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Cheer fund

The Midland Cheer Fund, a citywide project to provide gifts to many of the city's less fortunate during the holidays, is conducting its annual drive, sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram. Donations will benefit The Giving Tree, Meals on Wheels, Loved Ones Of Prisoners and the Kelsey Logan Angel Fund. Those wishing to participate should make checks payable to Midland Cheer Fund, in care of the Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1656, Midland 79702.

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Candle caused fire

A Wednesday morning fire that killed two Midland County children has been ruled an accident, Dale Little, county fire marshal, said. Investigating the mobile home fire at 1408-B W. County Road 138, Little determined that a candle left burning on a counter in the living room area adjacent to the children's bedroom had fallen during the night. It ignited the carpet and a nearby couch, which fueled the fire and produced tremendous amounts of smoke and heat, leading to the deaths of Kinsie Owen, 6, and Clint Owen, 3. Their mother, Becky Owen, 36, and her boyfriend, Kevin Wilson, were able to escape through a back window. The children were sleeping in bunk beds at the time of the fire, Little said. A trust fund has been set up at Bank One by family and Ms. Owen's co-workers at Specialized Fitness. The account number is 1822946990.

Sagan dies at 62

SEATTLE — Carl Sagan, who rhapsodized about a universe populated by "billions and billions" of stars, was a rare star himself, a celebrity astronomer who helped make the vast unknown a little less mysterious. Sagan died of pneumonia Friday at age 62.

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Militia leader vows use of force

Republic of Texas' McLaren warns officials against serving warrant

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

FORT DAVIS — The leader of the Republic of Texas group said Friday that he and his "defense force" will "not tolerate" efforts to arrest him on a warrant issued by a federal judge Thursday.

Officials with the U.S. Marshal's office in Pecos — which would be responsible for serving the warrant on Richard McLaren, who on Friday was at the Republic's "embassy" near Fort Davis — said they had not received any notices of warrants against McLaren as of Friday.

And neither has the U.S. Marshal's Western District office in San Antonio,



McLaren

McLaren's response "of using force" if served a warrant is "typical," officials in Pecos said. But McLaren said his militia has been preparing for this situation for

said Sam Williams, supervising deputy of warrants.

If the U.S. Marshal's office were to receive the warrant, Williams said, the office would then "assess" the situation before serving it.

"We would look at the need for further assistance," Williams said.

six months and is prepared to use "extreme retaliation."

"If a burglar pulled a gun on you, what would you do if you had a gun?" McLaren said Friday in a telephone interview with the Reporter-Telegram. "The U.S. Marshal's office can serve the warrant if they're stupid enough."

McLaren would not say how many militia members were with him in Fort Davis, nor if he had been stocking food, water and weapons.

"I'll tell you this won't be another stand-off like Waco," he said. "We will counteract. There is no deal to be made. We won't play any games, because we know what the outcome will be. Once they turn it on, they won't be able to turn it off."

Lucius Bunton, senior U.S. District Court judge for the Western District of Texas, issued the warrant in Pecos after McLaren failed to appear at a hearing.

The hearing was to determine if McLaren was violating terms given to him after being released from jail earlier this year, Bunton said.

As part of his release, McLaren was ordered to report with officials regularly and halt filing bogus liens against Texas property owners, Bunton said.

But McLaren said Bunton can take his order and "shove it up his gazoo."

The terms of his release were negated by actions of the U.S. Supreme Court and

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PARKER PLACE



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Willie Ruth Adams, executive director of the Midland Housing Authority, holds applications to Parker Place, a new housing facility scheduled to open in March. By mid-week the housing authority received 19 applications for the 41-unit complex for low-income senior citizens.

Response to housing for seniors pleases agency

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Officials with the Midland Housing Authority began accepting applications this week for Parker Place and they are pleased with the response.

By mid-week the housing authority received 19 applications for the 41-unit complex for low-income senior citizens, said Willie Ruth Adams, the agency's executive director.

She said it's pleasing that they got that many applications, especially since "it's been so cold and for us to get that many applications."

She said that she expects to receive

more applications as the March 3 opening date approaches.

The federally funded complex at 500 Parker St. in east Midland will offer 40 units for the elderly; one has been set aside for a night attendant.

Response "indicates a real demand for this type of housing, especially in the area that it's in," Ms. Adams said. "The elderly won't really have to move out of their comfort zone. I think they're in a good location; plus it's nice housing. The main thing is to put them in an environment where they can be nice and warm and comfortable."

The complex features six six-unit

buildings, one eight-unit building, a community room and laundry. It will cost \$1.9 million, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All buildings will be single-story red brick.

The Housing Authority also manages the Hillcrest Manor and Langtry Village complexes. Ms. Adams said Parker Place will include planned activities like the other two.

"We'll have different activities going on: bingo, a nurse who comes in and takes residents' blood pressure,

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Judge awards Simpson full custody of his two children

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — O.J. Simpson was awarded full custody of his two young children Friday by a judge who ruled their grandparents had failed to show Simpson "would be clearly detrimental to their well-being."

"I know 100 percent that Nicole wanted the children to be with me," Simpson told The Associated Press at his home after the judge ruled that he posed no risk to his children.

Earlier, he issued a statement on behalf of his family saying, "We are all so very grateful to have the children home again where they want to be." He appealed to the media and the public to give the children privacy.

After a long and contentious custody battle between Simpson and his former in-laws, Louis and Juditha Brown, the judge found in Simpson's favor after a secret custody trial in Orange County, where the Browns live.

"We love Sydney and Justin and pray for their safety and well-being as they return to their father," the Brown family said in a statement released through their attorney, Natasha Roit.

It wasn't immediately clear when the children would be delivered to Simpson. Roit said the order provided no timetable and the Browns were strongly considering an appeal.

Sydney, 11, and Justin, 8, went to stay with their grandparents when Simpson was arrested in 1994 and charged with murdering Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

The Browns agreed at the time that Simpson could file to regain guardianship whenever he was cleared and

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November unemployment for area edges up slightly

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Unemployment in the Midland-Odessa area was slightly higher in November, according to figures released Friday by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Unemployment in the commission's Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area rose to 5.1 percent from 4.8 percent in October; a year ago the rate was 5.8 percent.

Unemployment was virtually unchanged in the city of Midland, where the unemployment rate remained 3.9 percent in November; it was 4.5 percent in November 1995. While the Odessa-Midland civilian labor force grew in November to 121,447 from 121,340 in October, total employment fell. Total employment in November was 115,246, down from 115,542 in October. The figures remain higher than a year ago; the labor force in November 1995 was 120,386 and total employment was 113,388. There were 6,201 Odessa-Midland residents unemployed, up from 5,798 in October but down from 6,998 last year.

Midland's labor force and total employment were virtually unchanged in November from October and continue to improve from year-ago levels. Last year, the Tall City's

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

An early visit

Santa Claus, a.k.a. Bill Wolf, who surprised students at St. Ann's School Friday, puts his hat on preschooler David Guillot. Wolf came to the attention of Midlanders last Christmas season when he stood outside his northwest Midland home and waved to motorists.

Clinton fills Cabinet posts; Pena gets Energy position

WASHINGTON (AP) — Juggling candidates in an eleventh-hour bid for diversity, President Clinton shifted Transportation Secretary Federico Pena to the Energy Department Friday and nominated Arkansas Rodney Slater to succeed him.

Plugging the last holes in his second-term Cabinet, the president also selected Andrew Cuomo, son of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, for housing secretary and White House aide Alexis Herman to be labor secretary.

The nominees must be confirmed by the Senate. Slater and Herman are black, giving Clinton three blacks in the 14-member Cabinet. But it was the abrupt addition of Pena that showed how much Clinton wanted to appoint a Cabinet that, as he said in 1992, "looks like America."

In a series of late-night meetings Thursday, the president had settled on a tentative list of nominees that had federal regulator Elizabeth Moler penciled in as Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary's replacement.

After the names seeped outside his tight inner circle, Clinton decided to reconsider the list because no Hispanics were slated for Cabinet posts. Hispanic Rep. Este

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Coming Sunday

It's time again to turn on the lights on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Do you have a plan for the night? And what about other family traditions? Read Sunday's Reporter-Telegram and find out what other Midlanders do.

While many local high school sports fans have turned their attention to the basketball scene, there are those who still have their minds on football. And this Sunday they will find out which Lee High and Midland High stars made the All-Midland team.

With only a handful of days left before Christmas, many local families are making the rounds of night looking at the residential Christmas lights. Check out Sunday's Lifestyle section to discover where some of the more brightly decorated homes are located.

WEATHER WATCH

Warm weather returns with high of 70

Staff Report

Sub-freezing weather will be taking time off this weekend following an arctic cold front that labored to ice up Midland earlier in the week. Forecasters at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport are calling for lows between 35 and 40 tonight.

Today's mostly sunny skies will bring peak temperatures to around 70. Winds are to be southerly to southwesterly at 15 to 25 mph. Sunday's weather is to bring forth sunny skies and a high between 70 and 75.

Friday's high was 52, and the overnight low was 13. The record high for Dec. 20 is 76 degrees in 1981; the record low for that date is 11 degrees in 1973.

Dec. 21's record high temperature is 81 degrees in 1981; the record low for that date is 8 degrees in 1989.

STATE

HOUSTON (AP) — After two days of record-breaking lows in Houston, warmer weather is moving back into Texas just in time for the first day of winter.

In Houston early Friday, the temperature plunged to 21 degrees, beating an old record of 26 degrees set 51 years ago in 1945. A day earlier, the record low was 22 degrees which beat out a 25-degree low set in 1975.

But an end was in sight. Today, the first day of winter, temperatures could reach a balmy 70 in some parts of Texas.

"It's going to be a gradual warmup," said Roland Nunez, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, who warned that temperatures were expected to drop back down to the 30s on Christmas Eve.

This week's blast of bone-chilling Arctic air had people wearing mittens but spared South Texas citrus crops. Some farmers reported damage to bell pepper, soybean and sugar crops.

At Great Western Growers Inc. in the Valley only some plants were lost because there was not enough space to house them in greenhouses, said owner and manager Bob Smith, who added that the weather did not remain freezing long enough to cause any severe damage.

Dry weather rather than the cold is becoming a nuisance in north-central Texas, where a lack of rainfall and a rash of brush fires has resulted in a moratorium on outdoor burning west of Fort Worth.

"Conservatively, there's been about 600 acres burned and it's taking four or five fire departments to put the fires out," said Parker County Fire Marshal Jeff Edwards.

The moratorium is voluntary, Edwards said, and while no penalties for violation are specified, anyone who opts to burn could be held liable and could be charged with reckless damage or destruction.

NATION

Warmer weather pushed bitterly cold temperatures out of the Midwest on Friday, while a quick-hitting storm dumped 30 inches of snow on parts of upstate New York. The South prepared for another chilly night.

Hundreds packed shelters Friday morning in northern Florida, where temperatures dropped into the low 20s. Elsewhere in the South, residents bundled up as temperatures dropped to 10 degrees in some places.

Many cities broke records set in 1945 — it was 20 degrees in New Orleans, 18 in Baton Rouge, La., and 21 in Houston. The region expected warmer weather today, none too soon for residents relying on propane heaters.

Highs were only in the 20s in the Midwest, but it seemed like a heat wave after days of below zero wind-chill readings.

In South Dakota, officials said they will help the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe clear roads of deep snow. Residents are stranded without food or fuel; the tribal council has declared the reservation a disaster area.

In Ohio, residents grumbled as they waited for a thaw after wind-chill readings of 30 degrees below zero Friday.

Snow fell near the Great Lakes and on parts of the Northeast, with gusty winds dropping visibility to near zero at Buffalo, N.Y.

Rain and snow were expected to move into the Northwest and California's Sierra Nevada range by today.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

04-07-12-13-35

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-0-1

WEST TEXAS IN BRIEF

Need to Read

Volunteers from Midland Need to Read will sell copies of Leslie D'Allesandro Hill's book, "Fairies Have Wings But They're Not Angels," from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. today at H-E-B.

The books will be autographed by the author. Free gift wrapping is available.

Part of the proceeds will be donated to Midland Need to Read, which offers adult literacy programs.

Higher gas prices

Gasoline prices across Texas will be higher this holiday season than last year's, according to AAA of Texas.

Prices are down one cent since the Thanksgiving holiday, but will be 18 cents higher than Christmas.

1995, according to AAA. The average price in Texas is \$1.23 a gallon.

Holiday baskets

ODESSA — The Odessa Fraternal Order of Police will provide holiday baskets beginning at 8:30 a.m. today at the FOP's lodge, 3207 Kermit Highway.

The FOP estimates they will be able to provide baskets for 750 needy families.

For more information, call 915-334-8743.

Christmas musical

The Iva Boze & Spiritual Forces will present a Christmas musical at 7 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church.

Admission is two or more canned goods for community agencies.

HOUSING: Agency accepts applications

(From 1A)

shopping trips. They can take the bus daily to the community centers — Southeast Senior Center, Midland Senior Center or Casa de Amigos.

Applications will be taken through the opening and beyond. Ms. Adams said once the 40 units are filled, a waiting list will be started.

"Sometimes they'll move in and won't stay. The elderly move through different stages," she said. "They may reach a point where they can't live independently and move to a nursing home or in with their family."

HUA requires a turnaround time a few days to meet that requirement.

To qualify for Parker Place, the head of the household must be at least 62 years of age with a maximum income of \$12,450 for singles and \$14,250 for couples. Rent is generally about 30 percent of income and is based on income and other financial considerations.

Applications can be picked up at Midland Housing Authority, 700 W. Scharbauer Drive; Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane; Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 1410 N. Lamesa Road; Southeast Senior Center, 1803 Indiana Ave., and Midland Senior Center at Kingsway Center.

Applications must be returned to the Housing Authority for processing.



Photos by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Vietnam Memorial bricks

Rickey Evans, who works with Yellow Freight Co., unloaded bricks Friday at the Permian Basin Vietnam Memorial. About 7,500 pounds of bricks were shipped from Endicott Clay Products Co. in Fairbury, Neb. The bricks, the idea of Midland Boy Scout S.J. Rust, are etched with a service member's name or memorial message. Rust helped in the preparation of the area where the bricks will be placed for his Eagle Scout award.

SIMPSON: O.J. wins full custody of daughter, son

(From 1A)

released from jail.

But after a Los Angeles jury acquitted Simpson in October 1995, the Browns decided to try to keep the children. In addition to suing Simpson in civil court, claiming he was responsible for Ms. Simpson's death, they contested custody in Orange County.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Nancy Wieben Stock ruled that the Browns had failed to provide "clear and convincing evidence" that custody by Simpson "would be clearly detrimental to their well-being."

"The children share a relationship with their father that appears to be strong, positive, and healthy, with powerful psychological bonding," Wieben Stock said in her ruling. "All experts who had the benefit of analyzing the children with all of their significant adults, came to the same conclusion on this point."

Wieben Stock granted the grandparents visitation rights with the children and found that their relationship was stable and healthy and that regular visits would be in the children's best interests.

Roit, the Browns' lawyer, blasted the judge's order, saying she ignored clear evidence of domestic violence by Simpson, and signs Simpson could become violent again. Roit also said the judge rejected the Brown family's suggestion that she consider some evidence of the killings.

"It is illogical to us that she can decide a case on domestic violence... without considering the evidence of murder," Roit said.

Wieben Stock said in her ruling she had considered evidence of Simpson's domestic violence but found that "a review of Simpson's history with the children does not yield a picture of a man who has in the past, or is likely in the future to lose control of himself in such a manner as to emotionally or physically harm his two young children."

Robert Baker, Simpson's attorney in his wrongful death trial, was pleased with the ruling. "He deserves it. It's Christmas, he should be with his kids."

The civil case recessed Friday for the Christmas holidays. Trial is scheduled to resume Jan. 6.

The children have been attending a private school in Laguna Beach while living at their grandparents' seaside home near Dana Point. They have reportedly visited their father regularly on weekends and vacations.

In their statement, the Browns said they had fought "long and hard" against Simpson's efforts to regain custody "in order to assure that these children would be safe and protected and not exposed to the risks and detriment of domestic violence which plagued their past and, if returned to Mr. Simpson, would be likely to affect their future."

Outside specialists in family law agreed the case had few precedents, if any.

"A father is accused of murdering the moth-

er, is acquitted and is then sued for wrongful death of the mother. I'm sure it's happened someplace in the United States, but I'm not sure where," said Sorrell Trope, a Los Angeles family law attorney for more than 48 years.

Courts generally presume that children belong with a parent, meaning it was up to the Browns to show that Simpson was unfit, said Trope and other experts.

Even testimony that Simpson hit his former wife wouldn't necessarily have ruled him out, said Trope and other attorneys, although violence toward the children would have been another matter.

"Continuity" was probably the Browns' strongest argument, said Scott A. Altman, another family law attorney.

"Courts frequently find it in the children's interest to be placed where they have been living for some time," he said in an earlier interview. "The reasoning is that continuity is good for children, disruptions aren't."

People close to Simpson said before trial that he wanted the children to attend an African-American church, at least sometimes, and that he wanted them to experience black culture.

That would presumably be easier if the children lived with him in Brentwood, on the west side of Los Angeles, rather than in Laguna Beach, a mostly white beach town 50 miles down the coast.

The children's attorney, Marjorie G. Fuller, reportedly sided with Simpson.

CABINET: Clinton chooses Pena as Energy secretary

(From 1A)

ban Torres, D-Calif., had been mentioned for labor, but he wasn't getting the job.

With Thursday turning into Friday, the president swapped Moler for Pena. Aides argued that Pena, 49, is a stronger manager with more agency experience, but conceded that Clinton was looking for a Hispanic. Though Pena wanted out of transportation, he was never ruled out for other Cabinet posts, aides said.

The president said he did not buckle to special-interest groups.

"The pressure was pressure I put on myself," he said at a news conference unveiling domestic policy appointments. "I believe that one of my jobs at this moment in history is to demonstrate with the team I put together that no group of people should be excluded from service to our country."

The about-face overshadowed his other choices:

■ Slater, 41, has been a rising star since Clinton brought him into his Arkansas administration. As federal highway administrator, he traveled more than 300,000



Pena

miles and operated a \$20 billion budget.

■ Herman, 49, runs the White House's public liaison office, charged with energizing and soothing Democratic constituencies, including minorities.

"She is my eyes and ears" to the business and labor communities, Clinton said. Herman, once dubbed "the queen of schmooze" for winning over roomfuls of political types, said: "I understand work, and I understand workers."

■ Cuomo, 38, is an assistant secretary at HUD. Stepping from his father's shadow, Cuomo pledged to help Clinton fulfill "the promise of a stronger and sweeter tomorrow." His marriage to a Kennedy heiress, Kerry Kennedy, was dubbed "Cuomolot."

Clinton bucked labor groups to appoint loyal aide Herman. And Cuomo was considered too abrasive and inexperienced by a faction

within the administration, which was said to include outgoing Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Clinton put four blacks, two Hispanics, three women and no Republicans in his 1992 Cabinet. Counting newly nominated, returning members and Friday's choices, the second-term Cabinet would have three blacks, one Hispanic, four women and a Republican.

In another nod to Hispanics, Clinton named Aida Alvarez, director of federal housing enterprise oversight at HUD, to replace Small Business Administration Director Phil Lader.

Clinton already had nominated Rep. Bill Richardson, a Hispanic Democrat from New Mexico, to be U.N. secretary. Though not traditional Cabinet posts, the U.N. and SBA have been given Cabinet-level status by presidential fiat.

In other developments, Clinton selected:

■ Federal Reserve Board member Janet Yellen to replace Joseph Stiglitz as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

■ Bruce Reed, a centrist Clinton

aide, to be domestic policy adviser, replacing Carol Rasco, who is moving to the Education Department.

■ Former chief of staff Mack McLarty, to be special envoy to Latin America, with a seat on Clinton's influential National Economic Council.

Separately, Mike Dombeck, the acting head of the Bureau of Land Management, was named chief of the Forest Service.

Clinton also formally extended the terms of returning Education Secretary Richard Riley, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt. Last week, he gave Attorney General Janet Reno, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Health and Human Services Donna Shalala extended terms.

With those members returning, Clinton had seven vacancies to fill after winning re-election. Going into Friday's announcement, he already had nominated Madeleine Albright for secretary of state, William Cohen for defense secretary and Bill Daley for commerce.

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Chechens begin to rebuild devastated capital from soot, rubble

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Garbage is everywhere. Black soot licks the exteriors of shattered apartment blocks. Huge gaping holes in buildings expose entire kitchens and bedrooms.

Chechnya's capital has been ravaged by two years of war with Russia. But with a cease-fire in place, the residents of Grozny are slowly and stubbornly starting to bring their city back to life.

The Grozny-Moscow express train is running again, breathing life back into the region's devastated commerce. A satellite dish sits atop a bullet-riddled building downtown, making phone calls possible between Chechnya and

the outside world.

On every street, rebuilding is in the works.

Mustafa Gareyev puts the final touches on a home he's cobbled together from the ruins, by dragging bricks from bombed-out buildings, cutting piping from a flattened stove and dragging wires from an exploded garage.

He and other Chechens are intent on restoring their capital no matter how long it takes.

"We know that the Russians will never in a hundred years help us rebuild Grozny," says Mustafa, wearing goggles and holding a welder's torch. "If the Russians will just leave us alone, we will

bring order to this city ourselves. We will rebuild it house by house."

Moscow has promised to help with reconstruction, but Chechens expect to get little from a government that launched war against rebel separatists in December 1994. Mainly, they want Russian troops to fulfill their promise to complete their withdrawal by the end of January.

In the meantime, the people of Grozny make do without running water or electricity.

Many, like Larisa Zubarivova and her family, are having to live out the winter with no roofs over their heads. After two rocket-propelled grenades blasted holes

through their living room, Zubarivova, her mother and her grandmother live in the one-room shed adjoining what's left of the house.

They haven't had the strength to rebuild.

"This room was my favorite," she says sadly, standing in the living room with the gray Grozny sky over her head. "It was nothing luxurious. But it was warm and comfortable and it was a place where the whole family gathered."

Most of Larisa's extended family has fled Chechnya, and she says it is unlikely they will ever return. Money sent by Chechens living outside the republic paid for the

massive satellite dish downtown, where the few who can afford it show up at all hours to call relatives and friends abroad.

At the satellite dish building,

Chechens can even sit down at a computer terminal and access the Internet — a link established as a way of replacing some of the lost information.

China blacklists American film stars from Tibet

BEIJING (AP) — China has barred several Hollywood celebrities involved in movies about Tibet — including Brad Pitt and Martin Scorsese — from travel in the Himalayan region, a U.S.-based lobbying group said Friday.

Scorsese, Harrison Ford and some others on the alleged blacklist are connected to "Kundun," a Walt Disney Co. film about the exiled Tibetan religious leader Dalai Lama. China has sought to discourage Disney from releasing the film.

Chinese troops have occupied Tibet since 1950, and China accuses the Dalai Lama of fomenting an independence movement there. Tourists reported seeing the Hollywood blacklist posted earlier this year at the state-run travel agency's office in the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, according to the International Campaign for Tibet in Washington, D.C.

The list includes more than 50 Westerners who should not be given papers for travel in Tibet, said the Campaign for Tibet, which has links to Tibet's government-in-exile.

Chinese officials denied any knowledge of a blacklist.

"If the list existed, I would know about it, and I promise, I've never seen the list," said Liu Weiqiang at the China International Travel Service in Beijing.

In the past, China has barred dissidents and other people it apparently views as hostile or a threat. China also regularly refuses permission for reporters to visit Tibet.

If it does exist, the blacklist would represent another downturn in relations between China and Hollywood. Earlier this month, 41 Hollywood celebrities wrote the Chinese government criticizing it for its objections to the Dalai Lama movie.

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DEATH NOTICES

Reynaldo Castellon

Reynaldo Castellon, 33, died Monday, Dec. 16, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. today, Dec. 21, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 6, 1963, in Midland.

Survivors include his mother, Elena Castellon of Odessa; two daughters, Savannah Castellon of Odessa and Sarina Castellon of Roswell, N.M.; eight brothers, Jesse Castellon and Joe Castillo, both of Roswell, N.M.; Ricardo Castillo, Emeterio Rico, Martin Rico and Antonio Castellon, all of Odessa, and Romeo Castellon and Narciso Rico, both of Farmington, N.M.; and two sisters, Adeline Cortez and Maria Nunez, both of Odessa.

George Christy

DENTON — George Christy, 85, a former Midlander, died Friday, Dec. 20, at his Denton home.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Denton with the Rev. Jerry Putnam officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton under the direction of DeBerry Funeral Home. Visitation is set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1911, in Valparaiso, Ind.

He lived in Midland between 1946 and 1990. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and was a petroleum accountant. He was a member of the First United Methodist

Church.

Survivors include his wife, Clara Christy of Midland; children, Jimmy Williams of Lake Brownwood, Gene Christy of Arlington, Va., Susan Costin of Houston, Mark Williams of Denton and Brian Williams of Austin; and 12 grandchildren.

Alice Henderson

BIG SPRING — Alice Melinda Henderson, 90, of Big Spring died on Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996, in Hinsdale, Ill.

Graveside services are to be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at Mount Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Services are under the direction of Nalley-Pickie and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Visitation is set for 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the funeral home.

She was born May 13, 1906, in Hasse.

She was a member of the Church of Christ. She worked for 23 years in the Big Spring school lunch program.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wes Henderson, on Feb. 7, 1982.

Survivors include two daughters, Frances Scott of Midland and Dorothy DeCicco of Hinsdale, Ill.; a sister, Zella Williams of Stanton; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Dale Myers

ALBANY, Mo. — Dale R. Myers, 73, former Midlander, died Monday, Dec. 16, 1996, at an Albany, Mo., hospital.

Services were held Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996, in Albany under the direction of Roberson-Polley Funeral Home.

He was born May 18, 1923, in Gentry County, Mo.

He was a retired oil pumper and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Albany American Legion Post 106.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Leta Myers in 1986, and two sisters, Fern Stephenson and Ruby Day.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Myers of Midland and Mark Myers of Vista, Calif.; five brothers, William Myers of Canyon Lake, Paul Myers of Midland, Jack Myers of Albany, Terry Myers of Kansas City and John Myers of Coppell; a sister, Ellanora Thorton of Kansas City; two grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

John Lee Anders

Services for Midlander John Lee Anders, 70, are pending with Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, at his residence.

Leslie Hickey

Services for Midlander Leslie Hickey, 46, are pending with Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, at a Big Spring hospital.

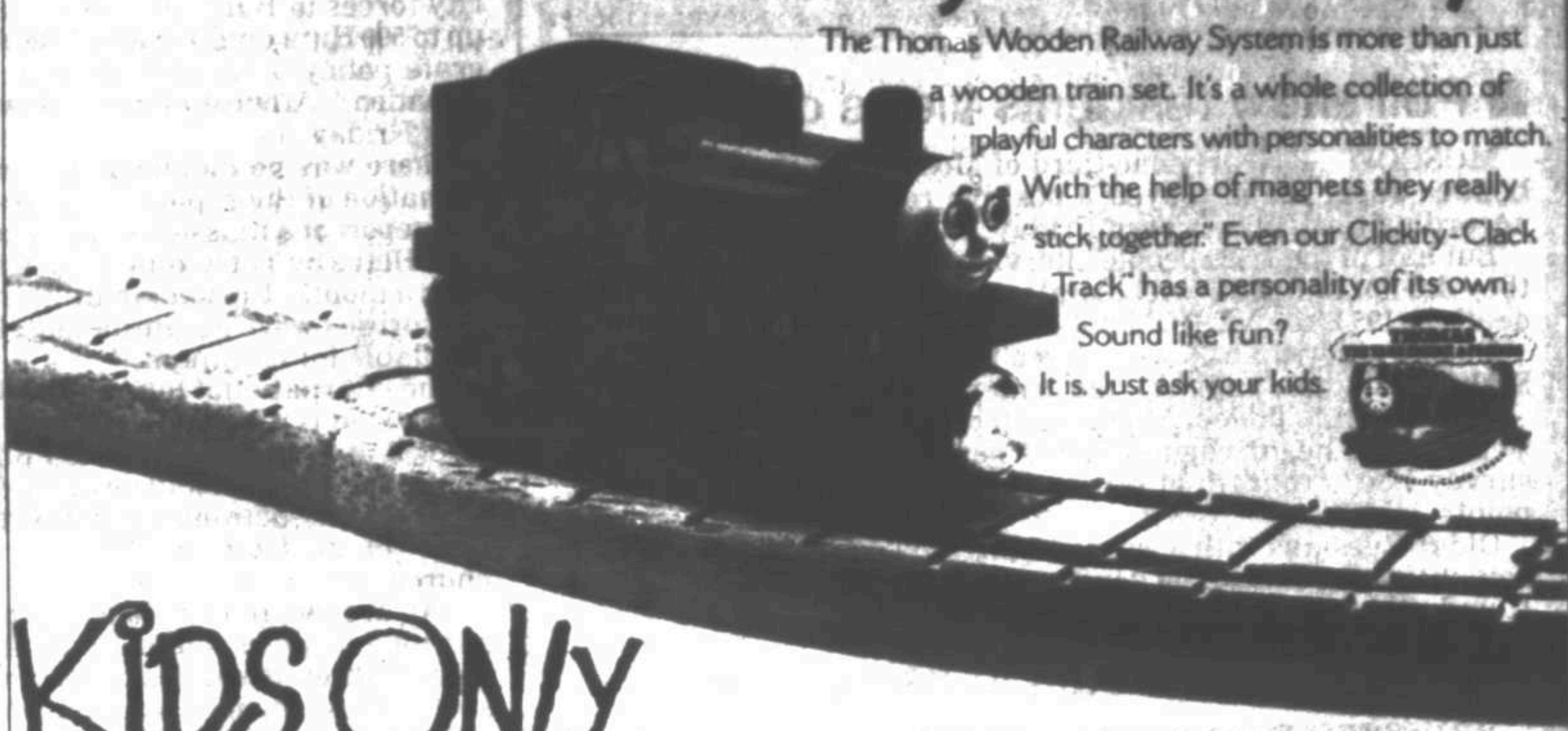
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■ Poll show residents views on Stalin

MOSCOW — Nearly one-third of Moscow residents surveyed believe Josef Stalin played a positive role in Russia's history, according to a poll released Friday.

But half of the 1,529 people interviewed in Russia's capital said they did not like the Soviet dictator, who ruled from 1924 until his death in 1953, the VTSIOM public opinion center said.

People older than 55 were three times as likely to approve of Stalin than those under 25, the center said.

Of the people polled, 31 percent took a positive view of Stalin, 50 percent a negative view and 19 percent were undecided. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Older Russians with positive feelings toward Stalin point to the Soviet Union's industrial development and victory in World War II under his rule.

■ EU agrees to cuts in fish quotas

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union ministers approved only slight cuts in 1997 fishing quotas Friday, despite strong pressure from conservationists to greatly reduce fishing in European waters.

In an all-night bargaining session, the fisheries ministers scaled back many of the largest cuts that were being demanded by the European Commission, the European Union's executive agency.

The commission had argued that several species of fish were in danger of extinction unless drastic cuts in quotas were made, but by the end of the talks it yielded and agreed to keep each country's quota nearly the same.

"With the exception of herring and mackerel, for which emergency measures have been taken, these figures are only slightly changed in relation to 1996," the 15 ministers said in a statement.

The governments of Britain, Spain and Portugal were under pressure from powerful fishing lobbies at home, who claimed thousands of fishermen could be thrown out of work if cuts were too drastic.

■ Man who killed boss sentenced to die

BEIJING — A Shanghai court has sentenced to death a laborer who killed his boss for not renewing his contract, a state-run newspaper reported Friday.

Tang Haiyong repeatedly sought out his boss, identified only as a "certain Mr. Chen," to ask for money early this year after he was let go, the Liberation Daily said. Chen always refused.

On Sept. 19, Tang stabbed Chen in the lungs and side. Chen died from loss of blood, the newspaper said. The paper did not say when Tang was sentenced.

A single bullet fired into the back of the head is the normal method of execution.

A court in the southern city of Shenzhen on Thursday issued a death penalty for convicted murderer Song Weiliang. No details on his crime were given.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Report: Brundi army massacred up to 500 Hutu civilians Dec. 3

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Security forces in Burundi massacred up to 500 Hutu civilians in a "deliberate policy of systematic extermination," Amnesty International said Friday.

There was no independent confirmation of the report — the second report of a massacre of Burundian Hutus by Tutsi military in less than a month. Burundian military authorities were not immediately available for comment.

The international human rights group said it received details of a Dec. 3 massacre in Butaganza commune, where Hutus were told by the Tutsi-dominated army to take refuge from violence in a church.

"At around five o'clock in the morning soldiers surrounded the church, threw grenades inside and shot at those trying to escape, and reportedly bayoneted to death the wounded," Amnesty International said in a statement.

At least 243 were killed, the statement said. The soldiers reportedly set the church on fire and then searched for people hiding in nearby settlements and Ruvubu river swamps and killed at least 300 others.

Both Amnesty International and the U.N. Commission for Human Rights reported that around 400 Hutu refugees returning from exile from neighboring Zaire were killed in Murambi on Oct. 22.

Amnesty International accused Burundian security forces of killing at least 1,000 unarmed Hutu civilians in four provinces since November. It said more than 10,000 people have been killed since August, less than a month after Maj. Pierre Buyoya ousted a Hutu president in a July 25 coup.

At least 150,000 have been killed in a new cycle of violence in Burundi since Tutsi-led military — the real power in the country — assassinated the first freely elected president, a Hutu, in 1993.

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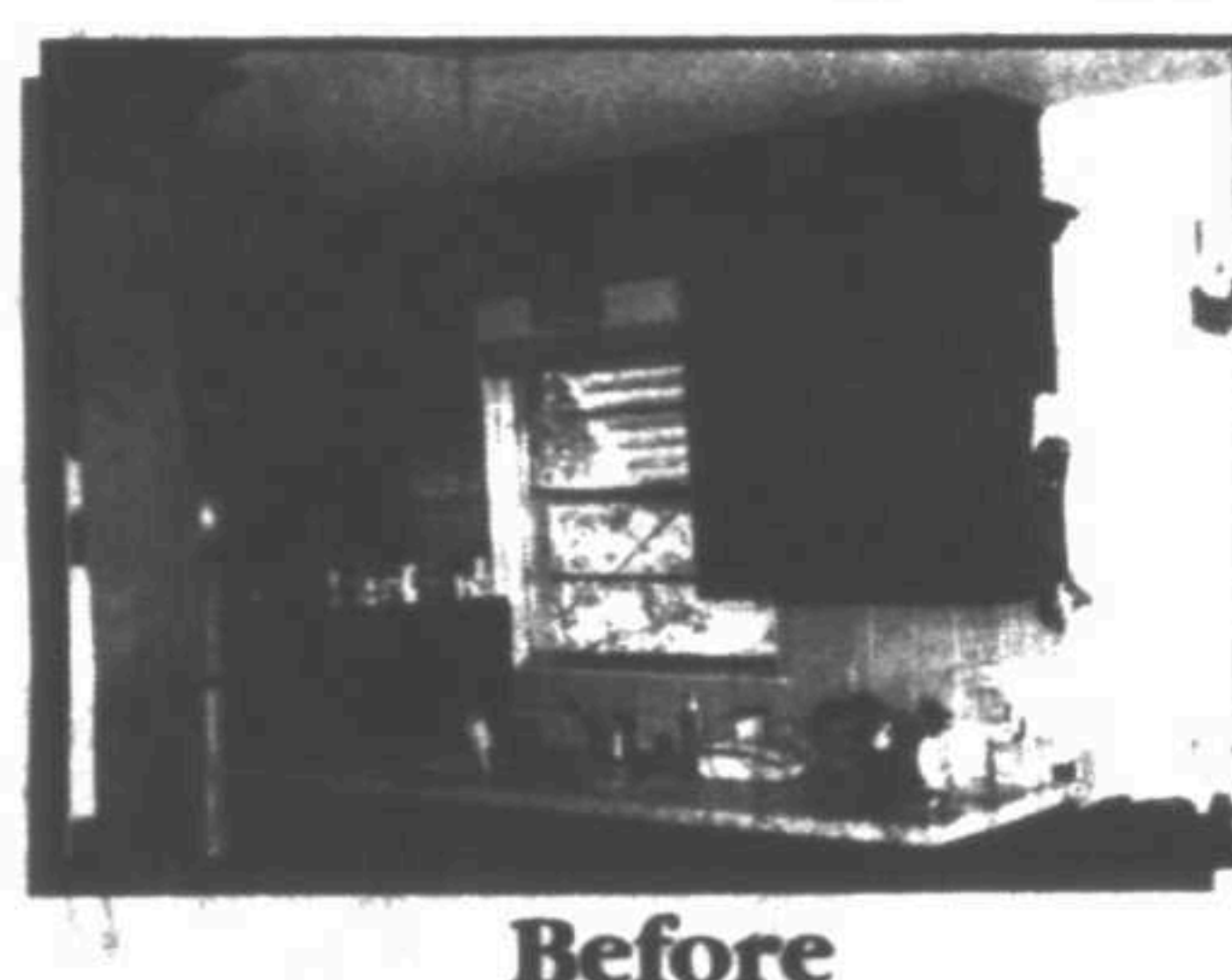
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U.S.-Iraq face off as oil begins to flow to market

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Saddam Hussein's gamble is on.

