



Sports

Lady Chaps win

The Midland College Lady Chaparrals beat the Lady Hawks of Howard College, 74-69. It was the Lady Chaps' first win at Howard College in their five-year history. Howard returned the favor in men's action with a win over the Chaps, 68-62/1D

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countdown to 2000

Today: The Muslim community in America will celebrate the end of Ramadan, the month during which Muslims abstain from food, drink and other sensual pleasures from dawn till sunset.



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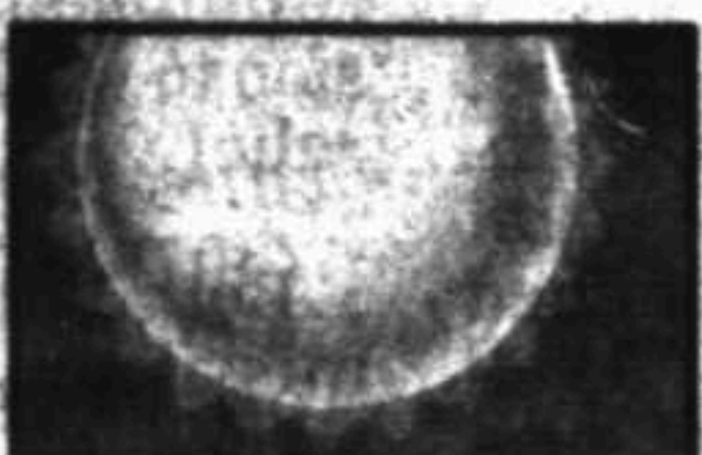
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TODAY

Mostly sunny with a high in the upper 70s. Weather on 4A



AP Photo

Brazil economy

Current economic turmoil in Brazil has forced cuts in production costs for Carnival floats and masks. In response to the crisis, Brazil permanently floated its beleaguered currency on Monday and sought to assure the rest of the world that it will drive ahead with further tough reforms.

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Fugitive arrested

ODESSA — A fugitive featured on "America's Most Wanted" was finally nabbed Monday as he slept in the laundry room of an apartment complex in east Odessa. The arrest of Shad Daniel Armstrong, 25, concluded a 10-month search by Arizona authorities and the FBI, Ector County Sheriff Reggie Yearwood said.

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Softball tourney

The Midland Softball Association is continuing a history of boosting the local economy as well as promoting its sport. MSA recently outbid a host of perennial contender cities, such as Garland and Chattanooga, Tenn., to land the 2000 Coed Class A National Softball Championship. An estimated 68 teams from across the nation will participate in this event, said Bernita Clark, MSA executive director. In a recent Midland City Council meeting, it was estimated that the local economic impact of this tournament will be \$668,000, making this a prime way to use the hotel/motel fund, said Rick Menchaca, deputy city manager.

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Gary Ott:

Most people are eager to share an opinion on just about any subject, especially someone else's life.

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Oilmen take to streets of Austin

Organizers defend Bush's absence on eve of inauguration; others not so kind

By Gary Ott
City Editor

AUSTIN — Perhaps it was appropriate that on the eve of his inauguration, Gov. George W. Bush received more than his share of attention at Monday's "Open The Eyes of Texas" oil march in Austin.

And despite his overwhelming popularity, this time it wasn't all positive attention ... or glowing words of support.

While organizers and speakers at the rally did not criticize the governor for not attending the activities, others in the crowd were not so kind.

Before the march even began, a leaflet had already started making the rounds. It read: "Why won't Governor Bush Meet with Us?"

A sign being carried in the crowd asked: "Bush Jr. Where Are You?"

John Houghton of Midland said laughing, "He loves us. He just can't be seen with us."

He paused and then added, "Really, 90 percent of us here would probably vote for him right now, but we're just a little confused about why he's not here with us."

Some in the crowd even suggested that with Bush considering a presidential bid he is intentionally distancing himself from the oil industry for political purposes.

But leaders of the rally were quick to defend Bush. "The governor is an oilman and he's been with us for a long time," said Clayton Williams Jr. of Midland. "He understands what we're going through."

Tony Garza, a newly elected member of the Texas Railroad Commission, just shook his head when told of the criticism. "I know the governor had some long-term commitments today," Garza said. "But he's a strong supporter of the oil industry. Everyone should know that."

John Bell of Kermit, the driving force behind the march, acknowledged that his invitation to the governor to speak probably arrived too late.

And as one person in the audience said to a companion, "It's not like he doesn't have anything else going on these days. He is being inaugurated tomorrow."

But the bigger question being pondered on Monday was: "How do we get the message out that the oil industry is in a crisis?"

Having more marches like the one held Monday is a possibility, but organizers readily admit the real solution will come through efforts involving the state and federal governments. And that means convincing unsympathetic officials and politicians that the crisis is real.

While some said Monday's rally was simply a matter of "singing to the choir," since everyone in attendance agreed the problems existed, State Rep. Judy Hawley, who represents the coastal bend area of Texas, disagreed.

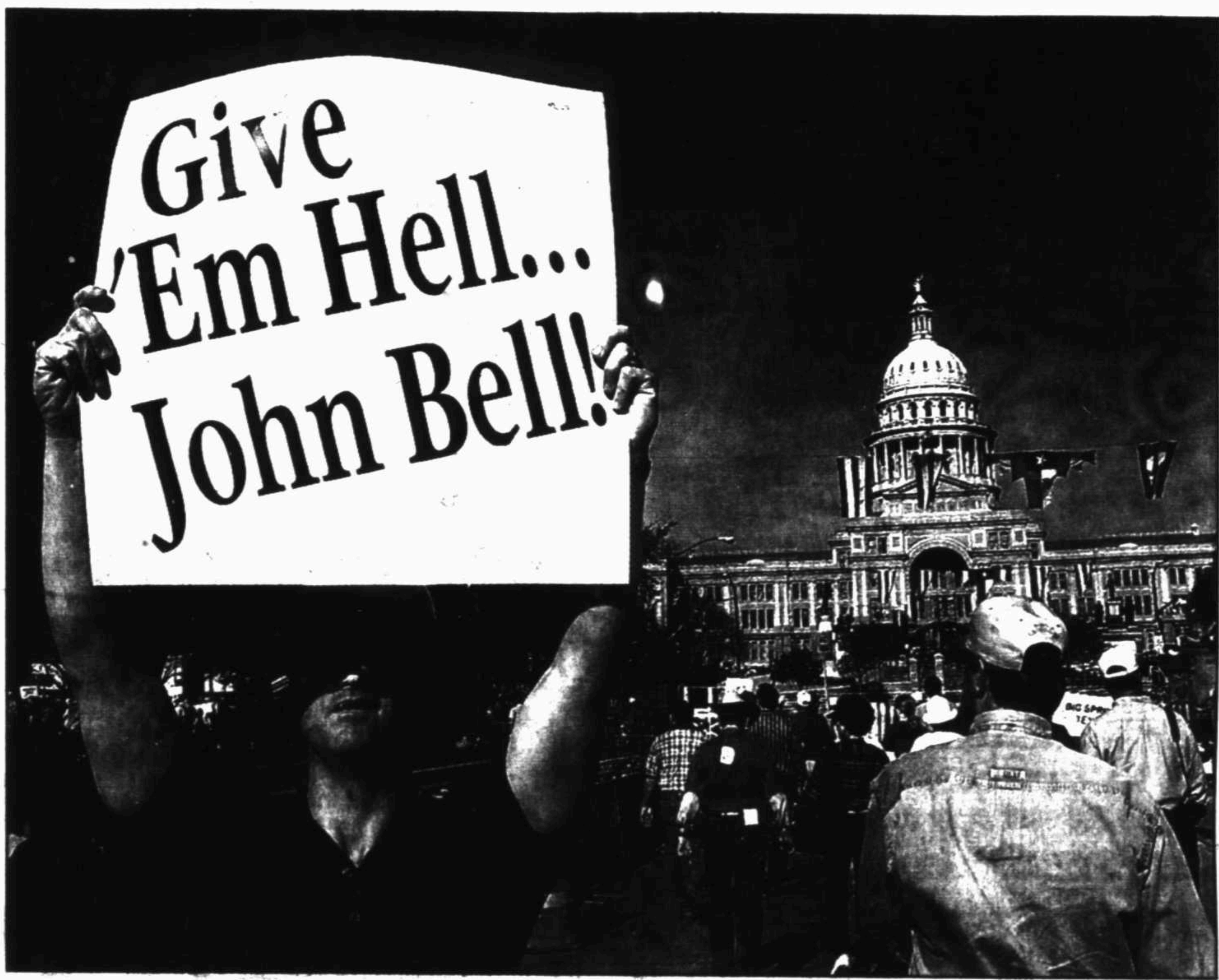
"You made the problems more personal by coming here today," she told the audience. "You put a face on the oil industry."

And that face came in all shapes and forms.

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Bell



Marchers display signs encouraging march organizer John Bell, of Kermit, before the state capitol in Austin.



Marchers from Giddings express disappointment that Gov. George Bush did not meet with them. The march route passed before the theater where Bush was attending another engagement.

Oil marchers meet with Texas Railroad Commission, ask for severance relief

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

AUSTIN — Relief for Texas oil producers inched closer to reality Monday, as members of the oil and gas industry met with Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews to formulate a political strategy for seeking a moratorium on oil and gas severance taxes.

Matthews has proposed a plan that would eliminate severance tax on oil when it drops below \$15 and on natural gas when it drops below \$1.50. After it is formalized by industry input, the proposal is expected to go to the Texas Legislature early this session.

Gov. George W. Bush has not given any indication that he would pass such a measure, but most involved with the severance tax moratorium think that the governor would sign it into law.

"I am confident we can count on the governor's support," said John Bell, organizer of the "Open The Eyes of Texas" oil march that followed the meeting.

Matthews said there would be some resistance in the Legislature to the proposal, because there are always some who object, but he thought the measure had a good chance of passage and fairly quickly.

"The oil industry has some real problems. I can't think of any industry that is taxed when

Please see RELIEF/2A

Midland woman hospitalized by bomb found on doorstep

By Rick López
Staff Writer

A Midland woman suffered severe injuries Monday after accidentally detonating a package bomb left on her doorstep overnight.

Midland police said that Teresa Lewis, 34, suffered several life-threatening injuries from the blast, including cuts to her face, a damaged eye and extensive harm to her right hand.

She remained in serious condition at Memorial Medical Center and Hospital Monday, a hospital spokeswoman said. Authorities said she was scheduled to undergo several surgeries throughout afternoon and evening.

Police said the incident occurred shortly before 8 a.m., when Ms. Lewis was leaving

her house in the 3500 block of Travis Avenue for her job at a pediatric health clinic at 2500 Delano Drive.

"We think she was going to work because she locked the door behind her," Police Lt. Brian Bogart said. She was also wearing hospital scrubs, witnesses said.

Evidence at the scene led police to suspect that Ms. Lewis put down her purse to examine a red package — just slightly bigger than a shoe box — left outside her front door.

Bogart said the box had some writing on it, but could not say what it was. He said the package didn't have any marks indicating that it had gone through the mail.

Police suspect that Ms. Lewis

Please see BOMB/2A



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram Investigators place a tag on the roof to mark a piece of evidence after a pipe bomb exploded Monday morning at the home of Teresa Lewis.

Family, friends say goodbye to three shooting victims

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Family and friends packed Golf Course Road Church of Christ Monday to say farewell to three women who were killed last week in Richardson.

"We do not gather to grieve," church elder Ronnie White told the gathering of over 1,000 mourners. "We have come this morning in celebration of the life of these precious ladies."

Janette Jeffers, 43, her mother, Margaret Compton, 67, and family friend Mary Ann Rowland, 63, were killed in Mrs. Jeffers' home early last Wednesday.

Richardson police suspect that Mrs. Jeffers' ex-husband, Allen Dale Price, 48,

shot the three women before turning the weapon on himself.

Norma Perry, a co-worker of Mrs. Jeffers at Pioneer Natural Resources, said she thought it was a well-conducted service and she agreed with the uplifting message.

While she wasn't close to the families, she said one of her sons is in the company's Houston office and had worked with Mrs. Jeffers in Midland, and another son worked with Mrs. Jeffers in the same office in Las Colinas.

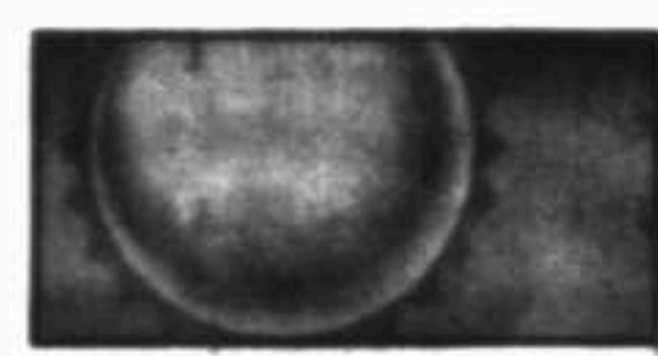
Another co-worker, Venita Faircloth, said she thought the service was well-done and the messages uplifting.

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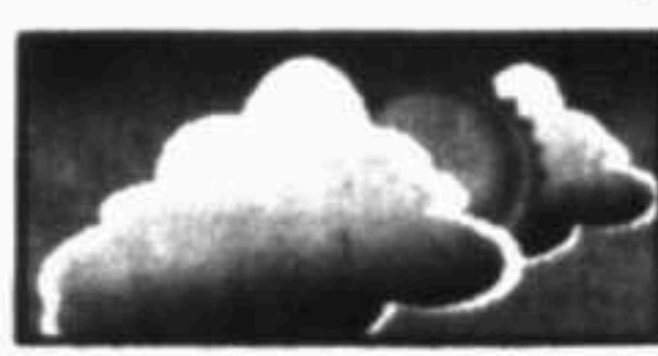
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Midland forecast

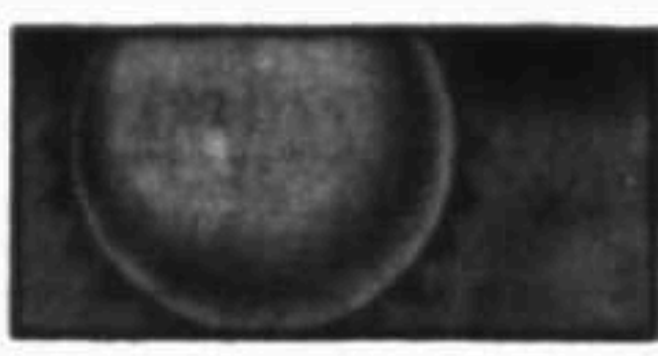
3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 79
Low 46



Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 71
Low 45



Thursday
Sunny
High 70
Low 43

Unseasonably warm weather is to visit the Midland area today. Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high near 80 and southerly to southwesterly winds at 10-20 mph and gusty, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with a low in the mid-to-upper 40s.

After an overnight low of 33, Monday's high reached 69, compared to the record high for that date of 77 set in 1982. The record low was 7 set in 1949.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Normal total yr to date 0.19 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 69
Low 33
Normal high 56
Normal low 28

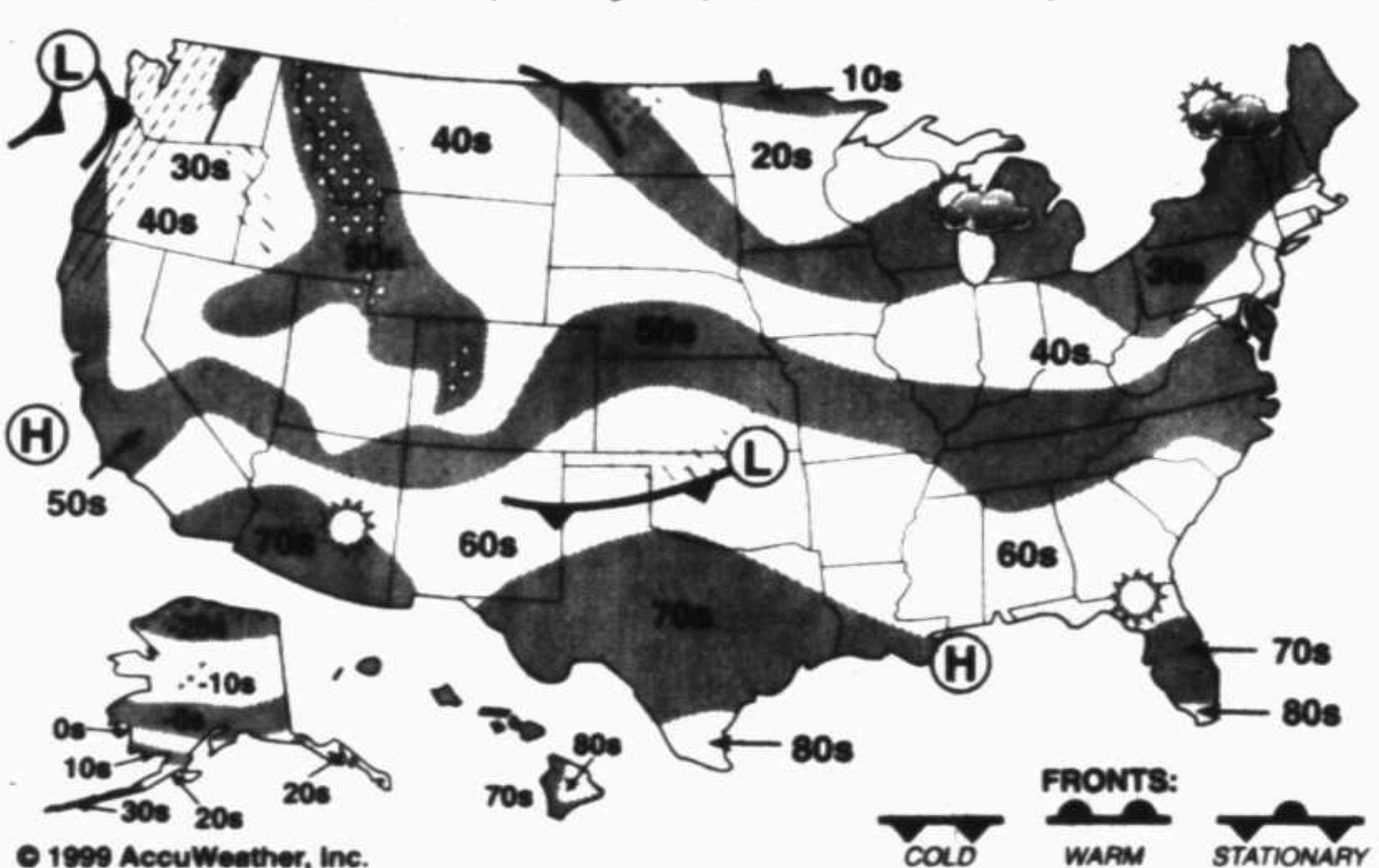
Pollen count

Trees: Low Weeds: Absent
Grass: Absent Molds: Low
Dust: Moderate
Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

Sunrise ... 7:48 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:11 p.m.

National forecast

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.

