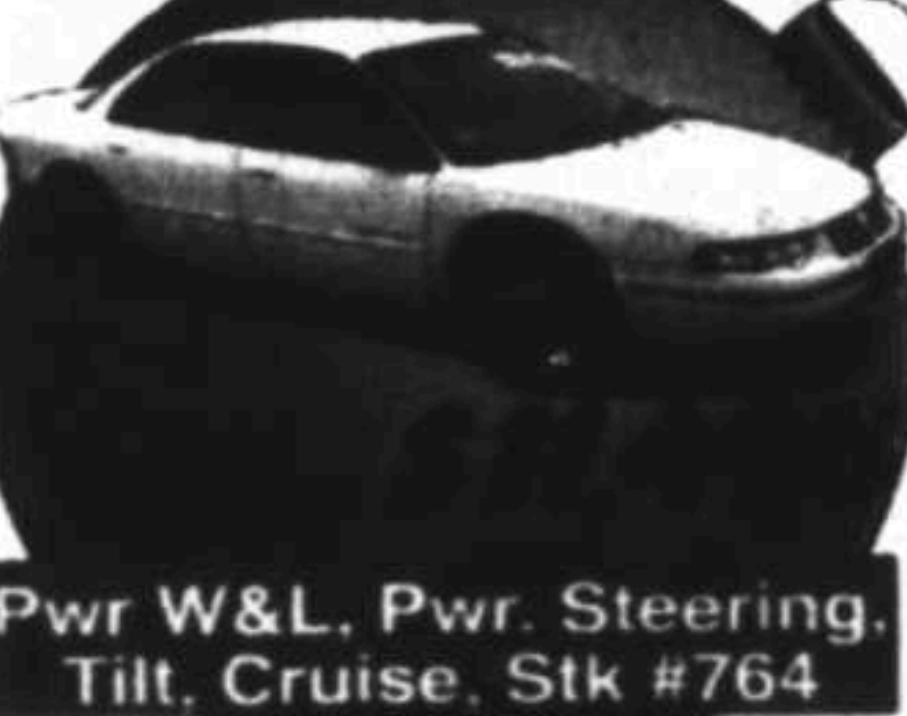
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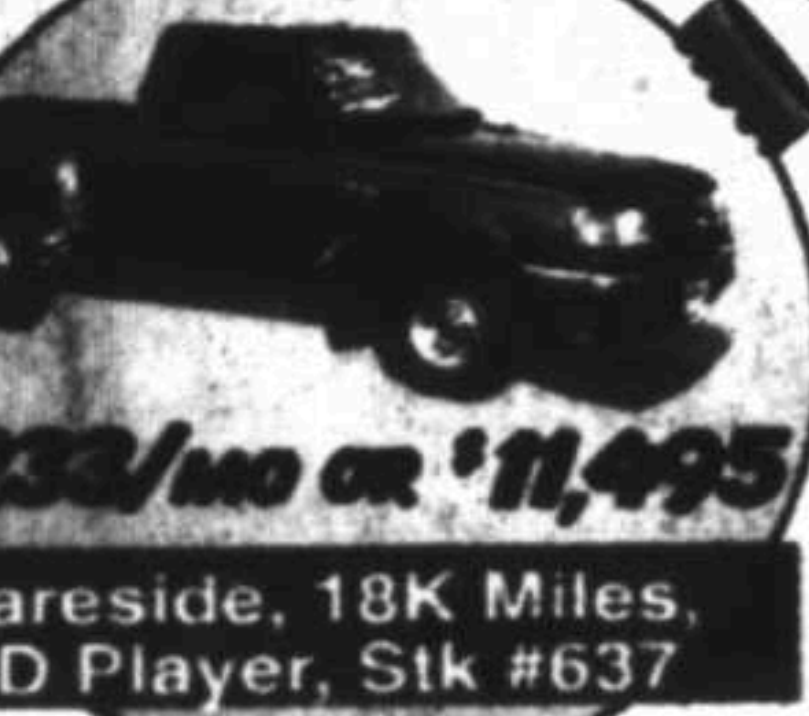
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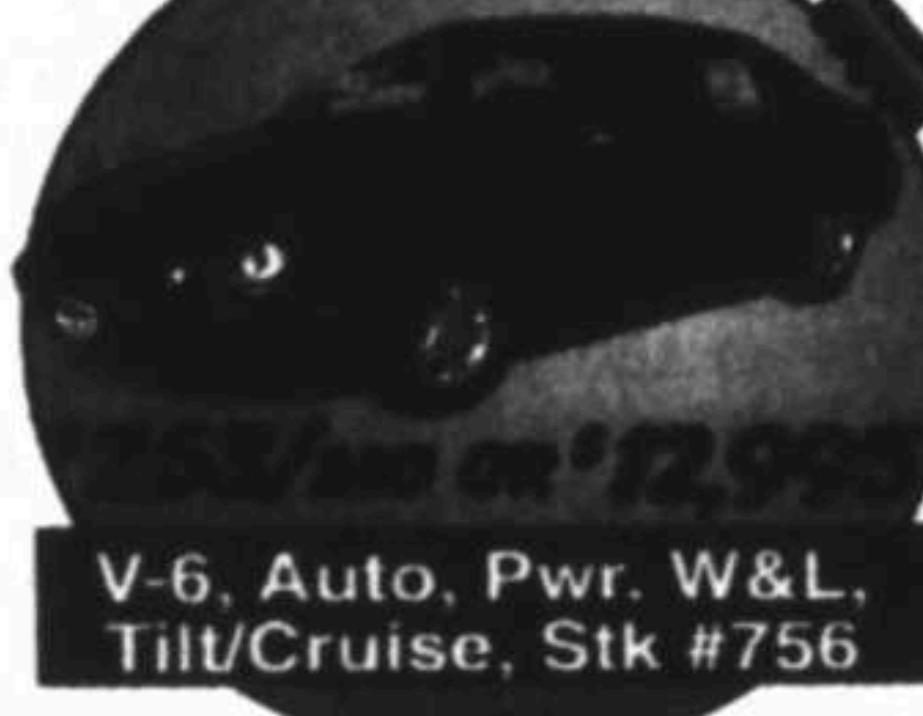
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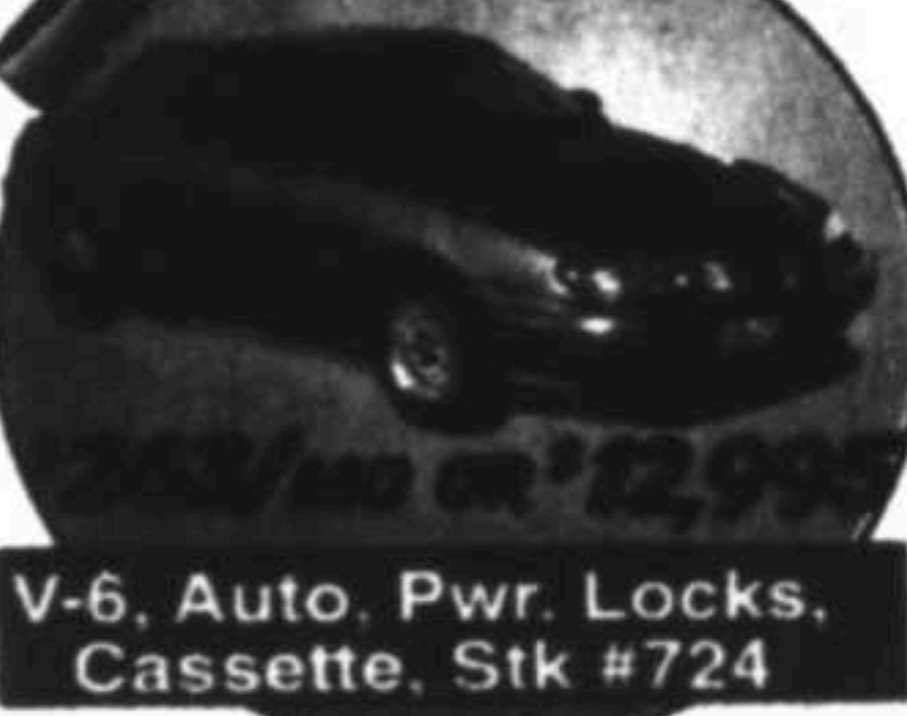
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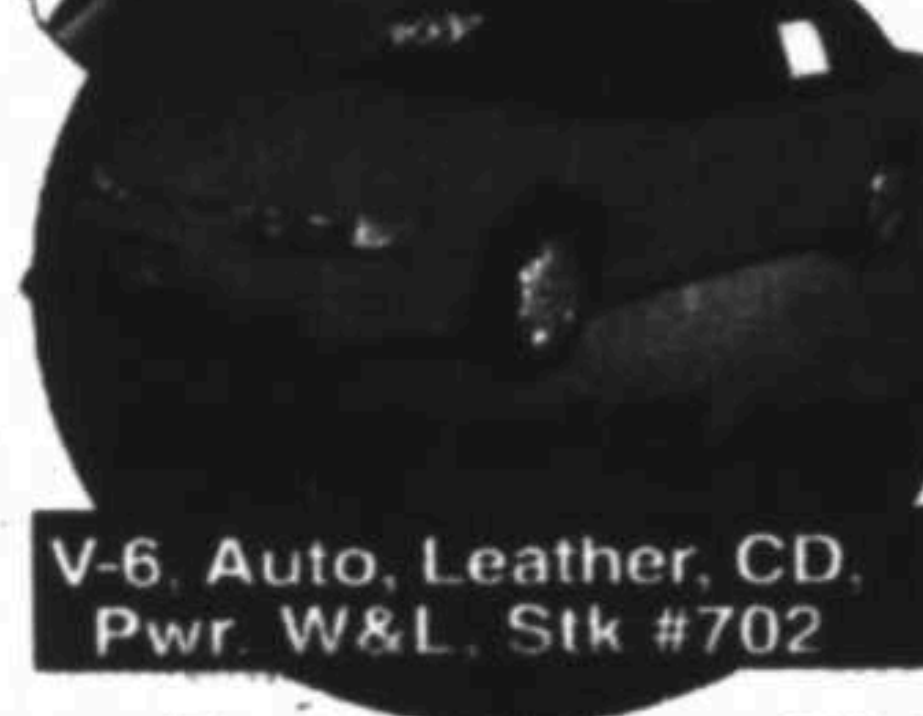
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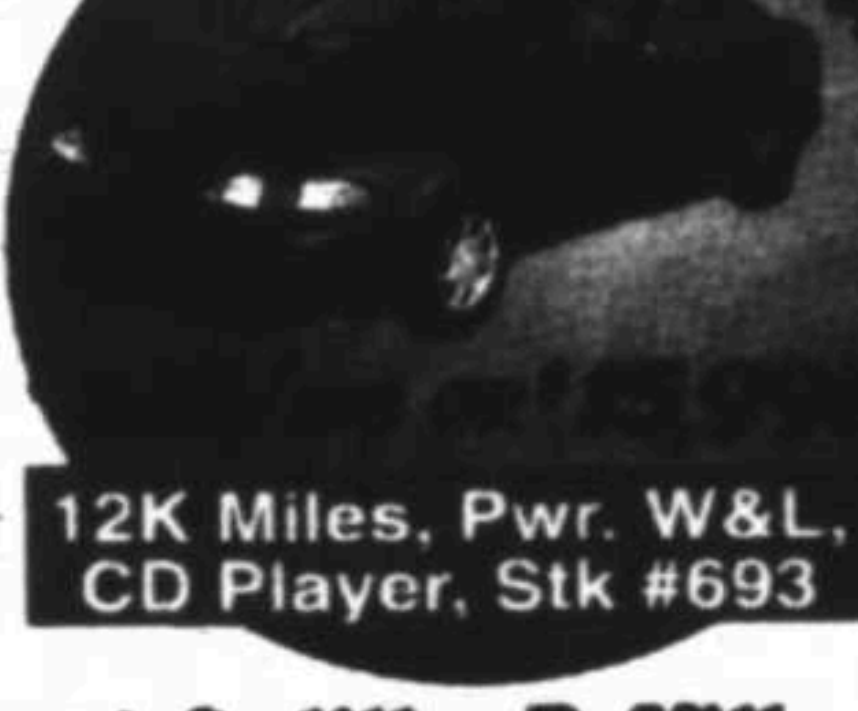
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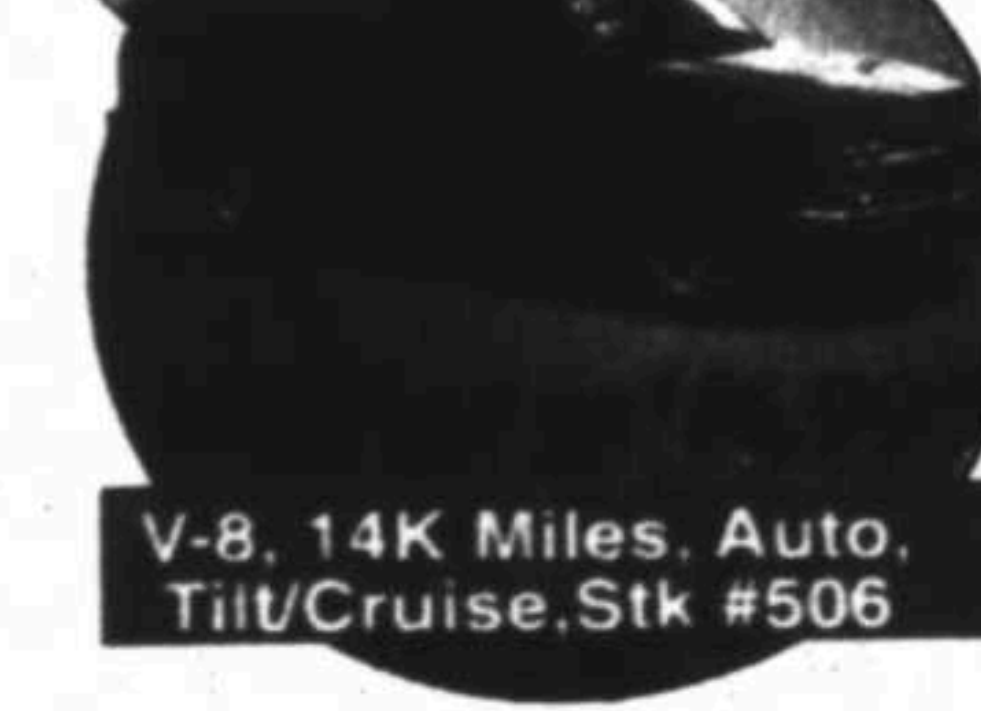
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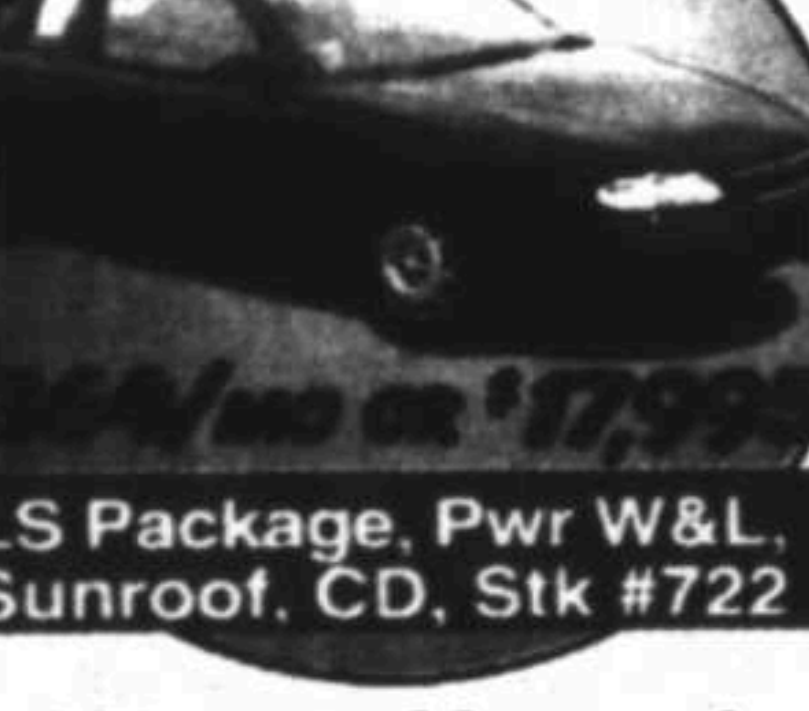
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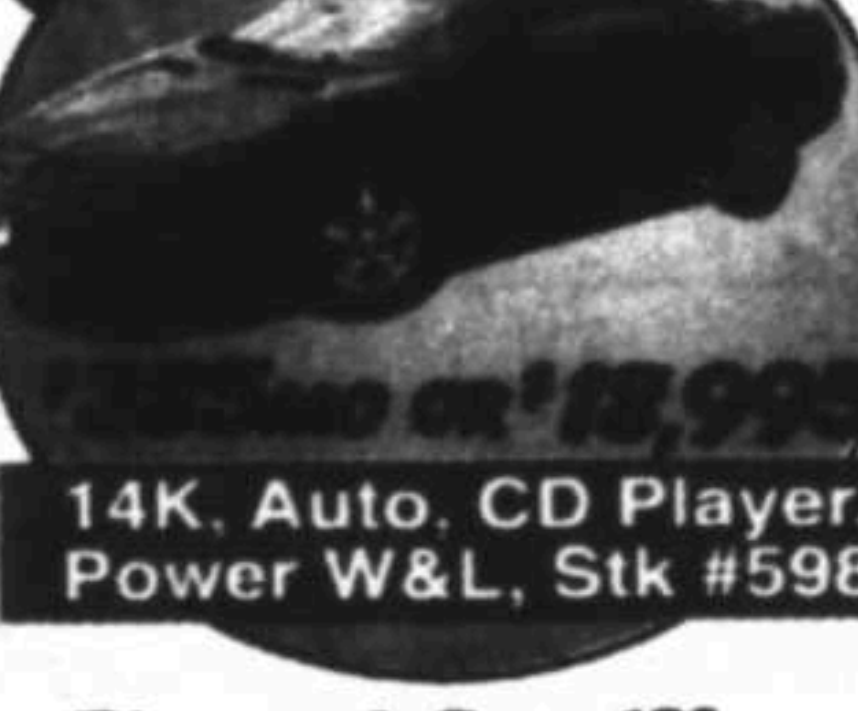
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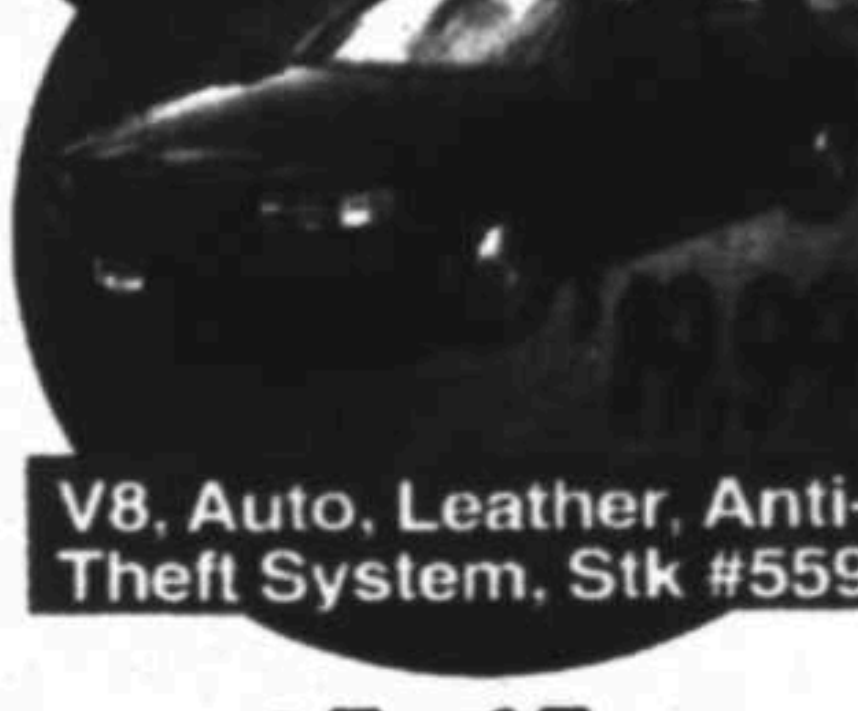
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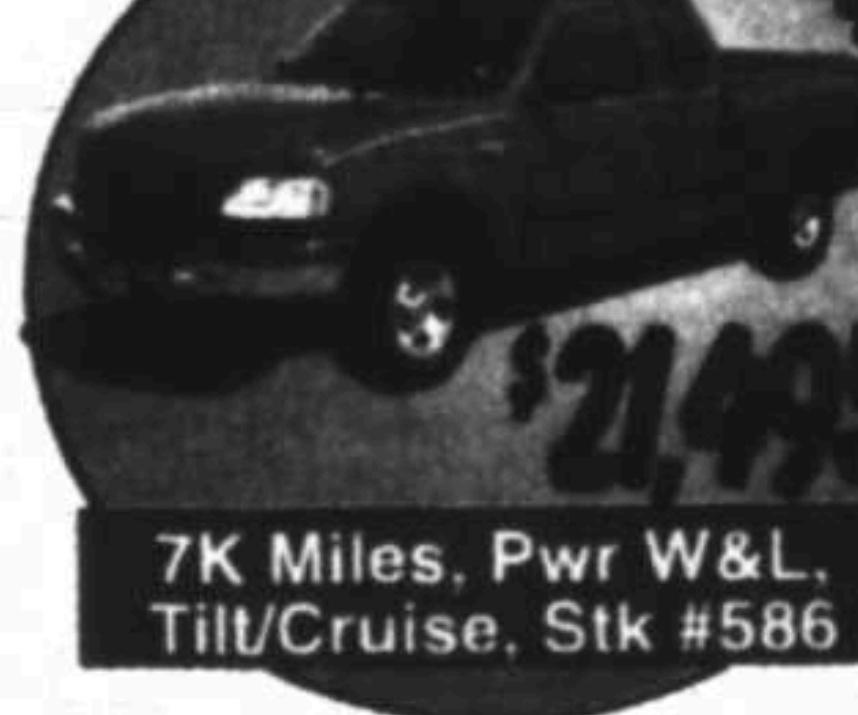
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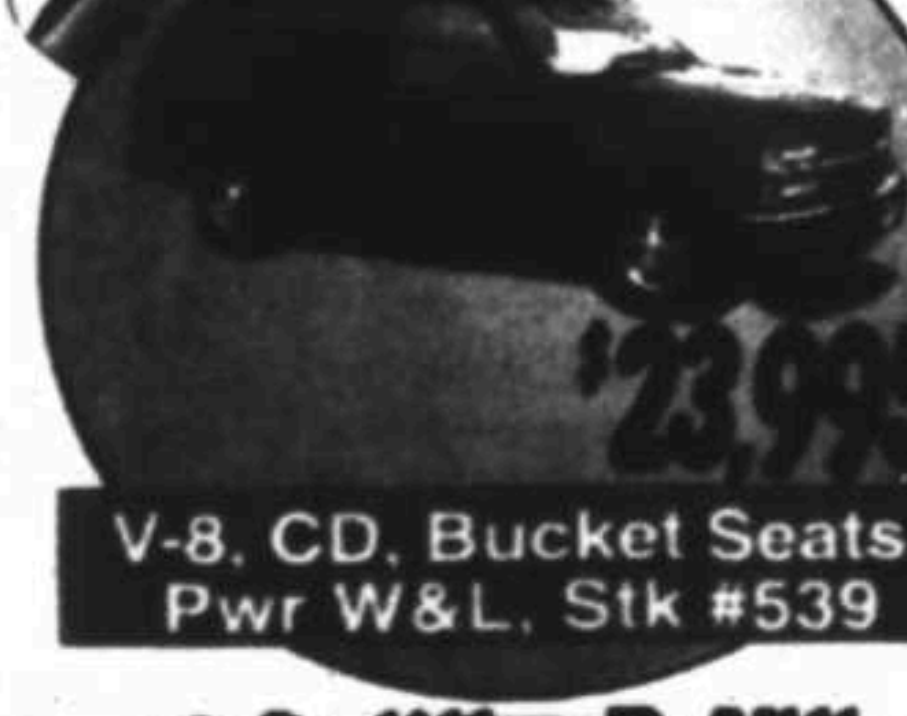
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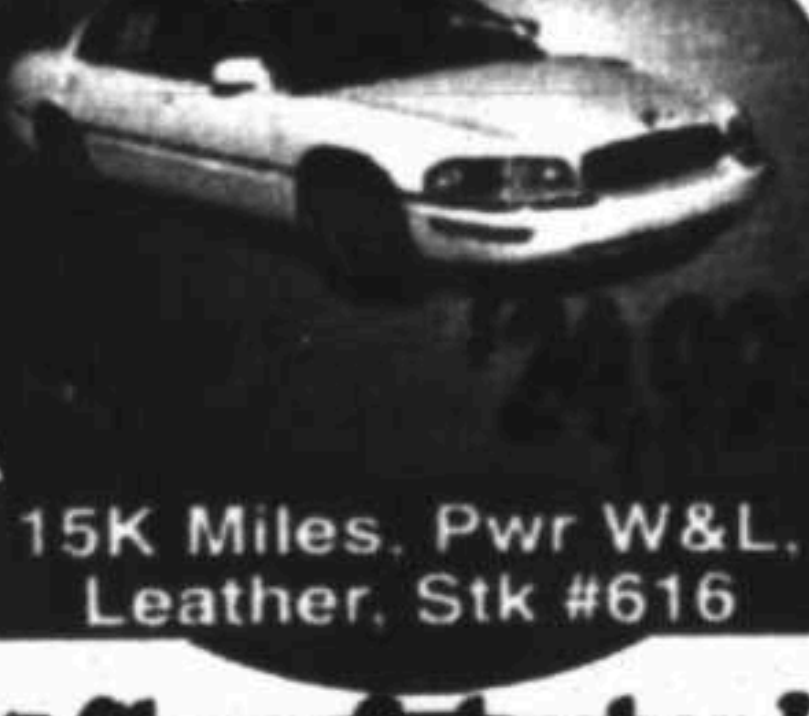
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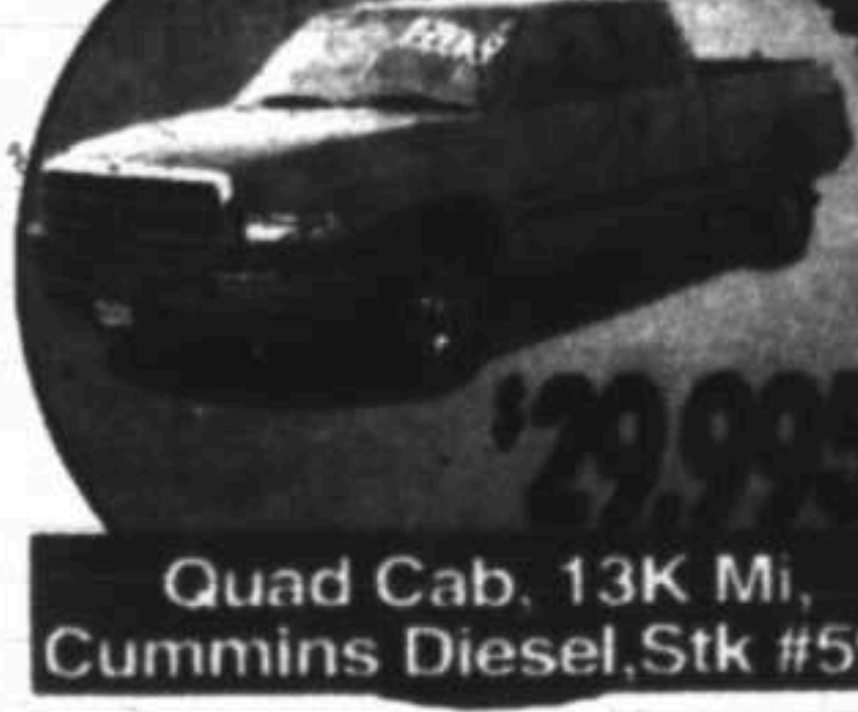
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Sports Today

