



SPORTS

Uncertain 'Boys

The Cowboys hope to make a decision today on Aikman's playing status, but were approaching things as if Randall Cunningham would be this week's starter./1C



LOCAL

MISD author

Jane Rambo, MISD's director of reading, in collaboration with her aunt Shirley Tucker, recently published two books for young children./1B

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Midland grads support 3-day sickout at UT

By Kristine Aleman
MRT Correspondent

Students at the University of Texas at Austin completed their fourth day of class Tuesday after the Labor Day holiday, a celebration that marks a week of controversy among the UT administration, staff and student body.

Today marks the beginning of a "sickout," a three-day strike by the University Staff Association (USA) with efforts to gain ground with the administration on a number of issues such as compensation, insurance, benefits and premiums and job classifications.

"The proposed sickout is an effort to call attention to a continuing inequity on campus," said a statement signed by more than 100 faculty members. "Our staff is underpaid and underappreciated, not given the respect or the benefits it deserves."

Estimates suggest that one-third of the staff is expected to participate in the sickout, although administrators, including UT President Larry Faulkner, have threatened possible firings of those who choose to participate. In an open letter to University employees dated Aug. 4, President Faulkner said the state of Texas prohibits:

■ State officials from recognizing a labor organization as a bargaining agent for a group of public employees.

■ State officials from engaging in collective bargaining with a labor organization.

■ Public employees from striking or engaging in organized work stoppages against the state.

For many students, only five days into the fall semester, the sickout may mean canceled classes or absent instructors. However, the majority of the students cannot ignore the "Support Staff" stickers, banners, flyers and messages chalked along the campus sidewalks.

"When injustices occur, someone has to stand up for themselves, and when they get so extravagant, somebody just has to say something because no one else will," said UT senior Esther Luna, a 1997 graduate of Lee High School. "This is the time for it because apparently the abuses have gone over the edge."

For custodians who allege unfair wages and an unsafe working environment, their determination to have their voices heard overrides the fear of job loss.

"There's mostly a strike on the custodians' behalf because they've worked under really ugly conditions and haven't got-

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Stylin'

Trevor Cole, 10, said he is looking forward to a skate park being built, as he gets in some practice Tuesday afternoon outside Millam Elementary.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Bush unveils prescription drug plan

■ George W. Bush announces \$158 billion plan to help seniors pay for prescription drugs and improve Medicare benefits.

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — George W. Bush outlined a \$158 billion prescription drug plan Tuesday that he said would offer senior citizens more choices and quicker coverage than Al Gore's competing Medicare expansion.

"Keeping the promise of Medicare and expanding it to include prescription drug coverage will be a priority of my administration," the Texas governor pledged at a high-rise senior citizens' residence.

The Bush plan would fundamentally restructure Medicare, forcing the government plan to compete with private plans for the first time. In contrast, Bush said Gore's \$253 billion 10-year plan would provide "resources without reform."

Gore, in turn, contended Bush's proposal would leave "millions of seniors without any prescription drug coverage." He said Bush won't have the money for a major drug plan if he spends as much of the expected federal surplus as he has promised on a tax cut.

Health care for the elderly has become a major issue of the presidential race.

Medicare, the national health insurance program for the elderly, faces deepening financial problems over the next few decades as more and more baby boomers retire and join its rolls.

Unlike Gore's plan, which would add a prescription-drug program to present Medicare coverage, Bush's program would give the elderly the option of selecting a drug plan either through Medicare or a private provider. Payments would be higher if they picked a plan with more generous benefits.



Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush embraces Frances Dewitt at the Community Medical Center Health Care System, on Tuesday, in Scranton, Pa.

Midlanders hope for prescription help, no matter who wins office

By Brian Rogers
Staff Writer

With the issue of health care heating up the presidential race, the proposed prescription drug plan Bush offered on Tuesday garnered attention from several local groups.

Cookie Wetendorf, director of the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging, (PBAAA) said she would be carefully looking over the proposal, and said, "We will continue to advocate prescription drug help, no matter who wins the election. The priority is to make prescriptions accessible to people of all income levels. Currently, the costs are so high, it is hard to live on a moderate income with \$500 to \$800 prescription drug bills every month."

Ms. Wetendorf went on to say that the PBAAA has put prescription drug coverage at the top of its needs list because of local stories about people splitting their medication in half to make it last longer, neglecting to buy some of their prescriptions, or even opting to not buy groceries.

"We're advocating a prescription drug plan through Medicare for the elderly and low income households. Let's pull out the politics and put a plan in place," Ms. Wetendorf said.

The League of Women Voters is currently undertaking a census survey to determine what can be done for health care.

"The cost for prescription drugs is an issue that needs to be addressed," according to Pat Stanley, president of the League of Women Voters of Midland. She went on to say, "The dilemma is to see what can be done and how much it would cost."

The League of Women Voters will be holding a health care forum on Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at Midland Col-

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Comparing plans

BASIC OUTLINE
Bush: Elderly would have the option of using a subsidy paid by Medicare to purchase a private insurance plan containing a prescription drug benefit. Each private plan would determine the extent of coverage.

Gore: Elderly would have the option of enrolling in a Medicare prescription drug program similar to the Part B program that covers doctors' bills. Medicare would pay half of prescription drug costs, up to \$5,000 annually.

ELIGIBILITY
Elderly with income at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty level (\$11,300 for individuals, \$15,200 for a couple).

Bush: Free premiums for Medicare coverage, including prescription drugs.

Gore: Free premiums and cost-sharing for Medicare coverage, including prescription drugs.

Elderly with income above 135 percent of the federal poverty level:
Bush: Federal subsidy covers drugs for those with incomes of up to 175 percent of the poverty level (\$14,600 for individuals, \$19,700 per couple). The amount of the subsidy declines as income rises toward the 175 percent mark. All seniors with incomes above 175 percent of poverty receive a 25 percent subsidy for drug coverage.

Gore: Federal subsidy covers drugs for elderly with incomes between 135 percent and 150 percent of poverty level. The amount of the subsidy declines as income rises from the 135 percent level to 150 percent.

CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE
Bush: Medicare covers all out-of-pocket medical costs above \$6,000.

Gore: Medicare covers out-of-pocket prescription drug costs above \$4,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE
Bush: 2001, if passed by Congress.

Gore: Begins 2002, fully implemented 2005, if passed by Congress.

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Officials seeking right of way for La Entrada reliever route

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

In the coming months a consensus among engineers and property owners will be needed to determine what geographic point in Midland County the La Entrada Al Pacifico will pass through. Any route would have to pass through privately owned lands.

Officials with the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance (Motran), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and private property owners are currently discussing the viable alternatives for routes that will cut through the northern portion of Midland County.

The reliever route for the La Entrada Al Pacifico will be a 15-mile segment of a trade route to be completed by 2015 that would extend from the Panhandle, through Midland County and then south to Chihuahua City, Mexico. Proponents of the La Entrada, including Motran, say the La Entrada could capture traffic commerce traffic that it has been missing since the implementation of the North America Free Trade Agreement in the early 1990s.

But, the next step would be to begin construction of the reliever route by 2003. The route would connect State Highway 349, just above the northeast corner of Midland County, southwest to Farm-to-Market Road 1788, just on the western edge of Midland County. The reliever route would divert what is expected to be a high frequency of freight trucking traffic from Loop 250 and other city of Midland thoroughfares. Two reliever route options were chosen at a TxDOT public forum



"We're trying to understand from every one of the property owners: what are their concerns. Is it a concern we can mitigate using engineering practices. It's a balancing act. We're in that process right now."

—Gary Law,
director of engineering and
development for TxDOT

in May. One route (Route No. 3) would sit approximately 3.5 to 4 miles north of the city of Midland limits. Route No. 4 would essentially cover the same route but be 5.5 to 6 miles north of city limits.

With the general consensus being that Midland is developing northwest, which route is chosen may determine how soon the city of Midland comes into contact with the reliever route.

Bob Barnes, former chairman of Motran, said it may be 20 years before development reaches the reliever route, assuming the closer route, Route No. 3, is chosen.

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TODAY
Sunny with high in upper 90s.
Weather on 4A



Rain clouds build over the Bearfoot Mountains near Red Lodge, Mont., as Sioux Indian firefighters climb the rugged hillside to build a line around the forest fire. Drawing on their knowledge of the land and behavior of wildfires, thousands of American Indians are helping battle the blazes burning across the West./A

Off the wire

■ The only survivor of a pipeline explosion that killed 11 members of her extended family died Tuesday./A

CAMPAIGN 2000 IN BRIEF

■ Gore returns to Internet focus

Al Gore urged massive new investments in technology education Tuesday. He went to Resource Marketing Inc., a Web site development company in Columbus, Ohio, to make his pitch to move the nation into "the new economy" based heavily on information technology. He said the cutting-edge focus on computers should make sure that low-income residents are brought along. "I'd like to see storefront computing centers in neighborhoods where computers are not readily available," he said. Gore often casts himself as an advocate of emerging technologies, but after being stung by criticism of his claims concerning creation of the Internet, he has been relatively quiet on the issue.

■ Bush remark about reporter picked up by microphone

George W. Bush made a disparaging remark about a reporter from The New York Times that was picked up by a live microphone.

As Bush stood on the podium Monday waiting for music to finish, he turned to running mate Dick Cheney and used an obscenity to describe reporter Adam Clymer in the nearby press area. Cheney agreed with Bush's assessment. Both men thought their remarks were off-mike.

Karen Hughes, Bush's spokeswoman, said the remarks were "a whispered aside to his running mate. It was not intended as a public comment."

Clymer said, "I'm disappointed in the governor's language." Cheney refused to discuss it. "The governor made a private comment to me. It was a private comment, and I don't plan to say anything about it," he told reporters later in Chicago.

Joseph Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, called Bush's remark a mistake that "reminds us of the reality of public life."

■ Lieberman finds place for prayer

Joe Lieberman said today that religion should be part of public life, and that politicians have an obligation to make America's "moral future better by the tone we set." He acknowledged that some of his comments about faith have been misconstrued, including his use of a quote from George Washington's farewell address: "I never felt that the source of morality, but in an open society he was saying religion is one good source of good values," Lieberman said on ABC's "Good Morning America." He voiced support for parents who launch independent, public prayers from

the stands before high school football games, saying "God bless them," but backed the Supreme Court's ban on school prayer as "an official authority, a government, saying you must pray in this particular way."

■ Friends of the Earth endorse Gore

The national environmental group Friends of the Earth endorsed Al Gore Tuesday after agonizing over whether to support Ralph Nader. The group, which has been critical of Gore and the Clinton administration, ultimately sided with the Democrats after deciding that endorsing Nader would only help elect Republican George W. Bush, said Brent Blackwelder, head of the organization.

■ Lieberman talks up targeted tax cuts

Joe Lieberman sat at a table at a coffee house in Peoria, Ill., Tuesday, talking with families about challenges they face: how to pay for long-term care for an elderly parent, how to afford college expenses, what to do about child care costs. He sought to reassure middle-class taxpayers that Al Gore's plans for targeted tax relief would help them more than an across-the-board tax cut proposed by George W. Bush. "We've come a long way in the last eight years, so we've got a lot to be grateful for, but now the question is now how do we use the prosperity we have?" Lieberman said.

■ New ads hit Bush health care record

The Democratic National Committee plans TV spots bashing George W. Bush on health care this week, pointing to a federal court order to improve poor children's care in Texas and insisting: "Bush's record: It's becoming an issue." The ad will begin airing Thursday in nine key states, but Democrats unveiled it Tuesday as Bush was announcing a plan to provide prescription drug coverage for seniors. "George Bush says he has a plan to improve children's health care," an announcer says in the 30-second spot. "But why hasn't he done it in Texas?" Bush spokesman Dan Bartlett countered that Texas has enrolled a

record number of children in the state-federal Medicaid program under the governor's leadership.

■ Democrats winning summer ad war

More than \$1 million in TV ads poured into Detroit in August, wooing voters in one of the presidential contest's most crucial states. It was a lopsided spending spree: 69 percent of the ads boosted Al Gore or criticized his rival, George W. Bush. It was the same story in every corner of the country, helping explain how Gore turned a solid lead by Bush into a deadheat race by Labor Day. The Democrats spent \$35 million over the summer compared to about \$25 million by the Republicans. "You just can't let the other side spend that many more dollars than you," said Kenneth Goldstein of the University of Wisconsin, who is analyzing the ad spending of both sides.

■ Labor-Democratic ties cleared

The Federal Election Commission apparently has concluded that close ties between organized labor and the Democratic National Committee during the 1996 election campaign were not illegal. USA Today reported today that FEC general counsel Lawrence Noble concluded the level of coordination between labor spending and party officials would have been illegal if not for a federal court ruling last year that imposed a stricter standard for determining illegal coordination. Republicans complained that the AFL-CIO spent as much as \$35 million to help Democrats in the 1996 elections, much of it on TV ads, and that the level of coordination between labor and party officials made the spending illegal.

■ Cheney embraces polka and kielbasa

Dick Cheney danced the polka with a Polish beauty queen, spoke a little Polish and dished out a few

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Candidates speak out



Gore

'I believe strongly in the separation of church and state, but freedom of religion need not mean freedom from religion. There is a better way.'

— Al Gore



Bush

plates of kielbasa and stuffed cabbage in Chicago on Labor Day. Cheney, whose campaign style has sometimes been described as aloof in recent weeks, shed his motorcade and rode the El to the Taste of Polonia festival. At the festival, he greeted the crowd in Polish. "Sto lat," Cheney said, or, "May you live 100 years." Then he spoke about his role as the secretary of defense under President Bush. "We were proud to work with all of you to help bring down the wall and free the peoples of Eastern Europe," he said, to applause.

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Nearly 10,000 Americans injured using foot-powered scooters

By David Ho
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They are the fad of the moment — but those sleek, fold-up foot scooters have sent nearly 9,500 Americans, mostly children, to emergency rooms with injuries this year.

The number of scooter-related injuries has surged this summer, with more than 4,000 in August alone compared with fewer than 500 in May, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Tuesday. Children younger than 15 account for nearly nine out of 10 injuries.

"These are certainly not your grandmother's scooters from the 50's," Ann Brown, the safety commission's chairwoman, said in an interview. "Many kids are ending up in hospital emergency rooms instead of classrooms."

The safety commission says it had received reports of 9,411

scooter injuries this year as of Aug. 27. The majority of injuries were cuts, bruises and sprains, but a third were broken bones or dislocations, mostly in the arms and hands. Hospitals treated and released nearly all of those injured. There have been no deaths related to the new scooters.

Dr. Jill Posner, 33, who practices emergency pediatric medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, said she saw her first scooter-related injury in June, but more have been coming in over the summer.

"People don't think about the fact that these scooters can be as dangerous as bikes and skateboards," Posner said, adding that she's seen children with serious head injuries who were struck by cars while riding scooters.

The scooters, first widely sold in the United States late last year, are souped-up versions of the kick-powered scooters made pop-

ular in the 1950s. Their popularity soared this summer and the scooter industry expects to sell 2 million to 5 million new scooters this year, the commission said. That's at least a \$200 million business, up from virtually zero sales last year.

Brown said nearly two-thirds of the injuries could have been prevented or lessened if the riders had been wearing protective equipment. The safety commission recommends scooter riders wear the same safety gear suggested for inline skaters: a helmet, wrist guards and knee and elbow pads. Such equipment can cost less than \$35.

But some people doubt the message will sink in.

"No one wears safety gear. I have never seen anyone wear safety gear," said Kristen Tempel, a George Washington University student who owned an older-style scooter when she was younger.

About 100,000 people using inline skates were injured last year, up from about 10,000 in 1992 when they first became popular, said the safety commission, which regularly collects information on injuries requiring treatment in hospital emergency rooms. About 60,000 people suffered injuries using skateboards in 1999.

"We're trying to head off some of the kind of injuries that happen with inline skates and let people know about the safety gear early on," Brown said. She added that children younger than 8 years old should not use the scooters without close supervision.

The foot-propelled scooters often have small wheels like those on inline skates and lightweight metal frames that weigh less than 10 pounds and fold for portability. They usually cost \$80 to \$120 and can be purchased at sporting goods and toy stores.

Some manufacturers have opt-

ed for larger scooters with rubber wheels, like the Go-Ped made by Patmont Motor Werks of Livermore, Ca., said spokesman Tim Patmont.

Patmont said his company hasn't received any reports of people injured using their foot-powered scooters. He blamed the accidents on smaller models with inline skate wheels.

"If you hit a little pebble, that's all it takes for you to go down," Patmont said.

Kids aren't the only ones using the scooters — college students and commuters in cities from New York to San Francisco have also turned to the kick-powered transportation trend.

The scooter revival has also spread around the world from Hong Kong to Switzerland. They have become extremely popular in Israel, where a ban was imposed on children taking scooters to school in Jerusalem after one child was seriously injured.

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Philadelphia Federation of Teachers authorize strike

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The nation's sixth-largest school district braced for a strike as early as Friday after Philadelphia teachers authorized what would be their first walkout in 19 years.

Union president Ted Kirsch did not immediately call a strike and classes were still scheduled to begin Thursday for the district's 205,000 students and 256 schools.

However, the unanimous vote Tuesday by the rank-and-file of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers means its 21,000 members could walk off the job once the union gives 48 hours' notice as required under state law.

"No one wants this strike," said teacher Cynthia Acquarole. "It breaks my heart that education will not continue in this city as it has in the past."

Talks continued Tuesday. The union has rejected district proposals to extend the school day and school year, increase co-payments for health insurance,

base pay on performance rather than experience and level of education, and give principals more say in teacher job assignments.

The union, which says its teachers earned between \$28,600 and \$57,200 in 1997-98, wants smaller classes, stronger early childhood education, a new reading program and tighter school security.

Pedro Ramos, president of Philadelphia's school board, said school officials made plans to cancel classes if the union moved forward with a strike.

"Obviously we're disappointed that we have not been able to get a definitive agreement," he said. "We're still far apart on

important issues."

School system officials have said they will face an \$80 million shortfall in their \$1.6 billion

budget even without granting pay raises the union says are needed to keep talented educators in the city.

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Memorial commission opposes site

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal to reserve a site on the national Mall for a memorial to former President Reagan was rejected Tuesday by the National Capital Memorial Commission.

"They unanimously opposed it," said Chairman John G. Parsons, representing the National Park Service.

The eight-member commission was set up to advise the administration. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, chairman of the House Resources Committee, has introduced legislation that would direct Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt or his successor to name a site for the Reagan memorial, order a design and create a commission to raise the funds.

Parsons and other members said that memorials could be added inside the capital's new Ronald Reagan Building and the recently renamed Ronald Reagan National Airport, or both.

Reagan, now 89, left office 11 years ago.

If adopted the bill would authorize an exception to an agreement last year by the commission and two others — the Commission on Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission — to disapprove new monuments along the grassy Mall between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial.

Opposition to the Reagan monument appeared Tuesday in advance of the commission's meeting.

A memorial to World War II was approved before the agreement but is still opposed by some groups, which last month urged Babbitt to disapprove it. A monument to Martin Luther King Jr. has also been approved for the area but not yet begun.

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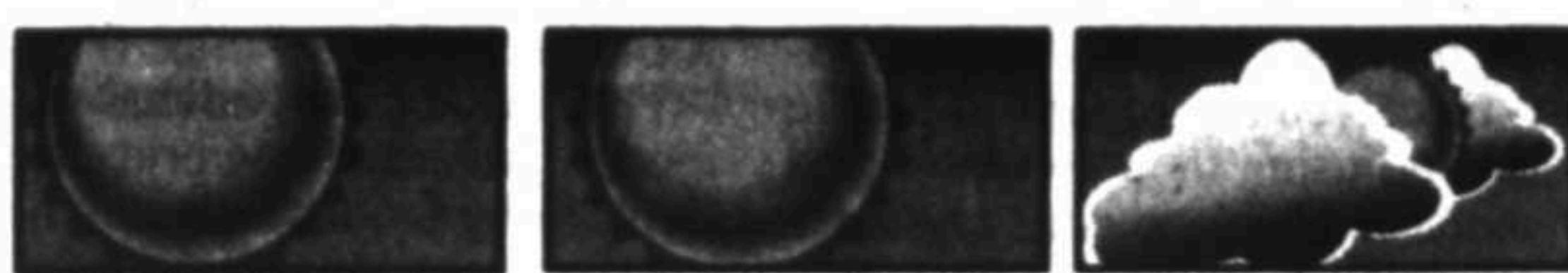
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 99
Low 70

Thursday
Sunny
High 91
Low 68

Friday
Partly cloudy
High 93
Low 64

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with highs in the upper 90s and a 10-20 mph east wind according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for clear skies with a low of 70. Thursday's forecast calls for sunny skies with highs in the lower 90s. Thursday night should be clear with a low between 65 and 70. Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, with a low around 65 and highs in the 90s.

After an overnight low of 69, Wednesday's high was 102, compared to the record high of 104 in 1948. The record low of 53 was set in 1988.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 6.05 in.
Normal total (year to date) 9.21 in.

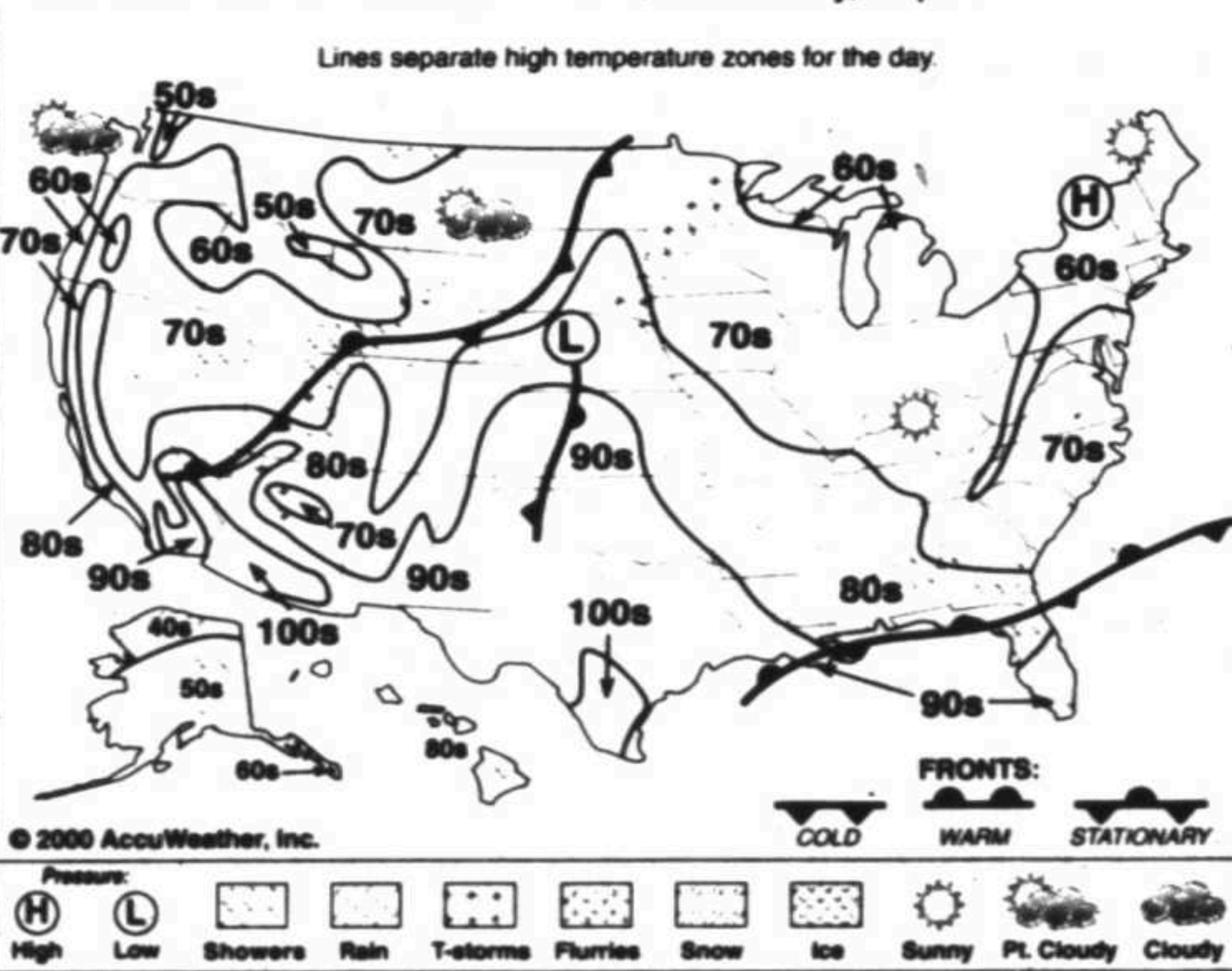
Yesterday's temperatures

High 102
Low 69
Normal high 94
Normal low 66
Sunrise ... 7:27 a.m.
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National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Sept. 6.

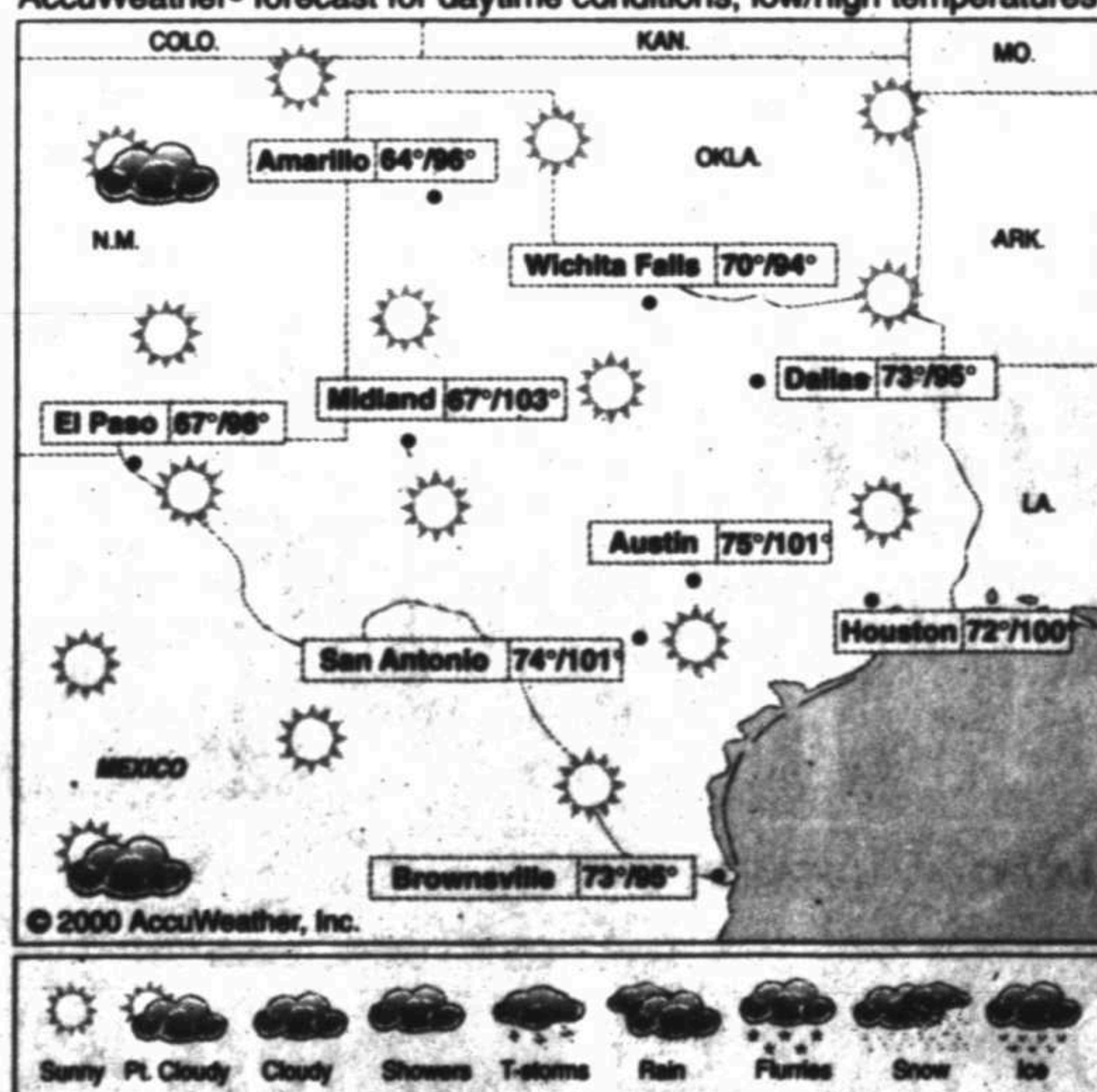


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Tuesday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.			
City	High	Low	Precip.
Albany, N.Y.	64	42	cl
Albuquerque	92	69	cl
Anchorage	54	44	cl
Asheville	73	63	29 m
Atlanta	81	70	01 m
Atlanta City	67	58	02 cl
Baltimore	70	61	cl
Birmingham	79	61	cl
Bismarck	87	64	03 cl
Boise	64	49	28 cl
Boston	62	49	01 cl
Buffalo	63	45	cl
Burlington, Vt.	61	39	cl
Casper	91	49	cl
Charleston, S.C.	79	73	231 m
Charleston, W. Va.	67	63	cl
Charlotte, N.C.	75	67	01 m
Cheyenne	87	64	03 cl
Chicago	67	58	cl
Cincinnati	73	58	cl
Cleveland	65	52	cl
Columbia, S.C.	78	71	06 m
Columbus, Ohio	69	54	cl
Concord, N.H.	66	35	cl
Dayton	70	51	cl
Denver	94	56	01 cl
Des Moines	89	67	02 cl
Detroit	65	49	cl
Duluth	64	42	cl
Evansville	76	64	cl
Fairbanks	51	35	m
Fargo	74	56	11 m
Flagstaff	79	41	cl
Grand Rapids	67	45	cl
Great Falls	70	51	37 cl
Greensboro, N.C.	69	67	02 cl
Hartford	67	46	cl
Helena	70	55	cl
Honolulu	85	74	07 cl
Indianapolis	71	54	cl
Jackson, Miss.	95	78	cl
Jacksonville	87	72	32 cl
Juneau	57	51	18 m
Kansas City	80	59	cl
Las Vegas	95	75	cl
Little Rock	88	71	cl
Los Angeles	83	60	cl
Louisville	74	63	cl
Memphis	78	61	cl
Miami Beach	91	79	cl
Minneapolis	63	56	cl
Mpls-St. Paul	70	51	cl
Nashville	77	70	cl
New Orleans	97	80	09 cl
New York City	70	54	cl
Norfolk, Va.	71	70	143 cl
North Platte	86	64	cl
Oakland, Calif.	97	75	cl
Omaha	81	57	cl
Orlando	93	74	cl
Pendleton	74	48	cl
Philadelphia	69	56	cl
Phoenix	104	79	cl
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Sacramento	81	53	cl
St. Louis	79	59	cl
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San Francisco	76	51	cl
San Juan, P.R.	89	77	cl
Santa Fe	90	59	cl
St. Louis	84	49	cl
Seattle	62	49	cl
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Sioux Falls	79	53	cl
Spokane	83	41	cl
Syracuse	64	40	cl
Tampa-St. Petersburg	94	77	01 m
Topoka	84	64	cl
Tucson	100	77	cl
Tulsa	92	76	04 cl
Washington, D.C.	70	62	01 cl
Wichita	92	71	cl
Wilmington, Del.	68	44	cl
Wilmington, N.C.	69	57	cl

State forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



Texas temperatures

Highest temperatures last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.			
City	High	Low	Precip.
Abilene	107	77	0.0
Albany	107	77	0.0
Amarillo	102	65	0.0
Arlington	100	78	0.0
Austin	112	74	0.0
Beaumont	105	73	0.0
Brownsville	105	73	0.0
Corpus Christi	107	76	0.0
Dallas	107	72	0.0
El Paso	107	72	0.0
Fort Worth	107	72	0.0
Galveston	107	72	0.0
Houston	107	72	0.0
Irving	107	72	0.0
Lubbock	107	72	0.0
McAllen	107	72	0.0
Midland	107	72	0.0
Odessa	107	72	0.0
San Antonio	107	72	0.0
San Diego	107	72	0.0
San Marcos	107	72	0.0
Tamworth	107	72	0.0
Waco	107	72	0.0
Wichita Falls	107	72	0.0

UNVEIL: Bush says plan would 'modernize' Medicare

(From 1A)

The elderly poor would have their prescriptions paid for in either case; those with more money would pay a premium based on their income. All seniors would get some government assistance for buying drugs regardless of income.

