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SPORTS MHS wins

Midland High defeated Abilene High, 15-7, 13-15, 15-7, Tuesday night. It was Abilene High's first loss in 4-5A play, and it brought both teams into a tie atop the standings at 11-1/.1C



NATION Hostages

An armed teen-ager briefly held a classroom full of children and a teacher hostage Tuesday at his former elementary school before surrendering to authorities. No one was injured./2A

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Storms dump rain, hail on basin

By Gary Ott and Brian Rogers
Reporter-Telegram staff

The collective power of the Permian Basin's prayers for rain came crashing down on Midland and Odessa Tuesday night.

But there was more. In addition to the heavy rains, large hail, high winds and even reports of tornadoes rolled across the Permian Basin, but for the most part Midland escaped the worst of the conditions.

The tiny town of Penwell, located southwest of Odessa, was not so lucky. By 9 p.m., there were reports of three inches of hail on the ground, some of it as large as marble-size. There were also reports of golf ball-size hail in Gardendale, located northwest of Odessa.

Much of Odessa itself, especially areas in the west part of town, had flooding conditions most of the night, as those cars that did venture out on the streets had to creep their way through the high waters that were pouring over the curbs.

That scene was repeated often throughout West Texas. But in Midland, the storm acted like the tide. The ebb and flow of the downpour made it impossible to drive at some times, and barely touched other areas.

Although heavy rains were reported in parts of town, there were few signs of large hail or damaging winds. The National Weather Service reported measuring only 0.41 inches of rain. In fact, parts of downtown had received little more than an occasional sprinkle as of 11 p.m.

At the same time, much of northwest Midland received large downpours of rain causing a few streets to be under water during the night, including parts of Andrews Highway, Garfield Street, Wadley and Midland Drive. Underpasses along Loop 250 also flooded at various times during the night. Parts of County Road 60 were even closed to traffic because it was under so much water.

People getting off of work at 9 p.m. along Loop 250 marveled at the power of the storm. Letty Enriquez, 25, said, "It gets people worked up. We even got a plan together in case the lights went out at work, it was exciting."

Ms. Enriquez said it seems like Midland has a giant storm like this about once a year. Shannon Cavazos, 17, also said it was exciting. "We turned up all of the radios in the car audio section of the (Best Buy) store."

Jim Nordquest was duly impressed with the storm. "I came out and looked at it, and it was beautiful." Trent Zou said he thought his small car might get blown away or float away.

A handful of cars were flooded out in parts of both Midland and Odessa, although again it appeared Odessa motorists were the hardest hit. But Midland did not escape, altogether. Branches from several trees in far west Midland were blown to the ground by high winds.

Lightning filled the skies all night long, causing sudden bursts of brightness that allowed the dangerous clouds to be seen. Unconfirmed tornadoes were reportedly spotted near Penwell and near Midland International Airport, north of State Highway 191. No damage was reported in either case.

The Odessa Police Department reported that the Tejanos Rodeo Club, Please see WEATHER/4A

October rains	
Monday's rainfall	1.01 inches
Tuesday's rainfall	0.41 inches
Total rainfall for October	2.05 inches
Normal rainfall for October	1.74 inches

Trent Zou, employee at Best Buy, runs through the rain Tuesday night after the store closed early because of the coming storm.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

David Adams named MHS principal

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Former Abell Junior High School principal David Adams was named principal of Midland High School at Tuesday night's MISD board meeting, after a 6-0 vote to approve.

Adams, a 30-year veteran of the teaching profession, has been principal of Abell Junior High since 1993.

"It's going to be one of the biggest challenges I've ever had in my career," Adams said.

He praised the staff at Midland High and said that he would function as both a school leader and a "team member." He said he plans on taking the current staff and administration at Midland High and helping them move forward together.

"I want to make this a team effort," Adams said. "I'll be a principal but I'll also be a member of the team."

MISD superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said that Adams made an ideal choice for principal because of his experience, knowledge of instruction and the fact that Abell Junior High has been a mentor school for the past four years.

"I think we're fortunate to have someone of his experience and background," Baressi said.

First off, Adams said he wants to get to know the staff and programs in place at Midland High. One of the first major issues Adams intends on tackling after he gets acclimated is the school's over-

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"I want to make this a team effort. I'll be a principal but I'll also be a member of the team."

—David Adams, new MHS principal

Math teacher admits playing online card games for 'Monopoly money'

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Midland Freshman High School mathematics teacher Jacob G. Lopez on Tuesday admitted to playing on-line card games during class hours, but added he thought the situation has been blown out of proportion.

Lopez was suspended with pay by Midland Independent School District on Monday after the allegations surfaced.

"I didn't know that playing chips for free was against the law," Lopez told the Reporter-Telegram in a telephone interview Tuesday night.

Lopez said he was playing card games at www.freeblackjack.com during his down

time in class. While playing the game, Lopez admitted that he won \$6,000. However, in a later telephone interview he said the \$6,000 was merely "Monopoly money," and had no real monetary value.

He said he started visiting the site after school officials removed card games from his computer. The Midland Independent School District uses Windows software on their computers. The software often is bundled with a game pack that has card games like blackjack, hearts and solitaire.

Lopez said he never would have started going to the Web site if the virtual card games had not been removed from his computer.

Please see TEACHER/4A

Former Arco Permian team launches new company

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

A new Midland oil company, Westwin Energy, was formally launched Tuesday with the announcement of a \$20 million financial partnership with Enron North America's Energy Capital Resources Group.

The new privately held exploration and production company, which has already started a 100-well drilling program in Midland and Upton counties, was formed by the former management team of Arco Permian, and will be headed Keith Weiser, former president of Arco Permian.

While the company has been in an organizational stage since the management team left Arco Permian in June, Weiser said it had waited until the finalization of a financial partnership to make a formal announcement. "We spent several months reviewing and interviewing with various financial partners before selecting Enron Energy Capital

Resources. We are very proud to be associated with the company, and we are excited about the financial strength and vision of our new partner. This was the right fit."

Said Scott Josey, vice president and co-manager of Enron North America's Capital group: "We firmly believe that this team can build on their outstanding success at Arco Permian and become a significant investment vehicle."

Weiser said Westwin had chosen a financial partner that could provide the strong capital resources the management team enjoyed at Arco, and a creative partner that would allow the new company to build a successful venture in the Permian Basin.

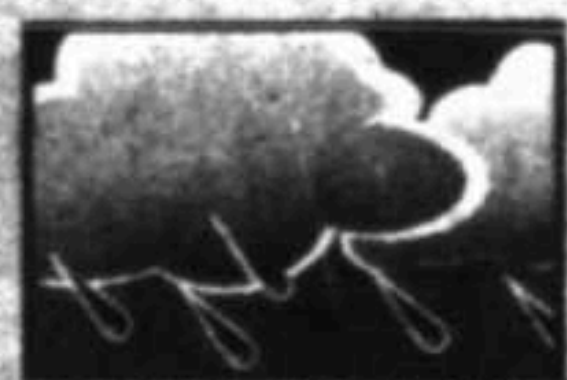
Weiser said Westwin had chosen to remain in the Permian Basin because West Texas was a place where the employees could exercise their personal priorities of "God and family first," and live in harmony with business rather than opposition.

He also noted that the multi-pay and multi-owner character of the Permian Basin offered significant opportunity. "There is still significant natural resource and consolidation potential in the Basin," said Weiser, who pointed out that the Basin

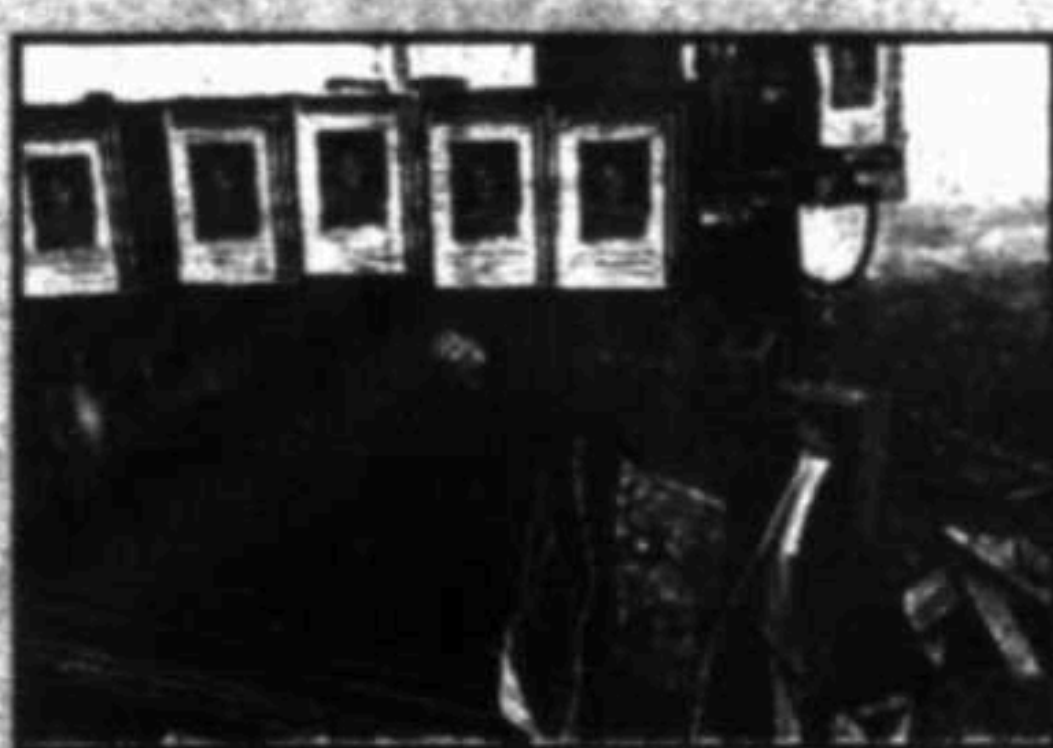
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Chance of rain,
high near 70.
Weather on 4A



Ahmed Hamouda plays with a sling shot outside of his home where posters of his slain brother 14-year-old Samir Hamouda are displayed in the West Bank town of Ramallah Tuesday.

Off the wire

The Israeli human rights group B'tselem says at least 26 of the 109 Palestinians killed in 27 days of fighting were minors./B5

ELECTION 2000

Midland County voters will go to the polls on Nov. 7 to help elect the next president of the United States. In addition, they will be voting in several state and local races. Early voting began Monday.

Total votes on Tuesday 1,926

Total votes to date 3,699

Early voting continues every day through Nov. 3 at various locations around town. For specific times and places, call the Elections Administration Office at 688-1222.

Carnahan's widow could wind up in the Senate in his place

By Scott Chorton
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A movement is under way among Missouri Democrats to install Gov. Mel Carnahan's widow in the Senate seat he was seeking when he was killed in a plane crash.

Missouri's new governor, Democrat Roger Wilson, said Tuesday he has offered to appoint Jean Carnahan to the Senate if her late husband gets more votes than his opponent, Republican Sen. John Ashcroft, on Nov. 7.

Jean Carnahan did not immediately accept the offer, but Wilson's spokesman said she would consider it. She did not return calls to the Governor's Mansion, where she continues to reside.

The Carnahan-Ashcroft race had been a tie before the Oct. 16 plane crash that killed the governor, his son and a campaign aide. By then, it was too late under law to remove Carnahan's name from the ballot.

Wilson acknowledged he is asking voters to take a strange step on Election Day and vote for a dead man, but he said "that's what I'm going to do."

Republican leaders warned that Wilson's promise could be illegal under federal law, which bars pledges of appointments to win votes in congressional races. They said a legal challenge is possible.

Jean Carnahan, 66, has never run for or held elected office, but she has been involved in her husband's political career, including campaigning and organizing issue drives, and she has been extremely popular on the campaign trail. She has a degree in business and public administration from George Washington University. The couple had been married 46 years.



AP Photo
Jean Carnahan, wife of the late Gov. Mel Carnahan, speaks at the funeral for Chris Sifford in Puxico, Mo., Sunday. Carnahan, a Democrat, was in a tight race for the Senate when he, son Roger and campaign aide Chris Sifford were killed in a plane crash on their way to a rally last week. Carnahan's death came too late to take his name off the ballot. Top Democrats are urging Missouri's new governor to appoint Jean Carnahan as senator if the late governor receives more votes than Republican Sen. John Ashcroft in the Nov. 7 election.

While she has not publicly discussed a bid for the Senate, she heightened speculation when during a eulogy Sunday she urged mourners: "Don't let the fire go out."

The Republicans — who have toned down their campaigning because of the crash — criticized Wilson's offer.

"This is politicizing of a tragedy," said Ann Wagner, state GOP chairman.

Ashcroft's Senate colleague, Republican Christopher Bond, said Wilson's plan "resembles a bait-and-switch effort."

The GOP said Democrats should run a write-in campaign if they want Jean Carnahan, which Democrats said is impractical.

Ken Warren, a political scientist at Saint Louis University, said there are legitimate questions about the legality of pledging something — in this case, the widow's appointment — to win votes.

"The Democrats could possibly get away with it. But if they say essentially that a vote for Mel Carnahan is a vote for Carnahan's wife, there might be a problem," Warren said.

But Joe Bednar, Wilson's legal counsel, said the Missouri Constitution and state law clearly give the governor authority to fill vacancies in offices.

Republicans were cautious about not appearing to criticize the Carnahans.

"My heart goes out to them," Ashcroft said in Springfield during one of several stops he is making this week at homeless shelters and charities. "One of the ways to move ahead and to transition out of grief is to reach out to each other. I'm not focused on politics right now."

The race was seen as a key battle in the Democrats' effort to retake control of the Senate.

If Carnahan receives more votes than Ashcroft, the interim senator will be appointed by Wilson after Ashcroft's term ends Jan. 3. The appointee would serve until Missouri's next general election, in November 2002.

Top Democrats predicted Jean Carnahan will agree to serve.

"She's the obvious choice of everyone I've talked to," said veteran state Sen. Harry Wiggins of Kansas City. Marc Farinella, Mel Carnahan's top strategist, said: "She was a full partner and she knows what Mel would want."

Three widows of congressmen are currently members of the House: Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo., Mary Bono, R-Calif., and Lois

Capps, D-Calif. All three have won re-election.

Missouri voters were intrigued about the prospect of a widow taking her husband's place.

"I was so depressed about Mel Carnahan's death, but now I'm telling everyone I know to vote for him and elect his wife," said Bonnie Mertzluft, 48, a kindergarten teacher from Bunker.

Wayne Parker, 56, who owns a garage at Bunker, said Jean Carnahan "knew better than anyone about Mel's issues."

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These T-Shirts are TotalLee awesome and we want to have everyone in the stands wearing maroon at the Lee vs. Permian game Friday night. Student Council encourages everyone to support Lee's students and our football team by purchasing this limited edition "Maroon Out" T-Shirt. Get yours early, while the supply lasts!
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Federal government puts campus crime statistics online

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The government is putting campus crime statistics for 6,700 colleges and universities on the Internet, but making realistic comparisons among schools may be nearly impossible.

While the Education Department forced all institutions of higher education that receive federal funds to turn in crime figures, there is no national set of standards for how crimes are compiled or even defined.

For example, the Internet report on Ohio State University shows the Columbus campus reporting 179 burglaries in 1999. Arizona State University's main campus in Tempe is about the same size but reported 355 burglaries 1999.

Is the Arizona school nearly twice as burglary prone as the one in Ohio? No one knows for sure, said department spokeswoman Jane Glickman, because there are no national standards for campus crime reporting. Beyond that, she said, the department assumes, without checking, that reports are correct.

Reports from the Pratt Institute in New York City shows it is nearly crime-free, with no assaults, robberies, auto thefts or arsons in 1999. Fordham University, also in

New York City, also reported no robberies.

Federal law has required campuses to keep track of crimes for the past 10 years. It stipulates schools must disclose violent crimes, burglaries and auto thefts on campus and arrests for liquor, drug and weapons violations. The law was amended in 1998 to require the reports be available on the Internet.

As of Tuesday, the deadline for schools to submit statistics for the last three years, information from 4,200 schools was posted, and data from other schools was in the process of being entered, Glickman said.

The Web site, <http://www.ope.ed.gov/security>, allows users to call up reports on

colleges one at a time.

Corye Barbour, the U.S. Student Association's legislative director, acknowledged data was not consistent, but praised the Web site for making information available in one place.

Previously, students had to contact schools individually seeking the numbers.

"Statistics aren't foolproof, but reporting these numbers is a step in the right direction," Barbour said. "We really haven't come up with a way to quantify how much violent crime students are experiencing, but this is a start."

The disclosure law was prompted by the 1986 murder of 19-year-old Jeanne Clery at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. Fellow student Joseph M. Henry, who

entered the dorm through security doors propped open by pizza boxes, was convicted and sentenced to death.

Clery's parents later learned that 38 violent crimes had not been made public in the three years before their daughter's murder.

In 1998, Congress toughened the law because of spotty compliance. Colleges now can be fined \$25,000 for each unreported crime.

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CAMPAIGN 2000

Gore, Bush battle over reducing, fattening bureaucracy

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Al Gore said Tuesday, "I'm opposed to big government" and promised he would never expand the federal bureaucracy as president. Rival George W. Bush said voters shouldn't believe it.

Gore said he had worked for eight years to reduce the bureaucracy — federal employment is down about one-sixth during the Clinton-Gore years — and he said he would try to shrink the government to the smallest share of the economy in a half-century.

Bush would have none of it. "He wants to increase the size and scope of the federal government," the Texas Republican said two weeks before Election Day, as both candidates cast wide nets in search of compelling homestretch issues.

Gore, the Democratic vice president, was campaigning in his home state and Bush was visiting once-friendly Florida — a sign that this closely fought race has pushed both candidates to the brink, even in their political backyards.

Revisiting an old issue, Bush said President Clinton's impeachment is a chapter that Americans "would just rather forget," but he warned that Gore's boss could become an issue if he doesn't stop criticizing the GOP ticket.

"If he can't help himself and starts getting out there and campaigning against me, the shadow returns," Bush said playfully, fielding a question about impeachment from a suburban Chicago voter before flying here. "I may say something in defense of my record, but it's time to move on."

As if on cue, the government announced a record \$237 billion surplus for the fiscal year just ended and Clinton quickly hailed it in an appearance promoting Gore's run for the presidency.

Three of four tracking polls suggest the race for the White House has narrowed in recent days after Bush appeared to be opening a lead over the weekend. But polls suggest voters still have concerns about both candidates, especially Gore's personality and Bush's stances on several issues.

Anxious for any edge, Gore's team also distributed copies of a new report that raises questions about Bush's education record in Texas. Researchers at Rand, a California-based think tank, suggested that rising state test scores in Texas may be misleading because the students didn't do as well on national tests.

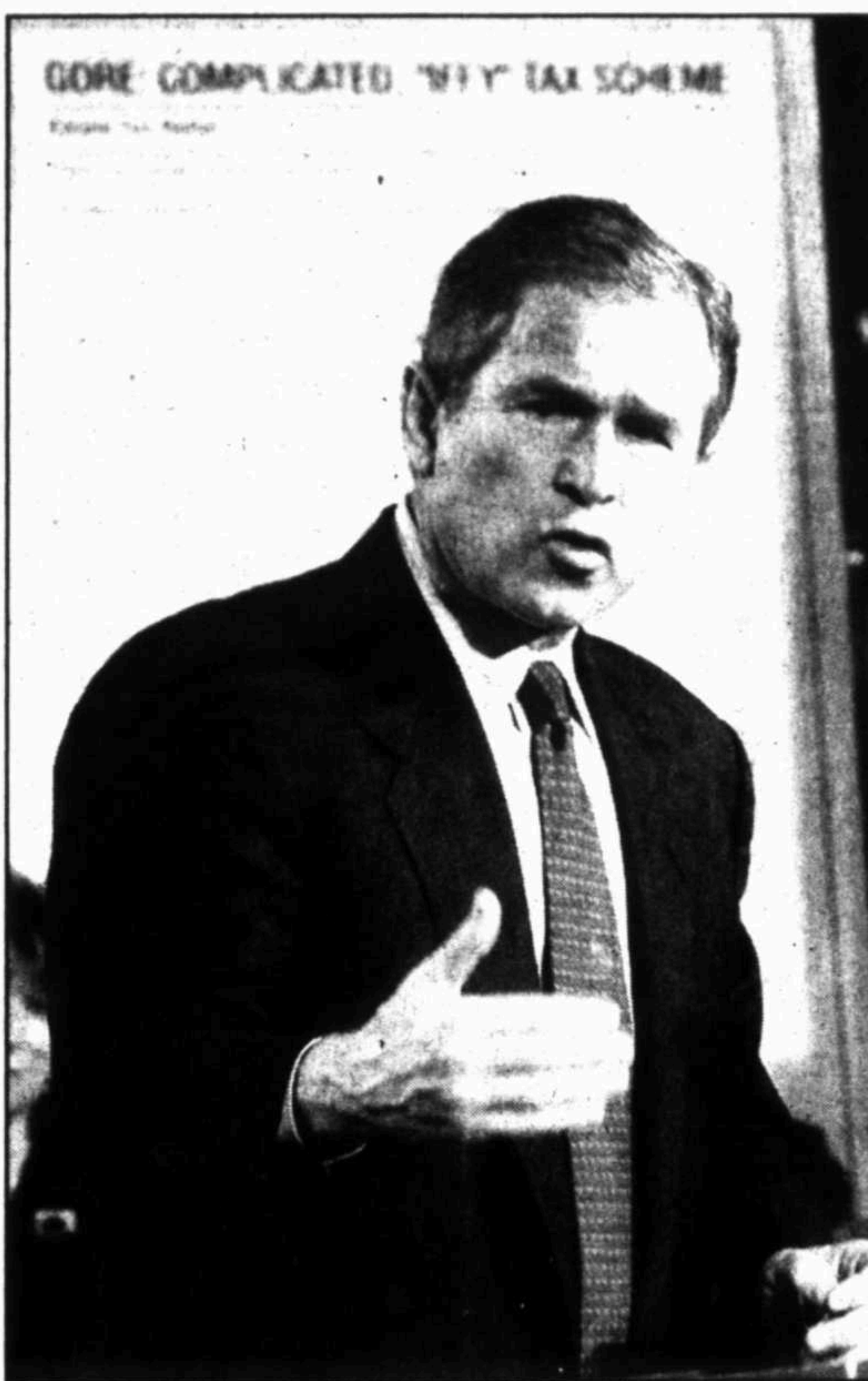
Bush aides denounced the report with help from a Texas Democrat who is touring the nation on the governor's behalf. "It's utterly false," said Sandy Kress, an education advocate.

In the battle of TV ads, the Republican National Committee entered the fray over Social Security, defending Bush against Democratic commercials that say he cannot divert \$1 trillion to pay for personal savings accounts while still paying regular Social Security benefits.

"Why does Al Gore say one thing, when the truth is another?" an announcer asks in the GOP ad. A second commercial says Gore is exaggerating about Bush's Texas record, too.

The tax-and-spend debate is a recurring theme of the campaign: Gore calls Bush's tax-cut plan risky and Bush calls Gore a big-government Democrat.

Gore said of Bush, "The evi-



dence demonstrates clearly that he is the one who proposes massive spending increases and tax cuts for the wealthy that aren't even paid for."

Campaigning in Arkansas, where Clinton began his climb to the White House, Gore said the administration has reduced the size of government. Total workers are down 17.5 percent since 1993 — mostly because of post-Cold War cuts in civilian jobs connected with the military.

Gore promised not to add to the number of people working for the government — "not even by one position."

"I'm opposed to big government," he said, a line similar to Clinton's "The era of big government is over" in his 1996 State of the Union address. Later, aboard his campaign plane, he said he was best qualified to cut government because "I know where the rats in the barn are."

A skeptical Bush used the issue to frame his case for a 10-year, \$1.3 trillion tax cut.

"Rather than increasing the size and scope of the federal government like my opponent would like to do, I'd like to send some of that money back to the people," Bush said.

He pointed to a chart that displayed the various conditions a person must meet to qualify for a targeted tax cut under Gore's tax plan. He surveyed the crowd for people who met the criteria. A few hands went up, but not many, before he asked, "How many of you pay taxes?"

His point: Everyone who pays taxes would get a cut under his plan, a line that drew a standing ovation.

Both candidates campaigned Tuesday in Tennessee, where the race is too close for the vice president's comfort. State operatives say Bush is faring well because Tennessee is turning Republican, and many voters no longer view Gore as one of their own.

"If he has been governor instead of vice president he would have had a better-oiled machine," said Byron Trauger, a Democratic donor and Gore friend.

Bush later told several thousand supporters at an open-air, riverfront mall in Jacksonville, Fla., that come Nov. 7, both Tennessee and Florida would be "in the Bush column."

Of Gore, he said: "He can run but we're not going to let him hide."

Standing beside Bush, brother Jeb, who is Florida's governor, said "people in northeast Florida and across this state want someone of integrity, someone to admire. They want someone who will say what they'll do and then do it."

Tennessee isn't Gore's only trouble spot. Of the 10 states that have voted Democratic in the last three elections, polls show him trailing or tied in six: Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and West Virginia.



Far left: Republican presidential candidate Gov. George W. Bush, using what the campaign called the "Gore, Complicated, 'Iffy' Tax Scheme" as a back-ground, speaks during a campaign stop at Thomas Middle School in Arlington Heights, Ill., Tuesday. At left: Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore discusses the role of government during a speech Tuesday in Little Rock, Ark.

AP Photo

His problems nationally — voters not trusting him and core Democrats not fired up — translate to trouble in the six states, which collectively have 51 electoral votes.

On the other hand, Republicans say Bush probably can't win without Florida's 25 electoral votes, yet the race is tied and Bush is forced to spend today in the state with brother Jeb.

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Bodies found during search for missing sect children



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Maine State Police load makeshift caskets into a state medical examiner's vehicle after recovering the remains of two infants buried at a nearby location deep in the Maine forest in the remote Baxter State Park, near Grand Lake Matagon, Maine, Tuesday. The search began one day after sect member David Corneau, the father of one of the two missing babies, agreed to lead authorities to the bodies in exchange for immunity from prosecution for himself and his wife.

By Glenn Adams
Associated Press

BAXTER STATE PARK, Maine — A man who stonewalled investigators for months about two children missing from his Massachusetts religious sect led a search team Tuesday to two tiny bodies buried deep in the Maine wilderness.

The remains, believed to be those of infant Jeremiah Corneau and 10-month-old Samuel Robidoux, were found in makeshift pine coffins in a remote part of Baxter State Park.

Positive identification and the causes of death were pending. Prosecutors believe Jeremiah was either stillborn or died within minutes of his birth. Samuel allegedly starved to death after he stopped nursing.

David Corneau, father of Jeremiah and a member of the sect, used a hand-drawn map to pinpoint the site after he and searchers were flown to the area by float plane. The nearest road is five miles away.

"It was basically 'X' marks the spot," said Mark Latti, spokesman for the Maine Warden Service.

The search in the 200,000-acre park

in northern Maine began one day after Corneau agreed to lead authorities to the bodies in exchange for immunity from prosecution for himself and his wife.

Paul F. Walsh, the Bristol County (Mass.) district attorney, said charges against other members of the sect were likely, but declined to elaborate.

Authorities have been looking into the deaths, concerned that the sect members' rejection of conventional medicine and other beliefs may have contributed to the deaths.

Sect members, based in the southeastern Massachusetts city of Attleboro, do not recognize the legal system and remained silent for months before a grand jury investigating the boys' disappearance.

Corneau, 33, was one of eight members of the group jailed for refusing to respond to the grand jury's questions. He was freed last month after invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Corneau's pregnant wife, Rebecca, 32, was recently held in state custody after a judge expressed concern for the well-being of her fetus. She gave birth last week to a girl, who remains in state

custody until her fate is decided by the courts.

Acting on tips from former sect members, police searched Baxter State Park several times last year but found nothing.

Walsh said the remains were being taken to the state medical examiner's office in Augusta for autopsies, but Corneau's lawyer, Robert George, said his client's agreement with the prosecutor specified that there would be no autopsy on Jeremiah's remains.

"David admits to no wrongdoing," he said.

Gerry FitzGerald, a spokesman for the Massachusetts prosecutor, said authorities are more interested in punishing sect members involved in the death of the Robidoux infant.

"(Corneau's) degree of culpability in any crime that could be proven is considerably less than that of other persons," FitzGerald said.

Asked why Corneau had been granted immunity, FitzGerald said: "Finding the bodies is very important. Prosecuting persons for an intentionally inflicted death of a child is very important. Having an eyewitness is very important."

Space shuttle Discovery lands in California

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery and its seven astronauts landed in California's Mojave Desert on Tuesday after dangerously high wind prevented a touchdown in Florida for the third day in a row.

The shuttle swooped through a clear sky and touched down on the runway at Edwards Air Force Base about 2 p.m. PDT, ending a 13-day flight during which the astronaut got the international space station ready for the arrival of its first full-time residents next week.

It was the 100th space shuttle flight for NASA and the first time in 4 1/2 years a shuttle was detoured to California. The shuttle crossed the Pacific and right over Los Angeles, then northward into Edwards on the final approach.

"Welcome back to Earth after a super successful mission," Mission Control said after Discovery rolled to a safe stop.

"Great to be back," replied commander Brian Duffy.

Gusts of close to 30 mph forced NASA to pass up a landing attempt at Cape Canaveral, Fla., earlier in the day. The wind also kept the shuttle from landing in Florida on Sunday and Monday, while rain clouds at Edwards on Monday scuttled landing plans there.

To the astronauts' relief, the weather was ideal at Edwards on Tuesday.

"After a rough couple days of weather, Edwards is giving you the best it has to offer," Mission Control said.

During their flight, Duffy and his crew installed two new segments on the outside of the

space station and also spruced up the inside for the three men who will be moving in for four months. They conducted four spacewalks on four consecutive days, an exceptional — and exhausting — amount of work.

The astronauts toiled from morning to night, from the time they rocketed into orbit on Oct. 11 until their departure from the space station on Friday. A broken antenna and a short circuit made their work even more difficult.

Now the spotlight shifts to Russia and Kazakhstan.

Astronaut Bill Shepherd and two cosmonauts are scheduled to lift off aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket from Kazakhstan on Oct. 31. They will arrive at the 240-mile-high space station two days later.

The next shuttle flight is a trip to the space station by Endeavour in early December, to carry up giant solar panels. Discovery, meanwhile, is supposed to return to the space station in February, to pick up Shepherd and his crew and drop off their replacements.

That retrieval mission may be delayed, however, because of the landing in California. The ferry trip to Florida takes about one week and costs nearly \$1 million.

Space shuttles have landed 45 times before at Edwards. Until the early 1990s, it served as NASA's main touchdown site.

On the Net:

NASA: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/index-m.html>

Six people rescued when boat sinks off California coast

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy died and his grandmother was critically injured after a pleasure boat hit a sewage pipeline and sank, authorities said.

The cabin cruiser carrying five adults and the child went down Monday around 9:15 p.m. off the coast of Dockweiler State Beach, just south of Los Angeles, officials said.

Four of the victims were pulled from the water by nearby boaters.

"They advised the people to jump off the boat and four people did," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Billy Davidson. "But two people, a grandmother and (a boy), were too scared to jump off."

In a matter of seconds, Davidson said, the boat went "stern up, bow down." The cabin was completely submerged.

Sheriff's divers removed Donta Perry, 8, of Inglewood,

and Mildred Griffin, 66. The child was pronounced dead late Monday at UCLA Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Simi Singer said. Griffin was listed in "critical condition Tuesday at Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital."

The other four didn't appear to be injured.

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Junta leader names himself election winner; soldiers fire on protesters

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Security forces fired on unarmed demonstrators in Ivory Coast on Tuesday, as thousands took to the streets after the military junta leader declared himself the winner of presidential elections intended to restore civilian rule. At least one person was killed.

Waves of demonstrators were blackened faces and leaves in their hair as signs of protest. They marched through otherwise deserted downtown Abidjan streets toward barricaded government offices, retreating when soldiers and military police fired machine guns and tear gas at them, then regrouping and surging forward again.

The body of one demonstrator lay on the ground after a burst of gunfire as tear gas wafted over the streets. Witnesses said at least five others were injured.

The clashes came hours after junta leader Gen. Robert Guei dissolved the commission overseeing Sunday's presidential elections — in which he was a candidate — and declared himself the winner.

Furious over Guei's announcement, opposition leader Laurent Gbagbo also declared himself president and called on his supporters to protest the junta's move.

"I cannot let a country be dragged into the mud as Guei would like it," he told a crowd of cheering supporters at his campaign headquarters in an Abidjan suburb. "I ask that in all the cities of Ivory Coast and in every neighborhood Ivorians take to the streets."

His supporters, though, had already begun to rally, swarming into the streets of Abidjan and other cities within minutes of the junta announcement and tearing down any Guei campaign poster they came across. Tens of thousands of protesters set up roadblocks of furniture, rocks and burning tires in Abidjan's Riviera suburb as plumes of black smoke streaked across the sky.

Soldiers in riot gear fired tear gas at the crowds, beating some youths with chains and iron bars. Two rioters were stripped naked and thrown into the back of a military jeep.

On the outskirts of downtown, security forces fired weapons into the air to disperse at least 2,000 demonstrators chanting "Guei step down!" That group was escorted by a handful of military police who appeared to be supporting them.

Thousands of Gbagbo's supporters also filled the streets in Guei's home town of Gagnoa, in western Ivory Coast, where demonstrators burned and looted the home of the junta leaders.

local campaign manager and set fire to a Mercedes parked outside.