PREP BASKETBALL — Boys, Midland High vs. Lubbock Coronado, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center.
Girls, Midland High at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.
Midland Lee at Lubbock Coronado, 7:30 p.m.
WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at New Mexico Scorpions, 7 p.m.
RADIO: KMCM (96.9 FM).

Lee tickets

Tickets for Saturday's Class 5A Small School semifinal football playoff game at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium between 13-1 Midland Lee and 9-5 Richardson Lake Highlands go on sale today at the Memorial Stadium ticket office.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. All tickets will be \$9 at the gate at Shotwell Stadium on Saturday.

Tickets will be sold today through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday.

Lee is the designated visitor for the 6 p.m. game and all Lee fans will sit on the east side of the stadium. There are no reserved seats.

Top 25 basketball

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pts
1. Connecticut (53)	6-0	1,754	1
2. Maryland (17)	9-0	1,715	2
3. Duke	7-1	1,599	4
4. Cincinnati (1)	5-0	1,555	6
5. Kentucky	7-1	1,463	8
6. Stanford	4-2	1,348	5
7. North Carolina	8-1	1,323	3
8. Arizona	4-0	1,207	13
9. Purdue	7-2	1,180	14
10. Kansas	5-1	1,111	7
11. Indiana	8-1	1,083	16
12. New Mexico	5-0	909	17
13. Syracuse	7-1	873	12
14. Michigan St.	4-3	847	9
15. UCLA	4-2	813	18
16. Temple	4-3	571	10
17. Clemson	7-1	535	24
18. St. John's	6-2	478	25
19. Oklahoma St.	4-2	388	11
20. Pittsburgh	7-2	334	20
21. Tennessee	6-2	273	—
22. Washington	4-2	258	15
23. Arkansas	5-2	174	19
24. Minnesota	5-0	170	—
25. Utah	4-3	141	21

Others receiving votes: Georgia 116, Florida 98, Xavier 93, Penn St. 90, Oklahoma 77, Villanova 77, Auburn 66, DePaul 53, Texas Christian 47, Ohio U. 36, Col. of Charleston 34, California 27, Georgia Tech 24, Penn 24, Southern Cal 24, Wisconsin 18, Miami, Ohio 17, Miami 16, Murray St. 10, Rhode Island 9, Creighton 7, San Francisco 7, Memphis 4, Mississippi 4, Old Dominion 4, N. Arizona 2, Navy 2, South Florida 2, Boise St. 1, Delaware 1, Toledo 1.