The Bush plan would give states \$48 billion right away to help low-income seniors pay for drugs while the longer overhaul plan is being phased in.

Some 23 states already have programs to help the elderly pay for prescriptions, although Bush's Texas is not one of them. Those states could use the funds to beef up their programs; the remaining states could use the money to begin new programs.

"This plan will help seniors much sooner than anything proposed by Al Gore," Bush said.

The GOP presidential nominee said his longer-range Medicare overhaul — costing \$110 billion over 10 years in additional

spending — is modeled on the health-care system now available to 9 million current and retired federal workers and their families.

The Bush plan would consolidate various Medicare functions, offering a list of both government and private health-care services from which beneficiaries could choose.

■ People with incomes at or below \$11,200 and couples with incomes at or below \$15,200 would pay nothing for prescription drug coverage.

■ Seniors with incomes below \$14,600 for individuals and \$19,700 for couples would get a partial subsidy for prescription drug costs. The government would pay 25 percent of premiums for prescription drug plans for those in higher income classes.

■ Catastrophic protection would be provided for all seniors with Medicare costs over \$6,000 annually.

Separately, Bush said he

would spend \$40 billion over the next ten years to reimburse Medicare providers for reduced reimbursements under a 1997 deficit-reduction act.

That would bring to \$198 billion the total in new Medicare-related incentives.

Gore, campaigning in Columbus, Ohio, said the plan would leave "millions of seniors without any prescription drug coverage — middle class seniors."

"The biggest problem is there's no money to pay for it if you give away all of the surplus in the form of a giant tax cut to the wealthy at the expense of the middle class," Gore said.

Under Gore's plan, seniors earning under \$11,200 a year would pay no premiums or co-payments — as in the Bush plan. Otherwise, his plan would cover 50 percent of the cost of medicines up to \$5,000 with catastrophic protections after \$4,000 in out-of-pocket expenses.

About 25 million people in the Medicare program have pre-

scription drug coverage of some sort; 12 million have none.

"By making Washington the nation's pharmacist, the Gore plan puts us well on the way for price controls for drugs," Bush said as he announced his plan at Allentown's Gross Towers, a senior citizen residence and center.

Ruth Thomas, 80, president of the tenant council at the residence, praised Bush's proposal. "Access to prescription drugs is essential. We need our medicines. And sometimes paying for them is difficult."

"Seniors ought to have different options," Bush said later in the day at a hospital in Scranton, Pa.

Bush's unveiling of his drug plan came as the Democratic National Committee planned to criticize him on health care matters in new television commercials this week. The \$5 million television buy is targeted in nine key states.

TXDOT: Route No. 3 well-received by landowners

(From 1A)

It's essentially come to the point of picking the route that appeases the most property owners and meets the goals of the highway's development, said Gary Law, director of engineering and development for TXDOT.

"We're trying to mitigate property ownership interests and private concerns," Law said. "We're trying to understand from every one of the property owners: what are their concerns. Is it a concern we can mitigate using engineering practices. It's a balancing act. We're in that process right now."

Barnes said that Route No. 3 has been well received by landowners. The primary landowners in the geographic area of Route No. 3 are the Clarence Scharbauer III and Fasken Oil and Ranch.

"Many landowners showed

preference for the route that runs more southerly," Barnes said. "It is perceived that route three would be more well accepted. From Motran's point of view this is the route with the more natural flow."

Doug Henson, spokesman for the SBC Corporation could not be reached for comment Tuesday. And, Chuck Hedges, spokesman for Fasken Oil and Ranch was out of town and could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Law guessed, depending on which route is finally selected, Midland County will have to dish out between \$1 million and \$2 million for right of way. He said there are two key issues in pursuing the right of way for the project: How is it going to impact adjacent property owners and neighborhoods? How can TXDOT reduce these impacts and not put a bigger burden on the city and county and still meet the

leveraging proposal made by Motran to Texas Transportation Commission?

Law said Motran two years ago promised to give the Texas Transportation Commission ownership of the right of way in exchange for \$8.5 million in state funding to help pay for the \$15 million project. The other funds to pay for the project will come from other federal and state contributions.

Glen Larum, public information officer for TXDOT, said the least likely scenario, or last resort in picking a route, would be to declare eminent domain through the various properties.

"Eminent domain is the last resort when property owners and the state can't reach an agreement," Larum said. "That's the process by which courts determine property values and the state compensates the land owner. We make every effort to reach

a good faith settlement. But there are cases when there is just an honest disagreement.

Barnes predicted that the right of way acquisition process would proceed smoothly, thanks to positive feedback from property owners.

"It will go through the land of people who are receptive to it," Barnes said. "They might want to be left alone but are willing to do it. It will happen so that people that don't want it won't have it on their property. The property owners have been very willing to be open-minded and listen."

And, Barnes concluded there will be no immediate economic prosperity for landowners in north Midland County. "For the property owners it's an inconvenience," Barnes said. "Twenty years from now there could be some financial benefit. They're trying to do what's right."

Texas cities breaking heat records, taxing utility companies

FORT WORTH (AP) — Much of Texas continued roasting Tuesday in record-breaking, triple-digit temperatures that sent utility companies scrambling to keep up with demand.

Austin was sweltering in 112-degree heat, breaking the city's all-time high of 107. That record had been broken Monday when the temperature hit 110.

Thermometers also soared past the 100-degree mark Tuesday and broke daily records in Del Rio, San Antonio, Houston and Lubbock.

Some utility companies urged customers to cut back during peak hours as a precaution.

"The equipment is stressed. It's like driving a car with the pedal to the floor for two months," said Carol Peters, spokeswoman for TXU Electric Co., the largest electric and gas company in the

state with 2.6 million customers. "But we're not close to having any brownouts or blackouts."

Several cities shattered all-time high records Monday: 112 degrees in College Station, 109 in San Antonio and Houston and 104 in Galveston.

Other areas Monday reported record highs for September: 111 degrees in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and 107 in Del Rio.

The hottest temperature ever in Texas was 120 degrees, recorded in Seymour in August 1936 and Monahans in June 1994.

As of Tuesday, temperatures have exceeded 100 degrees for 57 days in Del Rio, 45 days in College Station, 44 days in Dallas-Fort Worth, 37 days in Austin, 20 days in San Antonio, 20 days in Houston and 12 days in Lubbock this year.

The culprit is an upper-level

high pressure system stalled over much of the state for more than two months, blocking any fronts or moisture from the Gulf of Mexico, meteorologists said.

But the system is starting to weaken and move to the north-west, which should drop temperatures into the 90s and bring a chance for rain in central and eastern Texas this weekend, forecasters said.

Forty heat-related deaths have been confirmed this year in the combined Dallas and Houston areas.

The National Weather Service issued an extreme fire danger warning in north central Texas on Tuesday, the 67th consecutive day without rain in the area.

Elsewhere in the state, 61 fires continued to burn more than 8,000 acres Tuesday.

Besides increasing chances for

fires, parching crops and drying up reservoirs, the high temperatures and below-normal rainfall also are taking a toll on many houses.

Dry soil combined with this spring's excessive rain has caused soil to swell and lift foundations.

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Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-4-9

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 7-3-15-21-35

American Indian firefighters contribute their expertise

By Shannon Dininny
Associated Press

HAMILTON, Mont. — Drawing on their knowledge of the land and the behavior of wildfires, thousands of American Indians are helping battle the blazes burning across the West.

Firefighting has become a much-needed source of revenue — and pride — for tribes across the country. And at a time when blazes across the West are stretching manpower thin, the native firefighters play an important role.

"They can carry their weight," said Mike LeBrun, assistant fire management officer for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Rocky Mountain regional office in Billings.

About 4,500 to 5,000 Indians have taken part in the fight against wildfires this summer, said Jim Stires of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He said that represents about 20 percent of the nation's firefighting force.

Indian crews are well-represented among the hundreds of firefighters in Montana's Bitterroot Valley, which is facing one of the West's biggest fires. Blackfoot Indians are here. So are the Gros Ventre, Assiniboine, Chippewa Cree, Kiowa and Choctaw.

Fire has been an integral part of Indian culture, making Indian firefighters particularly well-suited for the jobs, said crew boss Don-di Tonasket, 36, a Colville Indian with his hair in braids.

"We used to set our own burns just to cleanse the forest in the past," he said. "Now, our fire knowledge, the way we move through the mountains, is an advantage. We are more aware of the type of situations we could get into, and we're better at remembering ground. It seems to come natural with our crews."

Tonasket, who has been fighting fires for 13 years, keeps his crew in a tight circle of tents — a Circle of Life. "It's the way I treat my crew," said Tonasket, who learned the celebration-of-life tradition from his elders. "We stay in the circle, we treat each other as family."

"I guess you could say we're well-adapted to this," said 33-year-old Leonard Foreman, a Kiowa from Carnegie, Okla. "We can adapt to things better because we've had to survive."

Foreman has been fighting fires for the past six years and is on his fifth fire this season. This year, his 29-year-old brother also joined his crew.

"Most of us are related by blood or by marriage," Foreman said. "We learned how to handle pressure a long time ago and work

well together because of it."

But it is more than culture and it is more than family. Lloyd Reeves, 68, started fighting fires in the 1950s and returned to camp this year from Montana's Blackfoot Reservation to make some money.

On Indian reservations where unemployment often is staggering — 69 percent on the Blackfoot Reservation — the seasonal work of firefighting for the federal government has become an economic anchor. The salary for firefighters starts at more than \$10.60 an hour, and rises to as much as \$13.30 an hour for crew bosses.

This year, Reeves' daughter also turned to firefighting, and his wife watches their grandchildren while their daughter is on the fire line.

Tonasket, who works as a road engineer for the Colville Tribes during the winter, said his firefighting money serves as more of a bonus for his family of six. But to members of his crew, it is much more.

"Their salary, wages, here is probably a third of their wages for the year," Tonasket said. "Firefighting is a big part of our employment on the reservations." While no one is cheering, the busy fire season has been a boon for the Indian fire crews after two relatively quiet years that hurt reservation income.

The huge fires in the Bitterroot Valley are waning, blunted by cool, rainy weather over the Labor Day weekend. But fires continued to burn on more than 400,000 acres in and around the valley Tuesday, and hundreds of firefighters worked to contain them.

Tonasket's crew of 19 men and one woman received word it is pulling out for a couple of days of rest.

"We made a good reputation for ourselves here," he said.

Last pipeline survivor dies

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — The only survivor of a pipeline explosion that killed 11 members of her extended family died Tuesday.

Amanda Smith, 25, lost her husband and two children in the fiery blast that engulfed the family's campsite near Carlsbad on Aug. 19.

She never regained consciousness and died at a Lubbock hospital.

The victims were camping along the Pecos River in New Mexico when the pipeline erupted in a fireball and generated

heat so intense it melted sleeping bags and tents. It left a crater 86 feet long and 20 feet deep.

A family member filed a federal lawsuit Aug. 30 in Albuquerque, alleging El Paso Natural Gas failed to comply with state and federal rules and did not properly inspect and maintain the line.

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School worker shot; husband commits suicide

BIDWELL, Ohio (AP) — A man shot his estranged wife to death Tuesday in the parking lot of the elementary school where she worked and then went home and killed himself, authorities said.

Classes were canceled for the day after the shooting at Bidwell Porter Elementary School. It happened more than an hour before the school's 400 students began arriving for class.

Linda Shoemaker, 52, a cook at the school, was shot several times by her husband, Frank, at about 6:30 a.m. while she was still in her car, Gallia County Coroner Dr. Daniel Whiteley said. A co-worker summoned authorities.

"There were at least three shotgun casings on the ground around her car," Whiteley said.

Frank Shoemaker's body was found about 30 minutes later in a lawn chair in his front yard about eight miles from the school, Whiteley said. He was 66.

The couple were getting a divorce, and she had obtained a court order of protection against him, the sheriff's office said.

Bidwell is a small Appalachian community about 80 miles southeast of Columbus near the West Virginia border. Classes began there Aug. 28.

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Senate moves toward vote on China trade relations bill

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — China trade was the first order of business Tuesday as the Senate returned from its summer recess with leaders of both parties determined to approve the normalization of trade relations before lawmakers close shop to campaign before the November elections.

Passing the bill this year is "profoundly important for the country," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., a leading advocate of widening trade with China.

While supporters believe they have a solid majority in the Senate, they face two real dangers — time limitations as Congress rushes to finish its work for the year and the determination of some senators to link normalized trade to China's weapons proliferation and human rights record.

The House approved the China trade bill last May on a 237-197 vote, and the concern is that any Senate amendments to that bill would effectively kill it for the year because there wouldn't be time for the two chambers to work out differences between the measures.

"Bluntly, a vote to amend is a vote to kill this bill and, with it, any chance that U.S. workers, farmers and businesses will benefit from China's accession to the World Trade Organization," said Sen. William Roth, R-Del., said as the Senate began debate on the measure. Roth is chairman of the Finance Committee.

China's trade status has been subject to annual review under a 1974 act governing trade with communist states. The legislation to make normal trade relations permanent comes after China last year, as part of its effort to join

the WTO, reached an agreement with U.S. negotiators on lowering its tariffs and removing trade barriers.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he hoped to reach a final vote on the trade bill by the end of next week.

The biggest fight is likely to be over an expected amendment by Sens. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., and Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., that would urge the president to apply sanctions against China and others contributing to weapons proliferation.

Thompson has rewritten his measure to give the president

more latitude in applying sanctions, but both the administration and American business groups still oppose it, saying China would merely turn to European and Japanese sellers.

Baucus, whose state stands to benefit from increased farm product exports to China, said he expected the Thompson measure to be defeated. But Thompson said it would be a "tough vote" in an election year where lawmakers must explain how they are dealing with China's increased proliferation.

Lawmakers don't want to seem "to be so caught up in this

PNTR (permanent normal trade relations) frenzy that we do nothing about this threat," Thompson said.

Although Lott has said he wants to see an amendment-free bill, he said Tuesday: "I feel a need to vote for Senator Thompson's issue because I think he's right on the substance."

The trade bill has been the focus of a fierce lobbying struggle between labor and human rights groups, which oppose it, and business groups that consider it the most important legislation Congress will take up this year. They estimate that U.S. manu-

factured goods exports would more than triple with China's accession to the WTO.

Frank Vargo of the National Association of Manufacturers said his organization is sending letters to 1,000 of its members this week "urging them not to be complacent" and to oppose the Thompson measure "in any form. ... We do not want to see it go back to the House. It's too important."

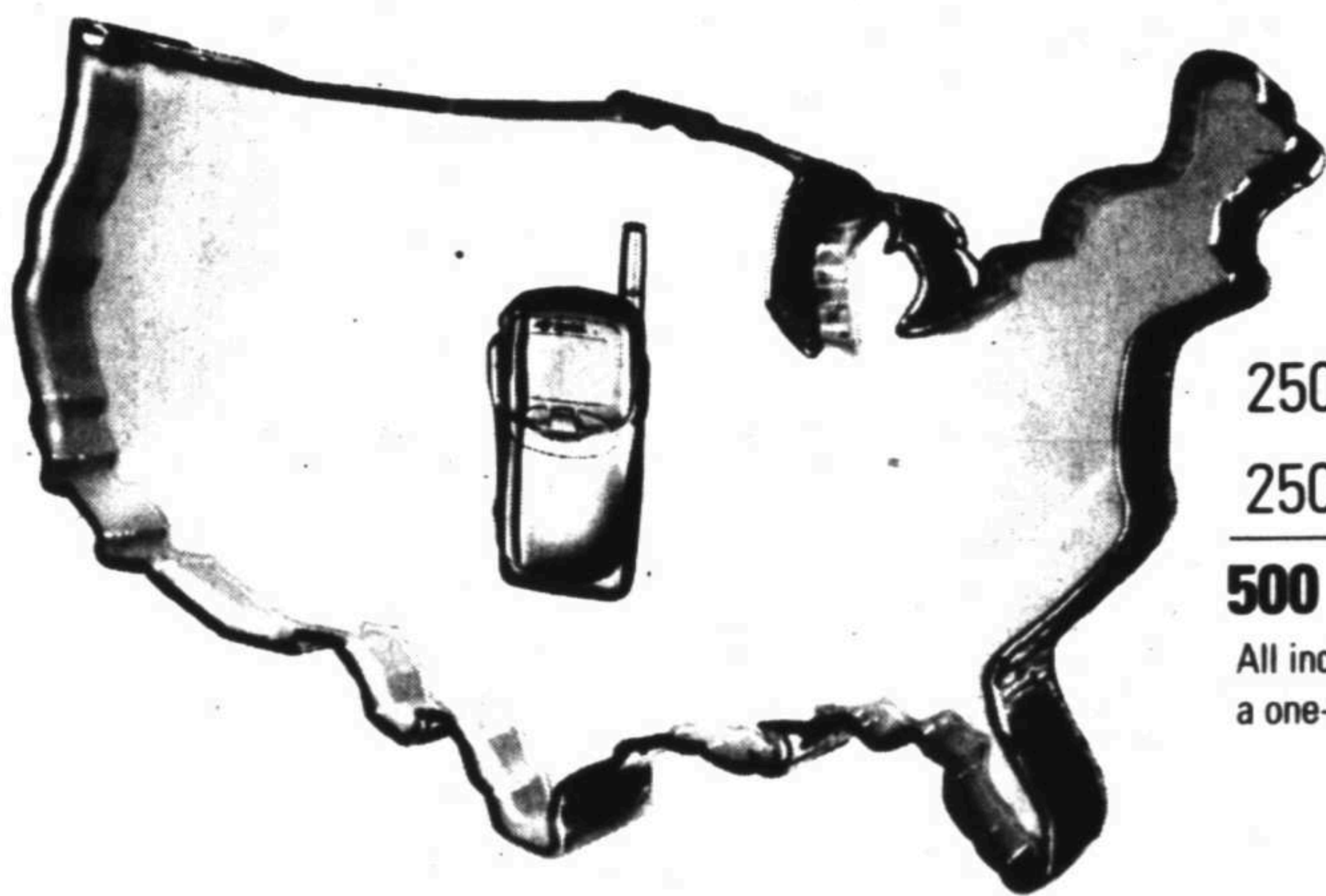
In addition to Thompson, the unlikely team of conservative Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and liberal Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., are working together on

a package of human rights amendments.

Helms contended that China has become more of a threat to the world, particularly Taiwan, under normal trade, and that permanent trade status "is perhaps the most ill-advised piece of legislation to come to the Senate in my 28 years as a senator."

Wellstone has readied at least five amendments that would link normal trade to China's respecting religious freedom, improving human rights, ending prison-made exports and protecting worker rights in both the United States and China.

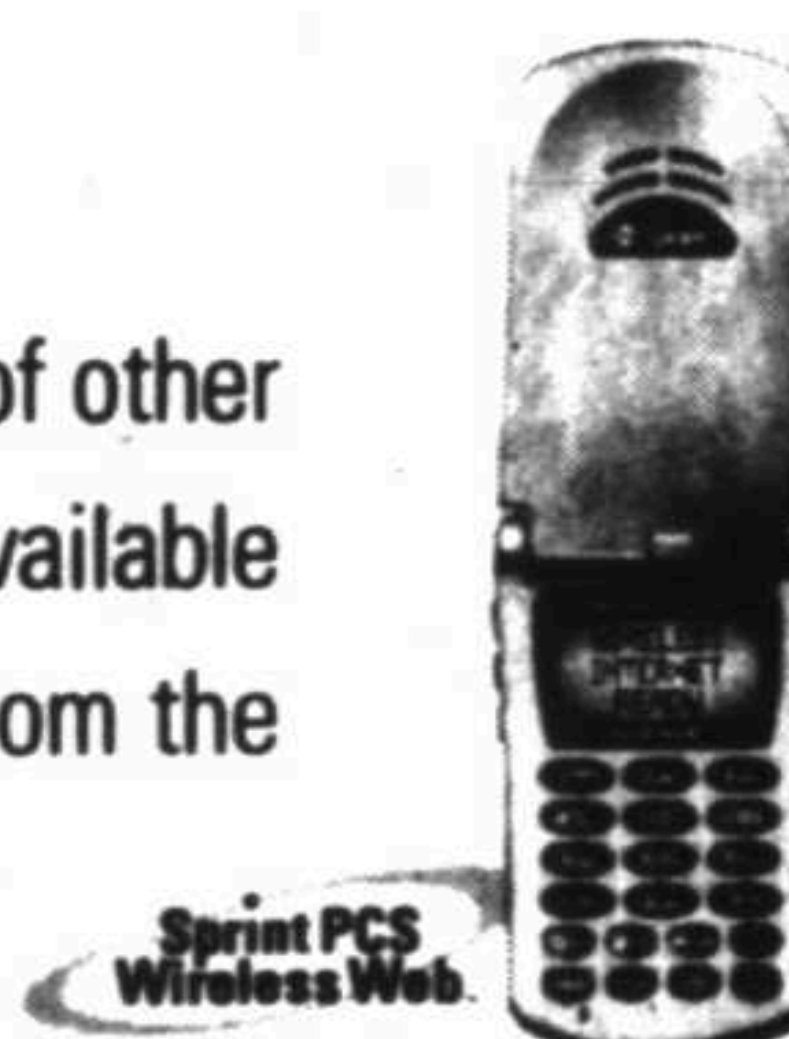
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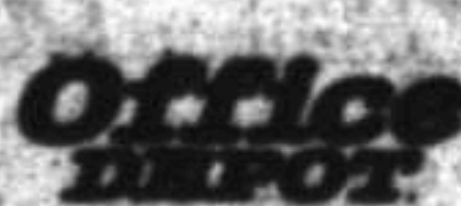
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German defense minister injured in car accident

WASHINGTON (AP) — Germany's defense minister suffered cuts on his forehead and foot Tuesday when the car he was in was hit by a deploying security barrier as his entourage entered the Pentagon grounds.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping and Germany's defense attache in Washington, Army Brig. Gen. Peter Goebel, were taken to a local hospital for precautionary tests.

"The injuries are light," Bacon said.

Scharping and his delegation were arriving at the Pentagon for a meeting with Defense Secretary William Cohen. The car carrying Scharping and Goebel was moving through a security guard station when a steel barrier popped out of the ground, struck the car from below and lifted it slightly into the air, according to Detlef Puhl, a German Defense Ministry spokesman who was riding in a car behind Scharping's.

Bacon described Scharping as shaken but stable. Puhl said Scharping got out of the car and lay down on the ground. Cohen, waiting on the Pentagon steps to greet the minister, rushed to his side.

Bacon said Scharping was taken to Cohen's office, where he telephoned his family in Germany and was attended by a U.S. military physician. Scharping's glasses were broken. He and Goebel, who suffered a bloodied nose, were then taken to Arlington Hospital in suburban Virginia for precautionary tests.

An American security agent also suffered minor injuries, including an abrasion on his chin, Bacon said.

Bacon said the security barrier had been placed in "parade mode," meaning it was electronically locked into position so that it would not pop up while the German delegation drove through the guard area. He said it was not immediately clear why the barrier popped up anyway, but Cohen ordered a thorough investigation.

"This was a serious, possibly tragic situation," Bacon said, expressing Cohen's demand that such accidents not be repeated.

The Pentagon has had occasional past problems with the security barriers. In September 1998, a car carrying Japan's defense minister was struck by the same pop-up barrier. The minister injured his ankle and was taken to a hospital. President Clinton called the minister to express his concern.

Last January, a car carrying members of a Chinese military delegation was struck by a barrier, although Bacon said that situation was different because the driver of the car was following too closely behind a lead car. No one was injured in that case.

USDA, inspectors spar over system for regulating meat plants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department sparred Tuesday with representatives of its meat inspectors over whether a new system for overseeing packing plants has improved the safety of beef, pork and poultry.

Union representatives, who have long criticized the 4-year-old science-based system, said it has given companies too much power to police themselves and allowed unsafe meat to reach American households.

"It is not working and shows no sign of working in the future," said Arthur Hughes, a spokesman for the National Joint Council of Food Inspection Locals.

The new inspection system, supported by major consumer groups, requires companies to identify potential hazards in slaughterhouses and processing plants and implement controls for food-borne pathogens.

Previously, companies relied on USDA inspectors to find contaminated meat by poking and

sniffing it. The inspectors' jobs now are to ensure that the plants follow their sanitation plans and to do some microbial testing.

"There is no question" that meat is safer under the new system, said Thomas Billy, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. "We have seen remarkable improvement, and we expect that to continue."

A report released in June by USDA's inspector general agreed that meat is safer but said Billy's agency had "reduced its oversight beyond what was prudent and necessary for the protection of the consumer."

The inspector general said plants should be required to do more testing of meat, and USDA's enforcement actions are inconsistent and often ineffective in preventing repeat violations of federal safety standards.

Two advocacy groups that support the position of the inspectors' union, the Government Account-

ability Project and Public Citizen, released results of a survey that was distributed by union leaders to about 2,340 of the 3,850 inspectors trained to oversee the new system.

Of those queried, 451 inspectors responded, and 210 reported instances when they had not taken "direct action" after spotting contamination such as feces on carcasses, something they would have done under the old system. Inspectors also said they were threatened with lawsuits by processors.

Some inspectors also said that while they support the system in concept, they don't think USDA has implemented it properly.

"The meat industry has been able to call the shots because of their enormous political clout," said Wenonah Hauter of Public Citizen, a group founded by Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader.

Billy attributed the complaints to disgruntled inspectors but said the survey results "indicate we need to provide further training and education for our employees."

Countdown begins for Atlantis launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA began the countdown Tuesday for the launch of space shuttle Atlantis, which will be heading back to the international space station with a new crew and fresh load of supplies.

Liftoff is set for Friday. This time, astronauts and cosmonauts will visit a space station that is nearly double in size.

The seven shuttle crew members will be the first to enter the newly attached Russian control module, Zvezda, in orbit. They will unload supplies from Atlantis and a Russian cargo ship that's already docked to the 230-mile-high station, and hook up equipment to be used by the first permanent crew, due to arrive at the beginning of November.

Atlantis' flight kicks off a quick succession of shuttle missions to finish building the space station, which has been bogged down by Russia's economic problems. Zvezda, for instance, did not fly until July, more than two years late.

Counting this week's launch, three shuttle flights are planned to the space station between now and the end of the year. NASA expects to maintain that quick pace in 2001 and every year thereafter.

During the 11-day flight, Lu and cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko will go outside to install cables between Zvezda and another Russian module. At one point, the spacewalkers will be about 110 feet from

Atlantis — the farthest anyone has floated from the shuttle using tethers.

Forecasters put the odds of good launch weather Friday morning at 60 percent. Rain and clouds are the main concerns. Liftoff time is 8:45 a.m.

