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Passport to learn

The first thing Trinity French instructor Richard Catania asks his students is "Did you get your passport?" /1B



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For Green Bay, getting the home tundra advantage turned out to be less important than Dorsey Levens and Brett Favre. /1C

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TODAY
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Iraq sanctions

WASHINGTON — Bolstered by a strong endorsement from U.N. weapons experts, American officials stressed Sunday that Iraq has no hope of seeing economic sanctions lifted as long as it balks at total access for inspectors trying to ferret out biological and chemical weapons. "It is clear that there is a massive amount of work that has to be done there, especially in the chemical and biological inspection areas," President Clinton said in Vancouver, British Columbia, at a trade summit of Pacific rim nations.

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Kidnap victim

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Crystal Anzald soon will be asked if she wants to meet the woman she calls "my new mother," a stranger she hasn't seen since she disappeared from their bed in California seven years ago. The little girl was matched with her parents after police discovered her birth certificate was faked.

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Camouflage flu

SHINNISTON, W.Va. — Camouflage flu always hits West Virginia schools hard the first week of deer hunting season, so much so that school officials are accepting the attitude of "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." At least 38 of the state's 55 counties cancel classes all week instead of just the usual Thursday-Friday Thanksgiving break. This year, that includes schools in Shinniston, which tried to hold class last year but had an absenteeism rate of 45 percent.

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Annual dinner

Faith Temple Church of God and Christ will hold its annual Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless and those in need on Tuesday and is still seeking donations. The dinner is to be held at the Midland Federation of Black Women club home at 1703 E. Wall St. at 11:30 a.m. For donations, call Bernita Kenan at 682-2663.

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Clinton plays down Asian crisis

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Trying to calm fresh global jitters about economic turmoil in Asia, President Clinton set a reassuring tone Sunday for a summit with Pacific Rim leaders, declaring, "This is the time for confidence in the future of Asia." But worries were spreading as financial calamity claimed a storied Japanese brokerage firm.

Summit leaders were meeting to craft a package of international financial support for nations struggling to support their currencies and their markets. Their scheduled discussions on trade were being overwhelmed with the larger economic worries.

As presidents and prime ministers arrived for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, several thousand demonstrators marched in unity protesting a variety of causes. Street artists, bagpipe players and drummers mingled with the protesters, who hoisted signs reading, "Workers solidarity has no borders" and

"Stop China's genocide in Tibet."

In two days of talks beginning Monday, the 18-nation Asia-Pacific leaders are to endorse a financial rescue effort led by the International Monetary Fund with additional resources provided by wealthy nations such as the United States and Japan.

"The IMF is a first line of defense; then perhaps we might need a second line of defense," Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said at a news conference after a meeting with the president. "I think that's the right approach," Clinton said.

Nonetheless, he dismissed Asia's mounting bank failures, currency devaluations and stock market plunges as "a few little glitches in the road here," adding, "We're working through them."

Clinton's reassuring words could not erase the fact that Asia's turmoil has produced doomsday scenarios of a global economic downturn if the situation isn't stabilized. On the eve of the summit, the crisis claimed its

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U.S. President Clinton, right, addresses the media along with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien at the 1997 APEC Summit in Vancouver, Canada Sunday.

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON



Rick Starnes, who in the past would ride his three-wheeler to work at Furr's Supermarket, recently received this car from a Midland couple. His mother, Jean, is in the background.

Couple's gift makes Ricky Starnes 'Hell on Wheels,' too

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Ricky Starnes, inspired by the tenacity of his mother and boosted by the generosity of a Midland couple, is sort of like his "Hell on Wheels" mother, the irrepressibly independent Jean Starnes.

He's on the road, driving his own car, despite physical handicaps that some folk might find discouraging.

Not Starnes. Not now. "I passed the test at the DPS (Texas Department of Public Safety)," asserted the 30-year-old Starnes, who is partially paralyzed on his right side. "It was nothing. But it took me three times to pass it."

That's just like his adoptive mother: Never giving up. "I wonder where he got his persistence from," quipped Ms. Starnes, who overcame what some people might deem disabling physical handicaps. She is relegated to her motorized scooter in getting around because of the cerebral palsy that afflicted her at birth.

Ms. Starnes, a retired teacher and counselor who holds post-graduate academic degrees in psychology and education, was getting about town in a golf cart until 1972 when she took up driving an automobile.

Her deftness at the wheel and her new-found mobility 25 years ago became the title of her 1997 autobiographical book, "Hell on Wheels: The Jean Starnes Story."

Ricky Starnes, whose spunk on wheels may be of a more cautious kind than that of his mother, earned his driver's license last week.

"He's really a careful driver," said his mother, who advised her son with a bit of levity: "Don't do as I do. Don't drive as I drive. Drive as I say."

Until his car, a mid-1980s Ford LTD Crown Victoria four-door sedan came along, Starnes was going to work and back to his apartment by pedal power on a three-wheeler.

A 1989 Midland High School graduate, Starnes has been employed as a sacker at Furr's Supermarket on Wadley

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County judge not to seek another term

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Declaring that his serving as Midland County judge since 1995 has been a privilege, Jeff Norwood announced Sunday his decision not to seek re-election and instead to pursue opportunities in the private sector in Midland.

Norwood said that he is honored to be county judge and is "truly humbled by the experience."

"I pledged to make county government more efficient," Norwood, 33, said of his 1994 campaign promise of a conservative approach. "And I believe we have," he said.

"With stronger financial controls, better purchasing policies, a disciplined budgeting process and a strong commitment to privatization, we have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars," Norwood said in a news conference in the Midland County Courthouse. "And today Midland County is operating more efficiently than ever before."

Prior to serving as county judge, Norwood served on the staff of the Railroad Commission of Texas in Austin.

Midland is Norwood's hometown.

Norwood, who declined to be specific on his plans, said he will "pursue a number of opportunities" in the private sector.

His option not to seek re-election to the \$60,000-a-year post was a "personal decision," he said.

"It's just time to move on." He won't, however, rule out another venture into politics, he said.

Already campaigning for the Republican Party nomination for county judge in 1998 is former Justice of the Peace Keith Jobe, 49.

In putting his conservatism into action, Norwood last year led an effort in "slashing the (county's) property tax rate by 10 percent" and effected "one of the most significant tax-cut rates in history."

"As a conservative, I have always believed that government should do everything possible to reduce the tax burden on families and businesses," he said. "So, four years ago, I pledged to put

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Job market looks good for early 1998, according to latest Manpower survey

From Staff Reports

A robust job market awaits the Midland area at the start of the new year, according to the First Quarter 1998 Employment Outlook survey, which was officially released today by Manpower Inc.

"In our survey of hiring projections among local companies," Manpower spokesperson Doug Shipley said, "50 percent of the respondents plan to increase their staffs, while 16 percent anticipate the demand for workers to be less. The other 34 percent indicate no changes are foreseen." Shipley added that staffing expectations are typically at a low ebb for January, February and March.

The outlook was subdued one quarter ago, when 16 percent expected to increase staff and 10 percent projected workforce cutbacks. Last year at this time the job picture was dim, as 3 percent predicted hiring gains and 10 percent planned personnel reductions.

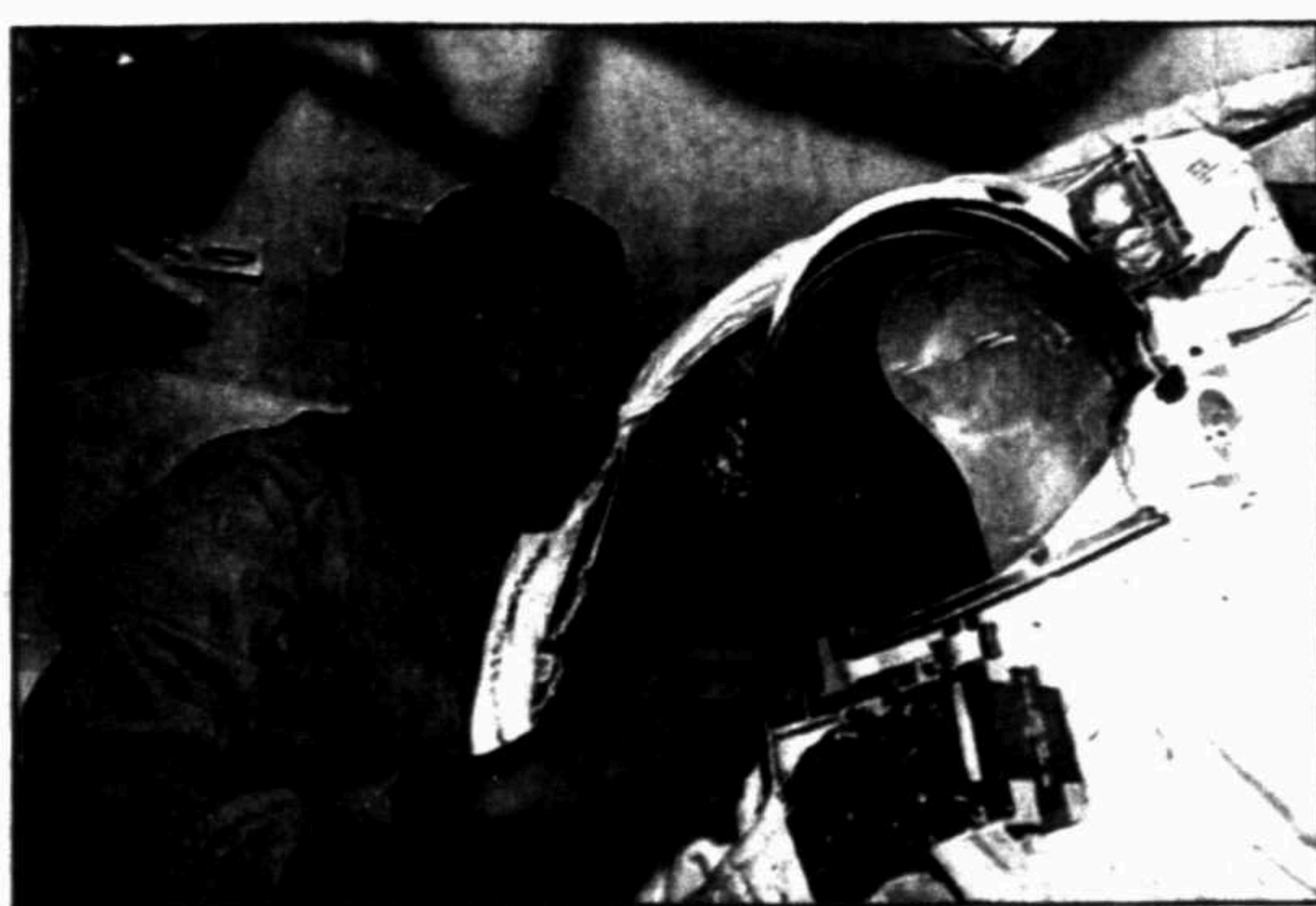
According to the survey, job opportunities

appear to be most promising in mining, durable goods manufacturing, wholesale/retail trade, education and services. Staff cutbacks are predicted in non-durable goods manufacturing and public administration, while mixed readings are reported in transportation/public utilities.

Nationally, the strong demand for workers that was evident throughout 1997 will continue into the new year as 24 percent of the respondents said they would recruit new employees, 10 percent planned cutbacks, 62 percent expected no change and 4 percent were uncertain.

Manpower Inc. conducts the Employment Outlook Survey on a quarterly basis. It is a measurement of employers' intentions to increase or decrease the permanent workforce, and during its 21-year history has been a significant indicator of employment trends.

The survey is based on telephone interviews with more than 16,000 public and private employers in 488 U.S. cities.



Shuttle mission

Astronaut Winston Scott, mission specialist, checks out his extravehicular mobility unit (EMU) space suit Saturday aboard the space shuttle Columbia. Scott is scheduled to wear the suit on Monday's space walk to catch a spinning satellite. Story page 7A

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Mother, daughter reunion to be 8-year-old's decision

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Crystal Anzaldi soon will be asked if she wants to meet the woman she calls "my new mother," a stranger she hasn't seen since she disappeared from their bed in California seven years ago.

The woman that Crystal, now 8, thought was her real mother is awaiting trial on forgery charges. The little girl was matched with her parents after police discovered her birth certificate was faked, then matched her birthmark and quirky smile to that of a toddler pictured on an Internet site for missing children.

Dorothy Anzaldi called Puerto Rico's Department of the Family on Friday and asked to be reunited with the daughter she remembers as a chubby 14-month-old learning to walk.

"I want to be able to go see my daughter," an impatient Ms. Anzaldi told The Associated Press afterward. "It's been seven long, agonizing years."

A reunion hinges on Crystal's own decision — and what social workers make of her real mother's troubled life.

"I explained to (Ms. Anzaldi) that it's going to take time to decide whether, where and under what circumstances such a meeting would be held," said Jenny Ramirez of the family department.

She said the case was complicated by the reopening of an investigation in San Diego into the kidnapping, Puerto Rican Justice Department investigations and competing requests for custody from Crystal's parents, who now are divorced. Ramirez said Jeffrey Anzaldi had not contacted her department about seeing his daughter.

Crystal disappeared a few days before Christmas in 1990, from the bed she was sharing with her parents and older sister, Kendra, who is now 10.

The baby disappeared from a San Diego neighborhood that authorities say teemed with drug problems. There was speculation that Crystal had been sold to pay a drug debt, and the parents came under suspicion.

At the time, even Jeffrey Anzaldi wondered whether his wife was involved in the kidnapping, though he now says he does not believe

that. The strain ended their marriage.

In Puerto Rico, the child lived a nomadic existence; the woman masquerading as her mother, Nilda Gierbolini Guzman, feared discovery.

Her last home was in Luquillo, a seaside town where she lived in a rundown house with Gierbolini and her American husband, who says Gierbolini treated the child with affection when she wasn't drunk and abusing her.

Authorities discovered that "Sonja Guzman's" birth certificate was a fake during a routine investigation of the abuse charges. Months later, they tracked down her true identity through the Internet.

The euphoria has since been tempered by concern about what Crystal's future holds.

Her father lives in Banks, Ore., with her older sister, a new wife and a half-sister. Her mother lives in Corning, Calif., and is in a wheelchair, recovering from a head-on collision that left her with multiple injuries. Both are seeking custody.

During their divorce, accusations of drug abuse surfaced, though the parents denied having anything to do with drugs at the time of the kidnapping.

The prime suspect in the kidnapping is Gierbolini, who lived in San Diego at the time of the kidnapping with a former husband who was in the Navy, like Anzaldi.

Through statements made by her lawyers, Gierbolini has denied stealing Crystal. She is being held on charges of falsifying documents that, together with the case's aggravating circumstances, could result in a 40-year jail term even



Dorothy Anzaldi is seen in her Corning, Calif., apartment Tuesday, Nov. 18, with a picture of her daughter, Crystal, as an infant before the baby was kidnapped from her San Diego home seven years ago and taken to Puerto Rico.

without kidnapping charges, according to Puerto Rican investigators.

Crystal is going to school and getting a lot of attention from psychologists helping her over the trauma.

"She says she likes the name Crystal and she asks a lot of questions, both about her old mother, whom she now calls Nilda, and Mrs. Anzaldi, whom she calls 'my new mother,'" Ramirez said in an interview.

Her gleeful smile pops up often at her new foster home, she said.

"She's a very beautiful and bright girl who will help us decide what's best for her," Ramirez said.

Saudis shake OPEC with call for higher oil output

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — OPEC faces a dilemma it has avoided for a few years: The world's top oil producer, Saudi Arabia, wants to pump more.

Saudi oil minister Ali Naimi is OPEC's most influential player, but his suggestion that the group raise its production ceiling, perhaps by 2 million barrels a day, will not sit well with some members worried that prices could fall.

Negotiations could be tricky if OPEC ministers end up fighting over new production quotas while trying to ensure they don't spook oil traders with the threat of a glutted market.

But oil consumers shouldn't expect any bargains — analysts say OPEC ministers will get through this week's winter meeting in the Indonesian capital without weakening the price too much.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has made no major changes to its official production quotas since 1993. Some cosmetic adjustments were made in June 1996 to allow for limited crude oil exports by Iraq, which has been mostly shut out of the market since it invaded fellow OPEC member Kuwait in 1990.

Iraq's recent jockeying with the United Nations over weapons inspections also will be discussed,

though little is likely to come of the matter because Iraq's return to the market is not seen as an immediate threat.

OPEC still is missing its target of \$21 a barrel by about \$2, but oil prices have held firm. The official OPEC production ceiling has stood at 25.033 million barrels a day since Iraq got partly back into the market — and ministers have rolled over everybody's quotas at the same level ever since.

Experts believe widespread cheating by most OPEC members, led by Venezuela's massive overproduction, has pushed actual output to more than 27 million barrels a day.

Only Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates are believed to be restraining themselves — thus propping up the

price of the world's key energy commodity.

The Saudi minister, Naimi, suggested earlier in the month that OPEC should raise its production ceiling, hinting that 26 million to 27 million barrels a day might be a good number. OPEC sources say privately that the Saudis want the production ceiling to rise by about 2 million barrels a day.

The Saudis can count on support from Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, but they could run into opposition from others who would have a hard time increasing current production capacity.

Iranian officials have indicated — but not formally announced — they don't like the Saudi proposal. Indonesia and Libya apparently are also opposed.

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As car theft soars, Israelis, Palestinians trade blame, barbs

DAHARIYA, West Bank (AP) — It's not hard to get a sense of the leading industry in this desolate Palestinian hill town.

On a long stony slope below a cluster of concrete houses, more than 1,000 cars lie strewn in haphazard heaps, the carcasses picked clean. Not an antenna, not a rubber floor mat, not a door handle remains.

The blighted valley, in the biblical hills outside the Palestinian city of Hebron, is the end of the road for some of the tens of thousands of cars stolen in Israel each year.

Car theft is soaring in Israel, with a projected rise of 25 percent this year to 45,000 cases. Israel's national police say many of those cars end up in the chop shops of the West Bank or on the rutted roadways of the Gaza Strip.

Auto theft has become a familiar type of Israeli-Palestinian quarrel, a bitter brew of politics and prejudice, accusation and rebuttal, half-truths and outright lies.

The rancor undermines what little trust exists and raises the question of whether the two sides can learn to live as neighbors. The issue even came up during the latest round of peace talks, with Israel calling on the Palestinians



An elderly Palestinian woman tries to coax a young boy from playing in the remains of a car carcass stripped of valuables near their home in the West Bank village of Dahariya Sunday, Nov. 9.

to rein in car thieves.

Israelis are irate over car insurance costs that have risen along with the theft rate and resent what they see as lax law enforcement by

Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

And they are infuriated by some top Palestinian officials' procurement of stolen vehicles, usually

luxury models. Recent cases included a Palestinian lawmaker picked up in a stolen Mercedes and a general's chauffeur driving a stolen BMW.

Palestinian officials say they are being made into scapegoats. They claim Israelis are active participants in the car-theft trade, either selling stolen cars to Palestinian middlemen or pulling insurance scams by handing over the keys, reporting their cars stolen and trading up to a new model with the insurance payment.

At the main city jail last week in Hebron — which with surrounding villages is considered the West Bank's car-theft capital — Palestinian officials paraded accused auto thieves to recite tales of partnership with Israelis.

One confessed thief leaned toward a journalist. "Just tell me what model you want — I can make a call to Israel and get it in half an hour," he said.

Whether a stolen car stays in one piece depends on where it's taken. Israeli vehicles brought to the West Bank, with its patchwork of Israeli and Palestinian control, most often are dismantled and sold for parts, because Israeli patrols keep an eye out for stolen cars.

But in the autonomous Gaza

Strip, out of the reach of Israeli law, the presence of stolen cars is so routine that they are issued special license plates and driven openly even by Palestinian police.

Just how differently the two sides view the problem is illustrated by the case of the rabbi's white Mercedes.

Earlier this month, thieves made off with a spanking-new model belonging to Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the ultra-Orthodox spiritual leader of Israel's powerful Shas political party. Within 24 hours, Palestinian police had recovered the car in the Arab village of Beit Omar outside Hebron.

Palestinian police said the case showed they are ready and willing

to crack down on car thieves when Israeli authorities provide help — in this case, use of a tracking device in the car.

The Israelis, however, suggested Palestinian police know where to look for stolen cars anyway, because they are in cahoots with the thieves.

Palestinian officials, in turn, accuse the Israelis of helping auto thieves become entrenched in the first place. Tariq Zeid, the Palestinian police commander in Hebron, said that during the Israeli occupation, the Shin Bet security agency gave car thieves a free hand in order to cultivate them as collaborators and informants.

Religious mix, economic distress shake Chinese border land

By Charles Hutzler
Associated Press

KASHGAR, China — Imam Aronghan Aji looked the image of respectability as he set out in clerical robes and white turban to lead morning prayers at the ancient Adighar Mosque.

But the leader of state-sanctioned Islam in China's rugged western reaches never made it. He was stabbed by assassins intent on wiping out Chinese rule. A year and a half later, the dignified octogenarian's health is frail, his gait slower, his psyche shaken and his assailants' message clearer.

Bribed and incited by separatists, these people were told others would rally around them if they killed patriotic religious leaders, said Imam Mamatmin, an aide to Aronghan.

A call to rise up is reverberating among Muslims in China's Xinjiang region. Separatists, better financed and better armed than ever before, are feeding on age-old fears and new discontents.

Anti-Chinese sentiment has grown explosive on a volatile mix of religious ferment from the Islamic world, nationalism from newly independent Central Asian countries and anger that Chinese migrants seem to be getting richer while native Turkic-speaking Muslims remain poor.

Although small in number, the separatists can count on support from disaffected Muslims at home and a network of lobbyists championing their cause from Istanbul to Washington.

Since attacks began in early 1996, pro-Chinese clerics have been assassinated in at least four cities — seven on one day alone; bombs exploded nearly simultaneously on three buses in the regional capital of Urumqi; and a border city erupted in a riot. The separatists also are suspected of blowing up a bus in Beijing, 1,400 miles away.

Authorities have closed mosques, conducted mass arrests and deployed army patrols, but the attacks have continued. Months after last February's riot in Yili, police were uncovering plots for more unrest and finding caches of guns, explosives and separatist propaganda, the state-run Xinjiang Daily reported.

Western investors keen on developing Xinjiang's oil reserves are already being warned by industry analysts that the violence may disrupt their business.

Friction in Xinjiang is a function of geography. Through its rolling grasslands, snow-capped mountains and forbidding deserts run rich oases that form China's best land routes to the rest of Eurasia.

The ancient Silk Road that carried luxury goods between China and the Roman Empire traversed Xinjiang (pronounced sheen-jyahng). British spies fought Russian agents, first imperial and then Bolshevik, for influence in the region in the espionage epic known as "the great game."

"The history of Xinjiang is one of great game politics and the new great game is bigger and badder than the old great game," said Dru Gladney, an expert on China's Muslims at the University of Hawaii.

As China opened Xinjiang's once closed border over the past decade, Muslim traders and pilgrims traveled the region and brought back radical views of Islamic nationalism. Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Iran have sent money to spur trade and religion and sway public allegiances. From Afghanistan come arms and opium.

Talk in the bazaars of Urumqi and Kashgar, an oasis city on the western border, is not of revolt but resentment. Uighurs, members of Xinjiang's largest ethnic group, complain that incoming ethnic Han Chinese have unfairly benefited from the still poor area's recent rapid growth.

Few Uighur faces are found among the oil workers in the

Tarim Basin, a Texas-sized wasteland. A new town of gleaming white-tile buildings built to service the industry in the ancient caravan town of Korla mainly houses 4,500 workers from other parts of China.

Anger swells even in Kashgar, an overwhelmingly Uighur city near the Kirghiz and Tajik borders where Chinese influence seems

limited to the writing on shop and street signs and a statue of Mao Tse-tung.

The border trade that helped the city thrive a few years ago has stagnated. A swath of the city's huge bazaar set aside for small traders from neighboring countries stands empty, much of their business taken over by state firms.

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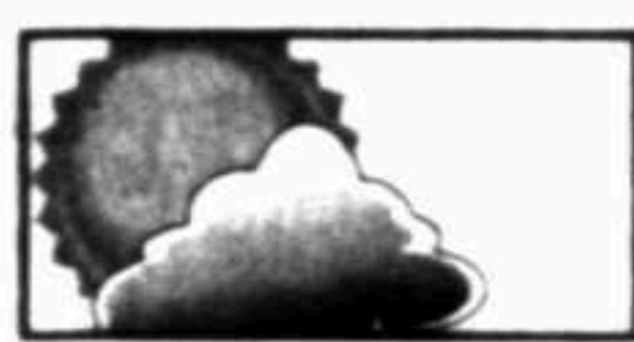
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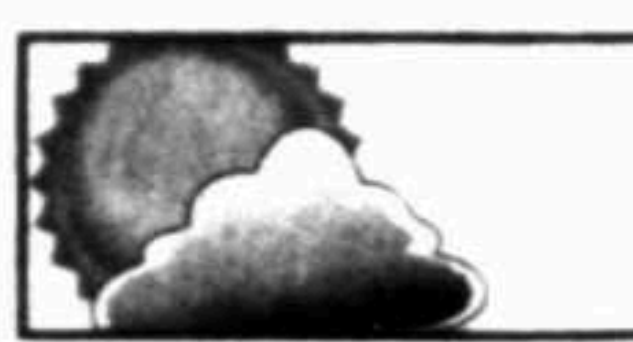
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Midland forecast

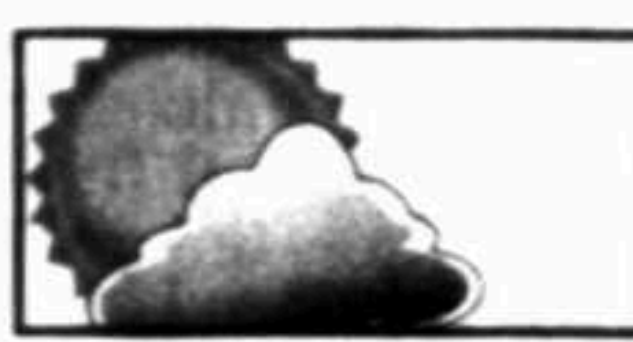
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 76
Low 48



Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 82
Low 44



Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 80
Low 47

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-70s with winds from the south to southwest at 5 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Monday night's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the upper 40s.

Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the low 80s and a low in the mid 40s.