"We're demanding that Guei resign," said a local official with Gbagbo's Ivorian Popular Front who identified himself only as Yapi. "Our supporters are ready to go head-to-head with the soldiers."

But in Gagnoa, a Gbagbo stronghold, the soldiers did not intercede to stop the protests.

The junta declared a state of emergency and a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, in effect until Thursday.

Daniel Bamba Sheik, a senior Interior Ministry official, blamed massive fraud and the inability of electoral officials for the decision to disband the commission overseeing Sunday's vote.

"This commission, visibly lacking in experience ... instituted operational procedures for tabulating results that made the results unacceptable, causing, as was observed, mistakes and confusion," he said.

He accused unidentified parties of busying voters from Abidjan to villages in the interior in order to vote twice, saying such tactics necessitated the "adjustment of the results to make them conform to the real vote expressed by our fellow citizens."

Bamba Sheik said Guei took 52.72 percent of last Sunday's vote against 41.02 for Gbagbo, with three lesser known candidates sharing the remaining votes. He also claimed that only 3.6 million voters had been legally registered for the ballot, down from the 5.5 million announced by the commission before the ballot. Some 153,000 votes were nullified, he added.

Gbagbo, however, declared he had 59.58 percent of the vote,

compared to 32.91 percent for Guei.

Neither claim could be independently verified. Electoral commission officials were not immediately available for comment, and those seen earlier in the day were all escorted by armed security personnel and not allowed to talk to journalists.

The vote was controversial from the beginning. The nation's two largest political parties boycotted the ballot after their leaders were barred from running by the Supreme Court. Gbagbo (pronounced BAHG-bo) was the

only political heavyweight allowed to run against the junta leader.

Preliminary results released by the national electoral commission at midday Monday — reflecting just a fraction of the vote — showed Gbagbo with an edge over Guei. After that, however, vote counting appeared to have stopped. European Union observers said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Soon after, soldiers deployed throughout Abidjan after groups of jubilant Gbagbo supporters paraded through the streets in

parts of the city declaring that he had won.

The United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the European Union and countries such as the United States and Canada withdrew election observers or funding before the vote, saying the exclusion of major opponents made a free and fair election impossible.

Guei's move infuriated France, Ivory Coast's former colonial ruler, which still keeps hundreds of soldiers based in Abidjan.

"What we are seeing is an

attempted coup," French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said Tuesday. "France will not accept it, the European union will not accept it, and there will be consequences." He did not elaborate.

Ivory Coast saw its reputation as a bastion of regional calm destroyed in a December coup d'etat that brought Guei to power. The country's economy has also been battered by a steep decline in the prices of its main exports, coffee and cocoa.

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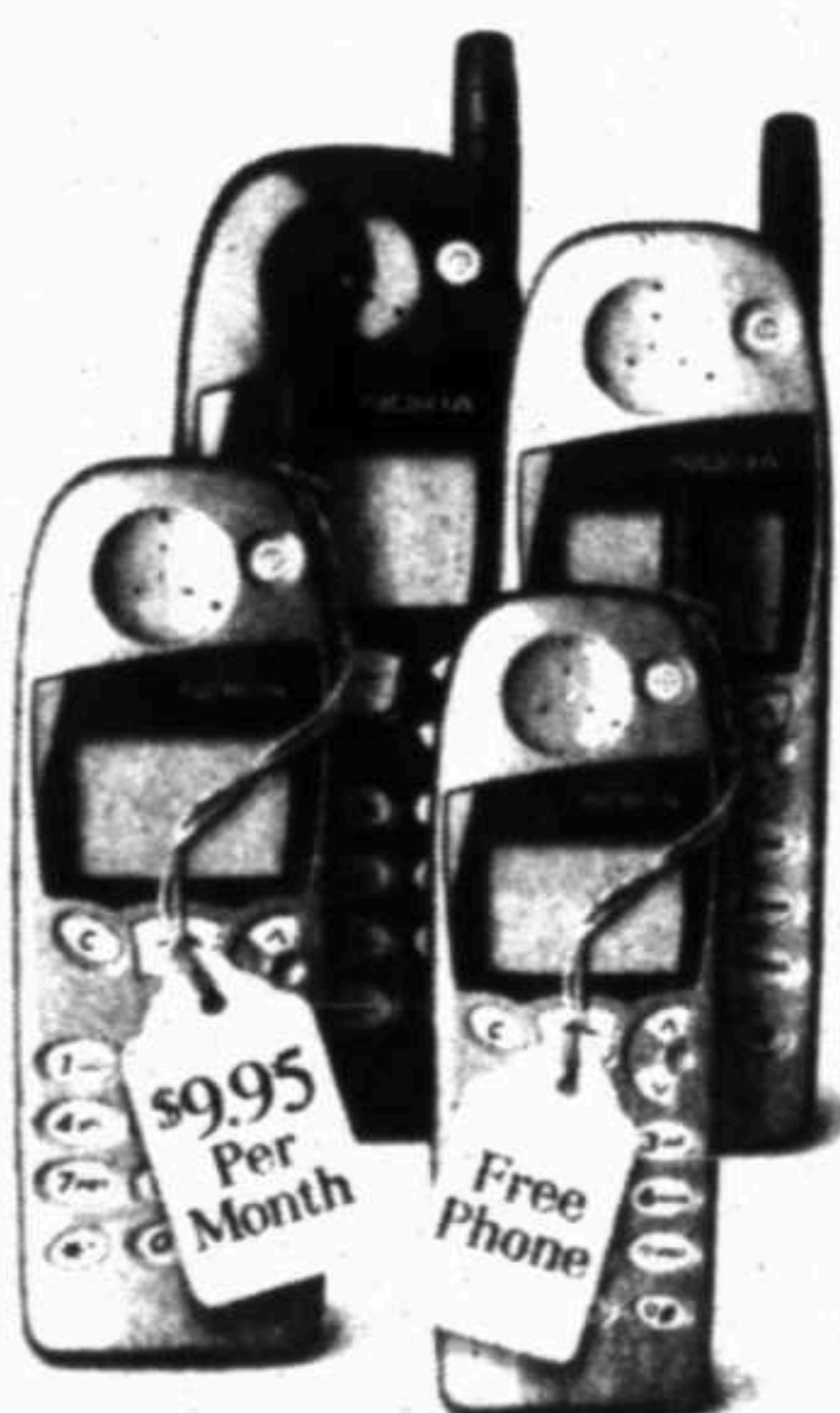
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Smith, Ramirez would serve valuably in county government

Although a big voter turnout already seen in early voting would seem to indicate a local wealth of enthusiasm for Midland's own presidential candidate, George W. Bush, we need to bear in mind the importance of local races.

Government at the local level can have the most direct impact on our lives.

Two candidates for Midland County commissioner have shown energy and enthusiasm throughout their campaigns and have demonstrated the leadership styles needed at the county level.

Republican Jimmy Smith is running against Democrat Michael Trost in Precinct 1.

Both candidates have made economic development a central theme in their campaigns. Their discussion of this issue is appreciated, as economic development for our city and county ought to be top priorities with our governmental leaders.

Unfortunately, there is no quick fix and we won't be able to diversify our economy overnight. But Smith, a real estate developer who has served on the Midland Central Appraisal Review Board, understands the need for a multi-pronged, long-range strategy.

Smith also has worked behind the scenes as a reserve deputy and understands the needs of county law enforcement. While this has been a sore point in county government for quite some time, we believe Smith can provide a little healing in this area through his service in county government.

In Precinct 3, Democrat Josie Ramirez is facing Republican Lynn Yarbrough.

When Mrs. Ramirez first launched her campaign, there were concerns that as the handpicked successor to longtime Commissioner Louisa Valencia, Mrs. Ramirez would be little more than a puppet. But throughout the course of her campaign, Mrs. Ramirez has proven that she is her own woman and isn't about to be manipulated.

Although she has little political experience, she has experience on many community boards including the Midland Memorial Hospital Board. She knows how to work with others for the common good.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Ramirez won a court battle which resulted from her one-vote victory over Precinct 3 rival, former Midland City Council member Juluis Brooks. Not only did she ultimately prevail in that contest, she showed that she has the political wherewithal to fight the tough battles. And through it all, Mrs. Ramirez remained upbeat and positive.

When Midland County voters cast their ballots, we hope they will support Smith in Precinct 1 and Mrs. Ramirez in Precinct 3.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 25, the 299th day of 2000. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
 On Oct. 25, 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted of accepting a \$100,000 bribe in connection with the Elk Hills Naval Oil Reserve in California.

On this date:
 In 1400, author Geoffrey Chaucer died in London.
 In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1812, the U.S. frigate United States captured the British vessel Macedonian during the War of 1812.
 In 1854, the Charge of the Light Brigade took place during the Crimean War.

In 1918, the Canadian steamship Princess Sophia foundered off the coast of Alaska; nearly 400 people perished.

In 1951, peace talks aimed at ending the Korean Conflict resumed in Panmunjom after 63 days.

In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

In 1994, Susan Smith of Union, S.C., claimed that a black carjacker had driven off with her two sons (Smith later confessed to drowning the children and was convicted of murder).

Five years ago: A commuter train slammed into a school bus in Fox River Grove, Ill., killing seven students. The Atlanta Braves defeated the Cleveland Indians 5-2, taking a 3-1 lead in the World Series. Tennis hustler Bobby Riggs died in Leucadia, Calif., at age 77.

One year ago: Golfer Payne Stewart and five others were killed when their Learjet flew uncontrolled for four hours before crashing in South Dakota.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Since when did the West Coast become the 'Left Coast'?

"If she was wearing a revealing top," wrote The Los Angeles Times in a guide to the geographic origins of guests at a Conga Room party during the Democratic National Convention, "a short, tight micro-mini and strappy stilettoes, if she had that come-hither look, she was definitely Left Coast."

When did the West Coast of the United States become the Left Coast, and why?

The East Coast is rarely called the Right Coast; its only synonym is the Eastern Seaboard, as in "We ought to saw off the Eastern Seaboard and float it out to sea." 1960s hyperbole attributed to Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, who considered the Rockefeller-Dewey Northeast to be a hotbed of liberalism. (Seaboard means "land bordering a seacoast," though "Western Seaboard" is an unfamiliar term.)

The earliest Left Coast citation I can find, with the help of Fred Shapiro of Yale, is in the title of a 1977 Rolling Stone record review: "Wet Willie Left Coast Live." Three years later, a New York Times writer put it in context: "If you're standing in Texas looking north, as Texans frequently do, the Left Coast is where Hollywood is."

These usages had no political connotation. In the mid-'90s, however, a liberal coloration emerged. The Denver Post noted that President Clinton "swayed to the left coast and invited gays into the military."

The combination of geographical and political direction was irresistible. "The Pacific Northwest

was a center of so much outcry against the Reagan administration in the 1980s," wrote Joel Connelly in The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "that conservative pundits referred to the region by a derivative nickname — the 'left coast of America.'"

As California has become more solidly Democratic, the name — with its political connotation — is most closely associated with that state. (Oregon and Washington are still up for linguistic grabs.)

Other nicknames for Los Angeles and Hollywood, home of the *glitterati* (an amalgam of "glitter" and "literati"), seem to be fading. "Tinseltown," with its reference to the silver screen and the glamour surrounding it, is at least mildly positive, says Arnold Zwicky, visiting professor of linguistics at Stanford. "La-La Land," with its suggestion of kookiness, is (mildly, jokingly) deprecatory, and I don't think I've heard Angelenos use it except in explicit self-mockery.

La-La Land is a play on the initials L.A., perhaps influenced by *Lotos-Land* in "The Lotos Eaters," a poem by Tennyson: "In the hollow Lotos-land to live and lie reclined/On the hills like Gods together." In his 1941 novel, "The Last Tycoon," F. Scott Fitzgerald had a character describe Hollywood as "a mining town in lotos land."

Jack Smith of The Los Angeles Times tracked La-La Land back to a 1985 recording, "Land of La-La," by Stevie Wonder, the pop-soul music star, with backup singers chanting *el-lay* every few bars.

The only usages found before that were a 1979 L.A. Times lead, "Monday night in Lalaland is not like Monday night in, say, Washington," and a 1984 reference in The Washington Post by the fashion columnist Nina Hyde, reporting on a bar that "encourages the cocktail waitresses to pour

themselves into black super-clingy spandex pants, very LA-LA Land, very Cher of a couple of years ago, very roller disco."

A second sense exists, only tangentially related to the city: a state of unreality, induced by drink, drugs or congenital dreaminess.

Whether used derisively by unappreciative visitors to the Golden State or used self-mockingly by residents, when the nicknames refer to a specific place, they are proper nouns to be properly capitalized: *Tinseltown*, *La-La Land* and now the *Left Coast*.

In the Left Coast convention speech introducing himself to the nation, Sen. Joseph Lieberman said: "My dad lived in an orphanage when he was a child. He went to work in a bakery truck and then owned a package store in Stamford, Conn."

The week before, however, in a speech to the AFL-CIO convention in Hartford, Conn., Lieberman used the phrase *liquor store*. Crawford Lincoln of Brimfield, Mass., asks, "Was this a gentler locution to soften the image of his family's business for a national audience?"

I'd say yes, and thereby hangs a euphemism. A package store is a store, not a bar, where liquor is sold by the bottle and not by the drink and where the contents of the "package" are consumed off premises.

Maybe the senator uses the terms interchangeably. But I have a hunch that some politically sensitive soul remembered that "drys" still exist and vote, and changed the candidate for vice president's word from *liquor* to *package*. It shows a sandpapered-fingertip sensitivity to the shades of meaning of words.

William Safire's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.



DAVE MCNEELY

Down-ballot Dems becoming endangered species

RYAN — Big Jim Kuboviak is a huge, imposing former cop with a gravel voice, a law degree and a doctorate in education. But what really makes him stand out is he's a Democratic countywide official unopposed for re-election in Brazos County.

Kuboviak, county attorney since 1985, and Bill Turner, district attorney since 1983, are the only two countywide Democrats here without opposition.

Meanwhile, three Republicans — Sheriff Chris Kirk, County Court at Law Judge Jim Locke, and 272nd District court candidate Rick Davis — have no Democratic opposition.

The home county of Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, and of Texas A&M University, is following the Republican trend in larger urban counties like Dallas, Harris and Tarrant. The only Democrats who can be elected countywide are incumbents, and even they are increasingly nervous they will go the way of the Dodo bird.

Brazos County's popular Democratic tax assessor-collector since 1979, Buddy Winn, is opposed by Republican auctioneer Art King and Libertarian Scot B. Adams. Winn's friends expect him to survive, since he beat back a Republican opponent four years ago. In a county of about 143,000, as opposed to bigger counties with more than 10 times that amount, many voters know him. But that he's opposed at all is a sign of the changes here.

Democrat John Delaney, re-elected to the 272nd District Court ever since Democratic Gov. Mark White appointed him in 1985, this year chose to retire after Republican Davis, a county court-at-law judge, filed against him.

Delaney said he did some quick math, and realized he already had the 20 years of judicial and mil-

itary service needed for maximum judicial retirement pay. And he can continue in the courtroom as a visiting judge.

"I really had nothing to gain by staying here and spending \$50,000 to fight for this job," Delaney said.

County Clerk Mary Ann Ward was the only Democrat to survive re-election in 1998, with 52.2 percent, while Gov. George W. Bush got 74.4 percent.

Kuboviak figures if he were to quit as county attorney, there's no question the job would be filled by a Republican.

In some other counties like Travis, Republicans also are making inroads into once-solid Democratic turf. Terry Keel was elected sheriff in 1992.

Keel opted to run for a safe Republican Texas House seat in 1996 rather than seek re-election.

Two Travis County Republican district judges appointed to mid-term vacancies by Gov. Bush — Julie Kocurek and Ernest C. Garcia — are challenged by Democrats Karrie Key and Darlene Byrne. Also, Republican John Drolla is running against Democrat Scott Jenkins for an open judgeship.

And Republican Shane Phelps, a former assistant attorney general, is repeating his try of four years ago to unseat Democratic District Attorney Ronnie Earle.

Earle, who has held the job since 1977 and got 55 percent in 1996, says the county's voters "are intelligent enough to make decisions based on what's best for our quality of life, and that means they'll pay attention to each race."

He hopes. He and other Democrats are obviously nervous about the Republican trend — particularly with Bush for president at the top of the Republican ticket this year, while Democrats are sitting out most statewide races.

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CHARLEY REESE

Bullets, beer and barbecue make fun southern night

One of my favorite Southern things is what we call a Three-B night: bullets, beer and barbecue.

Of course, the beer and the barbecue follow the shooting of the bullets at the gun range. Alcohol and gunpowder are a dangerous mix. But Three-B is a social activity I highly recommend. Good friends, a little target shooting and then a repast of spicy barbecue and cold beer is a fine, fine way to spend an evening.

I've been thinking that it wouldn't be a bad idea to get one of those recreational vehicles and then just travel from one bluegrass festival to the next. Traveling around the South is like a never-ending feast. It's jammed full of beauty and interesting folks. And down South there's always a gun range not too far away — or, for that matter, a gun.

I've no doubt that God created the South for the sole purpose of the good life, and it's too bad the devil came along and made us all have to waste so much time working. You do remember, I hope, that when that foolish Eve listened to the snake and the even more foolish Adam listened to Eve, the punishment was that they would have to go to work. And us, too.

In the morning, when you're hauling yourself out of bed to go to work, just remember that it is Eve's fault. She had paradise, but, being the mother of all women, she was, of course, not quite satisfied. It's one of those traits that is both annoying and charming at the same time.

I knew a fellow once whose wife was like that. He would buy a house and live there for no more than two years before his wife would be on him to move. Fortunately, he ran some waterfront bars and a bail-bond business and made a good bit of money. But I swear, I think the poor man must have bought six houses and moved seven times in the same city.

At any rate, true Southerners resist the curse of work as much as they can. I had some kin who just quit whatever job they had when the hunting season opened. I guess they figured they could always find another job, but a day missed hunting is a day missed forever.

A friend of mine in Louisiana who works on the offshore oil rigs said that the foreman, a fellow from Ohio, came up one morning and said: "You guys could be earning all the overtime you want. We'll let you work 60 or 70 hours. How come you guys only work 32 hours a week?"

"Cause," my friend replied, "we can't get by on 24."

One of my favorite lines of history is the remark of a Virginia lady about the 10th Louisiana Regiment, which fought for Marse Robert in the War of Northern Aggression.

"The 10th Louisiana," she said, "eats everything in its path."

A more contemporary story some folks say is true is one in which two Cajuns, Mr. Hebert (pronounced Abear) and Mr. Quibideaux, spied a flying saucer land in a swamp. The ramp came down, and a little green man walked out.

"What's that?" inquired Hebert. "I don't know," said Quibideaux, "but get the rice started."

Well, actually that isn't a true story, but it is a good example of Cajun humor.

I have to remind myself that folks up North have some fantastical ideas about the South due to those Hollywood writers who snort Coke and love stereotypes. We are really the most normal people on earth, and as Hodding Carter once said, we will be polite right up to the point we get mad enough to kill you.

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Kostunica

By Dusan Stokich
 Associated Press

BELGRADE — Yugoslavia's new president, Slobodan Milosevic, is being greeted by a cheering crowd of Serbs and Montenegrins, the first time that the 57-year-old leader has been welcomed since he took office last year.

Although well known for his role in the Balkan wars, Milosevic's statements during his first days in office have been surprisingly moderate. He has expressed regret for the Balkan wars and has called for a new era of peace and cooperation.

Kostunica has extradited anyone who has been replaced as president. Milosevic, for his part, has been charged before a Hague, Netherlands, court with raising the possibility of a new war in Yugoslavia. "I am ready to die for all those people who were killed," Kostunica said.

USS Cole

ADEN, Yemen — Behind a cinderblock wall, men prepared for the worst. They were waiting for the USS Cole, a U.S. Navy destroyer, to arrive. They had heard it was carrying a nuclear warhead.

They were so sure of it that they had prepared a plan to kill it. They had gathered weapons and explosives, and they were ready to launch an attack on the ship as it entered the harbor.

The picture of the men behind the wall is a stark contrast to the peace and cooperation that Kostunica has been trying to bring to the Balkans. It is a reminder of the dangers that still exist in the world.

A few days after the USS Cole was launched, the two men who were going to kill it were arrested. They were charged with plotting the attack and were sentenced to prison.

They have no doubt that the blast in the offing will be the work of the U.S. Navy. A rock-throwing crowd of Muslims gathered outside the historic Rock House in Aden.

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Kostunica admits Yugoslav forces carried out killings in Kosovo

By Dusan Stojanovic
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Yugoslavia's new president bolstered his grip on power Tuesday by winning key concessions from Serbia and acknowledged for the first time that Yugoslav forces committed widespread killings in Kosovo last year.

Although well short of an apology, President Vojislav Kostunica's statements marked the first time any Yugoslav leader has expressed regret for the conflicts in the Balkans. In an interview, Kostunica spoke about Belgrade's role in starting — and losing — four Balkan wars in the past decade.

Kostunica has so far refused to extradite anyone, including the man he replaced as president, Slobodan Milosevic, for trial on war crimes charges before a U.N. court in The Hague, Netherlands. But he has raised the possibility of trying suspects in Yugoslavia.

"I am ready to... accept the guilt for all those people who have been killed," Kostunica told CBS News

"60 Minutes II," according to a transcript. "For what Milosevic had done, and as a Serb, I will take responsibility for many of these, these crimes."

"Those are the crimes and the people that have been killed are victims," Kostunica said, adding "there are a lot of crimes on the other side, and the Serbs have been killed."

Yugoslav state television in Belgrade aired the Kostunica interview with Serbian language voice-over on Tuesday. The interview was scheduled for broadcast in the United States on Tuesday night.

Also Tuesday, in a significant victory for the new president, the Serbian parliament approved a transition government to administer Yugoslavia's main republic until new elections on Dec. 23.

Milosevic's party agreed to share power with democracy forces in the transition government — a major concession since Serbia's current administration could have served until regular elections in the fall of 2001. Kostunica's supporters held only three seats in the 250-member Serb legislature.

Early elections — expected to be formally announced Wednesday — will give the democracy forces the chance to expand their control of one of the last bastions of Milosevic's power.

Establishment of new administrations at both the federal and republic levels are preconditions for receiving millions of dollars in emergency aid from the West to rebuild Yugoslavia's shattered economy.

The United States and its allies, eager to see democracy take root in Yugoslavia, have promised aid despite a lack of a firm commitment from Kostunica to surrender Milosevic and other indicted war crimes suspects to the U.N. court in The Hague.

Despite taking office Oct. 7, Kostunica's camp has been slow in moving toward major reforms because Milosevic's party still holds a significant amount of power, not only within the Serbian parliament but the federal assembly as well.

Milosevic's Socialists, who hold 110 of the 250 seats in the Serbian parliament, agreed to the transition

government plan Oct. 16. However, parliamentary approval was delayed because of differences with Kostunica's Democratic Opposition of Serbia on individual appointments.

After the Socialists bowed to Kostunica's demands, the ultranationalist Radical Party filibustered a parliament session for seven hours Monday, forcing a postponement until Tuesday afternoon.

The Radicals — complaining of a pro-democracy "coup and dictatorship" — walked out of Tuesday's session to protest a decision by state television not to broadcast the proceedings live.

"We intended to tell the viewers what they can expect from the American-led government of Serbia," said deputy Stevan Dragisic, echoing the Radicals' claim that Kostunica's forces were brought to power by the CIA and the U.S. administration.

The new Serbian prime minister, Milosevic ally Milomir Minic, said he agreed to the transitional administration and to accept the post "in order to solve the country's

crisis by political means."

Minic said the agreement on the new government, made under pressure from new pro-democracy forces, was "reached between two fierce political enemies."

He said the Socialists accepted the agreement "not because of fear, but because of the sense of responsibility for Serbia."

"The difficult times demand that we start our work right now," Minic said. Later Tuesday, he chaired the first session of the new government.

Kostunica's allies agreed on

Minic becoming the new prime minister only as a rare concession to the Socialists. Pro-democracy leader, Nebojsa Covic, was named one of two vice premiers, while Milosevic's former spokesman, Ivica Dacic, was named one of three co-chairmen in charge of the Information Ministry.

Yugoslavia is a federation made up of Serbia and much smaller Montenegro — each with their own elected governments. A new Yugoslav government, without Milosevic's ministers, is expected to be chosen in a week.

USS Cole attackers had resources, expertise

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — Behind a cinderblock fence, two men prepared their fiberglass boat, welding metal pockets inside to carry a load of explosives.

They were sometimes joined by a few other men. At two other locations, they built the bombs that would blast a hole in the USS Cole, killing 17 American sailors and injuring 39 others.

The picture that emerges of the men authorities believe were behind the Oct. 12 attack indicates they had resources, expertise and patience.

A few days before the attack, the two men told neighbors they were going to Saudi Arabia on a pilgrimage and planned to return in late December after the holy Muslim month of Ramadan.

They have not been seen since the blast in the Aden harbor, which U.S. officials believe was the work of suicide bombers.

A rock-strewn footpath near the historic Rock Hotel in the Tawahi

district climbs to the tiny hilltop apartment believed to have been used by the two as a reconnaissance base. Tawahi, around the western tip of Cape Aden, was an international port during 30 years of British rule of Aden that ended in 1967.

About halfway across the harbor a side street leads to a low-income area called Madinat ash-Shaab. There, a cinderblock fence hides a room the two men rent-

ed about two months before the explosion and used to weld the linings into the boat, officials said.

On the day of the blast, the two men left their car — described as a light-colored four-wheel drive vehicle — near a bridge over an inlet between the shack and their main residence. They are believed to have walked down a slope and into the water, where fishing boats are usually moored, before setting off on their journey.

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Campaign launched to eliminate elephantiasis

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — It begins with a mosquito bite, seemingly no different from any other. But this one leaves a small worm behind. A few years later, long after the worm has died, a part of the body begins to swell — and a life is changed forever.

"Some days it hurts so bad I can't get out of bed to go to the bathroom," says Aura De Soto, a petite 46-year-old who watched her right leg balloon to three times its normal size. Like millions in the developing world, she is a victim of the crippling, demoralizing and incurable disease known as elephantiasis.

Researchers believe the disease, which can add 100 pounds or more to a person's weight, can be prevented if the parasite, the Filaria roundworm, is identified and killed before it does permanent damage to the victim's lymphatic system.

There is a window of opportunity of several years — though the ability to treat in time has been limited by a cumbersome testing method that had to be administered after a period of deep sleep during which larvae were active in the patient's bloodstream.

But a breakthrough new testing method can be performed anytime, and the World Health Organization is using it in a campaign aimed at wiping out the disease. The campaign aims to identify high-risk areas through testing, then treat everyone in those areas with the medication that kills the parasite.

Experts say the effort — launched a few months ago in India and parts of Africa, and brought this month to the Dominican Republic and Haiti — will cost \$1 billion over five years.



AP Photo
Aura De Soto sits in her dirt floor home in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. De Soto is a victim of elephantiasis, a crippling, incurable condition that affects hundreds of thousands in developing countries like the Dominican Republic.

"It's been a forgotten disease for a long time because the assumption was that we really couldn't do much about it," said Patrick Lammie of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Only with new diagnostic techniques and new therapies have we begun thinking about doing something about it."

Native to Africa, the parasite came to the Americas with the slave trade. In the United States it died out a century ago, probably due to sanitation and health care. The WHO estimates 700,000 people in the Americas are affected today — including 400,000 in Haiti and 100,000 in the Dominican Republic, which share the island of Hispaniola, one of the worst-hit

areas. Guyana — with an estimated 140,000 cases — hopes to begin treatment next year.

"It doesn't kill, but it does," says Dr. Guillermo Gonzalez, the Dominican liaison to the program, struggling to capture the essence of a condition whose psychological effect can be as bad as the discomfort and deformity. "It kills socially. It kills economically. People are ostracized, unable to work."

The parasite is generally concentrated in impoverished neighborhoods like De Soto's La Cienega, a squatter community in the flood plain of the Ozama River in the middle of Santo Domingo. Open sewers run in front of tin-roofed shacks. Many of the children have the bloated bellies and orange hair that are signs of malnutrition. Few of the families have access to safe drinking water or decent bathrooms.

De Soto, a single mother, was a maid before she became sick six years ago. Her meager salary suf-

ficed to send her two older children to school. But her youngest daughter, 11-year-old Sol Ines, now sits in their dirt-floor shack all day because there's no money for school books and uniforms.

They certainly could not afford the anti-parasite drugs that are arriving in the neighborhood this month — if they weren't free.

SmithKline Beecham, which is donating one of the two drugs needed, has already delivered 475,000 tablets to Hispaniola, according to Brian Bagnall, director of the company's program. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation paid for Haiti to buy the other drug and the Dominican Health Ministry is buying the second drug here.

De Soto has trouble accepting that the doctors and their medicine won't be able to cure her — but she's happy her daughter will be safe.

"I wouldn't wish this on anyone. Not my worst enemy. Not the devil himself," she said.

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Fans listen to Harry Potter author at Toronto book fair

TORONTO (AP) — A pin-drop silence fell over the cavernous Skydome on Tuesday as the author of the wildly popular Harry Potter book series read aloud to more than 10,000 fans.

Seated at a podium near second base, J.K. Rowling launched into Chapter Four of her book, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

Rowling's four books details the travails of teen wizard Harry Potter. In Chapter Four of the latest novel, fellow wizards pick young Harry up for school to the disapproval of his aunt and uncle who particularly hate magic.

Later, the author answered a few of the questions she's been asked during her stay in Toronto, including, "Do you think your books encourage Satanism?"

Rowling's answer: "No. You are a lunatic."

And she said she doesn't believe in the kind of magic she writes about.

Harry Potter fans filled the grounds outside the 60,000-seat Skydome — home of the Toronto Blue Jays Major League Baseball team — hours before the reading began. Youngsters bounded off buses and brought a familiarly festive atmosphere to the stadium, screaming, waving banners and wearing wizard hats, capes and broomsticks.

The reading was sponsored by the International Festival of Authors, a weeklong conference in

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Council approves first step of creating downtown zone

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

There was once a time when downtown Midland was the place to be. Just ask JoAnn Brisco, owner of JoJo's Eatery on Texas Avenue. She moved to Midland in 1980. The downtown at that time, she says, was "wall to wall people. You couldn't find a parking place. I had to walk five blocks to my office. Downtown was thriving."

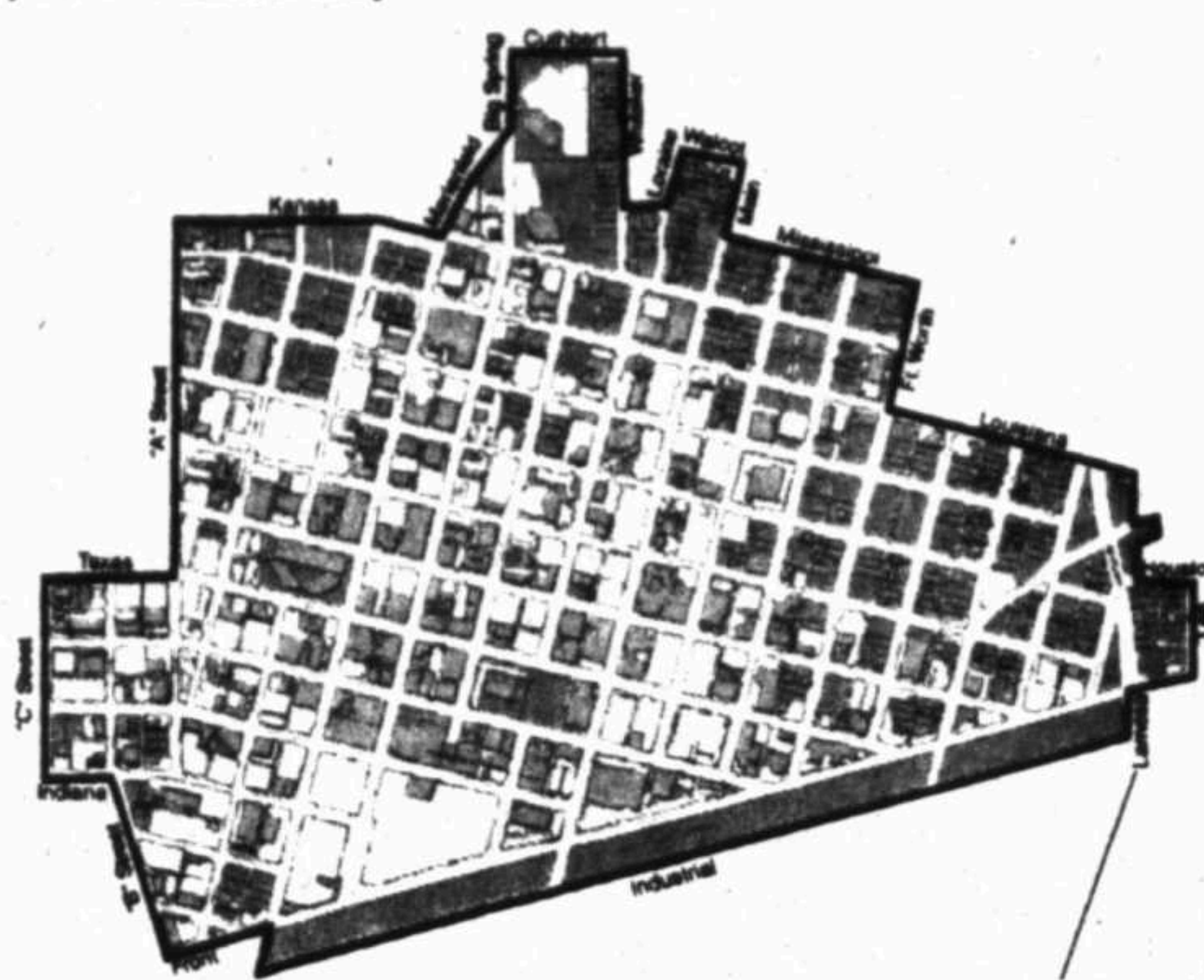
Then the oil-dependent economy began to plunge, taking downtown's economic vitality with it. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, city leaders began developing Loop 250 with retail outlets and

restaurants. But the Loop is on the north side of the city, nowhere near downtown. Today, instead of staying downtown, many businessmen head to the Loop for lunch. Ms. Brisco says business is good, but it could be better.

