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William Reilly

'Rift hurt Bush'

WASHINGTON — EPA Administrator William Reilly acknowledged Monday that his frequent squabbles with senior White House officials hurt President Bush's chances for re-election and overshadowed his environmental record. "There's no question that the divisiveness ... hurt the president politically," said Reilly, who departs next month after four years as head of the Environmental Protection Agency — longer than any of his predecessors. /8A

Baidoa hopes slide

BAIDOA, Somalia — Hope slid into hostility Monday in this frontier town of Somalia's famine, as looters made their last grabs and more starving children died while Baidoa waited for the Marines to land. Baidoa's daily death toll, which had dipped below 50 last week from its high point of about 300, has climbed to about 100 a day since the Marines landed in Somalia last week, relief workers said. /5A

Letter to Santa

PORT ANGELES, Wash. — Thad wrote to Santa seeking food for his hungry mom, a job for his dad and help getting to "Heaven" so his parents won't need to feed him. Many people are now hoping to rescue Thad and his family. If they can only locate them. "We'd sure like to find him," Clallam County Sheriff's Sgt. Monty Martin said Monday. "I think this is the time of year that everyone goes out to make Christmas happy. We'd sure like to make this kid's Christmas happy." Educators who have seen the letter guess the letter-writer, who signed only with the name "Thad," is a child between third and fifth grade. /7A

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Clinton hears 'chalk talk'

President-elect leads forum on economic woes

■ Participants eloquently lay out severity of problems but offer little in way of fresh solutions.

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President-elect Clinton quizzed titans of business, eminent economists and advocates for the poor for nearly 10 hours Monday in a "chalk talk" he said would help him make the "tough decisions and hard choices" to restore U.S. prosperity. Taking copious notes and frequently engaging partic-

ipants in give-and-take, Clinton said the conference had drawn together "the most distinguished and diverse group of Americans ever to meet to discuss our economic promise as well as our economic problems."

Clinton presided over the nationally televised conference for four hours in the morning, then for 5½ hours more after a lunch break. "This has been a fascinating session," he declared as he ended the first day's session.

Clinton told the opening session of the two-day conference there was no simple way to promote growth

and new jobs while cutting the budget deficit, "but I think we can do it. Let's go to work."

Participants, too, were eloquent in laying out the severity of the problems that will face Clinton when he takes office next month but offered little in the way of fresh solutions.

The gathering — part seminar, part town hall, part call-in show — was held in the Robinson Convention Center in downtown Little Rock. Some 320 "presenters" were there, chief executives of major companies alongside labor leaders, economics professors, small business people, consumer advocates and others.

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Cody Brown, 13, above, is snow-covered after riding a slide pulled by a six-wheeled vehicle. Below,

Mikel Hunter, 12, takes her turn. Midland schools were closed because of the snowfall. Related photos/1B

A 'taste' of winter

Snowfall drops day off into area children's laps

By Katherine Poteet

Staff writer

West Texas' first taste of snowfall gave area children an unexpected vacation Monday as schools in Midland and Odessa closed Monday due to the weather.

While schoolchildren were free to play in the snow, colleges in the area remained open after approximately 4 inches of snow fell Sunday night and early Monday morning.

No major accidents were reported in the area due to the snow and all departing and arriving flights at Midland International Airport were on schedule.

The storm, caused by a deep upper-level storm from Arizona that combined with cold Canadian air, also closed schools in Lubbock, Amarillo and Plainview.

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Judge acquits kidnapped Mexican doctor in U.S. drug agent's murder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A doctor whose kidnapping by U.S.-paid bounty hunters in Mexico raised tensions between the countries was declared innocent Monday in the torture and murder of a federal drug agent.

But Dr. Humberto Alvarez Machain remained in prison Monday evening while the government appealed the acquittal and sought to keep him from leaving the country.

U.S. District Judge Edward Rafeedie acquitted Alvarez after the prosecution rested its case against him. The judge told prosecutors: "There has to be stronger evidence than you have of-

fered to find that a man is guilty of kidnapping, murder and torture."

Alvarez, 45, grew red-faced as the judge announced his decision. His eyes filled with tears and he stood up as his attorney, Alan Rubin, leaped to his feet and embraced him.

"This was a courageous decision," Rubin said. "The easy thing to do would have been to dump it and say let the jury decide."

The trial of Alvarez' co-defendant, Mexican businessman Ruben Zuno Arce, will continue. Prosecutors had argued that when U.S. Drug

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Supreme Court accepts case on bias crimes

■ Justices to decide whether states violate free-speech rights when they enact 'hate crime' laws.

By Linda Greenhouse

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Barely six months after ruling that states may not designate particular expressions of bias as crimes, the Supreme Court on Monday plunged back into the rolling debate over hate crimes.

The justices agreed to decide whether the Constitution permits an approach that more than half the states have taken to the bias-crime issue, that of increasing the sentences for ordinary crimes like assault or vandalism if the victim was selected because of race, religion, ancestry or the like.

The new case is an appeal by the state of Wisconsin, whose state Supreme Court ruled last summer that a 10-year-old sentence-enhancement law had the effect of "punishing offensive thought" and "chilling free speech," in violation of the First Amendment.

The Wisconsin ruling came in an appeal by a black man who had been convicted of leading an assault on a 14-year-old white boy. "There goes a white boy, go get him," the defendant, Todd Mitchell, told his companions.

Under Wisconsin law, the crime for which Mr. Mitchell was convicted, aggravated battery, normally carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison, but he was sentenced to four years after a jury found that he had selected his

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City bowlers roll 5 Lotto numbers

By Katherine Poteet

Staff writer

Lucky bowling lanes turned into winning numbers in the Texas Lotto for a Midland man and his bowling friends.

Scott Pope won \$1,107 after matching five numbers in the Lotto game Saturday. However, the prize will be divided 10 ways.

"The 10 people that I bowl with, my employees, put in the money to buy the ticket and I picked the numbers," said Pope, a professional bowler and owner of Cactus Lanes. "So, all the money will

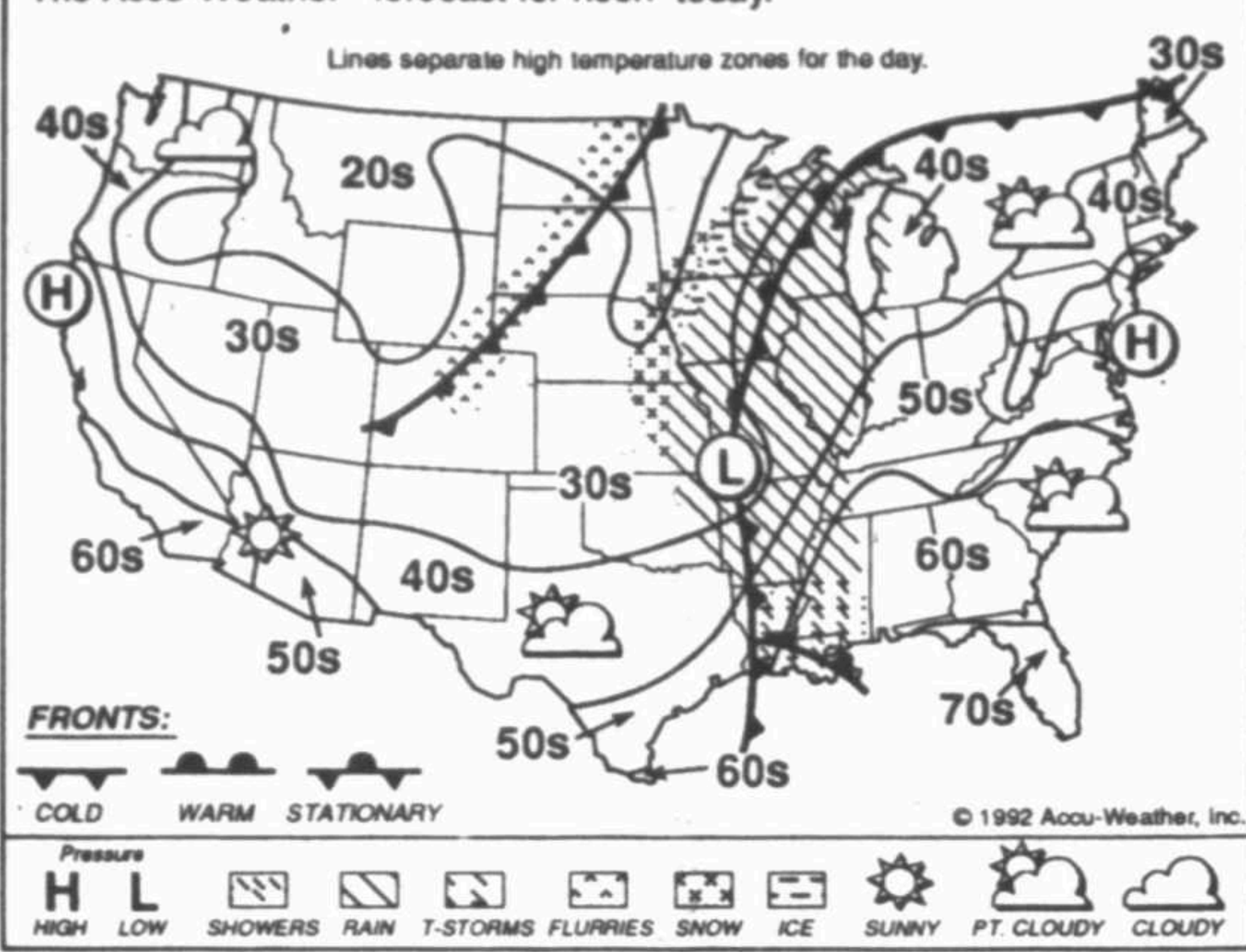
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Alan Rubin, center, attorney for Dr. Humberto Alvarez Machain, celebrates the acquittal in Los Angeles on Monday.

WEATHER SUMMARY

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon today.



WINTER: Snow blankets area

(From 1A)

Some flights were canceled Monday morning at Lubbock International Airport. Flights were delayed in Amarillo. Lubbock reported 5 inches of snow and Amarillo got 4 inches. Crosbyton and Matador reported up to 7 inches. The bulk of accumulation in the Midland-Odessa area came as expected on Sunday and early Monday morning. However, the system moved out of the area sooner than predicted, giving the area mostly clear skies on Monday and a high temperature that only reached 35.

A National Weather Service forecaster said there was still a

chance of some snow flurries Monday night, but any more precipitation is unlikely today as the temperature should reach the upper 40s.

Temperatures will remain in the 40s during the day throughout the rest of the week thanks to two more systems that are headed into the area, the NWS forecaster said.

The first system will come through on Wednesday, bringing with it lower temperatures and windy conditions. The forecaster said it is too early to tell if there will be any precipitation associated with the system.

The second system will come in on Friday and will keep temperatures lower until Sunday.

STATE

A mixed bag of winter weather greeted Texans Monday with snow and below zero wind chills in the West and heavy rains and flooding across the rest of the state.

Showers and thunderstorms prompted a flood watch in parts of South Texas while all areas reported overcast skies. Temperatures were in the 50s and 60s.

North Texas skies were mostly overcast with low clouds associated with the rain activity. Temperatures ranged from the lower to middle 30s in the west to the 60s east.

NATION

Storms hit the Midwest on Monday, dumping up to 10 inches of snow on some parts of the southern Plains.

Schools were closed in northeast Texas and flights were canceled at Lubbock International Airport, where more than 5 inches of snow fell. Freezing rain and snow closed some schools and roads in east-central Nebraska.

Snow fell on western Kansas, the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles and northern New Mexico. Up to 10 inches fell by midday in the Alpine-Ft. Davis area of Kansas.

Freezing rain fell from southwest Oklahoma through north-central Kansas, Nebraska, and parts of Iowa, southern Minnesota and the northern Pacific Coast. Showers were scattered over the northern Rockies.

Rain and thundershowers reached from the Mississippi Valley into the eastern portion of the southern Plains.

In some areas, the rain fell on already drenched ground, raising the risk of flooding.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

FORECAST:
Today: partly cloudy, high in the upper 40s, south winds at 15-20 mph.
Tonight: clear, low near 30.
Wednesday: partly cloudy, high in the mid-40s.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's High: 38 degrees
Overnight Low: 27 degrees
Sunset today: 5:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:43 a.m.
Precipitation:
Last 24 hours: 0.037 inches
This month to date: 0.054 inches
Year to date: 21.31 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

Time	Temp	Time	Temp
6 p.m.	37	6 a.m.	29
7 p.m.	34	7 a.m.	29
8 p.m.	33	8 a.m.	29
9 p.m.	32	9 a.m.	29
10 p.m.	32	10 a.m.	30
11 p.m.	31	11 a.m.	31
midnight	29	noon	32
1 a.m.	29	1 p.m.	34
2 a.m.	29	2 p.m.	34
3 a.m.	28	3 p.m.	34
4 a.m.	28	4 p.m.	34
5 a.m.	28	5 p.m.	34
		6 p.m.	31

Area forecast

West Texas: Panhandle, today, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s to mid-30s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-20s to lower 20s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow. Highs upper 20s to near 30. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a flurries early. Lows in the teens. Thursday, decreasing cloudiness and cold. Highs in the 30s. Friday and Saturday, partly cloudy and not as cold. Lows in the upper teens to mid-20s. Highs in the upper 30s to mid-40s. South Plains, today, partly cloudy and warmer. Highs upper 30s to lower 40s. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the lower to mid-20s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 40-45. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper teens to the lower 20s. Thursday, decreasing cloudiness. Highs in the mid-30s to the lower 40s. Friday, partly cloudy and not as cold. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 50s. Permian Basin, today, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Tonight, clear. Lows near 30. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-40s. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the 20s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Highs in the 50s. Cocho Valley/Edwards Plateau, today, decreasing cloudiness. Highs in the mid-50s. Tonight, fair and cold. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s. Wednesday night, increasing cloudiness.

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Atlanta	50	40	rn	Baltimore	41	37	cdy
Boston	34	31	cdy	Chicago	32	28	cdy
Cleveland	47	25	cdy	Denver	33	05	.04
Detroit	45	31	cdy	El Paso	32	28	cdy
Fort Worth	44	41	2.45	Houston	69	55	.82
Laredo	71	48		Los Angeles	62	36	rn
Memphis	62	41	cdy	Minneapolis	37	31	an
Milwaukee	37	31	an	Nashville	58	29	
New Orleans	71	57	cdy	New York City	42	34	cdy
Oklahoma City	36	32	.83	Orlando	74	49	cdy
Philadelphia	43	37	cdy	Phoenix	58	39	cdy
Reno	41	19	cdy	Sacramento	54	34	cdy
San Francisco	49	33	cdy	Seattle	45	42	.58
St. Louis	48	33	cdy	Shreveport	62	55	.06
Tampa	42	38	.85	Spokane	38	29	cdy
Texas	50	41	2.59	Topka	42	38	.85
Wichita	38	31	.31	Wichita	38	31	.31

LANES: Bowlers match five

(From 1A)

be divided among them, myself and my wife."

Pope said his strategy for picking numbers was based on lanes on which he had bowled games of 300. In each of the past three Lotto games he has participated in, Pope picked one of the 21 lanes in which he scored best.

The five winning numbers Pope picked were 18, 23, 25, 26 and 38. The sixth number he picked was 44. The winning sixth number was

42. Pope, his wife Karen and their friends will share in the wealth and continue to play in the lottery in hopes of hitting the big prize.

"It's everybody's dream to win the lottery," Pope said. "Playing it is a lot of fun and it was very exciting just to win what we did."

"We have a friend in the state comptroller's office in Austin," he added. "When we called him, he told us we were very real lucky to match that many numbers. Maybe we'll get even luckier next time."

Seminar pitches Clinton's case to America

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Americans who tuned in Monday to Bill Clinton's conference were treated to what amounted to a graduate-level electronic chalk talk by some of the country's top economic thinkers.

In five-minute snatches, they laid out the broad outlines for what is likely to become the economic game plan of the next administration. They weren't making a case to Clinton, but making Clinton's case to America.

During the opening day, there were no surprises. The broad themes had a familiar ring: Increase investment in roads and other public works projects, and in people; attack income inequality; reform the health care system; don't forget the poor.

All were components of Clinton's presidential platform.

But instead of being delivered in the hurly-burly of a political

Analysis

campaign, where every claim triggers a counterclaim, there was notable unanimity among the 329 invited conference participants.

Watching the session, one could be forgiven for thinking that Clinton will have no problem getting Congress to enact his program in record time.

However, the key word is "invited." The participants were hand-picked. Supply-side economists need not apply.

The economists who made presentations supported Clinton during the campaign. Even John White, the architect of Ross Perot's budget austerity plan, switched in the closing weeks of the campaign and became a Clinton supporter.

Members of Congress, the people who will have to enact Clinton's program were not on the guest list. That wasn't an oversight. The Clinton people planned

it that way.

While they insisted that the conference would be used to help Clinton's team make the final decisions in crafting his program, the real goal of these sessions was to build support in the heartland for the changes Clinton has already decided to make.

Thus, the nationally broadcast sessions should be viewed more as a national teach-in on Clinton's economic program than a brainstorming session to come up with new solutions.

Robert Solow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology struck a down-home note when he began his discussions by saying the current situation reminded him of what he once heard about an Army officer: "Lieutenant X, he knows a lot but he don't realize nothing."

Solow said it was time for the country to "start realizing."

He and others said the country is in the fix it's in because it has

been unable to boost productivity — the number of hamburgers, cars and medical services Americans produce per hour of work.

The answer, according to the speakers, was the Clinton campaign song — step up investments in infrastructure and worker training.

Alicia Haydock Munnell, an expert on investment at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, offered her theory about why productivity growth is on the slide: because the government has not invested enough in such key areas as roads, bridges and airports. More music to Clinton's ears.

Listening to the various speakers, it sounded so simple. Adopt the Clinton program and stand back and watch the economy spring to life. But one cautionary note was sounded by Princeton economist Alan Blinder.

Quoting Albert Einstein, Blinder said, "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not more so."

FORUM: Clinton seeks economic leaders' advice

(From 1A)

The afternoon session centered on international economics. Clinton said he supported a "strong dollar," but not one that was propped up artificially.

He reiterated his support for a cautious Chinese policy, continuing pressure on the Beijing government for more human-rights progress but without revoking favorable trade treatment.

"I am very happy with the growth of market economies in China," Clinton said. And Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Clinton's treasury secretary-designate, said that China "must have an open market for us" if it expects the United States to continue to accept Chinese exports.

Owen Bieber, president of the United Auto Workers, urged Clinton not to follow trade practices that would continue to encourage free trade at the expense of U.S. workers. "I think we've been the victims in the last 12 years far too often," he said.

The six people Clinton had named to top economic posts had seats along with other invitees at desks spreading out from his in a huge circle. Vice President-elect Al Gore, at his right hand.

Clinton, who had problems with his voice in the presidential campaign, was growing hoarse by mid-afternoon. But the president-elect, sitting behind a cardboard sign that said simply, "Bill Clinton," remained animated in his interest, sometimes gesturing with his glasses in his left hand. When sessions ran long, he shortened the breaks, admonishing everyone to hurry back.

"I thought it was a good show," said Paul Krugman, economics professor at MIT, of the opening session. "It's not a discussion. It's a show. (But) it's a better show than I thought it would be."

Presentations were wide-ranging, from Ford Motor chairman Harold Poling's declaration that his company spends more on health care than on steel to Nobel

Prize-winning economist Robert Solow's conclusion that the economy's sluggishness "is not just a short-term glitch."

"Without a strong recovery, it will be a lot harder to solve the long-run problems of the economy," said Solow, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Clinton agreed and said that despite some recent encouraging reports on the "economy's short-term health," it was still too early to assume "that we're out of the woods."

Calling the \$4 trillion national debt "an economic ball and chain dragging us down," Clinton said the decisions he must make in putting his economic plan into action will require much soul-searching. He also heard a plea for the nation's poor, from Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund. She said that while it is a tragedy that thousands are starving in Somalia, "it is a human and moral travesty that 14.3 million children are poor

in the richest land on earth."

With a guest list of nearly 330, the conference included an afternoon 800-number call-in segment and was carried by C-SPAN (the Cable Satellite Public Affairs Network) and by National Public Radio.

The televised coverage was made more vivid by dozens of colorful charts and other graphics — a technique bringing to mind Texas billionaire Ross Perot, who used hand-drawn charts in his television commercials promoting his independent candidacy.

Perot was not among those invited. But Clinton aides said the emphasis Perot had put on the economy and the deficit in his campaign was a major influence.

And one of the panelists — John White, the former Eastman Kodak vice president who had been Perot's top economic adviser before endorsing Clinton in the closing days of the campaign — told Clinton "the deficit is growing worse."

CASE: Supreme Court to rule on hate-crime laws

(From 1A)

victim because of race.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court's ruling, on June 23, came a day after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in RAV vs. City of St. Paul that the First Amendment prohibited an ordinance that made it a crime to display a symbol like a burning cross or a swastika that was likely to arouse anger or alarm "on the basis of race, color, creed, religion or gender."

In his majority opinion in that case, Justice Antonin Scalia said the constitutional flaw in the St. Paul ordinance was its selectivity in proscribing expressions of some kinds of bias but not others.

"The First Amendment does not permit St. Paul to impose special prohibitions on those speakers

who express views on disfavored subject," Scalia said.

In the new appeal the Justices must decide whether the analysis in the St. Paul case was broad enough to strike down laws that do not create new bias crimes, but that simply increase the penalties for crimes already on the books.

The court's answer will have a wide practical effect. While the St. Paul ordinance was unusual, with few jurisdictions having created special bias crimes, Wisconsin is one of 30 states that have adopted the sentence-enhancement approach proposed in the early 1980s by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

There has been spirited debate over whether these laws could survive the court's ruling in the St. Paul case. The Ohio Supreme

Court has since struck down that state's penalty-enhancement law, while the Oregon Supreme Court upheld the law in that state.

In October the House of Representatives passed a bill giving federal judges the authority to impose longer prison sentences for crimes of bias. The bill died in the Senate, but its sponsor, Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., plans to reintroduce it in the new Congress.

Since the court's ruling last June the Anti-Defamation League has tenaciously defended its approach. Leaders of the group said Monday that they were pleased the court had agreed to hear the Wisconsin case.

The action "effectively recognizes that its decision last June in RAV vs. St. Paul cannot be the

final word on the constitutionality of hate crimes statutes," Melvin Salberg, the organization's chairman, and Abraham H. Foxman, its national director, said in a statement.

The new case, Wisconsin vs. Mitchell, No. 92-515, will be one of the most closely watched cases of the court's term. It will be argued in the spring, with a decision expected by the end of the term in late June or early July.

The court's speed in accepting the Wisconsin case may reflect not only the justices' sense that the subject is an important one, but also a concern — at least among some — that the decision in the St. Paul case may have introduced more uncertainty than the court intended.

ACQUITS: Government appeals judge's decision

(From 1A)

Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena was kidnapped and tortured in 1985 by Mexico's drug lords, the kingpins had their favorite doctor, Alvarez, inject him with drugs to keep him alive for further torture and interrogation.

But Rubin said there were no puncture marks or drug residue in Camarena's body to prove the was injected. Nor were there fingerprints to link a syringe found at the torture house to Alvarez, he said.

The only physical evidence that Alvarez visited the house where Camarena was tortured was a set of his fingerprints on a plastic dry cleaning bag found in a closet. Rubin noted there was no evidence of when the prints might have been made.

After the acquittal, Alvarez's lawyers initially expected him to be freed by the end of the day. But the government, in an emergency petition Monday evening, asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal to keep Alvarez in the country on an immigration hold. Prosecutors also appealed the acquittal.

Rubin called the government action outrageous, saying, "How they could get an immigration hold when the man was brought here by U.S. agents I don't know."

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Carlton refused to comment on the government's action.

Carlton had implored the judge

to allow the the case to go to the jury, noting that a witness had placed Alvarez at the house where Camarena was killed and told of seeing the doctor washing hypodermic needles.

But the judge said Alvarez's mere presence in the house wasn't sufficient to show that he was a conspirator in murder.

DEA Administrator Robert C. Bonner said the government didn't agree with Rafeedie's ruling but added, "We respect it and will abide by it."

Justice Department officials wouldn't comment.

Seven other people have been convicted in U.S. courts in the Camarena killing and more than two dozen were convicted in Mexico.

Rafael Caro Quintero, the drug boss who is said to have ordered the killing because raids organized by Camarena were disrupting his drug operations, is serving a 40-year sentence in a Mexican prison.

