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Gore lawyer: Supreme Court last hope

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

On the eve of historic U.S. Supreme Court arguments, Al Gore's attorney said Sunday the vice president urgently needs a legal victory to recount Florida's votes or "that's the end of the road" for his dogged drive to the presidency. A chorus of jittery Democrats agreed.

As both sides previewed their cases in legal filings, George W. Bush's lawyers asked the high court to overturn a Florida Supreme Court recount plan they said would "incite controversy, suspicion and lack of confidence" in the first American presidential election of the 21st century. Democratic attorneys defended the Florida court.

"Voters have important rights to have their ballots counted, and the magnitude of those rights dwarfs" any legal arguments raised by Bush, the vice president's brief said. Though confident, Gore's attorneys conceded publicly and privately that the odds are stacked against them.

As deeply divided as the country, the high court justices voted 5-4 on Saturday to temporarily halt manual recounts in Florida and consider the landmark Bush v. Gore case. More than 50 people lined up outside the court at midday Sunday, pitching tents and spreading sleeping bags across bone-chilling concrete in hopes of snaring a courtroom seat.

Gore, who trails Bush by less than 200 votes out of 6 million cast, wants to recount about 45,000 "undervote" ballots throughout the state. Bush argues there is no fair way to count the ballots that didn't register presidential votes in a machine count, and the legislative branch of government — not the courts — should determine the nation's 43rd president.

The state's 25 electoral votes would put either man in the White House.

A CNN/USA Today Gallup Poll conducted Sunday found a nearly even split over whether the court should allow the recount to continue — 47 percent for a recount and 49 percent against, with a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

The survey of 735 adults also found 72 percent believe the Supreme Court will rule fairly in the case. However, among people who identified themselves as Bush supporters the figure was 87 percent, while among Gore supporters it was 54 percent.

Neither side committed to giving up if the Supreme Court issues an adverse decision, but even Gore's advisers conceded he has fewer options than Bush beyond the high court.

"If no votes are counted, then I think that's the end of the road," said David Boies, who will argue the case for Gore. But the lawyer stopped short of saying his client would bow out if the Supreme Court ruled against him, suggesting Gore might await appeals of failed Democratic law-

Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore and his wife Tipper walk with his runnning mate Sen. Joseph Lieberman and his wife Hadassah as they arrive at a downtown Washington cafe for lunch last week.
AP Photo

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Project Rescue Me

Police programs aimed at kids' safety, parents' peace of mind

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

The words, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," should be firmly engraved into the side of the Midland Police Department's mobile substation.

Inside the blue and white RV, fixed with flashing lights and sirens, parents can participate in two of the latest child identification programs aimed at keeping those children out of harm's way, said Midland Police Officer Brian Rackow.

"Any parent can bring their child in and get on the SKID program and the new 'Rescue Me' program," Rackow said.

The SKID program records the child's photo, fingerprints and other information on a computer disk, Rackow said. "If your child comes up missing, all a parent has to do is take the disk to the police and that information can be sent out to police stations around the country," he said.

The new program "Rescue Me" was an idea sparked from two boys killed while inline skating on Midland Drive.

"It took us four hours to locate the parents," Rackow said. "We came up with this new system. It is like a dog tag for your kid. You fill out this form with the child's name, contact numbers and allergies. If the child is hurt or in any kind of accident, anyone can call the 800 number on the tag."

The call goes to Midland Memorial Hospital, which then contacts the

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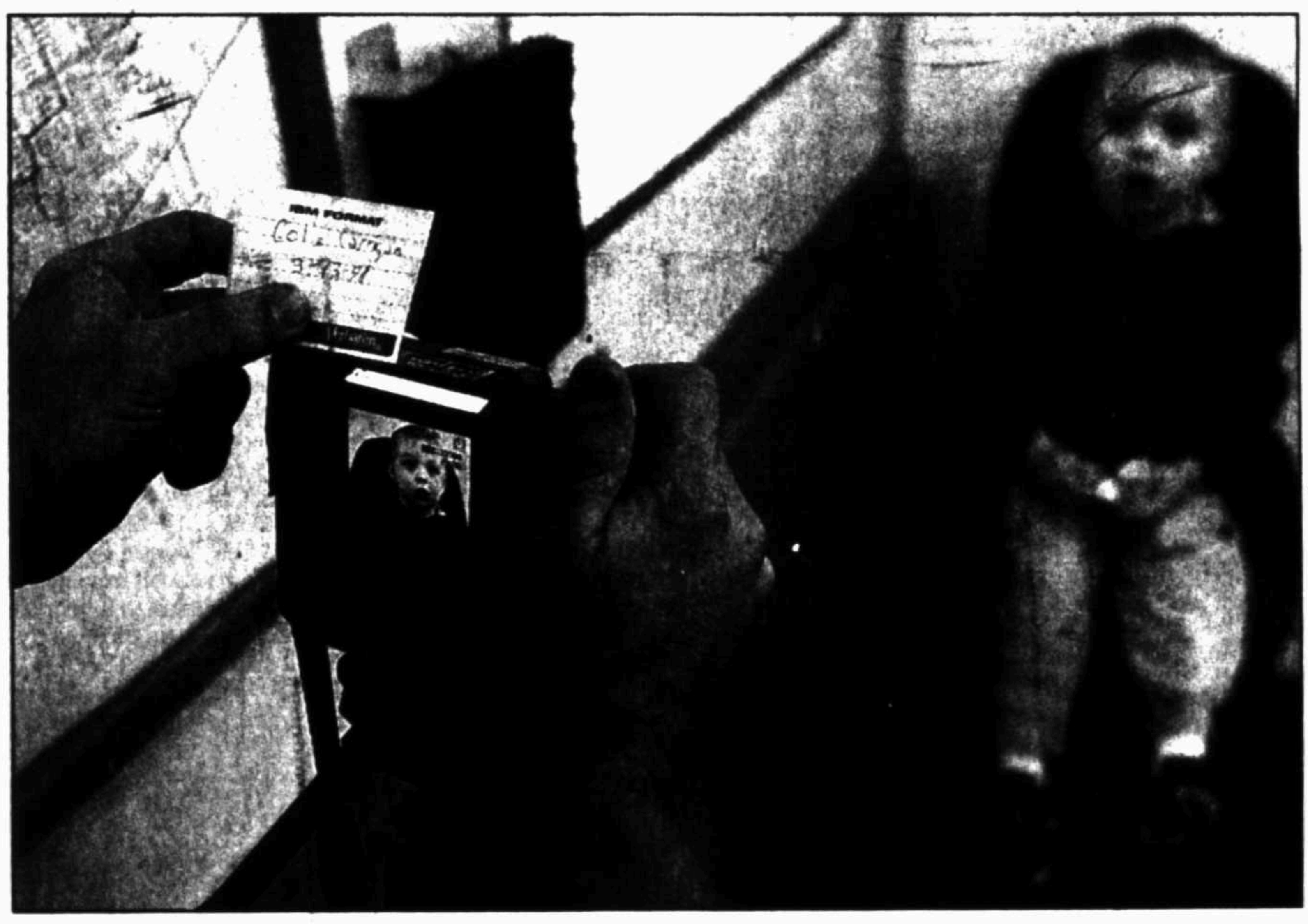

ABOVE: Cole Carrigan, 2, of Odessa gets his picture made recently by Officer Darin Clements at the Police Substation outside Target. Carrigan's parents received a disk with the picture on it for their records. AT LEFT: Officer Clements holds one of the tags Midland Police uses to identify children. The kids can keep these tags with them.

Photos by
U. Frank Williams Jr.

City hopes to pay off airport bonds quickly

By Timothy V. Kreitz
MRT Correspondent

The Midland City Council on Tuesday will consider authorizing the early redemption of airport interim revenue bonds, in hopes of paying off the final amount (about $900,000) more quickly. The original $2.9 million in bonds were issued to facilitate the interim financing of the airport construction.

As the federal funds have arrived, the interim bonds have been paid off. The first payment of $1 million was paid off in December of 1999, the second in December of this year, according to city of Midland officials. The final $900,000 is expected to arrive in February of 2001 — 10 months early. "We received the federal funds a little faster than we

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MISD trustees to make final decisions on lottery system

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

All eyes will be on the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees on Tuesday as it makes several decisions that will impact students, teachers and parents all over Midland.

The board will be voting on several major issues that have been brewing in the district for the past few months. Trustees will be making final decisions on the proposed lottery system for the magnet schools, the 2001-2002 school calendar, standardized testing for kindergartners, attendance requirements for graduation ceremonies and board policy revisions for students and parents filing complaints.

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Person to Person

LaVerne Jones is an artist who has won awards two years in a row in the Art is Ageless show./**1B**

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Midland's Cerebral Palsy Center looks to future

By Leslie Burleson
Staff Writer

Thirteen-year-old Trip Lybrand has seen the results of his 10 years at the Cerebral Palsy Center. "Before, I'd walk with a limp and stuff. Now, most people can't tell that I have one," he said.

Although Trip has cerebral palsy, the center treats a variety of children from birth to age 21 who have a variety of handicaps. Reflecting the range of cases, the CP Center will in early 2001 become the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center.

Its director, James P. Crawford, who has been with the center for 40 years, will retire in January, becoming director emeritus. But it's a working retirement, since Crawford will take care of the hippotherapy facility, which involves the use of horses, advise new director Brooke Mueller and assist with grant writing.

Crawford was the center's only employee in 1960, and the center had a budget of about $20,000. The center now has 29 employees and a $700,000 budget. It receives no state or federal funds, and is run on private donations. The 450-500 kids who go to the center pay no fees.

During recent years, "People are much more accepting of people who have a handicap" than they used to be, Crawford said. He can remember when having a handicapped child was "a hush-hush deal," and parents were urged to put the children in a home. Now, "there's so much greater opportunity than there was before," Crawford said.

The new administrator will be Ms. Mueller, who currently works at the CP Center as a physical therapist. Ms. Mueller has a bachelor's degree in physical therapy and a master's in counseling. Except for a two-year stint in Fort Bend County, she has worked at the center since 1983.

The young clients at the center are usually referred by physicians. "What we've

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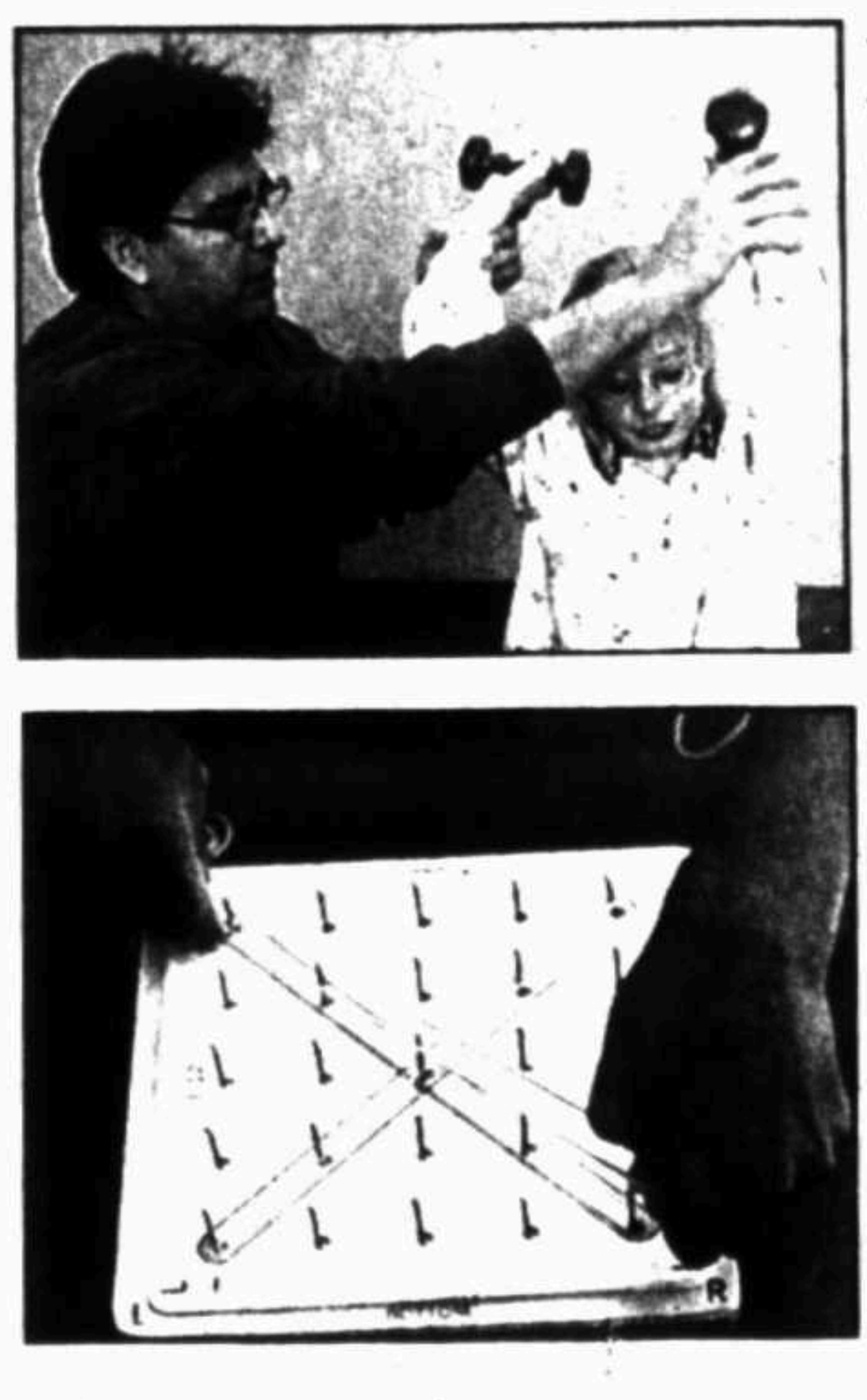

TOP: Occupational therapy student David Galvin helps Lindsey Evans, 8, with her form as she does military presses at the CP Center. BOTTOM: LaMark Tubbs, 10, works on his fine motor skills. His therapy involves several exercises such as this one.

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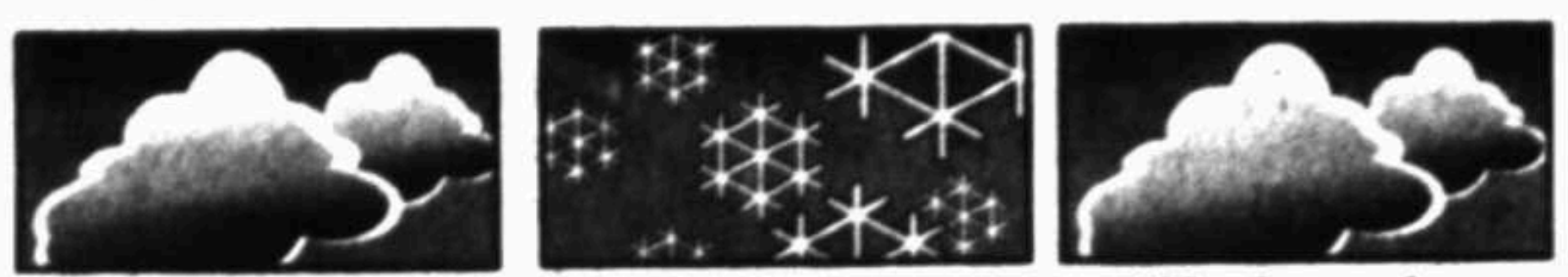
WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly cloudy	Snow	Cloudy
High 56	High 31	High 44
Low 37	Low 21	Low 27

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high in the upper 50s and northwesterly winds 20 to 30 mph. Temperatures should fall into the 40s by early afternoon as a cold front moves into the Permian Basin.

Tonight, expect breezy, cold, and cloudy conditions with a slight chance of snow. Lows should be in the 30s.

Tuesday's forecast calls for cloudy and cold conditions, with a chance of snow, and high temperatures in the low 30s.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.16 in.
Total for year	9.48 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.25 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

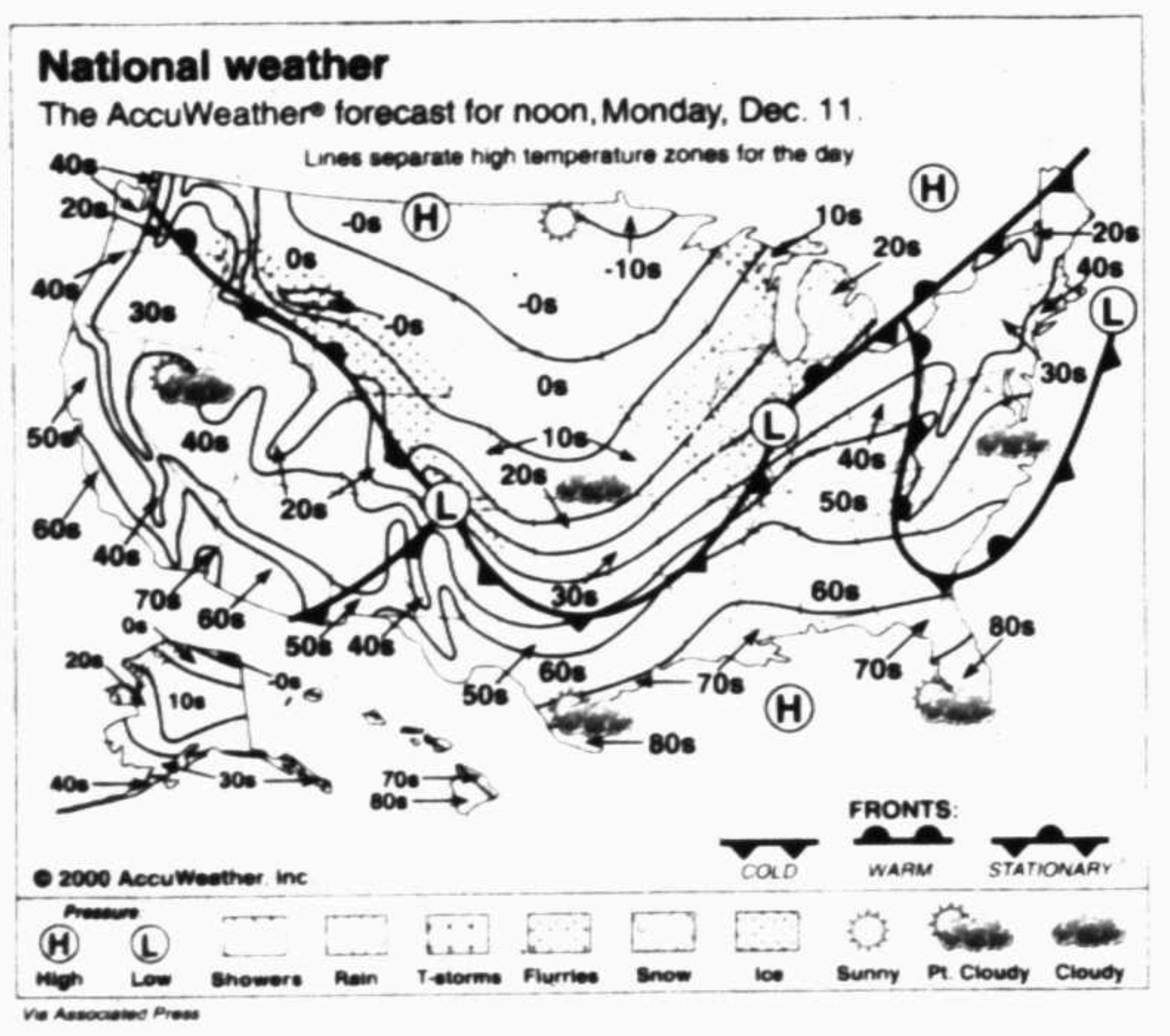
High	70
Low	45
Normal high	59
Normal low	32

Sunrise ... 7:39 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:45 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 11



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

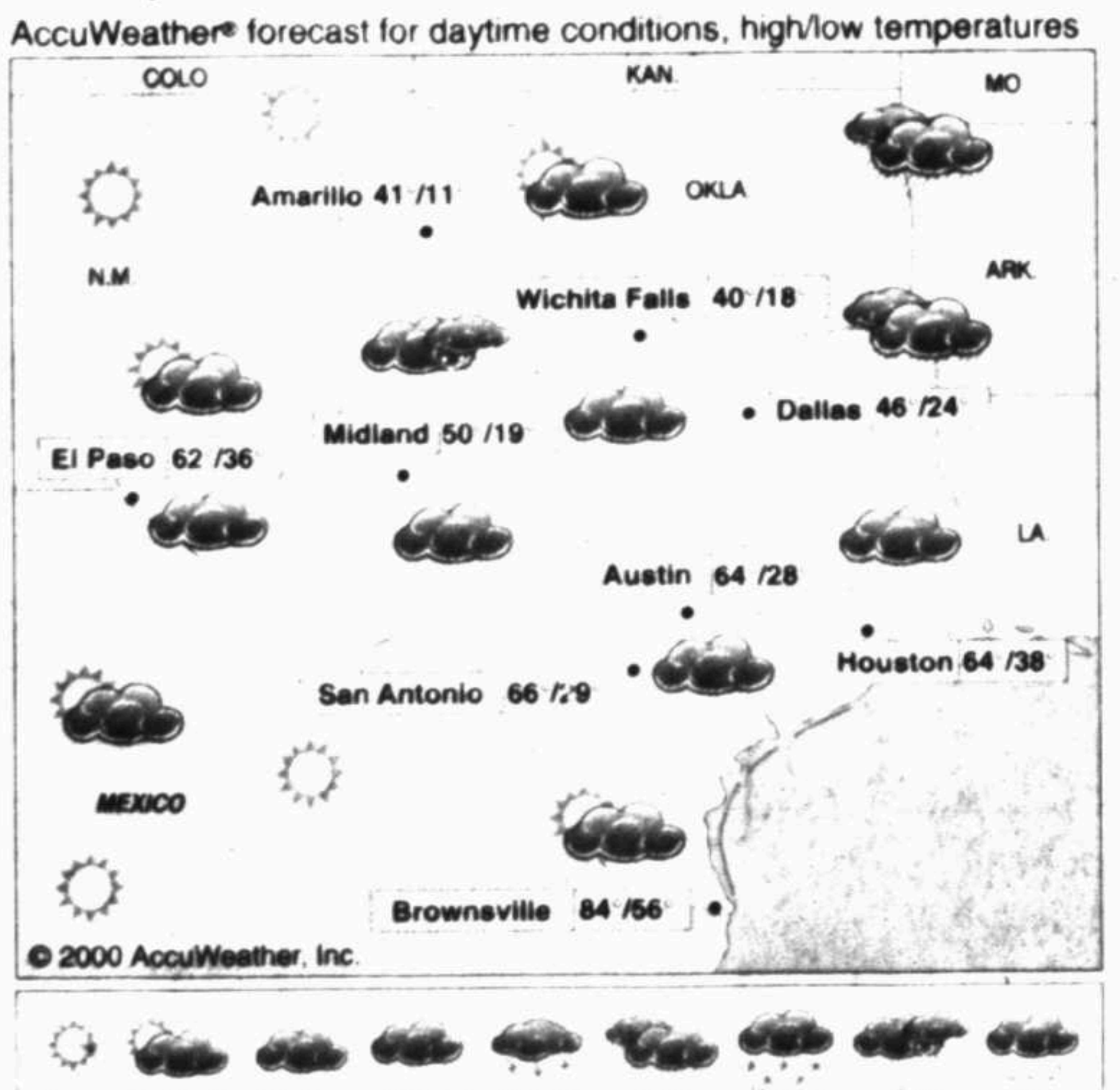
Temperatures indicate Sunday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	44	34	cdy	
Anchorage	24	17	cdy	
Atlanta	43	41	cdy	
Atlantic City	46	23	.13	cdy
Baltimore	37	21	.06	cdy
Baton Rouge	72	38	cdy	
Birmingham	53	47	cdy	
Bismarck	-1	-12	.01	clr
Boise	34	29	cdy	
Boston	34	17	sno	
Buffalo	38	18	sno	
Burlington Vt	31	6	sno	
Casper	7	6	.06	sno
Charleston,S.C	48	41	1.09	cdy
Charlotte,N.C	42	38	cdy	
Chattanooga	51	46	cdy	
Cheyenne	15	9	.01	sno
Chicago	34	27	sno	
Cincinnati	47	28	rn	
Cleveland	36	23	.01	sno
Colorado Springs	37	29	sno	
Columbus,Ohio	38	24	rn	
Daytona Beach	73	54	cdy	
Denver	39	21	mm	clr
Des Moines	22	23	sno	
Detroit	32	21	cdy	
Erie	38	20	sno	
Eugene	46	31	.01	cdy
Fairbanks	14	15	cdy	
Fargo	-6	-17	clr	
Flagstaff	41	28	cdy	
Flint	33	22	sno	
Fort Wayne	35	16	sno	
Grand Junction	48	31	cdy	
Grand Rapids	33	23	.01	sno
Great Falls	-2	-4	.03	clr
Green Bay	27	22	.04	sno
Helena	5	1	.01	cdy
Honolulu	81	70	clr	
Huntsville	55	47	cdy	
Indianapolis	40	28	sno	
Jacksonville	71	53	cdy	
Juneau	33	22	sno	
Kansas City	39	36	sno	
Knoxville	48	40	.01	cdy
Lansing	33	22	sno	
Las Vegas	62	46	cdy	
Little Rock	54	36	rn	
Los Angeles	64	55	cdy	
Louisville	50	33	.10	rn
Memphis	60	38	rn	
Miami Beach	75	72	5.10	cdy
Milwaukee	32	24	.02	sno
Mobile	68	48	cdy	
Nashville	54	38	rn	
New Orleans	71	44	cdy	
New York City	41	26	cdy	
Oklahoma City	50	38	cdy	
Omaha	14	14	sno	
Orlando	83	57	cdy	
Pendleton	41	29	cdy	
Peoria	43	32	sno	
Philadelphia	42	28	.02	cdy
Phoenix	64	53	clr	
Pittsburgh	36	19	rn	
Portland,Ore	46	37	.01	cdy
Reno	53	38	cdy	
Roanoke	36	27	.04	cdy
Rochester	37	12	sno	
Rockford	33	26	.09	sno
Sacramento	56	48	cdy	
St Louis	47	35	rn	
Salt Lake City	44	39	.22	sno
San Francisco	56	53	cdy	
Santa Fe	44	30	cdy	
Savannah	50	47	.49	cdy
Seattle	40	36	cdy	
Shreveport	70	48	rn	
Sioux Falls	-2	-2	sno	
Spokane	27	14	.06	clr
Springfield,Ill	45	30	sno	
Tallahassee	65	55	.07	cdy
Tucson	64	47	cdy	
Tulsa	48	33	cdy	
Tupelo	61	39	rn	
Washington,D.C	38	27	.02	cdy
W Palm Beach	80	74	cdy	

State forecast

Monday, Dec. 11

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Via Associated Press

Texas temperatures

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

	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	71	47	
Amarillo	45	26	
Arlington	68	46	
Austin	71	41	
Beaumont	75	52	
Brownsville	80	60	
Burnet	69	44	
Childress	56	39	
College Station	74	50	
Conroe	77	47	
Corpus Christi	81	61	
Corsicana	68	49	
Cotulla	75	57	
Dalhart	44	23	
Dallas	69	46	
Del Rio	62	40	
Dryden	68	40	
El Paso	65	34	
Fort Stockton	77	48	
Fort Worth	71	42	
Galveston	72	58	
Georgetown	68	48	
Harlingen	81	55	
Houston	77	54	
Huntsville	75	50	
Junction	74	35	
Laredo	73	55	
Longview	66	48	
Lubbock	60	38	
McAllen	81	60	
McKinney	66	48	
Midland	71	39	
Mineral Wells	76	39	
New Braunfels	70	48	
Odessa	73	40	
Palacios	76	57	
Paris	68	45	
Rockport	78	64	
San Angelo	76	39	
San Antonio	66	47	
San Marcos	70	46	
Tyler	65	51	
Victoria	79	53	
Wink	74	38	

COURT: Gore attorney says ruling 'end of road'

(From 1A)

suits seeking to throw out up to 25,000 Florida absentee ballots.

"I'm not going to say what's going to happen," Boies said.

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, a steadfast Gore supporter, told ABC, "I believe he will" concede if the court rules against him — and Bush should do the same if the tables are turned.

A spokeswoman later said the Missouri lawmaker would defer to Gore's judgment if the vice president thought he had other legal options.

"I believe that probably is the last word, and it's the last chance to have this issue not go to the United States Congress," Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said of the court.

The GOP-led Florida Legislature, under guidance from the Bush camp, is preparing to appoint its own slate of Bush electors — raising the possibility of two separate slates for a divided Congress to sort out.

Gore's own advisers said privately the pressure to concede would be unbearable if the Democrat lost the Supreme Court fight. They discussed worst-case scenarios in small groups over the weekend, including the possibility Gore would suspend his campaign with a high-minded speech that stopped just short of a concession.

That would leave his options open in the unlikely event that Democrats prevail in the absentee ballot cases or the Supreme Court ruling is viewed as partisan and political pressure builds against Bush, senior advisers said. They stressed that no recommendations have been made to Gore, the son of a senator who first ran for president in 1988. They said their boss appeared to be confident of victory in the high court.

The presidents-in-waiting laid low Sunday. Gore went to church, where the sermon was titled "Preparation" and Rev. Martha E. Phillips prayed for the country "in this time of turmoil." Bush traveled from his secluded ranch to the Texas capital in Austin, where he was throwing a Christmas party.

The Supreme Court is pressing against deadlines set in federal law. States must assign electors Tuesday, and those individuals meet Dec. 18 as the Electoral College to name the nation's next president.

With the judiciary and legislative branches potentially at odds, the Supreme Court is assessing Bush's arguments against recounts: the Florida Legislature has the sole right to assign state electors, and reviewing ballots under a variety of county standards would violate due process requirements in the U.S. Constitution.

Gore wants recounts of the undervote ballots, saying many of them contain clues to the will of Florida voters. In a 4-3 decision, the Florida Supreme Court approved the plan for a weekend recount, prompting Bush's appeal to the nation's highest court.

When the counting stopped Saturday, an unofficial Associated Press survey put Bush' lead over Gore at 177 votes.

Bush's point man in Florida, former secretary of state James A. Baker III, said the Texas governor is not afraid of every vote being counted. "The question is what is every legal vote?" he said.

Boies said the high court's action Saturday suggests he has "a hill to climb" Monday.

Strikingly more confident, Baker refused to say Bush would concede if the Supreme Court ruled against him. He also warned that Republicans could try to swing Gore electors to their side if Democrats try to turn GOP electors against Bush.

Gore has denied any involvement in attempts to sway electors, who traditionally are loyal to the candidate who selects them. If Bush wins Florida's 25 electors, he will be just one electoral vote over the 270 needed to claim the presidency.

Determined to send a slate of Bush electors to Washington, majority Republicans in the Florida Legislature will oversee testimony Monday from legal experts and public witnesses on lawmakers' authority in presidential elections. GOP Senate leaders suggested Sunday they may delay a decision on selecting electors until after the U.S. Supreme Court rules.

The House could vote as early as Tuesday on a presidential slate. The Senate isn't expected to take action before Wednesday.

Gore's allies in the Democratic Party's liberal base plan to apply political pressure Monday when the Rev. Jesse Jackson and AFL-CIO President John Sweeney hold a news conference to call for prayer vigils across the country as the Supreme Court deliberates the case.

MISD: Board tackles busy agenda for Tuesday's meeting

(From 1A)

The board will also appoint a new director of administrative services and federal programs, draft a resolution supporting state funded employee health insurance and consider approving the district's independent annual audit for 1999-2000.

The proposed lottery system for the new magnet schools will directly affect the parents and children who currently attend Washington and Pease elementary schools. Both schools will be turned into dedicated magnet schools in the fall of 2001. To be dedicated magnets, the schools must pull their student body from the community rather than the neighborhood.

According to the proposal submitted to the board by Patricia Mauer, MISD director of talent, gifted and magnet schools, students currently living in proximity to Pease and Washington will not be given any special preference over the rest of students in Midland to attend the magnet schools. The lottery system is meant to be set up to be completely racially, economically, socially and academically neutral.

This has left many parents at the two schools wondering where their children will be attending classes next year. In the proposed plan, parents have the options of applying for their child to attend the Pease and Washington magnets or having them bused to attend Fannin, Greathouse, Scharbauer or any other elementary school where the student body is 50 percent or more white.

"If we're interested in integration this was an opportunity to integrate those schools," said plaintiff intervener Dr. Viola Coleman about their selection of the three predominantly white elementary schools chosen for misplaced Pease and Washington students.

Currently, approximately 460 students attending the schools will be affected by the change. When Washington and Pease are reopened as magnets, both schools are estimated to be able to hold 450 students apiece.

The board's last meeting before winter break will begin at 4 p.m. on Tuesday in the board room at MISD's central office building downtown.

Public gets final chance to speak out on calendar issue

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

The clock is ticking as the Midland Independent School District moves to making its final decision regarding next year's school calendar.

After requesting more public input and holding a public forum where MISD officials were disappointed by the low turnout, MISD Administrative Services executive director Joe Cummins is looking now toward Tuesday's board meeting when trustees will make their final decision.

The calendar committee first started meeting back in October. The committee consisted of teachers, parents and community representatives. According to Cummins, there were about 15 members overall.

The committee came up with three calendar options. One is similar to the 2000-2001 school calendar with some minor differences, the second features a week-long Thanksgiving holiday and the third has an after-Labor Day start date.

"I've had comments on each one of the different proposals," Cummins said. "Most people tend to finally decide that a calendar that's like the one we had last year is the one they're most comfortable with. But I don't know if we have a landslide right now as to which one is more popular of the three."

Each calendar has its benefits and shortcomings. The one most similar to this year's has a short Thanksgiving holiday, does not observe President's Day, and the spring break is combined with the Easter Holiday. The calendar also has an August 13 start date with classes ending on May 23.

The calendar with the extended Thanksgiving holiday requires teachers to work one Saturday on May 25. The spring break in this calendar is also tied into Easter and other than Thanksgiving, there will be no other recognized fall holidays. Students start class on August 13 and will be in school until May 24.

The final calendar option features a post Labor Day start. Classes would not begin until September 4, the first semester would end on January 17 and it would also not have any other holidays in the fall other than Thanksgiving. It would feature a short Thanksgiving holiday as well as a Christmas vacation that is only seven days long. Classes would not end until June 7.

Cummins said one of the reasons he prepared a calendar with an after Labor Day start date was because of the possibility that the Texas Legislature may mandate a universal start date for all Texas school districts. More than likely, it's start date would be after Labor Day. According to a letter from MISD superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. to the PTA, while school organizations are often against the proposed start date, the tourism industry is often fighting for it.

"The Texas tourist industry often favors a late start as it would allow amusement parks and other vacation spots around the state to maintain full operation throughout the summer season without conflict of families returning home in August to begin the new school year," Baressi said.

ll three calendar options are currently posted on MISD's web site at www.midland.k12.tx.us. They will be located in the information section of the web site.

CENTER: Facility decides on name change

(From 1A)

done over the years is alert the doctors and let the school authorities know," Ms. Mueller said. The CP Center name has proved confusing on some occasions, she said, although medical professionals in the area usually know the extent of cases the facility handles. The center serves 19 counties in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico.

"Our first concern is to be able to continue the quality of service," Ms. Mueller said. The center offers a wide range of activities, including aquatic therapy in its own pool, hippotherapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

Trip said the hippotherapy is his favorite. "I really like doing the horses," he said. "I like trotting a lot, going fast." Trip knows that physical therapist Nancy Patterson cites him as a model patient. "She brags on me a lot about that," he said.

Ms. Patterson started as a volunteer at the center, but has worked there full time since 1985. She used as an example the assessment sheet of a 3-year-old named Lane that has six goals written on it, including kicking a ball with both feet. Lane is developmentally delayed and somewhat deaf.

Ms. Patterson said therapists try to educate the child's parents. "If they're not involved with the child, they're not going to do very well," she said.

Sometimes younger kids do better at the center than older ones. "Probably the hardest kids to keep are teenagers," Ms. Patterson said. "It's hard for handicapped kids to have a social life." The center offers a variety of social events, including trips in the past to Six Flags, Sea World and Fiesta Texas. On Tuesday night, 22 dance pupils will perform in a Christmas concert.

BONDS: City officials recieved federal funds early

(From 1A)

expected, which is good," said executive director of finance Bob McNaughton. "We just need to get the city council's blessing in order to make the final payment early."

The early retirement of the interim bonds will result in a $45,000 savings in interest to the city, he said.

Also slated for consideration at the Tuesday council meeting will be the proposed acceptance of the Section 108 loan for the Midland College Advanced Technology Center. "The loan will be paid off with no interest," said Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler, who explained the city had applied for the loan through HUD.

In February of 2000, the city of Midland appropriated $1 million from the general fund to the Midland College District for renovating and establishing the center. The city was assured the project qualified for the community development block grant section 108 guaranteed loan program.

Other issues slated for review included the consideration of a resolution that will authorize the Confederate Air Force to construct its "nose art museum" at the Midland International Airport, and consideration of appointments to various boards and commissions, including appointments to the joint economic development task force.

The city council will also be recognizing the outstanding participants in this year's "Holidays In The City" parade. Trophies will be presented to the Covarrubias family of Midland for their "Grinch" float, as well as to Brownie troop 408, and the Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin.

KIDS: SKID, Rescue Me programs in place for child safety

(From 1A)

family.

The only information appearing on the tag is the phone number and the identification number.

Both programs appear to be a hit among parents.

"Years ago we would have never needed anything like this," said Carolyn Starustka of Monahans, who was at the substation with a grandchild. "But the way things are today I'm glad that they are doing this here. I wish they did it everywhere else."

The programs are available at the police substation. It will be at Best Buy, Friday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Sam's Club, Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Hastings, Sunday, Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Kmart, Friday, Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Wal-Mart, Saturday Dec. 23, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Midland Park Mall, Sunday Dec. 24, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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Court's reputation for nonpartisanship could be at stake in Bush v. Gore

By Laura Meckler
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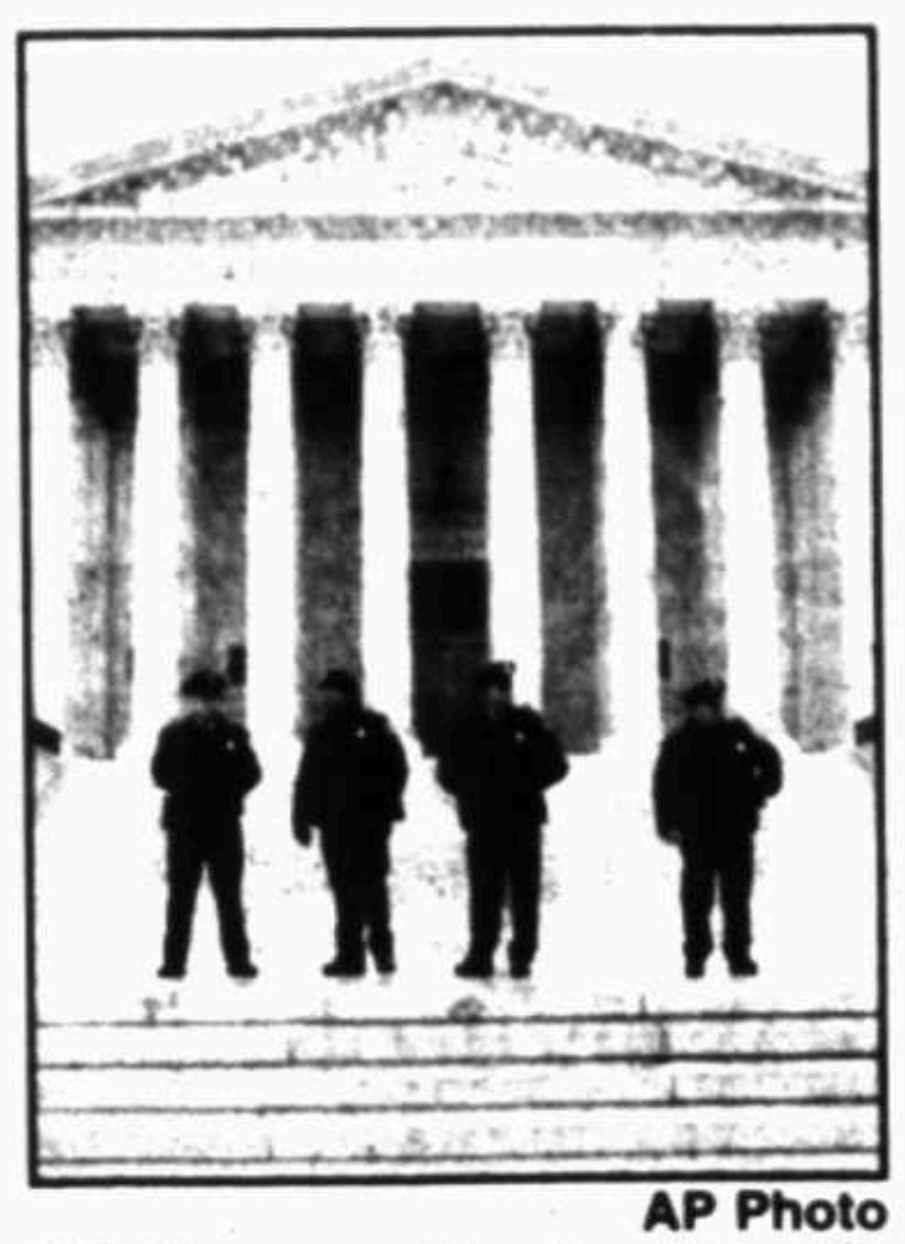

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U.S. Supreme Court police officers stand watch Sunday, in front of the court in Washington. Today, the nation's highest court will hear oral arguments in the Florida ballot recount case.

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court's long-standing reputation for operating above the political fray is being tested mightily in the case that could decide the presidency.

In a divided weekend ruling, conservative justices lined up with George W. Bush and liberal justices backed Al Gore as the court suspended the hand count of thousands of Florida ballots that may contain undetected votes for president.

"I do think its image is tarnished in the eyes of many people," Erwin Chemerinsky, law professor at the University of Southern California, said of the court. "It's seen as another political player."

"The court doesn't have many resources, but what it does have is the good will and the good faith of the people," said Mary Cheh, a law professor at George Washington University. "It's a very fragile thing, so you don't want to lose it."

At key moments in the nation's history, the justices have come together, ruling 9-0 that schools must be desegregated and that President Nixon must hand over his White House tapes.

Last week, when it first waded into Bush v. Gore, the court managed another unanimous decision. It put aside its ideological divisions, agreeing to simply send the case back to the Florida Supreme Court for clarification.

But on Saturday, the divisions were stark as the court ruled 5-4 to suspend the count.

The five most conservative justices concluded it's likely Bush will win his case. The four more liberal justices agreed with Gore that the counting should continue.

All eyes now are on Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who agreed to stop the counting but is seen as the most likely to change sides after oral arguments Monday. Another possible swing vote: Justice Anthony Kennedy.