After an overnight low of 27, Sunday's high was 68, compared to the record high for that date of 83 set in 1965. The record low was 22 set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

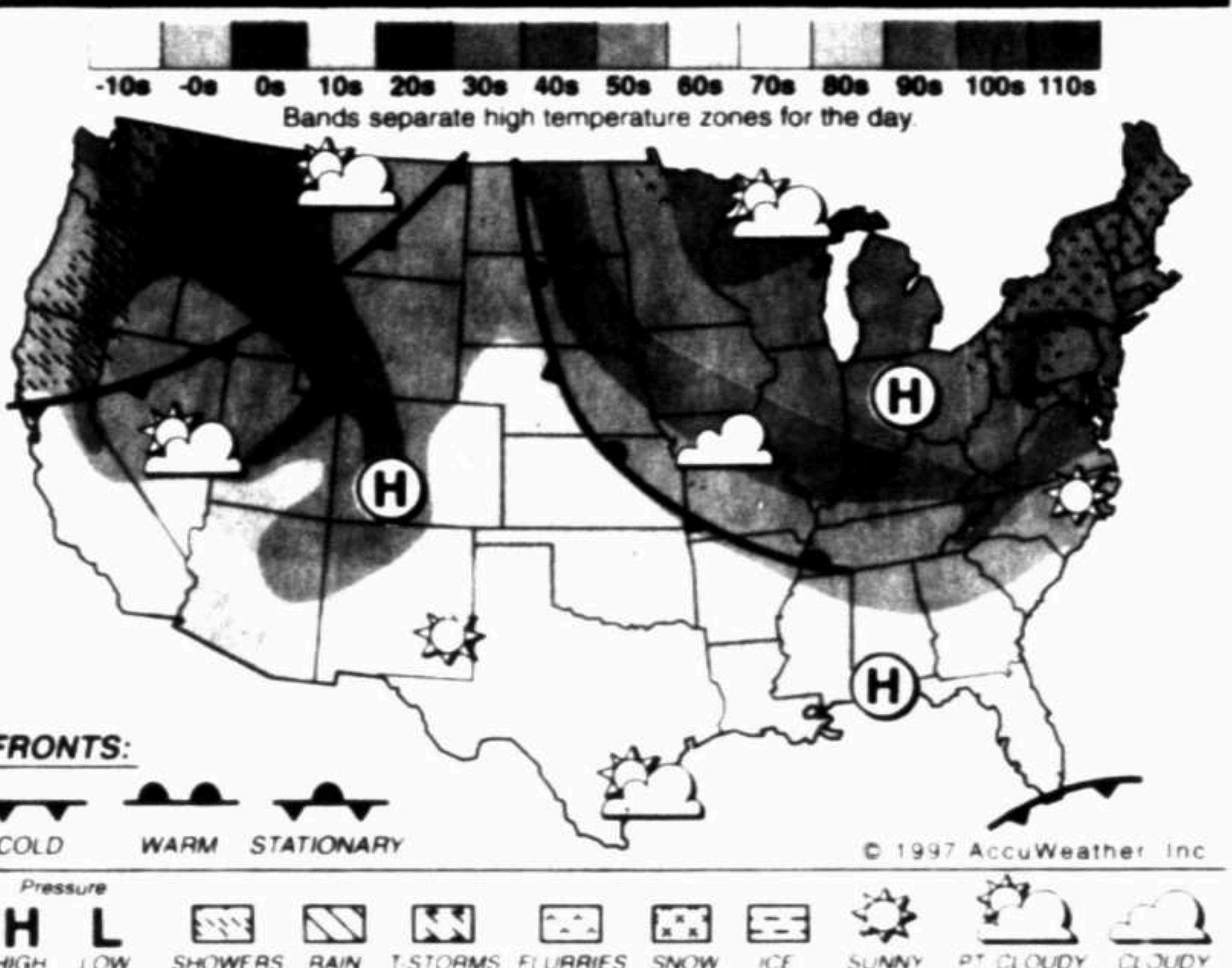
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.
Total for month67 in.
Total for year 23.59 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 68
Low 27
Normal high 64
Normal low 36

Sunrise 7:25 a.m. Sunset 5:46 p.m.

National forecast

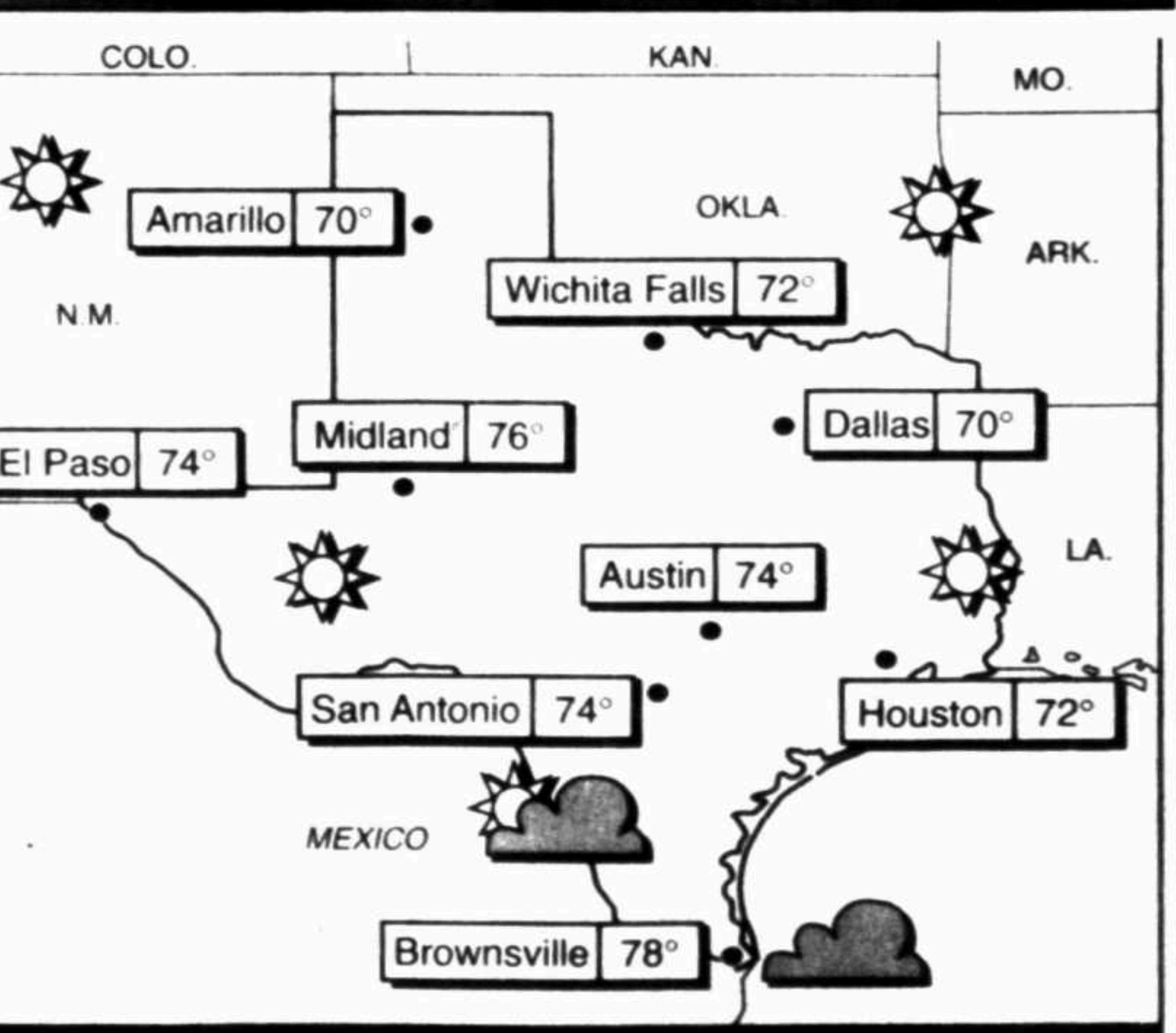


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:33 p.m. EST

City	High	Low	Precip	Outlook
Albany, N.Y.	55	27	0.0	sn
Albuquerque	55	26	0.0	sn
Amarillo	65	24	0.0	sn
Anchorage	24	17	0.0	sn
Annapolis	52	42	0.0	sn
Atlanta	54	43	0.0	sn
Atlanta City	51	42	0.0	sn
Baltimore	50	46	0.0	sn
Bellingham	48	22	0.0	sn
Birmingham	59	40	0.0	sn
Bismarck	26	13	0.0	sn
Boston	53	35	0.0	sn
Boston	33	30	0.0	sn
Brownsville	75	61	0.0	sn
Buffalo	40	31	0.0	sn
Burlington	49	36	0.0	sn
Casper	49	16	0.0	sn
Charleston S.C.	72	65	0.0	sn
Charleston W. Va.	43	42	0.0	sn
Charlotte N.C.	64	46	0.0	sn
Cheney	46	15	0.0	sn
Chicago	32	20	0.0	sn
Cincinnati	43	39	0.0	sn
Cleveland	36	31	0.0	sn
Columbia S.C.	66	47	0.0	sn
Columbus	42	38	0.0	sn
Concord N.H.	29	24	0.0	sn
Dallas	37	34	0.0	sn
Denver	44	19	0.0	sn
Des Moines	43	21	0.0	sn
Detroit	33	33	0.0	sn
Duluth	16	3	0.0	sn
Evansville	42	36	0.0	sn
Fairbanks	11	6	0.0	sn
Fargo	15	4	0.0	sn
Flagstaff	58	21	0.0	sn
Grand Rapids	30	29	0.0	sn
Great Falls	47	25	0.0	sn
Greensboro N.C.	58	42	0.0	sn
Hartford	34	33	0.0	sn
Healdsburg	41	16	0.0	sn
Honolulu	82	68	0.0	sn
Indianapolis	36	28	0.0	sn
Jackson Miss	59	42	0.0	sn
Jacksonville	71	64	0.0	sn
Jurupa	38	37	0.0	sn
Kansas City	50	24	0.0	sn
Las Vegas	63	42	0.0	sn
Little Rock	55	34	0.0	sn
Los Angeles	77	58	0.0	sn
Louisville	40	45	0.0	sn
Memphis	49	32	0.0	sn
Miami Beach	81	73	0.0	sn
Milwaukee	28	20	0.0	sn
Minneapolis	23	14	0.0	sn
Mpls. St. Paul	47	43	0.0	sn
New Orleans	63	51	0.0	sn
New York City	43	37	0.0	sn
Norfolk Va.	54	53	0.0	sn
North Platte	51	14	0.0	sn
Oakland City	67	35	0.0	sn
Oklahoma City	46	22	0.0	sn
Oman	77	66	0.0	sn
Orlando	50	43	0.0	sn
Phoenix	78	51	0.0	sn
Pittsburgh	41	37	0.0	sn
Portland Maine	26	23	0.0	sn
Portland Ore.	60	45	0.0	sn
Providence	34	33	0.0	sn
Raleigh Durham	60	48	0.0	sn
Rapid City	44	15	0.0	sn
Reno	63	39	0.0	sn
Richmond	53	47	0.0	sn
Sacramento	70	54	0.0	sn
St. Louis	43	27	0.0	sn
Salt Lake City	54	30	0.0	sn
San Diego	75	55	0.0	sn
San Francisco	67	57	0.0	sn
San Juan P.R.	87	78	0.0	sn
Santa Fe	50	23	0.0	sn
St. Louis	27	25	0.0	sn
St. Paul	55	48	0.0	sn
Shreveport	63	36	0.0	sn
Sou. Falls	29	16	0.0	sn
Spokane	45	34	0.0	sn
Syracuse	33	45	0.0	sn
Tampa St. Petersburg	76	68	0.0	sn
Tokyo	51	22	0.0	sn
Tucson	79	46	0.0	sn
Ula	53	29	0.0	sn
Washington D.C.	53	46	0.0	sn
Wichita	59	31	0.0	sn
Wikes Barre	43	35	0.0	sn
Wilmington Del.	43	35	0.0	sn

State forecast



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

Texas temperatures

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

City	High	Low	Precip
Abilene	69	39	0.0
Alamo	71	48	0.0
Amarillo	65	24	0.0
Arlington	69	37	0.0
Austin	68	44	0.0
Beaumont	67	45	0.0
Brownsville	75	61	0.0
Burnet	66	37	0.0
Childress	70	31	0.0
College Station	69	42	0.0
Comstock	68	38	0.0
Corpus Christi	69	50	0.0
Corsicana	68	37	0.0
Cotulla	72	44	0.0
Dalhousie	56	22	0.0
Dallas	68	37	0.0
Del Rio	71	42	0.0
Denton	68	32	0.0
El Paso	65	36	0.0
El Paso	65	36	0.0
Fort Stockton	75	38	0.0
Fort Worth	68	37	0.0
Galveston	63	51	0.0
Haltom	63	39	0.0
Hondo	70	38	0.0
Houston Hobby	69	48	0.0
Houston Intercontinental	68	43	0.0
Huntsville	68	37	0.0
Junction	71	32	0.0
Kingville	69	50	0.0
Laredo	68	46	0.0
Lubbock	65	27	0.0
Lufkin	67	37	0.0
Marfa	66	28	0.0
McAllen	72	30	0.0
Midland	68	27	0.0
Mineral Wells	71	36	0.0
Navy Corps	68	55	0.0
New Braunfels	71	43	0.0
Palacios	69	48	0.0
Paris	64	34	0.0
Rockport	66	34	0.0
San Angelo	70	32	0.0
San Antonio	70	40	0.0
Shreveport, La.	63	35	0.0
Terrill	67	34	0.0

ASIA: Clinton calls long-term prospects good

(From 1A)

biggest victim as South Korea was forced to ask for a \$20 billion-plus bailout.

President Kim Young-sam was upbeat as the APEC meetings approached.

"If we work together, we can do anything," Kim told members of Vancouver's Korean community. He said the success of the IMF's \$50 billion bailout of Mexico in 1995 should inspire all Koreans to work hard to achieve the same result.

At the airport, there was a steady stream of VIP arrivals in the rain. Chinese President Jiang Zemin landed at midday, followed several hours later by Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. Clinton will see them separately on Monday. The meeting with Jiang comes just days after Wei Jingsheng, China's most prominent democracy advocate, said that only continued pressure from the West could help free more Chinese political prisoners.

Not all leaders were expressing broad confidence. Philippine Pres-

ident Fidel Ramos told a business group here, "The turmoil, I will say at once, cannot be waved away by brave talk. It is a wake-up call for all our countries. And we must adapt and adjust individually and collectively to the challenge."

Indeed there were warnings that Asia's economic storm clouds could darken.

Thailand — the first country ravaged by the currency crisis that has swept Asia — cautioned that if the summit's outcome were "anything less than large and dramatic," there would be a worsening of the economic turmoil. That warning spurred the 18 nations represented here to produce an expanded agreement to tear down tariffs and open trade in nine areas, from environmental products to toys, covering \$1.5 trillion of commerce.

In Tokyo, Yamaichi Securities, one of Japan's largest brokerages, decided to close down because of financial woes from a payoff scandal and a slump in

Tokyo stock prices. It was the largest company to collapse in Japan since the end of World War II.

Jiang described China's economic future in an upbeat dinner speech, saying, "The situation in China today is excellent." He said China has maintained its momentum of rapid economic growth, which is expected to be at about nine percent this year and about eight percent in the remaining years of this century.

Clinton said the IMF deal would not require an enormous investment from any one country. "Our commitment is limited but significant enough" to send a reassuring signal in tandem with allies, he said.

Clinton arrived here with a weakened hand, after Congress — led by his fellow Democrats — refused to give him expanded trade negotiating authority. The president also was embarrassed by Congress' rejection of his request for \$3.5 billion in additional financing for the IMF.

Pointedly offering a rosy assessment, Clinton said, "I think this is

a time for confidence in the future of Asia and confidence in the future of our relationship with them." Indeed there are fears that Asia's problems will dampen demand for U.S. exports and slow the American economy.

On the summit's eve, IMF envoys arrived in South Korea to begin their financial rescue mission. South Korean Finance and Economy Minister Lim Chang-yuel said his government will use the IMF's intervention to overhaul its inefficient economy.

"It's shameful to try to overcome a foreign currency crisis with the help of the IMF, but it could rather serve as a good opportunity if we use it to strengthen the long-term growth potential of our economy," Lim said.

Clinton was upbeat in Vancouver about South Korea, the world's 11th largest economy. "Certainly, I don't see how anyone could be less than hopeful about the long-term prospects for the South Korean economy given their achievements over the last few decades."

Major Japanese broker decides to go out of business

TOKYO (AP) — Yamaichi Securities, one of Japan's largest brokerages, closed down Monday because of financial woes from a payoff scandal and a slump in Tokyo stock prices. It is the largest company to collapse in Japan since the end of World War II.

Japan's Finance Ministry said they received word of the decision by Yamaichi's board of directors early Monday. The notification means the 100-year-old brokerage firm will return its operating license to the ministry.

"It breaks my heart that the situation has turned out like this," Yamaichi President Shoji Nozawa said at a news conference announcing the closing. He apologized to customers and investors.

Government officials sought to calm the markets. "I strongly hope investors as well as customers will act calmly," Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuoka told reporters. "We will take all available steps to maintain the stability of the financial system."

The fall of Yamaichi has shocked the Japanese financial world. The company leaves

behind debts totaling about \$24 billion.

In addition, Finance Ministry officials discovered over the weekend that Yamaichi had off-the-book debts totaling \$2.06 billion. Mitsuoka said those debts would be investigated.

Repayment of Yamaichi stockholders and other payments on bonds purchased through Yamaichi will be allowed starting Tuesday, the ministry said. As of March, the company had more than 82,000 shareholders.

The failure will result in the loss of about 7,500 jobs, Kyodo News agency said.

Japanese financial officials had softened reports late last week that the brokerage firm would shut down, saying that a final decision had not yet been made. That decision came at a 30-minute meeting early Monday.

The Bank of Japan also held an emergency meeting to decide on extending special, interest-free loans to Yamaichi to protect assets of its customers, Mitsuoka said.

The move is also designed to ensure the market's stability. Monday was a national holiday in Japan and the Tokyo Stock Exchange was closed. It was scheduled to reopen on Tuesday.

Japan's Finance Ministry and the Bank of Japan both will ask three major banks, including Fuji Bank Ltd. of Japan, to provide funds to help with the closure, while notifying financial authorities in the United States and other key economies about details of the closure and measures to be taken.

Yasushi Matsushita, governor of the Bank of Japan, also told reporters that customers and investors should not worry because the brokerage's debts do not exceed its assets.

The failure of Yamaichi comes as part of the financial hangover from the burst of the 1980s "bubble economy" of real-estate speculation and excessive lending.

Yamaichi has seen its stock price severely battered in recent weeks amid concerns over its financial health. Last Thursday, it asked for financial help from Fuji Bank, one of Japan's biggest banks.

Last week, its share price fell below 79 cents, a level believed by market participants to indicate near-collapse.

Zedillo advises Asian countries to face up to crisis

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — He's the poster boy for recovering economies and a man in hot demand at this gathering of shaken Pacific leaders.

For Asian countries undergoing the type of currency crisis that hit Mexico two years ago, President Ernesto Zedillo has some simple advice: Act decisively and don't fool around.

"You have to face up to the problem as soon as possible," Zedillo said. "You cannot fool around, not even for a few weeks with a finan-

cial problem as big as it seems to be in some Asian countries."

Zedillo's forecast that the economic storm that has hit Asia with hurricane force could be short-lived would seem to exceedingly optimistic — except that it is the way events played out in Mexico two years ago.

Huge foreign investment flows provided the fuel to power Mexico's economy just as it has done with even more spectacular success in Asia.

But just as happened in Asia this

year, Mexico discovered to its horror that investors who rushed into a country to take advantage of high rates of return could just as quickly rush for the exits at the first sign of trouble.

In the later months of 1994, Mexico quickly exhausted its foreign currency reserves trying to defend the value of the peso. It was forced to declare the equivalency of a bank failure and turn to the International Monetary Fund for resources to pay its bills.

Zedillo's government moved

decisively to take its economic medicine at a considerable cost in terms of economic pain. The belt-tightening plunged the country into a depression in 1995 with unemployment doubling and poverty rising dramatically.

But by 1996, the Mexican economy was growing again and this year growth is projected to be at the fastest pace of any of the 18 countries attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings.

JUDGE: Conservative approach paid off, Norwood says

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a stop to skyrocketing property taxes.

In other areas, Norwood noted that the Commissioners' Court caused to be implemented the county's "first information-systems master plan in order to take advantage of new computer technology, which will allow us to do more with less."

In fighting juvenile crime, county government under Norwood's

administration "launched an aggressive plan to crack down on youthful offenders and gang activity."

That plan includes increasing the number of juvenile probation officers, establishing a curfew for teenagers, sending youthful offenders to military-style boot camps, and expanding and renovating the Barbara Culver Juvenile Justice under a \$3.2-million program to hold 44 youths.

The Commissioners' Court also set aside \$2 million toward funding

expansion of Midland County Detention Center.

"I believe we have accomplished a great deal in the last three years," said Norwood.

"And Midland County is on the right track, since we have worked to put in place more efficient, effective, conservative government."

Norwood said he is particularly proud to "serve with the more than 400 dedicated and caring professionals working in county govern-

ment."

In Midland, Norwood said he intends to "stay active in the community by continuing to work with charitable organizations and helping conservative candidates running for public office."

Norwood allowed that he is "sincerely grateful for the encouragement and support I have enjoyed over the last few years from so many people, especially my wife (Gabrielle) and family."



Posse Queen

Stephanie Miller, on her horse, Star, is the 1998 Queen of the American Association of Sheriff Poses and Riding Clubs (AASPRC), and Bill Stone, on Pedras, is the 1998 president of the association. Miss Miller, a former bull rider, is a 17-year-old Midland High School senior and is daughter of Ronnie and Linda Miller of the Warfield community. Stone is a Midland County deputy sheriff.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Woman put off bus because of puppy

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The bus was a Greyhound, but the driver was no dog lover.

An 80-year-old woman returning home from her birthday party was kicked off a bus at a rural truck stop late at night because of her birthday present: a tiny puppy named Cookie.

Dogs aren't allowed on Greyhound and the driver refused to make an exception, leaving Antonia Sanabria at the side of the road about 80 miles from home in Tampa at 3 a.m. Friday. Mrs. Sanabria had boarded the bus Thursday night in Panama City after visiting her daughters.

A security guard summoned by the bus driver called Marion County Sheriff's deputies — adding to her fright.

After getting her a sandwich and something to drink, police from different jurisdictions teamed up to ferry Mrs. Sanabria all the way from the Ocala area to her Tampa doorstep in five different patrol cars.

U.S. officials say Iraq must cooperate before sanctions can end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bolstered by a strong endorsement from U.N. weapons experts, American officials stressed Sunday that Iraq has no hope of seeing economic sanctions lifted as long as it balks at total access for inspectors trying to ferret out biological and chemical weapons.

"It is clear that there is a massive amount of work that has to be done there, especially in the chemical and biological inspection areas," President Clinton said in Vancouver, British Columbia, at a trade summit of Pacific rim nations. Clinton said he is determined that weapons inspectors be free to carry out their mission.

Baghdad's United Nations ambassador countered that sanctions should be lifted now. The Iraqis have destroyed their

weapons themselves, he said.

"The sanctions will stay in place. There is no hope of them being lifted" so long as Iraq continues to obstruct weapons inspectors and ignore other U.N. resolutions imposed after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Defense Secretary William Cohen said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"They are nowhere close on any front. So we don't see sanctions being lifted. There's absolutely no reason to do that," the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, added on "Fox News Sunday."

U.N. weapons inspectors resumed their work in Iraq Saturday after a three-week standoff sparked by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's demand that Americans be removed from the team and contention

that sanctions crippling Iraq's economy be ended.

On Sunday the roughly 75 U.N. monitors, including four Americans, fanned out around Baghdad as helicopter crews overhead watched for suspicious activity on the ground. Inspection team chief Nils Carlstrom refused to say what they were finding but said the Iraqis were cooperating.

U.S. officials have emphasized the crisis is not over because Iraq continues to withhold access to 63 sites, including Saddam's 47 presidential compounds. Cohen spoke of a "pattern of deception and lies, deceptions and cover-ups" including concealment of biological and chemical weapons that could kill millions of people.

"We don't know at this point whether he

(Saddam) simply has had a change of tactics or a change of heart," Cohen said. "Based on past experience, I suspect it's more a change of tactics."

The U.N. weapons experts, known as UNSCOM, supported that view Saturday in a report to the U.N. Security Council that agreed banned weapons remain concealed. The report recommended an even stricter inspections regime and rejected efforts by Russia to ease sanctions.

UNSCOM chief Richard Butler, on NBC, said the United Nations must stand firm on Iraq because "Iraq is a test case for something much wider," whether people in the 21st century will live under a cloud of potential biological and chemical destruction.

On the other side, Iraq's U.N. ambas-

sador, Nizar Hamdoun, speculated Saturday on CNN over the possibility of a new confrontation over the weapons inspectors unless Russia, which has been more sympathetic to Iraq and helped broker a deal allowing inspections to resume, can persuade the United Nations to allow changes in the team.

Clinton, in a Saturday telephone conversation with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, made clear that there can be no compromise on the inspections team or easing of sanctions.

Hamdoun, who appeared on three Sunday morning news programs to make Iraq's case, insisted that Iraq had unilaterally or with U.N. inspectors destroyed all its weapons of mass destruction.

Growers battle heat to get their Christmas trees to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The competition is so keen to provide the official White House Christmas tree that like 4-H children who bed down with prized hogs at the fair, some growers won't let their contest trees out of sight.

They pack them in vans and primp them en route to a national competition every other August that amounts to a beauty pageant for 6- to 8-foot-tall Christmas trees. Some trees are shipped in refrigerated trucks. Growers drive them through the night, misting the needles to keep them moist.

One grower propped a tree in his hotel room bathtub overnight.

Two winners of the National Christmas Tree Association competition earn the privilege of sending a much taller tree to the White House in a Christmas future.

This year's tree, an 18 1/2-foot fir, is being cut down today on Sanford and Debbie Fishel's tree farm in Grassy Creek, N.C.

"It's a North Carolina Fraser fir — the Cadillac of Christmas trees," Mrs. Fishel said.

Gary Walters, chief usher at the White House, and Irv Williams, its horticulturist, drove 5 1/2 hours to the Fishel farm last week to inspect the tree that will stretch, ceiling-to-floor, in the elegant Blue Room.

About 30 growers participated in the most recent competition, on a hot, muggy day in Kansas City, Mo., in August 1996. All had received top honors in state contests.

"The competition is extremely intense," said Dennis Tompkins, one of three judges. "It gets to the point where we really have to nit-pick to find defects."

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Universities need to reach out to attract students

We have to agree with State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, who recently spoke at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) and called on the people of West Texas to support higher education.

Gallego expressed concern that a majority of the world and the U.S. population is not receiving a college education, and he encouraged UTPB to reach out technologically and attract more students.

"The University of Texas of the Permian Basin has played an integral role in developing this area," noted Gallego. "One of my big complaints about universities is that they do very little outreach."

Gallego is absolutely correct. Not only UTPB, but all universities should be conducting outreach operations as a means of attracting students. After all, colleges and universities are in the business of higher education and the only way they can accomplish what they see to do is by attracting the people to the university or, conversely, by taking the university to the people.

Without education, mankind does not advance, does not broaden the mind to all of human experience. How do we solve today's problems? How do we cut through racial divisiveness? How do we raise the standard of living for all people? Through education.

No, it doesn't happen overnight or easily. But with education, we all benefit. That is the job of colleges and universities.

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JACK ANDERSON

Clinton, Congress meddle with good thing at PTO

The Clinton administration's dream of a government that "works better and costs less" is being turned on its ear at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. As a result of misguided budget decisions, it's becoming an agency that does less at a greater cost to almost everyone.

There was a time not long ago when the PTO stood as a beacon of innovation and efficiency in the bloated federal government. That was before Congress and the Clinton administration started messing with a good thing.

Like most federal agencies, the PTO was asked to undergo some belt-tightening in recent years to help achieve a balanced budget. In the last two fiscal years, the PTO's budget was slashed by \$52 million and \$92 million respectively.

But there is a major difference between the PTO and most every other federal agency: The PTO doesn't cost the government a dime. It's entirely self-funded, paid for by the fees charged to inventors who apply for patents.

What Congress did instead was to take a portion of the user fees paid by inventors and turned it over to the Treasury as if it were tax revenue. In other words, inventors became the unwitting victims of a hidden tax increase. As a result, we've learned, the PTO is slowly but surely becoming a less effective agency.



Anderson

If any other interest group became the target of a new tax, you'd hear a hue and cry across the land. But inventors aren't the most organized lot. They don't picket the Capitol, and they tend not to sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom. In short, they're easy targets.

"Those (inventors) that are aware of (this) have expressed absolute, total outrage about it," Mike Kirk, the former deputy commissioner of the PTO, told our associate Aaron Karp. "But the difficulty is in reaching all the inventors and letting them know this."

Kirk, who retired three years ago as the PTO's No. 2 man after 35 years of service, now heads the American Intellectual Property Law Association. He's made fighting the diversion of PTO funds his top priority, often working late nights to let as many inventors as possible know how unfairly the government is treating them.

"Many of the inventors around the country are not members of organized associations, so it's kind of difficult to get the word out there," Kirk lamented.