Last week, Rafeedie refused to grant a judgment of acquittal for Alvarez's co-defendant, Zuno, a brother-in-law of former Mexican President Luis Echeverria.

Government informants said Zuno was at meetings in which Camarena's killing was planned.

The informants, being paid thousands of dollars and protected by the U.S. government, portrayed Alvarez as doctor to the drug barons, making regular house calls to treat them for cocaine overdoses.

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Report: Clinton chooses Arkansas health chief as surgeon general

Transition team to tackle prescription drug pricing

By Robert Pear
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bill Clinton's transition team has put the drug industry on notice that Clinton intends to limit increases in prescription drug prices as part of any plan to revamp the nation's health-care system.

Aides to Clinton met recently with drug company executives, described his ideas and invited their reaction. Details of the meeting were provided Monday by Clinton aides and company executives.

One of Clinton's ideas is to make prescription drugs available to all Americans as part of a standard package of health benefits, which employers must provide to employees.

Another idea, part of the same plan, is to set guidelines for drug prices, in an effort to insure that they do not rise faster than other consumer prices.

In the campaign, Clinton said that he wanted to impose a national limit on all health-care spending, public and private. He said he would "stop drug

price gouging" by eliminating certain tax breaks for drug companies that raised prices more than the increase in the overall Consumer Price Index.

Clinton endorsed a bill sponsored by Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., that would limit tax breaks for such companies.

Judith Feder, coordinator of health policy for the transition team, said Monday that Clinton "most definitely" intended to carry out his campaign vow to slow the rise in drug prices.

In the last few days, Clinton aides have met with officers of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, the trade group for the prescription drug industry, and asked for their help in controlling drug prices.

Clinton's staff gave the executives a memorandum with descriptions of ideas for insuring that all Americans have access to affordable prescription drugs.

The proposals set off debate within the drug industry, with some companies eager to work with Clinton and others alarmed at his proposals.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President-elect Clinton has asked Arkansas Health Director Joycelyn Elders to become U.S. surgeon general, and she has accepted, two Democratic sources said Monday.

Elders, a liberal and often-combative member of Clinton's state Cabinet since 1987, was offered the position over the weekend, said the sources, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Elders, 59, a Little Rock pediatrician, would replace Dr. Antonia Novello as head of the government's Public Health Service. The surgeon general's term does not expire until 1994, but a Clinton aide said Novello intended to step aside in favor of the president-elect's choice.

Contacted at her home, Elders declined to confirm the report except to say, "I discussed it with the president (elect)."

Elders would be the second black and fifth women chosen for

high-level position in the Clinton administration. The president-elect made 11 appointments in advance of the economic summit.

Ron Brown, named commerce secretary-designate Saturday, was the first black choice for the Cabinet. The women are: Carol Browner, Environmental Protection Agency; Alice Rivlin, deputy budget director; Laura Tyson, chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; and Donna Shalala, Health and Human Services.

Elders' appointment would put two Arkansans in top administration posts. Clinton tapped old friend Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty for his chief of staff Saturday.

Clinton is expected to make more appointments Wednesday. Aides say the naming of McLarty makes transition director Warren Christopher, once a contender for chief of staff, the logical choice for secretary of state.

Outgoing Colorado Sen. Timo-

thy Wirth is the likely choice for energy secretary and former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt is the front-runner for interior, aides say. Rep. Mike Mike Espy, D-Miss., is considered by some the leading contender for the agriculture post, although one top aide has played down Espy's chances.

The appointment of former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros to head Housing and Urban Development remained a strong possibility Monday when he announced that he would not seek appointment to the seat being vacated by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas. Bentsen is Clinton's choice as treasury secretary.

As Arkansas' health chief, Elders has been known for her combative style, often dressing down legislators who tried to block her initiatives.

She drew the ire of conservative groups by promoting distribution of contraceptives at school-based

health clinics to combat AIDS and teen-aged pregnancy.

Conservatives held the Health Department hostage for a time in 1991 in an attempt to reverse the policy, but Clinton supported Elders' efforts and shunned requests for her resignation.

Elders is the first black and first woman to head Arkansas' Health Department. She came to the job after a 26-year career in pediatrics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

She is a 1952 honors graduate of Philander Smith College, a mostly black school in downtown Little Rock. She earned a master's degree in biochemistry from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



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Mob attacks woman as peacekeepers watch

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A surging, angry mob of several hundred men beat and stripped a woman Monday in front of a French checkpoint and within clear view of U.S. Marines perched on an armored vehicle.

The peacekeepers made no move to rescue the Somali woman. The incident illustrates the violent nature of the streets of Mogadishu, which are rife with robberies, car hijackings and shootings. Much of the theft is directed at foreign relief workers and journalists.

The violence poses a dilemma for foreign troops who are intent on delivering food to famine victims but who risk their credibility if they fail to act to stop the violence.

The French commander, Col. Michel Touron, told reporters the woman had run into a French position to escape a stone-throwing mob. French Foreign Legionnaires then drove her down the street to a nearby French checkpoint to get her out of harm's way.

But when she got out of the vehicle, a group of Somali men accused her of being a prostitute, repeatedly knocking her to the ground during a 15-minute attack with sticks and fists. Her green,

flowered dress was ripped off.

The crowd also hurled stones at foreign journalists who were filming the incident from a nearby rooftop.

The woman was rescued by a man who raised a large kitchen knife and led her across the street to the former police headquarters as other men locked arms to hold back the crowd. She was kept in the police station by followers of Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, the warlord who controls southern Mogadishu.

Touron denied that the woman was involved with French soldiers, adding that there "are probably some people in Somalia who would like to incite incidents against the French."

Asked why the French soldiers didn't rescue her a second time, he shrugged and said, "That's a good question."

Col. Fred Peck, spokesman for U.S.-led forces, said he did not know of any American forces at the scene. But reporters saw U.S. troops in desert fatigues sitting on an armored vehicle nearby.

"The position of the U.S. forces, and it is clear in our instructions, is that if you see someone in danger, physical harm, we have a right to act in a humanitarian fashion to protect their personal well-being," Peck said.

However, he added, the Marines are not looking for ways to stop crime.

"We are not meant to be the police force of Mogadishu or any other town in Somalia at this time," he said.

Some relief workers suggested U.S. forces should take a stronger hand in stopping the violence.

"The Marines need to be more

aggressive or they will be ignored and laughed at which is what happened to the United Nations troops," said UNICEF spokesman Mark Thomas.

He referred to a 500-man Pakistani force that was the first international contingent in Mogadishu but failed to make a dent in the violence. That failure is why many Somalis say they prefer U.S. troops to those of the United Nations even though American forces have a U.N. mandate.

In recent days, five relief workers and an Associated Press photographer have been robbed; a U.N. worker and a Kenyan television sound recorder were shot; cameramen were stoned.

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Yeltsin surrenders Gaidar, names Chernomyrdin new prime minister

By Serge Schmemmann
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MOSCOW — Outmaneuvered in the end by the hostile Russian congress, President Boris N. Yeltsin on Monday surrendered Yegor T. Gaidar, the architect and symbol of his economic program, and in his stead named a veteran manager of the state energy sector to be prime minister.

The stunning reversal, and the question mark it raised over the continuation of the already limp-

ing program of economic change, concluded a two-week power struggle between Yeltsin and the bellicose Congress of People's Deputies, during which the tide of battle shifted frequently and furiously.

At the end, as the 1,000-odd deputies rose for the closing anthem in the Grand Kremlin Palace, the consensus was that Yeltsin had suffered a serious blow to his once-impregnable stature and standing.

The surest sign was that his

hard-core followers in the Democratic Russia movement declared they were parting ways with Yeltsin over what they saw as his "betrayal" of Gaidar, the acting prime minister.

"The price for this will be paid by Russia," said Stanislav Shustov, an embittered deputy from Moscow. "To save Gaidar would have taken real courage — not like the courage when he stood on the turret of a tank surrounded by supporters, but the courage of a politician among adversaries."

Newly elected to lead the Cabinet was Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, 54, and, until now, the deputy prime minister in charge of the state fuel-energy complex. In his initial statements, Chernomyrdin declared himself in favor of a market-oriented economy, but added that "reforms must now acquire a somewhat different ring."

Such statements and his background signaled that Chernomyrdin would seek to slow and moderate the processes that Gaidar began, with mixed results, in his

year as acting prime minister. The greatest immediate fear was that he would resume large-scale credits to government-run industry and fire inflation to new heights.

But the economic consequences of the shift were less evident than the political ones. Western businessmen said much would depend on whether members of Gaidar's "team" remained in the Cabinet, and how Yeltsin would handle his new prime minister. Many also hoped that the economic transformation had developed enough mo-

mentum to continue without Gaidar.

"I don't believe that the privatization program will suffer, because I believe that privatization is coming from the people, and not from the government down," said Boris Jordan, an official of Credit Suisse First Boston who helped organize a pilot privatization auction in Moscow.

Gaidar, who sat glumly through the entire election process, was gracious in defeat, but firm in his refusal to stay on.

Hostility continues as Marines intervene

BAIDOA, Somalia (AP) — Hope slid into hostility Monday in this frontier town of Somalia's famine, as looters made their last grabs and more starving children died while Baidoa waited for the Marines to land.

Baidoa's daily death toll, which had dipped below 50 last week from its high point of about 300, has climbed to about 100 a day since the Marines landed in Somalia last week, relief workers said.

Robert Mullock, an American volunteer, said the growing violence had forced workers to evacuate relief centers, leaving desperately sick children without daily care. He spoke bitterly of the U.S. military.

"It's as though they pulled the plug on a patient," said Mullock, of Cape May, N.J. "There is no reason they could not be here. With 200 men, you could walk over this town."

At the Islamic Orphanage, where 610 children in his care study the Koran while regaining their strength, Abdi Nur Ali yanked at a visitor's shirt as he raged against ragtag bands on going-out-of-business looting sprees.

"They're too late, the Marines," he said. "Too late."

Looters murdered a guard on Sunday before fleeing the compound, he said.

The mounting friction between the U.S. military and aid workers who want the relief operation to move faster and do more came as President Bush told his top commanders at a meeting Monday that their mission had not changed.

The mission: Secure the East African nation's major ports and airfields for the delivery of food and other aid, then escort it under guard to the starving.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and most aid workers in Somalia would like the U.S.-led coalition to disarm Somali factions and help rebuild roads, wells and water works.

Although troops in Mogadishu have seized some arms, the degree of passivity that their ambiguous role permits was demonstrated Monday, when several hundred men stripped and beat a Somali woman in plain view of French and U.S. soldiers.

The men accused the woman of being a prostitute and beat her for more than 15 minutes in front of a French checkpoint. Her green, flowered dress was ripped from her body.

Neither the French nor U.S. troops sitting on a nearby armored vehicle intervened. The woman eventually was rescued by a man brandishing a kitchen knife.

Shying from police missions in the capital, U.S. commanders also have gone slow in sending troops into the starving interior, saying they don't want to expose their forces to militia violence.

But a drive through Baidoa on Monday showed no evidence of potential resistance. A few dozen rifle snouts poked out of jeep windows, but nothing was left of the heavily armed battle wagons which once ruled the streets.

Clan leaders have taken their armed vehicles into the bush, leav-

ing the city to bandit gangs, freelance marauders.

Food reaches Baidoa by air — six U.S. C-130s on Monday flew in enough to feed 300,000 for a day — but the tense climate has cut down on its distribution, especially to remote settlements.

Aid workers want U.S. troops to pacify the area so they can locate forgotten pockets of hungry people.

Until the Marines arrive, about 30 foreigners and hundreds of Somali relief workers are the only line of defense against starvation. The workers barricade themselves at night behind sandbags and gun emplacements.

Mullock arrived two days ago on his personal Operation Restore Hope, launched in September when he saw one too many pictures of wasted babies. He raised money in Cape May and brought it to Baidoa.

He found Mohomoud Iman Aden, whom he calls the Saint of Somalia, and supported his orphanage for 1,820 children.

"We believe these are great American guys," he said. "But they set the stage for this, and now it is delayed. That is not right. In some ways, they have made things worse."

At a feeding center run by the Irish group Concern, Maryan Haji Hassan spoke with more puzzlement than passion. Her center, which feeds 2,000 people, is doing well at saving people — the daily death toll has fallen from about five to two or even one recently.

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Ruiz settlement will bring relief to state

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice's approval of a settlement between the State of Texas and inmates in Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) is, as Justice said, a historic event. No doubt sheriffs throughout the state are breathing a sigh of relief.

The David Ruiz case is essentially over and while it did result in better conditions for inmates in Texas prisons, what the settlement did for law enforcement will be felt throughout the entire state. The case had become a problem for Texas in 1980 when Justice ruled that confinement in Texas prisons was cruel and unusual punishment because of overcrowding, substandard care and routine brutality by guards and inmates.

To get the federal government off its back, TDC had to improve conditions significantly. In a ruling last Friday, Justice agreed the conditions had been changed.

Already, Gov. Ann Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock have heralded the Justice action on the settlement. The immediate impact likely will be that more prisoners now being held in county jails for the Texas prison system can be transferred to state facilities, freeing up space in county jails for more

prisoners.

A crunch in county jail space has been one of the main problems resulting from the Ruiz case, and if that crunch can be ended or at least partially relieved, the end result will be speedier, more certain punishment for lawbreakers. Bullock even estimated that as many as 2,500 inmates can be immediately transferred out of crowded county jails in the state.

That's good news for the state's criminal justice system because for years district and county attorneys have noted that one of their biggest headaches was the overcrowded condition in county jails. It affected their ability as prosecutors to be able to set early court dates and use the threat of prison incarceration as a tool in the judicial process.

It also affected the efficiency of police departments, sheriff's departments and the TDC, where officials saw a "revolving door" develop for the criminal element in the state. That was undermining the efforts of law enforcement and prosecutors alike.

The Ruiz case is gone, thank goodness. Texas has control of its prison system once more. No small segment of the Texas population is saying, "It's about time."

WILLIAM MURCHISON

Right to know overrides dignity, good taste

The Fourth Estate, as we used to call the press, supposedly got its name from Edmund Burke, who said its power exceeded that of the realm's traditional "estates" — church, lords and commons. But Burke never met the massive media.

The media this week helped break up a royal marriage and covered the Marine landing in Somalia as if filming a mini-series. There's power for you: the power of the snoop, determined for commercial reasons — with maybe a soupçon of public spirit thrown in — to see all, tell all. Anything we don't see we can attribute, not to technological shortcomings, but rather to the media's lack of appreciation for the story. Pandering has been raised to an art form.

Mind: Pandering — i.e., giving people what they are believed to want, whatever it is — can be justified economically and politically. In public affairs, better too much light, the property of a democracy, than too much darkness, the property of an autocracy. But light — especially of the wattage necessary to make filming possible — can blind as well as illuminate. We sometimes see so much, we see hardly anything.

The media show what's there, but often what is there wouldn't be there except for the media. The royal breakup in England is case in point. Bad marriages have afflicted the reigning classes in all countries, not least England, one of whose sovereigns famously took to himself six queens. There was of course no media scrutiny then. Is that an argument for encouraging it now? Before answering, try to imagine

how much smoother in the present case the royal road to romance might have been if trodden far from the cameras, the outstretched mikes, the shrieking headlines.

The omnivorous British media would drive anyone nuts, including those whose job, like Charles' and Diana's, is mostly to endure the British media. This isn't to say a royal couple is without responsibility for its own happiness and health; rather, that the almost-complete loss of privacy takes its toll. The media have treated, and will probably go on treating, the Prince and Princess of Wales, not like future rulers but like chunks of red meat for hungry

customers. One is all the more sympathetic with Bill Clinton's reported wish for a little privacy (though with Clinton, a born exhibitionist, you can't know if he means it).

And what about coverage of the Marine landing? No harm done perhaps, except to the dignity, if any, of the media, which needed only Cecil B. DeMille there, barking orders, establishing camera angles. An observer with a true sense of the occasion would have yelled "cut" once the beach was secured.

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CHARLEY REESE

Of its own accord, United Nations is powerless

There is more talk everyday about setting up a standing army for the United Nations. The American people ought to think seriously about the U.N. before they consent to this.

Despite all the high-blown rhetoric about a world government, the United Nations has been nothing more than a pawn for the major powers to use if they thought it convenient.

Oh, the U.N.'s bureaucracy has engaged in social work and the General Assembly, which is otherwise powerless, has allowed smaller countries the pleasure of talking back to the major powers without getting their teeth kicked in. Like any other government, the U.N. has tended to become bureaucratized and to overpay its bureaucrats. One should always add, however, that the U.N. pay and perks are small potatoes to that really elitist international organization, the World Bank.

But just as the World Bank has no money of its own, and therefore it is not a truly independent organization, so too the United Nations has no power of its own — and still wouldn't

even if a certain amount of troops were permanently designated for U.N. use.

In the U.N. Charter, only the Security Council can authorize the use of force or economic sanctions. Without force, or at least economic sanctions to back them up, U.N. resolutions — even Security Council resolutions — are nothing but empty gestures — like congressional resolutions extolling the virtue of Iowa corn.

The U.N. Charter reveals the truth about the intentions of its creators. Only the Security Council can use force — e.g., be effective — and any one of the five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, the Commonwealth of Independent States, France, Great Britain, and China — can veto any intended action.

Clearly the drafters of the charter intended the U.N. to be a "front" by which the victorious World War II allies would rule the rest of the world in their accustomed colonialist manner.

This scheme misfired because the Cold War arose between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Anything the U.S. wanted to do, the Soviets vetoed; anything the Soviets wanted to do, we vetoed. Stalemate was the result.

But when the Cold War ended, what happened at the U.N.? The U.S., France and Great Britain immediately used it as a tool to enforce their colonialist style policy. Some upstart Arab named Saddam Hussein rashly seized a

country in which resides what the industrial nations consider to be "their" oil.

Presto, the long dormant U.N. was galvanized into action and under the color of the resolutions rammed through the Security Council by virtue of a combination of bribes and threats, Iraq was pounded into rubble and the oil returned to its proper role as effectively the property of the Western nations cared for by the puppet government in Kuwait.

Is the U.N. rejuvenated? Of course not. Any U.N. action directed at Israel is promptly vetoed by the U.S., for example. The U.S. treats Israel as a client state and therefore immune to any kind of U.N. action. It's okay for the U.N. to deal with Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, but not with Israel's invasion of Lebanon. The U.N. will impose a border settlement on Iraq, but not on Israel. The U.N. only works when the former colonialist countries want it to work and only against their chosen targets.

In short, the U.N. is a structure built on hypocrisy and a cynical and systematic duping of those people who genuinely saw it as a structure that could bring peace to the world and even the playing field among the small and large nations. Rather than rule by international law, the U.N. has been subverted into a front and a cover for rule by force.

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Reese

LETTERS

Sex education teaches teens to 'Just say know'

Midland needs to wake-up. Sex education is not something to be scared of. In Sunday's paper (Dec. 6), however, an article showed parents to be panicking over the issue.

Parents need to face reality, sex is something to be talked about. I'm surprised some parents in Midland will say the word. Sex is not dirty, it is a fact of life. It is also a fact the children of Midland parents are having sex. If you say, "not my kid," you are absolutely wrong. Being scared by sex-education in public schools is ridiculous. Although I do believe abstinence is the best way to avoid pregnancy or disease, I think education is the key. Midland parents had rather tell their children, "Just say no." Well, I say "Just say know."

Organizing an AIDS Awareness Week at Lee High School, which included an assembly with an AIDS patient, I feel education is the best way to get anyone's attention. The students at Lee were informed, and the speakers had a tremendous impact. I believe that assembly was well worth the effort even if only one student out of the 2,000 got the message that sex is not something to experiment with.

Parents, you need to wake-up. Statistics prove your "angel" is probably having sex, or will before marriage. The Federal Centers for Disease Control released a survey of health and sex habits among U.S. High School students. Results revealed that 54 percent of 11,631 students had had sex including 40 percent of ninth graders, and 72 percent of twelfth graders.

Being in high school, I believe Midland's statistics are higher. Ignoring the issue, or saying it is your job to talk about sex is ignorant. The result is not just pregnancy any more. This city still lives like it is 1950, and would rather just ignore the issue altogether. That makes me so mad, people

in this so-called conservative Midland may be killing themselves and won't find out until it's too late. I guess nothing will make Midlanders wake up, until either their child gets pregnant (however abortion will take care of that, so your neighbors won't find out your "angel" is like everybody else's "devil") or they contract a sexually transmitted disease, which includes the fatal AIDS virus. If Midland continues to look the other way, we'll be known as the AIDS generation, and that is something to be scared about.

Catherine Leps
Midland

Citizen offers support to our elected leaders

If tens of thousands of listeners choose to tune in for three hours every day to hear a fat, egotistical, arrogant radio personality tell them they don't have to think or read the news because he'll do it for them, that's their prerogative as free citizens. As for me, I do my own reading AND my own thinking.

However, if Rush Limbaugh uses his full brain, including the half he has tied behind his back, he might realize it would be far better to preach (as that is what he does) to his listeners that they cooperate with the administration and give our leaders some support in their attempt to right some of the wrongs which affect us all rather than sow seeds of discontent before President-elect Clinton even takes office! After all, we are going to live under a Democratic administration for at least the next four years so it seems to me we should do what we can to build rather than destroy. I always thought that was the American way!

Limbaugh's flamboyant "flag waving" may be his idea of patriotism, but it is certainly not mine and apparently millions of Americans agree with me. They proved that at the ballot box.

Jean Reid
Midland

LEWIS GRIZZARD

In sports world, insults are better than nothing

Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team, might as well give up and get out of the game as many have suggested because the Speech Police, ever-vigilant, has her number.

Marge Schott has been accused of saying all sorts of insulting, racist and politically incorrect things, and in these sensitive times, that makes you dead meat, hang freedom of speech. It was probably a bad idea anyway.

Not only that, but now the Rev. Jesse Jackson is involved and, once that happens, you might as well pack your bags.

The Rev. Jackson, it said in the paper, wants to speak at baseball's winter meetings in Louisville.

The Rev. Jackson wants to speak everywhere because I really think he likes to hear himself talk.



Grizzard

If he's not allowed to speak, news reports say, he is threatening to call for a boycott of all opening day games next spring.

Bye, Marge. I bring all this up because I, unlike many others, have learned to cope with being offended. Maybe this will be helpful to a few of Marge Schott's targets.

I received a letter recently regarding my stance on not allowing gays in the military that referred to me as an imbecile.

I was terribly offended. I went to school for 16 years, so nobody would think I was an imbecile.

I took courses I really hated, such as botany and geology, so that if I were ever asked to speak on those subjects I'd know a little something about them, but I've still been called an imbecile.

Another critic wrote me a letter and called me a particular kind of ant that rhymes with hiss.

Various high-school coaches also referred to me that way when I struck out with the bases loaded in baseball or missed two free throws

that would have won a basketball game.

But I thought after I became an adult nobody would call me that again.

I was wrong.

The New York Times magazine quoted a man who called me odious.

I never met the man, but he still called me odious.

I looked up that word in the dictionary and beside it there was a picture of that type and I was talking about earlier.

Recently, in the Entertainment Weekly, I saw a review of a book I wrote.

The review quoted an unnamed editor calling me — and get this one — "a horny little moron."

Where did that come from?

There certainly is nothing in the book that would portray me as sex crazed, and if calling me an imbecile wasn't enough now they're calling me a moron.

Here's how I cope and let the insults slide. It's got to do with baseball also.

Former Georgia Tech football coach, Pepper Rodgers, a dear friend, was trying to console me when I first began writing this column and somebody called me a jerk or worse.

Pepper said he came to bat in a high-school game and the catcher said, "Well, look who we have here, the great Pepper Rodgers. Know what they're saying about you?"

Pepper asked, "What?"

"They're saying you really think you're something. They're saying you're a real hotdog."

Pepper replied, "Really? Know what they're saying about you?"

The catcher asked, "What?"

"Nothing," answered Pepper.

Just pronounce my name correctly and I can take the heat.

Lewis Grizzard's column is distributed by Cowles Syndicate.

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Electors cast ballots with mixed emotions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's real voters cast their ballots Monday in a presidential contest with zero suspense. A Bill Clinton landslide was as inevitable as grumbling about the cumbersome Electoral College system.

Clinton and running mate Al Gore were to receive 370 of 538 electoral votes from electors who participated in ceremonies Monday in 50 state capitals and the District of Columbia.

There were no reports of voting discrepancies, but the outcome does not become official until the results are formally presented to a joint session of Congress on Jan. 6.

The Electoral College events ranged from perfunctory document-signing to elaborate meals, with electors generally paid mileage and a small fee to show up. New York and Missouri staged fancy lunches. In South Dakota, perks were limited to commemorative pens

and framed photographs.