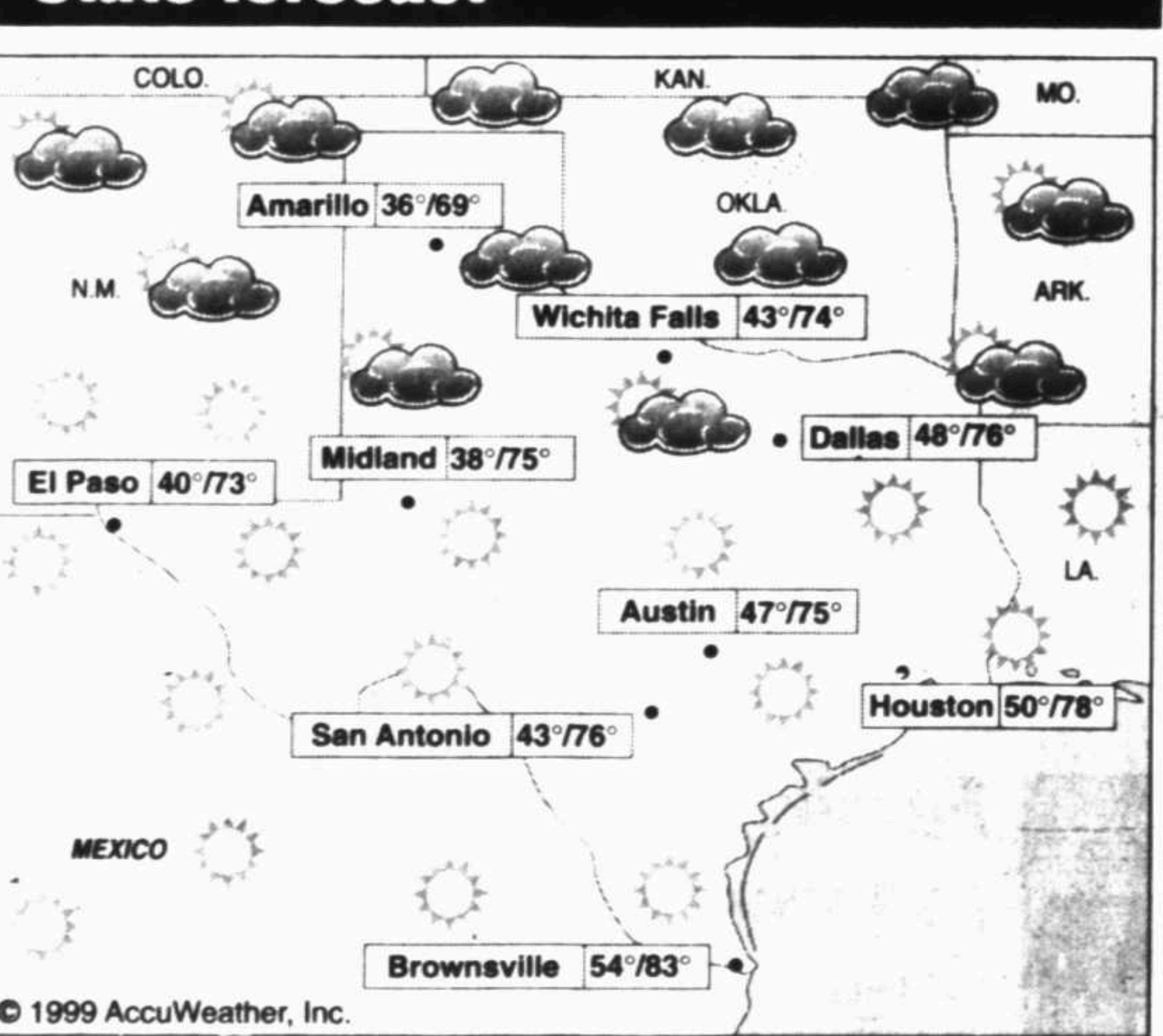


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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST			
City	High	Low	Precip.
Albany, N.Y.	52	18	0.00
Albuquerque	61	32	0.00
Anchorage	5	9	0.00
Ashville	57	41	0.00
Atlanta	64	52	0.00
Atlantic City	56	33	0.00
Baltimore	58	38	0.00
Bilings	50	26	0.00
Birmingham	62	51	0.00
Bismarck	20	20	0.00
Boise	51	36	0.00
Boston	50	29	0.00
Brownsville	80	60	0.00
Buffalo	45	17	0.00
Burlington, Vt.	48	24	0.00
Casper	54	18	0.00
Charleston, S.C.	69	61	0.00
Charleston, W. Va.	54	52	0.00
Charlotte, N.C.	68	47	0.00
Cheyenne	52	23	0.00
Chicago	36	35	0.00
Cincinnati	46	41	0.00
Cleveland	42	42	0.00
Columbia, S.C.	72	54	0.00
Columbus, Ohio	46	44	0.00
Concord, N.H.	45	17	0.00
Dayton	39	36	0.00
Denver	83	20	0.00
Des Moines	32	27	0.00
Detroit	37	36	0.00
Duluth	31	30	0.00
Evansville	48	37	0.00
Fairbanks	16	18	0.00
Fargo	15	12	0.00
Flagstaff	54	25	0.00
Grand Rapids	35	35	0.00
Great Falls	48	29	0.00
Greensboro, N.C.	61	46	0.00
Hartford, Spgld	52	25	0.00
Helena	45	28	0.00
Honolulu	82	70	0.00
Indianapolis	37	35	0.00
Jackson, Miss.	66	50	0.00
Jacksonville	74	60	0.00
Juneau	28	21	0.00
Kansas City	46	32	0.00
Las Vegas	69	43	0.00
Little Rock	62	42	0.00
Los Angeles	59	53	0.00
Louisville	49	42	0.00
Memphis	60	45	0.00
Miami Beach	80	67	0.00
Minneapolis	36	34	0.00
Mobile, Ala.	34	32	0.00
Nashville	56	48	0.00
New Orleans	73	63	0.00
New York City	57	35	0.00
Norfolk, Va.	48	47	0.00
North Platte	53	14	0.00
Oakland, Calif.	61	31	0.00
Omaha	40	30	0.00
Orlando	81	59	0.00
Philadelphia	59	38	0.00
Phoenix	74	49	0.00
Pittsburgh	50	38	0.00
Portland, Maine	44	23	0.00
Portland, Ore.	52	43	0.00
Providence	50	27	0.00
Raleigh-Durham	70	52	0.00
Rapid City	40	13	0.00
Reno	47	44	0.00
Richmond	65	44	0.00
San Francisco	56	53	0.00
San Jose	45	35	0.00
San Juan, P.R.	88	71	0.00
Santa Fe	58	27	0.00
Seattle	36	34	0.00
Shreveport	67	42	0.00
Sioux Falls	23	17	0.00
Spokane	43	33	0.00
Syracuse	45	29	0.00
Tampa-St. Petersburg	76	61	0.00
Topeka	48	32	0.00
Tucson	78	44	0.00
Tulsa	58	35	0.00
Washington, D.C.	59	40	0.00
Wichita	51	28	0.00

State forecast



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Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST			
City	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	66	32	0.00
Alice	79	49	0.00
Amarillo	65	34	0.00
Arlington	66	34	0.00
Austin Bergstrom	72	42	0.00
Austin Mueller	71	50	0.00
Beaumont	74	54	0.00
Brownsville	80	63	0.00
Burnet	68	45	0.00
Childress	63	32	0.00
College Station	72	41	0.00
Conroe	74	44	0.00
Corpus Christi	73	48	0.00
Corpus Christi	67	39	0.00
Cotulla	78	41	0.00
Del Rio	63	28	0.00
El Paso	66	36	0.00
El Paso	75	39	0.00
Fort Worth	72	43	0.00
Fort Worth Alliance	64	30	0.00
Fort Worth Meacham	66	38	0.00
Galveston	68	54	0.00
Hartsville	77	65	0.00
Hondo	73	39	0.00
Houston Hobby	71	54	0.00
Houston Intercontinental	74	49	0.00
Huntsville	72	42	0.00
Junction	73	31	0.00
Kingville	80	37	0.00
Laredo	84	42	0.00
Longview	67	37	0.00
Lubbock	64	26	0.00
Lufkin	71	37	0.00
Marfa	68	32	0.00
McAllen	81	57	0.00

MARCH: Oilmen take to streets of Austin

(From 1A)

There were businessmen in suits. There were young mothers pushing baby carriages. There were teenagers, and small children, too. There were blacks, whites and Hispanics.

But from them all the message was the same: "We need help." Past efforts to do that have not always been successful. "Frankly, we haven't been able to give a correct picture," he said. But organizers think that Monday's march and rally may have

been a step in the right direction. "I'm pumped up," said Bell after the final speech had been delivered. "If we have to knock on the door of every legislator, that's what we'll do. We have to get the message out."

During the parade printed signs attempted to emphasize the message with words like: "Oil Field: An Endangered Species;" "Help Us Keep Our Jobs;" and "Oil Field: Making a Dime; Losing a Dollar."

But catchy phrases aside, most people in the industry know that

any solutions that do come about will likely involve the government, initially at the state level. That's why Monday's parade and rally were held in Austin, across the street from the state Capitol.

They wanted their message to be heard by the so-called power players. Still, that might not be enough. As one newcomer to state government said following the rally, "I've really been surprised by how little some people in this city know about the oil industry."

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RELIEF: Representatives meet with TRC

(From 1A)

it is losing money," Matthews said. "And the oil industry is now losing money." He said the oil and gas industry had been paying the same level of wellhead taxes since 1951.

Scott Anderson, executive in charge of Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners, said his group strongly favored a severance tax moratorium. "It may not save every job, but it will make a difference for some wells and some businesses. And, even where it does not make a difference between life and death, it can give a badly needed shot in the arm."

He said the timing was right for Matthews' proposal because most politicians are now aware that the oil and gas industry is overtaxed.

Neal Miller, public relations spokesman for Chevron USA and one of those attending the meeting, thinks the timing may be right for the oil and gas tax moratorium. "The fundamentals are there. And I think Matthews' proposal has a very good chance of passing, but

it will have to remain simple." Matthews said the plan was simple and those involved in the planning session agreed that it should remain simple without a lot of industry manipulation. "Of course we can't determine what the bill might look like after it goes to the Legislature."

Rep. Tom Craddick agreed that the oil industry has a chance of winning the severance tax relief if it presents a unified plan to the legislature this session.

Craddick said the timing was right because the state now has a budget surplus that could be a positive factor in eliminating severance tax, even though some of the surplus is already being used for additional school enrollment. "If you are going to have a surplus, it would find no better use than help for the down-trodden oil and gas industry."

While a 4.6 percent tax moratorium may not be all that much, Craddick said it would help maintain Texas marginal wells until prices come back.

Craddick said the oil workers parade was a positive move for the

industry because it would help make legislators aware of the problems caused by low oil prices. "There are only a handful of representatives in the Legislature who are aware of the problems of the oil industry. This will help us tell our story and make them aware."

He said the state should be realistic and realize that plugged wells don't create jobs or value for the state.

"We need to get the attention of the Legislature and get it early," said Wayne Hughes, executive vice president of the Panhandle Producers Association.

Craddick, who made a brief address to the oil workers' gathering, also noted that some relief for the industry might be obtained by a statewide reduction in ad valorem taxes. Local entities now contribute 60 percent of the tax revenues and the state contributes 40 percent.

Paul Morris, immediate past president of Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said a key to getting relief would be to put the issue on the front burner and keep

it on the front burner. "This rally will help the state to focus on our problems."

Michael Williams, newly appointed member of the Texas Railroad Commission, said in addition to the economic benefit of a temporary moratorium on severance tax, the passage of such a bill would be a great morale booster for the industry.

"It will send a signal that someone cares." While new on the job and still in the learning curve, Williams said he would use the bully pulpit of the Railroad Commission to work for the temporary tax relief.

Both Williams and fellow commissioner, Tony Garza, have signed on to the Matthews tax relief proposal. "I think the oil workers rally points out the broad cross section of Texans who have been impacted by low oil prices. It impacts counties, school districts and cities. We will need a broad base to mobilize political support for the tax relief," Williams said.

BOMB: Woman hospitalized after finding bomb

(From 1A)

accidentally set off a pipe bomb by handling the box, Bogart said. Authorities think the package contained a battery, 2-inch box nails and some type of explosive, he said.

The blast was so intense that it could be heard from Thomason Drive, said a young couple who walked around Ms. Lewis' house as officers marked and photographed scattered shrapnel. After the blast, Ms. Lewis collapsed, covered her bloodied face and shouted for help, neighbor Vivian Savitieri said. She and her husband, Santo Savitieri, were coming back from a morning stroll when they heard the explosion and saw Ms. Lewis in a panic.

A man in a pickup pulled over and tried to help Ms. Lewis, but the Savitieris urged him to wait for paramedics to move her, she said. "We didn't know what was wrong with her, so we let the ambulance arrive and take her," Mrs. Savitieri said. "We tried asking her a few questions, but the

poor woman couldn't answer us. She'd try getting up and then fall down shouting.

"You see something like that, and you'll never forget it."

Officials said Ms. Lewis, a single mother, has a son and a daughter, who the neighbors said appear to be under the age of 12. The kids were visiting their father over the weekend and weren't at their mother's house Monday, Bogart said.

The explosion's intensity propelled pieces of shrapnel about 250 feet away to a garage door across the street. It also blew off part of Ms. Lewis' hand. The nails probably did the most damage, Bogart said.

"When I saw her on the ground, I thought that someone shot her," said Carmen Rodriguez, a nurse who lives five houses away from Ms. Lewis. "I can't believe this happened to such a sweet person. I can't believe anyone would want to hurt her."

As authorities combed the scene for shrapnel and other evidence, gawkers walked around police cordon to catch a glimpse of the

aftermath: a blood-spattered front door and dozens of evidence markers leading from the front door to a neighbor's truck.

"This is sad. I grew up here, and didn't see a lot of crime," said Ms. Rodriguez's 19-year-old son, Andy. "About two years ago, someone broke into the house across the street, but the police caught the kids who did it."

After Monday's explosion, neighbors are questioning their safety.

"The mailboxes are right outside of her house. How do we know they're not set up like that too?" said Andy's brother, Adrian Rodriguez, 23.

Neighbors said they recall Ms. Lewis living at that house at least since she was a teen-ager. They said she acquired the house from her father and stepmother, who now own a house in Robert Lee, a town about 100 miles east of Midland. They couple stays at Ms. Lewis' house during the week to babysit her children, friends of the family said.

Midland police were assisted with their day-long investigation

by agent Jaime Lopez from the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco office in Lubbock and explosives expert Gary Clark of the Ector County Sheriff's Office.

Authorities were handling the case as an attempted murder, police spokeswoman Tina Sanders-Jauz said. If the investigation results in an arrest, the suspect or suspects could face federal charges, she said.

Police said they will determine today what evidence will be sent for forensic testing, take more witness statements and follow what leads they already have.

In his 17 years with the force, Bogart has seen explosives used for mischievous crimes — like blowing up trash cans — but can't recall any cases where they were used to maim someone.

"They haven't caused anything this extensive," Bogart said.

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Brazil floats currency permanently, vows to drive ahead with reforms

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Desperate to heal its financial wounds, Brazil permanently floated its beleaguered currency on Monday and sought to assure the rest of the world that it will drive ahead with further tough reforms. Global markets rallied after the news.

Brazil's finance minister, Pedro Malan — anxious to win investors' confidence and another piece of a \$41 billion international aid package — was in Washington to explain to the Clinton administration, the International Monetary Fund and investors how his government will meet its reform promises.

President Fernando Cardoso, meanwhile, defended his government's move to end once and for all its expensive four-year defense of the currency's value, saying it was a necessary first step in efforts to turn around the economy.

"We are moving into a new phase where we will need to put into place as rapidly as possible the fiscal austerity plan so interest rates could fall and Brazil can begin to grow again," Cardoso told a joint news conference with the heads of both houses of Congress.

The United States fears that if Brazil succumbs to an Asian-style currency crisis, its economy —

Latin America's largest — could drag down other countries in the region.

Plunging currencies and a loss of investor confidence could cause a regional economic contraction, which in turn would affect U.S. exports and hurt the U.S. economy, which has about 2,000 American multinationals doing business in Brazil.

On Monday, the Central Bank made permanent a temporary decision last week to allow the currency, the real, to trade at market rates in foreign exchange trading without any intervention. The move risks sparking a new surge of inflation.

The value of the real — which closed Monday at 1.59 to the dollar — has plunged 24 percent from its value late Tuesday, just before the government made its first steps to devalue the currency.

Before floating the currency, the government had spent \$45 billion of its foreign currency reserves to prop up the real in a bid to curb inflation. The Central Bank used to intervene by spending reserve dollars to buy reals, driving up their value.

With the devaluation, Cardoso said, "we are more dependent on ourselves.... We no longer have to worry about speculators."



Hundreds of job-seekers line up outside a store in downtown Sao Paulo, Monday.

World markets applauded the news with sharp gains, especially in Europe. London's Financial Times Stock Exchange 100 index rose 3.1 percent to close at 6123.9, while all Europe's main markets posted gains. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index jumped 2.5 percent, while Tokyo's Nikkei Average backed off a surge early in the day

to close up 0.48 percent. Wall Street was closed Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On Brazil's largest market, the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange, share prices closed up 5.4 percent on top of a stunning 33 percent gain Friday.

Brazil has received around \$9 billion of a \$41.5 billion IMF-led

rescue package and it is now seeking the release of \$9 billion more.

But the fund is requiring that Cardoso's government first impose tax hikes and budget cuts to reduce the deficit.

"We will undertake all efforts we have submitted to the fund," Finance Minister Malan told reporters at IMF headquarters in Washington. "We know additional measures may be required."

IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus said in a statement that he was "personally very satisfied with the conversations that IMF staff and management have had" with the Brazilian team.

He welcomed Malan's pledges on attacking the budget deficit and said an IMF team would go to Brazil to consider adjustments to IMF targets in light of the currency devaluation.

Malan also met with Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers on Sunday and was to hold talks with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on Monday.

Cardoso is seeking quick approval of austerity measures to cut the 1999 budget by about \$23 billion. Senate President Antonio Carlos Magalhaes pledged to pass the measures as quickly as possible even if it means gathering leg-

islators for weekend sessions.

The fiscal austerity, plus the free exchange rate, will drop interest rates to about 15 percent a year and stimulate economic growth, said Paulo Guedes, an economist in Rio de Janeiro.

The measures, which have stalled in Congress, would increase social security taxes and place a tax on all banking transactions, yielding \$4.5 billion this year and \$7 billion next year, said Communications Minister Pimenta da Veiga.

But approval by the fractious Congress could be complicated by increasingly vocal opposition from state governors, who claim they lack the means to pay their multi-billion-dollar debts to the federal government.

Seven opposition governors were meeting Monday in Minas Gerais state to discuss their situation, after the state's governor earlier this month declared a moratorium on paying his state's debts of \$10.5 billion.

The global financial crisis hit Brazil full force in August, when investors withdrew their money for fear that the government couldn't cover a \$65 billion budget deficit and might default on its loans.

Serb forces attack near massacre site in southern Kosovo, turn back war crimes investigator

MALAPOLJE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Defying global outrage over the massacre of civilians, Serb forces pounded villages Monday with artillery. The government also ordered the American head of the Kosovo peace mission to leave the country and barred a U.N. investigator looking into the massacre.

Fighting spread Monday to northern Kosovo, where ethnic Albanian rebels attacked a Serb vehicle, wounding five policemen in an ambush 25 miles northwest of the provincial capital, Pristina.

The defiant moves after last week's massacre of 45 ethnic Albanian civilians indicated President Slobodan Milosevic was willing to risk further international pressure in his campaign against rebels seeking independence from the main Yugoslav republic, Serbia.

NATO's supreme commander, Gen. Wesley Clark, and German Gen. Klaus Naumann, planned to fly to the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade on Tuesday to warn Milosevic he faces military action unless he abides by the U.S.-negotiated Oct. 12 deal that ended seven months of fighting.

In comment broadcast on CNN, Clark said NATO could be prepared to act militarily within days or hours. "This is going to be a very clear and a very blunt message," the U.S. general said.

Kosovo's Serb minority and Milosevic's ultranationalist allies have been demanding the government crush the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army.

Tensions rose dramatically Saturday after international verifiers found the bodies of 45 ethnic Albanians, including three women and a 12-year-old boy, in a gully near the village of Racak (pronounced RAH-chak), 20 miles south of Pristina.

William Walker, the American head of the international peace verification mission, accused Serb police of the massacre, despite government claims the dead were guerrillas killed in combat.

Late Monday, the Yugoslav government, in a statement distrib-

uted by its Tanjug news agency, declared that Walker's comments were in "flagrant violation of the agreement made" with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which oversees the October agreement. The government ordered Walker to leave Yugoslavia within 48 hours.

The U.N. Security Council condemned the killings, and called for an immediate investigation. The council also urged Yugoslavia to reverse its decision to expel Walker.

In Vienna, Austria, David Johnson, the U.S. ambassador to the OSCE, expressed outrage Monday over Yugoslav authorities' "scandalous attempt to present the cold-blooded slaughter and mutilation of civilians as a military operation against terrorists."

In Brussels, Belgium, NATO spokesman Jamie Shea called the expulsion order "outrageous." He told BBC TV he hoped Yugoslav authorities would "come to their senses and reconsider this unwise decision."

Earlier Monday, Yugoslav guards at the Macedonian border turned back U.N. war crimes prosecutor Louise Arbour when she tried to cross into Kosovo to investigate the massacre.

U.S. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin on Monday expressed "grave concern" over the decision to block Arbour. In a statement, he said "there can be no excuse" for Yugoslavia's failure to meet its obligations to the Security Council and to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

The United Nations insists its court in The Hague has jurisdiction throughout the former Yugoslavia, including Kosovo. In a statement Monday, the Yugoslav government said the U.N. court "does not have and cannot have jurisdiction in Kosovo" since the conflict is "a clear matter of terrorism."

The Russian Foreign Ministry said Monday that Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Avdeyev was heading to Kosovo in an attempt to ease the recent violence. The Russians, who have maintained close ties with the Serbs, also expressed concern about the decision to expel Walker and asked Belgrade to reconsider.

Albania's parliament called Monday on all Albanians to unite in support of the ethnic Albanian community in Kosovo. And in Jerusalem, several Israeli lawmakers argued Monday that the Jewish state should break off relations with Yugoslavia over the

latest massacre.

There was little sign, however, that the Yugoslav government was prepared to soften its hard-line

stand. On Monday, Serb forces unleashed tank and artillery barrages on Racak and other nearby villages.

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Man's stand for French fries tells Belgium to be proud of national snack

ANTWERP, Belgium (AP) — When the news broke a few years back, Belgium was abuzz. Giuseppe Bonsignore of Herstal, an otherwise forgettable town in eastern Belgium, won a patent for six-sided French fries.

His fries were healthier than four-sided ones, government research found.

Alas, the health-in-fries crusade

fizzled fast, which says much about tinkering with Belgium's favorite food.

Belgians eat fries with a passion. In homes, restaurants and roadside shacks that French-speakers call "baraques a frites" and Dutch-speakers refer to as "fritkot."

"Talk about Belgium, and you talk about fries," says Paul

Ilegems, an Antwerp art academy teacher who has explored, exposed and explained the Belgian love of fries in three books and a traveling art show.

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"Belgians are ashamed of their

fries culture because it figures in Belgian jokes in France and Holland," Ilegems said.