On Tuesday the Midland City Council took steps to reinvigorate downtown. The governing body voted unanimously to take the first step in establishing a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ).

"Everyone in Midland recognizes the need for revitalizing downtown, yet there isn't the funding to do that," said council member Please see TIRZ/2B

Proposed TIRZ Boundary



Above: Blanca Ramirez, left, and Emily Thon cheer along with the rest of Ms. Rose's fourth-grade class during a "Just Say No" pep rally at Bonham Elementary Tuesday. Above right: PTA president Jane Tank dons a tiger costume during the rally. Right: The Alamo Junior High School percussion section kick off the rally with a march through the elementary school.

Photos by U. Frank Williams Jr.

Just say NO



Controversy at Huntsman draws Today Show probe

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Less than two weeks after a vice presidential candidate visited Odessa, a reporter from NBC's Today Show will be in town today to interview a Huntsman representative and residents in South Odessa.

On Oct. 12, Democratic vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman paid a visit to South Odessa residents who had claimed fumes from neighboring refineries, including Huntsman, had adversely affected their health.

The Lieberman visit to Odessa was part of his "Failed Leadership Tour" in which he attempted to point out the various shortcomings of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican presidential candidate.

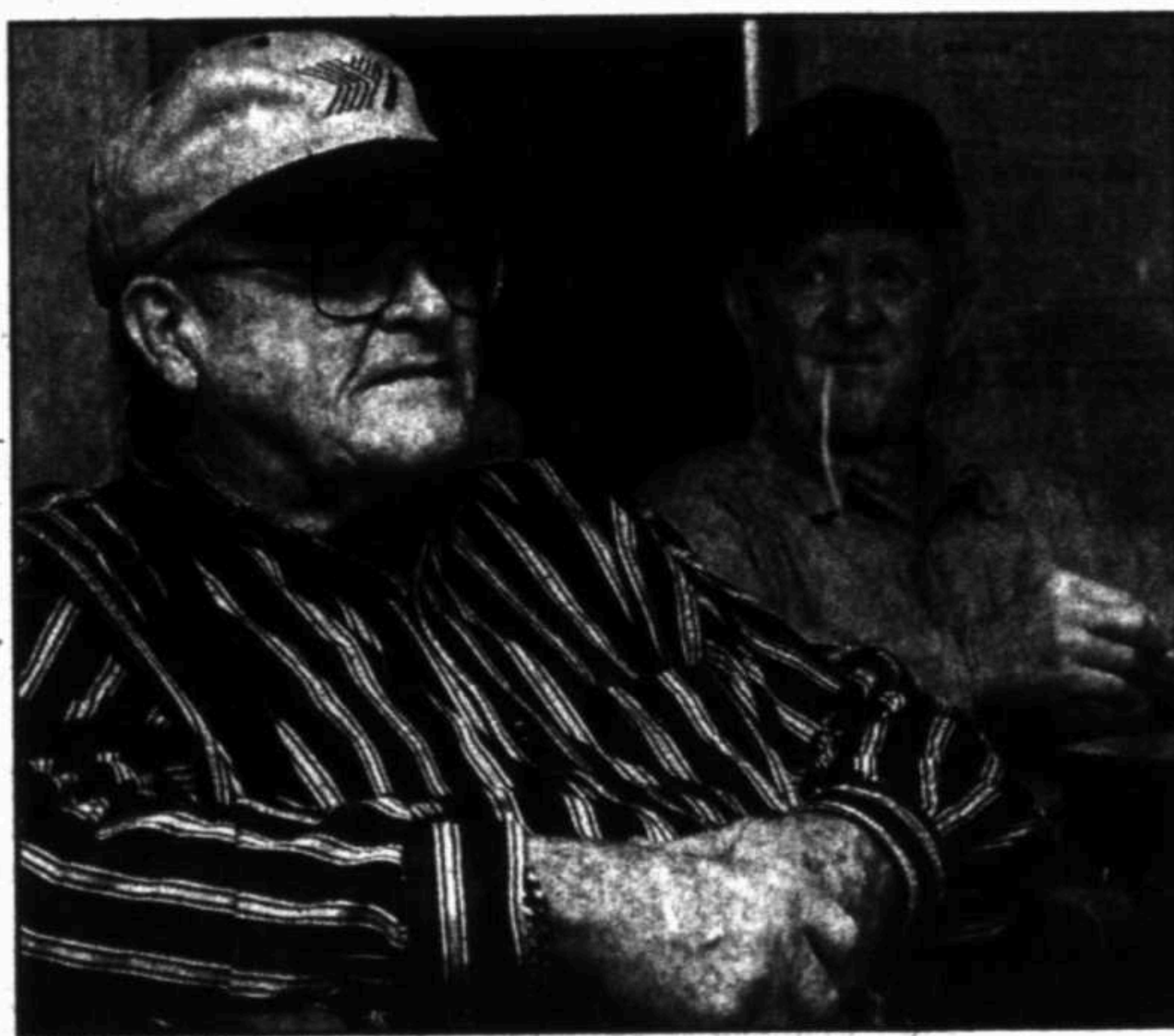
Following his visit with southside residents, Lieberman, along with a CNN news crew, jumped back in a car, went back to the airport and left the Permian Basin. He declined to be interviewed by members of the local news media.

Carolyn Tripp, community relations manager for Huntsman, said a reporter from the Today Show will meet with Don Olsen at 1 p.m. today. Olsen is senior vice president of public affairs for Huntsman.

Please see PROBE/4B

Bobby Howard, left, and Jimmy Lucas talk at the Farmers Co-Op Tuesday morning about the rainfall the area has received. Although area farmers need the rain, it is not helping area cotton crops still in the field.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



Rainfalls do little to help overall drought

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The rainfalls that blanketed much of the Midland area on Monday and Tuesday moistened the farmland and grassland, but hardly affected the drought.

"We still need to get additional rains to really take a bite out of the drought," said National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologist Pat Vesper before Tuesday's rains.

Monday's 1.01 inch rainfall, which fell heaviest in the two hours between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., combined with Tuesday's .41 rainfall, brings the year's total precipitation to 8.10 inches or 57 percent of the year-to-date rainfall average, which is 13.40 inches. Midland's 30-year average yearly rainfall is 14.96 inches.

"It took a long time for the drought to be established over the past seven years," said Vesper, who noted six of those seven years experienced below-average rainfalls.

"So, one rain is not going to reverse a drought" that has been seven years in the making, he added.

The rain may green-up some rangeland but it came too late to benefit the 2000 cotton crop being harvested and ginned.

"That rain is all right," said Bobby Howard, who has retired from farming. "We just didn't get enough of it." At age 66, Howard is truck-driving for a livelihood. "I want to (go back to farming), but I know better," he said. "I've still got it in my blood."

Howard said that his daughter, Beverly Howard Bryant, "was 4 years old before she saw a rain" and that was in the latter part of the 1950s toward the end of the seven-year drought. "That's nearly true."

Of the general rain, "Love it, love it," said Midlander James Smith, 39.

NWS meteorologist Michael Young suggested that "maybe folks who have been praying for it (rain), and putting an extra dollar in the plate on Sunday, had something to do with it. They've sure got more pull than I do."

Meteorologically, a low-pressure system was "able to tap Please see DROUGHT/2B

MATT JOSEFY

Streetcar named sickness forces dependence on kindness of near-strangers

I have now come to the conclusion I should be sick more often.

Forgetting the fact that I have been absolutely miserable, the past three days have given me countless opportunities I never get. While I was in physical pain, I received several emotional lifts I thought would be worthwhile to recount.

I don't know what it was, but I guess the toxic materials I eat in the lunch room every day combined with a lack of sleep broke my immune system down to a state where my army of white blood cells could not defeat the foe of the common cold and sore throat.

So, after battling with stiff and aching vocal chords, I finally succumbed to a long nap Sunday afternoon. Much to my annoyance, I was awakened by a knock at the door.

Enter girl and guy, the same girl and guy I had told earlier I could not go to lunch with because I was not feeling well. What in the world were they doing in my dorm room? I demanded an answer.

Meekly they replied, "We just brought you some chicken noodle soup and some medicine."

I had to laugh. Here I was lying in bed feeling sorry for myself, and two people who I had not even met a month ago were looking out for me. While nothing can compare to a mother's pampering, this was quite impressive. I pinched myself for good measure.

And then went back to sleep. Being sick never has and never will be any fun, but the infection of kindness continued right alongside the plague I was enduring.

My roommate, concerned as ever, set about to make me feel at home. He switched off the glaring fluorescent lights I had been too lazy to address. He turned the television quietly onto an old movie that forced a few laughs. And then as he prepared to leave the room to go study elsewhere, so "you can have some quiet," he prepared some herbal tea to soothe my throat.

Day two found my body just as wretched as the day before. After turning in my history midterm, I returned to hibernation. Yet again, another friend sought my welfare, waking me from my slumber to offer a trip to the doctor.

She kindly and quietly drove me to clinic num-

ber one. I began filling out the paperwork, going through a process I'd never been through on my own before at a time when I was least prepared to do so.

I was forced to remember dates and numbers I can hardly remember on a good day, much less when I was in the valley.

And then I struck out, amazed to find the cost of getting better was more than I could bear. So I set out on a journey, under the supervision of my previously mentioned friend, to find clinic number two, which, when I slipped them a few important numbers, offered me a much lower rate.

But the effort to keep me sick as long as possible was not yet complete. As kind as they were, I began to hate the receptionists who sent me on a quest to track down a senseless barrage of insurance-related information. Thankfully, mom and dad provided the necessary information, seeing as how that was about all they could offer from more than seven hours away (depending on how you drive).

Then began the wait that reminded me why I never go the doctor in the first place.

When I finally got to see him, the doctor was kind enough to inform me that I was not suffering anything deadly, which brought mixed emotions. I was

at the point where I wanted to know there was truly something the matter with me, so it could be healed immediately.

After finding a suitable establishment from which to get a prescription, I made it back to the confines of my bed, where I resided another 12 hours. Now looking forward, I see the slew of responsibilities that I have to make up for and I wish I was still sick enough to stay in bed.

But looking back, I'm amazed at how quickly people rushed to my side. Allegedly, rushing off to college is a daunting experience because you are all alone, with no one to watch out for you. But that's not entirely true. Because for every poor soul stranded without his parents and his friends, there is hopefully a good Samaritan waiting to come to his aid. And if that were not the case, it's time to run into the woods like a hermit.

They say that only the test of time can prove where our true friendships lie, but I'm glad that a severe bout with the common cold could speed along the process.

Matt Josefy, a graduate of Midland High School, is a freshman at Texas A&M.

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Today's Agenda

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marlenfeld, third floor conference room. **Arco Articulators**, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Uptown Chapter of Business and Professional Women, luncheon program, Petroleum Club, Lynne Clark, 6 91.

Daybreak Rotary Club, 7 a.m., Hilton Midland and Towers. For more information, call Bob Rice at 563-1000.

Al-Anon, Wednesday night Step Study, 8 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana.

Helping Hands, board meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at 1301 Brinson (former Eagles Building, behind Rogers Ford). Anyone interested in volunteering as a caseworker or to work

in the thrift store, is invited to attend. Call 520-8900 for more information.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clohessey).

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard, 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.

Seniors Over 50 Dance, 7:30 p.m. American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5511.

Midland County Child Welfare Board, noon, Department of Human Services, 901 W. Wall St.

Tall City VFW 7208 Post & Auxiliary, 8 p.m., 1306 E. Taylor

POLICE REPORTS

Sexual assault

James Brock Gilbert, 18, was arrested Saturday on a sexual assault charge.

Midland Police picked Brock up immediately after a 17-year-old female reported an incident occurring in the 2600 block of N. Midland Drive.

Police Sgt. Victor Rivera said the two were acquaintances.

Bus wreck

Two MISD bus accidents Monday stymied the standard operating procedure for contacting schools and parents.

Bus #63 with 12 Jane Long Elementary students was hit by an orange pickup truck, which fled the scene, according to Barney Welch, MISD spokesman.

The accident occurred at 3:20

p.m. on Neely Drive and Midland Drive. No one was injured.

The driver followed procedure and radioed in to bus dispatch. The dispatcher called the police and MISD. But the dispatcher didn't contact Jane Long Elementary, Welch said, because there had been a bus accident 20 minutes before, at Bowie Elementary. Approximately 15 students were on board, and no one was injured. Only minor damage was done to the bus.

Welch said dispatch was busy with the first accident, and was late in contacting Jane Long Elementary.

"We never want to see any accidents. We train our drivers well and safety policies are enforced. Our first priority is the safety and welfare of our students," Welch said.

Speakers educate parents on teen sexuality at lecture

By Mary Maddox
MRT Correspondent

Parents of students at Lee High School braved stormy weather Monday to learn a little something about the birds and the bees ... and a few other "hot" topics.

The informative lecture was held in the school's auditorium at 7 p.m. to discuss topics that traditionally surface in health classes at Lee.

Judy Rouse of Permian Basin Women's Resource Center, an expanded facility formerly known as Crisis Pregnancy Center, and Constance Roberts of the Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP) presented material concerning teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, and the importance of abstinence. Kristi Shirley, a health teacher who helped to organize the meeting, said it was important for parents to get informed.

"A lot of the parents don't understand the facts because the statistics are always changing," Ms. Shirley said. "This helps them to be able to discuss it openly with their kids."

Ms. Rouse and Ms. Roberts presented a plethora of statistics to the parents present, one of which was that one out of every seven teen-agers has a sexually transmitted disease before they are a senior in high school. Ms. Rouse also said that 3 million

teen-agers will get an STD this year and identified abstinence as the only way to completely prevent contracting sexually transmitted diseases.

"This is abstinence until marriage sex education," Ms. Rouse said of the program. "We define safe sex as saved sex. We're not just talking about reducing the risk, we're talking about keeping our kids safe from harm."

Ms. Rouse also discussed the responsibility of parents in monitoring what their children watch on television and see in movies. The Internet, she said, was also an area that must be closely watched.

"Everything in the last eight years has gotten so incredibly saturated," Ms. Rouse said. "Parents are the regulators of the Internet."

Both presenters emphasized the connection between substance abuse and premarital sex, identifying both as "high risk behavior." Ms. Roberts discussed a need for a change of attitude among some parents.

"Parents are still thinking that this is a rite of passage," Ms. Roberts said of drug and alcohol abuse. "Love them enough to get them help."

Throughout the presentation, both Ms. Rouse and Ms. Roberts encouraged parents of teen-agers to get involved in their children's lives and to "get smart without being confrontational."

Oilman, Laredo family settle spat over prized deer head

HOUSTON (AP) — The battle for a prized buck's head has finally stopped here.

Just before they were to face off Tuesday in a Houston courtroom, a Laredo family and a Houston oil trader announced they had settled their dispute over the trophy head of the ninth-largest white-tailed buck shot in Texas.

Phillip Stringer, a professional oil trader who bagged the 12-point buck in December 1992, sued Louis Bruni, a Laredo city councilman whose family owns the 13,000-acre South Texas ranch where the deer was shot.

Stringer claimed the buck head was his after shooting the deer. Under a 1994 contract, however, the antlers remained in the possession of the Bruni family in exchange for Stringer being allowed to shoot one deer on the ranch every six months. Just before the 1998 deer season opened, Bruni canceled the agreement but didn't return the antlers.

The settlement, negotiated late Monday, returns the buck head to Stringer and allows the Bruni family to make one copy of it, said Houston lawyer Ted Powell, who represented the oil trader.

The duplicate set of horns only

can be displayed at the Bruni's Barrocito Ranch in Zapata County, with a placard that states Stringer shot the buck, the date of the killing and that it is a copy of the buck head. Other terms of the settlement were kept confidential, Powell said.

"My client described (the settlement) as Santa Claus coming to town," the lawyer said. "He was having Christmas in October. He finally got what he wanted. Mr. Stringer is happy."

Bruni said he thought the settlement was fair and equitable to both sides.

The Bruni family will pay for the some \$5,000 cost of creating the duplicate buck head.

The prized buck head for the last six years has served as company for Bruni's 88-year-old ailing mother, Anita, at the family home in Laredo. Anita Bruni is a general partner of the Barrocito Limited Partnership, which owns the family ranch land.

"In the end, in the final negotiations I convinced my mother to keep the duplicate and return the original," Bruni said. "My mother is happy it's over with. I never really had an attachment to the deer or the value of it. The attachment was my mother's."

DEATH NOTICES

Manuelita Saenz

Manuelita C. Saenz, 72, died Monday, Oct. 23, at her residence.

Services will be 11:30 a.m. today, Oct. 25, at Reyes-Garcia Chapel with the Revs. Eric Hermanson and John Lujan officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Evening services were Tuesday at Reyes-Garcia Chapel.

She was born March 6, 1928 in Valentine.

She lived in Fort Davis before moving to Midland. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Margarito Saenz; and a brother, Manuel Lujan.

Survivors include four sons, Jesse Saenz, Ruben Saenz, Joseph L. Saenz and Johnny L. Saenz; and three daughters, Rose Mary Saenz, Sally C. Puckett, and Elizabeth Garcia, all of Midland;

five brothers, Ralph Campos and Richard Lujan, both of El Paso, Juan Lujan of Kermit, Albert Campos of Waco, and Sonny Lujan of Odessa; two sisters, Maria Lara of Odessa and Frances Sanchez of Denver, Colo.; 23 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Allison Cancer Center, 301 N. "N" Street, Midland, 79701; or Meals on Wheels, 3301 Sinclair, Midland, 79707.

Theola Ogletree

Theola M. Ogletree, 79, died Friday, Oct. 20, at a local hospital.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ with the Rev. W.C. Kenan officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview

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.

Cemetery under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

She was born April 21, 1921. She was formerly of Kosse. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. John Ogletree. Survivors include two sisters, Alice F. Wilson of Houston and

Leverren Fulbright of Crosbyton; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Jerry Mead

Jerry Mead died Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

TIRZ: Only new property tax revenue will be retained

(From 1B)

LuAnn Morgan. "This is a tool that will allow us to reinvest in our infrastructure."

With the implementation of the TIRZ, only new property tax revenues — resulting from increased downtown property values over time — would be retained for downtown development. The original property tax income would still be shared with the other taxing entities — but anything above and beyond that original number would be retained for investment in downtown Midland. The TIRZ plan would require no property tax increases.

Five taxing entities currently receive property tax revenue. They include the city of Midland, Midland Independent School District, Midland County Hospital District, Midland College and Midland County.

The zone encompasses a large section of Old Midland. "C" Street is the most western edge of the zone, Cuthbert the most northern, Lee Street the most eastern and Industrial Avenue the most southern. The proposed zone comprises 449 acres, said Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler.

In its informational packet, Downtown Midland, Inc. outlined the benefits of a TIRZ. They include:

■ Strengthen the core downtown assets in order to stabilize the tax base;

■ Transition unproductive/obsolete/vacant uses;

■ Facilitate residential development in and near downtown;

■ Establish downtown as a multi-dimensional destination. If all taxing entities were to participate, the TIRZ plan could generate more than \$60 million for reinvestment through 2031. But MISD, whose share of the property tax is more than half, will most likely not participate in the program. State legislation passed in 1999 restricts school districts from participating in projects like the TIRZ, Hackler said. If MISD were to participate it would lose matching funds from the state.

DROUGHT: Lake Ivie is almost 52 percent full

(From 1B)

quite a bit of moisture from the Pacific and from the Gulf of Mexico to produce all of this heavy rain," Young said. "We do have a very large low pressure system that is almost over the four corners area now — Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah."

Monday's rainfall brought October's moisture to 1.66 inches, which normally is 1.74 inches, Young noted.

"September is normally our wettest month, and we didn't have any measurable (September) rainfall at all," Young said. So far this year, June's 3.14-inch total rain is the year's highest monthly rainfall measurement.

The year's month-by-month average rainfall in inches is: January, 0.40; February, 0.62; March, 0.58; April, 0.83; May, 1.98; June 1.55; July 1.70; August, 1.69; September, 2.62; October, 1.74; November, 0.69, and December, 0.56.

Houston millionaire fears wife plotting to kill him

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston millionaire filed for divorce and won a protective order from his wife the same day she was released from jail following her arrest on charges she plotted to kill him.

William Kilroy Jr., 33, son of a Houston socialite, took the court actions when Lynn Ryan Kilroy, 38, was freed on \$100,000 bond from the Harris County Jail last week, the Houston Chronicle reported in Tuesday's editions.

The temporary protective order prohibits Lynn Kilroy, accused of solicitation of capital murder, from threatening her husband with imminent bodily injury and from communicating with him by phone or in

"vulgar profane obscene or indecent language." About two weeks before her arrest, Kilroy learned his wife of a little more than a year was attempting to hire someone to kill him, according to court documents.

In the divorce petition, William Kilroy accused his wife of cruel treatment and requested sole custody of their 7-month-old daughter. He said his wife had a history of acts of family violence and asked she be required to enter a battering intervention program.

Kilroy is the son of the late Houston oilman William Kilroy and his wife Jeanie. The couple is known for having owned a pair of elephants.

Potential benefits of TIRZ

Potential benefits of establishing a downtown Tax Incremental Reinvestment Zone:

■ Strengthen the core downtown assets in order to stabilize the tax base: Increase private capital investment; increase occupancy and rental rates; increase office demand; increase taxable value; Decrease obsolete office supply.

■ Transition unproductive/obsolete/vacant uses: Enable alternative uses such as residential, retail, warehouse/storage, communications; Establish criteria for demolitions, environmental remediation, historic facade restorations, property acquisitions/joint ventures.

■ Facilitate residential development in and near downtown: Promote single-family "starter" housing on vacant blocks through community partnerships and funding sources such as the Hispanic Chamber and CDBG program; Assist housing developers and builders with site assembly, environmental remediation, infrastructure, amenities; Promote the rehabilitation of historic structures for niche housing through environmental remediation, facade restorations, acquisition/joint venture opportunities.

■ Establish downtown as a multi-dimensional destination: Regional convention facility; Mercado/public market; Non-profit art/museum space; "Small Town Main Street"; Other public improvements including greenways.

The proposed TIRZ project would generate \$28.15 million through 2031. Possible TIRZ expenditures include the following, according to a packet provided by Downtown Midland, Inc.:

■ Real property assembly — \$5 million. These costs include amounts paid to property owners, commissions, or professional fees, closing costs, tax certificates, title registration fees, title insurance, environmental and

archaeological assessments, relocation costs and any other costs normally associated with purchasing property, holding property for resale and sale of property.

■ Capital projects — \$16.9 million. The TIRZ will assist in the development of cultural/community facilities, historic preservation, streetscapes and gateways, utilities/infrastructure/technology, demolition/environmental abatement, parks/parks.

■ Professional services — \$450,000. These costs include all those that may be incurred for architectural, planning, engineering, legal, landscape architecture, financial, marketing, public relations, management, leasing, bookkeeping, tax role verification, environmental, archaeological and other services and advice necessary to the project.

■ Financing costs — \$5.5 million. This category of costs includes all interest, legal fees, brokerage charges, transfer or placement charges, premium and fees paid for loans, credit enhancement fees, notes, bonds or other instruments of credit issued to pay for project costs. This figure is conservatively estimated to amount to one-quarter of the total project costs.

■ Operation — \$300,000. This category covers the cost of operating the zone.

Note: The TIRZ has not officially been created. After the other four taxing entities — MISD, Midland County, Midland County Hospital District and Midland College — are briefed, then the Midland City Council will consider creating the zone in early 2001.

Source: Downtown Midland, Inc.

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In the coming months, Downtown Midland, Inc. will meet with the four other taxing entities to seek support for the TIRZ. After that, the Midland City Council may consider creating the zone in early 2001, Hackler said. After that, council will have authority of appointing a nine-member committee to advise council on developing the TIRZ.

they had ever seen," said Midland rancher Billy Evans.

The rain is "going to help" the rangeland," Evans said. "It will green the grass up a little."

"It'll help," Norton said. "It'll help the winter grass."

Herb Sorley, the county executive director for the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency for Midland County, said the rain is "not going to green up a whole lot (of rangeland) unless we have some warm weather. This rain is not going to help this (2000) crop. Dryland land (cotton) is not worth a flip," he said.

But "Any rain we get now," Sorley said, "will help the next get-go."

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United Way of Midland's 2000 campaign enters final innings

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

It's the top of the ninth inning for the United Way of Midland's 2000 campaign, which will officially end Friday. Results will be announced next Tuesday at the "Take Me Out to the Finale" to be held at Midland Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We're optimistically excited," said Jose Cuevas, chairman of this year's campaign. "I know a lot of the money comes in during the last days, but I've sent personal notes to the Cabinet members asking them to double their efforts. This touches so many lives, it's very important. I'm asking them to make phone calls, personal visits, to get that money coming in."



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— Jose Cuevas

Jimmy Patterson, communications and marketing director for the United Way, said that at present the drive is at 65 percent of its \$2.9 million goal. He joined with Cuevas in urging Midlanders who have not yet contributed to do so.

Cuevas, president of Jumburrito and former member of the City Council, said

the world of politics is fun and exciting, "but in the non-profit realm, with 16 member agencies that touch so many lives in a positive way by giving a hand up, not a hand out, it's been a lot of fun. Midland is blessed with so many people who give of their time and money. I think when you look at the people who have

been battered, or go to the YMCA and see their programs for young people, or programs for seniors, these are programs the community takes for granted, but add so much to lives. I've enjoyed being a part of it."

The United Way's Women's Leadership Initiative will hold a luncheon Friday at the Petroleum Club, where local physicians Dr. Lori Adcock, Dr. Karen Carr and Dr. Ann Acreman will discuss "The Changing Face of Women's Health." The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and emceed by Linda Foster, United Way Executive Committee member and volunteer.

The October 31 finale, said Patterson, will feature a baseball motif and Midland native Randy Velarde, second baseman for the Oakland As professional baseball

team, has been invited, as honorary co-chairman of the Youth campaign, to give an update on the youth campaign.

Patterson said food will be "ball park food" of hamburgers and hot dogs with caterers dressed as park vendors, calling out their products and tossing them to participants.

There will also be special "Replay" video of highlights of this year's campaign, and Jami Owen, program director of Community & Senior Services, a classically trained singer, will sing a special version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" called "Take Me Out to the Finale" that she penned herself.

Report questions high Texas student scores

AUSTIN (NYT) — George W. Bush's education record — a cornerstone in his presidential bid — came under fire Tuesday with the release of a new report suggesting that student gains on standardized tests may overstate educational progress in Texas.

Although Bush often touts dramatic educational gains by Texas students, a 14-page report by the independent Rand research group showed that gains by Texas students on a national standardized test did not generally outpace gains posted by students nationwide.

Discrepancies between Texas student performance on the two high-profile tests — the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test and the National Assessment of Educational Progress test — raised questions among Rand researchers as to the actual educational progress of Texas students.

"Put simply," wrote the report's authors, "how different could 'reading' and 'math' be in Texas than they are in the rest of the country?"

Bush called the report's timing suspect and its conclusions wrong. Aides noted that an earlier report by the California think tank gave Texas high marks for its educational accountability system.

Educational progress in Texas is indisputable, said Bush spokesman Dan Bartlett.

"The 14-page opinion paper, issued by four researchers two weeks before the election, directly contradicts every credible, nonpartisan, scientific study that verifies the success in Texas," said Bartlett. "Texas consistently ranks at the top in every category of student achievement — all students, all races, all income groups."

Aides for Democrat Al Gore said the report illustrates the governor's failed educational policies.

"Bush has made education a keystone of his platform, but this is an example that his policies are not right for America," said Maria Meier, a spokeswoman for Gore. "This study provides one more example to show that Governor Bush's proposals don't work. A focus on testing is not what education is all about."

The Rand report, entitled "What Do Test Scores in Texas Tell Us," review Texas test scores beginning in 1994, Bush's first year in office, through 1998.

While Texas students made significant improvements on the TAAS state test between 1994 and 1998, their gains on the national test did not exceed the average gain of students nationwide, the report said.

In only one category — the fourth-grade math level — did Texas students outpace the national average on the NAEP. And NAEP examinations, according to the researchers, are "generally considered the nation's single best indicator of student achievement."

Likewise, while Texas minority students improved on the state tests, their gains on the national test paralleled those by minority students in other states. The report also showed that the gap between the state's white and African-American students on the national reading test actually grew between 1994 and 1998.

Bush officials quickly noted that a separate study by Rand released in July showed Texas students improving their NAEP test scores by about 2 percentage points a year — about twice the national average.

They said the July study used a more sophis-

ticated scientific methodology to compare test scores between states. Unnoted by Bush officials, however, is that the earlier report examined results beginning in 1990 — four years before the governor took office.

"The changes came under Governor Bush's tenure," said Meier, the Gore spokeswoman. "I think a governor, who wants to take credit for a program, has to look at what happened under his administration."

Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson assailed the "shoddy research" of the report.

"Texas is proud of its strong record of student achievement," Nelson said Tuesday. "Texas is a national leader in closing the achievement gap and serving all Texas students." The new report, he said, "contradicts the earlier, more thoroughly researched, RAND report."

The RAND researchers wrote that the "stark differences" between Texas students' performance on the state and nationwide tests indicates that Texas schools may be "devoting a great deal of class time to highly specific TAAS preparation."

"Our findings raise serious questions about the validity of the gains in TAAS scores," wrote the researchers.

The report issued Tuesday is part of a larger 10-year Rand study of education trends across the country. Rand, a non-partisan research organization, reports its biggest share of funding comes from U.S. government agencies.

Trial postponed for Midland man accused in thrift store shooting

By Brian Rogers
Staff Writer

The trial of Louis Douglas

Okrasinski was shot in the alley between the What a Deal thrift store on Fort Worth Avenue and the CarQuest store on Texas Avenue. Okrasinski was leaving the thrift store after work when he was allegedly confronted by Halley.

Halley IV, 43, has been postponed until Jan. 22, 2001. Halley was indicted in connection with the January 28 shooting death of Johnny Okrasinski. Okrasinski was shot in the alley between the What a Deal thrift store on Fort Worth Avenue and the CarQuest store on Texas Avenue. Okrasinski was leaving the thrift store after work when he was allegedly confronted by

Halley. According to Midland police, the two men knew each other.

Police reported at the time that Halley chased the victim around the victim's minivan. Okrasinski then began to run north when the suspect climbed on top of the vehicle and allegedly began shooting. Police reports stated.

Police said the victim was shot in the upper body several times.

A witness to the crime said the shooter got off of the minivan, walked past the downed victim, and began to jog toward his car.

Halley was arrested later that night when the suspect's car was spotted behind the Denny's restaurant on Midkiff Avenue and Wall Street.

Okrasinski was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 5:45 p.m.

Halley remains in custody in the Midland County Detention center in lieu of a \$400,000 bond.

Huntsville leaders review moratorium on executions

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Council members in the city where all the state's executions are carried out on Tuesday reviewed a resolution asking them to support a death penalty moratorium for Texas, but did not vote on it.

Members of the Huntsville city council also decided not to put the issue on a future agenda.

"I think it's a legislative issue, a court issue, but not a municipal issue," councilwoman JoAnn Castille said.

Sam Houston State University criminal justice professor Dennis Longmire had asked for the moratorium because of the effects the frequent executions have on the town's residents.

"We in Huntsville stand in a terror zone. We are constantly bombarded with literature coming to our homes that excites violence rather than quells violence," he told council members Tuesday.

The resolution, a modified version of one passed by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association, calls on Gov. George W. Bush, the

Texas Legislature and national officials to adopt legislation placing a moratorium on executions until it is determined death penalty cases are being administered fairly and the innocent are not being executed.

It would also protect from execution the mentally retarded and those who committed crimes when they were under 18.

"It's clear that the process is very costly to them, whether they believe in (the death penalty) or not," Longmire told The Huntsville Item for its Tuesday editions. "It's a difficult thing to have to kill someone. We are living in a community that is greatly, greatly affected by the execution machine."

Earlier this year, Illinois Gov. George Ryan announced a moratorium in his state, saying he wanted to know why more Illinois death sentences have been overturned than carried out. A panel was established to study Illinois' capital punishment system, focusing particularly on why the cases of 13 death row inmates were overturned.

The resolution asks for similar action in Texas.

About 19 community and professional organizations, 24 faith-based groups and 23 political organizations in Texas support a death penalty moratorium.

Huntsville Mayor Bill Green said he will vote against the resolution because he thinks the issue needs to be decided in the courts. It is the first time the council had been asked to consider such a resolution, he said.

Longmire said he was skeptical the resolution will pass. Since 1982, when Texas resumed capital punishment, 232 people have been executed in the state. There have been 33 executions so far this year, with at least eight more scheduled through the end of December.