"I would have provided a sack lunch except for the fact that I've got to catch a plane in 12 minutes," joked South Dakota Gov. George Mickelson, one of the state's three Republican electors. The other two lunched in the Capitol's basement cafeteria.

Arkansas staged an equally modest but nonetheless emotional event for the official crowning of its native son. Its six electors cast their votes for the Clinton-Gore ticket during a 14-minute ceremony in the Old State Supreme Court Room of the Capitol. Harold Jinks of Piggot called it "one of the proudest moments of my life." He is nearly 87.

In New Hampshire, where Clinton salvaged his candidacy with a second-place primary finish, state Democratic chairman Chris Spirou also got emotional. "Who would believe that a

shepherd boy from the mountains of Greece ... would be voting for the leader of the free world?" asked Spirou, a naturalized citizen.

Some Democrats couldn't help exulting at a victory they consider long overdue. "To think that 16 years we waited for a day like this," said Helena Degnan, 86, of Providence, R.I. "This was a red-letter day in my life."

There were, of course, many states where Republican electors were voting for a defeated candidate. Some joked about it.

"I've ridden some dead horses into battle, but this may be the deadest," said Jerry Lambers, the retiring majority leader of the South Dakota House.

Emily Phillips of Columbia, S.C., showed up for her ceremony wearing a sweatshirt that read: "Don't blame me. I voted for Bush."

Police seek Christmas letter writer

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — Thad wrote to Santa seeking food for his hungry mom, a job for his dad and help getting to "Heaven" so his parents won't need to feed him.

Many people are now hoping to rescue Thad and his family.

"We'd sure like to find him," Clallam County Sheriff's Sgt. Monty Martin said Monday. "I think this is the time of year that everyone goes out to make Christmas happy. We'd sure like to make this kid's Christmas happy."

Educators who have seen the letter guess the writer, who only signed the name "Thad," is a child between third and fifth grade age.

People from around the country and Canada have called to offer money, food and other gifts for the family. Some callers were moved to tears by Thad's story, Heassler said.

The unstamped letter was dropped off in a mailbox by the Clallam County Courthouse in the depressed timber town of 17,700 people 63 miles northwest of Seattle.

It begins: "Dear Santa Claus. Please help my mom and dad this Christmas. My dad is not working anymore. We can't get many food now. My mom gives us the food she would eat. Please help my mom and dad."

"I want to go to Heaven too be with the angels. Can you bring me to Heaven? My mom and dad would not have too by things for me no more. That would make them happy. Please bring my dad a job and some food."

"I live in my house like last year. We got candles. A city man took the lights a way. It looks like we don't live here no more. We do. I will wait for you too come in my room."

"I will not sleep. When you give my dad a job and some food too my mom I will go with you and the rain deer."

"Merry Christmas too you Mrs. Clas too the elfs too."

"Thad"

Beside the signature, is a picture of what appears to be a tiny star and a Christmas tree.

Postal officials gave the letter to state Child Protective Services. The agency passed it to city police detective Steve Coyle.

Coyle and sheriff's detectives have combed school records for names and utility records for power shut-offs in the city, county and outlying school districts. They've searched so far in vain.

Jury convicts transmitter of AIDS virus

HOUMA, La. (AP) — The first person convicted under a 1987 Louisiana law that makes it a crime to expose someone to the AIDS virus was sentenced Monday to the maximum 10 years in prison.

Salvatore Gamberella, 28, was convicted Nov. 18.

His sentence could have been doubled if he had been deemed a habitual offender. Though he has a criminal record — he served 18 months in prison for burglary — state Judge Baron Bourg didn't double the sentence.

Bourg last week rejected an American Civil Liberties Union motion to throw out the charges against Gamberella. The ACLU, which challenged the law's constitutionality, said it plans to appeal that decision.

Gamberella had testified that before he and his former girlfriend had intercourse, he told her he had HIV. The woman said he never told her.

The jury took 10 minutes to return a guilty verdict.

The law states: "No person shall intentionally expose another to any acquired immunity deficiency syndrome virus through sexual contact without the knowing and lawful consent of the victim."

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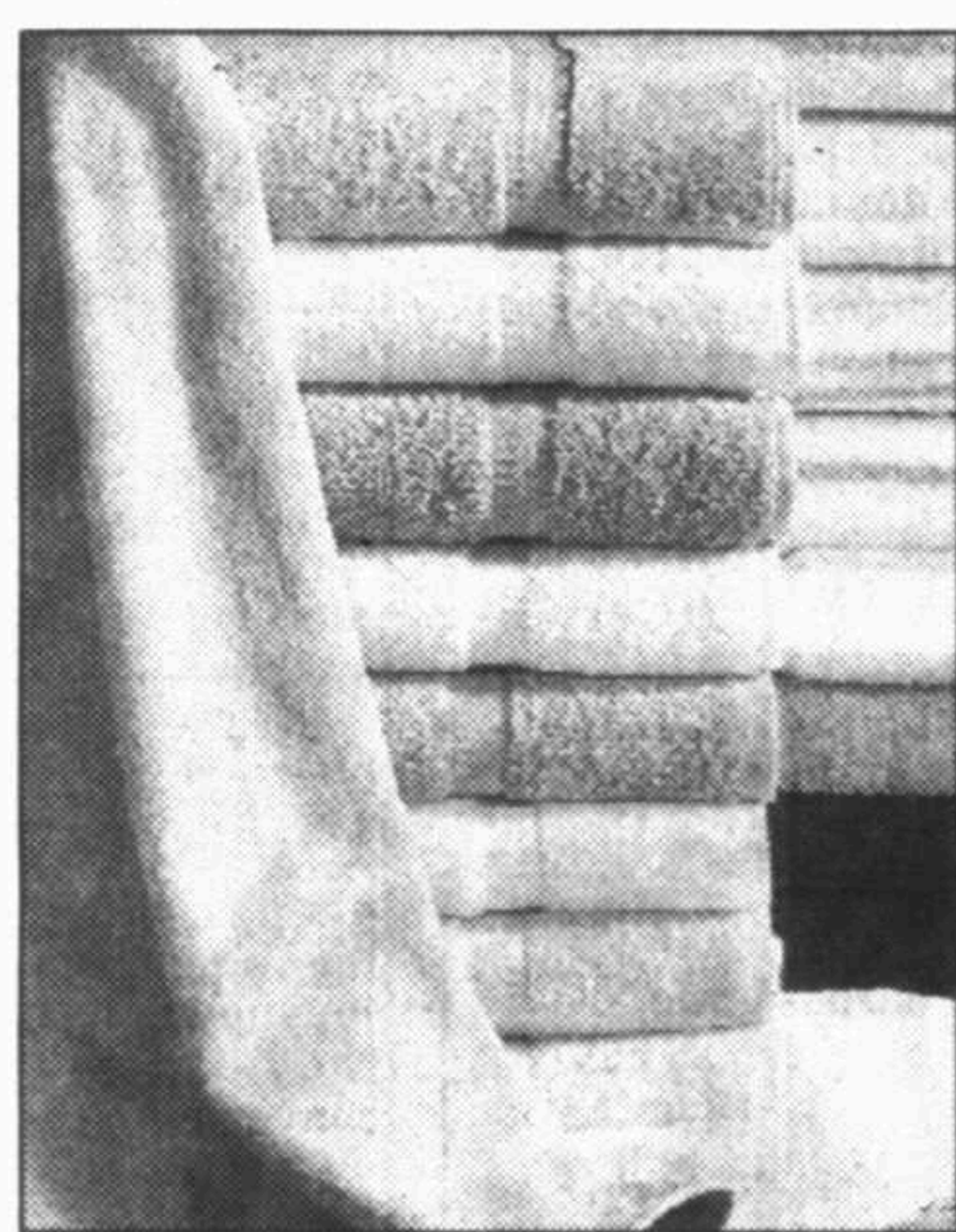
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Disagreements on environmental policy hurt Bush campaign

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — EPA Administrator William Reilly acknowledged Monday that his frequent squabbles with senior White House officials hurt President Bush's chances for re-election and overshadowed his environmental record.

"There's no question that the divisiveness ... hurt the president politically," said Reilly, who departs next month after four years as head of the Environmental Protection Agency — longer than any of his predecessors.

The rift was most apparent at last summer's Earth Summit in Brazil at which Bush refused to go along with environmentalists' demands for stronger measures to combat global warming.

After that, Reilly said, he was no longer able to convince anyone that Bush was pro-environment, and "we paid the price" on Election Day.

During the last four years Reilly has been seen by many environmental leaders as the Bush admin-

istration's strongest — some say only — advocate of protecting the environment.

But Reilly in a 30-minute conversation in his office at EPA headquarters insisted repeatedly that the administration's environmental record is better than most Americans perceive.

"Politically we failed to get the kind of credit that the president's record should have earned," said Reilly. He cited among the accomplishments a strong enforcement program against polluters and passage of the 1990 Clean Air Act, which sought to use market forces to rid the air of pollution.

"We've put more people in jail for environmental crimes in our four years than in the whole 18 year history of the EPA," said Reilly. But he blamed "all the noise and controversy" between himself and senior White House officials seeking to soften environmental policy for making people forget the accomplishments.

It has been widely known that among Reilly's principal adversaries in the White House were Vice President Dan Quayle — through

his pro-business Competitiveness Council — as well Budget Director Richard Darman and earlier White House Chief of Staff John Sununu. All sought to protect business from environmental regulations.

Reilly wouldn't single out anyone at the White House by name and refused to criticize Bush directly.

But during the past year, Reilly acknowledged, some of his White House adversaries gained an upper hand. That was reflected, he suggested, in the "campaign rhetoric" during the final weeks before the Nov. 3 election in which Bush sought repeatedly to pit the environment against jobs.

But Reilly said the public's perception of Bush on environmental issues plummeted months earlier.

The political debacle at the Earth Summit, including the leaking by White House officials of an internal Reilly memorandum on summit strategy, "was a final blow" to the president's environmental reputation, he said.

"After Rio, I found it very difficult to get members of the press to

take us seriously on the environment," Reilly added.

In the months since the Rio summit some key advisers to the president failed to recognize that a strong environmental policy could bring votes, especially among women concerned about Bush's

abortion stand, suggested Reilly.

He recalled a conversation shortly after he became EPA administrator with Bush campaign strategist Lee Atwater during which the two men agreed a strong stand on environmental protection could pay off at the

polls, especially among suburban Republican women voters.

Atwater died in 1991.

"That insight that (Atwater) represented was missing in the past year and we paid the price for it," said Reilly.

Police arrest rioters at LA flashpoint

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police went on alert citywide Monday evening after rocks and bottles were thrown from a crowd at an intersection that was a flashpoint of the spring riots. At least 60 people were arrested.

Police Chief Willie Williams described officers' response as quick and excellent and said the situation was under control late Monday.

Williams blamed the disturbance on "organized groups" taking advantage of an earlier, peaceful protest. He didn't identify them but said they weren't necessarily gangs.

In the earlier demonstration, community activists had handed out fliers at the intersection of Florence and Normandie avenues in the city's South Central section in support of four men jailed for the beating there of trucker Reginald Denny.

Organizers left at about 3:30 p.m., and some of about 50 people at the demonstration became un-

ruly, said police spokesman Lt. John Dunkin. He said some people blocked traffic, and a few rocks and bottles were thrown.

Officers in riot gear responded. Dunkin said at least 60 people were arrested in the initial disturbance and in the area afterward. Most were booked for investigation of failure to disperse, and a few for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly throwing rocks or bottles at officers or passing cars, Dunkin said. No injuries were reported.

About 250 officers in riot gear were patrolling the area Monday night. Dunkin said police were dispersing any crowds that gathered.

Police initially declared a tactical alert in the department's South Bureau, cordoning off a four-block area around the Florence-Normandie intersection and closing off access to and from a freeway, Dunkin said.

At about 6 p.m. the alert was expanded to cover the entire city,

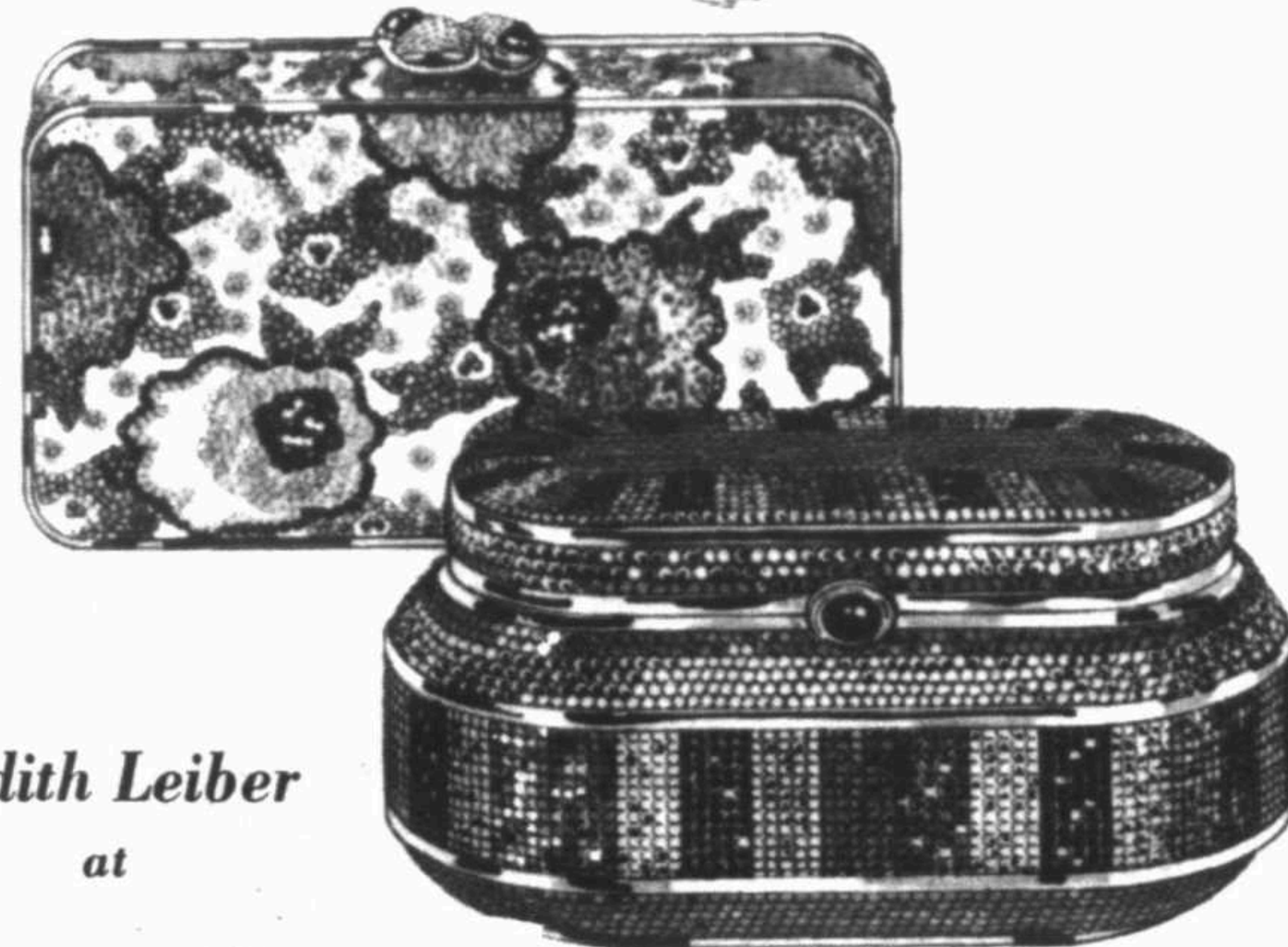
said police spokeswoman Officer Sharyn Michelson. "They're just making sure they have personnel available in case this escalates," she said.

The activists who had handed out fliers at the intersection contend the men's bail has been set too high while they await trial in the beating of Denny during the early moments of the riots April 29.

B. Kwaka Duran, one of the demonstration's organizers, said police overreacted during and after that protest. "People were just exercising their rights," Duran said.

The police chief, during a news conference at a command post in South Central, said the fact that many people didn't join in the disturbance proved that police ties with the neighborhood's residents had improved since the spring riots.

"We're a big city. We're going to have incidents like this under anybody's leadership," Williams said.



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Tucker's perjury trial moves into second day

■ A Midland jury will try to decide the intent of Ronnie Tucker's statements as his perjury trial continues

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff writer

After \$449,950 was taken in a January 1990 reverse drug sting, a former Ward County District Attorney investigator stated the

money was seized in Monahans, then later swore the seizure took place in Midland. Whether Ronald Ray Tucker, 45, did so to intentionally deceive will be determined by a jury this week.

A seven-woman, five-man jury was selected and testimony began Monday in the perjury trial before 142nd District Court Judge Pat Baskin.

Tucker was indicted May 15 of this year for aggravated perjury, a third degree felony, and perjury, a Class A misdemeanor.

Aggravated perjury is punishable by two to 10 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$10,000, and perjury, a maximum of a year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. If convicted, Tucker could receive a probated sentence.

The jury's decision hinges on whether Tucker acted with intent to deceive when he made sworn statements about the seizure.

The money was seized Jan. 9, 1990, during a joint undercover operation between agencies in Ward and Midland counties, ac-

cording to testimony by Clayton McKinney, captain of operations for Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Hundreds of pounds of marijuana was used by law enforcement officers to be sold to drug dealers, McKinney said. The money was seized at a Midland motel and the marijuana transaction took place just south of Monahans, he said.

"I think we anticipated the whole thing was to go down in Ward County to begin with," McKinney testified. But "they (the

drug dealers) separated the money and narcotics and the money was to be paid here in Midland."

The money was physically seized by Midland County sheriff's Sgt. Jose Primera, then taken to Monahans the next day by Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter, Primera and another deputy, according to previous reports.

In the case of such seizures, law enforcement officials file an affidavit for forfeiture of funds. Usually this civil procedure is done in the same county as the criminal

case, McKinney said.

The \$449,950 was reportedly cleared to be moved to Ward County for forfeiture by the Midland District Attorney's Office. Tucker, who was assigned "seizure officer," made the sworn affidavits for forfeiture. The defense claims Tucker acted on the advice of the district attorney offices.

The defense also claims the Midland affidavit was filed as a "back-up" because elements of the case

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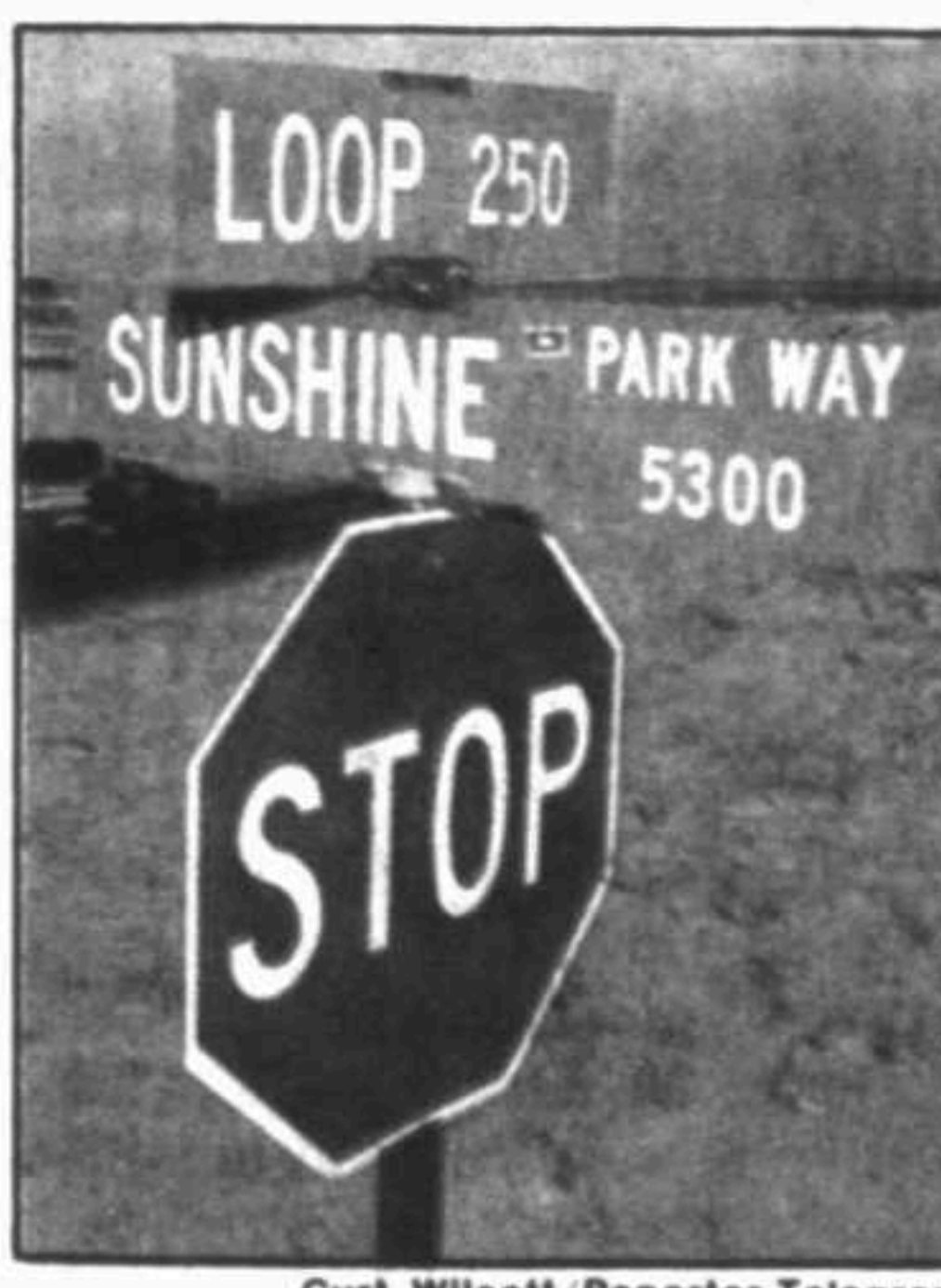
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Winter wonderland

Midlander Beth Anderson and her daughters, Julie, left, and Katie, along with the family dog, 'Bear,' frolic in the snow Monday morning.



Kim Moore, right, attempts to clear the snow from her windshield and this street sign at the intersection of Loop 250 and 'Sunshine Parkway' seems to be a bit of a contradiction, especially on a day when the season's first snowfall hit.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Bivens: School-funding answer in 'county units'

By Chris Van Wagenen
Staff writer

For state Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, it is an issue that will not go away.

Indeed, if the Texas Legislature is in session, then there must be a battle going on regarding school financing.

"I'm dreaming about this stuff all the time, folks," joked Bivins, who addressed members of the City Council PTA as well as administrators of the Midland Independent School District Monday.

Jokes aside, Bivins, like other members of the Legislature, remain miffed as to what the state Supreme Court will require to solve the problem once and for all.

And it is the court that will have the final say come June 1.

Should it rebuff yet another plan aimed at shrinking the disparity of wealth among rich and poor districts, the court could cut all state funding until the problem is solved.

Such a tactic would force a number of districts to close their doors. "In this last special session just completed, we were a lot closer to a resolution than the media made it appear," said Bivins, who has a plan of his own.

The lawmaker said he planned to propose a 'County Unit System,' whereby the state's 254 counties would have a chance to enact their own taxes that would be funneled to school districts with less money.

In exchange, "a carrot-on-a-stick

approach" would be given to voters, whereby the more tax money approved for less fortunate districts, the more state aid a school district would receive in return.

"This has to be one of the most frustrating issues we've ever dealt with," Bivins said. "Ultimately, the victims are the children of Texas."

In the last four years, judges have knocked down three plans that lawmakers had assumed alleviated the problem.

As a result, Bivins said districts such as MISD are unable to do any comprehensive planning, not knowing what the following year will bring.

"We (lawmakers) feel the only way to bring this matter to a close is somehow amend the state constitution. We're now watching California enter its 23rd year of school funding litigation. New Jersey is in its 28th year."

In Texas, it's been 20 years since the first suit was filed seeking equal, but fair funding between rich school districts and poor ones.

"It's been suggested that we (vote) take the courts completely out of the picture and leave this up to the Legislature to decide," said Bivins.

Other proposals have focused on doubling the state's budget and/or enacting a state income tax.

As for on-going bickering between Democrats and Republicans, Bivins agreed that partisan politics has created a logjam as far as hammering out an agreement that everyone can live with.

INTRODUCING ...