Of course, the imperiling of the PTO hurts not just inventors but the overall economy. More inventions means more patents. More patents means more new products and new jobs for those who produce them. If the PTO, which has been growing steadily and processing patents faster and faster in recent years, gets choked by budget pressures, this whole process is stifled.

"Economic growth and vitality in large part depends on us," PTO spokeswoman Lisa Joy Zgorski told us. Last year's budget reduction "was a bitter pill to swallow," she added. "We had ambitious plans (for the future) which were somewhat ham-

pered."

The time it takes to review patent applications, which continue to flow into the PTO in record numbers, has already increased by more than a month. "That, of course, is before the real storm hits," said Kirk. "Inventors pay the (same) fee (that they paid before), but it is taking a longer period of time for the patent to get printed and issued."

The situation, unless Congress and the president change course, will only worsen. Before long, Kirk predicts, the PTO "will begin to get buried in paper and (become) backlogged."

While PTO officials aren't thrilled about having money taken away from them, publicly they must toe the party line — the president is, after all, their boss.

"As a government agency, we can't join the chorus complaining about our budget," Zgorski explained.

But Kirk isn't pulling any punches.

"These are fees paid by users to obtain a product or service," he said, his voice rising. "Congress and the executive branch have, in my opinion, absolutely no right to be taking this money and diverting it to some other cause. It's totally unacceptable."

Since it became self-sufficient in 1990, the PTO has cost taxpayers absolutely nothing, yet was still able to provide the public the kind of efficiency that other federal agencies can only dream about.

But Clinton and Congress just couldn't leave well enough alone.

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CHARLEY REESE

Reduced demand: Economic growth can't go on forever

What do economic yuppies and former Alabama Governor George Wallace have in common?

Well, at one point, Wallace, who is basically a good and decent man, stood up and said, "Segregation today, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever," or words to that effect. He did not realize that he was standing on the railroad tracks of history and was about to get flattened by a train.

The economic yuppies are shouting, "Economic growth today, economic growth tomorrow, economic growth forever." They, too, are about to get flattened by history's freight train.

If you look carefully, you can see the beginning of global deflation, and deflation means the economy will contract not expand. You can't amend or avoid reality, and reality is what economics is about, not computer models or academic theories.

The reality is that production now exceeds demand. There is more stuff for sale than there are folks to buy it. Now, you can find 14,000 experts who will tell you that's not so, but just mark your calendar so you will remember what this old country boy is telling you.

Too many people don't understand that demand consists of two essential components. Any good door-to-door salesman can tell you that. One component is desire. To make a sale, the prospect has to want what you're selling. That's why you can't sell ice in the Arctic or sunglasses in the Sahara.

The second and critical component of demand is the capability to satisfy the desire. A guy may desire intensely what you are selling, but if he can't afford it, there will be no sale.

Too many Americans look at people with bare feet and say, "Wow, that's a great market for shoes." They forget that if those people could afford to buy shoes they wouldn't be barefooted. People don't die from hunger or suffer from malnutrition because there is no food. They die and suffer because they can't afford to buy food.

There's a big difference between today's capitalists and men like Henry Ford. Ford recognized reality — that if he wanted to sell a lot of cars, then a lot of people had to be able to afford to buy them. Therefore, he was one of the first to raise his employees' wages.

Today's capitalists tend to be short-timers. They look upon their corporations as simply cash-flow generators to be looted. After they have their loot, they don't care if the corporation survives or not.

Hence, they lay off American workers to move a plant to a cheap labor country. This temporarily increases their profits because they are selling for the same price while they have drastically cut their costs. Increased profits are what the stock analysts look for. They tout the stock. The price of stock rises. The looters exercise their stock options and make a killing.

But what happens in the long run? Demand is reduced. The laid-off Americans can no longer afford to buy, and the people in their foreign sweatshops can't afford to buy what they are paid too little to make.

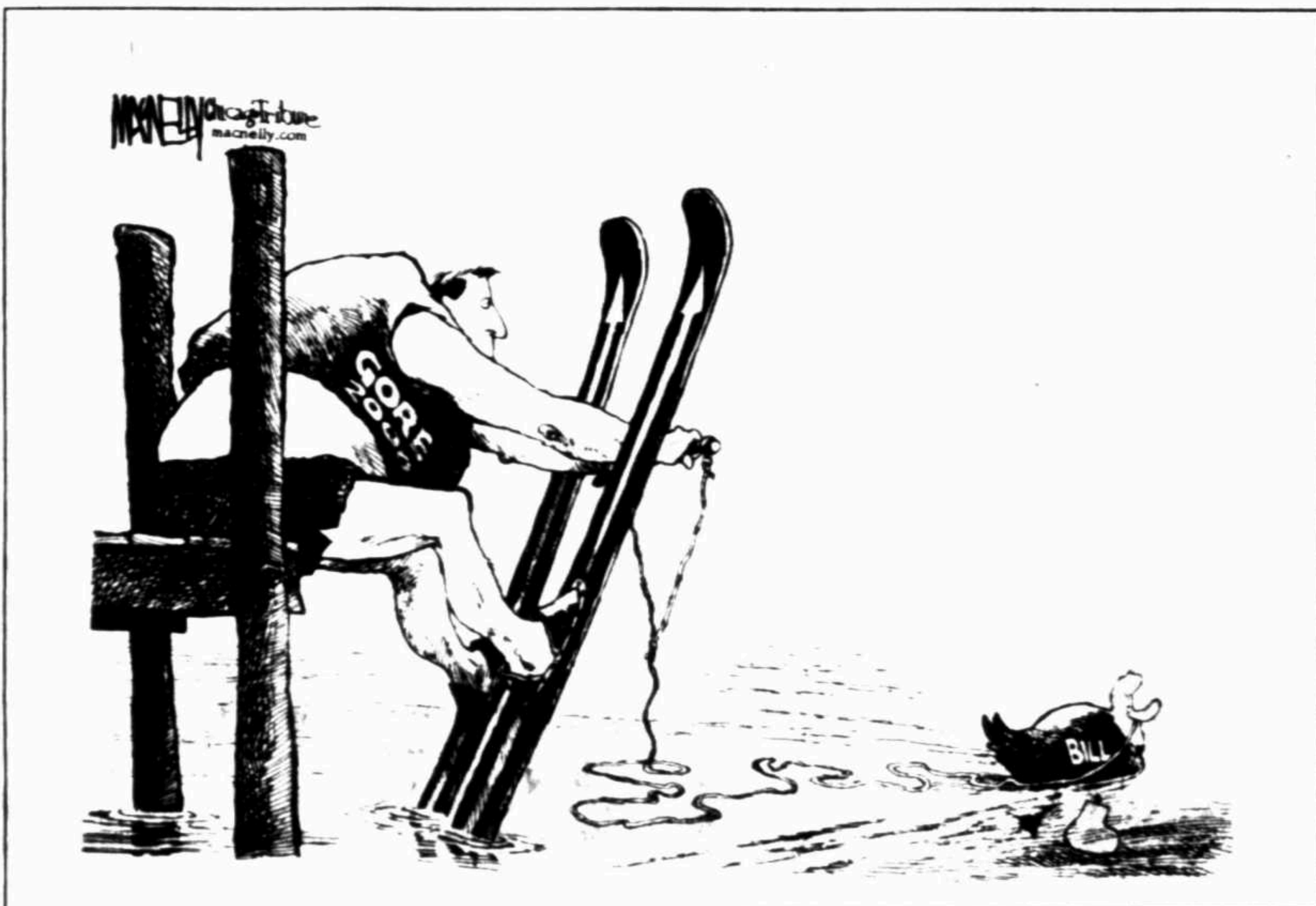
When demand shrinks, sales decrease. When sales decrease, revenue decreases. When revenue decreases, expenses must be cut — hence, layoffs and closed plants and fewer purchases from vendors, all of which further decreases demand by rendering more and more people incapable of satisfying their desires.

Kodak, at the height of what experts call a six-year economic expansion, just announced its plans to lay off 10,000 people. And Kodak is not alone. As the process of contraction continues, people will start to dump their stocks and the market will start to fall.

And there isn't a darn thing the experts can do about it.

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RHETA JOHNSON

Never underestimate value of memories

The chenille bedspread was pale yellow, faded as if it had been washed a million times. I could see my fingers through the thinnest parts.

I had to have that old spread, though the store was asking two times what it would have cost brand-new. Probably the coverlet would disintegrate when washed, but I didn't care.

I pushed past marble-topped dressers and grand buffets on my way to pay. Those items did nothing for me.

But then the antiques business is predicated on memory. And my memories are of chenille, not lace.

My grandmother used to rise from her afternoon nap with the print of chenille pimples on her sweet face. I can see her now, retwisting her long hair into a ball at the nape of her neck, not checking the mirror, using two rusty hairpins spread wide from use.

The only cosmetic I ever saw her with was orange talcum from a round cardboard box. She spent her days wringing the necks of chickens to fry, and baking, and mopping boards with water that eventually drained right through a hole in the floor. And yet she smelled better than any human alive. At least to me.

I am not alone in this consuming desire to re-create a small part of a pleasant past. You see the same longing in the faces of fellow shoppers in the stores I like best. These are not the fine antiques shops of Buckhead, but the "junk" emporiums of Bowdon and Tallulah.

Proof that memories are different for each of us is there in our purchases. At the checkout you inevitably feel superior. You cannot imagine why some poor sap is buying a red Oriental TV lamp for \$50. And she, in turn, cannot figure why you want a

faded chenille bedspread.

My dear friend and Mississippi neighbor, Annie Louise Laxson, taught me a valuable lesson about tampering with memories.

A few months back she enclosed a front porch, almost doubling the size of her house in the process. Being one of the few souls on earth who values my interior-decorating skills, Annie Louise asked for advice.

I helped fix her new porch with white wicker and tasteful, dark green cushions, hanging a few pictures and ferns but keeping whatnots to a minimum. It wasn't what I would have done with my own porch, mind you. But I figured she was tired of all the old and wanted a clean, spare look.

I trucked it back to Georgia, figuring the job was done.

Next time I visited, the porch was full of Annie Louise's attic treasures. You couldn't walk for hitting a churn or a wooden ironing board. The walls were covered with cast-iron utensils, old faded photographs, Colorado souvenir plates and some mysterious items that required explanation. It was the Smithsonian of sentimentality.

"These are my things," she said. "They've been up in the attic forever, and I just wanted to look at them."

I felt foolish. She had transformed a porch that anyone could build into a deep reservoir of memory.

Now one of my favorite pastimes is wading through the mounds of stuff on my neighbor's porch, letting her explain the origin of each item. There are a thousand stories in a few square feet.

And my own Mississippi bed is covered with pale chenille, the yellow of old piano keys. Whenever I lie there I look out to a field where the sumac is red and where rain crows gather to fuss. I think of a woman who made her own sheets, can feel her lying beside me.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 1997. There are 37 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Ten years ago, on Nov. 24, 1987, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed to scrap shorter- and medium-range missiles in the first superpower treaty to eliminate an entire class of nuclear weapons.

On this date:

In 1784, Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in Orange County, Va.

In 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which

explained his theory of evolution.

In 1871, the National Rifle Association was incorporated, and its first president named: Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside.

In 1947, a group of writers, producers and directors that became known as the Hollywood Ten was cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about alleged Communist influence in the movie industry.

In 1947, John Steinbeck's novel "The Pearl" was first published.

In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of

President Kennedy.

In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific, ending the second manned mission to the moon.

In 1971, hijacker D.B. Cooper parachuted from a Northwest Airlines 727 over Washington state with \$200,000 in ransom. His fate remains unknown.

In 1985, the hijacking of an Egyptian jetliner parked on the ground in Malta ended violently as Egyptian commandos stormed the plane. Fifty-eight people died in the raid, in addition to two others killed by the hijackers.

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NASA OKs satellite rescue, says risk small

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts aboard the space shuttle Columbia will attempt a daring satellite rescue — the first in 5 1/2 years — under a plan approved by NASA on Sunday after considerable study.

More than anything, the space agency wants to avoid a collision. The slowly spinning, 3,000-pound satellite could do serious damage if it struck the shuttle or the two spacewalkers during tonight's salvage effort.

Mission operations representative Bob Castle told reporters the risk of a collision is "very, very small."

"We feel very confident that this is going to work," Castle said at a news conference. "The crew is quite capable of doing this. The flying tasks of bringing the orbiter up close to the tumbling spacecraft, I think, are very doable."

The \$10 million reusable science satellite, called Spartan, has been tumbling out of control since Friday, when Columbia's crew released it, saw it wasn't working and then failed to recover it with the shuttle robot arm.

When the six astronauts last saw it, before the shuttle backed off to a safe distance, Spartan was spinning at a rate of two degrees a second, making a full revolution every three minutes. It's a 5-foot cube with the ends of an 11-foot telescope protruding from opposite sides.

Castle said engineers are confident the satellite won't be spinning any faster when astronauts Winston Scott and Takao Doi try to catch it with their gloved hands — if anything, it might be rotating more slowly if a control system kicks in.

Here's the plan: The spacewalkers will be positioned on opposite ends of a platform that spans the shuttle cargo bay, their feet secured by straps. They'll lean all the way back as Columbia creeps up to the satellite, their backpacks brushing against the cargo bay sills.

"It's going to take a considerable amount of patience," explained Mike Hess, NASA's lead spacewalk officer. "They may just have



Astronaut Takao Doi, mission specialist representing Japan's National Space Development Agency (NASDA), checks on his extravehicular mobility unit (EMU) space suit in Columbia's airlock on Saturday. NASA on Sunday approved a daring spacewalk by Doi and astronaut Winston Scott to catch a spinning satellite and secure it aboard space shuttle Columbia.

to sit and wait until it rotates into a position in which they can grab it.

Once the Spartan satellite is between the two men at head level and the 20-inch-diameter telescope tube is pointed their way, they'll reach out and grab the ends of the tube at the same instant. Then they'll gently lower the satellite into the cargo bay.

"We don't expect it to be too particularly difficult although they're going to have to be careful," Hess said.

The other option that was considered — having Scott grab the satellite by himself while standing on the end of Columbia's 50-foot robot arm — was deemed to be more difficult and dangerous.

Hess estimates it will take two hours for Scott and Doi to capture Spartan, leaving four hours for them to test an extendable crane intended for NASA's future space station.

The spacewalkers were sup-

posed to test more station equipment, but the tasks were nixed in order to save the satellite. One of the biggest casualties is a free-flying robotic camera that would have hovered behind the astronauts and observed their work out in the cargo bay.

"That's unfortunate," Hess said. "Perhaps we'll fly it on another mission."

If Spartan is rescued and its malfunction can be corrected by computer commands — and if the

shuttle has enough fuel — NASA might consider sending the craft back out for the two days of solar observations it missed, Castle said.

But that's another worry for another day.

"Right now, we're just concentrating on retrieving the spacecraft," Castle said.

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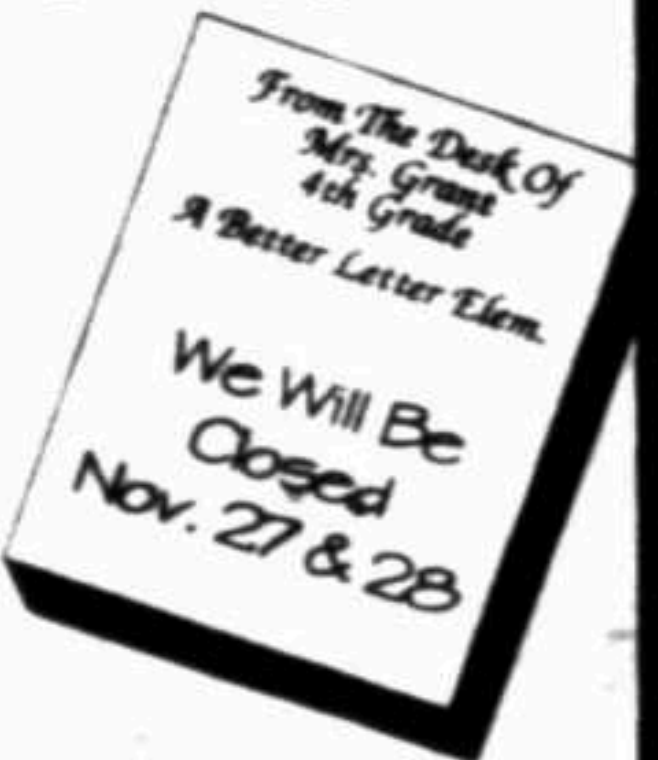
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Deer season means empty classrooms

SHINNSTON, W. Va. (AP) — Camouflage flu always hits West Virginia schools hard the first week of deer hunting season, so much so that school officials are accepting the attitude of "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Rather than face high absenteeism, at least 38 of the state's 55 counties cancel classes all week instead of just the usual Thursday-Friday Thanksgiving break. This year, that includes schools in Shinnston, which tried to hold class last year but had an absenteeism rate of 45 percent.

Chris Feathers said it wouldn't do much good for him to sit in school while his father and grandfather were hunting white-tailed deer.

"I don't think I could concentrate on classes," said Feathers, a senior at Shinnston's Lincoln High School with a 4.0 grade-point average. "You can come but your mind is not there."

And there is no bigger fan than Lincoln Principal Jerry Toth, who quotes Henry David Thoreau in "Walden": "We need the tonic of wildness."

"I've never missed the first day of deer season since I was 14 years old and I'm not about to now," said Toth, who planned like many of his students to be out in the woods today.

West Virginians take deer hunting seriously. So many people plan vacations around the two-week, bucks-only rifle season beginning today that some small businesses will just close.

"The first day of rifle season is the equivalent of the Super Bowl to football fans," said Scott Warner, a wildlife biologist for the Division of Natural Resources in Charleston.

Officials expect more than 350,000 people to hunt during the bucks-only season. More than 200,000 deer are expected to be killed over the entire hunting season from October into December.

West Virginia is not alone in closing schools. Some schools in southeastern Ohio and parts of Pennsylvania will close Dec. 1, the first day of firearm hunting in those states. Nationally, 15.2 million people purchased hunting licenses last year, according to the National Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Even when the schools don't close technically, half the students are out there hunting in some locations," said Chris Chaffin of the National Shooting Sports Foundation in Newtown, Conn.

While Lincoln stayed open for classes last year, students who had their parents' permission and a hunting license were allowed to miss school on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

One of those was Adam Pratt, who came home empty-handed.



Adam Pratt, left, and Chris Feathers are prepped and ready for the first day of hunting season in Shinnston, W. Va., Sunday. Pratt and Feathers both attend Lincoln High School which is located in one of 38 counties in West Virginia that cancels classes for students during the beginning of deer hunting season, the week of Thanksgiving.

This year, he's working at improving his luck. He went so far as to mix his hunting clothes with leaves from his back yard to mask any scent that might frighten away deer. He'll even spray himself with something to mask his odor.

"It's a challenge. You've got to be lucky," said Pratt, a senior.

Feathers got a head start. He's already bagged an eight-point buck with his bow — archery season runs Oct. 18-Dec. 31 — and he can kill two more deer during bucks-only rifle season.

Overall, hunters can take up to seven deer annually depending on

license — including doe and muzzle-loading permits — and the county.

It's more than just an excuse to go out in the woods and get the "tonic of wildness." Some families in rural areas of the state still count on bagging deer to supplement their groceries and put meat on the table.

And there are pragmatic reasons for closing school. Little can be accomplished with a high absentee rate, which hit about 45 percent last year, said Principal Toth. Some school administrators also cite concerns about buses being hit by stray bullets.

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Government gives more good news about crime fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time in two weeks, the Clinton administration is telling Americans that streets are getting safer in all regions of the country.

Two of the most feared crime categories — murder and robbery — showed declines of 9 percent each from January to July compared with the first six months of 1996, the FBI announced Sunday.

It's no accident, President Clinton said in a statement. "With community police at the center of our efforts, we have worked to give communities the tools they need to rid their neighborhoods of gangs, guns and drugs."

Clinton said his next priority was to take on juvenile crime.

The preliminary figures from the Uniform Crime Reporting Program — culled from the nation's law enforcement agencies — also showed drops in motor vehicle theft, aggravated assault, arson and burglary.

Just last Saturday, in a separate survey, the Justice Department touted figures showing that violent crime dropped 10 percent below the previous year. The most significant drop of 17.6 percent was in rapes and sexual assaults, according to the National Crime Victimization Survey conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

"Crime has been falling for several years, because policy makers, law enforcement and ordinary Americans are coming together to do the right thing," Attorney General Janet Reno said in a statement.

The FBI reported the Northeast had the largest decrease in serious crime — 6 percent — followed by 5 percent in the Midwest and West and 3 percent in the South. All the figures are compared with the first half of last year.

The latest FBI figures show:

■ Violent crime decreased 5 percent, and property crime was down 4 percent.

■ Aggravated assault fell 3 percent, forcible rape 2 percent, arson decreased 9 percent, motor vehicle theft and burglary 5 percent each and larceny-theft 4 percent.

■ All the nation's cities showed a decline in serious crime for the six-month period, with cities of more than 250,000 population recording an average decline of 6 percent. Suburban areas saw a 3 percent drop, rural areas 1 percent, the FBI said.



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Morning prayer

Dear Lord:

So far today, God, I've done alright. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help!

—Source unknown

Truth in pricing

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a new litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were two boy kittens and two girl kittens." "How did you know that?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

Seinfeldisms

CLOTHES: I once had a leather jacket that got ruined in the rain. Why does moisture ruin leather? Aren't cows outside a lot of the time? When it's raining, do cows go up to the farmhouse, "Let us in! We're all wearing leather! Open the door! We're going to ruin the whole outfit here!"

FLYING: Are there keys to a plane? Maybe that's what those delays are sometimes, when you're just sitting there at the gate. Maybe the pilot sits up there in the cockpit going, "Oh, I don't believe this... I did it again." They tell you it's something mechanical because they don't want to come on the P.A. system. "Ladies and gentlemen, we're going to be delayed here on the ground for a while. I uh... Oh, God this is so embarrassing..." I left the keys to the plane in my apartment. They're in this big ashtray by the front door. I'm sorry. I'll run back and get them.

CRIME: The *Chalk Outline* guy's got a good job. Not too dangerous, the criminals are long gone. I guess these are people who wanted to be sketch artists but they couldn't draw very well. "Uh, listen, Jon, forget the sketches, do you think if we left the dead body right there on the sidewalk you could manage to trace around it?" How does that help them solve the crime? They look at the thing on the ground, "Oh, his arm was like that when he hit the pavement... the killer must have been..."

MARRIAGE: Why is commitment such a big problem for a man? I think that for some reason when a man is driving down that freeway of love, the woman he's with is like an exit, but he doesn't want to get off there. He wants to keep driving. And the woman is like, "Look, gas, food, lodging, that's our exit, that's everything we need to be happy... Get off here, now!" But the man is focusing on sign underneath that says, "Next exit 27 miles," and he thinks, "I can make it."

Random Thoughts

"When you look at Prince Charles, don't you think that someone in the Royal family knew someone in the Royal family?"

—Robin Williams

"Relationships are hard. It's like a full-time job, and we should treat it like one. If your boyfriend or girlfriend wants to leave you, they should give you two weeks' notice. There should be severance pay, and before they leave you, they should have to find you a temp."

—Bob Etlinger

"The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they are okay, then it's you."

—Rita Mae Brown

"Some women hold up dresses that are so ugly and they always say the same thing: 'This looks much better on.' On what? On fire?"

—Rita Rudner

"I just broke up with someone and the last thing she said to me was, 'You'll never find anyone like me again!' I'm thinking, 'I should hope not! If I don't want you, why would I want someone like you?'"

—Larry Miller

"I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific."

—Lily Tomlin

"If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead."

—Johnny Carson

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Norman Rockwell Thanksgiving, anyone?

By Cy DeBoer

I grew up with Donna Reed—the woman who led us to believe that an apron and a smile were always worn together. Today's nemesis is the boorish Martha Stewart who is forever turning zucchini into Noah's Ark and various other "cutsie" shapes to make us feel like complete culinary failures if our food bears any resemblance to its natural state.

Now, as Summer gives way to Fall, every woman's magazine is adorned with a lavish Thanksgiving dinner on its cover. The trick this year is to create a picture perfect feast with less than 10 grams of fat per serving. Since your dinner calls for 15 pounds of real butter, the subliminal message is that you are intentionally killing your family by clogging their arteries and if you don't cut the fat, Uncle Fred may not be around next Thanksgiving!

Flip to the inside of the magazine and inevitably there will be a warm fuzzy picture of a family appearing to actually enjoy each others' company and unbelievably, no one has gravy dribbling down their shirt! It's a Norman Rockwell family in the '90s! Two of them even have red hair and freckles!

Where did Norman Rockwell get those people? Just look at that golden brown turkey being sliced by the distinguished gentleman in the cardigan sweater. The beautiful Royal Doulton bowls heaped with steaming mashed potatoes and chestnut dressing.

The silver bowl with the cranberry and walnut relish as delightful to the eye as the palate... one can almost smell the aroma of cinnamon cider as it wafts through the house. In the background a fire can be seen in the fireplace and you just know it is crackling.

Unwittingly, the mind starts to play tricks—imagining your family in that picture... oh, how lovely, how peaceful, how impossible! Norman Rockwell will not be your family's holiday inspiration—Norman Bates is more likely!

Sure, your table will also have a turkey (your sister's husband) and there will be two dressings: the one falling out the rear end of the beige and black Butterball and the bottle of Hidden Valley Ranch your cousin brought as a hostess gift.

The mashed potatoes in the chipped harvest gold Pyrex bowl were potato flakes just moments before your sister-in-law added the boiling water, salt and

butter. (This was her response to "Can you bring a vegetable?")

The cranberries are quivering in a bowl like a fat red slug still in the shape of the can. Any pleasant cinnamon cider odors have been out-wafted by Grampa's last visit to the "little boys room." Instead of the fireplace crackling, the play-by-play action of the Detroit Lions vs. anybody, can be seen on the portable television on the buffet.

The tension, unlike the turkey, can be cut with a knife over not enough gravy or drumsticks and whether there will be enough Cold Duck to keep the glasses filled through the entire meal especially considering the way Aunt Bertha is chugging it.

The men at the table have begun to unbuckle their belts and affectionately pat their protruding stomachs as they eye the couch and recliners as their next destination.

The kids are engaged in "scratch and sniff" activities to determine what is on the carpet beneath their place at the table. One person expresses a need for a toothpick and hands shoot up in the air of

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Senior citizens resurrect New Mexico's roots

By Fritz Thompson

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Jupe Means was born in a cow pasture, he says, and learned to ride when he was 3. He could stay in the saddle — all day if necessary — by the time his family arrived in New Mexico in 1919.

Now 81, a little slower and a little more hobbled, this onetime bronco buster turned cattle breeder is one of the keepers of the legacy held by a dwindling number of the state's longtime farmers and ranchers.

Rattlesnakes, blizzards, curing colds with kerosene and the never-ending quest for water color the recollections of early-day settlers from around the state.

Their resurrection of the past will be available to all New Mexicans in April as oral histories and transcribed interviews in the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum nearing completion in Las Cruces.

Their words reflect the life and times of New Mexico's agricultural past.

That era is remembered by people like Pablo Bernal, at 101 years an articulate, alert and engaging storyteller, recalling events that otherwise exist only in the history books.

It is about women like Natalia Lucero DiMatteo, who remembers a drought so devastating it condemned to death 24 orphaned calves, gunned down as an act of mercy.

The dilemma that confronted almost all the ranchers of those times is best captured by third-generation rancher Jupe Means, leaning on his cane in the cow barn. "We had lots of land and lots of cattle," he says, "but absolutely no money."

Means was born in 1916 in the Davis Mountains of West Texas, one of four sons. The family eventually moved to New Mexico, ending up where Jupe still lives, seven grassland miles southwest of Mule Creek in Grant County.

Ranchers, as a rule, remember hard times best. Those days and months and years remain in their minds as being so frightful, and to persevere or to make a living from the land under those conditions comes to mean deep sacrifice.