After years of refusals, delays and negotiations, Iraq is exporting oil and making its first food purchases as part of a \$2 billion deal with the United Nations.

Apparently, the Iraqi leader is betting the food that will pour into his country will ease civilian hunger, boost his popularity and strengthen his rule.

The United States and its allies have other ideas, though, at least in regard to Saddam's power. They want to keep him cornered and that means keeping sanctions against Iraq in place. They hope the tightly monitored oil-for-food agreement will provide enough humanitarian relief to deflect pressure from the United Nations to lift the entire trade embargo.

"For years, the United States has regarded these limited sales as a trap for Saddam," said Patrick Clawson, a senior research professor at the National Defense University in Washington.

Saddam took the bait in November, dropping objections to a deal that forces him to accept U.N. monitoring, which for years he dismissed as an affront to Iraqi sovereignty.

Oil started flowing again Dec. 10, and the Australian Wheat Board said Friday that it sold 275,000 tons of grain to Iraq in Baghdad's first wheat deal under the U.N. agreement.

"Clearly, Saddam is hoping that this is the beginning of the end for sanctions," Clawson said. "The United States is hoping that this relieves the human suffering of the Iraqi people ... and therefore makes the sanctions sustainable for the future."

The deal with the United Nations allows Iraq to sell \$2 billion worth of oil in 100 days, after which the deal can be renewed. Iraq has indicated it plans to ask the United Nations for permission to sell more oil after the first period.

Iraqi officials say the new food will only increase government-subsidized rations from a two-week supply to three, leaving civilians to buy the extra food on the open market, which can be very expensive.

Washington, however, is likely to be wary of any attempts by Saddam to expand the deal.

Critics say Saddam only agreed to the deal because his government was desperately short on cash. They fear that Iraq may use the deal as an excuse to cut its own food subsidies and use the money to bolster the regime.

"There is no question that Saddam is going to use some of the money to increase his security apparatus," said Rami R. Khouri, executive director of the Iraq Foundation, a Washington-based group that opposes Saddam's rule.

He said recent cracks in the ruling circle show Saddam's need to upgrade security forces.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board withdrew a proposal Friday to require banks to gather race and ethnicity data on new and consumer loans.

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An advocate for fair lending, Eugene Ludwig, said there was ample evidence that the Fed's proposal would be a valuable tool for fighting discrimination.

"They collect this data," said Ludwig, who publishes a newsletter called "The Fed's Regulation."

The Fed's proposal would require banks to collect data on race and ethnicity for new credit card and auto loans.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Adults believe it is important to have a child in the back seat of a car with dual air bags, a new public survey has found.

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Federal Reserve Board withdraws its proposal asking banks to gather race, sex data on loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board withdrew a proposal Friday to have banks voluntarily gather race and gender data on small business and consumer loans, saying Congress should act on the controversial issue.

The Fed acted despite a plea by another senior banking regulator — Comptroller of the Currency Eugene Ludwig — to adopt the proposal.

An advocate for fair lending reforms, Jake Lewis, accused the Fed of shirking its responsibility, and said there was ample precedent for the Fed to pass the modest rule. Lewis, a former top Housing Banking aide, said the Fed was just "walking away from a valuable tool for fair lending."

"They collect this data on mortgage loans now," said Lewis, who publishes the Nader Banking Letter, a newsletter backed by consumer activist Ralph Nader. "It works extremely well."

The Fed unanimously agreed to withdraw the proposed rule that would have permitted voluntary collection of race and gender data on small business, credit card and auto loans.

The Fed's Regulation B currently forbids banks

from gathering such information on loan applications, except for mortgages and mortgage refinancings, where Congress and regulators agreed in 1976 to gather race and gender data to detect lending discrimination.

The collection of race and gender data under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act has been a powerful tool to document lending discrimination by banks, and has spawned dramatic reforms in the industry's practices.

Comptroller Ludwig, in a letter to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, strongly urged the passage of the rule.

"The greater public good would be served if the board follows through with its proposal to give lenders the option to collect the information they need to ensure their compliance with the fair lending laws," Ludwig said in the letter, obtained by The Associated Press.

He said concerns that the voluntary data collection would be a precursor to a mandatory data gathering system "can be easily resolved."

Most adults understand air-bag safety, new poll says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most adults believe it important to put a child in the back seat if their car has dual air bags, suggesting the public has gotten the message that air bags can kill children, according to an Associated Press poll.

Eighty-eight percent of adults polled said it was important when a car had a passenger-side air bag to always put small children in the back seat.

Only 10 percent said it was not important to put a child age 12 or under in the back seat all the time.

This year automakers, the government and insurance and safety groups have waged a public information campaign stressing that children 12 and under should sit in back seats because of air bags.

"They got the message," said Mike Flynn of the University of Michigan's Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation. "The percentage is impressive."

The high percentage was consistent among the young and old, those with and without college educations and those with small children.

Air bags, which deploy up to 200 mph in the blink of an eye, have saved more than 1,600 lives. But the force of a deploying air bag has been blamed for the deaths of at least 32 children in low-speed accidents they otherwise would have survived.

In the poll, 88 percent said the passenger-side air bag made the car more dangerous for children 12 and under.

Yet, seven in 10 said they wanted at least one air bag in their car, indicating they also recognize that air bags have saved the lives of hundreds of adults.

"The majority of people ... understand that air bags can save your life," said Art Spinella of ONW Marketing Research in Bangor, Ore.

A majority said if they were buying a car today, they would want air bags on both the driver and passenger side. And more than three-quarters of that majority said they would be willing to pay more for a car with dual air bags.

The poll of 1,003 adults was taken by telephone Dec. 11-15 by ICR Media, Pa. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Nearly three-quarters of those surveyed said car owners should have the option to disconnect air bags, but Spinella said poll answers indicate most would not do so.

Officials at the government's highway safety agency have said they will soon propose a regulation allowing consumers to have an air bag disconnected by a mechanic.

First lady to give profits from book to help children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton says she'll donate profits from her book, "It Takes a Village," to children's hospitals and other programs that help young people — and she hopes other Americans will be inspired to help, too.

The first installment, about \$50,000, will be divided among 15 hospitals and 23 other programs mentioned in the book, she said today.

Mrs. Clinton presented the monies during a visit to the Children's National Medical Center. The first day — accompanied by the White House cat, socks — participated in the hospital's Christmas program for the third year.

"What I hope is that the announcement of these donations might encourage other people to become involved at whatever level," she said.

The bulk of the money was given to the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions to be distributed to hospitals.

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Stepfather indicted on charges of killing infant, framing his sister

ATLANTA (AP) — Tracy Rhame grew up being told she killed her 4-month-old brother by throwing him from his crib when she was only 2.

But her intuition told her otherwise, and she pressed for answers about the 1971 case. Now, 25 years later, her stepfather has been indicted on charges of killing the baby and framing her.

Jan Barry Sandlin, 46, was charged Thursday with murder, aggravated assault and cruelty to children and will be extradited from Florida, where he is in prison for armed robbery, prosecutor Lee Anne Mangone said.

"You're telling me I'm being charged with murder?" Sandlin

said in a telephone interview from prison. "I'm a little dumbfounded. I can't even start to imagine where this came from. As far as the child dying, that's true. As far as me having anything to do with it, no."

Ms. Mangone, the head of the DeKalb County district attorney's Crimes Against Children unit, said Mrs. Rhame, now married and living in Savannah, had always been told that she had tossed 4-month-old Matthew Golder from his crib, and the coroner at the time pronounced the death an accident.

There is no listing for Mrs. Rhame in Savannah, and Ms. Mangone said the woman didn't want to talk to a reporter. But the prosecutor gave this account:

"All her life she was told she was responsible for her brother's death. When she asked questions, she didn't get a lot of details. Tracy just wasn't comfortable with that," Ms. Mangone said. "This really is a lifelong quest for her."

She asked police for details of her brother's death when she was 17. Police gave her a report and told her it had been ruled an accident. She was told there was nothing more that could be done.

Over the next several years, Mrs. Rhame, who had joined the Army and was stationed in South Korea, constantly analyzed the few details she had. "She knew all of her life she couldn't have done that. When she got back she ... was

committed to finding out what happened," Ms. Mangone said.

With the help of a family friend who worked for the FBI, Mrs. Rhame contacted various authorities and was directed to the DeKalb County medical examiner in 1995. Mrs. Rhame asked for the autopsy records and none were found.

That got the attention of Medical Examiner Joe Burton, who reviewed hospital records and determined that the baby's injuries were inconsistent with a fall from a crib.

"In 1971, the county had an elected coroner who really wasn't qualified to make the determination of

cause of death. There was no examination, no autopsy and no interviews," Burton said on Friday.

The medical records indicated the baby died from multiple blows to the head, he said.

Sandlin, the children and their mother, Kathy Almon, were living in an apartment in suburban Decatur in 1971 when the baby died. Sandlin said he and Ms. Almon mar-

ried after Matthew's death and divorced in 1979.

Sandlin was alone with the baby while the girl went with her mother to do the laundry, the prosecutor said. When they came home, the girl went inside and Sandlin sent her mother to unload the car. Ms. Mangone said. When the mother came inside, she found the 2-year-old in the crib and the infant fatally injured on the floor.

Bureau of Land Management selected to head Forest Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Dombeck, the acting head of the Bureau of Land Management who grew up near a national forest in Wisconsin and studied fisheries biology, was named Friday as the next chief of the Forest Service.

"For someone that grew up 25 miles from a town of 1,500, working as a fishing guide and hunting and roaming through the woods in the Chequamegon National Forest in northern Wisconsin's beautiful lake country, this is a tremendous honor," Dombeck told reporters.

Dombeck, 48, who was born in Stevens Point, Wis., and grew up in

Hayward, Wis., will become the 14th chief of the 91-year-old Forest Service effective Jan. 6, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said.

He succeeds Jack Ward Thomas, who resigned last month.

"Mike is the right leader to continue the Forest Service's rich tradition of conservation leadership, manage the public resource and lead the agency into the next century," Glickman said during a news conference at USDA headquarters.

His appointment was welcomed by environmental groups who like his experience in fisheries work.

The impact of logging and livestock grazing on fish populations is a growing environmental concern, especially in the West.

"We are confident Mike's skills and experience with fisheries and ecosystems will provide a new direction for the Forest Service and better management of the nation's rivers," said Tom Cassidy of American Rivers, a river conservation group.

Two key Republicans on Capitol Hill — Sens. Frank Murkowski of Alaska and Larry Craig of Idaho — raised concerns about the appointment but said they looked forward

to working with Dombeck.

Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said he was disappointed that the new chief didn't come from within the ranks of the Forest Service.

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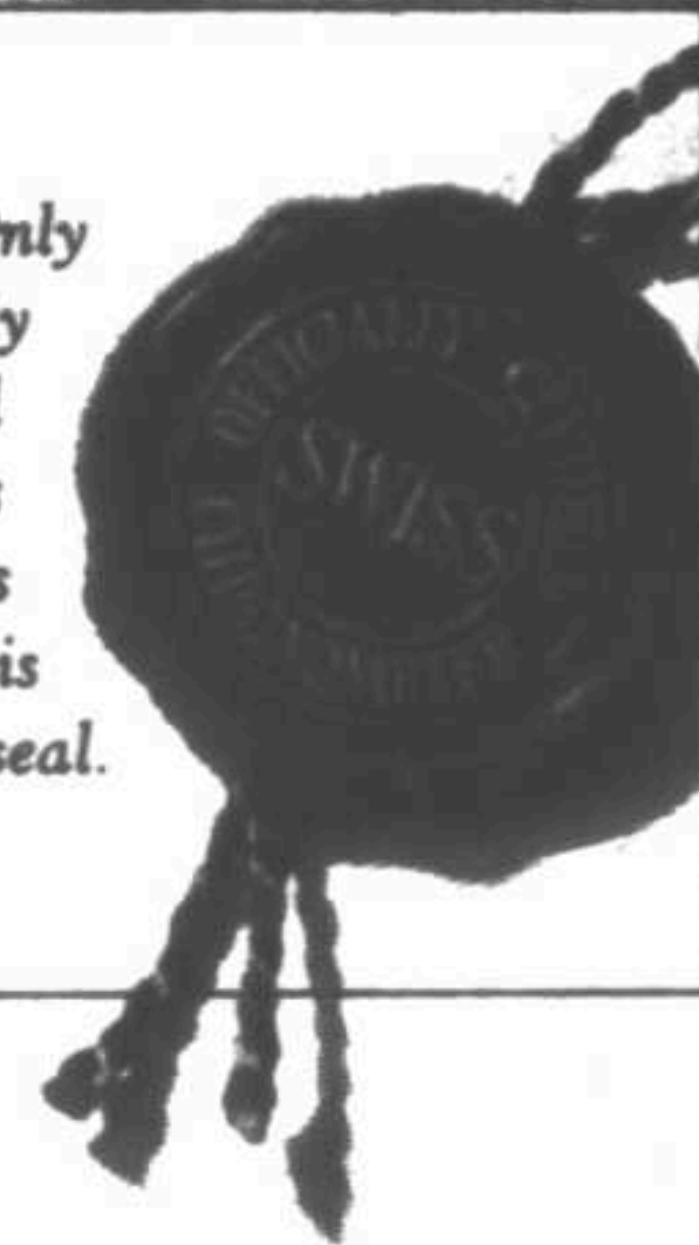
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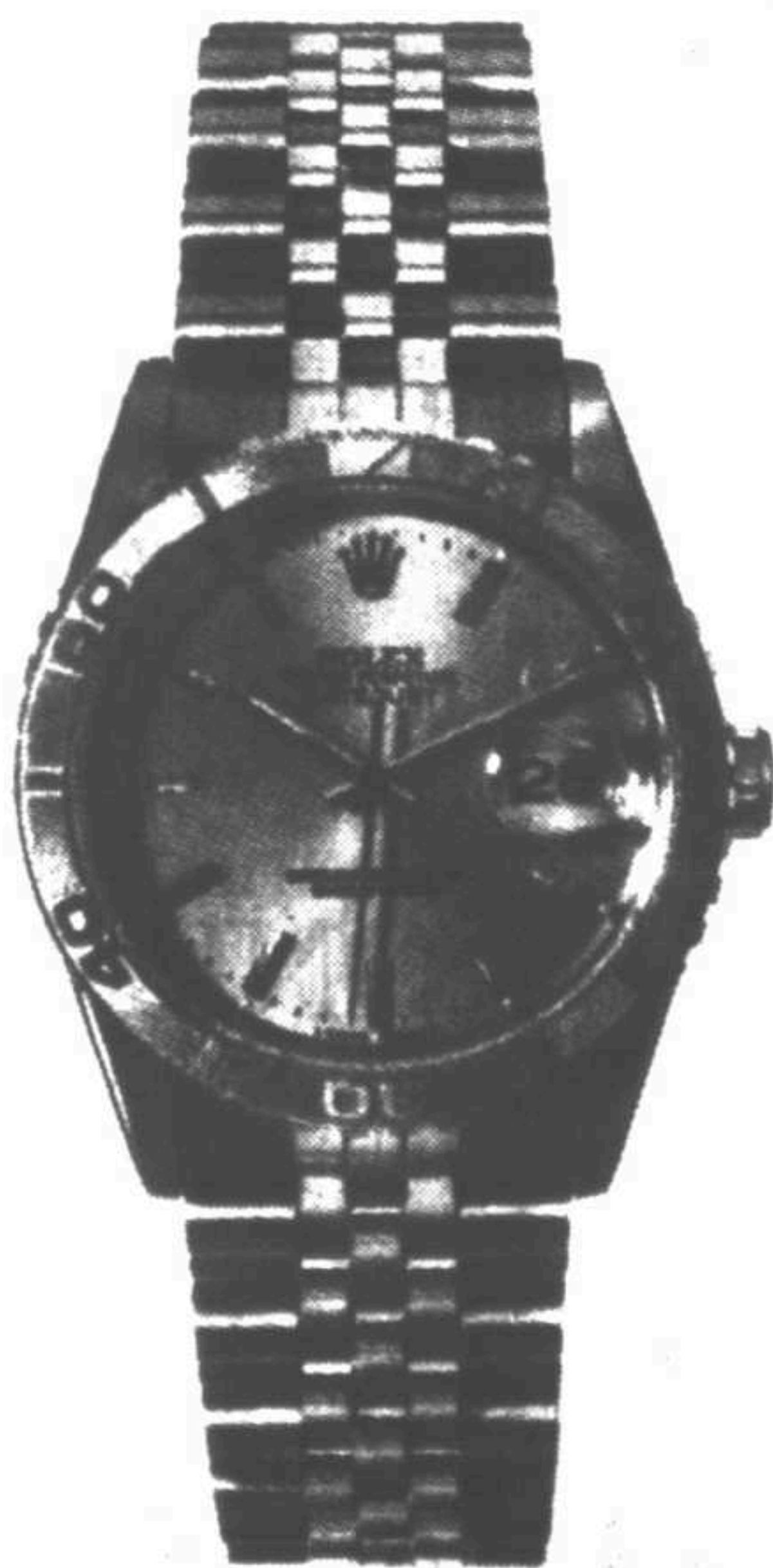
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Storyteller, astronomer Carl Sagan dies at 62

SEATTLE (AP) — Carl Sagan, who rhapsodized about a universe populated by "billions and billions" of stars, was a rare star himself: a celebrity astronomer who helped make the vast unknown a little less mysterious.

Sagan died of pneumonia Friday at age 62 at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He had suffered from the bone marrow disease myelodysplasia for two years and had a bone-marrow transplant in 1995.

He leaves behind a generation of Americans inspired by his enthusiastic lectures, books and documentaries about space and life.

"Sagan understood the need to bring science into American living rooms, to show its relevance to our everyday lives and to share the excitement of discovery," said Neal Lane, director of the National Science Foundation.

Sagan, who lived in Ithaca, N.Y., won the Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction in 1978 for "The Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence."

In 1980, his acclaimed 13-part Public Broadcasting Service series "Cosmos" became the most-watched limited series in the history of American public television, a record since surpassed by "The Civil War."

Co-written with his wife, Ann Druyan, the series retraced the 15 billion years of cosmic evolution that have transformed matter into life. It won three Emmys and a Peabody Award, and a companion book was a New York Times best seller for more than a year, including 15 weeks at No. 1.

The series has been seen by more than 500 million people in 60 countries, and it made Sagan a celebrity, caricatured in cartoons and parodied by comics who seized on his references to "billions and billions" of stars.

Said NASA Administrator Dan Goldin: "As much as any scientific figure of our time, Carl described for an entire generation — the generation of the Space Age — the true wonders of the universe around us."

A Cornell University professor with more than a score of honorary degrees and a decorated NASA adviser, Sagan had the rare gift of being able to communicate his

enchantment with science to the masses.

Once asked to explain the public's interest, he said: "They're not numskulls. Thinking scientifically is as natural as breathing."

Sagan's research focused mostly on the chemistry of the planets. But he also contributed to the search for habitable worlds and intelligent life beyond the solar system, as well as theories about life's origins.

Some purists complained that Sagan sometimes oversimplified and made interpretive errors, but he had the full confidence of his department chairman at Cornell

University.

"Carl was the best teacher of science in the world," Professor Yervant Terzian said. "It is difficult to think of a more positive, compassionate, and intelligent person."

Sagan never shied away from the label of science popularizer, declaring in 1994 that "I wear the badge proudly." And while he had a flair for making scientific ideas comprehensible and exciting, Sagan built up an impressive research record and insisted that research was his top priority.

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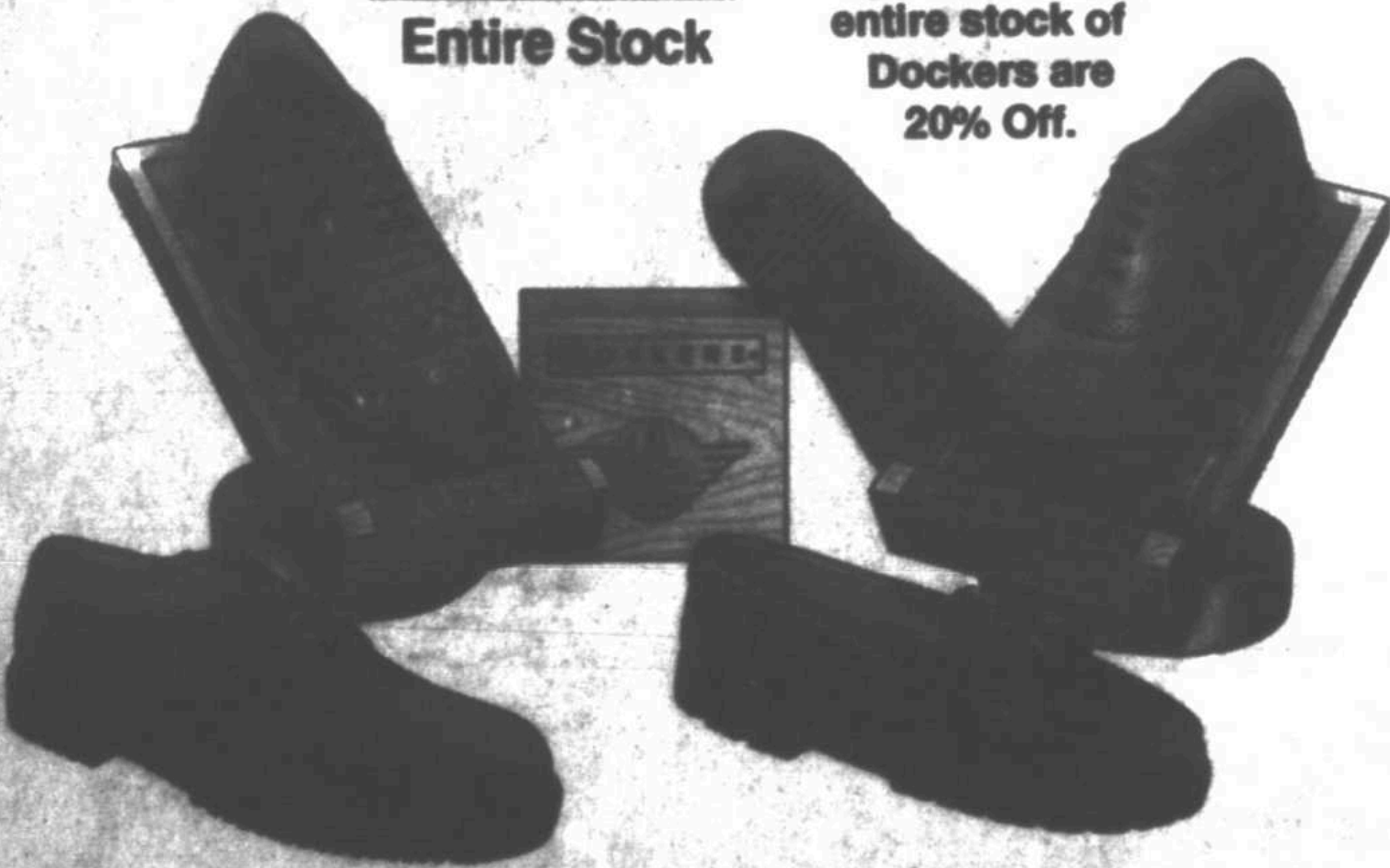
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Clinton calls arms dealer's visit inappropriate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Friday it was "clearly inappropriate" that a Chinese weapons dealer was allowed to attend a White House reception with him. But he said he had no recollection of meeting the man, whose company is implicated in arms smuggling.

Amid a widening Justice Department inquiry into Democratic campaign fund raising, the White House said the president had been host for a Feb. 6 reception attended by arms dealer Wang Jun. Wang's invitation was arranged by Democratic Party fund-raiser Charles Yah Lin Trie.

It was disclosed this week that Trie — a long-time friend of Clinton from Little Rock, Ark. — had brought two large manila envelopes containing \$460,000 to the legal defense fund of the president and first lady last March. The money was returned in June because of questions about its origins.

"I am disappointed," and "it was clearly inappropriate" that Wang was allowed into the reception, Clinton told a news conference. Wang's business is closely aligned to China's government and military.

Clinton described the event, which was for Democratic donors and dignitaries, as a small group discussion over coffee with people from

different walks of life.

"I'd talk for five or 10 minutes and then we'd go around the table and let people say whatever they wanted to say," Clinton said. "I'm not sure that Wang ever said anything."

"I can tell you for sure nothing inappropriate came from it in terms of any governmental action on my part," Clinton said.

"We have to do a better job of screening people who come in and out of here," the president concluded.

Representatives of Wang's company, Poly Technologies, were charged in May in San Francisco after a 16-month U.S. sting operation in which 2,000 Chinese-made assault rifles were shipped into the United States.

Wang has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

Fourteen people, some from Poly Technologies, were charged with selling AK-47s to undercover agents posing as Miami mobsters. The weapons had an estimated street value of \$4 million.

The executive ranks of Poly Technologies and another company involved in the sting, China Northern Industrial Corp., are filled with former generals and relatives of senior Communist Party leaders, prosecutors said. Both companies have denied involvement in smuggling.

The Democratic National Committee was unaware of Wang's involvement in arms dealing when it told the White House that Wang would attend the reception, said committee spokeswoman Amy Weiss Tobe.

All the committee knew at the time was that Wang was president of a company called China International Trade Investment Corp., she said.

Wang's positions include chairman of Poly Technologies, a major vendor of missiles, tanks and fighter jets to developing countries. White House spokesman Mike McCurry said a background check normally done for foreign visitors was not done on Wang, and presidential aides were unaware of his apparent ties to China's Communist government or his company's involvement in the investigation.

Wang's visit to the White House occurred at a time when the United States was accusing China of selling nuclear weapons technology to Pakistan and cruise missiles to Iran.

Trie also was cleared into the White House for the event. But presidential aides are uncertain yet whether he attended because Secret Service records do not list an entry time for him.

The event was held in the residential area of the executive mansion but not in the first family's living quarters.

Deficit dips from October, ahead of last year's

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government's monthly budget deficit dipped slightly in November to \$37.88 billion but was still running far above the levels of a year ago.

The Treasury Department reported Friday that the November deficit was 5.9 percent below the \$40.3 billion deficit run up in October.

Still, for the first two months of the new fiscal year, the deficit totals \$78.1 billion, nearly three-fourths of the way to the \$107.3 billion deficit for all 12 months of the 1996 budget year, which ended Sept. 30.

The administration is projecting that the deficit for the full year will total \$125.7 billion, reflecting the fact that in certain months, such as April, the government runs surpluses because of large inflows of tax revenue.

While the deficit will increase this year, President Clinton has said the top priority for his second term will be achieving a balanced budget.

But the November budget statement contained a stark reminder of how difficult that goal will be to achieve. The statement showed that the giant Medicare trust fund that pays hospital bills for the elderly lost more money in November.

The report said the Medicare trust fund collected \$24.1 billion last month but paid out \$25.5 billion for a deficit of \$1.4 billion. Social Security officials have estimated that this trust fund will be bankrupt by 2001 unless Congress does something to curb rising costs or increase payments into the fund.

The president met Friday for a third straight day with his top economic advisers, seeking to wrap up final decisions for the budget he will send Congress on Feb. 3.

Administration officials have said the new budget will largely reflect Clinton's last offer to Republicans during protracted negotiations last winter that failed to produce a balanced budget deal, despite two partial government shutdowns.

As usual, the four biggest spending categories in November were Social Security, \$33.9 billion; the Department of Health and Human Services, including Medicare, \$28.9 billion; interest on the national debt, \$26.6 billion; and the military, \$23.7 billion.

SEC suffers setback in two important cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission was handed two legal setbacks Friday, including one that will force the agency to file most of its enforcement cases within five years of a broker's misconduct.

The Solicitor General's Office, the arm of the Justice Department that handles government appeals to the Supreme Court, decided it would not appeal the SEC's case against California broker Patricia Johnson, SEC and Justice officials confirmed. There were no further details about the decision.

Securities law experts say the case could present a major restriction on the SEC's ability to bring administrative enforcement cases where the misconduct is more than 5 years old, such as illegal Wall Street dealings in the 1980s.

The case is significant because the five-year statute of limitations on SEC administrative enforcement matters was decided in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the court where the SEC appeals many of its cases.

Paul Gonson, the SEC's solicitor, said he expects there to be exceptions to the five-year limit.

"I think that it really depends on the facts in the cases," Gonson said. "There are still issues that are left open." For example, a recent administrative law judge decision said the five-year time limit begins when the SEC brings an injunction to stop illegal conduct.



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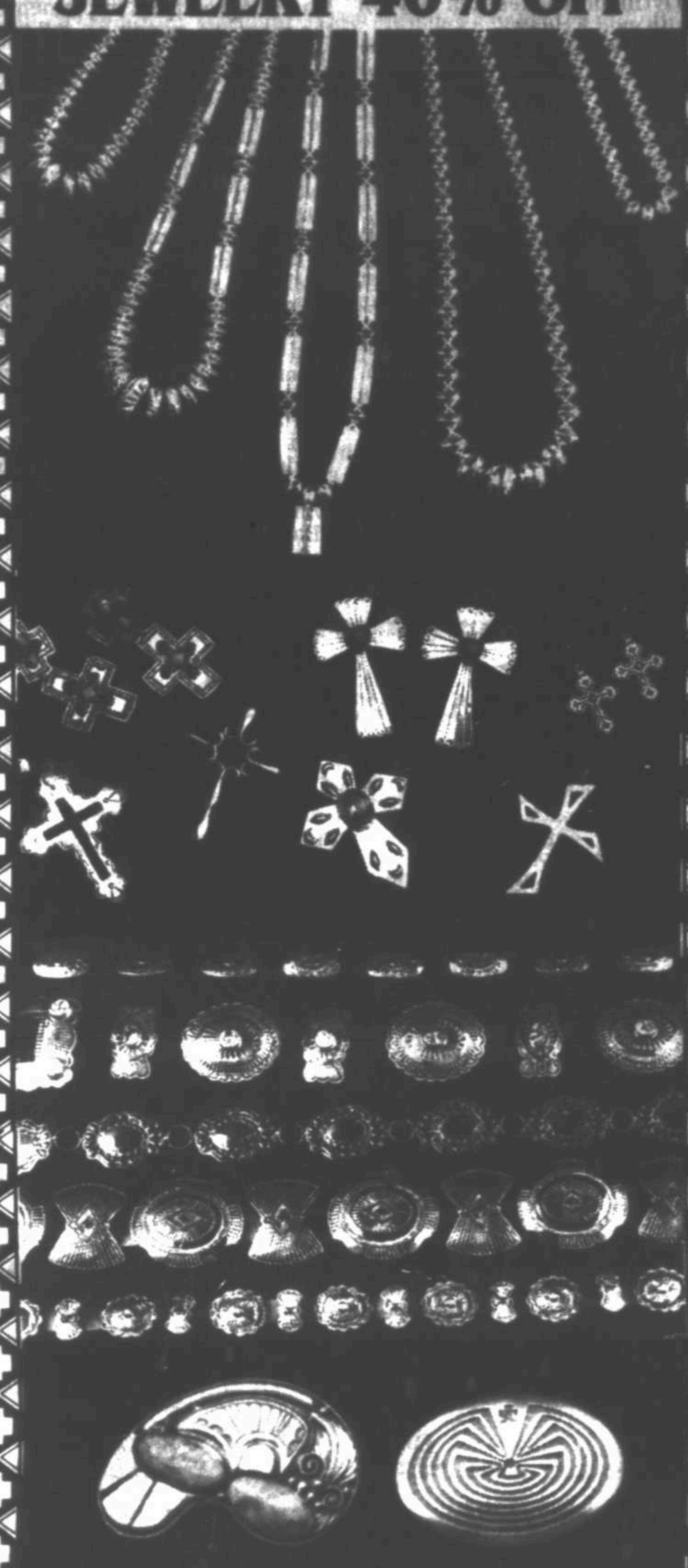


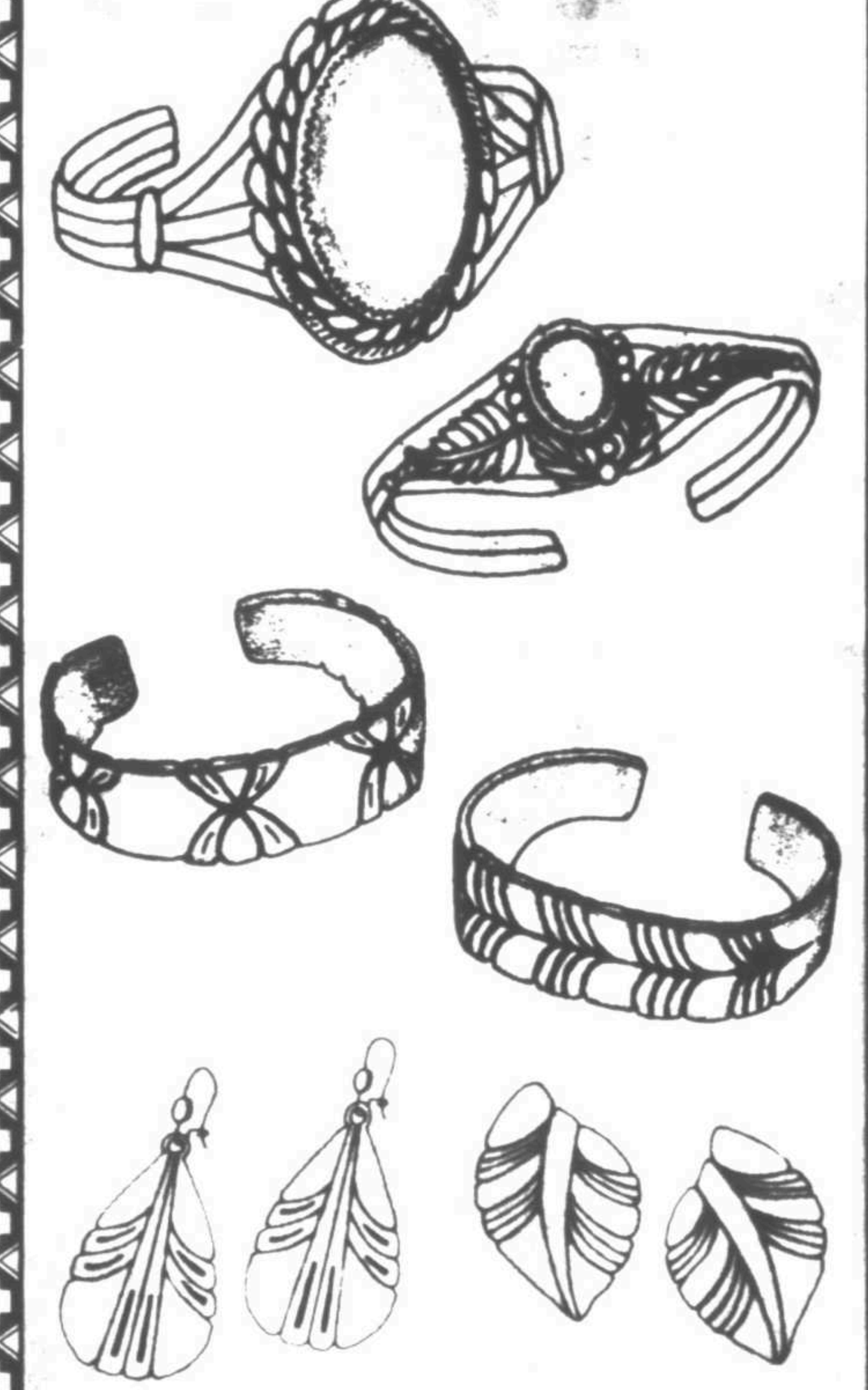
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U.S. to intervene in Proposition 209 case

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WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has decided to go to court to oppose California's Proposition 209, the voter initiative ending affirmative action for women and minorities.

"We feel that the California anti-affirmative action initiative is unconstitutional and we intend to get involved in the case at an appropriate time," Justice Department spokesman Myron Martin said Friday.

White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry, who first announced the administration's decision, said "the White House legal counsel is supportive and the president is supportive of the department's decision to enter the case."

President Clinton spoke out against Proposition 209 during this year's election campaign. But last week the administration passed up one deadline for entering the case, sending Justice Department lawyers back to do more research.

Justice Department officials were aware of Clinton's political opposition to the measure, McCurry said. Now, after a "meticulous review of the constitutional issues," they have a legal basis for their opposition to the initiative.

Mark Rosenbaum, legal director

of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, said the measure singles out "minorities and women when they attempt to appeal to their government for constitutionally permissible programs to remedy the discrimination."

The ACLU has challenged the measure in court and has won a temporary restraining order barring Republican Gov. Pete Wilson and California Attorney General Dan Lungren from implementing the measure, pending a full court hearing on the issue.

California voters approved the initiative November 5 by a 54-to-46 percent margin.

Asked whether there was any concern on the president's part that the administration's entry into the case would be seen as a rebuff to California voters, McCurry said, "Of course, because there is always strong preference that goes to the will of the people."