The only technical problem involved a navigation device at the space center that apparently was damaged by lightning over the weekend. NASA expects to have the unit fixed by Friday.



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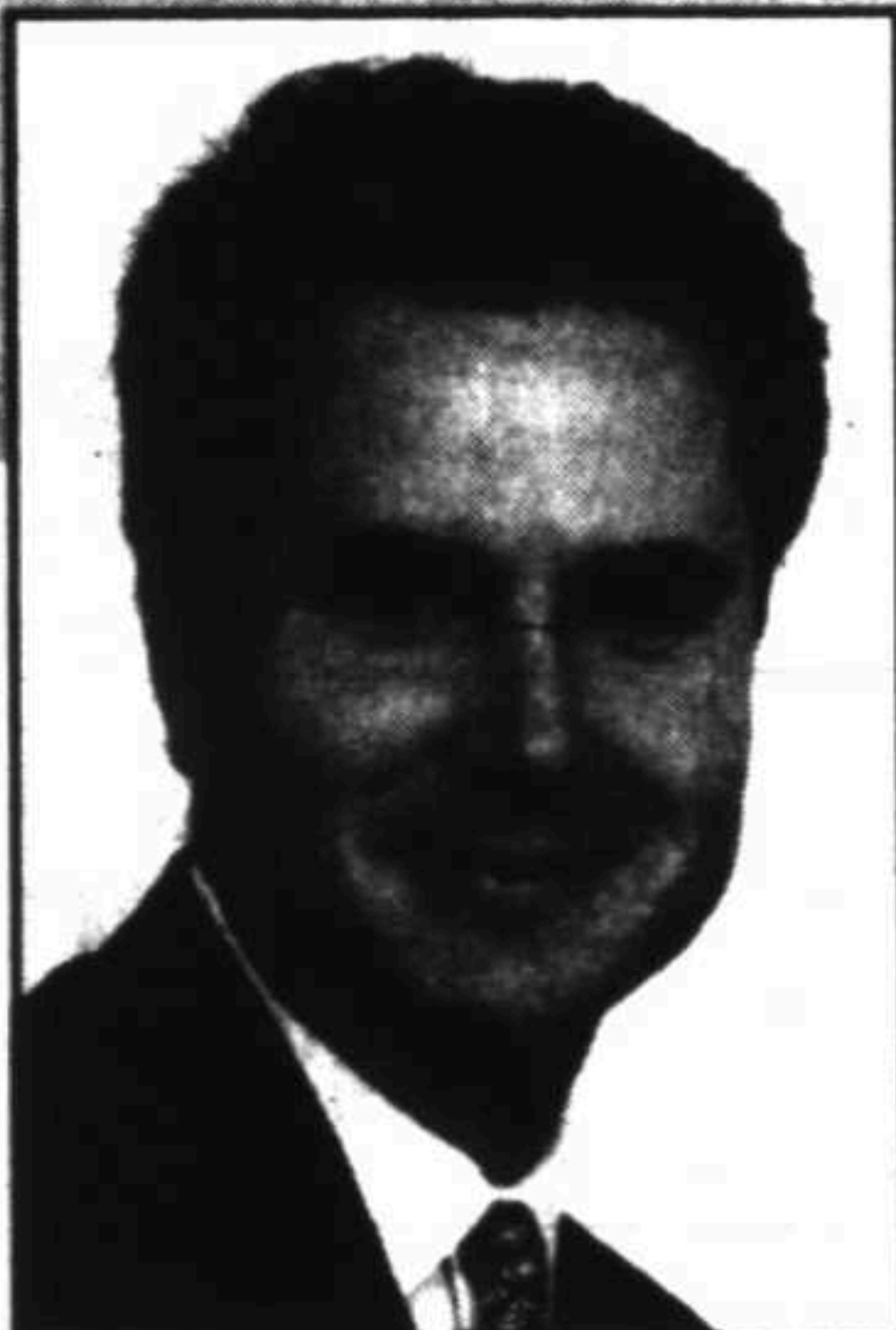
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Clinton, Congress may add fuel to fire in White House race

Labor Day traditionally has been recognized as the turning point in presidential campaigns.

The school of thought is that whoever is ahead at Labor Day, wins the White House.

Polls taken this past week, show that Vice President Al Gore has pulled ahead of Gov. George W. Bush by as much as 10 points.

To add fuel to the fire, Congress returns to session this week.

Democrats and Republicans are girding for battle. The issues they will take up include a possible increase in the minimum wage, reform in the area of prescribed medicine, tax cuts and broadening opportunities for those trying to sock away money in Individual Retirement Accounts and 401(k) plans. Also, there is the issue of trade with China, which seems to rear its ugly head at times when the American political pot is already at a boiling point.

It's no secret that members of both sides of the aisles will be trying to use opportunities for debate on the House and Senate floors to embarrass the opposing party's presidential candidate or bolster the prospects of their own party's White House hopeful.

Summer's over. Now the two major political parties are eager to get down to the business of securing victory.

In his two terms in the White House, President Clinton had to fashion himself as a centrist in order remain popular with the American people. Clinton catch phrases like "welfare reform" and "paying down the debt" sounded almost alien, coming out of the mouth of a man many suspected of being a die-hard, old-fashioned liberal deep in his soul.

During this Congressional term, Clinton is officially a lame duck. But he hasn't been acting like one.

Will Clinton be throwing curve balls at the Bush campaign and pitching softballs to his loyal servant Al Gore? Is Clinton ready to walk away from the roar of the crowd?

At this point in the presidential campaign, voters need to hear from the two candidates. The need to learn about the policies, values and character each man has to offer the country.

Unfortunately, the candidates will be running the risk over the next several weeks of being forced to shout over the practiced rhetoric of Beltway politicians.

Labor Day is over. You can almost hear the gavel pounding in the House and Senate chambers.

We're still a long way from Nov. 7.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 6, the 250th day of 2000. There are 116 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Sept. 6, 1901, President McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y.

On this date:

In 1837, the Oberlin Collegiate Institute of Ohio went co-educational.

In 1909, American explorer Robert Peary sent word that he had reached the North Pole five months earlier.

In 1939, South Africa declared war on Germany.

In 1941, every Jew over the age of 6 in German-occupied areas was ordered to wear a yellow Star of David.

In 1948, the coronation of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands took place.

In 1966, South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd was stabbed to death by a deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.

In 1970, Palestinian guerrillas seized control of three jetliners which were later blown up on the ground in Jordan after the passengers and crews were evacuated.

In 1975, Czechoslovak tennis star Martina Navratilova, in New York for the U.S. Open, requested political asylum.

In 1997, Britain bade farewell to Princess Diana with a funeral service at Westminster Abbey.

Ten years ago, Iraq increased pressure on trapped Westerners, warning that anyone trying to leave without permission could face life in prison.

Five years ago, Los Angeles police detective Mark Fuhrman invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination as he was called back to the witness stand at the O.J. Simpson trial. Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record by playing his 2,131st consecutive game.

One year ago, in Detroit, striking teachers and the school board agreed on a tentative agreement aimed at ending a weeklong walkout. (The teachers ratified the contract two days later.)

CHARLEY REESE

Immigration contributes to traffic jams

I don't know which is funnier: People getting excited because airports are crowded and airlines are running late during the height of the travel season, or people thinking government can fix it.

Hey, ever heard of traveling during the off-season?

Hey, ever heard of limiting immigration?

Hey, ever heard of government fixing anything? The federal government today couldn't manage a three-car funeral, much less the complex private transportation system that, despite its faults, moves millions of people safely hither and yon.

Most of what people complain about — traffic jams in the air and on the ground, not to mention pollution — are all direct results of too many people.

Next time you're cooling your heels at an airport or sitting in traffic, just remember that your wonderful elected officials in Washington believe that adding a million legal immigrants and another quarter of a million illegal immigrants each and every year is a very good

thing to do.

After all, the officials are enlightened and progressive, and those of us who suggest that the number of immigrants be limited are, of course, nativists, racists, etc. and so forth. But, hey, if you're going to leave the doors wide open, then don't complain about the crowds.

My only problem with immigration is numbers. As for the immigrants, most of those I've met are better than a lot of natives they will eventually displace. One of the reasons I hang out with immigrants is that they can find much more interesting things to talk about than some stupid TV show. Many of them can tell you real survival stories.

But in addition to increasing pollution and creating traffic jams on land and in the air, the Smiley



Reese

Folk in Congress are also creating potential social explosions. These time bombs consist of the following elements:

1. Continued export of manufacturing jobs under the false flag of free trade. The end result will be an economy in which only those with above-average IQs will be able to find a job that pays a wage that will support dignity. The rest will have to fight for the low-pay service jobs.

2. The continued open-door policy that will force the native-born to compete with people who, coming from countries where the alternative to hard work is starvation, can work rings around them and therefore will soon have all the service jobs locked up.

3. The continuing political pandering to racial and ethnic groups that fans resentment, rivalry and hostility.

4. The electronic-communications industry that can take any small incident and magnify and distort it into national or global ersatz crisis. For the first time, the power to create a lynch mob now rests with TV moguls and their flunkies.

That's your powder. The ignition can be anything from the inevitable economic recession to some incident of real or imagined injustice.

The reshaping of the American economy is much more important than most politicians seem to think.

There's a big difference in an economy in which a young man, flipping hamburgers, can see that as merely a steppingstone to a better life, and an economy in which a middle-age man realizes that there is no steppingstone available, that what he has now is all he will ever have. Hopeless people with nothing to lose can be very dangerous folks.

I would advise people to develop an Oriental philosophy of fatalism, buy a gun and be careful where you live.

The Smiley Folk in Washington are preparing a future in which the lethargic are going to have a hard time enjoying their lethargy.

Charley Reese's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.



LETTERS

Photo at Catholic church does not represent all religions

As a practicing member of the Roman Catholic faith and a subscriber to the Reporter-Telegram I was a little taken aback by the picture that was set up to illustrate the controversy over public prayer at football games and other public school assemblies. I thought that the votive candles and the rosary were a little too pointed. Perhaps just a picture of an open Bible and a football would have made a more universal statement. Apparently your photographer, U. Frank Williams Jr., has brought into the notion that Catholics pray about everything and are not afraid to do so in the public forum. After all many sports-casters talk about the "Hail Mary" pass, etc. While I couldn't agree more that Catholics are a prayerful group, I do wonder however, if we are the only citizens who spend time developing a personal relationship with God.

Don't Protestants pray? What about the Church of Christ or our Jewish brethren? I thought Jehovah's Witnesses and Muslims and Buddhists and Mormons and all other faiths that abound in society spent special time in public, as well as private prayer. Are other denomination or faith traditions not offended by Catholics being singled out as the "prayerful community" in our area? I hope not, because god loves all of us and has prepared a mansion for us in Heaven.

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Doonesbury



I thought this was a country ruled by the majority. Why then can a few atheists hold a whole nation hostage? We shouldn't abandon our convictions because they or anyone else might have a different opinion. Wouldn't it be great if we could just ignore our differences long enough to have a moment of silent prayer?

Joanne Cromer

\$72.2 million bond not being clearly thought out by officials

I am very concerned with the proposed \$72.2 million school bond issue.

From talking to a number of people involved in the bond issue, there does not appear to be one cent of the \$72.2 million to make Midland High or San Jacinto fit to move students into when they are moved out of Midland High and San Jacinto Junior High.

I think MISD needs to develop a five year plan for capital spending and a five year plan to bring up test scores.

I believe the new superintendent should be in charge of such a plan and I do not believe any \$72.2 million issue should be passed without his or her approval.

Those who are pushing the bond issue say it will cost more if we wait. I say it may cost much less if we do better planning than we have apparently been doing recently!

Frank Cahoon

ART BUCHWALD

Card stolen? Hope it's by someone classy

Recently one of my credit cards was stolen. The problem was, I was unaware of the theft, and therefore the criminal had use of the card for about 30 days.

I got wind that something was wrong when the charges started to come in.

"Did you have a nice time in Puerto Rico?" my accountant wanted to know.

"Not really," I told him. "Mainly because I haven't been there in more than 10 years."

"Well, you got a credit card bill for \$3,000 for a stay there, and it looks as if you had a wonderful shopping spree. I wish you would tell your wife to buy quarts instead of gallons of Joy perfume."

"That wasn't my wife," I protested. "She hates Joy. It's obvious that someone else is using my card."

My accountant said, "There's no need to be hasty. I heard a story where a woman's credit card was stolen, and her husband decided not to report it because the thief was spending only about half of what his wife usually did."

I told him, "You're not taking this seriously. This person must be brought to justice."

"You don't have to pay the charges once you report the loss," he assured me.

"I'm not worried about that. I'm concerned that he's going to hurt my reputation as a big spender. Suppose he buys his socks at a drugstore? How is that going to make me look when the story gets into the newspaper?"

"You're overly concerned. These guys spend big, and they spend fast, before there is any chance of getting caught. I have your bill here in front of me. Your friend bought a beautiful cashmere jacket at Barneys for \$1,400."

"Single or double breasted?"

"Single."

"That's good," I said. "I hate double breasted."

My accountant continued, "He had dinner for two at the Ugly Seaport for \$129."

"That's a tourist trap," I yelled. "The man has no taste."

"Maybe his girlfriend insisted on going there."

"How do you know he has a girlfriend?" I asked.

"He ran up a tab for \$250 at Victoria's Secret."

"I wonder if he took her with him to Puerto Rico."

My accountant said, "Don't be too hard on him. The man rented a Chevy from Hertz, when he could have driven a Jaguar. He was probably trying to save you money."

"I don't want him to save me money when he's taking a girl out," I protested. "It makes me look cheap with MasterCard."

"The worst mistake someone can make is to feel sorry for the person who stole his credit card," my accountant warned.

"How long do you think the joker can keep this up?" I asked.

"Not much longer, now that we have reported him."

"Will they be rough when they arrest him?" I wanted to know.

"Beats me. Why do you care?"

"I don't want anything to happen to my cashmere jacket."

Art Buchwald's column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.



AP File Photo

Mexico City police beat a protester during a student march in this September 1968 file photo days before the military gunned down hundreds of students during a similar peaceful march October 2 at Tlatelolco Plaza in Mexico City. During the 71 years that Mexico had one-party rule, the secrets lay buried. But now the Institutional Revolutionary Party is out of office, and the new president, Vicente Fox, has pledged to eradicate the pervasive corruption that pervades Mexican society in Mexico City on Tuesday.

Mexico's Fox wants to dig up country's past

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Soldiers open fire on thousands of peaceful demonstrators. A presidential candidate is gunned down on a campaign stop. The government spends \$100 billion to buy overvalued bad loans, some from its own supporters.

Mexico has a lot of dirty laundry.

During the 71 years that Mexico in effect had one-party rule, the secrets lay buried. But now the Institutional Revolutionary Party is out of office, and the new president, Vicente Fox, is pledged to eradicate the corruption that pervades Mexican society.

He says that one of the first things he will do after he is sworn in Dec. 1 is have Mexico's Congress set up a "Transparency Commission" to start digging into the dirt.

"This is essential for Mexico's new democracy," said Adolfo Aguilar Zinser, a senator and key member of Fox's transition team. "But this is a very difficult task."

It will also be the sternest test of Fox's credentials as a reformer.

Details of the commission — including how many cases it

would take on and what subpoena powers it might have — have yet to be worked out. But among the cases Congress could consider:

■ A banking scandal in which loans to ruling party supporters were never repaid — and then were absorbed by the government as part of a \$100 billion, taxpayer-funded bank bailout.

■ Lingering suspicions that shadowy, still-unidentified figures might have played a part in several high-profile murders, including that of ruling party presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio, who was gunned down at a campaign stop in Tijuana in March 1994, and that of Roman Catholic Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo, who died in a fusillade of bullets at Guadalajara's airport in 1993.

■ The stunning assault on a peaceful democracy protest Oct. 2, 1968, in Tlatelolco Plaza in Mexico City that killed hundreds. The exact number of dead remains unknown, and it is unclear who ordered a security battalion to open fire on the unarmed crowd of mostly university students.

Mexico's most diverse congress in history begins first session

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's most diverse congress in history launched its first working sessions Tuesday driven by a necessity to negotiate and buoyed by promises of consensus over partisanship.

The new political dynamics pose a great challenge to President-elect Vicente Fox, who will have to barter like no chief executive before him. Historically, PRI presidents simply passed down legislative initiatives to be rubber stamped by loyal soldiers in the party-dominated congresses.

But the toughest test of all may be for the country's fractured ruling party, which is trying to hold itself together after losing the presidency for the first time in 71 years.

"The people want us to formulate an agenda that represents their interests not ours. They do not want clashes and confrontations," said PRI legislator Eduardo Andrade. "We need to work

together. When this happens the nation as a whole moves forward."

The new congress spent most of its first day behind closed doors negotiating which members will head up its various working committees, and giving speeches about the challenges facing the most independent legislature in the country's history.

Among the issues legislators took up Monday was one of the citizens' biggest complaints — Mexico's National Registry of Motor Vehicles, a program criticized by many in Mexico for charging too much to register cars. The PRI and the leftist Democratic Revolution Party proposed getting rid of the recently implemented program.

The PRI holds 211 seats in the new Congress, far short of the overwhelming two-thirds it held until 1997 when it first lost its majority in midterm elections. National Action has 207 seats and Democratic Revolution 51.



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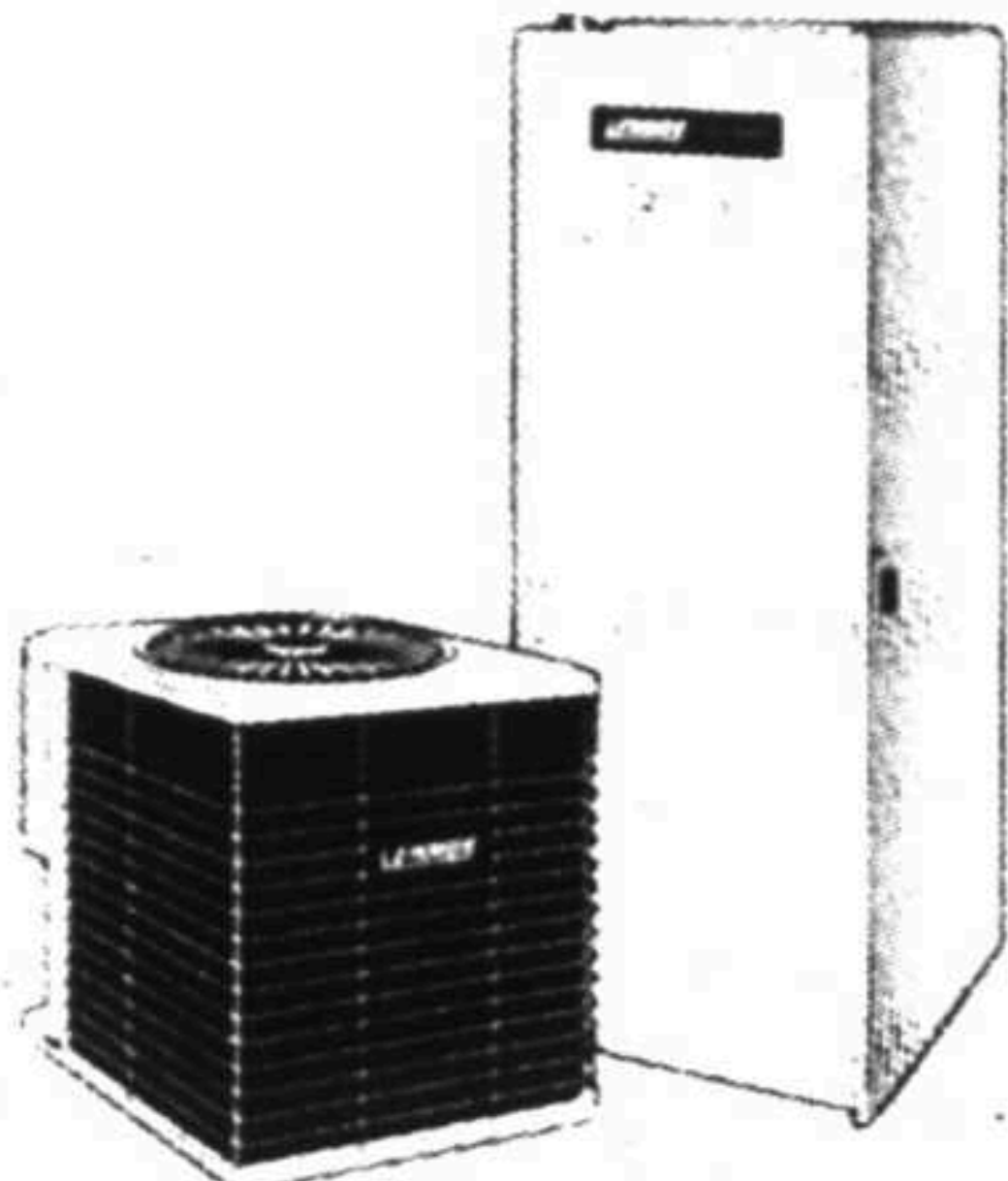
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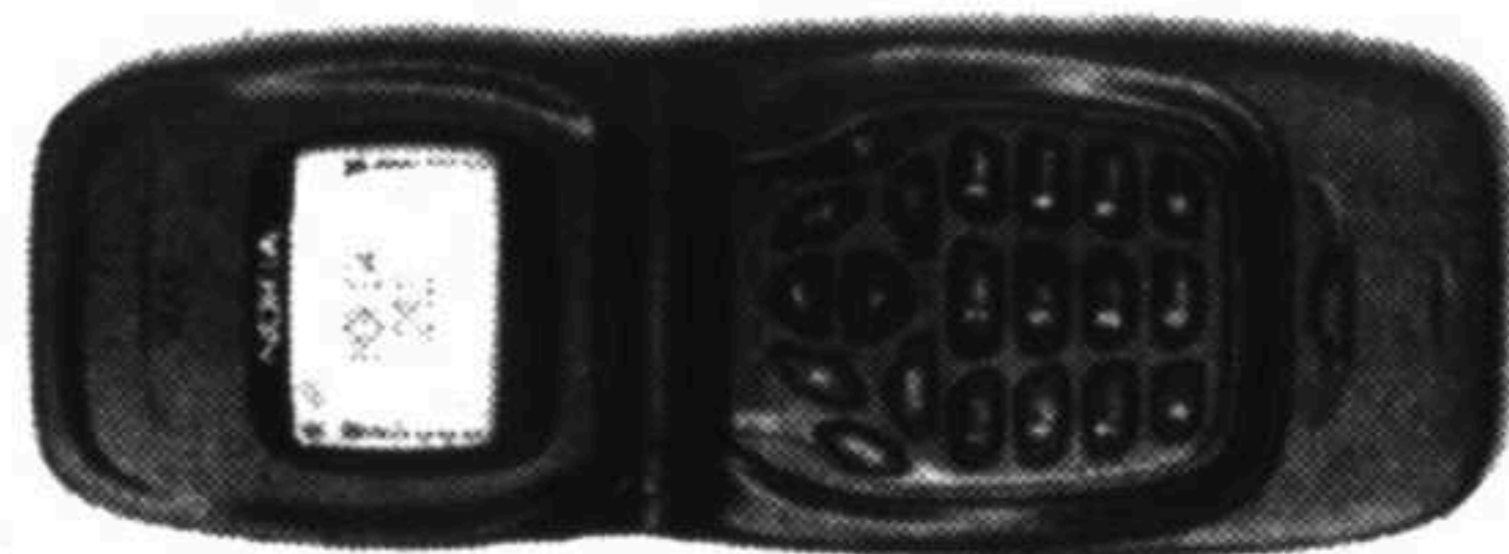
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Leaders, protesters stake different agendas at U.N. summit

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday urged the kings, generals and presidents descending on New York for the U.N. Millennium Summit to use the unprecedented meeting to forge peace and end poverty in the 21st century.

But some heads of state are expected to use the three days of speeches, discussions and meetings beginning today to push their own agendas — including those that are critical of the United States.

In a taste of what may come, North Korea denounced the United States as a "rogue state" Tuesday, claiming the government was responsible for allegedly ordering the strip search of members of the delegation as they switched planes in Germany. The incident prompted Pyongyang to call off the summit trip by its No. 2 leader, who had been scheduled to meet South Korean President Kim Dae-jung.

North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Li Hyong Chol warned that the humiliating security check could prove "quite expensive" for U.S.-North Korean relations, even though the State Department quickly said it deeply regretted the incident.

Washington is also expected to come under fire from Cuban President Fidel Castro, who came to New York on Tuesday for the first time in five years. He is expected to speak out against American domination of the United Nations in his five minutes on the podium today.

Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque told a press conference in Havana last week that Cuba would lambast "the growing tendency of a small and powerful group of countries" to violate the U.N. Charter and intervene militarily in member countries without Security Council approval — a reference to the U.S.-led NATO bombing of Yugoslavia.

The United States also can expect to get an earful from more friendly countries.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Jiang Zemin are likely to use the gathering to continue rallying international support against U.S. national missile defense plans.

President Clinton's announcement last week that he would leave it to the next administration to decide whether and when to deploy such a system will certainly be welcomed by many leaders who have criticized the U.S. plans as a threat to 30 years of arms con-



AP Photo
United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan rings the "Peace Bell" marking International Day of Peace and the opening of the U.N. Millennium Summit at the U.N. headquarters Tuesday. More than 150 heads of state and government are expected to attend the summit which begins today.

troil treaties.

But analysts have predicted that Jiang will use the summit — and a one-on-one meeting with Clinton — to pressure the United States to cancel the missile defense proposal altogether. Beijing fears that the anti-missile shields will render useless its growing arsenal of missiles and force China into a costly arms race.

Jiang, however, will have his own controversies to deal with as

members of the Falun Gong spiritual movement stage continuous demonstrations against the Chinese leader for Beijing's crackdown on the sect — part of the 91 demonstrations planned this week.

About 400 Falun Gong members, some of them wearing T-shirts that read "Stop persecuting Falun Gong" held their meditation exercises Tuesday morning outside the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, where Jiang was hosting a breakfast

meeting with American media executives.

"We're trying to rally Americans to try to do something to help us," protester Gail Rachlin said.

Other protests have been leveled against Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, including a demonstration Tuesday outside Iran's U.N. mission by a coalition of Jewish groups protesting the prison sentences handed down to 10 Iranian Jews convicted of espionage.

Khatami, who has tried to reach out to the Iranian-Jewish community here, presided Tuesday over a pre-summit roundtable discussion attended by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other heads of state on forging a "dialogue among civilizations" to promote world peace.

Annan said the presence of Albright at Khatami's event was a good signal that a rapprochement between the United States and Iran was moving forward — "Let's say the ice is being broken," — but

National Security Adviser Sandy Berger quickly said Clinton had no plans to meet with Khatami during the summit.

Clinton does, however, have meetings planned on the U.N. sidelines with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to try to relaunch Mideast peace talks. Berger, though, said Tuesday he saw little chance for a peace agreement to emerge.

At a press conference to inaugurate the summit, Annan also tempered expectations that the summit would magically cure the world's ills. And he stressed that if leaders don't implement the pledges they make in a summit declaration expected to be adopted on Friday, nothing will change.

The declaration vows to halve the proportion of people who live on less than a dollar a day and to reverse the spread of AIDS while seeking a more just distribution of the benefits of globalization to the world's poor.

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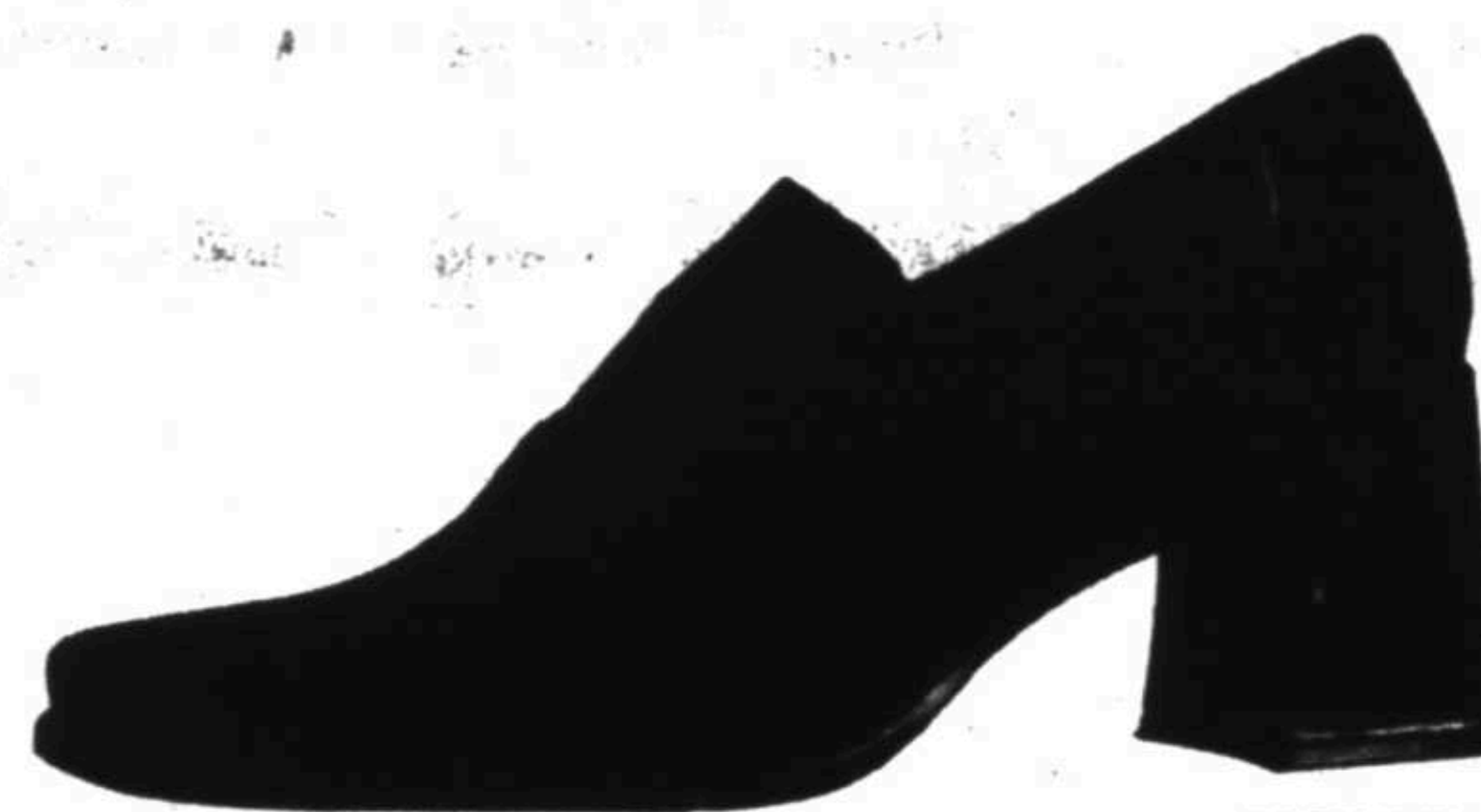
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Deaths/2B

Groups forming to oppose MISD bond issue

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Thirty-one days from now, the Midland Independent School District will ask voters to approve a \$72.2 million renovation and expansion project at its two high schools.