Means goes down to the corral these days in a truck. This place, where they deal with horses and cattle, is his true element and somehow makes him appear younger. His story is a long one; these are but a few glimpses.

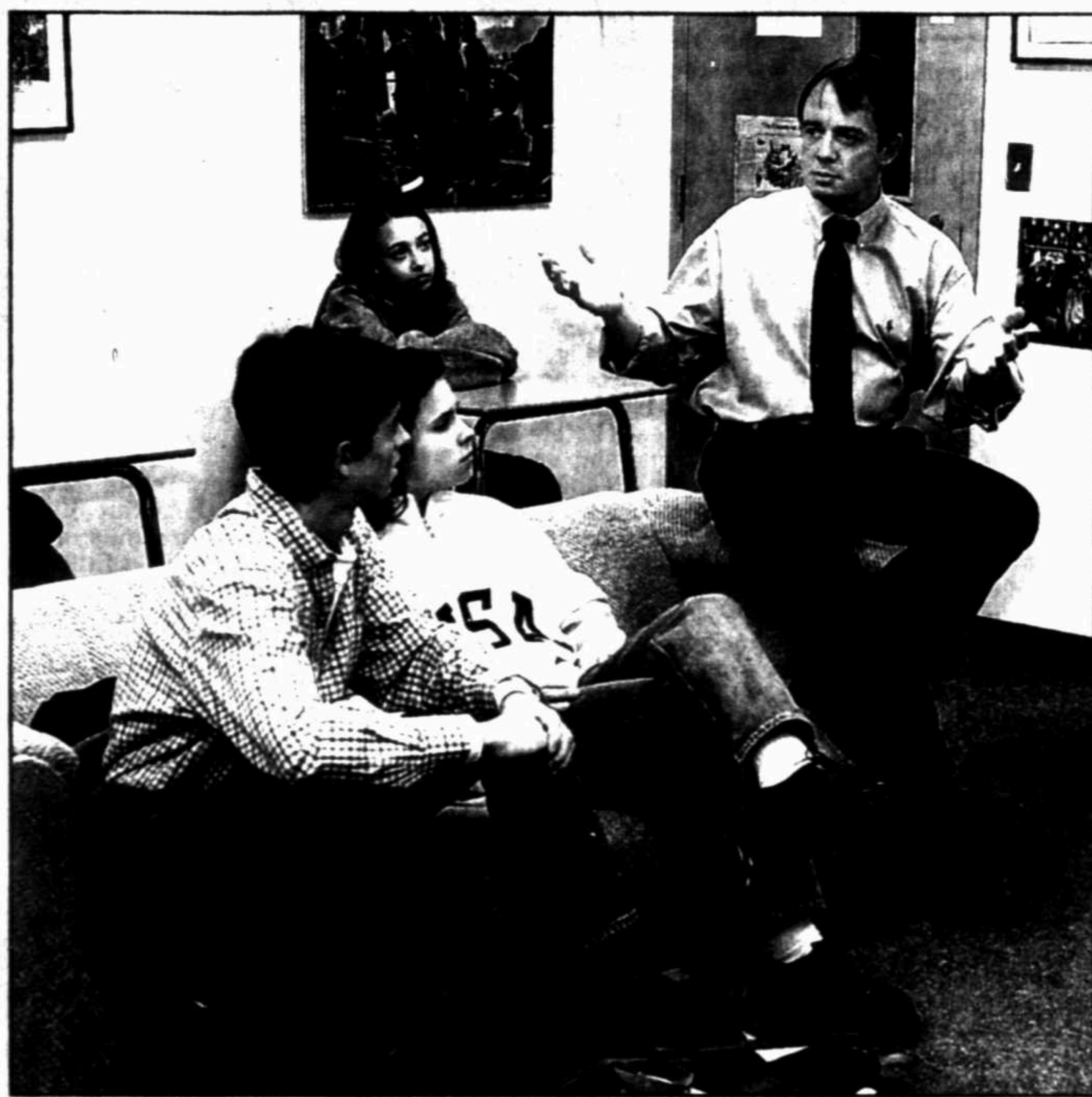
"In the drought of 1925, we lost eight- or nine-thousand cattle out of 12,000. I was 9 years old. I rode with my daddy all the time that year. He carried a big old pistol and there'd be cows down and were gonna die. There was no water. He'd put them out of their misery. A cowboy friend of ours said you could walk a mile up Spring Canyon and never step off a dead cow. Gosh, almighty, it made an impression on me."

"By far this is the best business to go into, but you gotta love cattle, love horses," he says. "I'm a common sense ecologist. All of us ranchers have common sense. Ted Turner? He's not our kind."

He went to New Mexico Military Institute in 1934, joining the polo team.

"I wasn't any honor roll student, but I was a damn

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Trinity School French teacher Richard Catania leads a group discussion about cultural diversity in Midland.

Passport to education

By Amy Brasher
Staff Writer

The first thing Trinity French instructor Richard Catania asks a student who wants to become fluent in a language is, "Did you get your passport?"

Promoting the experience of cultural diversity in Midland and traveling abroad is Catania's No. 1 mission as a foreign language instructor. He said he often recites his favorite quote to his students, "Ne pas voyager, c'est lire le livre de sa vie, en restant a la premier page" meaning, "not to travel is to read the book of your life, never going past the first page."

Catania has sent Midland students as far as Spain, Mexico, China, Taiwan, Russia

and recently, he traveled with 31 students to his home country of France.

"I strongly believe the key element to learning a language is to travel abroad in order to better understand the culture... in 1997, your education is not complete unless you have done so," he said.

Not to travel is to read the book of your life, never going past the first page.

—Quote read by Trinity school instructor Richard Catania.

For Marty Hamblin, 15, her first trip to France was in sixth grade and she has now been three different times. "I didn't go as a tourist, I actually lived in France—I spoke the language, ate the food and learned the French culture. I found that when I came back, I was more mature than others my age. I had gone to a different country and experienced something they hadn't," she said.

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JIMMY PATTERSON

With healthy kids, never take holidays for granted

For eight months during 1994, life was particularly difficult on the family. The three kids together experienced five different surgical procedures from April through November.

On two occasions, the youngest child came close to dying, according to doctors.

It all started with a hernia operation when the youngest child was just three weeks old. Then, at six weeks, another hernia repair. And at four months, an infection. An emergency Lifeflight in the middle of the night to a medical facility in a neighboring, larger city was necessary. Emergency surgery was performed at 2:30 on a Sunday morning. The youngest child had been under careful watch and an emergency room doctor categorized the baby as critical, suffering from something called septic shock.

The baby's heartbeat quickened, his breathing became labored. His heartbeat sped to 150 beats per

minute and his respiration was measured at over 200 per minute. He was carefully loaded onto a plane along with his mother and hastened to a medical facility staffed with a pediatric surgical specialist.

A couple of months after the youngest child's last operation was over, it was learned that not one but both of his sisters would have to endure hours-long operations which would relieve them both of their thyroid glands. The sisters were both born into a family that carried a gene for something called Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia II. Simply put, it is cancer handed from the father to his children. As surgeries go, the two procedures were routine enough and were to be performed by an expert surgeon, one of the very best in the country. Still, weeks went by and the entire family was concerned that the sisters would have to endure the trauma of invasive surgery. The incision was just inches from a major artery.

As it would turn out, the sisters would miss only a week of school, which, all things considered, was a remarkable recovery. The youngest child hasn't had a medical problem to speak of since.

In those eight months, in between those five operations, many tears flowed in the family.

In the midst of the seemingly unending medical difficulties the family experienced, the kids' mom was unceremoniously fired from her job during her maternity leave with the youngest child. At the time, it was painful, but really the least of the family's worries at the time.

Someone asked me recently what I would be most thankful for this holiday season. This Thanksgiving, and for every Thanksgiving since 1994, I'm thankful that The Boy survived three surgeries in his first four months of life. I'm thankful that he survived the critical condition label placed on him when he was just 4 months old. I'm thankful that sometime Thursday he will likely take a piece of turkey and dip it into his milk before he eats it. Or he may leave it in his milk, who knows. We'll scold him a little, then we'll sit back and think about the situation, gross out a little and then probably start laughing.

Laughing is something else for which we can be thankful for this year. Few things soothe the family soul as much as shared laughter. It is an intoxicating feeling. I'm thankful for people who see their family in our family and for people who can share in the

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DAVE BARRY

Guys find important uses for their extra brain cells

Last July, when a group of Danish researchers announced that men have an average of four billion more brain cells apiece than women, a lot of us guys decided to celebrate this affirmation of our superior intelligence by spending a couple of months drinking beer and throwing furniture off the tops of buildings to see what happened to it.

But now we return to find that many women have been ridiculing the Danish discovery. These women have been saying that, OK, maybe males have more brain cells, but it doesn't matter, because males never use their brains to think about anything besides sex.

This is not true! Males are perfectly capable of thinking about other topics, as is shown by the following conversation, which was recorded on a cockpit voice recorder just before a recent airplane crash.

PILOT: I'll tell you what, that flight attendant has a major pair of... Whoa! Looks like engine No. 1 has stopped



Barry

working!
CO-PILOT: Whoa! So have engines No. 2, 3 and 4!

PILOT: (Pause.) So, how about those 49ers?

Another thing I wish to point out is that when men appear to not be thinking, they often ARE thinking, but it's about some issue that women would not understand. For example, back in July there was a widely publicized incident in which an elderly couple set out from their home in Kenilworth, N.J., to drive to a doctor's office 2.8 miles away, with the man of course at the wheel. They were located more than 24 hours later, after having driven an estimated 800 miles through an estimated three states. We all know why this happened. According to the Associated Press story, the man "refused to ask directions during the entire trip."

Of course you women are laughing about this. For years you have made fun of us men for refusing to ask directions. But did it ever occur to you that we have a REASON? Did it ever occur to you that, with our four billion extra brain cells, we might be thinking about something that YOU DON'T KNOW? That something is this: Under the Rules of Guy Conduct, if you're a guy driving

a car, and you don't know how to get where you're going, and you pull over to ask another guy, and he DOES know, then he is legally entitled to TAKE YOUR WOMAN! Yes! He can just lean through the window and grab her! That's what the elderly Kenilworth, N.J., guy was trying to prevent, and YOU WOMEN LAUGHED AT HIM! I bet you feel silly now!

And here's something else to consider: When guys are not using their extra brain cells to protect their loved ones by refusing to ask directions, they are thinking up important new ways to advance human society, such as Big Gun Radio-Controlled Warship Combat.

I am not making Big Gun Radio-Controlled Warship Combat up. This is a hobby wherein guys build large, elaborate models of World War II-era fighting ships — some of them six feet long — equipped with radio-controlled motors and CO2-powered cannons that shoot ball bearings. The guys then go out to a pond somewhere to maneuver their ships around and try to sink their opponents' ships by shooting them; when ships are sunk, they're retrieved from the water, repaired, and put back into action.

We are not talking about a casual pas-

sion, here. We are talking about an all-out, totally obsessive guy effort involving clubs, bylaws, an international sanctioning body and many pages of detailed rules and specifications. We are talking about model ships that can cost over \$1,000. We are talking about guys spending entire weekends engaging in serious pond action, repeatedly sinking and re-floating their ships.

I'm sure many of you women out there are snickering at this. You're saying: "Why go to all that trouble? Why not just stay home and whack your model ship with a hammer?"

This is the problem with being a few billion brain cells short: You cannot grasp the essential significance of an activity such as Big Gun Radio-Controlled Warship Combat. I believe this significance was best expressed by Al Boyer, the alert reader who told me about this activity, and who was able, thanks to his large, highly analytical male brain, to pinpoint precisely the quality that defines it: "C-O-O-L."

I spoke with Phil Sensibaugh, who belongs to the largest warship combat club in the world, which is located, as you might expect, in Albion, Ind., where Phil has a private pond. Phil told me that when you build a ship, you have to

decide whether you want to be on the Allied side, or the Axis side. He also said that, during battles, there's a lot of trash-talking between the two sides on the pond banks. For example, according to Phil, if a guy takes a shot at your ship, you might say, "Nice talking, you Axis dog!" Phil also said that he's had guys bring ships from as far away as California to fight on his pond.

"A lot of people think this is totally insane," he noted.

Not me. I think high heels are insane; I think Big Gun Radio-Controlled Warship Combat is one of the most important advances in guy thinking since the potato gun. To find out more about it, you can check the Internet site at: <http://www.pacificnet.net/~rkehr/big-gun1.htm>. If you don't know how to get on the Internet, my advice is: Whatever you do, don't ask directions.

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SENIORS: Museum a dream of late agricultural secretary

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good polo player," he recalls. "I could ride a horse, you know. We went back East and played some teams, beat many of them. It was the highlight of my life."

In 1989, Means wrote a check for \$10,000 to get the museum off the ground, back when it was a dream of the late Bill Stephens, secretary of the state Department of Agriculture.

Pablo Bernal was born in 1896 on the banks of Ponil Creek on the 1.7 million-plus-acre Maxwell Land Grant. Bernal later educated himself on the area, and now believes his father had to give up the ranch he owned near Cimarron because, poorly informed and not understanding English, he had accepted a fraudulent title to the land.

Bernal sits in a wheelchair, dressed in overalls and a red checked shirt. He still has a shock of white hair, his eyes are

clear, his voice carries force and when he stands, it is only with a slight stoop.

"My father and his brother were in partnership, ranching on Ponil Creek. His brother got afraid of being shot soon, and he said 'I'm leaving.' So my uncle left and my father stayed all alone in that place. My father said it was mighty lonely with no friends. He stayed there two years, but many people from there were shot and he thought 'What am I going to do?'"

The shootings had been fostered many years before by disputes over ownership on the Maxwell grant. People around Cimarron chose sides and argued over fake land titles and forced evictions.

"My father knew New Mexico and he looked all over and he filed for homesteads in those places (on the grant) but they turned him down. It was a political setup. He had title to the land on Ponil Creek but it was

no good, you know.

"My father was one of those guys born in New Mexico when there were no schools, so he didn't learn one letter, neither did my mother; they didn't know one letter of the alphabet. They didn't know anything about English so they didn't know if things were the truth or a lie."

Bernal's long involvement in the livestock business earned him widespread respect as an innovative and resourceful rancher.

Today he lives in Colfax General Hospital and nursing home in Springer.

Natalia Lucero DiMatteo was born in 1920 to the politically prominent Lucero family in Dona Ana County. Her father, Jose Lucero, later operated a cattle ranch on what became White Sands Missile Range.

Her recollections of life on the ranch, recorded and transcribed by Human Systems Research, are vivid.

"The only really bad time that I can recall is the drought... that one year when the cows climbed into the tank. With the lack of water, cattle were dropping like flies; they were dying. ... God, it was a very hard, sad period for us."

"I really do remember that it got so bad that a lot of cows that had calves died. Dad would find all these little calves and bring them home. We were feeding them Carnation milk."

"And when it came to the point that there was no point, like Dad said, they couldn't keep them alive, he came to town and notified people that they were going to have the government shoot them. ... And these 24 little calves — Julie and Izzie (sisters) had named each and every one of them. I still remember the names of two of them because they were twins: Patootie and Palooka. Can you imagine having to just shoot them?"

Mary Rulla, a math instructor at Trinity, said she has traveled to Germany for the past seven summers in order to observe the history, culture and growth. She said she lives with families instead of going as a tourist so that she may experience how Germans live each day.

Trinity requires students to take three years of foreign language, although many of the students take up to five or more years of a language.

Catania said that there are scholarships available for those who wish to travel.

As Mark Twain once said, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

"This proves that you can't see everything in Midland, Texas. You have to go abroad," Catania said.

TRAVEL: Lee Freshman official will also travel abroad with students soon

(From 1B)

Catania said he believes that aside from gaining the appreciation of other cultures, living in another country becomes an existential education that allows students to appreciate their own culture as well.

He recalls a student who told him, after returning from a semester of living in France that, "I discovered how much I loved America when I learned how to love another country."

This also proves likewise for those who travel from other countries to Midland. Catania, who once dreamed of coming to America, has lived in West Texas for 15 years. Catania said there are many attitudes and gender approaches that are very gratifying and rewarding.

Recently, Catania asked three foreign exchange students from Lee High School to talk to a ninth-grade Trinity French class about their experiences of living in Midland.

Nils Baudiss of Germany, 18, said he thinks many Midland students lack knowledge about other countries.

"I met a girl at school who asked me if Europe is in England," he said. Weadimico Capaso, 17, of Rome, Italy, said many people did not know the capital of Italy.

Capaso also found that the common practice of hugging other males in Italy is not so common in Midland. "In Italy every girl gets a kiss, but not

here — there is a certain form of distance."

Christophe Marquis, 18, of France, said he was surprised to see teenagers consuming so much sugar and junk food.

"In France, everything is fresh. It amazes me to see how much candy children absorb here," he said. Baudiss said, "Germans have the idea that Americans are overweight because everything is fried."

Socially, Marquis said that he loved to watch the Jackalopes game. All three students agreed that the strangest thing they encountered so far was a pep rally.

"One thing we don't have in France is cheerleaders, but I wouldn't mind having them," Marquis said.

"We see kids coming to us but the question is, how many kids are we sending abroad," Catania added.

Mary Beth Hughes, former Spanish instructor at Lee High School and now assistant principal at Lee Freshman, will take students through six different European countries this summer, studying the language and culture of each. Ms. Hughes, like Catania, said she believes traveling abroad is vital to students.

"Many times, students get the wrong impression of different cultures because movies and television tend to dramatize one aspect or another."

She said her experience of traveling to Mexico as a freshman in high school and in col-

lege allowed her to be totally immersed in the language and culture.

"I was able to participate more in the culture because there was no English spoken; therefore, I lived the culture and was forced to speak the language," she said.

Because of her experience, she has sent her 14-year-old son, Jeff, to both France and Mexico to become more culturally diverse.

When it comes to learning a new language, Catania, who speaks French, Spanish, Latin, English and Chinese at various levels, said that there are many myths people allow to get in the way.

Older people often think that because of their age, they are not capable of learning a new language, he said.

"Whether you are deaf or blind or have a learning difference, all people are capable of learning a foreign language."

In fact, Catania said that as an adult, they have more time to learn the language as well as more freedom to travel to other countries.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Guidelines for submissions to "Yours for the Asking":

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■ Look around your home for something someone else could use. Almost everyone has something no longer needed that someone else may benefit from.

PATTERSON: Healthy kids a reason to be thankful this, and every, holiday

(From 1B)

laughter with us.

I'm thankful that The Boy's two older sisters have been healthy since undergoing six-hour surgeries three years ago. Sure, they have their moments, just like any 11-year-old teenager or just like any third grader who likes to push the envelope.

Talking about 1994 is still not an easy thing to do. So many painful days. So many sleepless nights. Before now, I would've never even considered writing about it. No need to draw any more attention to the situation. Too many other people go through so much more than we did without benefit of being able to vent publicly like this.

There were a lot of prayers three years ago; a lot of medical

professionals who took a lot of time out of their lives to make sure our kids survived their ordeals.

Thanks to those prayers and those professionals, the five of us will crowd into our small dining room, have a nice dinner, carve a little bird and wait for The Boy to do something goofy that will allow us to share a few laughs.

Before 1994, it was easy to take the Thanksgiving holiday for granted. We don't do that anymore.

Jimmy Patterson is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram. He can be emailed at jpatterson@basinlink.com. Additional original columns can be read at www.pattentime.com. Click on any age, then enter "Family Man" in the search field.

THANKSGIVING: Bates, not Rockwell, the Norman with the best laid holiday meal plan

(From 1B)

everyone else who can't dislodge the turkey from their teeth with their dinner forks. While your defrosting the Cool Whip for the frozen pumpkin pies, the rest of the family is in dental hygiene heaven and shouting out orders of "leaded" vs. "unleaded" (referring to coffee, of course).

Out of the corner of your eye you see the dog coughing up the missing cheese log appetizer.

Then it hits! The realization why you have an unnatural, but justified dislike for Pilgrims, Don-

na Reed, Martha Stewart and the aberrant Norman Rockwell families which continue to hold you up to unattainable standards. The truth be known, Norman Bates would make a better role model for your entertaining needs — He always kept the guest list small — just he and his mother.

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EDITION	DEADLINE	
Thursday, November 27	Friday, November 21	4pm
Friday, November 28	Tuesday, November 25	5pm
Saturday, November 29	Wednesday, November 26	Noon
Sunday, November 30	Tuesday, November 25	Noon
Oil, Lifestyle, Entertainment	Wednesday, November 26	5pm
Main, Local, Sports	Wednesday, November 26	5pm
Monday, December 1	Wednesday, November 26	4pm
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Victims say mediation, not construction, helps prisoners

ARLINGTON (AP) — Construction isn't the solution to the problem of Texas' crowded prisons, says Vernon resident Robert Kimbrow. Kimbrow knows a little something about state prisons. That's where he confronted the man who suffocated his only daughter.

The 55-year-old Kimbrow, a soft-spoken seed distributor, talked with his daughter's killer for 5 1/2 hours last November through the state's Victim/Offender Mediation Program.

He urged members of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice at their Friday meeting in Arlington to spend more money on the mediation program and less on erecting giant slabs of concrete.

"There's got to be more to it than just housing 'em," Kimbrow said, his hands stuffed in the pockets of his dark blue Wrangler jeans. "You just get 'em in and get 'em out."

But with the state's 145,000-bed prison system expected to overflow in two months, building prisons is exactly what the department is doing.

Board members Friday approved construction of two high-security prisons — one in Amarillo and the other in the East Texas town of Woodville. They approved bid requests for two others in Wichita Falls and Lamesa and gave the green light for design plans on a fifth facility in Karnes County.

The reason: Texas has almost tripled its prison capacity since 1992, sprouting from 48,000 to 145,000 at a cost of \$1.5 billion.

The bed shortage is the result of parole rates dropping from 85 percent to 15 percent during the past three years, combined with more

parolees being sent back to prison for parole violations.

Board chairman Allan Polunsky predicted the construction trend would continue for the next three or four years.

"There's absolutely no question we're about ready to get into a crunch once again," Polunsky told a packed ballroom at the Arlington Hilton.

In the meantime, the state is making plans to contract with counties for jail space. Lesser-security dormitories with about 107 beds each also will be added onto 19 existing prison sites. The first of those beds should be ready in 10 to 12 months.

At the same meeting, victims of violent crimes made emotional presentations to the board about their experiences with the Victim/Offender Mediation Program.

Coordinator David Doerfler showed a video of Kimbrow's tense encounter with Ferien Edward Wardrip, who suffocated his 21-year-old daughter Tina with a pillow after a three-day drug binge in May 1986.

Wardrip is scheduled for release Dec. 10. But Kimbrow said he feels no anger or fear, having spoken with the killer.

"It's such a relief to be able to tell him how you feel. It's such a healing, you can't describe it," Kimbrow said. "Lord, I hope none of you have to go through it. I know in my heart he'll be a better person when he comes out because of this meeting."

Doerfler began organizing mediation sessions between victims and offenders in March

1995. Since then, 10 dialogues have taken place, but the waiting list is 250 people long.

Each session requires months of preparation, with both parties undergoing counseling beforehand. Both sides must agree to the meeting and either can pull out at any time.

The program runs on an \$80,000 annual budget, but Doerfler hopes to secure \$240,000 in grants to expand the program and train more mediators.

Polunsky said the board supports the mediation program, but he's not sure if it could help reduce prison population numbers.

"I think certain people, it might help, but I don't expect the numbers to be significant," Polunsky said.

"It's been helpful in terms of the victim's situation. It brings some peace and closure to their tragedies."

Sabrina Ehrenreich agrees. The Houston woman's 72-year-old grandmother was raped, stabbed, choked with wire and left for dead in March 1987.

Through the state's mediation program, Ehrenreich, 27, confronted her grandmother's killer, Daniel Corwin, who's scheduled for execution Jan. 27. She described to board members the rage and hate that filled her before meeting with Corwin.

"I have observed him and I have questioned him. Maybe he cares about what he did and maybe he doesn't," the tall blonde said through tears. "I am finally at peace with the killing and the killer."

Doctors discuss ethics of pulling plug

LUBBOCK (AP) — An 83-year-old man lies motionless in a hospital bed, his brain and kidneys having deserted him. It's a matter of time until his other organs follow suit.

Because he hadn't made any plans for this vegetative state, the man's family forces doctors to keep him alive with tube feedings, a breathing machine and dialysis.

As doctors and the family debate, the man finally succumbs to heart failure.

"At least we do not feel guilty, because our father died with everything being done for him," said the daughter in the hypothetical case presented by West Virginia University lecturer Dr. Alvin H. Moss last week.

Texas Tech panelist Dr. Thomas McGovern questioned the daughter's conclusion: "I'd like to argue their father died with everything being done for his family."

Moss, a kidney specialist and bioethicist who addressed a Texas Tech ethics forum Thursday, said doctors still aren't as adept at dealing with such situations as they should be. He emphasized that communication is key, especially before a patient endures such dire straits.

"Many patients want their families to make the decisions," Moss told an audience of medical personnel Thursday. He said advanced care planning is the key, and it doesn't have to involve a lengthy legal document, just a "good talk."

"More important isn't what a patient would want, it is what a patient would not want," he said.

Forum attendees described their struggle between family demands to keep patients alive and their oath to "do no harm." Many of them construed artificially maintaining a shell of a body as doing more harm than good.

When patients make it clear they want to be kept alive under any circumstances, case law still supports their right to live no matter the cost.

Doctors are charged with determining whether the burden-to-benefit ratio is "proportionate" or "disproportionate." Then, more importantly, they must clearly and fully inform the patient or his family the situation.

"In the scenario there was a \$300,000 bill. About \$200,000 could have been saved," if the family had stopped heroic treatments when doctors diagnosed the man brain-dead. "Isn't it a happy scenario when doing the right thing costs us less?"

Whether patients detail their critical care wishes in writing or simply discuss their beliefs with family, physicians or clergy, Texas Tech associate law professor Elizabeth Schneider said, preparation is crucial.

"The time you enter the hospital is not the time to be drafting these agreements," she said.

In the forefront of Moss' ethics talks is dialysis, the exhausting method whereby patients in renal failure get their blood cleaned by a machine three times weekly.

A majority of the United States' approximately 250,000 dialysis patients are elderly, many of

'More important isn't what a patient would want, it is what a patient would not want.'

—Dr. Alvin H. Moss,
West Virginia University lecturer

whom aren't candidates for transplantation. About 10,000 either voluntarily stop treatments or are taken off when it's decided that burdens on quality of life outweigh the benefits of staying alive, Moss said.

Moss and other kidney specialists are formulating standards by which dialysis should be discontinued, a task he hopes other disciplines will mimic.

The biggest challenge for bioethicists, however, occurs when patients can't make their own decisions. One Tech doctor said "do not resuscitate" orders signed by patients often aren't immediately to doctors faced with split-second decisions.

Moss supports the availability of a wallet-sized card to instruct doctors not to perform heroic lifesaving measures in certain situations.

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DEAR ABBY

Native American questions treatment of elderly

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: It has always disturbed me that in the white culture, women fear old age and want to look younger.

In our Native American culture, one is given a birth name; but at age 13, young men are sent out into the woods for four days to fast until they see their "vision," at which time they return and describe it to the medicine man. Then they are given their adult names.

After age 50, one is considered an "elder" of the nation or tribe, and a ceremony is held where we are given our "elder name." When individuals become elders, they are highly respected for their wisdom and are taken care of by our people as long as they live. I am proud to be an "elder" of my tribe. I don't dye my hair because pure white hair is growing in. I'm proud to be getting elderly.

We don't send our elderly off to

convalescent homes or hospitals and forget about them because they're old and senile and too much trouble to deal with. We take care of them and listen to their traditional stories, which we pass on to our children and grandchildren. We have a strong spirit for our people, especially our old people.

Too bad white people don't look at life as stages, and death as a transformation to a beautiful spiritual life — forever.