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Laredo Fire Department personnel and a Tex-Mex Railroad employee stand back as a fire burns itself out following a collision between a Tex-Mex train and an 18-wheeler carrying waste water from nearby natural gas wells Tuesday in Aguilares.

Driver injured when truck carrying hazardous cargo erupts into flames

AGUILARES (AP) — An 18-wheeler carrying hazardous material was struck by a train Tuesday near Laredo, igniting a fire that was fueled by the chemical, officials said.

Two people on the train and the driver of the truck were injured, Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said. Their injuries were not life-threatening, he said.

There were some evacuations near the collision site along a county road off of Texas 359, Vinger said.

The accident occurred about 10 a.m. just outside the small town of Aguilares, which is about 25 miles east of Laredo.

The truck was traveling north across the tracks when the west-bound train collided with it, Vinger said.

Researcher: Half of El Paso vehicles have fake inspection stickers

EL PASO (AP) — Many vehicles in El Paso are driven with inspection stickers that are either expired, fraudulently obtained or counterfeit, a researcher at the University of Texas-El Paso said Tuesday.

"Why do it (get a sticker) if you can pass an inspector \$50 and get a decal?" said Bob Currey, assistant director of UTEP's Center for Environmental Resources management.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is responsible for monitoring the state inspection stations.

"If there's anyone who's aware of somebody who's doing that, it's their civic duty to let us know about it," DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange said.

Mange said there are some special problems in El Paso, including the fact that people can buy fake stickers across the border in Juarez, Mexico. But she added that compliance in El Paso isn't below 90 percent compared to 93 percent in the rest of the state.

She said the state sends a car rigged so it shouldn't pass to every one of the thousands of

inspection stations in Texas once a year at random times. She said inspectors also visit stations about once a month and if there are suspicions that someone is selling stickers for cars that don't pass, an investigative team could be called in.

"If they give out an illegal sticker and we catch them, they can go to jail," Mange said. She said the penalty can include a fine of up to \$2,000 and six months in jail. Making a business out of selling the stickers to cars that don't pass could be a felony with stiffer penalties, she said.

But without stronger enforcement of a state law requiring cars to pass emissions tests, El Paso will continue to violate federal clean air standards, Currey said.

On Monday, he attended a meeting convened by state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, to hear comment on air pollution standards before the start of the next legislative session in January.

Currey said the Public Safety Department doesn't have the funding to effectively monitor compliance with the emissions

program.

Currey said the situation is aggravated in El Paso because the average income is relatively low

and the dry climate extends the lifespan of older vehicles that weren't built with reduced emissions in mind.

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president of public affairs for Huntsman.

Neil McDonald, director of economic development for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, encouraged Odessans to get out their pro-Huntsman signs and tie green ribbons to their car antennas to show support for Huntsman.

"We don't know what they're going to do," McDonald said of the Today Show crew. "We believe they're coming. That's all we know. We assume they'll be looking for individuals in community to interview for whatever purpose they're here for. We've decided to put everybody on alert that we've got out of town guests."

But unlike the Lieberman visit,

there will be no pro-Huntsman rally this time.

"We don't have any times or places," McDonald said. "That would've been our preference, but when do you do it and where do you do it?"

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Frankie, Annette sue Macy's for using their photos without permission

LOS ANGELES — Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello say Macy's is kicking sand in their face.

The former stars of the 1960s beach party movies sued Macy's and its parent Federated Department Store on Monday for using their photos in a brochure without their permission.

The lawsuit says Avalon, 60, and Funicello, 58, have suffered embarrassment and humiliation from the display of their photos from the films. They want the photos removed and payment of at least \$250,000 each.

Company officials did not immediately return a call left seeking comment.

MESA, Ariz. — Annette Bening has gone to bat for the Bard and a former acting teacher.

The actress testified in a Phoenix court Monday on behalf of Jared Sakren, who claims he was wrongfully terminated from Arizona State University for teaching too much Shakespeare. The university says his contract was not renewed because of poor performance and leadership, not the content of his classes.

Bening, 42, testified that she is convinced the real issue was Sakren's right to teach as he saw fit.

"This to me is about his selection of plays," she said.

Prior to joining the faculty, Sakren taught several other future movie stars, including Val Kilmer, Elizabeth McGovern and Frances McDormand.

Bening is best known for her Academy Award-nominated performance in "American Beauty."

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — Prosecutors say they don't expect Whitney Houston to attend a hearing on a marijuana-possession charge against her, but an attorney will appear on her behalf.

The arraignment was set for Thursday, but was pushed back to Nov. 2. If convicted of possessing marijuana, the pop star would face up to 30 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Houston's handbag was seized by a security guard at Keahole-Kona International Airport after a routine search on Jan. 11. Police reported the bag contained half an ounce of marijuana.

Houston and her husband, singer Bobby Brown, boarded a flight to San Francisco before police arrived.

Houston, 37, has won six Grammy awards. Her best-known hit is "I Will Always Love You."

CHICAGO — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan will undergo surgery to repair damage caused by treatment for prostate cancer.

Farrakhan, 67, was diagnosed with cancer in 1991 and initially given hormone treatments. Subsequent radiation treatment produced an ulcerated area that has hemorrhaged, he said.

"With the help of God I'll come through all right," he said Monday.

HOUSTON — Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan is back in the hospital after having chest pains on a business trip.

The 53-year-old strikeout king underwent double coronary bypass surgery in April. He was resting comfortably at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital on Tuesday after being admitted the day before, a spokesman said.

"The doctors have ruled out a heart attack, and he is undergoing diagnostic testing," hospital spokesman Josh Tietling said. Doctors expect Ryan to be discharged in a few days.

Ryan won 324 games, had 5,714 strikeouts and pitched a record seven no-hitters in a career spanning 27 years.

NEW YORK — Arnold Schwarzenegger and Muhammad Ali flexed their muscles to help raise \$1.5 million for charity in an auction of celebrities' watches.

The actor and the boxing champ were the hosts of the Christie's sale Monday that featured Audemars Piguet timepieces worn and signed by them, Mariah Carey, Jon Bon Jovi, Sophia Loren, Sharon Stone and about 30 other movie stars, singers and athletes.

Schwarzenegger's titanium and 18-karat gold chronograph wristwatch from the Royal Oak collection topped the bidding at \$340,000. Ali's 18-karat pink gold watch from the Jules Aude-

mar collection sold for \$220,000.

Watches belonging to Loren and Stone sold for \$75,000 each.

Bon Jovi's 18-karat white gold watch went for \$20,000, while Carey's — an 18-karat gold piece set with diamonds — sold for \$21,000.

The buyers were collectors, socialites and celebrities, Christie's said. None was named.

A bonus lot was added to the auction when Schwarzenegger

took off the watch he was wearing, a prototype he wore during filming of his newest movie, "The Sixth Day." It sold for \$35,000.

All the money raised will benefit the Inner City Games Foundation, which offers sports contests and educational programs for children, and the Muhammad Ali Center, an interactive educational institution.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000:

You are unusually gifted and sensitive. You will often need a timeout from others as you pick up their energy. Listen to your intuition about money, work and family. You are unusually lucky with funds. Take a stab at the lottery. If you are single, romance blooms, but, for some reason, you might choose to keep this relationship under wraps. If you are attached, your relationship grows if you nurture it. You can be very lucky together. LIBRA can sometimes cause you a problem.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Someone tries hard to communicate his intentions to you. Express your pleasure at his effort. Review information and see where there might have been a hole in your thinking. Review recent decisions accordingly. Don't hesitate to go for what you want. Tonight: Certainly go out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Celebrate good news, and greet difficult news with an eye to turning it around. Others work with you one-on-one. As a result, you gain. A partner comes through for you in a big way. A boss reverses a stand or you make a sudden change. Either way, your work profits. Tonight: Run errands on your way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your wit and social charms win the day. Where another could have been difficult only a few days ago, he now wants to work with you. Review recent decisions carefully. News puts another slant on what might be possible now. Tonight: Be

a wild thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Make family and home your highest priorities. Understanding what motivates a partner gives you a better idea of what you want to do. Build within a relationship. Do not challenge. Your acceptance leads the way to more information and greater success. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Don't be bewildered by another's actions. Listen carefully to his feedback before making a decision. You find this person vague but often creative. Together you make quite a team. Communication heats up a relationship. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Think of making money rather than spending it, which could be quite a temptation. Laugh with a co-worker who seems witty right now. You worry about details and allow this person to use daydreaming and creativity skills. Understand that everyone has a role. Tonight: Treat a roommate or family member.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You speak your mind and make a difference. Others reverse decisions because of your words. A loved one responds to your energy and caring. Do not minimize what is happening here. Be sure that you want what is happening between the two of you. Allow more laughter in the door. Tonight: You're top cat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Step back if you are confused or unsure about what to do. Someone gives you important feedback. Your intuition needs backing and facts, especially about a financial matter. A family member often pulls the

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wool over your eyes. Be more aware of what is happening. Tonight: Solo time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Network. You know where you are heading, but don't be surprised if you make new friends at the same time. Unexpected news delights you, but it might upset those around you. Walk in and handle a problem when others back off. Demonstrate your abilities. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Others need your advice, and they seek you out. You might be confused about a financial matter. Bring your decision to someone in the know. You could get additional feedback that ultimately proves to be very important. Your instincts serve you with a boss. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Reach out for others. Don't stand on ceremony. Others respond to your energy with caring and directness. You understand the exact path you need to take to get you to the place you want to be. Someone changes his opinion once results are in. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You deal with others unusually well, especially with financial or emotional matters. You "bottom-line" issues in your dealings. Others appreciate your ability to underscore what is important. You have a strong sense about others. A boss needs your feedback. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

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If you look at the spade suit in isolation, there is only one way to play it to avoid losing a trick — taking the finesse. But at the recent Spingold Team Championship contested at the Summer North American Championships in Anaheim, Calif., English internationalist Andy Robson succeeded in presenting former world champion Alan Sontag with a losing option that only a good player would spot.

The bidding was straightforward — if you would open a 15-17 point one no-trump without any semblance of a stopper in either red suit. That fact caused North to bail out of two no-trump in favor of three clubs. Because of the Stayman inquiry, South became declarer.

Unwilling to lead from an honor card, West selected the nine of clubs as the opening lead. Looking at all

four hands, it seems as if declarer should lose at most two tricks in each red suit, but watch how the play developed.

Declarer won the opening lead in dummy and tried another club, discovering the 4-1 split when West discarded a diamond. A diamond was led and East rose with the king to return a third trump. West parting with another diamond. Declarer drew the last trump, discarding the queen of diamonds from hand, and West sluffed the six of spades!

Now declarer could pick up the queen of spades in the East hand by pinning 10-9 of the suit in the West hand, so declarer led the jack of spades from the table. When East followed low, declarer elected to run the jack. When this lost to the queen, a rattled declarer mistimed the play to go down one.

Dreams of heroism, peer pressure send Palestinian youths into clashes

By Karin Laub
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — For two days, Mona Hamed was able to keep her 14-year-old son, Mohammed, off the streets.

The first day, she made him do homework. The second day, she told him to clean the yard. But on the third day, he slipped away.

The ninth grader and several friends from his quiet, middle-class neighborhood headed straight to a rock-throwing skirmish at a traffic circle on the outskirts of Ramallah. While his friends withdrew when a fire-fight erupted between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli soldiers, Mohammed stayed behind a makeshift barricade close to Israeli positions, throwing stones. He was shot and killed.

Mohammed became part of a fast-growing statistic — Palestinian youngsters killed in clashes with Israeli soldiers. The Israeli human rights group B'tselem says at least 26 of the 109 Palestinians killed in 27 days of fighting were minors.

Israel and the Palestinian Authority have been arguing bitterly about who is responsible for the deaths. It is a debate that could determine which side gets the world's sympathy.

Israel accuses Palestinian leaders of exploiting children for just that reason. The Palestinian Authority says the riots are difficult to control and that older street activists have been trying to keep those 16 and younger away from the clashes.

The Palestinians and human rights groups, including Amnesty International, say Israel uses excessive force. Israel says its troops have shown the utmost restraint, targeting only gunmen and those hurling firebombs.



AP Photo
Ahmed Hamouda plays with a slingshot outside of his home where posters of his slain brother 14-year-old Samir Hamouda are displayed in the West Bank town of Ramallah Tuesday. Both sides have come under pressure recently over the significant number of children who have been killed in over four weeks of violence, which has claimed more than 124 lives, the vast majority Palestinian.

Mohammed Hamed was killed on Oct. 1, four days after Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon visited a contested Jerusalem holy site. The visit was seen by Palestinians as a provocation and was followed by widespread clashes.

On the day of Sharon's visit, Mohammed and some of his classmates went directly from school to the traffic circle to throw stones at Israeli soldiers. Once he got home, his mother asked where he had been. At a friend's house, he told her.

That evening, Mrs. Hamed thought she recognized her youngest son in TV footage on the evening news. He denied having been there. However, Mrs. Hamed, a round-faced woman with large brown eyes, decided to keep her son close by for a while, making him study or help in the yard.

The day he died, Mohammed put on a new shirt and beige pants, preening in front of the

mirror, styling his hair with gel.

Mrs. Hamed, 41, later learned that her son had slipped a photo of himself and a note with his name, address and phone number into his breast pocket — in case he got killed that day.

"Another guy died earlier in the week," said his friend and classmate, Samir Jaber, a lanky 14-year-old. "He didn't have his ID on him. Mohammed said, 'If I die, I want people to know who I am.'"

Samir said Mohammed and the other boys talked incessantly about what it would be like to be a "shaheed," a martyr for Palestine. Those who didn't want to confront Israeli soldiers were shunned as cowards, Samir said.

They had heard from parents, mosque preachers and religion

'Everyone wants to be a (martyr for Palestine). It's the best thing a person could do.'

— Samir Jaber, 14-year-old student

teachers that a martyr goes straight to paradise and marries 72 virgins. "Everybody wants to be a shaheed," said Samir, who was with Mohammed the day he died, but withdrew when the shooting began. "It's the best thing a person could do."

Mohammed's father, Nabil, 45, who works in construction in Kuwait most of the year, said he was proud of his son.

A picture of Mohammed in scout uniform covers walls and lampposts in the neighborhood. His school held a special memorial service. His desk at the Ramallah Secondary School will remain unused for the rest of the year.

Another empty desk belonged to Majed Hawamdeh, 15, killed in a clash last Saturday on the same spot where Mohammed died.

Mrs. Hawamdeh, sitting on a mattress on the floor, said her seven boys, ranging in age from 26 to 12, have all been involved in daily clashes. One remains hospitalized and four have been hit by rubber bullets.

She said she was proud they were fighting for freedom. Even if she tried to stop them, they wouldn't listen to her, she said. Her two youngest, Ahmed, 12, and Arafat, 13, have been going to the clashes directly from school.

Amnesty International says

some of the protests were organized by groups that called children out of school.

Israel has complained that the Palestinian Authority has given time off from school to increase the turnout in protests. It also says the death toll has been inflated by false cases, but doesn't give its own figures. And it says that often, kids run into the line of fire or are struck by rubber bullets, but aren't intentionally targeted.

Marwan Barghouti, the West Bank strongman and leader of

Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, said parents have trouble keeping kids away from danger. "I didn't even succeed to convince my son, who is 15 ... so it's not easy," Barghouti said.

Mrs. Hamed said Mohammed, despite all his brave talk, clearly hadn't expected to die. When his body was brought home, the cuffs of his beige pants were rolled up. His friends told her Mohammed hadn't wanted to dirty the pants: his mother would have questioned him about where he had been.

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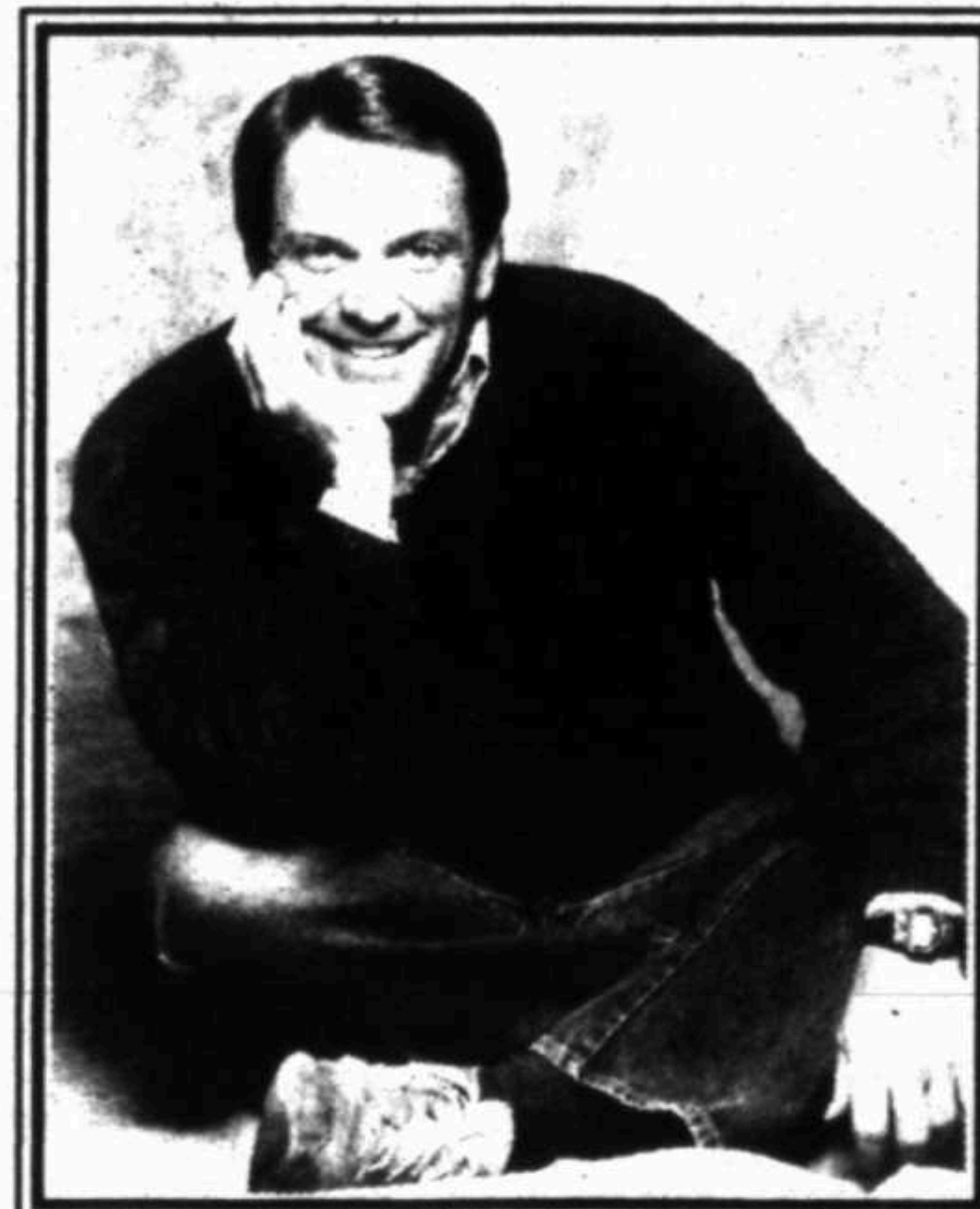
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U.S. hears North Korean willingness to discuss missile controls

By George Gedda
Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — North Korea has accepted the idea of working toward restraint in its missile program, U.S. officials said Tuesday, citing progress on a critical issue dividing the two countries as they explore reconciliation after 50 years.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ended her historic talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il struck by the improbability of it all — a cordial visit to a Stalinist land that the United States until recently called a rogue state.

But both sides knew they had a long way to go to bury enmity arising from the Korean War and the vast differences between the open democracy and the closed communist regime.

"The glasses I have on are not rose colored," Albright said.

Kim, commenting before their final meeting Tuesday, said: "I don't think the three hours of discussions we had yesterday were enough to break the silence of 50 years."

Albright told reporters she took seriously a remark by Kim — delivered seemingly offhand at a gymnastic exhibition — that his state would refrain from long-range missile launches.

Kim had raised the issue when an image of a Taepo Dong I missile was flashed before the audience. "He quipped that this was the first satellite launch and it would be the last," Albright said.

Asked if she interpreted that as a pledge for a permanent moratorium on missile launches,



U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, right, talks to North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, left, during their meeting at the Paek Ha Won State Guest House in Pyongyang on Tuesday. Albright and Kim resumed their second day of talks in the late afternoon.

torium on missile launches, Albright said, "I take what he said as serious as to his desire to move forward to resolve various questions."

A State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said after Albright and Kim finished their talks that the North Korean leader has accepted the idea of "serious restraint" in missiles.

Albright was going to Seoul, South Korea, on Wednesday to tell South Korean and Japanese officials about her talks with Kim. President Clinton is considering whether to visit North Korea himself, a trip that could come next month.

The American delegation held a farewell dinner for Kim and his

officials, serving roast turkey, beef steak and trout, with California wine.

They dined in a six-sided room in the palatial Magnolia Hall, glowing with brilliant lights shining on marble — all this in a state where many North Koreans, even near the capital, use candles and oil lamps to cope with an electricity shortage and their poverty.

"I never expected to play the role of host for such a gathering as this," she said, toasting Kim and remarking upon the recent moves toward a rapprochement. "Pick up the phone anytime," she told Kim in farewell, giving the leader — a basketball fan — a ball signed by Michael Jordan.

Kim replied: "Please give me

your e-mail address."

Diplomats offered no further elaboration of Kim's words in the meetings. Lower level talks on missiles were planned for next week.

Many analysts are convinced North Korea already has the capacity to strike at the perimeter of the United States with a long-range missile.

That concern has been the main impetus for proposals to build a U.S. national missile defense system. North Korea already has agreed to freeze its nuclear weapons program and to stop selling missiles to regimes the United States considers hostile.

"Chairman Kim was quite clear in explaining his understanding of U.S. concerns," Albright said of her meetings, describing him as "a good listener and very decisive."

Albright said they also discussed security issues, terrorism, human rights and "the need for concrete steps toward tension reduction on the Korean peninsula."

"It is important that we work to overcome the enmities of the past and focus on a brighter future for our peoples," Albright said.

China expressed hope that the U.S.-North Korean talks would help bring stability to the Korean peninsula.

"We hope that this momentum will be maintained so that relations will be further improved," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao told a news conference in Beijing.

Earlier in the day, Albright ventured into the countryside for a

lunch held by Jo Myong Rok, Kim's top aide, at a rural guest house. Trees along the route from the capital were ablaze with the colors of autumn.

Toasting her host there, Albright said: "The U.S. loves peace and we want to see Cold War divisions end. We want countries to feel secure from threats, conflict and war."

In his remarks, Jo said the U.S.-North Korean relationship "that has been frozen so deep over the past several decades is now reaching the historic moment of thawing."

Clinton said Monday: "We have some hope of resolving our outstanding differences with North Korea and looking forward to the day when they will truly close the last chapter in the aftermath of the Korean War."

No other secretary of state had ventured to North Korea, nor had any other U.S. officials met Kim, who took over after his father, Kim Il Sung, commonly referred to as "Great Leader," died in July 1994. The father had been in charge since 1948, before the Korean war.

Russian official says Mir will be dumped in February

MOSCOW (AP) — A senior Russian official put a rough date on the demise of the Mir space station, saying Monday that orbiter will be dumped into the sea 15 years after its launch — unless private funding comes through.

"We are planning to bring the Mir down into the ocean at the end of February," Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov was quoted as saying by the Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies.

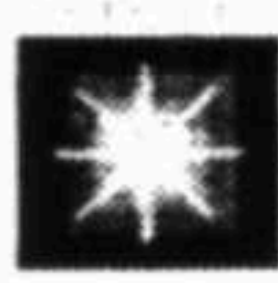
Klebanov's spokeswoman, Oksana Onishchenko, said the official Cabinet decision to dump the space station would come later, but added that the Mir would certainly be brought down.

Because he mentioned a month, Klebanov's words stood out from previous statements from a government that has wavered between the need to ditch the costly station and the hope that private investors will keep it afloat.

But Klebanov, who is in charge of space policy in the Cabinet, still held out some hope that private funds might save the Mir, a symbol of Soviet space accomplishments.

"If non-budgetary funds are found, the situation may develop according to a different scenario," ITAR-Tass quoted him as saying — even as a private company spoke of spending millions on the Mir next year.

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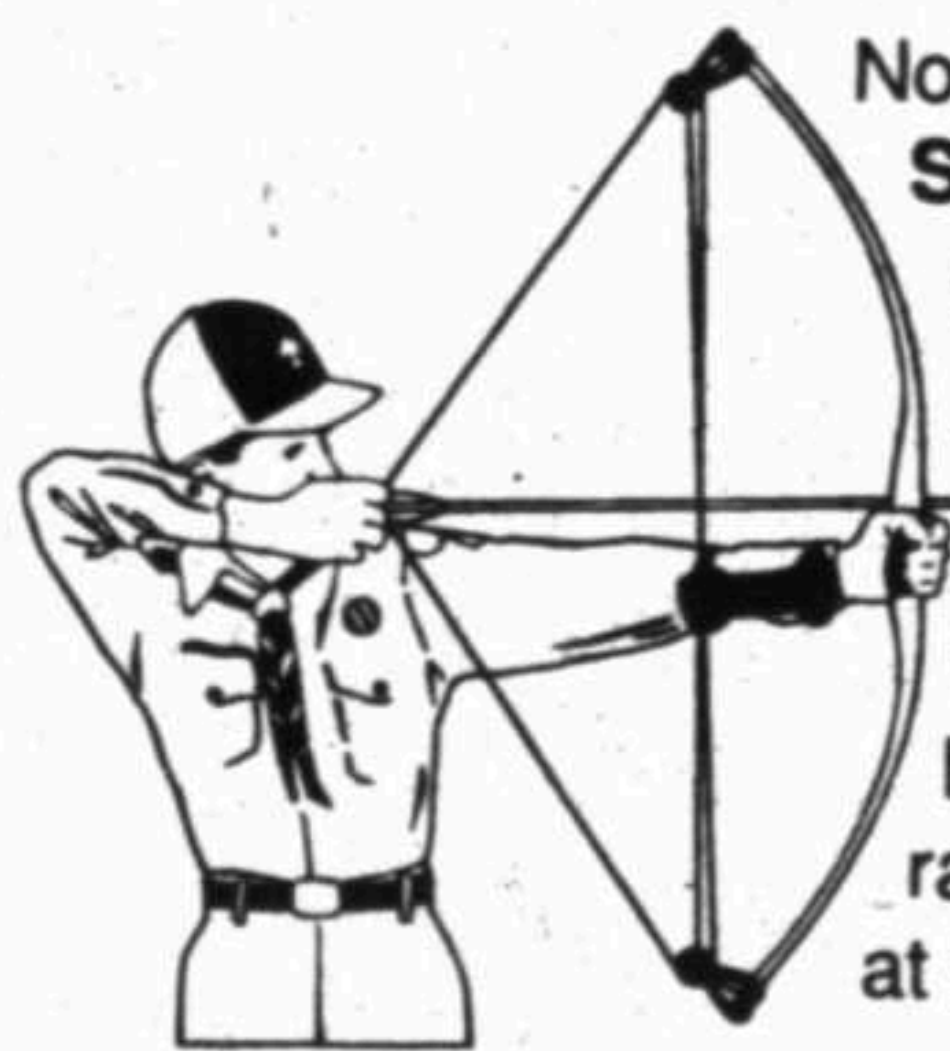
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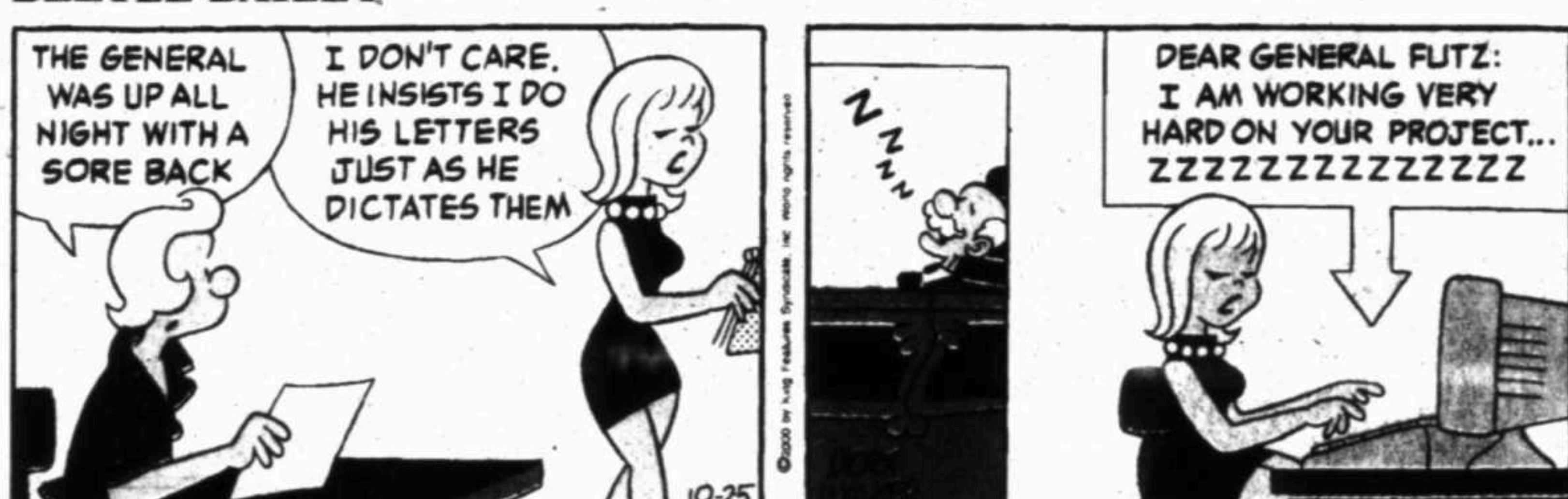
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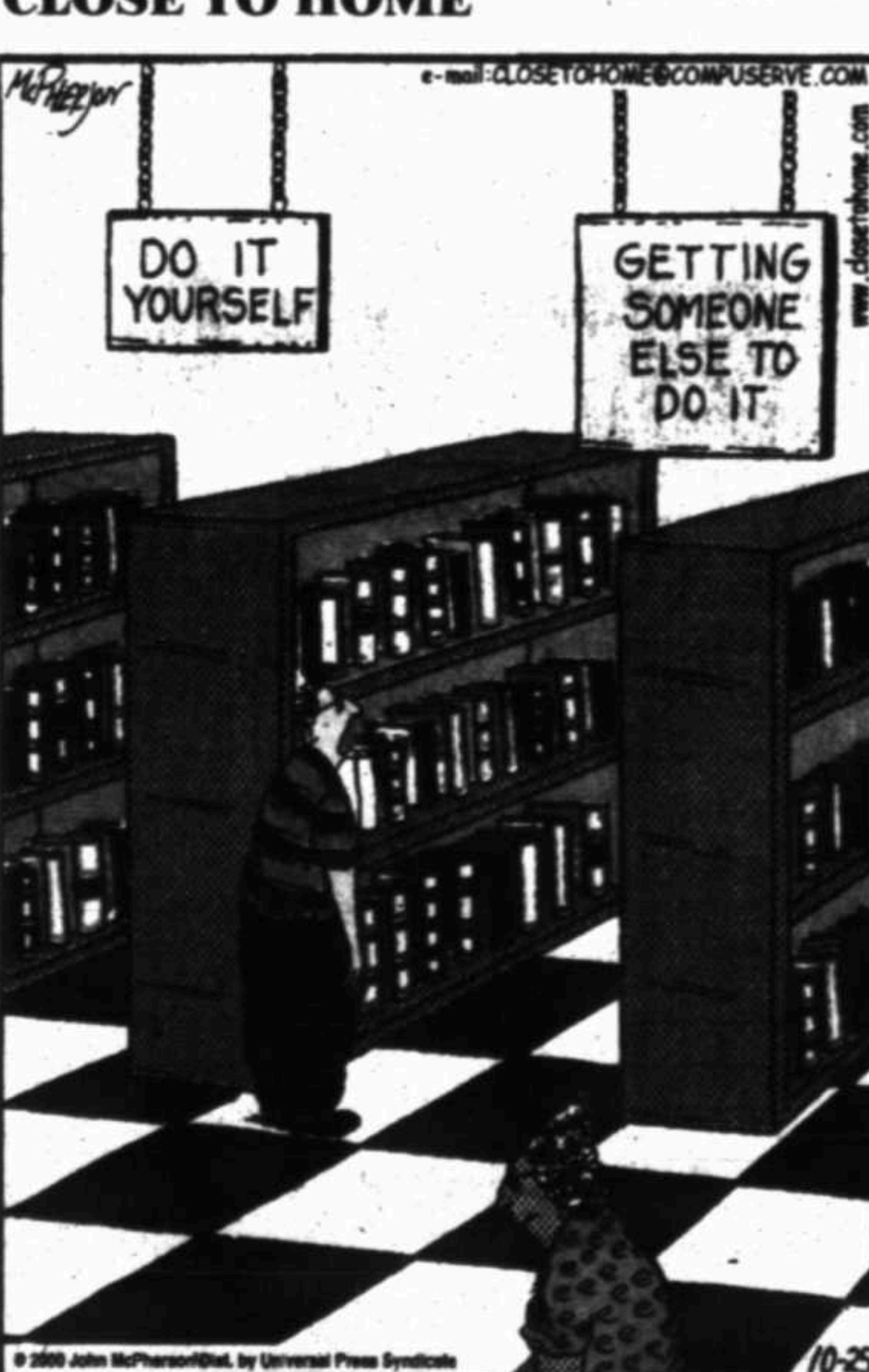
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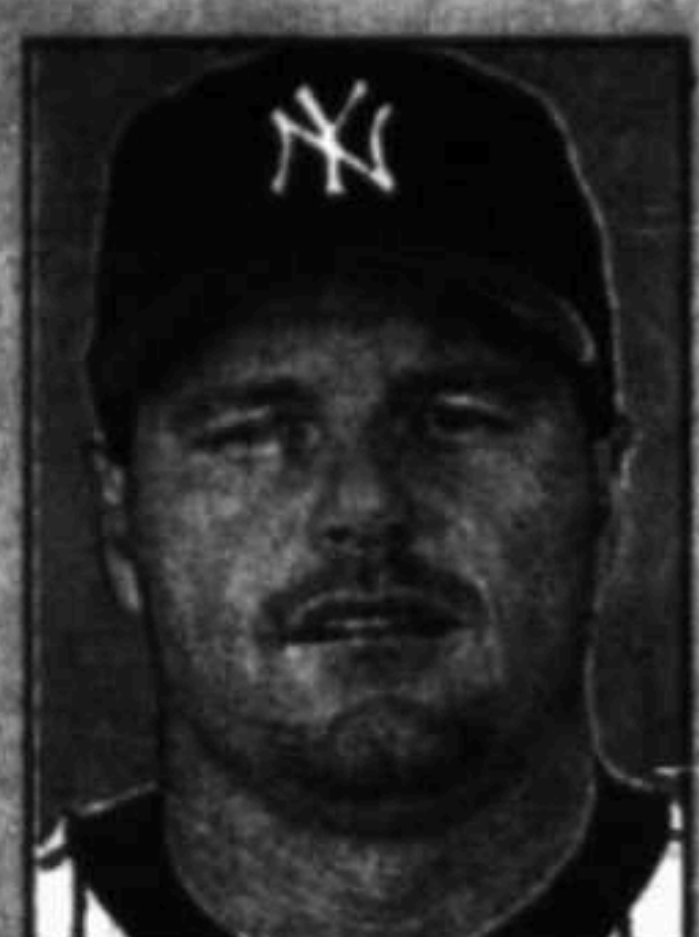
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Clemens fined \$50,000

NEW YORK — New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens was fined \$50,000 Tuesday for throwing the jagged barrel of a shattered bat toward New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza in Game 2 of the World Series.