So far, the court factions' reasoning parallels arguments being made by the candidates themselves. Like Bush, leading conservative Justice Antonin Scalia noted the differing standards used to discern voter intent when examining ballots, mentioning the now-infamous hanging versus dimpled chads in his concurring statement on Saturday's court order. Like Gore, Justice John Paul Stevens argued in his dissent that what really matters is counting every legal vote.

It gives the court a political air as it steps into the center of this most highly charged of political moments. Before legal arguments, the campaigns were reluctant to criticize the court, but outside experts agreed this was new territory.

"I can't think of an opinion in which the court has come closer to planting an image in the public mind of being partisan," said A.E. Dick Howard, an expert on the Supreme Court at the University of Virginia. "It's genuinely troubling that they run that risk.

"The Supreme Court may lose some of the sheen which it has in the American mind."

Conservatives suggest the sheen is only gone for those who disagree with the court's action. The real problem, they said, came with a flawed Florida Supreme Court decision to order hand counts across the state.

"The Florida Supreme Court thrust the judicial system very far into the political thicket," said Daniel Polsby, a law professor at George Mason University.

Beyond partisanship, Gore supporters smell hypocrisy. They suggest that conservatives on the Supreme Court who usually favor returning power to the states are usurping state authority in this case.

"In some sense, the mask has fallen and you can see what's really going on," Cheh said. "It's very demoralizing to me."

Traditionally, the Supreme Court has been seen as above raw partisan politics. Justices are appointed for life, and many of them have wound up promoting philosophies quite different from the presidents who appointed them.

They regularly divide on a host of controversial issues — abortion, school prayer, the death penalty. But those are ideological, not political questions.

"This seems to be much more naked political power being exercised by five Republican justices and that's what I think is so damaging," Chemerinsky said.

In a Gallup survey this summer, nearly half of Americans said they had a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in the Supreme Court, ranking it behind only organized religion and the military. It rated higher than the presidency, Congress, the media and a host of other institutions.

And just last month, a survey for Dateline NBC about the Florida recount found that far more Americans trusted the U.S. Supreme Court to decide the issue fairly than either the Florida secretary of state or the state Supreme Court.

While court observers fear that could change, some figure it will take more than one case — even a historic case — to destroy a long-standing reputation.

"I think the way people view any institution is not changed dramatically in the short term," Chemerinsky said. "The legitimacy of any institution isn't so fragile that one decision is going to irreparably damage it."

Five-year-old taken from mother who continued breast-feeding

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge will hold a hearing Monday on a 6-year-old boy who was removed from his mother's custody because she was still breast-feeding him when he was 5, allegedly against his wishes.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services took the child in July after a baby sitter called a child-abuse hot line.

Champaign County Circuit Judge Ann Einhorn is scheduled to hear the case.

DCFS investigators said the boy told them he no longer wanted to breast-feed, but the mother, 32, said her son never indicated that he wanted to stop. She denied any allegations of abuse.

Authorities did not identify the woman to protect the child's privacy.

"The fundamental issue on this is that the child did not want to do it, and I think that's one of the key reasons this is a problem," said DCFS Director Jess McDonald.

The agency also contended the woman shared a bed with her son. The mother said there is not enough space for the boy to have his own room.

"My child was weaning himself," the mother said. "I don't think DCFS has any right to be involved in this decision between me and my child."

Although it is rare for an American child to be breast-fed at such an advanced age, physicians and anthropologists said it is not unheard of.

Katherine Dettwyler, an anthropologist and nutritionist at Texas A&M University, recently conducted a study of 1,280 children whose parents reported their breast-feeding practices. Of the total, 375 children were still breast-feeding at age 4, 212 at age 5 and 67 at age 6.

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Girl's death in boot camp prompts changes in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — On a muggy July morning, 14-year-old Gina Score collapsed during a forced run at South Dakota's boot camp for girls.

She lay on the ground for three hours before dying of heatstroke.

In the 16 months since Score's death raised questions about juvenile boot camps across the country, the girls' boot camp at Plankinton has been dismantled. The legislature has set up an office to monitor juvenile corrections, and lawmakers have given a legislative panel authority to periodically review juvenile programs.

But some say state boot camps remain deeply flawed. On Monday, a federal judge was scheduled to hold a hearing on a proposed settlement of a lawsuit between the State Training School where Score collapsed and the Washington, D.C.-based Youth Law Center, which seeks to monitor the boys' boot camp in Plankinton, an eastern South Dakota farm town.

"I think in the long run kids in these facilities will be protected, they'll be safer and hopefully will come out better in the sense of not being abused while there," said Youth Law Center staff attorney Marc Schindler.

Score's parents have also filed a lawsuit, set to go to trial early next year. Lawsuit documents quote state Attorney General Mark Barnett as saying the state was responsible for the girl's death because of the way the boot camp staff treated her.

"We killed her," he said.

Gov. Bill Janklow, who credits three years in the U.S. Marines with turning his life around, called five years ago for boot camps as a way to teach teen-age offenders the discipline and other skills needed to set them straight.

The Republican governor has blamed "rogue employees" for Score's death and other problems.

But Democratic House Minority Leader Pat Haley said the problem is widespread.

"What was put together here was a routinely abusive system," said Haley, a former prison guard. "It wasn't rogue employees. It was the system."

Score was sent to the camp in July 1999 after stealing a bike, skipping school and shoplifting. Two days into the program, the 5-foot-4, 226-pound girl joined other girls on a 2.7-mile required run.

She collapsed near the end, and staff members left her on the ground because they thought she was faking. A nurse at the scene later said she didn't recognize the girl's symptoms as heat exhaustion.

Investigators said the temperature had reached 77 degrees in 81 percent humidity by the time an ambulance was called. Score's temperature reached at least 108 degrees, the maximum a thermometer could record.

Two staff members were acquitted on child abuse charges in the death and other problems, including making girls run in shackles until their ankles bled.

Today, South Dakota judges send fewer juveniles to state facilities, partly because of what some judges described as caution after Score's death.

A report this year by the Koch Crime Institute, a nonprofit research organization in Topeka, Kan., found about 50 boot camps across the nation, not counting those run by the National Guard. That's down from 60 several years ago, says Jerry Wells, the institute's director.

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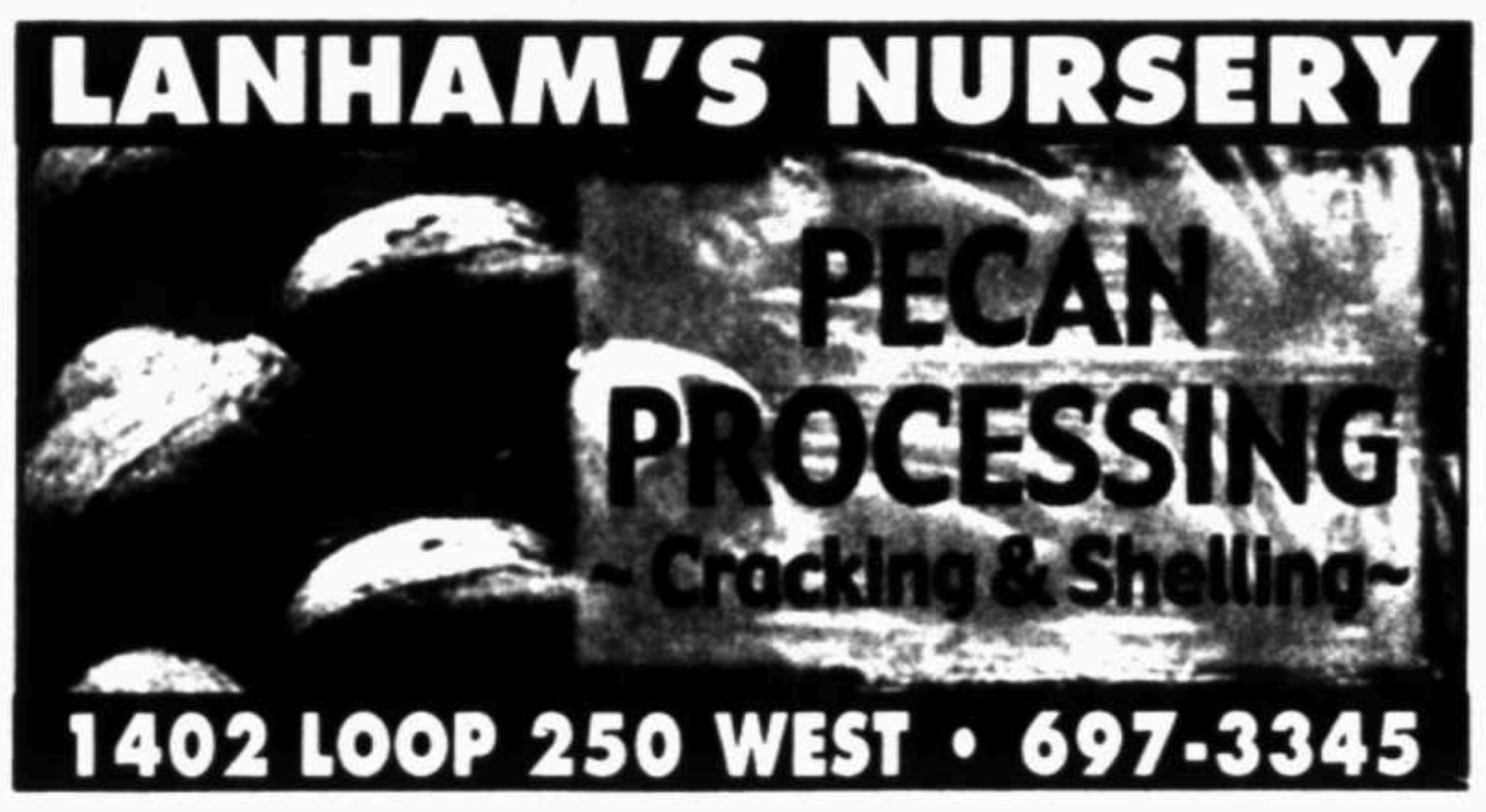

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It's wonderful to have parents, aunts and uncles and other family members in town to celebrate the holidays. Since some seniors have special needs, it's a good idea to make a few preparations that can allow your holiday guests to be more comfortable. Seelin Home Health Care offers these suggestions.

First, find out ahead of time if a guest will need supplies such as oxygen or special medical equipment. The supplying agency, such as Seelin, will need physician approval. Many will accept prescriptions that have been faxed by a physician.

Second, make sure your home is free of things that could contribute to a fall. Throw rugs are among the biggest culprits, so it's a good idea to remove them. Put night lights in hallways, bathrooms, the kitchen and in the bedroom where the person will sleep. Make sure all pathways are clear of clutter, toys, etc. Small pets that tend to get underfoot should be kept under control.

Third, eliminate as much lifting for your guest as possible. Make space in a dresser or chest of drawers for their clothing. Repeatedly lifting a heavy suitcase every time they need something could contribute to an injury or a fall.

Fourth, look around the kitchen. Place drinking glasses and snack items on a shelf or in a cabinet that is easily reached without straining or bending over. In the refrigerator, pour juice, milk and water into smaller and lighter containers that are more easily handled. This can reduce the chance for both injury and spills.

Fifth, consider installing temporary grab bars on a bathtub. Because it has many slick, wet surfaces, the bathroom can be the most dangerous room in the house to a senior adult.

A sixth consideration would be to keep seniors' medication out of the reach of small children. Some medications are powerful, and could greatly harm a small child. Remember, most seniors' medications *will not* be in child-resistant packaging.

Finally, should a senior adult guest have a medical problem while at your home, the most important rule is: *Do not panic!* If it becomes necessary to call 911, make sure you have all the information on symptoms and on medications being taken. If a hospital admission is necessary, be sure to bring the patient's Medicare card as well.

In some cases, Seelin Home Health can help you with a short-term admission to their program, if your guest needs help for a few days before returning home. Call Seelin for more information.

It's always great to see family and friends whatever their ages. With a few precautions like these, visits can be comfortable and enjoyable for everyone concerned.

Seelin Home Health Care is locally owned and operated. The phone number is 1-800-639-0631 or 915-520-1535, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They are certified by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services and licensed by the Texas Department of Health.

Seelin Home Health Care owners (from left) Pam Williams, Debbie Elizondo, Vickie Thurman, Sheila Holt and Tammy Ramirez wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.

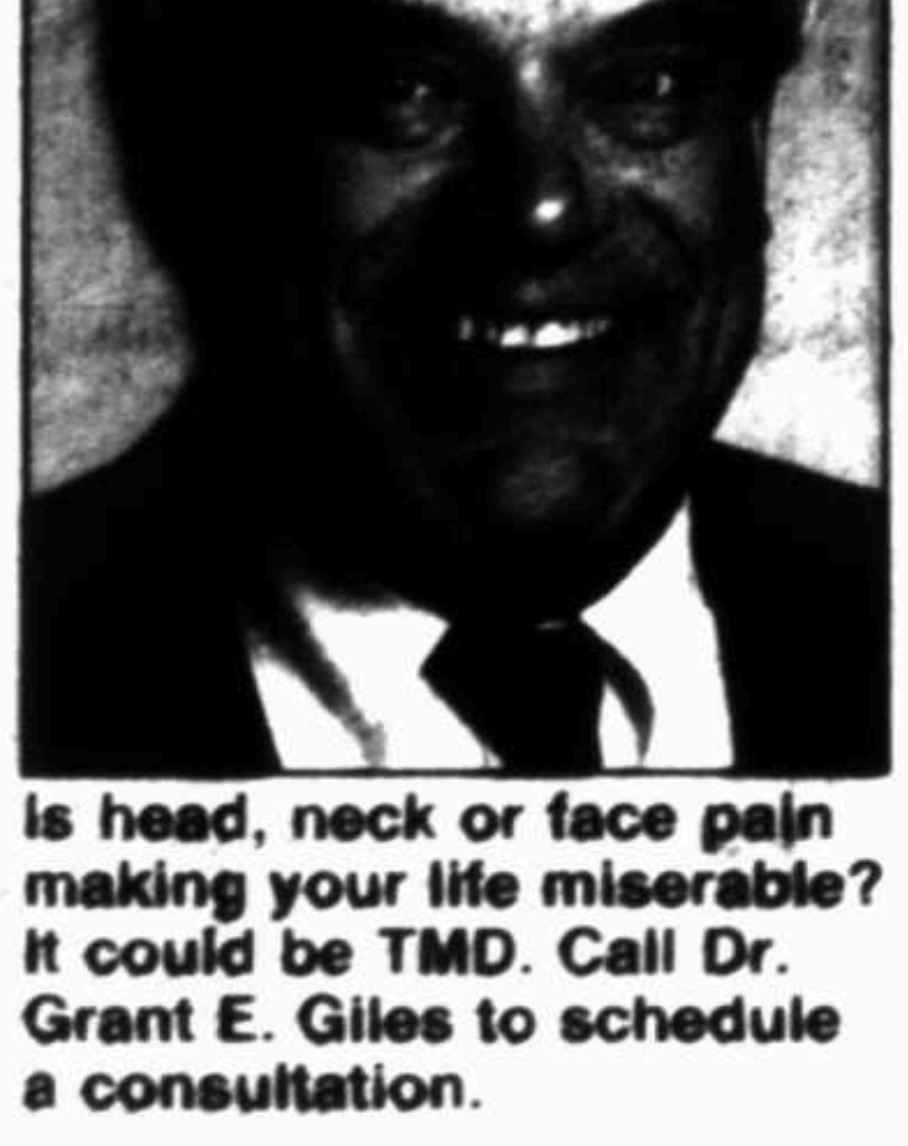
Relieving TMD pain can improve quality of life

If you suffer or have ever suffered from any type of chronic pain, you know what a devastating effect that can have over your entire life. Now a recent Surgeon General's report shows that painful craniofacial diseases such as temporomandibular disfunction, or TMD, does indeed affect the sufferer's quality of life, says Dr. Grant E. Giles.

The Surgeon General's report was summarized in the August, 2000 issue of *Dental Products Report*. That summary says, in part: "Oral-facial pain, as a symptom of untreated dental and oral problems and as a condition in and of itself, is a major source of diminished quality of life. It is associated with sleep deprivation, depression," as well as other psychological problems.

The report further states, "Oral and craniofacial diseases and conditions contribute to compromised ability to bite, chew and swallow food, limitations in food selection, and poor nutrition."

As serious as these problems are, it has been rare for health care professionals to concentrate on treating TMD in the past. That's because it is partly a dental issue, partly medical, allowing it to sort of "fall through the cracks." The problem can affect the jaw joint itself as well as the muscles and even nerves around the jaw—making it difficult to diagnose and treat.



Is head, neck or face pain making your life miserable? It could be TMD. Call Dr. Grant E. Giles to schedule a consultation.

Dr. Giles has studied and lectured internationally on TMD—and has spent much time studying its diagnosis and treatment.

He usually begins the diagnostic phase with a questionnaire regarding health history. It usually takes only 10-15 minutes to complete. Some of the questions may seem completely unrelated to TMD, but the condition has a surprisingly wide range of possible causes and consequences.

That questionnaire, along with other diagnostic tests, helps Dr. Giles determine the likelihood that your problems are caused by TMD.

If he believes treatment would be advisable, Dr. Giles begins by using a removable orthotic appliance, which helps reposition the jaw to relieve stress on affected muscles and other tissues. He uses a number of diagnostic modalities to help determine the diagnosis of your condition.

Many patients report great improvement within days of using the appliance. Typically, after 60-90 days of treatment, Dr. Giles is able to determine if a second phase is needed. This may involve adjustments to your teeth, orthodontics or, in very rare cases, surgery.

Because of the sometimes complicated effects of TMD, diagnosis can be a challenge. TMD sufferers may have been told they have tension or migraine headaches, sinus trouble, an ear infection, a toothache or some other problem.

If your life is being adversely affected by chronic head, neck or face pain, it would be worth a phone call to Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates. Even if you've been unsuccessfully treated for pain before, there could still be hope. Call today to schedule your consultation.

Dr. Grant E. Giles, DDS, FAES, FAGD, FICCMO, DAAPM is director of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates of Midland. He has lectured internationally on TMD diagnoses and treatments. His office is located in the Westwood Medical Building at 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite 201. For an appointment, call 522-1450 or 1-888-263-2631 toll free.

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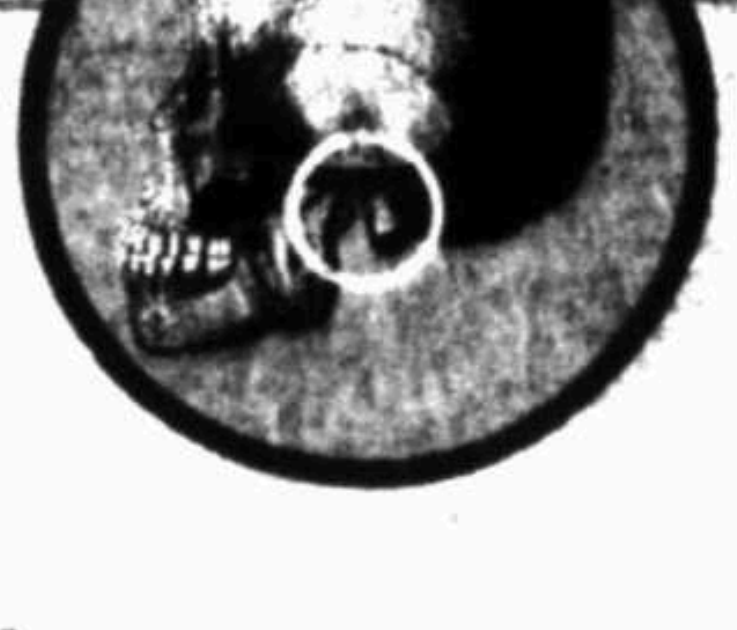

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YMCA downsizing has positive impact on our community

Midland's YMCA plays an important role in our community. That's why the YMCA Board of Directors' decision a little more than a year ago to close two of its facilities frightened the community and YMCA loyalists.

A year later, it appears the board's decision to consolidate its resources at the Central YMCA was a masterful stroke.

When the YMCA board decided to downsize, the mood in Midland was quite different. The price of oil was down in the $10 per barrel range, houses were on the market for months at a time with no buyer in sight, and the major oil companies were slicing off hundreds of management jobs in Midland.

But as has happened so many times in the past, Midland has weathered the storm and set a course for recovery.

The YMCA elected to close its Northeast YMCA and the Alamo YMCA.

Fortunately, city government rode to the rescue in the case of the Northeast YMCA. That former YMCA facility at 2300 Butternut Lane has since been transformed into the Midland Community Center and is a haven for community and youth activities. William Merritt has done an outstanding job on behalf of the city in leading the transformation and it is now a bustling center for activity. City leaders should be saluted for stepping to the plate in that instance.

The Alamo YMCA has since been taken over by a private organization and that building remains in use.

Meanwhile, the Central YMCA continues to provide the quality level of service that longtime YMCA members have come to expect. As an organization, the YMCA has seen a positive impact on its balance sheet since the consolidation. The organization is operating under a balanced budget for the first time in many years. The YMCA offers a broad range of family-oriented, youth enrichment programs which have had a positive impact on the fabric of our community.

As many of those who work out regularly at the YMCA will tell you, "no pain, no gain."

There was some pain when the YMCA board announced its decision to downsize.

But we've seen the gain.

The praise may be overdue, but we commend the leaders of the YMCA for executing their consolidation plan and continuing its top-notch service.

We have faith the Midland YMCA will continue to have a key role in our community for many years to come, thanks to some great leadership.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 11, the 346th day of 2000. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

On this date:

In 1719, the first recorded sighting of the Aurora Borealis took place in New England.

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1872, America's first black governor took office as Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became acting governor of Louisiana.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires, Argentina thwarted an attempt on the life of U.S. President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1937, Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, which responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1961, a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon — the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against communist guerrillas.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed into law legislation creating a $1.6 billion environmental "superfund" to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of foreigners flew out of Iraq and Iraqi-occupied Kuwait, ending four months of captivity following Iraq's invasion of its oil-rich neighbor. Ivana Trump was divorced from real estate mogul Donald Trump after 12 years of marriage.

Five years ago: Utah Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz held an emotional news conference in which she publicly addressed the scandal surrounding her personal and campaign finances and blamed the mess on her estranged husband, Joe.

One year ago: President Clinton told CBS Radio his 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military wasn't working, and he pledged to work with the Pentagon to find a way to fix it. Ron Dayne, Wisconsin's record-setting tailback, was a landslide winner in

CHARLEY REESE

Some say public education should be abolished

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John Taylor Gatto, a veteran of 26 years in the New York City public schools and also a New York State Teacher of the Year, recently stated that public education cannot be reformed and should be abolished.

There you have it -- an honest insider's assessment.

Gatto, in speeches and essays, said that public education everywhere teaches a covert curriculum whether teachers realize it or not. This curriculum consists of confusion, class position, indifference, emotional dependency, intellectual dependency, provisional self-esteem and the feeling that there is no escape from oversight.

In short, public education does exactly what its Prussian inventors in the 19th century intended — it turns out a docile, obedient population ready for the factory and the army. True education is not even a consideration.

Gatto says that public education has become such a giant bureaucracy, with so many vested interests, that reform has become impossible. Better to do away with public education and explore alternatives.

Here is how he describes his pupils: They cannot concentrate for very long; they have a poor sense of time past and time to come; they are mistrustful of intimacy; they hate solitude; they are cruel, materialistic, dependent, passive, violent but timid in the face of the unexpected. And they are addicted to distraction.

This, Gatto says, is the result of the present system, which affects all children whether they attend so-called good schools or slum schools. He has taught in both.

People should remember that mass public education in this country dates back only to around 1850. It started in Massachusetts, and it was strenuously opposed. Prior to that, education was left entirely to the private sector, and, consequently, education was tailored to the individual's interests and needs.

The Wright brothers did not have degrees in aeronautical engineering; the great car inventors had no degrees in automotive engineering; the great builders of the past had no civil-engineering degrees. So-called experts are an invention of a giant bureaucracy that consumes billions of dollars to indoctrinate children and turn them into creatures really not fit to be citizens of a free society.

Fortunately, some of the children resist the indoctrination and emerge able to think critically, independently and creatively, but it seems that each year, there are fewer who do so.

Gatto says, by the way, that reading, writing and arithmetic easily can be taught in 100 hours — not in the six or seven years public education claims to require.

It's insane, when you think about it, to institutionalize our children well past the best years of life. In the past, people by the age of 15 were doing productive work, and many had started families. We force our children to sit in industrial-style institutions for 12 or 13 years of secondary education and another four for so-called higher education.

Even so, children finish secondary school for the most part totally unprepared to make a living. Most are unprepared for higher education. This is despite the fact that universities have themselves dumbed down to the point that few college graduates today could pass tests given to eighth-graders in the early 1800s.

What is really needed is a genuine debate about education. Do not confuse education with the public-education industry. The oldest trick in the book used by those with a vested interest is to narrow the debate to tinkering with status quo. That's what politicians are doing today.

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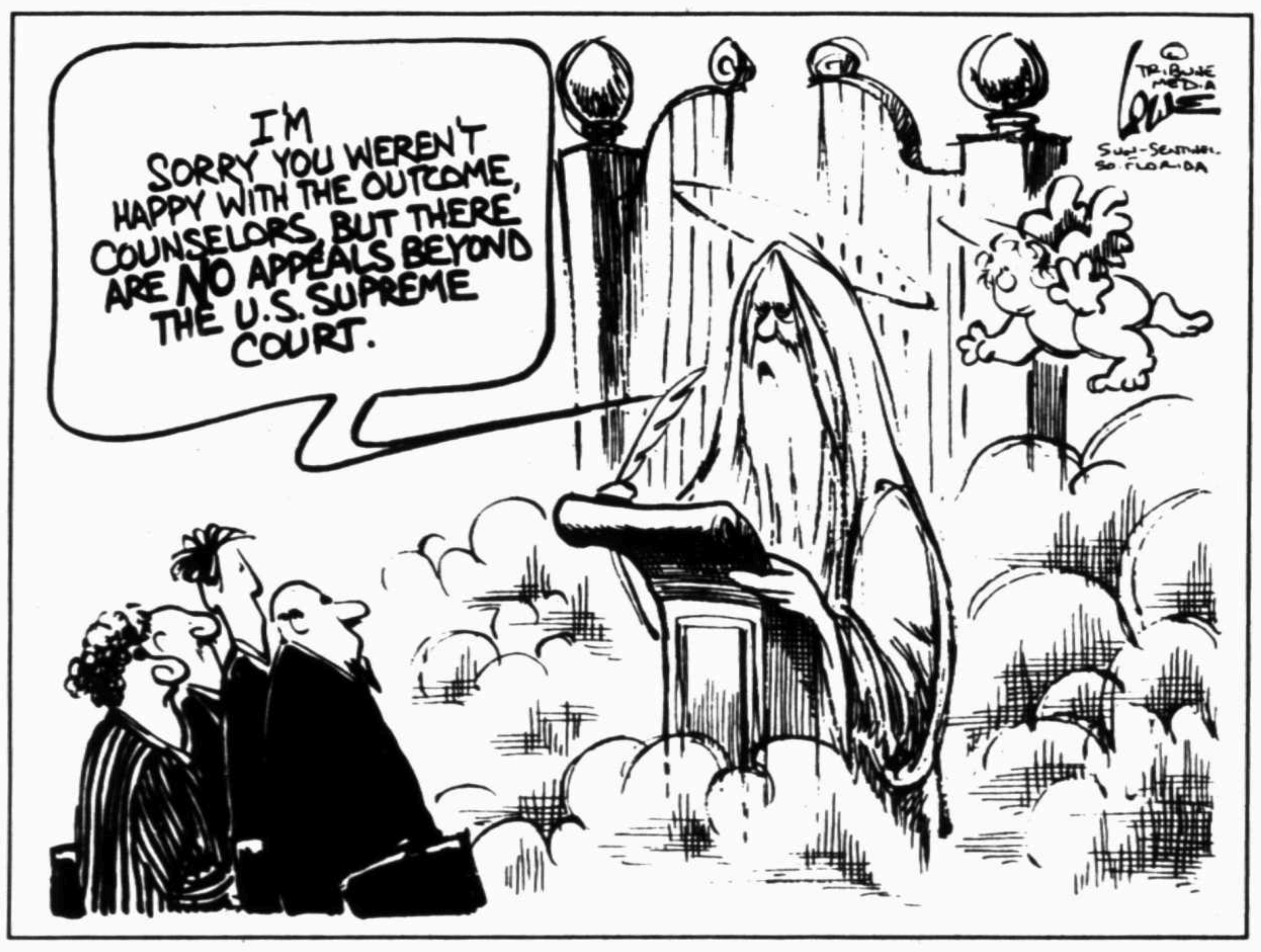
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HELEN THOMAS

Combative Texan has hammerlock on Hastert

Thomas

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Dennis Hastert may be a former high school wrestling coach, but House Republican Whip Tom DeLay has a hammerlock on him.

In the aftermath of the election, DeLay came out from under the radar and flexed his muscles — perhaps prematurely. The Houston-area congressman dissed Democrats and reminded them that the Republicans may control the White House, Congress and the Supreme Court — a political picture he described as "awesome."

Undoubtedly, Hastert would be more conciliatory if left to his own devices, but he knows who is boss and, like the other Republicans in the House, is apparently willing to jump through DeLay's hoop. The whipmaster can also count on an assist from a fellow Texan, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, to keep the party faithful in line. They make a formidable duo and take no prisoners.

Hastert, of Illinois, may not be a total puppet of the hard right in the House, but he has yet to declare his independence.

The Republicans have either a margin of seven or nine members over the Democrats in the House as the countdown continues. Not bad but not great.

DeLay seems to have missed the point that the Senate is evenly divided between the parties. Nevertheless, he is cracking the whip as if he were king of the Hill.

If he gets a White House that will kowtow, he will be in clover. The 107th Congress could make Newt Gingrich's dream come true if DeLay can resurrect the discredited "Contract with America."

So anyone who cares about such issues as gun control, abortion rights, rights for patients — forget it. Not with DeLay in charge.

And you can say goodbye to any new proposals for workers' occupational protections, restrictions on auto emissions, clean air and water, and stewardship of the nation's finite resources in the West.

Then, of course, the GOP will be promoting a $1 trillion-plus tax cut with the surplus amassed during the Clinton-Gore administration. The nation should be reminded that it was President Clinton's tight budget in 1993 that set off the unprecedented prosperity, brought deficit spending to an end, and made it possible to start paying down the national debt.

Oh for the days of the giants on Capitol Hill who cared about the people, especially the disadvantaged — Speaker Sam Rayburn and then Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B, Johnson, later president. Both were Texans who knew how to get things done but understood the art of compromise.

Actually, the typically confrontational DeLay might not show it in his public life, but he has a heart. He and his wife cared for three foster children and they remain committed to helping deprived youngsters.

Still, when I think of the needs of the nation that will be passed over under the GOP leadership, I want to say: "Cry the beloved country."

Don't tell it to the Marines, but I had a sense of deja vu when I read that a Marine was transferred out of Camp David where he had been on guard duty for acknowledging on a radio call-in show that he had seen a Penthouse magazine with Paula Jones on the cover.

Jones is the former Arkansas state government who sued President Clinton on sexual harassment charges and won a settlement.

During a previous era, I was among a group of reporters covering President Richard Nixon at Camp David when one of the Marine guards asked if we could get him and his family an invitation to one of Nixon's Sunday worship services.

We put in a call to the White House social office explaining the request. The next thing we knew, the Marine and his family were shipped out of the mountaintop retreat in Maryland.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is going around saying that he should be the one demanding a recount. He says that everywhere he goes, especially at airports, he runs into people who tell him they voted for him.

McCain lost to Gov. George W. Bush in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

McCain also says that in Arizona, mothers don't tell their sons they can grow up to be president. He cites himself and other Arizonans — including Sen. Barry Goldwater, Rep. Morris Udall and former Gov. Bruce Babbitt, now the Interior secretary — who ran for the presidency and lost.

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JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

Law illustrates another invasion of privacy case

Anderson

WASHINGTON — We have often railed against the absence of a right to privacy in America, a right that most Americans assume they already have. Some court rulings have found such a right under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, most notably in the Roe vs. Wade abortion decision. Such decisions, however, have been made on narrow grounds, and lest we believe we have a real right to privacy, look what happened in Alabama.

In 1998, the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, acting on the behalf of six individuals, challenged a state law banning the purchase, sale and distribution of "any device designed or marketed as useful primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs." Penalties for breaking this law can add up to $10,000 in fines, a year's imprisonment or even "hard labor."

The state of Alabama does not have laws prohibiting sex between unmarried adults or sodomy between consenting heterosexual adults. The ACLU argues in its complaint: "By prohibiting the sale and distribution of sexual devices, Alabama has unduly burdened the rights of plaintiffs to be free from unwarranted governmental intrusions into their private practices," which would violate a person's First, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth and 14th Amendment rights.

The complaint was brought against six people in Alabama, including Sherri Williams and B.J. Bailey. Williams is the owner of Pleasures, a retail chain that sells sexual aids and novelties. Bailey works for Saucy Lady, a company engaged in the sales of sexual novelty items through private Tupperware-style parties.

According to Pepper Schwartz, sociologist at the University of Washington, "The only thing immoral or obscene about purchasing a vibrator is that someone might arrest you for it. The law is hypocrisy, a kind of sexism, and reflects insecurity about women having individual sexual responsiveness that is not connected to a guy." Schwartz went on to say, "Have they outlawed the sale of Viagra? Sex therapists tell women to use vibrators, books tell women how to use them, and couples use them because many women are not orgasmic during intercourse."

In 1999, U.S. District Judge Lynwood Smith ruled in favor of the ACLU, saying that the law was "overly broad" and that under it people would be "denied therapy" for, among other things, sexual dysfunction. Judge Smith also wrote in his opinion that "a majority, or at least a significant minority, of the proscribed devices, as a matter of law, are not obscene under any established definition of obscenity."

Earlier this year, however, the state took the case to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, arguing that "a ban on the sale of sexual devices and related orgasm-stimulating paraphernalia is rationally related to a legitimate legislative interest in discouraging prurient interests in autonomous sex." The 11th Circuit Court unanimously ruled in favor of the state, explaining that the state's "interest in public morality is a legitimate interest rationally served by the statute."

At least eight other states, including Texas and Georgia, have passed similar laws. In at least three of these states — Louisiana, Kansas and Colorado — courts have struck the laws down. The Texas courts, however, have upheld that state's law against sexual devices.

The strangest aspect of this is that such laws tend to be supported by conservatives who normally claim to oppose intrusive, invasive, overreaching governmental involvement in our lives.

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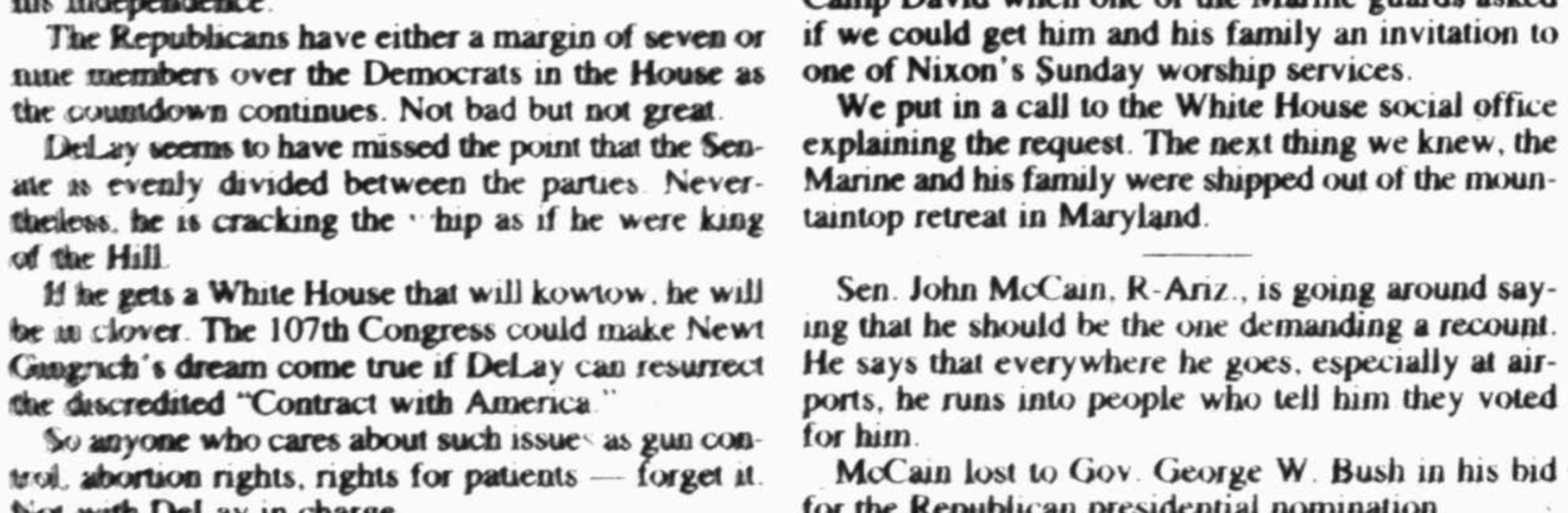
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Netanyahu announces candidacy for Israeli prime minister

By Greg Myre
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Hours after Prime Minister Ehud Barak resigned on Sunday to run for re-election, his predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu, declared his own candidacy and called on parliament to pass legislation to allow him to run.

Barak's resignation plunged Israel into a sudden election campaign, and the hard-line Netanyahu quickly took up the challenge — even though it might not be technically possible for him to run.

"I present my candidacy today for prime minister and head of the Likud party," Netanyahu said a news conference.

In calling special elections to be held in February, Barak, who lags far behind Netanyahu in opinion polls, took advantage of a law that prevents the former prime minister from running because he is not a member of or candidate for parliament.

Barak's resignation made possible a special election for the prime ministership only. This replaces an earlier plan, which called for general elections that were expected next spring and would have enabled to Netanyahu to run concurrently for parliament and prime minister.

AP Photo

Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gestures as he speaks to the press in Jerusalem Sunday. Prime Minister Ehud Barak's resignation Sunday plunged Israel into a sudden election campaign, and his old nemesis, Netanyahu, quickly took up the challenge — announcing he's in the race, even though it might not be technically possible for him to run.

Netanyahu denounced Barak for what he called "the most cynical trick in the history of the nation."

He appealed directly to members of parliament, saying, "Allow the people to choose a new leadership to replace those who have run the situation down."

Barak will remain in office until the election and was formally re-nominated as the Labor Party candidate only hours after he resigned. Still, he faces a difficult battle to win re-election. Ongoing violence with the Palestinians, which has claimed more than 300 lives, is pushing the Israeli public toward right-wing parties such as Likud.

It's not clear, however, who that party's candidate will be.

Current Likud leader Ariel Sharon is running even with Barak in the polls, while Netanyahu, the former party chief, holds a double-digit lead over Barak that has expanded as the violence drags on.

Netanyahu criticized Barak's policy of compromise with the Palestinians, charging that he "broadcast weakness" and brought more than two months of violence on Israel, referring to Palestinian-Israeli clashes that began Sept. 28.

Without giving specifics, Netanyahu said he could achieve "cold peace" with Israel's neighbors, based on mutuality and security. He said that was the best Israel could expect realistically, "not Scandinavia."

Netanyahu's term in office from 1996-99 was marked by constant friction with the Palestinians. But his tough policies now appeal to many Israelis, who feel Barak's peace efforts have failed and Israel's security has been jeopardized.

At a rally launching his re-election campaign, Barak said that neither Likud leader had a realistic vision for resolving the half-century-long conflict with the Palestinians.

"The problem of the Likud is not who will be its leader, but that it doesn't have an alternative way or position that can change reality," Barak said.

Analysts say Barak, who won a landslide victory over Netanyahu just 18 months ago, must work out some sort peace deal with the Palestinians if he hopes to persuade Israelis to vote for him a second time.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said he saw little hope of progress on the peace front during Israel's election campaign.

"Peace talks will stop until the elections are over," Arafat said. He also accused Barak of failing to carry out agreements already reached. "Barak is famous for not implementing what he's signed and wasting time."

With his grip on power slipping, Barak had reluctantly agreed to hold new national elections, which were expected in about four or five months.

But he caught almost everyone in Israel by surprise Saturday night, announcing in a televised speech that he would quit and that elections would be held in two months. Barak formally tendered his resignation to Israeli President Moshe Katsav on Sunday afternoon; the resignation takes effect after 48 hours.

The feud over Netanyahu's candidacy was guaranteed to provoke intense wrangling in parliament, the Knesset.

The Likud party said there were at least two ways to get Netanyahu on the ballot.

One would be to change the law for special elections, which requires prime ministerial candidates to be members of parliament.

The second approach would be to dissolve the current parliament and hold new elections on the same date as the prime minister's ballot. Under that scenario, Netanyahu would be allowed to run for both a parliamentary seat and the prime minister's post. Netanyahu said he favored that option.

Sharon said he would welcome a change in the election laws, though that would work against his own ambition to become prime minister.

"My opinion is that we need to allow every citizen, even if he is not a Knesset member, to run in the elections for prime minister," Sharon said Sunday.

Even if Barak wins re-election, without a change in the makeup of the Knesset he would probably find it just as difficult to govern and gain support for the peace process.

Israeli army: Palestinian killed while planting bomb

JERUSALEM (AP) — Members of an international fact-finding commission began arriving Sunday evening to look into more than two months of violence, as a Palestinian planting a roadside bomb was shot dead by Israeli soldiers, the military said.

A second Palestinian man fled the scene near Har Gilo, a Jewish settlement south of Jerusalem, an army spokesman said. In a separate incident, the army defused a bomb near the Jewish settlement of Elon Moreh near Nablus in the West Bank, army radio reported.

Israel's army chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, told a Cabinet meeting Sunday that Palestinian militants were planning more bomb attacks.

Also, a 19-year-old Palestinian died after being shot in the chest during clashes with Israeli soldiers at the entrance to the West Bank village of Beit Furik, hospital officials said.

The fact-finding commission, led by former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, will meet with both sides today to begin gathering evidence. Israel and the Palestinians agreed on setting up the commission at a summit meeting in Egypt in October.

Alon Liel, director of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said he hoped both sides would steer clear of propaganda while making their reports. "If this propaganda battle will start, the role of this committee will be substantially damaged," Liel said.

This came as Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak set in motion an election in February by tendering his resignation to Israel's president. Barak will remain in office during the interim and will seek re-election, but the move further complicated peace efforts.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said peace talks were now on hold until after the elections. "Without any doubt this will affect negotiations, peace talks will stop until the elections are over," he said in the Gaza Strip.

U.S. Mideast peace envoy Dennis Ross and his team will meet with Arafat in Morocco in the next few days "to discuss the current situation, how to end the violence and how to build a bridge back to peace," a senior State Department official, with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Africa, said Sunday.