I am married to a great hereditary chief related to Chief Greylock, so I am a princess by title. May the Great Spirit walk with you and give people the wisdom of what it means to be elderly. — PRINCESS SHEILA RUNNING WATER, PROUD ELDER OF THE WABANAKI NATION, GREAT SACRED FALLS, VT.

DEAR PRINCESS SHEILA: At the risk of generalizing, many individuals of various races regard their lives as "stages." And they'd prefer to postpone the last stage as long as possible. Entire industries have been built upon this principle.

DEAR ABBY: One more gripe from a senior citizen. Mine con-

cerns having a mammogram.

As I stand there with my bare breasts hanging down to my waist, my silver hair glistening in the bright light, the X-ray technician asks me, "Are you pregnant?" — D.M.K. IN LARGO, FLA.

DEAR D.M.K.: If you take into account the fact that a 64-year-old woman recently gave birth to a child through the miracle of hormone therapy and in vitro fertilization, I think that's not an unfair question.

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Fired official claims lottery players to be 'ripped off' in upcoming year

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Lottery is hiding a report showing that scratch-off game players will be cheated during the upcoming year and warning about a budget shortfall, the agency's recently fired director says.

Lawrence Littwin's report says the average payout for instant games, now at 62 percent of sales, might have to be cut to as low as 42 percent of sales to meet legislative mandates, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Last spring, lawmakers ordered lottery commissioners to squeeze the prize pool to pay for other state programs.

Littwin's report says that will result in lottery players being "ripped off." He tried to release the report himself before the commission fired him Oct. 29.

But agency officials threatened

to sue him if he made any documents public, and lottery staffers followed him with a video camera during an informal meeting with reporters.

Several news organizations then sought the report under the Texas Public Information Act, but the lottery has turned down those requests and now wants Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to rule on the open records question.

"They're going to stonewall you as much as they can," Littwin told the Chronicle last week. "Anything that is in there is perfectly legitimate. There is no confidential information whatsoever."

Littwin says his report also outlines how a drop in instant ticket sales could result in a revenue shortfall of up to \$700 million in the current two-year fiscal budget.

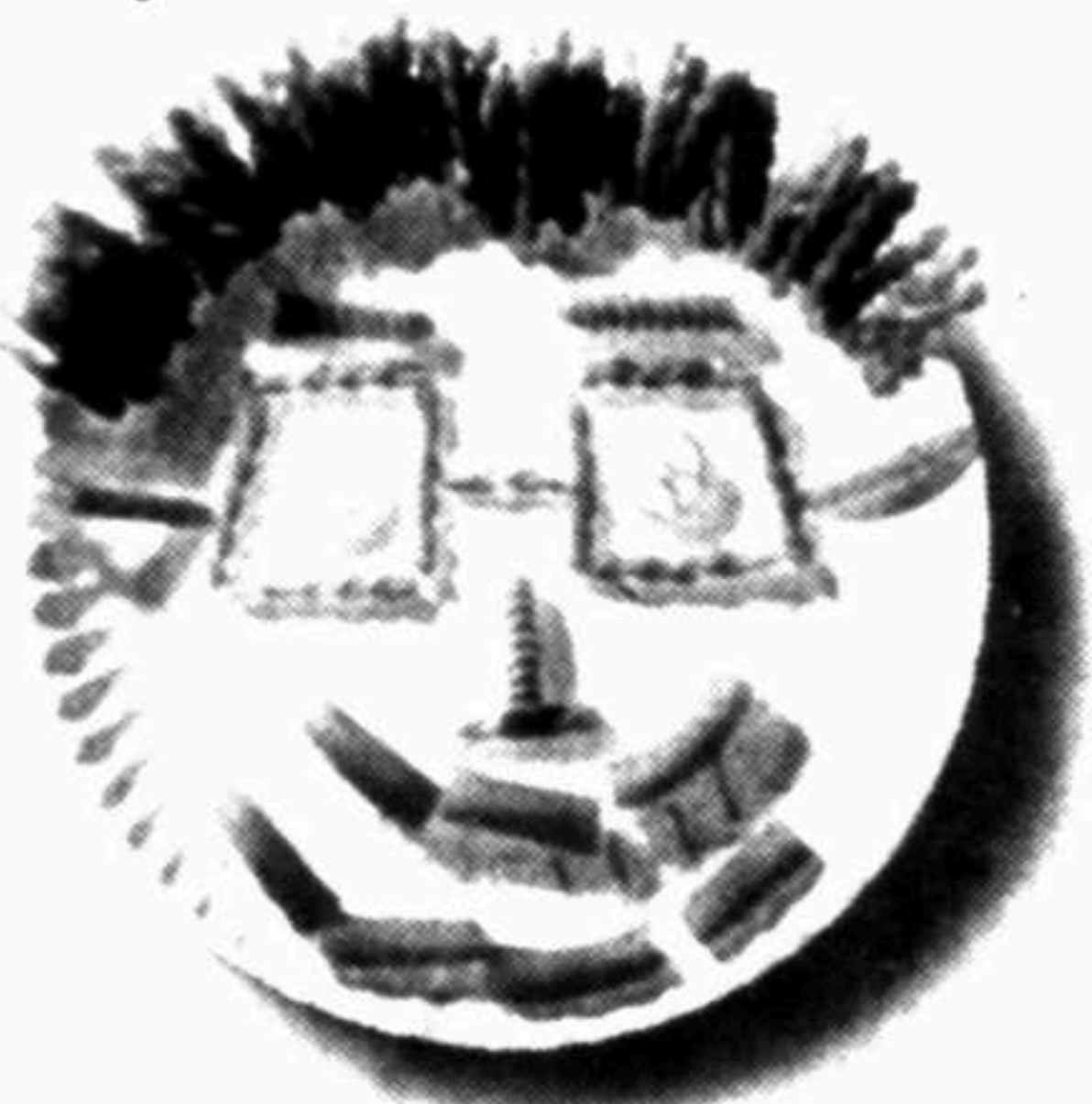
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DEATH NOTICES

James Dyer

ANDREWS—James "Bud" Dyer died Saturday, Nov. 22, at his residence in Andrews.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, in the Andrews West Cemetery with the Rev. Carl Hopkins officiating.

He was born Nov. 30, 1931, in Amherst. He was a self-employed welder and blacksmith. He was a member of the Moose Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pansy Wiggins in December, 1966.

Survivors include his son, Lonnie Dyer of Andrews, a daughter Ellen Dyer of Fort Worth; two sisters, Thelma Harrison of Penryn, Calif., and Maudie Collier of Riverside, Calif.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bernice Boatman

ODESSA—Bernice Boatman, 68, of Odessa, sister of Midlander

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

Louise Coffee of Midland, died Saturday, Nov. 22, at her residence.

Services are to be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, with the Rev. Bruce Troy officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

She was born Dec. 6, 1928, in Cement, Okla.

She was a retired secretary. She was a member of Second Baptist Church.

Other survivors include her husband, R.G. Boatman of Odessa; two sons, Ray Boatman of Egan, Minn., and Max Boatman of Shawnee, Okla.; a brother, Earl Gene Broyles of Shawnee, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

POLICE REPORTS

Police chase

A juvenile burglary suspect apparently escaped capture early Sunday morning during a car chase through Midland County by law enforcement officials.

The Midland Police Department and the Midland County Sheriff's Office were involved in a 16-minute chase with three male juvenile suspects, according to Tina Sanders-Jauz, public information officer for Midland Police Department.

The chase began in Midland but ended south of the city limits. One suspect escaped by foot before his two friends wrecked on County Road 135, Ms. Sanders-Jauz said. They were not seriously injured.

The suspects had earlier burglarized Mr. M Food Store in Midland on State Highway 349, she said. Midland Police Department patrol units then pursued the suspects, in a red Isuzu pickup, who drove south on the highway, at speeds up to 65 miles per hour.

Once cars left the Midland city limits, the Midland County Sheriff's Office took over the chase, with MPD providing assistance.

One suspect bailed out in a field off County Road 132 and was not captured, according to Ms. Sanders-Jauz.

The remaining two suspects continued until the driver wrecked his vehicle at the intersection of county roads 135 and 1175. The two received minor injuries and were later taken to Culver Youth Home on charges of burglary and evading arrest. No other information was available at press time.

Midland Police Department

Saturday

Aggravated assault: Two men were involved in an argument at 300 E. New York Ave. and one man was struck with brass knuckles. Adam Galindo reported the incident at 1:07 a.m.

Burglary of a motor vehicle: Auto accessories were taken from a GMC Sierra pickup parked at a residence at 1208 W. Dakota, Francisco Cereceres reported at 2 a.m.

Theft: A 26-inch men's Huffy bicycle was taken from a residence at 405 N. Carizzo St. Josie Contreras reported at 7 a.m.

Criminal mischief: The right rear window was broken on a Ford Thunderbird while it was parked at a residence at 712 S. Tilden, Eddie Zachary reported at 8 a.m.

Sunday

Burglary of a motor vehicle:

Items were taken from a gray pickup parked at 1008 S. Midkiff, Cynthia Russell reported at 2 a.m.

Theft: A bicycle was taken from a residence at 3618 Storey Ave., Robert C. Armendarez reported at 3 a.m.

Criminal mischief: The left door window of a Honda Accord was shattered while it was parked at 1400 W. Louisiana, Karen Houghton reported at 7 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Saturday

Shots fired: Shots were apparently fired near the Arco booster station at South Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Burns Security reported the incident at 2:04 a.m.

Prowler: A male subject was seen looking through a window at a residence at 5400 N. CR 1278, Lisa Gamble reported at 8:36 p.m.

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HEALTH BRIEFING

Meeting conducted

The American Heart Association's annual meeting, which concluded earlier this month in Orlando, Fla., is the world's largest scientific gathering, attracting 37,000 participants this year to hear 4,300 presentations — testimony to the fact that cardiovascular diseases kill 855,000 Americans annually, nearly twice as many as cancer. Here is a sampling of the reports:

Reducing odds

The 1995 death of 16-year-old Matthew Messing of Quincy, Mass., who collapsed after being hit in the chest by a hockey puck, seemed as unlikely as being struck by lightning. But Dr. Barry J. Maron of the Minneapolis Heart Institute has found 55 such cases, nearly all athletes with perfectly healthy hearts.

The phenomenon is called commotio cordis, Latin for "concussion of the heart," and it usually results from a sharp blow to the breastbone by a puck, a baseball, or a collision with a teammate. Heart rhythm is disrupted if the blow takes place during the 30 milliseconds (.03 seconds) when the organ is electrically recharging itself before its next contraction.

Five of the 55 victims of commotio cordis survived, thanks to very prompt resuscitation by bystanders. This suggests to Maron that greater public awareness of the syndrome and immediate resuscitation might save more young lives.

Prevent damage

Heart failure is one of the most tragic and frustrating diseases confronting patients and doctors. Often the only ultimate solution is a heart transplant, but only about 2,000 donor hearts are available each year, while heart failure afflicts more than 4 million Americans.

A new treatment provides hope that the damage leading to heart failure might be reversed by a genetically engineered molecule that blocks tumor necrosis factor or TNF.

First discovered in malignant tumors, TNF is now recognized as an initiator of inflammatory damage in many tissues. Dr. Douglas Mann and his colleagues at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston previously reported that TNF levels are about eight times higher in failing hearts.

Recently Mann reported that a molecular "decoy" that binds to excess TNF significantly improved the condition of a dozen patients with advanced heart failure. The patients could walk farther in six minutes, had less shortness of breath with exertion and felt better after injections of the TNF blocker.

Most significant, patients' hearts were able to pump about 15 percent more blood with each contraction after receiving the TNF blocker.

"This is the first proof of the concept that blocking this molecule has beneficial effects on patients," Mann said.

Next he will try larger doses of the TNF blocker, which so far causes no ill effects, in a larger number of patients.

Nurturing the nurturer

About a quarter of the 1.5 million Americans who suffer heart attacks each year end up with serious depression, judging from a study by Dr. Roy Ziegelstein and his colleagues at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. And depression makes them more likely to die in the subsequent months.

"Many patients become cardiac invalids," said Dr. Chris Strychacz of the University of Missouri, who studied 420 heart patients and their spouses. Many disengage mentally and emotionally from their partners and others.

"Depressed people may appear lacking in energy, but inwardly they are very aroused and they have increased stress hormone levels," Strychacz said. "This may lead to a higher risk of heart attack."

Women were especially depression-prone if they engaged in what Strychacz called "protective buffering" of their husbands — shielding them from the implications of the illness. "Protective buffering will increase women's own distress and their risk of a heart attack," Strychacz said, urging doctors to be mindful of marital dynamics in families coping with heart disease.

Bite the Habit

CHICAGO (AP) — Pack-a-day smokers can expect to lose at least two teeth every 10 years, according to the Academy of General Dentistry.

Citing two separate 30-year studies, the organization says that smokers are two times more likely to lose their teeth as non-smokers.

"The good news is that the risk of tooth loss decreases after you quit smoking," says Dr. Fred Magaziner, spokesman for the group.

"But the bad news is that the risk of tooth loss was still higher among the quitters than among those who never smoked."

The studies suggest that smoking encourages periodontal disease, which leads to tooth loss.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram News Services and "Med Notes" by Richard A. Knox.



Top photo, Louis Paulmier and his dog, Melek, head out for a walk from a three-room house connected to Independence Dog Inc.'s office in Chadds Ford, Pa. Paulmier, who has Parkinson's disease, is among a small group participating in a new program that pairs Parkinson's patients with well-trained dogs. In a homey environment with hardwood floors, Paulmier bonds with Melek and learns to control her with commands. Bottom photo, Paulmier and Melek successfully navigate both their walk and their relationship.

Dogs restore independence

By David Kinney

CHADDS FORD, Pa. (AP) — Louis Paulmier has suffered every indignity of Parkinson's disease. He lost his athletic build and a face so handsome that friends called him "Beau." Police once picked him up thinking he was drunk because he slurred his words.

Worst of all is the falling. Nearly 20 times each day he loses his balance and tumbles to the ground — a problem that neither medicine nor support groups, not even a Mexican faith healer could help.

Now, he may have found a remedy in a burly animal named Melek, a Turkish herding dog who will be his support — a constant brace by his side to guard against falls.

Paulmier, 65, is among a small group in a program that pairs Parkinson's sufferers with trained dogs. After three weeks together, Melek — an Akbash who stands about mid-thigh to Paulmier — is already making a difference in his life.

"Seeing him walk now, I can't believe it," said Paulmier's wife, Marge. "He's as surprised as anyone about the effect the dog has had."

"Honestly, I was skeptical at first," said Dr. Matthew Stern, a neurologist at Pennsylvania Hospital. "But when I went and saw what they could do for these patients, it made perfect sense. If these dogs can be someone's eyes, why can't they be their legs, too?"

Doctors believe this is the first attempt to use the dogs against two problems caused by the progressive nervous disorder that drugs cannot solve: freezing and falling.

Freezing leaves a Parkinson's victim temporarily paralyzed. Experts are unsure of the cause or how a dog can avert the sporadic attacks by placing a paw on a person's foot.

"What happens when a patient freezes is unknown, what's going on in their brain," Stern said. "What we do know is that certain cues can make them break the spell," including a dog's touch.

A program run by Independence Dogs Inc., with sponsorship from the hospital and pharmaceutical company SmithKline Beecham PLC, has brought in the first group of Parkinson's patients. The nonprofit group has trained dogs to assist people with a variety of muscular and spinal diseases for 13 years.

IDi is funded by charitable gifts and charges patients nothing for the dogs or the training program, except for a \$200 fee for a harness.

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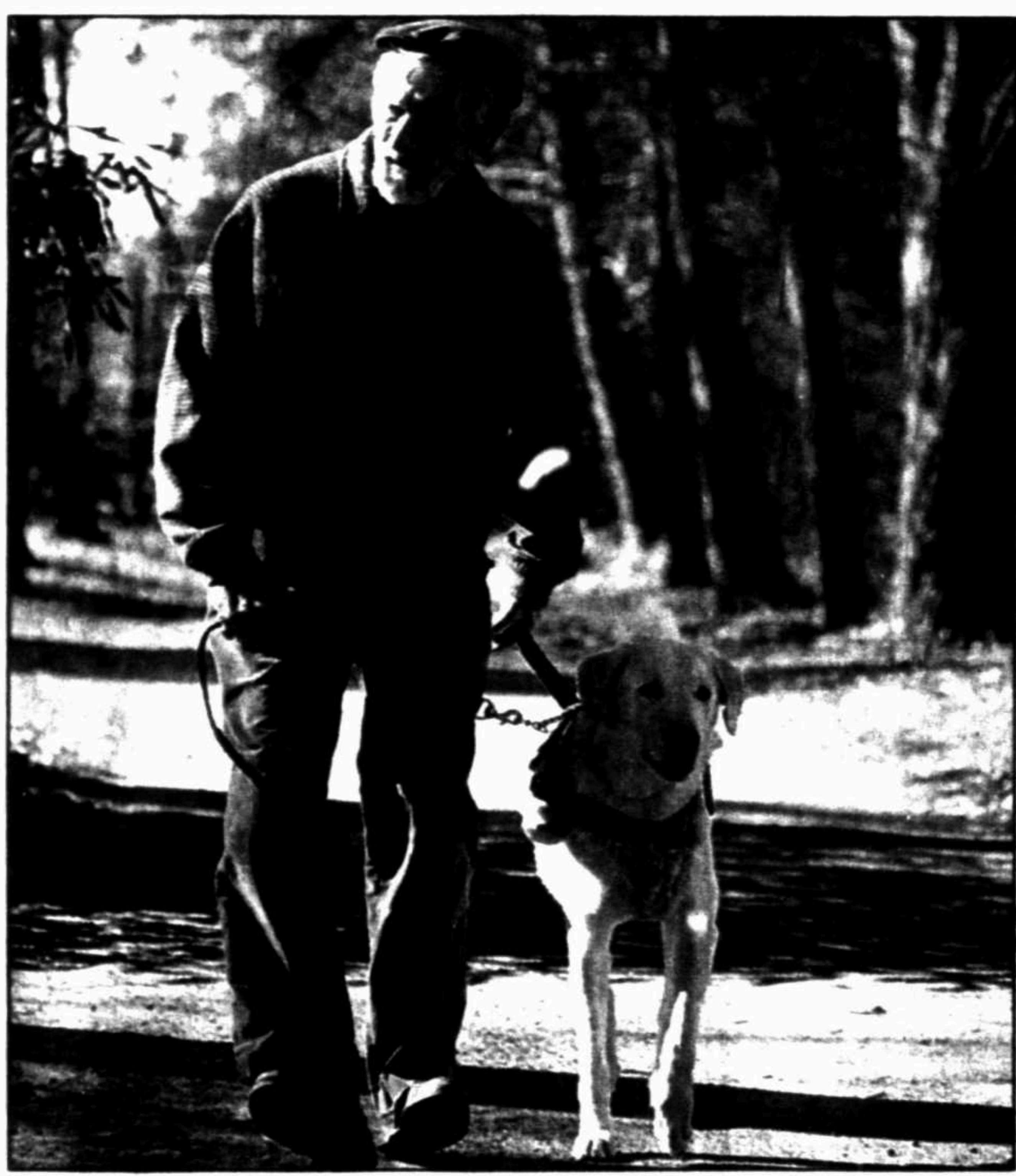
While you can't shield children from all illnesses, you can take some simple, medically proven measures to help boost their immunity.

You don't need an arsenal of antibiotics or the latest herbal remedy, wrote Linda Heller in an article in the November issue of Redbook. A dose of common sense and some stay-well strategies will help keep your kid healthy.

The highest level of antibodies passed on to breast-fed babies is actually found in "first milk," or colostrum, a thin yellowish liquid produced by the breast during the first few days of an infant's life, according to Jack Newman, M.D., a pediatrician at the Hospital of Sick Children in Toronto.

Colostrum contains a collection of antibodies specifically targeted against the infectious germs that newborn babies are most likely to encounter. It also contains interferon, a natural chemical that attacks viruses. And breast milk itself includes certain chemicals that may actually help an infant's immune system to mature more quickly. In fact, one British study shows that 13 weeks of breast-feeding gives babies protection for up to one year against many infections.

Make sure your baby gets his DPT vaccines. The diph-



Paulmier, a proud Quaker who taught physical education and health at Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia, fought the disease for years. At first he refused to acknowledge it — blaming his beard when friends noticed his slurred speech.

In 1973, he acknowledged he had the disease. He continued to drive. Each year, he and his wife went to Maine to work their 12-acre blueberry farm. He would make the one-hour trip through the woods to the Quaker meeting house. He even went surfing in Hawaii.

"Almost killed himself," Mrs. Paulmier said. More recently, his condition has worsened. On one trip through the Maine woods, he got lost and knocked on the door of a stranger's home. They turned him away, thinking him drunk.

The falls have gotten worse, too, and he has been forced to face the toll the disease is taking. Watching a home video, he turned to his wife and said, "I can't believe that old man is me!"

Besides helping with the falls and paralysis, Melek will also retrieve items for Paulmier.

Melek won't return his muscular physique or his golf game, but the Paulmiers hope their companion will restore his master's confidence. Already he walks better than he did with the two canes he brought to Chadds Ford. And he hardly fell at all last week.

Treatments for myopia are sighted

By Dr. Robert Cykiert
Associated Press

In the last two years, more than 300,000 Americans have thrown away their glasses for good, thanks to the use of lasers in treating myopia. Many have gone from being legally blind without their glasses to having perfect vision improvements that result from a laser operation that lasts less than one minute and takes effect within weeks.

Myopia, or near-sightedness, is a condition in which the shape of the eye causes light to converge in front of instead of on the retina. The result is that things at longer distances are blurry. People with myopia need glasses to drive, may have trouble finding the bathroom at night or reading a digital alarm clock by a bed, and may require prescription goggles to swim in a pool or the ocean. Severe cases, called "high" myopia, are above the 20/200 benchmark for legal blindness: those with severe high myopia may have difficulty seeing their own fingers, from an arm's length away.

Until two years ago, ophthalmologists could correct near-sightedness with glasses, contact lenses, or a riskier surgical procedure called RK to cut into and reshape the cornea — the outermost layer of the eye. But two years ago, after 10 years of research, the FDA approved photorefractive keratectomy (PRK) — a technique that uses a computer-guided laser to change the curvature of the surface of the cornea. After having PRK, the eye refracts light onto the retina and all but eliminates nearsightedness.

Moreover, PRK has opened the door to the use of LASIK, a procedure that combines surgery with the laser techniques on high myopia. LASIK and PRK have been extremely successful. Ninety-eight percent of all patients who have PRK end up with better than 20/40 vision — which means they don't even need glasses to drive. Eighty percent have 20/20, or perfect vision. Results with LASIK are similar, but it only has a three-year record.

Along with their high success rates, both operations are pain-free and take between 15 to 50 seconds for PRK, and a few minutes for LASIK to perform, on an outpatient basis in a hospital or doctor's office if lasers are available. Typically, patients leave minutes later and are able to go back to work within one to two days. The side effects of the operation are usually slight — a minimal soreness for 24 to 48 hours, comparable to the feeling of an eyelash in the eye.

In the worst cases, which occur only occasionally, a patient feels temporary pain like that of a scratched cornea. Every operation has risks, but PRK and LASIK have only rare and mild ones: halo or glare from lights at night, typical of what patients had when nearsighted, and haziness or mild scarring of the cornea that is often treatable with the laser. Most patients' vision will be 20/40 or better within one to two weeks. Within a month or two, as the cornea smooths itself out, most patients will reach 20/20. Visual recovery with LASIK can be faster than PRK.

You are a candidate for the operation if your myopia has been at the same level for at least two years. Because myopia usually appears during the teen-age years and increases until a person is in his 20s, most people who get the operation are in their late 20s or older.

One final but necessary piece of information: although the new techniques can have a dramatic effect on people's lives, insurance companies and HMOs consider them "non-essential" surgeries. Most patients pay out-of-pocket for the cost — \$1,500 to \$2,300 for PRK and \$2,500 to \$2,800 for LASIK. The procedures are available at most hospitals in larger U.S. cities.

Dr. Robert Cykiert is Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at New York University School of Medicine.

Medically proven measures help boost immunity

theria-tetanus-pertussis immunization has received a lot of bad press because of the pertussis, or whooping cough, component. In a very rare number of cases, it has been linked to serious reactions such as seizures. More commonly, it produced side effects such as fever, fussiness, soreness and swelling at the injection site. But whooping cough itself can be much, much worse, lasting up to 10 weeks and possibly leading to pneumonia, seizures and even death.

Raise your child in a smoke-free environment. Exposure to secondhand smoke increases a child's susceptibility to ear infections, colds, bronchitis, tonsillitis, and asthma. In fact, secondhand smoke is even a risk factor for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Smoke impairs the ability of white blood cells throughout the body to kill harmful bacteria, and it weakens the airways, making them more vulnerable to disease-carrying germs and pollutants. It also zaps the level of vitamin C circulating in the bloodstream, which can weaken immunity.

Exposure to a wide variety of mild illnesses during the normal course of life can ultimately help a child fight off infections. Even if your youngster develops only a mild cold, the immunity she builds up is just as powerful as it would be with a more serious reaction to the same virus, according to P. Joan Chesney, M.D., pro-

fessor of pediatrics at the University of Tennessee at Memphis.

And separating siblings when one is sick often makes little sense because many illnesses, such as strep throat, are contagious before their first symptoms appear.

Teach your children to wash their hands more regularly and correctly, especially before eating and after using the toilet. Many common illnesses — colds, flu, diarrhea, and conjunctivitis — are spread by germs on unwashed hands.

Don't rush to give antibiotics. The more antibiotics your children take, the greater the chance that they will be infected with strains of more resistant bacteria. During the past decade alone, up to 40 percent of the bacteria that commonly cause ear infections have become resistant to penicillin and other antibiotics, and most experts believe it's due to their overuse.

Dole out plenty of cantaloupe, which is rich in vitamin C, and beta carotene, an important source of vitamin A, both of which top the list of nutrients believed to play an important role in immunity.

And yes, a healthy dose of chicken soup — made the traditional way with carrots, celery, onions, parsley, garlic and spices may also help stave off minor illnesses.

SPORTS BRIEFING

TV, Radio Sports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Maui Invitational, first round, Duke vs. Chamblaine, 1 p.m., ESPN; George Washington vs. Kentucky, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.

NHL — Anaheim Mighty Ducks at Dallas Stars, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

NFL — Oakland Raiders at Denver Broncos, 8 p.m., ABC. RADIO: KCBS (550 AM).

TENNIS — Kremlin Cup semifinal, 1 p.m. (tape), FSS.

Texas Scores

NFL — Green Bay Packers 45, Dallas Cowboys 17.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men — SMU 78, Austin College 44.

Women, No. 8 Texas Tech 93, No. 17 Stephen F. Austin 83.

Boston College 82, No. 25 Texas 68.

Oklahoma 66, UT San Antonio 53.

Ohio State 78, Houston 69.

Sports Today

PREP BASKETBALL — San Angelo Lake View at Midland High girls, 6:30 p.m.

Midland Lee girls vs. Ozona, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center.

AP Top 25 Poll

By The Associated Press
The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Michigan (59)	11-0	1,749	1
2. Nebraska (1)	10-0	1,679	3
3. Tennessee	9-1	1,570	5
4. Penn St.	9-1	1,497	6
5. Florida St.	10-1	1,470	2
6. UCLA	9-2	1,311	7
7. Florida	9-2	1,285	10
8. North Carolina	10-1	1,236	8
9. Ohio St.	10-2	1,206	4
10. Wash. St.	10-1	1,178	11
11. Kansas St.	10-1	1,165	9
12. Arizona St.	8-2	978	12
13. Auburn	9-2	907	13
14. Georgia	8-2	865	14
15. Texas A&M	8-2	727	16
16. Syracuse	8-3	648	18
17. LSU	7-3	589	20
18. Purdue	8-3	473	23
19. Missouri	7-4	433	21
20. Colorado St.	9-2	359	25
21. Washington	7-4	270	17
22. Mississippi St.	7-3	257	15
23. Southern Miss.	8-3	182	—
24. Air Force	10-2	148	—
25. Oklahoma St.	8-3	118	—

Others receiving votes: Virginia Tech 112, Iowa 70, West Virginia 60, Wisconsin 44, New Mexico 41, Louisiana Tech 30, Marshall 30, Clemson 25, Notre Dame 20, Virginia 6, Southern Cal 4, N. Carolina St. 2.