Clemens wasn't suspended for throwing the broken bat in the first inning of Sunday night's game, and baseball didn't disclose the amount of the fine. But two baseball officials with knowledge of the fine told The Associated Press it was \$50,000.

See FINE/5C

Mets get first win, beat Yankees, 4-2

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Back in their raucous den, with its ear-splitting music and jets roaring overhead, the New York Mets were right at home — and right back in this Subway Series.

Benny Agbayani got Shea Stadium shaking with a go-ahead double in the eighth inning as the Mets handed Orlando Hernandez his first postseason defeat, beating the New York Yankees 4-2 Tuesday night to cut their World Series deficit to 2-1.

A sellout crowd of 55,299 went crazy as Armando Benitez held on in the ninth inning this time, helping the Mets end the Yankees' record 14-game winning streak in the World Series.

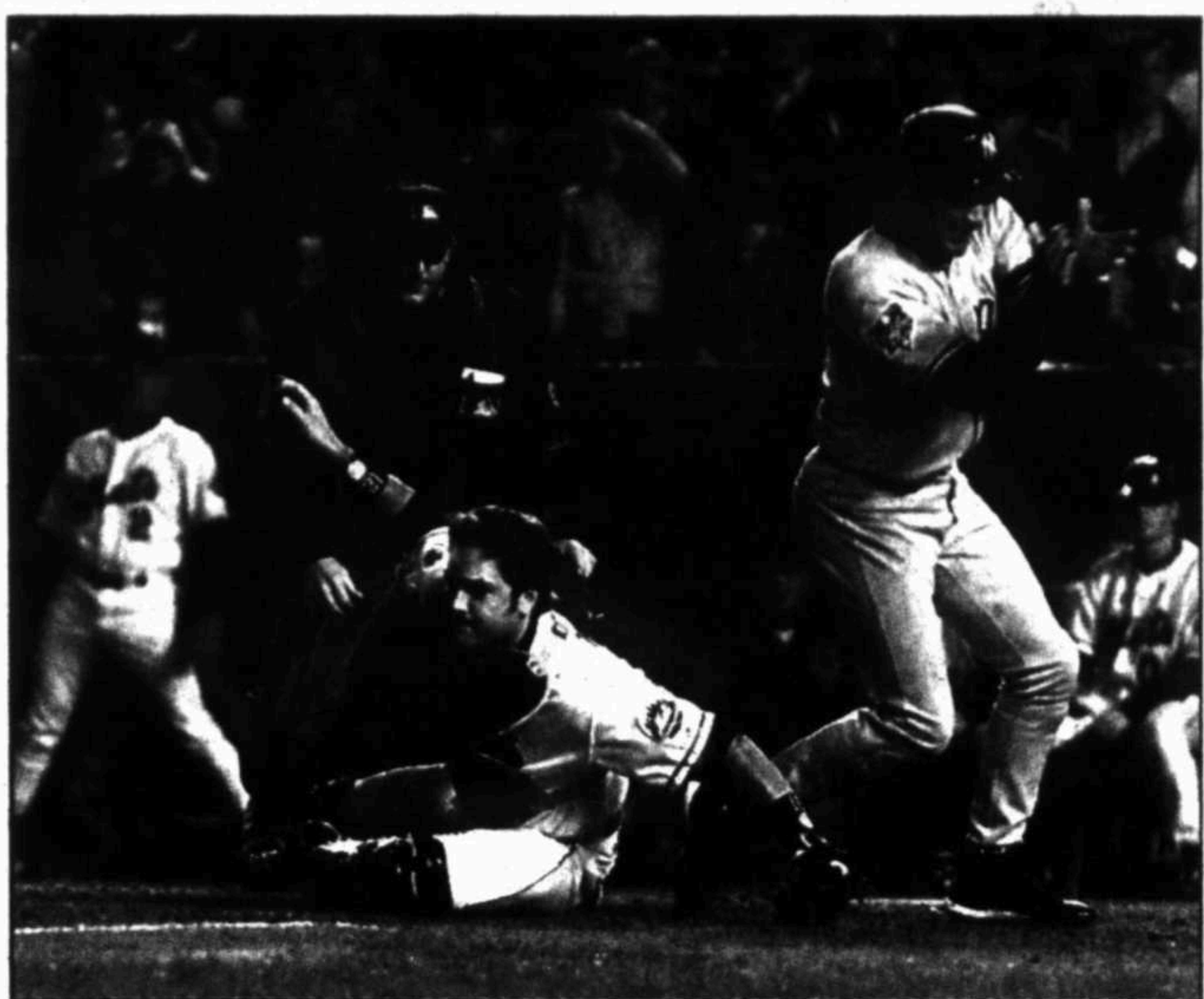
John Franco wound up with the win. Benitez, who blew a ninth-inning lead in Game 1, closed it out after giving up a lead-off single to pinch-hitter Chuck Knoblauch.

Nothing bizarre about this one, either. No pitchers throwing bats instead of balls, a stunt from Game 2 that cost Roger Clemens a \$50,000 fine.

Hernandez began the night with an 8-0 record and a 1.90 ERA in postseason play, and set a Yankees' World Series record by striking out 12, breaking the mark of 11 set by Bob Turley in 1956.

Still, in a ballpark where the Mets thrive on late-inning magic, it was not enough.

Now, after two one-run defeats at Yankee Stadium, the Mets get a chance to draw Please see SERIES/5C



AP Photo
New York Yankees' Derek Jeter, right, reacts after scoring as New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza, center, misses the tag during the third inning of Game 3 of the World Series Tuesday at Shea Stadium. Home plate umpire Jeff Kellogg, left, looks on.

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Lady Bulldogs defeat Abilene, extend District 4-5A season

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

There's good news and bad news for the Midland High volleyball team.

The good news is that the Lady Bulldogs were able to defeat Abilene High, which at one time this season was ranked ninth in Class 5A.

The bad news is that they've got to do it again — if they want to claim the District 4-5A championship.

Midland High defeated Abilene High, 15-7, 13-15, 15-7, Tuesday night before a capacity crowd in the MHS gym. It was Abilene High's first loss in 4-5A play, and it brought both teams into a tie atop the standings at 11-1. They'll meet on Saturday to decide the title, starting at 2 p.m. at Big Spring Junior High.

"We wanted this real bad," MHS senior Page Price said. "We knew we had to come out and win so we could have a district playoff on Saturday. It's been since 1983 that Midland High won district, and it's important for the playoffs to get the (first-round) bye."

Midland High won the first game fairly easily, and it looked briefly like MHS was going to win the second game when it led 13-11. But Abilene High turned on the power at that point, getting four straight kills — three from Samantha Hirsch — to take the lead, and a MHS hitting error ended the game.

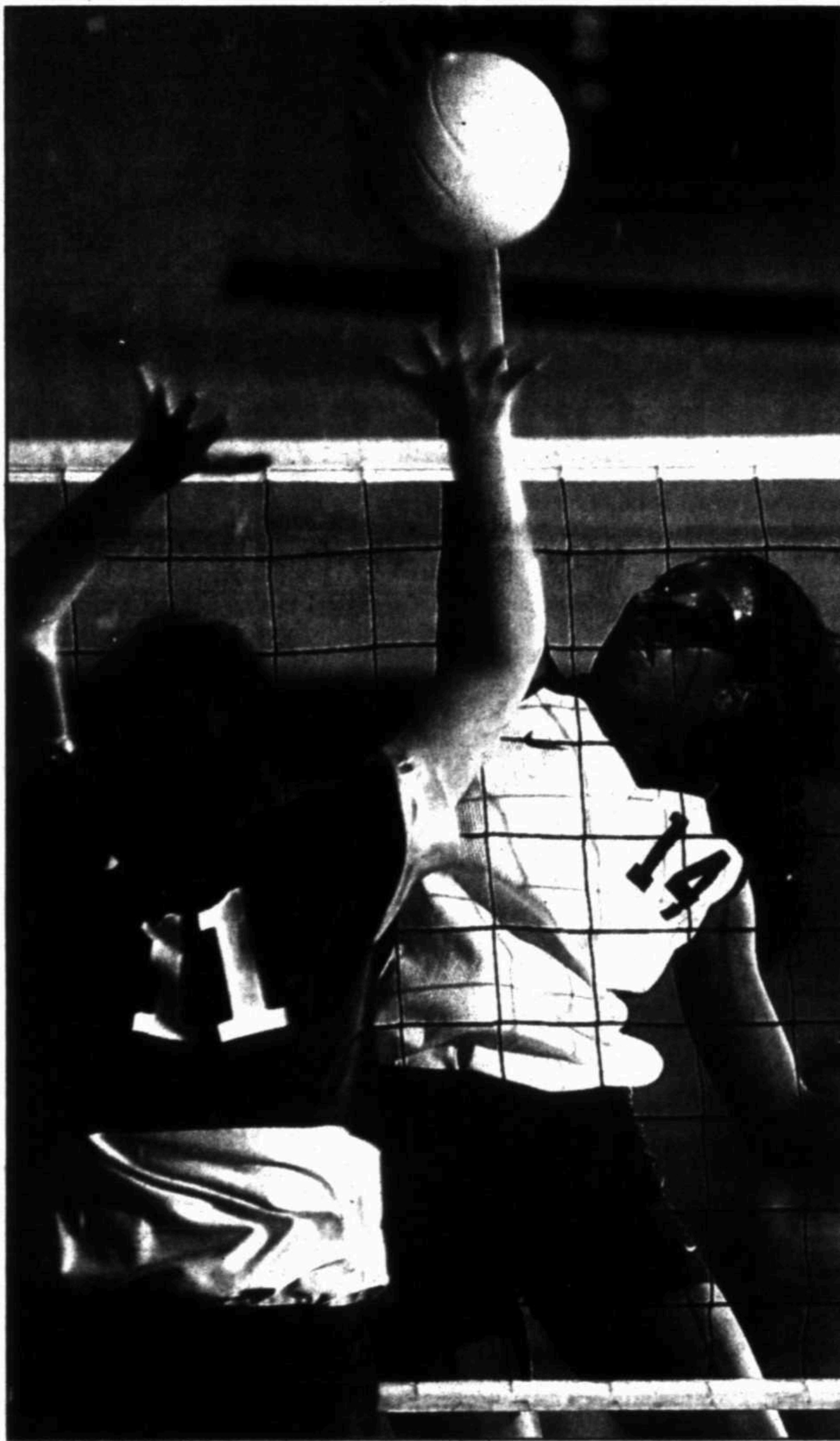
"I think they just played better," MHS coach Terri McColloch said of AHS in the second game. "Abilene is a good defensive team, a good blocking team. They played well. I don't think it was a letdown, although at times we tipped the ball too much instead of staying with the tough hitting."

While Abilene High played better when it had

Please see MHS/4C



Jessi Hollums ... records 14 kills.



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
Midland High's Aja Brooks (14) unloads on an attack, driving the ball past the block of Abilene High's Lindsey Utley. Brooks had eight kills on the night as the Lady Bulldogs defeated Abilene High, 15-7, 13-15, 15-7, Tuesday at the MHS gym. The win forces a district playoff, which will be played Saturday in Big Spring.

Lady Chaps beat McLennan, claim final fall tourney

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It seems appropriate that the Midland College women's golf team ended this year's fall schedule at home, because the Lady Chaps could be picking up where they have left off.

Midland College, the two-time defending national champions, defended its territory as might be expected Tuesday at the Lady Chap Fall Invitational at Hogan Park. The Lady Chaps, hosting their first ever fall tournament, held on to a two-stroke advantage after the first day to shoot 310-305—615 and defeat McLennan Community College by 13 strokes to win their fourth tournament in four tries this fall.

In addition, MC swept the top two spots in the medalist standings. Angela Finlay shot a tournament low 73 on Hogan's Roadrunner Course for a two-day total of 148 while teammate Mandy Chappell jumped from fifth place into second with a 152.

Perhaps it's a measure of the standards Midland College has reached that the Lady Chaps weren't entirely satisfied with their performance, even though the 305 was their lowest round of the fall.

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After lousy start, Dallas eyes .500

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — After finally winning a game they were supposed to win, and having the added bonus of doing it convincingly, the Dallas Cowboys get the chance to do it again Sunday.

Fresh from kicking the Arizona Cardinals while they were down, the Cowboys will welcome to Texas Stadium the Jacksonville Jaguars, losers of five straight.

The scenario is perfect for Dallas (3-4) to win consecutive games for the first time in more than a year and to pull its record to .500 for the first time this season.

And, with two of their next three foes struggling as well, the Cowboys have their best chance to start a playoff run — or completely bury themselves.

Dallas players and coaches understand their task and they're not taking anything for granted. They can't afford to after flubbing their favorite status against Philadelphia, Arizona and San Francisco to get off to a 1-3 start.

"If we can finish the second quarter of the season 3-1 and go 4-4 at the half, I think we've got a chance to make things happen in the second half of the season," coach Dave Campo said Tuesday.

Dallas has won two of its last three. In the loss, the Cowboys had a chance to win on the final play despite Troy Aikman throw-

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Return to normalcy?: There's nothing normal about 4-5A

Last week we wrote that all bets are off in the District 4-5A football race. Did Week II do anything to change that opinion?

With victories by Abilene High over Odessa Permian and Midland Lee over Abilene Cooper, I've heard a lot of people saying that normalcy has returned to the storied league.

Yeah, right. Considering that the once high flying state ranked Eagles of Abilene High have hit a scoring drought and that Lee had to score three touchdowns in the space of a feather's edge against Cooper, there is still some excitement left in 4-5A. Nothing is a given.

Also, it was Midland High and Odessa High battling for the league lead last weekend, and that one went to the Bronchos. If you look at that game, however, MHS seemed to be more of a headache to itself. OHS didn't turn in a crisp performance with only 210 yards of total offense. A muffed punt and a safety proved to be the difference in a 19-10 game that could have easily been 10-10, and who knows, still playing.

So, here is a look at where each team stands heading into Week III.

Odessa High (2-0): The Bronchos haven't locked up a state playoff berth, but the win over MHS did guarantee that the Bron-

chos will be in the race until the last weekend of the season. If OHS defeats Abilene High Friday, you might as well buy playoff tickets.

Midland Lee (1-1): The Rebels couldn't throw the football in the second half against OHS, so they didn't try against Cooper. That means Cedric Benson answered the bell with his state record fifth career 300-yard game. Lee wins out and the Rebels are back in the playoffs. If Benson puts up big numbers, the Rebels are a lock. If he doesn't, Lee may be looking for positive points.

Midland High (1-1): The loss to OHS was critical. The Bulldogs must win two of their last three games (Cooper, Odessa Permian and Lee) to have a real chance at the postseason. That means they must be locked into a "no turnover" mood. The Bulldogs seem to win when they take care of the football. They can't afford six turnovers (three interceptions, two fumbles and a bad snap safety) in a game like last week. Win out and they are in, but the goal has to be win at least two.

Abilene High (1-1): The Eagles have been flirting with disaster, losing to MHS and struggling to get a win over Permian. The Eagles have league leader Odessa High at home this week, and if the Eagles want to stay in the hunt, this would be a big one in which to pull out a win. It would also probably set up some kind of positive points lottery at the end of the season.

Abilene Cooper (1-1): With four of six teams currently tied for second place with 1-1 records, the Cougars are in much the same



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boat as the other three, hoping that boat isn't the Titanic. The Cooper-MHS game Friday is key for both teams since you have two of the 1-1 teams meeting each other.

Odessa Permian (0-2): Many were writing the obituary of Mojo after a second consecutive loss. But Permian's plight isn't much worse than any of the 1-1 teams. First, Permian does not leave Ratliff Stadium again, having already made its district road trips for the year. If the Black Cats can beat Lee this week, Permian might be right back in the thick of playoff talk. The one thing Permian faces that all the other teams don't, is that all other teams can afford a loss. Permian can't.

And as soon as you say that, one only has to be reminded that Cooper got into the playoffs last year with a 2-3 district record by having a win over Midland High. This district still could be headed for a mess. And that should be reminder enough for all coaches to be thinking positive points.

And while talking of positive points, let's take a break from 4-5A and give Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon something to think about Friday night. If MCHS defeats Denton Liberty Christian by eight or more points, the Mustangs will earn a TAPPS playoff berth.

It's that time of year when who beats who by the most reaps the dividends.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Applewhite sets sights on more Longhorn marks

■ Texas' quarterback needs average day to break school record for completions and career yardage.

By Jim Vertuno
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Major Applewhite is the red-headed kid from Louisiana whose teammates had their doubts about him and whose coach wondered whether he could recover from a knee injury.

Well, all he has done is set 39 passing records and, on Saturday, he's likely to get two more, firmly establishing him as, statistically, the best quarterback in Texas Longhorns history.

Applewhite needs 16 completions and 126 yards against Baylor to become the Texas leader in career yardage and completions. He took over the career lead in touchdown passes last weekend as the No. 22 Longhorns beat Missouri 46-12.

Only a junior, Applewhite can put quite a distance between himself and the previous record-holder before he's done. He also could reach 10,000 career yards, a mark surpassed by only 17 Division I quarterbacks coming into this season and none from the school that invented the wishbone.

"It's not like we've had a lot of passers here. Our tradition has always been a strong running game," he said of a program that produced Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Ricky

Williams. "I hate to be negative and take something away from myself, but it's true."

Teammates are impressed, mainly because of their low expectations. Many saw him as a career backup, at best.

"When I first saw Major? It was amazing for me. He's short and when I first saw him move around I was like 'He's not even athletic,'" said offensive tackle Leonard Davis, who at 6-foot-6, 365-pounds towers over the 6-1, 210-pound quarterback. "I didn't think he would be in the position he's in now. It surprised me."

Applewhite made believers of the Longhorns when he took the field in a game.

It was 1998 and he was a red-shirt freshman. His first start came against highly ranked Kansas State, the week after Texas had lost 66-3 to UCLA.

Although he lost that game, Applewhite guided Texas to a 9-3 finish and was named the Big 12 freshman of the year. He earned offensive player of the year in 1999 when the Longhorns went 9-5 and won the Big 12 South.

If not for a knee injury in the Cotton Bowl and coach Mack Brown's insistence early this season that Applewhite should split time with sophomore Chris Simms, he already would've set the records he's chasing Saturday.

Still, he's passed for 7,513 yards, thrown 55 TD passes and is 19-8 as a starter. His eight 300-yard passing games are the most in school history and last season he set single-season marks for yardage (3,357) and TD passes (21).

"If you saw that dude on a street corner you'd never think he played football," said running back Hodges Mitchell. "He was this goofy dude. Not built like a



Texas' junior quarterback Major Applewhite owns 39 school records, and with 126 yards against Baylor, he will become the Longhorns' career passing leader.

quarterback at all. But he's got a football brain that's out of this world."

Applewhite doesn't like his brains-over-brains image.

When he and Simms were rotating in and out of the huddle, fans couldn't help but judge their physical differences. Simms is 6-5 and his passes rocket off his arm. Applewhite's throws float downfield.

"To hear people say, 'I wish I could combine Major's brains and Chris's athleticism' is just ridiculous," Applewhite said. "It's a slap at both of us, really."

Applewhite's first real struggles came this season. He had to split time with Simms while recovering from knee ligaments. The entire Texas offense dragged.

He returned to the full-time starter's role after a 63-14 loss to

Oklahoma and the Longhorns offense has rolled. In wins over Colorado and Missouri, Applewhite has completed 61 percent of his throws for 586 yards and six touchdowns.

"He came into this year with a hurt knee that I didn't know whether he'd be able to play until midseason," Brown said. "He's really a tough guy. I thought he was back to the old Major Saturday (against Missouri)."

Simms is now contemplating taking a redshirt in 2001. And with his confidence in his knee and from his coaches restored, the door is open for Applewhite to continue to shine.

"I've been blessed," Applewhite said. "Now if I broke the school record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback, now that would be a miracle."

Former baseball player sticks as Texas A&M's QB

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Mark Farris, a former Carolina Mudcats first and third baseman, has made a smooth career transition from baseball to the starting quarterback for Texas A&M.

The remaining question: How far can he go?

His goal is to be perfect. "When you've been out as long as I was, I just need to play," Farris said. "I've been saying until I go out and play a perfect game, I'm going to keep coming back and trying to get better."

Since he put away his baseball career after five years in the Pittsburgh Pirates' farm system, Farris has been doing just that for the Aggies. He's not perfect but he keeps getting better.

Farris and the Aggies played possibly their best game of the season Saturday in a 30-7 victory over Iowa State.

"You have to be your own worst critic, and that's what I am," Farris said. "I see little things that the average person probably wouldn't notice but if you want to be a great player, you have to work on those things."

Farris started fall drills competing with Colby Freeman and Vance Smith for the starting quarterback job. Coach R.C. Slocum named Farris the starter prior to the season opener against Notre Dame and was convinced he'd made the right decision.

"We made that decision before the season and it's held up," Slocum said.

One series into the first game

against Notre Dame, offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe was certain, too.

"He came off the field and started telling me the things he was seeing," Kragthorpe said. "Some new guys going in wouldn't have seen what he was seeing for two or three games, or maybe two or three years."

Farris completed 16 of 28 passes for 165 yards and had one interception in the season opening loss to the Fighting Irish. But he got better the following week with 272 yards, two touchdown passes and no interceptions against Wyoming.

Only a sophomore, Farris has a chance to produce a new edition of the Aggie record book. With a quick release and good protection, Farris has been intercepted only four times and he's thrown seven touchdown passes.

He hit 16 of 27 passes for 248 yards and two touchdowns against Iowa State.

As a 25-year-old college quarterback, Farris is older than his teammates, but maturity isn't his strong suit. His work ethic is. "It's not a matter of age; it's a matter of preparing," Kragthorpe said. "In terms of age, other guys I've had were younger but prepared too."

Farris expects to improve over the rest of the season by staying scared.

"I think it's good to have a little fear in the back of your mind that you might not do well," Farris said. "You go out there to almost prove yourself wrong. If you knew that you were going out there every time and playing good, it would be fun I guess but it would get kind of old. So the fear is great. That's what makes you compete."

Confident Cornhuskers roll into Norman for tilt with OU

By Doug Alden
AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — No. 1 Nebraska seems to have picked the right time to start playing its best football in a year.

With a game against No. 3 Oklahoma on Saturday, the Huskers are also as confident as they've been in a while after scoring eight touchdowns in each of their last two games while allowing just a field goal.

"It took a few games to get all of the kinks out and really feel comfortable, but I think you're really seeing the team now that we knew we could be," receiver Matt Davison said.

Lately, the Huskers do not look like the team that couldn't tackle in the opener against San Jose State, or let Notre Dame return a kick and a punt for touchdowns and force the Huskers into overtime. The team that allowed Missouri to gain 492 yards also seems like a memory.

Nebraska is coming off a 59-0 shutout of Baylor that could have been a whole lot worse if coach Frank Solich had not pulled most of his starters by halftime. That game followed a 56-3 victory at Texas Tech. The two-week points total is the most for the Huskers since they scored 122 in wins over Missouri and Iowa State in 1997, the last time they won a national championship.

Davison, a freshman on the '97 team, said the team's attitude is a lot like it was three years ago.

"Right now, we feel like we're almost indestructible," Davison said. "It's not a cockiness, it's just a confidence that we've gathered."

It doesn't mean that we can't be beat. It just means that right now we're confident and that's huge going into a game like this.

"We believe that we're going to get the job done."

This game is easily getting the most hype since Nebraska played Notre Dame in the second week of the season.

"To be back in that kind of atmosphere, as college players we eat that up. We love every minute of it," guard Russ Hochstein said. "Certainly I think they're in the title hunt as much as we are. They're a very good ball club and they deserve to be up there."

Saturday is also a rematch of the former Big Eight powers that routinely decided who was going to the Orange Bowl. The Huskers haven't played the Sooners since 1997, a 69-7 Nebraska victory in Lincoln, and have won the last seven in the series. But Nebraska hasn't played Oklahoma since Bob Stoops took over last season and quickly brought the program back to the top.

The rebirth of the old rivalry is not lost on Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch, who grew up in Omaha and remembers the old Sooners-Huskers games.

"With the schedules changing year after year and not being able to play the same teams again and again, that makes it kind of tough. And it makes it to where the rivalry can kind of get lost," Crouch

said. "You want it to be the biggest game of the year. You want it to be that rivalry matchup."

Although both are now in the Big 12 and haven't met in three years, the rivalry doesn't seem to have lost much because this game also has Orange Bowl ramifications. The Orange Bowl will feature the top two teams according to the Bowl Championship Series — which happen to be Nebraska and Oklahoma in the first BCS rankings.

"I've got really no control over the BCS. If we play well, if we win, the BCS takes care of itself. If you don't play well, it takes care of it," Solich said. "Losing sleep over where you're at in the BCS rankings or losing sleep that you're at the top of the BCS rankings, probably doesn't do you any good. There's a lot of things in this profession that you lose sleep over and so you don't really try to throw any more into that."

The Huskers were heavy favorites against both Tech and Baylor, so Solich has answered questions about Oklahoma for a few weeks now. He said it's nice to talk only about this weekend's opponent.

"I guess finally a group of local media and myself are probably on the same page," he said. "We're finally focused on the same game, which has not been easy this year."

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Golf

World Golf Ranking
LONDON (AP) — Official World Golf Ranking based on players' performance throughout the world through Oct. 22. The ranking is computed on a two-year rolling basis weighted toward the current year.

Players earn points based on finish and strength of field:

1. Tiger Woods	USA	29.94
2. Ernie Els	SAF	12.07
3. David Duval	USA	10.55
4. Phil Mickelson	USA	9.70
5. Lee Westwood	ENG	9.54
6. C. Montgomerie	SCO	8.87
7. Davis Love III	USA	8.46
8. Hal Sutton	USA	8.40
9. Jesper Parnevik	SWE	7.26
10. Vijay Singh	FJI	7.26
11. Darren Clarke	NIR	7.18
12. Tom Lehman	USA	7.08
13. Nick Price	ZIM	6.45
14. Sergio Garcia	ESP	6.02
15. Jim Furyk	USA	5.97
16. John Huston	USA	5.88
17. Thomas Bjorn	DEN	5.72
18. Justin Leonard	USA	5.47
19. M. Campbell	NZL	5.41
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21. M. A. Jimenez	USA	5.17
22. David Toms	USA	4.87
23. Loren Roberts	USA	4.83
24. Carlos Franco	PAR	4.81
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27. Chris Perry	USA	4.42
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30. Bob May	USA	4.13
31. Paul Azinger	USA	4.13
32. Notah Begay III	USA	4.12
33. Dudley Hart	USA	4.03
34. Ruffalo Gossens	SAI	3.91
35. Jeff Maggert	USA	3.89
36. Mike Weir	CAN	3.89
37. J. M. Olazabal	ESP	3.85
38. Fred Couples	USA	3.77
39. Greg Norman	USA	3.77
40. Jose Coorens	ARG	3.43
41. Scott Hoch	USA	3.41
42. S. Manuyana	JPN	3.40
43. E. Romo	USA	3.39
44. Robert Allenby	USA	3.38
45. Joe Oakes	JPN	3.18
46. B. Langer	GER	3.11
47. D. Paulsen	GER	3.11
48. Phillip Price	WAL	3.05
49. Angel Cabrera	ARG	3.03
50. Paul Lawrie	SCO	3.00
51. F. Langham	SCO	2.99
52. Toshi Izawa	JPN	2.98
53. Gary Orr	SCO	2.93
54. M. Calcutt	USA	2.93
55. Scott Verplank	USA	2.88
56. Jumbo Ozaki	JPN	2.86
57. Tim Herron	USA	2.85
58. B. Geberger	USA	2.85
59. Jeff Sluman	USA	2.78
60. Steve Flesch	USA	2.74
61. Steve Pate	USA	2.72
62. H. Tanaka	JPN	2.71
63. Bob Estes	USA	2.66
64. Chris DiMarco	USA	2.63
65. Duffy Waldorf	USA	2.59
66. Craig Parry	USA	2.59
67. Paul McGinley	ENG	2.47
68. Mark O'Meara	USA	2.47
69. Andrew Coltart	SCO	2.46
70. Scott Dunlap	USA	2.43
71. Andrew Magee	USA	2.35
72. P. U. Johansson	SWE	2.32
73. Ian Woosnam	WAL	2.31
74. J. Van de Velde	FRA	2.31
75. Fred Funk	USA	2.26

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PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Senior PGA Tour money leaders through the EMCX Kneassell Classic, which ended Oct. 22:

Player	Money
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2. Bruce Fleisher	\$2,342,977
3. Hale Irwin	\$2,002,248
4. Gil Morgan	\$1,786,376
5. Dana Quigley	\$1,751,223
6. Jim Thorpe	\$1,535,747
7. Allen Doyle	\$1,532,322
8. Doug Tewell	\$1,532,394
9. Tom Jenkins	\$1,249,244
10. Hubert Green	\$1,199,884
11. Tom Kite	\$1,065,558
12. M. J. Cantelero	\$981,766
13. Ed Dougherty	\$951,514
14. John Jacobs	\$899,005
15. B. Sumner	\$871,194
16. Walter Hall	\$868,751
17. L. Thompson	\$868,503
18. Tom Watson	\$781,381
19. M. McCullough	\$754,247
20. Joe Imman	\$738,504
21. V. Fernandez	\$721,048
22. Jim Colbert	\$690,776
23. John Mahaffey	\$690,776
24. Jim Dent	\$690,352
25. John Bland	\$690,087
26. Tom Wingo	\$681,886
27. Ray Floyd	\$660,538
28. George Archer	\$650,219
29. David Lindstrom	\$594,209
30. Bob Murphy	\$590,391
31. Graham Marsh	\$585,288
32. Gary McCord	\$577,197
33. Stewart Ginn	\$558,258
34. Lee Trevino	\$531,465
35. Jim Ahem	\$515,285
36. Dave Stockton	\$499,920
37. Hugh Baiocchi	\$493,866
38. Bill Brink	\$489,313
39. Fred Gibson	\$465,312
40. D. Eichelberger	\$426,630
41. David Graham	\$417,147
42. J. C. Snead	\$411,634
43. Jim Albright	\$407,814
44. Howard Twiss	\$400,034
45. Larry Wadkins	\$393,188
46. Kermit Zarley	\$392,604
47. Jesse Palino	\$391,659
48. Bob Eastwood	\$389,829
49. Iso Kato	\$374,353
50. Jay Siegel	\$358,987

Buy.com Money Leaders
PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Buy.com money leaders through the Inland Empire Open, which ended Oct. 15:

Player	Money
1. Mark Henkel	\$288,897
2. Tim Clark	\$273,206
3. Ian Leggatt	\$248,412
4. Chris Smith	\$228,556
5. Tripp Isenhour	\$223,668
6. Briny Baird	\$212,497
7. Paul Jones	\$203,766
8. Spike McElroy	\$201,538
9. Paul Goff	\$201,474
10. D. Bergano, Jr.	\$190,550
11. J. Henry	\$188,969
12. Jeff Gallagher	\$178,961
13. Jeff Hart	\$173,429
14. Kelly Grunwaldt	\$172,150
15. Rob McElwey	\$170,980
16. John Riegger	\$169,004
17. Kevin Johnson	\$155,359
18. Craig Kanada	\$153,497
19. Tom Kallawski	\$150,674
20. Andy Merz	\$146,773
21. Shane Bertz	\$146,080
22. Pat Perez	\$145,894
23. Dan Sile	\$144,589
24. Richard Johnson	\$143,665
25. T. Biershenk	\$143,655
26. Lee Rinker	\$140,566
27. John Kennedy	\$140,557
28. D. Hammond	\$140,108
29. Ryuji Imada	\$138,192
30. Jason Gore	\$133,966
31. Paul Claxton	\$131,808
32. Joe Daley	\$131,158
33. Patrick Burk	\$130,584
34. Don Reese	\$128,210
35. Matt Peterson	\$128,185
36. Michael Muehr	\$122,778
37. Steve Rung	\$122,271
38. Todd Dierker	\$122,181
39. T. Van der Walt	\$119,711
40. Fran Quinn	\$119,517
41. Keoke Colter	\$114,325
42. Charles Warren	\$110,995
43. Vance Vasey	\$103,513
44. John Elliott	\$102,877
45. Ben Crane	\$101,451
46. Mike Grob	\$100,995
47. Deane Pappas	\$100,493
48. R. W. Eaks	\$100,426
49. Keith Clewett	\$99,907
50. Michael Allen	\$99,166

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) — Results Tuesday of the \$110,000 Eurotel Slovak Indoor Seniors WTA Tour tournament:

Singles
First Round

Oga Barabanshova (R), Belarus, def. Giulia Cesari, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Stanislava Hromadskaya, Slovakia, def. Petra Mandula, Hungary, 6-4, 7-5.
Anne-Gaëlle Sidot (1), France, def. Emmanuelle Gagliardi, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4.
Sylvia Pliskova (5), Austria, def. Iva Majoli, Croatia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.
Elia Collini, Belgium, def. Hannah Collin, Britain, 6-2, 6-3.
Kristina Stokich, Slovenia, def. Nina Dubbers, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.
Kristina Torrens Valero, Spain, def. Kristie Boogert, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-1.
Dajka Bedonova (R), Czech Rep., def. Alena Vashova, Czech Rep., 6-3, 6-3.
Adriana Gheorghe, Czech Rep., def. Lubomira Barcha, Bulgaria, 6-3, 6-1.
Anne Kriemer (2), Luxembourg, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Hendrika Nagayova, Slovakia, def. Patricia Hantuchova, Austria, 6-4, 6-4.