Belgians get their fry-fix at shacks or hole-in-the-wall eateries that challenge your senses. Often converted campers, buses or plywood shacks, these eyesores are sometimes dressed up as Swiss chalets, Venetian palazzos or

upscale, diner-style snack bars. A basic order costs \$2 to \$3 a portion and comes with a dusting of salt. There are also toppings that include landlides of mayonnaise and Mexican, Gypsy, American, Andalusian, Tomagrec and other sauces with names as mysterious as their ingredients. Belgium's grease emporiums feature chaotic styles, unusual

hours, and a bucking of a low-fat health ethic that screams anti-uniformity.

Such is the anarchy, there is not even an agreed spelling. Dutch speakers call fries "Frit," "Friet," "Fritten," "Fritten" or "Patat." French speakers call the fried potato sticks "frites," "pommes frites" or "patates frites."

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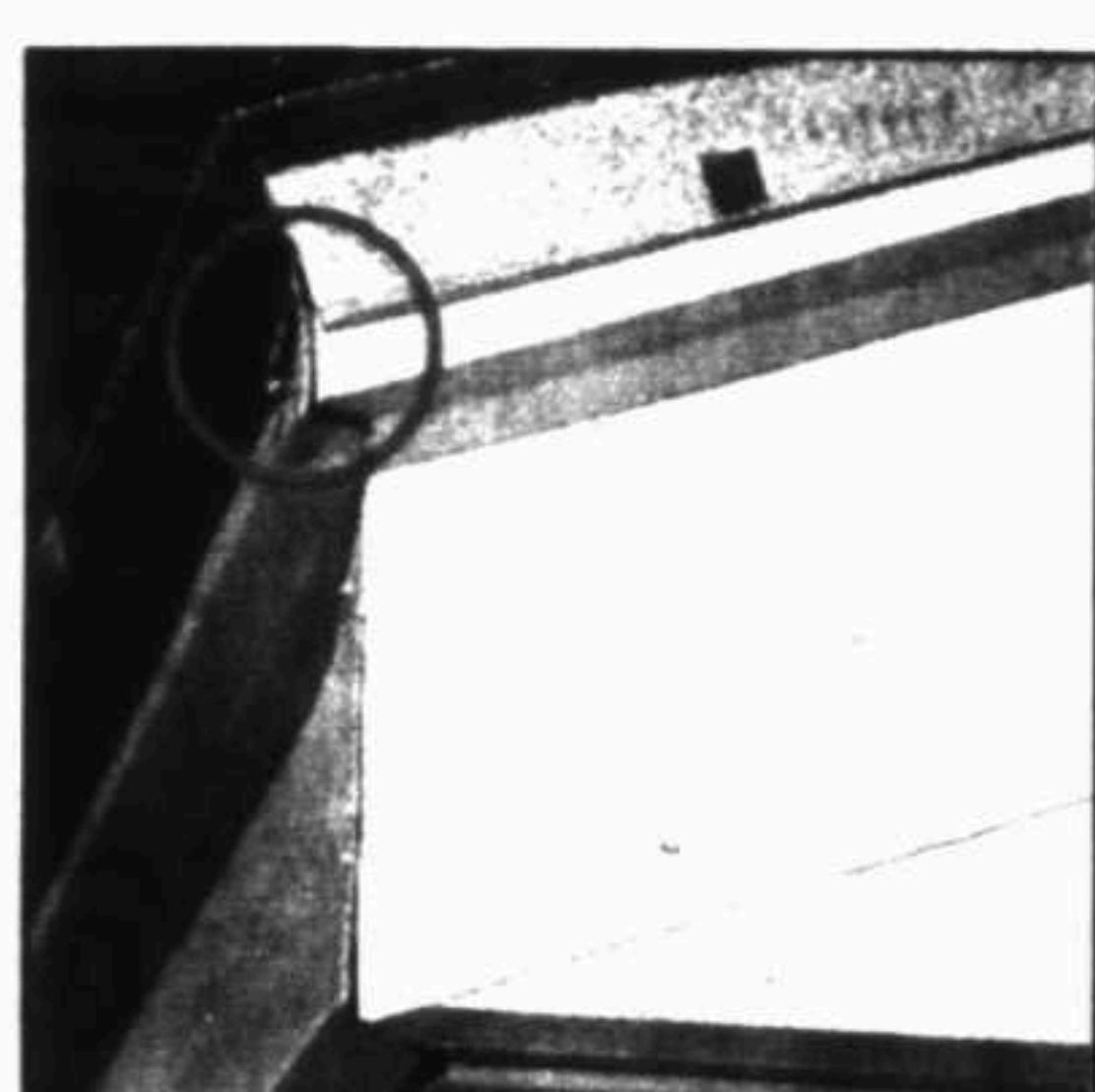
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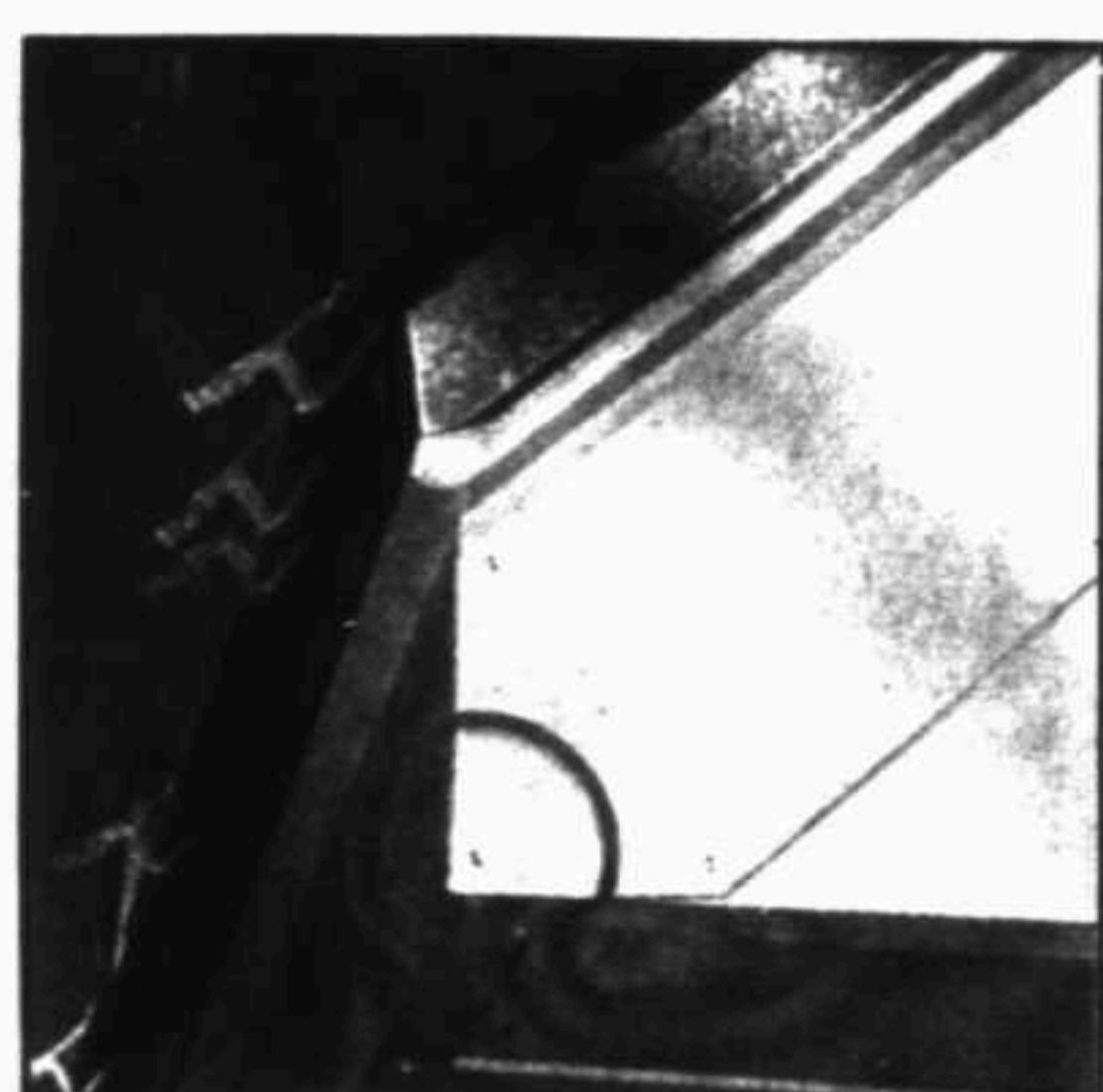
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Retirement security starts with the retiree

George Burns, the cigar-smoking comedian who entertained audiences well into his 90s, had a lot to say about retirement. He once deadpanned, "Retirement at 65 is ridiculous. When I was 65, I still had pimples."

Whatever age you decide to retire, you can make sure it's an event to look forward to by making sure you are "retirement ready."

Unfortunately, large numbers of Americans are not sufficiently saving for their retirement, and they fear the repercussions. A poll by Sun America, a financial-services company specializing in retirement savings, found that 40 percent of the women surveyed worry they will be living in poverty when they retire. About half of people polled believe they might not be able to retire at all. Close to 80 percent of those surveyed between age 25 and 55 are concerned that they won't have enough to live on when they retire.

Today's workers realize the shortcomings associated with Social Security. They know Social Security alone won't provide a comfortable retirement—it pays only about 27 percent of an individual's retirement needs. It's clear we cannot depend upon the government to take care of us in our old age.

Instead, we must rely on the qualities Americans have historically shown, the traits that have made the United States the wealthiest nation in the world: self-reliance and entrepreneurship. And we must apply those qualities to saving for our own futures.

There are numerous ways to accumulate retirement wealth. Some strategies have immediate tax benefits; some have future tax benefits. The traditional IRA is alive and well. The new Roth IRA provides another way to build a retirement fund. In addition,

thousands of workers contribute regularly to a 401(k) plan.

Other investing choices, such as individual stocks or mutual funds, lack the tax benefits of the IRA and 401(k), but the amount you may invest is unlimited. Many investors start by making modest investment purchases regularly, and then increase those amounts through the years. Most money managers suggest that you put aside five percent to 10 percent of your monthly income for long-term goals.

The investment vehicles you choose should depend upon your age and your goals. How many years do you have to save? The younger you are, the more aggressively you can invest. What kind of lifestyle do you want to maintain during retirement, and how long will you be retired? The amount you put away should be based on what you anticipate your expenses will be throughout those golden years.

The facts show that long-term savers/investors will have the money to enjoy a secure retirement. Some may be able to retire early, but most will leave the daily work world in their 60s and sail off into a comfortable retirement, thanks to smart investing started early.

Or, you may decide to work until you're 100 years old, like George Burns. If you've saved and invested wisely over the years, your choice will be just that—a choice, not a necessity. And that's what retirement freedom is all about.



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Midland's "gateway to the world" — the new \$35 million terminal at Midland International Airport — has been called "a cathedral that will inspire, that will awe."

That comment, uttered by Herbert D. Kelleher, president of Southwest Airlines, at the dedication of the terminal building Saturday, was an appropriate tribute to the beautiful new facility. But it is much more as well. It is a dream come true, a monument to the dedication of the far-sighted, imaginative people who realized years ago that transportation was vital to the future of the Midland and Odessa area, and who worked tirelessly to ensure that adequate air transportation and facilities would be available today.

The air terminal project was neither easy nor quick to bring to fruition, and it took the dedication and continual effort of numerous people to bring it to pass. But the independent-minded individuals who call the Permian Basin of Texas home never shy away from any project because it is difficult to accomplish or because it requires a bit of hard work and sweat.

If anything, that makes the project more appealing. It seems that it is inherent in this region for residents to do what others say cannot be done. Of course, there are many people whose work and encouragement should be cited for making the terminal building a reality. Certainly thanks should be extended to City Manager Mike McGregor, Airports Director Ken Day, Mayor Bobby Burns, and former mayors Carroll Thomas, J.D. Faircloth, Thane Akins, Ernest Angelo Jr. and Ed Magruder; the members of the Midland City Council and the Airport Board.

As U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison noted recently in a letter to city officials, this new "gateway to the world for the Permian Basin, West Texas and southeastern New Mexico" is truly an appropriate way to start the new millennium.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 1999. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 19, 1807, Robert E. Lee, commander in chief of the Confederate armies, was born in Stratford, Va. On this date:

In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

In 1809, author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In 1853, Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with permission from President Eisenhower.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1970, President Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; controversy over Carswell's past racial views defeated the nomination.

In 1979, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell was released on parole after serving 19 months at a federal prison in Alabama.

In 1981, the United States and Iran signed an agreement paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

Ten years ago: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the full Senate approve the nomination of James A. Baker to be secretary of state.

Five years ago: President Clinton visited quake-stricken Los Angeles, where he pledged fast and aggressive federal help. Figure skater Tonya Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, surrendered to authorities in Portland, Ore., after being charged with conspiring to attack skater Nancy Kerrigan.

CAL THOMAS

Taliban terrorizing females in Afghanistan

When the Berlin Wall fell and the Soviet Union collapsed, most people thought the days of oppression were largely over. Not in Afghanistan, where the ruling Taliban militia has plunged women into a new Dark Age. Masquerading as Muslims doing the will of God, the Taliban are terrorizing more than 11 million Afghans simply because they are female.

Three months ago, the Feminist Majority Foundation launched a Campaign to Stop Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan. Mavis Leno and her husband, Jay, contributed \$100,000 to help restore the right of Afghan women to work, be educated, have access to health care and move freely. Women there are now under virtual house arrest, allowed to emerge only in the company of a male and then for limited reasons. Any home with a female inside must paint the windows, and the Taliban have decreed that all women must wear the burqa, a full-length garb that resembles a horror-movie costume.

While the Feminist Majority's campaign received some initial publicity, any human rights work must generate sustained attention from different political camps if it is to succeed. Like the Campaign for Soviet Jewry and various efforts to reduce discrimination against Christians overseas, the plight of Afghan women must not be forgotten if they are

to be liberated from their political bondage and the grip of religious malpractice.

It is hard to believe at the dawn of the new millennium that such archaic practices still exist. In Afghanistan, girls and women may not attend school, even home school. Until the Taliban seized power two years ago, 40 percent of Afghan doctors were women. Now, female doctors are not only prohibited from practicing medicine, but male doctors cannot examine or treat women. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told a Human Rights Day gathering at the White House last month that at one time half the teachers in Afghanistan were women, but now they are barred from teaching.

As with most oppressors, the Taliban say they are doing these things for the "good" of women, but it is impossible to see by any standard known to humanity how this Orwellian Newspeak of "bad is good" can serve the interest of females. Theresa Loar, the State Department's senior coordinator for international women's issues, tells me it is difficult to apply economic pressure to the Taliban because so few businesses operate in Afghanistan. Unocal has suspended a pipeline project in the country, but this is not South Africa, where disinvestment by many companies helped end another form of apartheid.

In her testimony last March before a special hearing chaired by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Mavis Leno noted that "Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have recognized the Taliban and have provided substantial support to this regime. Saudi Arabia has long received military equipment and assistance from the United States government. Pakistan receives assistance from the United States as well. Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are the major sources of support and

arms for the Taliban. Saudi Arabia is a major source of funding for the Taliban. The United States government must urge Pakistan and Saudi Arabia to cease arming and funding the Taliban."

Loar tells me "the Saudi government has had some degree of falling out over Osama Bin Laden." She says the Taliban desperately want a seat at the United Nations, which the United States and most other governments oppose until the human rights of women and girls are again recognized. There are schools for Afghan girls in Pakistan refugee camps for those fortunate enough to escape the Taliban's iron-fisted rule, but they are underfunded and can help only a tiny fraction of Afghanistan's females.

What Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has called the "despicable" treatment of Afghan females can be stopped only if government, businesses and individuals impose pressure, isolation and humiliation on the Taliban. The Muslim community has a special role to play as it seeks to combat the stereotype that all Muslims are terrorists. It must continually point out that the education of women and girls is not prohibited by the Koran but encouraged. It must repeatedly acknowledge that the Taliban are as extreme to Muslims as Domsday cults are to Christians and the Jewish Defense League is to Jews.

What's a nice conservative boy like me endorsing this work of the Feminist Majority? Maybe it's because some of my best friends and relations are women.

Cal Thomas' column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate

CHARLEY REESE

Education is very important — even for college athletes

Want to try an easy test of your state legislator's backbone?

Just ask your legislators to pass a law which says simply: "No athletic scholarship shall be given by any state university to any academically unqualified student."

At the present time, the National Football League and the National Basketball Association, both big, cold-hearted businesses, are using America's colleges and universities as a free minor league in which to develop talent for their businesses. If they want minor leagues, let them pay for it.

College athletes ought to be college students first and college athletes second. It's embarrassing to hear alleged college student athletes barely able to talk. Nor does it speak well of the present state of college athletics that stories of college athletes being arrested for various thug-type crimes have become all too common.

Nothing, it seems, can escape the corrupting influence of money and greed. Universities want winning teams in order to attract TV coverage and big TV fees. Many alumni, it seems, care nothing about sports except winning.

Not all colleges and universities hand out scholarships to the academically unqualified, but far too many do. It's time to put a stop to a practice that causes injuries to two groups of student athletes.

One group injured by this sordid practice is those academically qualified student athletes who are not quite as fast of foot or as strong as the unqualified player who gets waived on his academic incompetence.

The second group injured is those very athletes who are given scholarships despite being academically unqualified.

Listen, it's a rule of human nature that humans will do what they have to do to get what they want — but no more. By rewarding academically unqualified athletes, colleges are sending the wrong message to high-school students: "Hey, if you are good enough on the field, we'll find a way to get around the academic stuff."

The right message that should be sent to high-school athletes is: "If you want to play college sports, you're going to have to hit the books as hard as you hit the tackle dummy."

That's a hard sell to youngsters who see functional illiterates become millionaires by playing hoops or football. Nevertheless, even if a kid has the potential to make millions, he still needs an education.

There are three reasons. One, the number of positions in pro sports is very limited compared with the population of wannabes. Most college varsity athletes are not picked up by the pros. They just aren't good enough, fast enough or big enough.

Two, every athlete, amateur or pro, is always in constant risk of an aborted career because of a disabling injury.

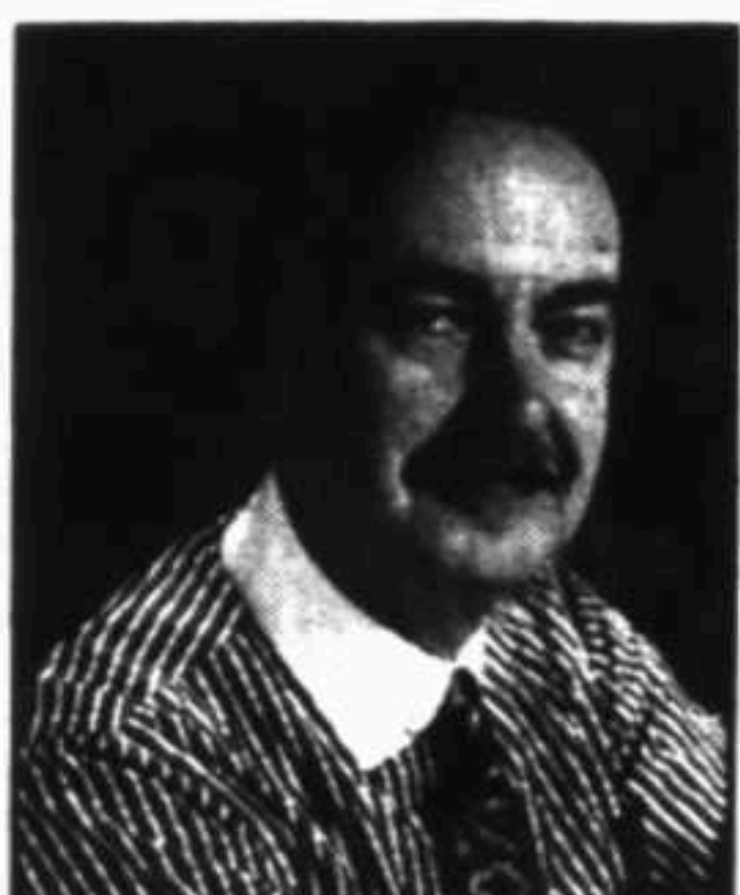
Three, unless a kid is smart — even if he can make millions — the probability is that agents and other hangers-on will end up with most of his money. Many a great professional athlete has died broke.

The saddest example is Joe Louis, in my book the greatest heavyweight fighter of all time. Despite his long reign as world champion and all the money he made, Louis — who was a simple and decent man — ended up hopelessly in debt and penniless. It made you want to cry to see the great champion doing menial jobs like being a doorman and a bouncer. I doubt Louis ever knew what happened to all his money.

College sports are great, but it is up to us to see that the greed for money and obsession with winning at all costs does not corrupt what can be one of the better things in American culture.

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Thomas



LETTERS

Is it no longer politically correct to be Southern?

I recently read the article by student Adam Martinez regarding his views about a Confederate battle flag displayed by the Midland high school.

Unfortunately, we are living in a time when it is no longer politically correct to be Southern. Our symbols, over the years have gradually been taken away from us so that, today, our children do not have heroes to revere as did I when I was growing up in this great state.