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Cindy Wilson, displays a gingerbread house that she recently assembled in less than an hour.

Wilson builds holiday treats

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff writer

Cindy Wilson's house has a pretzel fence, a sugar cube dog house, candy cane lamp posts and a Christmas tree made from a frosting-covered ice cream cone.

If Ms. Wilson's house sounds good enough to eat, that's because it is.

"The fun part is letting kids eat the candy from them," said Ms. Wilson, who teaches gingerbread house making, and makes and sells the Christmas pieces.

But gingerbread houses are as fun to make and look at as they are delicious, she said.

Like snowflakes, all of the more than 50 houses Ms. Wilson has made have been unique.

"The designs on them are all different," she said.

"I just go with whatever candy. It just de-

Please see BAKING/2B

Cisneros withdraws name from appointee race

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (NYT) — Former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, in a weekend phone conversation with Gov. Ann Richards, withdrew as a potential U.S. Senate appointee because of concerns about his family, he said Monday.

Cisneros said he remains interested in a Cabinet post but has not received an offer from President-

elect Bill Clinton. The former mayor is reportedly being considered for secretary of housing and urban development.

Cisneros, a member of the Clinton transition team, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he talked with Richards by phone Sunday and asked her to drop him from consideration as a prospec-

tive Senate appointee.

The popular Hispanic leader was on Richards' so-called short list to replace Lloyd Bentsen when the Democratic senator resigns early next year to become Clinton's treasury secretary.

In a brief interview outside Clinton's two-day economic summit at the Robinson Center, Cisneros said

he told Richards that a rigorous Senate campaign would impose a strain on his family and keep him away from his 5-year-old son, John Paul, who faces surgery for a chronic heart problem.

"It was just not right for me," Cisneros said. "With a 5-year-old child I want to spend time with, it wouldn't have been possible."

DEATHS

Murray Wells

OKLAHOMA CITY — Services for Murray Jackson Wells, 85, of Oklahoma City and formerly of Midland will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hahn-Cook/Street and Draper Funeral Home Chapel in Oklahoma City. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hahn-Cook/Street and Draper Funeral Home.

Wells died Monday at his residence.

He was born Oct. 17, 1907, in Cedar Hill and later moved to Apache, Okla., where he was raised. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma School of Geology in 1932, he spent most of his career with Cities Service Oil Company until his retirement in 1972. After retiring, he joined Kirkpatrick Oil Company in Oklahoma City as a geological consultant. He also served as a director of the Oklahoma City Petroleum Club.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Dee Wells of Oklahoma City; a son, John Murray Wells of Denver; a daughter, Ann Ruth Brooks of

Oklahoma City; a brother, John E. Wells of Lyons, Kan.; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Oklahoma University Neurology Research Foundation or the Oklahoma University School of Geology Scholarship Program, both in care of the OU Foundation, 100 Timberdell Road, Norman, Okla., 73019.

May Simmons

Memorial services for May Latham Simmons of Midland have been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Steve Schorr officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Simmons died Monday at a local hospital.

She was born Oct. 22, 1907, and grew up in Denver, Colo., where she graduated from Miss Woolcott's School. She attended the University of Colorado until her marriage in 1927 to J.E. Simmons. She had lived in Midland since 1935.

Mrs. Simmons was preceded in death by her husband in 1941.

Survivors include one daughter, Peggy Schafer of Midland; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be directed to a favorite charity.

Lester Oliver

Services for Lester "Les" Oliver, Jr., of Midland have been set for 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Ellis Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Oliver died at his residence following a lengthy illness.

He was born Jan. 17, 1950, in Midland where he was reared. He attended Midland Christian School and Oaklawn Baptist School. He graduated from Grace Baptist High School in Odessa and attended Midland College.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Tommie Oliver of Midland. He was preceded in death by his father in 1966.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Cerebral

Palsy Center.

Gayle Randolph Jr.

MADISONVILLE — Services for Gayle Bowden Randolph, Jr., 78, formerly of Midland, were held recently in Madisonville.

Born in Madisonville, Randolph graduated from Texas A&M in 1937 and served in the military during World War II. He worked as a civil engineer with Exxon and had lived in Midland before returning to Madisonville in 1963.

He was a member of the North Madison Church of Christ. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner.

Survivors include one son, Gayle Randolph III, of Abilene; and a daughter, Cathy Randolph of Merkel.

He was the cousin of Dr. Jake Shapira of Midland.

Ruby Mae Shaw

Services for Ruby Mae Shaw, 31, of Midland are pending with Grace Chapel Funeral Home.

She died Monday at her residence.

WEST TEXAS IN BRIEF

Private plane avoids crash

A 1966 Piper Comanche aircraft had a rough landing at Midland Air Park Monday afternoon when its landing gear failed to operate.

According to a Texas Department of Public Safety report, the

plane, piloted by William Reilly of Hobbs, N.M., skidded down the runway to a stop at 1:10 p.m. Neither Reilly nor his son, the only other passenger, were injured. No significant damage was done to the aircraft.

Claydesta presents art display

ClayDesta Corporation will presents a showing of impressionistic paintings by Dollye Ballenger at ClayDesta Atrium today through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A native Texan, Mrs. Ballenger has been painting for 25 years. Basically self-taught, she has had several one-artist shows and has won

several awards. Her works has been exhibited in New Mexico as well as in Texas.

The exhibit at ClayDesta Atrium includes original paintings, cards and prints and features 50 paintings ranging in size from postcards to 50 inches by 40 inches. The public is invited.

Ruling to have little effect on jail

A ruling by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler giving Texas direct control over its prison system should have little effect on the inmate numbers in Midland County.

"We may send a few out, but there will be no drastic change," said Deputy Sheriff Jim Chancellor. "Of course, when state facilities are full, it will go back to the same deal. But, for right now,

there is no big change."

The settlement on Friday, in which Justice gave up his direct control of the state's nearly 50,000-inmate system, ended a two-decade-long lawsuit against the Texas prison system.

Under the agreement, the state could place 2,300 to 3,500 prisoners into existing prisons and agreed to prison population limits.

City Council meets today

The Midland City Council will meet in regular session beginning at 10 a.m. today in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Agenda items of potential interest to the public include:

■ A presentation to Elvia Hernandez of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the presentation of an award to the Crime Prevention Commission.

■ Consider a resolution awarding a contract and appropriating funds for Midland Drive water line improvements.

■ Consider a resolution approving the 1993 annual plan of the Comprehensive Housing Afford-

bility Strategy.

■ Consider a resolution approving a contract between the Confederate Air Force and the City of Midland for hotel/motel funds.

■ Consider approval of 1992 Fall School Study report.

■ Discuss and approve Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) street paving and priorities for 1993.

■ At 10:48 a.m. there will be a public hearing to consider a resolution approving a request by Jessie Paiz for a two-year extension of temporary mobile home permit at 1216 S. Camp St.

BAKING: Wilson's works make holidays tasty

(From 1B)

pends on what type of candy I have ... and however the spirit moves me," Ms. Wilson said.

"You can decorate them however. I think the fun part is the creative thing," she said.

In addition, gingerbread house builders can use different patterns, or house styles, she said. "There's so many things you can do ... There's no end to what you can do as far as candy and decorating. It's limitless."

Some ideas include using shredded wheat for a thatched roof, edible glitter for sparkling snow, cotton candy for a smoking chimney, and frosting covered marshmallows for bushes.

"I get ideas from the candy. I just wander through the store and

say I can do something with that," she said. "It's just kind of like whatever I feel like doing because I'm the artist."

Despite the creative use of ingredients Ms. Wilson speaks about, the process remains easy, she said. "It's not difficult," she said. Even children can make them, she said.

"You have to make your gingerbread the night before and let it set out so your gingerbread is real hard," she said.

The home is then constructed with royal icing as a paste then decorated as one wishes. Ms. Wilson recommends using meringue powder rather than egg whites, which can cause salmonella, for the royal icing.

Ms. Wilson said the ease of making gingerbread homes is evident

by a two-night class she has taught at Midland College the last four years.

She tells students to be creative and not to copy her sample house.

"All the houses looked real good. They (students) were amazed at what they could do," she said.

"You just have to use your imagination and get all your candy together," said Ms. Wilson, who also teaches cake decorating and candy making classes.

Because people can make their own, Ms. Wilson said she doesn't sell that many at her store, The Sugar Shack.

For people who don't know where to get started, gingerbread house kits can be bought, she said.

Ms. Wilson said she first got started making the treats in the early 1970s when she took a cake

decorating class while living in Germany.

But in Europe they make gingerbread houses different, with cookies pasted with royal icing on a cardboard frame, she said.

"There's lots of ways to make them," said Ms. Wilson, adding that in the United States, they are usually made completely edible.

In addition to the regular houses, small gingerbread houses out of graham crackers can be made for tree ornaments. Other figures, like sleighs, can be constructed as well.

What can be made and how simple or extravagant is up to the maker.

Some houses shown in women's magazines "can take weeks to do. Of course, it depends on the detail," she said.

TRIAL: Tucker case continues today

(From 1B)

were in Midland and Ward counties.

The money was subsequently forfeited in Monahans and divided between Midland and Ward county district attorney offices and law enforcement agencies. The Ward County District Attorney's Office and the Midland County Sheriff's Office benefitted the most, previous reports indicated.

Workings of the operation and forfeiture are expected to be revealed during testimony through the week.

Tucker is expected to testify on his behalf.

Others subpoenaed to testify include Midland County sheriff's officials, Midland County District Attorney Al Schorr, who withdrew himself from prosecuting the case, the Ward County District Attorney David Zavoda, and former Ward County District Attorney Hal Upchurch.

In a separate pending lawsuit, Midland County Commissioners' Court claims the money should have been forfeited in Midland County where the money was seized. That suit revolves around an ongoing controversy between the Commissioners' Court and Sheriff Painter about reverse

drug stings.

Last month, a federal lawsuit filed by Tucker against six federal and state law enforcement agencies for interfering with his law enforcement career was dismissed by U.S. District Judge Lucius Buntin. Tucker's attorney in that case failed to respond to a motion for dismissal filed by federal agencies.

Tucker, with 22 years of law enforcement experience, has been indicted in Ward and Dallas counties for theft of money related to reverse stings. The Ward County indictment has since been dropped.

LOCAL/AREA REPORTS

Burglary

Two Midland teen-agers were in jail Monday in connection with a burglary of a business early Monday morning.

Isaias Palacios, 18, and Duane Belloc, 17, were both charged with burglary of a business with bond set at \$3,500 for Palacios and \$2,500 for Belloc.

According to a police report, officers responded to an alarm at 5 a.m. at Taylor Petroleum, 2500 W. Front. Upon arrival, officers saw that the business had been burglarized. Officers followed footprints in the snow to 2509 Washington. Palacios and Belloc were found and arrested.

Bomb threat

Midland police are investigating a bomb threat that was called in at the McDonald's at 1111 Andrews Sunday night.

According to a police report, officers were called to McDonald's at 11:16 p.m. in reference to a bomb threat. Upon arrival, the officers evacuated the business, which was closed with only employees present.

After the building was evacuated, Midland Police Department explosive expert Sgt. Andy Glasscock was called to the store and

found a device in the restroom. The Odessa Police Department explosive unit was called to secure and remove the device, which turned out to be a "mock" or non-explosive bomb, the report stated.

Fatality

ODESSA — A Midland man was

killed Saturday after being struck by a car at Odessa College.

According to a police report, Cedrick Deon Washington, 18, and some friends were running northbound across the campus, attempting to cross West University to go to the College Inn Apartments.

No charges were expected to be filed, police said.

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High-tech rancher's helicopters put different spin on Western lore

By Lauraine Miller
Hearst News Service

ALICE — On J.W. (Jimmie) Tiller's ranch, technology is reinventing Western lore.

The helicopter has replaced the cowboy as the South Texas brush country. And while a Bell 47 bubble-top may not be as romantic as the notion of cowboys roping dogs on the range, it has proven to be more economical.

"We try to be as easy with the cattle as we can, and we try to put them together," says Tiller's son, Travis, who pilots the helicopter. "They work easier in a herd. They are like sheep. If one goes, the others follow."

Jimmie Tiller, 66, has contributed to the evolution of high-tech ranching since founding Tiller Helicopter Service 19 years ago. A Texas A&M graduate and former

schoolteacher and administrator, he parlayed his desire to fly and his love for working cattle into a business that mainly involves rounding up livestock.

Leonard Stiles, retired manager of the Santa Gertrudis division of the King Ranch, says he believes herding cattle with a chopper is more stressful to the animals but there is a convincing reason for doing it.

"Whenever you compare the cost of the helicopter (rental) and what it takes to maintain cowboys year-around, the \$200 an hour is much cheaper."

Viewed from 200 feet in the air, the landscape is a dense tapestry of mesquite and wildlife. A large owl with an impressive wingspan emerges from the trees. Deer and javelina scamper from their brushy cover, flushed by the noisy rotation of the chopper's blades and the churning wind that inter-

Jimmy Tiller's advice to new pilots being trained for roundup is to stop thinking like intelligent men and to start thinking like stupid cows.

rupts the calm of a mild December day.

When Travis Tiller descends to 50 feet, he moves in to round up the 40 head of longhorn cattle and herd them from the pasture to a pen three-quarters of a mile away.

Like obedient children, the cattle line up in rows and head for the corral. Tiller guides the copter toward a small group separated from the rest, and gently nudges them into formation. As the animals near the pen, five rows converge into two.

On the ground, Jimmie Tiller is

waiting in his red Chevrolet Suburban.

Once the animals have filed into the corral, he gets out of the truck and closes the gate.

In exactly 21 minutes from lift off to landing, the Tillers have completed a task that would have taken several men at least two hours to accomplish on horseback.

Generally, Jimmie Tiller's pilots work a ranch twice a year, gathering cattle to be inoculated, castrated or readied for shipment.

"We just apply the same techniques to using the helicopter as

we do on horseback, but we cover more area," the rancher said.

The company has diversified to include commercial photography, wildlife management, pipeline inspections and an air taxi service.

Tiller's helicopters have transported customers ranging from Santa Claus to newlyweds heading for their honeymoons. They've accommodated celebrities, too, including the late Nelson Rockefeller, who hired the Tillers when he wanted an aerial tour of his Rio Grande Valley ranch.

The business employs 17 workers and uses 47 Bell helicopters. Tiller charges \$240 an hour for his service, plus travel time to the job.

Helicopter cattle roundups are commonplace on large ranches in South Texas, where the heavy brush provides a hiding place for animals that often are inaccessible to cowboys on horseback. But the work has taken Tiller to the Big

Bend country and to Nuevo Laredo, where he was hired to drive exotic species — wildebeest and zebras — out of drought-stricken ranchland.

Jimmie Tiller no longer pilots his aircraft. He was forced to retire from flying in 1984 after his second heart bypass operation.

"It was devastating," he said. "But I have to admit it probably was the best thing that ever happened to me. I was not tending to my business. Now it takes me full-time just to keep things going."

Today, Tiller packs a payload full of memories and his Nikon F-4 or a video camera when he rides as a passenger.

Tiller's helicopter photo expeditions have had their moments of tension and high drama. Once, he was flying along the South Texas coast when he landed to take pictures of a wild hog.

Customs agents find thousands of pounds of cocaine in Del Rio

DEL RIO (AP) — Federal authorities Monday said they've found more than a ton of cocaine hidden inside a truck at the Del Rio port of entry.

The driver of the truck, a 38-year-old male Del Rio resident, was held for questioning in the seizure of the drug. The U.S. Customs Service estimated it was worth as much as \$135 million.

"We're still counting," said Judy Turner, a customs spokeswoman,

adding that 1,200 pounds of cocaine had already been weighed.

The drug, in brick form, was discovered inside a 3½-foot-wide vertical compartment with false walls, Ms. Turner said.

She estimated that the hidden compartment, which reached from floor to ceiling of the tractor trailer rig, contained about 3,000 pounds of cocaine.

The discovery came after National Guard officials, who assist

customs inspectors at the port of entry, had noticed something suspicious in the truck's design.

"It didn't quite match the rest of the truck," said Ms. Turner. "So they drilled into it and white powder came out on the drill bit. The powder tested positive for cocaine."

The hidden compartment had three wall layers and was also lined with a rubber gasket, she said.

Firefighters battle five-alarm blaze

By Susan Hightower
Associated Press writer

BAYTOWN (AP) — About 100 firefighters battled a five-alarm apartment blaze in Baytown Monday that forced 59 families out of their homes, emergency officials said.

The fire was reported at the Guardian Manor apartments shortly after 3 p.m. and took about five hours to subdue, officials said.

Thick acrid smoke was billowing several blocks away across town even after the blaze was brought under control.

Kenrick Sholto, 45, said he had left his apartment to make a phone call, and when he returned, he was unable to get back in because of the choking smoke.

"The smoke was so thick, so black. I don't think I'm going to see something like that again in my life," he said.

Sholto escaped the blaze with his wife, Cathy and their two teenage children. They were left with nothing.

"There isn't even ashes over there," said Mrs. Sholto, 39. "It's a miracle nobody died."

Baytown Fire Department dispatcher Malcolm Swinney said no injuries were reported.

But Red Cross officials say 200-250 people were left homeless. Many went to nearby families and friends for shelter. Nearly half of those signed up for shelter and help from a Red Cross emergency shelter established at a nearby church.

Loubertha Destin, 57, lived in one of the burning apartment units with her husband, daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters.

"We lost everything," Mrs. Destin said. "My apartment's still burn-

ing. All you see is what I got."

The family had been preparing for Christmas last weekend, when they put their tree.

"But I just thank the Lord for my life," said Mrs. Destin who had lived in the complex with her family for about six months.

Fire units from neighboring communities pitched in to help Baytown battle the blaze, Swinney said.

Neighbor Reid Hillard said he saw the fire shortly after it started.

"It was coming out of just one window. Then it started breaking through the roof, spreading," he said.

Volunteer Vicky Condra said those at the shelter were "nervous and cold, scared."

"We've got blankets, plenty of food, have a nurse on duty, lots of help and lots of comfort," Ms. Condra said.



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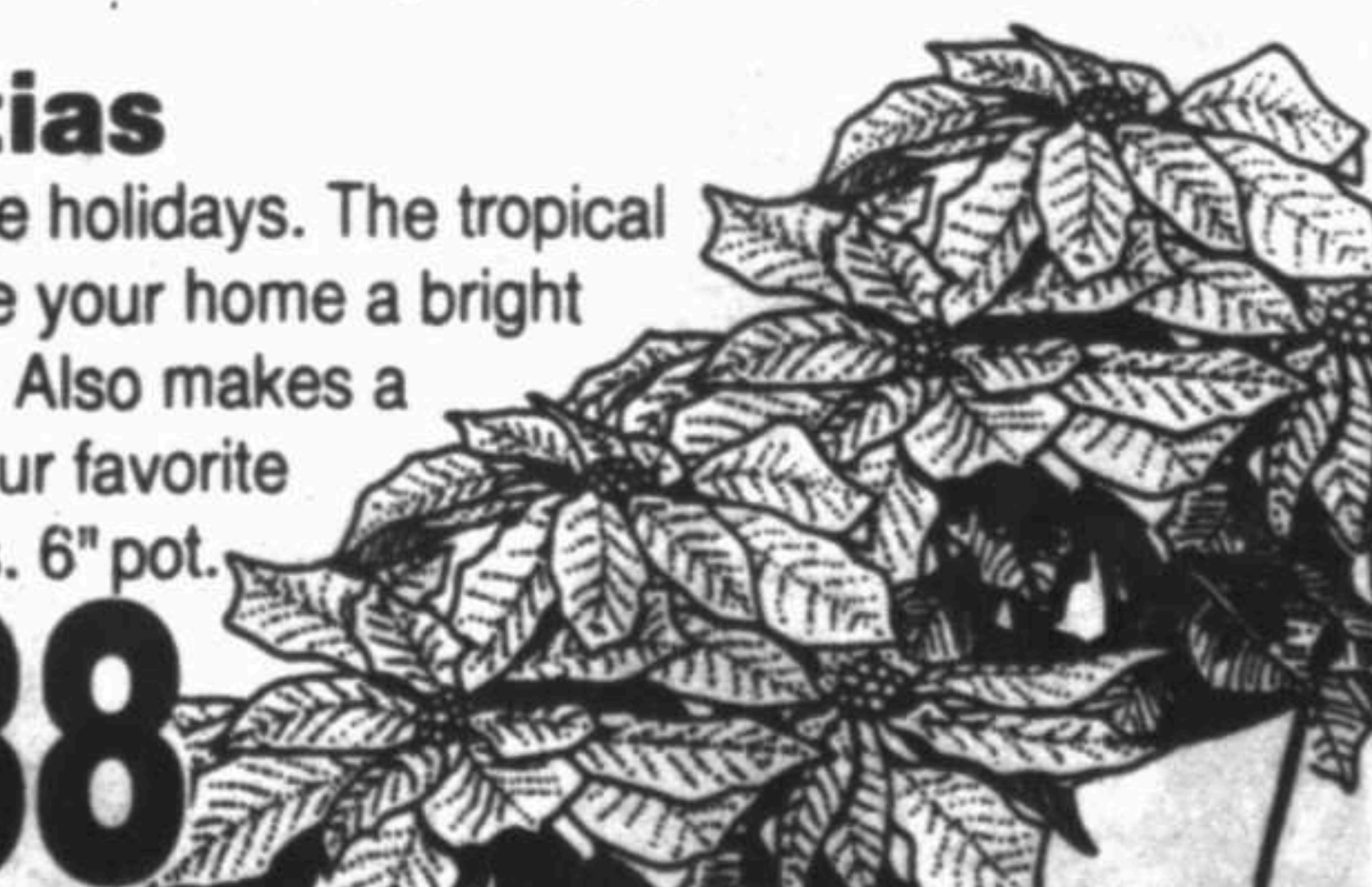
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By Jeane Dixon

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: All your forces will come together. Tie up loose ends with friends and lovers early in 1993. March finds you filled with enthusiasm for a work project. New partnerships are favored next June. An older person will seek you out in late summer. Business progress comes through indirect moves. Make a big financial push in November of 1993. A well-earned promotion is likely by this time next year.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: comedian Tim Conway, actor Don Johnson, actress Helen Slater, baseball coach Art Howe.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Buy only the bare necessities. A sudden romantic fling has more implications than you originally thought. Protect your personal possessions. Give mate a helping hand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A meeting held behind closed doors could give you an important go-ahead. If money is tight, homemade holiday treats make excellent Christmas presents.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A business proposal gives you a golden opportunity to work with people who will be lucky for you. Correspondence has tremendous impact on your outlook.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Difficult choices require calm deliberation. Do not run off in a direction you have not fully investigated. Clear your mind of confusing thoughts. Love is deep and sensitive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A question about home security or household organization may be on your mind. You can put things in better order. Innovative ideas are surprisingly easy to sell.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your lively and independent spirit is a big plus. You are able to complete work speedily and win higher-ups' approval. Be more aware of a loved one's emotional needs. Show tenderness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Hidden factors connected with your job could be depressing unless you resolve to take a long-range approach. Entertain good friends at home. Talk about your fears instead of locking them away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Working with someone who is important to you will bring you

closer together. Friends have exciting ideas. Be careful not to go overboard. Reckless moves are off-limits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Remain relaxed and unhurried while finishing up a confining task. Completing old business gives you a new lease on life. You benefit financially from following through on a clever proposal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Movement or travel is likely today as you search for the exotic. Extra job demands are possible; rise to the challenge. Focus on spiritual subjects tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Honorable, lively, aware people are your allies now. Partnerships prove both intellectually stimulating and emotionally rewarding. Be friendly to newcomers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A stroke of good luck makes this a memorable day. Showcase your talents to best advantage. A romantic relationship deepens; there is serious talk of a permanent commitment.

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Opening lead: Four of ♠
Some card combinations crop up so frequently that you should know the right play by heart. Here's a situation that could lead the average player astray.
North-South reached the no-trump slam on a power auction. However, South should have accepted North's invitational no-trump raise by jumping to six diamonds, allowing partner to choose the final contract. The suit slam is somewhat better than no-trump, since declarer can strip the

major suits before tackling clubs. Where we watched, declarer lost no time in botching the hand. Since there were 11 fast tricks, South won the first trick in hand with the ace and immediately led a low club to the ten. Unlucky. The defenders did not err, so declarer had to settle for 11 tricks.