Double
First Round

Leanne Barrette, Pleasanton, Calif., 6-2, 6-0, 5-2, 6-15, Cheryl Danilovic, Ohio, 6-4, 5-8, 3-6, 6-3.
Marie Duggan, Edmonton, 6-3, 6-3, and Michelle Muller, Chicago, 6-2, 5-9, 0-4, Dede Davidson, Las Vegas, 7-1, 5-8, 6-3, Jennifer Swanson, Shelton, Conn., 6-2, 5-8, 6-3.
Michelle Feldman, Stannett, N.Y., 3-6, 5-8, 6-4, Kim Terrell, Daily City, Calif., 6-2, 5-7, 6-3, Jackie Miller, 6-3, 6-3.

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World Series

(FOX)
Saturday, Oct. 21
N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 3, 12

Sunday, Oct. 22
N.Y. Yankees 6, N.Y. Mets 5

Tuesday, Oct. 24
N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 2, N.Y.

Yankees lead series 2-1

Wednesday, Oct. 25
N.Y. Yankees (Nagay 7-7) at N.Y.

Mets (Bj. Jones 11-6), 8:25 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 7:25

p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 29
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Thursday, Nov. 9
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Friday, Nov. 10
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Sunday, Nov. 12
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MHS: Lady Bulldogs force district playoff contest in Big Spring

(From 1C)

to in the second game, the Lady Eagles had the opposite response to pressure in the third game. Leading 7-4, the Lady Eagles started making errors left and right. MHS scored two to cut the lead to 7-6, then on the next rotation, MHS scored eight straight points to go up 14-7. MHS' Jessi Hollums had one kill during the run, but the other seven points came on AHS errors.

"I think we let the pressure get to us," AHS coach Didi Pierce said. "We got to a rotation where we couldn't get a sideout. I think the pressure got to some of my younger players."

The Lady Eagles recovered well enough to survive four match-points, but they couldn't score. A kill by MHS' Aubrey Pavlis finally ended the match.

Hollums led Midland High with 14 kills, while Aja Brooks had eight kills and eight solo blocks. Price had seven kills. Abilene High had three girls in double figures in the kill category — Hirsch had 14, Kanesha Francis had 11, and Calli Corley had 10 — but the rest of the team had only five kills.

Other statistics hurt the Lady Eagles, like six service errors (MHS had only three). Pierce said that was something her team

would have to work on before Saturday.

McColloch was pleased with one statistic in particular. In the first meeting between the teams, a three-game win by AHS Sept. 30 in Abilene, Midland High didn't handle service reception very well, making good passes only 53 percent of the time. On Monday, McColloch said that figure needed to be 80 percent or better. On Tuesday, the Lady Bulldogs made good passes 86 percent of the time. The win was no coincidence.

Now that each team owns a win on its home floor, a match on a neutral floor with determine the 4-5A championship.

"I expect it to be a tough, three-game match, just like the last two," McColloch said.

Match Statistics
Midland High — Kills: Jessi Hollums 14, Aja Brooks 8, Page Price 7, Aubrey Pavlis 6, Ashley Burns 2, Becky Valdez 2.
Assists: Valdez 23, Burns 4, Sheramie Ward 2, Brooks 1.
Solo blocks: Brooks 8, Price 5, Burns 2, Pavlis 1, Valdez 1.
Digs: Hollums 24, Valdez 23, Crystal Corona 16, Meredith May 9, Price 9, Pavlis 8, Ward 6, Courtney Robnett 1, Burns 1, Brooks 1.
Service reception (good passes): Pavlis 13, May 13, Corona 12, Price 10, Ward 5, Valdez 3.
Service points: Corona 15, Ward 11, Price 9, Valdez 6, Hollums 2.
Aces: Valdez 1, Corona 1, Ward 1.
Abilene High — Kills: Samantha Hirsch 14, Kanesha Francis 11, Calli Corley 10, Maggie Barnhill 2, Alison Utley 2, Julie Polnick 1.

BOYS: Dallas faces Jacksonville next

(From 1C)

ing five interceptions.

Campo said he saw progress in that 19-14 loss to the New York Giants and last week he talked to his team about building on it. Dallas ended up beating Arizona 48-7, its biggest blowout win in 20 years.

While the offensive eruption stands out, more noteworthy is the defense's performance. It was the third straight game the Cowboys allowed fewer than 20 points and they're giving up fewer than 300 yards per game in that span.

Next up is a Jacksonville team falling apart under the weight of injuries and turnovers. The frustration seems to be boiling over, especially with coach Tom Coughlin.

As a coach must, Campo points out that all six Jacksonville losses are to teams with winning

records and that before the season the Jaguars were picked by many to make the Super Bowl.

"I think frustration sometimes causes you to question a lot of things — what you're doing, how you're doing them, who is doing them," he said. "Really, they've won two and we've won three. So anything can happen."

Campo points to running back Fred Taylor's consecutive 100-yard games and good speed on defense as added reasons for the Cowboys to be concerned.

"I use a phrase with our team: Run scared with confidence," he said. "If you don't run scared with confidence, that's how you lose a game you're supposed to win."

"We feel like we're going to improve and have a chance to win every ball game, but at the same time we've got to be looking around and seeing what the other team is doing as well."

LOCAL SPORTS

Garden City wins x-country

IRAAN — The Garden City girls team dominated the District 8-A meet at the Iraan Country Club, as Michelle Fuchs also won the individual title.

Garden City won the team point competition with 32 points. Fuchs ran a time of 12 minutes, 7.5 seconds over the two-mile course to claim the individual title.

Lady Rebels fall

Staff Report

ABILENE — A tough season came to a rough end for the Midland Lee volleyball team Tuesday night, as the Lady Rebels concluded their season with a 15-6, 15-1 loss to Abilene Cooper in a District 4-5A match.

After an encouraging three-game win over Odessa Permian Saturday, the Lady Rebels weren't competitive with playoff bound Cooper for most of the evening. The loss dropped Midland Lee to 10-18 overall, and the Lady Rebels finished 4-8 in district.

Natalie Taylor led Lee with five kills while Shelley Sledge had two and Stephanie Easter had one. Jill Holly had six assists for the Lady Rebels, who struggled to establish an attack.

Lee, which had won two straight district championships, had to battle inexperience this season, and it showed against Cooper.

"I think we played really poor

Fuchs led the way as four Garden City runners finished in the top six, including M'Lynn Niehues in third (12:33.5), Jessica Hoch in fifth (12:38.5) and Allison Jansa in sixth (12:39.6).

Volleyball

Junior Varsity
Midland Lee def. Cooper 15-6, 15-0. Lee finishes season 7-5 in District 4-5A.
Abilene High def. Midland High, 15-12, 9-15, 15-12.
Sophomores
Midland High def. Abilene High, 15-9, 15-5. Midland High completes a perfect season at 28-0.
Midland Lee def. Cooper Blue 15-4, 15-4.
Lee def. Cooper Red 15-10, 8-15, 15-5.

4-5A Volleyball

	District	W	L	Overall	W	L
x-Midland High	11	1	21	3		
x-Abilene High	11	1	21	3		
x-Abilene Cooper	8	4	16	16		
Midland Lee	4	8	10	18		
SA Central	4	8	10	18		
Odessa High	3	9	14	20		
Odessa Permian	1	11	9	18		

x-district playoff berth
Tuesday's Results
Midland High def. Abilene High, 15-7, 13-15, 15-7; Abilene Cooper def. Midland Lee, 15-6, 15-1; San Angelo Central def. Odessa Permian, 15-2, 4-15, 15-11; Odessa High was off.
End of Regular Season

Playoff for District Championship and No. 1 Playoff Seed
Midland High vs. Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday, Big Spring Junior High.

tonight," said Lee coach Connie Alexander of the Cooper match. "We've played a lot better. We have a lot of work to do for next year."

Warner, McNown join disabled list

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner is expected to miss five to six weeks after undergoing surgery Tuesday to repair the broken little finger on his throwing hand.

George Paletta, who is also the St. Louis Cardinals team physician, said two pins were placed into the broken bone during the 35-minute procedure, as expected.

Paletta said doctors will remove the pins in three weeks and Warner will then begin physical therapy.

Warner said Monday planned to return to the field as soon as the pins were removed, or in "three weeks and a day." But Paletta said five to six weeks was a more realistic timetable, and even that was tentative.

Doctors originally thought Warner wouldn't need surgery after looking at X-rays Sunday, which showed the bone's fractured pieces aligned. X-rays taken Monday showed the fractured pieces had moved apart, Paletta said.

Warner broke his finger Sunday in the Rams' 54-34 loss to Kansas City.

He was replaced by backup Trent Green, who threw for 205 yards and three touchdowns against the Chiefs. Green was the Rams starter before tearing the anterior cruciate ligament and spraining the medial collateral lig-

ament in his left knee during the 1999 preseason. Warner replaced him, and led the Rams to the Super Bowl title.

It's been a busy few days for Paletta, who on Saturday operated on Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire. Paletta removed the diseased portion of the patella tendon in McGwire's right knee.

McGwire was sidelined for most of the second half of the season by tendinitis in the knee. He is expected to start rehabilitation soon, and could be ready for spring training in late February.

McNown expected to miss 4-6 weeks

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — While doctors say it will take four to six weeks for Cade McNown's separated shoulder to heal, the Chicago Bears quarterback has other ideas.

"If I can throw next week, I'll start throwing next week," McNown said Tuesday. "I'm not going to be unsafe or anything, but as soon as I feel better, that's when I'll be out there again."

McNown was injured in the second quarter Sunday as he tried to run out of bounds and was tackled by Eagles linebacker Mike Caldwell. His shoulder was driven into the concrete-like artificial turf at Veterans Stadium, a surface long regarded as the worst in the NFL.

Test results showed there's no rotator cuff damage.

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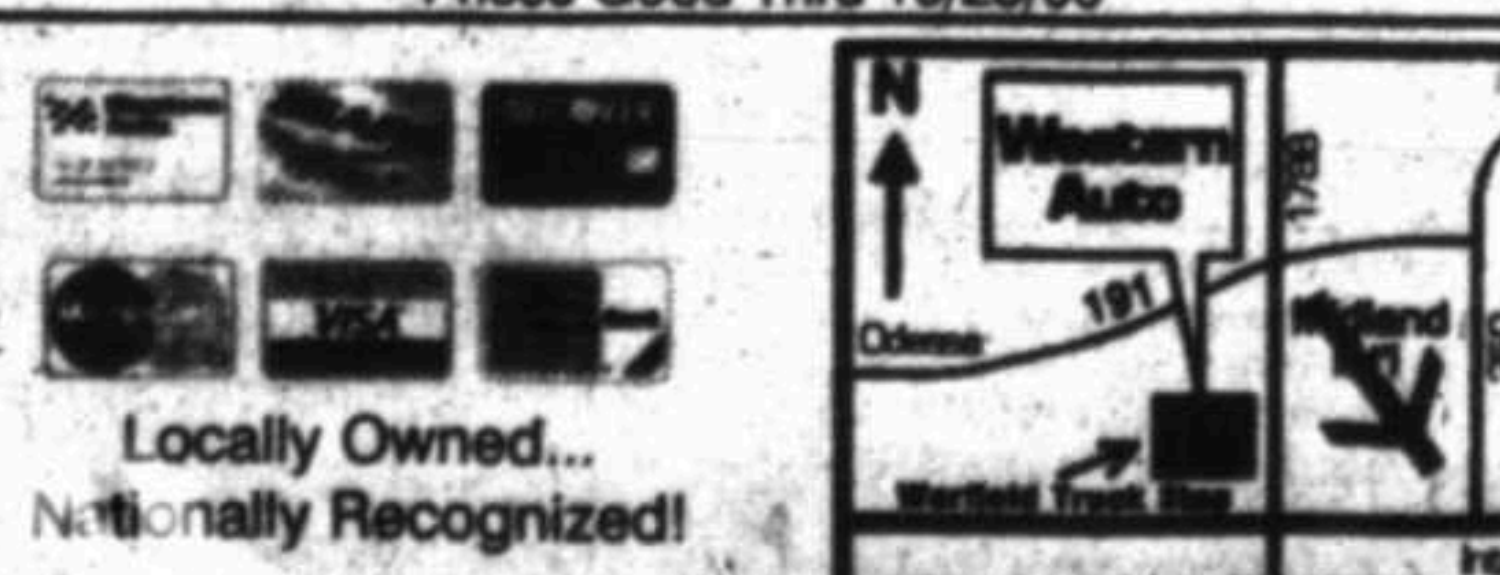
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LADY CHAP FALL INVITATIONAL

Here are the final results from the Lady Chap Fall Invitational held at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Team Standings — 1. Midland College 310-305-815; 2. McLennan Community College 312-316-828; 3. Tyler Junior College 332-324-858; 4. Northwood University 337-325-862; 5. McLennan No. 2 344-335-879; 6. Cisco Junior College 372-377-749; 7. UT-Brownsville/TSC 381-373-754.

Medalist Standings (top 10) — 1. Angela Finlay, MC, 75-73-148; 2. Mandy Chappell, MC, 77-75-152; 3. Jillian Wyne, St. Mary's, 76-78-154; 4. Ashlie Simmons, McLennan, 75-80-155; 5. (tie) Shelly Winchell, MC, 78-79-157 and Kelli McKandless, McLennan, 80-77-157; 7. (tie) Cecilia Bergqvist, McLennan, 76-82-158, Stephanie Smith, MC, 80-78-158 and Kandace Burnett, McLennan, 81-77-158; 10. Lindsay Robi, Tyler, 83-77-160.

Team by Team results
Midland College: Finlay 75-73-148, Chappell 77-75-152, Winchell 78-79-157, Smith 80-78-158, Vanessa Gonzales 81-85-166.
Individual: Angie Whitley 91-87-178.
McLennan No. 1: Simmons 75-80-155, McKandless 80-77-157, Bergqvist 76-82-158, Burnett 81-77-158, Casey Williams 82-86-168.

Tyler Junior College: Lindsey Robi 83-77-160, Sarah Brooks 82-79-161, Patricia Hernandez 83-82-165, Nicole Biles 84-79-163, Adrienne Magallanes 87-86-173.

Northwood University: Tina Clahane 85-77-162, Shelly Bishop 80-83-163, Jodie Rodriguez 83-82-165, Nicole Biles 84-79-163, Chanda Loftis 87-84-171.

McLennan No. 2: Kayla Duhr 82-79-161, Joanna Hefferman 82-80-162, Jackie Cox 91-83-174, Courtney Fairlamb 89-93-182.

Cisco Junior College: Rachel Robb 84-79-163, Maggie Cannon 96-91-187, Jessica Wilson 97-101-198, Tasha Cornelius 95-106-201, Brandi Taylor 117-115-232. Individual: Lindsey Riggs 93-97-190.

UTB/TSC: Vanessa Galvan 92-92-184, Sarah Lucio 98-87-185, Jackie Lucio 95-94-189, Marissa Chapa 96-100-196, Cynthia Rodriguez 98-100-198. Individual: Ylana Trevino 90-91-181, Maritza Martinez 103-87-190.

St. Mary's Individuals: Wyne 76-78-154, Kristin Armitt 86-84-170.

Incamate World Individuals: Monica Guzman 82-79-161, Teletia Forbes 87-88-175, Yvette Maldonado 98-94-192.



Midland College's Mandy Chappell, seen here putting during the first day of the Lady Chap Fall Invitational, took second in the medalist standings, finishing behind teammate Angela Finlay. The MC women put three golfers in the top five.

GOLF: Lady Chaps win 4th tourney

(From 1C)

"We played better on the course with the way it was set up," said MC coach Joe Williams of his team's play Tuesday. "I think we could have shot 15 strokes better." "I thought McLennan as well as we would have gotten all our players in the 70s today with the course being so short."

The Roadrunner played shorter than the Quail Course on which the seven teams competed Monday. That seemed to improve a lot of scores, particularly for players near the top of the standings.

Finlay was tied with McLennan's Ashlie Simmons for the medalist lead at 75 going into the final day. After shooting two over on Roadrunner's front side, Finlay picked things up on the back nine, ending the day with a birdie on No. 18 which put an exclamation point on her victory.

"I don't think I played as good as I could," said Finlay. "The putts weren't going in, but I played better on the back nine today."

It's only natural that Finlay, who won her second medalist title of the fall, feels like her score should have been lower over the

two days. In practice rounds at Roadrunner last week, Finlay shot in the 60s.

"I've played better here in practice rounds, but that's just the way it goes," said Finlay.

Still, Finlay played more than well enough to win. Simmons, who graduated from Big Spring High last year, was never a threat in the final group, shooting an 80 to finish at 155 and fourth place.

Although the Hogan courses aren't in the normal rotation for Midland College's practice routine, the Lady Chaps are still more used to them the other teams were.

"We had an advantage playing on our home course even though we don't play it all the time," said Finlay. "Everybody expects you to do well. You don't think about the other players, you really just play against the course."

Chappell, like Finlay, also improved her score from Monday by two strokes on Roadrunner with a 75 which catapulted her into second. Unlike Monday, Tuesday's weather conditions were a little steadier, with some wind gusts but no rain.

"I think (Roadrunner) is the harder course but I think the conditions were a little bit better today," said Chappell. "I was

hoping to play better than I did today. I had a couple of bad bogeys, but all of our scores were in the 70s and that's awesome for us."

The other Lady Chap in the top five was Midland High product Shelly Winchell, who broke out of a slump with a total of 78-79-157 to tie for fifth.

Unlike last season, this year's MC squad is dominated mainly by freshmen, so such a strong showing in the fall is nothing but good news. The Lady Chaps should actually have a reputation to defend when the bulk of their competitive schedule hits during the spring.

"This is to decide the No. 1 national ranking for the first poll," said Williams. "This just determines we'll be in there. We're improving and looking better, but we're going to be a lot stronger by the time the national tournament gets here (in May)."

'Tiger Tour' resumes after U.S. win, heads down final stretch

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Just because the Presidents Cup is over doesn't mean the end of team golf for the rest of the year.

Starting this week, it's back to Tiger against the tour.

Before the gates to Disney World opened Tuesday morning, Tiger Woods raced up the fairway in a cart and got out long enough to hit an approach to a pin tucked right behind a steep bunker, the ball checking to a stop 12 feet away.

He was done for the day, an 18-hole practice round that lasted all of 75 minutes.

"My game is a lot better than I thought it would be after the break," he said.

The National Car Rental Classic at Disney will be Woods' first stroke-play tournament in six weeks. When last seen playing for money, he hit a 6-iron from 218 yards out of a fairway bunker and over the water to win the Canadian Open.

Such shots have been expected out of Woods, as have the results.

He doesn't win every time he plays, just half the time. No one has won as often as he has in 50 years, and it's been even longer since any player won at such an alarming rate.

Nine victories on the PGA Tour. Three straight majors, scoring records in each of them. All that's left now is another hat trick.

A year ago, Woods came to Disney for his first tournament since team matches — the Ryder Cup, in that case — and talked about winning the last three tournaments of the season. No one doubted it could be done, but not everyone took him seriously.

"I thought it could be done," Woods said. "Simple as that."

Then, he beat Ernie Els by one stroke at Disney. In a Tour Championship filled with grief over the death of Payne Stewart, he blew past the field to win by four strokes. The next stop was Spain, where he beat local favorite Miguel Angel Jimenez at Valderrama.

Any questions?

The only doubts now are whether Woods can find motivation. He almost always does, whether real or imagined.

The tangible motivation comes from Byron Nelson. Woods came up short in his amazing bid to match the most untouchable record in golf, Nelson's 11-tournament winning streak in 1945. Woods got as high as six until Phil Mickelson finally stopped him at San Diego.

Woods can never win 18 times in a year, as Nelson did in '45, simply because he barely plays 18 times a year. Still, another hat trick like last year would match Nelson's record of winning 60 percent of his tournaments.

Nelson won 18 of 30 events. The best Woods can finish is 12 of 20.

"I didn't know what his percentage was," Woods said. "I just know the total number and the streak. But I do know he had one heck of a year."

So has Woods, and it's not over yet.

The other source of motivation comes from Woods, even if he has to make it up.

He put drama into the final round of his 15-stroke victory in the U.S. Open by trying to finish without a bogey and break the margin of victory in majors set in 1862. He managed to put another thrilling finish onto an 11-stroke victory at Firestone by making birdie on the last hole — in the dark.

The only other double-digit margin this year came in the Presidents Cup, a 21 1/2-10 1/2 victo-

ry for the Americans that was worth watching for only one reason — Woods against Vijay Singh, whose caddy wore a hat with "Tiger Who?" stitched on the back.

Smart move.

Woods loves match play and the gamesmanship that goes with it, such as when he refused to concede an 18-inch putt to Singh on the fourth hole, an awkward exchange of Singh's uneasy smile and Woods' stoic stare.

When the cup was clinched, Woods' match was on the 14th hole and still heating up.

"He came over and congratulated me about winning the cup, and I said, 'Don't forget about me and don't forget about us. I'm still standing here, looking you right in the eye,'" Woods said.

The match was meaningless to everyone but Woods. He poured a birdie on top of Singh at the 14th to stay 1-up and closed him out three holes later.

When asked if he said anything to Singh's caddy, Woods only smiled.

"I didn't have to," he said, only mentioning the score — 2 and 1.

The only score that matters to him over the next three weeks is 3-0. Along with tying Nelson's winning percentage, Woods could become the first player to go over \$10 million in one season. Maybe then, he can appreciate what he's done.

Or maybe not.

He spent much of his five-week break fishing, a perfect time to reflect on a remarkable season.

"You would think I would," he said. "But when you're fishing, all you care about is getting that fish."

When he's playing, all he cares about is winning.

Umpire Cooney criticizes Clemens

BOSTON (AP) — The umpire who tossed Roger Clemens from a 1990 playoff game said the New York Yankees pitcher should have been ejected for throwing a splintered bat near Mike Piazza during Game 2 of this year's World Series.

"It's a tough situation, due to the fact that it was the World Series," Terry Cooney, who retired from umpiring seven years ago, told The Boston Globe. "But I guarantee you that had it been, say, some-

body from Detroit and they were playing Texas, and he picked up the bat and threw it at the runner, he would have been ejected."

Cooney was behind home plate for Game 4 of the AL championship series 10 years ago, when Clemens was pitching for the Red Sox. Clemens came out wearing eye black and, Cooney said, he began cursing, apparently about called balls and strikes.

Baseball fines Yanks' Clemens for bat toss

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens was fined \$50,000 Tuesday for throwing the jagged barrel of a shattered bat toward New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza in Game 2 of the World Series.

Clemens wasn't ejected for throwing the broken bat in the first inning of Sunday night's game, and baseball didn't disclose the amount of the fine. But two baseball officials with knowledge of the fine, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press it was \$50,000.

"It was a reckless type of action on his part," said Frank Robinson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline.

The fine matches the largest ever levied against a player, equalling the amount Albert Belle was fined for his profane tirade toward a TV reporter during the 1995 World Series.

"I want to stay focused on the

task at hand, helping my team win the World Series, so I do not intend to consider the question of an appeal or respond to questions about the fine or the incident itself until this series is over," Clemens said in a statement.

Clemens and the players' association have seven days to appeal the decision to Paul Beeston's chief operating officer — who as president of the Toronto Blue Jays, signed Clemens to a \$24.75 million, three-year contract after the 1996 season.

Fines often are reduced on appeal. Earlier this year, an arbitrator cut John Rocker's suspension from 28 days to 14 days and his fine from \$20,000 to \$500.

Umpires during Game 2 concluded that Clemens, who beamed Piazza on July 8, didn't deliberately throw the broken bat at the catcher. Clemens wasn't ejected and allowed two hits in eight shutout innings as the Yankees won 6-5.

SERIES: Mets triumph

(From 1C)

even. Bobby J. Jones will pitch Game 4 on tonight against Denny Neagle and Bill Clinton is expected to become the first president in office to attend a Series game since Ronald Reagan in 1983.

Hernandez, who struck out the first three hitters in the opening inning and took advantage of a few extra inches on the outside corner of Jeff Kellogg's strike zone, fanned Robin Ventura to start the eighth.

But after Todd Zeile singled, Agbayani doubled into the left-center field gap. Agbayani has hit in all 12 of the Mets' postseason games this year, including a 13th-inning home run that beat San Francisco in the division series.

Pinch-hitter Bubba Trammell added a sacrifice fly for insurance.

The Mets improved to 60-26 at Shea this season, the best mark in baseball. There were more Yan-

kees fans present than Mets rooters at Yankee Stadium, though they were easily drowned out by the huge speakers in center field — the Mets boosted their sound system with \$30,000 in extra equipment this October.

The sixth inning saw the Mets tie it at 2, and showcased all this Subway Series has to offer — big stars delivering in big spots, dueling fans and drama with every pitch.

Mike Piazza led off with a double and Ventura, who homered earlier, drew a full-count walk. Zeile followed with a tying double and the Mets' crowd got loud, raising the decibel count more when Agbayani eked out a walk.

Bases loaded, no outs. And no worries from the Yankees bench — manager Joe Torre never even had anyone warming up, leaving it all to Hernandez.

El Duque did not disappoint.

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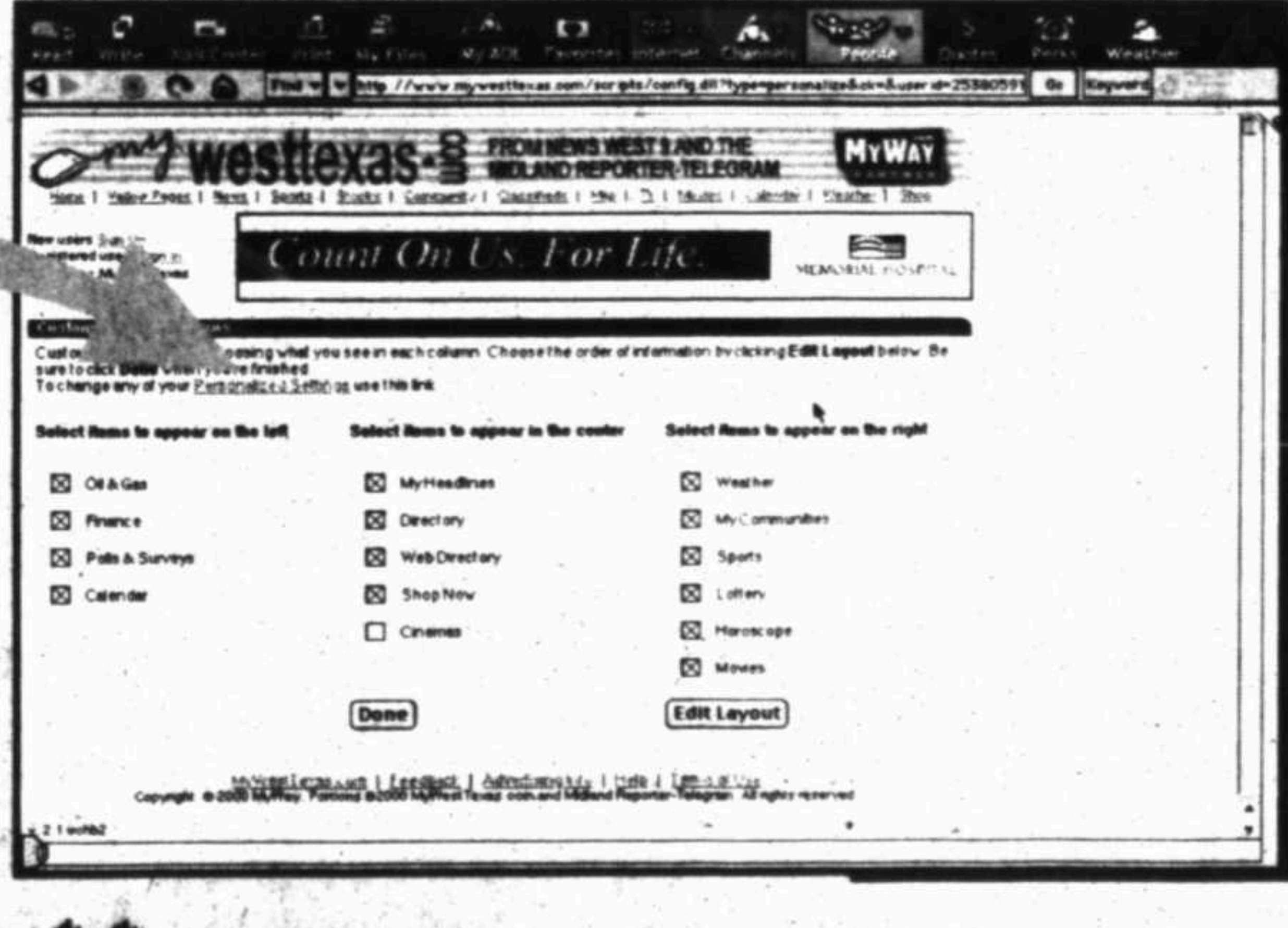
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OIL PRICES	
Tuesday	\$33.37
Previous	\$33.76

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Tuesday	\$30.50
Previous	\$31.00

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Tuesday	\$4.820
Previous	\$5.072

Crude fades

NEW YORK (Dow Jones News) — Gasoline futures clung to their gains at the New York Mercantile Exchange Tuesday as traders focused on a tight cash market.

Crude and heating oil futures faded after trading higher much of the day.

Nearly November unleaded gasoline futures hit an intraday high of 99.25, before easing near the close of trade. Futures were lifted by a strong New York cash market and a firm November-December spread just ahead of contract expiry Oct. 31.

Crude oil for December delivery declined 39 cents to \$33.37 per barrel. For November delivery, heating oil dipped 0.46 cent to 99.44 cents a gallon, while unleaded gasoline fell 1.77 cent to 98.98 cents a gallon. Natural gas finished down 25.2 cents to \$4.82 per 1,000 cubic feet.

A senior U.S. defense official said Tuesday American forces in Bahrain and Qatar were ordered on the highest state of alert over the weekend on new terrorist threats.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak stepped up his quest for the political allies needed to save his fragile government, and the army warned Tuesday that it was bracing for extended clashes in Palestinian towns.

Despite the threat that violence in the region could affect nearby oil producing countries and disrupt oil supply, many market players say prices at these levels are fragile because of additional oil they see as imminent.

On Tuesday, the president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said he would instruct OPEC to raise production by 500,000 barrels a day Monday if the cartel's price band mechanism is triggered as expected Friday.

Dollar mixed

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar was up against major European currencies in European trading Tuesday, but fell slightly against the Japanese yen.

The euro was quoted at 83.67 cents in late European trading, down from 83.73 cents on Monday. Later, in midday New York, the euro traded at 83.59 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday, included, 108.07 Japanese yen, down from 108.35; 1.7965 Swiss francs, up from 1.7930; 1.5122 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5080.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4487, down from \$1.4525.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 108.05 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.4487.

Based on euro rates, the dollar is worth 2.3364 German marks, up from 2.3350; 7.8361 French francs, up from 7.8314; 2.6326 Dutch guilders, up from 2.6310; 2.3137 Italian lire, up from 2.3116.

Gold mixed

Gold dealers in London fixed a recommended price of \$270.20 bid per troy ounce in the mid-afternoon, up from \$270.10 on Monday. In Zurich the bid price was \$269.80, down from \$270.35. Gold fell 90 cents in Hong Kong to close at \$270.45.