Osborne to Hall

OMAHA, Neb. — The way Barry Switzer sees it, Tom Osborne is right up there with the greatest coaches ever in college football: Bud Wilkinson, Bear Bryant, Frank Leahy, Knute Rockne.

"Tom casts his shadow as far as those guys and not because he was taller than them," Switzer said Monday. "He was just huge."

Osborne, the former Nebraska coach, will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Tuesday night in New York along with 12 ex-players. The group includes Auburn running back Bo Jackson (1982-85), the 1985 Heisman Trophy winner, Brigham Young quarterback Jim McMahon (1977-81), and Pittsburgh tackle Bill Fralic (1981-84).

In 16 years as Oklahoma's coach, Switzer won three national titles. His showdowns with Osborne made the series between the Sooners and Cornhuskers one of the game's premier rivalries of the 1970s and '80s.

Switzer said he always enjoyed seeing Osborne on the opposite sideline, and that's why he'll be in New York on Tuesday night, back on the college football scene for the first time in some 10 years.

"I wouldn't miss it," Switzer said. "My gosh, Tom's in there with Leahy, Rockne, all those guys. He's all about college football."

The Hall of Fame waived a three-year waiting period to admit Osborne after he retired in January. The period also was waived when former Grambling coach Eddie Robinson was elected last year.

Osborne's teams went 255-49-3 in 25 seasons. In his last four years, he led the Cornhuskers to two national titles and three unbeaten seasons.

NFL considering replay for playoffs

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — After two weeks of well-publicized officiating gaffes, the NFL is considering a return to instant replay for this year's playoffs.

League spokesman Joe Browne confirmed Monday that if the owners approve, "a limited form of replay for use in the upcoming postseason is a possibility."

The new replay system would take the form used in preseason experiments — with coaches given two challenges per game and referees making the final decision from monitors on the sideline. But it also would allow a coach who is out of

challenges in the final two minutes to make one with the referee's consent.

That would apply to plays like the one by the New York Jets' Vinny Testaverde with 20 seconds left against Seattle on Sunday. That play was called a touchdown, although countless replays showed Testaverde had come up short of the goal line.

A proposal for a new form of replay, which was in effect from 1986 to 1991, was voted down at an owners' meeting in

March. It got "yes" votes from 21 of the 30 teams, two short of the three-fourths needed.

But Sunday's call, plus a questionable call that allowed New England to beat Buffalo a week ago and the botched coin flip in the Pittsburgh-Detroit game on Thanksgiving Day, have had a ripple effect around the league.

Buffalo's Ralph Wilson, who voted against replay in March, said last week that he has changed his mind. And Browne said that calls to owners by commissioner Paul Tagliabue had convinced him that there were enough votes to approve the proposal.

The "no" votes last March came from seven teams that have voted regularly

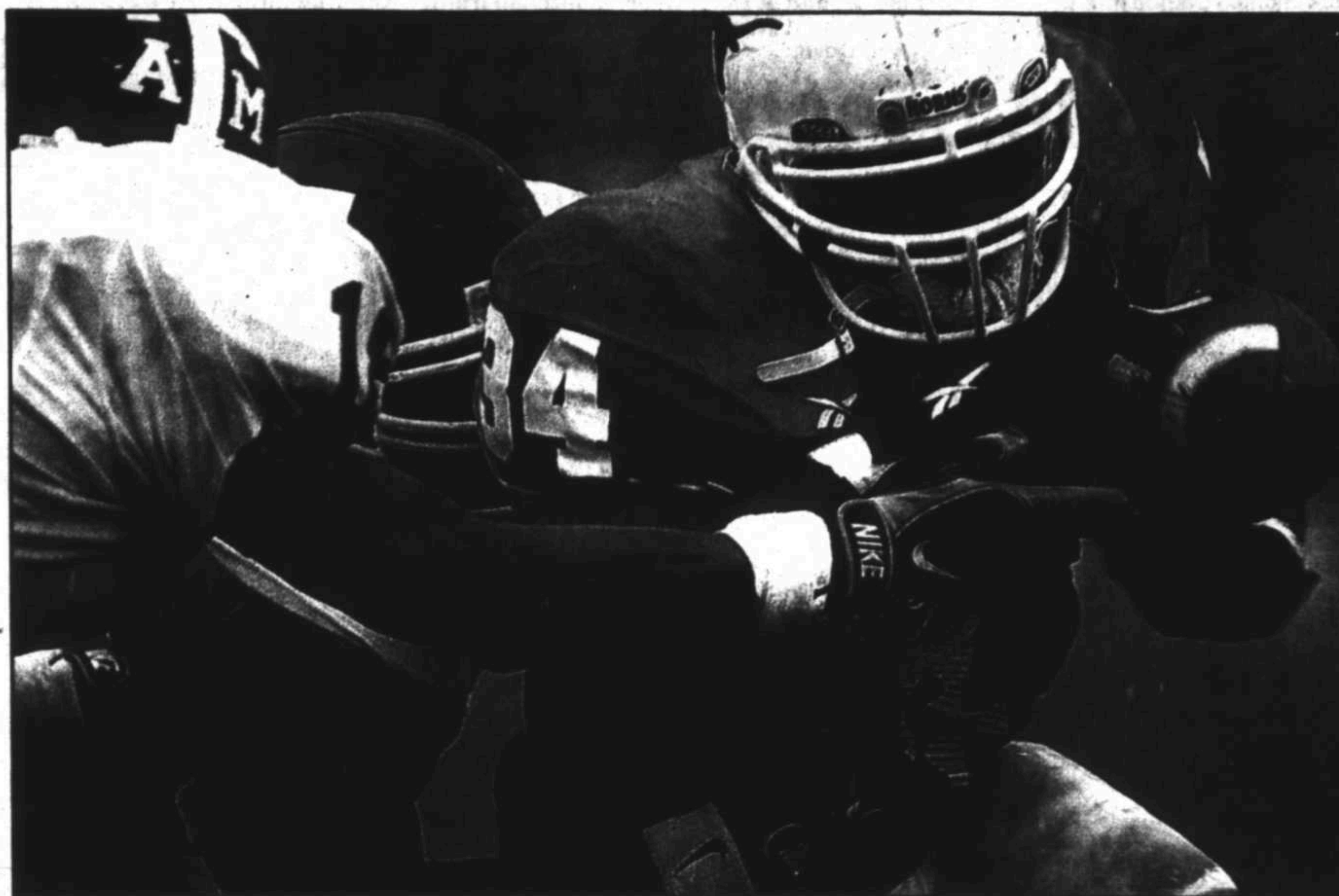
against replay — the New York Giants, Arizona, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Chicago and Tampa Bay. They were joined by San Diego and Oakland.

(Wilson, who complained about the officiating in Buffalo's last-minute loss to New England, received a letter from Tagliabue warning him that he was subject to a \$50,000 fine for his remarks. Wilson later ripped into Tagliabue, saying he didn't need "pompous" lectures from the commissioner.)

Tagliabue spent most of Monday discussing the problem with owners and league officials.

He couldn't have missed Monday's

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Texas running back Ricky Williams, here picking up yardage in the regular season finale against Texas A&M, was voted the Associated Press inaugural College Football Player of the Year Monday. Williams, the NCAA's all-time leading rusher, is also the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy.

Williams named AP Player of Year

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — Ricky Williams returned for his final year at Texas with modest goals: Win games and have fun.

Mission accomplished, and he still gets to play in the Cotton Bowl.

On Monday, Williams won The Associated Press' first College Player of the Year Award in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

"Anytime you are considered the best it's flattering," Williams said, "and to be picked the top player in college football by the reporters who watch the games so closely is truly an honor."

Williams received 76 of the 143 votes

in the AP balloting, easily outdistancing Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop, who had 17 votes. Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch was third with 15 votes.

On Saturday, Williams will be the overwhelming favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, given each year to college football's most outstanding player.

Watching Williams play turned into lots of fun for everyone except the Longhorns' opponents. Just ask Texas A&M.

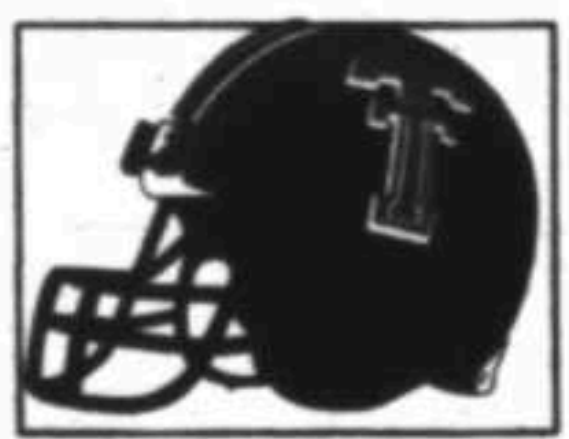
When he ripped off a 60-yard touchdown run against the Aggies on Nov. 27, he broke Tony Dorsett's career

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Tech prepares for two Ole Miss plans

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coaches don't know which Mississippi offense they'll face in the Independence Bowl: the one left by departed coach Tommy Tuberville or the one being brought in by new coach David Cutcliffe.

Tuberville guided Ole Miss to a 6-5 record, then became Auburn's coach on Nov. 28. Cutcliffe, the offensive coordinator at Tennessee, was hired as the replacement last Thursday and will make his debut in the Dec. 31 game in Shreveport, La.



But when Cutcliffe arrives, will he keep the playbook the team has used all season or will he start breaking in his schemes?

"We'll prepare for a little bit of both," Tech defensive coordinator John Goodner said Monday. "It'll be a little bit different for us, but we look forward to the challenge."

Goodner said coaches will break down film from both teams while putting together a scouting report and game plan. He said the players shouldn't have to do extra work.

"We'll present it to the kids the same way (as any game plan)," Goodner said.

Goodner is guessing Cutcliffe will begin using at least some of the plays that helped the No. 1 Volunteers go 12-0 and earn a berth in the Fiesta Bowl against No. 2 Florida State. Goodner said one of the game films he and his assistants will watch is from Tennessee's 52-17 victory over Tech in last year's season opener.

Cutcliffe has yet to name a defensive coordinator, leaving Tech's offensive coaches wondering whether they'll be facing anything different.

The Red Raiders (7-4) are excited to return to a bowl after a one-year

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STEWART DOREEN

Road trips could help Rebels claim a championship

If all other things are the same, Midland Lee will win a state football championship because of its familiarity with Texas' highways.

Traveling, it seems, is a way of life in West Texas and the Rebels have covered more than their fair share of miles. In all, there is one trip to New Mexico, two to Lubbock, three to El Paso, two to San Angelo, two to Abilene and one to Dallas.

That is easily over 4,000 miles. Although Lee will not earn frequent driver miles for the 1998 season, it makes the Rebels the true road warriors of the Class 5A Small School field. Of the four teams remaining, the other three schools could add up their mileage and it would be just one-third of the distance Lee has traveled.

Katy (13-1) has not left the Greater Houston area. The Tigers' longest trip was to Humble, some 60 miles away. No word on whether they had to stay the night.

San Antonio MacArthur (10-4) has not left the San Antonio area over the course of the playoffs. Looking at its log book over the course of the season, there is a trip to San Angelo (420 miles round trip) and Austin (150). All the other games were in San Antonio. MacArthur will host Katy this Saturday at the Alamodome.

"They are horrified of going long distances," Lee

coach John Parchman said of metropolitan schools. "Our kids wouldn't know what it is like playing at home. A home game for us is one under 200 miles."

Lee has made the trip to Abilene (300 miles round trip) twice this season, and using the Parchman 200-mile home game theory, the Rebels will host Richardson Lake Highlands (9-5) Saturday.

There is that feeling when talking to Parchman that the people at Lake Highlands know Lee has an advantage, and the Wildcats would do their best to get out of packing up a bus.

"They wanted us to come back to the Metroplex, but I told him we would flip Texas Stadium for Ratliff Stadium," Parchman said. "He was about ready to do that, thinking they could get a plane flight to Midland and back. When they saw there wasn't a plane flight and saw the possibilities of having to drive a greyhound bus to Midland, Abilene looked a lot more attractive."

Lake Highlands might have more experience traveling over the other two teams. In the regional round, Lake Highlands beat Austin Westlake, 24-23, at Waco's Floyd Casey Stadium (180 miles round trip). In the state quarterfinals, Lake Highlands defeated Lufkin in Nacogdoches (340 miles round trip). Other than those trips and one to Longview (250), the Wildcats have been rather dormant.

One thing that has popped up with the scheduling of playoff games is that the rest of the state somehow figures they can take advantage of Lee. Maybe because it is a school from West Texas.

In setting up the game with Lee, it was rumored

that Lake Highlands wanted to use Texas Stadium as its neutral site and have Fort Worth (Amon Carter Stadium) as Midland Lee's neutral site. It is like they look at people from West Texas and think that their big city ways will just confuse us.

Even Katy tried to get one by the stupid Hicks from West Texas. They had some big wig with the Astrodome call Parchman to tell him how much they wanted to host the Rebs. This is like the Lee folks are so stupid that they would give up an obvious travel advantage, because this guy is so important.

Good try.

Katy then backed down on the Astrodome on a home and home basis when Parchman said Lubbock's Jones Stadium would be Lee's home flip if the two teams flipped a coin to decide the game site.