Clashes between rock-throwing Palestinians and Israeli troops have declined in recent weeks. However, Palestinians have set off several roadside bombs, and gunmen have increasingly targeted Israeli cars traveling in the West Bank.

In an attempt to stop the attacks, Mofaz said Israel has forbidden private cars carrying only Palestinian men from traveling in some parts of the West Bank.

The Israeli army controls entry and exit points to main cities and towns in the West Bank, and Palestinians were already facing tight restrictions on their movements. Shortly after the fighting broke out in late September, Israel imposed a closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip that banned Palestinians from entering Israel.

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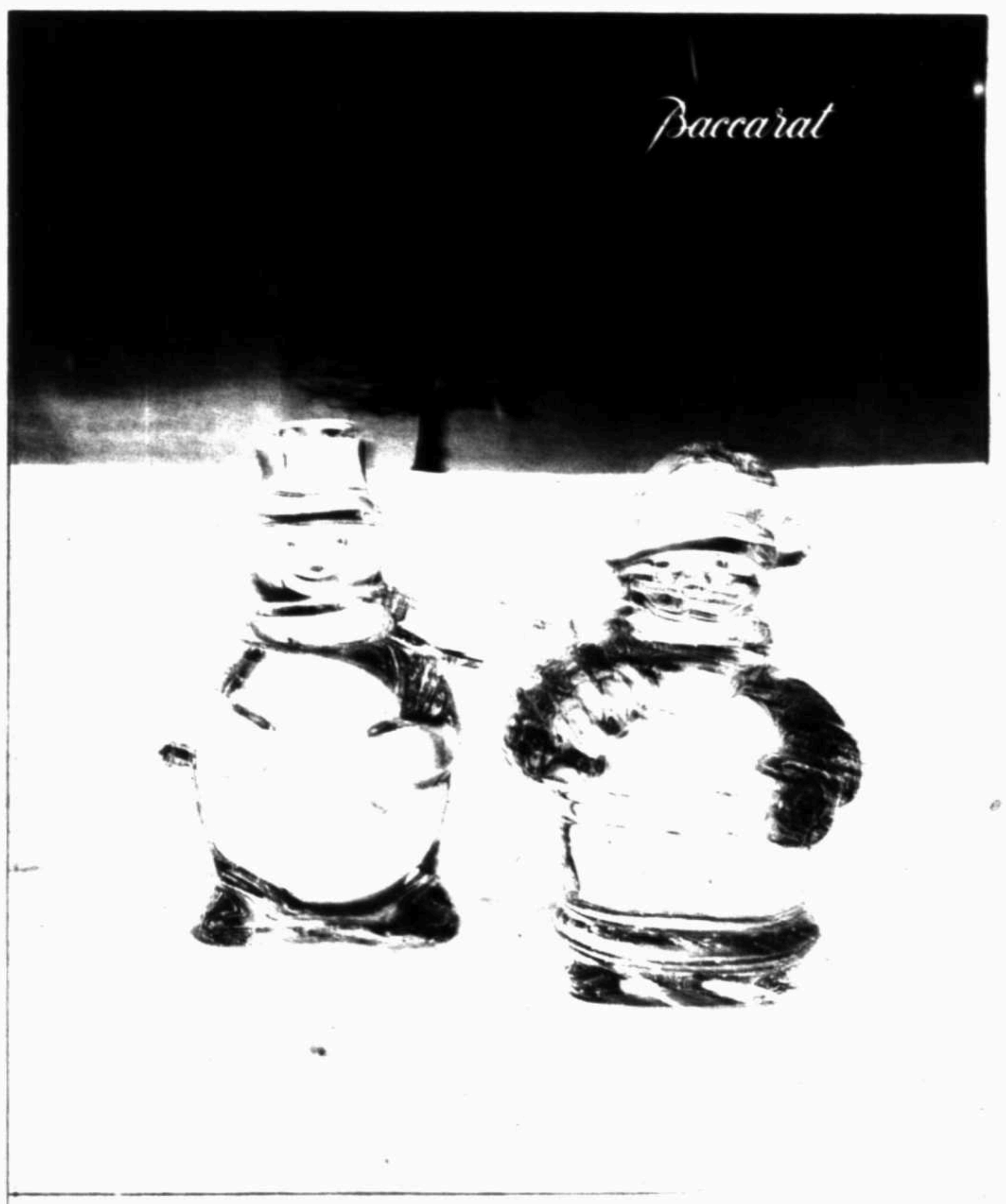

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Delegates agree on treaty to ban 'dirty dozen' chemicals

By Susanna Loof
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Proud, but pale and red-eyed after a week of negotiations culminating in all-night talks, U.N. officials announced Sunday that 122 countries have agreed on a treaty banning 12 highly toxic chemicals.

Greenpeace called the agreement the "beginning of the end of toxic pollution," and World Wildlife Fund official Clifton Curtis described it as "a real solid foundation for the future."

Despite disagreements that kept negotiators awake most of Friday and Saturday nights, all welcomed the final text, said John Buccini, chairman of the summit organized by the U.N. Environment Program.

"The treaty enjoyed the broadest possible support," he said. "People not only felt that we have a treaty, but that we have a good treaty."

PCBs, dioxins and other chemicals on the "dirty dozen" list are known as persistent organic pollutants or POPs. They break down slowly, travel easily in the environment, and have been linked to cancer, birth defects and other genetic abnormalities. Breast-feeding mothers transmit the poison to their infants.

Production and use of nine of the 12 chemicals will be banned as soon as the treaty takes effect, likely four to five years after the signing ceremony set for May in Stockholm, Sweden.

About 25 countries, including South Africa, would be allowed to use one of the 12 chemicals — DDT — to combat malaria in accordance with World Health Organization guidelines pending development of safe solutions.

The treaty calls for reducing releases of dioxins and furans — toxic byproducts of waste burning and industrial production — "with the goal of their continuing minimization and, where feasible, ultimate elimination," it said.

Using electrical equipment containing PCBs would be allowed until 2025, as long as the equipment doesn't leak the chemical, which can cause cancer and harm the immune and reproductive systems.

The most contentious issues were provisions for expanding the treaty to include other chemicals and a way for industrialized nations to transfer some $150 million a year to developing countries to offset the costs of using cleaner alternatives.

The donor countries wanted to use an existing Global Environment Fund for the transfer, under which they would retain more control over how the money is used. Developing countries wanted a new mechanism likely to give them more control.

Eventually, the treaty assigned the GEF as a temporary mechanism, but added conditions as to how the fund must improve its work. No amount has been specified, but James Willis, a U.N. Environment Program chemical expert, estimated it would be about $150 million a year.

The European Union wanted "precautionary" language — specifying how the treaty can be expanded to include other chemicals — to be included throughout the document. The United States wanted it only in the preamble and called for stricter scientific criteria than those preferred by the EU, which argued that lack of scientific proof should not exclude chemicals from being considered for the treaty.

According to the treaty, international scientists will put each chemical under consideration for inclusion in the ban through "a rigorous science assessment," Buccini said.

"If they decide that this one is just too close to call, maybe it's a POP, maybe it's not; it's sitting on the borderline, then the policy in the convention states that the committee should push this forward" to a higher level, he said.

"There's three or four or five different places in this treaty where you can see that we've tried to construct a legal instrument which tends to err on the side of safety."

Brooks Yeager, head of the U.S. delegation, said the final precautionary language included a "scientific flavor," thereby fulfilling his country's wishes. EU officials weren't available for comment. Curtis said the treaty's precautionary language was stronger than the WWF had expected.

Most of the chemicals have been banned in industrialized countries, and there are alternatives to most of them, Buccini said. The treaty will mean that countries disposing of garbage by open-air burning and some factories will have to find new techniques, he said. That could lead to higher costs, but when the impact on the environment is factored in, the balance would be more fair to all, he said.

The treaty must be ratified by 50 countries to take effect. Yeager said he expected the ban to be ratified by the U.S. Congress.

Clinton faces fraying Belfast peace deal

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — It was supposed to be his jubilant "victory lap" of Northern Ireland, a celebration of a historic deal concluded and an elusive peace secured.

But when President Clinton returns to Belfast this week, he'll find a peace process once again flirting with disaster.

The joint Catholic-Protestant government at the heart of 1998's peace accord is buckling under mounting mistrust and could be mothballed within weeks. And the Irish Republican Army, fearful of exacerbating a deadly split within its ranks, is refusing to deliver a promised start to disarmament that would relieve the pressure on other factions.

For the third time in five years, each side is looking to Clinton's intervention as a last, best chance to tip the scales in their favor.

"We desperately need a deal before Christmas, and we have to hope that President Clinton's coming heralds the end game — because the alternative is just too terrible to contemplate," said David Ervine, a Protestant politician linked to one of Northern Ireland's outlawed pro-British groups responsible for killing eight people in recent months.

"If Bill Clinton was the British prime minister, we wouldn't be in the fix we're in," said Gerry Adams, whose IRA-linked Sinn Fein party has benefited the most from Clinton's unprecedented commitment to Northern Ireland.

But with the president's lame-duck status and key obstacles as intractable as ever, American officials are playing down the prospect of any Clinton-choreographed breakthrough.

"He's well aware, as I am, of the limits of American contribution," said former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, who brokered the 1998 accord and will be accompanying Clinton. "We're not the primary participants. We don't make the decisions. We don't dictate to anyone what they should or shouldn't do."

Clinton's previous two visits proved public relations triumphs, but delivered mixed diplomatic results.

In 1995, talks on Northern Ireland's future had yet to begin, with Protestants demanding IRA disarmament before they would sit down with Sinn Fein's Adams.

On the eve of his arrival, Clinton picked Mitchell to recommend a compromise course on disarmament. While in Belfast, the president publicly shook Adams' hand, but also used his main speech to turn on its head a favored IRA catch phrase — "Our day will come" — by declaring "Your day is over."

That proved wishful thinking. IRA commanders, it later transpired, already had decided to abandon their 1994 cease-fire once Clinton had gone. Two months later, a truck bomb tore apart a London business district and killed two people.

By Clinton's second visit in 1998, Northern Ireland had endured a roller coaster of breakthroughs and crises culminating in the Good Friday accord that year. But the sweeping pact contained many unresolved arguments, and its central hope of forging a cross-community government including Sinn Fein remained mired in the argument over when the IRA must start scrapping weapons.

Clinton set two goals before that trip: to get the IRA finally to engage with the province's long-idle disarmament commission and to coax David Trimble, the designated Protestant leader of the then-unformed power-sharing government, to begin speaking to Adams.

Trimble complied, but his encounters with Adams soon turned frosty and unproductive. A symbolic barrier had been broken without producing tangible gains.

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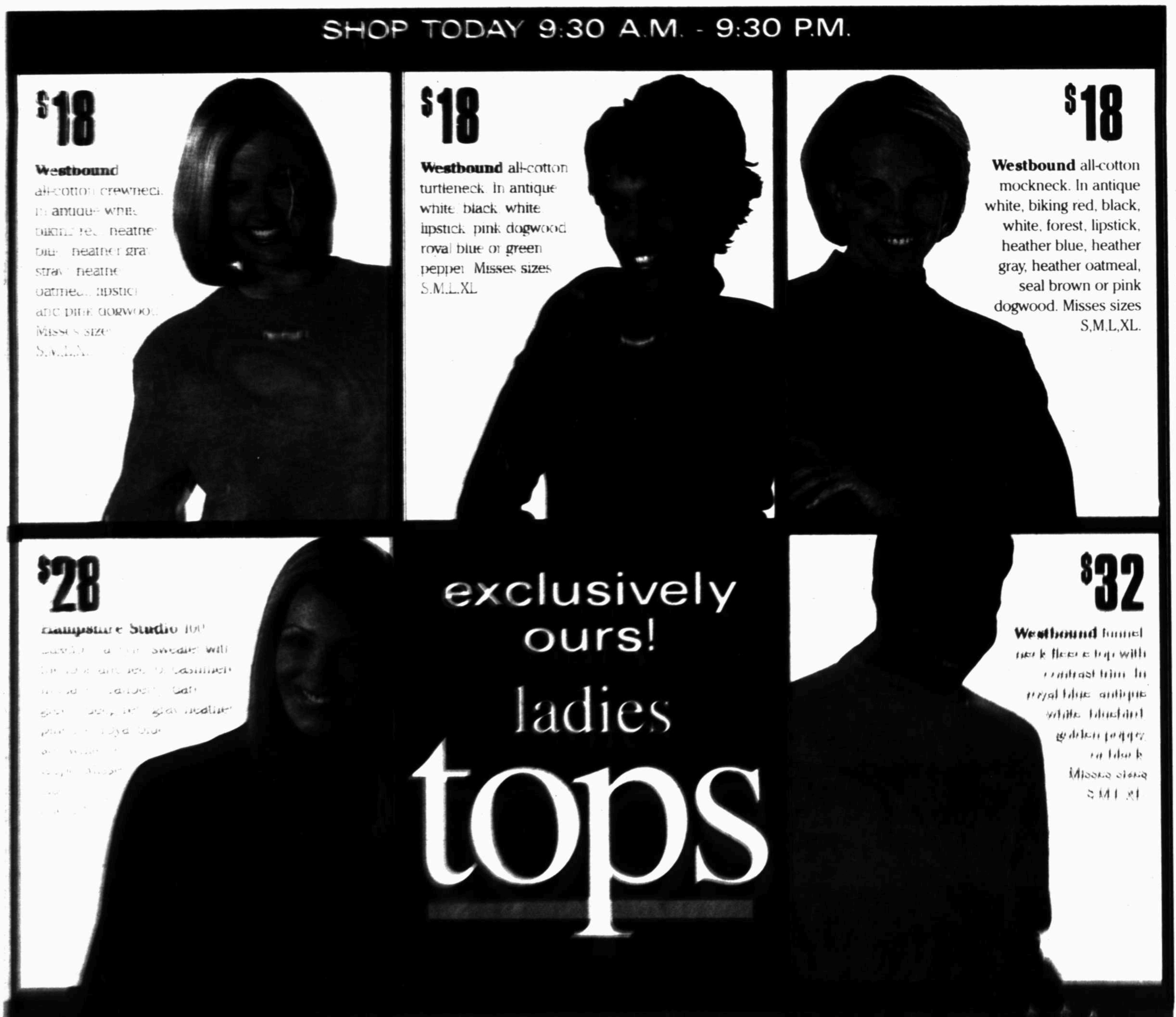
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MONDAY MORNING

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DAVE BARRY

Deck the halls with boughs of falling lizards

Here in Florida (Official State Motto: "I voted for WHOM??") we do not have what you would call a typical Christmas season.

For one thing, it never snows, at least not in Miami. Down here, we don't sing, "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas." We sing, "I'm dreaming of a Christmas that is not so hot and humid that I need a coat hanger to un-bunch my underwear."

Barry

Actually, it's a good thing we don't get snow: People down here already have enough trouble driving.

For example, we have an inordinate number of accidents caused by people driving into buildings. And these are not buildings that have been carelessly left in the roadway. These are buildings carefully placed off to the side. Yet people drive into them!

I suspect that somewhere in the official Florida driver's manual, there's a picture of a building, with the words: "If you see one of these, aim straight for it!"

So if we ever had snow, it would be horrible. There would be cars on roofs, cars in the palm trees, cars in the Gulf Stream. The only safe place for a pedestrian to stand would be on an actual highway.

Since I've lived here, we did have one cold Christmas, cold for us, anyway, when the temperature briefly fell into the 30s. But snow did not fall from the sky. What fell from the sky was: lizards. Really. I went outside on Christmas morning, and lying on my lawn, looking stunned, were at least a dozen bright-green lizards that had fallen out of the trees. These were not small lizards. These things were the size of cocker spaniels, and they had TEETH. That is not a normal Christmas morning sight. There is no Christmas carol that goes:

Good King Wenceslaus looked out
On the feast of Stephen
Saw big green lizards all about
So he said, "I'm leavin'!"

Nevertheless, even in Miami, we do have our Christmas traditions. Traditions are an important part of Christmas. For example, when I was a boy, my mom and I had a wonderful tradition that went on for nearly 10 years, called: The Fruitcake Slam. I am not making this tradition up. Every year, some people we knew thoughtfully sent us a fruitcake that was approximately the same density as the Hoover Dam. And every year, my mom, who was, take my word for it, the funniest person who ever lived, would declare, in her brightest June Cleaver voice: "Look, Davey!" (She called me Davey.) "The fruitcake has arrived!"

And I'd say: "Hurrah! I hope we don't accidentally leave it in the kitchen doorway, like last year!" Then I'd open the kitchen door and place the fruitcake on the sill.

"UH-oh!" my mom would say. "It's getting drafty! I had best close the kitchen door!" And she'd give the door a mighty slam. Usually the first slam would barely dent the fruitcake, so my mom would give it a few more, the two of us cackling like maniacs. This is still one of my fondest Christmas memories.

Anyway, here in South Florida, I have a new tradition, called: Try To Find A Christmas Tree That Was Actually Alive Within The Past Five Years. This is very difficult. Christmas trees are grown up North, and as the tree shipments travel south, all the good trees get taken along the way. By the time the trucks reach Miami, all that's left are these brown, scrawny things that appear to be members of the tumbleweed family.

And even those quickly get snapped up. By the week before Christmas, trees are scarce. Last year, on Dec. 23, my wife and I were driving around, desperately looking for a place that still had trees, when we spotted a guy selling some out of a pickup truck in a parking lot. This was not just any parking lot: This was, I swear, the parking lot of a strip club.

These were not choice trees. Each one had maybe five remaining needles, which was also the number of teeth possessed by the guy who was selling them. But at that point, we were glad to get anything. We picked out a tree, paid for it, and stood there for a moment, basking in our success. It was just getting dark, and the temperature was about 85 degrees. Our Christmas tree's naked branches were bathed in the bright pink glow given off by the sign above us that said, simply: ADULT ENTERTAINMENT. It was a special moment, a Christmas in Miami moment. And at that moment, call me sentimental, if you want, I felt a very special kind of feeling. It was my underwear bunching up.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

LaVerne Jones is an artist whose paintings have received recognition not only in Midland, but in Austin, where she has won awards two years in a row in the Art is Ageless show staged by the Texas Homes and Services for the Aging for residents of more than 300 retirement communities across the state. The artwork behind her is not her own, though, but a mural on the wall in her garden.

Award-winning artist ...

... LaVerne Jones

You can sit in an easy chair in LaVerne Jones' house in Manor Park and look out her bedroom window to a view of mountains and a lake, framed by a slender tree in the foreground. It looks awfully real, even when she explains that the scene is painted on her garage door.

LaVerne had it done by an artist she met at Manor Park's recreation room. She was going to do it herself, but when she told her children, they raised such a fuss that she hired the painting done.

LaVerne's own paintings have received recognition not only in Midland, but in Austin, where she has won awards two years in a row in the Art is Ageless show staged by the Texas Homes and Services for the Aging for residents of more than 300 retirement communities across the state. LaVerne said she didn't start painting until she was a senior citizen, and that when Chris Newman, activities director at Manor Park, suggested she enter the contest, she was reluctant to do so.

"But then I won, and Chris and I went down to Austin to receive my award, and that was a lot of fun," she said. The second year, she balked even more. "I told Chris someone else should have a chance." The third year, LaVerne was adamant. "I've had my share," she said.

A year or so ago, LaVerne, who is 90, began to have problems with vertigo.

Her daughter, Susan Griffin, came down from Walnut Creek, Calif., to be with her while she underwent tests to determine the cause of the vertigo.

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[illegible] should write [illegible] accomplishments, just in case.

LaVerne understood what she [illegible] meant. She went to the typewriter and created a scant one-page obituary entitled "For the paper, should I pop off," listing her [illegible] of her husband, Ted Jones, and her children, Susan and Thomas Jones of Minneapolis, a request that memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland and a few sound bites about her volunteerism that raise more questions than answers.

There is a mention of LaVerne's degree in psychiatric social service from the University of Michigan, and her volunteer work as a charter member of the Children's Service League, [illegible] the Cerebral Palsy Center in Midland, the Big Spring State Hospital and various nursing homes [illegible]

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[illegible] worked," she explains. "[illegible] weren't going to work, we decided at the very beginning, they [illegible] members."

When she [illegible] LaVerne volunteered her professional expertise, counseling families of children with CP and assisting them [illegible]

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Vickie Hunt and her sons Connor, right, and Campbell in her arms, look at miniature trains at Northpark Mall in Dallas. The Trains at Northpark is a walk-through set featuring 40 locomotives and detailed reproductions of American landmarks such as the Empire State Building and Mount Rushmore. This is one of several attractions at the mall offered to shoppers during the holidays.

AP Photo

Retailers in competitive market deck the malls with lures to snare shoppers

By Susan Parrott
Associated Press

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LAVERNE: Man brings wife to hospital, then never returns

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a human and now I'm going to kill you.' Luckily, one of the other residents came in and took the knife away from him."

She said another case she can't forget was a woman who had been brought to the state hospital by her husband, who left her there, and never returned.

"When I first met her, she had been there 10 or 15 years," she said. "She seemed to be improving, so I thought she might be able to work at one of the halfway houses. In about a week, she was doing all the housecleaning, and the manager of the home said she was a good cook. Shortly after that, she began requesting books from the library. But when she had been there two or three years, she fell ill, and died. She was buried in the state hospital's burial grounds, and no one knows her story."

LaVerne and her late husband, geologist Ted Jones — whose stratigraphy of the Permian Basin appears at the Petroleum Museum — moved to Midland in 1934. She learned from him to love the wildlife of the Permian Basin.

"He watched the birds and fed the birds and grew plants in our back yard on Storey that would attract the birds," she said. "He once wrote an article that was published in a naturalist magazine and in it he mentioned a certain bird that he had never seen in Midland. Then he got a letter from a reader who told him if he'd put out a certain type of food that he would attract that bird, and he did, and the bird came to our back yard."

Jones died in 1984, the victim of an ironic by-product of medical progress.

"He was working for Union Oil Co., and during a company physical, he was discovered to have some minor physical problem, and was given a new medicine for it," LaVerne said. "It attacked the vital organs in his body. There were several others here in Midland who died."

LaVerne said she and Ted had already begun arrangements to move to Manor Park before he died.

"He was in and out of the hospital, but he was able to stay at home, and the day before he died he sat at the window and was able to look out at the birds.

"Now there are stricter regulations about the testing of new drugs."

Despite the bout with vertigo, LaVerne still drives, and in fact, often runs errands for friends. She also still paints, although her children now insist that she stay on the ground to do so.

"The main reason they refused to let me paint the garage door was that I had fallen off a ladder and landed in my paint," she said, laughing. "So now I have to keep my feet on the floor."

LURES: 'Spouse House' offers big-screen TV, putting greens

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square feet of retail per capita, according to Integra Realty Resources.

At Grapevine Mills mall in Tarrant County, the emphasis is on "shoppertainment."

During the weekend after Thanksgiving — the traditional start of the holiday shopping season — mall activities included Santa Claus' arrival by helicopter and a special area for those who didn't want to shop until they dropped.

The "Spouse House" offered weary shoppers — mostly men — a big-screen TV, artificial putting greens and free snacks.

The Grapevine mall features several theme restaurants, including the Rain Forest Cafe, which will offer "Breakfast with Santa" on several weekends.

"It's getting more into the entertainment aspect," Rotenen said. "Some of the malls draw traffic not only for (sales) promotions but for events, so to speak. They want to get the entire family out."

Galleria in Dallas claims the country's tallest indoor shopping tree, an 85-foot artificial giant in the center of the mall's ice-skating rink. During daily performances, all 100,000 lights appear to dance along with symphonic musical scores. Some events feature "Missile Toes," Galleria's acrobatic, ice-skating Santa Claus.

"That's part of the whole Galleria experience," said mall spokeswoman Jane Robertson. "Our customers have lots of choices and we work hard to earn their trust and business."

The Galleria will have even more competition next holiday season. The Shops at Willow Bend, an upscale mall under construction in west Plano, is on schedule to open in August.

Other malls around the country also are reaching out to shoppers with giveaways and gimmicks.

At the Jersey Gardens outlet mall in Elizabeth, N.J., shoppers can compete with their holiday dollars for 1 million frequent flier miles. For every $10 a shopper spends, the mall gives out one entry to the weekly contest for the Continental Airlines miles, equivalent to about 40 round-trip flights.

Other New Jersey malls are offering free chocolate bars as shoppers browse, and free pagers so friends can beep each other when they're trying on clothes in different stores.

Some events feature "Missile Toes," Galleria's acrobatic, ice-skating Santa Claus.

DEAR ABBY

Wife makes chilling discovery of husband's online child porn

By Abigail Van Buren

Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: While my husband was in a chat room on the Internet, I caught him asking for pictures of little girls being sexually molested. He had already downloaded several on our computer. In one of those pictures was a little girl 18 to 24 months old — and the most awful thing was being done to her. The rest of them were no better. I cried all evening after seeing those pictures, Abby.

I have five small grandchildren and one on the way. Now I know I can no longer trust my husband around them. I have begged him to get help, but he says he doesn't have a problem, so I am seriously thinking about reporting him. Abby, he even sent out a picture of his own daughter.

Do you think he could possibly be a child molester, too? All the signs are there, and I just can't stand the thought of him touching me if he has hurt a child like that. Please help me. I am so afraid. We have been married 12 years. How could I not have seen this before? — TERRIFIED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR TERRIFIED: Please don't blame yourself for not having "seen this before." Child molesters are very clever about hiding their preferences, because they have to be. Your husband is sick — a predator — and if he would post pictures of his own child on the Internet, he wouldn't hesitate to do the same with a grandchild.

Since he refuses to admit he has a problem, you will have to force him into getting help. Tell the police in your community exactly what you have told me. Please don't wait another day to do it.

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Sick of Disrespect in Dallas" didn't go far enough. The proper way to handle verbal abuse or unacceptable behavior on an airplane is to immediately complain directly to the flight attendant before the situation escalates. If he or she fails to put the perpetrator in place, inform the attendant that you will file a complaint with the airline citing failure to handle a threatening situation.

No one should have to tolerate or witness profanity, drunken behavior, or any other form of abuse in the air, on land or at sea.

However, I agree that one should never directly confront someone who is out of control. — LOOKING FOR FRIENDLIER SKIES

DEAR LOOKING: I'm pleased that you do. Although each airline has its own regulations for handling disruptive passengers, it is my understanding that most of them follow a similar scenario. If the flight attendant cannot "calm down" or stop inappropriate behavior, he or she will have the pilot come back and talk to the passenger. The pilot then informs the passenger that if he or she doesn't stop being disruptive, it will be necessary to land the plane at the nearest airport and the police will come on board and arrest the passenger.

DEAR ABBY: Would you please explain how women in high heels can walk with such elegance and grace, as though they are gliding when they walk? — NOT VERY GRACEFUL IN PROVO, UTAH

DEAR NOT VERY GRACEFUL: It's not easy. Stand up straight, balance a book on your head, and practice, practice, practice.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

TALKIN' TEXAS

Barber/fiddle player recalls raucous Christmas Eve dance

By Tumbleweed Smith

Smith

Straley Allsup of Gustine was a barber who played the fiddle. He recorded an album of his music and I'm glad to say I have it in my record collection.

"First time I played for the public I was eight years old," he told me once. "It was in a school about four miles from my barber shop here."

He says on nights when the moon was real bright, musicians would gather at Mr. Sadler's drug store in downtown Gustine. "I rode a stick horse all the time I was little and I'd get on my stick horse and slip off from my family and go to the drug store. I'd listen to that music and just hang around in there. That's where I learned a lot of my tunes."

He won dozens of trophies at fiddlers contests. He played for dances all over the Texas hill country.

Once he told me about a Christmas dance.

"I started to town horseback one day and I met an old guy when I come out into the public road. He said 'hey, how 'bout you and ol' Peg playing for my Christmas dance?'

"I said when you gonna have it, and he told me Christmas Eve night. All night long. I'd like for you boys to play for it. I said well, OK.

I'll tell Peg. That was my brother-in-law. He played fiddle and guitar, too.

"And they had an old ranch style house with a long porch in front, two big rooms with a chimney in each room. They put chairs for us by the door between these two rooms. Put me a chair on one side of the door and Peg a chair on the other side of the door and we just sat there and played.

"These ol' boys they'd come along and it was Christmas time and they were drinking and feeling pretty good so they'd stick a dollar bill in the guitar and say 'play so and so.' They'd drop a half dollar or a silver dollar in there and you could hear it hit. We had lots of money in that old guitar and had to shake it out. We sure did rake it in.

"'Course we both drank a little bit along to keep us awake. Here come a guy with a half gallon of corn whiskey they make all over the hill country, you know. They brought it in and just set it down between us and said 'you boys can drink in here. You don't have to go outside and slip around. Just drink when you want to. All we want is your music.'

"At twelve o'clock at night they stopped everything and had a midnight supper. After everybody ate all they wanted to, they went back and started dancin'.

"And boy, it got interesting.

"About 3 o'clock in the morning they started passing out. One ol' boy would go down in the floor and they'd just roll him over against the wall.

"We just kept playing and laughing. I never laughed so hard in my life. Next morning there was a ring of sleeping dancers around both rooms. They just got sleepy and went to sleep. There was still a few dancin' when the sun come up."

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

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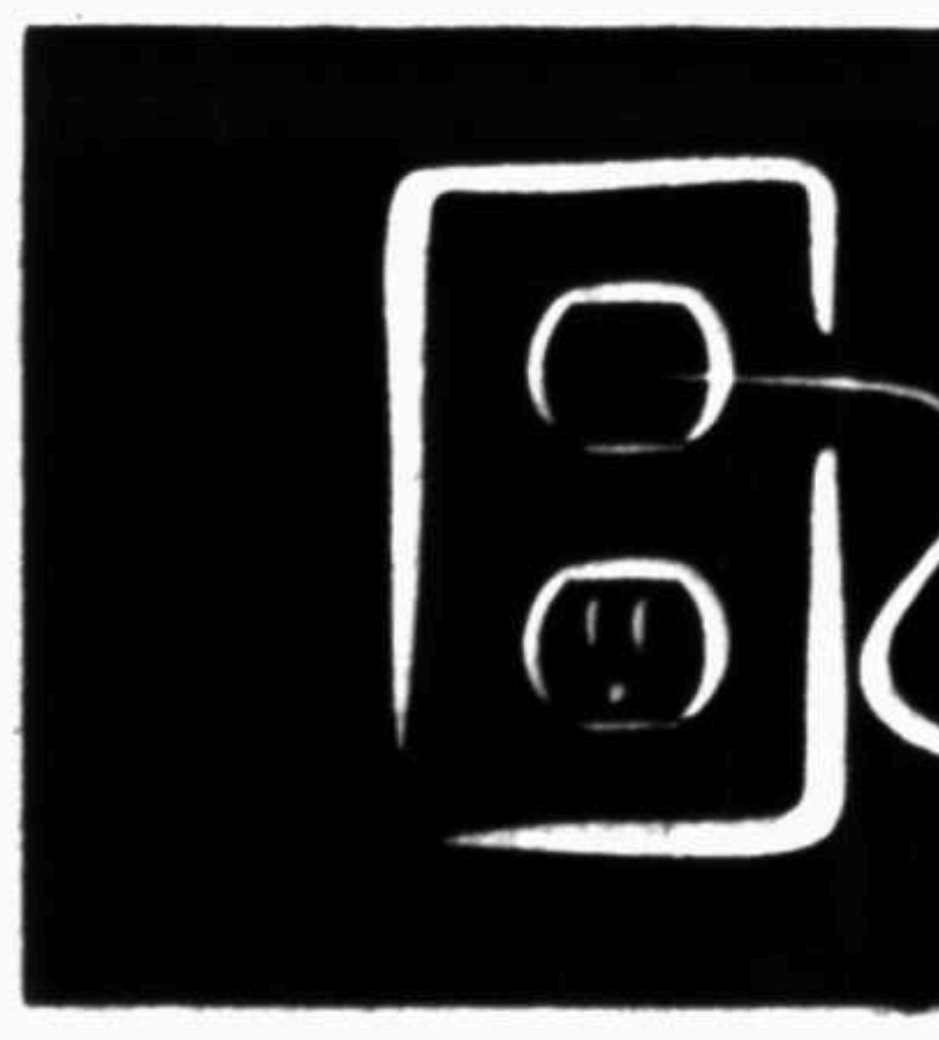

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POLICE REPORTS

Man dead after accident

LAMESA — A car-pedestrian accident in Lamesa claimed the life of an O'Donnell man Saturday night, according to officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Dwaine Thompson Choya of O'Donnell, 37, was killed when he fell off the hood of a moving car, a 2001 Ford sedan driven by Debbie Ortiz, also of O'Donnell, the DPS report stated.

According to the report, it is not yet known whether Thompson was killed as a result of the fall, or whether he was run over by the moving car after falling off the hood. The accident is still under investigation.

Thompson was pronounced dead early Saturday morning at Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa by a Justice of the Peace.

Roll-over kills Midland woman

RANKIN — A single-car accident near Rankin resulted in the death of a Midland woman Saturday night.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 33-year-old Kellie Rimer of Midland was killed when her 1999 Ford pickup skidded off the road and rolled over as she traveled south on Highway 349, approximately 30 miles outside of Midland. The rollover was a result of "driver error,'' according to the DPS.

Ms. Rimer, who was not wearing a seat belt, sustained fatal injuries after being ejected from the vehicle. She was taken to Memorial Hospital in Midland with massive internal injuries, where she was later pronounced dead.

Weather and road conditions were clear and dry at the time of the accident, according to DPS officials.

DNA evidence clears man of rape he didn't commit

HOUSTON (AP) — For the first Christmas in a decade, Anthony Todd Robinson won't bear the stigma of a crime he didn't commit.

Gov. George W. Bush pardoned the Houston man after DNA evidence showed he was innocent of a 1986 sexual assault on the campus of the University of Houston, for which he served 10 years of a 27-year sentence.

Robinson said his conviction was based entirely on testimony from the victim, a 23-year-old female student.

"Everything that I had lived for, everything that I had done, had been boiled down to: 'We think you're a rapist with no evidence whatsoever other than your skin and someone saying you did this,' " Robinson said in Sunday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

While in jail, Robinson offered to provide DNA samples, but the state wouldn't carry out the expensive tests, and his family couldn't afford them.

"The country that I had prepared to give my life for had done this to me, had taken away everything I ever thought was worthwhile — my name, my freedom and, to a certain extent, my own self-respect," said Robinson, 39, a former Army officer with a sociology degree.

After his 1996 parole, he saved $1,800 from a series of low-paying jobs for the test that would prove his innocence.

On Nov. 14, Bush issued a pardon based on the test results.

Robinson was a Houston auto parts store manager when he was arrested Jan. 6, 1986 after his girlfriend asked him to pick up her car at the University of Houston and take it to a repair shop.

As he was driving out of the parking lot a University of Houston Police officer stopped him, searched him and arrested him.

A student in another patrol car who said she had been raped in an auditorium bathroom described her assailant as a black man in a plaid shirt, dark pants and a jacket. She identified Robinson from inside the car.

His trial in Judge Mary Bacon's 338th District Court began about a year after his arrest, in February, 1987.

The prosecutor, Doug Davis, now is with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston. He said he still remembers the victim's poise on the stand.

"As a prosecutor, you couldn't ask for a better witness. Unfortunately, she just made an honest mistake," Davis said.

Robinson was represented by veteran Houston defense attorney Walter Pink. There was nothing in the evidence to convict Robinson except the victim's description.

Fingerprints from the bathroom stall where the woman was attacked weren't his, and bodily fluids and hair samples were inconclusive.

However, Robinson was found guilty Feb. 6, 1987, four days after the jury was chosen.

"When they said 'guilty,' the first thing that came to my mind was, 'This is not real," Robinson said. "There's no way this could be happening."

After his 1996 parole Robinson moved into a Houston-area halfway house and was required to register with police as a convicted sex offender. He worked at several low-skilled jobs, even though he had earned a graduate degree in counseling and took computer programming and electronics while in prison.

Eventually he got a job working in the warehouse of a Houston-based oil field services company, Tuboscope.

"I saw something in Anthony that was unusual — a very well-educated person that needed some help," said Ronnie Raney, a materials manager at the company.

Robinson has since filed a claim for about $4,000 he spent on mandatory sex-offender counseling. He has also filed for the $25,000 the state offers to those who are wrongfully imprisoned.

The effects of his wrongful conviction linger, however.

He has kept others at arms' length for the three years of his parole, and has avoided women for fear any wrong move could land him back in prison.

In the past month, he is gradually becoming more open to others, he said.

"Just recently, there were a couple of women who were stranded on the freeway and I stopped and pulled them to a safe place," he said. "I felt good about it. I felt good being able to care about somebody else and being able to help somebody."

Section of highway near Lubbock closed after gas wellhead blows

LUBBOCK (AP) — A 15-mile section of West Texas road between the Post and the Borden County line was closed for most of Saturday because of leaking gas from a blown-out wellhead.

The pipeline has since been repaired and there were no injuries reported. The road was reopened late Saturday, said Borden County Sheriff Royale Lewis.

"The main concern of closing the highway is that we had enough natural gas across the highway that some type of spark could have caused a fire," Lee Roberts, an engineering specialist with the Texas Railroad Commission, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Although Post, 40 miles southeast of Lubbock, has a population of only 2,000, the area is home to many horses, cows and dogs.

The pipeline, which ruptured Friday evening about eight miles south of Post, leaked hydrogen sulfide, a colorless gas used mainly in oil and gas drilling operations.

Windy Mathews, Post Police Department communications director, said that about 15 miles of FM 669 south of Post was closed Saturday morning.

A large family that occupied three houses nearby was evacuated. A few hunters were also evacuated, police said.

OBITUARIES

Kourtney Cates

Services for Kourtney Renea Cates are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 11, 2000, at Crestview Baptist Church with Reverend Rick Denson officiating, with Mr. Greg Simon and Mr. Jimmy Willis assisting. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Kourtney was born April 7, 1996 to Fred and Barbara Cates in Midland. She died Thursday, December 7, 2000, at her Midland residence.

Kourtney was preceded in death by her four great-grandfathers, Harold Loyd Cates, Barney Smethers, Troy Willis, and Leroy Clarke; and her two great-grandmothers, Bertha Clark and Dorothy Munselle.

Survivors include her parents, Barbara and Fred Cates; a brother, Robert Harold Cates; and a sister, DeAnna Kay Cates, all of Midland; grandparents, Jim and Vickie Cates, and Coy and Kay Willis, all of Midland, and Beverly Pedde of Washington; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Merritt, Lena Smethers, and Pierce Munselle, all of Midland, and Lillie Mae Willis of Lubbock; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Pallbearers are John Calhoun, Bucky Moore, Marty Hill, Lester Randolph, Ricky Hobbs, and Randal Kirkland. Serving as honorary pallbearer is Gary Saunders.

Visitation was Sunday from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Pipkin Funeral Home.

Bea Little

Eva Bea Little was born October 6, 1929 in Springer, New Mexico, to Lee and Eva Yarbrough. She was reared and educated in Roy, New Mexico. On November 26, 1946, she married Red Little in Tucumcari, New Mexico. They moved to Midland in 1950, where they owned and operated Red Little Motor Company and Ridge Heights Homes. She later owned and managed the Mr. M Food Store, until she retired in 1998.

Mrs. Little was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar M. (Red) Little, Jr. She is survived by her son, Ed Little and his wife, Kristin, of Culver, Indiana; and her daughters, Perrie Whalen and her husband, Tim, of Midland, and Katie Hobbs and her husband, Tom, of Justin, Texas. She is also survived by her sisters, Martha Little of Silver City, New Mexico, and Geneva Richards of Ruidoso, New Mexico; and her grandchildren, Stephen Elliott, II of Aurora, Colorado, and Samuel Little and Jacob Little, both of Culver, Indiana.

She died Thursday, December 7, 2000, in Abilene, Texas, at a local hospital.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 11, 2000, at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Tony Gruben officiating. A memorial service has also been planned for Mrs. Little on December 17, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in Paint Rock, Texas, at the Brunson Community Center with Rev. Tony Gruben officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Paint Rock Memorial Library in Paint Rock, Texas 76866.

Frances Newton

Frances I. Newton was born February 23, 1928 in Rotan, Texas, to Ollie D. McCombs and Bertha (Andress) McCombs. She married Lehman E. Newton, Jr. on September 7, 1947 in Rotan. They moved to Midland in 1963. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lehman Newton of Midland; two sons, Lehman "Newt" Newton and wife, Banay, and Bob Newton and wife, Kim, all of Midland; two daughters, Frances and husband, Larry Stapp, of Midland, and Sue and husband, Steve Van Hoozer, of San Angelo, Texas; a brother, Billie Joe McCombs of Rotan, Texas; a sister, Geraldine Hawkins of Dallas, Texas; nine grandchildren, Stacey Cornett and husband, J.C., Brandy Tirey and husband, Jim, Emily Bush and husband, Jason, Phillip Newton, Adam Newton, Maggie Newton, Bradley Newton, Kevin Newton, and Jeffrey Newton; and four great-grandchildren, Addie and Andrew Cornett, and Grayson and Sawyer Tirey.

Mrs. Newton died Saturday, December 9, 2000, at her Midland residence.

Visitation with the family was Sunday, December 10, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorial services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 11, 2000, in First United Methodist Church with the Reverends Lane Boyd, Jan Reed, and Gale Wilson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers are the members of the Partners Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Allison Cancer Center, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701; or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Syble Milson

Syble E. Milson of Odessa passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2000, at her home.

Mrs. Milson was born on January 14, 1921 in Wilson, Oklahoma to William and Clara Flippin. She had been a seamstress and interior designer for more than 40 years. She came to Odessa from Midland in 1971. She was a member of Eisenhower Church of Christ, Rebekah Lodge, and Royal Neighbors.

Mrs. Milson is survived by one son, Jim Milson and wife, Karla, of Odessa; one daughter, Patricia Moore and husband, D.C., of Midland; five brothers, A.G. Flippin of Vega, Texas, Ray Flippin of Amarillo, Harold Flippin of Amarillo, Gene Flippin of Amarillo, and Bobby Flippin of Amarillo; one sister, Hazel Morton of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Robert Glenn Tankersley, Lori Ann Tankersley, and Brian Milson. She was preceded in death by brothers, Jack and Marnell Flippin; and sisters, Florence Freely and Billene Freeman.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 11, 2000, at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors are in charge of the arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Cody Odom

Cody Odom, 21, died Saturday, Dec. 9 in Midland.

Services will [illegible] p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, [illegible] in Funeral Home Chapel [illegible] Robert Frazier officiating.

He [illegible] May 8, 1979 in Odessa.

He [illegible] for Jones Drilling Co.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Angela Odom.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Seiffert Odom; his daughter, Angela Odom; his father, T.K. Odom; and a brother, Eddie Odom, all of Midland.

Virginia Warren

Virginia K. Warren, 93, died Saturday, Dec. 9, at a local care facility.

No funeral services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 14, 1907 in Covington, Ind.

She was a Midland resident for many years. She was a member of First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam M. Warren.