AT&T set to split itself up again

By Bruce Meyerson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — AT&T Corp. is planning to break itself into pieces for the third time since 1984, abruptly abandoning its grand plan of offering customers a single bill from a single company for all kinds of telephone, TV and Internet services.

Bowing to Wall Street's sudden dislike of the one-stop-shopping plan, AT&T is expected to announce Wednesday it will divide itself into four distinct businesses.

It will spin off its wireless and cable TV operations into two independent companies, sources said Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The long-distance business will remain a wholly owned subsidiary, but will report its results separate from the parent company.

Once the overhaul is complete, perhaps

two years from now, the new AT&T will consist principally of the division that serves business customers and operates the company's huge communications network.

The breakup plan was approved late Monday by AT&T's board of directors. The New York Times and The Washington Post reported Tuesday, citing people close to the company.

AT&T, which is scheduled to release its third-quarter earnings on Wednesday morning, declined to comment.

The about-face follows months of growing impatience on Wall Street, where AT&T stock has sagged to a three-year low amid frustration with the slow progress the company has made in converting its cable TV systems into a one-stop shop for local calling, long distance and high-speed Web access.

Only six months ago, investors were enthusiastic about that concept, and AT&T's stock climbed to near record

levels. But soon it became apparent that long-distance prices were falling faster than expected, undermining AT&T's revenue projections and slowing the flow of money needed to upgrade the cable systems.

In late afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange, AT&T was down \$1.06 a share to \$26.56, well off its 52-week high of \$61.

The plan would mark the third radical restructuring for the former telephone monopoly since 1984's court-ordered breakup, when AT&T spun off its local calling operations as seven Baby Bells.

In 1996, AT&T voluntarily split itself into three separate companies, spinning off its communications equipment arm and acclaimed Bell Labs research unit as Lucent Technologies Inc., and its computer division as NCR Corp.

At last count, AT&T had 163,600 employees, nearly a third of whom work

in the cable division.

Analysts were divided over whether AT&T's new course will prove more successful.

"I never really understood the long-term value of having the largest cable company and largest long-distance company under the same roof," said Bruce J. Roberts, an industry analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson.

But other analysts said the original concept seems logical, and the breakup is a short-sighted response to pressures from investors.

"It's a hasty decision in the sense that they haven't let the promised synergies develop," said Rex Mitchell, an industry analyst for BB&T Capital Markets. "People would like getting a single cable-telephone bill. I for one would like all my communications products on one bill. That's why I like a credit card. That way I get a single bill from 100 people all at once."

NEXT BEST THING... PS2 has people watching DVDs; waiting for games

TOKYO (AP) — With dazzling, near-film-quality graphics, Sony's new video-game machine PlayStation2 is having a huge impact in a related industry: Japan's fledgling DVD market.

Since March, more than 3 million PlayStation2s have been sold in Japan. In the first eight months of this year, DVD sales nearly quadrupled to 16 million, compared to the same period the previous year, according to the Japan Video Software Association, an industry group.

"We anticipated this giant boost from PlayStation2 and began expanding our DVD section ahead of time," Ayako Kobori, spokeswoman for Culture Convenience Club Co, said Tuesday. "Some people are using PlayStation2 more to play DVDs than to play games."

U.S. buyers will likely eye the \$299 PlayStation2 for similar uses when it is launched there on Thursday, though getting one initially could be difficult. Sony Computer Entertainment, Sony's video-game unit, has said 500,000 machines — only half of the promised million — are expected in initial shipments because of a shortage of computer parts.

In Japan, the initial rush is over but there has been a scarcity of games and delays of promised software because the extra technology of the PlayStation2 has meant that game designers need more time to come up with new games.

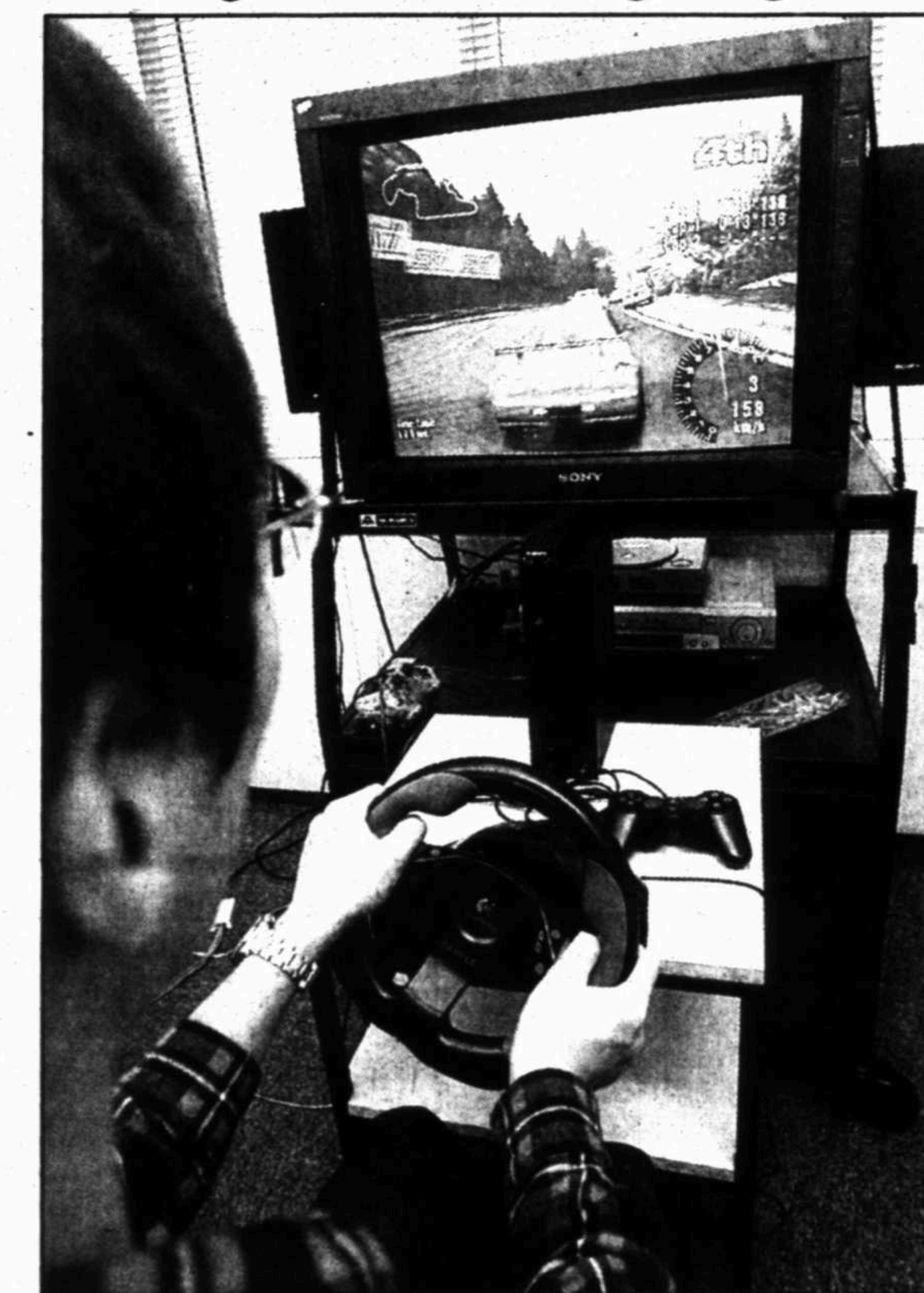
For example, "Gran Turismo 3" — a racing game that comes with a steering wheel offering the feel of a real ride, jerking and tugging in tune with the car on the monitor — was initially promised for this year. It has been postponed until early next year for Japan and after March for the United States.

After half a year, there are about 50 PlayStation2 games in Japan. In just three months, more than 150 games have been created for the original PlayStation, which now has about 3,000 titles in Japan.

In the United States, 26 titles are planned with Thursday's launch and another 26 titles are expected by Christmas.

Even with the delays, Hitoshi Kuriyama, an analyst with Merrill Lynch in Tokyo, believes the PlayStation2's success in Japan will be a big plus for Sony in its overall business strategy.

"The key is to be first out with the hardware so it becomes widespread," Kuriyama said. "That's, so critical



AP Photo
A Sony Computer Entertainment employee demonstrates the PlayStation 2 game "Gran Turismo 3" — a racing game that comes with a steering wheel — at the company's Tokyo office Monday. PlayStation 2, the new video-game machine from Sony set to hit U.S. stores Thursday has already won over game fans at home, selling more than 3 million since March. "Gran Turismo 3" offers the feel of a real ride, jerking and tugging in tune with the car on the monitor and was initially promised for this year. It has been postponed until early next year for Japan and after March for the United States.

they're selling the machines even if it means taking a loss in the beginning."

All the old PlayStation games can be played on the new one — a definite coup for consumers, who have had to update their game collection for each new system in the past. But it also works as a deterrent for game-makers to develop products for PlayStation2. PlayStation2's competitors include

Tokyo-based Sega Enterprises' Dreamcast, which has sold 2.5 million in the United States in the past year and 1.78 million in Japan.

Its rivals also have consoles in the works — the X-Box from Microsoft Corp. and the GameCube from Nintendo Co., the Japanese manufacturer behind the Mario games. Both are planned for next year.

Halliburton under investigation over military contract

DALLAS (AP) — The company headed until recently by Republican vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney has acknowledged it is under criminal investigation over a California military contract.

Dallas-based Halliburton Co. already is defending a 1997 lawsuit by a former employee who alleges a Halliburton engineering unit, Brown & Root Services, overbilled the government while it converted Fort Ord at Monterey, Calif., into a nonmilitary facility.

"(The company) has denied the allegations and is preparing to defend itself at trial, which is expected to occur in late 2001," Halliburton said Monday in a news release. "Halliburton believes that the outcome of this civil litigation will not have a material adverse impact on it."

Though the U.S. Department of Justice is not a plaintiff in the civil lawsuit, federal authorities have notified Brown & Root a criminal grand jury is investigating related issues.

Houston-based Brown & Root is cooperating with the investigation and providing some documentation related to the Fort Ord contract, the company said.

Fort Ord was among several base closures nationwide in 1994. Former Brown & Root contracts manager Dammen Gant Campbell alleges his ex-employer inflated billings from 1995 to 1997 by as much as \$6 million, plaintiffs' attorney Daniel P. Schrader said Tuesday.

Schrader acknowledged he has no evidence directly linking Cheney to the lawsuit.

"The only thing I guess I can say ... is these overcharges we're alleging happened during Cheney's watch," Schrader said.

Schrader added he must turn over some documentation to government investigators by Nov. 2.

Cheney led Halliburton from 1995 until July, when the former Wyoming congressman and defense secretary under President George Bush accepted the No. 2 spot on the GOP ticket headed by Gov. George W. Bush.

Cheney's campaign referred calls about the investigation to Halliburton, which had nothing to add to Monday's release.

Officials from Democratic candidate Al Gore's campaign called upon Cheney to hold a news conference to address the investigation.

Campbell could be entitled to between 15 percent and 30 percent of any damages the federal government might receive from the civil suit, which is filed in California under the Federal False Claims Act of 1986.

Halliburton is a worldwide oilfield services, engineering and construction company.

BUSINESS SCENE

Midlander starts his own advertising agency

By Mella McEwen

Midlander General Echols has opened ADONAI ADVERTISING, a complete advertising agency.

Echols, who served as advertising and promotion manager for West Texas Caterpillar for five years, offers not only advertising services but marketing, promotion, media, communications and Internet consulting, planning and design programs, from internal communications to establishing a global identity for established businesses or those just starting out.

He explained that he opened his own agency in order to utilize the creative skills and experience he gained at West Texas Cat while being able to spend time with his wife and two sons. The word Adonai is Hebrew for "My Lord, My Master."



McEwen

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SHOE CARNIVAL out of Evanston, Ill. has signed a lease for a 10,000 square foot location in Midpark Village Shopping Center, the shopping center that houses Best Buy, OfficeMax and Barnes & Noble Book-sellers.

Shoe Carnival, which offers name brand and private label footwear for the entire family, is expected to open its new Midland store March 1, 2001.

MIDLAND PARK MALL will host early voting for the November 7 presidential election beginning Saturday through November 3 in the J.C. Penney Court. Voting, which will not be held Sunday, October 29, will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In front of the Food Court, the PUMPKIN PATCH EXPRESS will operate through October 31. A \$2 donation to ride the Pumpkin Patch Express will benefit Special Olympics

and the Simon Youth Foundation and train rides are available Monday through Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 1 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. Also at the Pumpkin Patch, pumpkins, including handpainted ones created by Midland High School art students, will be for sale.

Halloween will come to the mall October 31 with mallwide trick or treating from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Participating stores will pass out goodies to costumed children while supplies last and Special Olympics will host a carnival in Sears Court from 5 to 9 p.m. Shoppers can also buy chances through October 31 on two mountain bikes and a family sports package to be given away November 1. Chances are \$1 at the Simon Marketplace and proceeds benefit Special Olympics-Area 18 and Simon Youth Foundation.

The MIDLAND SHELL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, 3100 Sun-burst, has received permission to amend its charter to community status. Sharon Bodnar, manager, said the change will allow the credit union to

serve anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Midland County, and businesses in the county.

MIDLAND GALLERY in the Courtyard Shopping Center, 4410 N. Midkiff, will host its 13th annual western art show Saturday from noon to 9 p.m. The show will include appearances by three nationally renowned artists: Wayne Baize, Curtis Dykes and Paul Tadlock. Their work will be displayed and available for purchase.

Families and their pets are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes and head for BOW MEOW in Fairmont Park Shopping Center, 3323 N. Midland Drive, on Sunday.

The pet bakery will host a Halloween pet party where family members and pets can have a Polaroid picture taken for a \$5 donation to the Midland SPCA.

Costumes will be judged at 4 p.m. and pet treats will be provided free.

Mella McEwen is a business writer for the Reporter-Telegram. She can be reached at casell@mrt.com.

AROUND TOWN

The Petroleum Engineer Wives Association will hold their monthly luncheon on Nov. 2 at the Petroleum Club. The program will be on a "Heart Healthy Lifestyle for Women" by Daria McLung. Bridge and Bunko will start at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be at 11:45 a.m. For more information call 522-1478.

Delta Delta Delta members will celebrate their Founder's Day at Midland Country Club at noon on Nov. 9. Call 682-3510 by Nov. 6 for luncheon reservations.

Survivors of Homicide Support Group will be held Oct. 26 in the Law Enforcement building, 400 S. Main. A meeting for children needing professional counseling will be held 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call Lucy Smith at 682-7273 for information. Adults meet 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For information on the adult program call 688-8909.

Burnet Elementary, 900 Raymond Road, is holding a school blood drive, "Make a Difference Day", from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 28 in the cafeteria. Sponsors are Permian Basin Area-Wide Phone Book, B93 FM, KNFM 92.3 FM, United Blood services and Burnet Elementary. For more information call Lee Patrick 561-5539 or Lydia Fresca 684-7271.

The Midland Porcelain Art Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Midland Women's Club. Mildred Rogge will direct a paint-along "Cookies for Santa" plates for club members and approximately 10 children. For more information call 694-3044.

The Permian Basin Dental Hygienists' Association is hosting a continuing education program Oct. 28 at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. Registration is 8:30 to 9 a.m. The lecture is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All dental hygienists and dentists are encouraged to attend.

VAN, the visually impaired men's support group, will meet Oct. 31. The group meets each Tuesday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. All men with a visual impairment are invited to attend.

The VAN Women's group is planning a crafts session for the meeting on Nov. 1. The group meets each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information on both groups call 684-2648.

The Compassionate Friends, support group for bereaved families who have experienced the death of a child, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in Room 201 at the Family Life Center, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas.

Chapter DD of the PEO Sisterhood met in the home of Betty Moore with Grace Osadchuk as co-hostess. Marion Kimberly presented a monologue about her experiences receiving word that she was diagnosed with breast cancer, surgery and her survival of the disease.

The College of Arts and Sciences of The University of Texas at the Permian Basin will hold "Alzheimer's Disease Workshop: Current Treatments, Cares and Concerns" in conjunction with Dr. Oliver Sack's lecture on Nov. 16.

The workshop will be 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the university's Visual Arts Studio, Room 202 and offers up to four continuing education credits. The cost is \$20 for the workshop and \$30 dollars for the workshop plus the continuing education credits.

The lecture given by Dr. Sacks will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the UTPB gymnasium and is free of charge. The movies "Awakenings," and "At First Light," were based on his work. The cost for receiving continuing education credits for the lecture will be \$20.

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Controversy swirls around \$1,000 garage wines

By Frank J. Priol
N.Y. Times News Service

ST-EMILION, France — The vines, bereft now of their grapes, are turning red, gold and russet, and the brisk autumn air is spiced with the bouquet of new wine. "A Medieval City," say the placards on the town hall, and indeed in this sleepy wine center 30 miles east of Bordeaux, little seems to have changed in five centuries.

Nevertheless, there is a revolution going on here, a wine revolution that has shaken the foundations of the most important region in France. Like all revolutions, it began with a small group of people with the audacity to question the way things were always done. The group bears the unlikely name of "garagistes," a label manufactured for people who make wine in garages. None of them actually do, but insofar as the name sets them apart as iconoclasts, it is accurate.

Simply stated, the garagistes make exceptionally good wines in exceptionally small quantities and sell them for exceptionally high prices. The garagistes wines are called vins de garage, or garage wines, and the most prized are selling for more than Petrus.

There are at least a dozen made here in St-Emilion, but garage wines are now also cropping up in the Medoc, the most traditional of all the Bordeaux regions; in the Graves, south of the city of Bordeaux; and in Italy and Spain. Buyers, often on the Internet, are fighting to spend as much as \$1,000 a bottle for wine that, in some instances, no one ever heard of before.

Now the whole wine world is caught up in a swirling controversy: are these great modern wines made by people willing to break the mold, or are they overhyped trophies for the moneyed collector?

The original garage wine comes from Pomerol, the wine commune adjacent to St-Emilion and the home of Petrus, until recently the rarest and most expensive of all Bordeaux wines. It is called Le Pin, which means the Pine Tree. Its entire vineyard is only about five acres, and it rarely produces more than 600 cases of wine a year. The wine cellar is in a battered old farmhouse on the plateau of Pomerol, less than a mile from Petrus.

Like many of these "new" winemakers, Le Pin is owned by a family with deep roots in the wine business: the Thienponts, Belgians who owned chateaus in Bordeaux since the 1920s. Their best-known property is Vieux Chateau Certan, which adjoins Le Pin. When the Thienponts bought the tiny plot that became Le Pin in 1979, they planned merely to extend the Vieux Chateau Certan vineyards.

"When we realized that the Le Pin soil was very special, we decided to keep it separate," Jacques Thienpont said. "So we created Le Pin."

In 1985, the Thienponts acquired another, adjoining hectare — 2.5 acres — from the local blacksmith. In the early '80s, word began to spread that an astonishingly good Pomerol was being made from a tiny vineyard down the road from Petrus, and with the 1981 vintage Le Pin began to take on cult status.

When its wine began to surpass Petrus in important tastings, it became the hottest property in Bordeaux — in France, some would say.

Other winemakers took notice. By the mid-'90s, almost a dozen new wines had appeared, all of them made in the Le Pin style — rich, full bodied and packed with flavor, all made in extremely small quantities and most of

them made here in St-Emilion, next door to Pomerol.

Since a number of these new wines were produced, not in great chateaus but in modest digs similar to Le Pin, a French writer, Nicholas Baby, dubbed them "vins de garage," and the people who make them "garagistes." Fiona Morison Thienpont, who runs Le Pin with her husband, Jacques, bristles at the name.

"We are not garagistes," she said. "We were making wine here a dozen years before anyone thought up the name."

I found hardly any other garagiste who was happy with the title. In fact, there is nothing casual or make do about these microcaves. The formula is simple: small quantities of the best grapes; severe selection, which means cutting excess bunches during the growing season and retaining only about half of the harvested grapes; new oak barrels every year; and hands-on care up to and including the bottling.

Among the best-known garagistes here in what is known as Bordeaux's Right Bank (of the Garonne River) are Valandraud, La Mondotte, La Gomerie, Barde-Haut, Pavie Macquin, Gracia, Grand Murailles and Terte Roteboeuf, all of them in St-Emilion. In the Medoc, the home of the greatest Bordeaux chateaus, a newcomer named Marjolalia, from the commune of Margaux, is priced even above Chateau Margaux itself.

In the Ribera del Duero, in northern Spain, Pingus by the Danish enologist Peter Sisseck has created as much sensation as any St-Emilion wine, selling in Spanish restaurants for \$500 a bottle.

In Italy, Palazzi from the Tenu-ta di Trinoro and Lambor-gini Campoleone have had the same impact.

In irreverent Australia, a garage wine made from Shiraz — syrah in the Northern Hemisphere — is called Duck Muck. All of these wines owe some of their popularity to the success of the so-called cult wines of California, themselves mostly a phenomenon of the late '80s and early '90s. With wines from microscopically small properties like Harlan Estate, Bryant Family Vineyards, Screaming Eagle, Marcassin and Araujo sold only through mailing lists and bringing four-figure prices when they are resold, it was probably only a matter of time before winemakers elsewhere caught on to what could be done in these affluent times.

St-Emilion garage wines or California cult wines, what sets them apart from the crowd is not so much their style or their quality, which after all can vary from vintage to vintage. It is their unavailability that makes them so desirable.

Serious wine drinkers will pay a lot for the finest wines; collectors will pay that much and much more. The price for most of these wines at the cellar door, so to speak, is high but manageable. Unfortunately, the wines are all spoken for before the grapes are crushed. People have been known to offer to sell their place on a cult or garage wine list.

For most of the world, the only place to go to buy these wines is the auction room or to auctions on the Internet, where they are knocked down at staggering prices. At a Sotheby's auction scheduled for November 18 in New York, four bottles of the 1982 Le Pin are offered at a starting price of \$5,000 to \$7,000; five bottles of the 1990 at \$3,000 to \$4,000; and three bottles of Harlan Estate 1995 at \$900 to \$1,200.

Will any of these wines ever be drunk? If the buyers have a chance to profit from reselling,

they are not about to drink their good investment.

The Thienponts insist they had no idea that Le Pin would take off as it did, and their original prices were moderate by Bordeaux standards. In the early '80s it was possible to find a case of Le Pin for \$450.

Today, at auction, which is the only place the wine ever comes to market, a single bottle can sell for \$600 or more.

The next of these wines to make an international reputation was Valandraud, which Jean-Luc Thunevin makes in a beautiful little winery — it may once have really been a garage — hidden away in a narrow cobbled street in the center of old St-Emilion. Valandraud first appeared in 1991.

Tall, diffident, with a quiet sense of humor, Thunevin comes from an old Bordeaux wine family. It is his wife who makes the Margaux garage wine, Marjolalia.

La Mondotte, which became a garage wine in 1996, is made by Count Stephan von Neipperg at one of his other properties, Chateau Canon-La-Gaffeliere, also in St-Emilion. Like many of these hot new wines, La Mondotte is not new at all. It appears in records dating back to the middle of the 19th century and may well have existed for a century before that. It had fallen into disrepair when the von Neippergs bought it in 1971.

"La Mondotte was listed in an 1868 directory of chateaus," the count said. "Originally, I thought of adding its production to Canon-La-Gaffeliere. Only when the authorities turned me down did I decide to develop it separately. I'm very glad I did."

The von Neippergs, who also own Chateau Peyre and Chateau Aguilhe in St-Emilion, trace their history as part of the Franconian nobility back to the 12th century. "My family has been making wine for 800 years, von Neipperg said.

Chateau Barde-Haut is another "new" wine that has been around for a long time. Its present owners, the Garcin-Cathiard family, have owned it only since the middle of September. It's previous owner, having developed the property along garagiste lines, found himself in trouble with French tax inspectors, sold off his holdings, including Barde-Haut, and moved to Monaco. The Garcin-Cathiards, originally from Grenoble, also own Clos l'Eglise

in Pomerol, Haut-Bergey in the Pessac-Leognan part of the Graves and considerable vineyard acreage in Argentina. A brother, Daniel Cathiard, owns Chateau Smith-Haut-Lafitte, also in the Graves, which is becoming as well known for its beauty spa as for its wines. Barde-Haut is a small chateau but a particularly beautiful one.

Helene Garcin Leveque, a daughter of the Garcin-Cathiards, is charged with running Barde-Haut. She and her husband, Patrice Leveque, who also comes from a chateau-owning family, are developing yet another garage wine on a tiny plot his family has in the Graves.

La Gomerie, also in St-Emilion, emerged as a garage wine in the mid-'90s. Once the private vineyard of an abbey, La Gomerie is owned by Gerard and Dominique Becot who also own the adjoining Chateau Beau-Sejour Becot. La Gomerie is said to be the Becots' attempt to make one of the best of all St-Emilion wines.

Not unexpectedly, in a hide-bound region like Bordeaux, the garage wines have provoked considerable controversy. Partly it involves the people who make them, who are often seen as newcomers, insensitive to Bordeaux's tradition of making subtle, less forward, complex wines. Partly it involves the enologist Michel Rolland, a longtime advocate of big-bodied, flamboyant wines, who has been a driving force behind many of these new labels, and partly it is a reaction to the powerful American critic Robert M. Parker Jr., who has been effusive in his praise of the garage wines and of Rolland, seemingly at the expense of the Bordeaux establishment and the great names it reveres: Lafite, Mouton, Ausone, Margaux and others.

Bordeaux traditionalists maintain that these new wines have no track record. Bordeaux styles, they say, have developed over two and a half centuries and have made Bordeaux wines the standard for the whole world of wine. Who knows, they ask, how well these new wines will develop, how long they will last? Of course, no one knows. At the same time, the wines are immensely attractive, which should be reason enough to welcome them.

Still, it is well to note that they are not always as stupendous as they are made out to be. In comparing the 1998 La Gomerie

with the 1998 Beau-Sejour Becot, I found the older wine clearly superior in elegance and in harmony or balance. The same was true of the Barde-Haut when compared with Clos l'Eglise and La Mondotte with Canon-La-Gaffeliere. I thought Le Pin equal, perhaps even a bit superior to its sibling next door, Vieux Chateau Certan. But I tasted them separately, which is not as good as having them side by side. Valandraud, which I also tasted separately, was the most harmonious and perhaps a bit more subdued. A lovely wine.

Wood is very prominent in the garage wines, in some cases recalling California zinfandels that seem to use oak for oak's sake.

To me, the worst offender in this respect among the garage wines was the Spanish wine Pingus, which seems to have been made mostly for wine competitions: great for vanquishing less assertive wines, but too big, too overpowering for the dinner table, even with steak, which is the way I had it.

The success of these wines will undoubtedly inspire many more. I heard of at least a dozen startups while I was in France and Italy. Some will be poor imitations, but others will be good wines in this same modern style. They should come as no surprise. Bordeaux has been coming around slowly, like a great ship in the center of a harbor, for years.

At a recent tasting of 1985 and 1995 Bordeaux and California cabernets, it was easy to distinguish the 1985 Bordeaux from the 1985 cabernets. Ten years on, it was tough to tell which was which. The Bordeaux had become startlingly similar to the California wines. It is a trend that has been going on for some time. The garage wines have only dramatized it. Does it represent some globalization of taste, a McDonald's-like homogenization? Maybe. It could also signal a new generation of wine drinkers in Europe who will join Americans in discovering new wines and new styles of wine.

Inevitably, competition will bring down the price of these wines. When there are many more of them, they won't seem nearly so impressive as they now do. Then they can be compared with the more traditional styles for taste, rather than cost.

They will do well, but I don't think the great old wines of Bordeaux have much to worry about.

Obscure diversions well worth the detour

By Eric Asimov
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — In this information-saturated world, it often feels as if nothing is left to discover, but it's amazing what can be found on the back roads of the world's wine regions.

Consider the gros manseng, a white grape so obscure that even so noted an authority as Hugh Johnson lists it as a red grape in his "Pocket Encyclopedia of Wine 2000." No matter. Domaine du Tarquet in Gascony produces an excellent fruity white with a touch of sweetness from the grape.

Or how about the roussette, also called the altesse, a little-known grape from the equally little-known Bugey region in eastern France? Franck Peillot turns it into a delightfully fresh and aromatic white wine.

France is not the only country with hidden charms. Umbria, in Italy, is best known for lackluster Orvieto. But occasionally I've run across sagrantino di Montefalco, a rich, dry red wine made from the sagrantino grape, that has the personality Orvieto lacks. The wines of the Basque region in Spain are as little known as they are hard to pronounce, but remember if you can the word "txacoli" (pronounced CHOCK-oh-lee), a synonym for fresh, light white wines that go beautifully with seafood.

Mendocino County in California is not off the beaten trail, but it's rare that you find wine made from the charbono, an obscure grape with unknown origins. Ca Vesta, a spinoff of Fife Vine-

yards, uses it to produce a rustic, gulpable red.

Finally, while riesling is not an obscure grape, it is only occasionally turned into ice wine, made with grapes that have frozen on the vine, greatly concentrating their sugars. This arduous procedure, identified mostly with Germany, produces nectar of great sweetness and acidity. Inniskillin Wines in Canada makes ice wines that are delicious.

Listed in order of preference. Prices are those paid in various wine shops in the New York area.

DOMAINE DU TARIQUET, GROS MANSENG, VIN DE PAYS DES COTES DE GASCOGNE 1998 \$12. Aroma of peaches, slightly sweet yet refreshing, with a minerally finish.

FRANCK PEILLOT, ALTESSE, ROUSSETTE DU BUGEY.

MONTAGNIEU, FRANCE 1999 \$20.

Fresh, pear-scented and delicious.

TERRE DE TRINCI, SAGRANTINO DI MONTEFALCO, UMBRIA 1995 \$23.

Deep fragrant fruit wrapped in smoky tar; sweet and tannic.

TXOMIN ETXANIZ, GETARIAKO TXAKOLI, SPAIN 1999 \$15.

Slightly fizzy with delightful apple, pear and citrus flavors.

CA VESTA, CHARBONO, MENDOCINO 1997 \$20.

Grapey aromas, soft and appealing, but not a lot of backbone.

INNISKILLIN, RIESLING, ICE WINE, NIAGARA PENINSULA 1998 \$65 (half bottle).

Thick and sweet, with strong orange and apricot flavors.

DEAR ABBY

Teacher's idea of a joke is student's idea of a dud

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I need your opinion about something that happened at school. I am 13 years old, and my science teacher has an expression that bothers me. He says, "Life's unfair — and then you die." He uses this expression whenever a student complains about something. He thinks it's funny.

I know kids complain a lot, but I think he is wrong to say this. He makes it seem like life is hopeless. It makes me think about the boys in Colorado who shot up their school, and about teen-agers who commit suicide. I think they felt hopeless, too.

I would complain to the principal, but he knows about this, and he also thinks it's funny. What do you think? — WONDERING IN MURRIETA, CALIF.

DEAR WONDERING: I think your

teacher needs some new material, because if you have quoted him accurately, his attitude is extremely condescending. Perhaps he should lay off the smart remarks and consider whether some of those complaints are valid.

One thing is certain: He will never make it as a stand-up comic. He should put more effort into his daytime job.

DEAR ABBY: Until January 1997, I thought I was destined to die weighing more than 350 pounds. Losing weight seemed like an insurmountable challenge. However, a health crisis got me started, and with the motivation, information and fellowship provided by the weight-loss support group TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), I have literally become half the person I used to be.

I'm proud to report that I'm at the goal weight prescribed by my doctor. I now wear clothes nine sizes less than I did three years ago. Abby, I can now walk up to four miles without stopping instead of one block, and I'm able to climb 10 flights of stairs without breathing hard. I'm sharing this personal information to encourage others who struggle with being overweight to

consider joining a chapter of TOPS for help.

TOPS differs from commercial weight-loss organizations. Goals and food plans are not set by TOPS; members get their food plans and goals from their physicians. Ours is the oldest international, nonprofit weight-loss support group, and our philosophy is that change comes from within. By helping one another, TOPS members make that lifesaving change.

I owe my life to TOPS, and I know from personal experience that it can be a godsend to many of your readers. Please let people know about it, Abby. — ROE WIERSGALLA, MILWAUKEE

DEAR ROE: First, let me congratulate you on your 180-pound weight loss. The photographs that accompanied your letter show you to be not only beautiful on the inside, but on the outside as well.

Readers, I have mentioned TOPS in this column before. It was founded in 1948 and boasts more than 270,000 members worldwide in more than 11,000 chapters. TOPS provides friendship and emotional support for its members, both inside and outside meetings. It is affordable — annual dues

are only \$20 in the United States and \$25 in Canada. Local dues are set by each chapter to cover expenses and are normally 50 cents to \$1 a week. Because TOPS is affordable, members can receive ongoing support necessary to maintain their goals for a lifetime.

TOPS offers retreats, rallies and recognition days, as well as a monthly membership magazine. It is also a leading supporter of obesity research, and since 1966 has donated more than \$5 million to fund obesity and metabolic programs at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Those interested may obtain more information by calling the toll-free number: (800) 932-8677 or by visiting the Web site at www.tops.org.

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LOOK WHO'S COOKING FOR HALLOWEEN



GHOSTS AND GOBLINS

Prep Time: 40 minutes • Bake Time: 1 to 1 1/2 hours

- 4 egg whites, room temperature
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla or lemon extract
- 2/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup California Raisins or Zante currants

Line two lightly greased baking sheets with parchment or brown paper; set aside.