For a battle flag of the Confederate States to be compared to the Nazi flag would have been unthinkable just a few years ago. Martinez pointed out that this flag should not be displayed because it is offensive to black people. This he says is due to the fact that blacks were forced to serve as slaves under its colors and that we as Southerners should be ashamed of the flag under which our forefathers fought and died. Well then, we must also hide our national colors for slavery existed under it far longer than it did under the Confederate flag!

The counter to this is usually that the North cleansed the Stars and Stripes by fighting to free the slaves. Sorry, this just is not true. Northern men fought for almost two years before president Lincoln announced the Emancipation Proclamation. Even then it did not free a single slave in the United States! Slaves could still be owned, and were, in all of the Northern states and those portions of Southern states under federal control at the time of the proclamation.

While slavery did exist in the South it was not the major reason that so many Southern men and women suffered for their independence. There were many reasons, mostly economical, for the southern states to attempt to gain their independence of which slavery was only one. Perhaps if more time was spent in our schools teaching the facts surrounding the War for Southern Independence then our children could once again understand the war through 19th century eyes rather than the politically expedient ones of today. Maybe then names like Robert E. Lee High School could be better appreciated!

I, for one, will never surrender my belief in the ultimate cause of the South to protect its beliefs. Beliefs

that the power in this nation belongs primarily to the states and only very limited rights are granted to the federal government through the first ten amendments and any rights not specifically granted the federal government belong to the individual states.

H.G. Manning

Well-intentioned principal should avoid extra publicity

I begin by saying that I assume that Principal Cooper is an well-intentioned individual whose concern is for the students, teachers, and administrators at Lee High. I submit that he had every right to execute his decision to "ax" the editorial. I can even accept his reasoning.

Having said that, I am left to wonder if Cooper is, either extremely naive or just out of touch with society in general. His actions have done more harm to the reputation of the school, if only in perception, than if he had accepted the article and then published a footnote to the editorial, advising the students of the "positive" actions that took place in 1991 to eliminate the use of the flag at certain school functions. Further that the issue was a "dead" one, but that the school continues to be vigilant to any back-sliding. The article in the Reporter-Telegram has been picked up by so many papers, even the one down here in Laredo. The Internet has highlighted this article in some aspects. It is ridiculous the attention this thing is getting. The next thing you know, Dan Rather from 60 minutes will be on the Lee campus. All this over a "non-issue."

Finally, it is easy for me to second guess Cooper, since I am not at Lee, nor I am aware of the social or political climate of the student body. It just seems that there was a way to avoid all this publicity. I firmly believe that Midland deserves to be proud of its high schools, they have accomplished much, on the athletic fields and arenas, the classrooms, and the fine arts area. I am proud to hail from West Texas and more importantly from Midland. I take offense when the town and its school are portrayed as anything but forward thinking and constantly striving to achieve the vision of excellence.

Rudy Valles
Austin

Doonesbury



Daschle suggests trial without limits if witnesses called as planned

Larry Margasak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate's Democratic leader conceded on Monday that witnesses "may be inevitable" in President Clinton's impeachment trial but said that once live testimony starts the Senate could lose much of its control over the proceedings.

A Republican victory on calling Monica Lewinsky and others could extend the trial indefinitely, said Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota. And he speculated that it also could lead to a Senate-floor spectacle of 100 senators watching her "point to where the president touched her."

Republican Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona dismissed the warning as "all-or-nothing" scare tactics — "just not true."

As Daschle commented, White House lawyers honed the defense presentation they will begin Tuesday. It will focus on conflicts in testimony — a strategy that would be aimed at undercutting House charges of perjury and obstruction of justice but that also could open the way to Republican demands for witnesses to help resolve the disputes. The White House has been fighting that demand, but it now expects witnesses, officials said.

White House Counsel Charles F. Ruff will spend several hours presenting opening defense arguments before the trial recesses for Clinton's State of the Union address in the House chamber where the president was impeached.



AP Photo
President Clinton browses in Washington bookstore Monday. In tribute to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., President Clinton today announced that the government reached a \$6.5 billion discrimination settlement with a mortgage company by enforcing a fair housing law passed just six days after King's death.

The Clinton lawyers have expressed interest in some Democrats from the House Judiciary Committee becoming part of the defense team, according to offi-

cials familiar with the White House discussions. However, there was no indication the White House would adopt the proposal or that the House Democrats would agree to take part.

Meanwhile, Senate Republican aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said GOP leaders would prefer that senators adopt the demeanor of Supreme Court justices in the audience and not express themselves during the State of the Union address.

The lead prosecutor, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., has said he will not attend the speech, but his absence won't be related to the trial. The lawmaker said he prefers to avoid the crowds and has missed the address in previous years.

Daschle, in an interview with The Associated Press, acknowledged the Democrats apparently have lost their fight with majority Republicans to conclude the trial without live testimony from witnesses.

But the potential results were still being hotly disputed.

"Once we say we have to have witnesses, then it seems to me we've given up the ability to tell the House or White House how to present their case," Daschle said.

White House Press Secretary Joe Lockhart said anew that the Clinton side is ready to argue its case without witnesses even though live testimony might bring "exculpatory information" to the Senate. "I'll repeat again, the one thing that bringing witnesses into this case will definitely do is extend and delay this process," he

said. Kyl, who said he believes other Senate Republicans would endorse his views, called Daschle's comments "totally inconsistent with the rules.... He appears to say it's all or nothing — if witnesses are

'We will have 100 senators watching Monica Lewinsky point to where the president touched her.'

— Sen. Tom Daschle

called, there's not much the Senate can do about controlling it. That's just not true."

The Arizona Republican said the Senate could reject witnesses and added, "There clearly were discussions in our conference about ways salacious material could be handled. The Senate has the ability to set limitations on that."

"I cannot believe the White House will engage in tactics that would deliberately and obviously delay the process. I think it's more of a bluff and bluster," Kyl said.

Meanwhile, fresh polling indicated most Americans are not impressed by any of the situation.

According to a survey released Monday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, a steady two-thirds of Americans want it all to end with Clinton still in office and less than one-third are paying close attention. The only

participant who got even a 50 percent approval rating for his handling of the process was Chief Justice William Rehnquist — and only 19 percent could identify him by name.

Daschle said in his interview that witnesses "may be inevitable," a reference to the 55-45 majority held by Republicans, who favor witnesses.

He added that once a decision is made to have witnesses, "who are we to tell either the House or the White House how they're going to run their case?" He predicted that the Senate couldn't keep "salacious details" out of the trial if Ms. Lewinsky testified.

"That will happen. That is really one of the only questions in dispute, whether she touched him or he touched her," Daschle said.

"We will have 100 senators watching Monica Lewinsky point to where the president touched her."

After the White House finishes its presentation Friday or Saturday, the Senate will submit questions in writing to both sides, to be read by Rehnquist as presiding trial officer.

Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Daschle have agreed on a format that would divide the time for questions — limited to 16 hours — equally between Republicans and Democrats, switching back and forth between the two sides every two hours, according to a Lott aide.

The questions will be reviewed by each party to avoid at least some repetition. Before each question, Rehnquist is expected to name the senator who asked it.

The trial rules provide for a two-step process on witnesses. Each side would submit a proposed list of those to be questioned in depositions — and each list could be accepted or rejected in its entirety. In the second step, there would be a vote on each deposed witness to decide whether he or she should testify before the Senate.

Clinton's lawyers will use past testimony, federal laws and the Founding Fathers' own words to dispute the prosecutors' case that the president lied under oath or obstructed justice and should be removed for it, administration officials said.

You, sir! In letters to 'Dear Senator,' the Clinton matter comes alive

WASHINGTON (AP) — The letter begins with praise from a supporter of Republican Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island. What a fine governor he used to be! His record in the Senate — "splendid." So far so good.

"Please be advised, however, that in the event that you should cast a vote in favor of removing William Jefferson Clinton... I shall devote every breath in my body and every nickel in my pocket to the noble cause of ensuring your defeat the next time you run for re-election. Have a nice Christmas."

Senate mailbags are bulging with everything except tepid indecision. The debate over President Clinton's fate may be engaging the nation only fitfully, but in the mail to senators it beats with a hearty pulse.

A self-described elderly Episcopalian woman from Port Angeles, Wash., writes crisply that Clinton has done a good job in office and should only be censured — "with a firm smack on those hands that fondled that filthy (expletive)."

And then there is this Dear Senator letter: "You, sir, are in the position to begin to repair the long-term damage to our way of life that the Clinton Presidency has caused."

They are coming in by the thousands, by regular mail, electronic mail and fax. True to the Senate's way of doing things — a dignified step behind the times — even the e-mail tends to get answered by old-fashioned paper, just as phone calls are usually answered by human beings.

The letters make liberal use of that fine democratic flourish, the exclamation mark. Whole words come capitalized or underlined.

They are brief and biting, appealing for an end to this "gruesome episode." Or, heartfelt musings on morality: "It is true most people have made youthful indiscretions, but most of us have mended our ways by the time we became responsible adults."

They even offer advice on strategy: "Why do you let Senator Byrd stand in front of the cameras and look like the only statesman in all of the Senate, when in reality he is OBVIOUSLY trying to pull Bill Clinton's fat out of the fire?" Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., is widely recognized by his colleagues as keeper of the Senate's traditions.

Rookie Democratic Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, a noted trial lawyer, is hearing from fellow attorneys who are parsing the legal implications of it all. "Regular people kind of distill it to more basic things," said Josh Stein, chief of staff. "Either, 'We elected this man, this is a witch hunt,' or 'This man did something immoral' and begone with him."

In many offices the flow rivals that seen before the Persian Gulf

War or when groups have organized mass mailings for abortion votes — war and abortion being sure-fire magnets for a Dear Senator missive.

Maine Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe may not have heard so much on any issue since she battled federal lobster restrictions, spokesman Dave Lackey said. Some 200 faxes alone await the staff each morning; more than 10,000 letters, e-mails and phone calls have come in since August.

In the office of Democratic Sen. John D. Rockefeller of West Virginia, aides find that when things are going sour for Clinton, the mail turns a bit in his favor. When he bounds back, more critics emerge.

That rings true for other senators, too. "In the same way that I drive mail, so does sympathy," said Chafee aide Nicholas Graham.

Many senators in both parties report a rough 50-50 split for and against Clinton's removal, making the mail more hostile to the president than the nation overall.

Few aides would allow a peek into the mail. But Republican moderates Chafee and Gorton offered a cross-section with names blocked out.

Senators naturally concentrate on mail from their states and make sure it all gets answered. On this issue, however, some senators say they are avoiding the mail count until the trial ends.

While people now can send the same e-mail to all 100 senators with a few clicks on a computer, that sort of correspondence doesn't land with much impact.

In Chafee's office, the stack of constituent mail that is solidly pro-Clinton is 2 inches thick. Same as the anti-Clinton mail. Mail wanting him censured but not removed, or something like that, is an inch thick.

"And here is our open-minded pile," said an aide, showing off the thinnest pickings of all.

Yes, a few write merely to ask senators to do their best.

But even these letters can be tough. A constituent tells Gorton: "A vote based on anything but your honest belief in his guilt or innocence would be a travesty and, assuming you have a conscience, would haunt you the rest of your life."

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Health officials investigating autism cases in New Jersey community

Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — When Bobbie Gallagher's 2-year-old daughter Alanna, still barely talking, began spinning in circles and obsessively lining up her toys, Mrs. Gallagher began wondering what was wrong.

The little girl eventually was diagnosed with autism. Then her baby brother was diagnosed with the same disorder. And so were several other children in Brick Township.

That's when Mrs. Gallagher began wondering if something else was going on in her community.

"It just seemed too much to be coincidental," Mrs. Gallagher said last week.

Was it the air? The landfill? The nearby Metedeconk River, which supplies drinking water to the blue-collar community's 71,000 residents?

Federal health officials were so

concerned they began investigating last spring, and now they believe they may have found a cluster of autism — something that has never before been documented.

"I think there is a cluster here. I don't know why," said Jacquelyn Bertrand, the developmental psychologist heading the investigation for the National Center for Environmental Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Forty or so cases of autism have been diagnosed among Brick's 6,000 3- to 10-year-olds. That's more than three times the estimated national average of 1 in 500, the CDC said.

Autism is often characterized by obsessive repetitive motions, an inability to communicate with the outside world and behavioral problems, including self-destructive behavior.

The disorder is poorly understood but is thought to begin early



in pregnancy through some combination of genetics and a toxin, virus or some other agent, said Dr.

Eric London of the National Alliance for Autism Research, an adviser to the federal investigators.

Bernard Rimland, director of the Autism Research Institute in San Diego, said autism is increasing, citing a California study that found a 400 percent increase over the last 12 years when the population rose only 19 percent. He blames pollution, food additives, vaccines and overuse of antibiotics. Others say the increase simply reflects better diagnosis.

In Toms River, eight miles from Brick, a high incidence of childhood cancer and worries about contaminated water have spurred parents to pursue legal action. They have hired Jan Schlichtmann, the lawyer portrayed in the book and the movie "A Civil Action" who brought a lawsuit blaming pollution for childhood leukemia cases in Woburn, Mass.

In Brick, Mrs. Gallagher and her husband, Billy, a fisherman, have

helped organize families in the township about 50 miles north of Atlantic City, just a few minutes from the Atlantic Ocean.

Last week, staff members from the CDC and the government's Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry spent a few days in Brick, asking and answering questions.

The federal researchers told dozens of families that the few published studies on autism show little has been proved regarding its cause, its possible links to toxins or even its prevalence.

In Brick, researchers are collecting data on surface and groundwater and industrial sites, chemical spills and waste dumping. They are also evaluating the children diagnosed with autism to confirm whether they really do have the disorder. Some preliminary conclusions could be drawn by summer.

So far, no environmental cause stands out, said Dr. Audrey Mars

of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Township Administrator Scott McFadden said the numbers may be skewed because some families with autistic children moved to Brick for the school district's highly regarded program, one of the first in the state.

The Gallaghers dispute that, saying most of the children were raised in Brick.

"If indeed there's something that created problems, we're hoping that whoever is responsible will own up and help these kids get through," she said.

Mrs. Gallagher knows the federal investigation won't help Alanna, nearly 8, or her boy, Austin, now 6.

"This isn't for the ones who are autistic," she said. "This is for the ones who aren't born yet."

Homeless advocates stage lie-down protest against new 'sidewalk behavior' ordinance

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Homeless advocates lay down on the sidewalks along a busy shopping district Monday to protest a new ordinance allowing police to fine and in some cases remove vagrants sitting or living on the sidewalks.

The "sidewalk behavior" ordinance also offers more shelter beds, mental-health programs and substance-abuse counseling. Advocates say it will help the homeless by providing treatment when needed.

But what has made the law so contentious is a provision that outlaws lying or sitting on sidewalks.

About 100 protesters bearing signs reading "The City of Brotherly WHAT?" and chanting "Stop the war on the poor" staged a rally at City Hall then walked to the posh Rittenhouse Square area, where they lay down in the rain along a two-block stretch of sidewalk.

The protesters planned to stay there overnight until Tuesday, when the law takes effect.

No arrests had been made by Monday afternoon.

"This is a bill specifically targeting the homeless, and that's

fundamentally unfair," said William O'Brien of Project H.O.M.E., a nonprofit group that helps the homeless find housing and jobs. "It says some people are welcome in Philadelphia and some

The ban, which took effect Sunday, carries a fine of up to \$500 and 30 days in jail.

are not."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania planned to file a lawsuit Tuesday seeking an injunction against the ordinance.

Under the measure, aggressive panhandling could result in a \$100 fine. Sitting or lying on a public sidewalk for more than one hour in a two-hour period could bring a \$20 fine.

Police officers would have to call an outreach team of mental health or drug treatment counselors before removing someone from a sidewalk. They also would have to give warnings before taking enforcement action.

Protesters of a similar sidewalk ban in downtown Tempe, Ariz., held a sit-in honoring Martin Luther King Jr. The ban, which took effect Sunday, carries a fine of up to \$500 and 30 days in jail.

"It's not about sitting. It's about one group attacking another," said protester Luis Fernandez, a 29-year-old researcher.

Cities from New York to San Francisco are tightening restrictions on sleeping and begging in public places, according to a report released this month by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.



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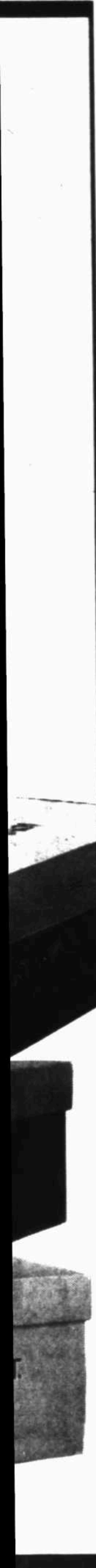
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BASIN BRIEFING

Recycling meeting

A meeting on environmental issues is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at Mrs. Olsen's Coffee and Book Store, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. Issues to be discussed include recycling and composting. The meeting is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Midland. For more information call 696-8707 or 686-1809.

Small biz help

The Midland Chamber of Commerce is planning two events this week for small businesses:

- "Help for Small Businesses," Networking Breakfast for small and minority-owned businesses, 7:30 a.m. today, Midland College student center, cost is \$5 at the door.
- "Business Gurus," small business luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Midland College student center, \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door.

For more information call the chamber at 683-3381.

Legal assistants

The Legal Assistants Association of the Permian Basin, in conjunction with the Long Range Planning Task Force of the Legal Assistants Division, State Bar of Texas, will hold a forum on the future of the legal assistant profession 9 a.m. Jan. 23 at the Davidson Health Sciences Building Auditorium at Midland College. Panelists include Charles Aycock, incoming State Bar of Texas president; Federal District Judge Royal Ferguson; 238th District Court Judge John Hyde; Diane Sharer, board certified legal assistant of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Odessa; and Nancy Hart, business studies division chairperson at Midland College. Moderator is Carolyn Benson of Dallas, legal assistant with Pioneer Natural Resources.

Alzheimer's

The Fuhrman Support Group of the Greater West Texas chapter, Alzheimer's Association, is to meet 7 p.m. Thursday at 3301 Sinclair. The topic will be "Preparing for Nursing Home Placement." For more information call 570-9191.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

Sack Lunch/Parent Education Mtg. for answers and information, Alamo library, 12-1 p.m.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furr's Cafeteria.

Norman Read Chapter No. 1010 OES, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.

Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2982 Auxiliary, 8 p.m., VFW hall, 1306 E. Taylor.

Licensed Vocational Nurses Assoc., 7:30 a.m., Trinity Towers.

Ranchland Hills Ladies Association, 7 p.m., Couples Bridge, RHCC.

Toastmistress Club 7:30 p.m., Memorial Christian Church.

45-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-8442.

Midland County Young Democrats, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 3802 Avondale Dr., 684-5548 or 694-4152.

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, #9215, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, Cherry Lane & Tyler St.

Midland County Child Welfare Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., Department of Human Services, 2301 N. Big Spring St., 683-5411.

ACOA non-smoking, 8 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

AlphaOmega Group, 8 a.m., 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-41.

Bellydancing classes 7-8 p.m., Hawaiian/Tahitian classes 8-9 p.m., 520-4852 or 694-2250.

Study Club, 7:30 p.m., Unity Church of West Texas, 210 E. 12th St., Odessa, 332-5890.

Healthy Alternatives: ADD, 7 p.m., 711 W. Indiana Ave., 570-0272.

Downtown Bible Study, noon, 312 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 6, 682-6748.

Alcoholics Anonymous closed step-study, 8 p.m., 111 E. Michigan Ave., 684-9430 or 687-3427.

Cops snare 'America's Most Wanted'

By Rick López
Staff Writer

ODESSA — A fugitive featured on "America's Most Wanted" was finally nabbed Monday as he slept in the laundry room of an apartment complex in east Odessa.

The arrest of Shad Daniel Armstrong, 25, concluded a 10-month search by Arizona authorities and the FBI, Ector County Sheriff Reggie Yearwood said.

Armstrong and his girlfriend, Rusette Anne Medina, 21, who were sought on murder charges, will remain in the Ector County jail until an extradition hearing takes place in state court, officials said.

A date for their hearing has not been set.

Armstrong is suspected of killing his sister Farrah Armstrong, 22, and her fiancé, Frank Williams, 24, in Tucson, Ariz., last May.

Pima County Sheriff's detective C.J. Downing said Ms. Armstrong wanted a fresh start before making her marriage vows and decided to turn herself in to authorities for a \$300 check scam she and Armstrong executed.

Ms. Armstrong had asked her brother to join her when she surrendered, Ms. Downing said.

"He said he didn't want to go back to prison. Those were his last words to his family before he killed them with a shotgun," she said. "She was getting married and wanted to come clean. She even planned for their father to do their wedding service."

The victims' bodies were exhumed in June from a shallow grave just 350 feet from their home, Ms. Downing said.

Since then, Pima County authorities and the FBI have been chasing the fugitive couple through California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Michigan and Mexico.

After the fugitives had been featured in an episode of "America's Most Wanted" Jan. 9, authorities received a tip that they had been living in Midland-Odessa, Ms. Downing said. She called local authorities and asked them to check out some leads.