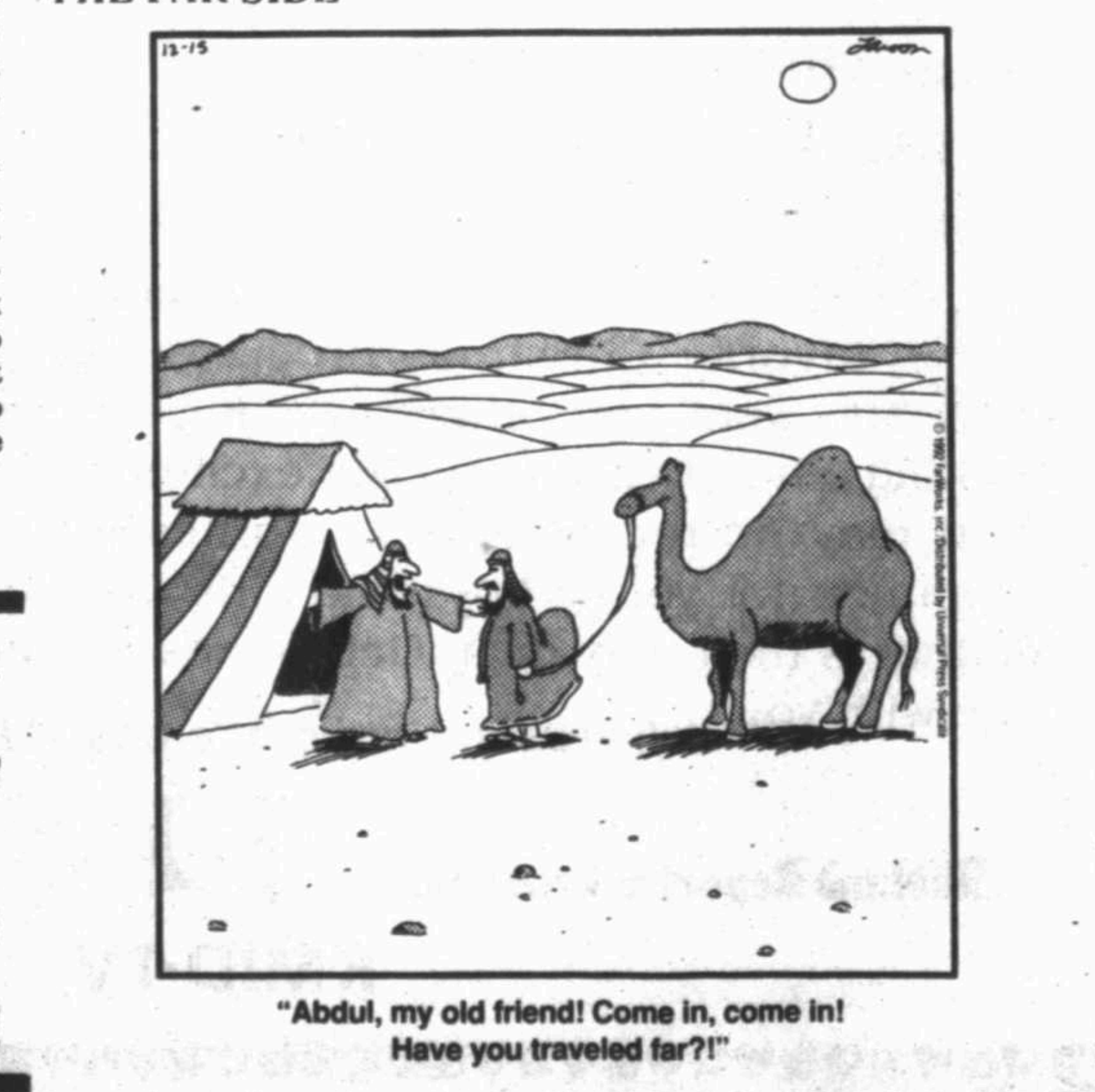
The key is the club suit, but when the fates have been kind enough to deal you a long suit, you can do a lot worse than run it. However, here you can take only five diamonds, because the sixth would give you a discarding problem. You can pitch a heart on the fifth diamond, and on the sixth you can let go of the king of

spades. Nevertheless, if the defenders are careful everything still boils down to the club suit.

The percentage play is to cross to the table and lead a low club toward the queen. If that loses to the king in the West hand, declarer can later finesse the ten of clubs. That gives declarer two chances for the contract instead of one. As the cards lie, the king of clubs is with East, so her majesty becomes the fulfilling trick.

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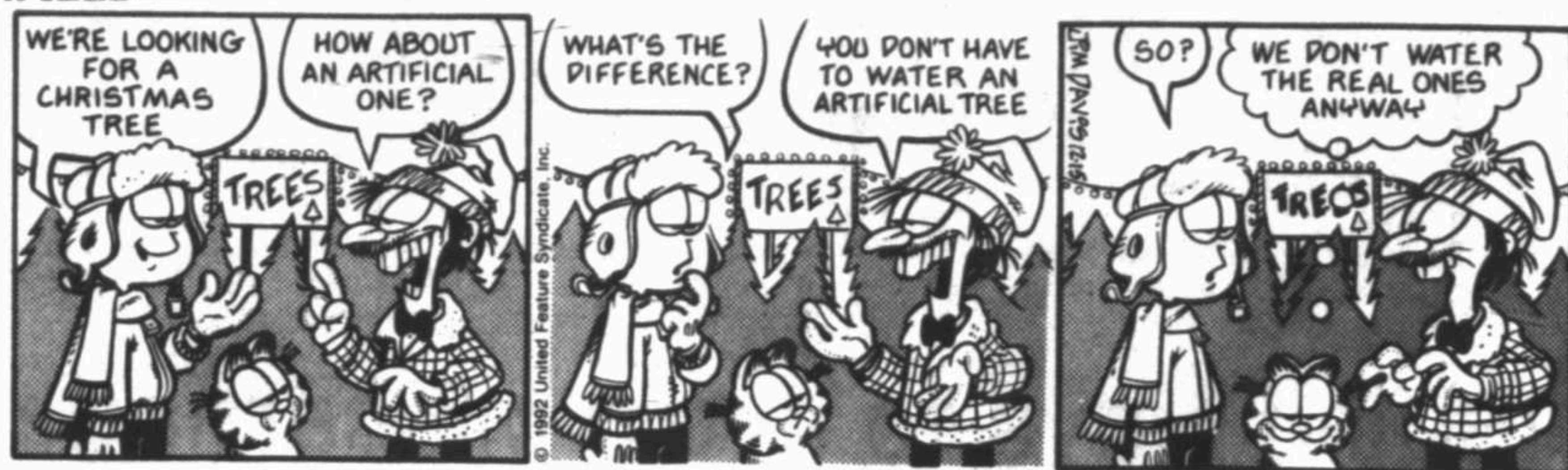


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PEOPLE

'It's a Wonderful Life' is not wonderful in Stewart home

RADNOR, Pa. — Christmastime custom for many movie lovers is watching that perennial weeper, "It's a Wonderful Life," starring Jimmy Stewart. The actor isn't among them.

"Would you believe I haven't watched that movie in its entirety in about 20 years?" Stewart says in this week's TV Guide, commenting on the 1946 classic in which he starred.

Stewart said he'll spend Christmas with friends and family in Los Angeles. The Christmas classic probably won't raise a flicker on his home television set.

"When my two daughters are here, we might put in the tape and pick out certain scenes we want to see, but we don't watch the whole movie because we've seen it so many times," he said.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Travis Tritt will be national chairman of the 1993 Department of Veterans Affairs' National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans.

The country singer will visit veterans hospitalized in VA medical centers during the salute the week of Feb. 14, the department said.

Tritt, 29, portrayed a combat-paralyzed veteran in the 1991 music video for his song "Anymore." The video was shot at a VA facility in Murfreesboro.

Tritt's hit records include "Here's a Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)" and "Country Club."

Josie Natori, the founder and president of the lingerie and fashion company that bears her name, gets lots of invitations, especially at this time of year, so nothing seemed exceptional to her about one that arrived in her office the other day.

"It went to the bottom of a pile of mail, and I didn't even notice it," she said Friday, explaining why she had given short shrift to the hottest ticket in town: a summons to President-elect Bill Clinton's high-level economic meeting in Little Rock Sunday through Tuesday. "My secretary finally brought it to my attention saying, 'You didn't respond to this and your husband thinks you should go,'" she said. "I brushed past her, telling her, 'This is a last-minute invitation. It's a fax, but find out what it's all about.'"

When it sank in that she was one of only 300 people invited to help the President-elect formulate economic policy, Ms. Natori canceled a slew of business meetings and social engagements. Sunday she is off to Little Rock.

She may have been late with her RSVP,

but she's going well prepared. "I think I represent several angles," she said. "I am a woman, an Asian — I was born in the Philippines — and I run a small business. I want to tell him that he must consider the effects of his policies on small business as well as on IBM."

And in the future, she said, she will probably pay closer attention to invitations.

NEW YORK — Dame Barbara Cartland, best-selling romance novelist and step-grandmother to the Princess of Wales, says she knows what went wrong with the marriage of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

In an essay in Newsweek's Dec. 21 issue, Cartland blames the unhappy pair's different upbringings, expectations and emotional needs, and faults Buckingham Palace for not giving Diana support and guidance.

From childhood, Charles was taught what was required of a prince, she says.

"Prince Charles has had it drilled into him, ever since he was born, that no matter what happened, duty must come first," Cartland writes.

Diana had her own idea of princes and love, an image enhanced by the books, some written by Cartland, she read as a child.

"Her dream of Prince Charming was of the tall, handsome men who appear in these novels, and who sweep the women they love off their feet," Cartland writes. "When Prince Charles did not match up to the heroes she imagined, the marriage began to crumble."

Cartland's musings may fascinate fans of Charles and Diana, but less can be said about the latest made-for-TV film about them, starring Roger Rees and Catherine Oxenberg. It got a royal ho-hum from viewers.

"Charles & Diana: Unhappily Ever After," aired Sunday by ABC, told the couple's story from their 1981 wedding through their recent formal separation.

Preliminary overnight ratings measuring the four major broadcast networks in 28 U.S. cities, found "Charles and Di" began the evening dead last, and never did better than tying for second place.

According to Nielsen Media Research ratings, the film's 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EST half-hour attracted 17 percent of all viewers watching television.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

TUESDAY PRIME TIME		December 15, 1992												For complete information check movie listings.	
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KTPX	9	9	News 7641	A Current Affair	Quantum Leap 52573	Reasonable Doubts	61221	Dateline NBC 58757	News 6745979	The Tonight Show	(10:35) 2161660	Late Night			
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HSE	17			NBA Action: Real Skating 17979	College Basketball: Alcorn State at Southern Mississippi 75115	College Basketball: Boston Celtics at Minnesota Timberwolves 5628234									
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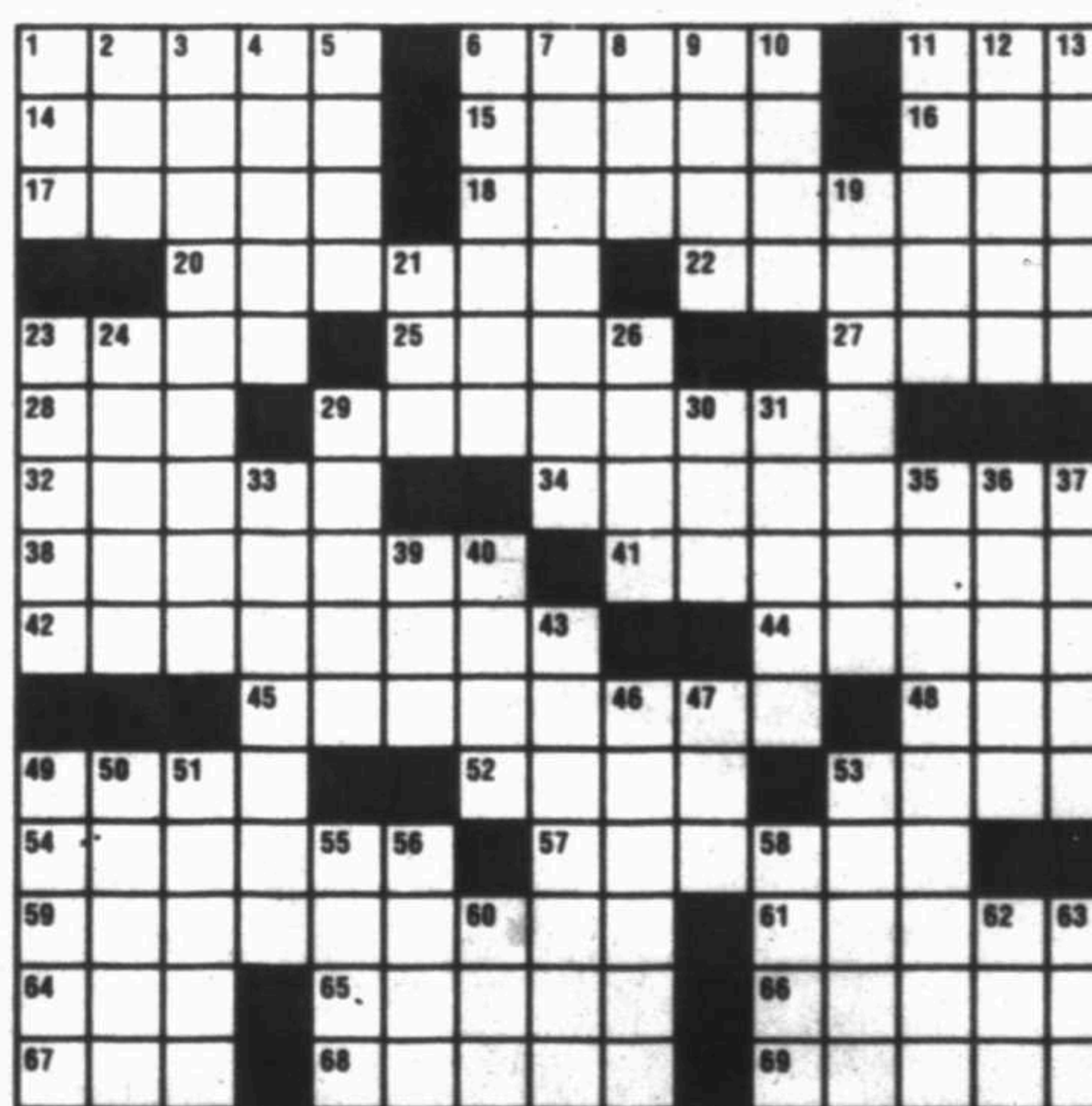
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DEAR ABBY

Twins have double trouble with inconsiderate relatives

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Help! I am a teenager with an identical twin sister. The problem is our relatives. While growing up, we were around our relatives a lot — visits to our grandparents' homes once a week, and get-togethers two or three times a month.

Jane and I do look alike, but we have our differences. Our friends can tell us apart; it's the relatives who can't. We are treated like a package deal. They call us by each other's names and don't even try to get it right. They

say, "Whichever one you are, will you do this or that?"

This really makes us mad. I wish they would understand that we are two unique people with different personalities and should never be treated like one person with one name and one set of feelings.

Our other sister is getting married soon, and I need your advice on how to handle these relatives. Since you're a twin, you should know. — TEEN-AGE TWIN

DEAR TWIN: Unlike you and your twin sister, my twin and I enjoyed the attention we drew because we were identical twins.

Our mother dressed us alike until the day we were married (at a double wedding) and we loved it. We never wanted to be "individuals," because due to our twin-

hood, we stood out from the crowd. Fortunately, in retrospect, we thrived, in spite of being a "package deal."

However, I would not recommend it. If I had twins, I would encourage individuality. As "identical" as my womb-mate and I were, those who knew us well could easily tell us apart. And the men whom we eventually married agreed that from the moment they laid eyes on us, they had no trouble telling us apart; to them, we were one-of-a-kind individuals.

As for you and Jane: Since it's not possible to change other people, I suggest you change your attitude.

Don't get "mad" when your relatives confuse you; it goes with the territory. Ask any twin who has

been blessed with twinhood.

DEAR ABBY: I have this ongoing feud with my daughter, so please give me your opinion.

I have been a widow for 20 years, and I have a gentleman friend with whom I have been close for 10 years. Every time a party or important occasion comes up, my daughter sends me an invitation and adds my friend's name to it. I feel that since we do not live together and he has a separate address, he should have the courtesy of his own invitation. My friend is very adamant about this, and will not accept an invitation unless he receives his own. (I agree with him.)

My daughter and I have discussed this every time, and she insists she is right and that there is

no necessity to send him a separate invitation. What do you think? — MARJORIE IN WEST PALM BEACH

DEAR MARJORIE: I agree with you and your friend. And if your daughter persists in "adding" his name to your invitation, knowing that he will not accept the invitation, it is abundantly clear that she doesn't much care what her mother's gentleman friend thinks.

DEAR ABBY: I have a male friend I think the world of, but I can't for the life of me understand why he goes around with nose hairs and ear hairs that are so noticeable that it detracts from his good looks.

He dresses well and is otherwise very well-groomed. He has a thatch of thick black hair on his

head, but the hair growing out of his nose and ears is so noticeable, it spoils his appearance.

I haven't got the nerve to tell him. What should I do? — A GOOD FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: You could be even a better friend if you clipped this and mailed it to him.

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Van Buren

AT WIT'S END

It's time that America takes a reality check

I never heard the words "reality check" until the recent election. What they translated to was this: When a candidate made a statement or cited figures, television actually documented his claims and told the audience when he was lying and when he was telling the truth.

Imagine! Making a candidate accountable. What will they think of next? The practice seems to have caught on. With regularity, I read a news story with a small box headed "Reality Check."

If this trend gets rolling, we could be looking at a new gadget: a computer into which you'd feed what someone has told you. Then you'd press 1010 for the reality check. The print-out would record what was omitted.

What a boon this would be to parents whose kids often leave something out.

"Mom, a bunch of guys are going by bus to an 'away' basketball game Saturday night. Can I go? You're the only mother who hasn't said yes."

Reality check: They are renting a bus, and your 16-year-old son is driving 27 hormone-driven guys to the game using a "temporary license." You are the first mother they asked.

Suppose a washer repairman tells you: "I'll be in your neighborhood next Wednesday. If

the call before yours doesn't take long, I'll be there around 3:30. If not, the next time I can be there is the middle of next month unless there's a cancellation."

Reality check: Give up your day job and prepare to spend your declining years with a washer that doesn't empty.

Imagine being able to enter the words of a used-car dealer into a computer. "This car had only one owner." Reality check: And that owner was Richard Petty. Or how about a real estate person who says, "This house is a visual feast." Reality check: If the termites don't get to the table first.

It's going to be weird dealing with the truth. Americans haven't trusted anyone since Walter Cronkite and Mister Rogers.

We're a nation that has lost its innocence. We've seen Oprah Winfrey's head on Ann-Margret's body. We've seen Milli Vanilli receive a Grammy for lip-synching. We've seen Sen. Joe Biden given stirring speeches with someone else's quotes.

It'll be interesting when reality check invades the tabloids. A headline last year read, "Home Alone" Star Macaulay Culkin Caught With Hooker." Reality check: The story was phoned in and should have read, "Ten-year-old child star conferred with BOOKER from 'Good Morning America.'"

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Bombeck

Researchers find ways to avoid miscarriages

By Jane E. Brodey

N.Y. Times News Service

Miscarriage, a disappointing and distressing experience for anyone, is especially devastating for the 1 in 300 couples who experience three or more miscarriages in a row.

Half such couples are told that no cause for the miscarriages can be found, and they are typically advised to keep trying even though their chance of producing a live baby diminishes greatly with each miscarriage.

Now, thanks to a better understanding of immunological factors that protect or destroy the developing embryo and fetus, researchers using simple new therapies are reporting very high rates of successful pregnancies among thousands of women who have experienced previously unexplained recurrent miscarriages.

Most miscarriages occur in the first three months of pregnancy. About a million pregnancies each year in the United States are spontaneously aborted; many other miscarriages occur even before the pregnancies are detected.

In a couple's first pregnancy, about two miscarriages in five are due to a genetic defect in the fetus so severe that it cannot survive. However, genetic problems are rarely the cause for repeated miscarriages.

Other known problems afflicting about 50 percent of the couples who experience repeated miscarriages include hormonal deficiencies, sexually transmitted infections of the woman's genital tract and uterine abnormalities.

Once diagnosed, most of these problems can be treated, enabling the couples to have healthy babies. But until the recent immunological discoveries, the cause of recurrent miscarriage was a complete mystery for the other half of affected couples.

Dr. Jonathan Scher of Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, who

specializes in helping such women produce healthy babies, predicted in an interview that more and more reasons and treatments for still-unexplained miscarriages would be found through the use of sophisticated new genetic and immunological tools.

The new approaches, which are still evolving and are considered highly controversial by some fertility specialists, have thus far resulted in live births for 66 percent to 82 percent of the couples treated, according to reports from various research centers here and abroad.

The controversy stems in part from the fact that many women with similar immunological circumstances are able to have successful pregnancies without any treatment.

The treatments are designed to counter one of two types of immunological problems that can result in destruction of the placenta, embryo or fetus by antibodies produced by the pregnant woman.

One approach is designed to keep antibodies to the mother's own tissues — so-called autoimmune antibodies — from causing blood clots that stifle fetal development. The other tactic attempts to protect the new embryo from an attack by maternal antibodies that consider the fetus a foreign intruder.

Dr. Alan E. Beer, an obstetrician and immunologist at the University of Health Sciences, Chicago Medical School, explained that normally, when a sperm fertilizes an egg and the placenta begins to form, the mother's body produces antibodies that both protect the pregnancy tissue and stimulate the growth of the placenta and embryo.

These antibodies, called blocking antibodies, keep the mother's immune system from recognizing the fetus as foreign and rejecting it as if it were a transplant of foreign tissue.

"Blocking antibodies create a

cloak of disguise and the fetus becomes a wolf in sheep's clothing as far as the mother's immune system is concerned," Beer said.

Beer said blocking antibodies are highly specific, protecting only the pregnancy and not interfering with any of the mother's other immune responses. Thus, if a pregnant woman were to receive a kidney from an unmatched donor, she would reject it as at any other time. Similarly, her body can continue to fight off infectious agents.

Since half the genetic information in the fetus comes from a "foreigner," namely the father, without blocking antibodies acting as an immunological fortress, the mother's body would launch an attack against it.

But nature does not rely on the mother alone to protect the fetus. Rather, the substance that stimulates the production of blocking antibodies comes from the father, carried in by the sperm that produces the pregnancy.

Studies by Beer and others, however, have indicated that sometimes the tissues of the mother and father are too much alike immunologically and the woman's body fails to respond adequately to the father's feeble signal to produce blocking antibodies. This results in outright rejection of the pregnancy tissue or failure of the fetus to thrive.

To overcome this handicap, Beer, Dr. F. Susan Cowchock of Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and others at fertility centers in the United States, England and Canada chose to flood the mother's body with the substance that triggers production of blocking antibodies.

To achieve this, they remove white blood cells from the father, and sometimes also from an unrelated donor, and inject these cells into the mother. In more than 80 percent of cases, Beer has reported, the injections stimulate the release of enough blocking antibody.

ies to permit a normal pregnancy and live birth.

Beer gives a series of small injections of white cells, starting before the couple has conceived and continuing through early pregnancy. Cowchock prefers to wait until a pregnancy is confirmed and then administers one large white cell injection into the mother's blood and another just under the top layer of skin.

Dr. Carolyn Coulam at the Genetics and IVF Institute in Fairfax, Va., uses yet another approach: infusing the mother's blood with gamma globulin, an antibody mixture that includes blocking antibodies.

Coulam said that using these commercially available antibodies means that fetal protection does not have to depend on the mother's ability to respond to stimulation.

Furthermore, she explained in an interview, some women miscarry even though they can make blocking antibodies, but they are able to deliver live babies through the protection offered by gamma globulin.

Coulam said she and German researchers have achieved live birth rates of about 80 percent with the gamma globulin technique.

Cowchock and others also have reported remarkable success in countering autoimmune disturbances in the pregnant woman that can endanger her fetus.