But the president's spokesman said the "overriding constitutional concern" presented by this case led to the decision to intervene.

A Justice Department official said a decision has not yet been made on whether to file a friend-of-the-court brief in the case or to join the case as a co-plaintiff. "Both ways, you are providing the resources, the weight and the clout

of the department and the administration," the official said.

Ward Connerly, a member of the University of California Board of Regents and chairman of the group that put Proposition 209 on the ballot, said that by deciding to join the lawsuit against the measure, Clinton "has betrayed his commitment to centrist policies. ... (By) this action he joins the radical left."

The president is "out of step with a majority of Californians and Americans," Connerly said in a statement, adding, "We would urge the Congress to steer the course of moderation and put a bill on the president's desk which reflects the American public's opposition to racial and gender preferences." McCurry said the department's constitutional objection relies on a 1982 Supreme Court decision involving a Washington state ballot proposition limiting busing for school integration.

In that case, the justices voted 5-4 to throw out the anti-busing initiative, ruling that it was discriminatory in intent and operation, and it denied local school boards the power to initiate voluntary busing plans.

Last year, in another 5-4 ruling, the court made it significantly easier for whites to win cases of reverse discrimination against the

federal government's affirmative action programs.

While the court did not bar affirmative action altogether, it ruled that the government must justify such programs by showing "compelling governmental interests" such as the need to remedy a long history of discrimination in a particular industry.

The court's 1995 ruling prompted a number of legislative proposals by GOP conservatives in Congress to end affirmative action, and it led Clinton to order an administration-wide review of the programs. A month later, in July 1995, he ended one Defense Department contracting program and made changes in some others.

His approach to the issue of affirmative action, he said then, was: "Mend it, but don't end it."

Police charged with shakedown

CHICAGO (AP) — Seven Chicago police officers were arrested Friday on federal charges of plotting to shake down and rob drug pushers who actually were undercover investigators running a sting operation.

The indictments are the most serious charges of police corruption in years in a city once notorious for graft.

Officials said the investigation, code named Broken Star, is continuing. Police Superintendent Matt Rodriguez said the next step is determining whether high-ranking police knew about the shakedowns and robberies.

He called the seven policemen "traitors to their profession" and said their actions were "unconscionable and disgusting."

The defendants all pleaded innocent Friday afternoon. They

were ordered held over the weekend until another hearing Monday.

The investigation focused on the 15th police district, or Austin district, a rough area long plagued by gangs, drugs and violence. Six of the seven officers are from one of the district's five tactical units — the department's elite, front-line troops.

The police department began investigating after residents complained, and the FBI was brought into the case, authorities said.

Authorities said the defendants brazenly told undercover investigators — whom they thought were drug dealers — they would not be troubled if they paid off.

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Appeals jury award

HOUSTON (AP) — An appellate court has awarded \$1.01 million in damages against a group of protesters during the 1994 National Convention.

The decision Thursday by the 14th Court of Appeals, appeal by Operation Rescue America, an abortion activists group, awarded to Planned Parenthood and Southern Baptist Convention.

The evidence conducted in this case showed a bombing ... and so egregious as to offend the public's abiding citizens," opinion signed by Judge Searcy.

The three-judge panel upheld a permanent injunction for buffer zones at area abortion clinics.

But in a dissent, Justice Maurice A. Chamberlain said that he would have awarded a Houston jury back to the plaintiffs. "This judgment includes damages, injuries, and seems what was involved wrote."

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Appeals court upholds \$1 million jury award against anti-abortionists

HOUSTON (AP) — A state appellate court has upheld a jury award of \$1.01 million in punitive damages against two anti-abortion groups for disruptive protests during the 1992 Republican National Convention.

The decision Thursday by the 14th Court of Appeals came on an appeal by Operation Rescue, Rescue America and two anti-abortion activists of the 1994 jury award to Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas.

"The evidence of appellants' conduct in this case, such as fire-bombing... and death threats, is so egregious as to be highly offensive and repugnant to law-abiding citizens," the majority opinion signed by Justice Ross A. Sears said.

The three-judge panel also upheld a permanent injunction for buffer zones at the Houston-area abortion clinics and doctors' homes.

But in a dissenting opinion, Justice Maurice Amidei said the permanent injunction was constitutionally overbroad and that he would have reversed the award by a Houston jury, sending it back to the lower court.

"This judgment does not include damages for personal injuries, and seems excessive for what was involved," Amidei wrote.

Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Susan Nennery noted that her group had already seized several thousand dollars in assets last year from Dallas-based Operation Rescue toward the court judgment.

"One of the important things about the affirmation is that it affirms our right to continue to pursue their assets, which we will do with all vigor," Ms. Nennery said Friday.

Flip Benham, director of Operation Rescue, was not surprised at the court's decision but said it would be appealed.

"We win in the streets, we always lose in the courtroom," said Benham, contending that the number of abortions, as well as support for abortion, has dropped. "We're just going to keep coming at them until it stops, the killing is going to stop."

Jurors ordered Operation Rescue to pay \$350,000 in punitive damages; Rescue America \$355,000; Rescue America leader Don Treshman \$155,000; and the Rev. Keith Tucci, an Operation Rescue leader, \$150,000.

Treshman could not immediately be reached for comment. His home phone in Baltimore is unpublished and there was no listing there for Rescue America.

Regulators tell Minute Maid to modify ads

HOUSTON (AP) — It's the Sunshine Showdown. In one corner — Minute Maid Premium frozen concentrated orange juice. In the other — Tropicana Pure Premium ready-to-serve, chilled OJ.

Houston-based Minute Maid threw the first punch by running TV and print ads announcing taste tests show consumers like its product nearly 2-to-1 over its rival's.

Tropicana hit back, saying Minute Maid's claims are false and misleading. The company files a complaint with a branch of the Better Business Bureau and pulp splatters.

This week, the BBB's National Advertising Division said Minute Maid's ads must be modified.

'It's not easy to fool consumers, even with what some people think might be clever advertising.'

— Mark Gutsche, Tropicana spokesman

"This is just kind of the war of the words," Mark Gutsche, spokesman for Bradenton, Fla.-based Tropicana, says. "The war in the store is what counts, and that's where Tropicana Pure Premium continues to grow every day and the competition doesn't."

Regulators found two problems with the ad, which was part of Houston-based Minute Maid's "Sunshine Showdown" series and appeared during the first half of

the year.

For one thing, Minute Maid, a division of Coca-Cola, used bottled spring water instead of tap water to make its OJ for the taste test. For another, Minute Maid failed to take into account the seasonal variations inherent in "not-from-concentrate" orange juice like Tropicana's.

"We would have to do taste tests quarterly, monthly, weekly," Minute Maid spokesman Dan

Schafer said. "It would make doing comparison commercials all but impossible."

Minute Maid has appealed the ruling to the National Advertising Review Board.

Frozen concentrated orange juice was the most popular seller for decades, but ready-to-serve OJ took the lead in the 1980s.

Gutsche says that's not going to change.

"It's not easy to fool consumers, even with what some people think might be clever advertising," he said. "They vote every time they shop. They've tried all forms of orange juice. They're not going back to frozen. It doesn't taste as good and it's inconvenient."



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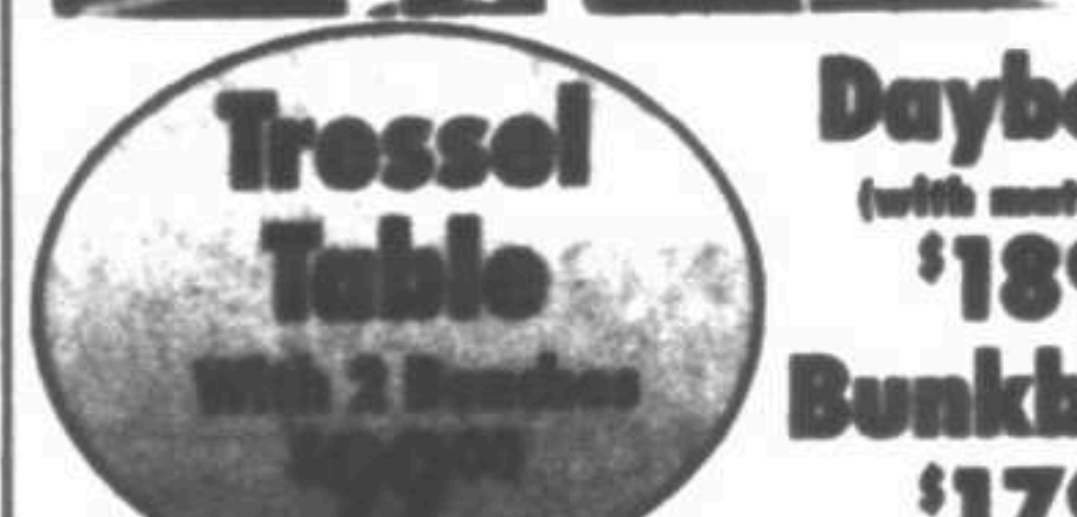
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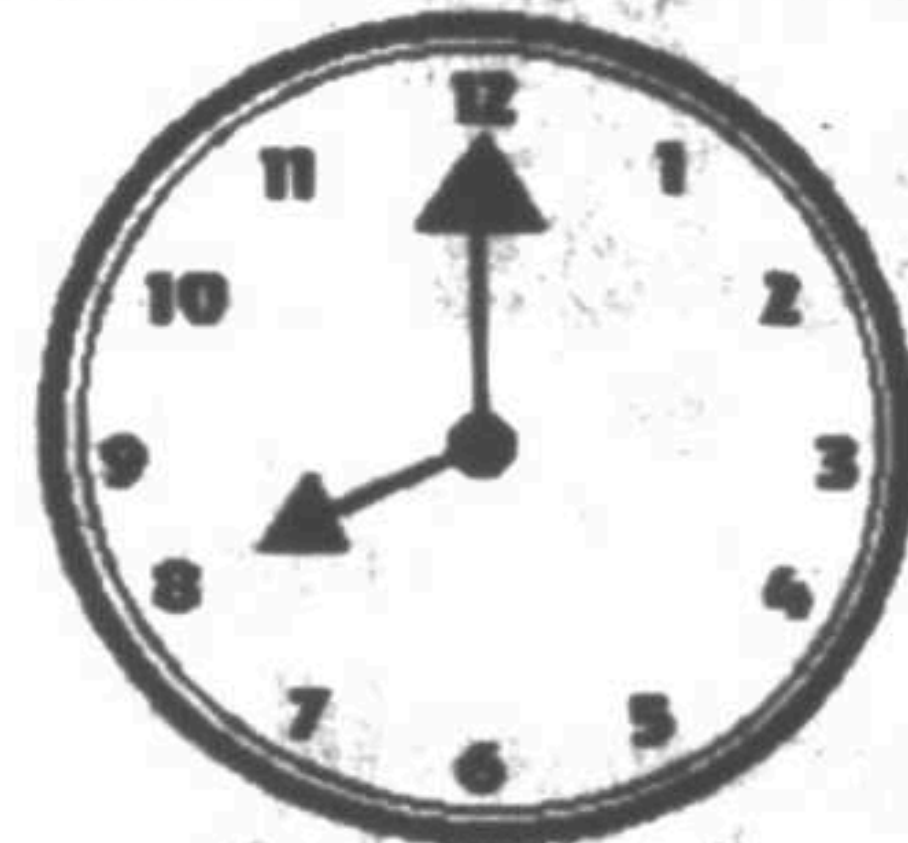
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Biker groups unite during holiday season to make Santa toy runs

By Emily Eileen
Associated Press

PASADENA — First comes a low rumble. As more of the sleek engines crank, the noise rises to a howl of thunder.

Neal Wynn pauses to make certain his nervous passenger has taken her seat. Then, he and about 100 other local bikers peel out of the League City park, into the gentle morning breeze.

Nearly 1,000 area motorcycle enthusiasts have gathered in different parts of the Houston area on this brilliant December day to ride, not for the sheer delight of it, but for a cause. For three years now, these biker groups have united every other week through the holiday season to collect toys for a U.S. Marine Corps program which distributes gifts to needy children.

For some, like Paula Rose and her man Bill Socie who organized this year's toy run, having fun while they help others has become a way of life.

"It's kind of a hobby of ours," Rose said. "Our kids are grown, so we might as well take on others." "You can have one of mine," interjects friend Janice Harris jokingly.

At last year's benefit, Rose and Socie were able to gather seven truckloads of toys and \$600 in cash to give to the Corps program.

"Bikers like a reason to party," Rose said. "This gives us a reason to."

The biker motorcade blazes down State Highway 3 in a roar of screaming engines. Wind streaks through the hair of the riders, coursing around their bodies and pausing to invigorate their souls.

At the head of the pack, in a posi-



A small brown bear destined for a U.S. Marine Corps program rests on the handlebars of a motorcycle in Pasadena. Nearly 1,000 area motorcycle enthusiasts gathered in Houston to ride and gather toys for a U.S. Marine Corps program which distributes gifts to needy children.

tion of honor, rides the red-clad, jolly old elf himself — "Moby Claus" and his favorite elf, waving from atop their customized Harley-Davidson.

Mesmerized, passing motorists wave to the bikers, some of whom sport the traditional black leathers and biker club logos along with Santa hats, jingle bells aplenty and an assortment of red and green holiday wear. A jumble of brightly wrapped presents rode shotgun on most of the sleek cycles, lashed to customized chrome and leather racks.

"Maybe people who see us (the

biker procession) will read about it in the paper and see what we're doing," said "Captain" Chris,

after the ride. "That's a real trip," said Wynn, who took his red Harley on the

ride. "It's a rush, just being able to go through, especially with Santa leading the pack," said Rose.

Streams of bikers climb off their motorcycles as they arrived at their destination — the Silver Fox icehouse on Allen-Genoa Road — packages of new toys and stuffed animals tucked under their arms. The eye-catching packages act as the tickets to what has become an annual gathering of friends, family and biker pals.

As the group slowly assembles in the icehouse, they compare notes with old friends, meet new ones and chat about bikes, children

and pets. Later, the bikers will match culinary skill and wit in chili cookoff contests and motorcycle relay races.

Harris and another woman, both dressed in their best biker garb — black leather boots, faded jeans and more leather — link arms and catch up on each other's lives.

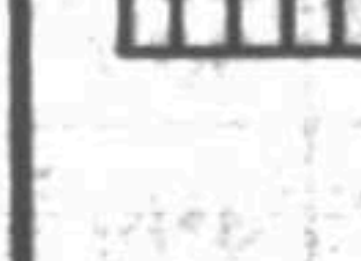
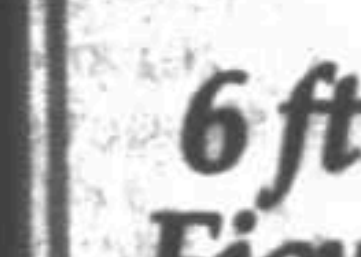
Her fierce loyalty is typical of most of this extended biker clan, who take time from their various walks of life to give to others less fortunate than themselves during the holidays.

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Oil vendor also deals in unusual merchandise out of 'junk museum'

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SAN ANGELO — There's probably no way to prepare yourself to walk inside Jim Baca's bizarre museum.

Baca is known to some as the operator of the oldest continually operating self-service gas station in town.

To others, he's known as a gasoline and diesel wholesaler who delivers to farmers and ranchers throughout the area. He owns Concho Oil Co., but he lives Chicken Jimmy's Junk and Antiques.

Baca's bright yellow business cards list 900 to 908 S. Chadbourne St. as his address.

After a tour of two buildings' worth of junkyard treasures, Baca said, "You should see what I have at my house." Now, that would require a brave soul.

A friend helped Baca pick the name. "It's because I sell my stuff cheap, cheap, cheap," he said.

The two gas pumps out front are full-service. They're decorated with a smattering of pedal cars — sort of an earlier version of the Big Wheel — and metal street signs to help lure customers inside.

One small room contains oil-related relics like metal cans once used to transport crude.

It also contains an extensive collection of Playboy magazines. "I have every one since 1956," he boasted. There's even a sign on the door prohibiting those under 17 from entering without a parent.

But a larger room next door is open to all audiences. The door stays open.

Inmate's design adorns Sheriff's Christmas cards

DALLAS (AP) — Santa's wish list is unconventional on Weldon Lucas' Christmas cards, but totally appropriate for a sheriff.

The illustration on the Denton County sheriff's holiday card shows a properly plump Santa Claus, staring over his spectacles at a wish list which includes: "prosperity," "health," "no jail breaks" and "one more term."

The card, which was sent out to 700 of Lucas' friends and colleagues, was designed by county jail inmate George William Rohn, who is serving a five-year sentence for assault.

"I used to dabble around with art about 30 years ago — back in my hippie days," said Rohn, who was convicted in Oregon and sent to Denton County after Sheriff Lucas leased space to the overcrowded Oregon prison system.

As part of the Oregon agreement, the sheriff brings in an art teacher twice a week. The art classes have become so popular that local inmates have joined what they call the "art crew."

Their first big effort was a hallway mural of a cattle drive with cowboys, Indians, stampedes, sunsets and all.

With Christmas coming, the sheriff suggested a Christmas card contest. The inmates supplied designs, the sheriff picked one and paid to have his cards printed.

Jailhouse art crew members came up with assorted offerings — a sleeping mouse, tucked in and envisioning sugar plums; and delicate pen-and-ink drawings of a street musician, an English-style Father Christmas and reindeer with branching antlers.

"There is a lot of talent back there," Sheriff Lucas said. "I wish we could work out some way to sell their work and give them the money back, but they have a tendency to want to keep (the art). They spend a lot of time on it."

"I kept seeing people dragging old stuff in, and I couldn't understand it. Finally someone said, 'You idiot, we get it at garage sales.'"

— Jim Baca

You step inside to shelf after shelf of way-off-the-beaten-track goods.

A tour is really the only way to see the best of the best.

"This is a Jolt Meter," he said, pulling from a shelf a small, rusted appliance that resembles a scale with round face, numbers and a small hand similar to a clock.

"Lincoln Continental used these in the 1940s," he said of the crude, early marketing tool.

Apparently, Lincoln knew a ride in one of its cars would register a lighter "jolt" than a ride in a Cadillac. So salesmen encouraged buyers to compare the two kinds of cars with the Jolt Meter.

Chicken Jimmy wants \$50 for it. The story is free.

There is also a pair of 1936 Olympics yearbooks written in German. Baca is hoping for someone who reads German to come by and translate the account about Jesse Owens, the black sprinter who embarrassed the Nazis by winning the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the broad jump in Berlin that year.

The Summer Olympics book goes for \$150. The Winter Olympics book is priced at \$100.

There's one of those leather-lined football helmets that dates to 1933 and bears the name J. Berwanger. Baca said sports enthusiasts tell him Berwanger was the first player ever picked in the college draft. He never actually played.

One shelf holds the 1980 Dallas Cowboys wives' cookbook, several square Coca-Cola bottles and a pair of boots with the name of a defunct beverage called Rondo.

Hidden in one of many dusty corners is a marker resembling a

tombstone. A closer look at the old mile marker reveals the inscription "S.A. 6 miles."

Baca said it dates to the 1890s. "Make me an offer" is the price of the marker.

Among the primo items is a 1948 Chrysler pedal car at \$1,200. In an adjoining Baca building is a Coca-Cola go-cart modeled after a 1966 Ford pickup. He bought the vehicle from a man who won it in 1979. A Ronald Reagan doll is seated in the driver's seat.

It shares space with a Coca-Cola stained-glass window, Baca would like \$200 for it.

A functional 1929 miniature toy piano is priced at \$300. It sits near a line of lunch boxes bearing emblems ranging from the Dukes of Hazzard to Dick Tracy and Where's Waldo. Prices range from \$5 to \$200.

Baca, who served in the Army and has worked much of his life in the oil business, started his obsession with junk by running a booth at the former World Trade Bazaar on Oakes Street.

He sold posters, tapes and plaques. Baca still has 50 Elvis Presley albums among an extensive collection. Those are for sale, too.

It was at that simple booth he discovered the secret to scoring the best junk.

"I kept seeing people dragging old stuff in, and I couldn't understand it," Baca said. "Finally, someone said, 'You idiot, we get it at garage sales.'"

That opened up a whole new world to the junk king.

"I've been collecting like this 10 or 12 years, but I also kept everything as a kid," he said.

"I'm the poor man's Neiman Marcus."

Fifth quint comes home for Christmas

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The smallest of five babies born to a West Texas woman in September has left the hospital to join her quintuplet siblings in time for Christmas.

Aleksa Ann Taylor, daughter of Brent and Deshonna Taylor, went home to Snyder Thursday after three months in the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

The baby and four others were born Sept. 21. Aleksa was the smallest, weighing only 1 pound, 3 ounces and was 11.5 inches long. On Thursday, she weighed 3 pounds, 16.5 ounces and measured 16.5 inches.

The Taylors brought the other four infants — Jacob Dee, Zachary Dameron, Kenedy Michele and Jonah Patrick — and their 4-year-old son Joshua to a Thursday news conference.

"When we get home this afternoon, it will be the first time in five months and two days that we've had everybody under the same roof since Deshonna went into the hospital July 17," said Brent Taylor, sports editor at the Snyder Daily News.

"To get this little one home today is beyond words."

He said Thursday was the couple's ninth wedding anniversary.

"Nine years, six kids, but only two birthdays," he said.

The proud parents said they've been busy taking care of their booming family.

Feeding the babies, not including Aleksa, takes an 1 1/2 hours every three to four hours. The babies use 40 to 50 diapers and consume 32 to 36 bottles of formula every day.

"We were doing OK with four," Mrs. Taylor said. "I could take care of two while (Brent) took care of two. With this fifth one coming home, I don't know how we'll handle it."

All five babies are healthy, and none were ever seriously in danger, the hospital said.

Jacob Dee and Zachary Dameron were the first two quintuplets discharged from the hospital, going home Nov. 1. Kenedy Michele, the first born, was discharged Nov. 6, followed by Jonah Patrick, who went home Nov. 9.

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Texas Friday

City	H/L/P
Arlene	52/26/0.00
Amarillo	50/16/0.00
Dallas/Ft. Worth	45/20/0.00
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Lubbock	55/13/0.00
San Angelo	51/21/0.00
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FRIDAY'S PRECIPITATION	FRIDAY'S TEMPERATURES
Faintest Thursday	0.00 in. High 52
Faintest Friday	0.00 in. Low 15
Total for the month	trace Norm. High 58
Total for the year	6.84 in. Norm. Low 30
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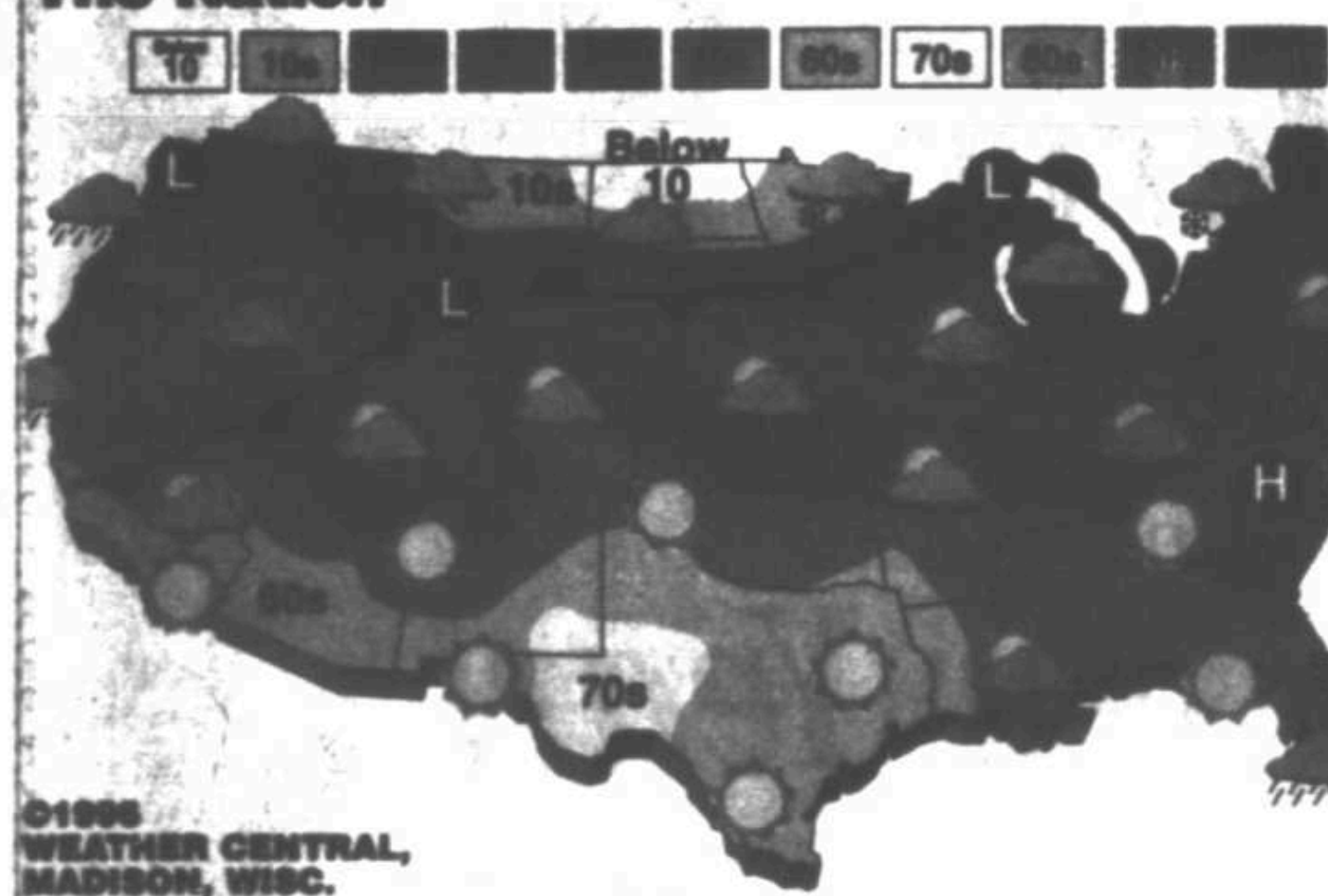
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Sunset tonight	5:49 p.m.
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Moonset today	4:38 a.m.

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Boston	33	25	pc
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Charlotte	41	30	s
Chattanooga	42	20	pc
Chicago	31	25	c
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Columbia, SC	48	28	s
Columbus, OH	35	26	pc
Dayton	35	26	pc
Denver	53	25	pc
Des Moines	38	23	c
Detroit	27	24	sn
Duluth	18	3	sn
Evansville	36	28	pc
Grand Rapids	27	24	sn
Great Falls	12	-4	sn
Helena	15	-4	sn
Honolulu	80	72	s
Houston	65	55	pc
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Miami Beach	67	58	c
Minneapolis	30	20	sn
Mobile, AL	56	42	s
Nashville	49	35	pc
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Orlando	57	44	c
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Reno	39	23	sn
Richmond	38	25	s
St. Louis	42	35	pc
Salt Lake City	43	27	sn
San Diego	65	55	s
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Seattle	39	32	sh
Sioux Falls	28	5	c
Spokane	24	15	sn
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Wichita	49	29	pc

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Citadel to begin putting adult officers in barracks overnight

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The Citadel will bring back its tradition of posting adult supervisors overnight in all barracks starting next month after two female cadets reported being hazed by male cadets.

"Young boys and young women sometimes need the father figures to remind them of right and wrong," James Jones, the military college's board chairman, said Friday.

Jones said he has asked interim President R. Clifton Poole to recommend either assigning faculty to the barracks or bringing in tactical officers who assist with military training. The supervisors would be called officers-in-charge, or OCs.

The supervisors will not be guards, Jones said, but more like resident advisors at universities who live in the dorms with the students.

"Everyone here knows the rules and regulations of the school and we're not changing them," Jones said. "These OCs hopefully will discourage those few cadets who think it is their duty to make things hard on people from doing things they shouldn't."

Jones said adult supervisors lived in the barracks when he was a cadet in 1950. Sometime between then and 1981, the practice was discontinued.

Lawyers for the two female cadets, Kim Messer and Jeanie

Mentavlos, say they endured weeks of hazing, including being doused with nail polish and their clothes set afire, because they feared that telling adults on staff might only make it worse.

Two male cadets have been suspended and five of the women's cadet officers have been relieved of their command duties.

The FBI and the State Law Enforcement Division are looking into the hazing allegations.

Citadel officials have suggested the women were targeted because they were excused for medical reasons from rigorous physical training.

The four female cadets are among the first four women admitted after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, against an all-male admissions policy at the Virginia Military Institute.

On Friday, VMI, which is going coed next fall, said male and female cadets will confront identical physical challenges and get matching close-cropped haircuts.

VMI also plans to hold orientation sessions for all students beginning in February that will address how to treat men and women fairly.

"The institute recognizes that it must address concerns that may now arise for the first time as a result of interaction between cadets of opposite sexes, including fraternization and sexual harassment," the school said.

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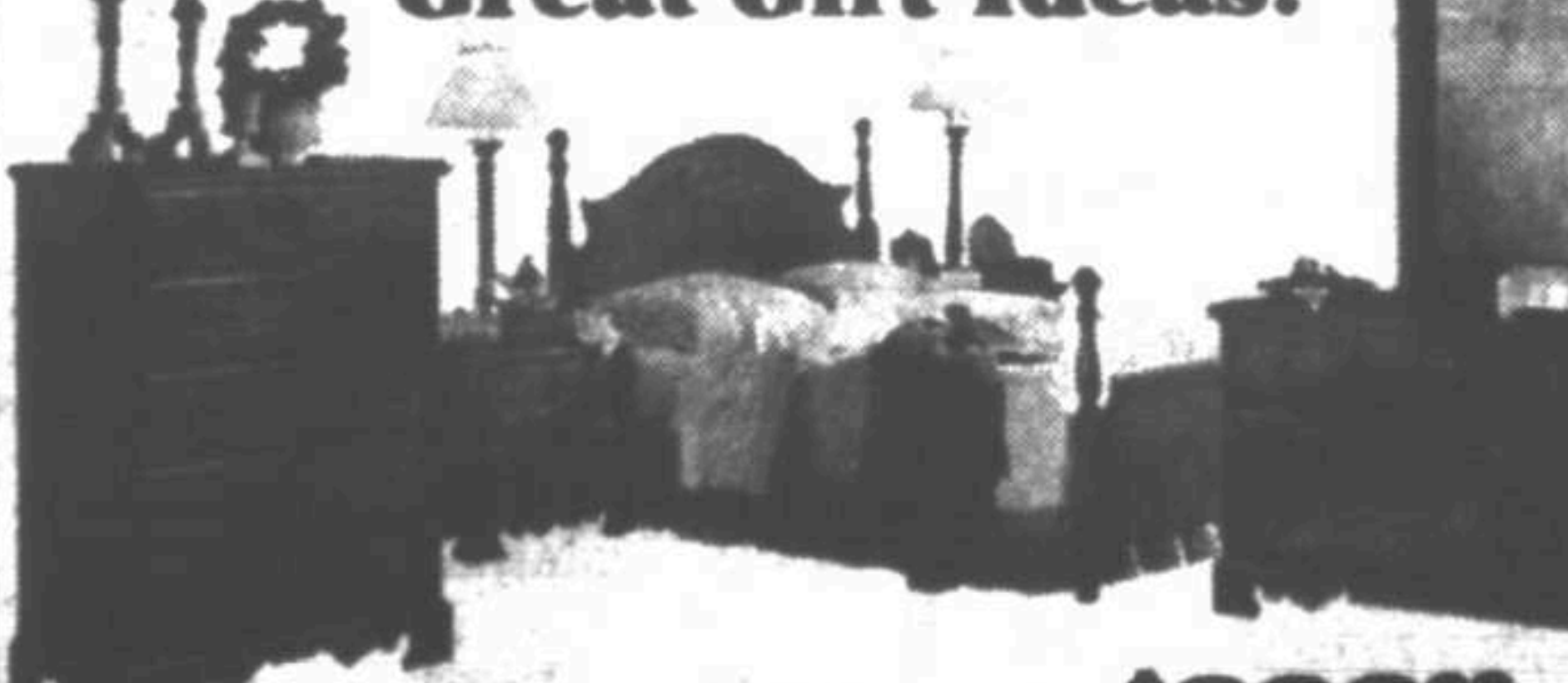
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Three Rebels make All-State

■ Defense was a key part of the Rebel football program in 1996 and that was reflected in a big way Friday with the release of The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 5A All-State team. From Staff and Wire Reports

DALLAS — Midland Lee landed three defensive players on The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 5A all-state team Friday, the first time for Lee to land three players on the first team in a single season.

The Rebels had three first-team defenders, in defensive lineman Fred Pertile and two members of their secondary, Antwan Alexander and John Norman. Norman was the APSE defensive player of the year last season as a junior.

Norman had somewhat lesser statistics this season than he did as a junior when he was the state's defensive MVP. His interceptions were down from 10 to four in regular season action, but he still returned one of them for a TD and added two fumble recoveries and 12 kicking game tackles. Teams avoided him like the plague in 1996.

But when teams tried to get away from Norman, it helped Alexander become an all-stater in his own right. Alexander had

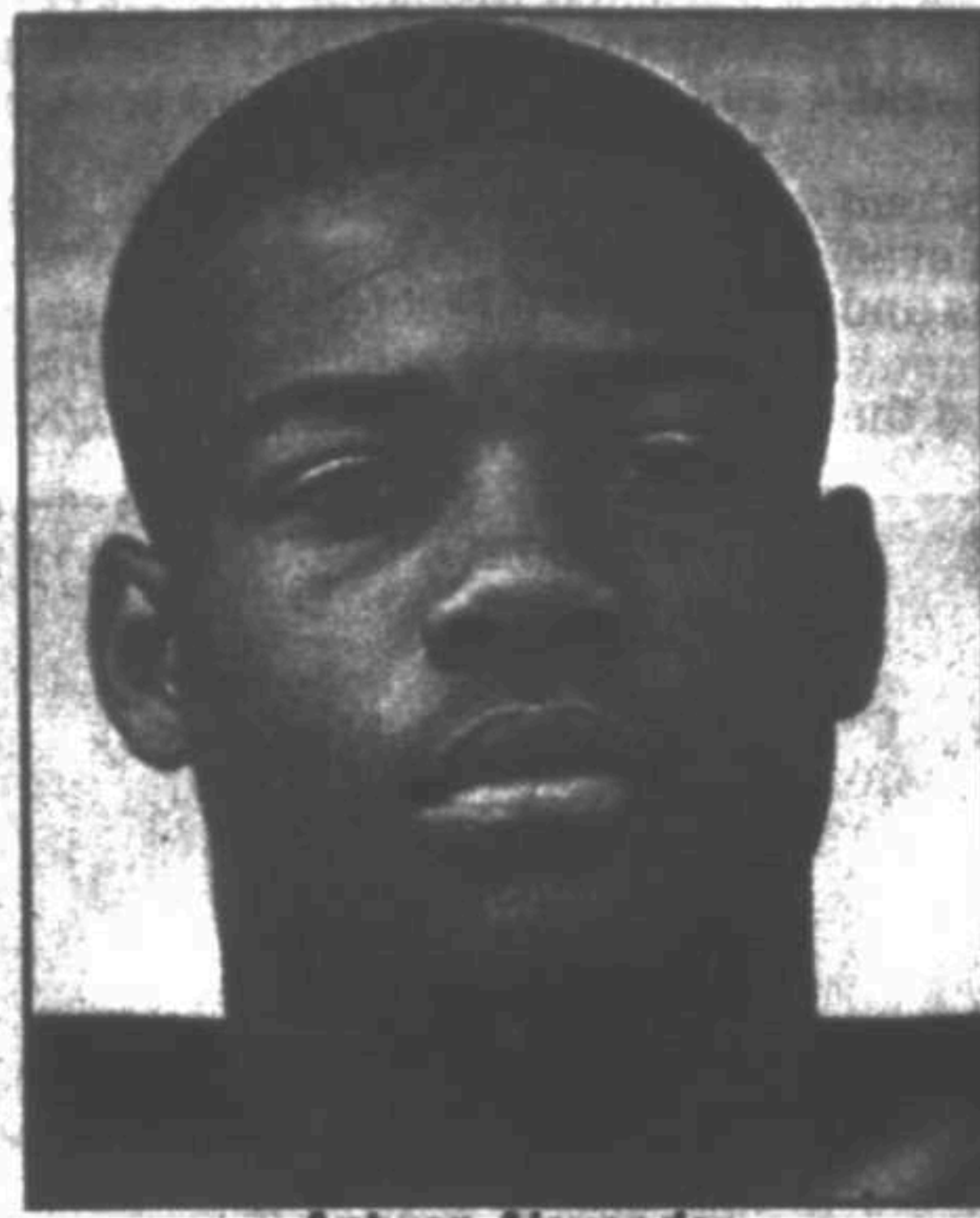


John Norman

six interceptions, 40 tackles, eight pass breakups and caused two fumbles, one of which ended an Abilene Cooper comeback try in a 27-22 Rebel victory. Cooper is playing for a state championship today.