"Mr. Armstrong felt safe and comfortable here. He grew up here," she said.

She suspected the couple was either in West Texas or near Sherman, where Ms. Medina's family lives.

Ector County sheriff's officers said Armstrong was arrested about 3 a.m. Monday in a laundry room at the Trestles Apartments. Deputies received a tip that the suspect liked to escape from the cold by sleeping in laundry rooms.

"He was sleeping ... like he didn't have a care in the world," Yearwood said. Deputies "hit every complex in Ector County until they found him."

Despite his violent past, Armstrong didn't have a weapon and didn't offer resistance, sheriff's officers said.

"We feel very glad that no one was hurt and that the arrests were clean and easy," Yearwood said.

Ms. Medina was arrested at a house Saturday night while officers staked out her friend's apartment, Odessa police said. SWAT officers stormed the apartment in search of Armstrong, but he wasn't there. Ms. Medina's arrest was also without incident, Ms. Downing said.

"She was just totally surprised that we found her," she said.

Please see CAUGHT/2B



Seven-year-old Andrew Smith breaks up a handful of twigs while nestled in the branches of a tree at Grady Park Monday afternoon.

Midland couple to face trial for manslaughter

From Staff Reports

Jury selection begins today for a Midland couple who is to be tried in connection with the deaths of two teens killed in a 1997 DWI accident, court officials have said.

Billy Joe Henkel, 46, and Tena Henkel, 44, are scheduled to be tried on two counts of intoxication manslaughter, a second-degree felony, before 238th District Court Judge John Hyde.

The couple is being tried in the deaths of Midland High students Esteban Lara and Craig Noland. The boys, both 18, were killed in an accident after coming from a drinking party at the Henkels' Greenwood residence, authorities said.

Investigators have said that the couple threw a beer bash at their Greenwood home the night of the wreck and served alcohol to minors. A grand jury decided to file charges against the defendants and the driver, Jose Angel DeLaO, in connection with the teens' deaths.

At a pretrial hearing, prosecutors quoted teen-age witnesses as saying they saw Henkel buy three 18-packs of beer for the party and saw Ms. Henkel serving tequila shots.

Another defendant in the case, Jose DeLaO, now 18, has pleaded guilty to two counts of intoxication manslaughter and two counts of intoxication assault. He was sentenced to six months in jail and five years probation.

His charges stem from the deaths of Lara and Noland and for serious injuries that two other teen-age passengers sustained.

Tall City softball group bags another national tournament

■ Midland Softball Association adds another tournament to its impressive list of economy-boosting events.

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Repeatedly landing national softball tournaments, the Midland Softball Association is continuing a history of boosting the local economy as well as promoting its sport.

Roughly 1,500 Midlanders participate in the MSA, but it is the out-of-towners who provide the most impressive accolades for the group.

The city of Midland recently approved

the use of \$12,000 from the city's hotel/motel tax fund to pay the bid fee for the association's latest success.

MSA outbid a host of perennial contender cities, such as Garland and Chattanooga, Tenn., to land the 2000 Coed Class A National Softball Championship.

An estimated 68 teams from across the nation will participate in this event, said Bennis Clark, MSA executive director.

In a recent Midland City Council meeting, it was estimated that the local economic impact of this tournament will be \$688,000, making this a prime way to use the hotel/motel fund, said Rick Menchaca, deputy city manager.

And, barring catastrophic rains, the MSA will earn that much and more from proceeds from the event, Ms. Clark said.

"They have always received the money back," Nancy Swallow said of the

city's investment in the tournament.

Ms. Swallow works in the Midland Chamber of Commerce's Conventions and Visitors Bureau and was involved in landing the national tournament.

A non-profit organization and "an arm of the city," the MSA returns all of its profits to the city to be used to maintain the Bill Williams Softball Complex at Hogan Park.

This coed national championship will be played in August 2000, but two more major tournaments are coming to Midland before then, Ms. Swallow said.

In September of this year, MSA will host the Men's Class D Slow Pitch Nationals, bringing 80 teams to the city, Ms. Swallow said.

A detailed economic impact study of this event leads CVB officials to expect \$1.18 million to be injected into the local

economy from this tournament.

"We fill every hotel room in Midland," Ms. Clark said.

In the past, these major tournaments have filled all hotel and motel rooms in Midland, Odessa and some in Big Spring, she said.

The Girl's State 14 and Under Class B Fast Pitch Tournament is slated for July of this year and is expected to have a significant economic impact of \$840,000, even though only 65 teams are expected.

The reason for this is that youth events bring more family members, in addition to the players and coaching staff, she said.

"You have the girls, the coaches, mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, brother and sister," Ms. Clark said.

Please see SOFTBALL/2B

GARY OTT

Don't let the little varmint back in the house if they go for it

The woman's face lighted up like a Christmas tree.

And why not? A friend had just approached her and out of the clear blue sought her advice. It doesn't get any better than that.

There is something inside all of us that loves to be consulted by others. It makes us feel needed. It makes us feel important. It makes us feel like Ann Landers. But, best of all, it makes us feel smarter than we really are. So we casually lean back in our chair, cross our legs, form a steeple with two fingers under our chin and then expound great words of wisdom.

The advice we are asked to give often varies. Sometimes it is as basic as "Do these shoes go with this dress?" To which you should always reply, "Oh, absolutely. You have such a flair for that

sort of thing.")

But other times, the questions are of a more serious nature, occasionally even touching on such sensitive topics as romantic relationships, marital discord, kid problems and money woes.

When that occurs, there are basically two kinds of advice you can offer. The first — known as the "guy approach" — requires that you memorize three simple phrases and then repeat them each time the other person pauses to catch his breath.

Those three phrases are:

- (1) "Just blow it off, man."
- (2) "Hey, you got to roll with the flow."
- (3) "What the heck? Go for it."

But don't let the simplicity of those responses fool you. Your typical guy has actually put a great deal of thought into each and every one of them. Indeed, when he is asked by a friend, "Should I divorce my wife and move to South America?" his answer — "What the heck? Go for it." — comes from the heart. There's nothing flippant about it.

The other approach — one that is generally favored by bossy women and prissy men — comes from a completely different direction. That's because the people giving the advice truly love their role ... and proudly show it. After all, the opportunity to tell another human being how to live his — or her — life is something they relish. They listen with keen interest to what is being said, lean forward and nod a lot and, in general, give the appearance that nothing else matters.

These people, after all, are here to help. You want advice, then advice you will get.

So when the friend, after providing the necessary background, asks the critical question — "So, tell me. What should I do?" — the average bossy woman will arch an eyebrow and sternly reply, "Well, I'll tell you one thing you SHOULDNT do ... and that's to let the little varmint back in the house."

And the prissy guy, with hands on hips, will quickly add, "That's right."

But the point is, no matter what kind of a person we are talking about, each is

eager to share an opinion on just about any subject, especially when it comes to someone else's life.

Typical guys may come off as being nonchalant and not really caring, but don't let that fool you. They're into it just as much as everyone else.

And the reason is really quite simple: When a person seeks your advice it is THEIR problem that is being discussed. As a result, you can suggest anything you want and not worry about what impact it will have on your life ... or your marriage, or your pocketbook, or your relationship with your children.

If they are foolish enough to ask your opinion, then they deserve what they get.

And, if they come back and say — "Thanks a lot. After taking your advice, my wife's leaving me. I'm broke and the kids hate me." — you can always respond, "Hey, you got to roll with the flow."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

DEATH NOTICES

Frances Zapata

Frances Carmen Garcia Zapata died Monday, Jan. 18, at her Midland home.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Rosary is to be recited 7 p.m. today, Jan. 19 at the funeral home.

She was born March 9, 1939 in Lubbock.

She moved from Lubbock to Midland in 1968. She worked for Midland Independent School District's Head Start program for 25 years and then for several nursing homes until retiring in 1997. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Edward Zapata; her parents, Adam and Joventina Garcia; and a sister.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Zapata of Lubbock and Michael Zapata of Arlington; a daughter, Dianne Green of Midland; two brothers, Lionel Lucero of Portland, Ore., and Amante Lucero of Lubbock; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1203 E. Cherry Lane, Midland, Texas 79701; or Home Hospice, 1802 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701.

Caroline Brown

FORT WORTH — Caroline Irene Goehler Brown, 83, of Fort Worth, mother of Midlander Carolyn Cropper, died Sunday, Jan. 17, in Fort Worth.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the University Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Burial is to follow at Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home. Visitation is to be 6-8 p.m. today, Jan. 19 at the funeral home.

She was born November 2, 1915 in Grandfield, Okla.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of University Baptist Church since 1952 and Women's Club of Fort Worth.

Other survivors include her husband, Elmer A. Brown of Fort Worth; another daughter, Nancy Keister of Richards; three grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the Elmer A. Brown Scholarship Fund at Texas Christian University, P. O. Box 297044, Sadler Hall 312, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.

Woodrow Jones

BIG SPRING — Woodrow Jones, 83, died Monday, Jan. 18 at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Graveside services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Goose-neck Cemetery in Graham under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 11, 1915 in Jacksboro.

He has lived in Big Spring since 1959. He worked for Cabot Corporation for 34 years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of and deacon for Midway Baptist Church, and taught Sunday School many years.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Jones of Big Spring; two sons, Frank W. Jones of Odessa

and Randell L. Jones of Dodd City; one sister, Thelma Donathan of Idalou; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Midway Baptist Church Building Committee, 6200 S. Service Road, Interstate 20, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Lawrence Oliver

BIG SPRING — Lawrence Oliver, 77, died Monday, Jan. 18 at a Big Spring hospital.

Funeral Mass is to be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Cornelius Scanlan officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Rosary is to be recited 7 p.m. today, Jan. 19, at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 3, 1921 in Graham.

He moved from California to Big Spring in 1946. He was an auto mechanic until retiring in 1987. He was a member of Big Spring Rifle Club.

He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Lee Oliver.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Oliver of Big Spring; four daughters, Jean Reboli of Waco, Diana Marquis of Dallas, Theresa Lauffer of Carrollton and Elaine Murphy of Big Spring; a brother, Claude T. Oliver of Littlefield; two sisters, Anita Heathington of Ralls and Kathryn Ernest of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland, Texas 79703; or the American Lung Association of Texas, Central Region, P. O. Box 26566, Austin, Texas 78755-0566.

Morene Passmore

BIG SPRING — Morene F. Passmore, 66, died Sunday, Jan. 17 at her Big Spring residence.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Berea Baptist Church. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 2, 1932, in Artesia, N.M.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tommie Ray Passmore, in 1992.

Survivors include four sons, Rocky Thomas of San Angelo; Rusty Davis of Clearwater, Fla.; Ralph Passmore of Denham Springs, La.; and Ronnie Passmore of Big Spring; two daughters, Regenia Moore of Cedar Hill and Penny Passmore of Denham Springs, La.; a brother, Darrell Rogers of Amarillo; a sister, Judy Mitchell of Stamford; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A. Floyd Anderson

BIG SPRING — A. Floyd Anderson, 90, died Monday, Jan. 18, at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

George Ferris

George Ferris died Monday, Jan. 18, at his Midland residence.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES



Alice Sexson

Alice Mae Sexson was born December 24, 1926 in Throckmorton, Texas to Donnie Mae Brogdon and Burton Roe Stringer, Sr. She was reared in the Central Texas area. She attended Midland High School and married Vernon Frank Sexson in 1955 in Hobbs, New Mexico. He preceded her in death in

1985. She has lived in Midland since 1942. She attended St. Ann's Catholic Church and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in Midland.

Survivors include her son, Frank Sexson of Midland; a brother, Don P. Stringer of Marble Falls, Texas; a sister, Donna Faye Whitworth of Midland; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Sexson died early Sunday, January 17, 1999 in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 20 in Ellis-Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to the VFW #7208.

James Crow

James T. Crow, III was born November 8, 1926 in East St. Louis, Illinois to James E. Crow, Jr. and Ada (Renshaw) Crow. He was reared in California. He joined the Navy and was stationed in Illinois,

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.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials.

A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational affiliations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo. (Sorry, but the Reporter-Telegram cannot be held responsible for unsolicited photographs.)

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.

California, and Missouri. Following his discharge he attended the University of New Mexico, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Geology. Mr. Crow was employed with Getty Oil and later for Texaco, until his retirement.

Mr. Crow is survived by his wife, Erlinda Crow of Midland; his son, John Henry Crow of Midland; his daughters, Patricia Maria Martinek of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Katharine Antoinette Wright of Midland; his mother, Ada Renshaw Crow of Cal-

ifornia; his sister, Marian Pentecost of California; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one niece; and two nephews.

Mr. Crow died at his home in Midland Sunday, January 17, 1999.

Services will be scheduled at a later date.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220-E, Midland, Texas 79705; Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79701; or the Kidney Foundation.

Cook-off raises \$1,850 to offset man's funeral costs

By T.E. Jenkins

Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — Big Spring area residents have helped to lighten the load on the family of Billy Bingham, 50, who recently died following a bout with cancer.

Coordinators of a bean-chili-stew cook-off last weekend said that \$1,850 was raised to help offset Bingham's hospital bills and funeral costs. Longtime friend Johnny Cockerham of Big Spring said it was the least Bingham's friends could do for someone who had been such a good friend through the years.

"Billy really was a selfless type of person," Cockerham said. "He wasn't the type of person to turn you away if you had a problem you needed to talk about. He was always right there, and

he wasn't afraid to tell you what he thought of the situation."

Cockerham said Bingham's last two years were the worst, and although the doctors had proclaimed his type of cancer as terminal, Bingham never gave up hope.

"Billy really didn't want to leave his family behind," said Cockerham, who has known Bingham since 1961.

"He was trying everything he could to get better. He was letting the doctors try some new experimental treatments on him, pretty much anything and everything he could. He really was courageous."

"Billy was a real family man, dedicated to his wife and children. They were the first and foremost on his mind in every consideration."

He coached baseball and all kinds of other things just so he could be closer to his kids."

Bingham, who married Carolyn Mauldin of Big Spring in 1972, was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, and owned and operated Billy's Upholstery.

Barry Barnett, director of the Big Spring Harley Owner's Group was on hand for the benefit.

"We just want to do everything we can to help Billy's family," Barnett said. "This way we can accomplish that, as well as have fun. I really think Billy would have wanted it that way."

Dalton and Carol Lewis walked away with top honors in the chili catagory, while Barnett took the crown for beans. Jennifer Herrod's stew was worth a ribbon as well.

SOFTBALL: New airport terminal big plus in landing deal

(From 1B)

Over the past 21 years, Midland has hosted 20 national softball tournaments, placing this city in the forefront of the U.S. softball world, Ms. Clark said.

"Midland is in an elite group of cities in the ASA (Amateur Softball Association) family," she said.

Midland and the MSA have been honored by the Sportsplex Operators and Developers Association, the national Amateur Softball Association and USA Softball.

Ms. Clark and Ms. Swallow

recently went to San Diego, Calif., to make their successful bid on the 2000 game.

"And the town with the most bid money does not necessarily win... we have to sell Midland," Ms. Clark said. "You have to have a proven track record," she said.

The new airport terminal was a big plus in getting the Midland bid accepted, she said.

More importantly, is the history a city brings to the table and how players in the past have been received, Ms. Clark said.

"Our hospitality is one of our main strengths," West Texas

hospitality is second to none," she said.

The MSA has been in existence for 35 years and this history of competent tournament hosting is a major asset at the bargaining table, she said.

The local softball association does not only host the tournament, but Midland is always well-represented by local teams in state and national competitions.

"Midland has a unique softball world... and it's going to get bigger," said Ms. Clark, who is working to add another national association to the Midland group,

which would bring more tournaments.

The local association brought the U.S. Olympic team to Midland for two exhibition games before they left for the Olympics, Ms. Clark said.

Association members are planning a homecoming party for all those who have played on MSA teams during the past 35 years, she said.

MSA hosts local play Monday through Thursday in women's, men's, coed and church leagues.

Texans honor Martin Luther King with speeches, marches

By Madeline Baro

Associated Press

McALLEN — As part of an ongoing lesson in nonviolence, high school students held a peace rally and march Monday in honor of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"I thought it would be a really neat thing for the kids to see a rally and to see a march in action," said teacher Caitlin Wittig, who organized the events.

Ms. Wittig hails from the Washington, D.C. area, where such events are common, unlike the Lower Rio Grande Valley where she now teaches.

"Martin Luther King used nonviolent protest in such a successful way that it would be a good thing for the students to see it in action,"

Ms. Wittig's ninth- through 12th-graders at Options in Education High School spent weeks reading about King, reading his famous "I Have a Dream" speech and watching videos on the civil rights movement.

They were among numerous Texans events celebrating Martin Luther King Day with services, speeches, and marches.

In McAllen, after a rally Monday evening featuring speeches, poems and songs from students ranging from second grade through high school, Ms. Wittig's students led a two-and-a-

half block march from Crockett Elementary to Temple Emanuel for an ecumenical service.

"It's been exciting for the kids to have a project to work on for the holiday," Ms. Wittig said. "It's given them some insight into Dr. Martin Luther King."

The events also kicked off the students' participation in the 1999 Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge, a two-week event sponsored by the Do Something organization during which students from across the nation are encouraged to help others and stand up for what's right.

"They, as young people, have the power to affect change and they have the power to affect change in a peaceful, productive way," Ms. Wittig said.

In Houston Monday, Governor George W. Bush called for compassion at a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

"We could quote Dr. King day after day because he was such an insightful and eloquent speaker," said Bush at the George R. Brown Convention Center, where elementary school students joined him on stage.

"My hope is all Texans will redouble our efforts to create a more compassionate society in which to live, a society where individuals are seen for who they are, not what they look like, a society that treats one another with respect and dignity."

Bush said one of his missions as governor was to "call on people of faith, good heart and good will to unleash their compassion to help make Texas, our great state, a better state for everybody."

"As we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, let us remember his wisdom and legacy."

About 800 people attended the Houston celebration, which also featured Lt. Gov.-elect Rick Perry.

In San Antonio, about 35,000 people took part in the annual San Antonio march in honor of Martin Luther King. The 3-mile march was touted as one of the largest in the nation.

The march followed the 12th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service on Sunday where 400 people gathered to read religious verses, chant and sing hymns.

In Fort Worth, downtown streets were packed with people taking part in a noontime parade, which ended up at the Fort Worth Convention Center for a battle of the bands. Many people spoke solemnly about what King's legacy meant to them.

"He was about equality," said Fort Worth resident Tabatha Roy. "He nonviolently fought for us to get our rights for freedom."

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, keynote speaker at a prayer breakfast sponsored by Mothers Against Teen Violence, made a plea for peace.

POLICE REPORTS

Human remains?

GOLDSMITH — Ector County sheriff's deputies are still counting on a forensic lab in North Texas to tell them if bones unearthed in Goldsmith Saturday are human remains.

But as of Monday, results from a forensic anthropologist had not been received, said Sgt. Roy Gladden of the Ector County Sheriff's Office.

He said a group of hunters found the bones Saturday afternoon and contacted the Sheriff's Office. They appeared to be human, so deputies excavated a 1/4 mile radius around the site, Gladden said.

Several bones and bone fragments were dug out from a shallow pit, but nothing that would help authorities identify the remains — like jewelry or clothes, he said.

The Sheriff's Office does not have any pending cases involving a missing body, but other departments in the area do, Gladden said. A list of their missing victims will be sent to the sheriff's department soon, he said.

Midland Police Department

Saturday

Criminal mischief: A sports utility vehicle at 3001 W. Cuthbert Ave. was damaged. It was reported by Lynn Wigington.

Sunday

Burglary: David Pruitt at 9 a.m. reported a burglary at Dave's Trading Post, at 1222 S. Big Spring St.

Theft: The theft of a wallet was reported at 3109 W. Loop 250. The incident was reported at 2 p.m.

Theft: Lloyd Hargraves at 5:45 p.m. reported the theft of \$35 in cash at 3329 W. Wadley Ave.

Vandalism: A car was damaged at 1116 E. Parker Ave. Jesse Garcia Carrasco reported it at 10:33 p.m.

Graffiti: Graffiti was reported at 2900 W. Illinois Ave. It was reported at 10:30 p.m.

Criminal Mischief: A window was broken on a vehicle at 2808 Stutz. Douglas Combest reported it at 11:04 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Saturday

Vandalism: Anna Esrtello at 5:32 p.m. reported vandalism at 1404 W. County Road 132.

Sunday

Burglary: A truck was vandalized at Farm-to-Market Road 1787 and FM 1788. It was reported by Joel Velasquez at 8:58 a.m.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

KEITH BAKER
9 a.m. - Wilshire Park Baptist
JOHN LANEY
11 a.m. - Golf Course Road
Church of Christ
HOWARD BENTLEY
1:30 p.m. - Golf Course Road
Church of Christ
NANNIE MUSICK
3:30 p.m. - Ellis Chapel

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DEAR ABBY

Runaway dad isn't welcome to walk daughter down aisle

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I need some advice about how to talk to my father. I'm getting married soon and do not want him to give me away at the wedding ceremony.



Van Buren

He left when I was about 2 years old and came back into the picture again when I was 16. The man who was more like a father to me, and still is, is my grandfather. He is the person I would like to ask to give me away.