Leading the charge in support of the bond is Our Kids, Our Schools, Our Future (OK), a bond advocacy group, which has been promoting the referendum with speeches, brochures and general over-all support.

"Those of us who know the great need, always dreamed that 100 percent of the people would get up, race to the polls and vote yes," said Joan Baskin, OK co-chairwoman, in response to the fact that several groups are organizing in opposition to the bond issue. "However, as a realist, I know there are always people who are against things."

Joe Dominey, another bond supporter, said, "His-

torically, any time an issue that would result in a tax increase has been presented, there has always been an opposition. I think people ventilate their displeasure over school district policy or actions by the administration or a classroom teacher that didn't respond the way a parent hoped. All those get translated into a negative position on the bond issue." There are currently three different groups against the bond issue.

Bond opponents meet at the Ground Floor
Saturday a group of Midlanders met downtown at the Ground Floor, a local coffee house, to discuss options regarding opposing the bond.

"My concerns are that with declining population, declining school enrollment, a declining tax base,

the increasing cost of living, including the increased cost of utilities, gas and some food items and in view of the current obligated bond debt we have in this community, this is not the time to spend this kind of money," said John Nute, who owns the Ground Floor and organized Saturday's meeting.

According to Nute, about 18 interested Midlanders attended the meeting, including political noteworthies such as County Commissioner Louisa Valencia and past State Representative Frank Cahoon. The group, after discussing the issue, decided to join forces with other more organized and stronger opposition groups.

Two of those groups also have met in recent weeks and are planning on further meetings later this week.

Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility
Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility is planning a press conference Thursday at 4 p.m. at the corner of Fairgrounds Road and Loop 250, the proposed

site of the new Midland High School. CFR is a political action committee that has been in existence for several years and has fought against previous elections aimed at raising taxes.

Cahoon, Midland's state representative from 1964-68 and a former Midland city councilman, is currently serving on the executive committee of CFR and is opposing the bond issue from the stance that MISD is ill-prepared for the future.

"In my mind, what's occurred here is that I don't see a real plan that makes a lot of sense. So what I believe MISD needs is a five-year plan for both capital spending and a five-year plan to bring test scores up and I believe the person who should be in charge of that plan is the new superintendent," Cahoon said.

The former state representative said MISD has not planned how it will move San Jacinto Junior High to the current Midland High School campus. Please see **BOND/3B**

Promoting math reading



Jane Rambo reads one of her books to first-graders at Bush Elementary Tuesday afternoon. The students are, from left, Jordyn Willis, Kathy Venegas, Oran Davis and Colton Latham.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

MISD employee authors two reading in mathematics books

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

One employee of the Midland Independent School District can now add author to her resume. Jane Rambo, MISD's director of reading, in collaboration with her aunt, Shirley Tucker, recently published two books for young children — "Odd and Even Numbers" and "Looking at Shapes."

At first glance, it might seem odd that MISD's top reading expert and advocate would choose math as a topic for publication, but the end product actually had a natural progression.

Several years ago, Ms. Rambo was principal at Burnett Elementary and had concerns over her students' math scores on the Texas Academic Assessment and Skills test. The concern manifested through

conversations with her aunt, who holds a doctorate in mathematics. The two discussed the problem and eventually constructed a mathematics training program for teachers and presented that training at MISD.

The work paid dividends and Burnett's math scores on the TAAS went from 57 percent passing to 87 percent passing and Ms. Rambo was left with a curiosity for the subject.

"In the meantime I have really watched what's published for kids who are learning to read in mathematics," Ms. Rambo said.

While looking for such books, Ms. Rambo was browsing the tables of Capstone Curriculum Publishing at the International Reading Association Conference two years ago. She didn't find what she was looking for and she and the Capstone representative

began talking about the lack of such books. He asked Ms. Rambo if she knew anyone who wrote such books. She didn't, but the conversation led in the right direction and Ms. Rambo soon found herself a prospective author.

The books were published in March, and offer help in an area not frequently covered in print — understanding the need for reading in mathematics.

According to Ms. Tucker, TAAS math questions require a combination of reading skills and computation skills. "Usually, you have to retrieve some sort of information to come up with the problem itself," Ms. Tucker said.

"A child has to be able to read very strategically to be able to read a math story problem," Ms. Ram-

Please see **RAMBO/6B**

Lawsuit against Sheriff Painter goes for review

Local man sues Painter, courthouse for alleged violation of his civil rights.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Thomas David Gipson federal civil lawsuit in which Gipson alleged that his constitutional rights were violated at a Midland County Courthouse security checkpoint has been referred to U.S. Magistrate Judge Stuart Platt of Midland for review.

After the review, which was ordered by U.S. District Court Judge Royal Furguson in whose court the case was filed on Aug. 14, Platt is to make a recommendation to Furguson on adjudicating the case.

Gipson, who had filed the lawsuit against Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter and others, including courthouse security Lt. Benny Matlock, had been asked by security personnel to surrender his pocketknife before entering deeper into the courthouse.

He declined. The Midland County Commissioners' Court, in an attempt to ensure a safe courthouse, last year had determined that weapons and sharp objects that could be used as weapons would not be allowed into the courthouse. The pocketknife is among the listed weapons.

Law enforcement officers, on or off regular duty, may carry their sidearms and other weapons into the courthouse. Matlock noted, since law-enforcement officers are considered "on duty" at all times.

Gipson, who had been summoned to the courthouse for jury duty, declined to secure his pocketknife and left the courthouse. He did not report for jury duty, according to the District Clerk's Office.

The courthouse's two checkpoints provide lock boxes for visitors to secure objects deemed a possible weapon, including razors.

In explaining his lawsuit, Gipson said that the U.S. "Constitution says people should be free of unreasonable searches and seizures" and that "you cannot be deprived of property without due process."

Gipson said that he does "believe in the operation of the law and that the courts are the place where matters of law and questions of the law are to be settled peacefully."

Former Midland woman indicted in insurance investment scheme

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

A Midland County grand jury has returned 12 indictments for alleged violations of the Texas Securities Act and money laundering against a former Midland woman, Sherry W. Keisling, and an Oklahoma man, H. Bradley Bertrand.

Allegedly, they fraudulently were selling certificates of viaticated insurance benefits, certificates by which a person dying of a terminal illness, such as cancer or AIDS, would sell his or her life insurance policy at substantial discount of the face value, according to State Securities Board (SSB) Commissioner Denise Voigt Crawford of Austin.

In turn, the buyer of the policy would pick up the premiums and would collect the full face value of the policy at death of the original policyholder.

The "viator," which is the term of the terminally ill person selling his or her insurance policy, may receive between 50 to 85 percent of the policy's face value, according to The Medical Escrow Society, a viatical-settlement broker.

Operating the business Cornerstone Financial in Midland, Ms. Keisling, 50, allegedly sold \$1.5 million in certificates of viaticated insurance benefits to residents of Midland, Odessa and Big Spring.

"We are alleging that what happened here is that the (life insurance) policies

were never even purchased, Ms. Crawford said. "These policies that were backing up the notes that were never even purchased."

The viaticated insurance benefits were issued by Financial Federated Titled & Trust, Inc., of Florida and American Benefits Services, Inc., of Lake Worth, Fla., according to the SSB. Financial Federated Title & Trust collapsed in September 1999, the SSC said, after the principals were charged in Florida with money laundering and federal fraud. Nationwide, more than \$115 million in viaticated benefit certificates have been sold to investors.

The SSB alleged that Bertrand participated in the scheme through Cornerstone

Financial Agency Inc. of Blanchard, Okla.

Ms. Keisling and Bertrand allegedly were operating an illegitimate scheme of selling unregistered securities and selling securities without being registered as securities dealers or salesmen, according to SSB in Austin.

Ms. Crawford said that she was "extremely pleased" that Midland County District Attorney Al Schorre "took this case because there was a lot of damage done. The DA there has just been terrific. There were real damages here. There was a broad range of investors."

"It's such a sad situation because so many times in these types of viaticable investment, the public is falsely assured that it is a safe investment because it is

insurance," Ms. Crawford said. "But, unfortunately, the promises that are made are only as good as the promoters who are making them. We had a full-blown investigation."

The term "viatic" comes from the Latin term "viaticum," which translates to "traveling provisions" or "provisions for a long journey," according to reference sources.

Of the Ms. Keisling-Bertrand-type scheme, Ms. Crawford noted that "just because it is insurance doesn't mean that it is necessarily going to pay off."

"Basically, they (Ms. Keisling and Bertrand) were telling their investors that it was perfectly safe because it was insur-

Please see **SCHEME/2B**

Biology teacher so immersed in onion genetics, peers wonder if he 'has a life'

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

There's an old disparaging joke about teachers that goes, "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach."

That just doesn't hold true for one local professor at Midland College, who not only teaches biology but lives it, practices it and based on his current project, might even cry over it.

MC biology teacher Paul Mangum, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in biology, is currently working on his doctorate in agronomy. As part of his work to receive that doctorate, Mangum is attempting to genetically engineer an onion that will live and grow in the harsh agriculture condi-

tions of the South Plains, and still taste good enough to eat.

"We are trying to figure out, with my work, why we can't make a certain cross with two species of onions," said Mangum, who does his research at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

For the past 35 years, scientists have attempted to cross the two species of onion, with no success. The first onion in the desired union is Allium cepa, which is the kind of onion you buy in the supermarket in red, yellow and white varieties. The second is Allium fistulosum, an onion popular in Asia. "It (Allium fistulosum) doesn't taste very good, but it's very drought resistant and very cold resistant," Mangum said.

Please see **BIOLOGY/3B**



Paul Mangum lectures in his micro biology class at Midland College Friday morning.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Area briefs

Leadership Midland

Leadership Midland has extended the deadline for applications for enrollment in its program, a nine-month curriculum designed to familiarize potential community leaders with the workings of the city. The deadline date is Sept. 15.

Sponsored by the Midland Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Midland College, Leadership Midland gives participants an opportunity to tour civic, educational, medical, cultural and social service facilities in Midland. In addition, class members participate

with current Midland leaders in discussions about the future needs of the city. An overnight retreat has been added as the mandatory first session in late October. Upon graduation, participants are encouraged to become active volunteers in Midland organizations.

Approximately 45 participants will be selected. Cost of the program is \$475, with companies often paying their employee's tuition.

Those interested in applying for the program may pick up forms at the Midland Chamber of Commerce, 109 N. Main. For more information, contact Dawn Webster, 683-3381.

Today's Agenda

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Maricopa, third floor conference room.

Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

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

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

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

Helping Hands, board meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at 1301 Brinson (former Eagles Building, behind Rogers Ford). Anyone interested in volunteering as a caseworker or to work in the thrift store, is invited to attend. Call 520-8900 for more information.

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

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G St., 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726; or

699-5563.

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

Midland Health and Welfare Association, noon, Westwood Medical Center.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, club activity building, 200 Plaza St.

Midland Country Club Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m.

Eagles Permian Aerie No. 2982, 8 p.m., Brinson Lane.

Midland Genealogical Society Volunteers, available 1-4 p.m., Midland County Library.

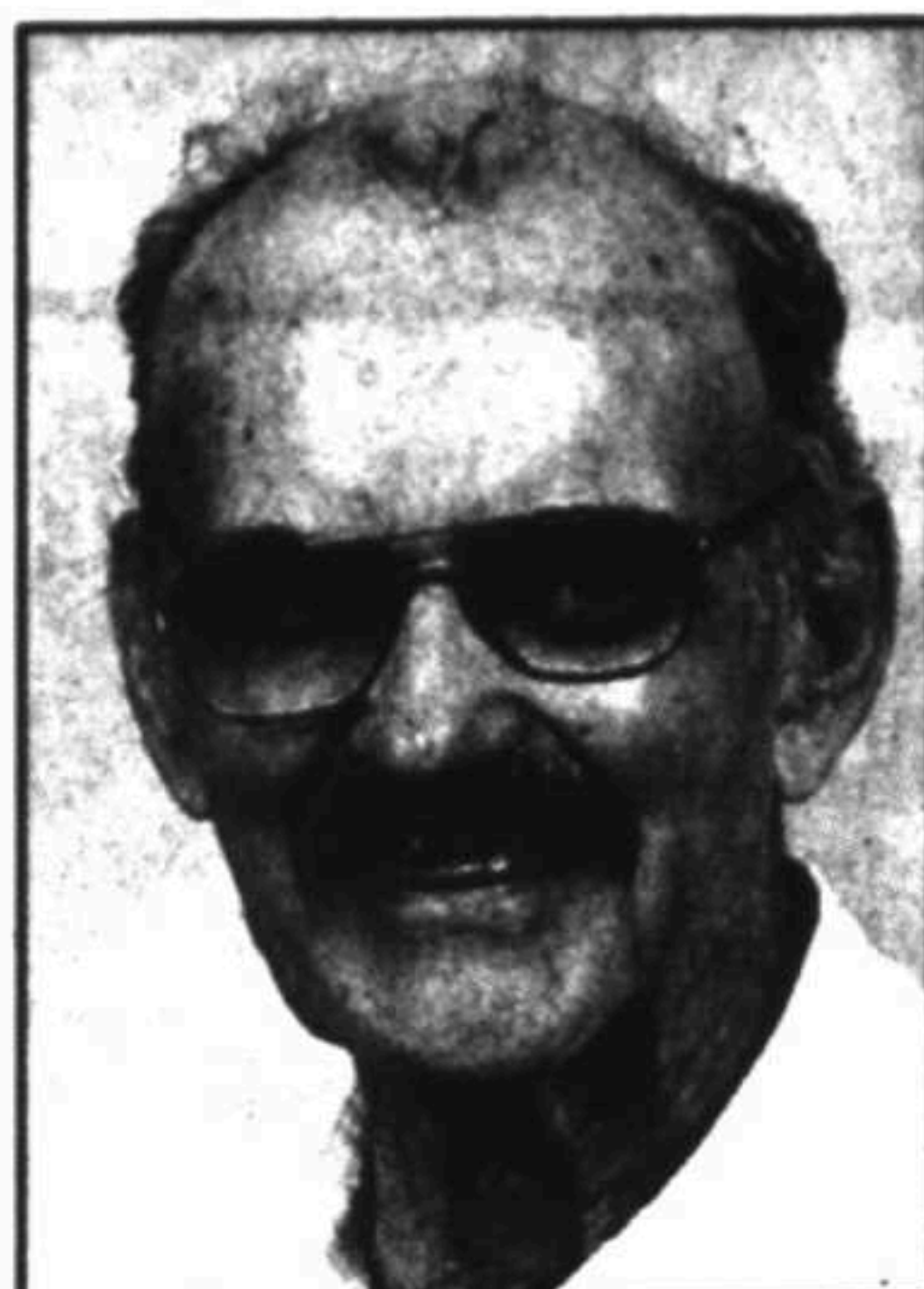
Daybreak Rotary Club, 7 a.m., Hilton Midland and Towers. For more information, call Bob Rice at 563-1000.

Sex Addicts Anonymous-Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 682-4461.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary, 8 p.m., 1406 E. Taylor St.

OBITUARIES



James Stegall

James D. Stegall, 78, of San Angelo, passed away Sunday, September 3, 2000, at a local hospital.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 6, 2000, at the Christian Faith Center with Rev. Todd Nelson and Rev. Larry McCormick of St. Luke United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Miles Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

James was born May 17, 1922 in Friendship, Texas, to Enoch and Maudie Stegall. James married Thelma Jo Prosser in February 14, 1946 in San Angelo. He worked as an Air Conditioning/Heating Sheet Metal Mechanic for 25 years and was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Enoch and Maudie Stegall.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Jo Prosser Stegall of San Angelo; a son, Jimmy Stegall of San Angelo; four daughters, Shirley Stegall of Midland, Pat Armstrong of Stanford, Lessley Moseley of Brownwood, and Stephanie Kobel of Rowlett; two brothers, E.M. Stegall, Jr. of Miles and Preston Stegall of Midland; a sister, Ruby Duffy of Lubbock; nine grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.



Edna Barton

Edna G. Barton was born March 31, 1917 in Ponder, Texas to Tyra C. Hunt and Flora M. (Childers) Hunt. She was reared and educated in Plainview, Texas. On December 23, 1934, she married Fred D. Barton in Plainview, Texas.

Ms. Barton died Monday, September 4, 2000, at a local nursing home.

Services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, August 7, at Kaster-Maxon-Futrell Funeral Home in El Paso, Texas with Reverend Danny Moon, grandson, of First Baptist Church in Redondo Beach, California, officiating. Interment will follow in Restlawn Cemetery. Local arrangements were made at Ellis Funeral Home.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Fred D. Barton; her father, Tyra C. Hunt; and her mother, Flora Hunt. She is survived by her two daughters, Minnie M. Moon of Midland, Texas, and Carolyn R. Clower of Albuquerque, New Mexico; her son, David L. Barton of Odessa, Texas; her sister, Martha L. Loyd of Colorado Springs, Colorado; her 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.



Ruth Hoyt

Ruth Decorah Masters Hoyt was born January 26, 1914 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She attended public schools and graduated from high school. She attended almost two years of junior college in Chicago.

Moving to Joliet, Illinois, she became interested in textiles and learning the arts of weaving and knitting. She studied with outstanding instructors, who were of juried quality. Soon she started teaching and designing for her own students, who took it many steps beyond. She taught them the intricacies of working with cashmere, leather, silk, mohair, metallics and other exotic threads and yarns.

Mrs. Hoyt worked for Marshall Field and Co. in the auditing and bookkeeping departments, and later, on the selling floor. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt retired to Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1973, becoming active in Riverside Country Club, the Boys Club of America, of which she was on the Board, and was chairman of the Ways and Means Project for several years. She was a member of the Woman's Club of Carlsbad and held various positions during the 15 years they lived there. The Downtown Lions Auxiliary assisted the Lions with their Eye Bank and Hearing Clinic and many other projects where they could use their assistance.

Mr. Hoyt was chairman of the Chicago Chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for two years. After moving to Midland in 1987, he passed away September, 1994.

Mrs. Hoyt died Sunday, September 3, 2000, at a local hospital. Services have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 7, at Manor Park Chapel with Dr. Larry Ashlock officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702; to the charity of your choice; or to your church.

DEATH NOTICES

Rudolfo Zarate Jr.

Rudolfo Zarate Jr., 18, died Monday, Sept. 4, in San Antonio.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Wilhelm officiating. A Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 at Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born March 9, 1982 in Midland.

He was a lifetime Midlander. He was of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rudolfo Zarate Sr.; and his grandfather, Anastacio Pena.

Survivors include his mother, Candy Alma Pena Garza; his stepfather, Lupe Garza; two sisters, Teresa Zarate and Sandra Ramos; and his grandparents, Lupe Pena, and Pablo and Trini Zarate.

Bob Hazlewood

STANTON — Bob Hazlewood, 83, died Monday, Sept. 4, at his residence.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Belvue Church of Christ with Phil Geeck and Tom Craiker officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born June 14, 1917 in Cisco.

He lived in Big Spring several years before moving to Martin County in 1951. He farmed until retiring in 1991. He was a member of Belvue Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by six sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Joni Lu Jones Hazlewood of Stanton; two daughters, Robbie G.

Curry of Greenwood and Pamela McCampbell of Stanton; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79701; or Belvue Church of Christ, P.O. Box 575, Stanton, TX 79782.

Ruby Barfield

PECOS — Ruby Nelle Barfield, 81, died Monday, Sept. 4, at a Midland hospital.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in the Pecos Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. L.H. Woodard officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Evergreen Cemetery.

She was born March 4, 1919 in Canadian.

She was a homemaker.

She moved to Pecos in 1951. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John O. Barfield; and a daughter, Barbara Nelle Fonville.

Survivors include a son, John Barfield of Garden City.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pecos Senior Citizen or the American Lung Association.

Samuel Long Jr.

SAN ANGELO — Samuel S. Long Jr., 82, died Monday, Sept. 4 in a local hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. Graveside service will follow at Fairmount Cemetery under direction of Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo. Visitation will be any time today

and Thursday at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1917 in Russellville, Ky. He graduated from Irvine High School in 1936 and Eastern Kentucky State University in 1941 with a bachelor's of science in mathematics. He did graduate work in management at the University of Kentucky, the University of Michigan, Southern Methodist University and Angelo State University.

He taught at Estill County (Kentucky) High School. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked for General Telephone (later GTE), and was named operating vice president of General Telephone of Kentucky in 1956. In 1958 he was transferred to San Angelo. He was in the Telephone Pioneers and organized 40 Pioneers clubs. He was inducted into the Texas Telephone Hall of Fame in 1985.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Stephen Long.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine of San Angelo; a son, Larry Long of Midland; a daughter, Brenda Fry of San Angelo; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; and five step-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to West Texas Boys Ranch or other charity.

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SCHEME: Former Midlander indicted

(From 1B)

ance," Ms. Crawford noted. The legitimate viatical-settlement idea, however, is "a good concept when someone has terminal cancer or other really mortal disease," Ms. Crawford said. The practice gained prevalence due the rise of AIDS — acquired immune deficiency syndrome — in the 1980s.

In explaining how the concept works, Ms. Crawford offered his scenario: "Let's say we had an individual who had AIDS and that person had a life-insurance policy of, maybe, \$100,000. Instead of having the policy pay the beneficiary at the time of that AIDS patient's death, the AIDS patient would sell the policy to a company at a discounted amount, and get his or her 'cash up front.'"

In the Ms. Keisling-Bertrand case, the SSB is "alleging that the policies weren't even bought and that the investors were misled. They were leading investors to

believe that they were using investors to purchase these policies at a discounted amount and then the investors would reap the benefits. It is an area that is ripe for fraud."

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BOND: MISD to vote Tuesday on increase to property taxes

(From 1B)

what will be done with San Jacinto if the junior high is moved to Midland High School or how any of those projects will be funded. He added that the current tax situation is another example of no planning.

MISD is set to vote Tuesday to increase local property taxes by seven cents per \$100 valuation. The bond election, if successful, would increase taxes another 13 cents per \$100 valuation. "If MISD would put out a long-term plan then you would get a better feel for the taxes we are going to immediately vote on then the new taxes, then a possibility of another bond issue that would have to be passed very quickly to take care of the needs of Midland High School (the current building) and San Jacinto," Cahoon said, adding that as it is voters have no clear understanding where the district is headed after the passage of the bond.

Former Midland Mayor Ernest Angelo is also basing his opposition on the lack of a definitive plan.

"At this point, the only planning that's gone on in this effort is the hiring of some excellent architects to come up with some very nice plans of some schools. Beyond that, there doesn't appear to me to be any long-range planning for the school district as a whole," said Angelo, who is serving on the CFR committee. Angelo was mayor of Midland from 1972 until 1980 and served as the Republican national committeeman from Texas from 1976-96.

Mark Kimball, another CFR representative opposing the bond, had several concerns about the bond. He said he is concerned that MISD has not been responsible with its resources and that

he is concerned about the increase in taxes. Successful passage of the bond issue and Tuesday's proposed tax increase, would make three years of MISD tax increases, totaling 30 cents. The district raised taxes six cents two years ago, four cents last year and is proposing a seven cent tax increase this year. The bond is estimated to raise taxes another 13 cents.

"I don't think they've been particularly thrifty with their dollars and I don't think they've done a good job of building exemplary schools (in the area of academics)," Kimball said.

Kimball also felt that the bond should be opposed because of the location of the new Midland High School and because the district should wait until after a new superintendent is hired. His position on the location is based on the safety factor of having high school students driving on Loop 250 four times a day.

■ South Midland parents

From a completely different perspective of opposition, outgoing County Commissioner Louisa Valencia has publicly stated that she will fight against the bond issue because the board voted not to include a new elementary school in south Midland.

That perspective coupled with upset over the district's dismantling of the cluster system, is the platform of another opposition group. Parents in south Midland are coming together against the bond issue and are currently fighting the battle by encouraging Hispanics to register to vote and vote against the bond.

"We are encouraging our people to vote no," Elidia Padilla, a south Midland parent, said, adding that the concern of south Midland parents is not the tax increase but how it will be spent. "The tax money is going so oth-

er children can have schools, yet our tax money is not going to be used for the well-being of our children. I have no problem paying taxes, but it's the misuse and that they are not treating everybody equally."

Ms. Padilla added that south Midland parents are campaigning against the bond because MISD, despite extreme public outcry, chose to bus students from south Midland but allowed most other Midland children to attend their neighborhood schools.

"We want to be heard. Our young children are important. They are just as important as any place in the city," said Ms. Padilla.

Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility President Woody Woodside said his group represents about 100 members at present. Ms. Padilla would not reveal how many people are involved in their crusade. Neither group had identified a plan about how they would campaign, other than to hold press conferences, meetings and encourage Midlanders to register and to vote.

CFR is holding a press conference Thursday at 4 p.m. at Fairgrounds Road and Loop 250.

■ OK Response

As for bond supporters' opinions of the opposition and their stance, "I don't think it's a large group, but I think it's one that does not look kindly on bond issues," Ms. Baskin said.

Dominey added, "I don't see how anyone could oppose this issue. I can't imagine a motive that doesn't boil down to pure selfishness. To me, if we don't provide for our children, we are not thinking about others, not thinking about the future of our community."

BIOLOGY: Most produce is the result of genetic breeding for specific traits

(From 1B)

If the two can be successfully crossed, the product would be an onion that tastes as good as current supermarket varieties but could grow in the arid climate around Lubbock and be resistant to the early cold spells seen north of Midland.

So far, however, traditional methods of cross-breeding plants has not been successful. Enter Mangum, who is attempting to take genetic traits from one plant and directly implant them into the other — genetic engineering.

"I've got a pretty good hypothesis why it's difficult to achieve the crossing and I've actually got some onions at Texas Tech where I've achieved the transfer of the traits over. But, it's very difficult and very tricky to do," Mangum said, adding that it could be another 10 years before he'll see any of his onions lining the produce bins. "Now that I have this onion, it still doesn't taste very good. I have to grow up a crop and find those closer to tasting good. We've still got a lot of work to do."

Genetically engineering the onions, however, is much faster than cross breeding. On the other hand, it's much more controversial.

According to Mangum, European countries and Japan are strictly against genetically engineered crops and have gone so far as not to accept them from the United States. Other groups argue that genetically engineered crops could be damaging to the natural ecosystem.

For instance, one product now on the market is BT corn, which has been engineered to be resistant to damaging insects. The corn is the result of taking a gene from a bacteria that produces a chemical toxic to insects.

"They've got it out there that the Monarch caterpillar can eat that toxin and be killed. The Monarch people have really taken this as sort of a charge against genetically modified organisms," Mangum said. "I personally feel they've done some tricky science to prove their point. It may be an issue, but it's not as big an issue as they make it out to be."

Besides, Mangum said, the purpose of BT corn and its cousins like BT cotton are to reduce the amount of pesticides being sprayed. He said the spraying of pesticide, the alternative to pest resistant crops, has a bigger impact on the ecosystem.

Another concern over genetically engineered crops is the effect it can have on humans. Some years ago, scientists engineered a soybean with more nutrients than it naturally has by transferring a gene from a Brazil nut. The cross was successful, but more was transferred than expect-

ed. "It turns out some people are allergic to Brazil nuts. Were they to eat this soybean, they could have had an allergic reaction and it could have led to shock," Mangum said. "Now, do we have to put on packages, 'This product is modified' to have this gene?"

The answer is, yes, that could be the future. However, Mangum said, currently the only place in the supermarket, where consumers don't have to read product labels is in the produce department. Additionally, most produce in the supermarket today is the result of genetic breeding for specific traits.

Despite any controversy, genetically engineered crops could have more of a positive impact on society than a negative. For instance, a Swiss scientist, Ingo Potrykus, has developed a variety of rice which is fortified with beta carotene. The idea is to provide Third World countries, who already produce large quantities of rice, the ability to grow a more nutritious variety.