Pertile, a defensive end for Lee, had 72 tackles, 12 sacks, 13 quarterback pressures and caused two fumbles. All statistics are based on regular season play and do not count playoff results.

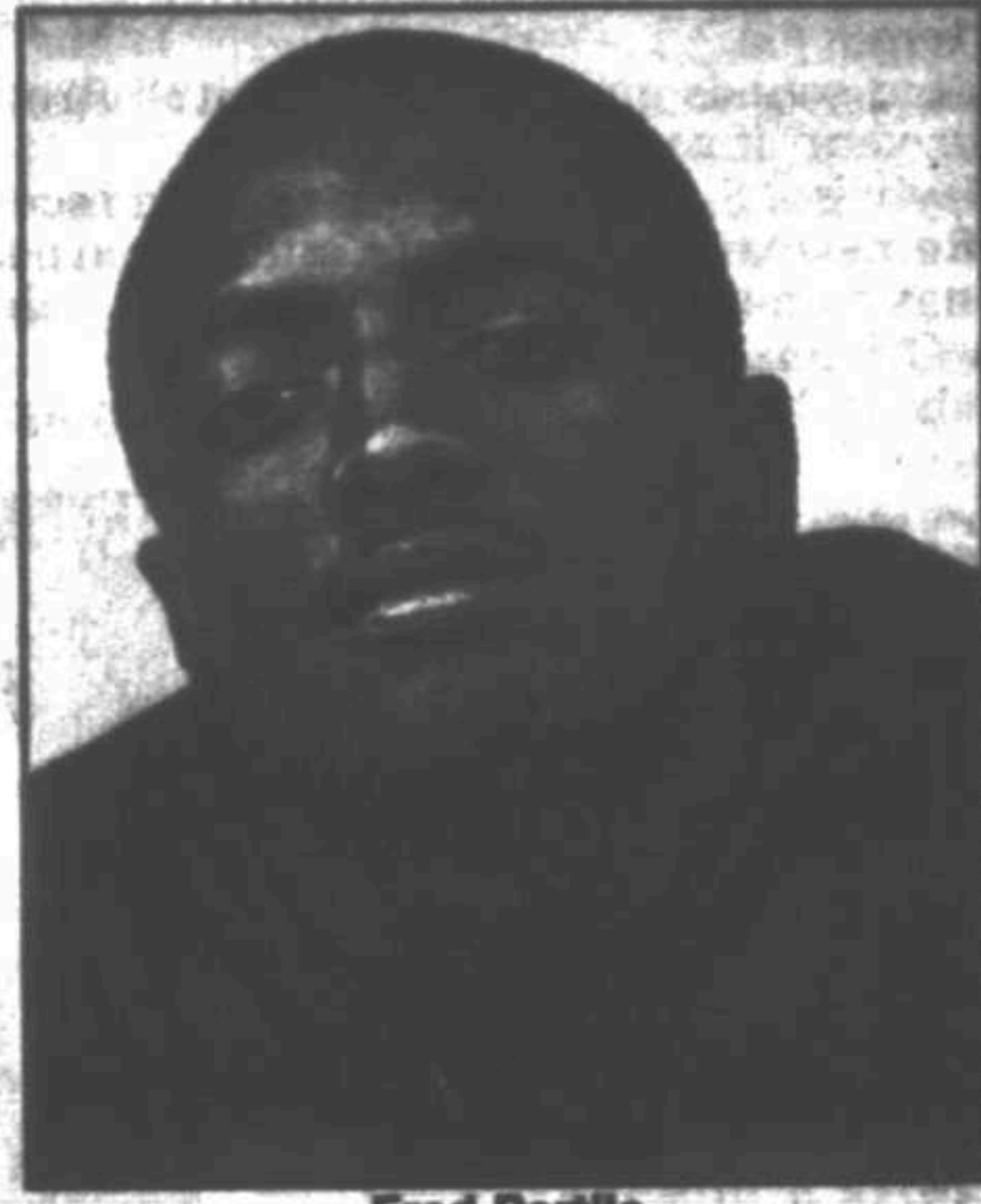
"I'm very happy to make it this year



Antwan Alexander

because I didn't think I had the year I had last year," John Norman said. "I expected Antwan and Fred to make it because they had great seasons, but I didn't know if I would or not. I'm just really pleased with this."

Alexander said, "That sounds just too good. I'm really excited. I thought I might make second team or something, but I never thought of the first team. I'm happy about the fact that John and Fred made it too."



Fred Pertile

Pertile said, "Man, that's great. It's something I've been working for. I thought I should have made it last year. This was one of my goals, that (making all-state) and going to state, but we didn't get that done. I just have to give a lot of credit to the rest of the defensive line for this honor. They helped me out a lot when I made mistakes."

John Norman's brother, Josh, a junior,

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TV Sports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Purdue vs. Oklahoma, 11 a.m., ESPN.

UCLA vs. Illinois, 12:30 p.m., CBS.

Arizona vs. Michigan, 2:45 p.m., CBS.

Western Carolina vs. Austin Peay, 4 p.m., ESPN.

Kentucky vs. Georgia Tech, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

Missouri vs. Iowa, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.

Tulane at UNLV, 11:30 p.m., ESPN.

NFL — New England Patriots vs. N.Y. Giants, 11:30 a.m., NBC.

New Orleans Saints vs. St. Louis Rams, 3 p.m., FOX.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Montana vs. Marshall, Division I-AA championship, 1 p.m., ESPN.

GOLF — Lexus Challenge, 3 p.m., NBC.

BOXING — Hector Quiroz vs. John West, junior welterweights, 8 p.m., FSS.

David Tua (25-0) vs. David Izonritei (18-1), heavyweights; Phillip Holaday (28-0) vs. Ivan Robinson (23-0) for IBF lightweight championship, 10:15 p.m., HBO.

Texas Scores

NBA — Portland Trail Blazers 107, Dallas Mavericks 77.

NHL — Dallas Stars 4, Hartford Whalers 1.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Texas A&M 74, Missouri-Kansas City 73, OT.

NM signs three

ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico has signed three defensive players for next season, including a linebacker who was the leading tackler in Texas high school football last year.

The three are Aisali Faapouli, a linebacker from Killeen (Texas) High School; Casey Tisdale, a junior college defensive end from San Diego's Mesa College; and Rantie Harper, a defensive back from San Diego.

All three will enroll at New Mexico for the spring semester.

Faapouli (6-1, 240) graduated last spring from Killeen High, where he led the state of Texas with 140 tackles his senior season.

Harper (6-1, 180) signed with New Mexico after graduating from Point Loma High School in San Diego in 1993. But he spent the last three years playing professional baseball in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

Tisdale (6-3, 240) played the last two seasons at Mesa College.

A&M adds coaches

COLLEGE STATION — Longtime Texas A&M offensive line coach Mike Sherman has been promoted to offensive coordinator, while Ray Dorr has been named quarterbacks coach, head football coach R.C. Slocum said Friday.

Sherman, 42, has been an assistant at Texas A&M for seven of Slocum's eight seasons as head coach. Sherman joined the Aggies' staff in 1989, but left after the 1993 season to serve as offensive line coach at UCLA. He returned to A&M after a season.

With the promotion, Sherman will keep his offensive line coaching duties.

Dorr, 53, served as quarterbacks coach at the University of Kentucky the past two seasons and also worked at the University of Washington and the University of Southern California.

Cronin hired

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) — Bill Cronin, an assistant coach at Georgetown College from 1982-93, was hired Friday as head coach of the NAIA school.

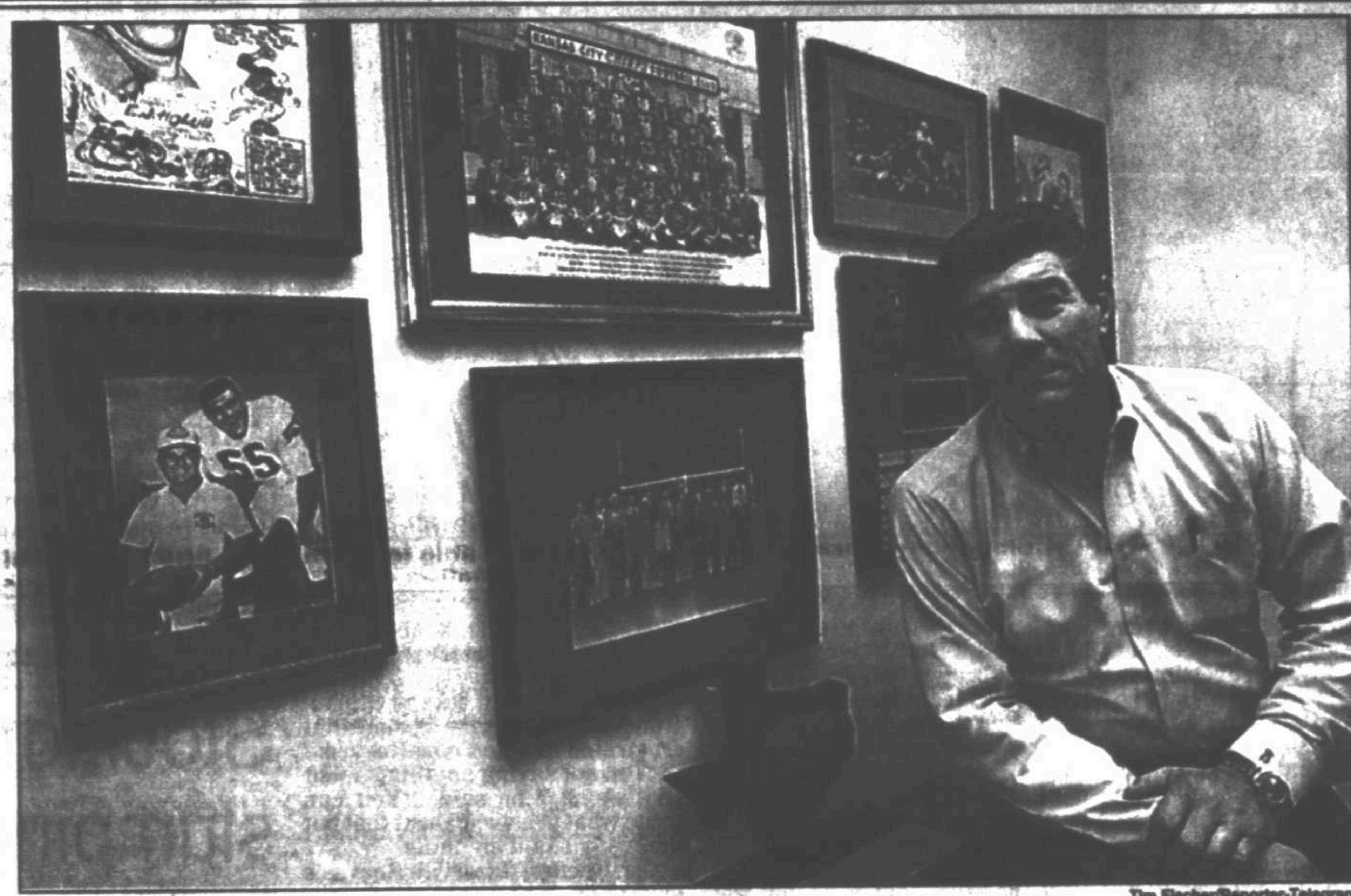
Cronin coached at Madison Central High School in Richmond, Ky., after leaving Georgetown. His team this season was 11-1.

Cronin was offensive line coach, recruiting coordinator and academic coordinator under Kevin Donley during his previous tenure at Georgetown.



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A NEW MIDLAND RESIDENT



E.J. Holub, former Texas Tech All-American and All-Pro football player, is surrounded by the memories of playing the sport he loves. Holub is currently a marketing and public relations executive at Southwest Petro Services in Midland.

Holub: No regrets, no apologies

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The walls of his second floor office at Southwest Petro Services in downtown Midland is adorned with old football memories and the time he's spent training horses. He's not what one may typically expect, especially a football player known as "The Beast" to all his fans.

These days, former Texas Tech All-American and All-Pro football player E.J. Holub is quite content about the time he spent in playing the sport, his current life as a marketing and public relations executive, and most of all as a grandfather. He is also quite content about being back in Midland and for the first time in more than 30 years had season tickets to Red Raider home football games.

"That's the first thing we did, even before we got a house," Holub said about purchasing season tickets. "I'd come back every once in while for

Homecoming games or something like that."

And, boy, how times have changed since the 58-year-old Holub, who was the first player to sign a Southwest Conference letter of intent with Tech, last played in 1966. The facilities are nicer, the school has grown tremendously, but the way the game has played has stayed very much the same.

"The boys are bigger and faster, but it just comes back to tackling and blocking. You win games where you don't make mistakes and that will never change," Holub said. "That's one good thing about (Texas Tech coach) Spike Dykes and that he stresses the fundamentals of blocking and tackling. Just like this year when we weren't expected to be in contention and every year Spike proves them wrong."

As any true Red Raider, Holub is proud of the way the football team has developed a tradition of winning, considering that when he played the Tech teams were not very successful.

"I made the All-American team even though we went 3-6-1 my senior year," Holub said.

Since he's followed them all year long, what's one more trip to San Antonio when Tech plays Iowa in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 29.

"Iowa is a big and strong team, knowing (Hawkeyes coach) Hayden Fry, who used to be at SMU and North Texas before he went up there, he'll pull all the stoppers out to try to beat a Texas school. It's going to be a tough ball game," Holub said.

Holub was also excited this year to see Tech become a member of the Big 12 Conference, even though he was sad to see the demise of the Southwest Conference.

"It's like anything else, you get attached to something, the history of it and I was privileged to be entered into the Southwest Hall of Honor. It was tough to see it go but every things

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Confusing from start to finish

Rich Kotite leaves New York Jets by firing himself

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Rich Kotite went out as the New York Jets' coach Friday in a manner that was as confusing as the team's play during his two years as head man — he fired himself.

"I was not fired, I am not quitting," Kotite, 4-27 as the team's coach, said in announcing that he was stepping down after Sunday's game against Miami.

The move came after a meeting Thursday with Leon Hess, the team's owner, and Steve Gutman, its president.

But it was called by Kotite, who didn't want to drag out the inevitable into Christmas week. And it was Kotite as the de facto general manager who made the decision that a change was necessary.

"When you're 3-13 and 1-14, that

just doesn't cut it," Kotite said.

"We've been everything but respectable. A change has to be made. I hold myself accountable... It hasn't worked."

"If you take emotion out of this and I did, it's clear that the head coach should step down."

Kotite's departure was hardly unexpected given this season's 1-14 record, worst in the Jets' long history of losing. Ten days ago, after a 34-10 loss at New England, he acknowledged the inevitable by citing the team's record.

In some ways, dismissal day was like a celebration.

"Rich Kotite is the Rock of Gibraltar," Hess said in a statement released by the team.

Hess, who said, "I'm 80 years old, I want results now," when he hired Kotite two years ago, was not present.

Gutman called Kotite, a native

New Yorker, "a member of the family."

"He came to this job thinking he'd be fulfilling the dream of his life," Gutman said. "It became more a nightmare than a dream."

The nightmare began in 1994, the final year of Kotite's four years as coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. After going 39-22 there, and starting the 1994 season 7-2, he lost his last seven games.

That left Kotite at 4-34 in his last 38 games and put his career mark at 41-56.

This season wasn't supposed to be a loser.

The Jets committed more than \$80 million to free agents, led by Neil O'Donnell, who quarterbacked Pittsburgh in last January's Super Bowl.

He received \$25 million over five

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New York Jets' coach Rich Kotite ...quits after 4-27 mark in two years

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This could be finale for Rams' Brooks, Saints' Venturi

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rich Brooks has been on the hot seat so long, he's even joking about it. Rick Venturi said he is not even thinking about his precarious situation.

It was Nov. 3, when St. Louis Rams president John Shaw, after a 43-4 loss to Pittsburgh, told Brooks that he had until the end of the season to turn around the team. Since then, Brooks has answered numerous questions regarding his future, and he was surprised this week when public relations director Rick Smith described his post-season media briefing as a "post-mortem."

"That sounds ominous, doesn't it?" Brooks said. "This year, it sounds very ominous."

Maybe so. Signals have been mixed recently and the Rams are in the midst of a late-season push, even if it has come against the lowly Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Saints.

If the Rams (5-10) win their finale today against the

Saints (3-12), who they beat 26-10 Dec. 1 at New Orleans, they'll have won three of their last four.

"I'm just going to coach this game like I'm going to be here and if I'm not, I'm not," Brooks said. "I've said it many times, I don't control that and I'm not going to approach the game any differently."

Since a 5-1 start last season, Brooks is 7-18 with the Rams. Brooks has two years left on a four-year deal and most players think he deserves at least one more chance.

"Coach Brooks is... a player's coach," tight end Aaron Laing said. "He's backing all of us and I think all the guys on this team back him 100 percent."

"I think it'll get better next year."

Quarterback Tony Banks agreed, even if he had slightly selfish reasons. Last week, Banks, a rookie, set an NFL record with 21 fumbles in a season.

"I'd love to see coach Brooks back," Banks said. "Who knows, a new coach might move me out of here

with all of those fumbles."

While Brooks' return is uncertain, it's a virtual certainty that Venturi, the Saints' interim coach, will be gone. Venturi, the linebackers coach before Jim Mora resigned, is 1-6 with the Saints, 2-16 as an NFL coach and 3-47-1 overall as a head coach that includes a 1-31-1 record at Northwestern from 1978-80.

"I won't concede anything," Venturi said. "I haven't given it a thought, but I will soon."

Saints players doused Venturi after last week's 17-3 victory over the New York Giants ended a seven-game losing streak.

Despite their record, the Saints have been improving — especially on defense. Last week, they held the Giants to 138 total yards, only 36 in the second half, had seven sacks — three by Wayne Martin — and forced four turnovers.

The Saints also have a tendency to close fast, winning their season finale nine straight times.

Last week, the Rams became the first team in NFL history to have a rookie throw for 300 yards, a second rookie catch more than 200 yards in passes and a third run for more than 100 yards. Banks passed for 304 yards, including three long touchdowns to Eddie Kennison, who caught five passes for 226 yards. Lawrence Phillips ran for 112 yards.

"It was a lot of fun," Kennison said.

Last week, the Rams also were successful on trick plays, with Isaac Bruce completing an option pass and Chip Lohmiller executing an onside kick. Brooks was known for such maneuvers early in 1996, and said he might unveil a few wrinkles for the finale.

"We'll probably try some things," he said. "You may know it or you may not know it based on whether they work or not."

Parcells faces familiar faces

By Mike Freeman
N.Y. Times News Service

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Bill Parcells may be a great coach, but Mr. Personality he is not. During a conference call with the news media Wednesday, he was his usual gruff self, refusing to address anything pertinent. In other words, it was like old times.

This is a big week for the Giants and the New England Patriots. Dan Reeves has closed practices to the news media for the first time as Giants coach. The Giants want to end their dreary season on a winning note. The Patriots are playing for a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

But Saturday's game is really about a coach who helped the Giants win two Super Bowls. It is the first time Parcells will face his old team since he left soon after Super Bowl XXV in 1991. Of course, the members of the organization and the fans still remember him, some lovingly, some not so.

Does Parcells have any special feelings about going against the Giants?

"I can't say there won't be some fond memories," he explained. "But what it means to me is that if we win the game and get a first-round bye, that can be a big advantage in the playoffs."

New England leads the American Football Conference East with a 10-5 record. A victory would give not only give Parcells a first-round playoff bye but would enable Parcells' team to tie the franchise record for victories. The last time the Patriots won 11 was in 1986.

The styles and personalities of Reeves and Parcells, who met in Super Bowl XXII when Reeves coached Denver and Parcells the Giants, could not be more different. Reeves is the ultimate smooth operator when it comes to dealing with the news media; Parcells calls writers "communists." Parcells is disliked by certain members of the Boston news media who consider him extremely aloof and even nasty.

Yet, all he does is win football games. But his situation with the Patriots is a tenuous one. If Parcells decides to leave the team after the season, he would be the most attractive coaching candi-



New England coach Bill Parcells will face his former New York Giants today while Giants' coach Dan Reeves may be coaching his last game in New York.

date on the market. He has been rumored to be going to the Jets, but if the Patriots advance deep into the playoffs, it is presumed that the New England owner, Robert Kraft, would do anything to keep him. Not only that, but Parcells may not want to walk away from a team that is close to a Super Bowl.

Want to know how much Parcells misses the Giants? Well, he must have strong feelings but he sure didn't share them during the conference call. When asked if he

was looking forward to this game, he replied, "No."

Parcells always looks for a way to keep his team on edge. He does not know why the Giants have been so up and down this season, but "what I do know is this: they've done a couple of things that we haven't been able to do. They beat Dallas and they beat Miami at Miami. And we haven't been able to do those two things, so that was enough to get my attention."

Parcells was also asked about his relationship with Giants fans.

"I don't want to talk about anything that's not relevant to the game," he said.

He was asked about the Giants' front-office structure, the one that frustrated him and now Reeves. "I'm not saying anything about that at all," he said. "You can write what you want about that but don't say I said anything."

Can he empathize with Reeves' situation?

"I'm coaching the Patriots, period," he said. "Anything else relevant to the game, fellas?"

Playoff possibilities

The possibilities for the NFL playoffs:

- AFC**
- NEW ENGLAND Clinched division title. Clinches first round bye with a win at N.Y. Giants Saturday OR a Pittsburgh loss at Carolina.
 - BUFFALO Clinches playoff berth with a win or tie vs. Kansas City or a Jacksonville loss or tie vs. Atlanta.
 - INDIANAPOLIS Clinches playoff berth with a win or tie at Cincinnati OR a Jacksonville loss or tie vs. Atlanta.
 - PITTSBURGH Clinched division title. Clinches first round bye with win at Carolina AND New England loss to N.Y. Giants Saturday.
 - JACKSONVILLE Clinches playoff berth with a win vs. Atlanta.
 - DENVER Clinched division title and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.
 - KANSAS CITY Clinches playoff berth with a win or tie at Buffalo or Jacksonville loss or tie vs. Atlanta.
- NFC**
- DALLAS Clinched division title. Clinches first round bye with a win at Washington by 78 or more points AND a Carolina loss vs. Pittsburgh AND a San Francisco loss vs. Detroit Monday.
 - PHILADELPHIA Clinched playoff berth.
 - GREEN BAY Clinched division title and first-round bye. Clinches home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win vs. Minnesota OR a Carolina loss or tie vs. Pittsburgh OR with a loss to Minnesota by 17 or fewer points.
 - MINNESOTA Clinched playoff berth.
 - CAROLINA Clinched playoff berth. Clinches division title with a win vs. Pittsburgh OR a San Francisco loss vs. Detroit Monday. Clinches first round bye with a win vs. Pittsburgh OR a San Francisco loss vs. Detroit Monday AND Dallas doesn't beat Washington by 78 or more points. Clinches home field throughout the playoffs with a win vs. Pittsburgh AND a Green Bay loss to Minnesota by 19 or more points.
 - SAN FRANCISCO Clinched playoff berth. Clinches division title and first round bye with a win vs. Detroit Monday and a Carolina loss vs. Pittsburgh.

Stockton, Jazz trip up slumping Magic, 98-93

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — John Stockton had 22 points and 15 assists Friday night, leading the Utah Jazz to a 98-93 victory over the slumping Orlando Magic.

Stockton led a fourth-quarter comeback with 16 points in the period, including a 3-pointer during an 8-0 burst and an off-balance jumper in the lane that put Utah up 93-87 with just under a minute to go.

Karl Malone was relatively quiet after scoring 35 points and grabbing 16 rebounds in an overtime victory at Miami on Thursday night. But he had two timely baskets down the stretch and finished with 20 points and six rebounds to move within four of becoming the 23rd player in NBA history to collect 10,000 rebounds in a career.

Rony Seikaly led Orlando with a season-high 30 points and 10 rebounds. Dennis Scott added 21 for the Magic, who have lost eight of their past nine without injured All-Star point guard Penny Hardaway.

Cavaliers 91, Raptors 82

CLEVELAND — Tyrone Hill scored a season-high 21 points and had 13 rebounds as Cleveland won its fourth straight.

Hill, who scored 20 against Golden State last week, had seven points during a 26-6 run that helped Cleveland turn a six-point deficit into a 14-point lead.

Hill, who missed 38 games last season after bruising his spinal cord in a car accident, was 8-of-12 from the field as the Cavaliers beat Toronto for the third time this season.

Knicks 110, 76ers 103

PHILADELPHIA — Allan Houston scored a season-high 30 points and Patrick Ewing had 21 points and 14 rebounds.

It was the ninth straight defeat for Philadelphia, which had defeated the Knicks twice earlier this season.

Larry Johnson had 18 points for the Knicks including 10 in the last 5:09 of the third period when New York outscored Philadelphia 16-2. The Knicks have won eight of nine.

Detroit 84, Indiana 75

INDIANAPOLIS — Lindsay Hunter scored 20 points and Grant Hill added 18 as Detroit beat Indiana for a fourth straight win.

Otis Thorpe added 14 points and 15 rebounds for the Pistons, who

NBA Roundup

hield the Pacers to 17 points in the final period.

The Pistons, the NBA's best 3-point shooting team, struggled from outside the arc in the first three quarters, but three consecutive three-point plays in the fourth quarter sealed the win.

Hawks 109, Nets 95

ATLANTA — Steve Smith scored 20 points and Atlanta, continuing a hot streak from 3-point range, beat New Jersey for its fifth win in a row.

The Hawks, who have won 10 of 12, broke the game open by outscoring the Nets 19-3 over the final 4:46 of the opening period for a 30-17 lead. Point guard Mookie Blaylock scored 10 points in the run over New Jersey, which has lost five in a row and nine straight to the Hawks since 1994.

Nuggets 108, Grizzlies 93

DENVER — Bryant Stith scored 29 points and Ervin Johnson added 19 and 20 rebounds as Denver won back-to-back games for the first time this season.

Mark Jackson had 17 points and 17 assists for the Nuggets, who never trailed and led by double figures for most of the second half.

Anthony Peeler led Vancouver with 19 points and Shafer Abdur-Rahim added 17 as the Grizzlies dropped to 1-13 on the road this season and 6-49 in their two-year history.

One of those road wins came against the Nuggets in the final game of the 1995-96 season, but the Grizzlies were dominated inside and were outscored 19-3 from the free throw line Friday.

Blaizers 107, Mavericks 77

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Clifford Robinson scored nine of his 21 points in the decisive third quarter as Portland beat Dallas 107-77 Friday night.

Robinson and Isaiah Rider, who scored 12 of his 18 points in the third, led the Blazers on a 31-10 third-quarter run after the Mavericks had cut the lead to two points early in the period.

Gary Trent added 18 points and 10 rebounds for Portland.

The Mavericks, who scored only 30 points in the second half and trailed by 33 late in the game, were led by Chris Gatling's 16 points. George McCloud added 15 and Jim Jackson 14.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lee beats Ennis to rebound

GARLAND — The Midland Lee Rebels shook off the loss to Midland High the night before with a 73-59 win over Ennis on Friday.

The Rebels jumped out to a 20-14 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

The Rebels (12-5, 0-1) were led by Amron Washington and John Purves with 13 points each, and John House added 11 for Lee.

Lee is now off until Thursday when they play San Antonio A*man in the first round of the Byron Johnston Classic at 5:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

Midland Lee 73, Ennis 59
Midland Lee (12-5): Dwyane Andrews 0-0-0, Amron Washington 9-14-18, Anthony Alexander 2-2-5, Ricky Green 1-0-2, John House 1-0-2, Brian McCallister 0-0-0, Robert House 4-0-11, Amron Washington 2-0-4, Cory Peltier 0-0-0, Chasmy Eshman 3-4-12, John Purves 12-5-4, Heath Huff 0-2-2, John Purves 5-0-13, Totals: 27-19-73.
Ennis (10-2): Bruce 0-0-0, Howard 1-0-4, Carter 1-0-2, Moore 0-0-0, Thelwell 3-0-0, Roberts 0-0-0, Henry 1-0-2, Ennis 0-0-0, Howard 2-1-8, Totals: 22-12-59.
Lee 12 19 19 13-59
Ennis 10 16 16 17-59
3-point Goals: Lee 6 (House 3, Eshman 2, Moore 1), Ennis 2 (Thelwell 2, Roberts 2, Macchiaro). Total Fouls: Lee 13, 16, Fouled Out: Howard.

Stanton boys beat Midland Christian

STANTON — The Stanton boys basketball team beat Midland Christian, 57-50, on Friday.

Leo McCallister led the Buffaloes (14-1) with 24 points, and Kyle Hern added 12 points. John Koss led the Mustangs (9-3) with a game-high 26 points as the only player in double-figures for Midland Christian.

The Stanton junior varsity also came out on top of Midland Christian, 43-35.

The Mustangs next plays Brownwood in the Brownwood Tournament starting next Friday.

Stanton 57, Midland Christian 50
Midland Christian (9-3): Trent Lee 0-0-10, Josh Miller 3-0-8, Jared Womack 1-2-4, Alex Avery 3-1-2, Andrew Hufst 1-0-2, John Koss 7-10-10, Geoff Chiles 1-1-3, Totals: 18-14-50.
Stanton (14-1): Nathan Long 3-0-6, Kyle Hern 4-12, Tyson Davis 0-1-1, Leo McCallister 11-0-24, John Koss 10-1-21, Marcus Washington 2-1-5, Chad Smith 4-0-6, Totals: 26-51-57.
Midland Christian 10 11 16 10-50
Stanton 10 13 13 11-57
3-point Goals: Lee 6 (House 3, Eshman 2, Moore 1), Ennis 2 (Thelwell 2, Roberts 2, Macchiaro). Total Fouls: Lee 13, 16, Fouled Out: Howard.

Greenwood girls lose to Lamesa

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood girls basketball team suffered a close defeat to the hands of Lamesa, 57-56, Friday night.

Karen Gasch and Cara Watzl led Greenwood with 11 points each. Greenwood had to battle back from a 27-23 deficit in the first half, but just could never overtake Lamesa.

Up next for Greenwood (6-9) is the Reagan County Tournament starting Thursday.

Lamesa 57, Greenwood 56
Lamesa (7-6): Monica 4-2-10, Smith 2-4-6, Fleming 3-4-11, Hogg 1-0-2, Sheppard 2-0-4, Cobb 1-0-2, Thelwell 4-4-12, Meador 2-2-10, Totals: 21-14-57.
Greenwood (6-9): Rebecca Moody 0-1-2, Casey Hentzel 7-1-3, Christy Brown 2-0-4, Christy Walker 1-0-2, Betsy Satter 3-0-6, Karen Gasch 5-1-11, Cara Watzl 4-3-11, Totals: 22-7-56.
Lamesa 16 11 12 18-57
Greenwood 11 12 14 10-56
3-point Goals: L 1 (Fleming), G 3 (Hentzel 3). Total Fouls: L 16, G 16. Fouled Out: None.

Freshmen girls basketball

Lee Maroon beat Nimitz, 69-26, in freshmen girls basketball action Friday. Rochelle Warren led the way for Maroon (12-1, 3-0 district) with 16 points. Fulvia Gonzalez had 13, Danielle Dickerson had 12, and Courtney Creswell added 11 points and 13 rebounds.

The Midland Lee Freshman White girls basketball team defeated Crockett, 50-23, Thursday with April Franklin leading the way with 14 points.

Seventh grade basketball

Abell Maroon defeated Goddard Black, 70-29, Thursday in seventh grade National basketball. Phillip Coleman and Jacob Kendrick led Maroon with 14 points each, Freddie Jones had 13, and Ashley Jackson and Rodney Floyd added 10 each.

Aggies have to go overtime to beat Missouri-KC

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Derrick Hart missed one 3-pointer near the end of overtime but hit his second chance at the buzzer to give Texas A&M a 74-73 victory Friday night over a University of Missouri-Kansas City team struggling through a grueling non-conference schedule.

Vinson Smith could make only one of four free throw attempts in the closing seconds for the Kangaroos (3-5) in the last 17 seconds of the overtime.

Hart, who had combined with Tracey Anderson to set an A&M record with 100 3-pointers last year, was 3-of-10 from 3-point range. Anderson was 4-of-6 in the game for the Aggies (6-1).

lead the Aggies and Calvin Davis and Jerald Brown had 13 apiece.

Smith scored 15 to lead UMKC while Anthony Love had 16 and Lonnie Alexander had 14 for UMKC, in the middle of three games against Big 12 teams.

Smith sank a jumper with 1:11 left in the overtime to put UMKC ahead 71-69.

Brad Stricker's drive along the baseline at the opposite end was fouled by the Kangaroos defense. Stricker then fouled Alexander, who made one of two free throws to make it 72-69 with 32.7 seconds left.

Smith made one of two free throws with 17.1 seconds left, and then missed two with 4.8 seconds to play after Anderson hit a

jumper with 5.6 seconds left to set up Hart's winning shot from the left of the key.

Nick Richmond drove the length of the court for a layup over Anderson with 5.1 seconds to play to send the game into overtime after Steve Houston had made one of two free throws to give A&M a 62-60 lead with 15.1 to play.

Love rallied UMKC with 10 straight points after the Kangaroos fell behind 41-28 with 16 minutes to play in regulation on a 3-pointer by Brown.

Love scored 10 straight points, hitting two 3-pointers. The second 3-point at 6:44 to play brought UMKC to within 40-44.

The Kangaroos, playing their first game since 4-foot-9 junior

Tony Berg announced Monday that the back problems that have plagued him for two years had finally ended his career, then took control of the boards over the taller Aggies, who were outscored 48-41.

Berg, who had played in only 23 of a possible 82 games in his career, was thought to be fully recovered, but was injured again late in the Dec. 7 game at St. Louis.

Charles Parks and redshirt freshman Brad Moulder, playing in place of the injured Anthony Perry, hit a pair of free throws apiece after the Aggies' inside men, Dario Quesada and Davis, each picked up their fourth fouls on successive trips down the court.

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THREE: Rebels score on all-state team

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was also recognized on the honorable mention list. Josh had over 1,000 yards rushing in regular season play and over 1,500 yards through the playoffs.

Odessa Permian punter Jimmy White was the only other member of District 4-5A to make the first team.

Ablene Cooper's Dominic Rhodes and Permian's Ja'Quay Wilborn, both 1,000-yard rushers, were second team selections.

There were several 4-5A stars to receive honorable mention recognition other than Josh Norman of Lee.

Offensive linemen Joey Heath of Cooper, Jason May of Permian and Matt Royals of Cooper were all on the honorable mention list.

Cooper wide receiver Miles Durham, injured in the playoffs, also was an honorable mention choice as was Cooper defensive lineman Kevin Stevenson.

Austin Westlake also landed three players on the elite team.

Westlake coach Ron Schroeder heard Friday which three of his players made all-state team and immediately realized what they had in common.

Offensive lineman Seth McKinney bounced back from a broken foot suffered in the first pep rally of the year, while quarterback Drew Brees and receiver Ryan Read each fought back from torn knee ligaments suffered last year.

"They say people who do great things come back from adversity, and each one of those kids did that," Schroeder said. "Because

they worked so hard to rehabilitate, they came back physically stronger and mentally motivated to have great seasons."

Brees, who is undefeated in his career as a starter, was the offensive player of the year. The 6-foot-2, 150-pound senior completed 130 of 150 passes for 2,035 yards and 19 touchdowns.

"He's just a natural leader," Schroeder said. "He's a humble sort of person that others rally around, and he's savvy and very coachable. On top of all that, he has a rifle arm — one of the strongest I've ever seen — and he makes good decisions."

Read caught 66 of Brees' passes, several of them in spectacular fashion, for a 5A-leading 1,116 yards and 14 touchdowns.

The 6-4, 285-pound McKinney was the big guy up front allowing Brees and Read to connect so often and punching holes for the running backs as the Westlake offense averaged 482 yards per game.

Their great seasons not only made them all-state choices, but it also helped the Chaparrals go undefeated heading into Saturday's 5A Division II title game against Abilene Cooper.

Cooper (12-3) did not have any first-teamers selected by the APSE, which voted on its squad before the playoffs. Division I champion Lewisville also didn't have any first-teamers, while Division I runner-up Converse Judson was represented by linebacker Ashley Watters.

Instead, the teams that dominated the balloting were the ones

featured weekly in the regular season poll: wire-to-wire No. 1 North Mesquite, Tyler John Tyler, Galena Park North Shore, Midland Lee and Houston Yates.

John Tyler had three selections in offensive lineman Michael Oliver, defensive back Gary Baxter and defensive lineman David Warren, the defensive player of the year.

Warren, a four-year starter whom many consider the state's top collegiate prospect, came up with 72 tackles and five sacks. He was a major reason why John Tyler has regained its place among 5A powers in recent years.

Warren and Tyler derailed North Mesquite's title run in the second round of the playoffs. The Stallions featured first-team defensive lineman Toby Thomason and linebacker Josh Spoerl.

Flower Mound Marcus' high-octane offense produced two standouts in lineman Bryan Gaither and receiver Tad York. Gaither joined Norman as the only repeat first-teamers from last year.

Galena Park North Shore also had a pair of first-teamers in offensive lineman Andre Gurode and safety Joe Walker.