I haven't been able to come up with a diplomatic way of telling my father how I feel. I'm not even sure I want him at my wedding. He knows I don't value him as a daughter should value a father and

has made several attempts to redeem himself in my eyes. However, I am far from impressed.

Since I am sadly lacking communication skills, will you please help me? — LISA IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LISA: You communicate your feelings better than you think you do. May I suggest a compromise? Ask both your father and your grandfather to walk you down the aisle, one on each arm. There is no reason to hurt either man on your special day. In years to come you will be happy you made the gesture. The alternative is to walk down the aisle alone.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Still Crying in Fairmont," whose fiancée, "Mike," rejected her after she had spent a year caring for his sick mother, really hit home with me. I was asked to come to Colorado from the Northwest to help a man who had some development property. "Cary's" affairs were in

a mess. He hired me, and I tried to straighten everything out. He promised to pay me after everything was taken care of. Like Mike, Cary pledged eternal fidelity and promised we'd have a wonderful life together. I worked long hours every day for six years for him.

Cary received some death threats, and I even risked my life for him. I protected him because I believed him. I spent 18 months in prison because I refused to testify against him. Guess what? When I was released, I came home and found he was living with another woman! He told me he had never cared about me, and has since tried to make me look like the bad guy.

I have cried a bucket of tears and am ashamed for having been taken in. My life has been torn apart, and I ended up with post-traumatic stress syndrome. I finally realized that Cary has done this to people all his life. Well, enough was

enough! I sued him for what he owes me. No judgment has been rendered, but I do have a trial date.

Abby, men like Mike and Cary are the worst criminals of all. Not only do they take everything you have, they break your heart.

I have been sick emotionally and physically, and cannot seem to get over it and have turned to God for his guidance. — DEVASTATED IN DENVER

DEAR DEVASTATED: You have my sympathy. There is give-and-take in all relationships, but it's supposed to be a two-way street. It's clear from your letter that you did all the giving and Cary did all the taking.

I'm pleased that you are finding comfort in God. I can't think of a more potent combination than God and a good lawyer. I hope you nail the buzzard.

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

Former President Bush urges Americans to get involved in debate over Social Security

By Susan Montoya
Associated Press

DALLAS — Former President George Bush warned Monday that the nation needs to shore up the Social Security and Medicare programs before millions of baby boomers enter retirement.

"We shouldn't be waiting for the big problems to fall into our laps," Bush told a crowd of about 700 during a daylong workshop sponsored by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget and American Express Financial Advisors.

"As a father of five, I know you don't prepare for the arrival of a new baby the week it's due. It just takes a little common sense."

The workshop, "Building a Better Future: An Exercise in Hard Choices," is one of 10 being held across the country to solicit debate about keeping the nation's two largest entitlement programs afloat for future generations.

Without action by lawmakers, Medicare could go broke by 2008, with Social Security following suit about two dozen years later.

"The American symbol is an eagle, not an ostrich and now is not the time to go burying our heads in the sand," Bush said.

The former president, who admitted that he is not an expert on entitlement programs, said he didn't want to offer his opinion on what Congress should do because it might pressure his sons — Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Texas Gov. George W. Bush — to follow his philosophy.

George W. Bush has caught national attention for being a potential presidential candidate

in 2000. The elder Bush said Monday his son is far from making a decision.

"Before he can really seriously contemplate it, he has to have a successful session of the Texas legislature," the former president said.

For now, the problem of endangered federal entitlements rests with President Clinton, who has asked Congress to consider devoting the 1999 budget surplus — \$76 billion — to fix Social Security.

But lawmakers have not reached a consensus over how to fix the program. Republicans generally are more willing than Democrats to invest funds in the stock market as a way of boosting income.

Rep. Joe Barton, a Texas Republican who participated in the Dallas workshop, said it will take Congress a few years to work out a solution, but he's confident one will be found.

"What we're really working on now is growing the trust fund at a faster rate than the rate of the economy so that the money is there, not for the current beneficiaries — which is no question — but for my generation, my son's generation," Barton said.

Carol Cox Wait, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, said a consensus is evolving among workshop participants across the country that a solution lays in mixing tax financing, benefits and personal investment accounts.

She said a report on the committee's finding will be presented to Congress and the White House later this year.

Man goes on trial this week for mutilation murder

EDINBURG (AP) — David Cardenas was a little boy trying to act grown-up.

One weekend night last spring, the 12-year-old partied with a group of older people in Donna. Five days later, his body was found under some aluminum slabs in a bushy field. His arms had been cut off and he was missing a foot, his scalp and several teeth.

"When I saw this child and the way they did the things they did to him, I said, 'Jesus Christ, I don't think these people have a heart or anything,'" Donna Police Chief Miguel Carreon said at the time. "It affected all of us."

On Tuesday, 21-year-old Pablo Lucio Vasquez, who said voices in his head told him to kill the boy, goes on trial. He faces the death penalty.

Seven others also are charged in connection with the crime. Andy Chapa, 15, will face trial as an adult for capital murder. Six people, including two teen-age girls, are accused of helping to cover up the murder.

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The centerpiece of the prosecution's evidence against Vasquez is a taped confession in which he describes striking the boy and carrying him across a street. Vasquez also admits possessing a gold chain that belonged to the victim.

Defense attorneys have since argued that the statement was made under duress, but state District Judge Fernando Mancias has allowed it into evidence.

Cardenas' killing came on the heels of

reported occult activity in Donna, a town of 14,000 in the mid-Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Donna gang investigators have identified several gangs they said had connections to the occult, and officers report occult graffiti images have been found around town.

Police also say a "satanic calendar" indicates the murder occurred at a significant time — April 17-18 — in relation to such practices. The calendar calls for human sacrifice at the time, officials say.

Authorities have investigated other such activities in Donna over the past year. Two dogs were mutilated, including one that was skinned and its limbs and tail cut off. Police interpreted symbols found with the dog to mean that the animal was part of a magic spell intended to kill someone.

Several cult experts say, however, that many teen "satanic" groups are not organized religions dedicated to ritual sacrifice. Teens in such self-identified occult groups tend to form "rituals" from ideas they derive from movies, songs and television.

Hill Country craftsman makes spurs for real, occasional cowboys

By Mark Loyd
Kerrville Daily Times

BANDERA — From his small shop located just outside downtown, Bill Post keeps alive a skill he learned from his father and mastered from his own desire.

Post, an Oklahoma native and resident of Texas since the 1970s, makes spurs for cowboys those that spend days on the ranch and those who spend them at the drugstore.

"I've been making spurs since I was 14. It was out of necessity. I needed a pair and I couldn't afford to buy them," he said. So, Post spent time in his father's Boswell, Okla. blacksmith and horseshoeing shop learning the chemistry of metals.

"The only thing my dad ever taught me was, don't try to bend cold steel."

When Post was a youngster in the 1940s, buying new spurs was not a common practice in his family. "When I was coming up most kids had a pair of daddy's old spurs and he had a pair someone

had given him," he said.

Post's first pair of spurs were forged from a piece of aluminum salvaged from a cargo plane. "It went down in the hills of North Carolina and a friend of mine brought a piece to me," he said.

He heated the metal to liquid and formed the spurs from a clay cast he sculpted. He took the design from a pair of spurs his father had given to his mother. Post also forged the rowels — the disc that spins around the end of the spur. The task took him two days. And to date he's never worn the spurs.

Before he could strap them on, a pair was handed down to him. "My father gave me these," he says, pulling a rusty pair from a revolving rack. "These were my mother's."

"The spur was as important as a (truck) accelerator is day. You needed a spur to fire up that old, tired horse," he said.

By the time he was 10, Post had more than five years experience on horseback. He spent many

days tending to cattle and livestock and repairing fences. "Times were rough. We didn't have the frills we have today."

He also used his horse to get to and from school. Post followed in his father's footsteps and shod horses and raised cattle. He joined the Army and followed his service with a 25-year career as an ironworker. When he retired in 1988 he advanced his spur making hobby to full-time.

He does the work, in part, to maintain the tradition of the cowboy. "I try to make a spur that's useful. But then I make some for the Sunday cowboy that likes to look sharp," he said.

He borrows designs from other spurs and adds his own flavor. The pieces are forged from tools he crafted. Post said it's OK that many who work land and livestock today get around on four wheelers and in \$30,000 pickup trucks. Inflation and modernization have forced the industry to operate that way.

But a real cowboy, he said,

"has got to be able to get on a horse and ride him and do what needs be done with him."

"I used to consider myself a cowboy until I worked with some good cowboys," he said.

At 65, he still rides eight to 10 miles each week and will work cattle when asked. He spends nearly 40 hours each week in his shop filling spur orders phoned in from Minnesota to South Texas.

Some ask for a simple, functional spur that sells for \$100 a pair. Others want the glitter silver accents and precious stones from rubies to diamonds that cost as much as \$2,000. And while these works are often made for "drugstore cowboys," Post said real cowboys are still around.

"I think, in this part of Texas, there will always be room for a cowboy. I just don't think the city can ever take over this part of Texas. It's too rough," he said.

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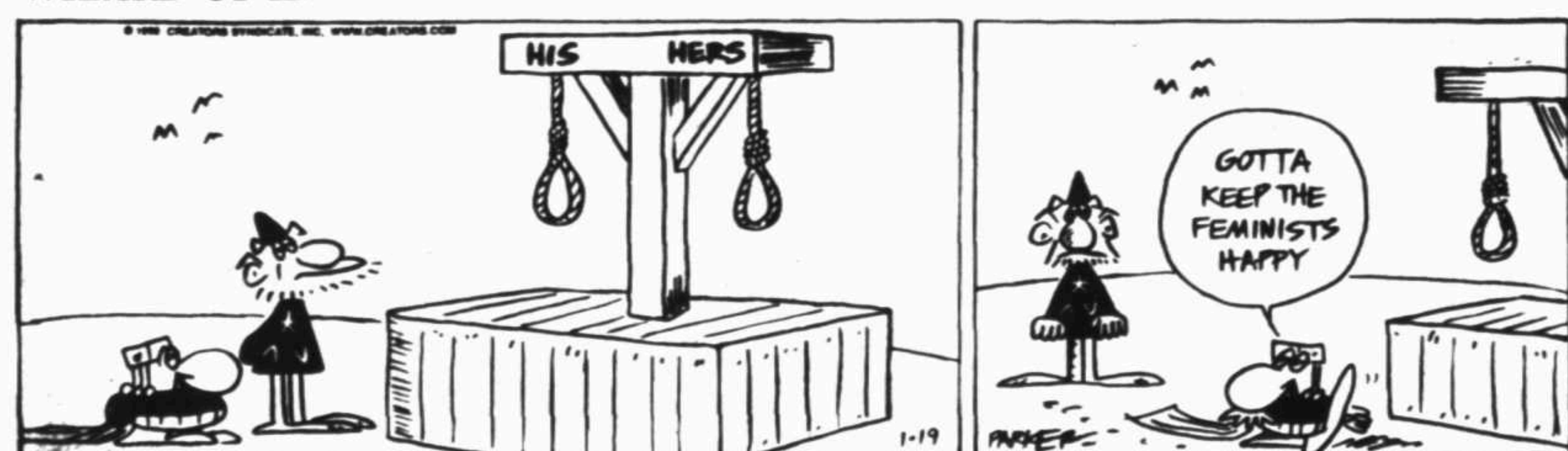
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Frustration builds as obstacles bounce in your direction. Say "no" when you need to. Seek alternatives. Finding different ways to complete a task is challenging but necessary. Partners are a bit off; walk them toward a goal gently. Tonight: Get some perspective over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Events shake you up. Sometimes you have a difficult time expressing yourself; this is especially so now. Feeling thwarted where you are normally most successful could have you upset. You'll find your way out of this if you move slowly, one step at a time. Tonight: Catch up on work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Creative ideas abound, though you aren't exactly sure which way to go. You are likely to meet some obstacles. Handle the items on your agenda individually, giving each total attention. Success is more likely that way. Another simply is limited; understand that. Tonight: Take a drive or browse a bookstore.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ You might have a difficult time getting a project off the ground. Demands overwhelm you; no matter which way you turn, pitfalls await. You might not be able to accomplish what you would like without another's support and help. Tonight: Plug along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ What you have been aiming for could be disrupted if you work as usual. Though you can multitask easily, others might not be capable of doing so. Follow through on one item at a time. Others will be more responsive as a result. Tonight: Let another pick.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Money dealings might not fly if you attempt to gain outside support. Handle your responsibilities, but don't approach others yet. If you move methodically, your success ratio will increase. Listen to your instincts with a difficult associate. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Challenges appear left and right. Your level of frustration could show as pure anger. However, that will not help you with a difficult associate. Take a deep breath and ground yourself. Handle each project, errand or work detail at a reasonable pace. Tonight: Let off steam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Much is going on. What you might not be aware of is your own inner restrictions and how you might be causing yourself problems. Pull back and see if you aren't angry at another. Listen carefully to feedback from a co-worker. What this person says may be more true than you know. Tonight: Mellow out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Tackle problems with friends and loved ones. You probably can juggle more than most. However, even you might fizzle out. Handle each issue independently, rather than letting yourself be distracted by external. Tonight: Do as much as you can on the phone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ You could feel like you're in a pressure cooker. Establish limits and remain directed. A loved one puts your endurance to the test. Exhaustion and frustration could be commonplace. You are forced to put 100 percent and more into your work to please a boss. Tonight: Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your personality helps ease some of the madness innately present in your day. Listen carefully to another, even if you believe there is a negative cast to this person's views. Make long-distance calls, seek out new information. Tonight: Be smart—don't tell all!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Go within for financial answers. You could be unduly distressed by involuntary changes. A partner wants to make active choices. Listen to his energy, but follow through on what is important to you. Handle your own money personally. Tonight: You might get a second wind!

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Tommy's technique was impeccable. He cashed the queen of diamonds, crossed to the king and led the ace. East ruffed with the seven and, rather than overruff, declarer

discarded the losing club. East continued with a club, ruffed in the closed hand. Now Tommy exited with his remaining spade, won by West. But Tommy remained with the A 10 of hearts over East's Q 4. The score for making four hearts redoubled with an overtrick came to 1080 (including 300 points for a non-vulnerable game) — more than North-South would have collected for bidding and making six diamonds.

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PEOPLE TODAY

DiCaprio promises not to make a mess

BANGKOK, Thailand — Leonardo DiCaprio promised Monday not to mess up a Thailand beach.

The actor's pledge came in response to environmentalists who say the sets being constructed on Phi Phi Le for the film star's latest movie, "The Beach," are harming the island national park in the Andaman Sea.

The environmentalists are worried about the planting of non-native coconut trees and the smoothing over of sand dunes on Maya Beach, and have tried to get the courts to halt the shooting. "Preservation of the environment has always been of utmost concern to me, and I would never be part of any project that did anything to harm nature," DiCaprio said in a statement.

"I have seen extraordinary measures being taken to protect the island. And I pledge to remain vigilant and tolerate nothing less than these maximum efforts."

The star said he was assured the island would be returned to its natural state after the shooting.

NEW YORK — The creator of Spiderman is heading to the Web.

Stan Lee, the founder of Marvel comics and father of countless superheroes, has created StanLee Net (www.stanlee.net), an online gathering place for comic book lovers.

The free site will be launched in the spring and introduce at least a half-dozen new comic characters. It will also offer a way for aspiring comic book artists to upload their own creations, and give people the ability to buy, sell and trade comics.

"I want the Web site to be a place where everyone can gather and share fantasies and wonderment that comics provide," Lee said.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Slugger Mark McGwire pitched in for an agency that helps abused children.

The St. Louis Cardinals' 70-homer wonder joined other celebrities Sunday at a fund-raiser for Stuart House, which provides counseling and legal support for abused youngsters. "I've got to do something to help the helpless, to help kids who go through abuse," McGwire said. "I believe there's

a purpose why we are on this planet and there's a reason for things happening like the year I had."

McGwire long has contributed to children's causes. In 1997, he pledged \$3 million of his \$30 million contract to groups helping needy and abused youngsters.

Cory Moelis, 10, attended the event with his family and was awed by McGwire.

"He's the biggest person I've ever seen," he said. "But what I like about him is that he seems mostly just like a regular guy, a regular guy who likes to help little kids."

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Tom Brokaw is warning about politicians' "insatiable appetite" for money from special interest groups.

"The expenditure of large amounts of money and the use of attack ads have become a cancer on our system," the NBC anchorman said Sunday in a speech to New Mexico First, a public interest group.

"Like Bob Dole said, 'Beware of the hired guns.' The vast amounts of money the campaigns raise go into the pockets of people who don't really care."

NEW YORK — His latest character is rumbled, supportive, sensitive — decidedly unlike James Bond.

And that's just fine with Sean Connery, who plays a husband dealing with marital crisis in the romantic film, "Playing by Heart," which opens Friday.

"This is a man who wears Rockports with a tux," Connery told the Daily News in its Sunday editions. The character is also a man who remains very much in love with his wife of 40 years, played by Gena Rowlands.

"It shows that life is a dance, as it were — that intimacy and romance don't end when you reach a certain age," the 67-year-old actor said.

Suave as ever, Connery says he loves the film's optimism and takes issue with one reviewer who found the movie a bit over-the-top in the romance department.

"How can a movie be too romantic — it says something about where we are, I suppose," he lamented.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire reports.



Environmentalists' plea prompts promise from Leo.



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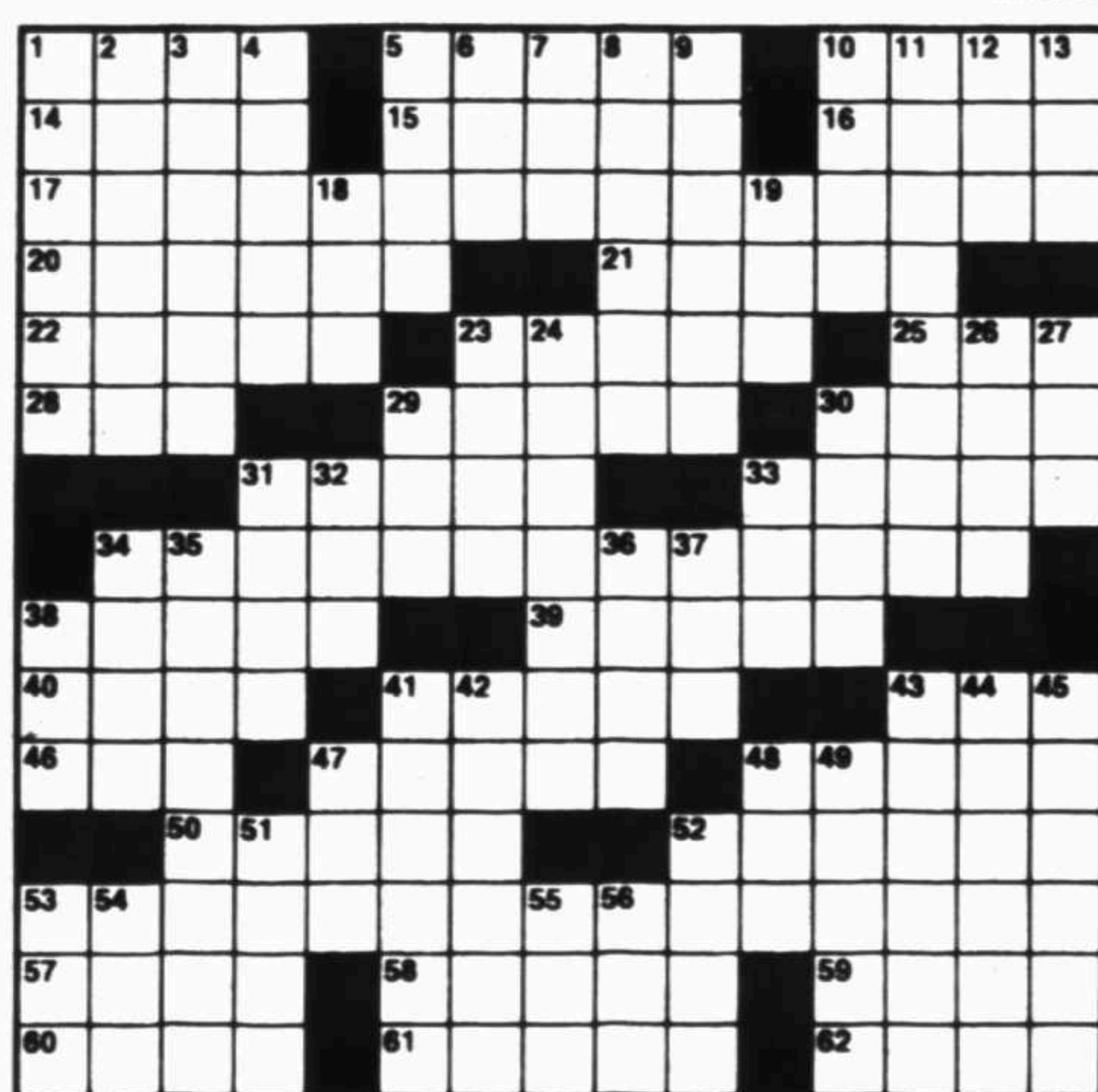
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PREP BASKETBALL — Boys, Midland Lee vs. Odessa High, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).
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Midland High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.
PREP SOCCER — Girls, Midland High at Midland Lee, 4:30 p.m.