In small mixing bowl, beat egg whites until foamy. Add cream of tartar and beat until mixture forms soft peaks. Add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating constantly at high speed until stiff but still glossy. Beat in vanilla or lemon extract. Sift powdered sugar, about 1 tablespoon at a time, over top and fold in by hand.

In pastry bag fitted with decorator tip, spoon in meringue and fold end over to enclose. Squeeze slowly onto paper-lined baking sheets to make short, thick shapes (to avoid breakage) of ghosts, goblins, snails, bats and other scary creatures. Decorate with raisins or currants for eyes and teeth.

Bake at 200° F. for 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until dry. Remove from pan with metal spatula and place on flat surface to cool. Store in airtight container.
25 servings (25 3-inch shapes)

SPIDER CIDER

Prep Time: 15 minutes • Chill Time: 8 hours

- 4 cups (32-ounces/1 quart) cranberry juice
- 1 cup California Raisins
- 8 cups (64-ounces/2 quarts) chilled apple cider

In two ice cube trays, divide cranberry juice. Sprinkle 1/2 cup raisins evenly over each tray. Freeze several hours or overnight. Keep frozen until ready to serve.

To serve, pour apple cider into pitcher or punch bowl. Remove ice cubes from trays. Add to cider. Pour or ladle into cups.
12 servings (12 8-oz. cups)



SCARY SPIDERS

Prep Time: 45 minutes • Chill Time: 1 to 2 hours

- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups California Raisins
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 4 cups (1 pound) powdered sugar
- Powdered sugar, chopped nuts and/or chocolate sprinkles
- Licorice laces or whips
- Small candies

In large bowl, beat butter, corn syrup, salt and flavoring together until creamy. Mix in raisins and nuts. Sift in powdered sugar 1 cup at a time until mixture thickens. Turn onto board and sprinkle with powdered sugar and use hands to form dough. Shape into 1-inch balls. Roll in powdered sugar, finely chopped walnuts or chocolate sprinkles. Cut licorice whips into 2-inch lengths and shape into legs. Arrange four legs on two sides of each ball. Place on waxed paper-lined tray. Top with small candies for eyes. Chill until firm.
40 servings (40 spiders)

FRANKENSTEIN EYEBALLS

Prep Time: 40 minutes • Stand Time: 1 hour

- 2 cups finely crushed chocolate cookies
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cup California Raisins
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup maraschino cherry juice
- 3 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 2 cups white vanilla chips
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Assorted decorator gel icings, e.g. red, green and black

In large bowl, combine crumbs, walnuts, raisins and powdered sugar; mix well. Add cherry juice and syrup; mix well to form a stiff dough. Shape into 1-inch balls. Place on waxed paper. Refrigerate 1 hour to set.

In small, microwave-safe bowl, combine chips and oil. Microwave on HIGH 30 to 45 seconds or until melted, stirring once during cooking.

Dip balls in melted chips; set aside on waxed paper until set. Decorate with gel icings to look like blood-shot eyes.
42 servings (42 eyeballs)



Get your Ghosts and Goblins Cookin' up this Fun Fare!

If there's ever a season to get the whole family cooking and into the spooky party spirit, it's Halloween. The trick is to pick a theme and decorate yourself, your kids, the house and your treats to fit the season.

Then encourage your "little ones" to pitch in with the cooking. It's an activity the entire family will enjoy.

For the party menu, select tasty and easy-to-prepare snacks that can be made ahead of time, or mixed together quickly the day or night of your Halloween bash.

These holiday-themed recipes offer sweet and savory flavors that will appeal to kids and adults alike.

With these fun and tasty recipes, it'll be easy to get the whole family cooking for Halloween. And the delicious treats are sure to disappear like ghosts!

For the Grown-ups BEDKNOBS AND BROOMSTICKS SNACK MIX

Prep Time: 20 minutes • Bake Time: 30 minutes

- 6 cups unseasoned popped corn
- 2 cups pretzel sticks
- 1 1/2 cups walnut pieces
- 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon bottled hot pepper sauce
- Salt to taste
- 1 1/2 cups California Raisins

In large, deep baking dish or roasting pan, combine corn, pretzels and walnuts. In small bowl, mix butter, curry powder and hot pepper sauce thoroughly. Drizzle over popcorn mixture and toss to coat evenly. Bake at 300 degrees, for 30 minutes until heated through, stirring once or twice. Remove from oven and sprinkle with salt as desired. Cool completely. Store at room temperature in an airtight container until ready to serve.

Just before serving, mix in raisins.
16 servings (16 1/2 cups)

CALIFORNIA RAISIN TEQUILA SALSA

Prep Time: 30 minutes

- 1/2 cup California Raisins
- 4 tablespoons gold tequila, divided, or 2 tablespoons water
- 1 chopped mango
- 1/2 bunch chopped scallions
- 1/2 bunch chopped cilantro
- 2 segmented, chopped oranges
- 1 diced red bell pepper
- 2 juiced limes
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 minced jalapeño pepper

In small, microwave-safe bowl, combine raisins and 2 tablespoons tequila or water. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave on HIGH for 1 minute; set aside for 5 minutes.

In large bowl, combine remaining ingredients, except tequila. Add raisins, remaining tequila and salt and pepper to taste.
14 servings (14 1/4 cups)

Halloween Help

- Pick a theme. Focus the costumes, décor and food around it.
- Make mini tombstones from black cardboard to create individual place settings with guests' names.
- At the party, take pictures of your guests, order multiple prints and send a thank-you note to them with their snapshot included.
- Buy construction paper, glitter, glue, markers and scissors. Let kids and adults make their own spooky masks!
- Play games that are simple and make sure you involve all your partygoers. Some great ones include creepy charades or haunted hide-and-go-seek.
- Plan early for the menu, and make your tasty treats ahead of time. It will make it easier so that you can enjoy friends and family, too.

For more recipes and other fun Halloween ideas,

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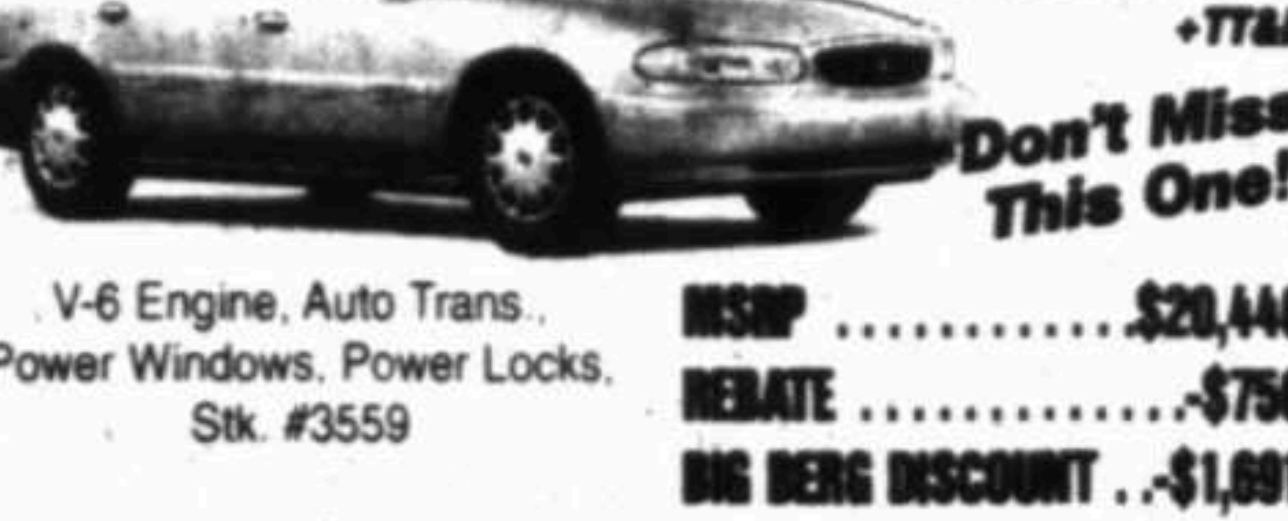
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310 General Help Wanted

DRIVING CAREERS START HERE We need over 300 drivers now. No experience and experienced. We have over 40 National Companies. You choose. Tuition Assistance available for inexperienced. CDL Drivers. 1-800-994-2896.

NEW TODAY! FLOOR CARE Service looking for night help, please call 520-6618.

NEW TODAY! FUDDRUCKER'S NOW ACCEPTING applications for all positions. Most positions start at \$6. Full and Part time positions available. Apply in person between 2 and 4pm Monday-Thursday. Midland Park Mall. No phone calls please.

NEW TODAY! GROUNDS KEEPER Needed at the Meridian Apartments. Drug screen required. Apply in person at 4400 N. Holiday Hill Rd.

NEW TODAY! HIRING IMMEDIATELY- Truck drivers needed for local oil field work. Full-time/ part-time available. Class A CDL, required. Call 1-800-588-2669. Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00.

NEW TODAY! INSURANCE OFFICE Part-time 1:00-5:00, phone & computer skills necessary. Send resume to P.O. Box 4936, Midland TX 79704.

NEW TODAY! INVENTORY CONTROL position available with a local manufacturing company. Candidate must possess good computer skills and analytical abilities. Some physical labor involved. Salary is \$22,000 plus benefits. Send resume to: Box P-6088, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEW TODAY! KFC Join the KFC/Taco Bell Team! Now hiring all positions, all shifts. **Excellent Starting Pay **Paid Vacation **Flexible Hours **Meal Privileges **Advancement Opportunities **EOE Apply in person at KFC/Taco Bell: 4727 N. Midkiff, Midland 24 Hour / Job Hotline 520-4053 ext. 371

NEW TODAY! LET'S TALK AVON part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

NEW TODAY! LOCAL MOVING Company needs experienced Furniture movers, (915)553-1464.

NEW TODAY! LUBY'S CAFETERIA accepting applications for full or part time help mornings/ afternoons/ evenings. Flexible hours, apply in person before 10:00am. No phone calls.

NEW TODAY! MICHAEL'S CHARCOAL & Grill Now hiring Fry Cook lunch and evening shift available. Apply in person only 9:30am to 5:30pm. 723 W. Wadley.

NEW TODAY! SEEKING Full Time hair stylist. Apply in person, 4324-A Andrews Hwy, Midland.

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MARTY'S MARKETPLACE

Leading you to the best bargains in Midland and the area!

Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house?

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***Marty's Weekday Special**

3 Line Ad

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Call or Fax Classifieds today to schedule your special Marketplace ad!

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Fax 682-6999

***Private Party merchandise ads only. 1 item per ad. Price must be in ad to qualify. Other restrictions may apply, ask consultant for details.**

410 Miscellaneous Sales

NEW TODAY

3 PERSON SPA/ hot tubs \$53 a month. Delivery/financing. 915-563-3108.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8 Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

SOLID OAK Table/ 4 lounge chairs on rollers, \$650. Riding Mower with trailer, new tires, runs good, \$400 odd. Maternity clothes. 520-0446.

NEW TODAY

SPECIAL PURCHASE- 10'x16' workshop storage buildings \$41.00 a month. Delivery/financing available. 915-563-3108.

HEAVY DUTY trailer hitch off of Chevy Van 20' frame pull \$200. Please call 520-2341.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

NEW TODAY

QUALITY EXECUTIVE DESK. 7 drawers, solid oak, manufactured by Stow and Davis of Grand Rapids, MI. Must see to appreciate. \$400. Cash only. By appointment only. Please call 684-5853.

BIG SCREEN 52" RCA Television. \$900. Rare antique burner 1962 grand piano. \$5,275. O.B.O. Call 682-7751.

NEW TODAY

5 TO 6 person spa/ hot tub ad low as \$59 a month. Delivery/financing available. 915-563-3108.

NEW SOFT spa, \$2,500. Pool table, \$750. GE freezer, \$250. Nordic Track, \$200. Two computers with stands and chairs, \$200 each. 522-2520.

SALE OR TRADE 43 Acres of land (12 miles east of Midland) For more information please call 940-454-9029.

DOG HOUSES, new, \$35-\$45. Metal storage building 4'x8' new, \$350. Skateboard \$10. 563-0452.

LARGEST SELECTION ever in gently used children and maternity. Name Brands! Daisy's Children's and Maternity, San Miguel Square. Midland and Wadley.

LULLABY CRIB and mattress, wooden, white, great condition. \$150 firm! Please call 684-2592.

LOSE 40 LBS in 2 months, natural and guaranteed. Doctor recommended. Toll free 1-888-252-1759 or www.ezfitness4life.com.

NEW TODAY

SLIGHT DAMAGE- 2 only 16'x24' garage/workshops. Will deliver. 915-563-3108.

TRAMPOLINE- 14 Foot round. Good condition! \$50. 685-1361.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

COMPANION CRYPTS (2) Restored. North Mausoleum. \$3,000 each obo. (806)793-6942 or (806)872-8348.

RESTHAVEN- GARDEN of Resurrection (sold out), lot #89. \$800. Call (214)520-1312.

NEW TODAY

12'X20' WORKSHOP/ Storage building, 1 only! Slight damage. \$44 a month. Delivery/financing available. 915-563-3108.

NEW BRIDAL Gown- Size 12, long sleeves. 694-2833 after 5 pm.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

NEW TODAY

SOUTHWEST Company Crib tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

WE BUY swagelok and parker tube fittings. Please call 866-346-6464 toll free.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE Makers Wanted for the Museum of the Southwest Christmas at the Mansion contest. Win a cash prize of \$300 or more! For information call 683-2882, ask for Cindy.

420 Good Things To Eat

BRADEN SHRIMP Farms- Imperial, Texas. Farm raised fresh shrimp. We are harvesting! \$6/lb with heads, \$9/lb processed. Call (915)536-2552.

430 Household Goods

SOLD

LARGE BELGIUM carpet, 14' x 8' - \$285. XXX-XXXX.

432 Household Furniture

SOFA, THREE cushion. Great condition! \$150. 697-4391 for more details. Asking \$40. XXX-XXXX.

432 Household Furniture

SOLD

SECTIONAL SOFA- Queen hide-a-way sleeper, recliner on end. Multi colored, good condition \$400 obo. 915-XXXX-XXXX.

SOLD

TWO MATCHING Bar stools, \$37.50. XXX-XXXX.

NEW WHITE Metal day bed with bedding, \$100. Two bar stools, \$25 each. XXX-XXXX.

STURDY COUCH with pillows in multi earth tones. \$35. Please call 697-5256.

SLEEPER SECTIONAL large, good condition. \$500. Glass and metal coffee table, \$175. Large bar area rug, \$100. Oak entertainment center, \$150. Health rider, \$250. 687-4744.

REFRIGERATOR White Maytag with ice maker, bought in 1997. Paid \$749, will take \$425. 690-5951.

Call Classified to add NEW TODAY on your Classified Specials for only \$3.00 Extra 682-6222

PAIR OF OAK and glass tables. Excellent condition. \$35. For more information please call 684-4581.

QUEEN ANNE coffee table and end table set, \$60 for both. 683-5559.

SOLD

COUNTRY BLUE love seat. Great condition. Asking \$40. XXX-XXXX.

432 Household Furniture

3 CUSHIONED FLORAL couch \$75. Console 25 color TV. \$50. Hospital bed size cushioned mattress with jelly top mattress \$35. One drawer desk \$10. Call 694-1497 leave message.

SLEEPER SOFA, love seat. \$250 obo. 694-6452 after 5:30, leave message.

SOFA PERFECT condition. 2 tone burgundy, 3 cushions with throw pillow to match. 520-0432. \$300.

435 Household Appliances

USED MAGIC Chef gas stove. Clean, almond top works, oven need part. \$50. 683-9478.

FREE REMOVAL OF appliances 550-6540. Sale- washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezer. \$75 up. Free delivery 90 day warranty.

KENMORE WASHER & Hotpoint Dryer. \$200 for both. \$125 each. Call 684-0024 for more information.

FROST FREE refrigerator, Kenmore, runs great, ice maker, \$150. 697-0128.

SOLD

KENMORE WASHER & Hotpoint Dryer. \$200 for both. \$125 each. Call xxx-xxx for more information.

DISHWASHER- MAYTAG, 2 years old, needs pump. \$150 obo. Call 684-7686.

CHANGING COLORS: almond side by side refrigerator with icemaker. \$300. 520-8804 or beeper 561-1667.

MICROWAVE FOR sale, \$50. Call 699-0867.

WHIRLPOOL 19.9 cubic feet almond, no frost refrigerator/ freezer. \$350. Please call 694-3487.

435 Household Appliances

RECONDITIONED APPLIANCES- Washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves. Warranty and delivery available. Removal of old appliances. 683-7040.

440 Firewood

SKIP'S ROCKY Mountain Fire Wood- Pinon Pine, oak and mixed hardwoods. 684-8325, call 425-3875.

FIREWOOD MIXED \$55. Large stack, \$15 delivery. 697-5768.

DICK'S FIREWOOD Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151. Fax 1-(915) 453-4322.

MIXED FIREWOOD \$100 a cord, delivered and stacked. Call 570-9617.

450 Sporting Goods

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS. "Tight-Lie" woods, \$60 each. "Hawk-Eye" irons, \$184. set (clones). Reata, Regip, prices. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

WANTED- Browning A-5 automatic, 20 gauge. Call 683-7791 weekdays/ 522-1777 weekends.

460 Antiques & Arts

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft. of fine merchandise- buy & sell antiques. 68 Andrews Highway. (915)887-2004.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales- An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

INDIVIDUAL WILL pay fair prices for your antiques and collectibles. No furniture please. 571-3222/ 694-7508.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

465 Collectibles

ATTENTION: Department 56 North Pole collectors. Wanting to sell my whole village for \$750. Have 19 houses, 18 North Pole accessories and various other accessories. 684-7301.

470 Musical Instruments

NEW TODAY

BALDWIN SPINET Style Piano. Medium oak finish. \$1,000. Call 683-4757.

PEARL!!! NEW!!! Forum Series FX725C dark green, bass, 3- tone, snare, crash, ride, hi-hat, throne. \$600. Call 694-6620.

DRUM SET- \$300. Tama, 5 piece, good condition. 697-5605, 694-0585.

490 Computers/ Accessories

WINDOWS MILLENNIUM ME upgrade. Purchased \$84. Will sell for \$65. Cash only. 522-7818.

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am-6pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686-8835.

495 FOR FREE

KITTENS, 10-11 weeks old, all shots. Please call 694-7568.

MAMA CAT and 3 kittens, mellow and good with kids. Good mousers! 520-6656.

KITTENS! CAT abandoned, 8 weeks old and litter box trained. Please call 684-8132.

FEMALE BLACK Lab, 2-3 years old to good home. 520-4100 or weekdays 520-0647.

FIVE PUPPIES- Siberian Husky mix, males and females, 10 weeks old. 520-8642.

495 FOR FREE

TO GOOD HOME- month old 1/2 Blue Heeler 1/2-7 694-5194.

TWO PRECIOUS gray kittens. May be pair Persian. Litter box trained. Call 697-0632.

FOUR YEAR old, spayed Australian Shepherd. Border Collie mix. Lovable, energetic. Needs good home! 683-6333.

FREE YARD DIRT you haul it! Please call 520-7227.

KITTENS- FEMALES, long hair, light colored. Born Calico/ Siamese color. Box trained. 915-570-1493, 686-5916.

ADORABLE free kittens, 8 weeks old. 520-2025.

THREE MONTH old beautiful lovable Collier Chow puppies and fluffy kittens. 683-0074, 238-4870.

1982 BUICK REGAL for parts- no title. Free for hauling away. Call 682-0715 for information.

SWEET NATURED- Male Cocker "mix" to loving home. 2 years old. Call 683-3914 or 570-3385.

ENGLISH MASTIFF MIX 5 puppies- male and females, about 12 weeks old. Please call 694-2359.

KITTEN, To a good home! 10 weeks old, cute and adorable female. Please call 694-6124.

KITTEN 6 MONTHS old, cute and adorable. Trained tiger colors. Please call 570-0694.

ADORABLE KITTENS. Please come see & if you like, take one home free. 682-5081.

8X16' PLYWOOD Building- must be torn down and moved. You Haul! 694-7816.

500 Pets and Supplies

NEW TODAY

STANDARD Poodles AKC, cream or black. Ready now. Call 806-763-8051.

NEW TODAY

FERRER, 3 year old female, spayed. Comes with bed, food, etc. 687-1205.

FULL BLOODED tri-colored Beagle Puppies. 6 weeks old, beautiful markings. \$200 each. 520-7182.

505 Livestock & Poultry

HORSE BOARDING- Greenwood, 10 minute from Midland. Good rates. 1 feed or you feed. 683-7577.

520 Store & Cafe Equipment

OVEN VENT HOOD 10'x7 with exhaust fan, \$850. Walk in cooler 8'x12 footless model, \$2,000. Safe 32"x20"x20", \$150. Stainless steel work tables with casters, \$195- \$275. 30 cubic foot upright commercial freezer, \$700. Flandel 6' refrigerated prep table with over shelf, \$1,100. Other items also. Midland- 915-520-8016.

540 Building Materials

FREE YARD DIRT you haul it! Please call 520-7227.

550 Portable Buildings

FOR SALE or Trade 14'x26' portable office or playhouse with restroom. Heat/ a/c. Heavy duty built. \$12,000. Call 694-7603.

4-STEEL BUILDINGS 50-60'x40', 40'x60', 50'x100', 60'x120', 80'x100'. Must Sell! Call Deliver! (800)775-9694.

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings. MORGAN (915) 563-1860.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Executive Secretary

Strong secretarial and computer skills. Good interpersonal communication skills and ability to deal with public, including good telephone techniques. Should possess good knowledge of business English, punctuation, spelling, grammar, and filing methods. Ability to work under pressure and capable of handling multiple tasks. Requires a high degree of integrity to ensure maximum confidentiality. Must be in agreement with goals and objectives of Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. Application and job description available at the Executive Office, 910-B South Grant, Odessa, TX 79761. Closing date: October 27, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. EOE M/F/D/V.

311 Medical Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED COOK

Terrace West Nursing Center has a current opening for an experienced cook to work in our nursing home. Experience in a nursing home helpful but not required. Will prepare specific meals as required by doctor. If interested, please send a current resume to contact: Terrace West Nursing Center, 2800 North Midland Drive, Midland, Texas 79707.

FAST PACED Crown & Bridge dental office in San Angelo, seeking experience Dental Assistant that is in good physical shape, pleasant smile, Excellent salary, 4 day week and great benefits. Fax resume to 915-944-0424.

FMC DIALYSIS Center, a national company, has an opening for a Registered Nurse and a Patient Care Technician in a fast paced clinic setting. Dialysis experience not necessary but strong medical background helpful. 10 hour shifts- 40 hour week. Benefits include: 5 week paid time off, 401K education reimbursement, insurance and more. Applications taken 8-10am and 1-3pm. Dialysis Clinic, 1501 West 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720. Attn: Director of Nursing (915)267-2903.

LAB TECHNICIAN for molecular biology laboratory in Midland. Applicant should have at least a BS degree in Biology or equivalent in related field. Salary DOE. Flexible hours available. P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LAB/ X-RAY TECH Needed 40 hours per week in a busy clinic. Benefits. Please send resume to First Care 2310 West Ohio Ave, Midland TX 79701.

LVN NEEDED full time in a busy clinic. Benefits. Send resume to First Care, 2310 West Ohio Ave, Midland TX 79701.

MEDICAL OFFICE is seeking a full-time Insurance Representative for insurance verification, in house collections and customer service. Must be detail oriented, possess good phone skills, have computer experience and some insurance knowledge. Resumes to: Box J-5005, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

311 Medical Help Wanted

MITCHELL COUNTY Hospital is taking applications for a Radiology Technician. Full-time position available plus call. Preferred experience in ultrasound and/or CT. Colorado City's population is 4,800. Mitchell County Hospital is a 26-bed hospital. Send resume to: Mitchell County Hospital, 1543 Chestnut Street, Colorado City, TX 79512 or call R.K. Rickard, Administrator at (915)728-3431.

NEEDED NURSING Home Administrator Midland area. Please send resumes to: Box P-6086, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NOW HIRING E.M.T.'s all levels. Call Texas West Ambulance 570-4892 or fax resume to 520-2501.

Nursing Home Administrator

MSC Associates is a small non-profit corporation seeking a TX licensed administrator to manage Alpine Valley Care Center, Alpine, TX. If you are ready for change or challenge, send resume to 806-747-1632, or call 806-747-3447.

OPTICIAN needed. Must have experience edging and all aspects of opticianry. Submit resume to 2101 Midland Dr. #8, Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please.

NEW TODAY

PARAMEDIC OPENINGS- Must be currently TDH certified. Competitive rates. Compensation will be commensurate with experience and proven ability. Resumes accepted at johnh@midland.com or WTNB Search, P.O. Box 2077, Pecos, TX 79772.

PRE-PLACEMENT TECH needed for industrial employment screening. Frequent lifting required. Apply at 301 Dodson.

RESTORATIVE AID

Center, has a current opening for a Restorative Nurse Aid. Experience is a plus and must be Certified Nurse Aid. If interested, please apply in person at 2800 North Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

RN- Full time, Ambulatory Surgery Center. Will train. No call, weekends or holidays. Also need PRN RN/ LVN's. Send resume to WTNB, 4241 Fanglewood Ste. 103, Odessa Texas 79782.

QUALITY ASSURANCE RN

needed for small non-profit corporation. Long Term Care experience. Flexible schedule and must be willing to travel. Call (806)747-3447 or fax resume to (806)747-1632.

SALESPERSONS NEEDED

Do you have what it takes to sell? The Midland Reporter-Telegram is seeking neat & dependable persons to join our salesforce. Sales experience is helpful, but is not necessary. Unlimited potential.

Matt Brown
Apply in Person at:
201 East Illinois
Midland, TX 79701

SALESPERSONS NEEDED

Stanton & Big Spring Area

Do you have what it takes to sell? The Midland Reporter-Telegram is seeking neat & dependable persons to join our salesforce. Sales experience is helpful, but is not necessary. Potential to earn full time pay working just part time!

Matt Brown
687-8886

312 Professional Help Wanted

3RD GRADE TEACHER

Degree required. Bring resume by Midland Academy Charter School, 1900 North Big Spring Street, Midland, TX 79705.

BRANCH PRESIDENT

Growing and well capitalized \$270 million independent bank with eight locations in Far West Texas is searching for a President for its \$17 million branch in a rural community. Candidate must have a degree in accounting, finance or management and five or more years general experience. Excellent communication and organizational skills are a must. Bi-lingual preferred. Regulatory experience a plus. Compensation will be commensurate with experience and proven ability. Resumes accepted at johnh@midland.com or WTNB Search, P.O. Box 2077, Pecos, TX 79772.

LAB TECHNICIAN for molecular biology laboratory in Midland. Applicant should have at least a BS degree in Biology or equivalent in related field. Salary DOE. Flexible hours available. P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LEGAL ASSISTANT with land and estate planning experience, seeking contract work in your office or off site. Willing to perform research. Excellent organizational and secretarial skills. References. Competitive rates. Available November 1st. 699-5150, 631-6565.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

CHURCH RECEPTIONIST

SECRETARY needed in Catholic Church. Send resume and references. Box D-3014, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEW TODAY

SELF MOTIVATED energetic executive director for chamber of commerce. Economic development experience. computer/ internet skills a plus. Reply by November 30th, 2000. Send resume and references to: CNB, Attn: Kay Stewart, P.O. Box 1089, Odessa, TX 79643. Salary based on experience. 915-392-3745.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

TEMP & Perm Positions

Benefits & Bonuses Available
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Connection... To Quality Job! Call Kelly Services 689-9801

McCoys Myers has several positions available. Skills: 10 Key by touch, good communication and computer skills required. Banking experience a plus. Hours: 8:00pm- 5:00pm and 5:00pm-10:00pm. If interested, please fax resume to: 683-6238.

Global Personnel Network
Positions Local & Worldwide! 686-6360.

Richard Milburn Academy

Accepting applications for **Part-time Math Teacher**

Please Call 522-7200 or 557-3366.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

NATURAL GAS COMPRESSOR MECHANIC/ OPERATIONS

3+ years of experience in slow and high speed.

Benefits:

- 401K Medical and Dental Insurance
- Vacation and sick pay

Must be willing to relocate to Iran, McCamey or Rankin

Contact: Lance Posey
915-631-5617, leave message

Reply before November 15th, 2000.

320 Skilled Trades

JANITORIAL PROJECT MANAGER:

- ✓ Full time position- Midland Area.
- ✓ Must read/ write English- Bilingual a plus.
- ✓ Opportunity for growth.
- ✓ Well organized, hard working, good communication skills with customers and front line employees.
- ✓ Drug Test and Background Check required.

EOE

Fax resume (281)364-7439.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

NEW BUSINESS

is Looking for Receptionist/ Office Assistant. Experience in Microsoft Word & Excel a must. Experience in Quick Books a plus. Salary DOE. Mail resume to P.O. Box 3872, Midland, TX 79702.

OFFICE/ ACTIVITIES

Full time position: 5 hours office, 3 hours activities assistant. Knowledge of computers and 10 key needed. Apply in person. Rockwood Manor 2000 N. Main

PART TIME all around office help needed. \$5.20 per hour. Apply 602 N. Baird, Ste 200, Midland.

PART TIME Bookkeeper, flexible hours, experience and Quickbooks Pro. 520-0204.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

Customer Service Representative Needed!

New Career Opportunity!

Seeking self motivated team players who can handle multi-tasks in a fast paced environment for our Midland office. Must have strong telemarketing and sales experience along with data entry, customer service and organization skills. Excellent growth potential. Competitive wages, bonus plan, full benefits, 401k and stock purchase plan. For immediate consideration send resume to the following:

LABOR READY
4200 W. Illinois, #240
Midland, TX 79703
Fax: (915)520-6385
Sm.da@msa.com

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

RETAIL STORE needs light bookkeeping, accounts receivable and general office duties. Must be able to fill in sales. Full time. Smoke free environment. Send resume to: Darla Schwartz, Dnette Designs, 1025 N. Midkiff.

30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN OFFICE PLACEMENTS

TEMPORARY RESOURCES

The Power In Personnel
686-8527

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED SALES person, full time. Apply by mail, resume to: Darla Schwartz, Dnette Designs and Bar Stools, 1025 N. Midkiff, Midland, TX 79701. Smoke free environment.

FULL-TIME LEASING consultant, intergenic, outgoing, professional, willing to work weekends. Experience a plus, will train the right person. Great benefits, including paid commissions, 401k, medical, and paid vacations. Apply in person at Hunter's Glen Apartments, 1902 N. Midland Dr.

LICENSED AGENTS Needed \$75,000 + per year. 915-522-1218.

320 Skilled Trades

BIHARNEY COMPANY

NATURAL GAS COMPRESSOR MECHANIC/ OPERATIONS

3+ years of experience in slow and high speed.

Benefits:

- 401K Medical and Dental Insurance
- Vacation and sick pay

Must be willing to relocate to Iran, McCamey or Rankin

Contact: Lance Posey
915-631-5617, leave message

Reply before November 15th, 2000.

320 Skilled Trades

SALES ASSOCIATE

Part-time

Opening for 1 Part-time sales person to service both retail and wholesale customers. Must be dependable, mature and knowledgeable and/or interested in home decorating and paint products. Some work history desired, preferably in related field. For details apply in person. No phone calls please.

Equal Employment Opportunity M/F/D/V

2215 N. Midland Drive

ARE YOU Looking to earn a steady second income in a fun environment?

We're looking for you! Need ambitious sales reps. Management opportunities available. Earn \$25-95 an hour in commission. To set up interview call 686-9728.

EXPERIENCED SALES person, full time. Apply by mail, resume to: Darla Schwartz, Dnette Designs and Bar Stools, 1025 N. Midkiff, Midland, TX 79701. Smoke free environment.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

LOOK MY RESUME'

2 years with a National Bank 5 years with a Fortune 500 Company

I made \$75,000 last year selling Manufactured Homes. Bilingual a plus.

Call 520-2177

RETAIL SALES Dunlaps, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX 79703. No Nights, No Sundays, except December. Apply in person.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

10 Salespersons are now needed to sell subscriptions to the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Sales Season is us. Unlimited earning potential.

MAT BROWN
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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

GROWING SERVICE

Company looking for installation tool technicians. Excellent wages and benefits. Contact Doug at (915)664-0372 or (915)332-9775.

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SWM, 35-55, then call this
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Adf 1225

SPORTS-ORIENTED LADY
SWF, 5'3", 20, 65lbs,
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baseball, the outdoors, seeks
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SWM. 19-30, for friendship.
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EASY ON THE EYES
Pettite SWF, 38, 35,
85lbs, seeks SM, 29-38, who
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Adf 1222

NO GAME PLAYERS
Self-employed SWF, 31,
5'7", medium-built, sense of
humor, caring, likes shopping,
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out, seeking an honest,
caring single white male.
Christian male, 45-55, for
LTR. Adf 1127

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Friendly, humorous SWF,
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Nice round mahogany table and 6 chairs, queen bedroom suite, couch, hide-a-bed, Necchi sewing machine, linens, jewelry, framed prints, books, kitchen things, stereo/speakers, chairs, 94 piece set of Johnson Brothers dishes - Caroline pattern. Milk glass, crystal glassware, Christmas decorations, camping equipment, lawn mower, bicycle, lawn furniture, Little Tikes slide, air conditioner and much more.

Handled by Floy Mayberry

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5211 BELAIRE Saturday October 28th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, lots of baby clothes and baby items, toddler clothes (boys), king sized mattress and headboard, (2) TVs, toys, mens Wrangler jeans and much more.

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