Houston Lamar's 6-foot-5, 320-pound Andre Pittman rounds out the offensive line.

The backfield featured 5A's top two rushers, Christian Orduna of Laredo Alexander and David Winbush of Killean Ellison, and Dallas Skyline's elusive Hodges Mitchell.

Other defensive picks are defensive lineman John Burnett of Fort Worth Wyatt and linebacker Walter Moreham of Houston Yates.



Mike Cavan, the coach at East Tennessee State, is now the head football coach at Southern Methodist.

Rebuilder Cavan gets tough SMU challenge

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Cavan already has turned around football programs in Division II and Division I-AA. On Friday, Southern Methodist hired him to do the same on the Division I level.

"His background of building programs is what caught my eye," SMU athletic director Jim Copeland said. "I think he can pull that off here."

SMU has a rich athletic history, but the program is still smarting from being shut down a decade ago by the NCAA's first death penalty. Since resuming football in 1989, the Mustangs are 16-67-3.

Last month, Copeland fired Tom Rossley, who had gone 15-48-3 over six years, because he felt the program wasn't headed in the right direction. SMU went 5-6 last season, its first in the Western Athletic Conference.

Contract details were not released. Cavan was not immediately available for comment as he was traveling to Dallas for a Saturday news conference.

Second in voting for the Division I-AA coach of the year after leading East Tennessee State to a 10-3 record and the second round of the playoffs.

Cavan, 48, has been around the game nearly his entire life because his father, Jim, was among the all-time great high school coaches in Georgia.

Mike was a quarterback for his dad and earned all-state honors as a senior, then went to Georgia and was selected the Southeastern Conference's rookie of the year in 1968. He led the Bulldogs to the Sugar Bowl as a sophomore and is still among the school's career

passing leaders.

After two years in real estate, he returned to Georgia as a graduate assistant under coach Vince Dooley. He worked his way up the staff over 13 years and was part of 11 bowl teams, including the 1980 national champions.

Cavan's biggest coup at his alma mater was recruiting Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker.

In 1986, Cavan got his first head coaching job at Division II Valdosta State, which had begun football in 1982 and had yet to have a winning record. He went 9-2 his first year and wound up 37-22-2 over six seasons.

Cavan moved to East Tennessee State in 1992, taking over a team that had gone a school-worst 1-10. The team went 5-6 his first two years, 6-5 in 1994 and 4-7 in 1995 before the big turnaround this season.

The 10 wins bettered the school record by three. Among them were four victories over top 25 teams.

At SMU, Cavan joins a program that won a national championship in 1935 and has produced Don Meredith, Heisman Trophy winner Doak Walker and his fellow Pro Football Hall of Famers Raymond Berry and Forrest Gregg.

The school's last bit of glory came in the "Pony Express" days of Eric Dickerson and Craig James, which triggered the pay-for-play scandal that shut down the program in 1987 and '88.

"We tried to emphasize that we have a great athletic tradition," Copeland said. "We need to regain that. ... I think he sees that as another challenge after his last two stops."

NCAA clears NMS coach

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The attorney for former New Mexico State assistant basketball coach Gar Forman said Friday the NCAA has cleared Forman of any wrongdoing in an academic fraud case which resulted in the Aggies' program being placed on three years probation.

"Gar Forman walks away from this with a clean bill of health," attorney Jim Darnell said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from his office in El Paso, Texas. "All findings against Gar have been dropped."

The NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee on Friday announced it was voiding a finding that Forman, now an assistant coach at Iowa State, had violated the principles of institutional control while an assistant at New Mexico State.

The Infractions Appeals Committee concluded an assistant coach is not responsible for exercising institutional control.

"The Infractions Appeals Committee determined that the primary responsibility for establishing a positive compliance atmosphere rests with the institution," an NCAA statement said Friday.

The NCAA, without mentioning any names, said a case can be made for holding the head coach responsible for institutional control of his program. The NMSU head coach is Neil McCarthy.

"The Infractions Appeals Committee, concluded, however, that such logic cannot be extended to include assistant coaches," said the NCAA statement.

The NCAA in July placed the NMSU program on three years probation, restricted the school from offering scholarships to junior college transfers for two years and imposed other sanctions.

The sanctions resulted from an investigation into allegations of academic fraud and other violations within the NMSU program. The investigation centered on Forman and Chris Nordquist, another former New Mexico State assistant coach. They were accused of providing test answers and papers to players who took correspondence courses through a Florida school to obtain academic credits in order to enroll at NMSU.

After the NCAA imposed the sanctions, Forman appealed and Darnell said the NCAA Infractions Committee concluded that Forman had not committed academic fraud.

Initially, the Infractions Committee decided on its own that Forman had violated the principles of institutional control but on Friday withdrew that allegation, Darnell said.

Darnell said in light of the NCAA findings, the restrictions that had been placed on Forman have been lifted. Forman had been prohibited from traveling to recruit for Iowa State.

"He is one happy man," Darnell said. "His name is removed from the violations report."

Al Gonzales, athletic director at New Mexico State, was unavailable for comment on the NCAA findings. A spokesman for the school said Gonzales was in Las Vegas, Nev., attending meetings of the Big West Conference.

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HOLUB: College, pro star enjoying life

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change and you go on, and for the betterment of the school and all the athletics programs, it was important for us to get into the Big 12," Holub said.

Even though it was tough in the early years for Tech in the Southwest Conference, Holub has no regrets and was honored to be the first player from the school to receive All-America honors. That success in college led to becoming the No. 1 draft choice for the Dallas Texans of the American Football League in 1961. During that successful 11-year career, nine of those years spent with the Kansas City Chiefs, Holub enjoyed a lot more winning than he did with the Red Raiders. He was a part of three AFL championships, two Super Bowl appearances, including a win in Super Bowl IV against the Minnesota Vikings and was selected to play in seven Pro Bowls as a linebacker and a center.

Today's hype to get to the Super Bowl is a far cry to when Holub and his Chiefs played the Green Bay Packers in the very first one with only 30,000 people in the stands.

"They would say 'Super Bowl what?' They didn't know what it was, and to see how it's grown to now, you couldn't have imagined it back then," Holub said.

Just about everything has grown in professional football: the player's size, speed, athletic talent and most of all the money. The dollar amount that most players get nowadays just amazes Holub, who got paid in a season what most players get paid for a single game.

One of today's players that Holub most admires is another former Tech All-American and current Miami Dolphins' linebacker Zach Thomas, who Holub said has the heart to succeed in the game.

"He wasn't supposed to do anything and he's been very successful with them," Holub said about Thomas.

"One of the most disappointing things you can see in pro ball or in anything else, is somebody that has the ability to do something like speed or catching the ball, that

they don't care. It's the same thing in basketball to see somebody that doesn't want to practice, that thinks that they can just go out there and perform. You really hate to see that," Holub said.

Of course, problems with players outside of the game has always been there, Holub is disappointed to see the problem of drugs proliferate to point it has.

"My contention on the drug situation, like anybody else is sports is just a glorified job, it's entertainment. You're not above the law and if you get got doing something you're not supposed to, you're history," he said.

"I had role models to look up to when I was growing up. You don't have any today as far as I'm concerned. With the drug situation today, they don't realize the importance they play on young people."

The money eventually leads to the lifestyle, according to Holub, who was given \$5,000 when he first signed a professional contract.

"That was the most money I had ever seen in my life and it was overwhelming to me. Now, with all the money that is thrown at them, for signing bonuses and contracts, and being as young as they are, most of them don't really know how to manage it."

What is also missing from today's professional game in a lot of teams is the family atmosphere such as the one Holub experienced with the Chiefs.

"It's hard to find a team these days that is really unified," Holub said. "The team that I played for was just like a family. To this day, coach Hank Stram calls me once or twice a month or I call him. We stay in contact with other players and they've had specials on the Green Bay Packers and how they were a family. That's what it takes to win from the junior high level up. You win as a team, you lose as a team."

In fact, it was the family atmosphere of the company he's with now that attracted him and his wife Sandi from a ranch in Oklahoma to Midland.

"Here it's a good morning to everybody and it works real smooth around here. It's a unique family as far as I'm concerned. Our CEO, Denny Allen is our coach and Mickey Long is our quarterback," Holub said.

Holub said that what might also be lacking in the game is the lack of ability for some professional football players to play hurt.

"There are players that have bruised knees that aren't going to play. I've seen players back in the old days with broken fingers and broken hands that still got out there and played. They just don't play like that nowadays. I don't know if that's smart or maybe they're smarter now that we were back then," Holub said.

But playing the game and getting hurt did take a price on Holub. He has had 20 knee operations, including three total knee replacements. Not to mention he has arthritis in different parts of his body.

"People have asked me 'would you do it again?' and I said 'in a heartbeat,'" he says with such enthusiasm. "Football was very good to me. It gave me an education, fame fortune and success. That's why I hate to see players not realize what they're getting out of football because it was so good to me."

Football has given Holub plenty of recognition over the years. He's in the Helms Hall of Fame, the All-Time Texas Professional Football Team, the Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame, the Texas Sports Hall of Honor and the Texas Tech University Hall of Honor to name a few. But what about the Pro Football Hall of Fame?

"I've thought about it," Holub said. "If it comes it comes, if it doesn't it doesn't."

On side of his job at Southwest Petro Services and training horses, Holub likes to speak with youth groups and always stresses his belief in God, his parents, having good friends along the way and being in a great country.

Life is good for E.J. Holub.

Mets obtain Olerud from Orioles

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets acquired first baseman John Olerud from Toronto on Friday along with \$5 million — a record cash amount in a baseball trade — for hard-throwing pitcher Robert Person.

New York will have to pay just \$1.5 million in salary to Olerud, who is eligible for free agency after next season. After leading the American League with a .363 average in 1993, Olerud dropped to .297, .291 and .274 in the last three seasons.

"He's in his walk year," Mets general manager Joe McIlvaine said. "It's a good time to get a player, in the walk year of his contract, because he's got more to shoot for."

Person, a 27-year-old right-hander who throws 95 mph, was 4-5 with a 4.52 ERA in 13 starts and 14 relief appearances last season.

"We traded several young pitchers in the deals we made," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said. "Here was a chance to get one back. We had excellent reports on his season."

The teams settled on the Olerud-for-Person exchange Tuesday, then spent three days reaching an agreement on the cash. Toronto originally offered to pay \$3 million but eventually topped the previous record of \$4,575,000, set Oct. 28 when Detroit sent Ruben Sierra to Cincinnati and agreed to pay almost all but \$225,000 of his \$9.5 million salary next season.

Because the amount was over \$1 million, the Blue Jays had to seek approval from central baseball, and

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acting commissioner Bud Selig gave his permission Friday morning.

"This is an important deal for us because we've been searching for an experienced bat in our lineup," McIlvaine said.

In the free agent market Friday, reliever Gregg Olson agreed to a minor-league contract with Minnesota, outfielder Darrin Jackson returned from Japan and agreed to a minor-league contract with San Francisco, and second baseman Mark Lemke returned to the Atlanta Braves for a \$2 million, one-year deal.

Olson, 30, started the 1996 season with the Cincinnati Reds' Triple-A farm team at Nashville before being traded to Detroit in April. He was 3-0 with a 5.02 ERA and eight saves in 43 games for the Tigers, then was dealt to Houston and went 1-0 with a 4.82 ERA in nine games for the Astros.

He would get a \$400,000, one-year contract if he makes the Twins roster. Jackson, 33, hit .266 last season for the Seibu Lions of Japan's Pacific League with 19 homers and 64 RBIs in 126 games. He last played in the United States in 1994, with the Chicago White Sox.

"In Darrin, we got a quality defensive player who can play all three outfield positions and a hitter who has shown power," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said.

At least 14 players became free agents when teams failed to offer them 1997 contracts by Friday's midnight EST deadline, a tactic that teams use to avoid salary arbitration.

Among the new free agents are first baseman Greg Colbrunn (Marlins), outfielder Ryan Thompson (Indians), right-hander Mark Dewey (Giants) and right-handers Johnny Ruffin and Tim Scott (Reds).

Others set free included pitchers Scott Kamieniecki and Billy Brewer, and infielder Luis Sojo (Yankees); catcher Randy Knorr, outfielder Derrick May and left-hander Jeff Tabaka (Astros), and infielder Domingo Cedeno and pitchers Stacey Jones and Brian Keyser (Chicago White Sox).

Among players eligible for salary arbitration, pitcher Armando Reynoso and the New York Mets agreed to a two-year contract worth \$2,125,000. Reynoso was 8-9 with a 4.96 ERA for Colorado last season and made \$440,000. He gets \$1 million in 1997 and \$1,125,000 in 1998.

Pitcher Buddy Groom and the Oakland Athletics agreed on a \$365,000, one-year contract, a raise of \$170,000. In deals late Thursday, Milwaukee left-hander Angel Miranda agreed to \$350,000, a raise of \$215,000, and Colorado catcher Steve Decker agreed to \$350,000, a raise of \$20,000.

In another move late Thursday, outfielder Greg Vaughn accepted the San Diego Padres' offer of salary arbitration.

Astros manage wheeling, dealing

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros can't afford to keep pace with the high-finance dealings of some major league teams, but that hasn't kept general manager Gerry Hunsicker from attempting off-season improvements.

It didn't take Hunsicker long to get started spending the modest \$30 million budget given him by owner Drayton McLane.

Manager Terry Collins was the first to go after leading the Astros to three straight second place finishes in the NL Central. Larry Dierker came down from the broadcast booth to be the field manager and the deals have been rolling in.

Dierker thinks new faces on the Astros roster and labor peace will revitalize the team and help attendance.

"This brings baseball back to the front burner," Dierker said. "People realize that we are going to be around for awhile and we not moving to another city."

The obvious reference was to the NFL Houston Oilers, who are struggling at the gate because they are moving to Nashville after next season.

"We're not having another strike and we're going to have (Jeff) Bagwell, (Craig) Biggio and (Derek) Bell," Dierker said. "All these things add up to do what we want to do here and that is get the fans back."

Hunsicker completed a bold 10-player deal on Dec. 10 that sent center fielder Brian Hunter, shortstop Orlando Miller, pitchers Todd Jones and Doug Brocail and a player to be named, to the Tigers.

The Astros got catcher Brad Ausmus, the key to the deal, along with pitchers Jose Lima, C.J. Nitkowski and Terver Miller and infielder Daryle Ward.

Hunsicker then signed regular right fielder

Derek Bell to a three-year contract worth \$13 million that solidified the Astros' nucleus.

"He's (Bell) a five-tool player and there aren't many of them around," Dierker said. "When you can tie up a guy like that a few years and already got Bagwell and Biggio tied up the next few years, then you've got what most teams are looking for in a nucleus."

The Killer Bs (Bagwell, Biggio, Bell and Sean Berry) are intact but everything around them is changing.

When Dierker finishes tinkering with what Hunsicker has provided, the Astros could have new starters at four positions — shortstop, left field, catcher and center field.

Hunsicker signed free agents Pat Listach to replace Miller at shortstop and Thomas Howard, who could platoon in center field with James Mouton.

Bob Abreu, a promising youngster who played last season in the minors, has a chance to be the regular left fielder. Dierker is also toying with the idea of moving Bell to center field.

The pitching staff will start with incumbents Shane Reynolds, Darryl Kile, Mike Hampton and Hunsicker hopes free agent Sid Fernandez will make the starting rotation.

Billy Wagner, last year's rookie bullpen star, and former All-Star closer John Hudek also will give the pitching staff pop.

"We want the kind of team that can bunt and hit and run and steal and get that one run," Dierker said. "Then we've got Wagner and Hudek to close the door at the other end. Hopefully we can win some of those games that we lost last year."

The Astros traded away Kenny Lofton before he turned into an All-Star in a deal that was considered a bad trade for the Astros.

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By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

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Baseball celebrates full season of action

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

By the time Wade Boggs jumped aboard a horse for a joyride around Yankee Stadium, baseball had seen it all in the Year of the Homer.

From the ugly image of Roberto Alomar spitting at an umpire to the magical picture of a 12-year-old fan making the catch of a lifetime, the first full season in the major leagues since 1993 was clock full of history, heroes and hassles.

Baseball had much to celebrate — the heart-warming story of Joe Torre and the World Series champion New York Yankees, the inspiring comebacks of Brett Butler and David Cone and, perhaps most importantly, a new labor deal between players and owners that will bring interleague play next year.

For others, it was the end of an era. Tom Lasorda, Kirby Puckett, Ozzie Smith, Andre Dawson and Alan Trammell all retired; umpire John McSherry never got that chance.

There were milestones: Eddie Murray hit his 500th home run, Paul Molitor got his 3,000th hit and Tony Gwynn won his seventh batting title, helped by a never-before-used rule. The Texas Rangers earned their first playoff spot.

There were memorable performances: Dwight Gooden, Hideo Nomo and Al Leiter each pitched no-hitters, Alex Rodriguez nearly won the AL MVP award at age 21, John Smoltz and Atlanta reached the World Series for the fourth time in five tries.

Add in some predictable events — Cal Ripken played every game in his 14th straight season despite breaking his nose at the All-Star game, and Albert Belle and Marge Schott were disciplined — and some unusual occurrences — the first opening day in March, big-league games in Mexico and Las Vegas and an odd, final-day matchup that determined the NL West title — it was quite a year.

And it's still not finished. There's been plenty of movement in the offseason. Belle left Cleveland to sign a \$55 million, five-year contract with the Chicago White Sox, and Roger Clemens, after a season in which he tied his own record with a 20-strikeout game, went from Boston to Toronto for a \$24.75 million, three-year deal.

World Series MVP John Wetteland, Jimmy Key and Jim Leyritz are all gone from the Yankees, and

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Matt Williams joined the Indians. The Florida Marlins, who watched fans disappear in a year when baseball's overall attendance increased about 5 percent, added manager Jim Leyland and Bobby Bonilla, Alex Fernandez and Moises Alou.

The California Angels, meanwhile, changed names. From now on, the Disney-owned team is the Anaheim Angels.

The biggest change in baseball, however, came in the number of home runs hit in 1996.

From the minute Frank Thomas homered on the 14th pitch of the year on March 31 to the moment leadoff man Brady Anderson hit No. 50 on the final day of the regular season, everyone seemed to get into the swing.

In all, there were a record-breaking 4,962 home runs, smashing the previous mark of 4,458 in 1987. A total of 17 players hit the 40-level, shattering the prior best of eight in 1961.

Was it poor pitching or beefed-up sluggers? Juiced balls or cozy ballparks? Either way, there were so many home runs that baseball rulemakers want to raise the mound, to give pitchers a chance.

The Baltimore Orioles hit 257, surpassing the Yankees' record of 240 in 1961. On Sept. 26, the Orioles presented a lineup in which all nine starters had hit at least 20 homers during the year.

Andrew Jones, at 19, became the youngest player to homer in the World Series, eclipsing Mickey Mantle's mark by connecting on his first two at-bats in Game 1. Murray, at 40, joined Willie Mays and Hank Aaron as the only players with 500 homers and 3,000 hits.

Mark McGwire led the majors with 52. Ryne Sandberg and Eric Davis, both of whom sat out in 1995, each returned to hit 25. Todd Hundley hit 41 and broke Roy Campanella's record for most home runs by a catcher.

Mick Billmeyer may have hit the quirkiest home run. A bullpen coach for the California Angels, he was given a chance to hit against Montreal in the annual Hall of Fame game in Cooperstown, N.Y., and promptly cleared the right-field stands.

The most ironic homers might have been hit by Alomar. A day after spitting in the face of umpire John Hirschbeck, Alomar hit the home run that put the Orioles in the postseason for the first time since



New York Yankees Charlie Hayes catches a foul ball off the bat of Atlanta's Mark Lemke for the final out of the 1996 World Series.

1963. Later, his home run beat Cleveland in the first round of the playoffs.

Derek Jeter surely hit the most controversial one. His fly ball to right field in Game 1 of the AL championship series at Yankee Stadium seemed ready to settle into the glove of Baltimore right fielder Tony Tarasco and then — presto! — it was gone.

"It was like a magic trick, really. I was about to close my glove," Tarasco said. "Merlin must be in the house, abracadabra somewhere."

As the whole country soon learned, the ball had been caught by 12-year-old Jeffrey Maier, a Yankees fan who only wanted a souvenir. The Orioles protested, to no avail.

Call it destiny or fate or whatever, the Yankees were not to be stopped, even after losing the first two games of the World Series to Atlanta. As if there was any doubt, Torre's first trip to the Series was enhanced when, the day before Game 6, brother Frank received a needed heart transplant.

The next day, the Yankees beat four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux for their first championship since 1918, prompting Bog-

gs to climb aboard a police horse for a memorable victory lap.

Other events worth remembering:

— Ripken played in his 2,216th straight game, breaking the world record held by Japan's Sachio Kinugasa. Ripken did not miss a day, even after his nose was broken at the All-Star game by the elbow of White Sox reliever Roberto Hernandez, who fell off a podium during a team picture.

— Gwynn won the NL batting title despite falling four plate appearances short, because of injuries, of the required minimum. A statistical rule, however, allowed him to add enough hitless at-bats to reach the necessary number.

— With the NL West title on the line, San Diego beat Los Angeles at Dodger Stadium on the final day. But because one team was already assured the division title and the other was certain of the wild-card spot, the game resembled an exhibition, with Dodgers manager Bill Russell pulling starting pitcher Ramon Martinez after just one inning.

— Barry Bonds joined Jose Canseco as the only players to hit 40 homers and steal 40 bases in the same season.

More Sports/8C Teams dominate racing's season

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

The overriding theme of the 1996 auto racing season was team domination.

In NASCAR's Winston Cup series, the PPG Indy Car World Series and Formula One, multi-car teams grabbed the biggest share of the headlines:

— Hendrick Motorsports teammates Terry Labonte and Jeff Gordon fought to the wire before Labonte won his second Winston Cup crown by 37 points.

— Jimmy Vasser started out with four victories in the first six PPG Cup races and wound up beating Target-Chip Ganassi Racing teammate Alex Zanardi for the title.

In Formula One, Damon Hill held off Williams-Renault teammate Jacques Villeneuve, like Hill a son of former F1 stars.

For team owner Rick Hendrick, his second straight Winston Cup title was vindication of a sort.

"I got a lot of criticism a few years ago for trying to win with a three-car team," said Hendrick, who also fielded Chevrolets for Kenny Schrader, who finished 12th in the points. "And it was tough at first, because you need to find people who believe in the concept and who believe in working together for the good of the team. It took some time to get the right people in place. Now I hope I can keep them here for the next few years."

Labonte, who turned 40 in November just after clinching the championship in the season-ending race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, won his first title in 1994.

"I never thought it would take me 12 years to win another championship, but I finally did it, and it's a great feeling," said Labonte, who finished the season with a Winston Cup record 537 consecutive starts. Gordon, the defending champion, did everything he could to beat his teammate, winning a series-high 10 races to Labonte's two. But Gordon also failed to finish five times.

Still, both drivers were incredibly consistent, with each posting 24 top-10 finishes and 21 top-fives in 31 starts.

Dale Jarrett, who won his second Daytona 500 in four seasons, stayed in the points race right to the end and wound up third.

The son of two-time Winston Cup champ Ned Jarrett, had a successful season, winning the three richest purses in NASCAR — Daytona, the Coca-Cola 600 and the Brickyard 400. Jarrett also won at Michigan.

Dale Earnhardt's quest for a record eighth Winston Cup title fell short after he broke his collarbone and sternum in a wreck in July.

Earnhardt, who was leading the points standings at the time of the crash, didn't miss a start but was unable to keep up his momentum and finished fourth. He ended the season with a 29-race winless string, the longest of his career.

The 1996 Indy-car scene was overshadowed by the split between Tony George, president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and CART. George started the rival Indy Racing League, which ran an abbreviated first-year schedule.

Most of the biggest names of Indy-car racing remained with the established IndyCar series.

However, George managed to stage an exciting Indianapolis 500 that drew its usual sellout crowd and a huge international television audience as Buddy Lazier, little-known, won the biggest prize.

The 28-year-old Lazier, who had broken his back in a crash less than three months earlier, won nine days after pole-winner Scott



Britain's Damon Hill...champagne kind of year

Year in Review

Brayton, the most experienced driver at the Indianapolis Speedway, was killed in a practice session crash.

On the same day as the Indy 500, the sport's more prominent drivers raced at Michigan International Speedway, where Vasser won the inaugural U.S. 500.

A weird multi-car crash on the pace lap embarrassed the Indy-car regulars, but Vasser, whose first series win came in the season opener at Homestead, Fla., managed to win in his backup car.

"The guys prepared one car good enough to win the pole and another good enough to win the race," Vasser said. "That's a real tribute to them."

There was more tragedy for the Indy-car folks in July at Toronto, where rookie Jeff Krosnoff and corner worker Gary Avrin were killed in a crash when Krosnoff's car ran over the wheel of another car, became airborne and flew over a concrete barrier and into a tree. The car struck Avrin during its flight, and both men were killed instantly.

Formula One had a safe year, highlighted by the battle between Hill, son of two-time series champion Graham Hill, and Villeneuve, son of former F1 star Gilles Villeneuve.

Hill started with four wins in the first five races, but his 25-year-old teammate, a rookie coming off winning both the Indianapolis 500 and the PPG Cup title the previous year, made a late-season run, winning three of the last seven races on the 16-race schedule.

Hill's victory in the finale in Japan, his eighth of the season, was enough to take the title.

Despite his success on the race track, Hill lost his job when team owner Frank Williams decided the driver was asking for too much money to stay on the team. Hill will take 19 wins in 67 career starts with him to the unheralded Arrows team, which has never won a Formula One race.

In other series, John Force earned his fourth straight NHRA Funny Car championship and sixth overall by winning an unprecedented 13 of 19 events; Mark Martin won his second International Race of Champions series crown.

Series champions in 1996 included co-winners Scott Sharp and rookie Buzz Calkins in the IRL, Ron Hornaday Jr. in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, Randy LaJoie in NASCAR's Busch Grand National Series, David Empringham in the Firestone Indy Lights Championship, Patrick Carpentier in the Player's Toyota-Atlantic Championship, Tommy Kendall in the SCCA Trans-Am Series and Wayne Taylor in the IMSA Exxon World Sportscar Championship.

Cycling star to compete

AUSTIN (AP) — Cycling star Lance Armstrong aims to ride competitively in 1997 after tests showing there's no cancer in his body, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

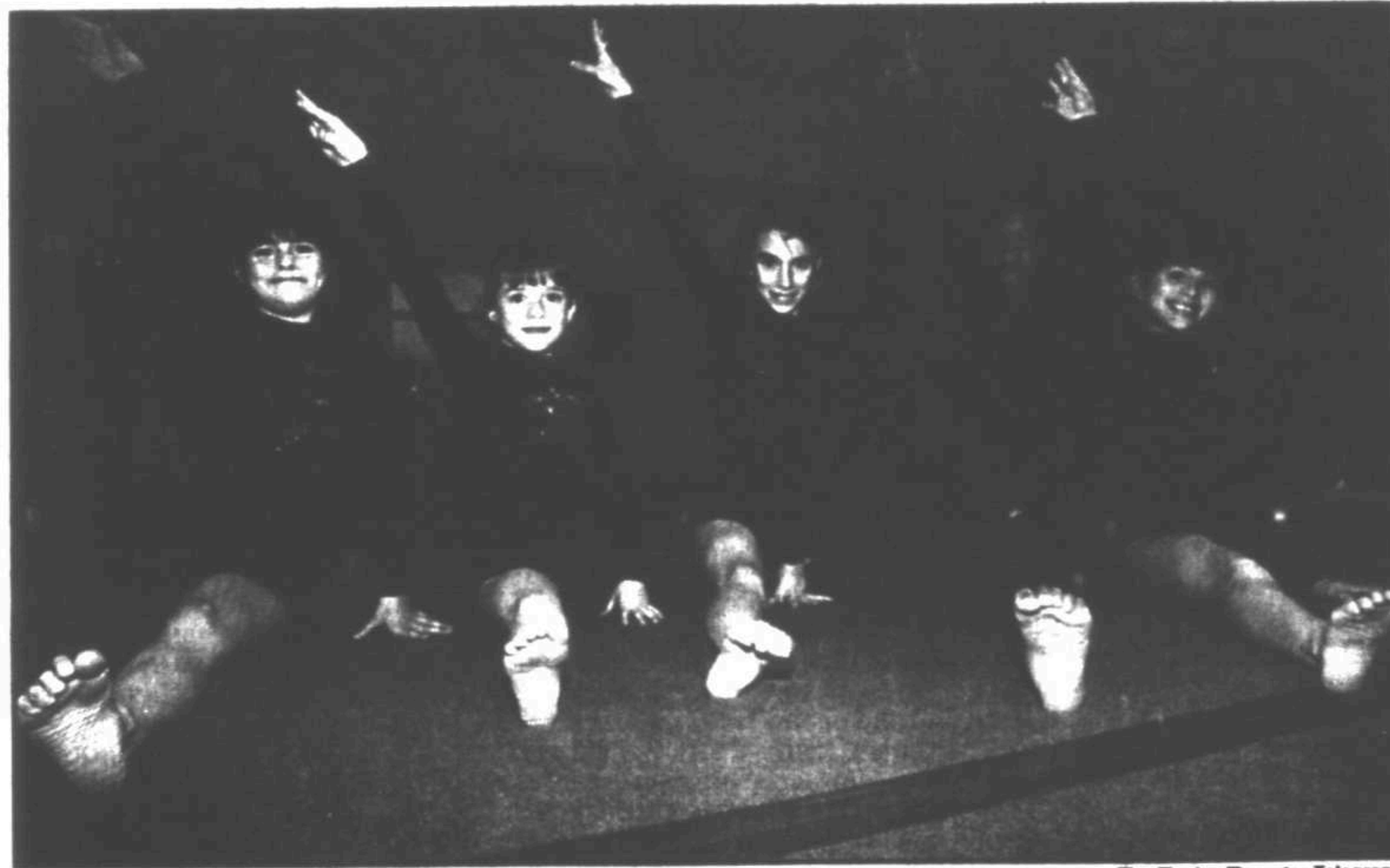
Doctors have told Armstrong that he likely will not have to have more chemotherapy or surgery, the newspaper reported. Armstrong is a two-time Tour de France stage winner and two-time Tour DuPont titlist.

"I'm almost back to normal," Armstrong said. "But I don't have my old life back, yet."

Armstrong in October announced he had had a cancerous testicle removed and was undergoing chemotherapy to fight the disease that had spread to his stomach and lungs. He also underwent surgery to remove two small brain lesions.

Armstrong said he wanted to promote awareness of testicular cancer. He said if he had been more aware of the symptoms, he would have sought treatment long before he began feeling pain.

State Gymnastics Qualifiers



Five area gymnasts participated in the Texas State meet last weekend in Beaumont. From left are Whitney Leonard, age 11, Rachel Ochs, 9; Megan Musar, 12; Deyna Griffith, 12; and Lauren Luskey, 12. Of the 250 gymnasts who qualified for the state meet in Level five, eight were from the West Texas area, from Amarillo to El Paso, and five of those were from the Midland Alamo YMCA Sandstormers Gym.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in conference room A. The public is welcome to attend.

The Midland High boys and girls soccer booster club will meet the second Monday of every month in Conference room A at MHS.

Coaches Luncheons for the Chap Athletic Club will take place on Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26. The Luncheons will allow coaches to interact with club members and will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at Golden Corral Steakhouse.

Gymnastics...

Odessa College offers several gymnastics clinics for children ages 2 and up. Call 335-6348 for more information.

Basketball...

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Midland will have their first 3-on-3 basketball league for boys and girls 13-18 years old. Fee is \$8 for members, membership is \$3. For more information call Sherman Petterson at 683-5297 or 567-6373 on

weekends...

Workouts and tryouts for girls 12 and under AAU Basketball are scheduled for Wednesday nights at 6:30 at Abell Junior High. Girls who turn 13 after Jan. 1, 1997 are eligible. For more information call Mike at 697-3018.

The Permian Basin Basketball Officials Association is seeking applicants to officiate junior high and high school games in this area. Call Mike Lowrance at 682-1726 or 520-9602 or Jeff Ryan at 694-5001 or 688-0700 if you are interested.

The Midland YMCA is taking registration for boys junior high basketball, grades 7-9. Fee is \$35. Registration is available at any Midland YMCA. Also, officials are needed for games. Officials will be paid \$5-9 a game. For more information, call Eddie Venzant at 682-2551.

Skiing...

The Flatlanders Ski Club has current plans for trips to Snowmass, Colo. (Jan. 4-11, 1997), Val Di Fasse, Italy (Jan. 17-25, 1997), Purgatory, Colo. (Feb. 8-15, 1997) and Sugarloaf, Maine (March 8-15, 1997). Other club activities include rafting and golfing events. For more information, call Donna at

550-5665 or Sam at 580-7600.

Tennis...

Toby Curtis, a new tennis coach in Midland, is offering individual and group tennis lessons at Lee High School and San Jacinto Junior High. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Call Toby at 697-3266 for more information.

Toby Curtis is starting a group indoor mini-tennis lessons in January for ages 6-11. Call Toby at 697-3266.

A winter mixed doubles tournament is scheduled for Jan. 18-19 at Midland College with play slated for open, A, B and C levels. The entry fee is \$6 per person with two matches guaranteed. Deadline for entry is noon Jan. 17. For more information, call 687-4046.

Bicycling...

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Coors Hospitality room. For more information, please call 694-0640 or Peyton Bike Store at 699-1718.

Swimming...

The City of Midland Swim and

Diving teams are holding a Christmas sports camp Dec. 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30 and Jan. 2 and 3 at the Mabey Aquatic Center. The camp is for children ages 5-12. Campers should bring a swimsuit, towels, dry clothes and a sack lunch. The cost is \$25 per day or \$200 for the whole camp. For more information, call Tassy at 684-7755.

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, San Angelo, Snyder and Westbrook. Contact Mack Gipson at 520-5861 or Freddie Ezell at 520-6502.

Baseball...

The Midland Winter Baseball Camp is Dec. 26-28 at the Lee High baseball field. Danny Jordan of Texas Tech and No. 2 nationally ranked Blinn College is the camp director and instructors are pro, college and high school coaches. Cost is \$75 and bat and glove are required. Ages 12-under from 8 a.m. to noon and ages 13-up from 1-5 p.m. Softball players are wel-

come. Call 694-6996 for information.

Soccer...

The Midland Soccer Association is holding its spring registration through Jan. 31. All participants must be at least four-years-old by Dec. 31, 1996. The fee is \$40 for returning players and \$44 for all new club players. There is also a \$10 late fee after Jan. 31. Registration is Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1909 W. Wall Suite N or at the Mall registration Jan. 18-19 during regular mall hours. For more information, call 684-5425.

The MSA is holding coaching clinics for "G" and "F" levels Feb. 22. Cost for the "G" is \$5 and the "F" is \$35. Fee. are due Jan. 31. For more information, call 684-5425.

A clinic for referees is scheduled Jan. 16-18. A \$20 deposit is required along with a \$25 registration fee upon completion of the clinic. Deadline is Jan. 3. For more information, call David Stall at 682-8904 or 684-5425.

Boxing...

The Twin Cities/Tigers II Box-

ing Club and the Midland Downtown Lions Club has opened its gym at 200 Plaza to all athletes ages 8-33. For information on joining, call David Rodriguez Jr. at 334-6190 or 683-8732.

Running...

Resolution Run Relay, sponsored by the PBRA, will be held Jan. 18 at Midland Centennial Plaza with cash prizes. Call Thomas Schneider at 520-4421 for information. Love Run is Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. Call Alfredo McGuire at 335-8044 for information.

Football...

The United States Independent Football League is an adult, full contact, spring football organization which is expanding into the Midland and Odessa areas. The season begins in early March and runs through June. Tryouts for the Midland team will take place Dec. 28 at Alamo Junior High starting at 9 a.m. Players must furnish their own equipment and winning teams are paid a portion of the gate receipts. Anyone interested in participation should call 1-800-575-2010, ext. 22.

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HOW TO READ THE MULTI

Johnson strikes it rich with \$15.5 million deal from Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — No one, not even Brad Johnson, could have imagined on the night of Aug. 23 that his career would reach this point four months later.

Johnson had thrown four interceptions in an exhibition game against the New Orleans Saints that night. The regular season was only nine days away, and it was perhaps the lowest point of an unremarkable career that had seen few pinnacles.

Johnson reached an all-time high Friday, agreeing to a \$15.5 million, four-year contract extension with the Minnesota Vikings that makes him one of the top 10 players on the NFL's salary list.

"It's happened so fast," Johnson said. "A lot of times in life you've just got to go with the flow, and that's what I've done. You dream about opportunities like this your whole life."

Johnson, earning \$425,000 in his fifth season, got a \$2.2 million signing bonus and another \$1.55 million guaranteed if he is on the roster March 1, a formal-

ity. He'll play for a base salary of \$250,000 in 1997, but the total package for the first year will be \$4 million. The four-year average is almost \$3.9 million, more than Scott Mitchell and Brett Favre are earning this season and not far from the \$4.3 million the Vikings are paying Warren Moon, whose career in Minnesota probably ended the moment Johnson signed the extension.