TABC Poll

WACO (AP) — The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches top 10 poll, with records through Jan. 18:

BOYS	
5A	
1. Houston Milby	(22-2)
2. Fort Bend Willowridge	(24-3)
3. San Antonio Holmes	(20-3)
4. Dumasville	(19-3)
5. Fort Bend Elkins	(22-2)
6. Midland	(19-3)
7. Allen Elsie	(21-5)
8. Converse Judson	(17-5)
9. Dallas Kimball	(21-5)
10. Killeen	(20-4)
4A	
1. Amadori Palo Duro	(21-1)
2. Longview Pine Tree	(18-2)
3. Dallas Madison	(22-3)
4. Lancaster	(21-1)
5. Port Arthur Lincoln	(18-4)
6. Crowley	(18-4)
7. Cleburne	(22-3)
8. Silsbee	(18-5)
9. Southlake Carroll	(18-7)
10. San Antonio Alamo Heights	(17-4)
3A	
1. Seminole	(22-2)
2. Clarksville	(18-5)
3. Kountze	(20-3)
4. Madisonville	(17-2)
5. Glen Rose	(19-2)
6. Clyde	(10-4)
7. Waco LaVega	(14-4)
8. Stafford	(18-5)
9. La Verna	(17-3)
10. Crockett	(19-4)
2A	
1. Krum	(21-2)
2. Hubbard	(20-1)
3. Beckville	(18-3)
4. Edgewood	(17-3)
5. Woden	(18-4)
6. Farmerville	(18-3)
7. Peaslee	(18-5)
8. Clyde Eula	(18-3)
9. Buffalo	(17-5)
10. Port Aransas	(18-6)
Class A	
1. Brookeland	(22-0)
2. Lipan	(22-2)
3. Houston	(21-3)
4. Milano	(18-3)
5. Eyedahl	(19-2)
6. Harca	(17-1)
7. Goodrich	(18-3)
8. Bartlett	(10-2)
9. Paducah	(15-2)
10. Lanerville	(19-3)
PRIVATE	
1. Harington Marine Mt. Acad.	(17-3)
2. Dallas Jesuit	(18-10)
3. San Antonio Antonian	(15-10)
4. Houston Christian	(24-0)
5. Houston Westbury Christian	(15-7)
6. Dallas Greenhill	(19-3)
7. Beaumont Kelly	(11-9)
8. Houston Strake Jesuit	(18-3)
9. Calverton O'Connell	(18-10)
10. Dallas Bishop Lynch	(13-10)

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Midland College	3 0 17 2
Howard College	2 1 17 2
Odessa College	2 1 13 3
South Plains	2 1 11 8
New Mexico JC	1 2 13 5
Western Texas	1 2 12 6
Clarendon	1 2 7 4
Frank Phillips	0 3 5 13

Monday's Results
Midland 74, Howard 55; Odessa 77, Frank Phillips 54; South Plains 58, New Mexico 53; Western Texas 60, Clarendon 52.
Thursday's Games
Clarendon at Midland; Howard at New Mexico JC; South Plains at Odessa; Frank Phillips at Western Texas.

WJAC Men

WJCAC Men			
	Conf.		Season
	W	L	W
Howard College	3	0	13
South Plains	3	0	13
Frank Phillips	2	1	6
Clarendon	1	2	10
Midland College	1	2	12
New Mexico JC	1	2	7
New Mexico Military	1	2	7
Odessa College	0	3	8

Howard 85, Midland 62; Frank Phillips 84, Odessa 77; South Plains 79, New Mexico 67; Military Institute 80, Clarendon 74.
Thursday's Games
Clarendon at Midland; Howard at New Mexico JC; South Plains at Odessa; Frank Phillips at New Mexico Military Institute.

WT accident

DENTON — One of two vans carrying the West Texas A&M Lady Buffs on a 12-day road trip was involved Sunday in an accident near Denton, where they were to play Texas Woman's University on Monday, the school said.
A two-vehicle accident in the opposite lane of I-35 spilled across the median, hitting the second 15-passenger van from the school in Canyon, WTAMU sports information director Bill Kauffman said Monday.



Scottie Pippen, dunking here, will be traded from the Chicago Bulls to the Houston Rockets after the lockout ends. The Associated Press learned Monday.

Report: Pippen to Rockets

■ Bulls will apparently sign and trade superstar to Houston for forward Roy Rogers.

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — With Michael Jordan gone, the breakup of the rest of the Chicago Bulls will be complete by the end of the week.
Scottie Pippen will be traded from the Bulls to the Houston Rockets, and Steve Kerr will be dealt to the San Antonio Spurs as soon as the lockout ends.
The Bulls will sign Pippen to a deal worth \$67.2 million for five years — with an additional \$15 million in incentives — before trading him. Chicago will get forward Roy Rogers and a second-round draft pick in return, said numerous league sources who spoke on condition of

anonymity.
"I would like to thank the Chicago Bulls, the great people of the city of Chicago and all my teammates for 11 wonderful seasons," Pippen said in a statement released by his agent, Jimmy Sexton. "I would also like to personally thank the Bulls for helping me through this period of free agency. I wish them the best, because that is what Chicago deserves."
Although the salaries of Pippen and Rogers do not match, the deal is allowable under NBA rules because Houston will have enough salary cap room to fit in Pippen's contract. His salary for this season will be \$10.6 million.

The deal will not be finalized until the lockout ends Wednesday or Thursday.

"We're not going to confirm anything," Rockets spokesman Tim Frank said. "The lockout is technically not over. We're still under lockout restrictions. No deal can officially be done until that cloak is lifted."
Pippen, a six-time champion with the Bulls, talked to the Rockets about signing with them as a free agent. It was not immediately clear why he agreed to a sign-and-trade deal, but other teams were also discussing similar deals involving Pippen with Bulls general manager Jerry Krause.
The acquisition of Pippen should clear the way for Charles Barkley to re-sign with Houston, giving the Rockets a formidable front line of Barkley, Pippen and Hakeem Olajuwon. Two of Pippen's new teammates said they were excited about the prospect.

Please see PIPPEN/2C

Chap women earn first win at Howard

■ Lady Chaps score exciting victory while MC men drop a close one to Hawks.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

BIG SPRING — The games lived up to the hype in Monday's doubleheader between Midland College and Howard.

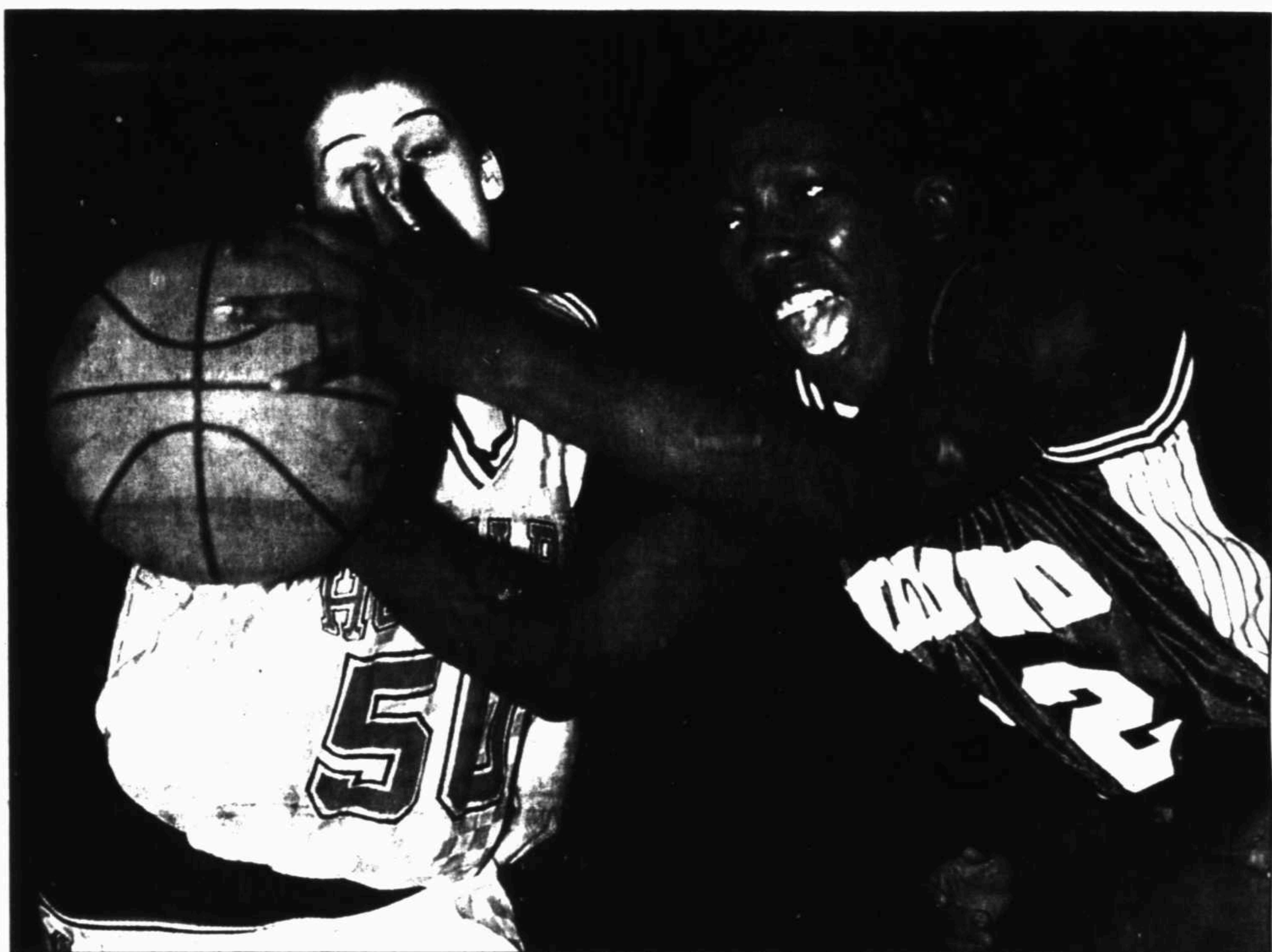
And some history was made in the process.
In only their fifth year of existence under coach Ron Jones, the No. 11 Lady Chaparrals got their biggest road win with 74-69 victory over the No. 6 Lady Hawks. This marks the first win ever at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and also ended a long home winning streak for Howard which dated back to 1995.

While the Lady Chaps enjoyed a big win, the Midland College men fell to 1-2 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with a 68-82 setback to the Hawks.

The men's game proved to be a sloppy affair thanks to both teams' defenses. The women's game, however, was simply a classic with long runs by each team, great individual performances, and exuberant fans holding every anxious breath until the Lady Chaps iced the game at the free-throw line.

"It was a good win but I wasn't happy with the way we panicked when they made a run in the final minutes," said Jones, whose team improves to 17-2 overall and 3-0 in conference. "I was real happy with the way we closed it out at the free-throw line there at the end."
Judy Gonzalez and Fatime Ndiaye were there at the charity stripe to help sink the Lady Hawks' bid to keep their home winning streak alive. Gonzalez finished with 21 points and 12 boards, while Ndiaye added 16 points in the winning effort.

"It's a good win," Gonzalez said. "I know I'm only a freshman but I know how hard it is to win here. It was a hard-fought game and I thought our defense was principle in helping us win."
After losing two years in a row in Big Spring after taking a lead at the half, this time the Lady Chaps made a 42-27 advantage at the break stick.



Midland College's Fatime Ndiaye (right) battles Howard College's Caryn Ross for a rebound in Monday night's WJAC game at Big Spring. The Lady Chaps won 74-69 to claim their first win ever at Howard in five attempts. Ndiaye was a major contributor for the Lady Chaps with 18 points.

"The way it turned out, I thought that lead at the half was very important," Jones said. "I think we played really well in the first half and hopefully we can mature from that. Winning here is something we haven't done as a program and as a team. Sometimes it's always easier the second time because the first time is always tough."

For Howard coach Matt Corkery and his Lady Hawks, this loss will be a hard one to swallow, but they hope it's something they can learn from.
"Like I told the team, I think this is a real character test to how we respond. Hopefully we can respond on Thursday against New Mexico," said Corkery, whose team dropped to 17-2 overall and

2-1 in WJAC action. "In the end they just made the plays and we didn't."
A big reason for Howard's second half comeback and eventually a one-point lead was the play of sophomore guard Karlita Washington, who finished with 29 points, including a 9-0 run of her

Please see MC/2C

Tall City girls soccer clash should be fierce game

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

The Midland High and Midland Lee girls soccer teams open their respective District 4-5A schedules with an intricacy clash at 4:30 today on the Lee Soccer Field.

They renew what it is arguably the best Tall City rivalry in any sport. It certainly is the closest.
In the last nine games:
■ Midland High has won five and Lee has won four.
■ Eight have been decided by one goal.
■ Six have been 1-0 games.
■ Four have gone to extra time: Three to shootouts, and one other to overtime.

"The cross-town rivalry is always going to be a close game," MHS coach Scott Hodgkinson said. "I know the girls are worked up for it. We match up well with them and expect it to be a great game."
"I think it will come down to which team wants it more on that day."
During that nine-game span, the longest winning streak is four games (by Midland High from 1996-97). Going into this game, Lee has won two straight. Lee coach Mike Simpson, however, feels that No. 3 will not be easy.
The two in 1998 were not. Both were 1-0 games.
"It is a heads-up game and a toss-up to start with," Simpson said. "It is a very

emotional game and everyone will have to come to play or be left out."
What is at stake? If history is any indication, the inside road to the district title will be up for grabs. Over the last two years, the winner of the season series has won the district title.
Both teams will open the door to district play, and it looks as though Lee has a slight edge. The Lady Rebels (8-2) had a strong performance in a thrilling championship game at the Lady Rebel Classic. Lee lost to Franklin 2-1, but if not for two great saves by Franklin's keeper Autumn Whitfield, Lee would have collected the title trophy.
"I think we are ready to play," Simp-

son said. "We have come through our non-district schedule. We needed to do things and I think we are right where we should be."
Midland High (5-3-1) lost to Franklin 4-0 but came back to beat Amarillo High 2-0. At times, the consistency wasn't where it needed to be, but there were positive signs for Hodgkinson, who had to replace a huge senior class coming into the season.
"We are starting to put the ball in the net and learning to play aggressively," Hodgkinson said. "That is what it will take against Lee, an aggressive all-out performance."
Please see GIRLS/4C

TERRY WILLIAMSON 4-5A doubleheaders beneficial to loyal hoop fans

It has taken some time, years in fact, but old District 4-5A is finally getting it down right. We had asked for years that football games start at 7:30 p.m. That has come to pass and has been a boon to 4-5A travelers.

We also have been asking for years that boys and girls basketball teams play district games at the same site on the same night. This year we got it.
Midland and Odessa got into the swing several years ago and when teams from those two towns played each other, they did it on the same night at the same site. It was a start.

Now, all district teams play a girls game with a boys game and that is a boon to district basketball fans.

For one, fans don't have to choose which game to attend. Loyalties are no longer split. Secondly, and maybe the most important factor, the girls teams now play before larger crowds than in the past. All the fans may not show up for the 6 p.m. start for the girls, but by the half there is usually a good crowd on hand.

This has been particularly nice for the two Mid-

land High teams since both are leading their respective district races and are both unbeaten in district. Now, fans can see both games each time they play without making separate trips to playing sites during the week. In effect, it saves a night out since you get two varsity games on one night.

The district may be slow in acting on what the fans want, but 4-5A should be commended now that they've got it down pat, just the way we always wanted it.

And looking to tonight's action, the Midland teams go against the Odessa teams and that always lends itself to a hint of excitement. Probably the best matchup of key importance among the four games tonight is the Midland Lee girls against the Odessa High Lady Bronchos at Chaparral Center.

The Lee girls begin second half play in 4-5A with a 3-3 record, tied with both Abilene High and Abilene Cooper for third place. Odessa High is in second place at 5-1. Lee needs a win at home to stay in that third place holding pattern since three teams go to the playoffs.

OHS has already beaten the Lee girls this year in Odessa, so a win here would give the Lady Rebels a leg up on that third place berth heading into the final five games.

The Lee boys, at 1-3 in the loop race, also need to get their engine running again and they will host

Odessa High in the Chap nightcap. OHS hasn't won a district game, but has played opponents close, losing by only two points to Odessa Permian and San Angelo.

And speaking of close, Permian knows all about that. The Panthers, a playoff team that went to the Region I semifinals a year ago, have three district losses, all by two points. And the one win? Yes, it too was by two points against OHS.

The MHS boys can finish off the first half race with a perfect 6-0 record against the Panthers with a win and two points would work just fine. The Bulldogs have won 33 District 4-5A games in a row on the floor, but ironically, MHS had to forfeit an on the floor win last year against Permian for playing an ineligible player for less than a minute.

That leaves us with the MHS girls going against the Permian girls. The Lady Bulldogs will probably win a state playoff berth tonight. A win over Permian would give MHS seven league wins and seven wins is usually enough to secure a postseason berth.

In fact, the way it stands now, both MHS teams are already gearing for the playoffs, but both Lee teams are in a real fight just to get there.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram

LOCAL SPORTS

Rangers named All-Academic

GREENWOOD — Two Greenwood football players have been named to the first team State All-Academic team recently released by the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Dane Crunk, an offensive guard and defensive end, and Eric Synatsch, a safety and wide receiver, both were named to the All-Academic squad. Both are seniors.

Crunk carries a 4.52 grade-point average while Synatsch owns a 4.57 GPA.

Synatsch plans to attend Baylor University next fall while Crunk plans to attend Midland College in the fall and later Texas Tech University.

Crunk and Synatsch were the

only two first team picks from the Permian Basin.

Lee sophs win

The Midland Lee boys sophomore basketball team defeated Odessa High 58-48 Monday. Paul Logan scored 14 and Chris Hurt 11 for the Rebs (9-7 overall and 3-2 in district).

Junior High Basketball

8th Grade Boys
Midland Christian 60, Wink 24. MC: Tim Brock 11 points, Chad Davis 13. MC is 6-5.

7th Grade Boys
Midland Christian 40, Wink 27. MC: Blake Morpheo 15 points, Chris Ryburn 10 points.

Eighth Grade Girls
Wink 31, MC 30. MC: Crystal Cooper 9.

Louisiana Tech enjoys a victory worth celebrating

Associated Press

RUSTON, La. — With dozens of former players and coaches from the tradition-rich school watching in the stands, the pressure was on Louisiana Tech.

The Lady Techsters responded by playing their best game of the season. Tamicha Jackson scored 26 points while sparking her team's harassing defense, and Amanda Wilson added 17 points and 16 rebounds as No. 4 Louisiana Tech beat No. 2 Connecticut 90-76 Monday.

The victory came as Louisiana Tech was celebrating its 25 years of women's basketball. Coach Leon Barmore had been worried how that would affect his team, which has been inconsistent.

"I don't think you could have put more pressure on our basketball team than that did," Barmore said. "This is probably one of the most marvelous wins that I've seen a Tech team have under these conditions."

It certainly was the biggest victory this season for a team that has lost to No. 1 Tennessee and No. 3 Purdue, and had defeated only one ranked team. Louisiana Tech (14-2) came up with 18 steals and forced 25 Connecticut turnovers — 15 in the second half.

"I've always said if Tamicha and Amanda play well, we can beat a lot of people," Barmore said. "The guard play was outstanding and Amanda — 13 defensive boards. The boards were what worried me going in. Michigan had 29 offensive boards and this ain't Michigan we just played."

As in its loss to Tennessee eight days earlier, Connecticut (15-2) stayed close much of the game, then couldn't handle the pressure down the stretch as Louisiana Tech broke it open with two runs.

Louisiana Tech's first run came after Connecticut had cut the lead to 60-59 on Svetlana Abrosimova's driving shot with 11:08 left. Three steals triggered an 8-0 burst that

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consisted entirely of layups, and Connecticut made only three more field goals the rest of the way.

Five straight points by Shea Ralph drew to the Huskies to 70-65 with 6:14 remaining, but Monica Maxwell responded with a 3-point shot to start an 11-2 run that stretched the lead to 81-67 with 2:59 to play, and the Lady Techsters finished it off with free throws.

Jackson, who had 16 points in the first half, hit 10-of-18 shots, handed out seven assists and made five steals. She spoke with two stitches in her lip, the result of an accidental elbow from Ralph.

"We felt like we needed to keep pressure on them," Jackson said. "We pressed the entire game. We never do that. We got some steals in there, got layups, momentum, things like that. That's supposed to be my job every game — put pressure on the ball."

No. 3 Purdue 71, Illinois 60
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Ukari Figs and Stephanie White-McCarty each scored 20 points as No. 3 Purdue defeated Illinois.

It was the 12th straight victory for Purdue (14-1 overall, 6-0 Big Ten). The loss broke an 18-game home winning streak for Illinois (10-7, 4-3).

No. 5 Georgia 88, Georgia Tech 82
MARIETTA, Ga. — Coco Miller scored 20 points and No. 5 Georgia, despite a lethargic start, beat Georgia Tech in its first game against its intrastate rival in more than four years.

No. 7 North Carolina 79, No. 19 Virginia 68

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Juana Brown scored 20 points and led a key second-half spurt that sent No. 7 North Carolina over No. 19 Virginia.