Likewise, Mangum said, there are scientists currently working on producing produce that provides vaccinations through food. "The idea is, instead of producing crops that are resistant to bugs, why not make a banana you can

eat and get your vaccine to chicken pox. It's easier to administer than a shot in the rear," Mangum said, adding that there already is a potato that's been developed to confer a resistance to diarrhea.

That potato is the clinical trial phase now. The one problem remaining, is that the potato has to be eaten raw for the vaccine to work. They're still working on how to get the vaccine across through a French fry.

"I love talking about these things in biology class. It really gets the kids interested in understanding biology," Mangum said.

He added, that such conversations help students realize the practical applications of biology. Rick Gunter, a sophomore biology major, agrees that Mangum makes the classes interesting. "He's one of my favorite teachers on campus," Gunter said. "He uses the latest technology in his presentations and I like that."

Mangum also is admired by his peers. Tomas Hernandez, a biology instructor at MC who started in 1995, the same year Mangum did, said the professor is driven when it comes to genetics. "I often wonder if he has a life. He really is driven on the subject of genetics," Hernandez said.

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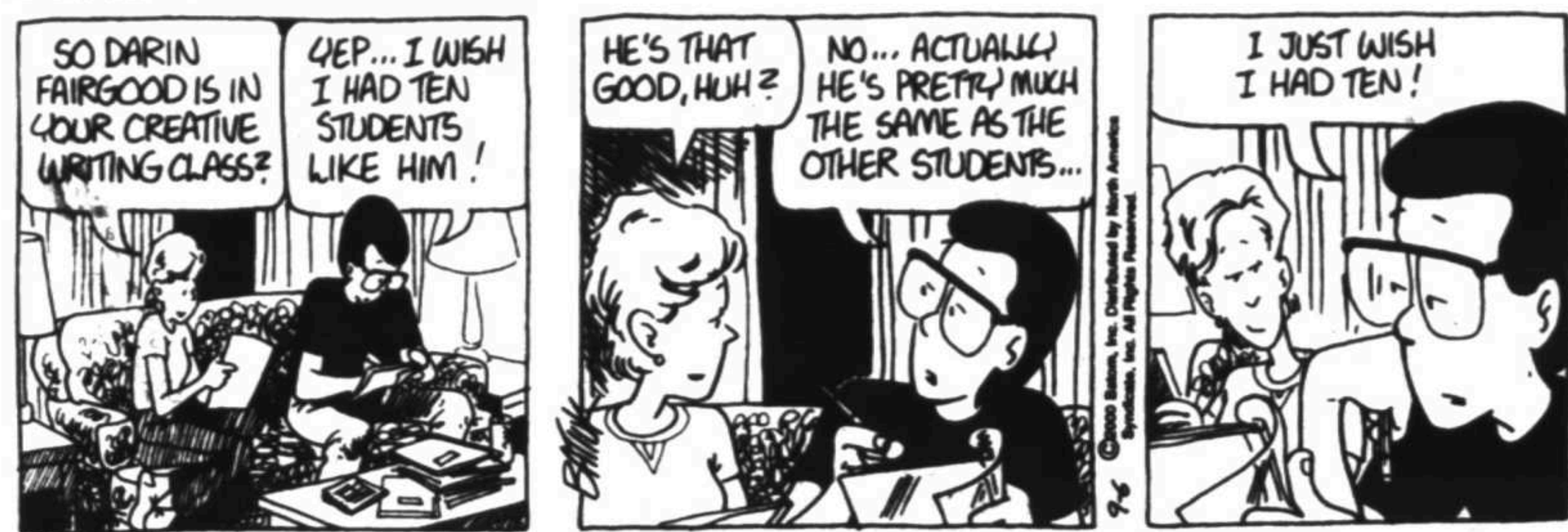
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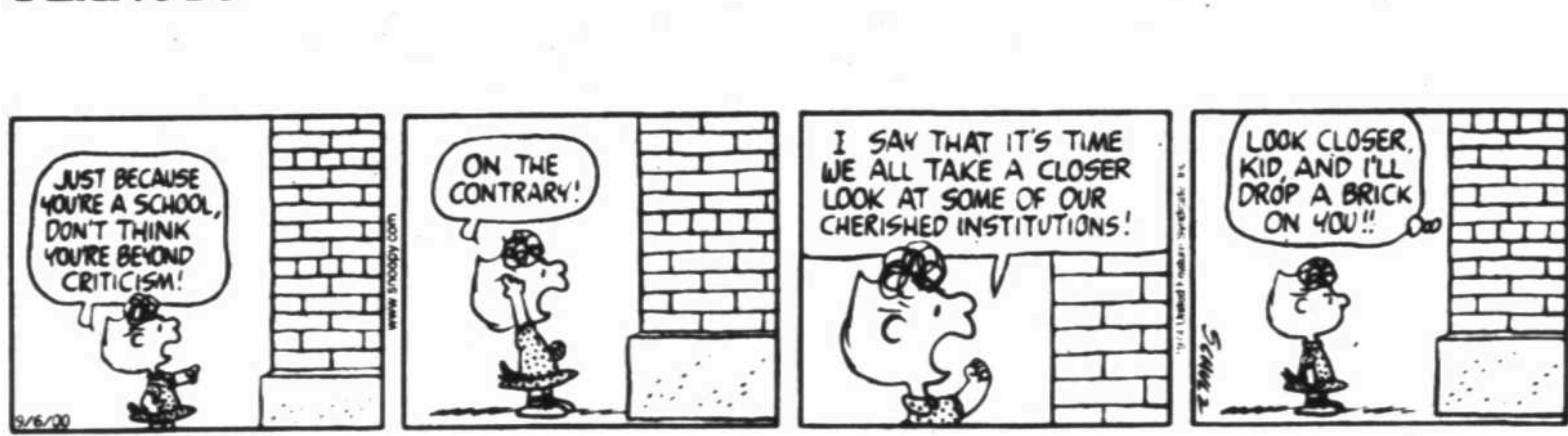
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Your creativity pops out of bed with you this morning. Nothing that figures into your day is unmanageable. Make calls and seek out the experts about a question. Take action as the day wears on. Tonight: Work late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Continue working closely with another who sometimes knows how to anger you. You find that this person challenges you. Use this ability to strengthen ideas. Everyone, including you, needs a devil's advocate. Another wants to help you and has only good intentions. Express your caring loud and clear. Tonight: Rent a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others clamor around you. You might need to halt all the attention, as you must focus on work. Make key calls. Networking increases your success. Evaluate an important decision that takes you in a new direction. You could be nervous about the outcome. Stay upbeat. Tonight: Talk to your best friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Dig into work. Don't be surprised by a need to spend more than you anticipate. Extremes surround communication. If another plays coy or comes on too strong, look again. You have a way with words, which others recognize. Ask for what you want. Network. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Direct your energy, and you'll succeed at nearly any task. Your creativity pitches in. Schedule time with a child or loved one. You could easily become embroiled in an intense financial discussion. Be aware of limits you set for yourself. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Another pushes you until you flare. A disagreement might be difficult to bypass. Stay on top of choices. You might not agree with someone or with his approach. On some level, you might be venting anger that has built up elsewhere. Stop. Use your creativity when facing a challenge. You clear a problem easily. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Not everyone concurs with your actions. Your focus continues to be your goals and success. Work with friends. Network and extend yourself to others. Another proves to be provocative; perhaps you have misunderstood him. Check out what is really happening here. Go within and center. Tonight: Quiet at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Spending continues to be a necessity professionally. You could be overwhelmed by recent activity. A friend means well but adds fuel to the fire. Don't listen; stay focused on your objectives. Your sense of humor emerges with a friend or loved one. See how silly a disagreement is. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** News charges your energy, but you could be a lit fuse ready to go off. Use care when dealing with a stressful associate or boss. You won't be able to take away your words once you speak them. Emphasize the positive in a business venture. Explore office gossip but don't take it as being written in stone. Tonight: Pay bills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Another might push you very hard. Understand that this person has expectations, which make him demanding. Discussions must be behind closed doors. Your irritation comes out when seeking solutions. Don't worry about a return call. Give yourself time and space. Your energy soars as the day closes. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** An associate could surprise you. Apparently this person isn't willing to sit and wait for others to react. Don't count on getting what you want right now. A check that is in the mail might not show up for a while. Check on it. Take your time making a decision. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You are in the limelight. Others look to you for answers. Pace yourself, and you'll achieve your long-term goals. You inadvertently push a boss. He could find you aggressive. Confusion surrounds others. Verify communication and messages. You gain by being overly careful. Tonight: Find a friend for midweek fun.

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The race does not always go to the swiftest. The one who prepares for all challenges often emerges victorious.

With a balanced 10 points and a five-card minor, there was no point to North probing for a suit contract. Instead, North chose the best spot immediately.

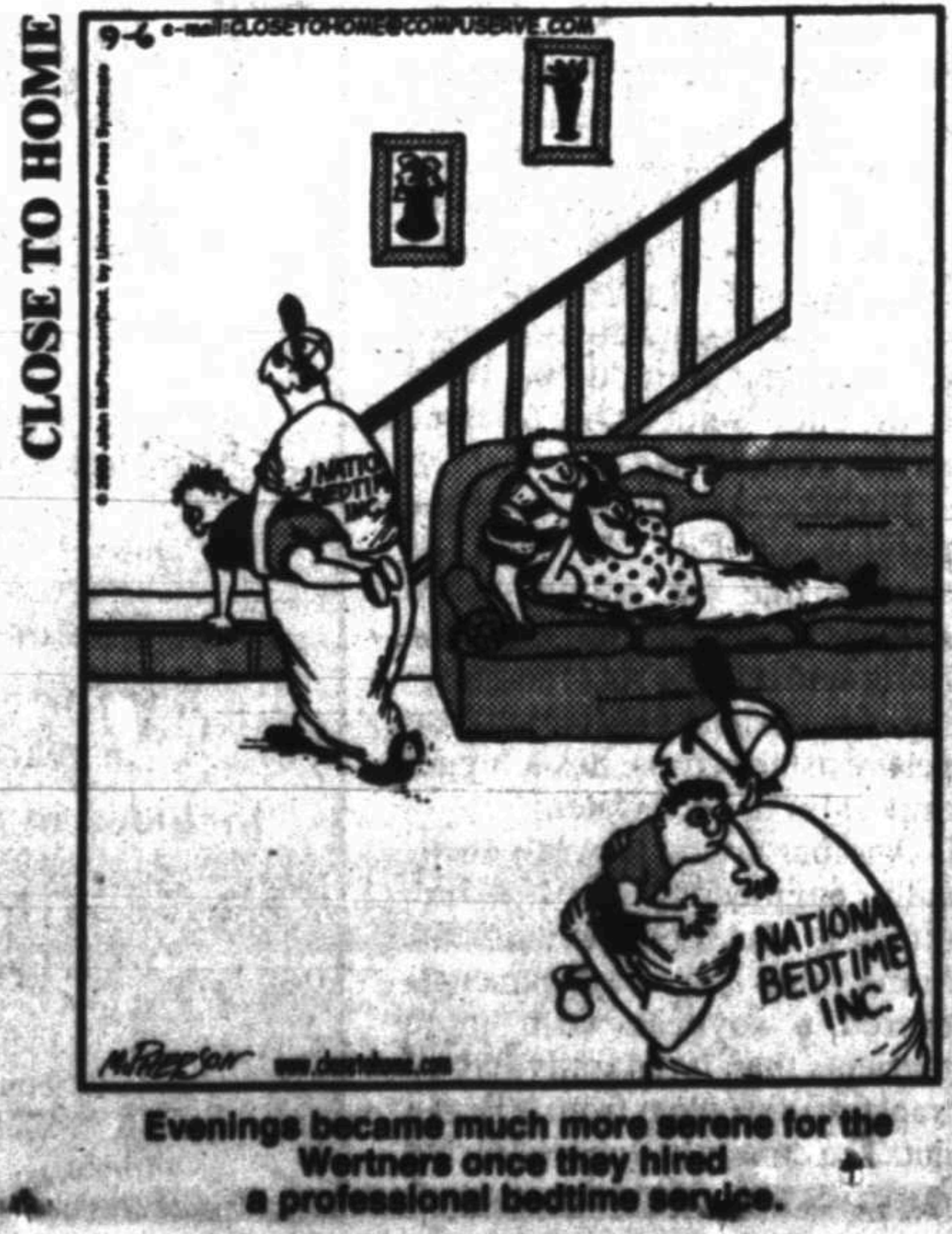
West led a fourth-best spade, giving declarer five fast tricks. Since it is well to prepare for the worst, declarer presumed the club finesse was going to fail, yielding only three more tricks in that suit. Therefore, a trick in hearts would have to be established to land the contract.

However, foresight is needed to make nine tricks. Suppose declarer wins the first

trick as cheaply as possible and takes the club finesse. East will win and return a spade, and the defenders will force out declarer's remaining stopper in the suit. Now when South tries to set up a heart trick, West can grab the ace and collect enough spade tricks to defeat the game one trick.

Note the difference if South wins the first trick with the queen of spades and immediately leads the king of hearts. If West wins and reverts to

spades, declarer holds up the ace one round and wins the third round of the suit. Now declarer can take the club finesse in complete safety. If it wins, there are 11 tricks available. If it loses, either East will be out of spades or else the suit will break 4-4. No matter which, declarer has at least nine tricks. And should West hold up the ace of hearts, declarer simply abandons the suit and goes after clubs to assure the game.



POLICE REPORTS

Crime of the Week

Police are asking for the public's help in solving a rash of pranks. According to Sgt. Bill Anderson, thieves have been stealing tailgates of off-pickups in the Midland area.

The thieves seem to be targeting Chevrolet pickups.

Although they seem to work at night, and have vandalized at least four trucks in the past six months, the latest incident occurred in broad daylight on Aug. 25, around 3 p.m. Thieves stole the tailgate off of a white Chevrolet pickup truck parked in the parking lot at 4500 N. Midkiff near the Sears store.

Anderson said, "Someone would have had to see the thieves acting suspiciously. It would take several minutes to remove a tailgate."

If you have any information regarding these thefts or any other felony crimes, call Midland Crime stop-

pers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-LOCK-UP. Callers will remain anonymous, and no caller ID is ever used.

Odessa fatality

In what authorities are calling industrial accident, an unnamed man was killed Tuesday in Odessa. According to Sgt. Carl Rogers of the Ector County Sheriff, the fatal accident occurred at 1:45 p.m. at a construction site at 2200 E. I-20 at the Ector/Odessa power project. The 42-year-old man, who was employed at the site, was taken by ambulance to Medical Center Hospital. He was pronounced dead at 2:15 p.m.

Although an autopsy has been ordered, there is no indication of foul play, Rogers said. The Sheriff's Office did not release details about the accident. They did not release the man's name or pending notification of the next of kin.

Suspect arrested in bathtub killings

ARLINGTON (AP) — Police arrested a suspect Tuesday in the unsolved bathtub murders of two teachers and two sexual assaults that have eluded investigators for years.

Capitol murder charges were filed against Dale Devon Scheanette, a suspect in the slayings of Wendie Prescott and Christine Vu, two teachers who were slain months apart in 1996 at the same apartment complex in southwest Arlington.

Both women were found dead, naked and face down in a partial-

ly filled bathtub. Prescott was found murdered on Christmas Day in 1996, three months after Vu's murder in the same Arlington apartment complex. Both had been strangled and beaten.

Scheanette, 27, of Arlington, was arrested at his home on a capital murder warrant for both killings. He remained jailed late Tuesday with no bond set, according to Arlington jail supervisor Sgt. Tony Folkers.

He was identified from a fingerprint obtained during an Austin burglary. Using an FBI computer

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bo added. "To determine what information is critical to solving that problem and what information is superfluous."

The books Ms. Rambo and Ms. Tucker wrote are beginners books aimed at preschool children up to first grade.

"They're kind of concept books, just to get the kids thinking about the structure and looking at the vocabulary of mathematics," Ms. Tucker said.

Despite the literary success, neither woman had any plans to leave their day jobs and didn't expect to see any great royalty checks.

"They're not going to make the best seller list," Ms. Rambo said.

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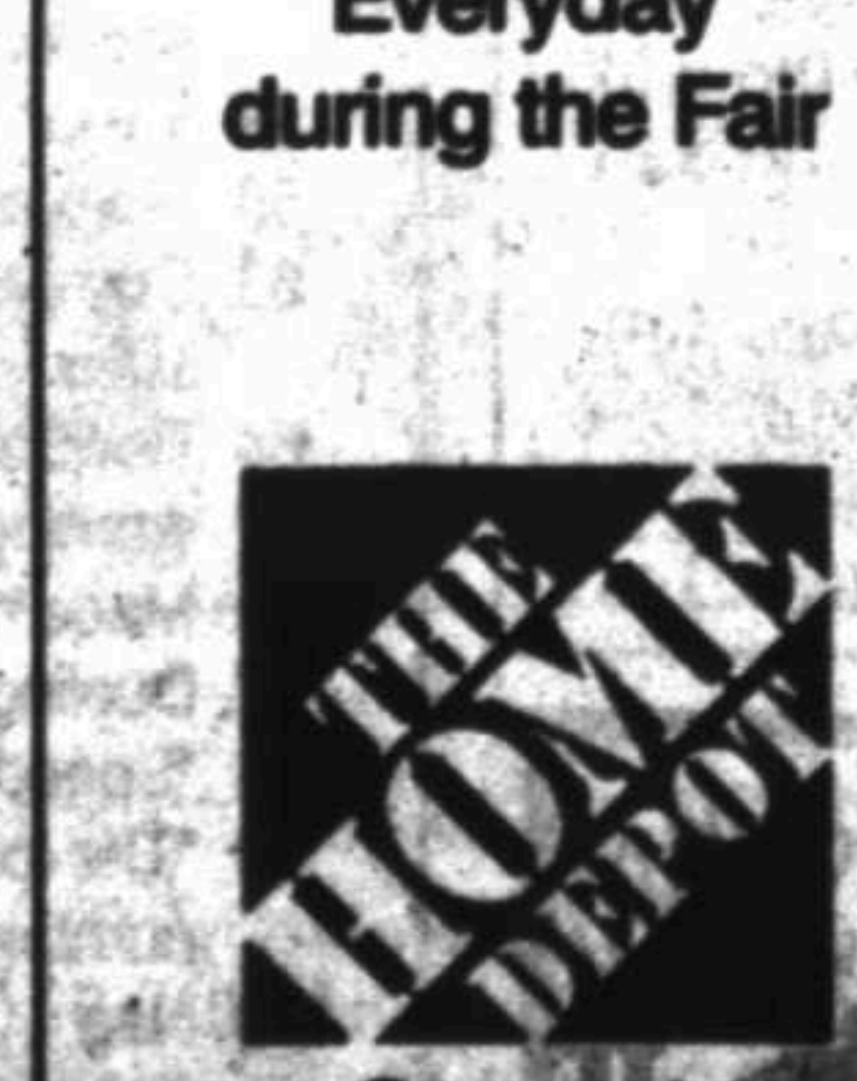
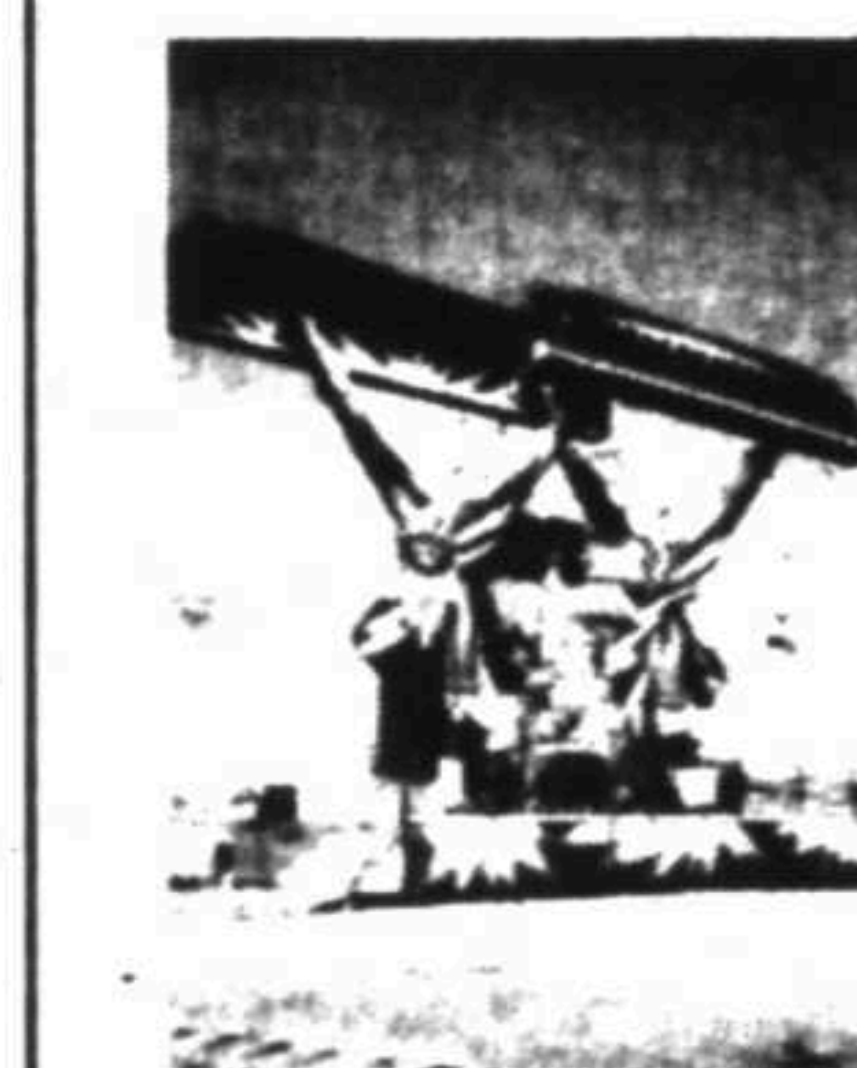
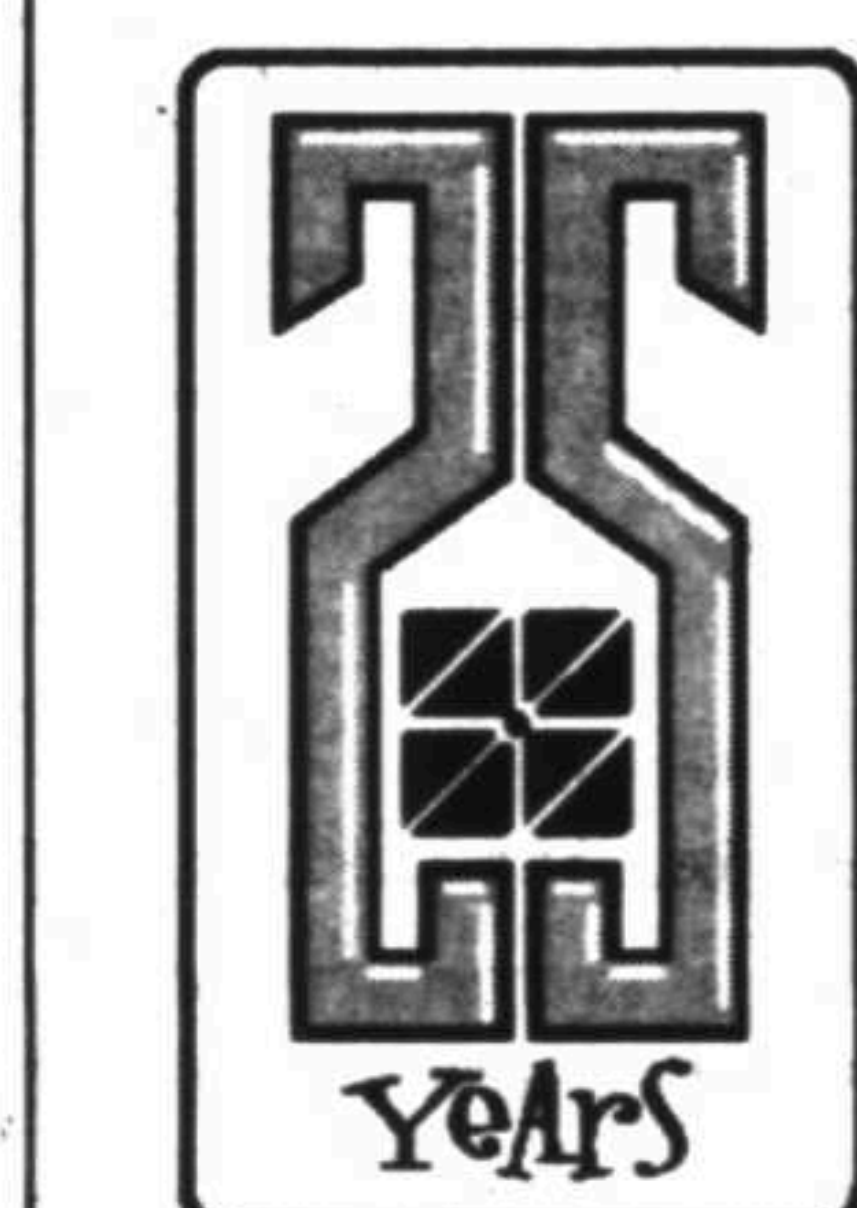
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Friday, September 8

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5:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo Opens
5:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live
6:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live
6:30-8:30-10:30 p.m. - West Texas Roughriders
6:30-8:30 p.m. - Buck Trout's Puppet Theatre
7:00 p.m. - CBS 7 Ronald McDonald on Stage
7:00 p.m. - Pedal Power Tractors
7:00-9:00-11:00 p.m. - Cowboy Poets, Musicians & Storytellers
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Chris Chitsey - Festival Stage
7:30-9:30 p.m. - Kachunga and the Alligator Show
8:00-10:00 p.m. - Brilliant - Main Tent
8:00-10:00 p.m. - The Human Cannonball
8:00 p.m. - Bull Ride
10:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live

Saturday, September 9

10:00 a.m.-Midnight

8:00 a.m. - Market Goat Show
8:00 a.m. - U.S. Taekwon-Do Region 4 Championship
10:00 a.m. - Petting Zoo Opens
10:00 a.m. - Team Penning
12:00-3:00-5:00-7:00-9:00-11:00 p.m. - Cowboy Poets, Musicians and Storytellers
1:00 p.m. - CBS 7 Ronald McDonald on Stage
1:00 p.m. - PHS Jazz Band
2:00 p.m. - Pedal Power Tractors
2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30-10:30 p.m. - West Texas Roughriders
2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30 p.m. - Buck Trout's Puppet Theatre
3:00 p.m. - OHS Jazz Band
3:00-7:00-9:00 p.m. - Kachunga and the Alligator Show
3:30-7:30-9:30 p.m. - Chris Chitsey - Festival Stage
4:00-8:00-10:00 p.m. - The Human Cannonball
6:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live
7:00 p.m. - CBS 7 Ronald McDonald on Stage
7:00 p.m. - Miss Permian Basin Fair & Exposition Scholarship Pageant
8:00 p.m. - Bull Ride
10:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live

Sunday, September 10

10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. - Heller Show - Followed with Steer Show
10:00 a.m. - Lamb Show
1:00-3:00-5:00-7:00-9:00 p.m. - Cowboy Poets, Musicians and Storytellers
1:00 p.m. - CBS 7 Ronald McDonald on Stage
2:00 p.m. - Pedal Power Tractors
2:00 p.m. - PHS Salsa Strings
2:00 p.m. - Cheerfest - Bldg. E
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2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30 p.m. - Buck Trout's Puppet Theatre
3:00-6:00-8:00 p.m. - Chris Chitsey - Festival Stage
3:00 p.m. - Little Miss or Mr. Permian Basin Fair & Exposition Pageant
3:30-6:30-8:30 p.m. - Kachunga and the Alligator Show
4:00-8:00-10:00 p.m. - The Human Cannonball

Monday, September 11

5 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo Opens
5:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News Live Report & Weather
5:00 p.m. - Pedal Power Tractors
6:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News Live Report & Weather
6:30-8:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Day
6:30-8:30 p.m. - Buck Trout's Puppet Theatre
6:30-8:30 p.m. - West Texas Roughriders
7:00 p.m. - Cowboy Symposium - Odessa Jr. High Schools
7:00-9:00 p.m. - The Bears Den
7:00-9:00 p.m. - P&M Karaoke - Festival Stage
7:00 p.m. - CBS 7 Performance by Various West Texas Musicians
7:30-9:30 p.m. - The Human Cannonball
7:30 p.m. - Barrel Race

Tuesday, September 12

5 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo Opens
5:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News Live Report & Weather
5:00 p.m. - Pedal Power Tractors
6:00-8:00 p.m. - Relay Race & Relay Race - Festival Stage
6:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News Live Report & Weather
6:30-8:30 p.m. - West Texas Roughriders
6:30-8:30 p.m. - Buck Trout's Puppet Theatre
7:00 p.m. - CBS 7 Performance by Various West Texas Musicians
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Cowboy Symposium - Odessa Jr. High Schools
7:00-9:00 p.m. - The Bears Den
7:00-9:00 p.m. - P&M Karaoke - Festival Stage
7:00 p.m. - CBS 7 Performance by Various West Texas Musicians
7:30-9:30 p.m. - The Human Cannonball
7:30 p.m. - Barrel Race

Wednesday, September 13

5 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo Opens
5:00 p.m. - Pedal Power Tractors
5:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News Live Report & Weather
5:00 p.m. - Sheep Dog Trials
6:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News Live Report & Weather
6:30-8:30 p.m. - Buck Trout's Puppet Theatre
6:30-8:30 p.m. - West Texas Roughriders
7:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Cowboy Symposium - Square & Round Dance
7:00 p.m. - CBS 7 Performance by Various West Texas Musicians
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Wayway Inka - Festival Stage
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Fever - Main Tent
7:00-9:00 p.m. - The Bears Den
7:30-9:30 p.m. - The Human Cannonball

Thursday, September 14

5 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo Opens
5:00 p.m. - Pedal Power Tractors
5:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News Live Report & Weather
5:00 p.m. - Sheep Dog Trials
6:00 p.m. - Boer Goat Show
6:00-7:00-9:00 p.m. - The Bears Den
6:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News Live Report & Weather
6:30-8:30 p.m. - Buck Trout's Puppet Theatre
6:30-8:30 p.m. - West Texas Roughriders
7:00-9:00-11:00 p.m. - "Probable Cause" in concert
7:00 p.m. - CBS 7 - True Life Christian Fellowship Gospel Choir of Midland
7:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Cowboy Symposium - Cowboy Poets, Musicians and Storytellers
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Fever - Main Tent
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Cleo - Festival Stage
7:30-9:30 p.m. - The Human Cannonball

Friday, September 15

5 p.m.-Midnight

9:00 a.m. - Santa Gertrudis Show
9:00 a.m. - Breeding Sheep Show
9:00 p.m. - Pedal Power Tractors
9:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo Opens
9:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live
9:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live
9:00 p.m. - Canine Olympics
6:00-7:30-9:00-10:00 p.m. - The Bears Den
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Buck Trout's Puppet Theatre
6:30-8:30-10:30 p.m. - West Texas Roughriders
7:00 p.m. - CBS 7 - Special Guest Performance
7:00-9:00-11:00 p.m. - Cowboy Symposium - Cowboy Poets, Musicians and Storytellers
7:00-9:30 p.m. - Hotel California "A Salute to the Eagles" Festival Stage
7:00-9:30 p.m. - The Human Cannonball
10:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live

Saturday, September 16

10:00 a.m.-Midnight

9:00 a.m. - USGA Golf Tournament Meet, Bldg. E
10:00 a.m. - Petting Zoo Opens
10:00 a.m. - Pig Show
10:00 a.m. - Poultry Show
11:00 a.m. - 3:00-5:00-7:00-9:00-11:00 p.m. - Cowboy Symposium - Cowboy Poets, Musicians and Storytellers
1:00 p.m. - Chucky Wilson Feed
1:30-3:00-5:00-7:00-9:00 p.m. - The Bears Den
2:00 p.m. - Pedal Power Tractors
2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30 p.m. - Buck Trout's Puppet Theatre
2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30-10:30 p.m. - West Texas Roughriders
3:00 p.m. - 4-H Fashion Show
3:00 p.m. - CBS 7 Local Band TBA
4:00-7:00-9:00 p.m. - The Human Cannonball
4:00-5:00-6:00 p.m. - Hotel California "A Salute to the Eagles" Festival Stage
5:00 p.m. - Relay Race
6:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live Report
7:00 p.m. - Talent Show
7:30 p.m. - CBS 7 Local Band TBA
9:00 p.m. - Revelers
10:00 p.m. - CBS 7 News - Live Report

Rebels: No swap of American for suspected guerrilla

By Jim Gomez
Associated Press

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — Muslim rebels holding an American hostage in a southern Philippine jungle refused Tuesday to exchange him for a suspected guerrilla.