Not bad for a guy who wasn't even a starter his final season and a half at Florida State and had never started an NFL game before this season.

"He's dwelt in anonymity for years and kept working hard because he knew his chance would come," said Phil Williams, Johnson's agent.

It came quickly. Following the nightmarish exhibition finale at New Orleans — "I think about it every day," Johnson said — he stepped in when Moon went down with foot and ankle injuries during the second quarter of the season opener against Detroit.

Johnson rallied Minnesota to a 17-13 win, throwing the winning 31-yard touchdown pass to Cris Carter

with 1:06 remaining. That set the tone for Johnson, who became perhaps the biggest surprise of the NFL season.

Players and fans around the league still might be asking, "Brad who?" But the Vikings are saying Johnson is the player they believe can take them to a Super Bowl, if not this year then down the road.

"He's the future of the organization as a quarterback," said Vikings president Roger Headrick.

Johnson is 5-2 as a starter this season, including 4-1 since taking over for good when Moon's right ankle injury persisted. Johnson has led the Vikings (9-6) to the playoffs, throwing four touchdown passes in a win over Arizona on Dec. 1.

He was the NFL's top-rated passer last week and now is third behind Steve Young and Favre, who will be Johnson's opponent when the Vikings travel to Green Bay for Sunday's regular-season finale.

The Vikings, who say they are losing their ability to compete financially, know they are taking a big risk by paying a largely unproven player so much. But Johnson had all the leverage.

He would have been a free agent after the season

and certainly would have attracted many rich offers in a pool that will include Mitchell, Jeff George, San Francisco backup Elvis Grbac and Washington backup Heath Shuler.

"The alternatives were not attractive to us," said Vikings vice president Jeff Diamond, who negotiated the deal. "He's proven his ability to lead the team and be successful, and if you have a player like that, especially at quarterback, you've got to step up."

Johnson, whose awe-shucks demeanor and instant success has made him a fan favorite in Minnesota, never doubted he could produce if he got a chance.

He admits it was frustrating trying to get to this point, beginning when he lost his job to Casey Weldon during his junior year at Florida State. But he has gained confidence each week this season and believes he will earn every cent of his new contract, a deal in which the incentives are based not on Johnson's individual performance but on how far he leads the team each year.

"It seems like right now I'm just being able to scratch the surface," Johnson said.

Powlus wants in on new era

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Don't get Ron Powlus wrong. He liked Lou Holtz. But if Holtz was still at Notre Dame, Powlus wouldn't be coming back.

Powlus said Friday the Irish coaching change was the biggest factor in his decision to return for his fifth year of eligibility. Holtz left after 11 seasons and was replaced by Bob Davie, his defensive coordinator.

"My time with coach Holtz would have been done ... it would have been time for me to move on," Powlus said at a news conference in his hometown of Berwick, Pa.

"With coach Davie coming in, it's a positive move and it's something I want to be a part of."

Powlus, who came to Notre Dame as the most heralded high school player in the country, could use a new start. After sitting out his first season with a twice-broken collarbone, he hasn't had the stellar career expected of him.

He holds Notre Dame records for career touchdown passes (43) and TD passes in a season (19), and tied the record for TDs in a game (four) three times. He's completed 376 of 661 passes for 5,524 yards in three seasons, with 20 interceptions.

But despite the predictions of multiple national championships and Heisman Trophies, the Irish haven't come close to contending for a national championship with Powlus as quarterback. A big part of his problem was the Irish offense. Holtz favored the running game and the option, while Powlus is a drop-back passer.

Taaffe says he was fired for using too many blacks

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Former Citadel football coach Charlie Taaffe sued the school Friday for firing him after his second drunken-driving arrest, alleging that school officials actually were angry that he recruited too many black players.

Taaffe also argued that the military college violated its own rules by failing to give him a hearing and by encouraging him to attend events where drinking was encouraged and then refusing to provide him with a driver.

Citadel spokesman Terry Lee-dom said the school would have no immediate comment.

Taaffe is seeking unspecified damages. He received a \$75,000

yearly base salary under a contract through 1999.

Taaffe was suspended in August after his second DUI arrest in three years. He taught physical education classes this semester, but interim president R. Clifton Poole has said Taaffe's job will end Dec. 31.

In court papers, Taaffe said he was "suspended and/or terminated from his employment as head football coach ... because he recruited and/or played too many African-American athletes on the football to suit certain officials."

He provided no details on his allegations, but said the school denied him any hearings to defend himself.

Speight leaves BC for Hampton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kiernan Speight is leaving Boston College for Hampton University, while his family remains determined to find out how he came to be wrongly accused in the Big East school's gambling scandal.

Still smarting over the apology he demanded but never received, Speight returned to his old high school, H.D. Woodson in Washington, on Friday to announce his transfer to the Division I-AA school in Virginia.

"I put my trust in the system," Speight said. "But when it came time for me to depend on the system, the system failed me. It failed

me in a way that could have easily been avoided with an apology, but it never happened. ... I never did anything wrong."

The BC sophomore was one of four players confronted by the team's captains and coach Dan Henning during a contentious meeting after the Eagles' Halloween night loss to Pittsburgh.

Eventually, 13 players were suspended for the season's final three games, but Speight was not among them. The scandal also led to Henning's resignation.

Though the school maintains Speight was not accused of anything by coaches or officials,

Speight said the school owed him an apology.

When one didn't come, the cornerback decided to skip the final three games and left the college at the end of the semester.

"I want the school to apologize for the fact that my name ended up in the papers," Speight said, "and that no one came forward to stand behind me."

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National title? All Florida cares about is beating Florida State

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Florida Gators don't mind that the Sugar Bowl might not be a pure national championship game, nor do they care what happens with No. 2 Arizona State in the Rose Bowl.

The focus is not on the national championship, corner back Anthony Lott said Friday. "The focus is on beating Florida State."

Top-ranked Florida State is the one team coach Steve Spurrier has failed to beat with any degree of regularity since he returned to Florida in 1990. He is 2-7-1 against the Seminoles, 70-7 against everyone else.

And the last loss the Seminoles (11-0) hung on No. 3 Florida might have been the toughest to accept.

Not only did the Seminoles harass Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel into three interceptions. They sacked him six times, and knocked him out of the game more than 20 other occasions.

And worst of all, they knocked Florida out of the national championship hunt with a 24-21 victory on Nov. 30.

Or so they thought.

With Nebraska losing to Texas in the Big 12 championship game and the Gators (11-1) winning their fourth straight Southeastern Conference title over Alabama, get ready for Part Two in the Bayou.

"It's definitely personal," said tailback Terry Jackson.

At a college football awards show in Orlando last week, receiver Reidel Anthony and safety Lawrence Wright made pointed comments regarding the Sugar Bowl.

And Spurrier is still stewing over his belief that the Seminoles purposely tried to knock Wuerffel out of the game with late hits.

He used the bowl selection show to state his case that Florida State hit late, and he has since put together a tape to prove his point.

"My first priority as a coach is to do whatever I can for our safety," Spurrier said. "My comments were made to bring attention to how he was hit."

"Fans need to see that tape of how he was hit before

you pass judgment if I'm whining or crying."

But he also notes that the hits had nothing to do with the outcome.

"We got beat because we didn't play very well," Spurrier said. "They played without any crucial mistakes. They played smarter, and that's why they won."

Wuerffel and the Gators bounced back with a 45-30 victory over Alabama, in which Wuerffel threw six touchdown passes.

They returned to practice this week in cold conditions and with hopes that some of their key linemen will be back for the Sugar Bowl, which is sponsored by Nokia.

Left tackle Zach Piller is expected to start, and Spurrier said right tackle Mo Collins also could return. Defensive tackles Reggie McGrew and Ed Chester are over nagging injuries that began to take a toll late in the season.

"I've got a feeling we'll practice pretty hard the week of the game, and hopefully play our best game

of the year," Spurrier said.

And the Gators are not out of the national championship picture if No. 4 Ohio State can beat the Sun Devils in the Rose Bowl — and Florida can find a way to beat the Seminoles.

"My memory of last year is we beat them, felt like we beat them soundly," Wuerffel said. "This year, we had a chance to beat them, so I think we're right there."

"I don't think it's any monkey-on-the-back type of thing. We're very confident we can go out and play a good football game."

But even if Arizona completes a perfect season, that doesn't figure to curb Florida's motivation to keep the Seminoles from their first ever.

"I don't think the incentive will drop any," Jackson said. "We'll be just as excited whether Arizona State wins or loses. All we're thinking about is beating them."

Nevada's win may be last Las Vegas Bowl in current format as only 10,118 fans show

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Unlike the previous high-scoring games, the fifth Las Vegas Bowl turned into a defensive struggle. Like the other four games, though, few were around to watch it.

Nevada's defense prevailed when its offense sputtered in leading the Wolf Pack to an 18-15 win over Ball State in what may have been the final Las Vegas Bowl in its current format.

After only 10,118 showed up at UNLV's Sam Boyd Stadium to watch the winners of the Mid-American and Big West conferences play, it's virtually certain some changes will be made in the game that begins the college bowl season.

Among the expected changes will be the elimination of the MAC participation in the contest and a possible deal for a Western Athletic Conference team to replace it.

MAC officials have not signed a contract extension with the Las Vegas Bowl, opting instead to concentrate in being included in a proposed bowl regionally located in Pontiac, Mich.

Only a few hundred Ball State fans appeared to be in attendance at the game, and Nevada's contingent of a few thousand was disappoint-

ing considering the school is located in the same state.

The attendance was the lowest for the bowl, which has never even half-filled the 40,000-seat stadium during its brief existence.

Those that did attend didn't see the high-scoring game expected in a Las Vegas Bowl, where the previous combined score was never less than 69 points.

Instead, they saw a dominating Nevada defense that contained Ball State until the closing minutes, then held on for the win.

While its offense was held to four touchdowns below its average, Nevada's defense allowed only 138 yards before a final desperation drive by Ball State made what had been a lackluster game suddenly interesting in the final 2 1/2 minutes.

"A lot was said about their offense, but they have an outstanding defense," Ball State quarterback Brent Baldwin said.

Baldwin spent much of the game trying to get away from Nevada's blitzing defense, which allowed a 62-yard touchdown dash by LeAndre Moore in the second quarter, but little else until

the final drive to finish the season at 9-3.

Still, Ball State had a chance to tie or win the game after driving 80 yards for a touchdown, then scoring on a two-point conversion to pull within three with 2:26 remaining.

When Raphael Ball recovered the ensuing onside kick, Ball State's offense reverted to form when Baldwin was intercepted by Mike Crawford to seal Nevada's win.

"We just didn't get it done, and I've got to take responsibility," said Baldwin, whose team's eight-game winning streak was snapped in ending the season at 8-4. "I didn't play well enough, and when your quarterback doesn't play well, good things don't happen."

Crawford sacked Baldwin three times earlier, but dropped back to grab the interception that sealed Ball State's fate.

"I read his eyes, and when the play was over, I looked in my hands and I had the ball," Crawford said.

"I've been telling people all year how great our defense is," Nevada coach Jeff Tisdell said. "Our offense made a couple plays, but tonight belonged to our defense."

Gullikson to coach Davis Cup team

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Gullikson, reappointed captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team Friday, was asked to explain the drive to play tennis in that international setting.

"In an individual, sometimes selfish game, you play for your team and your country," he said. "To me, that validates an athlete."

The setting can be harrowing, though.

Andre Agassi, picked by Gullikson for the American team that will play the first round in Brazil Feb. 7-9, remembered his last Davis Cup action in South America, under these conditions.

"We had gun escorts to and from the court," he said. "I don't know the reason, but that stands out in my mind. It's a much different experience in South America, under these conditions."

Thomas Muster thought so, too. He led a walkout by the Austrian Davis Cup team in a protest over security at qualifying matches in Brazil in September. The Austrians defaulted the match, allowing Brazil to advance to the world group where it will face the United States.

So is security there a problem? It won't be according to Harry Marmion, president-elect of the United States Tennis Association, who announced Gullikson's reappointment. He said he believes Muster's complaints were overrated.

"I won't take chances," Marmion said. "We'll have our own security. Everything we can do as soon as the players leave the court will be taken care of."

And on the court? Jim Courier said he knows what to expect.

"It's most challenging as far as the mental side," he said. "People clapping when you make a mis-

take. We don't encourage that in tennis. People shining mirrors in your eyes, throwing coins at you. They make practice difficult by not cleaning the courts."

At that point, Agassi nudged Courier and said, "Don't give them any ideas."

"These are all things that have happened," Courier said. "It's a rough environment and you have to rise above it."

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Sex charges bring disputes

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Massachusetts basketball player Charleton Clarke on Friday denied having sex with a woman brought to Marcus Camby's dorm room by an aspiring sports agent recently arrested on extortion charges.

"As far as the reports of me and the girl in Marcus' room, I never had sexual intercourse with her, and no one said anything about her being a prostitute or anything like that. Marcus told me she was just a friend he went to school with in Hartford," Clarke said in a statement issued Friday by UMass.

The statement came a day after Wesley Spears was charged in West Hartford, Conn., with first-degree attempted larceny by extortion and promoting prostitution. The charges came after a six-month investigation into his dealings with Camby, who starred at UMass before moving

on to the NBA's Toronto Raptors.

An arrest affidavit said Spears, infuriated that Camby was picking another agent, threatened to tell the tabloids about the money, sexual trysts and others favors he provided Camby and to "bring down UMass."

The 6-foot-11 player, who turned pro after his junior year, went to police in June with his blackmail allegation.

In his statement to police, Camby, who grew up in Hartford, told of his first meeting with Spears in December 1995 at his UMass dormitory. He said Spears brought along a female companion and that he, Clarke, and a friend, had sex with the woman in his dorm room.

The woman, who was Spears' tenant at the time, told authorities Spears cut her rent by \$250 for her night's work.

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Safety net for procrastinators

N.Y. Times News Service

If Christmas cards are on your mind but still not in the mail, don't sweat it.

To help you get holiday greetings out on time, Palm Beach Post staff artists have put six Christmas images on our Internet home page. At no charge, you can send them as e-mail Christmas cards, or you can save them on your computer's hard drive to use with a card-making program such as Broderbund's Print Shop Ensemble III or Microsoft's Greetings Workshop.

Even if you've already mailed your Christmas cards, you might want to download these pictures for next year. They will make a great addition to your print program's library.

Here's how it works:

Log onto the Internet and point your browser to <http://www.pbpost.com/christmas/pc2.htm>.

When the site comes up, you'll see small versions of each of the holiday images.

To send one as an e-mail card, or to see the full-size image, click on the picture. On the next page, fill in the blanks that ask for your name and e-mail address, and the name and e-mail address of the person you're sending the card to. You can give the card a heading, choose a holiday e-mail stamp and type in a personal message. If you make a mistake or want to choose a different picture, click "Oops, start over."

To see the finished card, click "Build my card." The page that appears is what the recipient will see. If you're happy with it, click "Send this card." The site will send e-mail to the recipient saying you've created a card at The Post's site. The message will include a password the recipient can use to view the card.

To download one of the images to use with a print program, click on the link below the picture you want.

What happens when you click on one of these links depends on what browser you have and how it is configured. If you're using Netscape's Navigator, a box will pop up that says "Unknown File Type." It will ask what you want to do with the file you've chosen to download. Click "Save." Microsoft's Internet Explorer also will give you a box that asks what you want to do with the file. Choose "Save to disk."

A screen will appear asking what you want to call the image and where on your computer you want to save it. Jot down the name and location that you assign the file so you'll know where to find it later.

Now click "Save" and kick back. It will take a few minutes to download the image. It took about three minutes to download one using a 28.8 bps modem. If you have a 14.4 modem, it will take roughly twice as long. Both Navigator and Explorer provide a screen that shows the progress of the download.

When the file transfer is complete, you can log off the Web and launch your print program. The steps you need to follow to use the downloaded image in a card will vary depending on what program you have, so you may need to check the program's user guide. In Print Shop Ensemble, use the "Import" function to bring in the image. In Greetings Workshop, select "Add a photo picture from somewhere else on my computer."

The rest is up to you. Once you have the image in your print program, you can adjust its size, place it where you wish, add text and borders or personalize it however you like.

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Intel computer breaks speed record

By William McCall
AP Business Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Intel Corp. announced Monday it has broken the supercomputer speed record with a machine that performs more than 1 trillion calculations per second, giving scientists a tool to simulate everything from nuclear explosions to an entire strand of human DNA.

The \$53 million machine, which crunches numbers with a technique called massively parallel computing, was built by connecting thousands of the same kind of Intel Pentium Pro microchips found in standard computers.

"It's an astonishing achievement. We have this ultracomputer growing from really desktop microchips," Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, whose agency contracted for the computer, said in a

conference call.

One of the chief developers of the project called it a milestone that marks the beginning of a computer age that will allow incredibly powerful machines to be assembled from simple building blocks.

"It's a baby step toward being able to do a real simulation of the physical world, which is what the 'holodeck' is all about on 'Star Trek,'" Justin Rattner, an Intel supercomputer expert, said in a conference call.

Some industry analysts said it also could mark the beginning of a new era in computer chip sales for industry leader Intel, based in Santa Clara, Calif.

"Intel doesn't want to be in the supercomputer business per se," said Andrew Allison, publisher of "Inside the New Computer Industry," a Carmel, Calif., newsletter. "They want to sell somebody hun-

dreds of thousands of Pentium Pro chips to build their own supercomputers."

Rattner admitted the market for supercomputers is limited. But he said Intel strategy is based on making them less expensive in order to help government, big companies and universities afford tools that could predict long-term weather, create new drugs, or help design safer cars and airplanes.

The supercomputer was built at a Portland suburb by connecting 7,264 Pentium Pro chips manufactured at Intel's Rio Rancho, N.M., plant.

It was developed under contract with the Department of Energy as part of its Accelerated Strategic Computing Initiative, to allow the government to help maintain its nuclear arsenal without detonating

Please see INTEL/2D

Supreme Court to decide 'Net decency issues

By Joann Muller
N.Y. Times News Service

The battle over free speech in cyberspace is headed to the Supreme Court, which said Friday it would decide the thorny issue of whether government can restrict sexual and other adult-oriented material on the Internet.

In what promises to be a landmark First Amendment ruling for the computer age, the justices agreed to review a lower court decision that has blocked a law banning "indecent" materials on the worldwide computer network.

The law, known as the Communications Decency Act, was signed by President Clinton last February. It is Congress' first attempt to regulate the free-wheeling Internet by shielding children from sexually explicit material.

But a three-judge federal court in Philadelphia ruled earlier this year that the law was unconstitutional, saying the Internet should be as free from government content restrictions as newspapers or magazines.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case in March, and a decision is expected by July.

Supporters of the law, which makes it a crime

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Computers won't change your bad habits

By Bill Husted
N.Y. Times News Service

Let's say that you really really really want a computer for Christmas this year. But you need to convince the rest of the family that you don't want it just to play Secret Time Warp Wars or some other computer game.

So you need to convince your husband, or your wife, or your parents, that the computer is going to be a serious tool for the whole family. Something that will save time and money.

If that's your plan, then hide this col-

umn before anyone important sees it.

Computers do help. But they're not a magic bullet that will change your bad habits into good ones.

I ought to know. I have plenty of computers and — since companies send me software in the hopes that I'll write about it — enough computer programs to start a pretty decent store.

Computers come in handy for the things I already knew how to do. I end up using mine to write. But I wrote just fine using an IBM Selectric typewriter

Please see HABITS/2D

Are electronic encyclopedias more toy than tool?

N.Y. Times News Service

It almost seems illicit, logging on to the Web site of the Encyclopedia Britannica (<http://www.eb.com>) and looking up the word "Encyclopedia." It is as if one were cheating, not taking the subject seriously enough. The weightless medium seems ill suited to the weighty message.

And what a message: the entry is an almost epic account of the encyclopedia's evolution, a chronicle of the thousands of volumes in Latin, French, German, even Burmese, compiled over 2000

years. Along the way there are references to a 240-volume Chinese encyclopedia published in 1738, and a 19th-century German encyclopedia that devoted 3,668 pages to one entry on Greece.

Due credit is given to Diderot and d'Alembert's 18th-century celebration of the French Enlightenment (the first volume of which can now be sampled at <http://tuna.uchicago.edu/formsumrest/ENC.query.html>), and mention is made of an imposing 9,000-page Egypt-

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Holiday Scanner

The Sharkey family of Rumson, N.J., scans in a family photo to create a personalized Christmas card, using the built-in Photo-Drive scanner on their Hewlett-Packard Pavilion 7280P personal computer. According to industry analysts, imaging, or using PCs, digital cameras and scanners to manipulate photos and other graphics, will be a hot technology trend this holiday season. Hewlett-Packard was the first manufacturer to include built-in photo scanners in its RealLife Imaging personal computer line.



Electric Greetings

This holiday season send a greeting card on the World Wide Web. You can send a card to anyone that has an e-mail address from StarNet. Holiday Cards at: <http://www.4kids.org/public/holiday/holiday.html>

It's faster and easier than snail mail and there are no stamps to lick. How does it work? People receive an e-mail message telling them there is a greeting card waiting for them and giving them the URL of the Web site and a secret code. When they

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Dear Amy: Every year my family helps another family for Christmas. This year I'm sick so I have to stay at home. Are there some pen pals I can write to? —Andrea, Northampton, MA

Dear Andrea: There is a Web site called Care Quest at <http://www.worldkids.net/CareQuest/carequest.htm> that is designed just for kids to send some cheer to other kids who are sick or injured in hospitals all around the world. Kids can also send messages to elderly people. It's a great way let other people know that you care about them.

Dear Amy: I'm going to buy my kids a computer for Christmas. What do I need to do to get connected to the Internet? —Mark, Boulder, CO

Dear Mark: When my dad brought home our first computer, he needed some help, too. The easiest place to start is at the store where you buy the computer. There are packages or kits that have all the software you need to get connected. But someone who is already connected (like a school technology club) can help you find very good software you can download from the Internet for free. Ask at the store or use the Yellow Pages to find an Internet service provider in your town. The provider will help you set up your modem to make the actual connection to the World Wide Web.

Send your comments or questions about the WWW to Amy at: Ask Amy, 2021 Dole Center, Lawrence, KS 66045 or AskAmy@4Kids.org

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A Hero is More Than Just a Sandwich

What do author Mark Twain, civil rights activist Rosa Parks, and baseball legend Babe Ruth have in common? They all can be found on the My Hero home page at: <http://myhero.com/>

So, what are the ingredients that make up a hero? (The people, not the sandwich!) Read why one person says "West Side Story" lyricist Stephen Sondheim is her hero and someone else chose the student protesters at China's Tiananmen Square. Can a hero be anyone? What about Tuscie, a dog from Chicago who saved his owner from an apartment fire? Who is your hero? Go ahead, show some courage and sign the My Hero Guest Book to tell the world about your hero.



Athletes in Snow

The arrival of "Old Man Winter" means one thing for many kids: It's time to play! Whether it's snow boarding, freestyle skiing, or bobsledding, snow sports combine thrills and spills to make winter a favorite season for the outdoors crowd. At the Winter Sports Page, you can check out all of your favorite snow and ice sports, such as luge, hockey and figure skating! Try to keep up with a pack of cross-country skiers, meet some red snow boarders, or find out about a winter sporting event that's close to your hometown. You can even skate through a winter sports photo gallery to get a closer look at all the action. Did you remember your mittens and hot cocoa? Then it's time to skate, ski or sled over to <http://www.wintersports.org>



When you know the answers to these questions, go to <http://www.4kids.org/detective/>

Who is a Hero and an Angel?

How exact is the timing of Olympic Luge?

How many different images can you choose from for your card?

Tips to make holiday computing safe, sane

N.Y. Times News Service

Computer products are truly gifts that keep on giving. Long after the spirit of the holidays has disappeared elsewhere, the warm glow lives on at help desks, where resident elves patiently turn wretched recipients into rejecting users. The computer industry's merry tradition is to fix known defects only when absolutely necessary, so assume problems are not your fault until you get proof otherwise. Novices and veterans alike naturally tend to assume they must not be "getting it" when confronted by failures of this sometimes daunting technology. More often than not the problems are all too real. After a day on hold with the elves, I offer some suggestions to help maintain holiday computing sanity.

Never try to install hardware or software when the official help line is unavailable. If the help desk operates from 9 to 5, the job you begin after dinner is guaranteed to keep you up well past midnight with no hope of success. In the morning, use a speakerphone to minimize agony during the inevitable commercial-laden wait to discover that the problem hinged on a single backslash no one asked you to type in.

Be aware that products you install may disable those that worked just fine before or even wreak utter havoc. "Do not run 'The Need for Speed Special Edition' in Windows 95 if you have a video card with the S3 Trio64V (plus) chipset; these cards can be found in Dell, Compaq, Gateway, and other computers," runs one warning. "This could result in the corruption of the video driver and may require that Windows 95 be reinstalled." In other words, playing this game can

disable your machine.

Is this startling admonition displayed prominently in the installation manual? No, it is buried at the bottom of an addendum sheet that is easy to miss. Moral: Read every scrap of paper in the box and every text file on the disk before attempting to install anything.

High-performance games come with particularly intractable problems. Many were designed to run from DOS, and getting them to run with Windows 95 can be more challenging than the game itself. But games specifically designed for Windows 95 often use a system called DirectX that has the charming potential to clobber video drivers and is not so hot with joysticks, either. Gleanings from Microsoft's Web site: "The DirectX installation overwrites the Diamond GT video driver with an incorrect driver. DirectX installs a faulty video driver for Imagine Series 2 video cards." To fix these known problems you are often directed to a hardware manufacturer who has no solutions.

It is worth searching the Internet for potential problems before you buy. In the bowels of better Web sites you may uncover the caveats and README files that

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typically reveal a product's darkest secrets only after you have bought it. On-line forums offer plenty of information about real-world woes.

Beware of compatibility problems. The "minimum system" listed on software boxes often runs

the program at a glacial pace. Do not expect that even the most innocent-sounding product will actually work. The "enhanced CD" may seem like little more than a music disk with multimedia gadgets, but it can be unplayable on many machines.

Do not assume that printed or on-line instructions are correct. Documentation is often horribly inaccurate and omits crucial information. A long sequence of fixes in

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a recent manual for a children's game forgets to specify that they are specific to Windows 3.1. Following them in Windows 95 might bring the machine to its knees.

Help desks and troubleshooting manuals often suggest arcane system-level fixes to kick-start a particular product, but they may slow other programs or keep them from working. The manuals and help desks rarely tell you how to restore the settings. If you do change them, write down the old ones first.

Cut fat from your machine if possible. Today's computers routinely come with bloated, unwanted

Before buying peripherals, make sure your machine has the free ports needed to connect them. Make sure your machine has enough interrupt (IRQ) lines before installing hardware that requires them. With Windows 95, you can check your machine's IRQ status by clicking the System icon in the Control Panel, then the Device Manager tab and the Computer icon. A Windows machine has 16 IRQ lines, but since virtually

every device (keyboard, port, mouse, disk drive controller, sound card, etc.) requires at least one unique number, multimedia machines often come with no free interrupts or just one. PCI cards can generally share an interrupt, but installing others can be impossible, even if they claim to be "plug and play."

Be sure you have all the parts you need to get and keep hardware running. For example, printers typically come without the bidirectional cable they require, and a harried clerk may forget to sell you one unless you ask. Avoid frustration by buying spare ink cartridges, special paper and disks.

And most important, get an unconditional money-back guarantee on anything you buy; by the time you get it up and running, you may no longer be in a mood to enjoy it. And do remember that though jewelry, chocolates, ties and other holiday favorites may be easy to install, they do not come with a friendly elf who knows all about backslashes just a phone call away.

structures may evolve: computer simulations of evolution might accompany an entry, or analyses of music be offered along with description. Perhaps maps of links can be created, creating idea-based hierarchies and structures again. A new encyclopedia may even turn out to be a highly sophisticated version of the current Internet Encyclopedia (<http://clever.net/cam/encyclopedia.html>): a network of meticulously crafted Web pages, under fluid revision. The trick will be to provide shape for that vast resource, preserving the ancient meaning of encyclopedia as a presentation of encircling knowledge.

HABITS: Computers won't change life

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before I had a computer. I use mine to communicate. But before I had a computer, I used letters, a telephone and even old-fashioned conversation to communicate. All a computer has done is make it easier to perform tasks I enjoyed and was already doing.

That's the way it works with most people. Computers don't give you new skills, nor do they change your habits. Clip art aside, if you can't draw a horse, or a house, don't expect a computer to turn you into an artist. Nor will a computer make you good at stuff you hated before. I'll give you some "for instances."

I've never been faithful as far as balancing a checkbook. A friend, a person who is so organized she hangs clothing in the closet in alphabetical order, encouraged me to try Quicken, the program that helps you manage money.

COURT: To determine issue of 'Net decency'

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to distribute indecent materials on portions of the Internet where they might be seen by children, were pleased that the Supreme Court will hear the case and predicted it will uphold the law.

"Adults in this country have never had a First Amendment right to give pornography to children, and I think the Supreme Court will say they don't have that right on the Internet either," said Cathy Cleaver, director of legal studies for the Family Research Council in Washington.

"We think it's a good sign that they are going to reverse the Philadelphia decision," added Bruce Taylor, president and chief counsel of the National Law Center for Children and Families. He noted that the Supreme Court recently upheld its indecency standard in a case involving cable television.

But Harvey Silverglate, a Boston civil liberties lawyer who has argued a broadcast indecency case before the Supreme Court, said "there is an enormous difference between TV and the Internet" that makes enforcement of the Internet indecency ban impractical.

With television and radio, government has limited the broadcast of sexually explicit material to late-night hours when children are expected to be sleeping, he said.

That doesn't work on the Internet, which is a communication network, Silverglate said. "You can send it at 3 o'clock in the morning, but a kid can read it at 9 o'clock."

"What the government has done is effectively ban this kind of speech at any hour because it is impractical for a person who is broadcasting indecent speech on the Internet to figure out a way to keep it out of the hands of kids. That is a task that only parents can accomplish" by purchasing software that blocks certain indecent materials, said Silverglate, who expects the Supreme Court to uphold the lower court ruling.

Laurence Tribe, a professor of constitutional law at Harvard University, agreed.

"I don't think you have to

be a rocket scientist to figure out that Congress overstepped the Constitution," Tribe said.

He said the only real solution is to give parents the power to control what their children see on the Internet, much the way the new V-chip will enable them to block sexually explicit programs on TV.

The case challenges sections of the 1996 Communications Decency Act that make it a crime to disseminate "indecent" material on a computer network in a way that's accessible to children. As opposed to standards on obscenity or pornography, indecency restrictions cover items with legitimate artistic, scientific, or cultural value, but which contain sexually oriented or other potentially offensive material.

The critics haven't questioned other provisions outlawing distribution of obscene or pornographic material to children.

Marc Rotenberg of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a public interest research group in Washington, said, "This is the most important First Amendment case to go to the Supreme Court in 30 years," he said.

While difficult to estimate because of its rapid growth, the Internet is thought to connect more than 9.4 million computers in homes and businesses worldwide — as many as 40 million people.

When the three-judge panel in Philadelphia struck down the law last June, one judge wrote: "Just as the strength of the Internet is chaos, so the strength of our liberty depends upon the chaos and cacophony of the unfettered speech that the First Amendment protects."

Another of the judges said the statute was too broad because "there is no realistic way for many providers to ascertain the age of those accessing their materials."

After the three-judge court's ruling in June, Clinton pledged his administration's continued efforts "to give families every available tool to protect their children" from "objectionable material transmitted through computer networks."

ENCYCLOPEDIA: Traditional tome sees changes

(From 1D)

ian encyclopedia from the 14th century.

But what connection do those traditional tomes have with the future, now that text is summoned by mouse clicks, invoked by hypertext links, and accompanied by music or video? Aside from quick and sometimes elegant searches, what added value does the Internet and the CD-ROM promise for the encyclopedia?

The questions are more complicated than they seem. The Britannica entry notes that an encyclopedia is an archetypal representation of its era and culture. An encyclopedia (the word is from the Greek, meaning a circle of knowledge) was originally meant not just to compile knowledge but to give it shape. An encyclopedia's gargantuan size was part of the point: it was a printed model of the world in print, mirroring the universe and the authors' understanding of it.

Thus, in the 6th century, one important Roman encyclopedia was divided into Divine and Human categories. A 9th-century Arabic encyclopedia set priorities by beginning with discussions of power and war and ending with entries on food and women. And Francis Bacon, in 1620, set as his goal a "total reconstruction of the arts and all human knowledge," creating sections devoted to Nature, Man, and Man's Action on Nature.

Alphabetical encyclopedias really began to thrive only during the 17th century, developing along with cross references and detailed indexes. This ordering served a different reader and a different purpose: the encyclopedia became a tool, something to be consulted. The world was not being given meaning, it was simply being presented for appreciation. The encyclopedia became almost impersonal, a

presumably objective presentation of the public record.

New technologies may end up changing the encyclopedia's tone and structure again. Alphabetically ordered entries, for example, have become irrelevant; with sophisticated search engines, they are no longer necessary. What kind of order, though, can be given to knowledge when each user ends up creating a different structure, leaping about as if surfing the Net? Will distinctions between subjects dissolve?

Right now, it is hard to tell. Many important encyclopedias are just being translated into the new medium, not being transformed by it. The \$1300 McGraw Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology (Version 1.1), comprises 20 volumes onto a CD-ROM. It offers the same, nearly definitive information as its printed ancestor; 39 animated sequences and 45 minutes of audio are dwarfed by vast quantity of technical prose.

The \$395 CD-ROM of the Oxford English Dictionary doesn't even bother with any spice and doesn't support hyperlinks either; the thrill is just browsing, looking up any of the half million words and 2,400,000 quotations that fill the second edition of this lexicographical masterpiece. Even the 25-million-word Encyclopedia Americana (sold to institutions for \$495, and soon to be available on the Web), doesn't offer much other than facts, broken into awkward split-screen fragments.

But something is changing in how we think about encyclopedias. The Britannica suffered more than a 50 percent drop in sales between 1990 and 1994 (after which the company was put up for sale). Last spring it disbanded its North American sales force, ending a door-to-door tradition. It has put more and more emphasis on the Internet where it was the first encyclopedia to require subscriptions

— \$150 a year (\$50 if one purchases the text on a \$299 CD-ROM). Site licenses have been bought by 704 colleges and universities; by early 1997, the company expects 10,000 individual subscribers.

But even in the newest version of the CD-ROM, Britannica is just getting its electronic feet wet. Searching through these 44 million words is marvelous, but a long entry can only be printed out one segment at a time. The Web site is an important asset, with updates and fascinating entries from earlier editions — including De Quincey on Coleridge, Swinburne on Keats, Houdini on conjuring, Freud on psychoanalysis, Einstein on space-time. But this is just a reminder of how extraordinary a tradition it has to build upon.

The first hints of a new kind of encyclopedia are visible in the family end of the market (with prices between \$40 and \$80), where Microsoft's Encarta, Compton's Interactive and Grolier's Multimedia battle it out, each promising a spiffier interface than the others, more graphics, more film clips, music, collages, panoramic views, special effects, even games. Each also includes direct links to Web sites and on-line services, offering monthly downloads of updates. Encarta has codified the new approach: each year's disk is updated via the Web until it is time for the next, higher-tech version.

But these early models inspire more caution than enthusiasm. They are fun, but are structured solely by technology. Their new categories are not ideas like the Divine, or Nature, or government; instead the categories include video-clips, images, sound bites, automated tours, "interactivities," and, yes, text.

Much of this creates something closer to toy than tool, and does little to provide the sense of importance the encyclopedia once had. But in time, other

construction, will be used by Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., to simulate nuclear explosions. Eventually, it will connect more than 9,000 Pentium Pro chips and run at about 1.4 teraflops.

INTEL: Tests confirm machine's speed

(From 1D)

test weapons.

IBM, meanwhile is building a still faster supercomputer that will be capable of 3 trillion floating point operations per second, or teraflops, under another DOE contract for nuclear weapons.

The DOE had announced last

week the speed record unofficially was broken on Dec. 4, but tests last Wednesday confirmed the machine operated at 1.06 teraflops. That's three times faster than the previous record of 3.68 gigaflops, or billion calculations per second, held by Japan's Hitachi Corp.