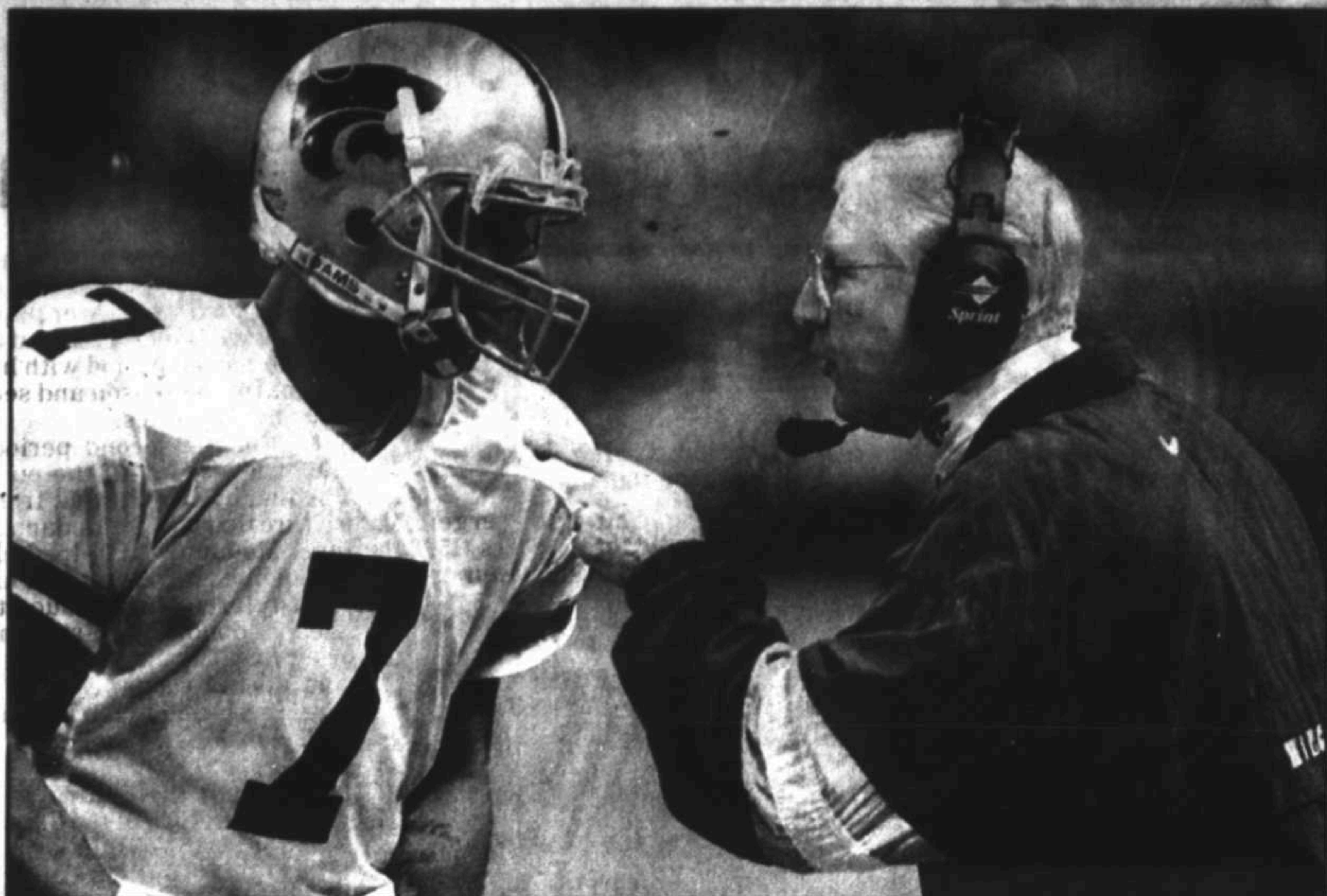
"We told them we would flip Jones Stadium and the Astrodome, and there was a long silence," Parchman said. "They decided then that the Alamodome would be a real nice place (for a possible state finals)."

When San Antonio heard that Jones Stadium was Lee's choice for a home field, they, too, quickly backed off.

For people in the rest of the state, the distances that District 4-5A teams travel to play an opponent is mindboggling. However, they didn't ride on a turnip truck along the way.

Stewart Doreen is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram

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Kansas State coach Bill Snyder, right, gives quarterback Michael Bishop instructions during the second overtime during their loss to Texas A&M. The Wildcats plunged from possibly playing Tennessee for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl to having to play unranked Purdue for nothing in the Alamo Bowl.

Snub concerns K-State coach

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas State's players are so depressed over being snubbed by the major bowls that their coach is worried about their effort in the Alamo Bowl.

"I certainly am," Bill Snyder said Monday.

In less than 24 hours, the Wildcats (11-1) plunged from the brink of getting to play No. 1 Tennessee for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl to having to play unranked Purdue for nothing in the Alamo Bowl.

They remained third in the Bowl Championship Series rankings even after blowing a 15-point lead and losing 36-33 to Texas A&M in double-overtime Saturday in the Big 12 title game. They dropped to fourth in The Associated Press poll.

Had they beaten Texas A&M, they were assured of the Fiesta Bowl. Yet, when other bids were

handed out on Sunday, they were snubbed by the Orange and Sugar, the other BCS bowls that could have taken them.

And then they watched Texas and Nebraska, which both lost to the Wildcats, accept bids to the Cotton and Holiday bowls, the top postseason games with ties to the Big 12.

"You'd like to be able to say life is fair," Snyder said. "But obviously that's not the case."

He even declined to urge disappointed fans to attend the Dec. 29 game in San Antonio.

"I know our fans are reeling from this as well. They are hurt, like our players," Snyder said during a conference call with league coaches.

"We just have to have some healing time. Now is not the time to campaign for anything from our vantage point. The important thing for us is to heal and get on with this."

Snyder was careful to praise both the Alamo Bowl and Purdue

(8-3).

"The Alamo Bowl... is one of the up-and-coming bowls," he said. "It certainly will be an honor for us to be there. Are we disappointed we were not included in the BCS selection or in the pecking order as it was described by the Big 12? Yes."

Snyder said the snub would be difficult to explain to his players.

"The message we've always tried to communicate to our young people is that there are systems in place in our culture and our society and our program. And if the system is adhered to, if you do things the way they're supposed to be done, then the system will work for you."

"This might be an example where that is not the case. I'll ask them not to lose faith in the system we have here, that it will work for them if they do the right thing. This is obviously a setback and a tremendous test. Perhaps a test of our character to see how we're able to deal with this."

Lou Holtz also had scheduled a news conference in Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, South Carolina athletics spokesman Kerry Sharp said. Connecticut officials would not comment Monday night on Skip Holtz's departure.

Even before Lou Holtz accepted the position at South Carolina, there was talk of his son joining him, with the understanding that he would succeed his father in two to three years.

"There are no formal or informal guarantees for him," South Carolina athletics director Mike McGee said Monday. "It's always helpful to have potential succession in a staff."

Exhibition game scheduled to benefit NBA players, charities

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Michael Jordan won't even be playing, and courtside tickets will still cost \$1,000.

A long-rumored exhibition game featuring locked-out NBA players was finally announced Monday by agents David Falk and Arn Tellem.

"The Game on Showtime" is set for Dec. 19 in Atlantic City, N.J., with the proceeds going to charity and to NBA players in financial need.

"If you look at people who play professional sports, not a lot of them are financially secure," union president Patrick Ewing said. "They make a lot of money, and they also spend a lot of money."

"Me, I'm financially secure, but there a lot of others who aren't. Our objective is to help these people. No matter how much money they've made throughout their careers, if they're in need now then it's up to us to try and help them," Ewing said.

Thirteen players are committed to play, and organizers hope to have a total of 16 players who were members of the four Dream teams — the 1992 and 1996 Olympic teams and the 1994 and 1998 World Championship teams. Ewing, Karl Malone, Penny Hardaway, Tim Hardaway, Allan Houston, Reggie Miller, Alonzo Mourning, Tom Gugliotta, Gary Payton, Dominique Wilkins, Vin Baker, Glen Rice and Mitch Richmond have committed.

Among those who have not are Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, Charles Barkley, Scottie Pippen, Isiah Thomas, Shaquille O'Neal, Hakeem Olajuwon, Grant Hill and John Stockton. Derrick Coleman and Larry Johnson, members of the 1994 World Championship team, were not invited.

Jordan's absence is particularly noteworthy because Falk, his agent, is one of the main organizers.

"Michael has said he won't make a decision about returning to professional basketball or retiring until the lockout is over," said Curtis Polk, president of Falk's sports management company. "We did talk to Michael about the game, obviously, and Michael

feels he needs to stand by his earlier statement that he'll wait for a resolution of the lockout before he makes that decision. He wouldn't want to send the fans a sort of mixed message by his participation in this game."

Ewing said Jordan might show up, but won't play.

The Atlantic City game will be the latest in a recent string of exhibitions involving locked out players. Games were held last weekend in Miami and Dallas, and another is scheduled for next Sunday in Los Angeles.

Jay Larkin, executive producer of Showtime, would not reveal how much the cable network was paying for the broadcast rights. Polk said the largest expense would be insurance, with every player covered for \$20 million against a career-ending injury.

None of the players will be paid, and no criteria have been established for determining which players will share in the proceeds.

"We would rather have the players participating in NBA games," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "That's why the owners have made a proposal to the union that guarantees players' salaries will continue to grow and remain the highest in pro sports."

Mourning said they're not asking for the fans' sympathy and added that few people realize how many financial obligations players have. The lockout, now 23 weeks old, has caused the first two months of the season to be scrapped. No new negotiations are planned.

"The average life expectancy of a player is four or five years, and in that time we try to make as much money as we can in as short a period of time to try to build a strong financial base for the rest of our lives," Mourning said.

"We do have a lot of expenses. Everybody's hands are out and you try to help as many people as you can. And this game right here is a way to support the guys who are struggling financially at this time," he said.

Organizers hoped to raise at least \$1 million in proceeds. The game will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center, which seats about 17,000. Tickets will cost from \$25 to \$1,000.

LOCAL BASKETBALL TODAY

Boys

Midland High vs. Lubbock Coronado
Opponent: Coronado is a District 3-5A team.

Girls

Midland Lee at Lubbock Coronado
Opponent: Coronado is a District 3-5A team.

er lost to the same team twice.
Next: MHS will play Midland Lee Thursday on the first day of the Oilman's Classic.

Girls

Midland Lee at Lubbock Coronado
Opponent: Coronado is a District 3-5A team.

Where: Chaparral Center
When: 7:30 p.m.
Coaches: MHS — Jack Stephenson; Coronado — Barry Voss.

Records: Midland High is 6-1 on the season; Coronado is 3-5.

Notes: The Bulldogs are gearing up for defense of their state title now that the first part of their preseason is over. Midland High crushed overmatched Del Rio 90-58 Friday for its second win over that school this season. This will be Midland High's last game before starting the unofficial holiday segment of its schedule starting with two tournaments in the Chap Center, the first of which is the Tall City Oilman's Classic starting Thursday. Tonight's game is also a potential landmark for Stephenson. If the Bulldogs win, he'll chalk up his 500th career victory. "It's not a big deal for me," said Stephenson. "I've been lucky to have some very good kids and some very good basketball players." Certainly, Charles Tatum and Jay Christian are among the best of those. Since the two seniors started on the varsity two seasons ago, Midland High has a 72-7 record and has nev-

Midland High at Colorado City
Opponent: Colorado City is a District 3-3A team.

Where: Colorado City Gym.
When: 6:30 p.m.
Coaches: MHS — Jim Raughton.

Records: MHS is 9-2 on the season.

Notes: The Lady Dawgs will use this game as a final tune-up before heading into District 4-5A play. So far the team has mostly played up to Raughton's high expectations, as victories over Levelland and Friday's 52-43 victory last year's Class 5A state runner up Amarillo Palo Duro attest. Particularly answering the call lately have been a pair of seniors, Heidi Lange and Nina McAlister. Lange, a returning all-district player, has knocked off all the rustiness after arriving from volleyball, playing arguably her best game of the season against Palo Duro with 21 points (including 11 of 12 free throws), eight rebounds and a number of impressive passes. McAlister, a transfer who wasn't eligible to play on the varsity last season, provided some needed muscle against Palo Duro with 12 points and five rebounds in her second start of the season.

Next: Midland High will open District 4-5A play Friday against Odessa Permian at 6 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

Son to join Holtz on South Carolina coaching staff

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut head football coach Skip Holtz resigned Monday night to join his father, Lou Holtz, on the coaching staff at the University of South Carolina.

Skip Holtz will become offensive coordinator of the Division I-A team, UConn officials announced Monday.

Lou Holtz, 61, was named South Carolina's head coach Friday, and announced Monday he had asked his son to join his staff. Skip Holtz had served as offensive coordinator for his father at Notre Dame in 1992 and 1993 before taking over as the Huskies head coach in 1994.

Skip Holtz, 34, guided Connecti-

cut to a school-record 10 wins this season before losing in the Division I-AA playoffs Saturday at top-ranked Georgia Southern. He compiled a winning percentage of .600 with a 34-23 record while head coach of the Huskies.

Skip Holtz's contract was to expire after next season. A Williams native, Skip Holtz lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their two sons in Tolland.

Skip Holtz did not immediately return a telephone call to his home seeking comment Monday night. He has scheduled a news conference with UConn athletics director Lew Perkins Tuesday afternoon.

Lou Holtz also had scheduled a news conference in Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, South Carolina athletics spokesman Kerry Sharp said. Connecticut officials would not comment Monday night on Skip Holtz's departure.

Even before Lou Holtz accepted the position at South Carolina, there was talk of his son joining him, with the understanding that he would succeed his father in two to three years.

"There are no formal or informal guarantees for him," South Carolina athletics director Mike McGee said Monday. "It's always helpful to have potential succession in a staff."

Politics kept Wyoming out of Sun Bowl

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming deserved to be playing in a bowl game but was left out of the Sun Bowl because of the breakup of the Western Athletic Conference, Sun Bowl chairman John Folmer said.

The Sun Bowl committee selected Texas Christian to play Southern California in the Dec. 31 game.

"I wish I could tell you it was based on the best team, and that's not the case," Folmer told The Casper Star-Tribune in a copyright story published Monday.

"Wyoming's a good team. They deserve better. ... And there's some guys playing in a bowl that don't deserve it."

Wyoming is one of eight schools leaving the WAC on July 1 to form the new Mountain West Conference. El Paso is home to Texas-El Paso, one of the WAC teams not included in the breakaway conference. The Sun Bowl's selection committee is made up of volunteers from the El Paso community.

DALLAS: Boys were less than sharp on offense

(From 1C)

Quarterback Troy Aikman said Monday the Cowboys were "horrible."

"We've got some bruised egos," Aikman said. "This one stung more than any game we have lost this season. The team has to learn something from this. We're not good enough to win games without playing well."

Wide receiver Michael Irvin said Gailley was "upset and disappointed" when he held a team meeting on Monday.

"We just hope we can remember this feeling," Irvin said, "so it won't ever happen again."

LOCAL SPORTS

Harris first at Roswell

ROSWELL, N.M. — Midland Lee's Zach Harris won first place in the 145-pound division of the Roswell Invitational Wrestling Tournament over the weekend at Goddard High School.

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Here is how Midlanders fared at the tournament:

Junior High basketball

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TECH: Red Raiders return to bowl after a year absence

(From 1C)

absence. Tech voluntarily withdrew from postseason consideration last year as part of a self-imposed punishment for NCAA rules violations. Sanctions handed down earlier this year did not include postseason bans.

"Our seniors last year... gave up a bowl game to try to get everything past and behind us," Goodner said. "That's been one of the topics since we started working in

the summer. We went to four straight bowls before last year. We're happy to be back in the bowl picture."

Three of Tech's four losses this year came to ranked teams. The Red Raiders had a chance to win each in the final minutes.

"I think our guys are looking forward to having an opportunity to plan another game," Goodner said. "Our kids and our coaching staff would like to show people we've got a good football team."

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Finley becomes D-Backs' new rich free agent

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks completed their free-agent binge Monday by signing center fielder Steve Finley to a \$21.5 million, four-year contract.

The Diamondbacks spent \$118.9 million on six free agents during the past month in a dramatic effort to transform an expansion team that lost 97 games into a NL contender.