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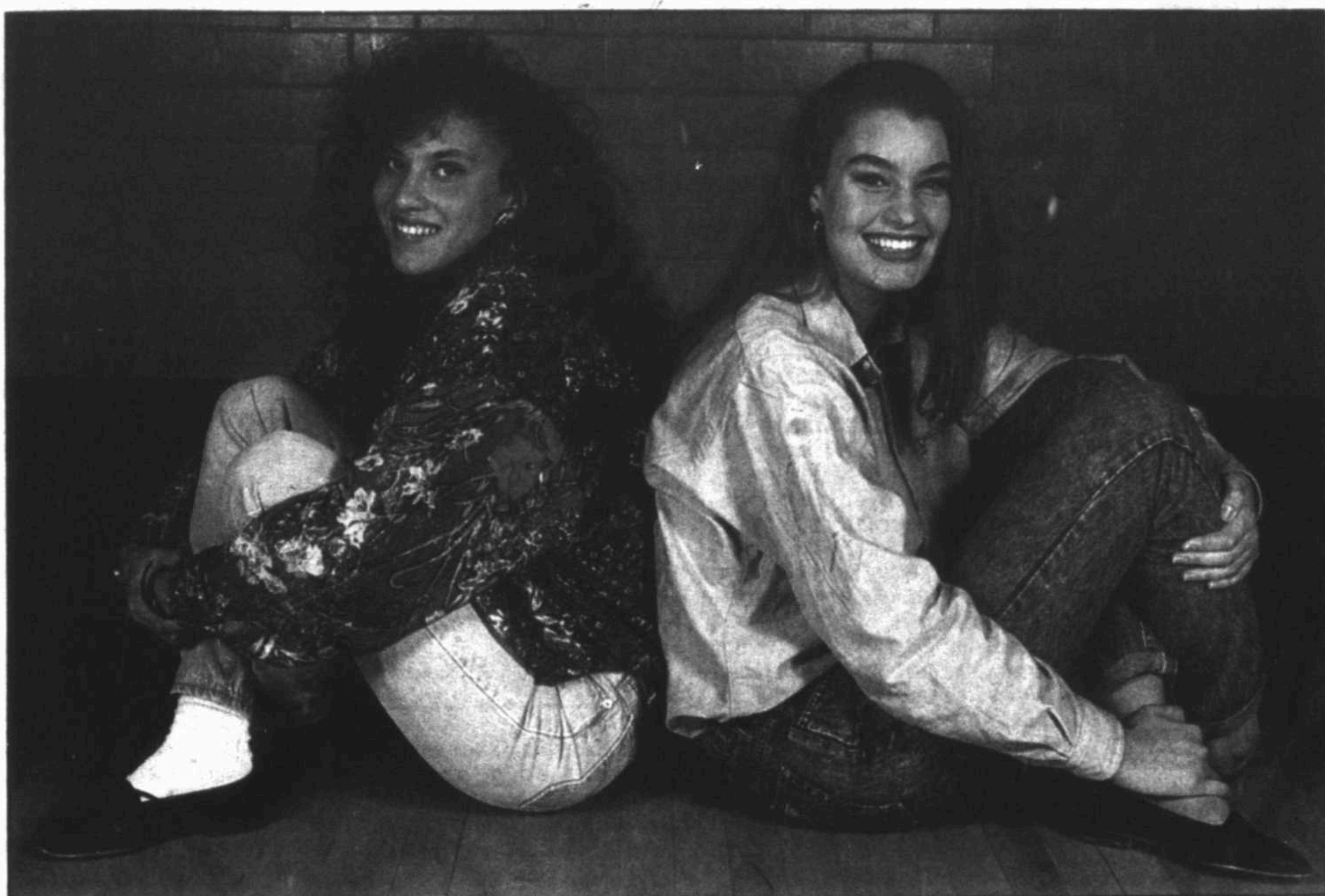
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4-5A girls set for battle



Midland High's Amy Alcalá, left, and Midland Lee's Krissy Woodard are both sophomores, who have injected both local schools with young talent for the 1992-93 District 4-5A basketball season.

MHS, Lee have sophomore starters

■ Midland High's Amy Alcalá brings a scoring touch while Midland Lee's Krissy Woodard is a strong rebounder, but both have a couple of years to grow.

By Jimmy Patterson
Assistant sports editor

Like a lot of other high school students in Midland, Amy Alcalá and Krissy Woodard have known each other several years. They've been classmates and friends since they were in grade school.

While still friends, Alcalá and Woodard no longer strive for a common cause. After starting out on different teams when they both attended Goddard Junior High, the two girls will

play their high school ball on opposite sides once again. Alcalá's job is scoring for the Midland High Lady Bulldogs' basketball team. For Woodard at Midland Lee, it's plugging up the middle and snatching as many rebounds as she can possibly get her hands on.

It's been several years since Midland has been able to watch two sophomore basketball players as talented as Alcalá and Woodard who have come into the district simultaneously. Alcalá makes her District 4-5A debut tonight at 8 at the MHS gym when the Lady Bulldogs take on San Angelo. For Woodard, a Friday game at Abilene Cooper will be the first shot she gets at league play.

At MHS, Alcalá is doing her job quite well, scoring as often as possible. The Lady Bulldogs' success depends on it. Sure, there

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4-5A Preview

The girls of 4-5A can't wait for Christmas to hit the floor against each other, so they begin the war tonight. Here's a thumbnail look at the girls of 4-5A, listed in order of finish from last season:

ABILENE HIGH

Last year's overall, District 4-5A records, district standing: 23-7, 10-2 (1st in District 4-5A; lost in bi-district round of playoffs).

This year's record: 9-5.
Returning starters: Amanda Horton (5-11, forward, returning All-District); Barbara Pyle (5-6, forward, returning All-District).

Strengths: Tradition, depth, defense.

Weaknesses: Shooting.

Head coach: Sam Nichols (7th season).

District opener: vs. Odessa High, tonight.

MIDLAND LEE

Last year's records, district standing: 14-12, 9-3 (2nd; lost in bi-district round of playoffs).

This year's record: 5-6.
Returning starters: Tekeira Strambler (5-9, Sr., wing/post, returning All-District).

Strengths: Height, rebounding.

Weaknesses: Poise.

Head coach: Elise Kail (2nd season).

District opener: at Abilene Cooper, Friday.

MIDLAND HIGH

Last year's records, district standing: 20-10, 6-6 (3rd).

This year's record: 10-2.
Returning starters: Julie Chancellor, Jr., guard, Newcomer of the Year; Charlotte Scharbauer (Sr., guard).

Strengths: Team speed, ability to run transition offense.

Weaknesses: Returning experience.

Head coach: Jim Raughton (3rd season).

District opener: vs. San Angelo, tonight, 8 p.m.

Please see **4-5A/2C**

SPORTS WATCH

TV Sports

(Subject to Change)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Virginia Commonwealth vs. Tulsa, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

Alcorn State vs. Southern Mississippi, 7 p.m., HSE.
Tulane vs. Alabama-Birmingham, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.

NBA — Boston Celtics vs. Minnesota Timberwolves, 7 p.m., TNT.

BOXING — Vinny Pazienza vs. Luis Santana, jr. middleweights, 8 p.m., USA.

Sports Today

PREP BASKETBALL — Lubbock Estacado girls vs. Midland Lee, non-conference, 6:15 p.m., Chaparral Center.

San Angelo girls vs. Midland High, district opener for both teams, 8 p.m., MHS gym.

Lubbock Monterey boys vs. Midland Lee, non-conference, 8 p.m., Chaparral Center.

2A All-State

DALLAS — The Schulenburg Shortorns, who this weekend will try to defend their state title, and regional finalist Refugio each placed three players on The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 2A All-State team announced Monday.

Casey Taber of Schulenburg, the only two-way choice, was named offensive player of the year. Roy Herron of Refugio edged Taber for the defensive honor.

Also, Stanton's defensive lineman Odie Saldivar was named to the second team and Stanton running back Ricky Lucas drew honorable mention notice.

See **2A List/3C**

New Top 25

The Top Twenty Five
By Associated Press
The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 13, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (38)	4-0	1,596	1
2. Kansas (27)	5-0	1,582	2
3. Kentucky	4-0	1,486	3
4. Indiana	7-1	1,411	4
5. North Carolina	5-0	1,341	5
6. Michigan	3-1	1,298	6
7. Seton Hall	1-2	1,240	7
8. Iowa	6-0	1,158	8
9. Oklahoma	5-0	939	11
10. Florida St.	3-2	887	10
11. Georgetown	4-0	879	11
12. Arkansas	3-0	834	16
13. UCLA	5-1	820	13
14. Syracuse	5-0	782	15
15. Arizona	2-1	736	14
16. Purdue	4-0	604	18
17. Georgia Tech	2-1	585	17
18. Tulane	5-1	459	20
19. Cincinnati	3-0	427	19
20. Nebraska	5-0	363	25
21. Louisville	1-2	318	9
22. UNLV	2-0	313	22
23. Michigan St.	3-1	283	24
24. Connecticut	3-1	144	—
25. California	3-0	104	—

Others receiving votes: Massachusetts 51, Brigham Young 54, New Mexico State 53, Vanderbilt 53, Ohio State 49, Wake Forest 43, Memphis State 32, Tennessee 32, Illinois 31, Florida 24, Utah 23, Virginia 21, Missouri 18, Alabama 14, Texas-El Paso 14, Southern Illinois 7, George Washington 6, Rice 6, Iowa State 5, Xavier, Ohio 5, Marquette 4, Boston College 3, Oklahoma State 3, Wright State 3, Houston 2, Southwest Missouri State 2, Temple 2, Texas 1.

Rocket fizz

HOUSTON — The three-man partnership trying to buy the Houston Rockets dropped their offer for the NBA club Monday, saying the three of them couldn't establish a "unified position."

Unidentified sources quoted nearly a week ago in Houston indicated the partnership involving Arkansas broadcast entrepreneur Bob Herreich, Austin real estate developer Gary Bradley and Houston attorney John O'Quinn already was in trouble.

The group had announced Dec. 4 a tentative verbal agreement to purchase the club from Houston auto dealer Charlie Thomas.



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Dolphins stay on title track

Associated Press

MIAMI — Miami's struggling offense finally scored a touchdown and the defense got another as the Dolphins beat the Los Angeles Raiders 20-7 Monday night and stayed in contention for the AFC East title.

The result all but assured a playoff berth for Miami (9-5) and left Los Angeles (6-8) barely alive in the AFC wild-card race.

J.B. Brown scored on a 35-yard interception return and the Dolphins' offense scored its first touchdown in nine quarters when Dan Marino hit Mark Duper on a 62-yard flea-flicker. But Marino gave that touchdown back later in the third period when Eddie Anderson intercepted his pass and returned it 102 yards.

Anderson's return tied the third longest in NFL history.

Brown's score was just as sudden. He stepped in front of intended receiver Willie Gault on a squareout pattern,

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AP Laserphoto

Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman (8) loses the ball in his own end zone on a play that cost the Cowboys the game against Washington Sunday. Redskins Jason Buck (99) applies the pressure.

Despite loss, Cowboys still against instant replay

■ Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson remained opposed to instant replay even though it could have won a game.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Owner Jerry Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson remain opposed to instant replay, even though it could have saved the Dallas Cowboys twice on a disputed play against the Washington Redskins.

With the Cowboys ahead 17-13 and 3:14 remaining Sunday, Troy Aikman tried to pass out of his end zone, but was hit by Redskins lineman Jason Buck. Aikman's arm appeared to be moving forward as the ball fell free.

Running back Emmitt Smith picked it up, then lost it. Washington safety

Danny Copeland recovered in the end zone for the game-winning touchdown in a 20-17 victory.

Jones he didn't think instant replay — removed from the game this season after six years — would have mattered because the call was so close.

"It probably would have been ruled inconclusive," he said. "You couldn't tell for sure at which point Troy released the ball. The replay wouldn't have been clear enough for a positive call from the replay booth."

Johnson, who ranted and raved from the sidelines about the call, said he doesn't like instant replay "because it slows the game down. It does look like it was an incomplete pass, though."

Asked if he was upset about the call, Johnson said he was "upset about a lot of things," including four Dallas turnovers.

Please see **DALLAS/2C**

TERRY WILLIAMSON

Good news, bad news for 4-5A's girls

There is both good news and bad news for the District 4-5A girls in the current basketball season and both types of news come from the fact that three 4-5A teams will make the state playoffs this year.

Under the University Interscholastic League's new playoff format, each Class 5A district in the state will be allowed to send three teams to the state playoffs, instead of two. The quest for those three playoff berths begins Tuesday when District 4-5A competition begins.

That means that one more 4-5A team will land some momentary glory. But don't rejoice too quickly. Always remember that you can have too much of a good thing. Girls basketball in 4-5A is a perfect example.

Everyone wants to leap head first into the playoffs. After all, that's what you play for — the ultimate goal, so to speak. But the ending hasn't been a happy one for 4-5A.

District 4-5A has been able to crack only one lone bi-district victory over District 3-5A since the two teams to the playoffs format began in the 1983 season. In fact, 4-5A is a woeful zero for its last 18 bi-district play against 3-5A. You have to go back to Midland High's win over Plainview in 1983 to find the last time that 4-5A was a victor over 3-5A.



Williamson

And the games haven't even been close. For example, 4-5A champion Abilene High lost by 16 points, 50-43, to 3-5A runner-up Amarillo High in bi-district play last February. That was one of the closer games. Midland Lee, the 4-5A runner-up, fell to 3-5A champion Plainview by a 22-point margin, 71-49.

Now 4-5A will have to send a third place team against the 3-5A runner-up and its second place team against 3-5A's third place team. If 4-5A's champion can't beat 3-5A's runner-up, what makes you think that adding a weaker playoff team will produce a different result?

The good news is that the 4-5A champion gets an open date in the first round, meaning it won't be eliminated until the second round — but you can't eliminate 4-5A completely in the first round.

Still, we are going to fight it out to decide which three teams will enter the "Killing Fields" of 3-5A. Hope springs eternal. Streaks were made to be broken. And all that good stuff.

Here's how it will turn out:

1. **Abilene High:** Obviously, taking the above showing of the district into account, the Lady Eagles aren't a powerhouse. But they are the defending champion, own good athletes and get a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

2. **Midland High:** Coach Jim Raughton may have his Lady Bulldogs in position for a playoff run. They have been impressive early in the season, but still own losses to Lubbock Monterey and Plainview. You

have to come up with wins against those kind of teams to have much hope in the playoffs. But they're getting closer.

3. **Odessa High:** The Lady Bronchos jumped to a quick 12-3 start to the season just like Midland High, but their competition hasn't been as impressive. Another factor against OHS is the fact that they haven't handled pressure games well in the past.

4. **Midland Lee:** Close, but no cigar. This is a team that needs a quick start in district play with wins over San Angelo and Cooper before meeting Midland High on Jan. 5. If that happens, the Lady Rebels might be in contention for a second consecutive playoff trip. After all, Elise Kail, in her first year as head coach, got the Lady Rebels in the playoffs when they weren't supposed to last year.

5. **San Angelo:** The Lady Bobcats have been better than most expected, but this is a team that always seems to start fast. They could be tough early, but it says here they will fade down the stretch.

6. **Abilene Cooper:** The Lady Cougars may be as good as Odessa High, meaning that teams No. 3 through No. 6 could easily swap positions.

7. **Odessa Permian:** Obviously, we aren't talking football here. One wag said, "This is the worst of the worst league."

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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The family of jewelers at Frank Hawk Jewelry (from left), Maxine, Frank and Shanna, wish all a Merry Christmas.

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No. 6 Michigan rips Cleveland State, 88-56

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Juwan Howard and Chris Webber each scored 21 points to lead No. 6 Michigan to an 88-56 victory over Cleveland State on Monday and spoil the return of two former Wolverines.

The game marked Cleveland State coach Mike Boyd's first return to Ann Arbor since leaving his job as a Wolverine assistant coach two years ago. Boyd is now 0-2 against his former team.

Also making a return visit for Cleveland State (1-1) was Sam Mitchell, who started seven games for the Wolverines as a freshman in 1990-91 before transferring midway through his sophomore year.

He finished with 14 points. Michigan (4-1) used its size advantage to dominate the boards, outrebounding the Vikings 51-24.

Cleveland State stayed within striking distance until Howard scored six straight points to cap a 10-2 run that gave Michigan a 51-30 lead six minutes into the second half. The Vikings never came closer than 19 points after that.

Michigan led all the way after scoring the first 12 points of the game. Cleveland State battled back to cut the lead to six at 23-17, but the Wolverines went on a 12-3 run and had a 37-24 lead at halftime.

Anthony Reed led the Vikings with 15 points.

Top 25 Roundup

No. 7 Seton Hall 88, St. Peter's 54 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Terry Dehere scored nine of his 27 points in a game-breaking 19-2 run and No. 7 Seton Hall rolled over St. Peter's.

The victory was the fourth straight for Seton Hall (7-1) and its seventh straight over the Peacocks (3-2), who were limited to 35 percent shooting from the field.

Seton Hall broke the game open from 3-point range. The Pirates hit 7 of their first 13 shots from downtown, including three during the big run that started after Oyango

Merriman's basket got St. Peter's within 27-25 with 3:14 left in the half.

Dehere, who hit 10 of 16 from the field, hit a 3-pointer and a foul-line jumper to start the run. John Leahy followed with another 3-pointer when the Peacocks got a little too conscious of Dehere and left him alone.

Merriman, who led the Peacocks with 15 points, hit a foul-line jumper to cut the deficit to 35-27 just 44 seconds before halftime, but Jerry Walker put in an offensive rebound to make it a 10-point bulge.

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1:30-4:15-7:00-9:30

ClayDesta CORPORATION
PRESENTS
A showing of
Impressionistic Paintings by Dollye
ClayDesta Atrium
DECEMBER 14th - DECEMBER 19th 10:30 - 5:00
Original paintings, cards & prints
by
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No Passes
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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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Glaf1 s	17%	-1/6		Koa1	5/16 +1/16	Mermic	6
Glib1Oen	1%			KogrEq	4%	MetPro	10%
GvOed	2%	-1/6	ICH	4%	-1/16	MetBc s	15%
GvD wt			ICH pf	14	+1/6	MetBk	11%
Glaf1e	9/16	-1/16	ICH Bin	3%	+1/6	MirBk	44%
			1 SR Ind	7%	-1/6		

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PeEa p/a	52%	+1%	PbSt6	18%	+%	SJW	35	-%	SpU/in n 104
PeEa p/b	54	+%	PbSt7	13%	+%	SPI Ph	12%	+%	Systin 1 11/1
PeEa p/c	53%	+2%	PbSt 8	14%	-%	Saga un	11%		
PeEa p/d	20%	-%	PbSt 9	13%		Salem	13%	+%	
PeEa p/e	19	-%	PbSt 10	13%	+%	SalPhib	3 15/16		

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+1/2	UFoodA	1%	-1/16	BBTGrin
-1/2	UGrdn	6%		BBTInGv
	UImed	6%		BFMSHD
	US Bio s	11%	-1/2	BJB Ginc
	US Cell	21%	-1/2	Babson

US Fils	22 1/4	+1 1/4	Bond L
UNION	10 1/2	0	Bond S
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			Growth
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			UMB Hn
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			Value
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Buy Sell Chg.		Sellside Pds.		Mut. Tr.	
AAL Mutual:		SvBldg 12.63 N.L.		MutBld 16.85 N.L.	
Bond	10.30 10.01 -0.01	SvDuty 12.71 N.L.		NJ Ins 12.99 N.L. -0.01	
CaGrp	14.77 15.01 +0.01	TfBld 13.08 N.L.		NY Ins 13.13 N.L. -0.01	
CaGrp	10.70 11.23 +0.03	CaMu 13.29 N.L.		NwLd 14.38 N.L. 16	
AARP Inc:		Dividm 13.26 N.L.		NYNyn 11.37 N.L.	
CaGrp	33.17 17.11 -0.06	NYVn 13.39 N.L.		NYVn 11.37 N.L. -0.01	
GmHd	15.86 N.L. -0.02	IntVal 11.71 N.L. -0.05		NYTTE 11.78 N.L. -0.01	
GmHd	29.14 N.L. -0.02	Bvrsrvy15.83 N.L. +0.09		People 11.55 N.L. -0.03	
GrBld	16.17 N.L. -0.03	CGRP 9.83 N.L. -0.01		ShiGr 13.79 N.L. -0.02	
TfBld	17.98 N.L. -0.01	Pchd 4.79 N.L. -0.04		ST Inc 12.24 12.34 -0.01	
ART Pds:		Pchd 1.84 N.L. -0.01		StuGr 13.93 N.L. -0.02	
Emrg	12.28 12.89 +0.03	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 30.88 31.84 -0.06	
FL Tr	10.87 11.41 +0.01	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 14.01 14.44 -0.01	
GmHd	10.73 11.27 +0.01	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 19.17 20.07 +0.08	
ULIN	12.99 13.55 +0.01	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 21.97 23.07 +0.07	
AHA Funds:		BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 23.99 N.L. -0.02	
Balun	12.49 12.91 -0.13	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
WFlt	10.61 N.L. -0.01	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
Lm	10.47 N.L. -0.01	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
AMF Pds:		BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
AdmGrp	9.86 10.16	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
Chart	8.64 9.14 -0.01	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
Acnt	14.37 15.21 +0.01	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
CvYd	14.00 14.70	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
IntVal	5.63 5.91	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
IntVal	8.94 9.46 +0.04	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
LmHd	10.12 10.22 -0.01	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
IntVal	10.31	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
WFlt	10.54 10.87	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
TrFing	17.40 18.41 -0.02	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
ABM Pds:		BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
GrvScp	11.58 19.66 -0.05	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
GrvScp	10.21 10.72 -0.01	BdEad 18.48 N.L. -0.04		StuGr 24.39 N.L. -0.02	
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BUSINESS & OIL

GM announces early retirement plan

Program would allow some UAW workers full pension, medical benefits at age 50.

By Michael D. Towle
N.Y. Times News Service

ARLINGTON — Up to 1,000 hourly workers at General Motors' Arlington assembly plant could be eligible for an early retirement program unveiled Monday by the United Auto Workers and GM.

The program will allow some GM workers to retire as early as age 50, a top union official said Monday.

Dave Perdue, president of UAW Local 276, which represents 3,400 hourly workers in Arlington, said the plan, worked out last week by the UAW and GM negotiators, could attract a large percentage of qualified workers in Arlington.

"I think it's going to interest a lot of people at the Arlington plant," said Perdue, who was in Dearborn,

Mich., for Monday's announcement. "Early retirement has been the No. 1 topic people ask me about when I get out and walk around on the floor."

Perdue said he will study the possible impact of the program on the Arlington plant's work force. He said he doesn't know how many workers are likely to accept GM's proposal.

"I haven't put pencil to paper on this, but I think the number will be a big one," he said.

Union sources say they expect the average GM plant, including Arlington, to receive between 300 and 500 retirements under the program.

The first portion of the two-part plan gives full pension and medical benefits to active workers 62 or older who retire on Feb. 1 or on March 1.

Currently, retiring workers only receive full benefits if they work 30 years or more for GM.

The program — called the Special Accelerated Attrition Agreement — also will give workers age 62 and older a \$10,000 voucher toward the purchase of a new

U.S.-made GM car or truck. Those workers also will get a \$3,000 cash rebate.

The second portion of the agreement, which could attract the most attention, gives full benefits to workers ages 50-61 who have at least 10 years of GM service and retire on Feb. 1 or on March 1.

The program will — for the first time ever — allow workers to earn unlimited income while collecting their pension.

To date, GM has limited earnings by retirees to \$13,000 annually or they face pension deductions.

GM and the UAW have been negotiating on the package for several months under pressure as GM's \$3.35 billion income security fund is in danger of running out.

Analysts say the early retirements could be a boon to financially ailing GM, helping the company pare its payroll. GM has been closing plants and scaling back administrative operations under a plan to slice 54,000 hourly and 20,000 salaried jobs by 1995.

TUESDAY

BUSINESS WATCH

SPOT MARKET

W.T. INTERMEDIATE

- Monday Close \$19.09
- Friday Close \$19.09
- One Year Ago \$19.96

POSTED PRICE

- Monday Close NA
- Friday Close \$17.75
- One Year Ago \$18.75

Oil unchanged

NEW YORK — Energy prices fell Monday as traders cashed in gains from a rally late last week.

Trading was light as there was little news to influence dealings.

"We saw a rally late last week based on the colder weather," said Peter Beutel, energy specialist for Brody, White & Co. "Now that the colder weather is behind us... people are looking at taking profits."

West Texas Intermediate sweet crude oil for delivery in January settled at \$19.09 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, unchanged from Friday's closing. Prices were down by two pennies barrel for the February and March contracts. Last week, crude gained 15 cents.

Natural gas prices were lower, with contracts for delivery in January settling at \$2.030 per 1,000 cubic feet, down 5.9 cents.

But unleaded gasoline staged a small advance, with the contract for delivery in January settling at 52.30 cents a gallon, up .55 cent.

Stocks slowed

NEW YORK — The stock market settled lower today after a dull, seesaw session.

Trading began on a lackluster note as dealers returned to work after the unexpected storm that ripped through the New York area on Friday and curtailed activity in the stock market.