The Intel machine, still under



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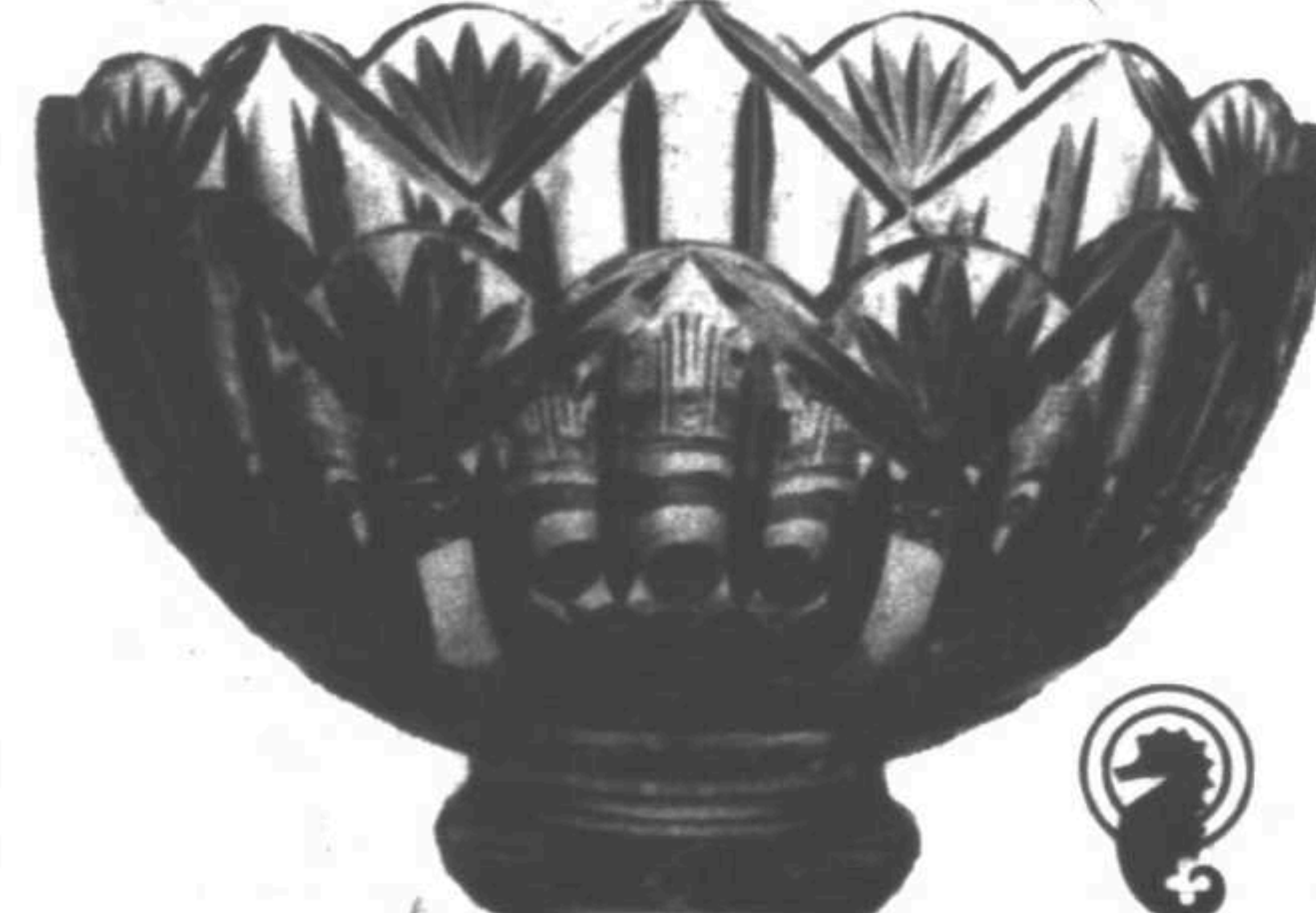
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NEW YORK The Long Island Sound area is getting a new cable channel, Cablevision 3.

Cablevision 3 offer cable mod subscribers in the Long Island Sound area, which is the state's sixth-largest cable market, plans to have subscribers by late next year.

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Cablevision in Long Island giving viewers access to Internet

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NEW YORK — It will not unclog the Long Island Expressway. But thousands of cable television subscribers across Long Island will be getting a new service designed to ease traffic jams on the Internet.

Cablevision Systems Corp. will offer cable modems to 15,000 of its subscribers in Oyster Bay to connect their PCs to the Internet, company executives said Monday. The company, which is the United States' sixth-largest cable operator, plans to hook up 150,000 subscribers on Long Island and in Connecticut by the end of 1997.

It is scheduled to be the first roll-out of cable modems in the New York metropolitan area, and one of the most ambitious in the industry. The devices provide a link from a customer's personal computer to the Internet using coaxial cable rather than telephone lines. Because coaxial cable, which is also used to deliver cable television, has more capacity than copper telephone wire, it can transmit the digital bits of the Internet at

much higher speeds. For cable executives, the drive to provide cable modems has taken on particular urgency in recent months as the stocks of major cable companies have been pummeled because of jitters about new competitors and repeated delays in the industry's plans to introduce new services.

The cable industry's torpor comes at a time when the telephone companies are scrambling to provide an integrated package of communications services to the home.

Executives at Cablevision said the company's new service, which is called Optimum Online, will enable subscribers to download text and images from the Internet's World Wide Web as much as 50 times faster than they can download with a phone line and a conventional modem.

"When you use this on your own PC, you'll see there's just no alternative," said Charles Dolan, the chairman of Cablevision, which has 2.8 million subscribers and is based in Woodbury.

The service, which will be offered to existing Cablevision subscribers as well as people who do not currently receive cable television, will cost \$44.95 a month for a package that includes unlimited access to the Internet and a free modem. Subscribers can get the same package for \$34.95 a month, plus a one-time payment of \$150 for the modem.

Commercial on-line services like America Online typically charge \$19.95 a month for unlimited access. But executives at Cablevision noted that a second phone line could cost \$15 a month. Cable modems are attached to the same coaxial cable that provides the television service.

Cablevision, which has been developing Optimum Online for 18 months, has stolen a march on two of its major competitors, Nynex Corp. and Time Warner Inc. A spokesman for Nynex, John Johnson, said that the regional Bell company planned to offer an Internet access service under the Nynex brand name in the first quarter of 1997. But he declined to

offer any details.

Time Warner offers cable modem service to 400,000 cable customers in Akron, Ohio, and Elmira, N.Y. The company signed an agreement to provide Road Runner, its package of Internet-related programming, to Cablevision. Time Warner hopes to sell Road Runner, which features an array of Time Warner publications and services, to cable operators across the country.

In addition to Road Runner, Cablevision will offer its own menu of news, sports, entertainment and community features tailored for Long Island and Connecticut. The company will draw on its programming holdings, which range from the 24-hour news channel, News 12 Long Island, to the Madison Square Garden Network and the Bravo movie channel.

"We don't want to be just a high-speed pipe to the Internet, but we

also don't want to have to invent every piece of content ourselves," said Joseph Cece, a former publisher of TV Guide magazine who is the president of digital services at Cablevision.

As Cece showed off his new service in Manhattan on Monday, he lingered over one feature — a traffic-monitoring service that

allows subscribers to get information about tie-ups on various highways like the Long Island Expressway and the Northern State Parkway.

If Cablevision's subscribers cannot get anywhere fast on Long Island, Cece said, at least they will find out quickly how slow their trip is going to be.

Web sites help with tax strategy planning

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While many people wait until April 15 approaches to begin dealing with their taxes, savvy taxpayers realize that now is the time to prepare their strategies. What you do before the end of the year, especially with asset allocations, can go a long way toward curbing anxieties come April.

For those who plan to prepare their own taxes, the World Wide Web can provide professional and legal information, government references and chat groups. Those who rely on an accountant or lawyer will find enough background information to grasp tax laws and terminology.

Free year-end advice from experts is plentiful. Ernst & Young's site has a section on mutual fund tax-saving strategies. The site also includes 10 tax-planning tips and 50 easily overlooked tax deductions for individuals, including employment agency fees and depreciation of home computer equipment.

Deloitte & Touche has a booklet online: "The Year End Tax Process." While the site promises that the 1996 version will be online soon, the 1995 tips should do well enough. A section called "timing your deductions" covers prepaid interest, mortgage points paid and medical expenses.

The Grant Thornton site features much the same with its "Year-End Tax-Planning Guide for 1996," including sections on retirement plans and business activities.

From strategies on income shifting and tax-deferred annuities to interest, dividends and 1996 tax changes, Merrill Lynch's "Minimizing Your Taxes" is yet another easy-to-use online tax manual.

"J.K. Lasser's Your Income Tax 1997" is a full-sized book published online as well as in print (Macmillan, 1996). The J.K. Lasser Institute publishes tax and financial reference books. Part 5 of the 1997 tax book — personal tax savings plans — includes estate planning and investments in real estate among its many topics. An extensive glossary leaves few

questions to chance.

To find the letter of the law, there is the source itself: the Internal Revenue Service site. "We're here to help you uncover those cumbersome layers and get right to the heart of the matter," the site's text explains soothingly.

In fact, it is relatively easy to download copies of Internal Revenue bulletins and the full text of tax regulations issued since Aug. 1, 1996. A page on frequently asked tax questions addresses such topics as sale and depreciation of assets, tax credits and information for resident aliens and citizens living abroad.

Tax laws may seem daunting to the ordinary mortal. Enter the self-appointed "tax prophet" site. Robert L. Sommers, a tax lawyer, "stills the swirling pool of tax obfuscation with a touch of his magic wand," as he puts it, and answers popular queries on early withdrawals from IRA accounts; foreign students with capital gains; sale of stock with an unknown basis price, and tax planning for lottery winners.

Another tax lawyer with a helpful site is Marc W. Weissman. His online tax-planning brochure lists various ways of deferring income and accelerating deductions. For instance, he urges taxpayers to consider making charitable contributions during the holiday season or to prepay property taxes in December.

All tax roads inevitably lead back to Income Tax Information in Internet, a comprehensive list of tax links. Though the site is humble in appearance, a five-minute search of it uncovers CPA's Weekly News Update, published by Harcourt Brace & Co. The online newsletter may be aimed at certified public accountants, but even nonprofessionals will be attracted to topics like the 11 tax changes that take effect New Year's Day. (These include the new adoption

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Toys 'R' Us, Digital plan gift web site

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Digital Equipment Corp. and the toy retailer Toys 'R' Us Inc. are offering a high-tech gift to harried Christmas shoppers. They've created a new World Wide Web site where a computer helps adults pick the right toys for children.

The EachToy service uses a process called "collaborative filtering" to make educated guesses about a child's toy preferences. Visitors to the site are presented with descriptions of various toys, and are asked whether the child would like or dislike each of them. Based on the responses, and those of other users, the EachToy computer creates a list of toys the child is likely to enjoy.

Collaborative filtering isn't a new idea. Firefly Network Inc. of Cambridge, Mass. is the best-known developer of this process. The company's Firefly Internet site uses questionnaires to help people select music recordings and movies they would probably like.

For several months, Digital has quietly run a similar service called EachMovie for choosing which movies to see. So far, only about 50,000 people have used EachMovie. But Digital wants to attract many more people to EachToy, which is intended to serve as a high-profile demonstration of Digital's collaborative filtering technology. "We think it provides an interesting and unique service to Internet users," said Jay Zager, vice president of business operations at Digital's corporate strategy and technology group. "It's what we would call a technology showcase."



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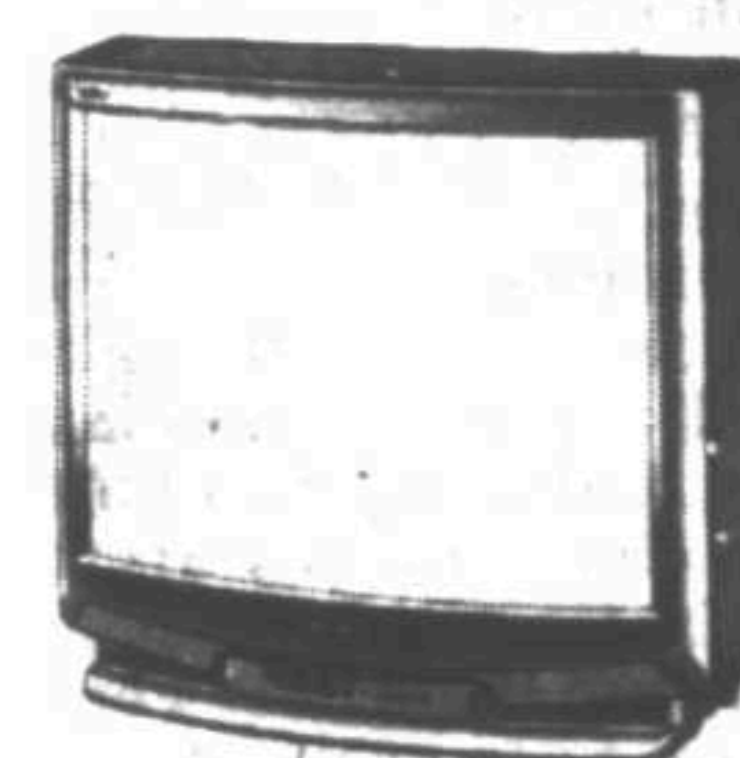
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Tuba or flute

Do musicians resemble their instruments?

By Debbie Erwin
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EDMOND, Okla. — A student comes into the band room on the first day of class bouncing off the walls. Kinetic energy is flowing through his veins. He knows what instrument he wants to play, and it will be hard to persuade him otherwise.

Nine times out of 10, this student probably wants to play the drums, said Memorial High Band Director Bill Pearson.

Some personality types are more attracted to certain instruments although not everyone fits into a certain mold, several local band directors said.

People tend to think of trumpet players as having boisterous personalities and flute players as demure females, for instance.

"You tend to find that percussionists are a little wilder and that trumpet players are more outgoing," said Brian Jansen, band director for Deer Creek middle and high schools. "But you find that all types play all instruments."

So what do the instruments students play say about their personalities?

While a student in University of Oklahoma's marching band, Jansen did observe that flute players tended to be "prim and proper" and trumpet and trombone players competed to see who could play louder as a section.

"Trumpets are loud, 'in-your-face' type instruments so it would make sense that an in-your-face type person would be attracted to that," Pearson said.

Summit student Jinger Howell talks in a soft voice, considers herself shy and likes feminine things. Her personality flows through the flute and reflects the sweet music it produces.

Sound may have something to do with the instruments to which students are attracted, said Mike Lowery, Santa Re and Summit band director. From what area students said, he's right.

Summit student Meredith Wilson plays the clarinet and likes that instrument because of its "pretty tone." She doesn't like the corone because of its loudness.

"It's not too high or not too low," Miss Wilson said of the clarinet.

Miss Wilson describes herself in much the same "middle-of-the-road" way — not too shy nor too outgoing.

Pearson said the flute and clarinet may also attract students who like to work in a group, which is necessary because those sections generally tend to have more players to balance out the brass instruments.

Those who want to go it alone might try the oboe or bassoon.

"Oboes and bassoons are individuals," Lowery said.

Pearson said student who choose to play those instruments must not be afraid to stand out in a crowd because most competition music has oboe and bassoon solos.

Daniel Calvert is one of two seventh-grade bassoon players at Summit Middle School. He enjoys the individuality it allows him.

"I feel like I'm part of the group, but I also feel like I'm different — not better than everybody else, just different," Calvert said.

But not everybody fits the stereotype of their instrument.

Saxophone players have been described as "clowns." Several of the Summit seventh-graders who play sax say they are "active and always on the move." But not Lauren Wynn, who is the only

female among the sax players.

Miss Wynn, a fan of popular saxophonist Kenny G, switched to the saxophone after playing the clarinet for a year. She sees herself as "quieter" than her saxophone playing counterparts.

The saxophone has become the most popular instrument and is seen as "high profile," Pearson said. Its recent popularity may stem from President Clinton's affinity for the instrument.

Of course, physical characteristics also play a part in pairing a student with an instrument, Jansen said.

"You don't want someone with a tremendous overbite to play the trumpet," he said. Long fingers for the clarinet are a desirable physical trait, he said.

Students generally are allowed to select the instrument they want to play but are also interviewed, given aptitude tests and checked for physical characteristics such as face structures, Lowery said.

A person's sex is not one of the physical criteria band directors look at when determining if a student can play a certain instrument.

The days of bands being drawn along gender lines — boys playing drums; girls playing flutes — are gone. That accounts for not everyone falling into "traditional" molds.

Girls can play tubas and boys can play flutes without feeling out of place.

Memorial's marching band has both sexes on all instruments except the flute, Pearson said.

The flute and clarinet have traditionally been instruments chosen by girls.

"The perception is (a flute is) a girlish instrument. But if you look at the outstanding performers on that instrument, you see they all are men," Jansen said.

North High School has three male flutists in its marching band, and males held Santa Fe's first chair in clarinet for two of the past three years.

Freshman James Dow began playing the flute when he was 8 and heard jokes about his instrument of choice.

"They say it's a girl's instrument," Dow said.

But he and the other male flutists at North don't pay them any mind.

And, contrary to popular belief, females do play the tuba.

One of Lowery's former female tuba players had a saying that has stuck around the Santa Fe band room — "You don't have to be a dumb, big, ugly male to play the tuba."

North junior Crystal Nelson is proof.

Miss Nelson may only stand 4 feet, 11 inches, but she proudly carries her 35-pound tuba. She's become accustomed to stares from people who are surprised to see a petite girl playing such a "manly" instrument.

"I've accomplished something. I've done something people usually don't do. It's unusual, and I like the unusual," she said.

Miss Nelson receives some ribbing from males she meets at band contest, where less than 10 percent of the tuba players are females. She showed one male who was spouting off about how girls couldn't play tuba at last year's tryouts for the state honor band. She did have to settle for second chair at the contest, but it was a Norman girl who took first-chair honors.

"A lot of guys think girls can't play the tuba, but I always get first chair," she said.



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Help from Santa

A group leaving Janie Stark Elementary School for the holidays gets a little help from Santa, crossing guard Bob Wade, Thursday, in Farmers Branch. Walking with Santa are Magdalena Fierros, 9, left, her brother Augustine Fierros, 6, center, and Debbie Salmi, holding her daughter Sierra, and her son Zach, 7. This is the third year Wade has worn a Santa suit on the final day school day before Christmas.

ValuJet cancels flights lacking government OK

ATLANTA (AP) — ValuJet scrambled to find seats on other airlines for 800 passengers left stranded Thursday because it sold them tickets on flights not yet approved by federal regulators.

The 800 passengers had been booked on 17 flights scheduled between Atlanta and three other cities: West Palm Beach and Fort Myers, Fla., and Dallas-Fort Worth.

ValuJet had announced plans Nov. 25 to expand its service to those cities, though it did not have approval from the Federal Aviation Administration to add the five planes it would need to do so.

Once it became clear the FAA approval would not come in time, ValuJet sought to use charter aircraft for its ticketholders. But the FAA did not approve that plan in time either.

"This was a huge surprise and

shock to us. We submitted those plans 45 days ago, on Nov. 1," ValuJet spokeswoman Marcia Scott said.

Dozens of angry passengers lined up at ValuJet's ticket counter in Atlanta, trying to arrange other flights or get refunds.

Mark McLamb of Greenville, S.C., had driven to Atlanta the night before, expecting to catch a flight to Dallas to pick up his children for a Christmas visit.

"If nothing else, they took my money, put it in their pockets and paid their bills," he grumbled. "They basically borrowed my money for free."

Federal regulators said thousands of passengers could be stranded over the holidays because ValuJet has sold about 15,000 tickets for flights to the three cities through Jan. 6.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: tennis great Chris Evert, actress Jane Fonda, track star Florence Griffith Joyner, director John Avildsen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Children need special attention now. Do not brush them off with promises of future fun. Dashing from one party to another may be more tiring than expected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Quality means more than quantity when purchasing gifts for family members. Look for a one-of-a-kind item for someone who is artistic. Traditional board games are still a fun pastime for youngsters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A devoted pet owner will love receiving a gift for a beloved animal companion.

Read holiday poems or stories to small fry, then encourage them to act out their favorites.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your kindness to an older person will not be forgotten. Run errands and do some last-minute gift wrapping. Publicly voicing your appreciation for your mate's support will strengthen your relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Finding a way to reduce tension between relatives will make this weekend much more enjoyable. An intelligent compromise will help you achieve a cherished goal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotion could get in the way of a sensible decision. Postpone making any big changes until you have reviewed your finances. A platonic relationship is gradually evolving into a romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A great day to do something for others. Deliver gifts or cookies to a nearby nursing home or community center. Children imitate their parents. Set a good example; perform your duties with a cheerful attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Clear up a minor misunderstanding before it becomes more serious. Tact helps you win a difficult relative's cooperation. Purchase extra film if planning to snap pictures at a family or neighborhood gathering.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Resist the urge to reveal a secret at a family get-together. This is not the time to rake someone over the coals. A cheerful attitude is contagious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Exciting news, contact with someone faraway and a special promise will make this a memorable weekend. Let the element of surprise work to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everything is coming up roses for you now! Count your blessings instead of dwelling on what might have been. A tiny tot expresses a last-minute wish. Do your best to make it come true.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your generosity may be greater than your financial resources. Remember, it is the thought that counts. Give presents that reflect your knowledge of each loved one's interests.

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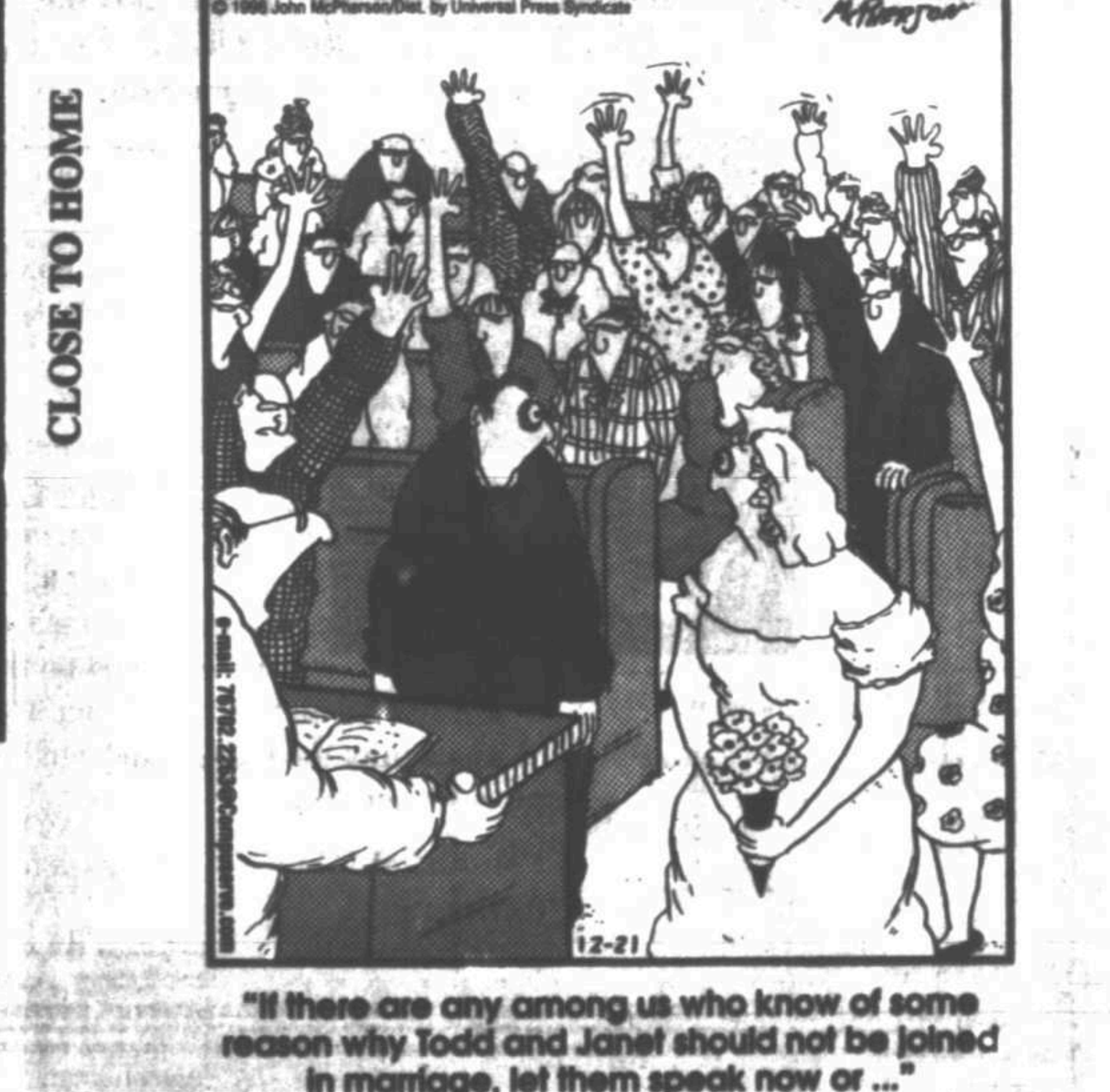
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Q. 5 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
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Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?
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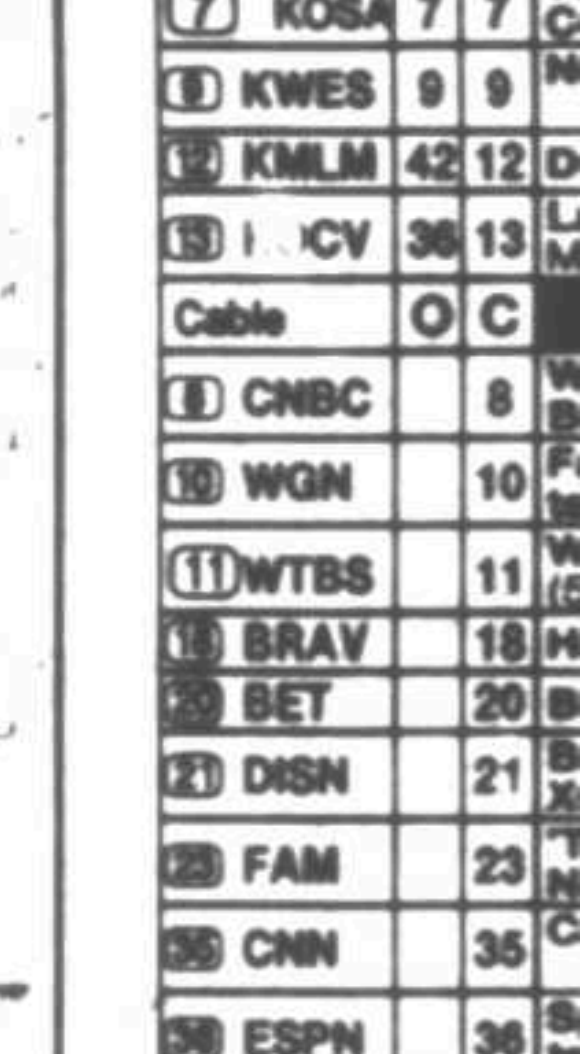
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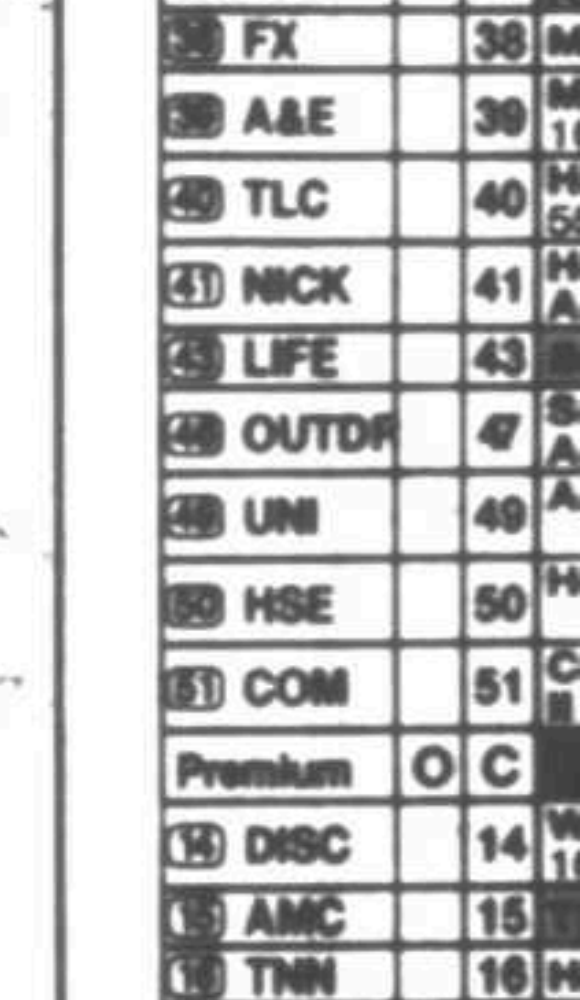
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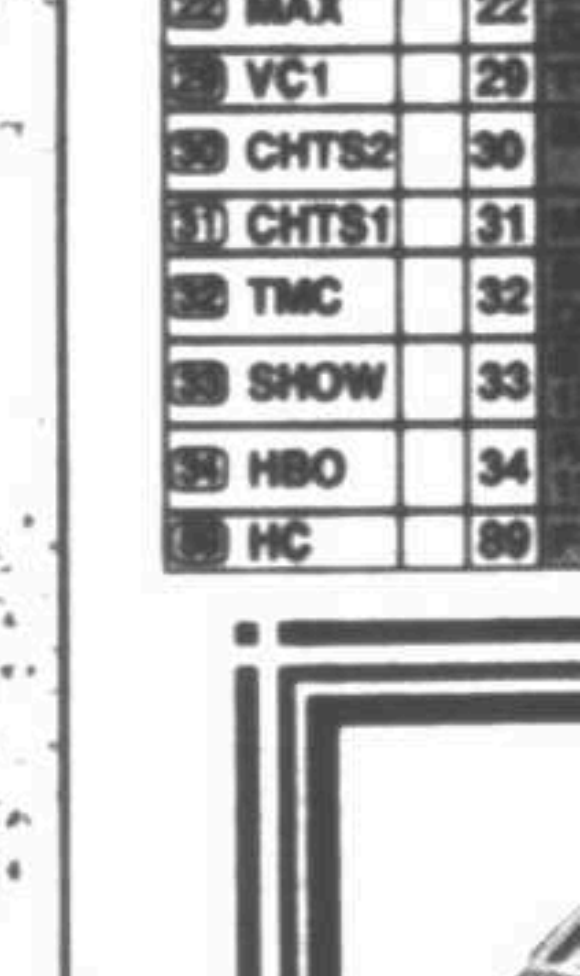
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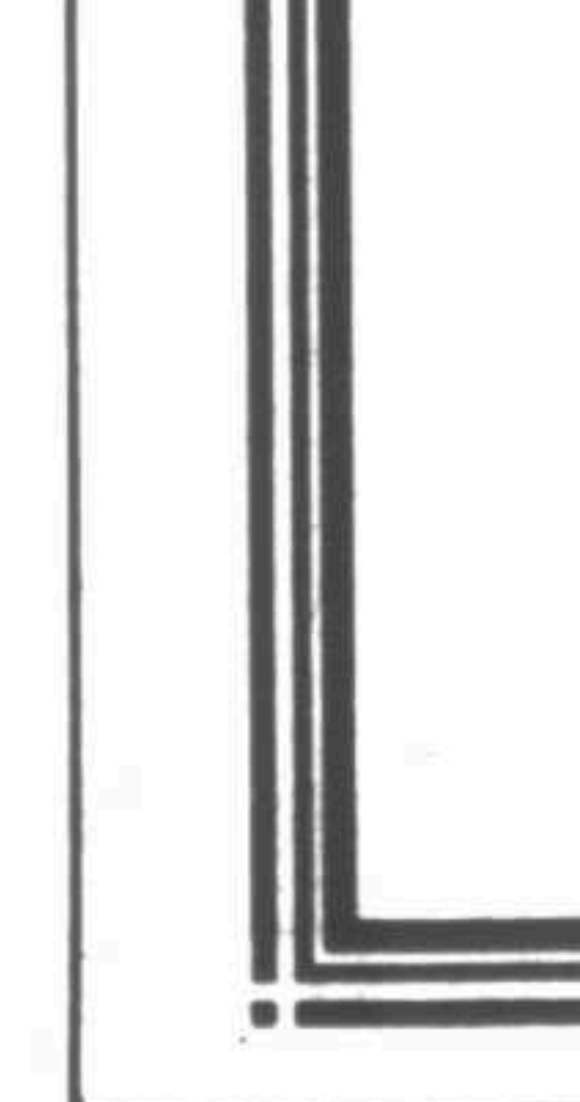
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PEOPLE

It's seconds for Debra Winger who has a new husband, is expecting

NEW YORK — The urban cowgirl has found another gentleman.

Debra Winger has married a second time, this time to actor and longtime boyfriend Arliss Howard in a quiet ceremony over the Thanksgiving holiday. Her spokesman, Allen Eichhorn, also said Ms. Winger is pregnant.

"They are expecting a baby in June," Eichhorn said Friday.

Ms. Winger, 40, starred in "Terms of Endearment," "An Officer and a Gentleman" and "Urban Cowboy." She has a 9-year-old son by her first husband, actor Timothy Hutton.

Howard, 41, had roles in "Full Metal Jacket" and "For the Boys."

The couple met on the set of the 1993 romantic comedy "Wilder Napalm" and have been together ever since. They live in New York.

ARLINGTON, Va. — Geoffrey Rush is not really a frenetic, piano-playing prodigy, but he plays one in the movies. Critically acclaimed for his portrayals of eccentric pianist David Helfgott in "Shine," Rush is still getting used to Hollywood.

"I didn't see myself as a film actor," the Australian stage star said in Friday's USA Today. "I was quite happy as a theater actor who had cornered the market playing wacko, marginalized, extreme characters."

The real Helfgott suffers from a mental condition that causes sometimes unintelligible speech and rapid movement. Rush said the pianist "laughed a lot" when shown a video of the movie.

"He found me terribly amusing as him, which is great," Rush said. "And he cried a lot. Afterward he said, 'This is the best film I've seen since "Ben-Hur,"' which I think is classic."

LOS ANGELES — Dustin Hoffman has agreed to settle his lawsuit against a movie company and a director he says were supposed to give him a role in last year's political drama "City Hall."

A lawyer for the Oscar-winning actor, Edward Sabin, told a judge on Thursday that a settlement was being drafted. Details were not released.



Dustin Hoffman agrees to settle lawsuit over movie "City Hall."

Hoffman, 57, also sued director Harold Becker. He accused Becker of falsely telling Castle Rock that Hoffman would not commit to the film and had demanded "wholesale" script changes.

A Castle Rock spokeswoman confirmed that a settlement was in the works.

AUSTIN — Former world champion bicyclist Lance Armstrong hopes to race again next year after months of treatment for cancer.

Doctors have told Armstrong that he probably will not have to receive more chemotherapy, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday. That's good news for 1993's road race champion, a two-time Tour de France stage winner and two-time Tour DuPont titlist.

"I'm almost back to normal," Armstrong, 25, said. "But I don't have my old life back. Yet."

Armstrong disclosed in October that he had had a cancerous testicle removed and was undergoing chemotherapy to fight the disease that had spread to his stomach and lungs. He later had two small brain lesions removed.

"I could go in April or May but I may have to wait until August, because even if I was ready to come back in June or July, that's the Tour de France, and I don't want to make that my first race," he said.

LOS ANGELES — Mel Torme is making encouraging progress four months after his stroke, a spokesman said Friday.

The 71-year-old singer was moved to a rehabilitation wing Thursday, Rob Wilcox said. "He was up and walking with the aide of a physical therapist and a rail on the wall. Everyone is thrilled with that," Wilcox said.



Mel Torme, 71, is making progress



Mel Torme, 71, is making progress after having a stroke.



Dustin Hoffman agrees to settle lawsuit over movie "City Hall."

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Former President Carter's life journey: power and higher power

By Kevin Sack
N.Y. Times News Service

PLAINS, Ga. — As he strolled into the simple sanctuary of Maranatha Baptist Church, the Bible-toting Sunday school teacher was greeted by instant applause and an explosion of flashbulbs.

"Good morning everybody," Jimmy Carter said with a smile. "Good morning," his 250 pupils responded in unison.

Visitors outnumbered church members by at least 5 to 1. They hailed from Clyde, Ohio, and Bedford, Mass., and Norman, Okla. Charles and Phyllis Ricardi, their Quik LeSabre loaded with sacks of Florida oranges, stopped by on their way back to New Hampshire from a family reunion in Pensacola. Kathy Summerford, a high school history teacher from Columbus, Ga., brought a busload of Russian exchange students.

"We want to expose them to as much of American life as we can and that includes the accessibility of American officials," Ms. Summerford said. "We want them to understand that the people who run our government are our neighbors and friends, not some far-off person."

These weekly sessions — Carter teaches the adult class whenever he is in town, nearly three Sundays out of every four — are indeed remarkable for the ability of regular folks to walk in, grab a seat and exchange views with the 39th president of the United States. But they also are remarkable for what Carter has to say.

BY THE end of the hourlong class, he had not only directed a discussion about the life of John the Baptist, the subject of the day's scriptural reading, but had used St. John's story as the basis for a blistering critique of fundamentalism, both in Carter's own Southern Baptist church and in other denominations.

He also had offered his opinion that Jesus never would have approved of either abortion or the death penalty, asserted his personal belief in the virgin birth while dismissing the notion that God created the earth in six days and even told an off-color joke about the first Democrat to succeed him in the Oval Office, Bill Clinton.

"By the way," he said, interrupting a discourse about the subordination of women within the Southern Baptist church, "there was a headline in The Atlanta Constitution — 'Clinton Taps Woman.' They were talking about his choice for secretary of state, but some people thought it involved Paula Jones."