Finley was a late, unanticipated postscript to that endeavor, Arizona's managing general partner Jerry Colangelo said. After the team signed Randy Johnson to a \$52.4 million, four-year deal, Colangelo said that the Diamondbacks were finished with free agents.

When Finley heard that, he said he quickly called Danny Ainge, coach of the NBA's Phoenix Suns, a team Colangelo also owns. Ainge gave Finley Colangelo's cell phone number and said to call him right away.

Finley reached Colangelo in New York, where he was about to join the NBA labor talks.

"Jerry and I had a conversation and I told him at that point that I wanted to be a Diamondback, and the rest is history," Finley said.

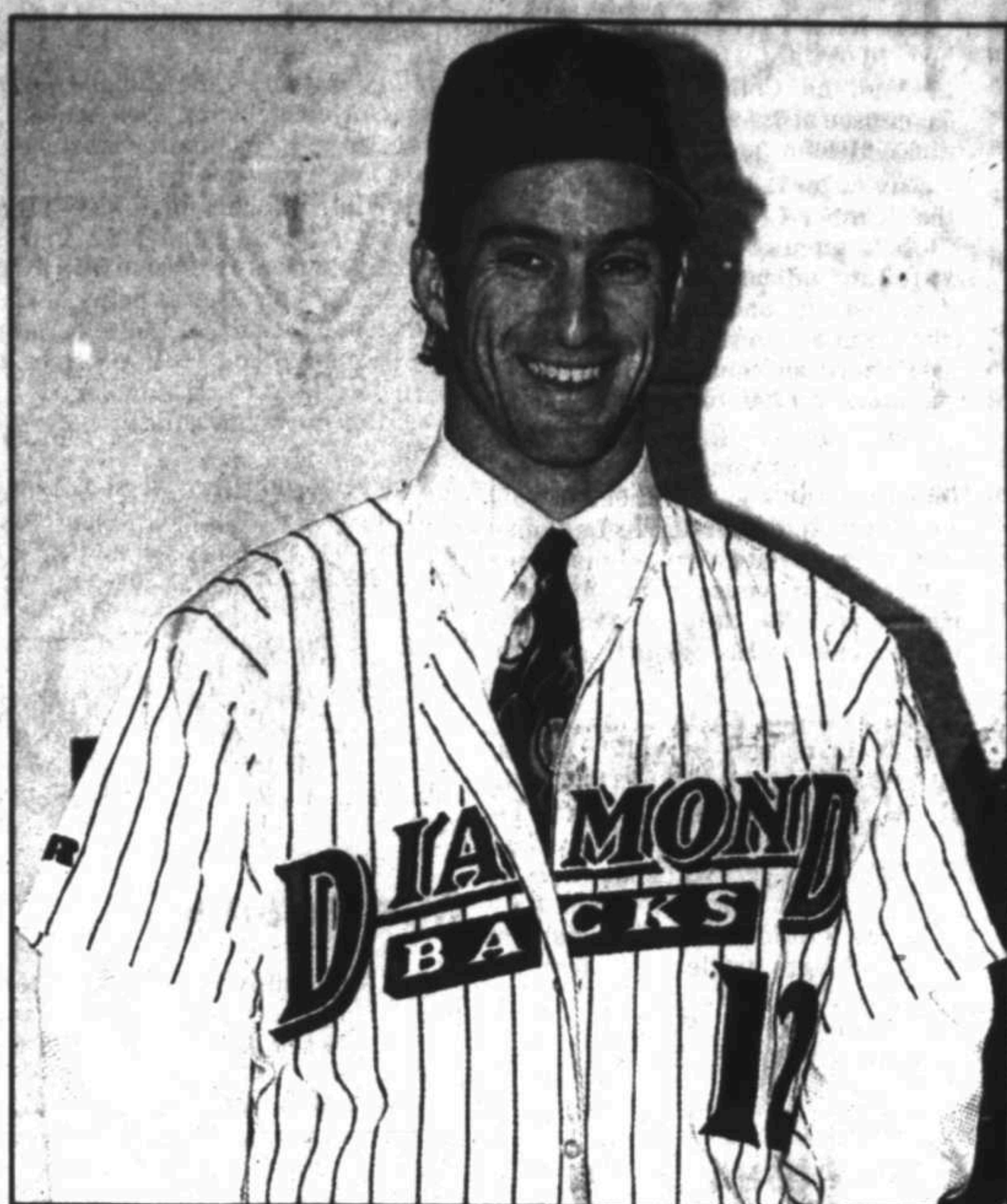
Colangelo said the Diamondbacks had moved in other directions after initial talks with Finley didn't go anywhere.

"Had he not taken the initiative because he wanted to be here, I don't think we'd be here today," Colangelo said.

Finley said the Diamondbacks' signing of Johnson was the clincher.

"I'm going to be 34 next season," Finley said. "I'm not a 22-year-old who's going to play another 10 or 12 years and maybe have a couple of chances to go. I want to win now. When I saw they signed Johnson, I wanted to be here then for sure."

Arizona's deal far exceeded the \$12 million, three-year offer Finley



The newest Arizona Diamondback, outfielder Steve Finley smiles as he tries on his new uniform and hat at a news conference Monday in Phoenix. Finley agreed to a \$21.5 million, four-year contract.

had to remain with the San Diego Padres. Finley gets a \$500,000 signing bonus and salaries of \$5.25 million per season.

Most of the Diamondbacks' spending spree went for pitching. Todd Stottlemyre agreed to \$32 million for year years, Armando Reynoso got \$5.5 million for two years and reliever Greg Swindell received \$5.7 million over three years.

Arizona also picked up pinch-hitter specialist Greg Colbrunn for \$1.8

million over two years.

As in the Johnson and Stottlemyre deals, Finley is deferring salary — \$2.5 million in each of the first two years and \$2 million in each of the last two. The money is being deferred for four years at 6 percent interest, making the total payout of the contract \$23.66 million.

The starting rotation of Johnson, Stottlemyre, Reynoso, Andy Benes and either Omar Daal or Brian Anderson could be the second-

best, behind Atlanta, in the National League.

"You win with pitching and defense. That's what we did last year in San Diego," Finley said. "When you walk into the clubhouse, and you see what you have around you, sometimes that's half the battle. You've just got to believe when you go out there on the field that you're going to win. With the talent we're going to put out there on the mound, you're going to see that just about every day."

Center field was a top priority because Devon White, Arizona's MVP last season, agreed to a \$12 million, three-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Finley hit a career-low .249 this year with 14 homers and 67 RBIs, two years after setting career highs in batting average (.297), doubles (45), home runs (30) and RBIs (95) and winning his second straight Gold Glove.

He blamed much of last season's troubles on a foot injury that bothered him the last half of the 1997 season. He underwent surgery after that season, preventing any off-season workout.

"The doctor who performed the surgery told me it would take a full year to really recover from it," Finley said. "I didn't want to believe him, but after going through everything I went through last year, I believe it now."

Colangelo said the Diamondbacks will be looking to make a trade for a right fielder. The team has a surplus of starting pitchers, with young left-hander Brian Anderson the leading candidate to go.

"If you're asking me are we going to sign any more free agents," Colangelo said, "the answer is no."

But he knows himself too well, and after a brief pause added, "I think."

DiMaggio's condition worsens dramatically

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

Joe DiMaggio's fight for life has turned more urgent with his doctor reporting Monday that the Hall of Famer's condition had deteriorated dramatically.

"Joe has had a significant and serious turn for the worse," said Dr. Earl Barron, who has been treating DiMaggio following lung cancer surgery in October.

"The outlook has dimmed over the past 72 hours. He's not in good shape."

WCBS television in New York reported Monday night that DiMaggio is in a coma and on a ventilator. The station said he has been given his last rites for a third time.

The 84-year-old New York Yankees great has been unable to shake a stubborn lung infection and fever since undergoing surgery Oct. 14. After DiMaggio showed some improvement last week, the infection is back, Barron said.

"He is being treated with more antibiotics and his blood pressure is being maintained with medications," the doctor said.

DiMaggio remains in the intensive care unit at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Fla. He entered the hospital Oct. 12 and underwent surgery to have a cancerous tumor removed from his right lung two days later.

His attorney and close friend, Morris Engelberg, spent Monday afternoon at the hospital, and did not immediately return telephone calls. DiMaggio has experienced a number of peaks and valleys following the surgery.

Twice in October, his lungs were drained after filling with fluid from an infection. On Nov. 16, his blood pressure dropped so rapidly that a Catholic priest was summoned to administer the last rites.

Each time, however, he has rallied.

"He takes two steps forward and one back," Barron said last week.

On Thursday, when Barron temporarily adjusted the breathing tube in his throat, DiMaggio said, "I want to get the hell out of here and go home."

He seemed to be moving closer to that goal until the latest setback.

"I saw him this morning," Barron said on

Monday. "We are continuing supportive care. The outlook is not as good as it was a few days ago."

DiMaggio has guarded his privacy intently since his retirement from baseball in 1951, and information about his condition has been tightly controlled.

His last public appearance was Sept. 27, when he was honored at Yankee Stadium and received replicas of nine championship rings that were stolen from his hotel room three decades ago. The Yankees had wanted him to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the World Series, but by then, he was in the hospital.

He marked his 84th birthday in the hospital on Nov. 25, surrounded by family, including his brother, Dom, and two great-grandchildren. Engelberg had set various targets for DiMaggio's return home — his birthday, Thanksgiving, even 56 days to parallel his famous 56-game hitting streak in 1941 — but each has passed.

DiMaggio spent his 56th day in the hospital on Sunday.

Clemens now being offered to only six clubs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toronto narrowed the Roger Clemens hunt to a half-dozen clubs Monday and Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said he'd like to complete a deal before the winter meetings start this week.

The New York Yankees were the only team identified by Ash, who said he spoke several times with Yankees executives, gathered at their office in Tampa, Fla.

Ash said 14 teams had contacted him about the five-time Cy Young Award winner, who last week demanded a trade to a contender or to a team closer to his Houston home. He said six teams remain in the chase for Clemens, 41-13 with consecutive Cy Youngs for the Blue Jays.

"I've talked to the Yankees several times today about this topic and other topics," Ash said. "Some of the names that have been bandied around by clubs in initial talks are interesting."

The Yankees, Houston Astros and Texas Rangers are considered the top contenders to get the 36-year-old right-hander. Cleveland and Atlanta are considered longshots along with perhaps Los Angeles or Anaheim.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner was part of the day-long talks in Tampa. After discussing

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potential trade packages for Clemens with a group that included Steinbrenner's other baseball people, general manager Brian Cashman returned to New York.

"It is just one of many things we were discussing," Steinbrenner said.

As part of the handshake agreement when Clemens signed with Toronto after the 1996 season, the Blue Jays said they would trade him if he asked. The Blue Jays also agreed not to trade him to a place he didn't want to go and any team acquiring Clemens would probably want to talk about an extension.

"In my mind, I'd rather do it sooner rather than later," Ash said. "Unfortunately, I don't have total control of the timetable."

Ash, who also re-signed pitcher Dave Stieb to a minor-league contract Monday, said the Clemens talks were getting in the way of other things he wanted to do.

"There's magic in getting it done sooner, but I think it road blocks us from other opportunities," he said.

Stieb's contract calls for a salary of \$9,000 a month in the minors. If he's added to the major league roster, he would get a \$400,000, one-year contract that is not guaranteed.

Cubs reach agreement with Gaetti, Hill

CHICAGO — Gary Gaetti still has some baseball left.

The 40-year-old third baseman agreed to terms Monday on a one-year contract with the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs also agreed to terms with outfielder Glenallen Hill on the last day for free agents to re-sign with their former teams.

The Cubs' remaining free agents — pitchers Mark Clark, Chris Haney and Mike Morgan; catcher Scott Servais; and outfielder Orlando Merced — will not be offered arbitration.

Though balding and nearly twice as old as Cubs ace Kerry Wood, Gaetti was essential to the Cubs' playoff chase. Signed Aug. 19 after St. Louis designated him for assignment, the fan favorite batted .320 with eight home runs and 27 RBIs in 37 games with Chicago.

His two-run homer against San Francisco in the one-game playoff for the NL wild card helped put the Cubs in the postseason for the first time since 1989. The Cubs were swept by Atlanta in the first round.

Gaetti, an Illinois native, batted .281 in 128 games overall last season, with 19 home runs and 70 RBIs. The 17-year veteran began his career in 1981 with the Minnesota Twins, and was part of their

1987 World Series champion team. He has a career batting average of .257 with 351 home runs, 2,223 hits and 1,294 RBIs.

Hill, 33, batted .351 with eight home runs and 33 RBIs in 48 games with the Cubs after Chicago signed him July 6. In a combined 122 games for the Cubs and the Seattle Mariners, he batted .310 with 25 doubles, 20 homers and 56 RBIs.

The Cubs resigned five free agents — Gaetti, Hill, Rod Beck, Terry Mulholland and Henry Rodriguez — and picked up options on Mark Grace and Mickey Morandini during the free agency.

Cardinals sign McGee to one year contract

ST. LOUIS — Willie McGee will be back with the St. Louis Cardinals for a 13th season after signing a one-year contract Monday.

The Cardinals also signed infielder Pat Kelly to a minor league contract with an invitation to spring training and offered salary arbitration to catcher Tom Lampkin.

McGee, 40, batted .253 with three home runs and 34 RBIs in 120 games last season.

Kelly, 31, batted .216 with four home runs and 14 RBIs in 53 games. Lampkin, 34, batted .231 with six home runs and 28 RBIs in 93 games.

Padres might open 1999 season in Mexico

By Bernie Wilson
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres, who've jetted off on some unique road trips the last few seasons, could be heading south of the border again.

Major league baseball has asked the NL champion Padres to play in the season-opening Sunday night game in Monterrey, Mexico, against the Colorado Rockies on April 4. The Associated Press has learned. Details are still being worked out for the game, which would be played at 25,644-seat Estadio Monterrey and televised by ESPN.

Unlike in 1996, when the Padres played in the first regular-season

series in Mexico, also at Monterrey, this would be just a one-game trip. The NL West rivals would head to San Diego to finish the series with games on April 6 — the Padres' home opener — and April 7.

Just like in 1996, agreements must be reached with the opposing team, the players' association and Mexican officials. Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official, said the game will be discussed Tuesday at the union's board meeting in Las Vegas.

"If we're picked by major league baseball to receive this honor, I think everybody in San Diego should take pride in that," said Charles Steinberg, Padres senior vice president for public

affairs.

The Padres are a natural choice because of their efforts in international marketing. When they faced a potential conflict with the GOP Convention in August 1996, they moved a three-game series against the New York Mets to Monterrey.

Mexican hero Fernando Valenzuela started and won the first game of that series for the Padres. Now out of baseball, he might be considered to throw out the ceremonial first pitch if this game goes through.

The Rockies have a Mexican hero of their own — third baseman Vinny Castilla.

Monterrey, an industrial city ringed by the eastern Sierra

Madre, is where Ken Caminiti played a memorable game that helped propel him toward unanimous selection as 1996 NL MVP. Weakened by food poisoning and dehydration, the Padres' third baseman took two bags of intravenous fluid before the final game of the series, wolfed down a candy bar and went out and hit two home runs.