Prices opened lower but, quickly turned around.

By midafternoon, those gains had eroded and the market was back where it began. Volume was relatively light, and stock prices held to narrow ranges.

Many analysts predicted trading could be directionless all week because of the upcoming "triple witching hour" on Friday, when stock index futures and options expire. The simultaneous expirations often create volatility in the market, and many traders prefer to square their positions ahead of the event.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar ended mixed against key foreign currencies Monday in subdued year-end trading, as market tensions eased somewhat over the apparent success of the European Community's weekend summit.

Gold prices rose marginally in Asia, turned mixed in Europe and fell slightly in the United States. At the Commodity Exchange in New York, bullion for current delivery fell 60 cents a troy ounce to \$334.60. At Republic National Bank, the 4 p.m. spot price was \$334.60 as well, down 50 cents from the same time Friday.



Made for Japan

Jeep Cherokees and Wranglers are lined up at the motor vehicle loading dock in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, as Chrysler's recreational vehicles are un-

loaded from a carrier vessel recently. A total of 172 four-wheel-drive vehicles will be sold at Honda dealerships throughout Japan.

Bank offers special loan for in-county shopping

DIMMITT (AP) — Shoppers in need of extra cash this holiday season can take out low-interest loan at this West Texas town's only bank.

The catch — the \$50 certificates must be spent in Castro County.

First State Bank's special program pleases merchants as well as borrowers, one banker said Monday.

Joe Josselet, senior vice president of the bank, estimated that about 20 residents have taken out loans up to \$1,000 at an interest rate of 5 percent.

The program works like this: Borrowers receive certificates and can spend them in Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth. Merchants accept the certificates, which look like real money, and cash them at the bank.

"I've had a real good response from our merchants — everyone from grocery stores to the regular variety-type stores

'Last weekend we had one of the girls come in and say, "I'll be back when I get my loan."'

— Bettye Butler, merchant

to the liquor stores," Josselet said. "All of them have told me they have had business through our Christmas loan program."

Josselet said he expects a rush of loan requests from late shoppers. But applications usually can be processed in one day, he said, because he knows most people who apply.

Qualified applicants must live in Castro County and have good credit rating

and job stability. Monthly payments begin 30 days after the loan is issued. All loan certificates must be redeemed before Christmas.

Josselet said all loans have been repaid from 1991, the first year the program was offered.

"It is something that helps our local merchants. When they are doing better then, of course, that makes the bank do better and the community do better," he said.

The hope is that the loans will encourage residents to shop locally, instead of in Amarillo or Lubbock.

"Some of my customers have come in and purchased things with the loans," said Bettye Butler, owner of The Village Shop, a women's apparel and gift shop.

"Last weekend we had one of the girls come in and say, 'I'll be back when I get my loan.'"

Iran surge puts OPEC's output at 12-year high

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A surge in Iranian oil production pushed the output of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to 25.49 million barrels a day last month, the highest since 1980, the Middle East Economic Survey reported Monday.

The weekly newsletter, published in Nicosia, quoted its sources as reporting that Iranian oil output reached 3.835 million barrels a day in November, 215,000 barrels a day more than October's level.

Later, an Iranian report said Iran had reduced its production so far this month by almost 300,000 barrels daily.

The newsletter said Kuwait, too, increased its output by about 100,000 barrels a day last month with production rising to an estimated 1.45 million barrels a day.

The newsletter said it "understands from Kuwaiti oil sources that production will comfortably exceed an average of 1.5 million barrels a day in December."

The newsletter pointed out that, excluding Ecuador, OPEC as a whole will need to cut output by 583,000 barrels a day if it is to observe its declared production ceiling of 24.582 million barrels a day in December and the first three months of 1993.

Phillips approves its 1993 budget

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Phillips Petroleum Co. will spend \$1.2 billion for capital projects in 1993, mostly on exploration and production of petroleum and natural gas, the company's board of directors said Monday.

Phillips estimates it spent \$153 million this year to rebuild and expand its Houston Chemical Complex, which was largely destroyed in a 1989 fire. The complex is mostly complete.

The board approved the capital budget Monday. The money comes from cash generated from continuing operations and the disposition of assets, which accounted for about \$150 million in 1992.

Phillips will spend \$800 million on exploration and production during 1993, an increase of 37 percent from the 1992 level of \$583 million. Major projects are in the Embila field in Norway, J-Block and Ann fields in the United Kingdom, Xijiang field in China and Ogbainbiri field in Nigeria.

Phillips expects to drill key exploratory wells in Alaska.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Proposal to retirees lists risks in fine print

By Bill Doyle

Q: My wife and I are retired with low Social Security benefits and no pension. We keep all our money — about \$100,000 — in bank certificates of deposit on which the interest is now very low.

Recently, we got a proposition from a broker who offered us notes issued by a financing company and described in the offering circular I've enclosed.

The notes are illiquid, mature in five years, pay 9 percent annual interest and are insured by a company in Trieste, Italy. Is this a good deal?

A: It seems to be — for the outfit issuing the notes and the brokers selling them. It's extremely doubtful it would be a good deal for you, however.

The literature you sent along says the money raised from the sale of those notes would be used to finance business equipment leases, installment sales and

inventory accumulation, as well as "lifetime memberships in RV campground resorts." That last item is an attention-grabber.

The offering circular also warns of "substantial risks," meaning note buyers might never get their money back.

Nowhere does the circular mention 9 percent interest. It does say interest will be "as agreed upon from time to time mutually by purchaser and the company."

Sailors whose ships visited Trieste decades ago describe it as a great liberty port where they were propositioned by attractive young females. The swab jockeys always got goodnight kisses. It's unlikely you would get even that if you give in to the proposition the broker put to you.

Q: When our five-year, \$20,000 bank certificate of deposit matured last month, we renewed it at 5.35 percent annual interest at the bank's local branch. I should say, "We thought we renewed it."

I just noticed the form the bank sent us says they issued us a "time deposit book-entry receipt." The form also

says it is "not negotiable" and "non-transferable" and states, "This is a receipt only, not a certificate of deposit."

When I phoned the bank, the person I spoke to seemed noncommittal, saying the time deposit is FDIC insured and is as good as a CD, and adding that the bank no longer issues CDs.

What gives? Did they trick us?

A: No. "Time deposit" is another name for a certificate of deposit. The names are interchangeable; they mean the same thing.

With a CD, time deposit or term deposit, you agree to leave an amount of money with a bank or savings and loan association for a specific length of time and the bank or S&L agrees to pay a fixed amount of interest for that period.

Clearly, the person you spoke with on the phone did not know much about the banking business. The one correct thing he or she said concerned insurance. Unless that bank dropped its Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. coverage, which is most unlikely, your money is just as safe as it was before — with FDIC coverage up to \$100,000 per depositor.

Q: My CD came due Nov. 6. I cashed

it on Nov. 16, at the end of the 10-day grace period. The bank did not give me interest for those 10 days, claiming their contract with me was over Nov. 6.

I feel I was cheated. Can they do that?

A: Of course. The bank agreed to pay interest at the CD rate only until the CD's maturity date.

When you roll over a matured CD into a new CD within a grace period — typically 10 days — many banks and S&Ls pay interest on your money at the new CD's rate during the grace period. Other banks and S&Ls immediately reduce the interest to the lower savings-account rate.

But they are not obligated to do either. A bank or S&L has the authority to stop paying all interest when a CD matures.

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Texas crimes become trendy TV topics for Hollywood

By Jeff Miller
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — You've read about it in the newspaper. About how Texas has become the spawning ground for true stories made into network or cable-TV docudramas. Yes, the Cheerleader Mom, "Blood and Money," the "Gentleman Bandit": Hollywood's crazy for crime, Texas-style.

Seems that in dramatic rights, just like in real estate, location is everything. Homicides that would be ho-hum in Rhode Island drive Hollywood wild if they're in Houston. We Texans just seem to have the weirdest ways of killing each other. Must be something in the water!

Seriously, Hollywood pays — and pays big. But beware: The movie business is a business. Hollywood producers don't want to pay a penny more for true-Texas-story rights than they have to.

That's why we're proud to announce the establishment of Lone Star Literary

Properties Inc. We're a Texas-run, Texas-proud company serving Texans indicted for telegraphic crimes.

From our sleek new offices across Houston Street from the city jail, we offer the From Intent to Incarceration services — one call does it all!

You've probably seen our "You do the crime" billboards and wondered what the "catch" is. Well, the "catch" is — there is no "catch." Lone Star will pay for your story — no strings attached! All you do is get arrested.

If we can't place your true crime story with a network — it's our lookout. You get to keep the advance!

How can we make this amazing offer? Because Lone Star has revolutionized the merchandising of true-story literary rights. Before, Texas criminals had to rely on their defense attorneys to negotiate sale of their true-story rights to movies and TV.

Skilled criminal attorneys, perhaps, but

totally without experience in the who-do-you-know world of show business. Many is the time we've seen top-dollar true stories sold for a fraction of their value because the perpetrator's criminal attorney was looking for a quick fee. Or because he wasn't in the loop and didn't know NBC is committed to an air date and is desperate for some facts lined up like ducks in a row in a story that writes itself.

And many is the time that we've seen a Texan bump off a once-loved-one, confident that "Hard Copy," "Inside Edition," "A Current Affair" and Texas Monthly would beat a path to his cell door — and then discover that no one was interested because the story lacked "spin."

Lone Star Literary Properties has perfected the concept of pre-market development of true Texas crime stories. Our experienced staff of entertainment-law specialists and story-development executives start working with you before you do the crime.

Here's how it works:

After signing a legal document swearing that you were going to do it whether you took a meeting with us or not, you tell us whom you want to bump off and why. If we like what we hear, we'll make you a cash offer for the dramatic rights to your story on the spot.

How much? Depends on how "hot" it is.

Right now, the networks are looking for Deadly Females (any variation on "Fatal Attraction"); Desperate Females (women who kill abusive spouses, mothers who re-kidnap their children who were kidnapped by their estranged husbands); and Demented Females (ordinary-housewives-turned-serial-killers).

Just last week, Lone Star Literary Properties paid \$1,000 (half now, half payable upon actually being arrested and booked for the offense) to an 16-year-old "all-American cheerleader type" from Silsbee who jealously intends to bump off her high school football coach's wife.

Hollywood would probably take a pass

on this as "too derivative" after the 12 "Long Island Lolita" made-for-TV movies now in development. But after Lone Star Literary Properties fleshed out the premise with the coach and the cheerleader planning to use the insurance money to set herself up as a rodeo-circuit barrel racer, we got network feelers before the crime was even committed.

Once you do the crime, we take over from there, providing your bail (to be subtracted from the total amount due you), getting literary releases from all the story-critical real people involved (and making composite characters of those who won't). We'll book you on "Oprah," "Donahue," "Geraldine" and "Montel Williams" to maximize your crime's notoriety.

We'll stick with you even while you're in the slammer. Lone Star Literary Properties' portfolio managers will invest your rights fees and see them through your stretch. You'll come out of Goree with your money doubled.

Crime doesn't pay? In Texas it does.

Youth adjusts to hand transplant

RIISING STAR (AP) — Stephen "Pee Wee" O'Connor sits behind the wheel of a driving simulator and dreams of the day when the experience will be real.

Pee Wee is 17 and has the same dreams as most teen-agers. And he doesn't plan to let a couple of inconveniences stand in his way.

Pee Wee was born with a deformed right hand that was amputated at the forearm when he was 8 months old. His normal left arm and a prosthesis enabled him to engage in all the activities of other youngsters, including sports, FFA projects and, his favorite, "working on tractors with my dad."

All that nearly changed for good last May when Pee Wee was en route to Houston for therapy. He was seriously injured in a car wreck that killed his mother.

The nerves in Pee Wee's left arm and shoulder were ripped off the spinal cord, and two operations by neurosurgeons at Houston's Hermann Hospital showed that the arm's function couldn't be restored.

Doctors decided to amputate Pee Wee's left arm below the elbow and reattach his left hand, including the wrist and about 4 inches of forearm, to his right arm.

Pee Wee's progress has been amazing.

"To me, he's made a miraculous comeback," said Rising Star Superintendent Wayne Calhoun.

The nonchalant Pee Wee doesn't have much to say about his comeback, miraculous or not. He is taken to Abilene three days a week for therapy and that's just the way it is. The amiable young man puts up with all the fuss that's made over him, follows the therapists' instructions, and then just goes about his life.

Ironically, since Pee Wee grew up without a right hand, his reha-

bilitation may be easier since he cannot make a comparison. His palm now faces in the correct direction, but his thumb is where the little finger should be.

Pee Wee doesn't seem to mind. He just wants his hand to work the best it can, get a prosthesis for his left arm, and then realize his dream — getting a driver's license and putting it to good use.

Right now the only driving he can do is on the simulator at the Work Assessment Center in Abilene where he receives part of his therapy. However, "he's bound and determined that he's going to get his license," said his sister, Renee Aleman, who recently was transferred to Dyess Air Force Base at Abilene so that she could assist with her brother's rehabilitation.

Pee Wee's occupational therapist Lynn King, said Pee Wee's progress will be slow until the nerves have time to regenerate, which could take months. Pee Wee's therapy concentrates on exercising the muscles that are functioning and getting rid of stiffness. He has improved to the point that he can pick up objects as small as one-half inch in diameter.

Most of the time Pee Wee wears a brace, which keeps his hand in a cupped position. Tools such as a toothbrush, eating utensils, and a pen can be attached, although he has learned to write by using his mouth. A small computer probably will be Pee Wee's next writing instrument.

Pee Wee's attitude is exceptional. Before the transplant, Pee Wee had built a coffee table "that looked like a professional had done it," said his brother-in-law Steven Aleman. And Pee Wee's working on being able to do it again. He also plans to participate in track this spring and, of course, eventually drive a car.

When Pee Wee returned to school this year, he was welcomed as a celebrity. Calhoun said he was met at the outskirts of town by a police escort, the mayor proclaimed Pee Wee O'Connor Day, and the American Legion provided an honor guard. Students gathered in the auditorium to welcome him back, and then everything pretty much got back to normal.

"His adjustment has been incredible," Calhoun said. A popular student before his accident, Pee Wee "has been so accepted," and not just because of his handicap. "They really enjoy his company," Calhoun said of the other students.

With Christmas coming up, Pee Wee could wish for any number of things. As far as gifts go, he wants what most youngsters want — clothes, a Nintendo joy stick and more games to play.

He won't say what he wishes for his physical development. After all, as his therapist said, "everything he gets is a blessing."

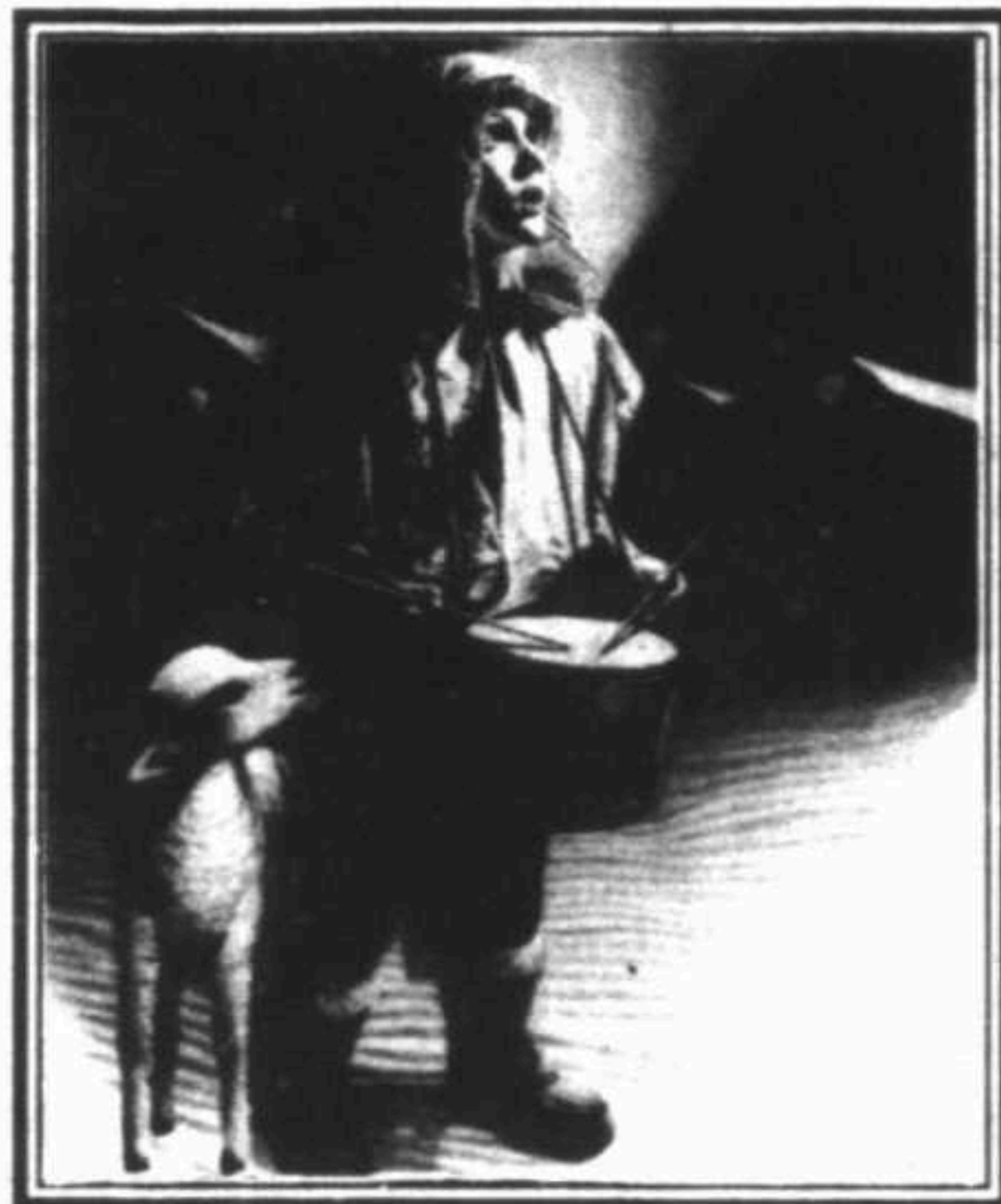
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Rescuers find hunter OK

SNYDER (AP) — A teen-age hunter separated from his friends was found Monday in good condition after he wandered through the night on a snowy ranch.

Rescuers in northeast Scurry County found Lane Hicks, 17, at about 10:30 a.m.

Two people hunting deer with Hicks reported him missing at about 6 p.m. Sunday.

"The two came back to the pickup, and evidently he (Hicks)

couldn't find his way out," said sheriff's Deputy Delwyn Davis.

"It's real rugged country up there, probably the most desolate part of Scurry County."

Freezing temperatures and snow forced searchers on horseback to quit looking for the teenager at about 3 a.m.

The search resumed before daylight, aided by dogs from the Price Daniel prison unit in Snyder, officials said.



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State electors cast votes for Bush

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' presidential electors cast their votes Monday for President George Bush, who lost his bid for re-election but won the state he plans to come home to.

"I'm concerned about the wisdom and intelligence of the voters in about 30 other states. In Texas, we didn't have a problem," State Republican Chairman Fred Meyer told the 32 electors who met in the Texas House chamber.

But he also said he wished Democratic President-elect Bill Clinton well.

The GOP electors' ballots, unanimous for Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle, were collected in a black cowboy hat.

Under the Electoral College system set up in the U.S. Constitution, voters who went to the polls Nov. 3 didn't actually elect a president. They voted for a slate of electors committed to a presidential candidate.

Those electors, who total 538 nationally, met in state capitals Monday to officially choose the country's next president and vice president. Results will be presented to Congress on Jan. 6.

Each state has as many electoral votes as congressional districts, plus one for each senator. The District of Columbia has three electors.

In most states, including Texas, all of the electoral votes are given to the presidential ticket that receives the majority of the popular vote in that state.

One of Texas' electors, Harry Robinson of Arlington, said he considered not keeping his pledge to support Bush because he wanted to protest the president's decision to send troops to Somalia.

Robinson said Congress is the only authority that is supposed to be able to commit troops to foreign countries.

But he went ahead and voted for Bush, saying it would be a "futile gesture" to do otherwise.

"There's just nobody that I could vote for who's a credible alternative who doesn't also believe in presidential usurpation of congressional authority," he said.

There is no requirement in Texas law that electors vote for their designated candidate. But Republicans who were chosen as electors signed affidavits swearing to vote for the GOP presidential nominee.

Anne Armstrong, chairwoman of the electors, praised Bush's administration and described the Texas electors' vote as "a good reaffirmation of our faith in the man."

"We know that this is the kind of man with the kind of character that's going to be a shining exam-

ple to us all the days of his life, no matter what he chooses to do, and we are proud indeed that he chooses to do it in his home state, our home state, of Texas," she said.

Bush plans to live in Houston after leaving the White House and his presidential library will be built at Texas A&M University.

This election was the first since 1968 where Texas didn't back the presidential winner. That year, Democrat Hubert Humphrey carried Texas but was defeated nationally by Republican Richard Nixon.

As souvenirs, the Texas electors on Monday received copies of the certificates of the vote. They also got gold-colored pens and a memo pad with the state seal, said Mark Bell, spokesman for Secretary of State John Hannah.

Electors also were treated to a reception at the Governor's Mansion. The menu featured spiced tea, sweets, fruit and cheese, and Hannah said he personally picked up the tab of about \$200.

Electors and their guests also attended a buffet before the vote at state GOP headquarters. Republican executive director Karen Hughes said the affair cost about \$500 and wasn't fancy.

"We just had low-budget meatballs," Ms. Hughes said.

Commission declines hearing request

AUSTIN (AP) — Competitors of an investment group that has won approval for construction of a major horse race track in the Dallas-Fort Worth area were rebuffed Monday in an attempt to reverse that decision.

The Texas Racing Commission declined to act on motions for rehearing filed by the three losing applicants for the Class 1 racing license, which was awarded to the Lone Star Jockey Club in October.

The lack of action means that, unless the commission calls a special meeting, the motions will expire on Dec. 28. After that date, the losing applicants are free to file lawsuits to try to reverse the commission's decision.

However, Preston Carter Jr., co-owner of Lone Star, said construction of the planned \$97 million Kentucky Derby-type facility in Grand Prairie, one of three planned for the state, already is underway.

"Everything's lovely," Carter said after the hearing.

The motions for rehearing were filed by Midpointe Racing of Grand Prairie, Pinnacle Park of Dallas and Trinity Meadows of Willow Park.

The three groups contended that commissioners awarded the license without full knowledge of

environmental problems that might arise at Lone Star's planned facility.

Specifically, Midpointe argued that an abandoned municipal landfill at the facility will delay or even preclude construction. Another complaint raised by Midpointe is that the site is subject to flooding.

Pinnacle Park officials also argued that Carter should have reported to racing officials the fact that he had been the subject of a sexual assault complaint filed by a 29-year-old Dallas woman. The complaint was related to an March 28 incident at an Austin hotel.

Austin police officials investigated the complaint, but didn't file charges against Carter.

"I've never been arrested for sexual assault," said R.D. Hubbard, the Fort Worth glass magnate who also serves as Midpointe's president.

Hubbard's remarks brought instant objections from Lone Star attorneys, who contended the remarks were out of order.

"I just want the commission to know, if they want a race track built, we're the ones that have the site, we're the ones that have the money," Hubbard said.

"And if you're going to have a major race track in Texas, we're

the only ones that have built two race tracks from scratch. We know what it takes, we know that the bank situation is and you're never going to have a race track with the environmental problems that they have at the Lone Star site," he said.

But Carter, who has said there was nothing to the sexual assault complaint, also dismissed the environmental criticisms.

"We spent over \$200,000 in legal and environmental studies, drilled wells, took water samples. We've worked with everybody living there. The site is clean. There's not a problem, period. End of story," Carter said.

Americans return to Mexico after border riots subside

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — Merchants are seeing what they hope signals a return invasion of holiday shoppers to this border city, where cross-border shopping all but stopped after Thanksgiving weekend rioting.

"It's not a normal weekend, but it's better than it has been," said Ramon Sosa, head of the 250-member merchant's union in the tourist market Maclovio Herrera.

After demonstrators rioted at two international bridges Nov. 29 to protest tightened duty-free limits, the number of American visitors dropped immediately and dramatically, merchants and travel specialists said.

"I've noticed a drop of about 80 percent. On a normal Sunday, this street is full; today, there is nobody here," shoe shiner Carlos del Angel was quoted as saying Monday in the San Antonio Express-News.