Jeffrey Schilling, 24, of Oakland, Calif., ended a hunger strike and is being held in a heavily guarded bamboo hut, said a government envoy who visited the rebel camp. Schilling's legs are tied because he tried to escape, the envoy said.

On Monday, police said they had arrested a 73-year-old man suspected of belonging to the Abu Sayyaf rebels and accused him of taking part in kidnappings on Basilan island.

Rebel spokesman Abu Sabaya identified the man as his grandfather, but refused to swap him for Schilling, who was kidnapped Aug. 28.

The rebels will not release Schilling for "even 10, even 100 of my grandfathers," Sabaya told the Radio Mindanao Network.

The rebels, who say they are fighting to establish an Islamic state in the southern Philippines, have insisted that the arrested man, Ahmad Opa, be freed before they begin talks for Schilling's release.



AP Photo
Sulu Vice Governor Munib Estino gestures as he is interviewed by the media upon arrival here in Zamboanga, southern Philippines, Tuesday. Estino has been designated by the government to negotiate for the release of kidnapped American Jeffrey Schilling of Oakland, Calif.

Schilling, who became a Muslim in 1994, was taken hostage when he visited the Abu Sayyaf's camp on Jolo island, 580 miles south of Manila. The rebels seized him after he angered them in a debate about religion and politics, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Abu Sayyaf is holding six Europeans — four from a group abducted April 23 from a Malaysian diving resort and two French journalists — and 12 Filipino Christian evangelists who came to pray for the hostages in July.

Officials hope the six Europeans will be freed later this week after the return Tuesday of Libyan negotiator Rajab Azzarou, who is leading talks for their release. Libya reportedly paid \$6 million for last week's release of six other foreigners.

Schilling has been living in Zamboanga since March with a Muslim Filipino woman, Ivi Osani. The couple married several months ago.

Osani, Sabaya's second cousin and the widow of a rebel killed in fighting several years ago, said she and Schilling were invited by Sabaya to visit the Abu Sayyaf camp.

On Monday, the rebels rejected the government's choice of a local official to negotiate for Schilling's freedom and demanded a national government official instead.

Government officials refused to replace negotiators.

"It is not for them to determine who the negotiators for the government are going to be," said presidential executive secretary

Ronaldo Zamora. "If they don't want to negotiate, then there will be no negotiations."

Zamora said Schilling was apparently responsible for his own capture.

"Unlike the European hostages who were taken by force without their consent in another country and brought to the Philippines, Schilling walked into the Abu Sayyaf camp. We don't really have to do anything about it," he told the government radio station.

The Abu Sayyaf faction which abducted Schilling also kidnapped about 50 children and teachers on Basilan in March.

Two teachers were beheaded after the United States ignored the group's demand for the release of Arab terrorists held in U.S. jails. The faction also killed a Catholic priest.

The group has not announced its demands for Schilling's release, although Sabaya privately demanded \$10 million last week, negotiators said.

Judges, doctors, parents wrestle with ethical dilemma of surgically separating Siamese twins

LONDON (AP) — Jodie may live, but only if Mary dies. Doctors want to operate, but the parents prefer to trust the will of God.

Thus, the fate of Siamese twins from Eastern Europe is in the hands of doctors and appeals court judges, who are struggling with the ethical issues.

Speaking of Mary, the twin whose less-developed body depends on her sister for oxygenated blood, Lord Justice Henry Brooke asked Tuesday: "What is this creature in the eyes of the law?"

A lawyer appointed to represent Jodie argued that "there are no best interests in preserving what is unfortunately a futile life."

Jodie and Mary — false names used by the court to preserve the girls' privacy — were born Aug. 8 at St. Mary's Hospital in Manchester and are joined at their lower abdomens. Mary's brain and body are less developed than Jodie's and the Manchester medical team says it is highly probable that if left unseparated, both twins will die within six months as Jodie's heart fails.

The parents, who have not been identified, are appealing the Aug. 25 decision by a High Court judge to allow surgeons to separate the twins.

The girls' fate is in the hands of English law because the parents came here for the birth to give their daughters "the very best chance in the very best place," says their attorney, Simon Taylor.

Despite the compelling ethical issues, it has been a subdued case — one with no faces. The parents have not been photographed or interviewed, their home country has not been disclosed and the public has not seen pictures of the twins.

The appeals court, which has asked two specialists from London to travel to Manchester to review the case, granted permission Tuesday for additional scans if needed. The specialists are to report back at the end of the week.

The court, however, already is deep into the ethical conundrums of the case.

Judith Parker, a barrister appointed to represent Jodie's interests, said Jodie would have a good quality of life and the possibility of a normal life expectancy if she were severed from Mary.

"Jodie is expected to have a normal brain and is of normal intelligence," Parker said. "She might be able to go home two to three months after separation."

The doctor in charge of the twins was identified in court only as Dr. B. He said in court Monday that Mary, who once had been completely passive, now opens her right eye occasionally and had begun to suck, although she could not feed. Her brain was "extremely primitive," he said.

The hospital said it has been bombarded with protests from the public because of the doctors' determination to operate.

Taylor said the parents, who are Roman Catholics, had decided that they could not kill one daughter to allow the other to live.

"We came to England to give our babies the very best chance for life in the very best place," the parents said in a statement read in court Monday.

"Now things have gone very badly wrong and we find ourselves in this very difficult situation. ... We believe that nature should take its course. If it's God's will that both our children should not survive then so be it."

The parents fear Jodie would suffer and require continuing special care that is not readily available to them, and they are concerned about local attitudes toward

disability, their lawyer said.

The judges asked whether Jodie and Mary should be regarded as "one life" in the legal sense — a concept that could clear the way for surgery to save Jodie. Taylor argued that the staff at St. Mary's considered the twins as separate individuals.

Lord Justice Alan Ward asked whether the child could be described as "a person in being," since she could not live indepen-

dently.

He suggested the parents could arguably be guilty of the manslaughter of Jodie if they did nothing — or guilty of the manslaughter of Mary if they consented to surgery.

Adrian Whitfield, an attorney representing Central Manchester Healthcare National Health Service Trust, which operates the hospital, argued that the law had to "balance the conflict of duty."

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Toronto festival — North America's premier movie showcase

The Associated Press

It started as a gathering for local film buffs with a low budget, a low profile and a celebrity guest list of fewer than a dozen people.

Twenty-five years later, the Toronto International Film Festival that opens Thursday has grown into North America's premier movie showcase, a launch pad for top Oscar contenders and a prime location for Hollywood to scout new talent.

By the time the 25th edition of the festival ends Sept. 16, about 400 celebrities will have rolled through town to talk up their latest movies, and some unknown filmmakers likely will walk away with distribution deals for their flicks.

Unlike many festivals, whose lineups skew toward lower-budget arthouse films, Toronto offers a mix of artsy little movies and big features from top studios. It's a popular destination for film fans, unlike gatherings such as Sundance or Cannes, whose audiences are largely industry types.

"It's such an eclectic film festival," said Mark Urman, co-president of Lions Gate, which is showing "Shadow of the Vampire," starring John Malkovich and Willem Dafoe, in Toronto. "You'll have big Hollywood movies, then you have non-narrative movies about lesbian junkies, black-and-white movies



AP Photo
Willem Dafoe is made-up as a vampire in the Lions Gate Films "Shadow of the Vampire," which spoofs the vampire film genre. The film is one of several to be screened at the Toronto International Film Festival, which celebrates its 25th year starting Thursday Sept. 7 and runs through Sept. 16.

and everything in between." The festival began in 1976 with a budget of about \$200,000 and about 100 films. This year's event has a \$7 million budget and will screen about 250 feature-length films.

The lineup includes "Men of Honor," with Robert De Niro and Cuba Gooding Jr.; Robert Altman's "Dr. T & the Women"; "Ducts," costarring Gwyneth Paltrow and directed by her father, Bruce; David Mamet's "State and Main"; and "Girlfight," "You Can Count on Me" and "Two Family House," top winners from last winter's Sundance festival.

Entertainment reporters and film buyers from around the

world now rub elbows with movie buffs at Toronto festival screenings.

"The big difference is it was a completely local event way back then," said festival director Piers Handling, who attended that first year as a movie fan. "It's turned from that into this international meeting ground for the industry."

The festival began catching

more industry scrutiny after "Chariots of Fire" had its North American premiere there in 1981 and went on to win the best-picture Oscar. Other notable 1980s films that brought attention to Toronto included "The Big Chill," "Paris, Texas" and the Coen brothers' first feature, "Blood Simple."

In the last 10 years, the festi-

val has helped launch "The Crying Game," "The Cider House Rules," "Life Is Beautiful" and "Leaving Las Vegas." In 1997,

Robert Duvall came to Toronto with his self-financed "The Apostle" and set off a bidding war among distributors.

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Cowboys waffle on Aikman's status, consider Cunningham

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The landmark star logo in front of the Dallas Cowboys practice facility was being dismantled Tuesday.



While that work was only for landscaping purposes, the concentration inside was putting the pieces back together for an offense with questions about

quarterback Troy Aikman's health and without big-play receiver Joey Galloway. The Cowboys hope to make a decision Wednesday on Aikman's playing status, but were approaching things as if Randall Cunningham would be this week's starter.

Coach Dave Campo said Aikman, who

Aikman wants to play

IRVING — Despite still suffering a headache and dizziness more than 48 hours after his ninth concussion, Troy Aikman is determined to keep playing football — maybe as soon as Sunday.

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was knocked out of the season-opening 41-14 loss to Philadelphia with the ninth concussion of his 12-year NFL career, was feeling better Tuesday. But he also indicated, without elaborating, that the quarterback still had some symptoms.

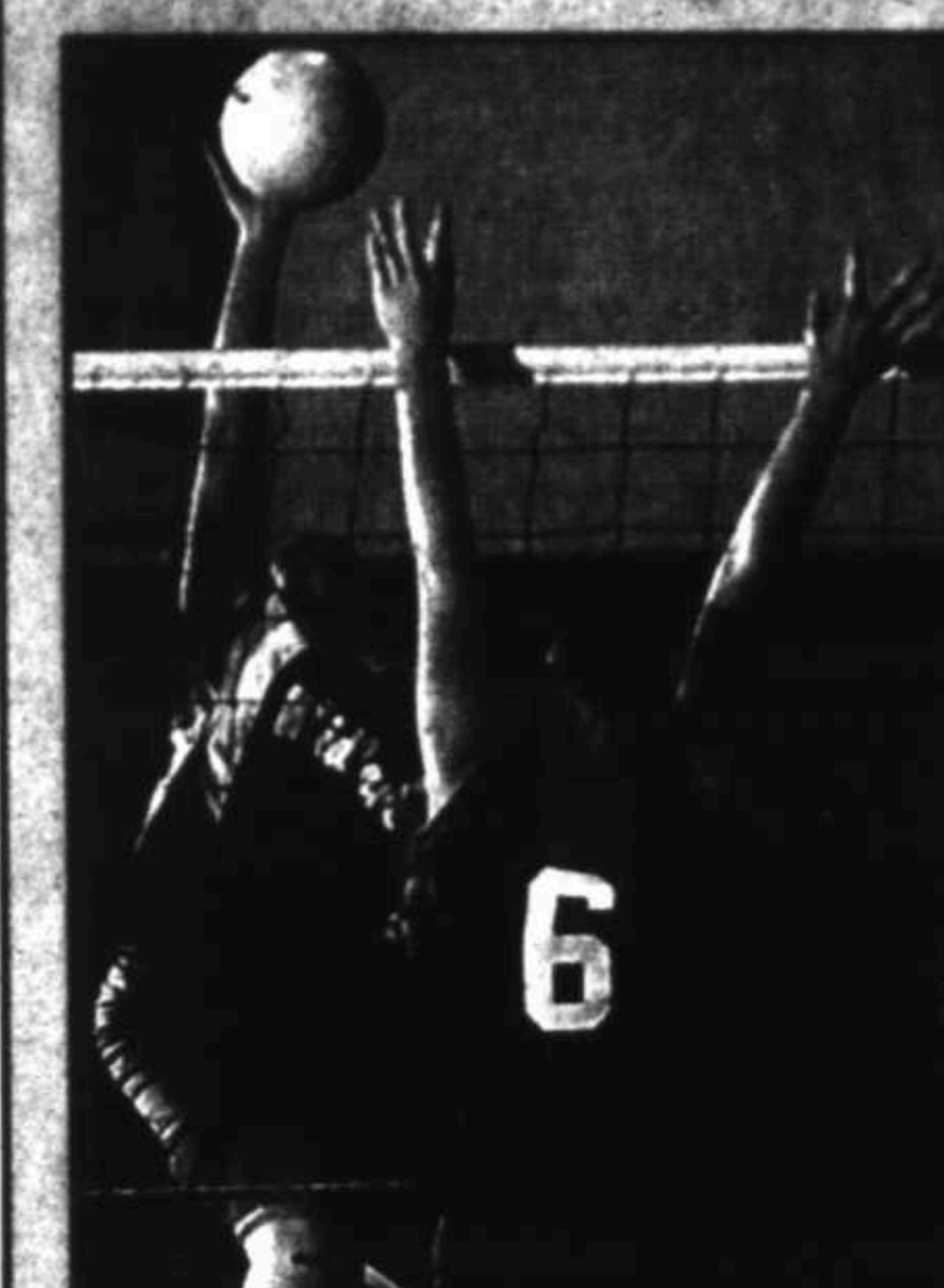
"I don't want to give any hopes of where he is at because it will be a day-to-day thing," Campo said. "But he feels very comfortable. He said he felt better than he had hoped to feel at this point."

There has been a decision made on replacing Galloway, the \$42 million receiver who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the closing minutes against Philadelphia. James McKnight, who missed all of last season with the same injury, will take his place in the starting lineup.

Aikman missed two games last season after sustaining two concussions in eight days. Campo said it was too early to say if Aikman would miss Sunday's game at Arizona, but also said the Cowboys were preparing as if he would. "We are certainly going about our business today as if Randall Cunningham is going

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Coming Thursday



Volleyball starts up

This week, District 4-5A volleyball schedule begins. In Midland, that means the annual cross-town battle to kick off loop play.

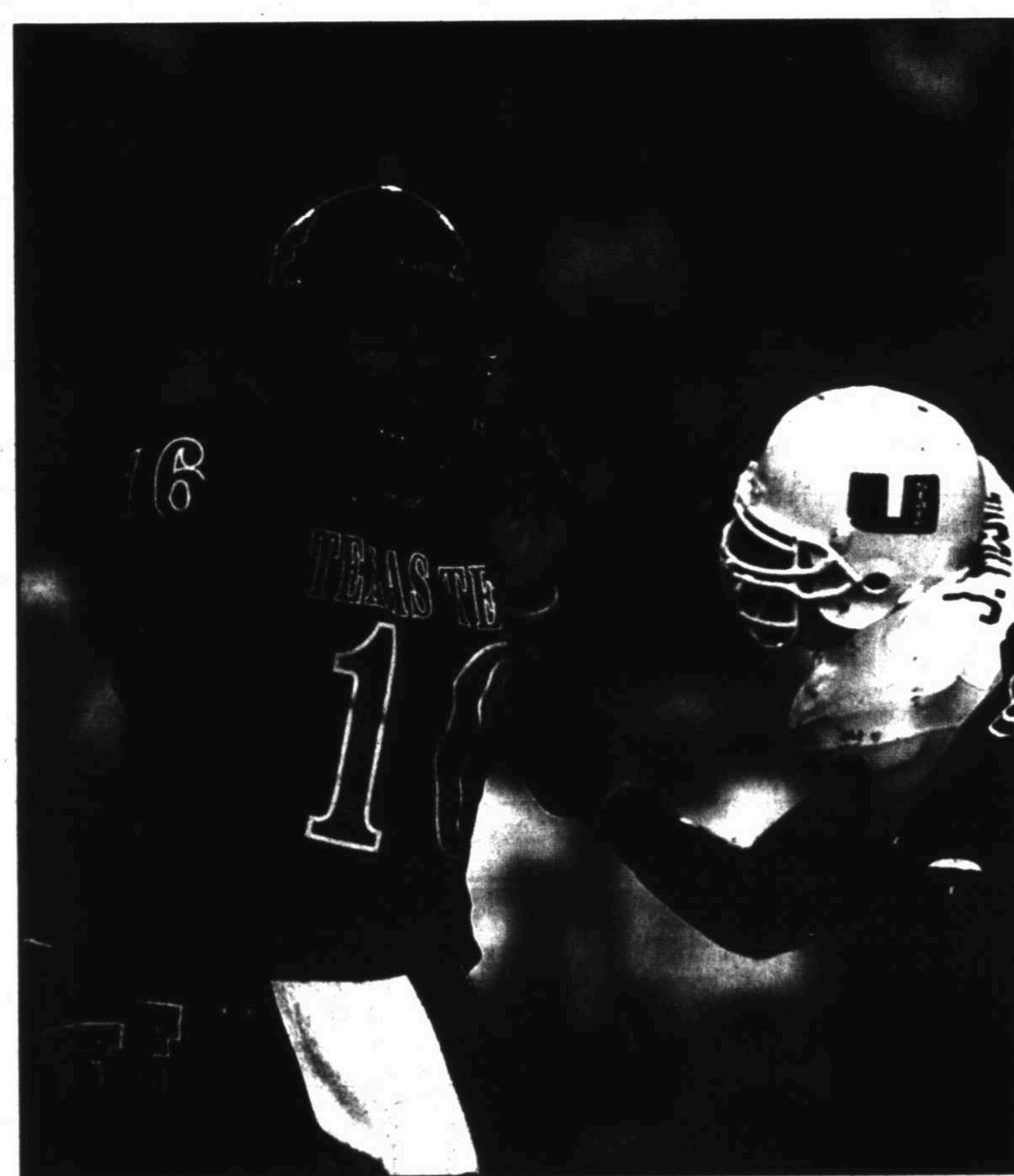
Thursday, Reporter-Telegram sports writer Jay Peden will take a look at the 2000 Lady Bulldogs and Lady Rebels and their prospects for the upcoming season.

The Lady Rebels are the two-time defending 4-5A champion. After a very successful non-district road, MHS has to be considered a favorite to end Lee's 4-5A run.

There will also be capsules on the area schools, including Midland Christian Greenwood and Trinity.

U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
Midland High's Becky Valdez (left) will lead the Lady Bulldogs into this weekend's game versus Lee.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL IN TEXAS



Sophomore Kliff Kingsbury is the trigger man for Mike Leach's pass-happy offense at Texas Tech. The Red Raiders are 2-0 this season and will go for win No. 3 versus North Texas.

Tech has its man

Red Raiders' QB Kingsbury fits team's new pass-happy offense

By Pam Easton
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Growing up the son of a high school football coach, Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury spent quite a few nights talking football over dinner and practicing afterward.

All that practice and extra-coaching is paying off for the sophomore quarterback, who in just two games has proven he's the perfect leader for new Texas Tech coach Mike Leach's pass-happy offense.

Kingsbury threw for a school-record 450 yards in a 38-16 victory over Utah State on Saturday. The yardage nearly tripled the 186 he had in the opener against New Mexico.

"I was really overthinking that first game," said Kingsbury, who said his overthinking caused him not to execute as well as he would have liked. "After that game, I was down. I didn't play well. I had to realize it's part of the game. You're not always going to have a good game, but I am pretty hard on myself."

His new coach was more forgiving. "He told me not to go out there and think, to go out and play," Kingsbury said. "I relaxed more this week and it worked."

The improvement was something that pleased both Leach and Kingsbury, who was surprised at how quickly his passing yards racked up.

"I think he's improved a lot, improved a whole

lot," Leach said. "More importantly, our whole offense improved."

"We had a tough day against New Mexico. We didn't protect him as well as we should have, didn't run routes as well as we should have and he didn't make some good decisions."

Next up for Kingsbury and the high-flying Red Raiders (2-0) is North Texas (0-1) on Saturday in Lubbock. Another big game for Kingsbury would be the perfect revenge for Tech's 21-14 loss to UNT last season.

The Eagles may be vulnerable, too. They allowed 207 yards passing last week to Baylor's Greg Cicero, who was making his first start since transferring from junior college.

For Kingsbury to be successful, others around him must have good games, too. The star against Utah State was freshman Carlos Francis, who caught seven passes for 234 yards and earned Big 12 offensive player of the week honors.

Running back Ricky Williams also caught seven passes and Shaud Williams had a team-best 10. Five other receivers caught at least two passes, which is sure to make defensive coordinators scream when they watch Tech game films.

"We're concentrating on running a little bit more and that's just going to make it harder on defenses," Kingsbury said.

With Leach's quick-trigger scheme, it seemed like only a matter of time until a Tech quarterback surpassed Billy Joe Tolliver's mark of 446 yards passing set in 1988. Still, two games is quite impressive.

Please see TECH/5C

Ags survey problems from opening defeat

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — It's "oops" time for the Texas Aggies.

They had a first down at the Notre Dame 3-yard line Saturday and didn't score a touchdown. Oops.

Chris Taylor dropped a pass that could have been a touchdown and given the Aggies control of the game in the third quarter. Oops.

Cornerback Jay Brooks didn't quite get the job done on two Irish touchdown passes that were keys in a 24-10

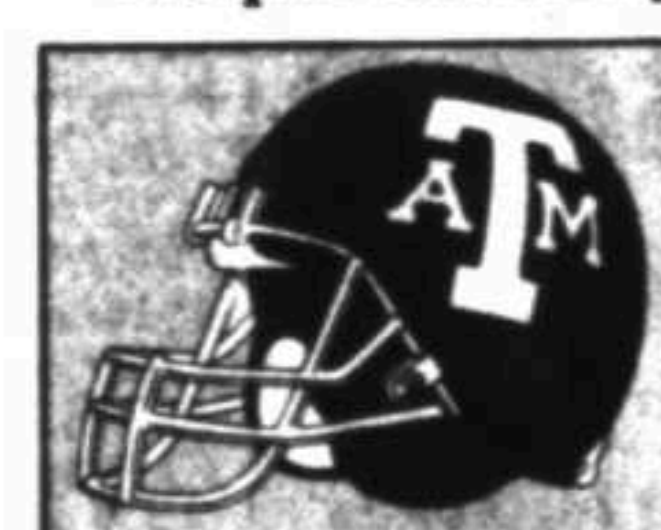
season opening loss for the Aggies.

Oops.

Despite the costly errors, the Aggies came away from the disappointing season opener with thoughts of 1998 when they lost their first game to Florida State and then reeled off 10 straight victories and won the Big 12 South title.

"We came back from that loss in

Please see AGS/4C



Mack Brown
... University of Texas football coach.

Brown delays making choice at quarterback

By Jimmy Burch
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

AUSTIN — In an effort to minimize distractions and prolong the evaluation process, Texas football coach Mack Brown said he does not plan to select a starting quarterback until minutes before Saturday's 11:30 a.m. kickoff against Louisiana-Lafayette. "We'll make the decision some time before game time and we probably won't tell anybody except the two quarterbacks. I don't think the team will know until they run out on the field," Brown

said Monday during a news conference. "There's absolutely no reason for me to do this" before Saturday.



Following a different course of action, Brown said, "would be disruptive to me and the players this week," because it would trigger more questions from the media.

Brown's decision to delay a decision on whether Chris Simms

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Stop cover boy Benson if you can, but at what cost?

You knew the answer even in the preseason, but now the defensive formula for one Cedric Benson has been laid out in black and white.

Victoria Memorial sold its defensive soul to the devil to stop Benson. Did it work? Well, there is where you might get an argument.

The fact says that Benson gained only 140 yards rushing. Guided by most running back standards, that's a pretty good total. Fact is that was the top rushing performance by any District 4-5A back on opening week.

But this is Cedric Benson. One hundred and forty yards is usually about one half of play for the state's cover boy. Even coach John Parchman realized that 140 yards was a paltry sum when thrown in the same sentence with Benson.

"He (Benson) is probably going to be disappointed with that number," Parchman said.

But consider all the Benson facts of this indoor battle with the Vipers: He carried only 14 times. Parchman has said that you could probably expect Benson to touch the ball some 20 times a



Williamson

game. He averaged 10.0 yards per carry, the same average he ended the season with in state championship year No. 2.

The third time he touched the ball in 2000, Benson cranked off a 52-yard touchdown run. He had another sure long distance touchdown called back by penalty.

So, if you stay with the facts, the devil's product wasn't nearly as attractive as you might expect. The final result still tells a Rebel story. It was, after all, 40-12 when they quit playing under the air conditioner in a sweltering San Antonio.

The first thing you notice when watching the 2000 Rebels is that quarterback Jon Rogers and fullback Clint McNutt have departed. But Benson is back. So, it makes a pretty good theory that if you stop Benson, you beat Lee.

Well, that part of the formula may be highly overrated. Few knew about junior fullback Jacoby Kendrick coming into this game. This was his first varsity contest after spending a year on the sophomore team a year ago.

Kendrick had never played in a high pressure high school poker game like the HEB Classic, but he was smart enough to see what was coming.

"Everybody is trying to stop Cedric," Kendrick said. "That makes my job easy. They weren't even looking at me."

The first time Kendrick touched the football he rinned off 54

yards and a score. He carried only four times in the game and scored three touchdowns.

While Memorial was dealing with the devil, Kendrick was having a field day. Not one finger touched him on his first carry up the middle. Kendrick didn't flinch. He has some speed, and left unchecked, he can do some damage. Just ask any Viper defender.

Could it be that Benson will end up being the fall guy for the younger Kendrick? Well, we really doubt that, but life is easy for Kendrick as long as defenses deal with the devil.

Benson, too, could benefit in the long run if Kendrick is ignored for long. Something will have to give down the road. When it does give, Benson is soaring back over 200 yards again. Actually, Benson could have easily had a 200-yard game in this opener. In fact, it was probably his own teammates that sold him down the Riverwalk.

Lee had two huge back-to-back punt returns, one of 42 yards and a touchdown by Jenard Lee and another of 50 yards by Pete Bryant to set up another easy Lee score. That actually robbed the Lee offense of two possessions and kept Benson on the bench.