Mets catcher Todd Hundley also had food poisoning that day and had to sit out the game. The Padres moved a series against the St. Louis Cardinals to Honolulu in April 1997, and there's been talk of perhaps playing a series in Japan in the future.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Football Booster Club will meet every Tuesday during football season at 7 p.m. at the Lee High Youth Center. You don't have to be a booster club member to attend. Anyone interested is welcome.

The Midland Lee Softball Booster Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee High cafeteria.

The Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club will meet on the first and third Monday of each month in the Lee cafeteria at 7 p.m.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club meets once monthly during regular school year and twice monthly during soccer season at 7 p.m. in the school library. Dates are 1/4, 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/1, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/3. For information call Debbie Butts at 520-0248.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club will meet the first Monday of every month in Conference Room A. For more information, call Joe Willis at 570-4453 or Robert Winkler at 683-9585.

Baseball...

The University of Texas Winter Baseball Camp will be held on Dec. 20-22 for ages 7-18 and Dec. 28-30 for ages 14-18. For more information, please call 512-471-3309.

The University of Texas High School Baseball Coaches Clinic will take place Jan. 14 at Disch-Falk Field in Austin from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 (check made payable to the University of Texas) and lunch will be served afterwards.

Softball...

The University of Oregon coaching staff, which includes former MHS coach Ricci Woodard, will conduct a softball clinic Dec. 19-20 from 9 a.m. to noon (defense) and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (offense). Other coaches include Oregon head coach Rick Gamez and assistant coach Eric Leyba. For more information call Freddie Ezell at (915) 694-5508.

Fastpitch umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508.

The Odessa Thunder 12-under girls fastpitch softball team is looking for interested players for the 1999 season. If interested, please call Wade Allison at (915) 381-4330 or Andrea Swaim at (915) 550-7721.

Tennis...

The Midland Women's Tennis Association will hold its spring tennis league on Feb. 2 and it will run for 10 weeks. Play will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. Send dues of \$15 to

Sherri St. John, 3207 Lockheed, 79707.

The Ice-Freeze Tournament will be held on Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at Midland College. Call Melissa Thompson at 686-9420 or Paula Walton at 686-8109 for information.

Clinics for ladies are being held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. Beginner clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360.

The Club at Mission Dorado is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707.

The Permian Basin Tennis Association is hosting a junior tennis Christmas Camp Dec. 21-23 and 29-31 at the Odessa Country Club and The Club at Mission Dorado. Clinics for high school players will and grades 5-8 will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily while clinics for kindergarten through fourth grade are scheduled for 10:11-30 a.m. Early registration deadline is Dec. 11. For more information, call 550-0898, 689-2237 or 563-4707.

Basketball...

The Big Spring boys varsity and junior varsity need games for Dec. 14, 1998 and Jan. 5 and Jan. 12, 1999 in any classification. Those interested should contact coach Jimmy Avery at (915) 264-0403 or 264-3648.

The Trinity boys and girls varsity and junior varsity teams need games for Dec. 17 or 18. For more information, call John Wilkins at 681-3331.

The Boy & Girls Club of Midland is offering an After School Youth Basketball Program for both boys and girls, grades 2 through 6. Registration will end Dec. 18. The cost is \$6 per child and a \$3 club membership is required. There will be two divisions (2nd-3rd and 4th-6th). There will be eight games. For more information call the club location nearest you (Half Park Unit, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 683-0050; or NE/YMCA Unit, 682-8469).

Registration for YMCA youth basketball is under way. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. The league is for elementary school boys and girls. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Gym Bice Memorial Basketball Tournament to benefit the Gym Bice Memorial Scholarship Fund will take place on Dec. 11-12 at the Gloria Elementary School Gym in Andrews. The 5-on-5 tournament has an entry fee of \$100 per team. For more information call Doodle Woods at (915) 523-6540 or Joe Jones at (915) 683-7254.

Soccer...

Registration for the Midland Soccer Association's Spring 1999 season is underway. Participants must be at least four years old by Dec. 31, 1998 and require a birth certificate if they haven't played in the MSA before. Deadline is Jan. 17, 1999 to turn in the \$40 fee. Registration is being held at both 1909 W. Wall St., Suite N, Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or at the Midland Park Mall Jan. 16-17, 1999. For more information, call 684-5425.

The Midland Soccer Association is holding registration for junior high players with a Dec. 18 deadline. The fee is \$25 for MSA registered players and \$35 for non-registered players. Players can sign up at their school offices or call 684-KICK.

The Magic 88 under-11 boys team is holding tryouts Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at Abell Junior High. For more information, call Tim Morgan at 697-7448.

Miscellaneous...

The Midland Wrestling Club offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information.

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teens and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528.

The Alamo YMCA is offering Martial Arts Classes. Tae Kwon Do Classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Aikido Classes are Wednesdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Saturday from 11-12 p.m. Call 694-2528 for more information.

The Flatlanders Ski Club has organized a trip to Les Trois Vallees in the French Alps for Jan. 29-Feb. 6, 1999. The trip is to the largest interconnected ski complex in the world. For more information, call Will Green at 683-2141 or Donna Crane Raburn at 561-5395.

The Midland Women's Bowling Association is hosting a Mixed Open Doubles Tournament Dec. 12-13 at Cactus Lanes. Entry forms are available at Cactus Lanes and Midland Park Lanes. A bowling ball will be given away during the tournament.

The Permian Basin Jackalopes Amateur Hockey League is continuing to take signups. The age divisions are 12 and under, 14 and under, 17 and

under and 18 and over. Teams are practicing through November and league games begin the first week of December. A 17 and under all-star team will play in Austin the weekend of the WPHL All-Star game Jan. 9. For more information, call Ray Fieldhouse at (915) 683-4251.

Citizens for Midland Skaters is a local group dedicated to raising funds for the establishment of a city park for skateboarding and in-line skating. If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Permian Basin Area Foundation/Skate Park Project, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas, 79702. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Pam Sledge at 685-3227.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528.

The Alamo YMCA is offering water aerobics. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

The COM Masters Swim Team is open to anyone 20-over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information.

Judge withholding decision on Tyson

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The judge who sentenced Mike Tyson for his 1992 rape conviction still has not decided if the former heavyweight champion violated parole and should be returned to prison.

Marion County Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford was awaiting a report from the county's probation department on Tyson's no-contest plea last week to misdemeanor assault charges in Maryland. That report could be used as evidence of a possible parole violation.

"Until I've reviewed the report and made a decision, it would be inappropriate to comment on possible action," Gifford said Monday. But she said that once she receives the report, she could do one of three things: issue a warrant for Tyson's arrest; schedule a hearing on the report; or take no action until Tyson is sentenced in Maryland.

George Walker, the chief probation officer for Marion Superior Court, said last week that it appeared Tyson violated terms of his probation as a result of his no-contest plea.

A recording on Walker's office answering machine said he was refusing comment until he submits his report to Gifford. The recording said Walker does not expect to present the report to Gifford until later this week.

Tyson was convicted Feb. 10, 1992, of one count of rape and two counts of deviate sexual conduct. Gifford sentenced Tyson to 10 years in prison and suspended four. He was released from the Indiana Youth Center on March 25, 1995, and ordered to serve four years' probation.

His sentencing in Maryland is expected early next year. The Montgomery County (Md.) District Court said no exact sentencing date has been set.

Tyson's no-contest plea stemmed from an August traffic accident in which two motorists claimed he kicked and punched them.

Tyson plans to fight Francois Botha on Jan. 16. A news conference is scheduled for today in Los Angeles to announce the bout.

Walker said last week that Gifford will have great latitude in responding to his report.

"The judge can do everything from nothing all the way to imposing the originally suspended sentence, and anything in between," he said.

Tyson's no-contest plea was not an admission of guilt. However, Tyson could face up to 20 years in prison — 10 years on each count — and be fined up to \$5,000 when he is sentenced. The two men he scuf-

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fled with already have agreed to a settlement to avoid a civil suit. Tyson is training in the Phoenix area and intends to live there. He already has registered as a sex offender in Arizona as part of his planned move.

Johnson is moving up, at least uptown.

NEW YORK — Kirk Johnson is moving uptown in his third New York fight, but the direction the unbeaten Canadian wants to take is up into a heavyweight title shot. After fighting twice in an armory on 23rd street in Manhattan, Johnson will fight Tuesday night on the first boxing show ever held in the storied Roseland Ballroom on 52nd Street.

"I'm just looking to get ahead, receive some recognition and have a shot at a world title in 1999," said the 26-year-old Johnson, of Nova Scotia, who will fight Al Cole in the 10-round featured bout.

Although, Johnson is 26-0, 19 knockouts, and is ranked No. 4 by WBA, he is relatively unknown and not seriously in the heavyweight picture because of mediocre opposition.

Not getting good fights, Johnson complains, has not been his fault. "HBO offered Michael Grant (ranked No. 6 by both the WBA and WBC) a fight with Kirk," said co-manager Kenny Lillen. "We said, 'Yes,' he said, 'No.'"

It was the same situation with David Tua (ranked fourth by the WBC and No. 10 by the IBF), according to Lillen.

In the lanky Cole, a former IBF cruiserweight (190 pounds) champion with a 30-3 record, with 15 knockouts, Johnson will be facing an opponent who can box and take a punch.

"He's a very tough guy who's always in condition," Johnson said. "It won't be easy."

A good fight against a competent opponent, however, would be good for Johnson since the match will be the feature of a pay-per-view card beginning at 8 p.m. EST. There are three other 10-round bouts on the all-heavyweight card, two of them featuring Shannon Briggs and Obad Sullivan.

Briggs (30-2, 24 knockouts), of Brooklyn, N.Y., who upset George Foreman and had WBC champion Lennox Lewis in trouble before being stopped in the fifth round, will fight Marcus Rhode (23-12, 23 knockouts) of St. Joseph, Mo. Sullivan (29-3-1, 20 knockouts), of Gulfport, Miss., will fight 41-year-old Jesse Ferguson (25-17, 16 knockouts), of Knightdale, N.C.

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By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

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Age Divisions: 1-4 yrs., 5-8 yrs., 9-12 yrs.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone: _____

Bring colored stockings to Community Christmas Party. Entry Deadline 8:00 p.m. Prizes awarded to winners of each category. Must be present to win.

Couples' final Cup?

■ Veteran golfer's back condition could mean end of his match play days.

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — One of these days, the United States is going to play either Europe or an International team with some cup on the line, and Fred Couples will be home watching it unfold on television.

Hard to imagine a Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup without him? Not to Couples.

Never mind he has been on every U.S. match-play team for eight straight years, the longest current streak of any American. Forget for a moment he is unbeaten in Sunday singles since a crushing loss in his first Ryder Cup. Or that he built a reputation as the most dependable — if not exciting — American in match play.

When Couples tees it up on the first day of the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne, he'll start looking at these cup matches a little differently.

"I'm definitely looking forward to it from the standpoint it might be my last Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup," Couples said. "It's not going to be my last hurrah, but if I don't make the Ryder Cup team next year, then I imagine my days could be slowing down."

He already has accepted the fact that his back won't get any better. And each year that goes by is another reminder that he isn't getting any younger.

Since he first had back spasms before the final round of the 1994 Doral Open, Couples has not played more than 18 PGA Tour events a year, part of a maintenance plan to reduce the wear on his back.

The reduced schedule means fewer opportunities for the former Masters champion to earn money or points toward making the team. He was a captain's pick for these matches, the fourth straight time he has failed to make a team on his own.

And this seems to bother a guy who looks like he doesn't have a care in the world.



Fred Couples hits a shot from the fairway gallery on the fourth hole during the final round of Ryder Cup play at the Oak Hills Country Club in Rochester, N.Y. in 1995. When Couples tees it up Friday on the first day of the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne, he'll start looking at these cup matches a little differently.

"I've been on a lot of teams," Couples said. "In a way, I wish I would have made them all. That way, they could have picked someone else to play."

The only reason he didn't make this team outright is because Hal Sutton won the Tour Championship and its \$720,000 prize, enough to catapult him to No. 8 on the standings and bump Couples out of the top 10.

Jack Nicklaus took the next two — Couples and No. 12 John Huston — as his two wild-card selections. Of course, taking Couples these days is virtually a lock.

"You want Fred on your team," said Davis Love III, his longtime partner in match play.

Couples not only brings a 6-1-0 record into these matches, he essentially owns the highlight show.

In the inaugural year, a 20-12 victory for the Americans, Couples clinched the cup on the 18th hole of his match with Nick Price by hitting a 9-iron from the bunker into about 2 feet for birdie and a 1-up

victory. Two years ago, he sank a 35-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to beat Vijay Singh in the final match of the cup.

"He's an exciting player to watch because of his length and what he can do with the golf ball," Justin Leonard said. "He's got a real sense of the moment. He's hit a lot of great shots in difficult moments."

Since losing to Christy O'Connor Jr. in singles at the 1989 Ryder Cup, a shocking loss that allowed Europe to retain the cup, Couples has never lost a match on Sunday — 2-0-2 in the Ryder Cup, and victories over Price and Singh in the Presidents Cup. In effect, Couples has become to the United States what Nick Faldo is to Europe — the heart of the team, the one player a captain would rather not do without.

Faldo has played on a record 11 consecutive Ryder Cup teams for Europe. Couples doesn't come close to that, or even the U.S. record of eight teams shared by Tom Kite, Lanny Wadkins and

Billy Casper.

Had Kite and Wadkins been in their prime when the Presidents Cup began, they clearly would have had more than eight national teams to their credit. Still, Couples has emerged in an era of such depth that winning the U.S. Open doesn't guarantee a spot on the team (Lee Janzen, Steve Jones).

The question now is how much longer Couples will stay with it. "You can't do it forever," Couples said. "It's not like I'm old, but it's gotten to the point where I just don't practice as much."

He still manages to get by just fine. Couples won twice this year, and let two other tournaments — including the Masters — get away from him. When it gets to the point that he's not playing enough events to even make a team, he says he may ask a captain to consider someone else. Right now, that's not the case.

"I think I can strengthen any team," Couples said. "It's hard to imagine it any other way."

Katy prayer scrapped prior to quarterfinals

HOUSTON (AP) — Religious freedom in the Astrodome became an issue over the weekend when a Katy High School student was prevented from leading spectators at a high school quarterfinals game in prayer.

Minutes before the football quarterfinal game between Katy High School and Clear Brook High School began Saturday, a Katy student selected to lead a prayer, was told the prayer had been scrapped from the pre-game program, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday.

Apparently, Astrodome officials were unwittingly dragged into a dispute between a group of pro-prayer Katy High School students and the Katy Independent School District, which has barred prayer at games until the matter is resolved at the federal appeals court level. This is the first year school prayer has not been allowed at Katy High School sporting events.

This school year, a group of Katy students, represented by attorney Kelly Coghlan, have lobbied to have a referendum so prayer at sporting events can continue. Coghlan, who does not represent the school district, informed the Astrodome that a student would lead a prayer.