Pat Stockman, who works as a controller at a maquiladora, said security was a "big issue about coming across" after the rioting.

"I thought about it. You'd be crazy not to," said Stockman, who lives in Laredo.

Nuevo Laredo businessmen said they want to send the message to Texas shoppers that the coast is clear and tourists have nothing to fear.

"This has always been a peaceful, beautiful little town. There is absolutely no reason people shouldn't be here," said Pablo Jacobo Sureson, general manager at the upscale tourist shop Marti's.

Lance Deutsch, general manager of Deutsch's jewelers, said although the demonstrators destroyed the Mexican Customs house at International Bridge No. 1, their anger was directed at the Mexican government and not U.S. citizens.

"No one got hurt. Tourists were standing around drinking beer" watching the action, Deutsch said.

Owners of tourist-related businesses complain that U.S. and Mexican news reports blew the riot out of proportion.

Sosa agreed. "The press scandal blows things out of proportion," he said.

Texas tour operators say they take no chances with disturbances like the one Thanksgiving weekend.

Prison inmate receives verdict for bomb threat

HOUSTON (AP) — A prison inmate faces up to 20 years in prison for mailing a bomb to the state special prison prosecutor in Huntsville, the U.S. attorney's office in Houston says.

Francisco Ybarra, 27, pleaded guilty Monday to sending the explosive device.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner will sentence him on Feb. 26, 1993, to up to 20 years in prison without the possibility of parole and a \$250,000 fine.

Ybarra, who has four prior state felony convictions, now is serving a 20-year state sentence for robbery.

He built the bomb from material available to him in the state prison's Eastham Unit in Lovelady,

putting match heads and shards of metal inside a glass bottle. The fuse device was made from matches and a refill cartridge from a ballpoint pen, Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Nichols said.

Ybarra put the device in a hollowed-out paperback book and mailed it from the prison to the prosecutor, using the name of another inmate on the package's return address.

Prison officials did not screen the package before it was mailed because it was designated as an inmate's legal mail, Nichols said.

An employee of the prosecutor's office opened the package when it was delivered on March 11, 1992, but the device did not explode.

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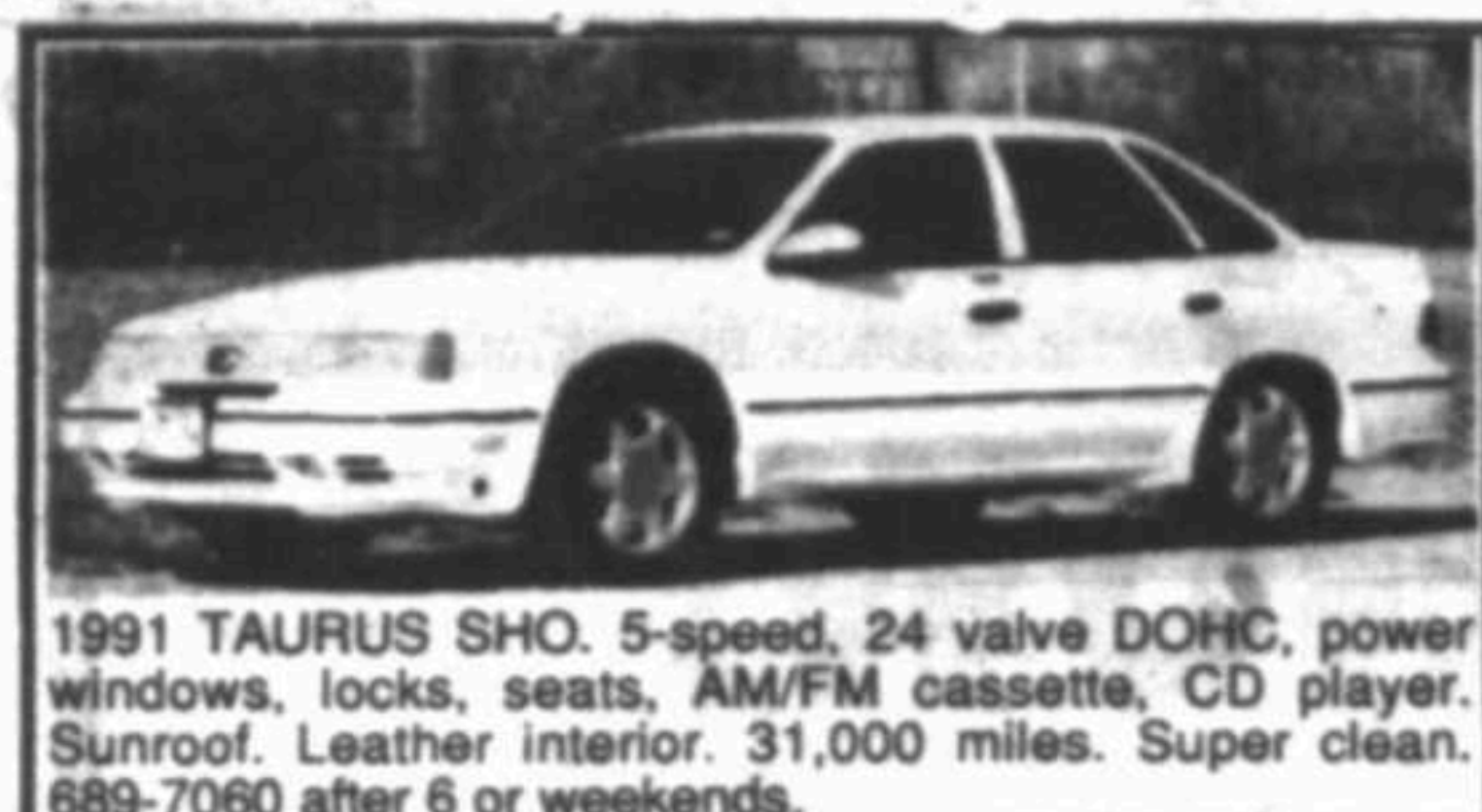
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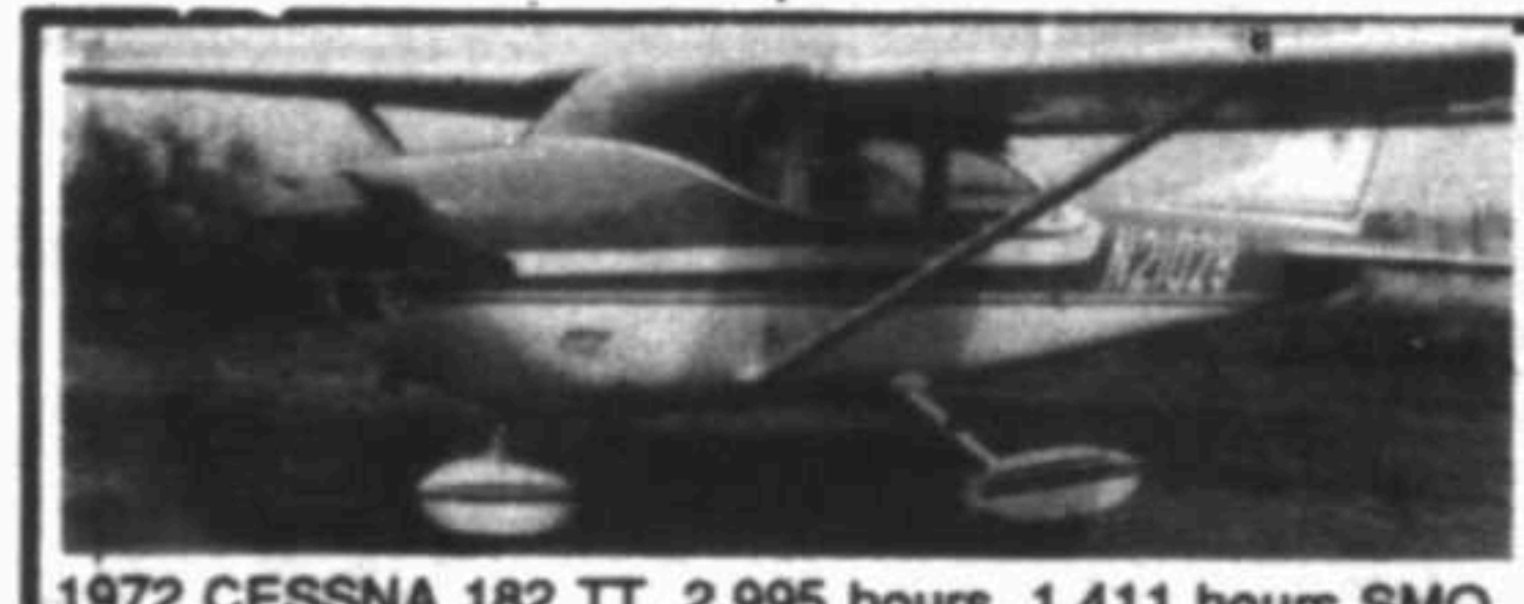
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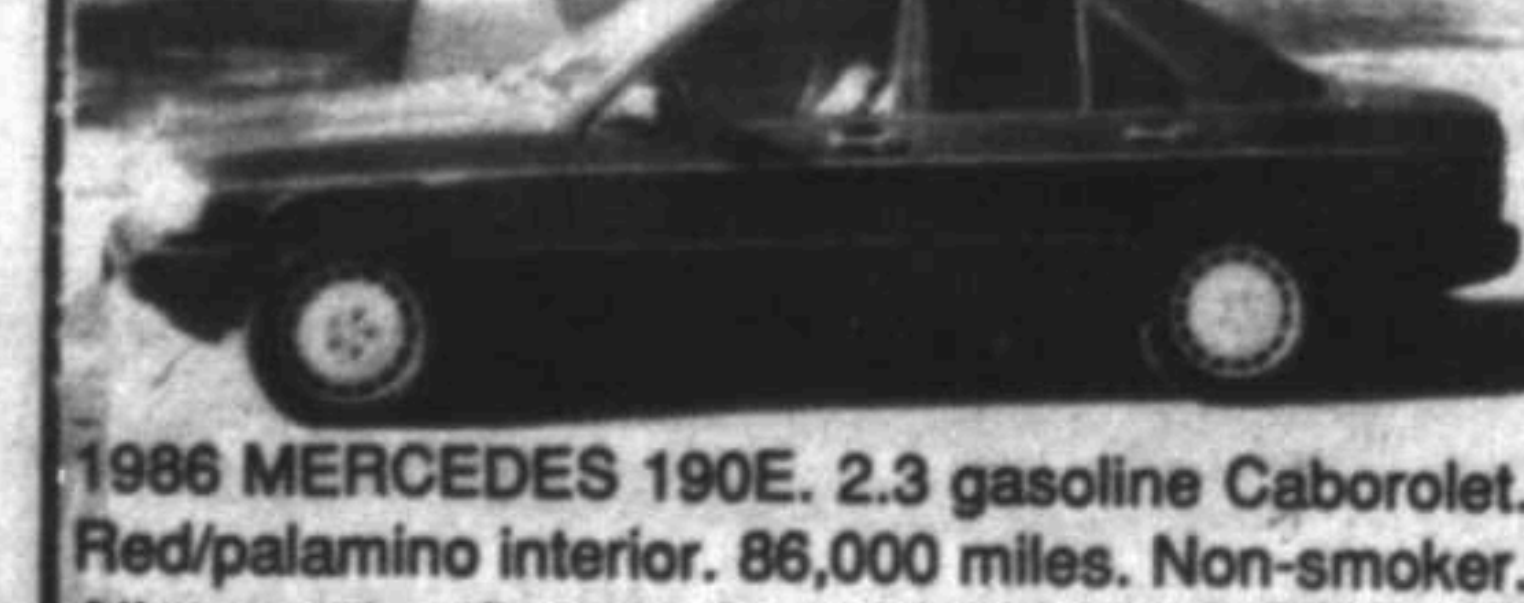
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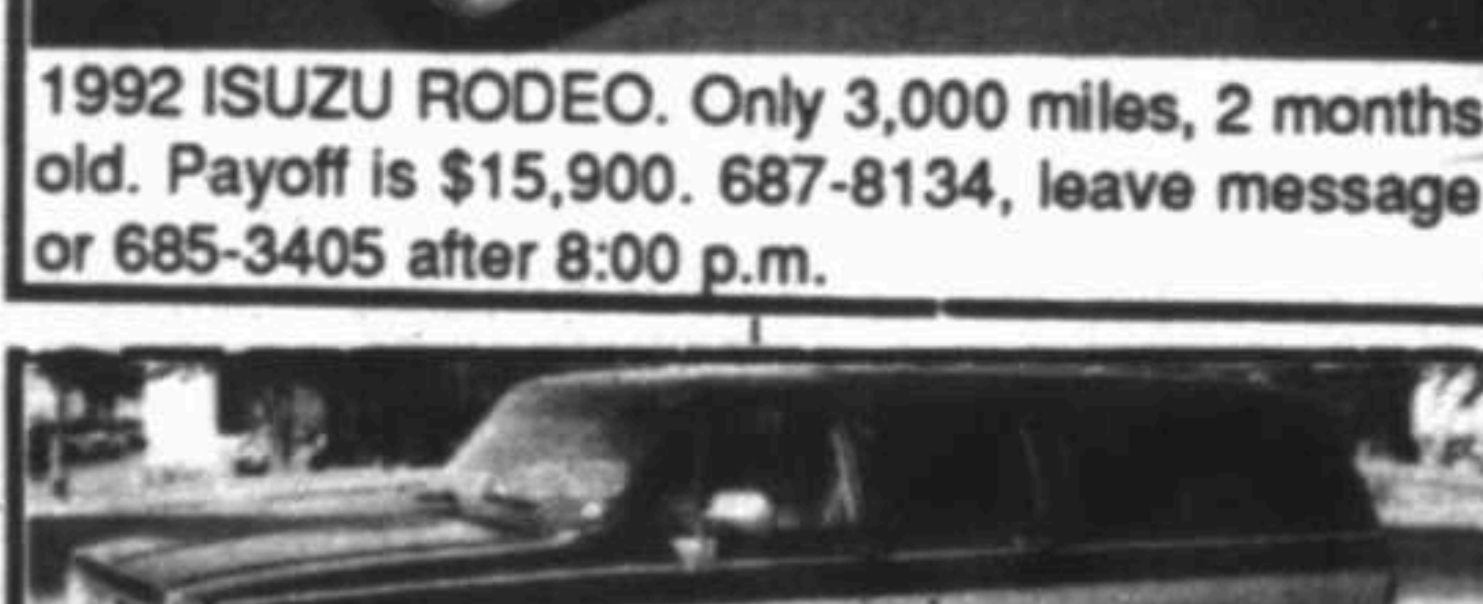
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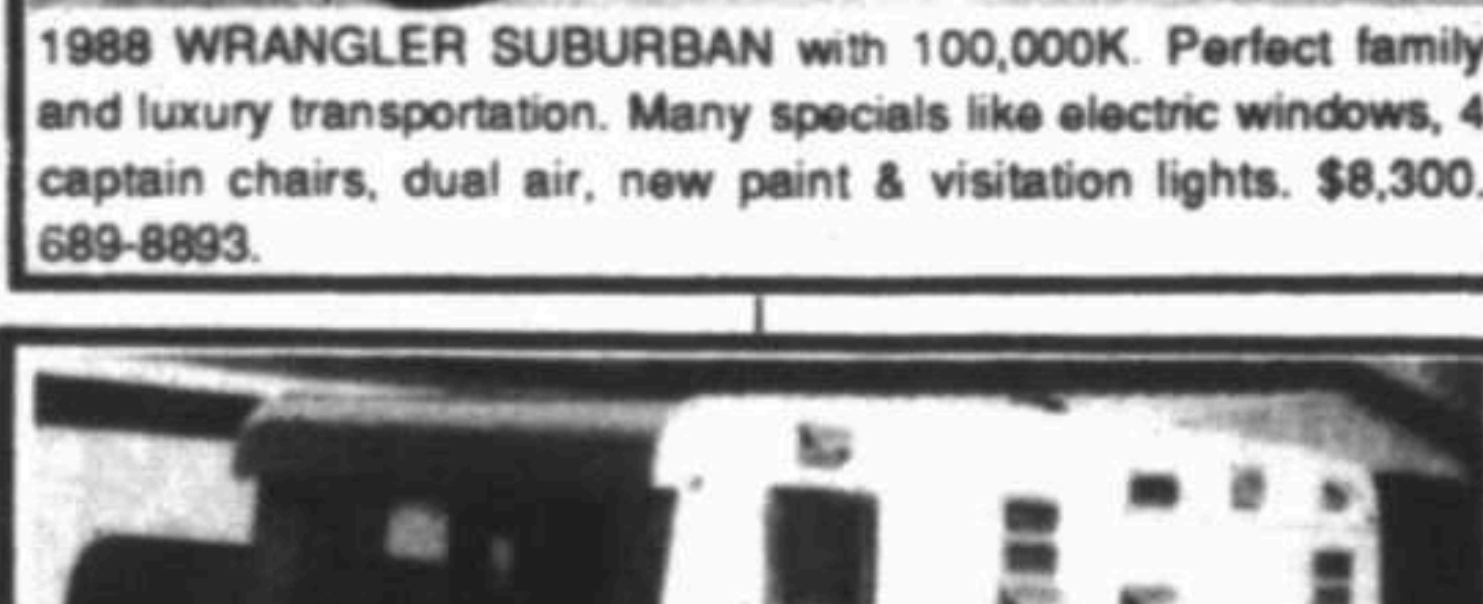
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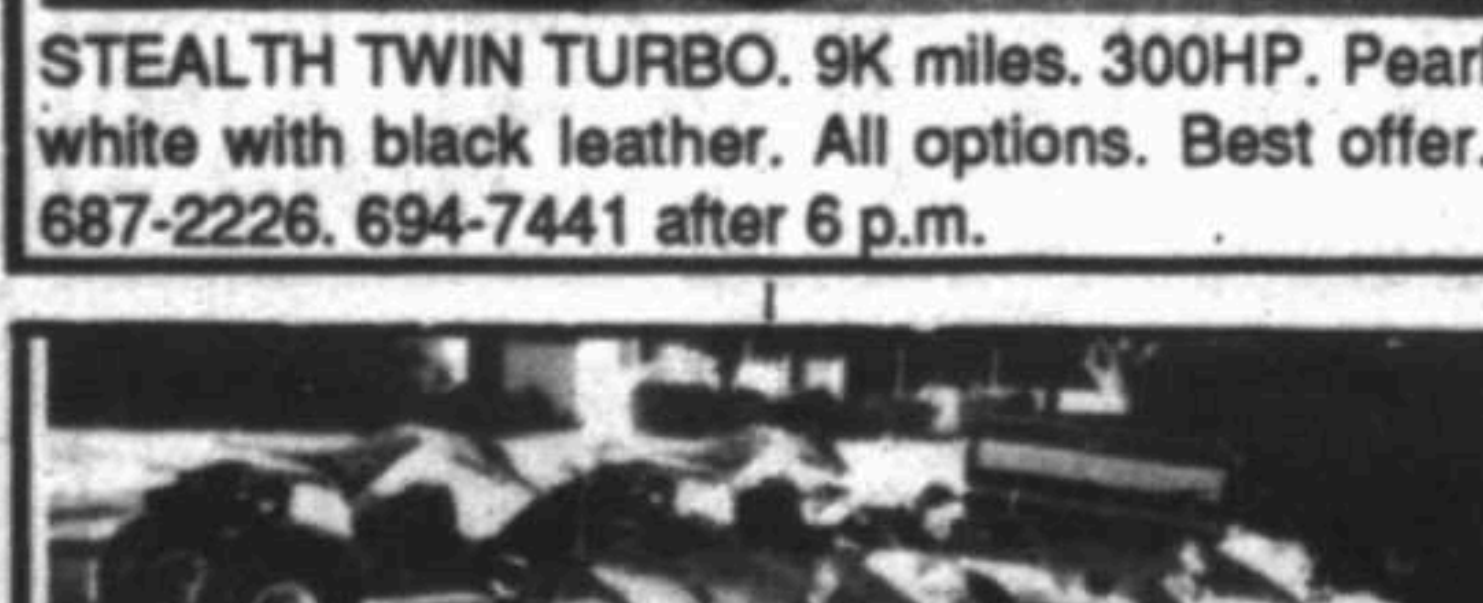
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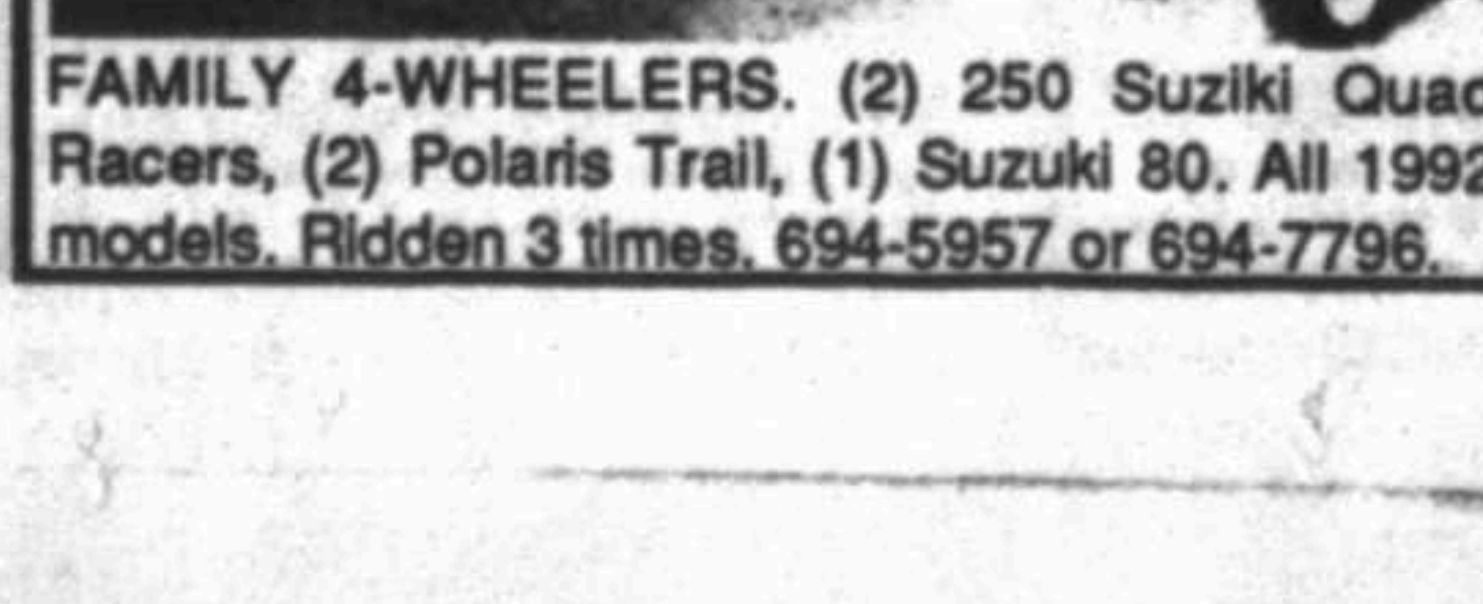
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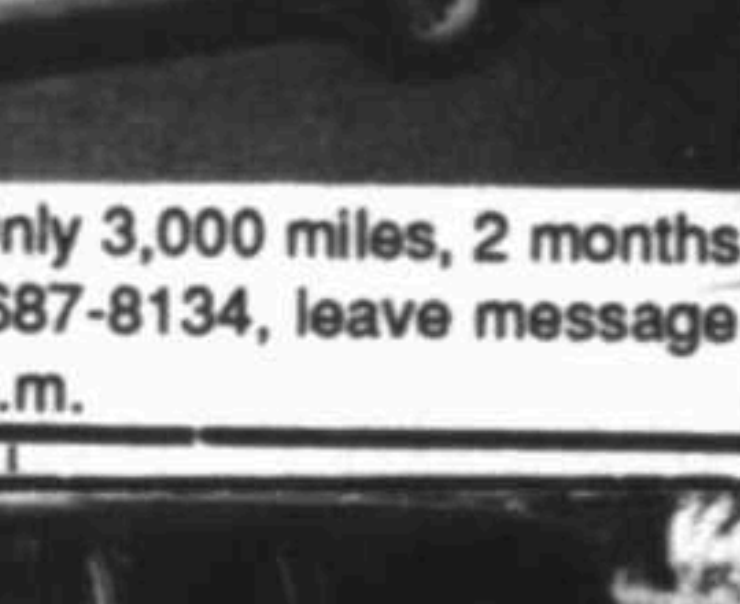
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B	A \$500 bonus will be paid to the broker at closing							
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