Survivors include a son, Bruce Warren of Idaho Falls, Idaho; a sister, Pauline Anderson of Springfield, Mo.; a brother, Mark Walthall of Ponca City, Okla.; two grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 1802 W. Wall, Midland, TX 79701.

Danny Presley

Danny Presley died Sunday, Dec. 10, in White Rock.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Two Texas students named Rhodes Scholars

By Mary Lee Grant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — When Houston native Joshua A. Chafetz was in second grade, he declared he wanted to be a lawyer so he could argue for a living.

Now the Yale senior will study the origins of law at one of the world's most venerable academic institutions, Oxford University in England.

He and Sara C. Galvan, a University of Texas senior, were two Texans among 32 Americans named Rhodes Scholars on Saturday.

Along with 95 international winners, they will receive scholarships worth $27,000 annually for two years. Other recipients include a student who studied public health and song writing in Haiti, an AIDS researcher, a prison tutor, and a theater director.

Chafetz, 21, is graduating from Yale with a degree in philosophy combined with a special program in ethics, politics and economics. He wants to study English common law at Oxford and earn a master's degree in politics. He plans to become a law professor.

His Yale education was instrumental in developing the qualities that allowed him to win the prestigious scholarship, he said.

"There is no barrier between professors and students," Chafetz said. "The most important professor will frequently eat lunch in the dining hall with students. That is the sort of thing that really makes an education outstanding. At Yale, you learn as much from your peers and casual conversations with professors as from classes."

Three of this year's winners were from Yale, the most from any university. Scholars were selected from 950 applicants from 327 universities. Harvard, Yale, Princeton and West Point have produced the most Rhodes scholars over the years.

"We look for people to play an influential part in the future of society, wherever their careers might lead them," said Elliot Gerson, American secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust.

The scholarship was created by British philanthropist and colonialist Cecil Rhodes in 1903, who wished to promote international understanding by bringing intellectual leaders with integrity to Oxford from around the world.

Galvan, an architecture major and a Truman Scholar, has worked on urban reconstruction projects in Korea and Bosnia and speaks Spanish, Russian, Arabic, and Serbo-Croatian.

She is editor of a number of publications and serves as student representative on University of Texas faculty committees. She plans to earn a degree in archaeology and anthropology at Oxford. She could not be reached for further comment Sunday.

Women have been eligible to apply for the scholarships since 1976. Through 2000, 298 women have won.

Chafetz is the Yale Political Quarterly, editorial columnist for the Yale Daily News, and web editor of the Yale Review of Books. He founded a program to bring North African scholars to Yale volunteers at a homeless shelter.

Chafetz's high school English teacher, Dwight Raulston, said his intellectual curiosity and incisive intellect make him a natural choice.

"You could see it in the term papers he wrote, which were on the level of a college upperclassman," Raulston said.

Chafetz also enjoys running, playing drums and the occasional pickup basketball game. Rhodes Scholars are traditionally well-rounded, and usually have athletic ability.

"I was surprised to get it," Chafetz said. "I don't exactly fit the model of the scholar-athlete. I have no idea why they picked me."

On the Net:
http://www.rhodesscholar.org

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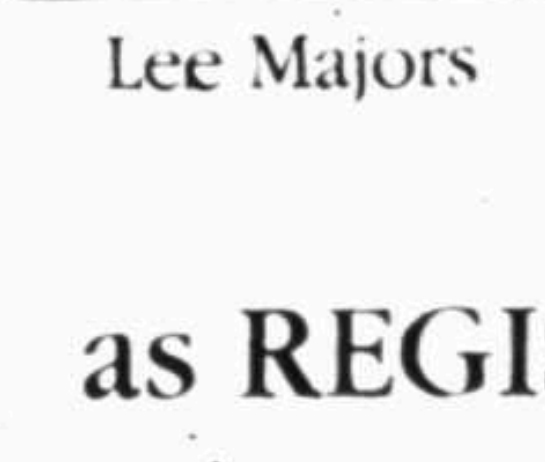

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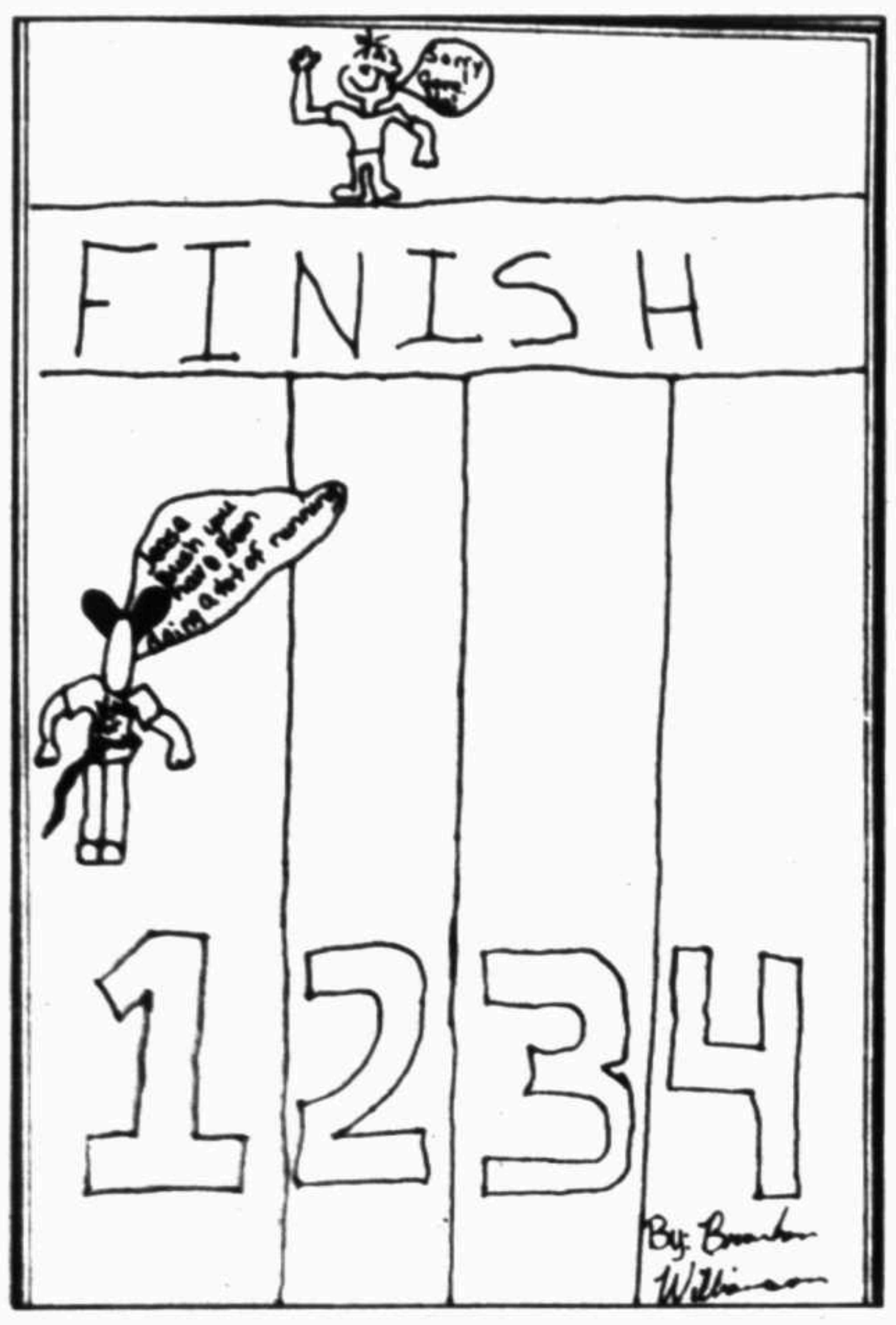
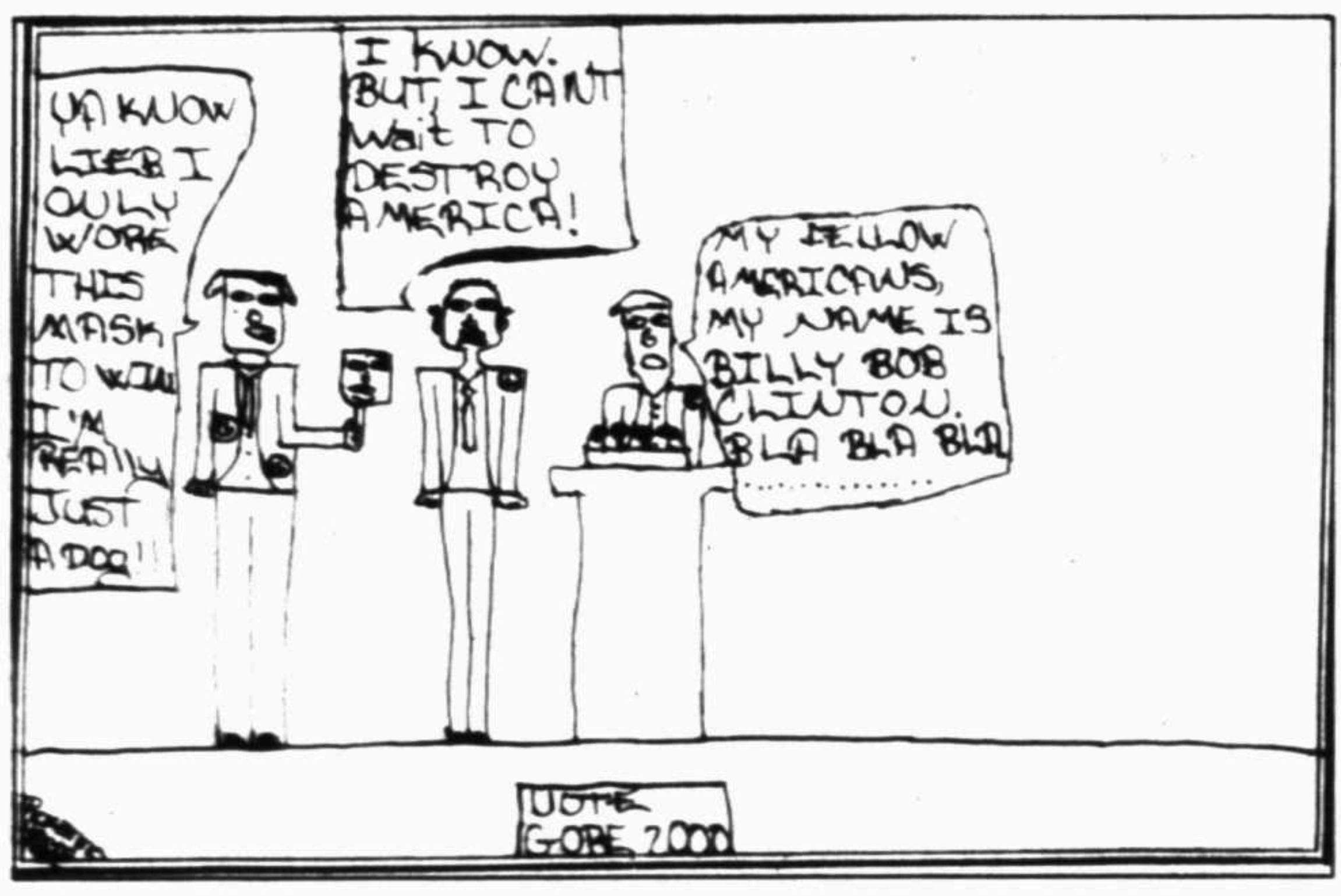
Political cartoonists

The following political cartoons were drawn by members of Kim Bolla's sixth-grade journalism class in the GEM program (Gifted Education of Midland). This is part of a series of cartoons drawn by these students.

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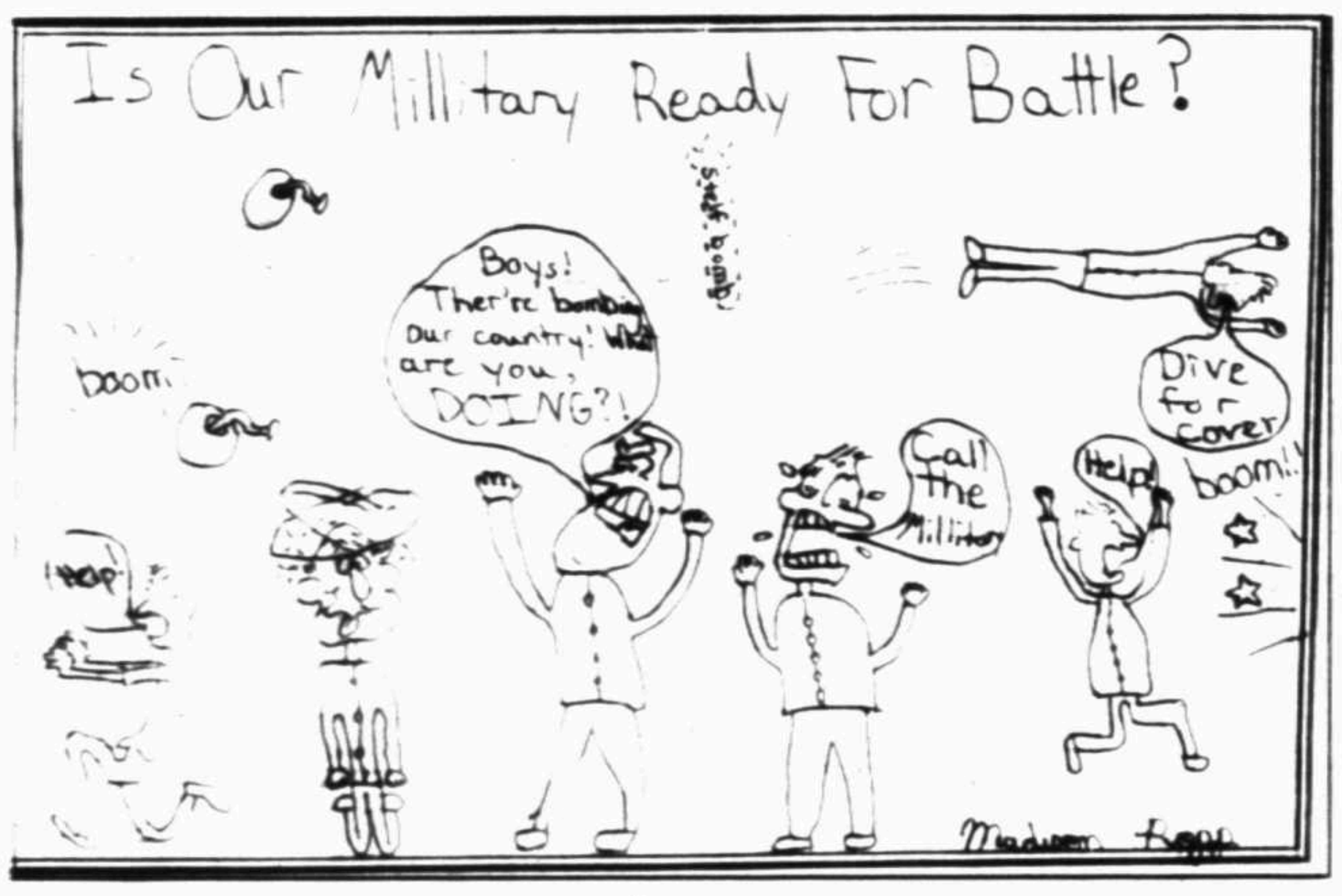
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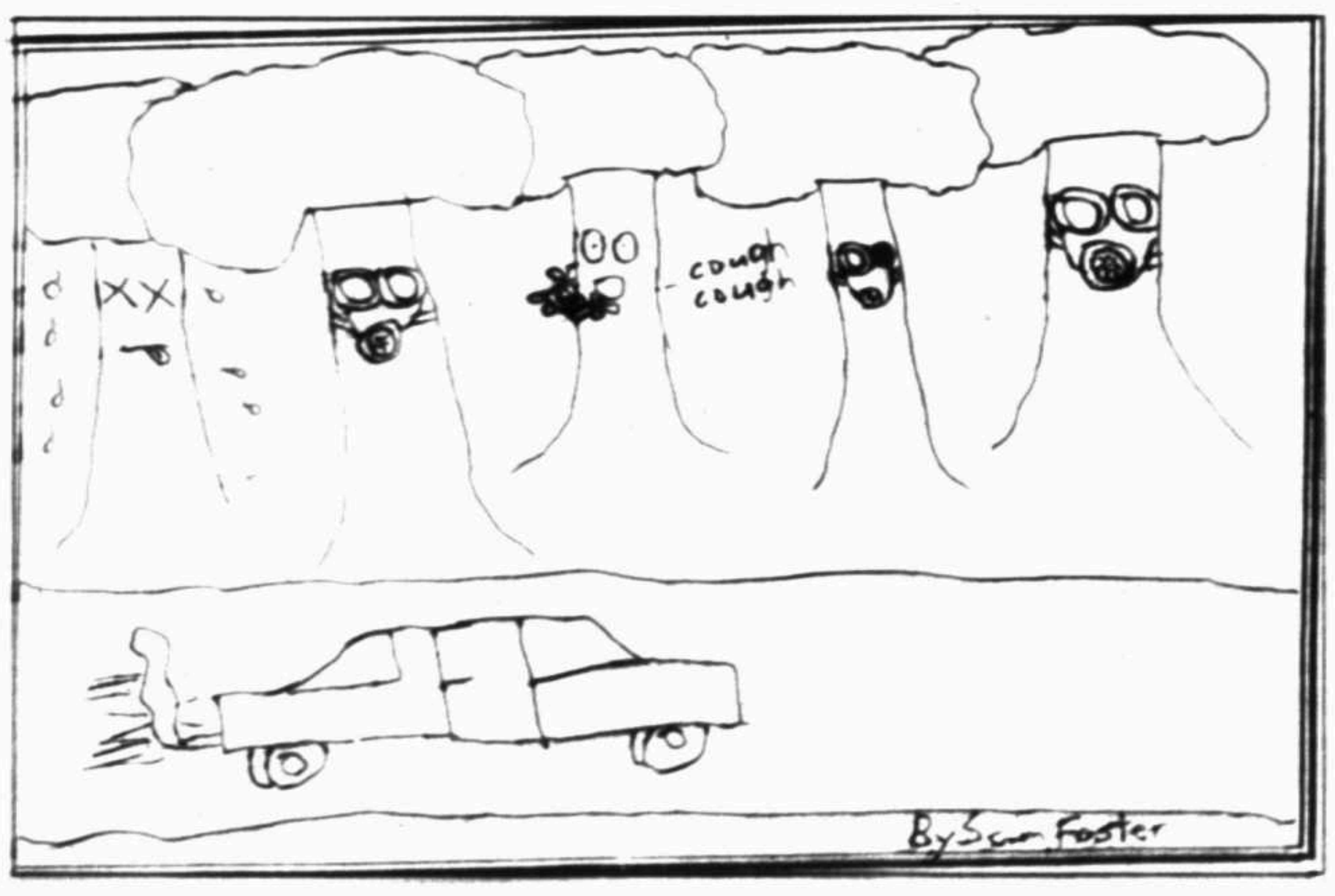

RIGHT: Katherine Curry, right, a senior at Midland High School, and Laura Atkinson, a senior at Lee High School, built a sundial as a project for the Girl Scout Gold Award. CENTER: The girls made the sundial's tiles in Katherine's garage. BELOW: The tiles were placed in a circle in the ground outside Blakemore Planetarium. Katherine, second from left, and Laura, far left, demonstrated the sundial .

Photos courtesy of Katherine Curry

Girls build sundial for community

By Johnnye Montgomery

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After spending more than a year researching, gathering materials and creating a 21st century, state-of-the-art sundial from the ground up, two Midland high school seniors recently planted their project in the grounds outside the Blakemore Planetarium as a gift to the people of Midland, and were all prepared to demonstrate it one Sunday afternoon except for one little hitch: there was no sun.

Katherine Curry, a senior at Midland High School, has been fascinated by sundials since fifth grade, when she attended Girl Scout camp at Mitre Peak and saw a replica of an ancient sundial during a field trip to McDonald Observatory.

Then last year, as a project for a senior Girl Scout Gold award, she decided to build a sundial in Midland, as a gift to the community. She told her friend and fellow Girl Scout, Laura Atkinson, a senior at Lee High School about her idea, and Laura offered to help.

"We spoke to the directors of the Blakemore Planetarium about my idea, and they were really pleased," Katherine said. "They said this was something they had been wishing for."

The sundial's architects decided early on that their sundial would be a flat one, consisting of a circle of stepping stones covered with ceramic tiles and buried flush in the lawn just east of the planetarium, and it would be constructed so as to allow for the fall and spring changes in the clock.

They researched extensively, and asked for guidance from the directors of the planetarium. They had to work out a map for setting the stones, determining true north, then constructing a grid and marking the center for the coordinate system. They calculated the placement of both the center tiles, which change according to the season, and the surrounding hour tiles, both critical elements when you tell time by the sun. When most people think of sundials they think of a garden sculpture consisting of a dish with a pole arising from its center that casts a shadow across the numbered marks on the periphery of the dish.

The device Katherine and Laura built would use the body of the person reading the time as the pole.

The person would stand on the tile bearing the name of the month and thrust an arm straight overhead. The shadow would fall on the surrounding tile bearing the hour it was. The accuracy of the time-telling depended on the correct placement of the tiles.

Katherine and Laura had an extra challenge that the ancients never had. They had to factor in daylight-saving time. They got around the problem by constructing dual time tiles, the daylight-saving time in blue, the standard time tiles in black.

In order to qualify the project for a Gold Award, they documented every step exhaustively.

The actual stone construction took place in Katherine's garage. They had bought the first of the materials and begun the actual physical work Oct. 15. On Nov. 26, they tiled the last stepping stone with broken tile pieces and names and grouted it. Still to come was the work on the planetarium lawn.

By Nov. 29, the holes had been dug, the stones buried, edges filled in with dirt, and the last of the tiles were cleaned.

Gene Hardy, director of the Blakemore Planetarium, had taken pictures and pronounced his approval of the project on Nov. 27.

The next step was to complete the Gold Award paperwork and turn it in to Girl Scout director Barbara Clark. But the project wasn't over. What good is it to give a gift if the recipient isn't aware of receiving it.

They sent out invitations and tried to spread the word to the residents of Midland to come and see a demonstration of the sundial. They scheduled the demonstration for Dec. 3, at 2:30 p.m., normally the sunniest part of the day.

Sundial first attempt to measure time

By Katherine Curry

Man first attempted to measure the passage of hours with a sundial. The word "dial" comes from the Latin word "dies" which means day so a sundial is a way to tell the time of day by means of the sun.

Man places a stick in the ground. The upright stick was called the gnomon, a word from the Greek meaning "one who knows" since a man using a sundial knows the time of day. A circle of stones or markings surrounded the gnomon. The sun casts a shadow.

In the first half of the day, the shadow points to the west. In the second half of the day, when the sun is in the west, the shadow points to the east.

The shadow of the stick moves throughout the day, and its movement measures time as it falls across each rock or mark of the sundial.

Flat sundials are used in parks today as objects of interest. Their measurement of the hours is called "apparent time" because it differs to some degree from that shown by clocks, which is called "mean time." The difference between the two is known as "the equation of time."

There are, however, four days on which sundials and clocks agree: April 15, June 15, Sept. 1 and Dec. 24.

TEEN BEAT

U.S. is a great place to live regardless of who gets elected

By Amanda Mason

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First off, let me say hello to everyone out there reading this. I'm the new TechLife editor here at the University Daily. You may not think this after reading this column, but I am generally known to be a very nice and congenial person. However, I am occasionally inspired to "get snippy" (to use language rumored to be used by our country's vice president) about something and a recent day unfortunately happened to be one of those occasions. So, here comes the rant.

If I hear one more person say, "If so-and-so wins the election, I'm leaving the country and moving to Canada," or "If so-and-so is president, it's going to be bad and evil will overtake the country," I think I will jump from my third floor dorm room's window wrapped in a U.S. flag and singing the national anthem. These statements have been all over television and, yes, all over campus these past three weeks. Celebrities, political higher-ups, and ordinary people are guilty of saying this. Pro-Bush and pro-Gore people are equally responsible for it. I just think it's just stupid.

If you are a pessimist by nature and are happy with that, then so be it.

However, to insinuate that because one person is named president-elect, the country is going to hell in a hand-basket is ludicrous. How do you know for sure what is going to happen if Gov. Bush or Vice President Gore takes office?

Unless you have been tinkering around with the Delorean from "Back to the Future," I don't think there is any way to know. Only God knows what is going to happen. These next four years could be the most prosperous times we as a country have ever known. Then again, they could be worse than the Great Depression. The fact is that we don't know. All we can do is pray for guidance for whoever will be leading our country in January. Pray that he does the right thing. Pray that he doesn't get us nuked faster than a microwaved burrito.

It's been no secret how many people in Hollywood feel on the election issue.

Many outspoken celebrities have already threatened to leave if a certain candidate is sitting in the Oval Office next year. In fact, I recently heard that my favorite television actress said something along these lines on a late-night talk show last month. She wasn't my favorite person for several days after that. For those of you who share this sentiment, you are welcome to your opinion, but you obviously don't appreciate the country in which you live.

My late grandfather was an esteemed oil man who traveled around the globe and spent weeks in many foreign countries. He was quick to remind my family of what a great nation we live in. Once you've seen the way people are treated in other countries, you learn to appreciate the little things in this country. I am not trying to degrade Canada as a place to live (I have several friends there), but I am trying to remind people that living in this country is a privilege not afforded to people in other nations. To threaten to leave the country is to throw a "hissy fit" because you didn't get your way. Well, I'm so sorry. Life's just not fair all the time. That's the way democracy goes. You win some and you lose some.

So, if you are determined to leave the country, perhaps you should. The last thing this country needs is a bunch of crybabies running around causing trouble for the man in the White House. If you're not adult enough to appreciate the "land of the free," then so be it. You and Alec Baldwin and Rosie O'Donnell can go on with your happy little lives somewhere else. There's a long line of talented people just waiting to take their places, as there's probably a handful of equally talented people ready to take your place as well.

I am urging everyone reading this to take a step back and think before you say something like "I'm leaving." Sure, we have our problems in this country. Sure, this election is making us look like a bunch of goobers. But, overall we live in the greatest country in the world. Just support our president, whoever he may be. Life will go on.

However, if you are still determined to leave, here's a heads up ... the price of a one way ticket to Toronto is $977.17. American Airlines Flight 3628 leaves Midland every day at 10:05 am. That gives you time to pack. Goodbye. Hasta la vista. Auf Wiedersehen. Here's the door; don't let it hit you on the way out.

Former Midlander Amanda Mason is the TechLife Editor of the University Daily at Texas Tech University.

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SPORTS & COMICS

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Old cliché is true: Defense wins in playoffs

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

"Defense wins championships", or so the old football adage goes.

For the past two seasons, however, the Midland Lee Rebels did their best to disprove the old theory by romping over opponents with offenses that had Star Wars qualities. Lee was scoring touchdowns with such prolific madness that the defense was just asked to come up with a big play here and there.

But in the Class 5A Big School state playoffs, the new century seems to be coming back to old tried and true principles. Buckle down the headgear and be prepared to take one on the chin.

This year, in the playoffs, it has been difficult to write a sentence without using the word "Defense." Everyone seems to have one.

Lee met Duncanville in the third round. The Panthers were giving up fewer than nine points per game.

LEE
Class 5A Football Playoffs

In the semifinals on Saturday, Lee again faced a team that was run by defense. The Highlanders proved their defensive worth by becoming the first team in 37 games to hold Lee's Cedric Benson to less than 100 yards rushing.

And now, with the state finals looming back in Austin this Saturday, the Rebels will face another team proud of its defense. No. 1 state ranked Austin Westlake was a shocking 45-0 winner over Aldine Eisenhower in the Astrodome over the weekend.

Westlake has given up only 127 points in 14 games this year, which averages out to 9.1 points per game and only 8.5 points per game in the playoffs. When Westlake won the 1996 Small School title with a 16-0 mark, the Chaparrals gave up 11.7 points per game during the season and 15.1 points per outing in the state playoffs.

Westlake figures to be ahead of that pace this year. Westlake destroyed Abilene Cooper, 55-14, in the 1996 state game.

Only one running back — Converse Judson's Morris Brothers — has rushed for more than 100 yards (129) against Westlake. Only one team — San Antonio Holmes — has reached double figures in scoring since Sept. 15.,

In the win over Eisenhower, the Chaps gave up only 135 total yards. The 45 points scored came on 370 yards of offense that was almost split between the rushing and passing departments. But shutting down Eisenhower was an eye opener since Ike had been posting big numbers against Region III teams.

The 45 points the Chaps put up against Ike is somewhat skewed by the fact that Westlake turned five second half Eisenhower fumbles into 31 points. It was only a 7-0 Chap lead at the half.

But the Lee coaches still wanted the meeting with Westlake to take place.

"I hope Westlake wins," Lee coach John Parchman said last week. "If we get past The Woodlands, I would hope we would play against Westlake. We beat Eisenhower last year in the state finals, so we've done that. It would be better for our kids, I think, to play Westlake. Besides, they are ranked

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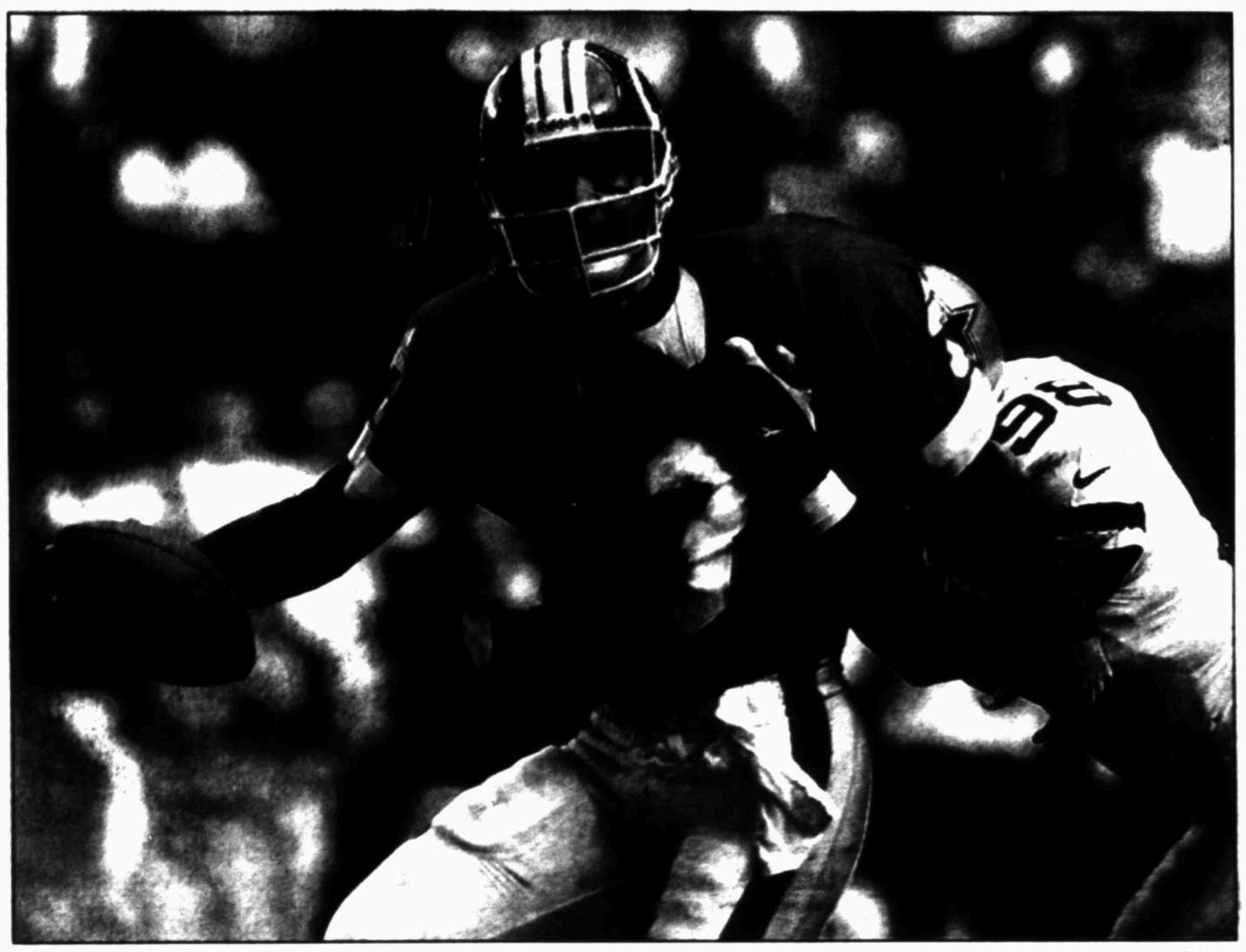
DALLAS COWBOYS' MIXED DAY

Victory comes with pain



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Washington Redskins quarterback Jeff George (3) is sacked by Dallas Cowboys defensive end Greg Ellis (98) for a loss of 17 yards in the first quarter Sunday in Irving. The Cowboys routed the Redskins 32-13, but quarterback Troy Aikman's future with the team is in further doubt after another concussion.

Aikman's future in doubt as Dallas wins

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Looking glum, Troy Aikman sat motionless on the Dallas bench. His arms were crossed and there was nobody around him. There was nothing, really, that they could say.

Although the Cowboys pulled off an inspiring 32-13 victory over the revamped Washington Redskins, Aikman couldn't enjoy it after suffering a concussion that likely will end his season and possibly his 12-year career.

"We really will be very measured. It just isn't necessary to incur any risk at all," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who must decide by March 8 whether to pay Aikman a $7 million bonus or release him before then and pay nothing. "Those are going to be issues we really dwell on and contemplate with the benefit of a lot of talk with Troy after the season."

With Aikman out, Dallas (5-9) turned to another aging superstar in Emmitt Smith, and he responded with a season-high 150 yards, a touchdown and two major milestones. The Cowboys, who had lost three straight and five of six, also got touchdowns on end-arounds by receivers Wane McGarity and Jason Tucker in their most motivated performance of the season.

AP Photo

Troy Aikman leaves the field in the first quarter Sunday after a hard hit on a third-down play against the Washington Redskins.

"For this team to play with the emotion and heart we played with today is a sign," said Smith, who went over 1,000 yards for a record-tying 10th straight season and became the third player in NFL history with 15,000 career yards.

"It shows what our capabilities are. We've got to remember this game, because from this day forth this is what's going to be expected from us. You saw our potential at its best. This is what we should strive for every week."

The Redskins (7-7) expected to be the ones breaking out after changing coaches and quarterbacks this week. Instead, they allowed a season-high 242 yards rushing, gained a season-low 270 yards and even had a tough time covering punts.

Owner Daniel Snyder's team still has a chance to make the playoffs, but it's a slim one. An angry Snyder, who installed Terry Robiskie as interim coach earlier in the week, did not comment after the game.

Dallas beat Washington for the seventh straight time, the most by either

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Top two Heisman finishers to clash

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — In winning the Heisman Trophy, Florida State's Chris Weinke beat Oklahoma's Josh Heupel one-on-one.

But the real race, both quarterbacks know, won't finish until Jan. 3 — when the Seminoles play the Sooners in the Orange Bowl with the national championship on the line.

"In the end, there was a lot made of the Heisman being a head-to-head race between me and Josh," Weinke said Sunday. "But what I have been focusing on is facing each other in the Orange Bowl."

With the 28-year-old Weinke edging Heupel by 76 points in the Heisman balloting on Saturday night, the Orange Bowl has an added subplot — it will be just the third time the Heisman winner and runner-up will play against each other in a postseason game.

The 1975 Rose Bowl matched '74 Heisman winner Archie Griffin of Ohio State against runner-up Anthony Davis of Southern California. The Trojans won 18-17 and claimed a share of the national title — Oklahoma was the AP media poll champion; USC won the coaches poll.

In 1980, Heisman winner George Rogers of South Carolina faced Pittsburgh's Hugh Green, the runner-up, in the Gator Bowl. Pitt won 37-9.

For Heupel, a win would mean a perfect season and national championship for his top-ranked Sooners. Weinke, though, is confident his third-ranked Seminoles (11-1) will find a way to win.

"They are a good football team, and

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AP Photo

United States golfers Tiger Woods, right, and David Duval hold up the John Hopkins Trophy after winning the World Cup of Golf on Sunday at Buenos Aires Golf Club.

Woods, Duval lead U.S. to World Cup triumph

By Kevin Gray
Associated Press Writer

BELLA VISTA, Argentina — Tiger Woods made it sound as though David Duval single-handedly won the World Cup of Golf for the United States.

Woods did his part, too, with the most spectacular shot of the day. With host Argentina making a run while cheered on by thousands of spectators, Woods sank a 40-foot birdie putt at the 11th hole Sunday to give the U.S. team a cushion it wouldn't relinquish en route to a three-shot victory and the $1 million top prize.

"David played great all week, and he really carried us," Woods said. "I only made one putt. Other than that, I don't feel like I did much of anything."

That putt was significant.

Woods and Duval entered the day with a three-stroke lead over Argentina's Eduardo Romero and Angel Cabrera. That had been whittled to one shot when the Americans got to the par-3, 146-yard 11th hole.

Duval's tee shot, perhaps caught by heavy winds, carried well left of the pin. Woods, playing next in the alternate-shot format, calmly sank the slightly downhill putt to build a two-stroke lead.

Argentina then bogeyed the 13th and 14th holes and never challenged again.

"Other than that I didn't think I did much of anything," Woods said. "I thought we struck the ball well today, but I didn't putt so well. My

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Rangers sign Caminiti to contract, say they're still in hunt for A-Rod

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Making a major push at the winter meetings, the Texas Rangers agreed Sunday to contracts with former National League MVP Ken Caminiti and right-hander Mark Petkovsek.

Two days after signing first baseman Andres Galarraga to a $6.25 million, one-year deal, the Rangers were still in pursuit of the biggest prize of the free-agent market: shortstop Alex Rodriguez.

"He has said enough positive things to us that I feel confident he is interested," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "But it is a complicated deal."

Melvin met during the day with Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras, and the sides were to meet Sunday night, with Rangers owner Tom Hicks scheduled to join in.

"I think we'll have a better idea of where we are after tonight," Melvin said.

Petkovsek got a $4.9 million, two-year deal and Caminiti a $3.25 million, one-year contract with two option years.

The three-time All-Star gets a $250,000 signing bonus and $3 million salary, and the chance to earn $3.55 million in performance bonuses. The option years, which could become guaranteed, are worth $7.05 million each, meaning Caminiti could earn $20.9 million over three years.

"I do have a fire in my belly to play this game," said Caminiti, the 1996 NL MVP with San Diego. "I don't know what happened the last couple of years."

Caminiti, a 37-year-old third baseman and three-time Gold Glove winner, returned to the Houston Astros from San Diego last season and hit .303 in 59 games this year with 15 homers and 45 RBIs, missing the final 97 games of the season after rupturing a tendon sheath in his right wrist.

He also was sought by the Cleveland Indians, looking for offense to replace the possible loss of Manny Ramirez. Indians manager John Hart said Caminiti chose Texas to be closer to his children.

"We had some heart-to-heart discussions," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "I think he has a lot to prove,

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AP Photo

Former National League MVP Ken Caminiti tries on a Texas Rangers hat and jersey at a news conference held to announce Caminiti's one-year contract with the Rangers at the baseball winter meetings in Dallas Sunday.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Stanton to play in Abilene

The Stanton Buffaloes (12-2) will face the Celina Bobcats (14-0) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium in the Class 2A Small School semifinals.

Stanton comes into the game after a 31-13 win over Albany, while Celina is coming off a 31-14 victory over Whitewright last Friday.

This will be the second semifinals meeting in the last three years with Celina winning 9-0 in 1998 en route to the first of two straight state titles.

Racquet Club Doubles

John Staub and John Foster teamed up to defeat Don Poage and Herman Eben, 6-3, 6-4, in the finals of the Racquet Club Doubles Championship on Sunday.

Stewart wins tournament

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Scott Stewart, the head pro at Midland's Racquet Club, won the final USTA circuit tournament of the year Sunday at the 28th Annual Fiesta Bowl Tennis Championships.

Stewart defeated Gary Hattendorf of Chicago 6-2, 6-3 to claim the title.

Barton cards ace

David Barton used a 9-iron to ace the 130-yard No. 17 hole at The Club at Mission Dorado on Sunday. Witnesses were Pat Barton, Kenn Hill and Sandra Hill.

Stars' Belfour blanks Ducks

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A one-goal lead over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks is plenty for Ed Belfour.

Belfour posted his ninth career shutout against Anaheim, and Grant Marshall's first-period goal held up as the Dallas Stars beat the Mighty Ducks 1-0 Sunday.

"Eddie really likes playing in this building," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "When you play against Paul Kariya and Teemu Selanne, you know you're going to see some quality chances. And that gets him energized and focused."

Coming off their worst defensive effort in 17 games, a 5-2 loss Thursday at Los Angeles, the defending Western Conference champions won for only the second time in six games. The Ducks, who have been shut out by Belfour more than any other goalie, outshot Dallas 29-28 while being blanked for the third time in 13 games.

"I had a pretty good bead on the puck tonight. I don't think they had many second chances," Belfour said. "What was important was to have everyone pull together and play well."

Belfour's shutout was his 25th with Dallas, one shy of Cesare Maniago's franchise record. With his seventh this season, Belfour, who leads active goalies with 56 shutouts, has already matched Roman Turek's league-leading total of last season.

Ted Donato passed the puck to Marshall in the right corner and headed toward the crease, drawing the defensemen to him. Marshall skated out of the corner unchecked and beat Guy Hebert to the stick side with a short wrist shot.

Buzzards shut out Jacks, 3-0

Staff Report

ODESSA — El Paso Buzzards goalie Jeff Levy made 33 saves to shut out the Odessa Jackalopes Saturday night at the Jack Shack, giving his team a 3-0 win.

The game did not start until 9 p.m. because the Buzzards had bus trouble on the way to town. The game did not end until after midnight.

Van Burgess scored the only goal El Paso would need on a power play only 2:51 into the game. Jason Rose added another goal late in the first period, and Shane Tidsbury scored El Paso's third goal midway through the third period.

The Jacks will host the Amarillo Rattlers at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Jack Shack. The Rattlers visited Odessa recently, losing 2-0 on Friday. The Buzzards will also come back to town soon, playing at the Jack Shack at 7 p.m. Friday.

El Paso 3, Odessa 0

El Paso	2	0	1	—3
Odessa	0	0	0	—0

First period: 1, EP Burgess (Charbonneau, Waring), pp, 2:51. 2, EP Rose (Mulligan), 17:37.

Third period: 3, EP Tidsbury (Davidson, Rose), 8:27.

Shots: EP 8-9-6—23. Odessa 10-9-14—33. Power play opportunities: EP 1-of-8. Odessa 0-of-5. Goalies: EP (Levy 33 saves). Odessa (Grant Sjerven 20 saves). Penalties-minutes: EP 10-for-32. Odessa 13-for-38. A - 2,730.