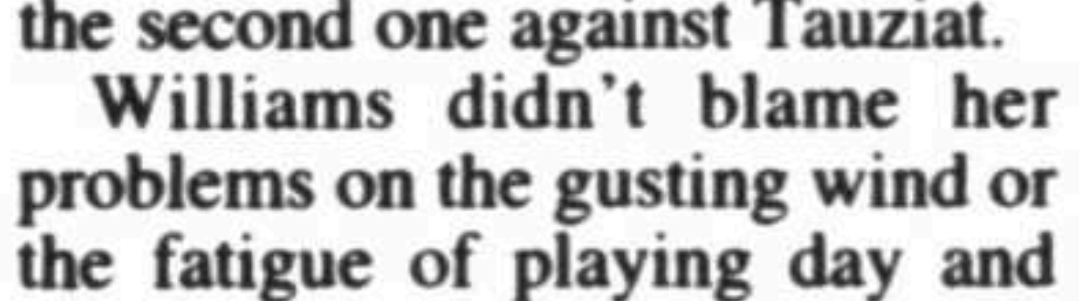
You can sell your soul against Lee, but don't expect to get your money back. This team still has some weapons.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

Rangers beat White Sox; Astros get win before 'small' crowd

Half the time, Williams also didn't know what was coming off



But when that moment of blind rage passed, Williams recovered her poise enough to break the tiring

Kiefer seemed unimpressed. The German, who has never lost a round-of-16 match in a Grand Slam tournament, took charge quickly. It was a reminder of the way he played at the start of the year, when he won 14 of his first 17 matches on all four hard courts.

The Rangers then loaded the bases on a bunt and two infield hits before Sirootka fanned Palmeiro.

Florida cut it to 8-2 in the fifth when Mark Kotsay hit an RBI double and scored on a fielding error by first baseman Jeff Bagwell.

Bagwell had an RBI single in the sixth, but Mike Lowell hit a two-run homer in the seventh and Kevin Millar homered in the eighth.

**Midland Christian Statistics
(combined from two matches)**
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NFL ROUNDUP

McNair ushers in new era

■ New owner of Houston's football team will christen team with new name and logo today.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The NFL's newest member, the Houston "Whatevers," have the framework of a new stadium beside the Astrodome. They have a scouting system with general manager Charlie Casserly pulling the strings.

And they have an owner who paid \$700 million to join the NFL ownership fraternity and bring professional football back to the state's largest city to replace the Oilers, who left after the 1996 season for Tennessee.

What they don't have is a

name. That will be rectified Wednesday when owner Bob McNair officially christens the NFL's 30th franchise after months of research with the league to come up with the most pleasing colors and logo.

A delegation of Houston's pro football past will be on hand for the ceremony, including former Oilers quarterback and assistant coach Don Trull.

"I'll still be an Oiler," Trull said. "Tennessee is not the Oilers. I'll embrace what was here, but the Oilers are no more."

He's supported the Tennessee Titans, "because of the people there that I know from the time I worked with the Oilers... but I guess if they ever play each other, I'd have to root for the Houston Whatevers."

They won't be the Whatevers much longer. McNair has a lav-

ish presentation ceremony planned for Wednesday with a downtown announcement accompanied by country music and Texas Southern University's Ocean of Soul Marching Band helping out.

Former NFL kicker Raul Allegre will begin the day with a ceremonial kickoff at noon CDT in the Astrodome, where the Oilers played. Former Oilers coach Bum Phillips also is expected to be among those helping McNair with the festivities.

A 100-yard section of downtown Texas Avenue will be closed down for the naming ceremony with a football field installed complete with goalposts.

"We'll finally have an identity," McNair said. "We'll no longer be the Houston Whatchamacallits."

'Monday Night Football' has strong regular-season debut

■ Miller's first regular season game brings good ratings to ABC's NFL broadcast.

By Howard Fendrich
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — ABC couldn't have scripted it better.

The regular-season opener for "Monday Night Football" had Dennis Miller cracking wise and a shootout on the field between the past two Super Bowl champions. It added up to encouraging preliminary ratings for the revamped show.

The St. Louis Rams' 41-36 victory over the Denver Broncos, which started at 9 p.m. EDT and ran a little more than 3 hours, drew a big-market overnight Nielsen rating of 15.9 with a 26 share.

That was down only slightly from last year's 16.1/27 for the opener between Miami and Denver, not played on Labor Day.

More impressively, Monday's preliminary rating was 9 percent higher than what "Monday Night Football" got the last time the NFL opened on the holiday weekend, in 1998. That game, between New England and Denver, kicked off at 8:20 p.m. EDT.

The audience for Monday's broadcast peaked from 10-10:30 p.m., with a 17.2 rating and 27 share.

Miller, a comedian known for his referential rants, is part of a nearly completely overhauled cast brought in to try to boost interest in a program whose ratings have declined each of the

past five seasons.

The show has gone from an average of 17.8 with a booth of Al Michaels, Dan Dierdorf and Frank Gifford in 1994, to last season's record-low for the program of 13.7 with Michaels and Boomer Esiason. Each rating point represents 1 percent of U.S. TV homes.

Miller's hiring, certainly an unorthodox choice, drew attention to "Monday Night Football," with everyone from "TV Guide" to the Internet's "Drudge Report" weighing in.

Ratings tend to be down on Labor Day, with people traveling. To help all its broadcasters draw more viewers, the NFL will start its season after the holiday in the future.

As for Sunday, CBS Sports' ratings dropped compared with last year and 1998. The network's doubleheader — a regional game

at 1 p.m. and national game at 4:15 EDT — averaged a 9.2 overnight rating. That's down some from the Labor Day '98 doubleheader's 10.2, and a lot from last year's 12.0 for a single game.

"The NFL Today," CBS Sports' one-hour pregame show, drew only a 2.5 overnight rating for its debut at an outdoor set in midtown Manhattan. Fox's pregame show, also 12-1 p.m. EDT, pulled in a 4.4.

Fox's single-game NFL coverage averaged a 13.3 rating. That's up from a 13.1 for the network's opening Sunday doubleheader last season.

Overnight ratings measure the country's largest 48 markets; national ratings were due later in the week. The share is the percentage of in-use TVs tuned to a given program.

Aikman remains determined

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Despite still suffering a headache and dizziness more than 48 hours after his ninth concussion, Troy Aikman is determined to keep playing football — maybe as soon as Sunday.

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"Troy's tough, but I'm hopeful he'll sit out a week."

Steinberg said he and Aikman "really haven't" talked about retirement because this latest head injury is not as severe as either of the two he suffered last season. And, earlier this year, a comprehensive exam showed that none of his previous injuries have caused permanent damage.

Aikman was hurt during a season-opening 41-

14 loss to Philadelphia on Sunday. A heavy blitz led to four sacks and five incompletions, including an interception returned for a touchdown.

Steinberg always encourages his clients not to take any risks after suffering head injuries. His pleading helped convince Steve Young to retire from the San Francisco 49ers after symptoms lingered long after a concussion last season.

With Aikman, Steinberg's biggest fear is that he'll return too soon and be susceptible to another concussion. Young's last hit came a week after an undiagnosed concussion.

"Someone who has had one concussion has a greater chance of a second in close proximity to the first," Steinberg said. "The safer route is to sit out a week."

Aikman is well aware of the risks. He's attended several seminars organized by Steinberg that featured leaders in the study of concussions and the quarterback and agent have met privately with experts.

BOYS: McKnight starts for Galloway

(From 1C)

to be our starting quarterback. That is the smart thing to do and the way we have to approach it," Campo said. "We don't want to be in a situation where we are trying to make a decision on that on Friday."

Campo said the decision on Aikman's status likely would be made after the players return to practice Wednesday following a day off.

"It will be a group decision, Troy being the biggest decision-maker in there. But it will not be just Troy," Campo said.

If Aikman doesn't play, Cunningham will start for the first

time since last October. After an All-Pro season in 1998, he started the first six games in 1999 for Minnesota before losing the job to Jeff George, and getting his only other action late in the Vikings' 27-10 NFC wild card game victory over Dallas.

While Campo said the game plan would not be as extensive with Cunningham as for Aikman, he would add some things to take advantage of Cunningham's ability to scramble.

"We feel Randall Cunningham can win football games for us. He is really not any different from a physical standpoint and a talent

standpoint than he was two years ago," Campo said.

McKnight led the team in the preseason with 10 catches for 190

AGS: Farris steps in

(From 1C)

1998 and built on it and used that experience to make it a positive," coach R.C. Slocum said Tuesday. "I felt some of that Saturday. We didn't come away with our tails between our legs."

The Aggies don't think they're just another 0-1 team that lost its No. 25 ranking in The Associated Press poll which now has a four-game homestand to study game film and try to make 1998 history repeat itself.

"In the game Saturday, there was no desperation, that we weren't any good," Slocum said. "We had the opportunity in the third quarter to extend the lead and it would have been a whole new ball game."

Instead, the Aggies fizzled at crunch time.

"When you have the game right there and let things slip out of your grasp the way we did, it makes you want to cuss or something," linebacker Brian Gamble said.

Resolve was more the order as the Aggies prepared for Saturday's second game against Wyoming.

They came away from the loss knowing that quarterback Mark Farris will be a steady leader and that wide receiver Robert Ferguson is so good, teams may have to hold him illegally.

But the biggest question was at quarterback, where Farris was stepping in for the first time as the starter.

Farris, the 25-year-old ex-minor league baseball player, was happy to get his first game as a starter behind him.

"I was a little nervous playing my first game on the road before 80,000 fans," Farris said. "Now I can relax and just play football and people won't just be asking how old you are."

Farris, indeed, got the respect of his teammates and proved that he could handle the pressure.

"It's reassuring because in the first game we are all unsettled," lineman Chris Valetta said. "During the time-outs, he didn't just come over and drink water. He drank water and talked to us, inspired us."

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Big 12 football teams face the heat in early season contests

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

Kansas State can handle the heat.

The seventh-ranked Wildcats played their first two games in triple-digit temperatures, claiming consecutive double-digit victories in an early football season better suited for water sports.

They get a well-deserved break this week with an early open date.

"First and foremost, we want to heal up and get some rest ... rest as much as anything," Wildcats coach Bill Snyder said Monday.

Kansas State began its season with a 27-7 victory over Iowa in a televised game played in the middle of a 100-degree day in Kansas City.

They played their home opener six days later, beating Louisiana Tech 54-10 when the temperature for the 6:10 p.m. kickoff, was 109 degrees, 127 on the stadium's artificial turf.

"Our players didn't believe it was as warm as it was in Kansas City the week before, but it was a night game as opposed to one o'clock and we were in the shadows of the press box," Snyder said. "Our youngsters and our training staff have done a nice job to avoid cramping."

Like Kansas in its home opener, 20th-ranked Oklahoma played in the hottest game in school history when it kicked off its 55-14 victory over Texas-El Paso in 106-degree temperatures over the weekend.

"It was tough but we handled it well," said Sooners coach Bob Stoops. "Our players have really been solid through practices and scrimmages. We have been out there for two weeks with 105 degrees everyday and not a bit of problem."

The heat is nothing out of the ordinary for Texas Tech coach Mike Leach, who before the triple-digit temperatures of Lubbock, coached at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif., where it was routinely 125 degrees and Valdosta, Ga., where 100-degree days included 90 percent humidity.

"And Mount Pleasant, Iowa. People don't realize it's as hot in Iowa in August as anywhere else," Leach said. "I don't have much problem with the heat. I don't think it's much of a factor."

Of course, the Red Raiders are 2-0, which makes it easy to avoid distractions.

Sixth-ranked Texas hasn't played its first game yet, but coach Mack Brown put his team through a midday practice Monday since they were out of class for the Labor Day holiday.

The Longhorns, who are up a spot in the AP poll without playing a game, play their opener Saturday in an 11:30 a.m. televised game against Louisiana-Lafayette. The long-range forecast is for a temperature above 105 degrees at kickoff, like it was Monday when there was a record high of 110.

While Brown knows it will be

hot, he doesn't yet know if he will start Major Applewhite or Chris Simms at quarterback.

Quote of the week: "A win is the biggest thing we needed right now. You can have determination up to your ears, be full of determination. There is always a doubt until you do it. What happens is a win gives you confidence that what we invested in paid off," said Baylor coach Kevin Steele, referring to off-season work after last year's 1-10 record and then opening the season with a 20-7 win at North Texas.

Extra points: Aaron Lockett, who was the Big 12 special team player of the week, was filling in at Kansas State for NCAA record kick returner David Allen. Lockett returned a punt 69 yards for a touchdown against Louisiana Tech. "I'm sure he was looking at what a quality returner Davis was, a lot to live up to. That helped him realize immensely that he is capable," Wildcats coach Bill Snyder said. Allen, who is out with an ankle injury, could return for the Big 12 opener Sept. 30 at Colorado ... Oklahoma State finally gets to play its opener Saturday at Tulsa. "Our kids are ready to play. They were ready to play last week. I sat back and watched games and got antsy too," said Cowboys coach Bob Simmons. ... Iowa State (1-0) isn't sure what to expect from UNLV, which is playing its opener for coach John Robinson, who has new offensive and defensive coordinators, and a new quarterback. "They have an advantage in that they can see our 2000 personnel. Then we have the advantage that I know more about our team having played a game, so it evens out," said Iowa State coach Dan McCarney.

UT: Texas opens season Saturday

(From 1C)

or Major Applewhite will open at quarterback for the sixth-ranked Longhorns will allow Texas fans to continue an eight-month debate on the merits of the respective players.

Applewhite, the 1999 Big 12 offensive player of the year, underwent reconstructive knee surgery in January. Since reporting for fall drills, the junior has not experienced swelling in his knee. But he has not been exposed to contact since tearing his anterior cruciate ligament Jan. 1 in the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl.

Simms, a sophomore, was the

nation's top-rated quarterback signee in 1999 and was the star of spring drills while running the first-team offense. The son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, the 6-foot-5, 222-pound left-hander has worked exclusively with the first-team offense during fall drills. Applewhite has split snaps with the first and second units.

Both quarterbacks said they expect to play Saturday and will accept whatever decision Brown makes about dividing playing time.

Applewhite, who threw for a school-record 3,357 yards and 21 touchdowns last season, said he has

had mixed emotions about working primarily with the second unit during the fall. On one hand, he said it's "a tough pill to swallow" for an incumbent. On the other, he said practicing against Texas' No. 1 defense on a daily basis has made him a better player.

"No matter what, you have to prepare yourself as if you'll be the starter," Applewhite said. "It wouldn't surprise me if he (Simms) starts. It wouldn't surprise me if I did."

Simms said he has no problem waiting to learn of his status until Saturday, but hinted that Texas coaches might be close to reaching a verdict.

TECH: Leach's QBs re-write records

(From 1C)

"In this offense you should be breaking a lot of records," he said. "If you're not, it isn't working."

The Red Raiders actually finished with 505 yards passing against Utah State, setting the Big 12 and school record for a team.

Rewriting records is a Leach tradition. Josh Heupel did it last season with Leach as his offensive coordinator at Oklahoma and

Tim Couch, now of the Cleveland Browns, did it with Leach calling plays at Kentucky.

Like Kingsbury, both became the single-game passing leaders in the early weeks of the season.

Couch had 398 yards in his debut under Leach. Heupel threw for 420 in just his second game.

Couch and Heupel, by the way, went on to set school single-season marks, too.

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

Tuesday	\$33.83
Previous	\$33.38

POSTED

Tuesday	\$31.00
Previous	\$30.50

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday	\$4.950
Previous	\$4.835

Crude soars

Natural gas prices soared to the latest in a series of all-time highs Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as hot weather accelerated air conditioner use in a bull market for energy products.

Crude oil futures also moved upward, nearing a 10-year high.

The summer rally for natural gas continued past Labor Day as the heat wave in the South caused another run on electricity from plants powered by natural gas, spurring a buying frenzy.

The strong crude market also helped carry natural gas prices higher in a trading environment where investors are increasingly edgy about tight gas supplies as the high-use winter heating season looms closer.

Natural gas for October delivery rose 11.5 cents to \$4.95 per 1,000 cubic feet after reaching as high as \$4.975.

October crude, meanwhile, rose 45 cents to \$33.83 a barrel after hitting \$33.98. The highest price in the last decade remains \$34.37, set March 7.

Market experts say the 500,000 barrels a day of additional production that OPEC is expected to approve at its meeting in Vienna this weekend isn't enough to meet heavy world demand.

Also, October heating oil rose .33 cent to 97.97 cents a gallon and October unleaded gasoline rose .86 cent to 96.71 cents a gallon.

In London, October Brent crude from the North Sea rose 14 cents to \$32.98 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Dollar higher

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar rose against other major currencies in European trading Tuesday.

The euro was quoted at 88.79 cents in late European trading, down from 89.80 cents Monday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 88.81 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday, included 105.88 Japanese yen, up from 105.68; 1.7485 Swiss francs, up from 1.7289; 1.4745 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4740.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4520, down from \$1.4592.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 105.81 yen and the pound was worth \$1.4520.

Based on euro rates, the dollar is worth 2.2020 German marks, up from 2.1775; 7.3852 French francs, up from 7.3030; 2.4811 Dutch guilders, up from 2.4686; 2.1799 Italian lire, up from 2.15572.

Gold falls

Gold closed in London at \$274.80 bid per troy ounce, down from \$276.80 on Monday. In Zurich the bid price was \$274.65, down from \$276.50. Gold fell 50 cents in Hong Kong to 276.75.

Silver closed in London at \$4.91 bid per troy ounce, down from \$4.93.

State sets up insurance fraud hotline

By Natalie Gott
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Saying the state loses at least \$2 billion a year to insurance scams, Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor on Tuesday announced a new toll-free hotline for reporting possible fraud.

Montemayor also listed the state's top 10 insurance fraud cases, which range from a Bowie County man who beat his knee with a ball peen hammer as he tried to fake injuries after falling in a fast-food restaurant to the "kingpin" of a multimillion-dollar life insurance

and viatical settlement swindle in the Dallas area.

The man charged in the Dallas scheme, Montemayor said, received a 60-year prison sentence and was ordered to pay \$3.5 million in restitution.

"These cases illustrate the many ways people try to cheat insurance companies and individual insurance consumers," Montemayor said at a news conference.

Studies show that insurance claim fraud can add from \$200 to \$1,000 a year to the average cost of insurance for policyholders nationwide, he added.

"This is money out of our pockets," Montemayor said.

Montemayor said the department estimates that about \$2 billion goes by the wayside because of fraud. John Watson, director of the department's fraud unit, said that estimate is based only on reported fraud cases and that the actual figure of fraud losses that go unreported could be much higher.

"That figure could be astronomical," Watson said.

The department says about 10 percent of claims are fraudulent in the state.

Sandra Ray, a spokeswoman for

Southwestern Insurance Information Service, praised Montemayor's efforts.

"Insurance fraud is an increasingly expensive 'hidden tax' to Texas consumers and one of the most costly problems for insurance companies who are trying to serve millions of honest policyholders," Ray said.

Last year, the insurance department handled more than 2,000 complaints that led to 74 convictions. About 200 cases are under investigation now, Montemayor said.

Editor's Note: The toll-free hotline is 1-888-327-8818.

Next generation computer chips



AP Photo/Philips Research
This undated handout picture from Philips Research made available Tuesday shows a plastic computer display that could result in cheap soft screens and floppy electronic newspapers according to the company's announcement. Using a plastic-based semiconductor rather than the conventional silicon chip, researchers constructed a 3.5-square-centimeter (0.54-square-inch) plastic screen that refreshes at a rate of 100 times per second.

Magazine releases 'best companies' list for working moms

NEW YORK (AP) — Fannie Mae offers paid time off for volunteer work. The Benjamin Group/BSMG pays its employees to exercise.

These companies are among the best at helping working moms balance careers with the rest of their lives, according to Working Mother magazine, which issued its 15th annual list of top employers Tuesday.

"It's not enough anymore for a company to have a child care center at their home office to make the list, in the same way they can't allow flextime for just a handful of workers. Employers must be trying to integrate those practices up and down their organizational ladder," said Lisa R. Benenson, the magazine's editor in chief.

The list appears in the magazine's October issue and is available on the magazine's Web site.

Out of the 100 companies listed, the top 10 were Allstate Insurance Co., Bank of America Corp., Eli Lilly and Co., Fannie Mae (formally the Federal National Mortgage Association), IBM Corp., Lincoln Financial Group, Life Technologies Inc., Merrill Lynch & Co., Novant Health Inc. and Prudential Financial Services. The magazine listed them in alphabetical order.

IBM has been among the

top 10 for 13 years — longer than any other company.

"We have created a workplace that enables (women) to have multiple goals," said Ted Childs, vice president of global work force diversity.

This year, Working Mother awarded a special award in the small business category, honoring Benjamin Group/BSMG Worldwide, a public relations firm. It helps pay gym membership fees, and employees who'd rather go surfing or walk instead of joining a gym earn an hourly rate.

"We've always put in place very innovative benefits for our employees and never used our small business sta-

tus as an excuse," said Shari Benjamin, the firm's CEO.

Donna Lenhoff, general counsel of the National Partnership for Women and Families, said surveys are helpful, but there still needs to be more emphasis on workplace issues as well as on salary and benefits.

Benenson agrees. "Companies in general are doing better, it doesn't mean that there isn't a long road to go for the majority of workers. The companies who make our list provide some amazing benefits, but the fact is most Americans still don't have access to these kinds of family-friendly programs," she said.

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FTC sues former L.A. Dodger over weight loss ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission is suing former baseball player Steve Garvey for acting as host of a diet drug advertisement that federal regulators contend was deceptive.

The suit, filed last month, builds on an April suit that alleged Enforma Natural Products Inc. and two of its principals, Andrew Grey and Fred Zinos, made "false and unsubstantiated" claims about "The Enforma System." The company claimed in television and Internet ads that users could lose weight without dieting or exercise, regardless of how much they ate.

Garvey, who spent most of his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers, was the host on an Enforma infomercial and appeared on the company's World Wide Web site. In a statement listed in the complaint, Garvey said, "Look at all these delicious supposedly forbidden foods: barbecued chicken and ribs, buttered biscuits. Foods you can eat when you crave them without guilt, without worry, and it's all because of a few little capsules."

The Enforma System consists of two diet supplements. One prevents absorption of dietary fat, and the other increases the body's capacity to burn fat, the company says.

Enforma Natural Products already settled the FTC suit against it with an agreement to return \$10 million to customers. Another Enforma infomercial host, Lark Kendall — identified in the ad as Kendall Carson, nutritionist — also agreed to a settlement, surrendering her talent fee and accepting an order not to "misrepresent her professional status" or repeat claims she made about Enforma.

While Garvey's lawyers could argue that the former Dodger was just reading lines, an FTC official said the commission believes he was personally vouching for the product. Under FTC rules, he needed to have a basis for an endorsement. Joel Winston, the FTC's assistant director for advertising practices, said, "He made a number of claims that purported to be his own opinions and his own conclusions. In effect, he was asking consumers watching the show to believe what he was saying and buy the product based on his credibility." Winston said, "Under those circumstances, an endorser has a responsibility to make at least a reasonable inquiry into the truth of what he's saying."

Winston noted other celebrities including actors Lloyd Bridges and George Hamilton have been Garvey's management company, Garvey Management Group Inc., also was named in the August suit along with the infomercial producer and executives of the production company, sued in the past for making allegedly fraudulent claims about a product.

A first baseman, Garvey played in nine All Star Games and was the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1974.

The FTC said Enforma System purchasers seeking refunds can complete forms from the FTC's Web site, <http://www.ftc.gov>, or call 202-326-3123.

BUSINESS SCENE

West Texas Access opens new offices, area-oriented Web site

By Mella McEwen

Settled into new offices at 200 N. Lorraine is WEST TEXAS ACCESS.

The company offers dial-up Internet access, web site design and hosting, firewall security systems and high speed wireless Internet service for both residences and businesses.

Randall Roberts, company president, also unveiled a new Web site, permanbasinlive.com, which provides links to local newspapers, television and radio stations, retailers, restaurants and businesses. Roberts said plans are in the near future to add chat rooms and other features for local Web surfers.

The site also utilizes Web cams to provide live streaming video from local towns, including Midland, Odessa and Alpine. Most of the Web cams will be utilized at the Permian Basin Fair Friday through September 16, where the company will share a booth with radio stations KFZZ-FM and KMRK-FM.

San Luis Obispo, Calif.-based Visual Systems Inc. has opened CYGNET AUTOMATION in Midland, offering a full range of automation products and services for the oil and gas industry.

General Manager Steve Bertram, most recently a supervisor for Burlington Resources' Information Systems division, said CygNet currently shares office space in Burlington Resources offices at 3300 N. "A" but will move downtown to an office in Wall Towers within the next 30 days.

The company's products and services include automation software, field and communications equipment, training, field engineering and field services, including hardware and soft-

ware installation, support and maintenance.

CygNet will also host CygNet software for companies interested in using CygNet client applications without being required to administer their own CygNet host.

"We hope to be a single source service provider," Bertram said.

Now open at 404 Andrews Highway, upstairs from Graham Krackers, is FACTORY HOME.

Owner Carol Anderson said she sells hand-painted furniture, one-of-a-kind clothing and pillows and other items.

"I design mirrors, tables, jewelry," she said.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays by appointment.

Under new ownership is the speech and language pathology business previously owned by Lynn Bromley and

located in Building One of the TGAAR complex at 3300 N. "A."

New owner Lisa Irvin has renamed the business Speech, Language and Learning Services and, with associate April Collins, will evaluate and treat all types of communications disorders, including language, articulation, stuttering, aphasia, laryngectomy, auditory perception, tongue thrust, voice, learning disabilities and neurological disorders.

Hours are by appointment, which are available by calling 570-4400.

After 18 months in Phoenix, Patsy Sayers, who created the massage therapy class at Midland College, has returned to Midland and is looking to rebuild her massage therapy service.

Appointments can be made by calling 694-1490.

Mella McEwen is a business writer for the Reporter-Telegram. She can be reached by e-mail at casell@mri.com.

AROUND TOWN

Midland Business and Estate Council will sponsor a continuing education presentation Sept. 12. Richard A. Place, of Alex Sheshunoff and Co. Investment Banking in Austin, will speak on business valuations.

Place earned a bachelor of science degree in finance from Drake University and a master of business administration degree in finance and economics from the University of Chicago.

Registration for the event will begin at 5:30 p.m.; speaker will present the program at 6 p.m.

Cost for the meeting and materials is \$10. Cost for the meeting, materials and dinner will be \$20. Seating is limited, so reservations are required no later than Sept. 8. For reservations and meeting location call 683-5226.

MIDLAND COUNTY Public Library is featuring a display on a brief history of World War II. Included are then-and-now photographs of many local veterans. All interested people are invited to visit the library and view the exhibit, which will be shown through October.

PERMIAN BASIN Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary (PBGA) will meet for its annual barbecue 7-10 p.m. Sept. 14 at 1706 Country Club. Make reservations by noon Sept. 12. Price is \$10 per person.

DR. JOHN Woodson chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century, will meet 10 a.m. Sept. 20 at 1601 Humble. Barbara Culver Clack will speak on "William the Conqueror Revisited." After the program, Delys Atkinson will conduct a workshop on "Heraldry and Coats of Arms." Call 697-4235.

MIDLAND PORCELAIN Art Club will meet for a demonstration and luncheon 9:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at Midland Woman's Club. Evalena Simmons of Lawton, Okla., will demonstrate painting swans and water lilies. Call 694-3044.

SENIORS OVER 50 Dance Club will sponsor a country-western dinner-dance beginning at 6:45 p.m. today at the American Legion Building on Air Park Road. Admission will be \$4 per person. Music will be from the Prowlers. All interested people are invited.

MIDLAND QUILTERS Guild will meet 7 p.m. Sept. 12 and 1 p.m. Sept. 13 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ Family Center. Call 697-2121.

UNITED STATES Probation Office, 100 E. Wall St. in Midland, is looking for volunteers to help with clerical duties and act as Probation Officer Assistants. Call 686-4060 ext. 26.

LT. WILLIAM Brewer and Col. Theunis Dey chapters, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet for Constitution Week luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 22 at Midland Woman's Club. Jane Wendt Craig, consultant to the State Bar of Texas, will speak on "Teaching the Bill of Rights in Texas Schools." All interested people are invited to attend. For lunch reservations at \$12 per person, call 682-2912 or 682-0496.

WEST TEXAS Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes will host a free seminar 1 p.m. Sept. 9 at HealthSouth. Ron Ellison of Samaritan Counseling Center will speak on "A Spiritual Journey: How to Draw Close to God Through Physical Pain and Illness." A six-week course will follow for those who are interested. For more information call 520-3500.

ACT IX, auxiliary to Midland Community Theatre, will meet for a salad supper 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. in downtown Midland. Women interested in joining this volunteer organization are invited to attend. For more information call 697-4709.

Mexican food feast goes far beyond tacos

By Barbara Wolke
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It can only be described as a south-of-the-border blowout.

The Mexican feast for 10 was triggered by a new cookbook that arrived at the Associated Press, "Seasons of My Heart," by Susana Trilling. A modest note asked only that it be read and perhaps reviewed. Coincidentally, a small flurry of other Mexican cookbooks had accumulated and I decided to test them all.

What a test it was: 24 man-hours of shopping and cooking, and five hours of eating and drinking. When it was finished, my kitchen looked as if the Mexican army had marched through it, and the next morning my head felt likewise.

"Seasons" caught my eye because the dust-jacket photograph of the author in Mexican garb looked oddly familiar. Years ago, I worked briefly for a New York chef and caterer who seemed to disappear from the city as suddenly as she had arrived.

Back then, her name was Susan, not Susana, but the exuberant smile was unmistakable. Nearly two decades later, Trilling has transformed herself into an authority on Mexican cooking, completely immersed in the culture of the country.