The Astrodome's operator, Astrodome USA, thinking the lawyer represented the school district, approved the request and instructed the attorney to have the student in the broadcast booth 30 minutes before the game started. When attorneys for the school district caught wind of the plan, they

moved immediately to have the prayer scrapped from the program.

"They were putting it off on the Astrodome," Coghlan said. "They would have never changed their position except for the fact that the Astrodome gave permission."

Astrodome USA president Mike Puryear said that when high schools lease the arena for football games, the schools are responsible for the content of the football game's program.

"When I lease the space, it's their event," he said. "They can do it however they want to do it. If they choose to have a prayer before the football game, they can have one."

Some schools in Texas have adopted what is known as a "solennization" policy to cover graduation day prayer. Non-proselytizing prayer is allowed in limited instances, usually graduation ceremonies, if students vote for it.

But it is unclear, according to case law, whether sporting events meet the same criteria as sporting events, said Kris Taylor, a Katy school district spokeswoman.

In the meantime, Katy students have lobbied the school board to approve a student referendum on the matter. It has not been approved.

"What we allow our students right now ... student-initiated, non-sectarian and non-proselytizing prayer at graduation," Ms. Taylor said. "We allowed religious groups to meet on campus before and after school."

Crackdown on steroids could help China's bid to host 2008 Summer Olympic games

Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Efforts by China to fight steroid use should help the country's bid to play host to the 2008 Olympics, IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said Monday.

While taking pains to avoid signs of favoring any candidacy, Samaranch said doping scandals involving Chinese athletes should now take a back seat to recent anti-drug crackdowns directed by Beijing sport officials.

"I will say that maybe China is today one of the countries fighting with all their strength against doping and that is quite important to us," Samaranch said. "We think the fight against doping in China is a real example."

China announced this year that it would impose lifetime bans on athletes testing positive for strength-building steroids. The program came after six members of the Chinese team at the world swimming championships in Perth were expelled from Australia after banned drugs were found.

It was the latest in a string of doping scandals involving Chinese athletes, the worst during the 1994 Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan, when 11 tested positive for steroids. Seven of those were swimmers, and the tests came after the women's swim team sparked drug rumors with its dominance in the world championships in Rome.

Beijing narrowly lost to Sydney, Australia, as host city of the 2000 Games, with China's human rights record a factor in the vote. The Chinese capital entered the race for 2008 last week but a formal bid won't come until next month.

"Beijing bid for 2000 and I think that gave them good experience for how to bid again," Samaranch said. "Maybe it was a good lesson."

Toronto and Osaka, Japan, are bidding for 2008 and may be joined by Istanbul, Seville and Buenos Aires. Samaranch, at a news conference at the Asian Games, also mentioned Cairo and Kuala Lumpur as possible contenders.

A Chinese bid would have an impact on both the 2008 and 2012 Olympics. China would be a major challenger to Toronto, considered the 2008 front-runner, and that would be welcomed by the United States, which is planning a bid for 2012. The United States would have little chance of persuading the IOC to take the games to North America twice running.

"There is nothing in the rules about where the games must go," Samaranch said. "As president of the IOC, if there are seven, eight or nine candidates, they all have the same value to me."

National Olympic committees have until February 2000 to officially bid for the 2008 Summer Games. The IOC decision will be

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made in 2001.

Obscure company to become IOC chief technology sponsor
LONDON — Sema, a relatively obscure European computer company, beat out several leading technology firms to replace IBM as the Olympics' chief technology sponsor, starting in 2001.

International Business Machines Corp., the world's largest computer company, said last August it would end its 38-year partnership with the International Olympic Committee at the 2000 Sydney Games.

Olympics organizers on Monday described the eight-year deal with Sema, a French-English company, as the biggest sports-related information technology contract ever awarded. While figures weren't disclosed, the deal was believed to be worth about \$220 million.

Sema will head a consortium of three companies in the IOC's new Olympic Information Technology Group. The companies will provide the computer technology and results systems for the Summer Games of 2004 and 2008, and Winter Games of 2002 and 2006.

The Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in 2002 will be the first under the new technology arrangement.

Sema is a computer services and defense technology firm employing 16,500 people. The high-profile tie-in with the Olympics should put

the company on the world map. "It's not a very well-known brand name, but they come to the table with a tremendous amount of knowledge and understanding," IOC marketing director Michael Payne said. "The IOC's primary decision was to ensure we had the best technology solution and to create as risk-free a scenario as possible."

IBM was criticized for glitches in its computer results system at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. The IOC said Sema will provide the systems integration, operations management and applications delivery for the Olympics, and help develop the IOC's Internet sites.

Payne said the partners for venue results management and computer hardware will be announced in early 1999. Swiss watchmaker Swatch is favored to win the results contract, with Compaq and Sun Microsystems, two U.S. computer makers, in the running for the hardware deal.

Payne said the three companies will contribute around \$500 million in cash and services to the games as part of their partnership, with the IOC and organizing committees putting up around \$200 million for the installation and maintenance of the new system. The contract with Sema will be signed Saturday in Lausanne by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch and Sema chief executive officer Pierre Bonelli.

Payne said Sema was chosen ahead of several other leading high-tech companies, including computer consulting giants EDS and Arthur Andersen. The IOC and IBM parted ways in an acrimonious split earlier this year, when negotiations broke down over a new eight-year deal. The IOC said an IBM demand to be paid hundreds of millions of dollars for its services would bankrupt local organizing committees, which IBM wanted to share technology costs.

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Favre rallied the Packers again, throwing a 1-yard scoring pass to Chmura to pull within two with 2:24 left. But that was as close as Green Bay would get.

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Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.

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Stock Footnotes: a - PE greater than 30; b - Loss in last 12 mos; c - New 52-week low during trading day; d - Dividend in Canadian \$; Stock price in U.S. \$; e - New issue in last 52 weeks; f - Closed-end mutual fund; g - PE calculated; h - Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend yield rate on stock or stock dividend; i - New 52-week high during trading day; j - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual dividends based on last declaration. p - Preferred; q - Holder owns installment of purchase price; r - Rights; s - Units; t - When distributed; u - When issued; v - Warrants; w - With warrants; x - Without warrants.

Dividend Footnotes: a - Also notes or notes; b - Annual rate plus stock dividend; c - Liquidating dividend; d - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos; e - Annual rate, increased on last declaration; f - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos or split; g - Paid this year, dividend declared, deferred or no action taken at last meeting; h - Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears; m - Annual rate, reduced on last declaration; n - Initial dividend, annual rate unknown; o - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend; p - Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date; q - Ex-dividend or ex-rights; y - Ex-dividend and sale in full; z - Sales in full; g - In bankruptcy or receivership or held negotiable under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such company.

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FDX Corp 91815 72 +1/4	FausPr 9456 5 1/2 +1/4	Navarr 133977 13 1/2 +1/2
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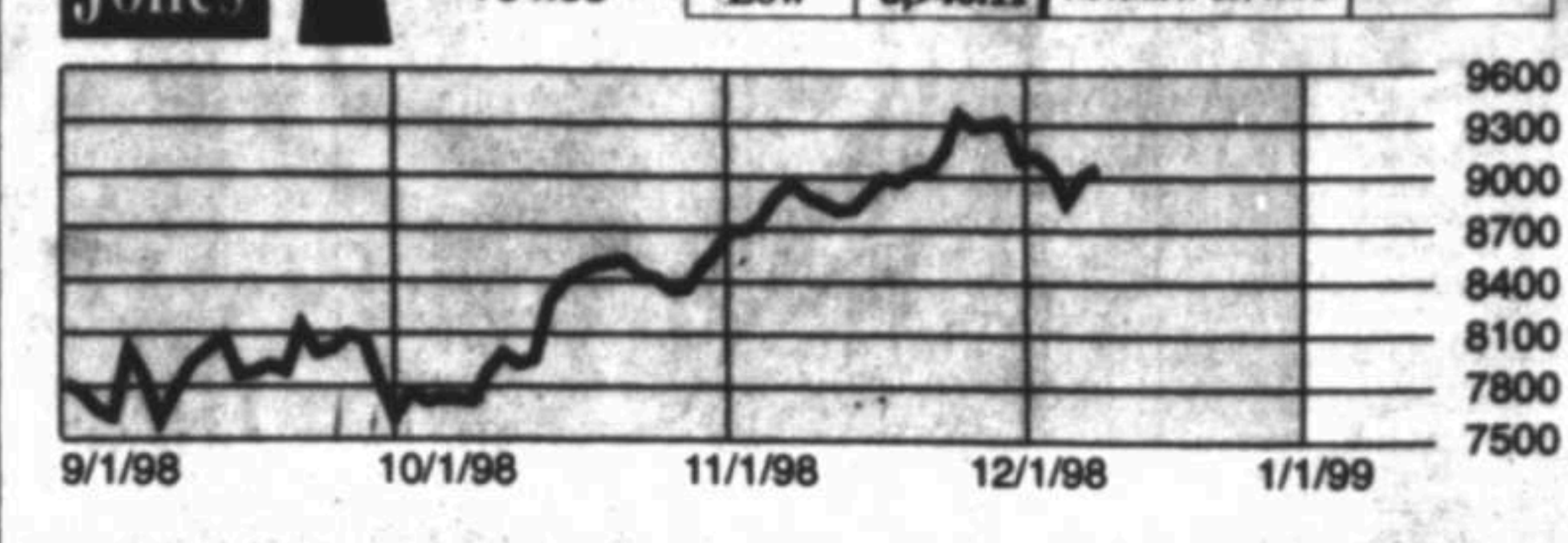
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Daily market roundup

Dow Jones	9,070.47	High	9,146.93	Low	8,946.11	November close	9,374.27
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NATURAL GAS PRICES

Monday \$2.101

Natural gas soars

Natural gas futures rose sharply Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as a return of seasonal weather to the Northeast and Midwest triggered speculation that demand for heating fuel will surge in coming weeks.

Prices for crude oil and its byproducts also rose sharply.

Natural gas jumped as balmy temperatures in the U.S. regions most dependent on heating fuel gave way to temperatures expected to reach only into the upper 30s most of this week.

Natural gas for January delivery rose 12.3 cents to \$2.101 for each 1,000 cubic feet.

Crude futures bounced higher after Venezuela's new president, Hugo Chavez, said he intends to adhere to output commitments with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

A meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council also strengthened Monday's rally. The meeting of the council, comprised in part of OPEC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, boosted speculation that oil producers will move more quickly to prop up sagging prices.

January crude rose 30 cents to \$11.47 a barrel. January heating oil rose .54 cent to 32.74 cents a gallon. January unleaded gasoline rose .80 cent to 34.79 cents a gallon.

SPE meeting

The Trans-Pecos section, Society of Petroleum Engineers, will meet today at the Odessa Country Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Speaker will be Jeff Harris, coiled tubing and nitrogen advisor with BJ Services. His topic will be "Coiled Tubing: A Complete Tool for Maintaining Underbalanced Conditions After Drilling Underbalanced."

Cost is \$15.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against major currencies in light trading Monday, boosted by rising U.S. stocks that sent the Nasdaq Stock Market to a record high.

Otherwise, traders had little political or economic news to direct their foreign exchange transactions, keeping the dollar in light trading ranges.

A dollar bought 119.51 Japanese yen in late New York trading Monday, up from 118.95 yen late Friday. The dollar rose to 1.6601 German marks in New York from 1.6765 marks.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late rates Friday, included: 1.3766 Swiss francs, up from 1.3666; 5.6340 French francs, up from 5.6215; 1,662.10 Italian lire, up from 1,658.50; and 1.5380 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5335.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.6518, down from \$1.6550.

Internet access

WASHINGTON — Consumers would get more choices for high-speed Internet access if local phone companies were freed from federal regulations, a new alliance of big telephone and computer companies said Monday.

BellSouth, Bell Atlantic, SBC Communications, US West and GTE have been pressing the Federal Communications Commission to ease some regulations that they say discourage them from modernizing their networks. Now, Compaq Computer, Gateway, Intel and Microsoft are backing those efforts with the FCC.

But rivals, including AT&T, MCI WorldCom and Sprint, assailed the plan, saying it would violate the law and blunt competition. AT&T called it "yet another backdoor attempt by the Bell companies and GTE to undermine the very clear provisions of the Telecom Act."

Lear phasing out Midland operations

■ Production to be discontinued by July 1999, impacting 150 employees.

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

About 150 Midland employees of Lear Corp. will be impacted by the company's restructuring plan announced in mid-October but detailed Monday.

Karen Stewart, director of corporate communications for the Southfield, Mich.-based automotive supplier, said

that Lear will be discontinuing production of interior plastic trim at the Midland plant as of the end of July 1999. The plant, she said, will be phasing out operations as customer orders are satisfied. Employees were informed of the company's plans in mid-September, she said.

The move, she said, is being made to improve the company's long-term outlook and lower costs. Lear, the world's largest maker of car seats, has made several acquisitions in the last two years, most recently of Delphi Automotive Systems' seating unit for \$250 million in September.

In addition to the closing of the Midland plant, Lear will close another North American plant, a plant in South America and 15 plants in Europe. The closings will reduce the company's workforce by 2,800 or 5 percent of its current 60,000-member workforce.

Implementation of the plan will cost \$133 million in one-time pretax restructuring and other charges, the company said, with the cash portion of the charge estimated at \$85 million. Lear expects cost savings from the program to be more than \$40 million annually beginning in the year 2000.

About 1,100 employees will be laid off in North America and 1,700 in Europe and all restructuring activities are expected to be completed by the year 2000, Lear said.

Kenneth L. Way, chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement that the company's goal is to achieve 15 percent earnings per share growth annually.

Lear, founded in 1917, is a Fortune 500 company with 1997 sales of \$7.3 billion. Its products are designed, engineered and manufactured in 28 countries around the globe.

Dow Jones rallies for second session

■ Nasdaq rockets to another record high, fueled by hot technology stocks.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks advanced strongly Monday as Microsoft, Intel and several hot Internet companies sent the Nasdaq rocketing to another record high.

The Dow Jones industrial average rallied for a second consecutive session, rising 54.33 to 9,070.47, putting a dent in last week's 316.94 drop.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index soared 37.48 to close at 2,040.64, eclipsing the record of 2,016.44 set Nov. 27. The Nasdaq is now up 30 percent for the year, a return twice as high as the Dow.

Microsoft rose 6 3/16 to 133 9/16, after South Carolina withdrew from the federal antitrust suit against the software maker. The defection from the group of 20 states that sued Microsoft marks a symbolic victory for the company.

The biggest mover on the Nasdaq was Thrustmaster, which soared 134 percent to 11 1/4 after the company released a new Internet software product. The software, called Talk N' Play, allows up to four people to simultaneously conference call and play games over the Internet without any additional fees or phone charges.