COWBOYS: Robiskie loses 1st game

(From 1C)

team in their 83-game rivalry. It was the Cowboys' fifth straight victory at Texas Stadium and might turn out to be among the most memorable, especially if it was the last of Aikman's career.

The quarterback suffered his 10th career concussion, second this season and fourth in two years, midway through the first quarter on a flying tackle by rookie linebacker LaVar Arrington.

Aikman was rolling right on a third-and-goal from the 1 when Arrington crashed into him. It happened so fast there was no time for Aikman to react before smacking onto the artificial turf.

"You could tell he wasn't right," said Jones, adding that Aikman was having dizziness and other problems.

Anthony Wright, who completed one of three passes in relief of Aikman last week, completed his first throw for 46 yards to James McKnight despite tight coverage from Deion Sanders.

Wright finished 3-of-5 for 73 yards and was sacked three times. He did not throw any interception.

"I didn't want to go in and make a crucial mistake," he said. "I felt if I could do my best keeping the ball and give us a chance to win, that's all I needed to do."

Sanders had a rough time in his first game back at Texas Stadium after five years with the Cowboys. He gave Dallas 28 yards on a pass interference penalty and after gaining 11 yards on his only punt return, was spanked four times by good pal Charlie Williams.

Robiskie, who was Washington's passing-game coordinator, had a few new wrinkles for the offense, such as throwing to cornerbacks Sanders and Champ Bailey.

But he didn't use running back Stephen Davis very much, even though Dallas had the league's worst run defense. Davis, the NFC's leading rusher, had 57 yards on 16 carries. The Cowboys also sacked quarterback Jeff George a season-high five times.

"I was surprised a little bit with their defense, but they played hard and stopped us," said George, who was 19-of-33 for 235 yards with a touchdown and an interception. "I didn't think we would play that flat. We definitely wanted to win for Terry."

The Redskins simply lacked the Cowboys' passion.

Notes: While Snyder watched from a luxury suite, Jones was on the sideline — and sometimes the field. He twice went in bounds to talk to officials. ... Alonzo Spellman and Washington's Jay Leeuwenburg were ejected for a fight that Spellman began. ... Cowboys OL Erik Williams was carted off the field after being hit in the head, but only suffered a stinger. ... Washington DE Dana Stubblefield didn't play because of the flu, then OL Keith Sims ruptured his left Achilles' tendon on the opening series.

Cowboys 32, Redskins 13

Washington	0	7	0	6	—	13
Dallas	6	6	10	10	—	32

First Quarter

Dal—FG Seder 33, 11:24.

Dal—FG Seder 19, 6:25.

Second Quarter

Was—Davis 1 run (Murray kick), 7:57.

Dal—McGarrity 22 run (run failed), 5:42.

Third Quarter

Dal—E.Smith 2 run (Seder kick), 11:22.

Dal—FG Seder 20, 3:16.

Fourth Quarter

Dal—Tucker 17 run (Seder kick), 7:32.

Was—Fryar 32 pass from George (pass failed), 4:02.

Dal—FG Seder 43, 1:55.

A—[illegible].

	Was	Dal
First downs	17	19
Rushes-yards	22-79	43-242
Passing	191	72
Punt Returns	1-11	5-79
Kickoff Returns	8-143	2-48
Interceptions Ret.	0-00	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	19-33-1	5-8-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-44	3-17
Punts	6-41.5	3-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	11-121	6-35
Time of Possession	29:00	31:00

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Washington, Davis 16-57, Centers 3-[illegible], George 2-4, Murrell 1-4. Dallas, E.Smith 23-150, Wiley 11-38, Tucker 2-29, McGarrity 1-22, Aikman 1-2, Wright 5-1.

PASSING—Washington, George 19-33-1-235. Dallas, Wright 3-5-0-73, Aikman 2-3-0-16.

RECEIVING—Washington, Thrash 5-62, Centers 6-64, Fryar 3-56, Reed 2-24, Alexander 2-8, [illegible], Davis 1-7. Dallas, McKnight 2-58, Harris 2-21, LaFleur [illegible].

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Dallas, Seder 47 (WR).

RANGERS: Two new players sign

(From 1C)

not only to himself but to a lot of baseball people."

He left his hometown Astros in the last month of the season to undergo evaluation for chemical dependency.

"I mentioned retirement a lot of times the last couple of years. I was frustrated," he said. "My relapse turned me around. To be honest and frank, when you open your eyes and look in the mirror, that can be positive."

He became a free agent after Houston declined a $5.5 million option, deciding to give him a $500,000 buyout. He takes the spot of 25-year-old Mike Lamb, who hit .278 with six homers and 47 RBIs in 493 at-bats.

Petkovsek was 4-2 with a 4.22 ERA and two saves last season for Anaheim, making 63 relief appearances and one start. He was 16-6 in two seasons with the Angels.

He gets a $100,000 signing bonus, $2 million in 2001 and $2.4 million in 2002. Texas holds options for 2003 and 2004 with $400,000 buyouts. If the options are exercised, the deal would be worth $9.9 million over four seasons.

Petkovsek lives in Beaumont, and pitched three seasons for the University of Texas.

LEE: Rebs want to face Austin Westlake in finals

(From 1C)

No. 1, and if we could beat them, that would be better, too."

Lee assistant coach Dennis Bryant said, "I hope it's Westlake. I don't think you ever want to play a team in the state finals that you had beaten the year before. I think that's tougher."

Lee didn't know who had won between Westlake and Ike after its 13-3 win over the Woodlands on Saturday. Lee played two hours earlier than the Chaps.

At that point, it didn't matter much to Lee's players. All they knew was they had a chance to go for a third consecutive state crown.

"We'll be happy to play whoever gets there," said Lee quarterback Nick Hand. "This will just be really exciting for me since I only got to watch the state championship game last year."

The focus on Saturday was still on The Woodlands where Lee's players seem to have a lot of respect for the defense displayed by the Highlanders. Even Lee's defensive players noticed the Highlanders' defensive effort.

"They had the best defense I've ever seen," said Lee defensive tackle David Dakil, who played in last year's state game.

Lee offensive assistant coach Ronnie Reeger almost agreed, saying, "The Woodlands has the second best defense I've seen this year. Ours may be number one."

But it looks like the No. 1 defense won't be crowned until next Saturday. Defense appears to be back in high football fashion.

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Baltimore clinches playoffs

Associated Press

The last time Baltimore reached the NFL playoffs, the team was called the Colts, and the memory of Johnny Unitas was still fresh.

NFL Roundup

On Sunday, Baltimore made it back. Trent Dilfer threw two touchdown passes and the host Ravens clinched a postseason spot, beating the San Diego Chargers 24-3.

The Ravens (10-4) won their team-record fifth in a row and will probably begin the postseason at home in a wild-card game. It would be the first NFL playoff game involving Baltimore since 1977.

"I'm very happy for the fans. This is a football town starved for success," said Dilfer, playing his first season with the Ravens. "Getting to the playoffs is huge."

Eagles 35, Browns 24

Donovan McNabb passed for a career-high 390 yards and four touchdowns as Philadelphia clinched a playoff spot for the first time since 1996.

The visiting Eagles (10-5) kept up their startling turnaround under coach Andy Reid from a 5-11 season in 1999. McNabb threw two TD passes to Torrance Small in the first half and added two more scoring tosses to Charles Johnson in the third quarter.

Titans 35, Bengals 3

Steve McNair, who barely practiced last week because of a sprained knee, threw three touchdown passes as the defending AFC champions earned a return trip to the postseason.

Eddie George caught a pair of TD passes and ran for another score. Tennessee (11-3) moved ahead of Miami in the race for home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

The Titans ended a seven-quarter TD drought.

Raiders 31, Jets 7

At Oakland, the Raiders (11-3) scored on Rich Gannon's passes to Tim Brown and Andre Rison, Tyrone Wheatley's 1-yard run and Eric Allen's interception return on a deflected pass. It will be the team's first playoff appearance since 1993, and its first representing Oakland since 1980.

Curtis Martin, who last week went over 1,000 yards rushing for the sixth straight season, was held to just 17 yards for New York (9-5).

Rams 40, Vikings 29

The defending champions ended a three-game losing streak, getting a team-record four touchdowns rushing from Marshall Faulk against Minnesota (11-3). The Rams (9-5), who also had lost three in a row at home, celebrated their first two touchdowns with the banned "Bob 'N Weave" dance — which Vikings coach Dennis Green, co-chairman of the NFL's competition committee, helped outlaw.

Broncos 31, Seahawks 24

Rookie Mike Anderson ran for 131 yards and scored two second-half touchdowns, leading the Broncos (10-4) to their sixth straight victory.

The host Broncos, who beat Seattle 38-31 just two weeks ago, have gotten 577 yards rushing from Anderson in the last three games, including an NFL rookie-record 251 last week against New Orleans.

Saints 31, 49ers 27

At San Francisco, Terry Allen scored on a 1-yard run with 46 seconds left as the Saints clinched just their sixth winning season in the last 34 years. New Orleans (9-5) trailed 27-17 with six minutes to play, but Aaron Brooks led the Saints on two late scoring drives to keep their NFC West title hopes alive.

Giants 30, Steelers 10

Kerry Collins passed for 333 yards and two touchdowns as New York moved closer to a playoff spot.

Amani Toomer caught nine passes for 136 yards and a touchdown. The NFC East leaders (10-4) won their third in a row since coach Jim Fassel guaranteed the Giants would make the postseason.

Bucs 16, Dolphins 13

Tampa Bay prevented Miami from clinching a playoff spot, intercepting Jay Fielder four times and forcing him to fumble.

Jaguars 44, Cardinals 10

Fred Taylor broke his team record for yards rushing in a season as Jacksonville won its fourth in a row, routing visiting Arizona.

Chiefs 15, Panthers 14

Elvis Grbac's first 18 passes were caught — 16 by his own receivers and two intercepted by Carolina in the end zone — and Kansas City hung on at home.

Packers 26, Lions 13

Ahman Green scored two late touchdowns and Brett Favre won once again in frosty weather.

Bears 24, Patriots 17

Shane Matthews completed a team-record 15 straight passes and Chicago won at Solider Field.

CUP: Woods sinks big putt in victory

(From 1C)

partner over here bailed me out time and time again. Thank goodness that he was there because I didn't hit good putts — I either ran wide or left them short."

Woods and Duval combined to shoot a 4-under-par 68 Sunday, finishing at 34-under 254 for the tournament. It was the 23rd U.S. title in 46 World Cups and the second in a row for Woods, who teamed with Mark O'Meara last year.

While Woods struggled in the early rounds, Duval kept the team in contention with his long drives and precision putting. They combined for six birdies in the final round.

Twenty-four nations competed in the event, which mixed alternate-shot and four-ball play. Players had to deal with blustery winds, searing temperatures and threats of rain.

The ninth hole, a par-5, 495-yarder, brought a surprise bogey for Woods, who said he simply slipped: "I took the club back on my left foot, I flinched. I hit it fat and made it airborne."

Romero eagled that hole for Argentina, sending up the biggest roar of the day. The Argentines birdied 15 and 17, but it wasn't enough as the U.S. team birdied the 14th and then closed with four straight pars.

Romero and Cabrera finished with 68 on the day for a 257. Paraguay's Carlos Franco, a PGA Tour regular, joined with Esteban Isasi to take third place after a final round 67 for a 265.

Japan's Shigeki Maruyama and Hidejmichi Tanaka were fourth at 266, with Scotland's Paul Lawrie and Gary Orr two strokes back.

Last year, Woods teamed with O'Meara to win in Malaysia by five strokes over Spain. Woods also carried the individual title last year by nine strokes with a 21-under 263, both tournament records. This year, the individual title was eliminated.

The United States has dominated the tournament over the past decade. Fred Couples and Davis Love III won four straight titles between 1992 and 1995.

HEISMAN: Weinke, Heupel to face off

(From 1C)

whether this will be motivation for them I don't know," Weinke said after becoming the oldest player to win the Heisman. "Nobody has found a way to beat them yet, but I'm sure we'll give it our best shot."

Heupel told Sooners fans not to be discouraged about his second-place Heisman finish.

"I would tell them to put a smile on their face and get ready for a trip to Miami," Heupel said.

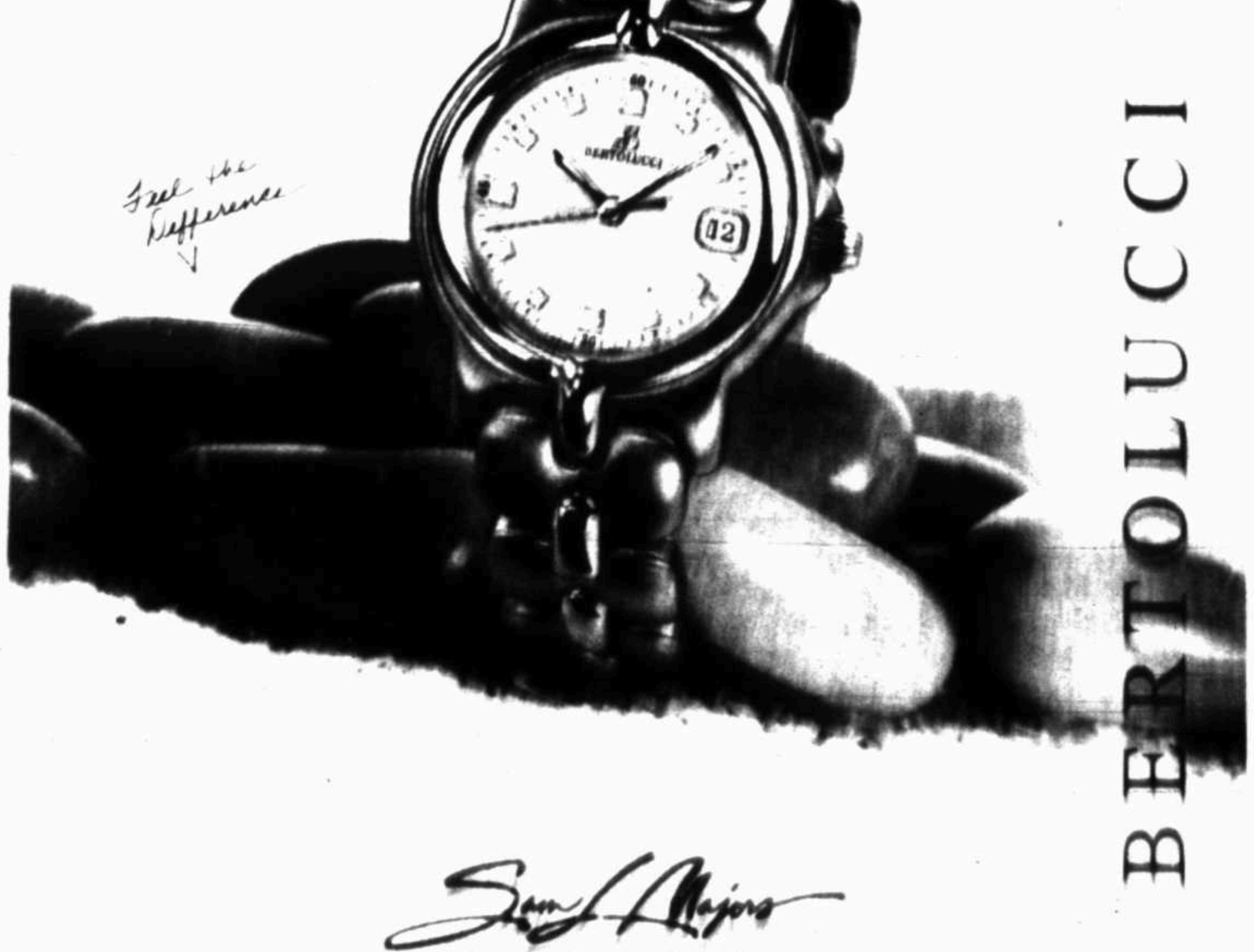
In the seventh-closest voting in Heisman history, Weinke overcame an age issue that had some voters leaving his name off the ballot claiming he had an unfair advantage over his younger rivals.

Weinke, who led the nation with a school-record 4,167 yards passing and threw 33 touchdowns with 11 interceptions, totaled 1,628 points — 369 first-place votes, 216 for second place and 89 for third. Heupel, who threw for 3,392 yards and 20 TDs, collected 1,552 points — 286 first-place votes, 290 for second and 114 for third.

Of the 922 eligible Heisman voters, only 796, or 86.3 percent, cast ballots. Voters were asked to list their top three choices, with 3 points going for a first-place vote, 2 for second and 1 for third.

Weinke was left off 122 ballots, while Heupel was not among the top three on 106 ballots. Purdue quarterback Drew Brees was a distant third with 619 points; and TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson was fourth with 566 points.

Prior to the Heisman, Heupel was voted player of year by The Associated Press, Walter Camp Foundation and The Sporting News; Weinke won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and the Davey O'Brien Award.



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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	10	4	0	.714	283	182
N.Y. Jets	9	5	0	.643	294	277
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	334	283
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	243	270
New England	4	10	0	.286	239	301

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tennessee	11	3	0	.786	291	191
x-Baltimore	10	4	0	.714	286	138
Jacksonville	7	7	0	.500	328	282
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	263	231
Cincinnati	3	11	0	.214	161	329
Cleveland	3	12	0	.200	161	395

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland	11	3	0	.786	403	263
Denver	10	4	0	.714	440	340
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	322	318
Seattle	5	9	0	.357	270	339
San Diego	1	13	0	.071	226	376

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	10	4	0	.714	283	208
x-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	335	238
Washington	7	7	0	.500	258	242
Dallas	5	9	0	.357	281	313
Arizona	3	11	0	.214	200	410

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	3	0	.786	359	307
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	336	217
Detroit	8	6	0	.571	277	277
Green Bay	7	7	0	.500	303	281
Chicago	4	10	0	.286	193	318

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	5	0	.643	310	272
St. Louis	9	5	0	.643	479	412
Carolina	6	8	0	.429	271	236
San Francisco	5	9	0	.357	362	384
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	216	377

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games

Green Bay 26, Detroit 13
Chicago 24, New England 17
Baltimore 24, San Diego 3
Tampa Bay 16, Miami 13
Kansas City 15, Carolina 14
N.Y. Giants 30, Pittsburgh 10
Jacksonville 44, Arizona 10
Tennessee 35, Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 35, Cleveland 24
Denver 31, Seattle 24
Dallas 32, Washington 13
St. Louis 40, Minnesota 29
New Orleans 31, San Francisco 27
Oakland 31, N.Y. Jets 7
Open: Atlanta

Monday's Game

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Detroit at N.Y. Jets, noon
Denver at Kansas City, noon
San Diego at Carolina, noon
Atlanta at New Orleans, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, noon
Tennessee at Cleveland, noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, noon
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7:35 p.m.
Open: Philadelphia

Monday, Dec. 18

St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

Saints 31, 49ers 27

New Orleans	3	0	11	17	— 31
San Francisco	7	7	0	13	— 27

First Quarter

SF—Garcia 8 run (Richey kick), 10:27.

NO—FG Brien 40, 7:11.

Second Quarter

SF—Garcia 1 run (Richey kick), :17.

Third Quarter

NO—FG Brien 41, 8:19.

NO—A.Glover 15 pass from Brooks (Allen run), 1:59.

Fourth Quarter

SF—Clark 4 pass from Garcia (Richey kick), 12:58.

NO—FG Brien 28, 8:50.

SF—Owens 69 pass from Garcia (run failed), 8:27.

NO—W.Jackson 22 pass from Brooks (Brien kick), 5:46.

NO—Allen 1 run (Brien kick), :46.

A—67,892.

	NO	SF
First downs	21	21
Rushes-yards	38-216	21-110
Passing	172	288
Comp-Att-Int	12-29-0	25-38-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-31	2-17
Punts	5-40.6	5-43.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	1-5	2-15
Time of Possession	32:46	27:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New Orleans, Brooks 11-108, Allen 18-80, T.Smith 6-18, Morton 2-11, Horn 1-(minus 1). San Francisco, Garner 11-50, Garcia 5-42, Beasley 3-19, P.Smith 2-(minus 1).

PASSING—New Orleans, Brooks 12-29-0-203. San Francisco, Garcia 25-38-2-305.

RECEIVING—New Orleans, Horn 5-105, A.Glover 3-33, Morton 2-21, W.Jackson 1-22, Poole 1-22. San Francisco, Owens 6-129, Rice 6-62, Garner 4-49, Clark 4-24, Beasley 3-15, Stokes 1-22, Streets 1-4.

Rams 40, Vikings 29

Minnesota	0	7	14	8	— 29
St. Louis	14	6	13	7	— 40

First Quarter

StL—Faulk 1 run (Wilkins kick), 8:56.

StL—Faulk 1 run (Wilkins kick), 4:54.

Second Quarter

StL—FG Wilkins 26, 13:48.

Min—McWilliams 22 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), 7:14.

StL—FG Wilkins 19, 1:11.

Third Quarter

Min—Culpepper 8 run (Anderson kick), 11:20.

StL—Faulk 5 run (pass failed), 8:19.

StL—Faulk 1 run (Wilkins kick), 4:36.

Min—C.Carter 2 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), :32.

Fourth Quarter

StL—Watson 6 run (Wilkins kick), 8:10.

Min—Moss 32 pass from Culpepper (Moss pass from Culpepper), 2:27.

A—66,273.

	Min	StL
First downs	23	32
Rushes-yards	18-104	34-162
Passing	208	346
Comp-Att-Int	21-33-0	27-32-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-13	0-0
Punts	3-50.0	1-38.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	7-43
Time of Possession	25:36	34:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Minnesota, R.Smith 15-67, Culpepper 4-37. St. Louis, Faulk 25-135, Holcombe 2-14, Conwell 1-6, Watson 1-6, Warner 5-1.

PASSING—Minnesota, Culpepper 21-33-0-221. St. Louis, Warner 27-32-0-346.

RECEIVING—Minnesota, C.Carter 7-66, McWilliams 5-53, Moss 4-63, R.Smith 2-0, Kleinsasser 1-15, Walsh 1-13, Hatchette 1-11. St. Louis, Holt 9-172, Bruce 7-74, Faulk 6-43, Robinson 2-34, Proehl 2-16, Hakim 1-5.

Broncos 31, Seahawks 24

Seattle	3	0	7	14	— 24
Denver	7	7	10	7	— 31

First Quarter

Sea—FG Lindell 25, 9:[illegible].

Den—McCaffrey 5 pass from Frerotte (Elam kick), 5:08.

Second Quarter

Den—Spencer 79 interception return (Elam kick), 1:40.

Third Quarter

Den—Anderson 1 run (Elam kick), [illegible]:51.

Den—FG Elam 38, [illegible].

Sea—Dawkins 4 pass from [illegible] (Lindell kick), :58.

Fourth Quarter

Sea—Jackson 9 pass [illegible] (Lindell kick), 9:21.

Den—Anderson [illegible], 5:57.

Sea—Dawkins 22 pass [illegible] (Lindell kick), 2:28.

A—75,216.

	Sea	Den
First downs	22	20
Rushes-yards	26-10[illegible]	[illegible]
Passing	298	182
Comp-Att-Int	26-41-[illegible]	[illegible]-25-[illegible]
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-19
Punts	4-37.[illegible]	[illegible]-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards	4-38	2-15
Time of Possession	31:28	28:32

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Seattle, Watters [illegible], Kitna 7-27, Alexander 1-16, Strong 1-4, R.Brown 1-3. Denver, Anderson 29-131, Coleman 2-6, R.Smith 1-5, Frerotte 3-0, Rouen 1-(minus 11).

PASSING—Seattle, Kitna 26-41-3-298. Denver, Frerotte 14-25-1-201.

RECEIVING—Seattle, Dawkins 6-85, Watters 6-49, Jackson 5-76, Mayes 5-27, Mili 2-51, Fauria 1-9, Strong 1-1. Denver, McCaffrey 8-112, R.Smith 5-82, Miller 1-7.

Bears 24, Patriots 17

New England	0	10	0	7	— 17
Chicago	3	7	7	7	— 24

First Quarter

Chi—FG Edinger 24, 6:06.

Second Quarter

NE—Glenn 12 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick), 13:10.

NE—FG Vinatieri 40, 5:31.

Chi—Kennison 9 pass from Matthews (Edinger kick), :10.

Third Quarter

Chi—Allen 16 run (Edinger kick), 10:52.

Fourth Quarter

Chi—Allen 6 pass from Matthews (Edinger kick), 14:56.

NE—T.Brown 7 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick), 10:53.

A—66,944.

	NE	Chi
First downs	15	21
Rushes-yards	13-38	39-102
Passing	207	237
Comp-Att-Int	25-46-0	22-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-18	1-2
Punts	6-43.3	5-35.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-60	3-35
Time of Possession	22:50	37:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Redmond 6-18, R.Harris 3-14, Bledsoe 3-6, Faulk 1-0. Chicago, Allen 37-97, Barnes 1-3, Matthews 1-2.

PASSING—New England, Bledsoe 25-46-225. Chicago, Matthews 22-27-239.

RECEIVING—New England, Glenn 5-63, T.Brown 5-46, Wiggins 4-39, Redmond 4-22, Jackson 3-27, Faulk 2-27, R.Harris 2-1. Chicago, Kennison 8-100, Sinceno 3-36, Allen 3-27, Booker 2-24, Dragos 2-14, Bates 1-16, Brooks 1-9, Milburn 1-8, White 1-5.

Packers 26, Lions 13

Detroit	0	0	3	10	— 13
Green Bay	6	0	3	17	— 26

First Quarter

GB—FG Longwell 23, 10:59.

GB—FG Longwell 27, 3:36.

Third Quarter

Det—FG Hanson 26, 7:30.

GB—FG Longwell 26, :43.

Fourth Quarter

GB—FG Longwell 45, 11:49.

Det—Stewart 1 run (Hanson kick), 7:04.

GB—Green 3 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 4:25.

Det—FG Hanson 36, 2:17.

GB—Green 39 run (Longwell kick), 1:54.

A—59,854.

	Det	GB
First downs	15	16
Rushes-yards	31-103	32-128
Passing	190	202
Comp-Att-Int	17-33-3	15-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-6
Punts	4-45.3	3-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards	3-30	2-11
Time of Possession	28:46	31:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Detroit, Stewart 22-66, Batch 8-35, Bates 1-2. Green Bay, Green 27-118, Farve 2-7, Parker 1-6, Hasselbeck 2-(minus 3).

PASSING—Detroit, Batch 17-33-3-190. Green Bay, Farve 15-36-1-208, Hasselbeck 0-0-0-0.

RECEIVING—Detroit, Morton 5-56, Crowell 3-86, Bates 3-5, Rasby 2-14, Stewart 2-12, Moore 1-14, Foster 1-3. Green Bay, Freeman 5-80, Green 4-17, Schroeder 2-64, T.Davis 2-13, Franks 1-25, Driver 1-9.

Jaguars 44, Cardinals 10

Arizona	0	3	0	7	— 10
Jacksonville	10	17	10	7	— 44

First Quarter

Jac—FG Hollis 36, 9:11.

Jac—Taylor 1 run (Hollis kick), 7:15.

Second Quarter

Jac—Brady 8 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick), 12:49.

Jac—Taylor 4 run (Hollis kick), 6:31.

Ari—FG Blanchard 32, 1:08.

Jac—FG Hollis 50, 0:04.

Third Quarter

Jac—FG Hollis 40, 9:04.

Jac—MaCardell 25 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick), 5:33.

Fourth Quarter

Jac—Ji.Smith 65 pass from Martin (Hollis kick), 14:27.

Ari—Sanders 26 pass from Greisen (Blanchard kick), 9:45.

A—53,472.

	Ari	Jac
First downs	11	25
Rushes-yards	19-40	45-214
Passing	149	255
Comp-Att-Int	15-26-1	15-21-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-32	0-0
Punts	5-47.8	1-55.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-53	2-15
Time of Possession	25:04	34:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Arizona, Jones 7-40, Greisen 1-1, Pittman 11-(minus 1). Jacksonville, Taylor 23-137, Johnson 13-39, Brunell 2-30, J.Williams 2-8, Stith 2-3, Martin 3-(minus 3).

PASSING—Arizona, Brown 11-19-1-135, Greisen 4-7-0-46. Jacksonville, Brunell 13-18-0-182, Martin 2-3-0-73.

RECEIVING—Arizona, Sanders 4-90, Boston 2-25, Pittman 2-17, T.Hardy 2-12, Jenkins 2-12, Cody 1-11, McKinley 1-9, Gedney 1-5. Jacksonville, Ji.Smith 8-147, McCardell 3-65, Brady 2-21, Taylor 1-14, Johnson 1-8.

Eagles 35, Browns 24

Philadelphia	7	14	14	0	— 35
Cleveland	0	14	0	10	— 24

First Quarter

Phi—Autry 3 run (Akers kick), 3:02.

Second Quarter

Cle—Patten 9 pass from Pederson (Dawson kick), 14:20.

Cle—Prentice 1 run (Dawson kick), 10:13.

Phi—Small 24 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 8:06.

Phi—Small 8 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 1:04.

Third Quarter

Phi—C.Johnson 11 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 12:13.

Phi—C.Johnson 38 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 4:03.

Fourth Quarter

Cle—FG Dawson 29, 11:22.

Cle—Prentice 1 run (Dawson kick), 8:54.

A—72,318.

	Phi	Cle
First downs	23	25
Rushes-yards	14-41	30-101
Passing	350	31[illegible]
Comp-Att-Int	23-36-0	30-43-[illegible]
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-43	3-15
Punts	4-38.5	[illegible]-38
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	[illegible]-1
Penalties-Yards	4-21	[illegible]
Time of Possession	25:43	34:1[illegible]

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Philadelphia, A[illegible] 10-28, McNabb 3-12, Pritchett 2-1. Cleveland, Prentice 17-46, Northcutt [illegible], White 1-15, Pederson 1-1.

PASSING—Philadelphia, McNabb 23-36-0-390. Cleveland, Pederson 29-40-2-309, [illegible].

RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Small 7-92, Lewis 5-100, C.Johnson 5-93, Pinkston 2-56, Martin [illegible]-40, Pritchett 1-11, Thomason 1-8. Cleveland, Patten 7-103, K.Johnson 6-76, Northcutt 5-44, Prentice 4-29, Shea [illegible], Campbell 3-17, Saleh 1-2, Brown 1-3.

Giants 30, Steelers 10

Pittsburgh	0	3	0	7	— 10
N.Y. Giants	3	10	7	10	— 30

First Quarter

NY—FG Daluiso 38, 12:[illegible].

Second Quarter

NY—FG Daluiso 40, 14:4[illegible].

NY—Barber 3 run (Daluiso kick), [illegible].

Pit—FG Brown [illegible].

Third Quarter

NY—Hilliard 6 pass from [illegible] (Daluiso kick), 5:34.

Fourth Quarter

NY—FG Daluiso 21, 13:[illegible].

NY—Toomer 2 pass [illegible] (Daluiso kick), 2:34.

Pit—Shaw 5 pass [illegible] (Brown kick), 1:3[illegible].

A—[illegible]8,16[illegible].

	Pit	NY
First downs	1[illegible]	2[illegible]
Rushes-yards	[illegible]	[illegible]
Passing	21[illegible]	328
Comp-Att-Int	[illegible]-34-[illegible]	[illegible]-35-[illegible]
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-7	1-7
Punts	3-45.0	1-25.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-42	6-91
Time of Possession	27:46	32:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Bettis 17-39, Stewart 3-8. New York, Toomer 1-28, Barber 12-22, Dayne 11-20, Garrett 2-(minus 2).

PASSING—Pittsburgh, Stewart 20-34-1-224. New York, Collins 24-35-0-333.

RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, Shaw 6-88, Ward 6-64, Blackwell 2-23, Kreider 2-10, Hawkins 2-7, Edwards 1-25, Bettis 1-7. New York, Toomer 9-136, Barber 6-75, Hilliard 5-90, Mitchell 2-25, Jurevicius 1-6, Comella 1-1.

Buccaneers 16, Dolphins 13

Tampa Bay	0	10	0	6	— 16
Miami	3	0	10	0	— 13

First Quarter

Mia—FG Mare 35, 3:11.

Second Quarter

TB—Duncan 31 interception return (Gramatica kick), 14:01.

TB—FG Gramatica 38, :00.

Third Quarter

Mia—FG Mare 23, 8:29.

Mia—L.Smith 1 run (Mare kick), 3:18.

Fourth Quarter

TB—FG Gramatica 30, 10:41.

TB—FG Gramatica 46, 8:12.

A—74,307.

	TB	Mia
First downs	14	17
Rushes-yards	38-100	27-84
Passing	121	170
Comp-Att-Int	11-15-1	13-28-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-26	1-5
Punts	6-36.7	4-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-63	6-46
Time of Possession	31:50	28:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Dunn 28-59, King 6-27, Abdullah 4-14. Miami, L.Smith 23-79, Denson 2-3, Fiedler 2-2.

PASSING—Tampa Bay, King 11-15-1-147. Miami, Fiedler 13-28-4-175.

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Dunn 6-84, K.Johnson 4-41, Moore 1-22. Miami, Martin 5-67, Gadsden 4-75, Konrad 2-21, L.Smith 1-8, McDuffie 1-4.

Chiefs 15, Panthers 14

Carolina	0	7	7	0	— 14
Kansas City	0	3	3	9	— 15

Second Quarter

Car—Hetherington 1 run (Nedney kick), 4:00.

KC—FG Peterson 35, 1:33.

Third Quarter

Car—Mangum 15 pass from Beuerlein (Nedney kick), 9:39.

KC—FG Peterson 24, 3:48.

Fourth Quarter

KC—Gonzalez 6 pass from Grbac (pass failed), 12:40.

KC—FG Peterson 33, 3:51.

A—77,481.

	Car	KC
First downs	21	26
Rushes-yards	16-23	26-138
Passing	234	315
Comp-Att-Int	23-31-1	31-44-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts	5-41.8	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-47	5-35
Time of Possession	27:54	32:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Carolina, Hoover 10-13, Hetherington 5-8, Beuerlein 1-2. Kansas City, Richardson 17-89, Alexander 1-26, Grbac 5-20, Moreau 3-3.

PASSING—Carolina, Beuerlein 23-31-1-252. Kansas City, Grbac 31-44-2-315.

RECEIVING—Carolina, Muhammad 8-102, Hayes 5-77, Hoover 4-27, Mangum 3-32, Crawford 1-11, Bates 1-3, Craig 1-0. Kansas City, Gonzalez 10-96, Richardson 8-56, Alexander 6-81, Morris 4-38, Lockett 2-24, Dunn 1-20.

Titans 35, Bengals 3

Cincinnati	0	3	0	0	— 3
Tennessee	14	7	7	7	— 35

First Quarter

Ten—Thigpen 56 pass from McNair (Del Greco kick), 8:45.

Ten—George 5 run (Del Greco kick), 2:48. Second Quarter

Cin—FG Rackers 45, 13:57.

Ten—George 7 pass from McNair (Del Greco kick), 8:57. Third Quarter

Ten—George 3 pass from McNair (Del Greco kick), 8:53. Fourth Quarter

Ten—Neal 1 pass from O'Donnell (Del Greco kick), 8:23.

A—68,498.

	Cin	Ten
First downs	9	21
Rushes-yards	25-60	36-112
Passing	111	331
Comp-Att-Int	12-26-0	23-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-20	2-14
Punts	9-44.6	5-41.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	4-34	7-39
Time of Possession	25:12	34:48

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cincinnati, Dillon 18-42, Mitchell 2-14, Williams 1-7, Bennett 4-(minus 3). Tennessee, George 24-81, Thomas 5-23, McNair 3-10, Mason 1-1, O'Donnell 3-(minus 3).

PASSING—Cincinnati, Mitchell 12-26-131. Tennessee, McNair 16-26-229, O'Donnell 6-6-93, Wychek 1-1-23.

RECEIVING—Cincinnati, Warrick 2-32, Bennett 2-18, Dillon 2-8, Yeast 1-27, Battaglia 1-15, Griffin 1-9, Magee 1-9, Bush 1-8, Farmer 1-[illegible]. Tennessee, Mason 5-92, Wychek 5-41, George 4-20, Thigpen 2-89, Pickens 2-58, Sanders 2-38, Kinney 1-9, Neal 1-1, Thomas 1-(minus 1).

Ravens 24, Chargers 3

San Diego	0	3	0	0	— 3
Baltimore	3	7	14	0	— 24

First Quarter

Bal—FG Stover 32, 3:35.

Second Quarter

Bal—Ismail 28 pass from Dilfer (Stover kick), 4:16.

SD—FG Carney 47, :48.

Third Quarter

Bal—Ja.Lewis 1 run (Stover kick), 10:47.

Bal—Stokley 22 pass from Dilfer (Stover kick), 4:51.

A—68,805.

	SD	Bal
First downs	9	19
Rushes-yards	26-64	40-110
Passing	64	166
Comp-Att-Int	9-23-1	16-24-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-14	3-21
Punts	4-45.0	3-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	5-4	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-20	3-15
Time of Possession	22:24	37:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Diego, Fletcher 16-44, Fazande 7-17, Leaf 3-3. Baltimore, Ja.Lewis 29-91, Holmes 7-16, Dilfer 3-2, Gash 1-1.

PASSING—San Diego, Leaf 9-23-1-78. Baltimore, Dilfer 16-24-2-187.

RECEIVING—San Diego, Conway 3-32, Fletcher 2-5, Fazande 1-17, Fr.Jones 1-11, F.McCrary 1-7, Heiden 1-6. Baltimore, Ismail 6-80, Stokley 4-55, Ja.Lewis 3-39, Holmes 2-6, Sharpe 1-7.

Raiders 31, Jets 7

N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	7	— 7
Oakland	0	21	0	10	— 31

Second Quarter

Oak—Allen 50 interception return (Janikowski kick), 12:31.

Oak—Rison 7 pass from Gannon (Janikowski kick), 6:01.

Oak—Wheatley 1 run (Janikowski kick), 1:09.

Fourth Quarter

Oak—T.Brown 1 pass [illegible] (Janikowski kick), 14:1[illegible].

Oak—FG Janikowski 32, [illegible].

NY—Chrebet 5 pass from Pe[illegible] (Hall kick), [illegible]4.

A—62,632.

	NY	Oak
First downs	14	17
Rushes-yards	[illegible]	[illegible]
Passing	290	[illegible]
Comp-Att-Int	[illegible]-44-[illegible]	[illegible]-23-[illegible]
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-25	[illegible]
Punts	[illegible]-41.8	[illegible]
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	[illegible]-27	[illegible]-50
Time of Possession	[illegible]	[illegible]

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New York, Martin [illegible], Lucas 1-7, Pennington 1-0, [illegible]. Oakland, Wheatley 16-38, Jordan 8-37, Gannon 7-28, [illegible], Crockett 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—New York, Testaverde [illegible]-2-149, Lucas 3-14-[illegible]-99, Pennington 2-3-0-67. Oakland, Gannon [illegible]-1-161.

RECEIVING—New York, [illegible], Martin 5-51, Chrebet 3-44, Ward [illegible], Sowell 1-82, Coles 1-[illegible]. Oakland, T.Brown 5-[illegible], Rison 2-[illegible], Dudley 2-12, Jordan [illegible], Brigham 1-1.

Rodeo

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Results and standings Sunday of the 10th and final round of the $4.5 million National Finals Rodeo:

All-Around

Final world standings—1, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, $225,396. 2, Scott Johnston, Gustine, $200,726. 3, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, $199,411. 4, J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., $167,611. 5, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., $159,528. 6, Rich Skelton, Llano, $158,546.

Bareback

10th round—1, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 89 points, $13,133. 2, Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., 88, $10,380. 3, Davey Shields Jr., Canada, 85, $7,838. 4, Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., 80, $5,508. 5 (tie), Jeff Collins, Redfield, Kan., and Darren Clarke, Weatherford, 79, $2,754 each.

Average standings—1, Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., 816 points on 10 head (NFR record), $33,681. 2, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 811, $27,326. 3, Chris Harris, Arlington, 797, $21,607. 4, Davey Shields, Canada, 796, $15,887. 5, Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., 780, $11,439. 6, Mark Garrett, Nisland, S.D., 774, $8,261. 7, William Pittman II, Florence, Miss., 772, $5,719. 8, Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo., 767, $3,177.

Final world standings—1, Jeff Collins, Redfield, Kan., $165,305. 2, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., $140,247. 3, Chris Harris, Arlington, $122,873. 4, Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah, $109,801. 5, Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., $99,442.

Steer Wrestling

10th round—1 (tie), Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., and Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., 3.7 seconds, $11,757. 3, Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., 3.8, $7,838. 4, Sid Steiner, Austin, 3.9, $5,508. 5, Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., 4.1, $3,389. 6, Cash Myers, Athens, 4.4, $2,118.

Average standings—1, Chad Biesemeyer, Stephenville, 50.7 seconds on 10 head, $33,681. 2, Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., 54.9, $27,326. 3, Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., 56.9, $21,607. 4 (tie), Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., and Trav Cadwell, Oakdale, Calif., 57.6, $13,663 each. 6, Cash Myers, Athens, 58.8, $8,261. 7, J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., 64.8, $5,719. 8, Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., 69.9, $3,177.

Final world standings—1, Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., $141,400. 2, Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., $133,766. 3, Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., $115,491. 4, Chad Biesemeyer, Stephenville, $113,846. 5, Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., $104,823.

Team Roping

10th round—1, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, and Bret Gould, Pollok, 4.2 seconds, $13,133 each. 2 (tie), Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., and Allen Bach, Millsap, and Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., and Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., 4.8, $9,109 each. 4, David Key, Ledbetter, and John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, 5.5, $5,508. 5, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., and Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., 5.8, $3,389. 6, Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., and Bucky Campbell, Benton, Wash., 6.4, $2,118.

Average standings—1, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., and Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., 73.3 seconds on 10 head, $33,681. 2, Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., and Allen Bach, Millsap, 85.3, $27,326. 3, David Key, Ledbetter, and John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, 85.6, $21,607. 4, Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., and Bucky Campbell, Benton, Wash., 88.6, $15,887. 5, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., and Rich Skelton, Llano, 90.0, $11,439. 6, Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, and Martin Lucero, Stephenville, 94.7, $8,261. 7, Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., and Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., 98.1, $5,719. 8, Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz., and Monty Joe Petska, Turlock, Calif., 133.3, $3,177.

Final world standings (heading)—1, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., $170,680. 2, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., $123,799. 3, Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., $120,322. 4, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, $106,598. 5, Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., $105,562.

Final world standings (heeling)—1, Rich Skelton, Llano, $170,680. 2, Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., $124,846. 3, Allen Bach, Millsap, $110,055. 4, Bret Gould, Pollok, $106,598. 5, Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., $103,491.

Saddle Bronc

10th round—1, Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., 89 points, $13,133. 2 (tie), Glen O'Neil, Canada, and Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont., 87 points each, $9,109 each. 4, Rod Hay, Canada, 86, $5,508. 5, Chance Dixon, Heppner, Ore., 85, $3,389. 6 (tie), Cliff Norris, Glazier, and Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., 84, $1,059 each.