I didn't insist on Trilling's level of authenticity when planning my banquet, but my help in the kitchen had to be the real thing. I enlisted my two closest AP colleagues, both photo editors with a penchant for cooking and eating. We used three additional new cookbooks: "Mexican Cooking for Dummies," by Susan Feniger and Mary Sue Milliken of TV's "Too Hot Tamales" fame; "Jim Peyton's New Cooking from Old Mexico"; and "Cocina de la Familia," by Marilyn Tausend, with Miguel Ravago.

It quickly became evident that none of the four books provided all the guidance I craved. Out came the two dog-eared and food-stained Mexican staples in my kitchen. They are "The Art of Mexican Cooking," subtitled "Traditional Mexican Cooking for Aficionados," by Diana Kennedy, which is currently out of print but well worth hunting down; and "Mexico the Beautiful Cookbook," with recipes by Susanna Palazuelos and text by Marilyn Tausend. The latter is not always easy to find, either.

For our feast, we prepared 12 recipes from these six books. The menu began with guacamole and chips, silky crab and cheese nachos, creamed pecan soup with roasted poblano chilies and green salad.

That alone would have been plenty of food, but there were two "main" courses as well, including Yucatan-style roast pork, shredded and rolled into flour tortillas with refried black beans and onions pickled in bitter orange. These pork tortillas, from "Cocina de la Familia," incorporating Trilling's refried black beans, make excellent party fare. The ingredients and flavors are sufficiently exotic to be interesting to both cook and diner, but the results are straightforward enough to please timid eaters.

To take the evening over the top, or perhaps to separate the gourmards from the gourmets, I created my own version of estofado de pollo: chicken stew with green olives, prunes, almonds and capers in a sauce of ancho chilies, garlic, oregano, tomato and sesame paste.

Gathering the ingredients is half the adventure — an essential one when using an authentic book like Trilling's "Seasons." Her black beans call for epazote weed, which even I, the intrepid hunter and gatherer, have never found fresh in New York.

Though I'd read that the dried variety is a mere shadow of the fresh, I bought some anyway. In fact, it was very fragrant, like a barn full of freshly cut hay.

However, after a few hours of living with a small paper bag of this lively herb, the smell of which followed me into every corner of the apartment, I had to sequester it and its unrelenting scent of hayloft in a glass jar with a tightly fitting lid.

Later, it did lend an interesting, and not unpleasant, flavor to the beans, and perhaps even lived up to its fabled role of counteracting the gassy aftereffects of legumes.

As the guests began arriving, and with the table still unset, I finally admitted I'd bitten off more than I could chew.

I resorted to cheating. Neighborhood takeout joints came to the rescue with deliveries of freshly cooked flour tortillas from downtown Brooklyn and steamed rice from the Chinese restaurant across the street.

There was way too much food, but with maximum effort we

Sample these recipes...

By Barbara Wolke
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — For a Mexican food menu that goes far beyond tacos and burritos, try some of these recipes:

SMOKY CHICKEN QUESADILLAS
(Recipe from "Mexican Cooking for Dummies")
3-1/2 cups shredded, roasted chicken
3 canned chipotle chilies, seeded and thinly sliced
1/2 bunch cilantro leaves, chopped (1/4 cup)
3 scallions, trimmed and thinly sliced at an angle
4 tablespoons butter, melted
6 flour tortillas (8-inch)
2 cups (about 8 ounces) grated cheese (see note)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine the chicken, chilies, cilantro and scallions. Brush one side of each tortilla with butter and place, buttered side down, on a baking sheet. Brush the tops with butter. Spread equal amounts of the grated cheese mix over each tortilla and bake for 5 minutes, until melted. Spoon equal amounts of the chicken mixture over half of each tortilla and fold over to enclose. Return to oven just long enough to heat through, about 5 minutes. Serve hot, whole or cut into wedges. Makes 6 servings.

NOTE: A mixture of Mexican cheeses is recommended. An easy-melting cheese such as Mexican (not Spanish) Manchego cheese, Monterey Jack, Munster or a mild Cheddar is a must. It may be mixed with a drier cheese, such as Anejo or Panela, or some Parmesan, Romano or extra-sharp Cheddar.

CHICKEN STEW (ESTOFADO DE POLLO)
(Recipe from "Jim Peyton's New Cooking from Old Mexico")
5 tablespoons lard or olive oil
2 small onions, chopped
10 small cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
3-1/4 pounds tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped
8- to 10-ounce jar pitted green olives
1/4 pound raisins
2 tablespoons sugar
1-1/2 tablespoons dried thyme (or substitute oregano)
2 to 2-1/2 tablespoons broken cinnamon sticks
Salt to taste
1/4 pound whole almonds
2-1/2 to 3 pounds chicken cut into serving pieces with 3/4 of skin removed
Garlic salt
Half of a 7-ounce can of pickled serrano chilies (or substitute slightly more canned jalapenos)
1/4 cup parsley, minced

Heat half the fat in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic and cook until just soft but not browned. Then add the tomatoes. Chop half the olives and raisins (reserving the remaining portions), add them to the pot, and continue to cook for 2 minutes. Add the sugar, thyme, cinnamon sticks and salt and cook 5 minutes; allow to cool. Meanwhile, boil the almonds for 5 to 10 minutes, allow them to cool, and then remove the skins. Place the

cooled sauce mixture and half the almonds in a blender and blend for 1 minute. You may have to do this in 2 batches. Sprinkle the chicken pieces with garlic salt and fry them in the remaining lard or oil over medium to medium-high heat in a large pot or Dutch oven until well browned. Strain the blended sauce into the pot with the chicken. Add to the pot the reserved whole olives, raisins and almonds, the half-can of chilies with its juice, and the parsley; simmer, covered for 20 minutes, or until chicken is tender and sauce has thickened. Serve over white Oaxaca-style rice (recipe follows).

OAXACA-STYLE RICE
1-1/2 cups long grain rice
2 tablespoons oil
1/4 cup minced onion
1 clove garlic, minced
3 cups water
1 teaspoon salt

Fry rice in oil for 3 minutes over medium heat. Add minced onion and garlic and cook for another minute. Add water and salt, and bring to a boil. Turn heat to low, cover, and steam rice for 20 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

FLAN
(Recipe from "Jim Peyton's New Cooking from Old Mexico")
1/4 cup sugar
4 eggs
2 (14-ounce) cans sweetened condensed milk
10 ounces evaporated milk (from a 12-ounce can, see note)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut a piece of aluminum foil into a disk the same size as the top of the pan the flan will be cooked in. Use a 10-inch quiche pan, a very large pie plate, or a flan mold. (It should hold a little over a quart of liquid.) Place dry sugar in a small skillet over medium heat until it melts and turns into a rich golden-brown caramel. Immediately pour caramel into the pan in which the flan will be cooked, turning dish to coat bottom and sides with caramel. Allow to cool for a few minutes. Place eggs, condensed milk and evaporated milk in a blender, blend for 2 minutes, then pour contents into the coated pan or mold. Place foil disk directly on top of liquid. Close the mold or tightly wrap another sheet of foil over top of pan to seal it.

Place pan in a large casserole dish and add warm water until it reaches about halfway up mold or pan. Place in oven and bake about 1 hour, or just until a knife inserted into center comes out clean. Allow to cool 1-1/2 hours before refrigerating.

Unmold the flan onto a large plate by first warming bottom of pan for about 30 seconds in a larger pan of warm water. Remove foil disk and run a sharp thin knife around edge of flan to loosen it. Place inverted serving plate over top of flan and quickly flip over. Makes 8 servings.

NOTE: Peyton says an entire 12-ounce can of evaporated milk is too much for this recipe, and that the empty can from the condensed milk measures out about the right amount of evaporated milk.

worked our way through it, devouring nearly every bite on our plates and imbibing every beverage offered.

Judging from that evidence, there could be no doubt that a good time was had by all.

COOK'S NOTE: It's a mystery how people outside the great urban centers manage to gather all the ingredients for ethnic cooking.

At a bodega on my street in Brooklyn, less than a block away, I found four essential fresh ingredients: sour oranges, queso anejo, poblano and habanero chilies. For readers without a local bodega: Everything dried, is available by mail order from Aphrodite in New York City's Greenwich Village (212) 989-6440.

Many kinds of chili peppers and Mexican herbs and spices may also be ordered from Penzeys (800) 741-7787, based near Milwaukee, Wis.; and from Penzeys's (800) 533-1870, Dallas, Texas.

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DEAR ABBY

Living together not sin for seniors who are sharing expenses

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I just had to write after reading the letter from the lady who signed herself, "Tired of All This Misbehaving."

I am 80, and I found her remarks offensive. When I was retired by my employer, I couldn't manage on my Social Security check. I tried to find another job, but no one wanted to hire me at my age.

A male acquaintance retired soon after, and realized that he, too, didn't have the funds to keep his apartment. I had a five-bedroom townhouse, and thought of renting out some rooms. However, a lawyer friend told me that if I advertised for roomers I would have to rent to anyone who had the money; I could not pick and choose. I was afraid to do that because I would continue to live there, too.

So I invited this man, who was a trusted neighbor, to share my home and expenses. This way we both could live in comfort, and it would cost us less money. We go shopping and attend church together. We also visit friends who are now in nursing homes. We have never slept together or had sex.

I know of other seniors who have similar arrangements so they can live decently and not go broke in the bargain. Recently, another senior male has joined us. We share expenses and household chores so it's easier on all of us. We get along like a family of sisters and brothers. Marrying just so outsiders won't criticize one's living arrangement is not always the right thing to do.

Please print this, Abby. I want people to know that it isn't always "living in sin" or "shacking up" as that lady thinks. — AN ABBY FAN IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR FAN: I'm pleased to print your letter. As I said to the woman whose letter prompted yours, "Seniors who live together choose to do so for a variety of reasons, which are usually well thought out." People should not judge others.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée is having financial problems. I want to help her, but she insists that I shouldn't because she'll be mad at me. I really want to help her. I don't like to see her struggle, and I have the money to do it — plus, we're being married soon, so what's the big deal? What should I do? — IN LOVE IN FLORIDA

DEAR IN LOVE: Don't force your help on your fiancée after she has refused it. This could be an important learning experience for her, and it's a chance for you to see her level of ingenuity and perseverance. I respect her stance and for not taking the easy way out. For the time being, be patient and keep your checkbook closed.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend whose husband tries to scare his 2-year-old child by jumping out of closets, from behind trees, etc. I have seen the child tremble, cry and turn pale. The man thinks it is a "fun time" with his child.

What do you think of his behavior? He will see your answer. — CONCERNED IN PHOENIX

DEAR CONCERNED: I hope you'll make sure he sees it. There is nothing "fun" about traumatizing a child. The father is sadistic, and he should consult with a psychotherapist to understand why he gets pleasure out of his child's pain, and to learn firsthand how damaging his "scare tactics" are. If he refuses to stop, he should be reported to Children's Protective Services.

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

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As summer fades into fall (even if the temperature outside still feels like summer), the season shifts over into football games, school, new television shows and an awareness of cooler weather to come.

That means heartier fare on the menu. And nothing makes a recipe more hearty than mushrooms.

Long before cultivated mushrooms were available all year long, autumn was the time when mushroom lovers headed to the woods in search of them. Afterwards — if the search was successful — the aroma of sizzling mushrooms filled the air.

Recapturing that fragrance is easy, now that trips to the supermarket replace trips to the forest. And these recipes, courtesy of the Mushroom Council, can help:

MUSHROOM AND SAUSAGE RAGU ON SOFT POLENTA

8 ounces Italian sausage links
2 tablespoons olive oil
1-1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced (about 8 cups)
1-1/2 cup tomato-based pasta sauce (any variety)
3/4 cup instant polenta
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

In large skillet (12 inches), over medium-high heat, combine sausages and 2 tablespoons water. Cook and stir until browned on all sides, about 12 minutes.

Remove sausages and drain on paper towels. Drain grease from pan. Add olive oil; heat until hot.

Add mushrooms; cook and stir until lightly browned and liquid has evaporated, about 12 minutes. Cut sausage in 1/4-inch slices; add to skillet with pasta sauce and water as needed to thin sauce. Simmer uncovered until hot, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, in large microwaveable bowl, combine polenta and 1-1/2 cups water; whisk until smooth. Gradually whisk in 2 cups water, salt and pepper until smooth. Microwave on high for 4 minutes. Whisk until mixture is well blended; microwave until cooked, about 4 minutes longer. Serve Mushroom and Sausage Ragu over polenta. Garnish with thinly sliced fresh basil leaves if desired.

NOTE: For polenta with creamy texture, substitute 1-1/2 cups milk and 2 cups chicken



This mushroom and sausage ragu, served on soft polenta, is just right for fall dinners.

Photo courtesy the Mushroom Council

broth for the water; omit salt.

RADIATORI WITH MUSHROOMS, BROCCOLI AND BEANS

3 tablespoons olive oil
1-1/2 pounds mushrooms, halved
1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 can (16 to 19 ounces) pink beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 bag (16 ounces) frozen broccoli florets, thawed
6 cups radiatori ("radiators") or other short pasta (about 12 ounces)

In large skillet (12 inches), heat oil over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms, garlic and red pepper flakes. Cook and stir until mushrooms are lightly browned, about 10 minutes.

Mash 1/2 cup of the beans; stir into the mushroom mixture, along with the whole beans, the broth and salt; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, covered to blend flavors, about 5 minutes.

Add broccoli; heat until hot, about 1 minute.

Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Stir mushroom-broccoli mixture into pasta. Serve with grated Parmesan cheese if desired.

Make-Ahead Mushrooms

Fresh mushrooms cook in just a few minutes, so they are easy to prepare as you need them. But here's another method with make-ahead appeal: Cook up a large batch of fresh mushrooms and refrigerate them in a sealed container, ready to enhance whatever you cook during the week. The low-fat method used in this recipe calls for steaming the mushrooms in a covered pan, then browning them. (From the Mushroom Council)

2 pounds fresh mushrooms (any variety, including white, shiitake, crimini or portobello)
4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 teaspoons minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Trim mushrooms (remove stems of shiitake; trim only stem ends of other varieties); slice mushrooms (makes 10 to 12 cups). Using 2 large skillets or cooking in batches, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add garlic; cook and stir until it just starts to turn golden, about 10 seconds. Add mushrooms; cover and cook until mushrooms exude their liquid, about 3 minutes. Uncover; cook and stir until liquid has evaporated and mushrooms turn golden, about 8 minutes. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

SUGGESTIONS:
■ If making omelet or scrambled eggs, use 1/4 cup cooked mushrooms per 2 eggs, and add chives and bacon bits.
■ For pizza, reheat 1/4 cup mushrooms for a large slice and add red pepper flakes and chopped olives.
■ If pasta is on the menu, toss 1/2 cup mushrooms with each 2 cups of hot pasta and serve with prepared tomato or Alfredo pasta sauce.

■ Polenta can be served with 1/4 cup cooked mushrooms stirred into each 1 cup hot polenta and topped with Parmesan or Gorgonzola cheese.
■ For a salad, add 1/2 cup warmed mushrooms for each 2 cups greens. Add strips of ham or cooked chicken breast.
■ For an entrée of steak, chicken or fish, 1/2 cup warmed mushrooms can be spooned over a 6-ounce serving and topped with chopped parsley or thyme leaves.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Youngest taste-tester not impressed with organic baby food

By Linda Anderson

If there's one thing my friends and family have learned these last few years is that sooner or later, they are going to be taste-testers.

So it seemed to be natural to get the youngest member of the family into the act by letting him be the taster for a line of frozen baby food called The Well Fed Baby.

His mama and I were surprised to find baby food in the freezer section of our favorite supermarket. We had never heard of such a thing. But then again, why not? Frozen vegetables seem to be fresher than canned; could be frozen baby food seems fresher than jarred.



Anderson

We didn't know (since neither one of us was really interested in tasting baby food), so we decided to let the little bitty expert make the call.

A 4-ounce, single-serving carton of "Baby Carrots and Green Beans" from The Well Fed Baby cost somewhere around 70 cents. On the other hand, a small jar of baby food costs around 35 to 45 cents. Label advertising is pretty limited. About all it says is that the product is for "Ages from 7 Months and Up," (which sounds kind of redundant to me — in this particular case, isn't "from" the same thing as "and up"?) and is "Frozen to Preserve Vitamins."

The back label reveals that "A portion of all profits will go to The Well Fed Baby Adoption Foundation to subsidize domestic and international adoptions." I didn't know what that meant, so I looked up the company on the Internet, and that's about all the web site said about the company's efforts to support adoption. However, I did discover that

this line of baby food is said to be organic, kosher and vegetarian. Whew! What a responsibility!

The nutrition label on the back shows that the one serving in the carton contains 35 calories with only 1 g fat.

The little bit of fat in the serving must be from the tofu, which is the third of three items on the ingredients list — the first two being, in order, carrots and green beans. The ingredients, by the way, are "Certified organically grown and processed in accordance with the California Organic Food Act of 1990," and the baby food contains no added sugar, salt, fillers or preservatives, according to some small print under the ingredients label. Just in case you were wondering.

Well! With all that healthy effort going into the making of the baby food, the Young Prince seemed to have a big task resting on his not-quite 1-year-old shoulders. But he proved himself up to the task

test and expressed his opinion like a champ.

And the verdict was: The baby food makes great finger paint. He didn't seem to be all that much impressed with it and preferred to smear it around until his mama mixed in some of her famous tuna-mac casserole (which he loves) and then he ate it.

I can't really say if all the effort to make this line of baby food so excruciatingly politically correct is a wasted effort or not. (And I certainly admire any efforts that help children in need find homes, whether through domestic or international adoption.) But the young taste-tester at my house wasn't all that impressed.

Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is Lifestyle editor for the Reporter-Telegram.

GALLOWAY COMMENTARY

St. Louis shows high-octane system works, if players do

By Randy Galloway
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

It is never about the system. It is always about the people in the system. If the system doesn't fit the people, it is the wrong system. If the people fail, the system is doomed. And, of course, the better the skill level of the people, the better the system. Football works that way. Everything works that way. Not that any of us philosophers and deep thinkers needed additional proof, but, if necessary, proof has been provided again this week.

Some 24 hours after the massive destruction of both people and system, as witnessed by horrified bystanders at Texas Stadium, that same system was on national TV display. Except, of course, it was in the hands of different people.

See if this sounds familiar:
An offensive outfit considered very high octane, wheels out a nonmobile quarterback, going totally against that silly, yet ever-so-trendy notion that the NFL game of today demands a Movin' Jessie be playing the position.

The weapons for this particular human tree stump of a quarterback are very speedy wideouts, a big-time running back, and a veteran offensive line. Hmmm. A comparison pattern seems to be developing.

But wait, there's more. Providing the opposition for our offensive friends on this particular Monday evening was a kamikaze defensive unit that depends on the blitz to create both confusion and concussions for nonmobile QBs, who, of course, have no business playing the game anymore.

So, what happened?
This dinosaur of a quarterback, who answers to both MVP and Kurt Warner, threw three awful interceptions and appeared to have cost his team this particular game. Yes, the pressure shook Mr. Concrete Shoes so much, he only managed to throw for 441 yards and three TDs, and atoned for his own mistakes by leading the game-winning touchdown drive. It was beautiful, it was entertaining. Even Dennis Miller had a good night.

So, why did this story have this particular ending, as opposed to Texas Stadium on Sunday? For starters, this QB's offensive line responded well to the blitz, and everything else the defense showed it. There were no gutless pigs playing up front who went into hiding when the blitz heat got heavy. And then this QB, with the quickness of a fire plug, took his normal "hot route" three-step and five-step drops, dumped the ball off on the wings to receivers and his running back, who 50, 60 and 70 yards later, had those blitzers feeling like fools.

Hey, the system works. And it's the same sys-

tem in St. Louis as at Valley Ranch. But you get the point; the difference came in the people, despite the physical parts on offense being very similar. With the right people, the system wins Super Bowls. In the wrong hands, however...

The season is already over with a mere 15 games to play.

Troy Aikman is lucky to have gotten out alive. On the street, a concussion would have been considered a minor injury, based on the possible alternative his offensive line almost caused. For personal health purposes, of course, Aikman's having his brain rattled again is yet another warning sign that the point of no-football-return is near.

Obviously, he won't retire. There's too much personal stubbornness for that, and too much loyalty to Jerry Jones, and the salary cap situation that has developed over the past five years. The day Aikman retires is the day the Cowboys join the 49ers on the list of salary-cap-dead teams. Jones had cap-soaked his club's contractual structure around Aikman, who has constantly agreed to a contractual redo to free money in order to sign other players.

Remember this: Aikman is on the Cowboys' financial ledger until the year 2007. He might not last past next week. And don't be surprised at all if he's playing Sunday night, as dumb as that may seem after three concussions in his past 10 games. To start the season with another brain bruise means the second one could end his year, if not his career, if not his motor skills, at any moment.

I have no advice for Aikman on what to do with himself; he's not listening, anyway. But on Ring of Honor and Hall of Fame induction days, hopefully, the ceremonies won't be delayed until someone can empty a drool cup.

While Aikman's departure is pending, Joey Galloway already knows about his immediate future. There is no future, at least not this season. What was supposed to be the high-priced offensive piece that put the "new/old" system into gear, is facing knee surgery.

Should Galloway have been on the field at that particular fourth-quarter point? The easy second guess nails Dave Campo.

But because this was strictly an artificial turf-type injury, with no contact involved, Jones also pays the price for keeping that stupid plastic grass in place all these years.

One game — one very lousy game — and the 2000 season suddenly vanishes. Elsewhere, the system keeps working. But here, the people failed, and the consequences will stretch far into the future.

Denver's Davis suffers another setback; RB Gary out for season

Associated Press

DENVER — The news went from bad to worse Tuesday for the Denver Broncos and their ailing running backs.

With Terrell Davis already hampered by a sprained left ankle, the Broncos learned that backup Olandis Gary will miss the rest of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Gary, who ran for a Denver rookie record 1,159 yards in 12 games last season, injured the knee in the third quarter of the Broncos' 41-36 loss to the St. Louis Rams on Monday night. He remained in the game and had runs of 25 and 13 yards in the fourth quarter.

"It just wasn't feeling right, but he said, 'There was no way I was coming out of that game,'" Gary's agent, Harold Lewis, said Tuesday. "At the end, when everything had calmed down, I said, 'Are you all right?' He said, 'I'm all right. I'll be ready for next week.'"

Despite Gary's optimism, doctors recommended an MRI, and the test Tuesday revealed a complete tear of Gary's right ACL. An identical injury ended Davis' season in the fourth game last year.

"It's quite disappointing," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said during his weekly appearance on radio station KOA. "I think everybody knows what he did last year. Afterward he said he felt good, so it was more preventative than anything else to get those tests. Unfortunately the tear is there; and he's going to have to get operated on here shortly."

Shanahan reported improvement to Davis' ankle and hoped to have the 1998 NFL MVP back at practice on Thursday. The prognosis was not as good for linebacker Al Wilson, who had two interceptions but separated his shoulder late in the game. He is listed as questionable for Sunday.

Davis injured his ankle in the second quarter Monday night. He did not come back after halftime and eventually was taken to the team bus on a utility cart.

With teammates, fans and coaches eager to see how Davis' reconstructed knee would hold up on unyielding artificial turf, the early results were encouraging.

Davis gained 17 yards on Denver's first three offensive plays and another 11 in his second series. After twice being stopped for no gain late in the first quarter, he injured his ankle on a 6-yard gain early in the second.

Gary gained 80 yards on 13 carries after replacing Davis. The only other running back on

NFL Roundup

Denver's roster is rookie Mike Anderson while rookie KaRon Coleman is on the practice squad. The Broncos cut John Avery a week before the season-opener.

Chargers sign Smith to two-year deal

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers signed former Kansas City and Denver defensive end Neil Smith to a two-year contract Tuesday.

Details of the agreement were not released.

Smith will begin his 13th season in the AFC West. He spent the last three years with the Broncos, making 34 tackles and 6 1/2 sacks in eight games last season. He played with Denver's Super Bowl champion teams in 1997 and 1998.

Prior to joining the Broncos, Smith spent nine years with the Chiefs and was part of their playoff run from 1990 to 1995.

It took almost two weeks to reach the contract agreement with Smith, who first visited the Chargers camp on Aug. 23.

Smith's visit may have seemed well-timed, as the Chargers had just lost their leading pass rusher, Ray Lewis Johnson, to a season-ending knee injury. Johnson had a career-high 10 1/2 sacks last season.

The signing became even more urgent after defensive end Al Fontenot injured a calf in the Chargers' 9-6 season-opening loss to Oakland on Sunday.

Smith is not expected to practice with the Chargers until Thursday, as his wife gave birth to a girl Tuesday.

Smith has started 162 NFL games and played in 181 since being the No. 2 overall draft pick in 1988. He has 664 tackles, 104 1/2 sacks and four interceptions.

Defensive tackle out a month with torn knee cartilage

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Rams defensive tackle D'Marco Farr will be sidelined about a month with torn knee cartilage.

Farr, who has started every game since the Rams moved to St. Louis in 1995, injured his right knee in the fourth quarter of the Rams' 41-36 victory over the Denver Broncos on Monday night.

He will have surgery Wednesday.

Farr, who had offseason surgery on his left knee, had three tackles and a sack against the Broncos.

Jeff Zgonina, an eight-year veteran, will make his first career start in place of Farr on Sunday at Seattle. Zgonina had two tack-

les against the Broncos.

Gruber retires after 12 seasons with Buccaneers

TAMPA, Fla. — Paul Gruber didn't shed any tears.

Tampa Bay's starting left tackle for 12 seasons formally announced his retirement Tuesday, saying it wasn't difficult to decide between spending more time with his family and continuing his effort to return to the Buccaneers from a broken leg.

"My career has been a blessing for me and my family. ... The way I look at it, I played for 12 years — longer than I ever thought I would. And in my last game, my team finished by winning the NFC Central Division. Some players go an entire career without experiencing these things."

Gruber, 35, was a fixture in Tampa Bay's lineup through good and bad times. He started all 16 regular season games in 10 of 12 seasons and set club records for games played and started (183) after coming to the team as the fourth overall pick in the 1988 draft.

He played for four coaches, blocked for 12 quarterbacks and lined up next to 12 different starting left guards while being regarded as the cornerstone of a franchise that didn't have a winning record until his 10th season.

Colts must wait for NFL to make decision on Muhammad

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts' failure to act against a player convicted of beating his wife is "reprehensible" and tells the community that the team tolerates domestic abuse, according to a coalition of domestic violence counselors.

In separate letters sent Tuesday to NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Colts president Bill Polian, the Domestic Violence Network Inc. and the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence demanded that defensive back Mustafah Muhammad be suspended for three games without pay.

"We find it reprehensible that an organization claiming to be a community partner would send a message, through its lack of action, that domestic abuse is tolerated," said the letter to Tagliabue, signed by Domestic Violence Network director Tracy North Krueger and coalition director Laura Berry.

Muhammad — formerly known as Steve Muhammad — was convicted last week of beating his pregnant wife on Oct. 28. He received a suspended sentence of one year in jail and was put on probation for a year.

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AMC 1978 Pacer Wagon

Air Heat (Good) Clean inside and out. \$1,100. See at 305 Spruill Street. 684-3280.

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PONTIAC 1998 SUNFIRE

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PONTIAC 1992 Grand Prix

SE. Blue, two door, air, CD player, power windows/locks, 113K miles. Great condition. \$4,500. 689-2312.

PONTIAC 1996 Firebird

White, V6, 5 speed, Sunroof, CD, tint, 54K, 5 stars, great car. \$8,875. 915-693-2960.

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Excellent gas milage!
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1977 MUSTANG II V6,
automatic transmission, T-
tops, \$400 for complete
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Fireplace, 4000 Body,
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Allison transmission,
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Premier. Beautiful 1998
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living room with two
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slide out. Like new!
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150 Johnson, 1988 Paul
Elias edition, runs great,
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SSS boat, tandem trailer,
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boat and trailer. 1974
Chrysler 105 motor. Good
condition. With skis,
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225 HP Johnson, dual
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1100 Jet Ski. Like brand
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Tohatsu out board motor.
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Happy-go-lucky SWF 62, 5'6", 185lbs, blond hair, enjoys dancing, traveling, and sports. ISO a decent SWF, 61-69, who likes the great outdoors. Ad# 5102

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Personable, single, white female, 19, 5'2", 130lbs, brown hair, likes singing, dancing, and pleasant conversation. Looking for a single white male, 18-24, for companionship. Ad# 5112

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GREAT GAL

Kind-hearted single white female, 31, likes theater and traveling, hoping to meet a friendly single white male, 30-70, for a lasting relationship. Ad# 5117

FRIENDSHIP ANYONE?

Single white mother, 22, 5'10", full-figured, outgoing, enjoys sports, going out, movies, quiet evenings at home, looking for a tall, attractive single male, 22-30, for friendship. Ad# 5099

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Warm single white professional female, 45, 5'7", 118lbs, with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, working out, and collecting art, seeks a loving, family-oriented, honest, college-educated, single male, 45-55, who appreciates a lady. Ad# 2997

WHAT SPECIAL ONE?

Caring single white female, 47, 5'7", with brown hair and green eyes, is searching for an honest single white male, 38-53, who likes rodeo, sports, and traveling. Ad# 5091

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Delightful, single, Hispanic female, 19, 5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, likes video games, baseball, and playing cards. Seeking a fun-loving, single, Hispanic male, 19-28, for friendship. Ad# 5093

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BE THE ONE

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WHOLE SALE DISTRIBUTOR
Growing company needs local individual to service established retail accounts. No district sales. (\$1,500 per week potential). Protected territory. No competition. Investment \$6,995. (Secured by inventory).
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