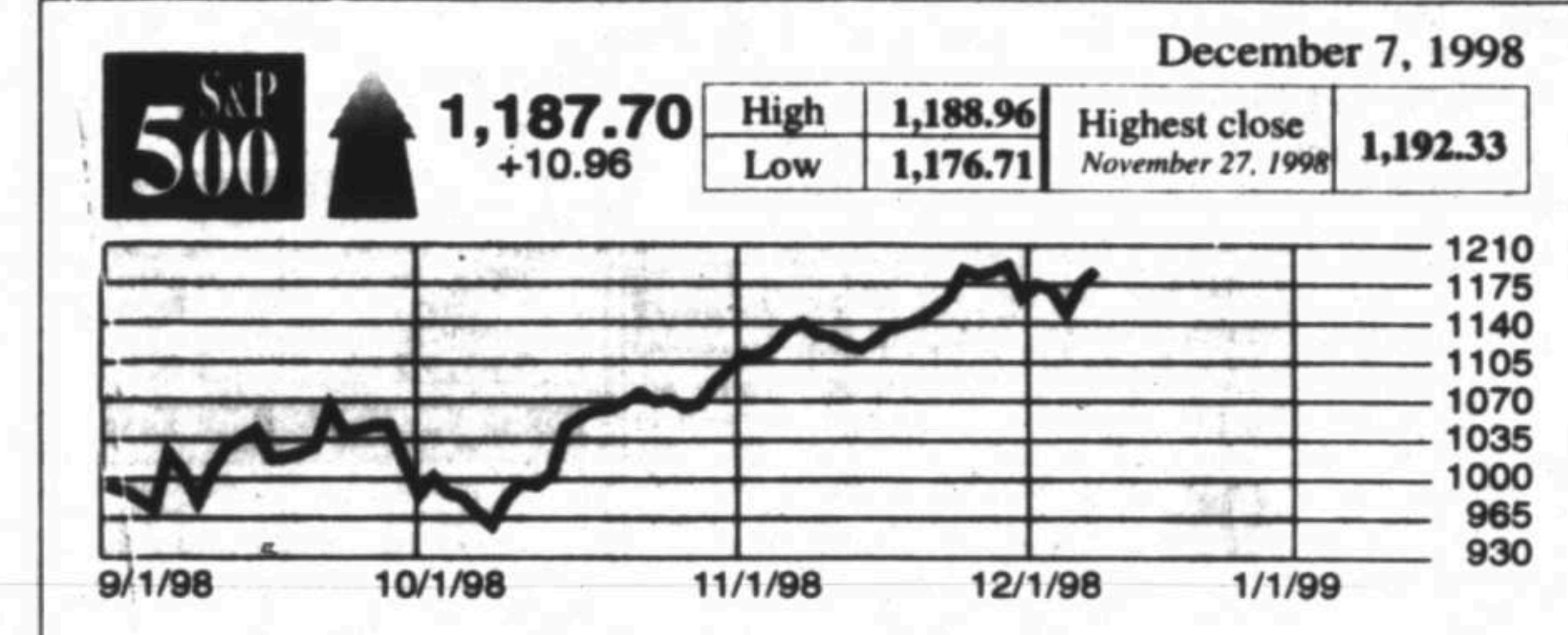
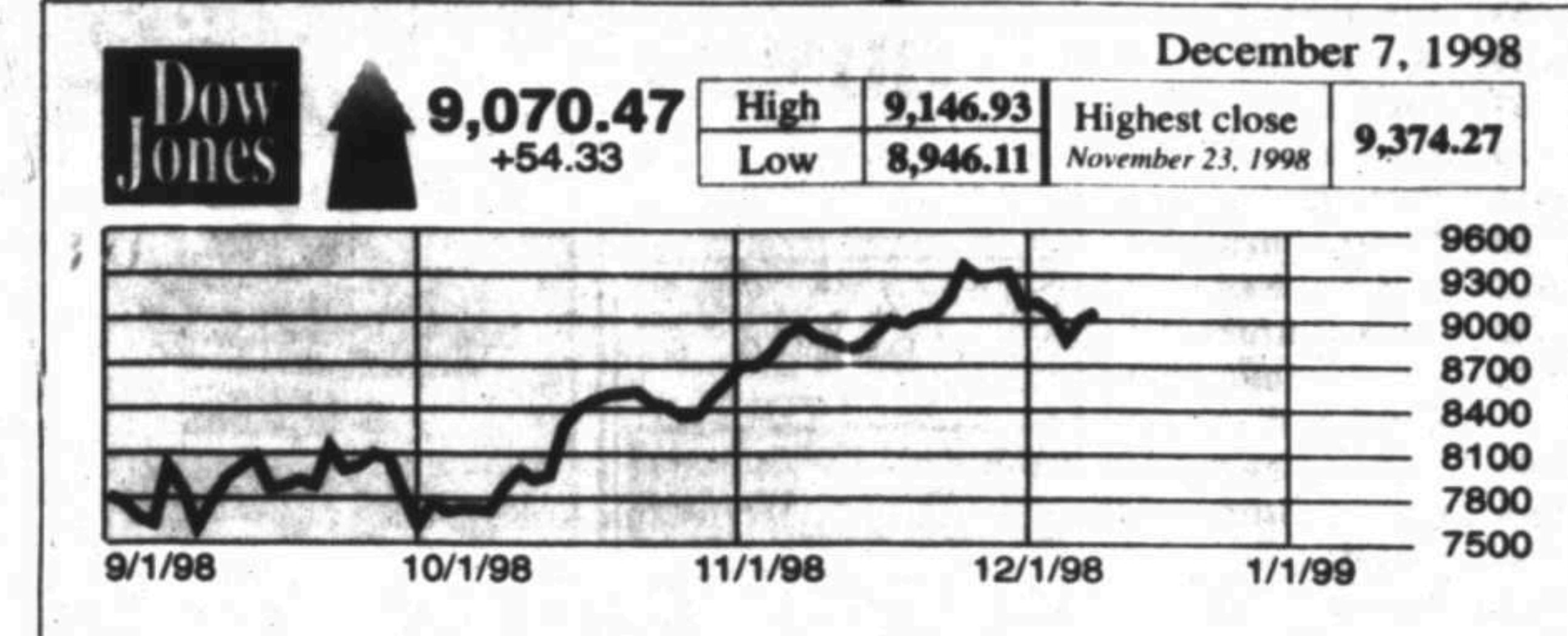
Analysts seem to be running out of adjectives as the Nasdaq stalwarts continue to carry the broader market.

"It's technology stocks, mainly the four horsemen, Dell, Cisco, Microsoft and Intel," said Larry Rice, chief investment officer at Josephthal & Co. "That's been the story all year."

Many institutional investors have recently rushed into these stocks that have outperformed the overall market as a way to enrich their holdings before year's end, Rice said. "It's institutional window-dressing."

Investors Monday were encouraged by interest rate drops in Hong Kong and Chi-

Daily market roundup



na and had renewed faith that Brazil will work out of its financial crisis, analysts said.

Broader stock indicators were also up. Stock traders seemed to ignore growing economic troubles in Asia, and the increasing likelihood that President Clinton faces a close impeachment vote in the House.

"No one seriously believes impeachment will go through both houses," Rice said. As for foreign economic concerns, he added: "Everyone thinks the worst has past."

In Moscow, the battered Russian ruble flirted with a record low since Russia's

financial crisis erupted last summer. And in Tokyo, the head of the Bank of Japan said Monday that his nation's economy remains in "an extremely severe state."

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 13-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 654.67 million shares, down from Friday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 11.00 at 1,187.74. The NYSE composite index was up 3.84 at 577.33, and the American Stock Exchange composite index was up 3.95 at 664.34.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 2.80 to 401.17.

Scottish Power to buy PacifiCorp

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Scotland's largest utility is buying U.S. utility PacifiCorp for about \$7.9 billion in stock.

The deal announced Monday would create a company with 7 million customers in Britain and the United States.

While other foreign companies have invested in power plants in the United States, this deal if approved by regulators would be the first purchase of an entire U.S. electric utility by a foreign company.

PacifiCorp, the third-largest utility west of the Mississippi, has 1.4 million customers in seven Western states and about 10,000 employees. It is the holding company for Pacific Power and Utah Power.

ScottishPower, with some 15,000 employees, supplies gas, water, electricity and phone services to 5 million British homes and has holdings in the telecommunications, electrical and home entertainment industries.

"PacifiCorp is an ideal partner for ScottishPower," ScottishPower chief executive officer Ian Robinson said in a statement. "The company combines an attractive asset base and customer profile with a core utility business offering substantial scope for improved efficiency."

Under the terms of the deal, ScottishPower will pay stock worth \$25.13 per share at Friday's close for each share of PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp stock closed Friday at \$20.75, meaning shareholders would gain a 21 percent increase.

The deal will give ScottishPower shareholders 64 percent ownership of the combined company and 36 percent to PacifiCorp shareholders.

ScottishPower also will assume PacifiCorp's \$4.9 billion debt. Either company must pay a \$250 million fee if the deal is terminated under certain circumstances.

The new company will be based in Glasgow, but PacifiCorp would run ScottishPower's U.S. operations from Portland.

The deal must be approved by shareholders, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and some U.S. state utility commissions.

Some of the combined company's employees may lose their jobs after the merger is completed, the joint release said. The company will try to minimize the cuts through hiring reductions, attrition and employee retraining.



Key figures in the Scottish Power bid to take over PacifiCorp pose for the media in London Monday. From left: Ian Russell, Finance Director and Deputy Chief Executive of Scottish Power; Richard O'Brien, Chief Operating Officer, PacifiCorp; Murray Stuart, Chairman of Scottish Power, and Ian Robinson, Chief Executive of Scottish Power. If the deal is approved, it will be the first time a foreign company has acquired a U.S. utility.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Size does not always matter in index fund performance

By Eric Tyson

Q: A recent article in Time magazine that I've enclosed strongly suggests that when investing in stocks, index funds work wonders with large stocks but not with small stocks. Do you agree with this?

A: To a significant degree, no, I do not agree with that assertion. The piece, entitled "Index Funds: Size Matters," appeared in the Oct. 12 issue of Time. Using data from Morningstar, the article argued, "To invest in large companies, buy a low-fee index fund. But to invest in smaller stocks, it's worth paying more for an active fund manager."

For the five-year period ending Aug. 31, 1998, according to the Time article, zero percent of actively managed mutual funds investing in large company stocks were able to beat the corresponding market index — the S&P 500. By comparison, also according to the

Time article, a whopping 98 percent of actively managed mutual funds investing in a mix of small company stocks were able to beat its corresponding market index — the Russell 2000.

This information does seemingly lead to the conclusion offered in the article — use index funds for investing in large company stocks but shun index funds and use actively managed funds when investing in small cap stocks.

There's a big problem, however, with the Time analysis of Morningstar's data — the analysis is wrong and wrong in a big way.

The genesis for the Time piece was an already published piece in FundInvestor, Morningstar's publication. What Morningstar's piece actually demonstrated was how frequently (in rolling 12-month periods) over the past five years did the average return for a fund in a given fund category beat the corresponding index performance for the category.

However, this data are quite different from examining over the five-year time period what portion of the individual funds in a given category outperformed the corresponding index.

Readers who perused this Time article were left with the conclusion that actively managed stock funds investing in large cap stocks never beat the S&P 500 but that small cap stock funds almost always beat their corresponding index — the Russell 2000.

I called Morningstar to have them compile their data in the way in which Time presented it. For each fund category, Morningstar told me over the same five-year period what portion of the funds were able to beat the comparable market index.

Among large company stock funds, just over 17 percent (a far cry from zero percent) of them beat the S&P 500 over the five-year time span in question. Among small company stock funds, about 50 percent (again, a big difference from the 98 percent cited by Time) beat the Russell 2000.

I should note that one should exercise great caution in even using this correct data to assert that it's better to buy index funds when investing in large company stocks. During the five-year period study, larger cap stocks did far better than small cap stocks — the S&P 500 returned an annualized 18.2 per-

cent, more than double the annual returns of the Russell 2000 of 8.1 percent.

Many mutual funds focusing on small company stocks tend, because of the large assets of the fund, to hold a portion in larger cap stocks. Thus, many small cap funds were able to beat the Russell 2000 index thanks to higher returns provided by large cap holdings.

One should also not simply use one five-year period of data to determine the value or lack thereof of particular index funds. The results of various studies I've examined demonstrate that the majority of actively managed funds underperform the market indexes. While a somewhat greater proportion of larger cap funds tends to fall short of their mark, indexing with small company stocks has value too.

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Claims may be presented to the Co-Independent Executors addressed as follows:

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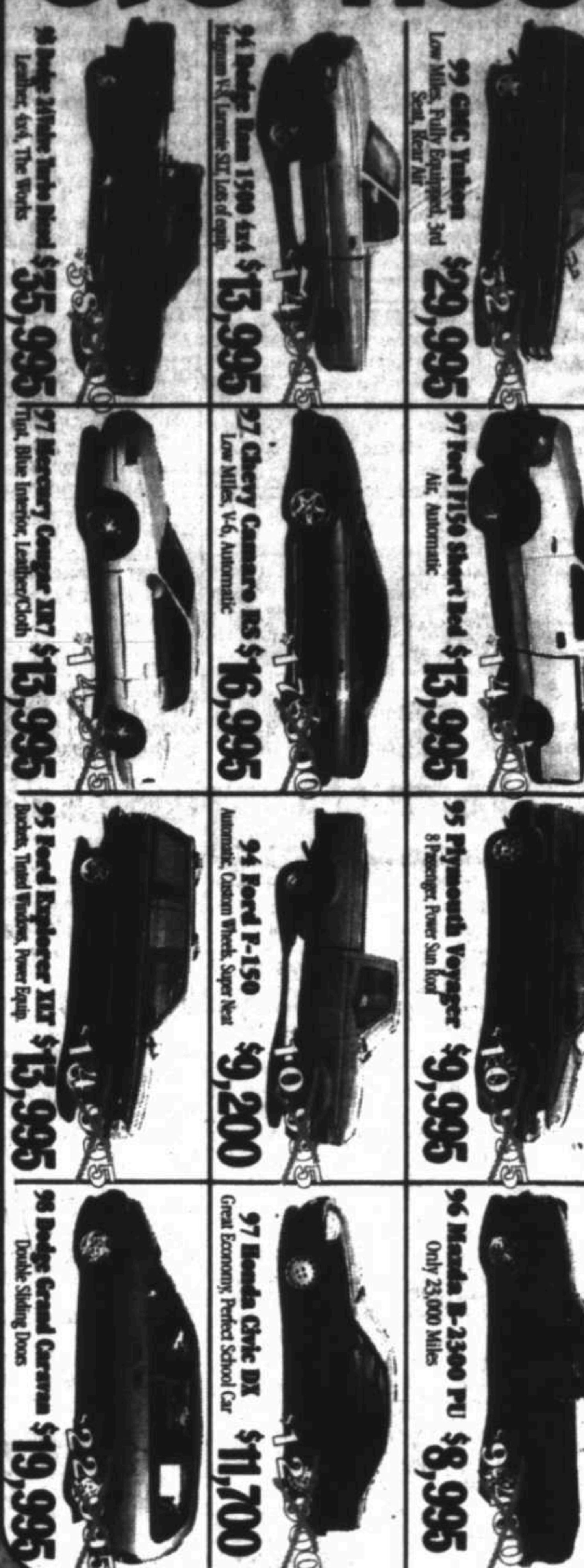
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