Ex-Chap wins

SYDNEY, Australia — Former Midland College golf star Andrew Coltart of Scotland held on through testing conditions to shoot a final-round 76 for a four-shot victory Sunday in the \$350,000 Australian PGA Championship.

Coltart, 27, the 1994 champion, protected his five-shot lead and won with a 3-under total of 285 at the par-72 New South Wales course. Australians Stephen Allen, who carded a 75 and Stuart Appleby, who had a 73, tied for second at 289.

Coltart's lead was cut to just two strokes at the turn by New Zealander Paul Devenport but Coltart remained steady while Allen, Devenport, Robert Allenby and Appleby faltered when forced to push too hard in the windy conditions.

It was Coltart's first victory since he won by two shots from Australian Terry Price in 1994.

"It's been a long time and you really start to doubt yourself and ask why you can't win," said Coltart.

Devenport dropped back for a 75 and share of fourth place at 290 with Rodger Davis of Australia (73).

World speed skating

CALGARY, Alberta — American Chris Witty set a world record in the 1,000 meters Sunday at the World Cup long track speed skating championships.

Witty soared to a finish of 1:15.43 to break Canadian Catriona LeMay Doan's record set Saturday. LeMay Doan finished second, .28 seconds behind Witty. Germany's Franziska Schenk came in third.

LeMay Doan, who set two world records Saturday, won another gold medal and a silver Sunday.

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Smelling like a Rose

Michigan receives all but one of 70 votes for top spot in poll, in position for national title.

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Michigan, completing its first perfect season since 1971, was a near unanimous choice as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll.

The Wolverines (11-0), who beat Ohio State 20-14 on Saturday, received 69 of a possible 70 first-place votes and 1,749 points Sunday from the panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Nebraska (10-0), idle Saturday, replaced Florida State at No. 2 with one first-place vote and 1,649 points. The Seminoles (10-1), 32-29 losers to Florida, tumbled to No. 5, leaving the Wolverines and Cornhuskers the only major unbeaten teams.

Nebraska still has games remaining against Colorado on Friday and Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game Dec. 6.

Tennessee (9-1), which clobbered Kentucky 59-31, moved up two places to No. 3 with 1,570 points, while Penn State, a 35-10 winner over Wisconsin, also advanced two places, to No. 4, with 1,497 points.

UCLA (9-2) moved up a notch to No. 6 after its 31-24 win over Southern California, followed by No. 7 Florida, No. 8 North Carolina, No. 9 Ohio State and No. 10 Washington State.

The Buckeyes (10-2) fell five spots after their loss at Michigan.

The Big Ten champion Wolverines play Washington State (10-1) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1, knowing a victory would virtually secure their first national title since 1948. Since the AP poll began choosing national champs after bowl

games in the mid 1960s, a No. 1 team winning in the postseason has always emerged with the national title.

Kansas State (10-1), which beat Iowa State, fell two spots to No. 11, followed by Arizona State, Auburn, Georgia, Texas A&M, Syracuse, LSU, Purdue, Missouri, Colorado State, Washington, Mississippi State, Southern Mississippi, Air Force and Oklahoma State.

Purdue (8-3), which completed its first winning season in 13 years, jumped five spots to No. 18 with a 56-7 rout of Indiana. Colorado State (9-2), a 38-17 winner over San Diego State, also moved up five places, to No. 20.

Mississippi State (7-3), upset 17-7 by Arkansas, fell seven spots to No. 22, while Washington (7-4) dropped four places to No. 21. Southern Mississippi, Air Force and Oklahoma State rejoined the Top 25, while Virginia Tech, West Virginia and Wisconsin fell out after losses.



Michigan quarterback Brian Griese acknowledges the crowd with a rose in his hand after he led the Wolverines to a 20-14 win over Ohio State at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor. No. 1 Michigan will play in the Rose Bowl.

Levens, Lambeau level Cowboys

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — For the Green Bay Packers, finally getting the home tundra advantage over Dallas turned out to be less important than Dorsey Levens and Brett Favre.

Levens rushed for a Packers record 190 yards and Favre threw four touchdowns passes as Green Bay routed Dallas 45-17 Sunday, breaking a 10-10 half-time tie by scoring every time it touched the ball after intermission.

Still, the win was sweeter because it was the first for this edition of the Packers, who had lost eight straight to Dallas, the last seven at Texas Stadium. There were some who felt the Packers' Super Bowl victory last season was tarnished because they didn't defeat Dallas along the way.

"I have a vivid memory of last year after they beat us — Reggie White pointed at the sideline and said 'come to Lambeau, come to Lambeau,'" said Levens, who broke Jim Taylor's 36-year-old single-game record of 186 yards.

"I knew we had them when they left the field two minutes early in warmups because of the cold."

Actually, while the wind chill was minus-4 when the game started and the temperature was in the 20s, the Packers didn't really have them until the second half. But then they REALLY had them.

"I witnessed in the second half probably the best kicking the Cowboys have had in a long time," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "We were totally dominated."

Indeed they were — Green Bay was 9-of-9 on third downs after intermission, 13-of-17 for the game.

"We really didn't adjust, we just

made plays," Favre said. "The biggest key was that on third down, we converted."

The defense helped, too. After surrendering 467 yards last week in a loss to previously winless Indianapolis, it allowed Dallas only 213, and chipped in with a touchdown of its own — a 34-yard fumble return by Darren Sharper. A telling stat: Dallas had as many first downs as it had penalties, 11.

But most important for the Packers (9-3) is that the victory puts them a game ahead in the NFC Central of Minnesota and Tampa Bay, which both lost. Their next two games are on the road against the Vikings and Bucs.

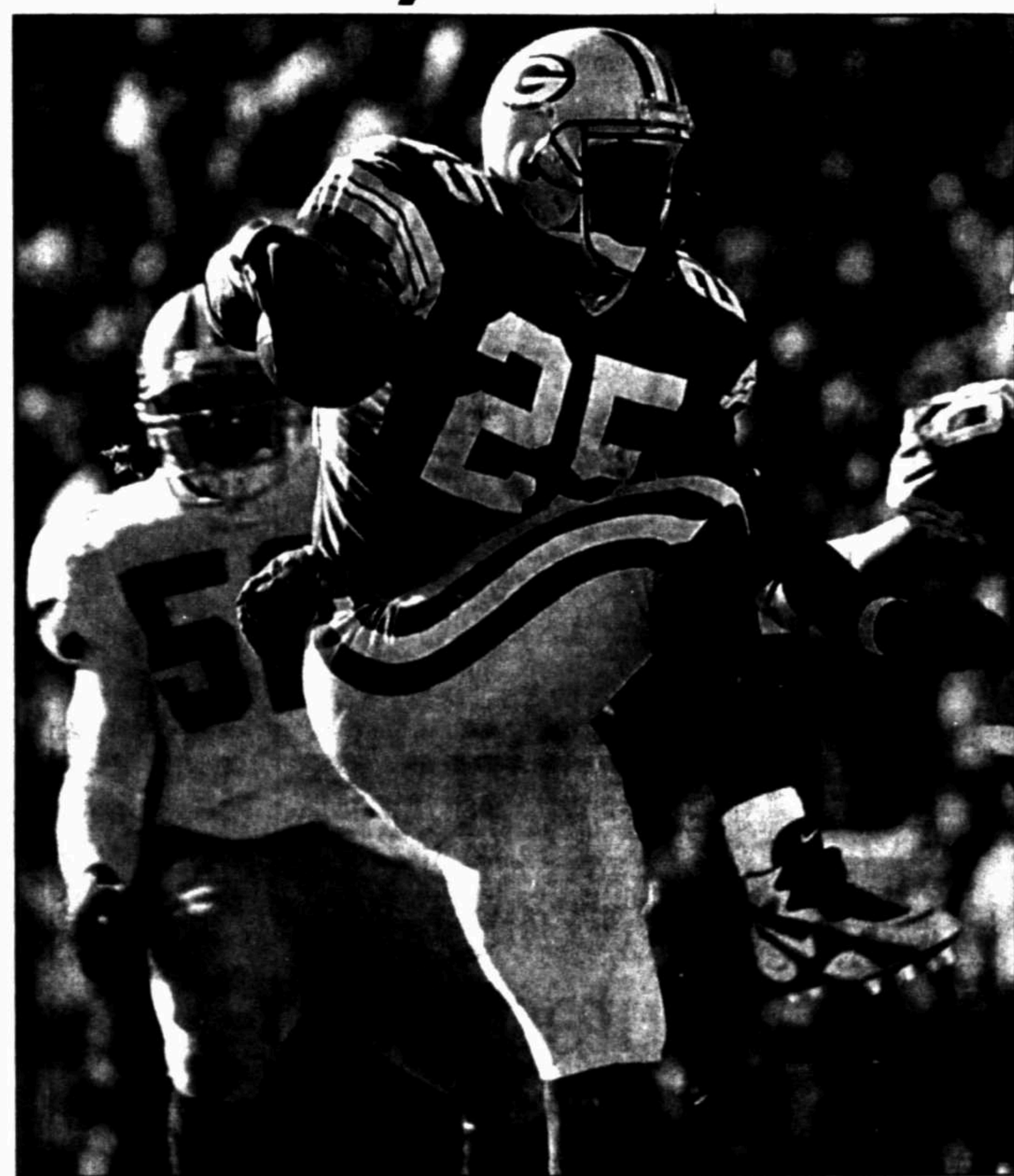
Two of Favre's TD passes, 4- and 2-yarders to tight end Mark Chmura, came in a third quarter in which Dallas ran just three offensive plays and had the ball for just 1 minute, 44 seconds. Levens, who carried 33 times, got 145 of his yards in the second half and capped his day with a 5-yard TD run with 1:55 left.

The Cowboys (6-6) demonstrated the problems that have hurt them all season — getting in the end zone — although they had the ball for just 7:41 in the second half. Their 103 yards in penalties included a critical 34-yard pass interference call against Deion Sanders, whose 50-yard pass interception return was one of their two TDs.

"It was a pretty good whoopin' in the second half," said quarterback Troy Aikman said. "They played very well and we didn't play very well."

It was 10-10 at halftime — both touchdowns coming when Favre threw the ball. The first was a 7-yarder to Levens, the second with 1:20 left in the first half when Favre tried to throw to the sideline off his back foot and Sanders

Please see COWBOYS/2C



Green Bay Packers running back Dorsey Levens crosses the goal line in front of Dallas Cowboys linebacker Dexter Coakley during the first quarter Sunday in Green Bay. Levens broke a Packers record with 190 yards rushing as the Packers won 45-17.

Sorenstam leaves no doubts in Tour Championship

By Tim Dahlburg
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS — By the time she parred the 18th hole to get into a three-way playoff in the LPGA Tour Championship, Annika Sorenstam had already wrapped up the player of the year and season money titles.

Three holes later, she took care of one last remaining bit of unfinished business. Sorenstam capped her season the way she began it, beating Lorie Kane and Pat Hurst in a playoff Sunday to win the \$160,000 first prize in the season-ending tournament.

"I feel like I'm living in a dream and

I never want to wake up," Sorenstam said. "It's just an unbelievable feeling."

Sorenstam, who parred the last nine holes in a 2-under 70 final round, made three more routine pars in the playoff, winning when Kane pulled a 5-foot par putt to the left on the 17th hole. Hurst dropped out on the first playoff hole when she put her second shot in the water.

It was the sixth win of the year for Sorenstam, who set an LPGA record with \$1,236,789 in season winnings, and had already assured herself of the player of the year and money titles by finishing in a three-way tie after 72 regulation holes.

The player of the year and season money titles combination was the second for

Sorenstam, who pulled off the same feat in 1995. This time, however, it was much sweeter for the 27-year-old from Sweden.

"When I won in '95 it felt like it just happened and I didn't feel like I was in control of it," she said. "This time I set it as a goal when I started the year."

Kane, a 32-year-old non-winner in her first full year on the tour, started the day 6-under and bogeyed the first hole. She was flawless from then on, however, making six birdies the rest of the way in.

Kane was aggressive in the playoff, running a putt by three feet on the second playoff hole, then rapping her 20-foot-er on the final hole five feet past.

"I'm a little disappointed but extremely excited at the same time," Kane said. "I would have never imagined I would be here starting the year."

Tour great Nancy Lopez also was tied for the lead on the back nine, but finished with a bogey and double bogey to fall from contention.

Sorenstam, who started the season by winning the Chrysler-Plymouth tournament, had a one-shot lead to start the day but gave it up quickly when she bogeyed the third hole. From that time on, it was a three-way fight for the lead, becoming a four-player race when Kane shot 32 on

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Following loss Foreman says he's quitting

By Ed Schuyler JR.
AP Boxing Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — George Foreman walked away from boxing, and left them laughing. Foreman, who will turn 49 on Jan. 10, announced his retirement following his majority decision loss to 25-year-old Shannon Briggs that was greeted with jeers and catcalls.

"I'm walking away," said the puncher with a paunch, who defied time for a decade and made an indelible mark in a young man's sport. "This could go on for the rest of my life, chasing young guys. Young guys should be chasing young guys."

In 1994, at age 45, Foreman became the oldest heavyweight champion in history by knocking out Michael Moorer in the 10th round for the WBA and IBF titles.

Asked if he thought anybody would break that record, Foreman said, "If some guy breaks it, I'm coming back."

Then, in his best carnival barker's voice, he added, "I'm the last of the bearded ladies. Step right up."



Former Heavyweight Champion George Foreman makes a point during the post fight news conference at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City, N.J., Saturday. Foreman, who will turn 49 on Jan. 10, 1998, announced his retirement.

Almost everybody but two judges thought Foreman won the 12-round fight Saturday night.

Said Briggs: "He had the crowd behind him, and that's why they reacted like they did."

The reactions of most of 5,220 fans at the Trump Taj Mahal were those of dismay and anger. Ring-side reporters were virtually unanimous in thinking Foreman won.

Foreman, all 260 pounds of him, pressed Briggs throughout. Briggs' movement and jab might have given him an edge, or at least had him even, after eight rounds. But Foreman appeared to con-

Tech's season ends with hollow feeling

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

An NCAA investigation took away Texas Tech's chance of post-season play and the Oklahoma Sooners killed their dream of a Big 12 South out-right championship.

Texas Tech, (6-5, 5-3) which withdrew from championship play because of an ongoing probe, had everything going its way with an 18-9 third quarter lead. A victory assured the Red Raiders of the Big 12 South title.

Tech chancellor John Montford had pledged to have his head shaved if the Raiders won, but the Sooners (4-8, 2-6) saved him from a haircut with a rally for a 32-21 victory.

In the only other Big 12 South game, Oklahoma State (8-3, 5-3) completed its regular season with a 24-14 victory over Baylor (2-9, 1-7) with a hope of get-

ting a bowl invitation.

The Red Raiders may have been thinking about shaving the chancellor's head too soon.

"I'm sure (the planned celebration) had something to do with it," Tech senior Dane Johnson said. "When you keep thinking about the trophy, shaving the chancellor's head, you start thinking you don't have to play the game."

The Sooners definitely came to play. Seth Littrell had two touchdown runs and Justin Fuente broke out a rare Oklahoma passing attack for the Sooners, who snapped a four-game losing streak in which they'd been outscored 176-28.

"We only have ourselves to blame," Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge said.

Trailing 18-9, the Sooners went to work. Fuente's 19-yard touchdown pass to Stephen

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Sanders goes over 200 as Lions rout Colts

Associated Press

Barry Sanders rushed for 216 yards and two touchdowns, including an 80-yarder, as Detroit routed Indianapolis 32-10.

NFL Roundup

Sanders topped 100 yards for the 10th straight game and became the first running back in NFL history to score three touchdowns on runs of 80 or more yards in a season. Sanders, held to just 53 yards in his first two games, now has 1,427 with four games remaining.

It was the second straight win for the Lions (6-6). The Colts (1-11) lost quarterback Paul Justin early in the second quarter with an injured left knee.

Cardinals 16, Ravens 13

At Baltimore, Arizona got its first road win of the season when Joe Nedney kicked a 43-yard field goal as time expired.

The Ravens (4-7-1) tied it on a 34-yard field goal by Matt Stover with 34 seconds left. But Arizona QB Jake Plummer, making his fifth NFL start, moved the Cardinals (3-9) 55 yards in six plays to set up Nedney's third field goal of the game.

Oilers 31, Bills 14

At Memphis, Steve McNair ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third against the one of the NFL's stingiest defenses as Tennessee kept its slim playoff hopes alive.

Buffalo (5-7) had allowed only 13 touchdowns on 36 trips inside the 20 this season, but the Oilers scored on three of their four trips into the

red zone. Only Eddie George's fumble stopped them from scoring a fourth time.

Patriots 27, Dolphins 24

At Foxboro, Dan Marino threw interceptions that Jimmy Hitchcock and Larry Whigham returned for touchdowns, and Whigham got another interception at the goal line to stop a fourth-quarter comeback as New England beat Miami.

The Patriots (7-5) moved into a second-place tie with Miami in the AFC East, one game behind the New York Jets.

Jets 23, Vikings 21

At East Rutherford, the Jets stopped Robert Smith on a 2-point conversion run with no time left to beat Minnesota, which nearly overcame a 16-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Keyshawn Johnson had a career-high nine catches for 104 yards for New York (8-4). Minnesota (8-4) fell out of a first-place tie in the NFC Central.

Falcons 20, Saints 3

At Atlanta, Chris Chandler threw two TD passes in the second half, including a 36-yarder to Bert Emanuel, as Atlanta won its second straight game.

It is the first two-game winning streak for the Falcons (4-8) since 1995. The loss by the Saints (4-8) prompted coach Mike Ditka to say he probably will quit after the season.

Bears 13, Buccaneers 7

At Chicago, the Bears (2-10) held Tampa Bay to 35 yards rushing and stopped the Buccaneers twice in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory.

The loss knocked the Bucs (8-4) out of a tie

for first in the NFC Central and kept their cold-weather futility streak intact.

Eagles 23, Steelers 20

At Philadelphia, Bobby Hoyer outplayed the more heralded Kordell Stewart in a meeting of first-year starting quarterbacks.

Making only his second pro start, Hoyer completed 15 of 31 passes for 246 yards and two touchdowns as Philadelphia beat Pittsburgh.

49ers 17, Chargers 10

At San Francisco, the 49ers won a team-record 11th straight game by beating the Chargers.

Steve Young threw for two touchdowns and Merton Hanks' two interceptions led to 10 points.

Panthers 16, Rams 10

At St. Louis, third-string defensive end Israel Raybon saved the game for Carolina by tipping a fourth-down pass headed to a wide-open Aaron Laing in the end zone with 1:13 left.

Bengals 31, Jaguars 26

At Cincinnati, Boomer Esiason threw for two touchdowns in his first start since returning to the Bengals.

Chiefs 19, Seahawks 14

At Seattle, Kansas City didn't give up a second-half touchdown for the seventh straight game.

Giants 7, Redskins 7, OT

After an ugly overtime in which the Redskins had three turnovers and a costly unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Michael Westbrook, the game ended in a tie that left the Giants in first place in the NFC East.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Bobcats nip Big Spring

BIG SPRING — San Angelo Central, a team that handed Midland High's Lady Dawgs their first defeat of the season on Friday, held on Saturday to defeat the Lady Steers of Big Spring, 62-61, in the championship game of the Howard College Invitational girls basketball tournament.

San Angelo got 21 points from Kanesha Randle and 11 from Camille DeLaCruz.

Big Spring outscored Central, 20-14, in the final quarter, but fell one point shy of victory. Bellinghausen had 16 points for the

Lady Steers and Lott had 12 points and Light 10.

San Angelo 62, Big Spring 61.
Big Spring (2-2): Bellinghausen 2 0-4, Lott 5 2-3, Light 4 0-2, Hughes 4 3-4, Hughes 3 0-0, Light 3 2-2, Cole 3 1-2, Totals: 25 8-12 61.
San Angelo (8-1): Randle 3 0-0, Randle 2 2-3, Randle 3 3-4, Randle 2 1-1, C. DeLaCruz 5 0-0, Randle 3 2-3, Totals: 25 8-12 62.
Three-Point Goals: BS 5 (Hughes 3, Light 2), SA 4 (Hocher, Randle 2, C. DeLaCruz). Total Fouls: BS 13, SA 12. Fouled Out: Hughes.

Corbell aces

Bob Corbell produced a hole-in-one Sunday at Ranchland Hills Country Club, aching the 143-yard, No. 3 hole.

Corbell was playing with Pebble Corbell, Terry Manney and Ron Manney.

Mock salute fuels fire for latest Raiders-Broncos game tonight

By John Mossman

AP Sports Writer

DENVER — The Denver Broncos hardly needed any more incentive for this game.

Yet, there it is: the Oakland Raiders' mock salute at the end of a 28-25 win in October that still has some players seething. The Raiders and Broncos go at it again Monday night at Mile High Stadium, and the memories linger from Oakland's victory — Denver's first loss after opening the season with six wins.

Denver running backs created the "Mile High Salute" in the season opener, standing at attention and saluting fellow backs as a way to celebrate touchdowns.

But in the game in Oakland, Raider defenders saluted Denver's Terrell Davis when they tackled him. Raiders wide receiver Tim Brown saluted Broncos safety Tyrone Braxton after he caught a game-clinching third-down pass with barely a minute remaining.

Then, as Raiders coach Joe Bugel walked toward midfield to

shake hands, he, too, saluted.

"It was just the ultimate slap at the end," Denver running back Vaughn Hebronn said.

The Raiders, typically, dismissed the flap.

Asked if he saluted, Bugel said with a laugh, "No. I scratched my forehead."

He insisted the mock salutes weren't meant to taunt the Broncos.

"We watched them on film and saw how much fun they were having doing it (the salute)," Bugel said. "It was really just a fun gesture on our part. We didn't mean anything by it. Some of the different antics you see are copied around the NFL — how a guy spikes the ball, how he jumps into the stands, how a guy salutes, I thought it was a neat thing that they did."

Raider cornerback Albert Lewis said his team was unfazed by Denver's reaction.

"We don't really care," Lewis said. "People may want to say that is taunting. But I don't know the difference between us saluting and them saluting."

LOCAL BASKETBALL TODAY

GIRLS

Midland High

Opponent: The Lady Dawgs will host San Angelo Lakeview.

Where: Tonight's MHS-Lakeview game is at the Midland High gym.

When: Game has a 6:30 p.m. start.

Coaches: MHS: Jim Raughton. Lakeview: Rob Young.

Records: The Lady Chiefs own a 3-2 record and lost 83-54 in their last outing to Mineral Wells in the championship finals of the Mineral Wells tournament. MHS is 3-1.

beating Abilene Wylie Saturday for third place in the Big Spring tournament. MHS' only loss this year is to San Angelo Central.

Notes: MHS: Rebecca Nobles had 13 points and was the only Lady Dawg to score in double figures against Wylie... In the 61-56 loss to Central on Friday, Heidi Lange had 17 points... MHS won two of three games in the Big Spring tournament...

Next: MHS will travel to Levelland Tuesday night for a 6 p.m. contest. The MHS boys will play Levelland at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday as

part of a girl-boy doubleheader against the Lobos.

Midland Lee

Opponents: The Lady Rebels will host Ozona today.

Where: Game is at Chaparral Center.

When: The Lee-Ozona game starts at 7:30 p.m.

Coaches: Lee: Elise Kail. Ozona: Dickie Faught.

Records: Lee is 1-2. Ozona, not available.

Notes: After opening the season with a victory over Sonora, the

Lady Rebels lost two in a row in the Big Spring tournament, losing on Friday to Merkel, 56-42... Against Merkel, Lee got 14 points from Kiki Strambler and she was the only player in double figures for Lee...

Ozona is a traditional Class 2A power and owns Amber Tarr, who is regarded as one of the top players in the state. Tarr has already signed with Texas Tech...

Next: Lee will host Lubbock Monterey on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Chaparral Center as part of a doubleheader with the Lee-Monterey boys, which will play at 7:30 p.m...

COWBOYS: Packers claim redemption

(From 1C)

picked it off and high-stepped down the sideline.

"You don't throw the ball late on Deion's side," Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said. "That's the one thing Brett didn't listen to me all day."

By the end, Favre could joke about it. Late in the game, he and Sanders embraced during a timeout and Sanders held up one finger, indicating that he got Favre that one time.

But Favre then laughed and held up four.

Sanders' one shot came with

1:19 left in the half and gave Dallas a 10-7 lead. But Green Bay scored on Ryan Longwell's 32-yard field goal to tie it at the half, and then came the deluge.

Sanders gave back his TD when he grabbed Freeman at the Dallas 5 on the first drive of the half, and two plays later, Favre hit Chmura with a 4-yard pass that made it 17-10.

Then the Packers used up 8:34 to go 73 yards in 16 plays, capping it with a 2-yarder to Chmura that made it 24-10.

Emmitt Smith's 22-yard run 1:38 into the fourth quarter cut it to 24-17. But it was Dallas' last gasp as

Levens simply wore down their defense.

"I have exorcised one demon. Next week, I have another to deal with," said Holmgren, whose team plays next week at Minnesota, where he has yet to win in five appearances as a head coach.

Packers 45, Cowboys 17		
Green Bay	7	3
Dallas	7	3
First Quarter		
GB—Levens 7 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 5:48		
Dal—FG Cunningham 29, 3:33		
Second Quarter		
Dal—Smith 50 interception return (Cunningham kick), 1:19		
GB—FG Longwell 32, 0:1		
Third Quarter		
GB—Chmura 4 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 10:26		
GB—Chmura 2 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 10		
Fourth Quarter		

FOREMAN: Retires after disputed loss

(From 1C)

trol the last four rounds with punishing jabs and hard rights to the head. He hurt his 227-pound opponent in the 10th round and rocked him a few times in the last round.

Judge Steve Weisfeld, who called the fight even at 114-114, gave Foreman three of the last four rounds. Calvin Claxton, who favored Briggs 116-114, gave Briggs three of the last four rounds. Larry Layton, who scored it 117-113 for Briggs, gave Briggs the seventh and eighth rounds and called each of the last two rounds even.

The AP scored it 116-112 for Foreman, favoring him in each of the last four rounds.

Despite the loss, Roy Foreman said his brother's accomplishments were incredible.

"This has been one of the great achievements in history, in life or

in sports," he said.

That might have been laying it on a bit thick, but Foreman's career unquestionably is one of the most remarkable in sports history.

A street tough in Houston, Foreman won the heavyweight gold medal at the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City. He turned pro in 1969, became undisputed world champion by stopping Joe Frazier in the second round on Jan. 22, 1973, at Kingston, Jamaica, and lost the title to Muhammad Ali when he was stopped in the eighth round Oct. 30, 1974, in Kinshasa, the capital of what was then Zaire.

After being outpointed by Jimmy Young on March 17, 1977, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, Foreman said he had a vision and he retired to become an evangelist in Houston.

He sounded like the Rev. Foreman early Sunday when he said, "I

hope that nice young man (Briggs) doesn't smoke and doesn't drink. He should go forth and lead a good life."

In 1987, Foreman began a comeback, he said, to raise \$100,000 for his youth center. He has earned more than \$100 million in purses and endorsements. His purse Saturday night was \$5 million. Briggs got \$400,000.

The Foreman who retired in 1977 often was a scowling, menacing man. The one who came back in 1987 did so with a smile and quip, especially about his waistline and love for cheeseburgers. He became a middle-aged folk hero, especially after he went the distance in losing to Evander Holyfield in a bid for the undisputed championship in 1991 at Atlantic City.