Average standings—1, Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont., [illegible] points on nine head, $33,681. 2, Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., [illegible], $27,326. 3, Glen O'Neil, Canada, [illegible], $21,607. 4, Chance Dixon, Heppner, Ore., [illegible], $15,887. 5, Cliff Norris, Glazier, 705, $11,439. 6, Robert Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., 696, $8,261. 7, [illegible] Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., 694, $5,719. 8, Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., [illegible] on eight head.

Final world standings—1, Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., $18[illegible],448. 2, Scott Johnston, Gustine, $176,018. 3, Glen O'Neil, Canada, $145,[illegible]. 4, Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., [illegible]. 5, $137,313. 5, Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont., $135,[illegible].

Calf Roping

10th round—1 (tie), Trevor Brazile, Decatur, and Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., 7.5 seconds, $11,[illegible] each. 3, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., [illegible]. 4, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, [illegible]. 5, Roy Cooper, Childress, [illegible]. 6, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., [illegible], $2,118.

Average standings—1, Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., 86.9 seconds on 10 head, $33,681. 2, Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, [illegible], $27,326. 3, [illegible], $21,607. 4, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., 98.6, $1[illegible]. 5, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, [illegible], $11,439. 6, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, 108.8, $8,261. 7, Cody Ohl, Orchard, 114.2, $5,719. 8, Roy Cooper, Childress, 118.1, $3,177.

Final world standings—1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, $194,936. 2, Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., $192,243. 3, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., $159,328. 4, Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, $148,045. 5, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., $145,595.

Bull Riding

10th round—1, Josh O'Byrne, [illegible], N.M., 94 points, $13,133. 2, [illegible] Akin, Weatherford, 93, $10,380. 3, Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., [illegible], $7,838. 4, Philip Elkins, Keller, [illegible], $5,508. 5, Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., 86, $3,389. 6, Shane Proctor, Weatherford, Okla., 84, $2,118.

Average standings—1, Philip Elkins, Keller, 665 points on eight head, $33,681. 2, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 599 on seven, $27,326. 3, [illegible] Akin, Weatherford, Okla., 523 [illegible], $21,607. 4, Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., 500. 5 (tie), Rickey Lindra, [illegible], and Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., 413 on five, $9,350 each. 8, Greg [illegible], Whitt, 35[illegible] on four, $3,[illegible].

Final world standings—1, [illegible] Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., $1[illegible]. 2, Philip Elkins, Keller, $1[illegible]. 3, [illegible] Akin, Weatherford, Okla., [illegible]. 4, Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., [illegible]. 5, [illegible], $116,8[illegible].

Barrel Racing

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	16	4	.800	—
New York	14	8	.636	3
Miami	10	11	.476	6 1/2
Boston	9	11	.450	7
Orlando	9	11	.450	7
New Jersey	7	14	.333	9 1/2
Washington	4	17	.190	12 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	12	7	.632	—
Charlotte	13	9	.591	1/2
Indiana	10	10	.500	2 1/2
Toronto	10	10	.500	2 1/2
Milwaukee	9	11	.450	3 1/2
Detroit	9	12	.429	4
Atlanta	4	16	.200	8 1/2
Chicago	2	18	.100	10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	4	.800	—
Dallas	14	8	.636	3
San Antonio	12	7	.632	3 1/2
Minnesota	12	8	.600	4
Houston	11	9	.550	5
Denver	10	12	.455	7
Vancouver	7	13	.350	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	14	4	.778	—
Phoenix	13	6	.684	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	15	7	.682	1
Portland	14	8	.636	2
Seattle	10	12	.455	6
Golden State	6	15	.286	9 1/2
L.A. Clippers	6	16	.273	10

Sunday's Games

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Monday's Games

Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
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San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Mavericks 99, Nets 73

DALLAS (99): Finley 9-17 2-2 21, Nowitzki 9-13 9-11 31, Laettner 2-5 2-2 6, Eisley 6-10 3-4 15, Nash 3-6 2-2 8, Davis 3-[illegible] 0-0 6, Bradley 2-3 1-2 5, Vaught 0-0 0-0 0, Alexander 1-3 1-2 3, Najera 1-3 0-0 2, Bryant 0-1 0-0 0, Harvey 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-70 20-25 99.

NEW JERSEY (73): Martin 7-17 4-4 18, Williams [illegible] 6 2-2 4, McIlvaine 1-3 0-0 2, Harris 4-11 2-5 11, Douglas 3-9 [illegible], Jackson 5-15 0-0 12, Eschmeyer [illegible] 3, Newman 1-4 4-4 [illegible], Ollie 0-5 2-2 2, Samake 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 24-73 22-27 73.

Dallas	30	21	27	21	— 99
New Jersey	22	21	19	11	— 73

3-Point Goals—Dallas 5-17 (Nowitzki 4-6, Finley 1-4, Nash 0-1, Davis 0-3, Eisley 0-3), New Jersey 3-[illegible] (Jackson 2-4, Harris 1-2, Douglas 0-[illegible]). Fouled out—Williams. Rebounds—Dallas 52 (Nowitzki 8), New Jersey 40 (Jackson [illegible]). Assists—Dallas 2[illegible] (Nash [illegible], Eisley [illegible]), New Jersey 14 (Douglas [illegible]). Total fouls—Dallas 2[illegible], New Jersey 25. Technicals—Dallas illegal Defense, Bradley. Flagrant fouls—Williams. A—10,654 (20,049).

Celtics 104, Nuggets 102, OT

DENVER (102): McDyess [illegible], Posey 2-[illegible], LaFrentz [illegible], Lenard [illegible], Van Exel [illegible], Murray [illegible], Pack [illegible], McCloud [illegible], Strickland [illegible], Bowen [illegible]. Totals 34-88 24-33 [illegible].

BOSTON (104): Walker [illegible], Pierce 7-14 13-16 29, Battie 4-8 4-[illegible], Anderson 5-14 [illegible], Stith 3-[illegible], Palacio [illegible], Potapenko [illegible], E.Williams [illegible], Moiso [illegible], Griffin [illegible]. Totals 34-90 30-41 104.

Denver	21	29	24	17	11	— 102
Boston	27	29	18	17	13	— 104

3-Point Goals—Denver 6-20 (Lenard 3-5, McCloud 2-4, Murray 1-4, LaFrentz 0-1, Posey 0-2, Van Exel 0-4), Boston 6-18 (Walker 3-6, Anderson 1-3, Pierce 1-3, Stith 1-3, Griffin 0-1, E.Williams 0-1, Palacio 0-1). Fouled out—McCloud. Rebounds—Denver 64 (McDyess 18), Boston 64 (Walker 11). Assists—Denver 22 (Van Exel 10), Boston 21 (Pierce 5). Total fouls—Denver 33, Boston 33. Technicals—Van Exel. A—11,812 (18,624).

Suns 95, Raptors 87

PHOENIX (95): Marion 5-9 1-2 11, Robinson 8-18 3-3 22, Dudley 1-3 1-[illegible], Elie 1-3 2-2 4, Kidd 6-17 8-10 24, Rogers 8-14 0-0 19, Santiago 0-0 0-0 0, Delk 5-12 2-4 12, Perry 0-2 0-0 0, Blount 0-2 0-0 0, McPherson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-80 17-23 95.

TORONTO (87): Williamson 2-4 2-3 6, Oakley 1-4 3-4 5, Davis 1-7 1-4 3, Carter 12-34 10-14 35, Jackson 4-6 0-0 9, Williams 5-12 3-3 13, Willis 1-1 1-2 3, Curry 1-4 0-0 2, Peterson 4-9 3-4 11. Totals 31-81 23-34 87.

Phoenix	26	19	26	24	— 95
Toronto	14	27	25	21	— 87

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 10-21 (Kidd 4-8, Rogers 3-4, Robinson 3-6, Elie 0-1, Delk 0-2), Toronto 2-13 (Jackson 1-2, Carter 1-6, Curry 0-1, Williams 0-2, Peterson 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 50 (Kidd, Rogers 9), Toronto 63 (Oakley 16). Assists—Phoenix 20 (Kidd 8), Toronto 21 (Jackson 9). Total fouls—Phoenix 26, Toronto 20. Technicals—Rogers. A—19,800 (19,800).

Kings 101, Heat 97

MIAMI (97): Bowen 1-4 [illegible], Mason 6-14 3-3 15, Grant 8-18 3-5 19, Jones 8-12 [illegible] 18, Hardaway 8-19 4-6 25, Green 2-6 2-2 6, Carter 4-8 0-1 8, Ceballos 0-2 0-0 0, House [illegible] 3. Totals 38-82 14-21 97.

SACRAMENTO (101): Turkoglu 3-6 5-6 11, Webber 9-26 1-2 19, Divac 3-7 1-1 7, Christie 3-9 5-6 11, Williams 4-8 5-6 15, Barry 3-9 5-6 14, Jackson 4-9 0-0 10, Pollard 3-6 4-4 10, Funderburke 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-82 29-[illegible] 101.

Miami	40	19	16	22	— 97
Sacramento	17	33	30	21	— 101

3-Point Goals—Miami [illegible] (Hardaway 5-11, House [illegible], Jones [illegible] 2, Bower 0-2), Sacramento [illegible] (Barry 2-4, Jackson 2-4, Williams 2-5, Christie 1-3, Pollard 0-1). Fouled out—Jones. Rebounds—Miami 54 (Grant [illegible]), Sacramento 49 (Webber [illegible]). Assists—Miami 13 (Hardaway [illegible]), Sacramento 19 (Barry, Christie [illegible]). Total fouls—Miami 30, Sacramento 25. Technicals—Sacramento coach Adelman. A—17,317 (17,317).

Lakers 112, Pistons 88

DETROIT (88): Curry [illegible], B.Wallace 1-3 0-0 2, Montross 1-3 0-0 2, Stackhouse 12-22 5-7 30, Atkins [illegible] 6, Cleaves 3-6 [illegible], Smith [illegible] 19, [illegible] 23, Barros 2-9 [illegible] 5, Buechler 1-3 0-0 3, Moore 1-4 [illegible] 3, Owens 1-4 0-0 2, Cardinal 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-88 [illegible] 88.

L.A. LAKERS (112): Fox 3-6 3-4 10, Grant 2-7 1-4 5, O'Neal 12-[illegible] 26, Bryant [illegible] 2-2 26, Harper [illegible], Penberthy [illegible], Rider 3-8 2-2 8, Madsen [illegible], Horry [illegible], Shaw [illegible], Foster 4-[illegible], George 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 47-90 12-19 112.

Detroit	25	19	23	21	— 88
L.A. Lakers	33	23	29	27	— 112

3-Point Goals—Detroit [illegible] (Buechler 1-1, Stackhouse [illegible], Barros [illegible], Owens 0-1, Smith [illegible], Atkins [illegible]), L.A. Lakers 6-15 (Bryant [illegible], Penberthy 2-5, George [illegible], Fox [illegible]). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 48 (B.Wallace [illegible]), L.A. Lakers 55 (O'Neal 12). Assists—Detroit 20 (Cleaves 4), L.A. Lakers 30 (Bryant [illegible], Fox 9). Total fouls—Detroit [illegible], L.A. Lakers 19. Technicals—Stackhouse, Foster. A—18,997 (18,997).

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Jersey	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N.Y. Rangers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philadelphia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N.Y. Islanders	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Buffalo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Washington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Carolina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tampa Bay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Florida	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nashville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbus	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Calgary	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minnesota	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dallas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Los Angeles	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phoenix	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anaheim	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Sunday's Games

[illegible]

Monday's Games

[illegible]

Stars 1, Mighty Ducks 0

Dallas	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	— 1
Anaheim	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	— 0

[illegible]

Penguins [illegible], Red Wings [illegible]

Pittsburgh

Detroit

[illegible]

Flyers 5, Islanders 2

N.Y. Islanders	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	— 2
Philadelphia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	— 5

First Period—[illegible]. Second Period—3, Philadelphia, Primeau 9 (McGillis [illegible]). 4, Philadelphia, Desjardins [illegible] (Recchi, Stevens) 2:27. 5, New York, Toms 2 (Stapleton, Parrish) 13:31. Third Period—6, Philadelphia, White 4 (Fedotenko, Williams) 2:44. 7, Philadelphia, Stevens [illegible] (Tocchet, Richardson) 17:54. Shots on goal—New York [illegible], Philadelphia [illegible]. Power-play Opportunities—New York [illegible]; Philadelphia [illegible]. Goalies—New York, Vanbiesbrouck [illegible]. Philadelphia, Cechmanek [illegible].

Predators 2, Wild 1

Nashville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	— 2
Minnesota	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	— 1

[illegible]

Blues 6, Blackhawks [illegible]

St. Louis

Chicago

[illegible]

Blue Jackets [illegible], Coyotes [illegible]

Columbus

Phoenix

[illegible]

Golf

World Cup Scores

[illegible] — Final scores Sunday of the $3 million EMC World Cup on the 6,896-yard, par-72 Buenos Aires Golf Club course:

[illegible]

Father-Son

[illegible] — Final scores and money Sunday from the $860,000 Office Depot Father-Son Challenge on the 6,907-yard, par-72 Ocean Club Golf course (x-won playoff on first extra hole):

[illegible]

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Next Game

Amarillo Rattlers at Odessa Jackalopes, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Ector County Coliseum.

Radio

KMCM (FM 96.9). Broadcast Time - 6:40.

Last Five Games

Odessa 1, Lubbock 0
Odessa 7, New Mexico 4
Austin 4, Odessa 2
Odessa 2, Amarillo 0
El Paso 3, Odessa 0

Next 10 Games

Dec. 12	Amarillo	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	El Paso	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	at El Paso	8:11 p.m.
Dec. 17	at San Angelo	5:05 p.m.
Dec. 21	San Angelo	7 p.m.
Dec. 22	at Central Texas	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 23	at Monroe	7 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Lubbock	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 29	at Central Texas	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 30	at Amarillo	7 p.m.

Sports on TV

Today

NFL — Buffalo Bills at Indianapolis Colts, 8 p.m., ABC. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

Sports Briefs

Mavericks rout Nets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Dallas Mavericks gave Del Harris an easy one in his first game since taking over as interim coach for cancer-stricken Don Nelson.

Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points, Michael Finley added 21 and the Mavericks allowed their fewest points this season in defeating the New Jersey Nets 99-73 on Sunday night.

"Nelly and I are of the same mind," Harris said. "If you are going to have a good team, it starts with defense. That doesn't come easily to this team, but they have really been working hard on it this year. We are playing defense with a lot of pride."

In Dallas' current three-game winning streak, opponents have averaged 81 points.

The Mavericks' performance would have pleased Nelson, who was in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Sunday undergoing tests for prostate cancer. There is a chance he will rejoin the team on the current six-game road trip, Harris added.

Harris had little to worry about as the Mavericks took the lead for good late in the first quarter in sending the injury-plagued Nets to their 10th loss in [illegible] games.

The 26-point loss was the Nets' worst of the season. New Jersey dropped a 24-point decision to Indiana on Tuesday. Five of New Jersey's last six losses have been by 20 or more points.

Dallas shot 53 percent from the field, hitting 37 of 70 shots.

"When we shoot like we did tonight, there's not too many teams who can stay with us," said Finley, who was 9 of 17 from the field.

Miscellaneous

College Hoops

Top 25 Men

No. 8 Florida 125, Florida A&M 50

FLORIDA A&M (2-6) [illegible]

FLORIDA (5-1) [illegible]

[illegible]

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

[illegible]

MIDWEST

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FAR WEST

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SOUTH

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EAST

[illegible]

Ohio St. 59, Wis.-Green Bay 44

FAR WEST

[illegible]

SOUTH

Alabama 64, [illegible]

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EAST

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Davis Cup

Championship

At Barcelona, Spain

Spain [illegible], Australia [illegible]

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NCAA Games

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WPHL Standings

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SOUTHWEST

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Sunday's Games

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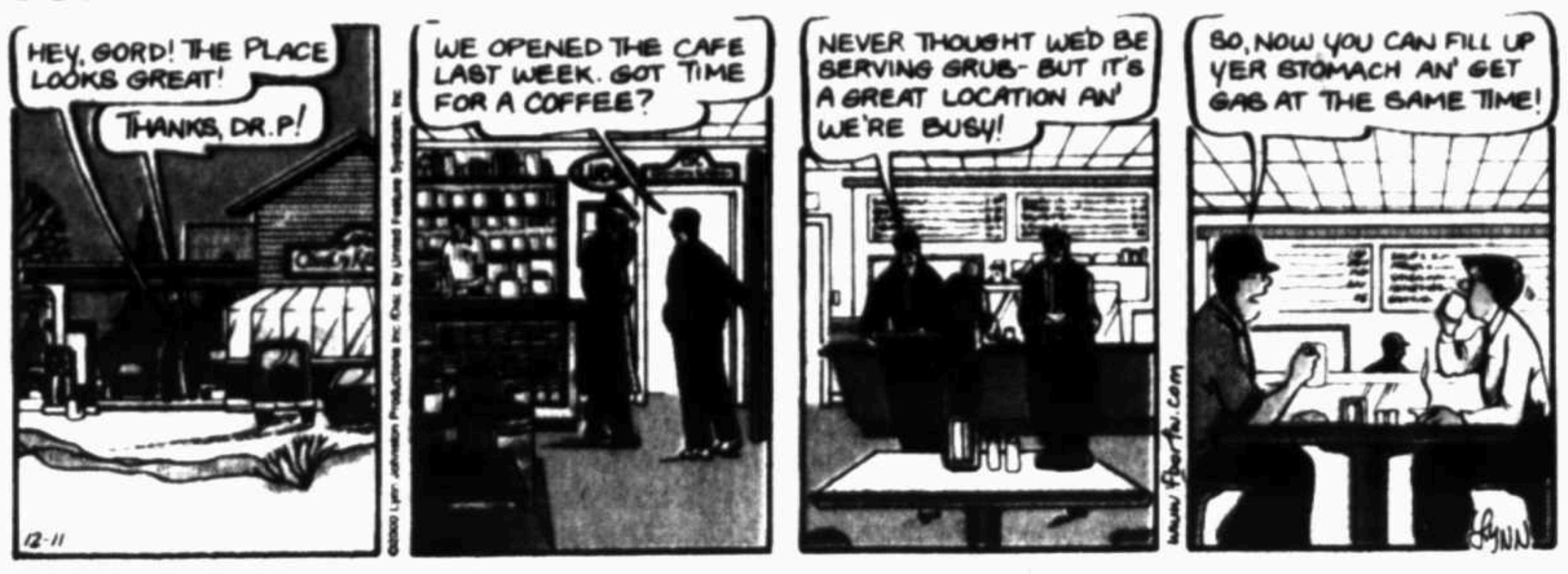
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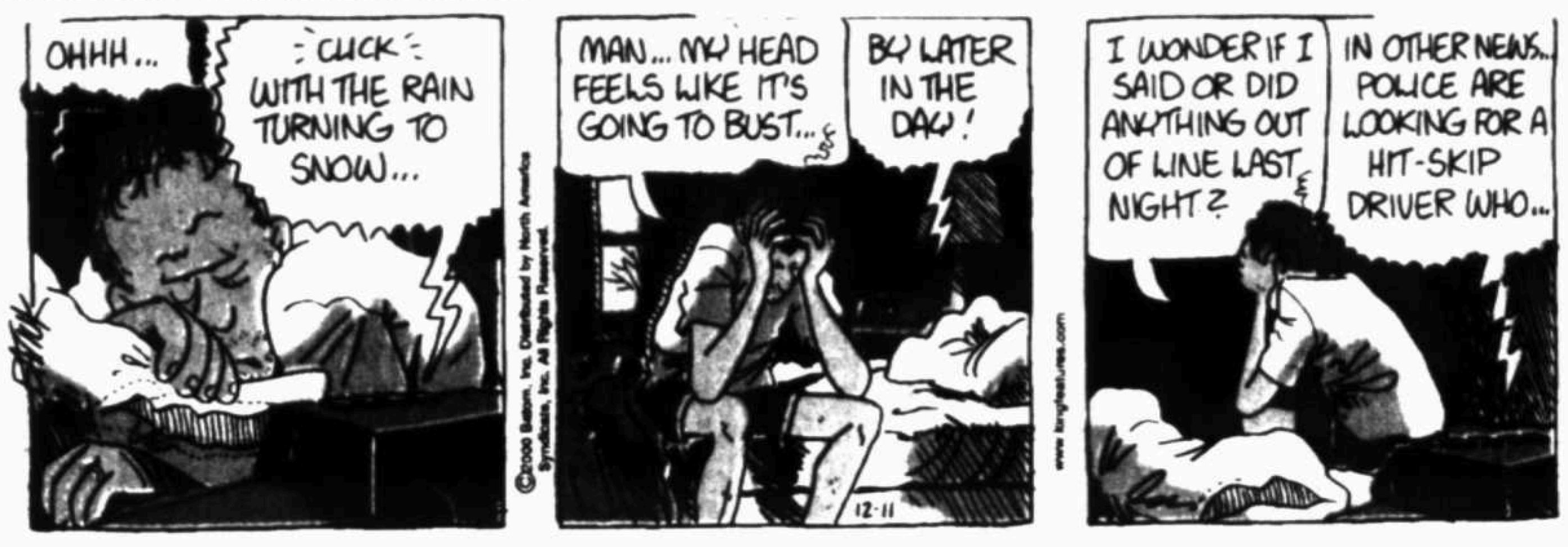
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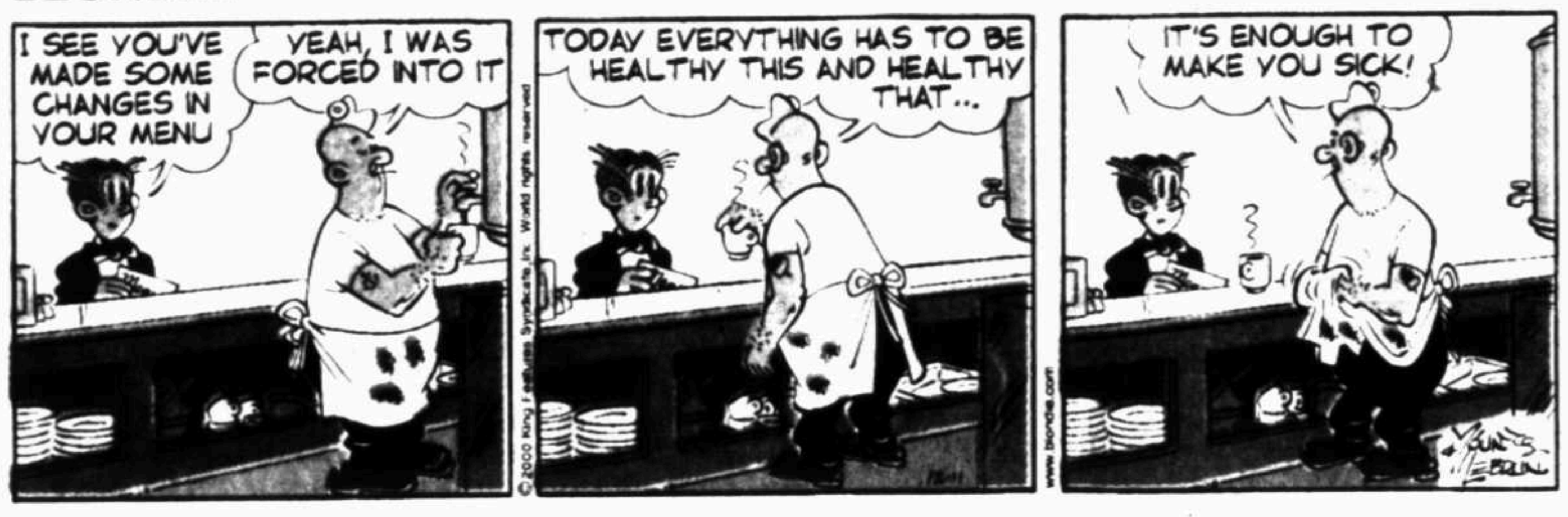
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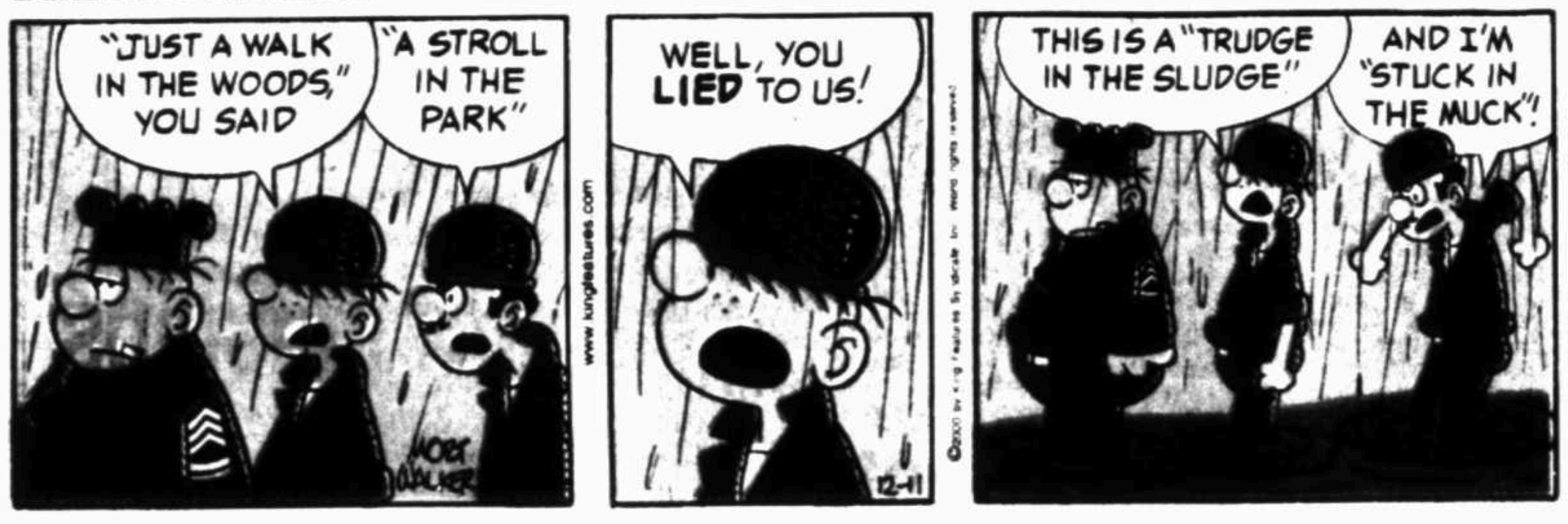
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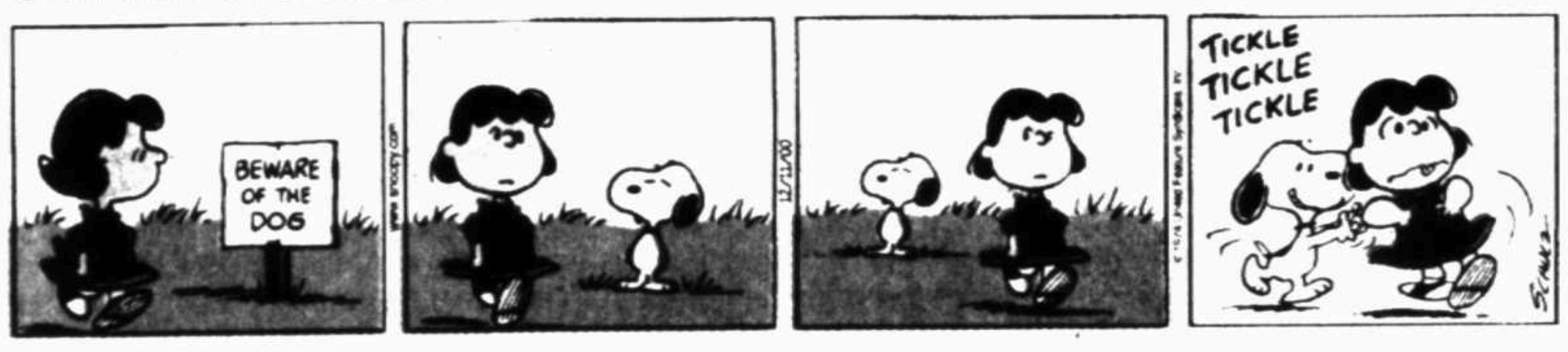
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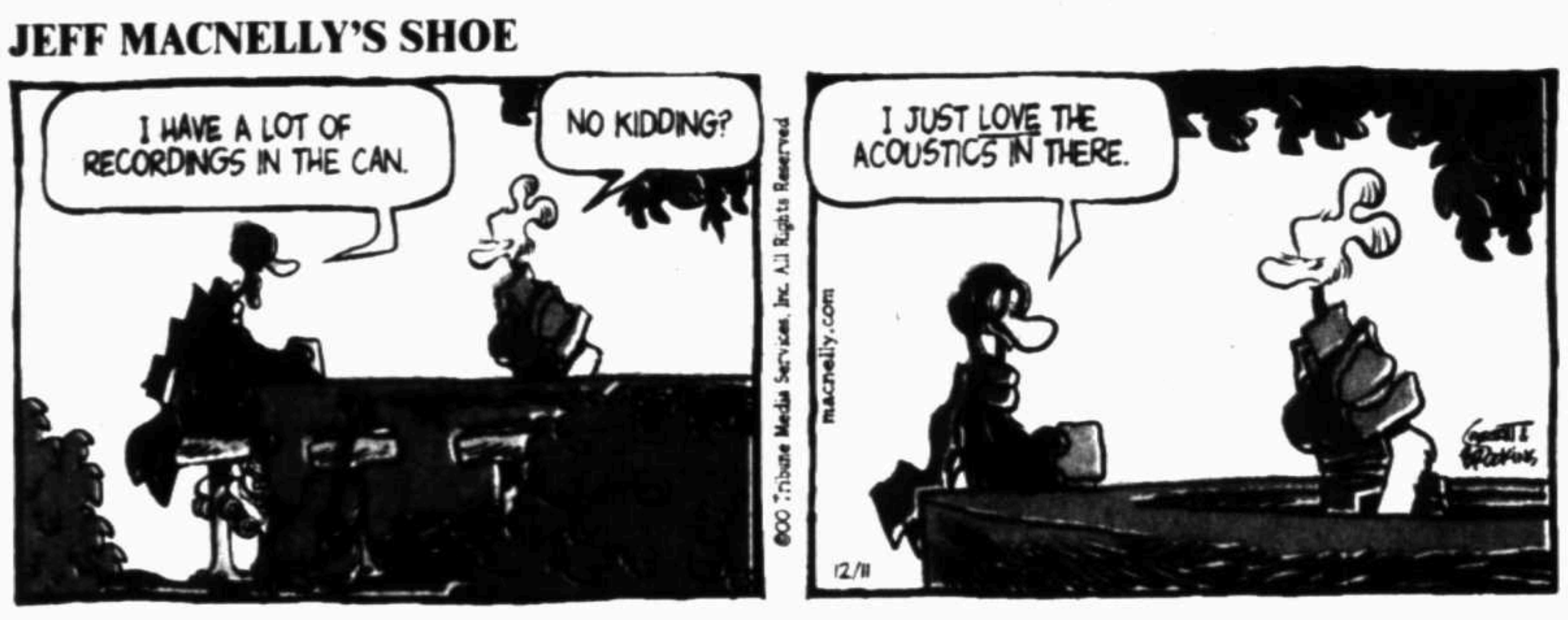
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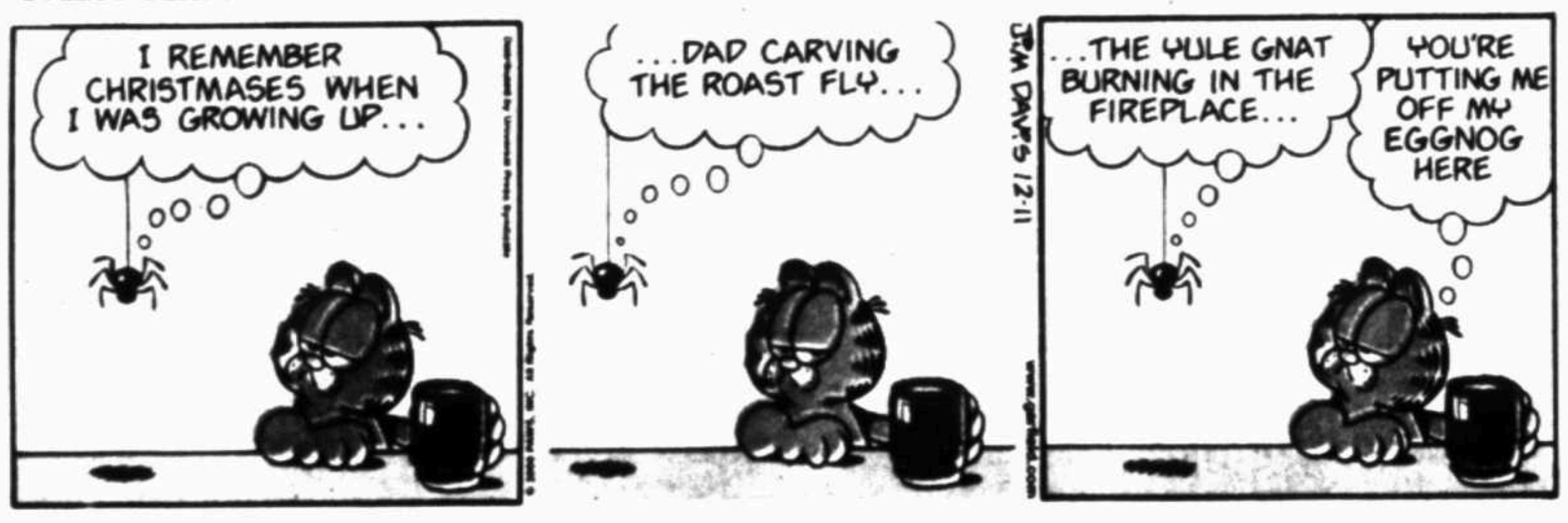
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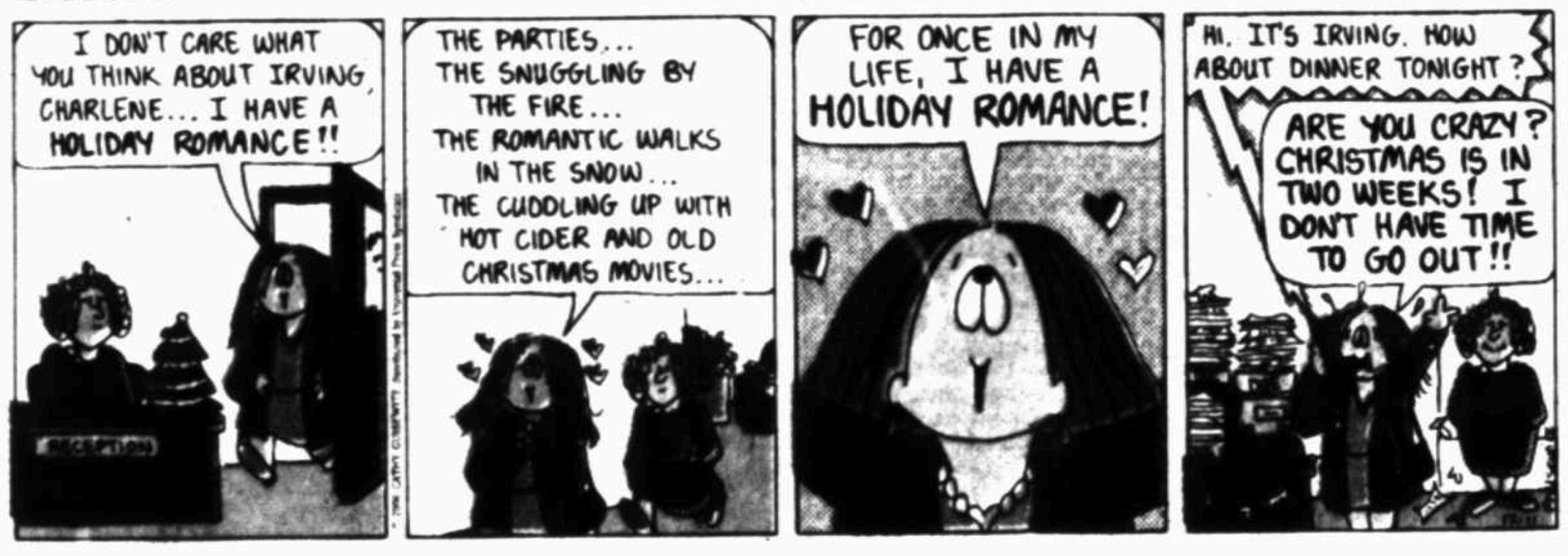
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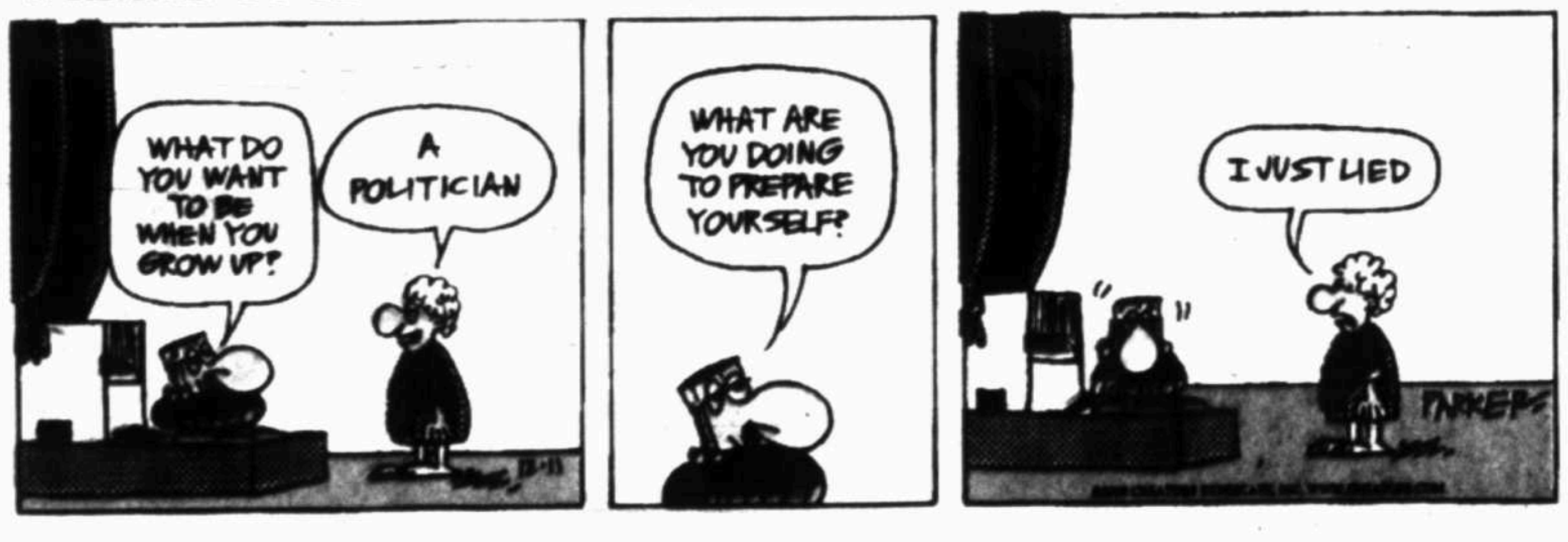
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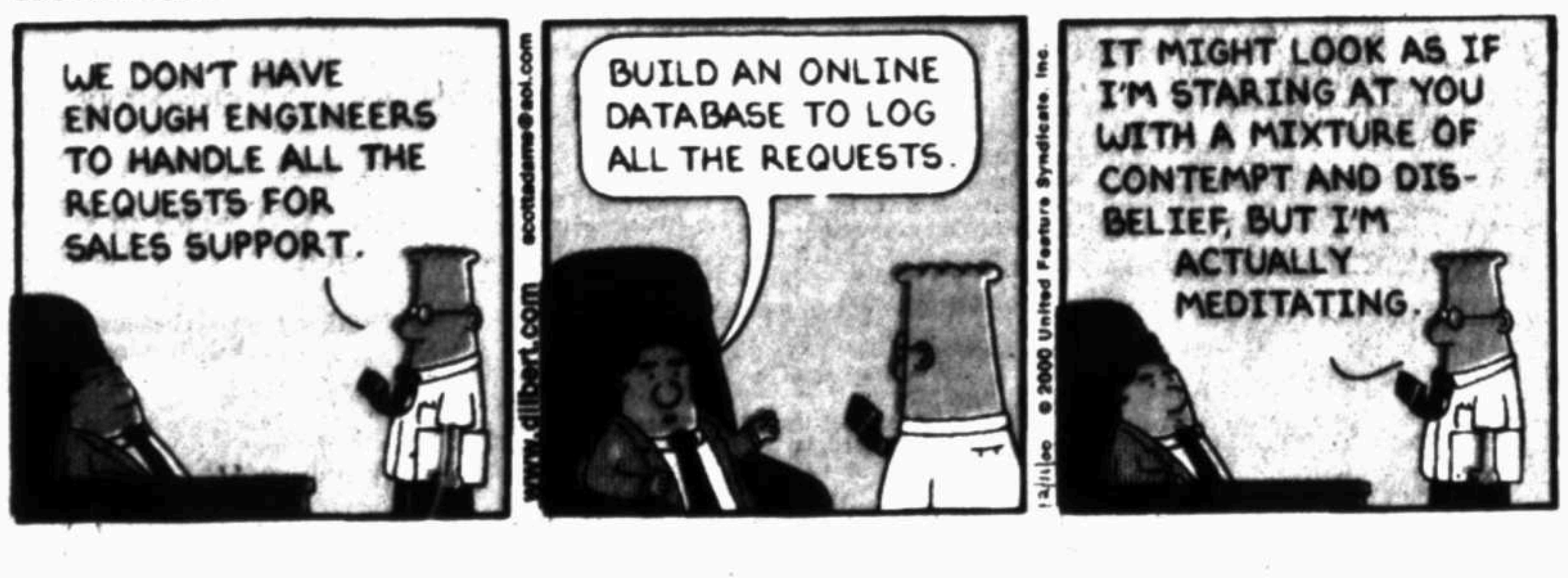
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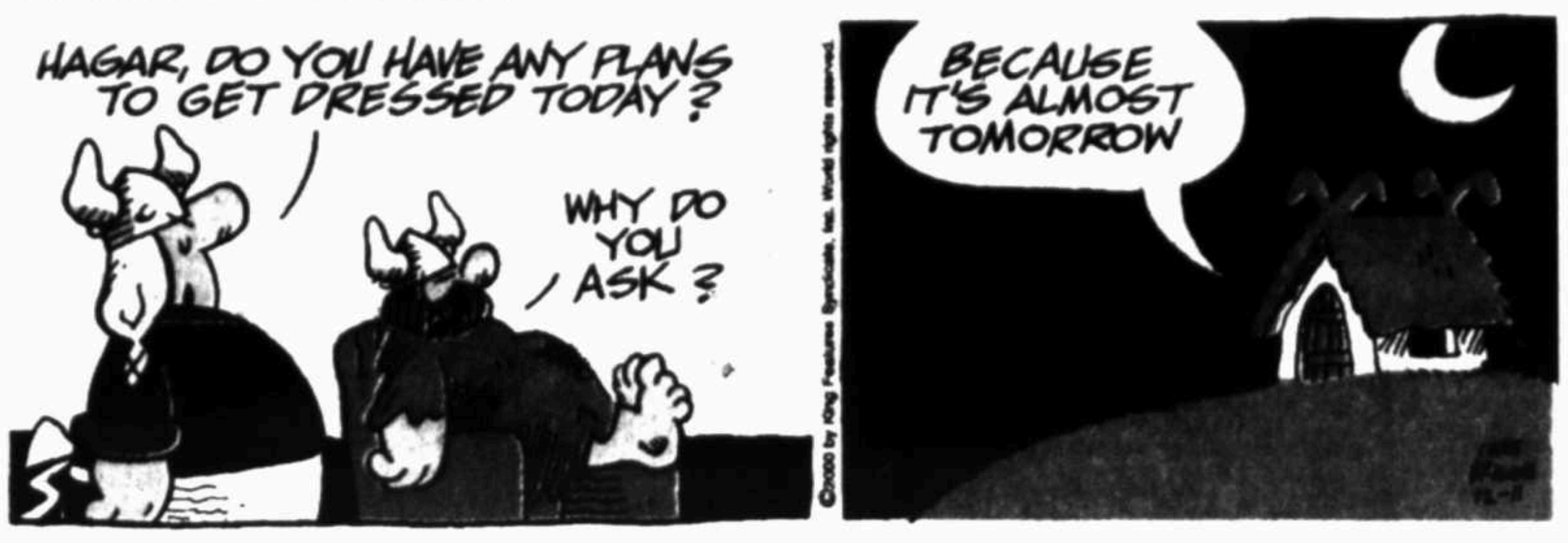
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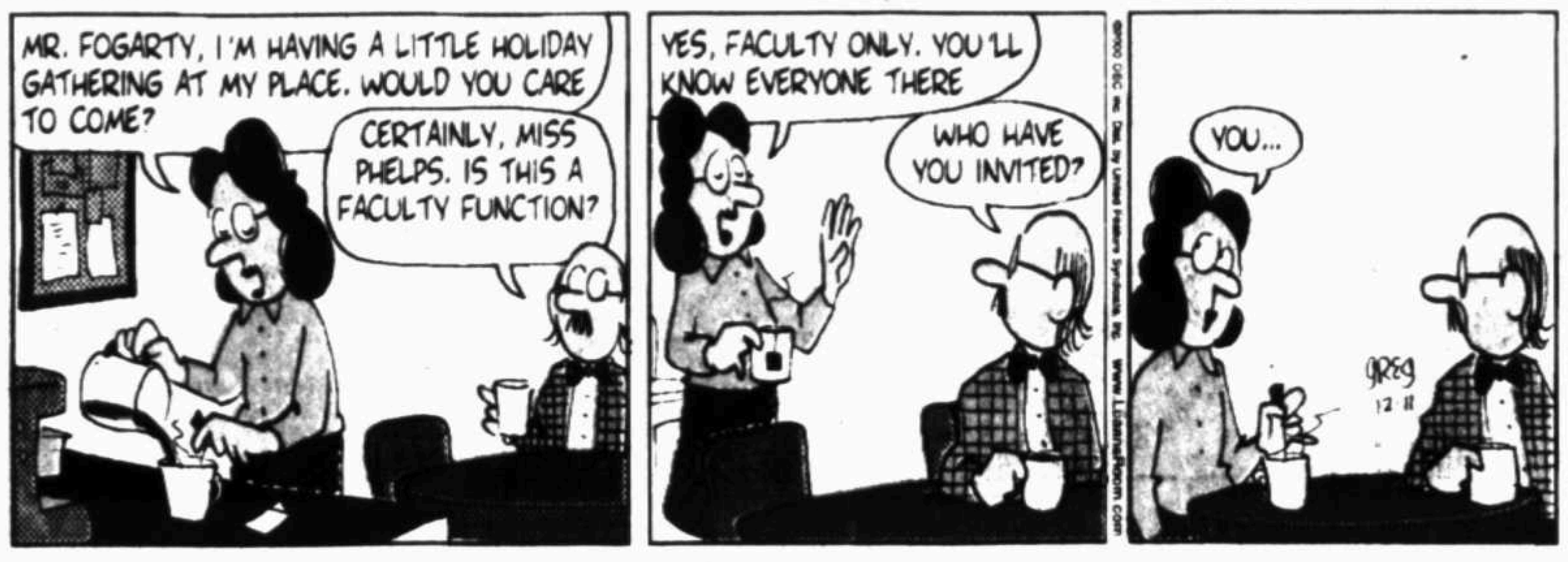
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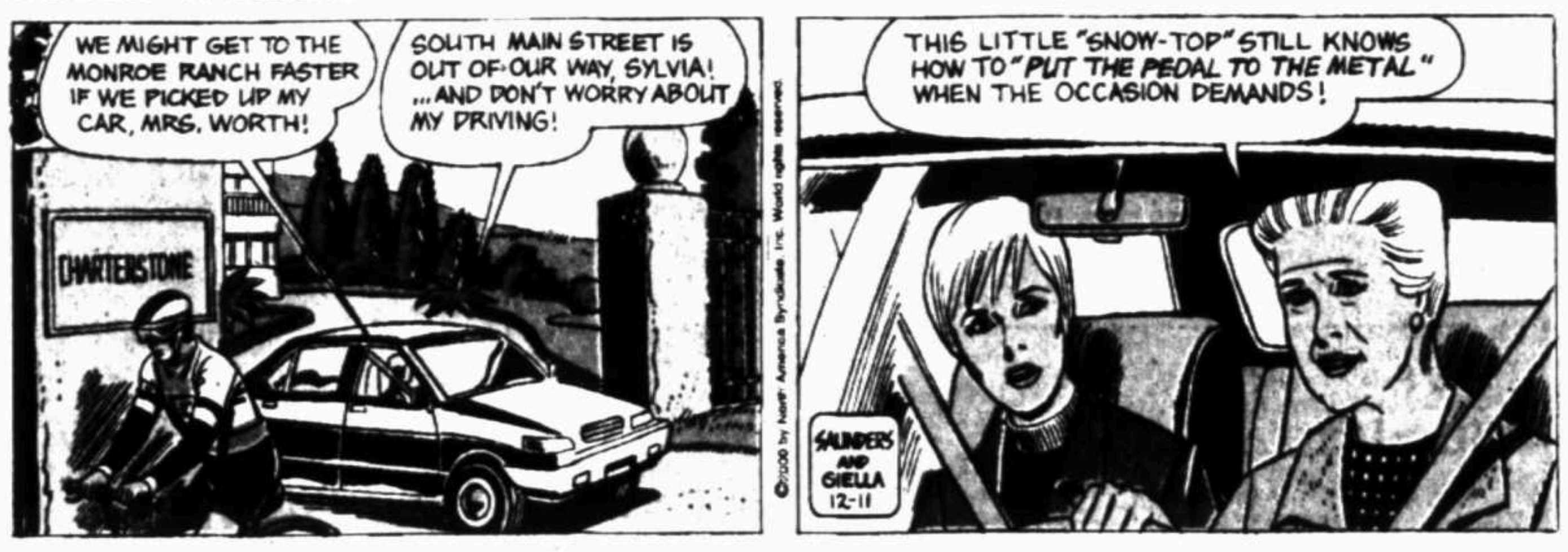
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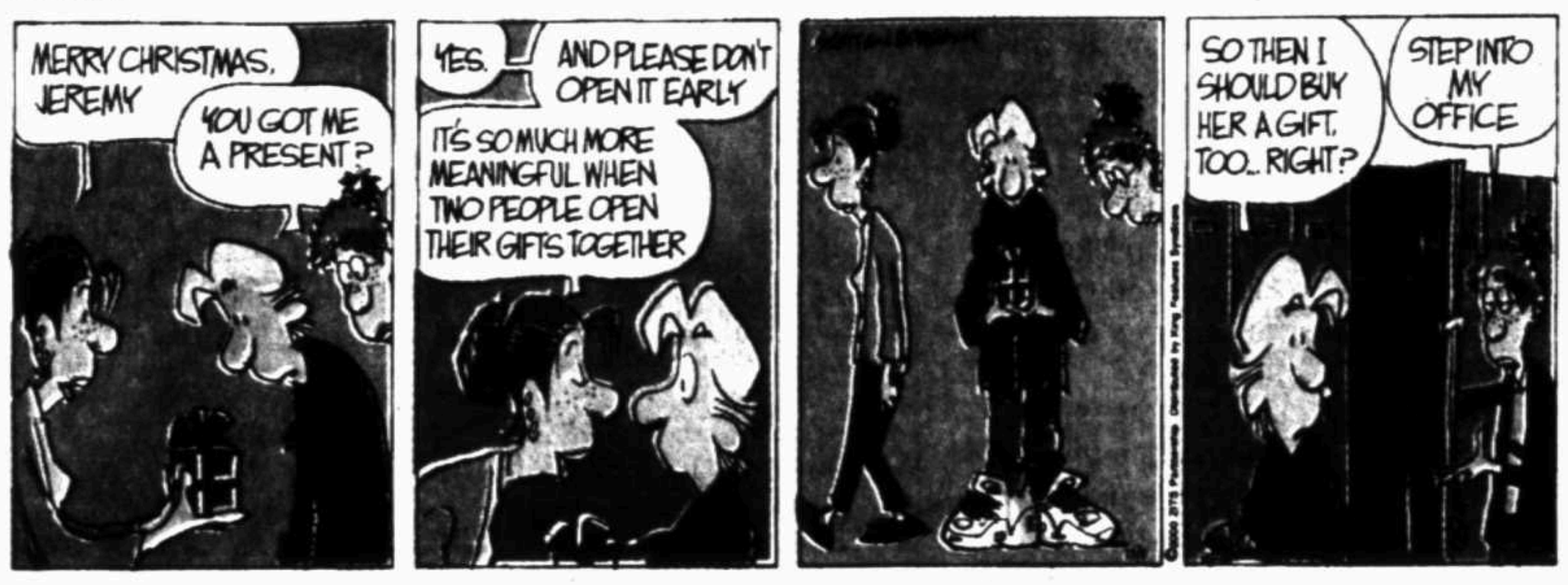
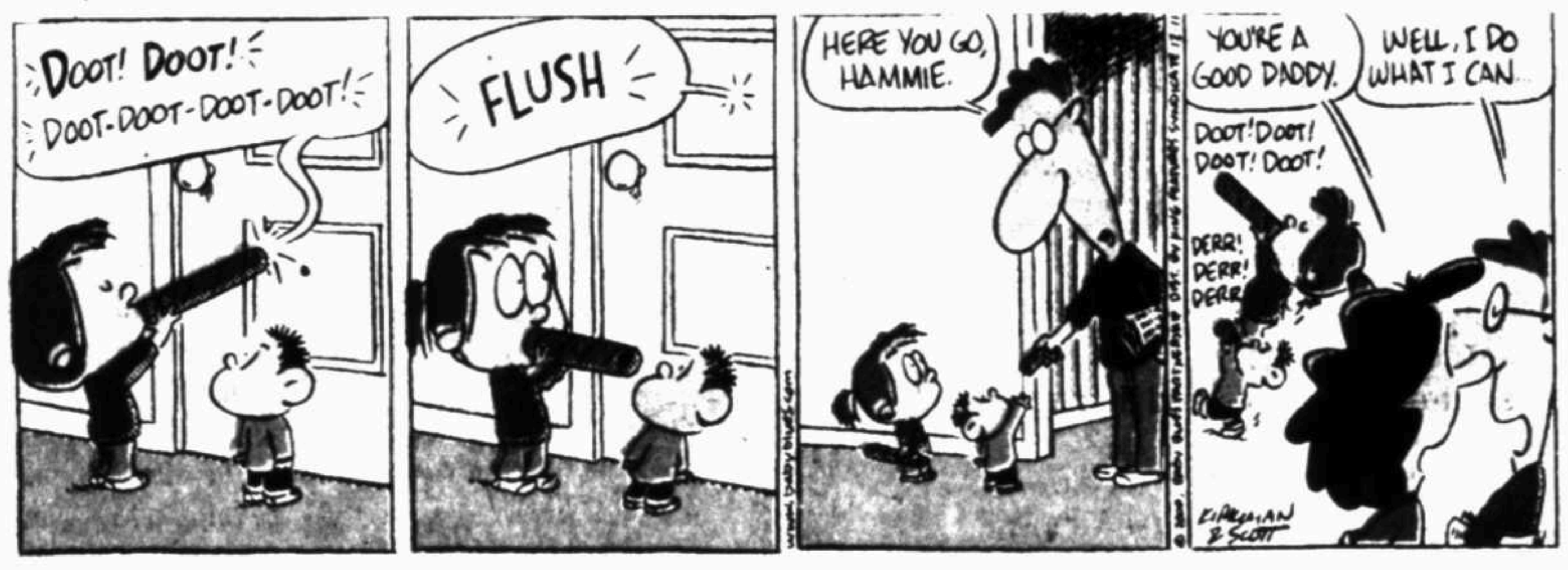
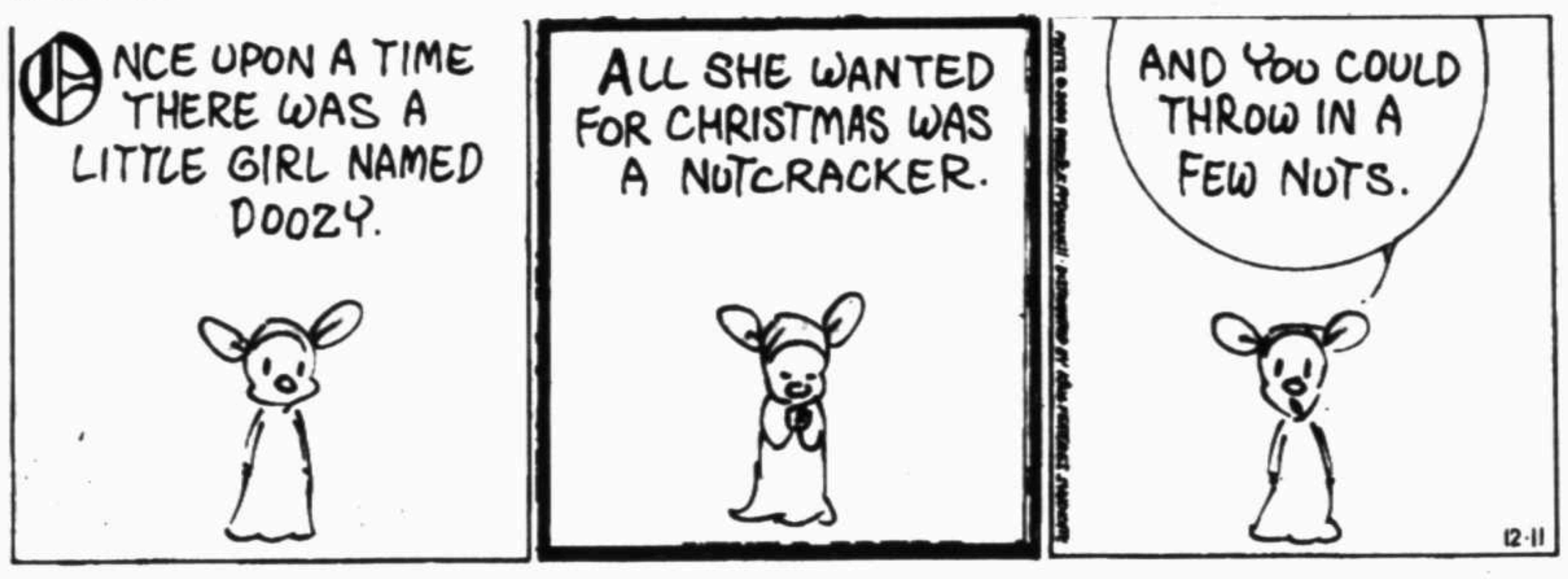