Carter, 72, has been teaching Sunday school since he was a young Navy submariner, and he taught occasionally while president at Washington's First Baptist Church.

The former president's faith has always been integral to his political persona, perhaps more than with any other recent president, and it has guided his post-presidential work in peacemaking and

ministering to the sick and the poor. Now he has written a book, grounded in the Sunday school lessons he has taught since leaving Washington, about his own spirituality and his search for religious meaning.

THE BOOK, "Living Faith" (Times Books, 1996), has won attention for Carter's confession that his marriage to Rosalynn Carter has at times been so troubled that it survived only because of their shared religious faith.

But it is most notable as a memoir of one man's lifelong spiritual journey, from his unquestioning Bible Belt upbringing here in southwest Georgia to his loss of faith after being defeated by Lester Maddox in the 1966 gubernatorial election to his current devotion to Christian works, like house-building for Habitat for Humanity.

"Throughout these three score and 10 years," Carter wrote, "my faith as a Christian has provided the necessary stability in my life. Come to think of it, stability is not exactly the right word because to have faith in something is an inducement not to dormancy but to action. To me, faith is not just a noun but also a verb."

Maranatha Baptist Church was founded in a pecan grove on the outskirts of Plains in 1977, the first year of Carter's presidency, after a much-publicized split with the Plains Baptist Church. One reason for the split was the resistance of some members of the Plains Baptist Church to welcoming black worshippers. The issue became a political embarrassment for Carter.

Today, Maranatha has only 125 members. But Carter's Sunday school class has become something of a cottage industry, attracting 7,632 visitors last year. When the visitors line up outside after services to be photographed with Carter and his wife, some whisper to him that they have not attended church since childhood.

THE VISITORS make a significant difference in filling the Sunday collection plate, according to the Rev. Daniel G. Ariail, and the church helps support its missionaries in Togo through the sale of audiotapes of Carter's lessons. Ariail, meanwhile, is marketing his own spiritual biography of Carter, "The Carpenter's Apprentice" (Harper Collins, 1996).

Like many parishioners, Carter has dressed casually for church, wearing gray slacks, a plaid jacket and a striped shirt left unbuttoned at the neck and the collar points. His teaching style is equally informal, with a heavy emphasis on class participation.

"What do we know about John the Baptist, anyone?" he began, as his students began calling out answers. "He baptized Jesus. He was Jesus' cousin. OK, very good. He lived in the desert. Right. Lost his head over a dancing girl. Indirectly, that's true. He was a Nazirite. Who knows what a Nazirite was?"

Sometimes the answers do not come quickly enough. "How should we relate to John the Baptist?"

Anybody? Carter asked, only to be greeted by silence. "Do you see any lessons in this Scripture for you and me? Anybody?" More silence. "Have we wasted our time?"

Before long, Carter, who plants himself firmly in the moderate minority of the Southern Baptist Convention, had drifted into a full-throated critique of Christian fundamentalism and its attitudes toward lesbians and gay men, women and Jews.

On homosexuality, he said: "I'm not endorsing it. It makes me uncomfortable. But to single it out just because we don't do it and make a crusade out of it, to me, is not Christian."

ON THE view of some fundamentalists that those who do not accept Christ are condemned to hell: "I cannot imagine an innocent person being deprived of God's eternal blessing because they don't have a chance to accept Christ."

On Jews and God: "I was really grieved when I was president to hear the president of the Southern Baptist Convention saying that God doesn't hear the prayer of a Jew. To me, that was embarrassing."

In an interview after church, Carter said he "could easily accept a new moderate Baptist denomination" but said he would not recommend such a move because it inevitably would lead to splits in churches like Maranatha.

Carter said he experienced his greatest loss of faith after losing the gubernatorial race to Maddox, a staunch segregationist. "I thought that I was doing God's will," he said. "I didn't believe that I had a holy crusade or that sort of thing, but I thought that the time had come in Georgia to end racism and discrimination and I thought that the personification of that was Lester Maddox. He won. I lost. And I felt abandoned by God."

Carter said he regained his faith with the help of his sister, Ruth Carter Stapleton, a prominent evangelist who died in 1983.

While he described himself as "a loyal Southern Baptist," Carter said he remained deeply disturbed by the denomination's fundamentalist bent, which he characterized as a profound misreading of the teachings of Christ.

Despite his enduring faith, Carter said he has never developed an explanation for why disaster strikes the innocent and faithful, as

when a child is hit by a car.

"MAYBE THE basic answer is the excessive elevation in importance of a human life, the length of it, in the eyes of God," he said. "That's not an easy thing for us to accept. I mean, there's a contradiction of what we inherently want — long life, healthy life, successful life measured in material

things — on the one hand, and what Christ preached as important things in life — humility, self-sacrifice, the well-being of others, service, compassion, forgiveness, love."

Ever the Sunday school teacher, Carter continued: "One of the most significant verses in my mind is Paul's response when he

was asked, I think by the Corinthians, 'What are the things in life that never change?' And Paul says, 'The things you cannot see.' It's kind of a mysterious answer but he sure wasn't talking about a house or a bank account or getting your name in the newspapers. He was talking about the things that Christ preached."

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Some airline prices unfair, consumer group charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some cross-country air travelers may pay \$1,000 more than the passenger in the next seat, even though both asked for the "lowest" fare, a consumer group reports.

A lot depends on how hard a travel agent searches for the best fare, and that can depend on how hard the customer pushes them, said Janice Shields of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

"You have to let them know you really want to lowest fare," she said. Ask: "Is that really the lowest? And they will look again."

Chris Privett of the American Society of Travel Agents, blamed airline pricing policies for the wide range of prices, saying "there may be up to 100,000 fare changes a day. So, from moment to moment, depending on how quickly seats are filling, there will be fare changes and they can be substantial."

Airlines try to manage their incomes by limiting the number of seats sold at low prices, Privett explained. "They have a certain inventory of cheaper seats," he said. "As the last seat at that price gets filled, the fare will jump. So prices can change substantially over the course of a day."

The consumer group made calls to 325 travel agents and airlines across the country on Nov. 19, asking prices on each of 23 trips for one person, on a specified day, either with or without advance purchase discounts.

Instead of 23 similar responses, the callers were quoted 180 different prices.

The biggest gap was \$1,174.54 between the highest and lowest price quotes for a trip between Los Angeles and New York. Ten different prices were quoted in response to 15 inquiries for prices on that route, ranging from a low of \$364.82 to a high of \$1,539.36.

"We were dismayed to find such a wide range of air fares when the

lowest price was requested for identical trips," she said.

The greatest variety occurred from Washington, D.C.

On 13 calls for fares between Washington and Billings, Mont., the group got 13 different quotes, ranging from \$580 to \$1,452. It made 14 requests for fares between Washington and Salt Lake City and got 14 different fares. The range was from \$396.40 to \$1,000.

And it tried 15 different agents or airlines seeking fares between Washington and Austin, Texas. The response: 15 different prices from \$194 to \$994.

On the other hand, prices quoted between Newark, N.J., and Los Angeles were quite consistent. Fourteen inquiries produced just two different prices: \$1,500 or \$1,530.28.

Travel agents tended to produce lower prices than calls to airlines, the report found, even though agents earn commissions on their sales. Their fees are 10 percent of the ticket price up to a maximum of \$50.

Privett said travel agents depend on repeat business, "so an agent trying to take advantage of a traveler (by selling a more costly ticket) makes no sense."

Of the 23 routes surveyed, travel agents produced the lowest fares in 14 cases.

Buying tickets in advance and staying over a Saturday night usually resulted in lower prices.

Travelers would have saved \$100 or more on 15 trips by buying in advance, but on five trips the saving by buying 30 days ahead was less than \$50.

Staying over a Saturday night saved at least \$50 on 13 of the routes, with the discount topping \$500 in four cases, the researchers said.

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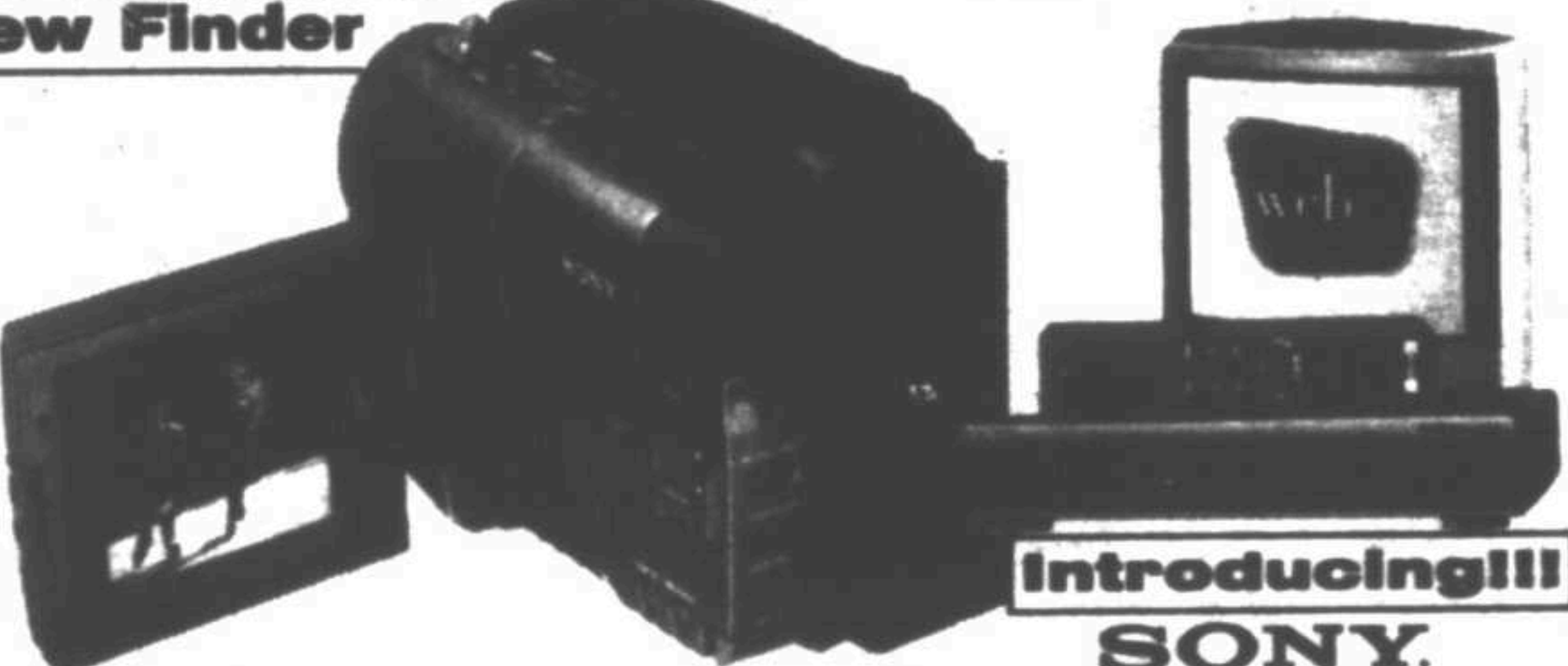
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Dear Tom and Ray:

I'm a woman with a new Ford Ranger XLT. I have four idiotic brothers who tell me it's bad to coast down hills in Neutral. Help me prove these men wrong! —Karen

TOM: They're right, Karen. They probably were wrong to make you taste frogs when you were a kid... and to tell you that you were adopted from space aliens, but they're right about coasting down hills.

RAY: Coasting downhill is dangerous for several reasons. First of all, without the natural braking action of the engine, you can pick up a lot of speed in a hurry.

TOM: And in that situation, to keep from going too fast, you're likely to overuse and overheat your brakes.

RAY: And overheating the brakes is no small matter. When they overheat, the brake fluid can actually start to boil. And when the brake fluid boils, your pedal goes right to the floor.

TOM: You also might need to make an emergency maneuver and accelerate to get out of somebody's way. And if you're in Neutral, it'll take you longer to do that—maybe too long.

RAY: And finally, when you're coasting, the engine could stall without your knowing it—until you tried to stop or turn and found you had no power steering or power brakes.

TOM: And as Homer Simpson would say at that point, Karen: "Doh!"

Dear Tom and Ray:

What's the best car to buy our 16-year-old daughter? Cost, while a factor, is a lower priority than air bags, anti-lock brakes and other safety features that will improve her chances of survival should she be in an accident. We live approximately five minutes from a major university, where there were five car wrecks on the first day of classes. Alcohol plays a large role in most wrecks in our area (probably in all areas) and we are more concerned about the "other guys" being careless than we are about our daughter's driving ability and judgement. What would you recommend, preferably second-hand, for our daughter? —Irving

TOM: You want a second-hand recommendation? What if I tell my brother and he tells you?

RAY: My brother recommends an early '90s Volvo. Irv. It's hard to beat a Volvo for passive safety. It's heavy, structurally strong, and if you don't go back too many years, you can get one with at least a driver's airbag and probably ABS, too.

TOM: The only significant safety improvement that has come along since then is the limited introduction of side-impact airbags, which you can get on newer model Volvos and some Mercedes and BMW models. The cheapest of that bunch is probably a new Volvo 850, which'll cost you about \$30,000. And my guess is your daughter will need a hefty hike in her allowance to make the payments on that baby.

RAY: So I'd suggest either an early '90s Volvo 240 or 740 if snow is not an issue where you live. Or a '93 or '94 Volvo 850 if snow is a factor, since the 850 is front-wheel drive. Those are all very safe cars. Plus, none of them is terribly flashy, so she won't attract undue attention.

TOM: And trust me, Irv. As the father of a formerly 16-year-old daughter, she'll be attracting enough unwanted attention (at least from your point of view) without a flashy set of wheels. Good luck to both of you.

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Toyota Camry sedan recast with more power

by Bob Plunkett
Special to Reporter-Telegram

Tampering with the design for a car that has become one of this country's top sellers, with more than two million units issued since its inception in 1983, should not be undertaken without considerable deliberation. Complicating Toyota's decision to create a new fourth generational expression for Camry — the mid-size sedan which accounts for 20 percent of all Toyota badges in North America — is the fact that Camry's third design of 1992 established a new benchmark for curvy aerodynamic styling and performance that still seems progressive and modern.

The new design, conformed strictly in sedan format for introductory models and cast with 1997 badging, looks vaguely different from its predecessor.

Camry appears more rakish now with a sharply canted windshield which sets the tone for an exterior package that's even more streamlined and smooth. It also seems bigger, as measurements confirm.

The wheelbase expands by more than two inches, with overall width increasing by almost half an inch and cabin height rising by fractions.

This stretched structure translates to more interior room for riders, particularly in the rear seat where space for heads and legs enlarges by a half-inch each.

Camry's larger stance reflects Toyota's general goal to Americanize its mainstay model, as witnessed in an evolutionary process that began in earnest in 1988 with the inception of its Kentucky assembly plant.

Although Camry has been generally classified as "Japanese" due to parentage by Toyota, the vast majority of all revamped sedans will flow from the Kentucky facility. This plant has also produced many past Camrys marked for export, including right-hand-drive versions which end up in Japan for sale to Japanese drivers.

How "American" is the new Camry? Well, Toyota's United States design team conceived and developed the package specifically for our domestic market. Underpinnings — chassis, suspension, drivetrain — were engineered in Japan, with the rest — exterior styling, interior fittings, production processes and materials — worked out by Toyota's U.S. designers.

This American slant shows up in subtle ways inside Camry, such as dimensions for passenger head and leg space. Adults in the United States generally have longer legs and taller torsos than the typical Japanese rider, so we need more interior inches devoted to legroom and more space overhead to keep from bumping the headliner.

Camry's front bucket seats serve as case in point. The new design features seat bottoms which extend forward to better cradle longer

thighs of American bodies. Further, each seat's vertical adjustment range was doubled in height, meaning it can accommodate a taller array of torsos and make each feel more comfortable.

Many other aspects of Camry's new cabin design reflect the design goal to make appointments more friendly in use. Analog gauges of the instrument panel with easy-read white-on-black design appear bigger and brighter. Controls for audio and interior climate system have been reset in the console cluster for logical arrangement, with those frequently used placed in more accessible spots.

Cupholders — a unique compassion for Americans — show up in plentiful and convenient positions.

Thoughtful touches scattered throughout Camry's cabin include multiple new storage spaces and more practical appointments, such as the new overhead console, secondary power outlet and visor extension panels. Perhaps the best new asset is Camry's quietness. The quality of this quietness is more akin to deluxe luxury cars like a Lexus, Toyota's upscale spin-off.

Increased insulating materials in Camry block external noises — even from the engine. With the gear in neutral position and the accelerator revving the engine to redline, you may detect only the slightest hint of noise or vibration.

This factor of quietness imparts a discriminating flavor through Camry's interior; you feel dressed up and fancy, like you're riding in one of those mega-bucks models. It stems from Toyota's extensive refinements of Camry's body and powertrain, like high-tech balance shafts in the engine which delete high-rpm vibrations, or special sound damping materials embedded throughout the rigid structure.

In a series of Texas tests involving the three trim levels and both 4-cylinder and V6 powerplants, Camry's 1997 editions also felt more stable and controllable on the road.

Independent suspension elements at all corners and a power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering system smooth out the road bumps but quicken Camry's responses. A new computer-controlled Bosch anti-lock brake system shows up as standard hardware on all models now, save the price-conscious entry edition.

In addition, a traction control system, working in concert with anti-lock brakes and fuel delivery



The fourth-generational 1997 Toyota Camry appears more rakish with canted windshield and streamlining. Bigger, to conform to American tastes and body build, quietness to compare with luxury models, and refinements of body and powertrain. Three model options give you choices between twin-cam 2.2-L 4-cylinder or 3.0-L V6 engines, 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic transmission, and power-operated equipment.

system, prevents wheel slippage on wet or icy pavement. The device becomes a new option for Camry's top models with the V6 engine.

Tackle a set of twisties like I did through the Texas Hill Country, and you'll find the kind of wheel action you'd expect from European touring cars. Take to freeways, like those navigated around Austin, and Camry won't let you down when time to boogie up a ramp or rip to another lane.

The base twin-cam 2.2-liter 4-cylinder engine works well with output pushed up to 133 hp. but that revised 3.0-liter V6 — in quad-cam format now pegged to 194 hp — puts

a definitive kick in Camry's pedal. Pick a trim to clarify Camry's personality. Both engines and manual or automatic transmission are available at each stage, labeled CE, LE and XLE.

In base CE trim Camry skews toward the economical, first for purchase price, later with operating expenses.

Mid-level LE tilts toward luxury with upgraded appointments and power-operated equipment.

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My own introduction to "widetracking" was exciting but quite embarrassing. I'd taken a temporary job in late 1958 as a local census taker — a job that satisfied my writer's curiosity if not my pocketbook. And my supervisor was a portly white-haired, dignified-looking gentleman on the verge of retirement.

He invited me to lunch one day and we stopped in at a local Pontiac showroom. My supervisor came on like W.C. Fields, waving his arms and making loud, highly critical comments about the new Pontiacs and the inexperienced salesmen who were showing them. Then, when a young salesman asked him about his gaudy red '58 Chevy convertible parked outside, my supervisor brayed loudly, "I didn't have to pay a penny for it! It was a gift to me from my sister. She's a wealthy madam in Las Vegas."

By then I was so embarrassed that I could have crawled under one of the cars in the showroom. Most of what my supervisor said was pure fiction (in the grand tradition of W.C. Fields), but I wished at the time that I could disappear and reappear elsewhere. And the Pontiac salesman all wished my supervisor would do the same.

There were tales that some of the Wide-Track Pontiacs could go 140 mph and more. In certain cases this could be true, in cars that had all the optional muscle-car hardware. Under the aggressive supervision of John DeLorean, General Motors Corp.'s Pontiac division made great strides forward for several years, even threatening Chevrolet's first place in sales for GM cars.

Because of the Great Horsepower Races and availability of various hot "Trophy" V-8 engines, Pontiac declared 1965 as "The Year of the Quick Wide-Tracks". A special bucket-seated version of this 1965 Catalina hardtop was also available, with decorative cowl louvers at the sides and a "2-2" designation above the grille where the "Pontiac" lettering would otherwise be. (The big Bonneville models, likewise, had the "Bonneville" name in that spot above the grille.)

In 1965, Pontiac also built the Star Chief series, as well as the magnificent Grand Prix, which had a special grille and styling of its own. Since 1961, Pontiac also was building the compact Tempest, which spun off into the Le Mans and GTO models. (The GTO is highly collectible as a performance car.)

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FAST FACTS: 1997 TOYOTA CAMRY

Description	Mid-size sedan
Model options	CE, LE, XLE
Wheelbase	105.2 inches
Overall length	188.5 inches
Engine size	DOHC 2.2-L I4 QOHC 3.0-L V6
Transmissions/speeds	Manual/5, Auto/4
Rear/front drive	Front
Steering	Power rack and pinion
Braking	I-4: Power disc/drum/ABS V-6: Power 4-disc/ABS
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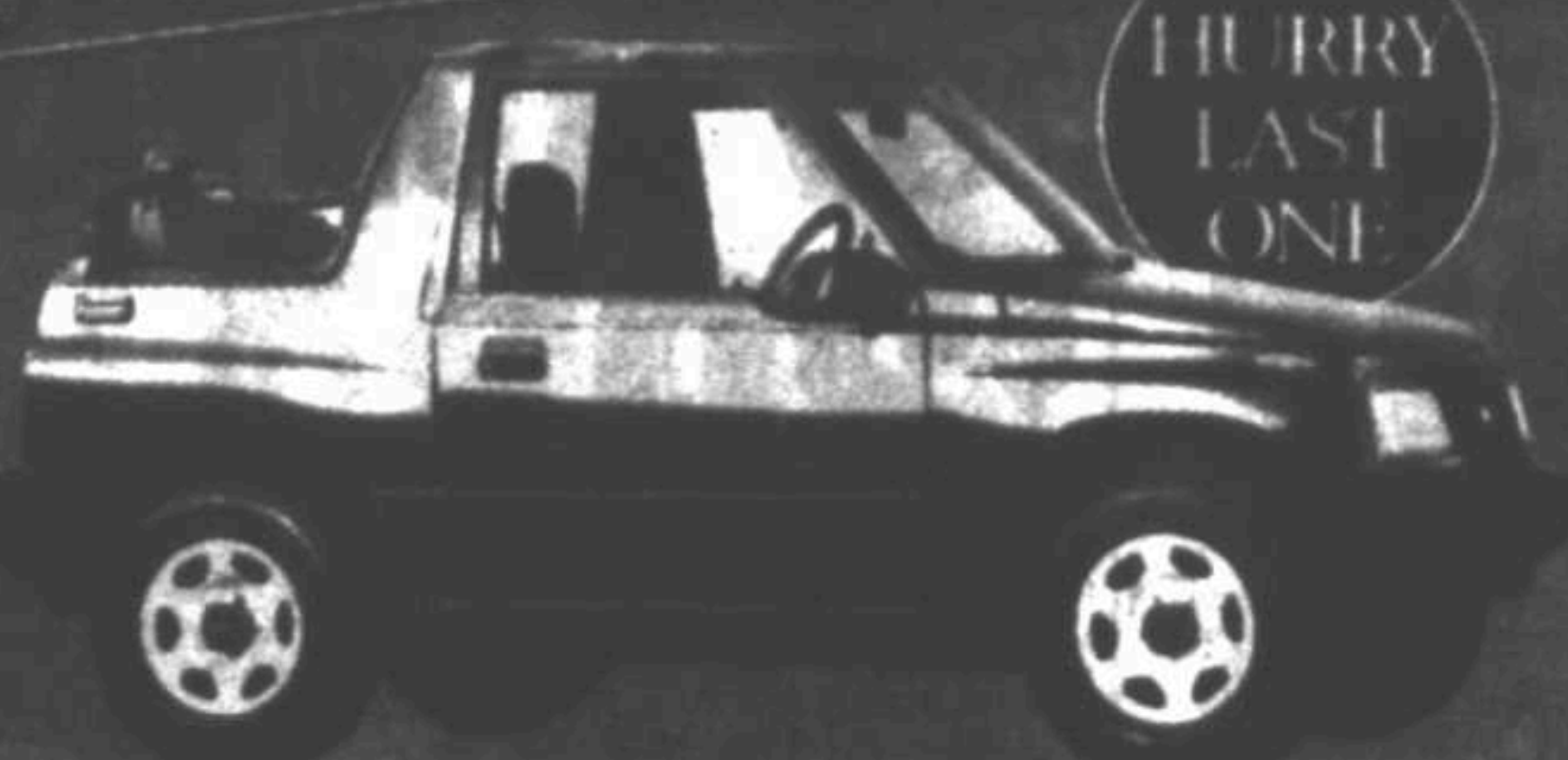
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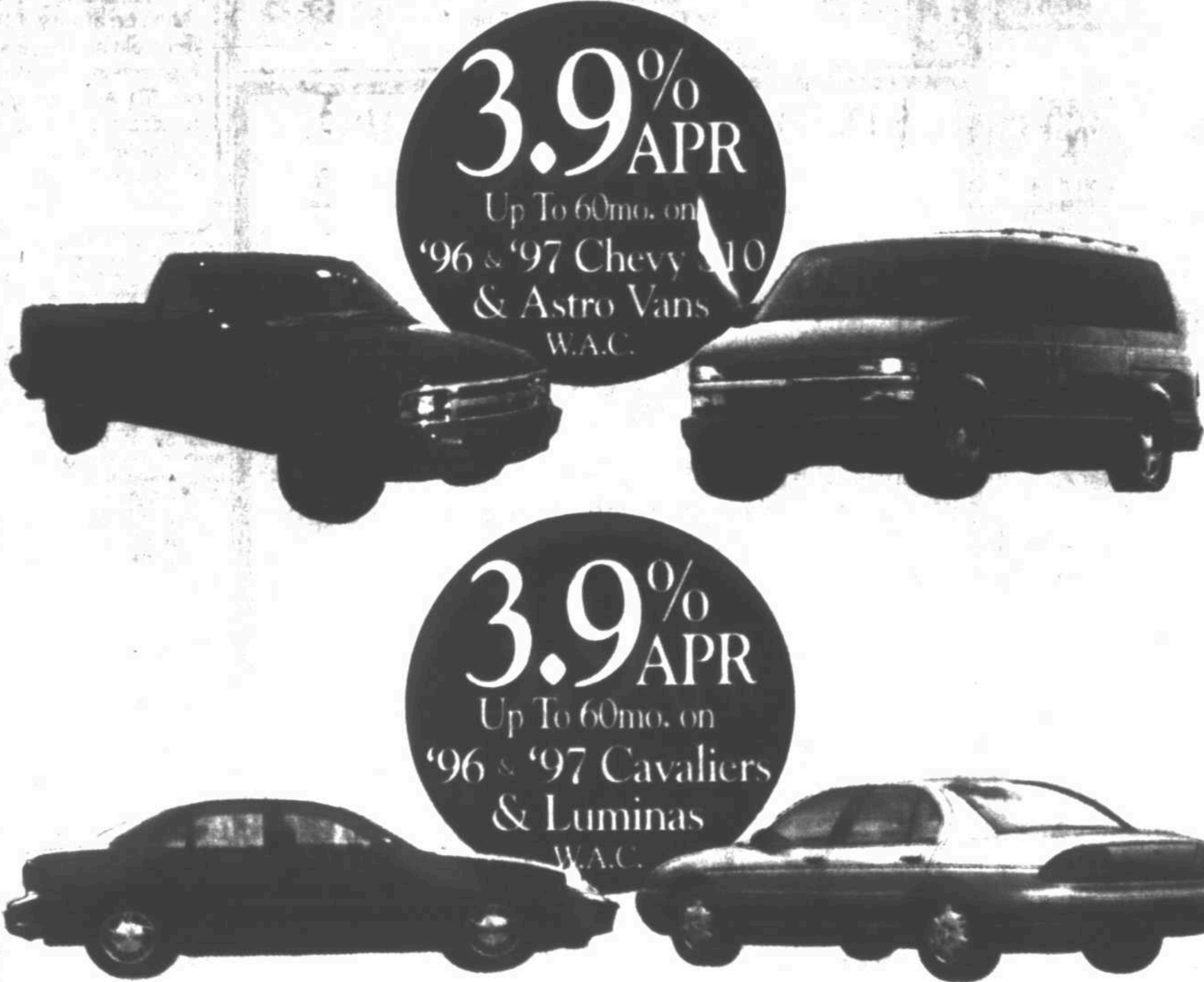


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FALLING INTO YOU Blonde, green-eyed, Christian female, 34, 5'8", 125lbs, seeks once-in-a-lifetime love with white Christian male, 30-40, serious callers only. #2113 (exp/1/12)

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NO COWBOYS, PLEASE! Educated, professional, divorced white female, 42, 5'3", Auburn/blue, lightweight proportionate. Enjoys travel, reading, intelligent conversation. Seeking white male, 35-50, who likes children, with similar attitudes and interests, for long-term relationship. #2108 (exp/1/12)

PROFESSIONAL Outgoing, understanding, American-Indian divorced female, 42, enjoys country and western dancing, traveling, romantic dinners. Seeking outgoing, fun, single/divorced white male, 35-50, who likes children, with similar attitudes and interests, for long-term relationship. #1959 (exp/1/14)

SWEET & SINGLE Single black female, enjoys reading, movies, dancing, concerts, and dining out. Seeking honest, truthful, dependable single black male, financially stable, who enjoys children and social gatherings. For relationship. #1955 (exp/1/14)

Men's Personals

SINGLE WHITE MALE, 38, nice, and nice-looking, seeks nice-looking, attractive woman, in similar age group, maybe younger. #2279 (exp/2/9)

FUNNY GUY Divorced white male, 31, 6'1", slender, blonde, musician and rancher (but not a country boy), enjoys dancing, playing guitar, rock-n-roll. Seeking petite single white/Hispanic female, 25-38, for friendship, dating and possible relationship. #2578 (exp/2/9)

LONELY SOLDIER BOY Divorced male, 31, enjoys country music, movies, quite evenings at home and looking for someone special, 29-33, to become friends. Smokers, drinkers welcome. No drugs. #2576 (exp/2/9)

ROMANCE Single black male, 32, 5'11", 175lbs, seeks companionship, possible relationship with single white or Hispanic female who enjoys all sporting activities, romantic evenings, walks, dining out, etc. #2375 (exp/2/9)

FUNNY, HANDSOME, OUTGOING Single white male, 5'9", 170lbs, athletic, loves dancing, movies, cooking. Seeking romantic, intelligent, attractive female, 20-34, height/weight proportionate. #2483 (exp/1/19)

HISPANIC MALE 25-year-old, seeks white/Hispanic female, 18-30, for companionship. If you like movies, drive too long trips, good conversation, I'm your man. #2482 (exp/1/19)

ATTRACTIVE White male, 22, seeks single white female, 25-40, for fun, possible relationship. #2481 (exp/1/19)

Men's Personals

OUTGOING MALE Attractive single white male, 31, professional, financially secure, well-built, athletic, adventurous, spontaneous. Seeking attractive single female, 20-37, adventurous, outgoing, who loves travel. #2480 (exp/1/19)

OUTGOING Black male, 31, enjoys dining out, movies, and evening walks, seeks female, 25-34, for friendship, possible relationship. #2475 (exp/1/19)

MOTORCYCLE RIDING? Clean-cut, 40-year-old, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys boating, fishing, camping, and motorcycle riding. Seeking friendship in a lady with the same qualities and interests. #2470 (exp/1/19)

DREAMER I only dream of you and long for your caress. A love so warm and true, and will settle for nothing less. White male, 36, 6' 210lbs, black/blue. #2488 (exp/1/19)

LOOKING FOR MY DREAM Divorced white male, 36, 5'10", 145lbs, many interests. Seeking single white female, 21-40, for relationship, possible marriage. #2418 (exp/1/12)

MY FIRST AD Divorced white male, 35, 5'10", 155lbs, brown/blue, loves kids, enjoys sewing, CB radios, fishing, hunting, swimming, hiking, camping, movies, most sports. Seeking single white female, 21-40, for relationship, possible marriage. #2418 (exp/1/12)

DESPERATELY SEEKING... a good friend. Hispanic, 31, cosmetologist, seeks clear-minded, easygoing friend who enjoys watching Dallas cowboys, movies, staying fit and eating healthy. #2417 (exp/1/12)

PLAY-LOVING COUPLE White couple, early 30s, would like to meet similar couples, who share our interests in dining, dancing, and exotic travel, for comfortable friendship with like-minded people. #2413 (exp/1/12)

TOO MANY WOMEN School teacher, 40s, spends days with women, seeks male friend to visit with, have coffee, go to a show. It would be nice to have another guy to talk to. 30-50. #2415 (exp/1/12)

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE Is there a woman for every man? Transplanted Hispanic male, 39, 5'8", 140lbs, likes common and varied. Seeking single/divorced, white/Hispanic female, 27-40, who is open to friendship and romance. #2423 (exp/1/12)

SOMEONE SPECIAL? Single white male, 29, 6'1", 150lbs, brown/brown, varied interests. Seeking Hispanic/Asian female, 22-33, for possible relationship. Looks important, kids ok, serious inquiries only. #2242 (exp/1/12)

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NOW AVAILABLE 3 bedroom starting \$450- mobile home for rent. Large fenced yard, washer, dryer, stove and refrigerator. References and deposit required. No vicious dogs please. Move-In Special This Week, \$50 Off Rent. 687-8324.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, \$375. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$350. \$150 deposit. On Cloverdale. No pets. 684-2047.

VERY NICE 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/ bar, island stove, carport. \$400/ \$200 deposit. No pets. 684-2047.

2 BEDROOM, semi-furnished. Greenwood School, off 156 & 1140 South. 557-2432/ 682-8787.

RUIDOSO 1 Bedroom Condo. Nightly/ Weekly Rentals. Accommodates 2-4. Daily Maid Service. 682-8314, 684-2500.

RUIDOSO 3 bedroom- 2 bath and 2 bedroom- 2 bath. Very nice, completely furnished. No pets. 687-1337.

RUIDOSO Rentals nightly. Cabins, condos, some hot tubs. Century 21, Aspen Realty. 800-857-8980.

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LOOK AT THE REST-THE BEST MOVE-IN SPECIAL AIRLINE MOBILE HOME PARK Between Midland & Int'l Airport West Hwy. 80. 684-2534

FOR SALE- Schleicher County (3) wells, 1 Active, 1 SWD, 1 TA 28 BOFD, 100% WI, 80% NRI, good equipment. Upstate potential. Call (808) 352-2936 for package.

FOR SALE. Overriding royalty interest, Shaksaford County, Texas. More Sand waterflood. Average income \$750 per month. Call 915-988-2071.

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NEW 1995 28 X 60 4 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home with fireplace and more! Plus a \$500.00 gift certificate with a local buy store! For more details call Bob 915-520-5850 (if you buy before 12/29/96).

MOVE-IN SPECIAL 120-2 years, normally \$125. 2 bedrooms paved, security fence. 563-3510, 550-7505.

SINGLE OFFICES entire suites free parking, secretarial services, copiers, faxes phones provided at very reasonable rates. 4500 W. Illinois, 201 E. Michigan, 602 N. Baird. Call Midland, 520-1500.

SHOP, OFFICE, & YARD. 3200 Hwy. 349 South, 5 Minutes from downtown, 1/2 mile south of I-20. Day or evening, 683-3699.

ONE YEAR FREE RENT! 1659 sq. ft. with parking 1 downtown Midland. Bill Cherry (409) 763-0448.

ALL SIZES and types of properties. Office, Warehouse, Retail. 800 to 40,000 square feet. 683-8881.

DOWNTOWN Office Space. Individual room or suites from \$65/month. No extra charges. 682-3400.

FOR LEASE- Excellent location. 6,000 square foot building with offices, warehouse & showroom. 8 1/2 acres, fenced yard between Midland and Odessa. 13530 W. Hwy 80. \$1,500 per month. \$1,000 deposit. Contact Westcoast Auto Parts, Inc. 915-263-5000 or 1-800-592-1444.

FULLY EQUIPPED mechanic's garage. For more information call 685-3449, ask for Bedford.

MISSION SQUARE Office/ retail space available. From 375 to 2,500 square feet. Low rates, local owner/management. Great North Midland location. Call Calle at 682-2422.

RETAIL Space For Lease- 500 Storey, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. To see call 570-5386 or 820-1500.

AV. ILABE January 1st. 3311 Baumann. 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, appliances, central heat and air, 2 ceiling fans, carpeting, nice fenced yard, excellent condition. No inside pets. Pauline Turney, 684-7987.

1 & 2 BEDROOM Dens, 1,007 to 1,391 sq. ft. Garage, washer-dryer connections, pool, ceiling fans. \$490 Ap. 689-9116.

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1 & 2 BEDROOMS. 950 sq. ft., 1537 sq. ft. 2 car garage with washer/dryer connections, microwave, ceiling fans. 2 bedrooms starting as low as \$650. 687-9768.

FAIRGATE Townhomes- 4400 Fairgate Drive, 2 & 3 Bedrooms 12 and 15 month leases. \$700 a month, 1,800 sq. ft. Approx. All appliances furnished, fireplace, garage. Northwest side. 687-8585.

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