Foreman fought his way back for a title shot and cashed in by

knocking out Moorer. He won a controversial decision over Axel Schulz in 1995 at Las Vegas before he was stripped of the titles for not fighting opponents designated by the WBA and IBF.

In the Moorer fight, Foreman's age started to show. He was far behind when he scored the knock-out. After the Schulz match, he needed 12 rounds to beat Crawford Grimley and then eked out a split decision against Lou Savarese. He looked old against Briggs, too. An old winner.

"I'm happy. I'm not hurt," Foreman said.

And a lot of people in boxing are happy as well, happy that Foreman has finally retired.

"I've had a wonderful career," he said.

Amen!

As suspected, Sooners fire coordinators

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach John Blake made official Sunday what had been speculated upon for weeks, firing his offensive and defensive coordinators in an effort to mold the team to his liking.

"I take full responsibility for the fact that our total coaching effort was not as good as it should have been. It is the job of the head coach, not any assistant coach, to assure coordination of the coaching effort," Blake said.

"Looking back, I realize that I did not adequately understand the importance of total coordination. The important thing is to learn from past mistakes, correct them and move forward."

Blake removed Dick Winder as

offensive coordinator and replaced him with Joe Dickinson, who was best man at Blake's wedding and served as running backs coach during Blake's two years as head coach. Defensive coordinator Bill Young was fired and replaced by Rex Ryan, the son of Buddy Ryan and twin brother of Oklahoma State defensive coordinator Rob Ryan.

Also let go were secondary coach Chris Thurmond and defensive ends coach Kenith Pope. The coaching changes are the first of Blake's tenure, during which the Sooners have gone 7-16.

"The restructuring I am announcing today is a key part of my plan to rebuild the OU football program," Blake said. "The

departure of these four members of the coaching staff is no reflection upon them as individuals or as coaches. I appreciate their contributions to our program. I have learned over the past two years that along with coaching ability, having the right fit and the right chemistry among the total coaching staff is extremely important."

Winder brought a multiple offense from Texas Tech, where he had served 12 years as an assistant. The Sooners used his scheme all of last year, but started using some option plays early in this season. Midway through the year, Blake said he was moving to the option full time because it was his "heritage."

Without tailback De'Mond Park-

er, who was injured, the option had only limited success. In an ironic twist, it was Winder's offense and the passing of forgotten quarterback Justin Fuente that led the Sooners to their 32-21 upset of Texas Tech on Saturday.

Young came to Oklahoma from Ohio State, where he was highly regarded as defensive coordinator. The Sooner defense, like all phases of the team, was hurt by mistakes, penalties and youth. While it hasn't been strictly the fault of the defense, Oklahoma has given up 50 or more points five times in the past two years — something that had happened just once before in OU history.

"I don't have any complaints," Young said Saturday, before the coaching changes were official. "When you're the head coach, it's your program. You've got to do what you feel is best for the program. If he feels it needs to be made, then it needs to be made."

The Cowboys were 5-6 last season and 4-8 the year before.

"An 8-3 season says a lot about how far we've come," coach Bob Simmons said. "We can go into homes and talk about the success we had this year and build on it. The players hung in there, believed in what we were talking about and turned things around."

man Chris Whitney said. "We played with such great emotion the last couple of weeks. When we got out there today, we just let down."

Tech still could share the crown if the Texas Longhorns upset Texas A&M on Friday.

Oklahoma State expects to be in a bowl game for the first time since 1988 after its comeback season.

SOUTH: Tech experiences disappointment

(From 1C)

Alexander was only the team's third touchdown pass of the season and Little's 1-yard run put the Sooners ahead 22-18 with 46 seconds left in the third quarter.

Tech players could only shake their heads in disappointment.

"We ran out of gas," Tech line-



Green Bay Packers linebacker Bernardo Harris sacks Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman in the first quarter Sunday in Green Bay. The Cowboys offense struggled all day in the 45-17 loss.

Dallas has to deal with most humbling defeat in long time

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys went into one of the NFL's most hyped games of the season with an eight-game winning streak against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

They came out with a 45-17 loss to the Packers and "the best kicking the Cowboys have had in a long time," Coach Barry Switzer said following the game.

The game, which was tied 10-10 at halftime, is the Cowboys' worst regular season loss since 1989 when New Orleans took down the Cowboys 28-0. The only other team which has scored more points on the Cowboys was the Cincinnati Bengals in December 1985, when they beat Dallas 50-24.

"The last time I remember getting beat like this was by my father, and my father's been dead a long time," wide receiver

Michael Irvin said afterward.

Switzer said the Cowboys were lucky to be in the game at halftime.

"We knew what plays they were going to call," he said. "It comes down to just being able to execute and we couldn't get it done."

The Cowboys not only didn't have the chance to move the ball, but lost their composure and made a lot of mistakes, not to mention penalties, Switzer said. With a four-day turnaround before the Cowboys play the Nashville Oilers at Texas Stadium on Thanksgiving Day.

The Cowboys have four games left this season, three at home against Nashville, North Carolina and New York. They play at Cincinnati on Dec. 14.

"This is a pretty demoralizing loss, but we're going to have to strap it on quick," tight end Eric Bjornson said.

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AFC East						
New England	11	0	0	1.000	283	216
Pittsburgh	10	0	0	1.000	286	226
Buffalo	7	0	0	1.000	187	286
Indianapolis	11	0	0	1.000	205	238
AFC Central						
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	281	226
Jacksonville	8	4	0	.667	205	242
Tennessee	8	4	0	.667	257	228
Baltimore	4	7	1	.375	235	282
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	225	306
AFC West						
Denver	9	2	0	.818	324	184
Kansas City	9	3	0	.750	247	203
Seattle	6	5	0	.556	264	277
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	203	244
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	196	282
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Chicago	2	10	0	.167	195	322
NFC West						
San Fran	11	0	0	1.000	295	149
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Dallas	6	1	0	.857	246	213
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	203	244
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Tampa Bay	8	4	0	.667	242	192
Detroit	6	5	0	.556	267	230
Chicago	2	10	0	.167	195	322
NFC West						
San Fran	11	0	0	1.000	295	149
Carolina	6	0	0	1.000	201	224
Atlanta	4	6	0	.333	236	295
New Orleans	8	0	0	1.000	233	145
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	202	281

NFL Standings
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Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
AFC East						
New England	11	0	0	1.000	283	216
Pittsburgh	10	0	0	1.000	286	226
Buffalo	7	0	0	1.000	187	286
Indianapolis	11	0	0	1.000	205	238
AFC Central						
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	281	226
Jacksonville	8	4	0	.667	205	242
Tennessee	8	4	0	.667	257	228
Baltimore	4	7	1	.375	235	282
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Class 5A

Division I
Regional
Odessa 13, EP Franklin 6
Duncanville 28, Arlington Martin 20
Odessa (9-3) vs. Duncanville (11-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Division II
Regional
Longview 21, Plano East 10
Killeen Elison 43, Jersey Village 7
Longview (12-0) vs. Killeen Elison (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pennington-Bedford Field, Bedford

Division III
Regional
Katy 35, Houston Lamar 12
Aldine Eisenhower 28, Garveston Bell 14
Katy (11-1) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium

Division IV
Regional
SA Taff 14, Austin Crockett 6
CC Carroll 35, Westlake 16
SA Taff (5-8) vs. CC Carroll (7-5), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium

Division I
Regional
Amarillo High 46, El Paso Irvn 6
Flower Mound Marcus 65, Haltom 27
Abilene Cooper 50, EP Socorro 8
South Grand Prairie 18, Arlington Lamar 14
Amarillo (10-2) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Division II
Regional
Richardson Lake Highlands (9-2) vs. Tyler Lee (7-4), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Division III
Regional
Mayfield Creek 30, Houston Madison 26
Beaumont West Brook 41, Pasadena Dobie 20
Alief Hastings 41, Houston Westbury 0
Baytown Lee 56, Brazoswood 24
Regional
Mayfield Creek (10-1) vs. Beaumont West Brook (10-2), TBA

Division IV
Regional
SA MacArthur 51, SA Brackenridge 14
Victoria 36, Brownsville Rivera 7
New Braunfels 21, East Central 20
Harrington 42, Laredo Nixon 0
Regional
SA MacArthur (10-2) vs. Victoria (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio, Alamo Stadium

Class 4A

Division I
Regional
Canyon Randall 37, Big Spring 12
Brownwood 21, Sherman 14
Canyon Randall (8-3) vs. Brownwood (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Rutledge Stadium, Odessa

Division II
Regional
Mesquite Poteet 24, Grapevine 14
Corsicana 27, Texas High 6
Mesquite Poteet (9-3) vs. Corsicana (10-2), TBA

Division III
Regional
Jacksonville 21, Nederland 14
Texas City 28, Clear Brook 0
Jacksonville (12-0) vs. Texas City (11-1), TBA

Division IV
Regional
Waco Midway 28, Hays Consolidated 20
Schertz Clemens 47, Los Fresnos 14
Waco Midway (11-1) vs. Schertz Clemens (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco Midway

Division I
Regional
Andrews 42, Dumas 6
Denson 43, Staghaven 18
Sweetwater 31, Borger 7
Graham 14, Springtown 7
Andrews (9-3) vs. Dumas (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock

Division II
Regional
Highland Park 35, Greenville 21
Mount Pleasant 20, Waxahatchee 14
Terrell 36, Southlake Carroll 8
Ennis 24, Kilgore 17
Highland Park (11-1) vs. Mount Pleasant (7-5), TBA

Division III
Regional
LC-Mauriceville 20, Whitehouse 7
Sweeny 24, Houston Forest Brook 7
Brownboro (8-3) vs. West Orange-Stark (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Huntsville Bowers

Division IV
Regional
LC-Mauriceville (10-2) vs. Sweeny (9-3), TBA
West Orange-Stark (12-0) vs. La Marque (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Huntsville Bowers

Division I
Regional
Smithson Valley 35, Austin Reagan 0
CC Calallen 15, SA Alamo Heights 12
Austin Lamar 20, Bastrop 14 (OT)
Edcouch-Elsa 21, Pleasanton 7
Smithson Valley (11-1) vs. CC Calallen (12-0), Saturday, 2 p.m. Alamo Stadium

Class 3A

Division I
Regional
Seminole 35, Monahans 21
Aledo 17, Vernon 10
Perryton 31, Colorado City 10
Brackenridge 28, Bridgeport 0
Seminole (11-1) vs. Aledo (12-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Angelo Stadium

Division II
Regional
Kemp 13, Sanger 12
Linden-Kildare 35, Tasciurana Pleasant Grove 14
Commerce 42, Euatice 14
Omaha Paul Pettit 20, Hooks 14
Kemp (9-3) vs. Linden-Kildare (11-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m. Johnson Stadium, Garland

Division III
Regional
Crockett 42, Gatesville 21
Winters 24, Newton 12
Corrigan-Camden 36, Cameron 13
La Grange 41, Liberty 19
Crockett (12-0) vs. Columbus (9-3), Friday, 7:30 p.m. Bower Stadium in Huntsville

Division IV
Regional
Cuero 13, Llano 7
Mathe 10, Bannock 7 (OT)
Sealy 24, Devine 14
George West 24, Goliad 14
Cuero (10-2) vs. Mathe (8-4), Friday, 7:30 p.m. Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

Division I
Regional
Lockney 38, White Deer 21
Winters 24, Iran 7
Post 28, Spearman 22
Stanton 35, Albany 21
Lockney (11-1) vs. Winters (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Snyder

Division II
Regional
Holliday 21, Goldthwaite 14
Celina 21, Mar 15
Lindsay 19, Bangs 15
Italy 24, Pilot Point 3
Holliday (10-2) vs. Celina (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Pennington-Bedford Field, Bedford

Division III
Regional
Lindsay (11-2) vs. Italy (12-0), TBA

Class 1A

Division I
Regional
Wheeler 30, Petersburg 28
Alvord 20, Cross Plains 14
Wheeler (9-3) vs. Alvord (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Vernon

Division II
Regional
Gruver 37, O'Donnell 12
Munday 37, Baird 21
Gruver (7-5) vs. O'Donnell (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview

Division III
Regional
Celeste 27, Mendon 0
Burkeville 47, Menard 34
Celeste (12-0) vs. Burkeville (9-3), Friday, 7:30 p.m. Hallsville

Division IV
Regional
Tenaha 41, Oakwood 16
Granger 29, Sabal 14
Tenaha (11-1) vs. Granger (10-1), TBA

Division I
Regional
Lubbock 46, Fallett 22
Sands 52, Westbrook 44
Silverton 20, Marm 6
Borden County 30, Grandfalls Royalty 26
Sands (11-1) vs. Lubbock (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock

Division II
Regional
Panther Creek 58, Mullin 26
Gordon 45, Covington 0
May 68, Lott 36
Trinidad 34, Strawn 80
Panther Creek (11-1) vs. Gordon (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, De Leon

Unknown duo leads Ireland to Cup title

By Jeff Shain
Associated Press Writer

They weren't the marquee names of the 43rd World Cup of Golf, nor were they the flashiest players. Still, Padraig Harrington and Paul McGinley made the best combination, giving Ireland its first title in 39 years.

Harrington fired a 5-under-par 67, and McGinley had a 68 Sunday, winning the \$1.5 million event with a combined total of 31-under-par 545. That was five strokes better than Scotland and six in front of the United States.

"You turn pro, and there's very few team events," McGinley said. "To play this well with a partner is just brilliant."

"I'm very proud to be Irish, to follow such distinguished golfers as Harry Bradshaw and Christy O'Connor," Harrington said. "There's been a lot of distinguished golfers since then."

Sunday's triumph was Ireland's first in the 32-nation team event since 1958 in Mexico City. Bradshaw and O'Connor won the trophy when it was known as the Canada Cup.

Scotland's Colin Montgomerie claimed individual honors with his third consecutive 66, finishing at 22-under 266 to overtake the faltering Alexander Cejka of Germany. Montgomerie ran off three straight birdies down the stretch, holing out a 20-yard chip at No. 17.

"It's not an official title, but it's nice to be able to win for the first time in America," said Montgomerie, runner-up to South Africa's Ernie Els at the U.S. Open.

Davis Love III shot a 65 to keep the United States within striking distance in the two-man team event, but Justin Leonard had putting problems and managed only a 70.

"Over the last five or six holes, I kept hitting it within 10 or 15 feet and couldn't hole the putts," Leonard said. "I feel like that's where we lost the tournament."

Ireland began the day trailing

Germany by two strokes, but Harrington and McGinley scored matching birdies at Nos. 2 and 3 to quickly surge to the front.

Harrington completed the front side in 33, then birdied Nos. 10 and 11 as Ireland began to open its lead. McGinley notched three consecutive birdies starting at No. 15 to close it out. The final was 40-foot chip-in at No. 17.

"We wanted to make some birdies coming home, so nobody could catch us," said Harrington, who first teamed with McGinley playing Gaelic football while youths in Dublin.

McGinley's 272 placed him fourth among individual scorers, with Harrington at 273.

"The key to us winning was both of us played well," McGinley said. "If you look at the other teams, there was one strong and one weak (player). We were 15- and 16-under, and that's why we won."

Cejka, who tied the tournament's 54-hole record at 20-under 196, was unable to duplicate Sunday's magic. His three birdies were countered by three bogeys, and teammate Sven Struwer's 74 sank the Germans' hopes. Cejka shot a 72 to finish at 268.

Ian Woosnam posted the day's best round with a 64, helping Wales make up 14 shots to finish tied for fourth at 554.

"If I had played better earlier in the week, we could've easily have won this thing," said Woosnam, who opened with a 74. "I had no rhythm at all at the beginning of the week."

Sweden, which stood fourth after 54 holes, was forced to withdraw Sunday after Per-Ulrik Johansson suffered his second dizzy spell of the week.

Johansson began to feel woozy about 8 p.m. Saturday and was taken to Trident Medical Center, where he was held overnight for observation. He planned to return to Sweden immediately.

"They said if he felt comfortable, he could play," said his agent, Nick Green. "He didn't want to take any chances right now."

LPGA: Sorenstam wins three-way playoff

(From 1C)

the back nine for a 67 that put her first in the clubhouse at 11-under.

Lopez, enjoying a rebirth of her game in her 21st year on the tour, had a chance to take control of the tournament on the back nine. Tied at 11-under, she had an 8-footer for birdie on 14 but hit a poor put and

left it short to the left.

On the par-5 15th, Lopez gambled with a 5-wood from about 210 yards over water and hit it on the green. But she 3-putted for par and remained tied for the lead.

Lopez bogeyed 17 after a poor drive and second shot in a trap and, needing a birdie on the final

hole, hit her drive into the water. She finished with a double bogey to end the tournament at 8-under.

"I was embarrassed. I wanted to jump in the water and swim to the bottom," said Lopez, who was seeking her 49th tour victory.

Defending champion Karrie Webb finished two shots back,

earning \$40,250, which was \$12,394 short of making her the first player to ever win \$1 million two straight years. Webb did win the season scoring title, finishing at 70.0 to 70.038 for Sorenstam.

"I think I need to share something," Sorenstam said. "Karrie's had a great year, too."

Novotna finally wins a 'big one' at Chase

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Exorcising the pain of past disappointments, Jana Novotna finally put a major tournament title on her resume.

"Even if I don't win another match, I proved I'm the player I expected to be," Novotna said after capturing the Chase Championships Sunday by defeating Mary Pierce 7-6 (7-4), 6-2, 6-3 in the season-ending showcase featuring the tour's top 16 players.

This victory will not erase the sting of her collapse in the 1993 Wimbledon final or her failures in the finals of the 1991 Australian Open or this year's Wimbledon. But it put to rest the notion that she is unable to win a big one.

"I have come a long way," Novotna said. "I have made it to the final three times in the Grand Slam. Twice I came close to winning. After today, I feel I'm a great champion."

On Saturday, Novotna teamed with Lindsay Davenport to win the doubles title, defeating Alexandra Fusai and Nathalie Tauziat and became the first player to win both titles at the same Championships since Martina Navratilova in 1983. During the postmatch ceremonies, Novotna cried as she thanked her coach, Hana Mandlikova.

"She made me a better player and she made me a champion," Novotna said of Mandlikova, who won four Grand Slam tournament titles in her career. "She was a great champion and she taught me how to be one."

Novotna earned \$500,000 and Pierce collected \$250,000. With the \$125,000 she earned for the doubles crown, Novotna raised her career earnings to \$8,388,380.

Even with the loss, Pierce had her best year since winning the Australian Open in 1995. She reached the final at this year's Australian Open, won the Italian Open and was chosen the WTA Tour Comeback Player of the Year.

"I'm happy and I'm not happy at the same time," Pierce said. "I played three great matches, beat No. 1 in the world."

The win continued Novotna's mastery over Pierce. She is 5-0 lifetime against her French foe and has won all 11 sets the two have played.

On Sunday, Novotna appeared a step slow at the onset. But she took charge in the first-set tiebreak and never let Pierce back into the match.

As she did when she shocked top-seeded Martina Hingis in the quarterfinals, Pierce opened the match with blistering groundstrokes and repeatedly beat Novotna to the net. She was playing Novotna's game, but with bigger strokes.

"I knew that she'd be surprised because every time I played her I've played her from the baseline and she's always stayed at the baseline," Pierce said. "I knew for me to beat her I had to come in and be aggressive. And it was work-

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For a while, anyway. "I knew that she would have to come up with something new to beat me today," Novotna said of Pierce's frequent forays to the net.

Despite a groin injury, Pierce seemed in control through the first 12 games. She had a break point in the first game and had two set points on Novotna's serve in the 12th game.

But Novotna, who served brilliantly the entire match, served into Pierce's body to stave off the first break point, then crushed her fourth ace of the match to save the second. She closed the 16-point game with another ace, sending the set into a tiebreak.

As she had done throughout this week, Pierce tried to slow the match, forcing Novotna to wait between points while she preened and stretched and fiddled with her hair and headband. At the start of the tiebreak, Pierce received a code of conduct warning.

Again, Pierce drew first blood, rifling a forehand past Novotna, who had spent most of the opening set on the baseline, to take a 4-2 lead. Novotna pulled even on the eighth point, smacking a forehand

cross court that Pierce could not control. When Pierce sailed a forehand long on the next point, all Novotna had to do was hold service, and she did.

"I thought it was really important to win the first set," Novotna said. "From then on I felt my game was working well."

Pierce gave it one more shot, in the opening game of the second set. But Novotna finally held in the 10-minute battle, fighting off two break points and through seven deuces. By then, Novotna was in full gear, her title in sight.

Leach and Stark win title at World Double tournament

HARTFORD, Conn. — Rick Leach and Jonathan Stark, who hadn't won a tournament playing together in 1997, won the Phoenix ATP Tour World Doubles Championship, beating Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) in the final Sunday.

Leach and Stark had lost five tournament finals this year. Leach, who lost two other finals, won at least one tournament for the 11th consecutive year.

"I finally got Rick a title and no one is more deserving," Stark said.

This was Leach's first appearance in a World Doubles final since he combined with Jim Pugh to win the first World Doubles

Championship in 1988.

"It's like a dream come true that I'm still able to play at this level," Leach said. "Most definitely this makes up for the seven losses in tournament finals I had this year."

Paes and Bhupathi got a break in the third game and held a 3-1 advantage. Leach and Stark then won the next five games to win the set. They were not broken again in the match.

Leach and Stark finish the year ranked the No. 3 doubles team in the world. They will split the \$60,000 prize.

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On Saturday were Baylor and day, Northern season opener Cyclones 54-48 Ames, Iowa.

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Tech, Baylor notwithstanding, it was solid weekend for Big 12 hoops

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — With No. 2 Kansas headed for the Preseason NIT finals in New York and Missouri getting set for the Maui Invitational today in Hawaii, the Big 12 is off to a quick start to the 1997-98 basketball season.

Big 12 basketball

The first full weekend of action saw the conference go 8-3 against outsiders. The Jayhawks (4-0) had the rest of the weekend off after beating UNLV on Friday night and will meet Arizona State Wednesday in Madison Square Garden. Missouri, on its way to Hawaii, had the weekend off.

On Saturday, the Big 12's only losers were Baylor and Texas Tech. Then on Sunday, Northern Iowa spoiled Iowa State's season opener by beating the new-look Cyclones 54-48 at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.

No. 19 Oklahoma had five players in double figures and beat Southwest Texas 81-68; Kansas State shot better than 50 percent for the second straight game and recorded its 100th victory in Bramlage Coliseum with an 89-50 conquest of Long Beach State.

Nebraska beat New Orleans 81-66. Oklahoma State won its 72nd straight non-conference home game by beating Creighton 86-70. Texas A&M downed Stephen F. Austin 86-73. Colorado defeated Northwestern State of Louisiana 76-58, and Texas floored North Texas 116-94.

On the down side, Southern Methodist beat Texas Tech 89-82 and Lamar easily outscored Baylor 61-49.

Northern Iowa shot only 31 percent, but held Iowa State to 19 points in the second half Sunday while winning in Ames for just the second time in 22 tries.

The Cyclones introduced a swarm of new players after losing all five starters from last year's team, which reached the

round of 16 in the NCAA tournament. The Cyclones got off only 44 shots to 71 for the Panthers and had more turnovers (23) than field goals (17).

At Lincoln, Neb., the Huskers improved to 3-0 and took control of New Orleans with an 18-2 run. Although the Huskers had a 35-17 halftime lead, coach Danny Nee was not entirely satisfied.

"I'm happy we won the basketball game but I'm disappointed with the way we played in the second half," he said. "I don't think we played well or played smart. We let New Orleans hang around and hang around."

At Norman, Oklahoma forced 24 turnovers and shut down the Bobcats' inside game. Corey Brewer had 18 points and five steals for the Sooners (3-0), who twice trailed by eight in the early going before getting untracked.

"Our defense was outstanding," said coach Kelvin Sampson. "A lot of things we did a lot better tonight."

Kansas State, the worst-shooting team in the Big 12 last year, hit 53 percent. The 39-point margin was the Wildcats' highest since 1993.

"I liked the first five to 10 minutes maybe," said coach Tom Asbury. "I was really pleased with our start."

Josh Reid's two three-pointers started a 23-2 run for the Wildcats. Reid had 14 points while Aaron Swartzendruber had 13.

Adrian Peterson and Brett Robisch each scored 17 points for Oklahoma State, and Desmond Mason had 14 rebounds. The Cowboys hit just eight of 18 free throws in the first half but warmed up and got 14 of 17 in the second half.

Texas got its first victory in three starts and finished the game on a 17-2 run. The Longhorns got 26 points from junior guard Chris Clack and 21 from freshman forward Chris Mihm.

Colorado pulled away from Northwestern State with a 16-2 run late in the first

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half. The Buffs got 14 points each from Charlie Melvin and Kenny Price and 10 points and 10 rebounds from freshman Aki Thomas.

Texas A&M was a winner in its season opener. Shanne Jones had 27 points and eight rebounds for the Aggies.

At Dallas, Stephen Woods led Southern Methodist with 25 points as the Mustangs beat Texas Tech in its season opener. Cory Carr, the Big 12's leading scorer last season, had 26 points and eight rebounds. Guard Rayford Young had 25 points, three assists and three steals for the Red Raiders.

Marlone Jackson had 16 points and 13 rebounds to lead Lamar past Baylor. Lamar went on a 13-0 run with 6:48 left to break a 39-39 tie.