MERRY CHRISTMAS, JEREMY
YOU GOT ME A PRESENT?
YES.
AND PLEASE DON'T OPEN IT EARLY
IT'S SO MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL WHEN TWO PEOPLE OPEN THEIR GIFTS TOGETHER
SO THEN I SHOULD BUY HER A GIFT, TOO...RIGHT?
STEP INTO MY OFFICE

BABY BLUES


DOOT! DOOT! DOOT-DOOT-DOOT-DOOT!
FLUSH
HERE YOU GO, HAMMIE.
YOU'RE A GOOD DADDY.
WELL, I DO WHAT I CAN.
DOOT! DOOT! DOOT! DOOT!
DERR! DERR! DERR!
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

MUTTS


ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A LITTLE GIRL NAMED DOOZY.
ALL SHE WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS WAS A NUTCRACKER.
AND YOU COULD THROW IN A FEW NUTS.
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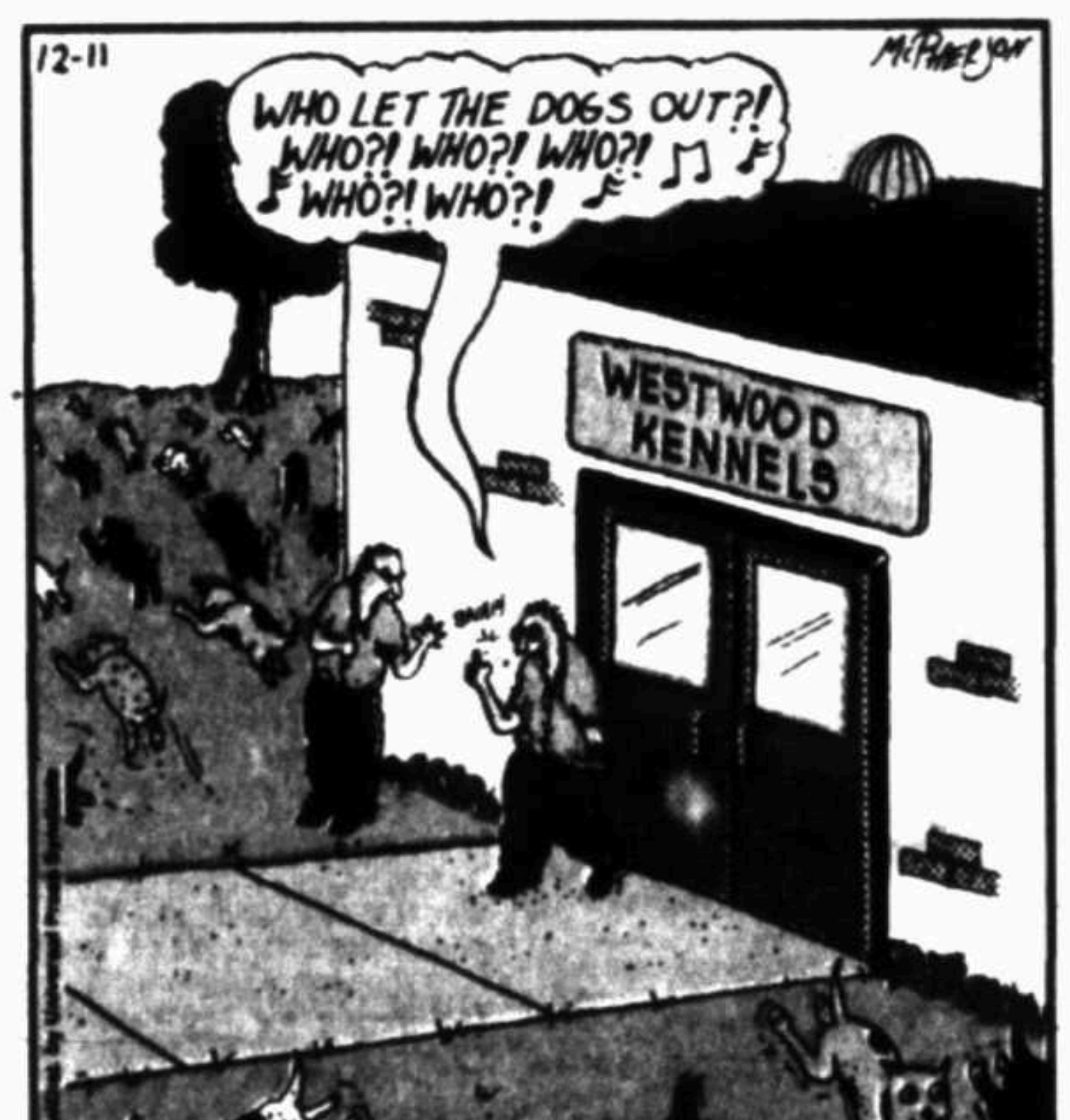
CLOSE TO HOME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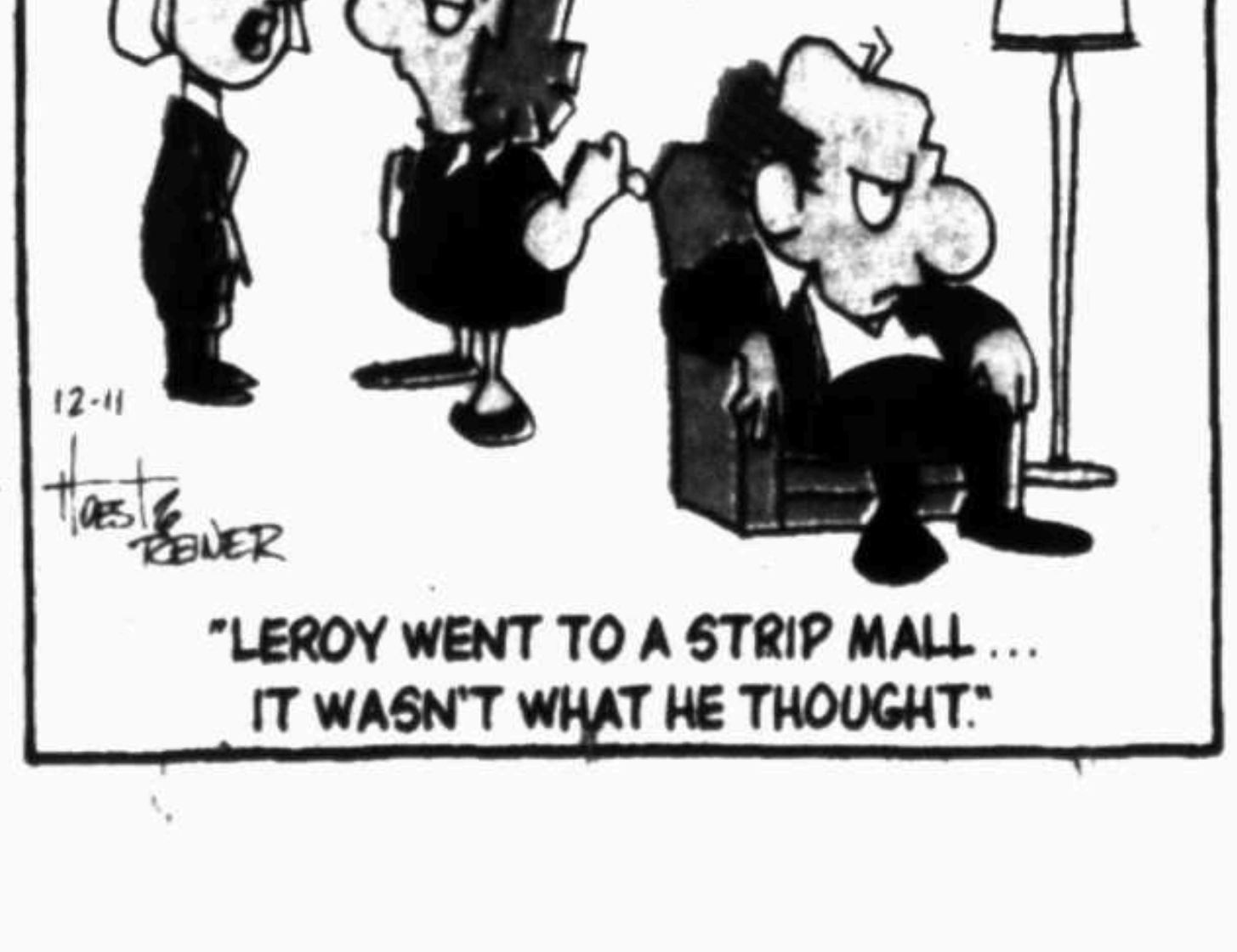
McPHERSON
WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?! WHO?! WHO?! WHO?! WHO?! WHO?!
WESTWOOD KENNELS

"Will you knock it off with that stupid song! We are in serious trouble here, Eddie!"

LOCKHORNS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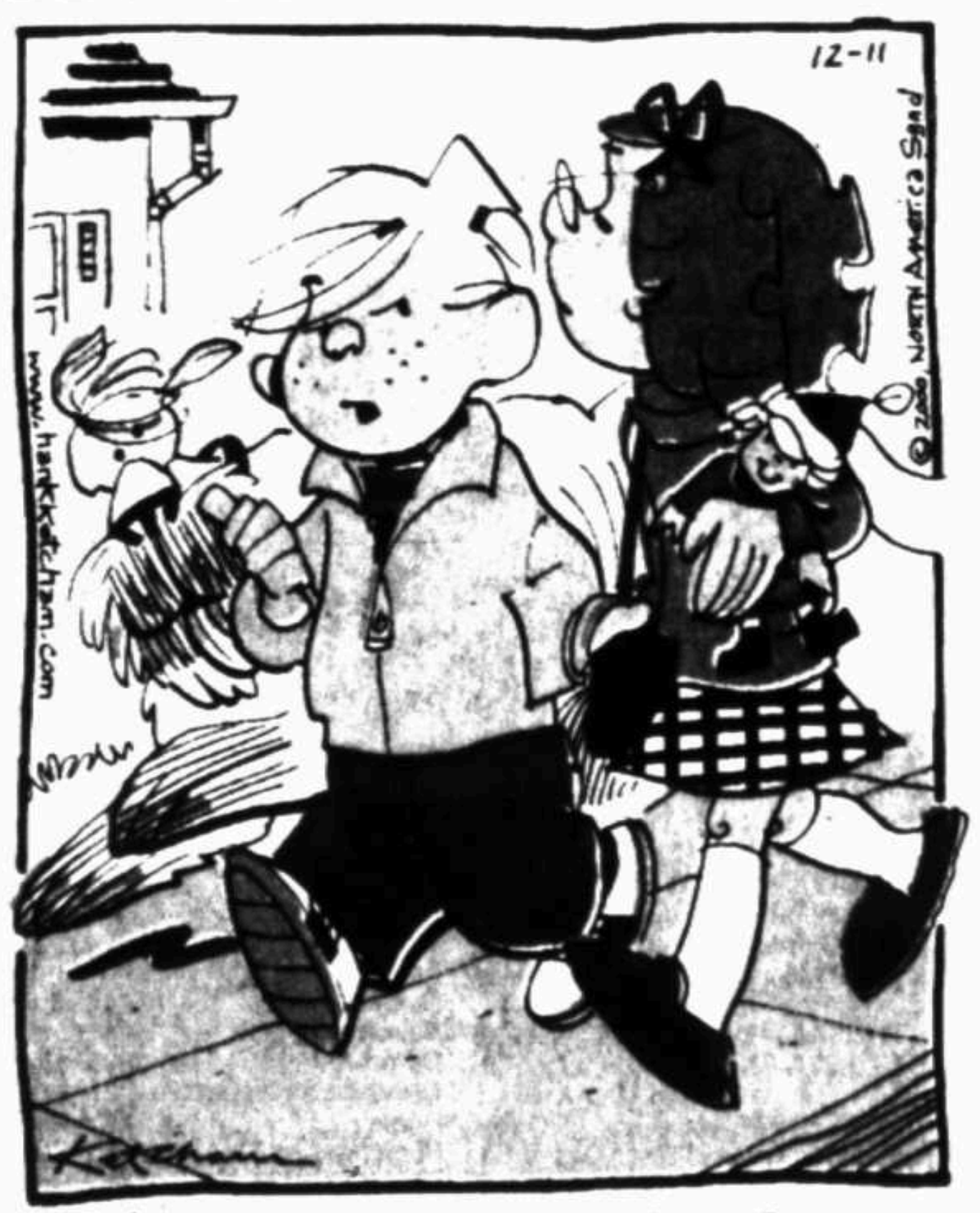
"LEROY WENT TO A STRIP MALL ... IT WASN'T WHAT HE THOUGHT."

DENNIS THE MENACE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"NO, I DON'T HAVE A PET PEEVE... JUST OL' RUFF."

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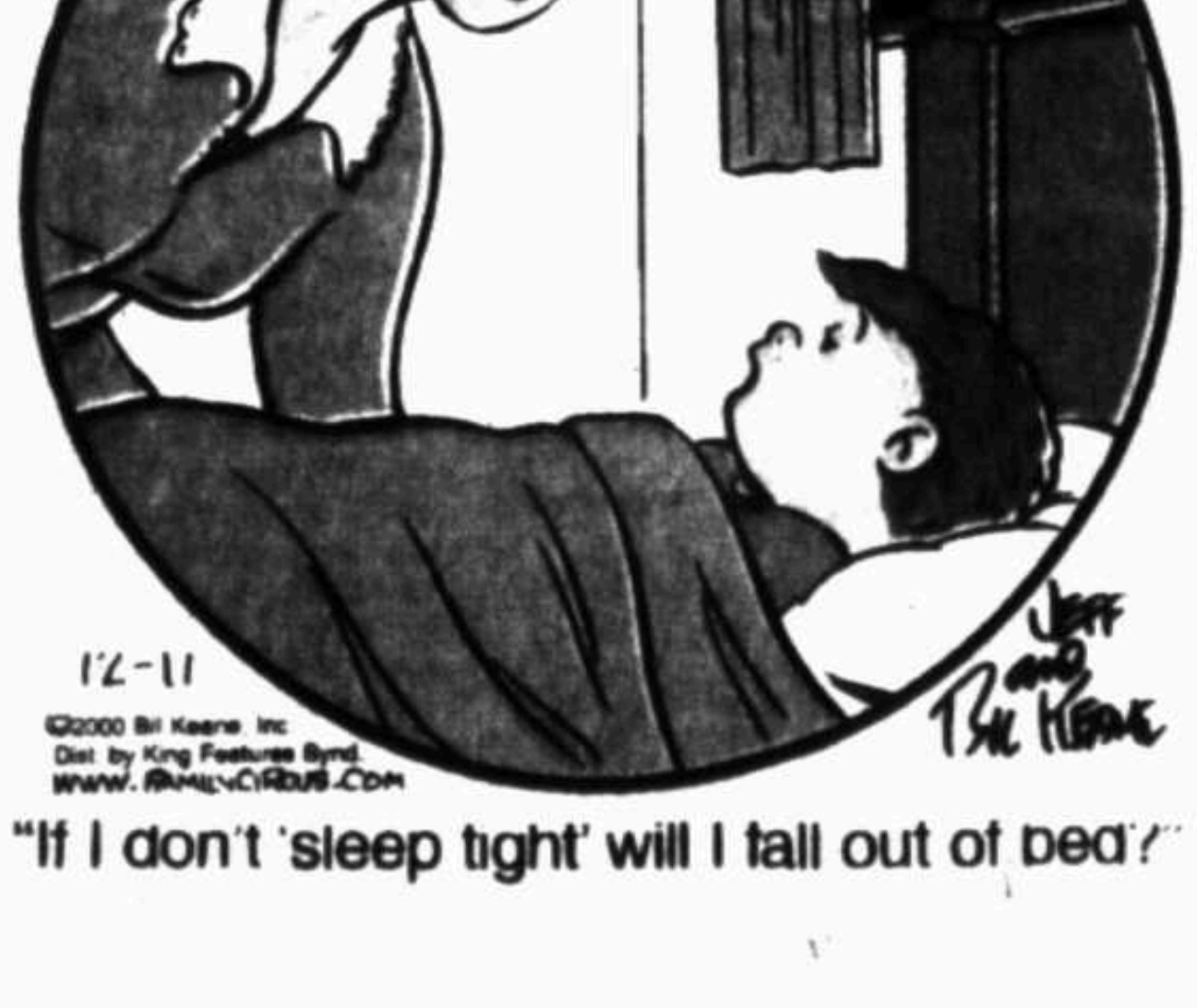
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"If I don't 'sleep tight' will I fall out of bed?"

Leading The Way

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Campaign gives way to funds distribution season

Volunteers spend many hours reviewing agencies' data before allocation decisions made

By Jimmy Patterson
Communications & Marketing Director
United Way of Midland

When individual gifts are committed and workplace campaigns completed every fall, many people wonder what's next for the United Way of Midland. Every year, thousands of Midlanders take part in helping to raise needed dollars for our community. The year 2000 proved to be an unprecedented year of generosity as donations to the United Way of Midland reached $3.1 million, an all-time record amount raised.

But what becomes of the money you donate? Almost immediately after the campaign is over, volunteers gather to review agency records as part of the fall funds distribution phase. Between 40 and 50 volunteers convene in panels in November to complete the reviews by studying agency audits, program budgets and written reports that serve to justify the agency's allocation requests. Each agency then meets with its panel to answer questions and offer additional information regarding its upcoming budget. Five panels evaluate from 3-4 agencies each.

"It is an extremely important job because the funds distribution volunteers are basically a body that represents the community," said Joe Stubbs who has been a funds distribution volunteer for four years, the last two as chair. "It's the job of the panels to work for the board of directors — who are donors — to make sure that the money raised goes toward the programs and services that meet the needs identified in our community. That puts accountability back on the agencies to make sure they are being financially responsible in terms of addressing those needs through their programs."

Lynn Pope is a panel chair who has been an active United Way volunteer for several years, and considers her role in the funds distribution process of paramount importance.

"The allocation process is time consuming but important," Mrs. Pope said. "In addition to learning more about the agencies through the review process, this involvement has enabled me to see first-hand how competently and professionally our Midland United Way solicits, manages and distributes our money."

Funds Distribution is a year-round process. In addition to the reviews and allocations performed in the fall, volunteers also meet in the spring to evaluate the results of individual agency programs.

"We are extremely grateful to the volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to serve on a Funds Distribution panel," said Alice Freidline, United Way of Midland's Funds Distribution & Planning Director. "We are committed to our donors to be good stewards of their gifts and the Funds Distribution process is a big part of that commitment."

Beginning in January, the United Way of Midland will be recruiting volunteers to serve on allocation panels.

Current panel chairs are Laura Buckner, Patricia Little, Lynn Pope, Reuben Ramirez and Chloice Shofner.

Merry Christmas from the United Way of Midland!

Boys & Girls Club Donation

Bill Gates, president of Microsoft, announced this week the donation of $100 million to be earmarked for the establishment of "Club Techs" at 2,600 Boys & Girls Clubs across the country, including the club in Midland.

The donation is one of the largest Gates has ever given.

The grant, worth 12.3 million in cash and $88 million in software, will be used at the clubs to "close the so-called digital divide."

"Working together, Microsoft and the Boys & Girls Clubs are committed to bridging the digital divide and providing all our children with the technology skills to succeed."

Recent studies have indicated that 84 percent of households where income exceeds $75,000 a year had computers, almost twice the 44 percent among homes with income from $25,000-34,000.

Reach Out Tennis

The Reach Out Tennis program is currently being offered through Camp Fire Boys & Girls Afterschool programs at six elementary school campuses. Tennis instructors Dominque de Bosque and Jonathan Blakes help teach the classes at the Midland Community Center, as well as Fannin, Bush, Parker, Emerson, Jones and Henderson elementaries. For more information, call Camp Fire, at 570-4144.

Readin', Writin', Mentorin'

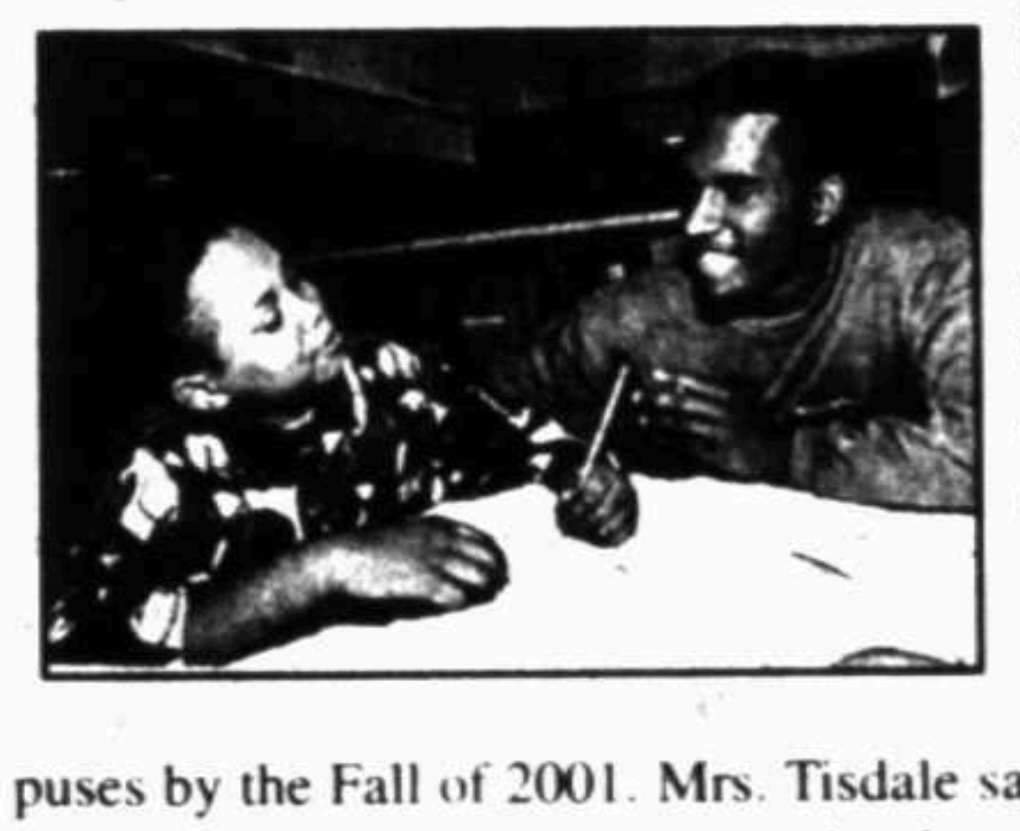
Big Brothers Big Sisters program brings lunchtime friendships

By Jimmy Patterson
Communications & Marketing Director
United Way of Midland

A new Big Brothers Big Sisters program is bringing more children together with adults mentors in a school-based environment, according to BBBS Executive Director Sandra Tisdale.

School-Based Mentoring began in Midland's Crockett Elementary in November and so far, four children have been matched with adults who are asked to pay a visit to campus once a week to visit the child.

"We apply the same principles to the matches in the schools as we do to the matches in the community," Mrs. Tisdale said. "We have extensive screening. They are not quite as thorough as they are for an unsupervised match, but we still do quite a bit of screening. We get to know our volunteers really well. We're looking for compatibility and some mutual interests. We look for something more than just plugging someone in to spend time with kids."



The ultimate goal, Mrs. Tisdale said, is to develop a longstanding friendship between the child and mentor which in turn leads to a development of the child's confidence and self-esteem.

Though currently in only one school, BBBS hopes School-Based Mentoring to be on additional MISD elementary campuses by the Fall of 2001. Mrs. Tisdale said her organization hopes to have 10 children matched with adult mentors by the end of December and 25 matches made by the end of the 2000-2001 school year.

Volunteers and children have the option of continuing their friendships as each school year begins anew, something BBBS officials encourage for "as long as their is value in the match."

Mrs. Tisdale said that at the program's outset, third grade students are the focus, which provides an opportunity for developing long-term commitments by volunteers, though mentors are asked only for one-year commitments.

"This is really a good opportunity to partner with schools, who are very anxious for their kids to be served and given some kind of special attention," Mrs. Tisdale said. "There's no limit to who can be served. Any child who can benefit having this sort of one-on-one attention can get involved in this program. The students don't have to fit into a special criteria."

Mrs. Tisdale said she sees that eventually, the school-based mentoring program in Midland will result in more community-based matches being made.

The time required for the school-based program, she said, is substantially less than the commitment needed by unsupervised matches made outside the confines of a school ground setting.

"One lunch hour a week is all we ask," Mrs. Tisdale said. "It's such an easy volunteer commitment, if you will. It's possible that more people will be available to do this. And as some of these volunteers develop relationships, they're going to say, 'Gosh, this is easy,' and they may look into becoming a community-based match."

If that indeed does result, volunteers in the school-based program are asked not to contact their match away from a supervised school setting. If a match does develop into something more than a school setting, the volunteer undergoes additional screening.

For more information on how to become a Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer, call the office, at 687-0195.

Restaurant hosts charity night

Johnny Carino's, a new restaurant serving country Italian cuisine, will host a Charity Night, Friday, December 15. Between 150-200 volunteers, board members, loaned executives and other friends of the United Way will dine at half price with the evening's proceeds benefiting United Way of Midland.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and the United Way to co-sponsor the:

3rd Annual Community Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 12
7-9 pm ~ Midland Center

Admission is Free, however, children who attend are asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift that is appropriate for a child their age and gender. Adults are asked to bring new or gently used blankets or nonperishable food items.

Toys to be donated to children in need from Big Brothers Big Sisters, Camp Fire Boys & Girls and Midland Fair Havens.

Blankets and canned food items to be donated to the Salvation Army

Parents or guardian of children who bring unwrapped toy items and adults who bring blankets will be entered into a drawing for a night's stay for two at the Holiday Inn and a gift basket from the Barn Door in Odessa. Those who bring canned food items or make a donation of $1.00 or more to the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Cheer Fund will be entered into a drawing for dinner for four at the Golden Corral.

Children can also enter a coloring contest with top prize being a six-foot stocking full of toys.

Santa Will Be There To Hear Christmas Wishes

Seasonal Music provided by Crestview Baptist Church Master's Ringers, the MHS Legends Vocal Ensemble and Henderson Elementary School 3rd and 4th Grade Choir

Cookies, Popcorn, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Cider and Games

Midland's renowned generosity a blessing in record-setting year

By Cynthia Y. Benson

Benson

As the first year of the new millennium comes to a close, we have much to celebrate as Midlanders. Most importantly: our relationships with friends and family. Here at the United Way of Midland we are truly blessed by our many wonderful volunteers, donors, agencies and program participants who have shared with us their time, resources, talents and experiences. We are humbled by the generosity of this community in this record-breaking campaign year. Thank you for your caring and commitment to the well-being of each and every one of us in our community.

I am reminded, especially at this time of year, that it is truly in giving that we receive. May you find overwhelming joy as you share your gifts with others this Christmas season. Thank you again for sharing your blessings with our community and with us. We look forward to next year, working as your partner in providing health and human service needs in Midland. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we wish you happy holidays and a prosperous New Year.

Cynthia Y. Benson is the Executive Director of the United Way of Midland.

Who You Help

Who you help when you give time & money to the United Way.

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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS	687-0195
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - BUFFALO TRAIL COUNCIL	570-7601
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MIDLAND	683-0050
CAMP FIRE, INC.	570-4144
CASA DE AMIGOS	682-9701
CENTERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES	570-1084
COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES	689-6693
FREEWILL FOSTER HOME	683-3948
MIDLAND NEED TO READ	685-4572
MIDLAND RAPE CRISIS CENTER	682-7273
PALMER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM	685-3645
GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN	550-2688
SAFE PLACE OF THE PERMIAN BASIN	522-7202
SALVATION ARMY	683-3614
YMCA	682-2551

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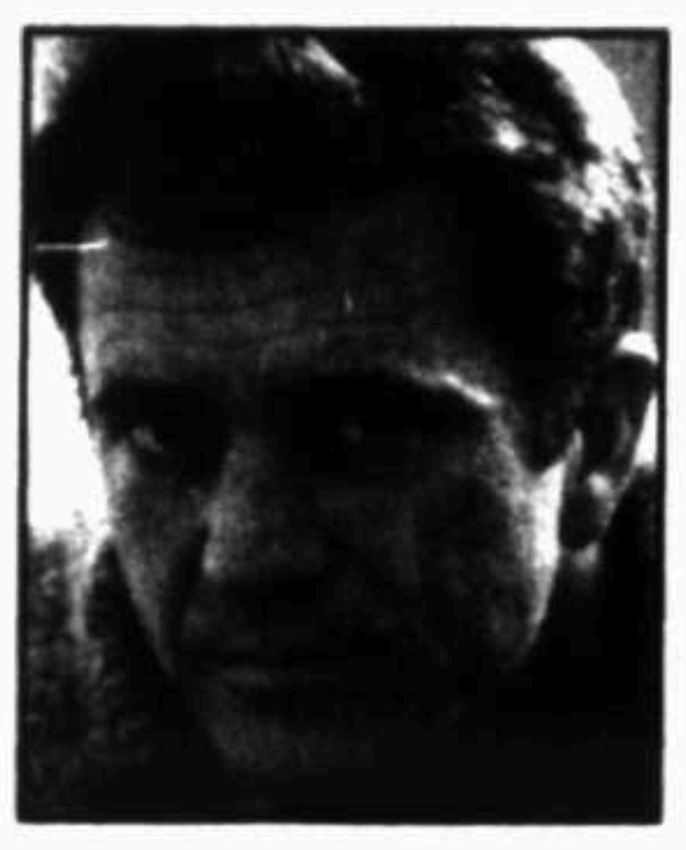
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Sex symbol, Mel Gibson, 'not sure' about what women want

LOS ANGELES — What do women want? Don't ask **Mel Gibson.**

Despite years as a sex symbol, the actor said he doesn't know for sure. "There's just as many answers for that as there are women," Gibson said in an interview published Sunday in the Daily News of Los Angeles.



Gibson

The star of the new fantasy comedy "What Women Want" takes the sensitive-guy approach when it comes to the opposite sex.

"I think you learn every day, and the more women you associate with, the more things you learn," Gibson said.

"What Women Want" features Gibson as a womanizer who comes to realize that he can read women's minds.

Gibson said its an ability he is glad not to have.

"I think it would probably be a curse," he said. "But that would only be because it would dent your own ego, probably."

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RADNOR, Pa. — **Benjamin Bratt** doesn't like talking publicly about longtime girlfriend Julia Roberts.

"I find those questions offensive," the former "Law & Order" star says in the Dec. 16 issue of TV Guide. "Everything I say gets misconstrued. We are actors fully entrenched in the business. I look at my loving, personal relationship as something separate. I want to protect it."

Bratt

Bratt's co-stars in the upcoming film "Miss Congeniality" are willing to share a little more.

Bratt would "get all googly" when he got phone calls from Roberts during filming, says co-star Sandra Bullock.

"He really likes that girl. I think the one thing they miss is not being able to have a private life," Bullock says.

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LOS ANGELES — Tennis star **Venus Williams** will soon get to show her skill in a new arena — design.

Under a three-year agreement with Wilsons Leather, Williams will create her own line of leather products and help with company promotions, her spokeswoman Karen Kukurin said. The line is expected to be in Wilsons' stores next fall.

"I'm excited about teaming up with Wilsons Leather to create my own line, as fashion design has been an area of interest I wanted to pursue," Williams, 20, said in a statement Saturday. She is currently attending the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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NEW YORK — After spending a month at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, actor **Edward Furlong** is still struggling to stay straight.

"My friends were like, 'Eddie, you're drinking too much, you're out too much, you've got to, like, slow down.' And that was true," he said.

So in October, the "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" star checked into Promises Malibu, a $1,000-a-day Malibu, Calif., rehabilitation facility, US Weekly reported in its Dec. 18 issue.

Although rumors have circulated in Hollywood that his substance use includes heroin, as well as cocaine and alcohol, Furlong says he does not like cocaine and "never did heroin."

Since leaving rehab, Furlong has attended several Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. "It was funny," he said. "I heard someone say we are all powerless to alcohol and drugs, and I thought, 'Hey, that sounds like a Beatle.' I looked around and it was Ringo Starr."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 11, 2000

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5 KPEJ	24	5	3	Cosby ∩ ㏄ 22275	Judge Judy (N) 13527	Boston Public "Chapter Eight" (N) ∩ '14' 49427		Ally McBeal "The Man With the Bag" 'PG' 12985		Mad About You 64850	Nanny ∩ ㏄ 99121	Jerry Springer '14' ㏄ 99968		Blind Date 76695	Suddenly 73782
7 KOSA	7	7	7	News 8071	Ent. Tonight 1053	Charlie Brown 4411	King 7237	Raymond 4689	Becker (N) ㏄ 9966	Family Law "Generations" (N) ∩ 'PG' ㏄ 80169		News 7919614	(:35) Late Show (N) ∩ 'PG' ㏄ 74076898		Late Late 9265817
9 KWES	9	9	9	News 8121	Seinfeld ∩ ㏄ 2701	Titans "Angels With Dirty Minds" (N) ∩ '14' 13411		Dateline (N) ∩ ㏄ 39459		Third Watch ∩ ㏄ 19695		Ne[illegible] 2315275	(:35) Tonight Show (N) ∩ '14' ㏄ 39337904		Late Night '14' 8892508
12 KMLM	42	12	19	News 45275	John Hagee 36527	Light of the Southwest (Live) 87689				Hour of Healing ∩ 76121		News 73633	Life in the Word 59053	Promise 50695	Rebecca Baker 64072
13 KOCV	36	13		Newshour With Jim Lehrer ㏄ 878904		Antiques Roadshow ∩ ㏄ 560427		Great Performances "From Mao to Mozart -- Then and Now" Isaac Stern's 1999 return to China. 665071				Telecourse 910968		Telecourse 652053	
8 CNBC	8	27		Business Center 2328904		Hardball 9121966		Rivera Live 9130614		Brian Williams 9110850		Hardball 9120237		Rivera Live 1161782	
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11 WTBS		11	11	Fresh Pr. 896275	Fresh Pr. 9185850	The Prince of Tides (:05) (R, '91) ★★★ Nick Nolte, Barbra Streisand, Blythe Danner. Streisand directed this tale of a dysfunctional family. 83430140						A Christmas Story (9:55) (PG, '83) ★★★ Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin. (TVG) 3792633			
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 11, 2000

You tend to swing from one point of view to another. You can often see both sides of an issue. You also identify with others. Your sensitivity makes a big difference to those around you. Focusing on goals will center you. Network and expand your horizons. If you are single, popularity skyrockets. In late summer, you might be inclined to settle down. If attached, you two meet many new people. You enjoy your partnership even more. GEMINI has similar issues but manifests them differently.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Hop out the door before the full moon affects you. Others seek you out as if you are the only one in town. You also prove to be unusually effective. Bathe in the glory of the moment. Tomorrow could be a whole different scenario. Tonight: Buy a special snack on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Deal with others in your strong, direct way. You mean what you say, especially when it comes to the almighty dollar. Use your excellent judgment, and you'll gain. A project at work might cost you in some way. Tonight: Meet a friend at a favorite spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ The full moon in your sign spotlights you. Take your bows. Others have a lot to say and share. Your listening skills separate you from the throngs of others. Popularity soars, but can you handle it? Use your creativity and ingenuity. Tonight: So many options — poor you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You feel pressured by work and others' expectations. Though you generally have energy, right now you are a little low. Efficiency counts. There is nothing wrong with bringing some extra work home. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ The full moon propels you to zero in on your desires. Bingo! You ask, and you receive. Friendship and success mix, and you show nothing but happiness on your face. Make calls. Clear your desk. Creativity soars over any snafu or problem. Tonight: Celebrate living.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your take-charge attitude spares a lot of long-term upset. Direct your energy where it counts. Your sense of humor emerges with a money issue. You might not believe what another requests. Say no if need be. Support yourself in your desires. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. Don't stand on ceremony when you don't need to. Your high energy, mixed with charisma, helps you turn an opponent into a teammate. Use your gift of seeing what others can't. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you to a new level. Your instinct drives a hard bargain if need be. You can count on another coming through. You can count on this person in fair weather and in dark skies. Let others know how much you appreciate their efforts. Tonight: Let another have his way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Do you feel like a rubber band? Are you being pulled in two different directions? The full moon tosses you into the limelight, but at the same time, you are surrounded by demands. Feel free to drive a hard bargain. You get what you want, and it is another's pleasure. Tonight: Go along with a friend's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Handle what comes at you. Be sensitive to possibilities rather than reacting to the pressure. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with work and co-workers. Your professional abilities come forward. Accept another's praise. Tonight: Pushed to the limit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Be more playful and lively. How you see a situation could change dramatically because of a call or key information that comes forward. Do needed research and reach out for experts. Know what you need to make a project viable. Do something special for a loved one. Tonight: Play, even if it is Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might feel as if you are in a pressure cooker. You might have a problem dealing with others. Bosses make demands. You might want to play recluse. Think about your professional image. Take your time and enlist an associate's help in making what you want happen. Tonight: Work late.

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BORN TODAY
Writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1918), writer Alfred de Musset (1810), singer Jermaine Jackson (1954)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Little more than
5 Prepare for a rainy day
9 Suez waterway
14 Spring bloom
15 Aroma
16 "Carmen" or "Salomé"
17 Extremely elegant
20 In a rage
21 Leave in, to an editor
22 Paul Bunyan's tool
23 Land expanses
25 — WorldCom
26 Record co. that bought Motown in 1988
29 Ecstatic
33 Sitarist Shankar
36 Algerian seaport
37 Seven- — cake
38 Opposed to, in Dogpatch
39 Leans
41 Fuss
42 — Star: Polaris
44 Leaf part
45 Do pressing work
46 Totally batty
49 Actor Linden
50 Snoop
51 Danish dollars
55 Marvin of "Cat Ballou"
56 Secular
58 In the style of
59 Eminently satisfied with oneself
64 African language group
65 Iowa college town
66 French friend
67 Severely inclined
68 Bringing up the rear
69 Offers

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1 Strength
2 Typo, e.g.
3 Lariat
4 PC panic button
5 Area of vulnerability
6 Together, in music
7 Electrical measure
8 Mesozoic or Cenozoic
9 Kind of cable
10 Domed recess
11 Original
12 Coach Parseghian
13 PC linking system
18 "¿Como — usted?"
19 Animal pouches
24 Glazed fabric
25 Fireplace shelf
26 City boss
27 Something to believe in
28 Ohio "rubber capital"
30 More than proper
31 Crimean conference site
32 Ricky Martin, e.g.
33 Chuck wagon site
34 Ancient marketplace
35 Like some infections
40 Most poorly ventilated, as a pool hall
43 Overly excited
47 Length times width
48 Dangerous whale
52 Ruth's mother-in-law
53 11th-century Spanish hero
54 Gathers leaves
55 Mandolin relative
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57 Gibbons
59 "Sesame Street" sta.
60 Hamelin rodent
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62 Actor Mineo
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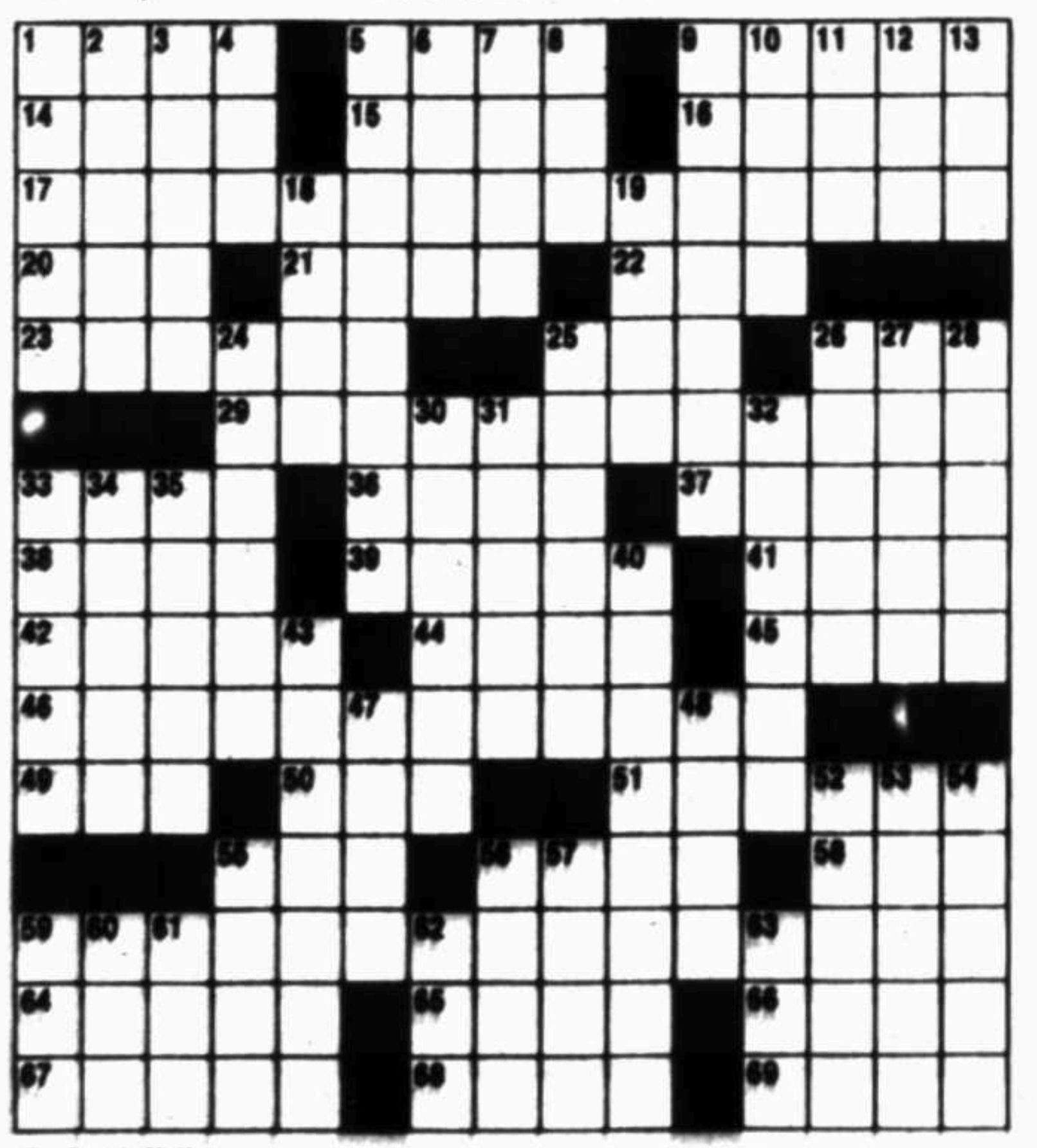

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 4 3 ♡ 8 6 5 ◇ J 8 6 5 2 ♣ 9 7 3

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1	Dbl	Pass	?

What action do you take?

A — Not the best hand we have seen this week, but you must do something. Passing is equivalent to handing the opponents hundreds of points for making one diamond doubled with who knows how many overtricks. Partner has asked you to bid, so oblige. Bid one heart, your cheapest three-card suit.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 10 6 5 ♡ Q J 7 3 ◇ 8 4 ♣ 7 6 2

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 ♣	Dbl	2 ♣	?

What action do you take?

A — You have enough to compete but, if you pick a suit to bid, you could end up in a 4-3 fit. Since it is unlikely that you could want to double for penalties at the two-level when sandwiched between two hands showing length in the suit, a double by you now should be for takeout, forcing partner to select a suit. You have the perfect hand for that action.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A J 8 3 ♡ K Q 9 5 ◇ Q J 3 ♣ 8 6

The bidding has proceeded:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1 ♣	Dbl	Pass	1 ♡
Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A — Since partner's simple response to your takeout double shows a maximum of 8-9 points, this hand is going nowhere. Tell partner you have a minimum takeout double by passing.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A 10 8 7 5 2 ♡ J 6 ◇ 8 3 ♣ Q 7 6

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 ♡	2 ◇	Pass	3 ◇
3 ♡	Pass	?	

What action do you take?

A — Partner must have a fair hand and a good long suit to compete at the three-level against two bidding opponents. You have an honor doubleton in partner's suit, an ace and a queen that is probably working. Raise to four hearts.

Ruling: Radio stations must pay to play

By Leigh Strope
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Radio stations that stream their broadcasts over the Internet must pay additional royalty fees, the U.S. Copyright Office said Friday.

Broadcasters had argued that they already pay licensing fees allowing them to play the copyrighted material on radio airwaves. Paying again to transmit on the Internet would be double-dipping, they said.

But a Copyright Office ruling said record companies are entitled to additional fees for Internet transmission.

"A public performance of a copyrighted work contained on a radio signal occurs each time it is retransmitted over a digital communications network, such as the Internet," the ruling said. "Consequently, broadcasters must license the copyrights to the programming."

The decision was a win for artists and record companies.

"They reached the right conclusion as a matter of law and sensible policy," Hilary Rosen, president and chief executive of the Recording Industry Association of America, said in a statement. "This is an important right for artists and record companies."

The National Association of Broadcasters, which had asked a federal court in New York to rule on the issue, will await that decision, said president and chief executive Edward O. Fritts.

"NAB believes this ruling is directly contrary to existing federal law and congressional intent as expressed in the Copyright Act," he said.

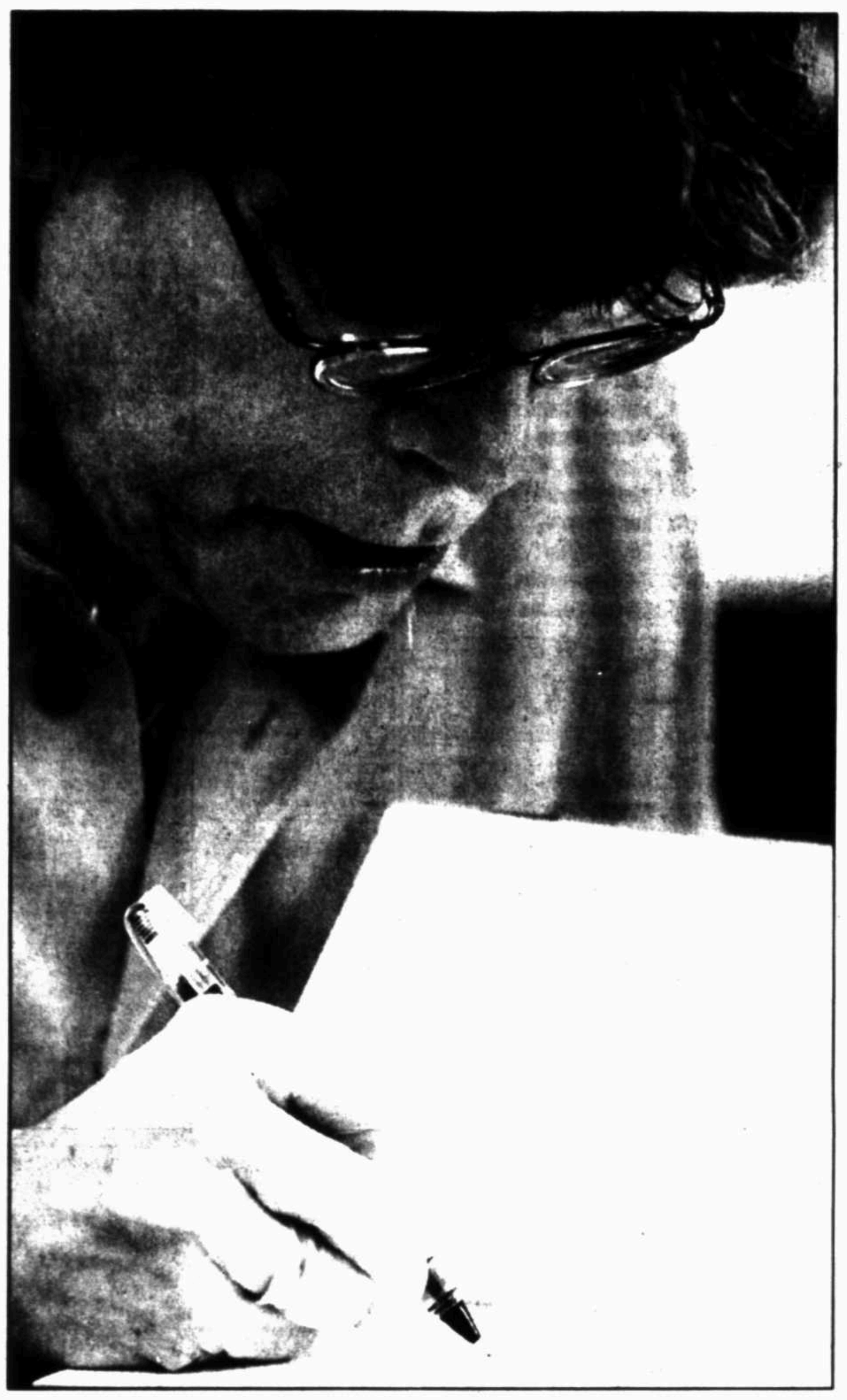
How much broadcasters will have to pay for the radio Internet streams will be determined by an arbitration panel.

The Digital Media Association, which represents companies that deliver music and video online, said the ruling was a "positive step forward" in the growth of the webcasting industry that already must pay royalties for copyrighted material.

"When you're on the Web you play by the Web rules," said association executive director Jonathan Potter.

On the Net:
Digital Media Association: http://www.digmedia.org
National Association of Broadcasters: http://www.nab.org
Recording Industry Association of America:
http://www.riaa.com

King shelves 'The Plant' as online sales wilt



AP Photo
Stephen King signs a copy of his book, "On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft," for a fan at BookMarc bookstore in Bangor, Maine. King put his serial novel "The Plant" on the Internet last July, setting off a wave of speculation about the publishing industry's future in cyberspace. This fall he put his Internet experiment on indefinite hold.

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — When Stephen King launched his serial novel, "The Plant," into cyberspace last July, he set off a wave of speculation about the publishing industry's future in a marketplace where author and reader can do business directly, with no middleman.

Now that he has put his Internet experiment on indefinite hold, the horror writer may have lowered expectations about the future of online publishing.

In a message posted on his Web site, King told readers he was taking a break from "The Plant" to devote time to other projects but indicated he would resume work on the novel in a year or two.

King's decision came prior to his receipt of disappointing figures that revealed that only 46 percent of those who downloaded the latest installment had paid for it, according to Marsha DeFilippo, his assistant in Bangor.

At the outset, about 75 percent of readers obeyed the honor system, shelling out $1 for the first installment, either by credit card, check or money order. The price went up to $2 for Part 4, which is longer. Part 5 was recently posted and Part 6, to be offered for free, comes out Dec. 18.

"We did see a trend. With each installment, the numbers did go down," DeFilippo says. Payments for the first four parts totaled more than $500,000, but had no specific figures on the number of downloads per installment.

In messages posted on King's Web site, some readers said they disliked the month's wait between installments. Some said they downloaded Part 1 for the novelty and others said they gave up on the book because the price went up.

King had warned at the outset that he might pull the plug if readers refused to pay up, dampening surprise at his decision to suspend the experiment after the sixth installment.

"This was a lark for him, and now he's going back to his day job," says Karen Jenkins Holt, managing editor of Book Publishing Report, a trade newsletter in Stamford, Conn.

In the staid world of publishing, King has always taken delight in pushing the envelope. He reached back to the era of Dickens and Tolstoy with his 1996 serial novel, "The Green Mile." In March, he became the first top-tier writer to turn to e-book distribution with "Riding the Bullet," then followed months later with "The Plant."

Holt and others see little likelihood that major authors, including top names like King and John Grisham, will abandon their publishers in favor of direct sales in the event that electronic publishing catches fire.

Even if they no longer printed and shipped books, publishers will still play an important role in culling through manuscripts, editing and promotion, Holt says.

"If publishers can take comfort in anything, it's knowing that even somebody like King needs the marketing muscle of a publishing house," says Nora Rawlinson, editor of Publishers Weekly.

Even when authors opt to sell their work online, publishers may find a way to get a piece of the action.

"There is a role for publishers, but it's going to shift from being a retail role to more of a direct-response role," says Lorraine Shanley of Market Partners International, a New York-based consultant to the industry.

King would not make himself available to comment, but his assistant says the author never viewed his experiment as a threat to the publishing industry. "It was just another venue for getting his work out," DeFilippo says.

She suggested that the disproportionate attention given to King's experiment appeared to frame it as a test of whether online publishing will succeed or fail.

"Personally, I would not think that this would be the demise of the e-publishing industry," DeFilippo says. "I would certainly hope that it would not hinge upon Stephen King."

Tom McCormack, retired chairman and chief executive officer of St. Martin's Press, says that Internet publishing might work for books at opposite ends of the popularity scale, but not the 99 percent in between.

"It's likely to succeed if it has the name King or Grisham on it," he says, "and some small book on the insects of northern Wisconsin in the 18th century, you could sell 300 copies. In the middle, things become impractical."

Despite his admiration for King's inventiveness and daring, McCormack remains skeptical about the prospects of e-books making much of a dent in the industry. "People aren't going to be reading books off a screen," he says.

McCormack says the reasons why King suspended work on his novel about a carnivorous vine that takes over a publishing house remain fuzzy, but he doesn't think the drop in payments could be the sole factor. "He doesn't need the money."

King's Web site said other projects that led him to shelve "The Plant" included collaborating with Peter Straub on "Black House," the sequel to "Talisman," and completing two new novels. The first, "Dreamcatcher," is slated for publication in March.

Shanley suggested that King became bored with his online serial venture, and perhaps was dispirited by the difficulties of maintaining sales without an intensive marketing effort to remind readers to return to his Web site.

"He actually got a remarkably good response rate over time," she says.

Industry watchers say King deserves high marks for putting issues such as online publishing on the front burner and focusing public attention on the world of books.

"I don't think anyone would fault him for everything he has tried and for really lighting the path for everybody," Shanley says. "He has allowed us to think through some of these issues and to act as a kind of lightning rod for discussion."

GEEK NOTES

Less is more

Compaq may be best known for its feature-laden personal computers. But with its portable digital music player, the company has taken a distinctly minimalist approach. Unlike several of its competitors, the iPAQ Personal Audio Player PA-1 can't do extra duty as a voice recorder or a radio. In exchange, users get a device that's palm-size, is easily connected — by a USB port — to a computer and runs for about 10 hours on two ordinary AAA batteries.

Ted Theocheung, director of marketing for Compaq Consumer Products, said that although Compaq intended to offer more lavish music players next year, he thought that less was more when it came to audio players. "When we did our market research," he said, "this is what most people wanted."

The iPAQ is supplied with two 32-megabyte flash memory cards that can (at an extra cost) be replaced with a pair of 64-megabyte cards. As with all digital music players, the amount of digital music the iPAQ will store depends on its format. But in Windows Media Audio format, the unit's default format, the memory cards will hold about two hours of music. The iPAQ also allows users to store music in the more common MP3 format as well as with an audio standard known as Advanced Audio Coding. Compaq says it will provide software through the Internet to upgrade the iPAQ as future formats become available.

Like most digital music players, the iPAQ lets users shuffle the sequence of tracks, listen the contents of their memory cards until the batteries run down or repeat just a single song.

The simplicity of the iPAQ's bare-bones design, however, isn't reflected in its price. The unit, which is supplied with ear-bud-style headphones and a belt clip, sells for $249. (Compaq currently offers a $50 rebate.)

Free wireless Internet

OK, so you might not be ready for (or able to afford) a fancy wireless Internet connection for your laptop computer. But you still want to be able to read what you find on the Net while you're on the go. Or perhaps you just don't want to tie up your telephone line while reading Web items on your desktop computer.

What to do? Xavier Ferguson, chairman and chief executive of q Media Group Network, a New York-based technology company, announced this week that he believed that he had a solution: a new software device called "q" that runs on the desktop while users view the Internet. When q users find something they might want to read, they can drag and drop a link to the item onto the device. By using what Ferguson calls "elective caching," the q quickly downloads, stores and lists the item for instant recall — in full text — when the user is offline.

The q is simple to use and comes with a variety of looks, from elegantly sober to zany. The device, along with other features, can also be set to update selected sites automatically, like the front page of a favorite online newspaper.

Web events

THURSDAY, 7 p.m.
www.seventeen.com Chat with Mikaila, the 13-year-old singer whose song "So in Love With Two" is a Top 10 single.
FRIDAY, 12:30 p.m.
www.webmd.com Chat about eating healthily and avoiding the temptation to overeat during the holidays.

Kewl site

www.discovery.com/stories/science/iss/iss.html
Discovery.com offers visitors a chance to take a simulated space walk at the International Space Station, track the station's orbit and visit the inside of the station. On Dec. 10 at 9 p.m., visitors can participate in a chat with Dan Bursch, a NASA astronaut in the space station program.
library.thinkquest.org/11922/index.htm

Q&A

Specialized dictionaries available for medical, legal, scientific terms

By J.D. Biersdorfer
N.Y. Times News Service

Q. I do a fair amount of gardening writing and would very much appreciate a spelling-checker program that included botanical names. Is there such thing?

A. If you find your word-processing program consistently tripping over Latin names or scientific terms that are too numerous to enter manually into the program's dictionary, supplemental software can help speed things up.

There are a number of Web sites and software companies that offer specialized dictionaries for things like medical, legal or scientific terms, as well as for foreign languages.

For botanical terminology, you might want to look at the Biotech dictionary by Spellex (www.spellex.com/biotech.htm, (800) 442-9673).

The Biotech dictionary program works with word processors like Microsoft Word, Corel WordPerfect and Lotus Notes and the page-layout program QuarkXPress. It contains more than 130,000 terms from fields like botany, organic chemistry, microbiology and other life sciences.

The company says its botany word list contains more than 40,000 scientific and common names for plants, as well as terms related to plant taxonomy, morphology, physiology and diseases.

The Spellex Biotech program costs about $100, but you can download an evaluation copy from the Web site to try out first. The company also sells dictionaries for medical, legal and technical terms.

There are also a number of Web sites for people seeking specialized dictionaries. Your Dictionary.com (www.yourdictionary.com), for example, has more than 50 sections devoted to topics like economic, financial and marketing terms; theatrical references; engineering terminology; and lots of other subjects, including botany.

Q. I'm trying to learn computing on my own and am far from ready to buy a new computer. My current computer is sufficient for my needs, but where I can get software that runs on Windows 3.1?

A. Windows 3.1 was released in 1992 and was Microsoft's primary operating system for home users until the release of Windows 95 three years later. Many software makers are offering products that are compatible with only Windows 95 and later Windows operating systems, but you can still find programs to run on your Windows 3.1 system.

You might try a company like Recycled Software (at www.recycledsoftware.com; (800) 851-2425), which sells used older versions of commercial programs like Quicken and WordPerfect, or check the latest auctions on eBay (www.ebay.com).

Shareware sites around the Web also have a big selection of Windows 3.1 programs. Take a look at Tucows (classic.tucows.com/window3x.html) or WinSite (www.winsite.com/win3).

Q. How does one free a CD that is stuck inside a Macintosh's DVD-ROM drive?

A. There are a number of ways to eject the CD from the Mac, and the methods [illegible] depending [illegible] you have. For years, Macintosh's floppy, CD-ROM/DVD drives and built-in Zip drives all [illegible] equipped with a small hole right below the drive. The highly technical method for manually ejecting a disk was to straighten a paper clip and shove one end into the small hole to press the internal release button. The the disk popped out.

New Mac models, like the G4 Cube and the iMac, have dispensed with the tiny hole above the drive. To eject a disk that is stuck inside, restart the computer and press down on the mouse button as the machine restarts. The disk should pop out. If it remains stuck inside the machine, there may be a larger mechanical problem, and you should probably have a computer-repair professional take a look.

Circuits invites questions [illegible] technology, by e-mail to Q&A@nytimes.com or mail to Questions, Circuits, The New York Times, 229 West 43rd St., New York, N.Y. 10036-3959.

Big Spring, Andrews honored highly on 4-4A football squad

■ Big Spring's Butler named defensive MVP, Andrews' Lebby Co-Coach of Year.

Staff Report

In posting their most successful seasons in recent history, it's no surprise that the Big Spring and Andrews football teams were well represented on the All-District 4-4A first team offense and defense.

The two teams combined to place 12 players on the all-district team, with Andrews claiming seven and Big Spring placing five. Those numbers shouldn't come as much of a surprise since both teams reached the regional semfinals this season. During the regular season, Andrews tied with Wolfforth Frenshp for the district title at 6-1 while Big Spring was right behind them in third at 5-2.

Despite having fewer players named, Big Spring came up with a superlative, as senior linebacker Bowe Butler was named the district's Defensive Most Valuable Player. Andrews coach Mike Lebby shared Coach of the Year honors with Frenship's Bobby Davis.

Defense was where Big Spring and Andrews were best represented, as the two schools had seven players on the first team.

Butler was all around the football for the Steers, making 240 tackles, including 13 for losses. He also forced five fumbles and blocked three punts.

Along with Butler, Andrews senior end Jayme Jackson was a repeat all-district first team choice on defense. Jackson earned all-district honors three straight seasons.

At tackle, Big Spring senior Nick Valencia and Andrews junior Brandon Hearne were both honored.

The secondary was where the teams were best represented. Andrews had senior Josh Hadley and junior Brady Haygood in the defensive backfield while Big Spring had junior Willis Morrison.

Andrews sophomore tackle Tom Garcia was named the Co-Defensive Newcomer of the year along with Christian Coronado of Levelland.

Offensively, seniors Jason Woodruff of Big Spring and Jamie Bueno of Andrews were named first team at fullback and tailback respectively in their first full seasons as starting ball carriers. Woodruff gained 1,445 yards. Bueno had an even better season, running for 2,475 yards.

Three players were named in the line, as Andrews senior guard James Garcia and junior tackle Jeff Lebby were honored, as was Big Spring senior tackle Justin Nichols.

Andrews sophomore quarterback Ryan Newbrough was named the Co-Offensive Newcomer of the year along with San Angelo Lake View's Jamor Hall. Big Spring senior Jason Choate was named the district's top return specialist.

The following is the All-District team for District 4-4A.

Offense

First Team

MVP: Kendal Briles, Frenship.

Center: Wes Havens, Frenship, 5-11, 237, sr. Guards: **James Garcia, Andrews, 5-10, 190, sr.**; Tremaine Johnson, Snyder, 6-0, 275, sr. Tackles: **Jeff Lebby, Andrews, 6-5, 270, jr.**; **Justin Nichols, Big Spring, 6-2, 290, sr.** Tight End: David Thomas, Frenship, 6-3, 2-4, jr. Wide Receiver: Bryan Moore, Frenship, 5-8, 153, jr.; Patrick Shelby, Frenship, 6-3, 202, sr.; Matthew Grimmett, Snyder, 6-1, 175, sr.; Demetrick Hollmon, San Angelo Lake View, 6-1, 170, sr. Fullback: **Jason Woodruff, Big Spring, 6-0, 195, sr.**; Jason Tezeno, Levelland, 5-11, 170, sr. Tailback: **Jamie Bueno, Andrews, 5-10, 175, sr.**; Jorge Rodriguez, Frenship, 5-8, 155, sr. Quarterback: Kendal Briles, Frenship, 6-0, 180, sr. Kicker: Chris Mandrell, Frenship, 5-10, 184, jr.

Second Team

Center: **Cole Wilkins, Andrews, 5-10, 190, sr.**; Guards: Carlos Estrada, San Angelo Lake View, 5-10, 265, sr.; Stephen Dale, Frenship, 6-1, 284, sr. Tackles: Daniel Backlond, San Angelo Lake View, 5-11, 200, sr.; Daniel Lujan, Andrews, 6-2, 285, sr.; Scotty Mitchell, Levelland, 6-1, 295, sr. Tight End: **Jayme Jackson, Andrews, 6-4, 235, sr.** Wide Receiver: Lowernce Johnson, Levelland, 5-8, 170, sr.; Adam Naron, Plainview, 5-10, 163, sr.; Willie Powell, Lubbock Estacado, 6-1, 175, sr. Fullback: **Jacob Nunez, Andrews, 5-8, 195, sr.**; Bryson Davis, Plainview, 6-2, 244, jr. Tailback: Parnell Upshaw, Lubbock Estacado, 5-7, 145, sr.; Brylon Bradic, Plainview, 6-2, 180, jr.; Jamor Hall, San Angelo Lake View, 5-10, 165, soph. Quarterback: David Lankford, San Angelo Lake View, 6-2, 170, sr. Kicker: Joe Barnes, Andrews, 5-10, 165, jr.

Defense

First Team

MVP: Bowe Butler, Big Spring

Tackles: **Nick Valencia, Big Spring, 5-10, 250, sr.**; **Brandon Hearne, Andrews, 6-1, 275, jr.**; Tremaine Johnson, Snyder, 6-0, 275, sr. Ends: **Jayme Jackson, Andrews, 6-4, 235, sr.**; Jammaal Truitt, Snyder, 6-1, 185, jr. Linebackers: **Bowe Butler, Big Spring, 6-1, 210, sr.**; Heath Fries, Frenship, 5-11, 188, sr.; Mark Medley, Snyder, 5-11, 225, sr. Secondary: **Willis Morrison, Big Spring, 5-10, 168, jr.**; **Josh Hadley, Andrews, 6-3, 190, sr.**; **Brady Haygood, Andrews, 5-8, 155, jr.**; Matthew Grimmett, Snyder, 6-1, 175, sr.; Chris Scott, Lubbock Estacado, 5-9, 155, sr. Punter: David Rios, San Angelo Lake View, 6-0, 235, sr.

Second Team

Tackles: Adrian Bizana, Plainview, 5-10, 223, sr.; Ben Lyons, San Angelo Lake View, 5-11, 165, sr. Ends: **Jade Hughes, Big Spring, 6-3, 188, sr.**; Brad Trotter, Frenship, 6-2, 204, jr. Linebackers: **Eric Edwards, Andrews, 6-0, 205, sr.**; David Thomas, Frenship, 6-3, 204, jr.; Billy Stiggers, Lubbock Estacado, 5-9, 210, jr.; Eric Fowler, San Angelo Lake View, 5-10, 195, sr. Secondary: **Larry Thompson, Big Spring, 5-10, 165, jr.**; Patrick Shelby, Frenship, 6-3, 202, sr.; Ralph Ramon, Snyder, 5-6, 150, sr.; Kevin Romero, Levelland, 5-10, 180, sr. Punter: Matthew Grimmett, Snyder, 6-1, 175, sr.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A

Division I Finals

Midland Lee (12-2) vs. Austin Westlake (14-0), 12:07 p.m. Saturday, Royal-Memorial Stadium, Austin.

Division II Semifinals

Arlington Lamar (9-4) vs. Tyler John Tyler (11-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Katy (14-0) vs. SA Marshall, 2 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field, College Station

CLASS 4A

Division I Finals

Denton Ryan (12-2) vs. Bay City (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Division II Semifinals

Wichita Falls (14-0) vs. Ennis (12-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

West Orange-Stark (14-0) vs. CC Calallen (13-1), time TBA, Saturday, Astrodome

CLASS 3A

Division I Finals

Abilene Wylie (14-0) vs. Gatesville (14-0), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Birdville FAAC, North Richland Hills

Division II Semifinals

Muleshoe (14-0) vs. Forney (10-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

Marlin (11-3) vs. La Grange (12-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD, Waco

CLASS 2A

Division I Finals

Sonora (14-0) vs. Blanco (10-4), 6 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD, Waco

Division II Semifinals

Stanton (12-2) vs. Celina (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Refugio (14-0) vs. Mart, 2 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

CLASS 1A Semifinals

Stratford (14-0) vs. Collinsville (11-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater

Beckville (12-1) vs. Burkeville (9-4), TBA

6-Man Finals

Highland (14-0) vs. Panther Creek (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, site TBA

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and the United Way to co-sponsor the:

3rd Annual Community Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 12

7-9 pm ~ Midland Center

Admission is free, however, children who attend are asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift that is appropriate for a child their age and gender. Adults are asked to bring new or gently used blankets or nonperishable food items.

Toys to be donated to children in need from Big Brothers Big Sisters, Camp Fire Boys & Girls and Midland Fair Havens.

Blankets and canned food items to be donated to the Salvation Army.

Parents or guardian of children who bring unwrapped toy items and adults who bring blankets will be entered into a drawing for a night's stay for two at the Holiday Inn and a gift basket from the Barn Door in Odessa. Those who bring canned food items or make a donation of $1.00 or more to the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Cheer Fund will be entered into a drawing for dinner for four at the Golden Corral.

Children can also enter a coloring contest with top prize being a six-foot stocking full of toys.

Santa Will Be There To Hear Christmas Wishes

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Alamo South Mini-Storage wishes to avail themselves of the Texas provision of Chapter , 59, Texas Property Code. This sale is being held to satisfy a landlord's lien on the following unit(s) contents.

The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from sale

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Terry Prado	Unit #13F

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Sale: December 29, 2000 @ 11:00 a.m.

95 Public Notices

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Midland Chapter #253
Order of Eastern Star
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WP Tom Carpenter

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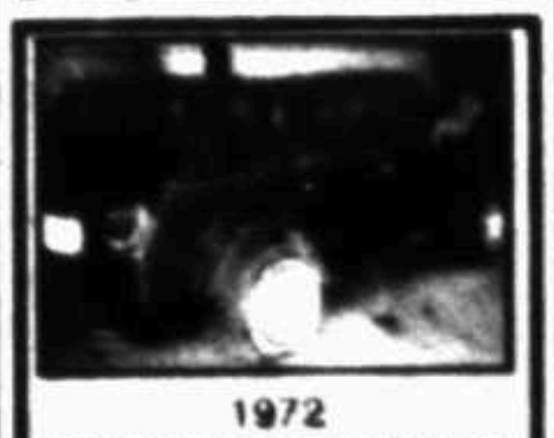

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