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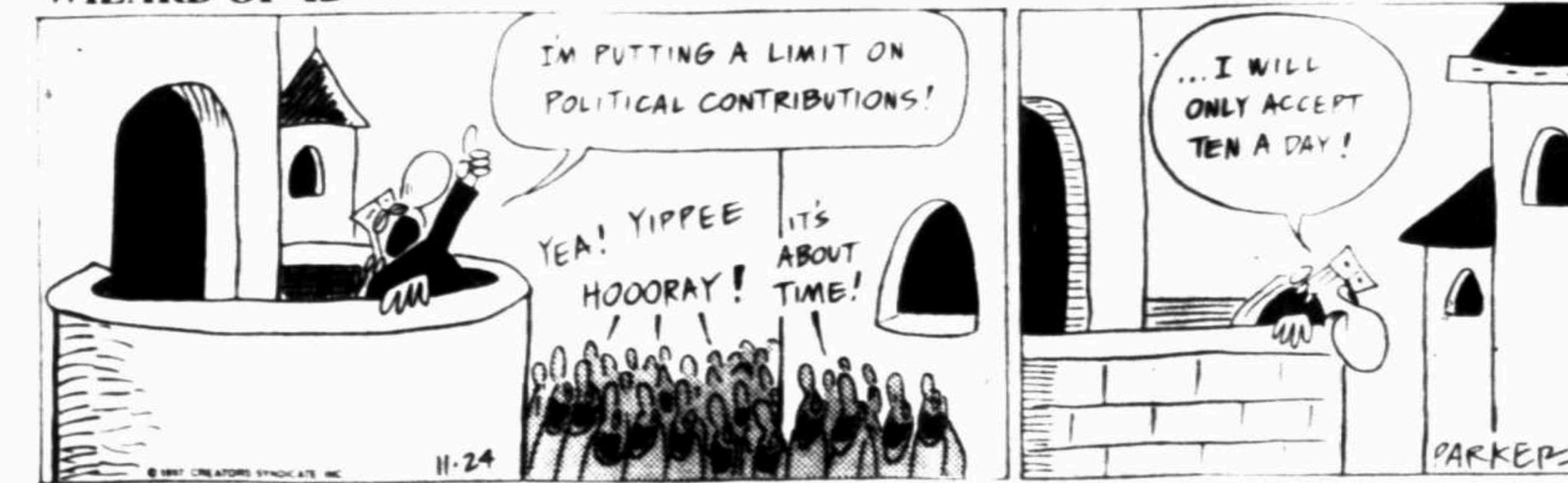
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BORN TODAY
 Author William F. Buckley (1925), opera singer Alfredo Kraus (1927), actor Stanley Livingston (1950)
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Listen to others; there is a hard-core communication coming your way. You adapt your thinking as a result, and create stronger mental foundations. Expect the unexpected. Something you have been wanting drops out of the sky. Tonight: You are still in weekend form.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Concentrate on joint finances and moving work. A new manner of organization or handling tasks will transform your style. A boss surprises you with ideas and new processes. You gain more independence because of your high visibility. Tonight: Get the job done.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Be cheerful and open to change. News is exciting; disseminate it to others. A partner you view as contrary or difficult lets you know what is on his mind. Don't buck the trends. Develop an easy, steady attitude with this person. Tonight: Let off steam in a favorite way!
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Efficiently manage a financial matter, and be direct about work. You might need to reorganize and allow another to find out what is happening. The unexpected occurs with a partner. You thought he supported you, but he might not. Discussions are important. Tonight: Take a night off.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** You are on a roll. Make phone calls, reach out for others and clear the decks. Humor marks the day, as does the unexpected. Learn to give others leeway. Your ingenuity greets problems; you come up with solutions. A relationship intensifies. Tonight: Visit friends.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Your more possessive side emerges. You are uncomfortable with a family member. You get a curve ball at work, but you are capable of handling it. Sensitivity to yourself and your needs is primary. Express limits, so others understand your motivation. Tonight: Pay bills.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You are personality-plus. Move with the moment. You handle spontaneity gracefully and dynamically. Decide to turn a conversation in another direction. You receive surprising news that could be quite flattering. React to new ideas. Tonight: You can have it as you like it.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Check out what is happening behind the scenes. Your perspective might not coincide with actual events. Use special care with finances. A new look from a clear perspective is absolutely necessary. Be sensitive to your own needs right now. Tonight: Take it easy.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Aim for what you want, and do not get distracted. Trying to control another could backfire. Creativity and spontaneity merge, giving you an unmistakable edge. You can handle it all; just go for it. Friends support you in getting what you want. Tonight: Go out and about.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Accept the limelight and the responsibility that comes with it. Do not count on a stable financial situation; for now, it's more like a roller-coaster ride. You change your point of view considerably after further thought. Examine your objectives. Tonight: Work late.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You are capable of jolting others. How you behave could change because of new information and others' reactions to it. It should be obvious that they cannot control you. Focus on what you want and where you are heading. Tonight: Check out what is going on.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Close relationships and responsibilities mix. It is your pleasure to handle it all. Others are curious about how you are going to deal with a change. Intuition is on target. Worry less about your choices. Simply go, do and be. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

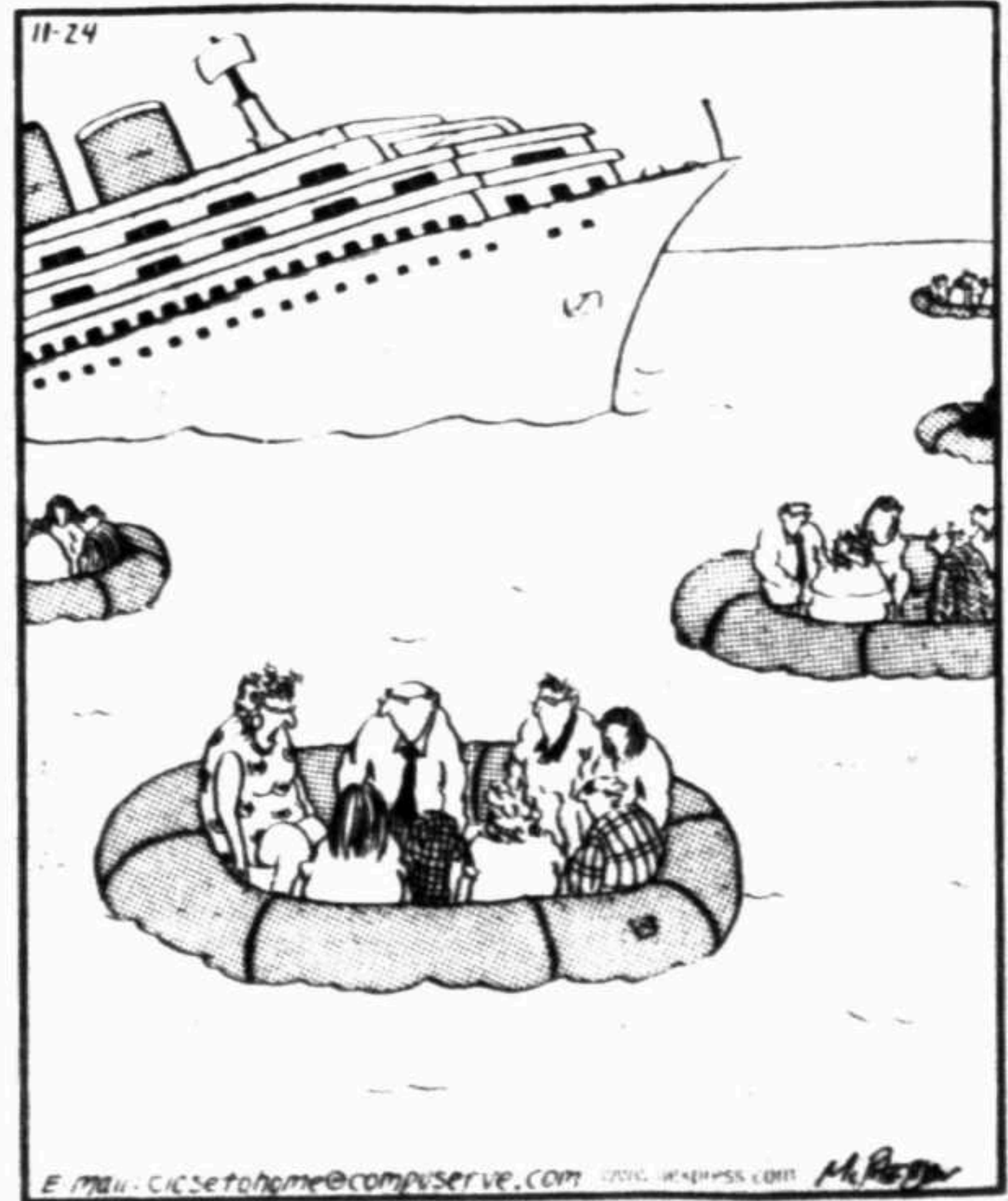
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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ J 6 ♣ K 9 5 ♢ K J 4 3 ♠ A 10 9 2
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
 3 ♠ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?
 A - Partners rebid, regardless of whether you play five- or four-card majors, guarantees a six-card suit. Since your hand is virtually all prime, it should play better at a suit contract than at no trump. Raise to four spades.
Q. 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ K Q J 8 6 5 2 ♣ A Q 9 5 ♢ K 3 ♠ Void
 The bidding has proceeded:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1 ♠ Pass 2 3 ♠
 ?
 What do you bid now?
 A - You are not going to stop short of slam, and a grand slam cannot be ruled out. The way to establish an orderly exploration is to start with a cue-bid of the enemy suit. Bid four clubs.
Q. 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ A Q 5 4 3 ♣ A Q ♢ A K J 6 5 ♠ 2
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?
 A - Your overall campaign should be to get both suits into the auction, but neither is so strong that you want to insist unilaterally on one or the other being the trump suit. You might need a fair amount of room to describe your hand properly, so respond two spades now. Since your bid is unconditionally forcing, it is all that you have to do for the moment.
Q. 4 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ K 9 ♣ Q 5 ♢ A K 10 9 7 5 3 2 ♠ 4 6
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 4 ♠ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?
 A - If North has a diamond void, your hand could be totally useless to partner, but his hand surely cannot be of much use to you. Trying to play in your suit is an exercise in futility because a bid of four diamonds by you would be forcing, and that could prove expensive. Pass.
Q. 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ J 5 ♣ A K J 6 5 ♢ 7 3 ♠ K Q 6 2
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?
 A - Partner's takeout double followed by a new suit describes a hand considerably stronger than a minimum takeout double. Your ace in partner's suit and ruffing value in clubs are more than enough to raise to game.
Q. 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ A 6 2 ♣ J 7 6 3 ♢ 9 8 7 4 ♠ 7 3
 The bidding has proceeded:
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 3 ♠ Dbl Pass 3 ♣
 Pass 3 ♠ Pass ?
 What action do you take?
 A - Partner's takeout double followed by a new suit describes a hand considerably stronger than a minimum takeout double. Your ace in partner's suit and ruffing value in clubs are more than enough to raise to game.

CLOSE TO HOME



"Yeah, well, where's Kathie Lee now?"

PANEL 1:

YOUNG BUY-
ING IT?
YOU'RE REAL-
LY BUYING
HALLIBUT?

HE SENT SOME
A LETTER
OF INTENT
YESTERDAY.

PANEL 2:

ANY ON
EARTH
IS HE
SELLING?

APPARENTLY,
HE FINALLY
BUT IT'S ALWAYS
OUTERBOUNCE
THE HOUSE.

PANEL 3:

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! I
MEAN, I LOVE MALLARD,
BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEEN
MY DREAM TO RETURN
TO THE PLACE WHERE
IT ALL BEGAN FOR
US!

PANEL 4:

WAIT A MIN-
UTE! WHAT
ABOUT MY
DREAM OF
MARRIAGE A SLIPPER?

HOLD ON TO IT,
KID. ONE DAY
YOU CAN RUN
AWAY.

WHAT?

*ME AND GRANDPA HAVE BEEN UP TO SOME SHENANIGANS...WHATEVER THAT MEANS."

MONDAY EVENING			November 24, 1992										For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings	
Broadcast	O/C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
3 KMD	2/3	News 321	News 321	The Champions of Stage 1 1987 (TVG)	NFL Football: Oakland Raiders at Denver Broncos 31659	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
4 KWB	2/4	The Simpsons 10:30	News 787	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
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13 KOVC	36/13	The Headliner With Jim 10:30	The Headliner With Jim 10:30	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
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3 CHBC	8	Business Center Great Staff	Business Center Great Staff	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
11 WGN	10	Family Edition 10:30	Family Edition 10:30	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
11 WGN	11	Coach 93521	Coach 94473	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
18 BAY	19	Crash Gaults	Crash Gaults	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
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25 FSN	23	The Waltons: The Story 48749	The Waltons: The Story 48749	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
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35 ESPN	36	SportsCenter	NFL PrimeTime 82590	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
37 USA	37	Headliner: The Hunters 32821	Headliner: The Hunters 32821	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Malrose Place: My Little Company (TVG)	Magician's Code: Magic's Secrets (TVG)	Earth: Final Conflict 42463 (TVG)	True Magnum	Mad About You 10:30	Yves 54863			Cheers (11:35)	
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MINNEAPOLIS — "Peanuts" creator **Charles Schulz** turns 75 this week, still remembering the one that got away, his "little red-haired girl."

"There are days that I can do without," she said. "Luckily, I'm good at going home."

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WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 in Conference Room A at Midland High School.

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library.

Aquatics...

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

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school exercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving program also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755.

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

Basketball...

The Permian Basin Basketball Official's Association is seeking persons interested in officiating

basketball games from the junior high to varsity level in the area. For more information call Mike Lowrance at 520-9602, 682-1726 or Jeff Ryan at 699-5001, 688-0700.

The YMCA is taking registration for youth basketball for boys and girls in elementary school. The deadline is Dec. 6. The program costs \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. The program is also seeking officials for games. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Converse Midwest Winter Youth Shootout is scheduled for Jan. 10 at Frontier High School in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible. For information, call (405) 377-HOOP.

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association Spring Registration runs from Dec. 1, 1997 through Feb. 1, 1998. Participants must be four years or older before Dec. 31. Fee is \$40 for recreational players and \$44 for club players. There will be a \$10 late fee after Feb. 1. Signups will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425.

A referee clinic is scheduled for Dec. 6-8 in Odessa. There is a \$20 deposit for the clinic with a fee of \$25 upon the completion of the clinic. Deadline is Nov. 21. For more information, call David Stall at 682-8904 or the MSA at 684-5425.

Registration for grades 7-8 will be held through Dec. 8. The fee is \$25. Signups will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425.

Baseball...

Texas Tech is conducting the Larry Hays Holiday Baseball Camps in January 1998. Sessions for 6-13-year-olds will be held Jan. 4, 1998 with registration beginning at 1 p.m. at the athletic training center. Instruction runs from 1:30-5:30 p.m. with a fee of \$55. Camp for those 14 and older runs Jan. 2-3 with registration at 8:30 a.m. and instruction running from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. The fee is \$110. To register, send name, address, t-shirt size and age with a \$15 deposit for the 6-13-year-olds and a \$25 deposit for 14 and older to Red Raider Baseball Camp, Texas Tech University, Box 43021, Lubbock, Tx. 79409-3021. For more information, call Greg Evans at (806) 748-1146.

Softball...

A Softball Clinic for both defense and hitting will be held Dec. 19-20 at the MUGS Softball Complex and will feature coaches from the University of Oregon, including head coach Rick Gamez, a former head coach at New Mexico State, and Richelle Woodard, former Midland High softball coach. Defense will be stressed from 9 a.m. to noon and hitting from 2-5 p.m. Registration is limited. For more information, call 694-5508 or 520-6502.

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Breckenridge, Colo. Nov. 26-29; Steamboat, Colo., Jan. 14-18, 1998; Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998.

The Midland Wrestling Club is a non-profit group of athletes participating in Olympic freestyle and collegiate wrestling. A team is forming in November for the upcoming Texas Interscholastic wrestling season. For more information, call Larry at 685-0531 or Rick at 694-1115.

The Dust Devil Divers Scuba Club is planning a trip to Grand Cayman Jan. 4-11. For more information, call 570-8761.

The Odessa Jackalopes are offering five skating programs at the Ector County Coliseum. There skating lessons (\$50), public skating (\$4 per session) and \$2.50 for skate rental, hockey lessons for ages 7-17 (\$75 includes skate rental, Jackalopes Youth Hockey League for ages 7-17 (Registration is \$64 and for more info on league contact Bob Flanner at 683-4251, "Stick Time", which ice is open for pick-up hockey games (\$7 per session). For more information on any of these programs call 683-4251.

Midland College is hosting its second disc golf tournament Nov. 28 starting at 10 a.m., weather permitting. The tournament is a novice tournament with a \$10 entry fee. Registration begins at 9 a.m. A doubles tournament for advanced players is scheduled for 4 p.m. if there are enough interested players. Registration will be \$10 per team. For information, call Lee Almaguer at 685-4739 or Tommy Ramos at 685-4701.

The Midland Inline Hockey League is holding registration for the Spring 1998 season Dec. 1-2 and 4-5 from 6-9 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Midland County Exhibit building. Proof of age is required for new players to the league. For more information, call 520-2425.



New York Knicks guard Charlie Ward, right, dribbles around Vancouver Grizzlies guard Antonio Daniels in the first quarter Sunday.

Walker's 29 leads hot Celtics over struggling Detroit, 90-86

Associated Press

BOSTON — Antoine Walker scored 29 points, including a key dunk with 22 seconds left, to lift the Boston Celtics to a 90-86 victory over the struggling Detroit Pistons Sunday night.

The win was Boston's sixth in its last seven games and its fourth straight at the FleetCenter. The Pistons have won only three of their past 12 games.

Knicks 104, Grizzlies 84
NEW YORK — Charles Oakley scored 12 of his 19 points in the third quarter, before he was ejected, as New York won its third straight.

With 11:06 remaining in the game and the Knicks ahead 85-65, Oakley was ejected after striking Otis Thorpe with open-handed shots to the chest and face.

Lakers 119, Clippers 102
INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Eddie Jones scored 28 points and Kobe Bryant added 24 Sunday night as the unbeaten Los Angeles Lakers

More Sports/1D

Olajuwon may need surgery on left knee

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon has an injured left knee that could require arthroscopic surgery, team doctors said Sunday, after examining the Houston Rockets center.

The Rockets already are without forward Charles Barkley, who has been sidelined since Nov. 16 with a groin injury and isn't expected to return until after Thanksgiving.

Team physician Walter Lowe said Olajuwon, who has been bothered by the knee since training camp, could have damage because of long-term wear and tear. He is in his 14th NBA season.

Team spokesman Tim Frank said doctors would determine by Monday whether to treat the knee with rest and rehabilitation or perform arthroscopic surgery. It was not clear how long Olajuwon might be sidelined.

Olajuwon was bothered by the knee following Saturday night's game against the Golden State Warriors.

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Eighth-ranked Tech women beat No. 17 Stephen F. Austin

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Texas Tech's Alicia Thompson had seven points in just nine minutes of first-half action against Stephen F. Austin, but it was her effort in the second half that helped the eighth-ranked Lady Raiders the most.

The All America forward pushed Tech (2-0) to 74.2 percent second-half shooting from the floor en route to a 93-83 victory Sunday over 17th-ranked SFA in the Texas San Antonio Classic.

Texas Tech had a tremendous run in the second half and just shot the lights out, said SFA coach Royce Chadwick.

Thompson rebounded her own missed free throw and was fouled after the Ladyjacks (1-1) had pulled within six points with 16.6 seconds remaining. Thompson then converted both free throws.

Rene Hanebutt connected on three 3-point baskets to help the Lady Raiders (2-0) secure a 35-35 halftime tie.

If we could have hit some more free throws early, we could have and should have been up 10 at the half instead of tied," Chadwick said. "If we go up 10 at the half and they go on their run, we are now tied in the second half instead of being down by 10 points."

Seven of Thompson's 25 points came in just nine minutes of first-half action.

Katrina Price scored 28 points for the second straight day to lead SFA (1-1). Anitra Davis added 23 points and eight rebounds.

Christie Smith scored 20 points, with 13 rebounds. They included seven points and seven rebounds in the first half.

The Ladyjacks tied or led for 14 of 48 of the game's first 20 minutes, but shooting problems kept them from building more than a five-point margin. They were 2-10 at the free-throw line for the first seven minutes.

"Our last eight minutes of the game, we played as hard as any team could," Chadwick said.

Boston College 82,
No. 24 Texas 68

BOSTON — Cal Bouchard scored a career-high 32 points, and Alissa Murphy added 17 as Boston College upset No. 24 Texas in the Reebok Women's Classic.

It was the second upset of the day in the Classic. Kamara Stancle scored 20 points to pace Arkansas to a 83-57 upset of No. 11 Iowa in the day's first game.

Edwina Brown led Texas (1-1)

Texas Women

with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Jaime Bailey scored 12 and Angela Jackson 11 for the Lady Longhorns. Bouchard scored 22 of her points in the second half as the Eagles (2-0) went on a 11-2 run that broke open the game.

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AP Sports Writer

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Cougars know they'll be heavy underdogs to Michigan in Rose

By Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — His team had just beaten Washington to advance to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1931. Washington State coach Mike Price, however, had some immediate business on his schedule.

"We're going to party!" Price shouted Saturday night after the 41-35 victory sent WSU to Pasadena and a swarm of Cougar fans onto the field at Husky Stadium.

The 10th-ranked Cougars will play top-ranked Michigan, a team they have never beaten in three previous encounters.

"We have a month to prepare for them," said quarterback Ryan Leaf, a Heisman Trophy hopeful. "We can play with anybody in the country."

Defensive lineman Leon Bender said he didn't expect the Cougars (10-1, 7-1) to be highly regarded by odds-makers. "I expect us to be 20-point underdogs," Bender said. "I expect for us not to have any respect."

The Cougars' return to Pasadena will end the longest Rose Bowl drought in the Pac-10.

Against Washington, the Cougars scored 17 unanswered points to take control in the second quarter. They piled up 520 yards, 20 more than their season average, and nearly matched their average of 42 points. They have the nation's second-hottest offense after Nebraska.

The offensive output came in a persistent rainstorm.

The rain must have been the tears of Babe Hollingberry and Mel Hein, said receiver Shawn McWashington, referring to the coach and best player on that 1931 Rose Bowl team. That team lost 24-0 to Alabama.

The defense, which has been just good enough all season, responded with five interceptions of Washington quarterback Brock Huard, including three by freshman defensive back Lamont Thompson. Washington (7-4, 5-3), loser of three straight, fell to No.

21 and is going to either the Sun Bowl or the Aloha Bowl.

Washington State becomes the sixth different team to represent the Pac-10 in the Rose Bowl in six years, following Arizona State last year, USC, Oregon, UCLA, and Washington.

Michigan last went in 1993, defeating Washington. The Wolverines have been to the Rose Bowl 15 times since WSU last went in 1931.

"We're past due," receiver Shawn Tims said.

This Rose Bowl matches opposite ends of major college football. The Wolverines have long been one of the elite teams, drawing more than 100,000 fans per home game, playing often on national television and residing near the top of the polls.

The Cougars, based in tiny Pullman, 300 miles east of Seattle, have been to only six bowls in their history, win about as often as they lose, and rarely draw more than 30,000 fans at Martin Stadium.

They are on national television so infrequently that veteran sportscaster Keith Jackson, a Washington State graduate, only this season called his first game from Pullman.

While reveling in their upcoming trip to Pasadena, Cougar players on Saturday also boosted the Heisman candidacy of Leaf, a junior who set a host of Pac-10 passing records this season. His 3,637 passing yards and 33 touchdown passes were league records. He became the league's single-season total offense leader with 3,583 yards.

"We want the Heisman now!" shouted wide receiver Sean DeCampra.

Leaf threw for 358 yards and two touchdowns in the game and ran for another. He was sacked three times, but generally had plenty of time to throw.

Washington State is also the most prolific team offense in Pac-10 history. They finished with 5,524 yards this year, for an average of 502.2 per game. The 1981 Arizona State team had 5,486 yards.

Woman becomes 1st Australian to score World Cup skiing points

By Mike Clark
AP Sports Writer

PARK CITY, Utah — Zali Steggall, her nerves as strong as her legs, powered down a steep, icy slalom course on Sunday to give Australia its first-ever World Cup victory by a woman.

Steggall, whose start number of 23 matched her age, posted the two fastest runs of the day in winning by 78 seconds over Sweden's Ylva Nöwen, with New Zealand's Claudia Riegler denying American Kristina Koznick a spot on the podium by 40 seconds.

Steggall, a native of France who gained Australian citizenship when her family relocated Down Under, had a lead of 21 seconds after the first run down Park City's Clementine slalom course and bested the field by .57 in the afternoon.

Any who thought stage fright might ruin her first real bid for victory were proven wrong. In each run, Steggall built an advantage on the steep first half of the course where many had trouble and carried that speed through the flats to the finish.

She thrust her arms into the air and was mobbed by several German racers with whom she trains.

The Australian completed two runs in 1 minute, 36.30 seconds. Nöwen, second in the season-opening parallel slalom at Tignes, France, added her second career podium in 1:37.08.

Riegler, the Austrian-born New Zealander who won this event last season, overcame a strength-sapping virus to claim third in 1:37.35.

Koznick, who closed last season with an 11th-place finish at Mammoth Mountain, Calif., the second-best result of her career, showed Sunday that she had carried that momentum into the new season. She was spectacular in both runs, particularly on the flat bottom where several skiers with better intermediate times were unable to maintain momentum to the end.

The Burnsville, Minn., native finished in 1:37.75 in helping the U.S. Ski Team score its first points of the season.

Tragedy marked Australian skiing's entry on the world stage when downhill Ross Milne was killed practicing for the 1964 Olympics at Innsbruck, Austria. His brother, Malcolm, got the country's first victory in the 1969 downhill at Val d'Isere, France, and Steven Lee produced the second in 1985, tying Switzerland's Daniel Mahrer in a super-G at Furano, Japan.

It wasn't until Steggall, however, that an Australian woman was able to score points in World Cup racing. She showed promise with a fourth-place finish at Sestriere, Italy, two years ago but managed only one top-15 placement last season, leading her to get a new coach and new skis for this season. The effects, as shown on Sunday, were immediate.

Rookie Skinner nips Martin in Japan NASCAR exhibition race

By K.P. Hong
Associated Press Writer

SUZUKA, Japan — It took a long time for Mike Skinner to become Winston Cup Rookie of the Year.

Once he did that this year at age 40, his first victory against top-level competition wasn't long in coming. He beat Mark Martin by 3.742 seconds Sunday to win the NASCAR Thunder Special Suzuka exhibition race.

Starting in the fourth spot, Skinner made a late charge to the front in a Chevrolet Monte Carlo. He passed Ricky Craven on the 103rd lap, and raced nearly even with Martin's Ford Thunderbird through the final 125th lap.

Martin, who has won 22 Winston races including four this year, was driving in the first international race of his 24-year career. He started from the pole position and led for 45 laps, until his first pit stop.

"I tried everything in the book," Martin said. "I finally kept abusing my car more and more. At the end, we were all done."

"We had a remarkable pit stop and I almost stalled it leaving," Skinner said. "It was barely just

enough to get in front of Mark."

Because of crashes, engine trouble and mechanical failures, only four other drivers in the field of 30 finished all 125 laps around Suzuka's 1.4-mile road course. They were Randy Lajoie, David Green, Michael Waltrip and Jim Richards.

The field included four Japanese, 12 Winston Cup drivers, nine Winston West competitors, four NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series drivers and one Busch Grand National driver. Defending champion Rusty Wallace dropped out on the ninth lap after his Ford Thunderbird developed engine trouble.

Skinner had raced in 15 NASCAR Winston Cup and seven Craftsman Truck Series events this year, placing 30th in the Winston Cup and 49th in the Craftsman Truck standings.

Previously, he had won the first race of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series at Phoenix and the inaugural NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series championship in 1995. In 1996, he finished third in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

"We were fortunate enough to beat Mark out of the pits," Skinner said.

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RELIABLE CARE

in your home. Trustworthy. sitters. Need dependable help call Janet 520-8596. Reasonable rates.

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INHOME CARE

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irons, Sensors shafts, 3 wedges, Dava titanium woods, graphite, T-Zoid woods, various putters, Ping Pong bag. 620-0310, leave message.

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Independent Distributor. For prospectus or opportunity call 689-HERBI.

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\$75-\$175. Bookcase, \$25. Heavy work table, \$30. Life sized plaster head hands Indian, \$550. Antique cash register, \$150. Cowboy, Indian head plaster figures, \$10 each. 686-7901.

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LEE HIGH Band

earning money for trip to New York. Will travel. Also taking orders for Turkeys and Hams for Christmas. 694-5068.

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"Was there a reason that Jesus Took One Bread in the Last Supper?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

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36 INCH METAL fireplace

complete, including plywood facing, brick hearth, flue, pipe and cap. 683-2589.

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STORE FIXTURES

Wood display shelving, slat wall, 2 sales counters with red tops and white bottoms, all in great condition. Call 694-1394.

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GAS/ PROPANE Wall heater

built in, \$200. Call 686-8372.

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LEATHER JACKET

Lady's size small, with fringe, \$200 or best offer. Call 682-4203.

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RESTHAVEN

Garden of Eden, single plot. \$500. Call 683-9399.

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(3) REFRIGERATORS

(1) gas used, (2) electric. assorted sizes & colors. Call 570-6651.

310 Oil Industry Help Wanted

HOT DOD Machine

Cotton Candy Machine, Popcorn Machine, Nacho Warmer, Oxygen tank with balloon adapter, ice Machine, Myfu Board with letters and numbers. Persons interested call 694-9940.

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413 Jewellery & Furs

DIAMOND 4 CT High Quality

Brilliant. Must see to appreciate! Yvonne, (806) 798-9678.

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WOODEN PLAY set

with slide, swings and extras. Good condition. 520-6610.

NEED 1,000 or more yards

of good used carpet. Will buy in smaller amounts. Call 682-3469, ask for Luciano.

(2) GO CARTS

Wanted in good condition for Christmas gifts. Ask for Debbie only! 689-0816.

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Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

432 Household Furniture

9 PIECE SECTIONAL

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DINING ROOM Table

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with matching loveseat, 2 end tables, coffee table & sofa table, brass trunk bed, single metal Futon bunk bed, black top, double bottom, maple kitchen table with 5 chairs, wicker chair, baker racks with glass shelves. 699-5059.

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excellent condition. Please call 694-7900.

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dining table, chairs, new couch, queen size bed, desk and brass vanity. 694-4917.

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