No. 24 Tulane 81, DePaul 72
CHICAGO — Grace Daley scored 25 points, including 9-of-10 from the foul line, in leading No. 24 Tulane to a victory over DePaul.

Spotty serving doesn't stop Kournikova

Russian overcomes 23 double faults in first round of Australian Open.

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Anna Kournikova showed off a curious strategy — the occasional accurate serve sneaking in among 23 double faults.

It was a surprise attack style that worked well enough, especially backed up by a reliable return game that produced nine service breaks, and put the 12th-seeded teen into the second round of the Australian Open with a 7-6 (7-1), 7-5 victory Tuesday over an American qualifier, No. 152-ranked Jill Craybas.

Kournikova, 17, shrugged off the double faults — she had 17 in the first set alone — and emphasized the way she scrambled to salvage the match.

"I was really fighting and hanging in there in tough times," she said. "I should have been more aggressive, but I figured it out later in the match, then I started doing what I should have done in the beginning."

Kournikova believes her serving problems, which have led to 62 double faults in her last three matches, are "half mental, half technical."

"But it is not like a huge problem," she said. "When you have a mistake in the forehand, nobody notices, but when you make a double fault, everybody talks about it."

They talk about it because no other women, and few men with much harder serves, give away as many free points on serve as Kournikova does. Though sometimes being erratic helps. When she did hit a first serve in once in a while, Craybas looked surprised and had trouble catching up to it.

Another 17-year-old, unseeded Serena Williams, escaped the trouble that bedeviled her sister Venus in an opening day three-setter. With six aces almost offsetting seven double faults, Serena beat Romanian Raluca Sandu 6-2, 6-3.

Sick Chenoweth helps No. 19 Kansas beat Texas in Big 12 battle

By Craig Horst
AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. — An ailing Eric Chenoweth made Texas feel lousy Monday night.

Chenoweth had 20 points and 13 rebounds as No. 19 Kansas beat the Longhorns 76-67. Although he was suffering from bronchitis and an ear infection, Chenoweth outplayed fellow 7-foot sophomore Chris Mihm, who finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

"I used what energy I had; I was enthused," said Chenoweth, who was hoarse and coughing after the game. "It was a big want-to. Rebounding is mental toughness. Now I'm going to go to bed and take my medicine."

"It's mental toughness that you build every day in practice. You're



Anna Kournikova of Russia makes a return toward Jill Craybas of East Greenwich, R.I., in the first round at the Australian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne, Australia Tuesday.

"Five years from now I would definitely see myself at No. 1," said Serena, ranked No. 26.

Martina Hingis, an 18-year-old who had been No. 1 most the past two years and is the two-time defending Australian champion, breezed through her opening round, 6-1, 6-2 against American Lilia Osterloh.

In men's matches, No. 10 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia beat Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, and No. 15 American Todd Martin

outlasted Brazilian Fernando Meligeni 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

If youth is sometimes wasted on the young, Jana Novotna misspent a fair share of years until she won Wimbledon last year. Her losses were the stuff of legend, filled with chokes and tears.

Now at 30, when other players might look to comfortable retirement, Novotna sees only opportunity. A chance for more grand slam titles. A career that lasts longer than that of fellow Czech

tired. You're fatigued. I work really hard in practice and the mental toughness carries over into the game."

Chenoweth outplayed Mihm inside and Jeff Boschke continued his hot 3-point shooting as Kansas (13-4, 5-0 Big 12) won its 35th straight home conference game.

Boschke scored 15 points, including 5-of-7 from 3-point range. He now is 13-of-22 on 3-point shots in his last three games.

"My shot felt good and fluent," Boschke said. "I'm one tired guy right now. I'm exhausted. But my

shot is feeling pretty good. You hit the first one and when your shots start falling, you just keep going and going."

Mihm wasn't a factor in the first half as Texas (9-9, 5-1) shot just 21 percent and fell behind 33-22.

"My shots just weren't falling," Mihm said. "We needed production out of myself. We were in it the whole game until the end. They took our runs and didn't panic."

Ivan Wagner added 14 points for Texas, which had its six-game

native Martina Navratilova, who played until she was 38.

"That's my main goal ... to play longer than Martina," Novotna said. "My first goal already came true, winning Wimbledon, and I'm working on the second one."

And so Novotna is playing the Australian Open for the first time in four years, reshuffling her schedule for an extra shot at a major championship.

A finalist at the Australian in 1991 but an early-round loser the next three years, Novotna skipped the year's first grand slam event the past three years because she felt the seasons were too long and she needed extra rest to prepare for the grind of the ensuing campaigns.

"It really worked for me," she said. "I felt that I was playing better at the end of the season when everybody was tired already, and that's when I won most of my tournaments."

Trouble was, she was giving up a grand slam chance every year on the kind of hard court suited to her balanced game. She hadn't even planned on coming to the Australian Open this year, but changed her mind recently after missing a few months late in 1998 with a back injury.

"I just felt the need to play and stay with the top girls," she said. "At my age, what is important is to stay in good shape and stay physically fit and play as many tournaments as I feel like playing. You just have to schedule your tournaments from one month to another."

"At the beginning of the year, I said I would like to do everything differently. I feel like I need a little bit of variety in my schedule and go by how I feel."

She felt well enough Monday night to win a rain-interrupted match that began with the retractable roof open and ended with it closed as she dispatched Anne-Gaëlle Sidot of France 6-4, 6-2.

It wasn't a vintage performance, but Novotna was pleased she got off to a winning start and didn't get hurt. At 30, sometimes that's all that matters.

winning streak snapped.

Nick Bradford, who finished with 10 points and nine rebounds, had two baskets on inside passes from Ryan Robertson, and Robertson also scored as Kansas built a 40-28 lead early in the second half. The Longhorns closed to 58-53, but DeJuan Vazquez shot an airball on a 3-point try, and Chenoweth made two free throws after he was fouled by Mihm.

Gabe Muoneke scored for Texas, but Boschke hit a 3-pointer for a 63-55 Kansas lead with 4:16 to play.

MC: Men fall by six to Howard College

(From 1C)

own. She did, however, miss two free throws which would've pulled her team back within one with 22 seconds left.

Even though this only counts as one win, Jones counts this as a win-and-a-half.

"It's a good win and conference-wise when you win a tough game on the road, it's worth something that you can look back and refer to," Jones said.

The men's game went pretty much the same as the women's the Hawks (13-5, 3-0) made the free throws down the stretch to put away a Midland College (12-7, 1-2) team, which could never figure out how to handle physical nature of the game.

"We were fortunate in that we created some opportunities offensively that allowed us to eek out a win," Howard coach Tommy Collins said. "It was a great game, very highly contested by both teams. I think the defense played by both teams really took away a lot of things that both of us wanted to accomplish."

Three Hawks finished in double figures as Justin Rhodes and Darryl Martin finished with 14 points each, and Greg Lewis ended up

with 13. With the victory, the Howard Hawks remain unbeaten in conference play and put themselves in very good early position for the title.

"It was important for us to win a big game," Collins said. "It really helps our kids buy into our defense. (Midland College coach Pat Rafferty's) team does a good job of executing that if you don't take it away from them, they'll beat you every time. This is a good win but it won't mean anything if we don't win at New Mexico on Thursday."

The Chaps continue to struggle to find some sort of consistent play, and that fact continues to bother their mentor.

"This game was to see how well we cope with things, and I told them that we didn't cope with their physical play very well. They were physical and were passive, and you can't win like that," Rafferty said.

"You can't win games like this until we start preparing to win games like this. This team is content with hanging around and being close. Howard deserves all the credit. They did what they wanted to do."

With this defeat, Rafferty is still

wondering if his Chaps will ever turn around their bad habits and not only challenge for the conference championship but a playoff spot.

"Right now we don't deserve to contend for the title," Rafferty said.

Midland College comes back home Thursday to face Clarendon.

Women

Midland College 74, Howard College 69
Midland College (17-2, 3-0): Shelley Alderman 2-9 0-4, Judy Gonzalez 5-20 10-14 21, Natalie Goodall 1-8 4-5, Autumn Johnson 2-6 2-3 6, Arnie Kane 2-4 0-4, Tynesha Gregory 0-4 2-2 2, Taqita Hunter 2-6 1-1 5, Julie Ramsey 2-6 1-2 6, Fatima Ndiaye 5-11 6-6 16, Nicole Villarreal 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-78 99-41 74.
Howard (17-2, 2-1): Ricka McKee 3-5 3-6 9, Karita Washington 10-20 9-11 29, Latasha Moore 4-13 0-8, Jovanna St. Cyr 4-4 1-2 9, Yolanda Grant 0-3 0-1 0, Shaketha Ashley 0-0 0-0 0, Shantana Charles 0-1 3-6 3, Alesha Love 2-4 5-9, Cayn Ross 0-3 0-1 0, Zakya Gardner 0-1 0-0 0, Ashante Nix 0-1 2-1. Totals 23-54 23-36 69.

Halftime: MC 42, HC 27. 3-point goals: MC 1 (Ramsey), Total Fouls: MC 26, HC 28. Fouled Out: Lowe, Grant, St. Cyr. Rebounds: MC 34 (Gonzalez 12), HC 36 (McKee 7). Turnovers: MC 17, HC 22.

Men

Howard College 68, Midland College 62
Midland College (12-7, 1-2): Alvin Brooks 6-14 1-4 14, Eugene Costello 1-4 3-4 5, Ivan Gatto 6-9 2-2 16, Thye Dunn 0-4 0-0 0, Mike Cummings 1-6 7-8 9, Techon Conner 1-4 2-2 4, Mike Stewart 4-7 3-6 12, Jaamal Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-48 18-26 62.

Howard College (13-5, 3-0): Derrick Franklin 1-4 4-8, Justin Rhodes 4-10 3-4 14, Lamont Roberts 0-0 0-0, Larry Alloway 3-7 0-0 9, Don Peace 1-3 0-0 2, Greg Lewis 3-6 7-8 13, Danny Martin 3-6 15-14, Donald Caesar 1-2 3-4, Myron Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Fred Lewis 1-2 3-3 5. Totals 17-40 28-42 68.

Halftime: HC 26, MC 25. 3-point goals: MC 3 (Brooks), Gatto 2, HC 4 (Rhodes 3, Alloway 1). Total Fouls: MC 29, HC 21. Fouled Out: None. Turnovers: MC 27, HC 24. Rebounds: MC 29 (Gatto 7), HC 21 (G. Lewis 7).

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treat the city as home. I only hope the city of Chicago will continue to treat me as one of their own. Thanks for all the great memories."

The Rockets also were interested in the other top two free agents, Antonio McDyess and Tom Gugliotta. But McDyess has ruled out Houston as a possibility, and Gugliotta appears likely to sign with Minnesota or Denver.

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EASTERN CONF.

Atlantic Div.

W. L. T.

Philadelphia 23 10 10

New Jersey 23 14 9

Pittsburgh 20 12 7

N.Y. Rangers 17 19 7

N.Y. Islanders 13 29 3

Northwest Div.

W. L. T.

Toronto 23 11 1

Buffalo 23 12 7

Ottawa 23 14 9

Boston 20 15 7

Montreal 17 20 9

Southeast Div.

W. L. T.

Carolina 23 17 7

Florida 15 16 11

Washington 16 22 4

Tampa Bay 9 30 3

WESTERN CONF.

Central Div.

W. L. T.

Detroit 22 19 3

St. Louis 16 15 9

Nashville 15 24 4

Chicago 12 25 3

Northwest Div.

W. L. T.

Colorado 23 10 10

Edmonton 19 19 6

Vancouver 15 23 6

Calgary 14 26 4

Pacific Div.

W. L. T.

Dallas 27 8 7

Phoenix 23 11 1

San Jose 15 18 11

Anaheim 16 18 6

Los Angeles 16 22 4

Sunday's Games

Phoenix 1, Chicago 4

Edmonton 4, Detroit 1

Monday's Games

Late Game Not In

Boston 8, Nashville 8

San Jose 3, New Jersey 3

Washington 4, Montreal 3

Carolina 4, Toronto 3

Philadelphia 5, Ottawa 3

Buffalo 4, Florida 0

Vancouver 5, Dallas 3

Pittsburgh at Anaheim

Tuesday's

Buffalo at Tampa Bay

Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers

Vancouver at Nashville

Detroit at Calgary

St. Louis at Phoenix

Colorado at Los Angeles

Sharks 3, Devils 0

New Jersey 0, San Jose 0

First Period—1, San Jose 0

12 (Sturm, Houlihan), 8

Second Period—2, San Jose 0

Roston 12 (Madden), 3

Jose, Marteau 9 (Lowe), 3

Third Period—4, San Jose 0

4 (Sturm, Ricci), 17 (08

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13-34 San Jose 9-5

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Jersey 1 of 3,

New Canucks subdue high-riding Stars, 5-3

DALLAS (AP) — The Vancouver Canucks were badly in need of a lift, and newcomers Dave Gagner and Ed Jovanovski were glad to provide.



Gagner assisted on Vancouver's first two goals, and Jovanovski stepped into the No. 1 defensive pairing as the Canucks beat Dallas 5-3 Monday night and handed the Stars only their third home defeat this season.

Jovanovski and Gagner were acquired in Sunday's seven-player deal that sent Pavel Bure to Florida.

"The new players gave us depth more than anything else," said Canucks coach Mike Keenan. "Gagner gives us depth at center, which we needed badly, and Eddie gives us a strong defenseman who can handle the ice time and play in the top defensive pair."

Gagner, who played for the Minnesota-Dallas franchise from 1987-96, said he got little sleep since Sunday when he received the news that he'd been traded.

"I was very nervous before the game," Gagner said. "When we got a couple of goals in the first period, that made it easier to relax. It's been a long last 24 hours. I didn't sleep well. I had a lot on my mind."

Gagner centered a line with Markus Naslund on the left side and rookie Bill Muckalt on the right, and both had goals.

Jovanovski played almost 25 minutes in his Vancouver debut, and said later, "My body was going on adrenalin tonight. As the game went on, I got more and more confident and was able to get my legs."

Trent Klatt's goal early in the second period snapped a 2-2 tie, then Alexander Mogilny added a power-play goal later in the second period to boost Vancouver's lead to 4-2.

Mark Messier had a third-period goal for the Canucks and added an assist. The goal was the 610th of Messier's career, tying him with Bobby Hull on the all-time list. The

assist was the 1,041st of Messier's career, moving him past Marcel Dionne and into fifth place in league history.

Naslund added a goal and an assist for the Canucks, 2-2 in their last 12 games and 3-1-0 against Dallas this season. Vancouver also got reinforcements with the return of Mogilny and Todd Bertuzzi from injuries.

Pat Verbeek, Brett Hull and Craig Ludwig scored for the Stars, 14-3-4 in their last 21 games and 14-3-2 at home this season.

Dallas got off to a fast start with a power-play goal from Verbeek 58 seconds after the opening faceoff. Driving to the net from the left side, Verbeek notched his 11th goal off a behind-the-net feed from Tony Hrkac.

But after that, the Stars sagged as the Canucks played a smarter, more physical game.

"They won by their physical play and our inability to match it," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We view them as a playoff team. If we had to play them in the playoffs tomorrow, they would be a significant opponent."

Vancouver tied it on Naslund's power-play goal, his 23rd of the season.

Hull sent the Stars ahead 2-1 at 14:31 of the first period with his 15th goal. Hull took a pass from Mike Modano and beat Vancouver goalie Garth Snow from the left circle.

But the Canucks turned another assist by Gagner into the tying goal with 1:34 remaining in the first period. Dallas defenseman Sergei Zubov turned the puck over in the Stars' zone and Gagner passed to rookie Bill Muckalt, whose backhand shot beat goalie Ed Belfour.

Vancouver took a 3-2 lead at 1:09 of the second period when former Star Klatt scored his third goal from the slot. Mogilny added his fifth at 9:20 of the second period with one second left on a two-man Vancouver power play.

Messier notched his 13th with 6:08 to play to extend Vancouver's advantage to 5-2. Ludwig scored his second goal with 28 seconds left.

Rangers sign Helling to \$10.5 million deal

By Johnny Paul
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ARLINGTON — Right-hander Rick Helling, who this past season emerged as only the third 20-game winner during the Rangers' 27-year existence, signed the most lucrative contract awarded to a first-year, arbitration-eligible pitcher.

The Rangers and their 28-year-old pitcher Monday avoided a February salary arbitration hearing after the two parties reached agreement on a three-year contract worth \$10.5 million. This agreement surpassed the three-year, \$8.5 million contract right-hander Shane Reynolds and left-hander Kirk Rueter received from the Astros and Giants as first-year, arbitration-eligible pitchers before the 1997 and '98 seasons, respectively.

Helling, who this past season earned \$216,500, joined right-handers Roger Clemens and David Cone and left-hander Tom Glavine as the major leagues' only 20-game winners.

Helling, who went 20-7 with a 4.41 earned-run average, will receive \$2.25 million for 1999. That compares favorably to the one-year contract right-hander Jose Lima, 26, signed Sunday with the Astros.

Lima, an arbitration-eligible pitcher who this past season earned \$240,000, went 16-8 with a 3.70 ERA during 33 starts for the Astros. Those two parties avoided an arbitration hearing after reaching agreement on a one-year contract worth \$2.15 million.

Helling also will receive \$3.75 million for 2000 and \$4.5 million for 2001, but the three-year contract represents a gamble for the pitcher and the organization. The Rangers likely will benefit from the contract should Helling remain healthy and approximate his 1998 performance.

"There's give and take there, and both sides have to be willing to give up a little to get something," Helling said. "I'm perfectly happy with the deal. I wouldn't have signed the deal if I didn't think it

was fair. The one-year contract I would have signed through arbitration for whatever amount would have been offered for me to live off of for the rest of my life."

"So, I didn't sign the long-term contract just for more money. It didn't have anything to do with the money. It was the fact the organization was willing and believed in me that much just to offer the deal made me feel good."

Helling's contract also includes performance incentives that include bonuses of \$100,000 for becoming the American League's most valuable player or Cy Young Award recipient and bonuses of \$75,000 or \$50,000 should he finish either second or third in the voting. Helling also will receive \$50,000 for being selected MVP of the AL Championship Series or World Series and can earn an additional \$25,000 for being selected to the All-Star Game or capturing a Gold Glove Award.

Helling, whose ERA ranked only 26th among AL qualifiers, benefited from the Rangers' run support. Helling's support of 6.61 runs per nine innings ranked fifth among AL qualifiers, but the right-hander also emerged as the Rangers' only pitcher with a winning record in games which the offense produced 2-5 runs.

Helling went 7-3 with one no decision in those games while the remainder of the rotation went 7-24. It serves as one reason why general manager Doug Melvin called Helling "a model of consistency."

"I see no reason in the world, with our offense and improved defense why Rick Helling can't win 20 games again," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said.

BRIEFLY: Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who assured the organization that he would not play this winter in the Puerto Rican League, kept his word.

That also prevents the seven-time Gold Glove Award recipient from being eligible to represent his native Puerto Rico during the Caribbean World Series next month in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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New Jersey	23	14	5
Pittsburgh	20	17	7
N.Y. Rangers	17	19	7
N.Y. Islanders	13	26	3
Northeast Division			
	W	L	T
Toronto	23	12	5
Buffalo	23	12	5
Ottawa	23	14	5
Boston	20	15	7
Montreal	17	20	3
Southeast Division			
	W	L	T
Florida	15	16	11
Washington	16	22	4
Tampa Bay	9	24	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Central Division			
	W	L	T
Detroit	22	19	3
St. Louis	16	15	9
Nashville	15	24	3
Chicago	12	24	4
Northwest Division			
	W	L	T
Edmonton	18	19	6
Vancouver	15	23	6
Calgary	14	26	4
Pacific Division			
	W	L	T
Dallas	27	8	1
Phoenix	23	15	2
San Jose	15	18	11
Anaheim	16	18	4
Los Angeles	12	24	3

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LOCAL BASKETBALL TODAY

Boys

Midland Lee

Opponent: Midland Lee hosts Odessa High tonight.
Where: At Chaparral Center.
When: Game time is 7:30 p.m.
Records: Lee is 8-14 overall and 1-3 in district play. OHS is 8-12 and 0-4.
5-A Significance: The Rebels have lost three of their first four district outings and desperately need to throw some wins together to get back in the playoff hunt. This could be a good place to start since the Bronchos haven't won a district game yet.
Notes: This is a dangerous game for Lee, which needs the win badly. OHS is coming off an open date from district play and even though the Bronchos haven't won a district game, they have been beaten by only two points by both Odessa Permian and San Angelo Central. Lee has lost two district games in a row (Abilene High and Abilene Cooper) since an overtime win over Permian. OHS features the guard play of Tron Gentry and he needs to score if the Bronchos are to win. Lee fell by 28 points to Cooper in its last outing as leading scorer Matt Winston was held to just eight points. Jeremy Conway, who is coming on fast, led Lee against Cooper with 12 points while Orlando Castillo and Chris Packer each had 11 points. Blake Hensley also had 10 points.
Next: Lee travels to San Angelo Central Friday for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Midland Lee Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Matt Winston	22	97	69	275	12.5
Ken Meyers	11	38	26	112	10.2
Orlando Castillo	22	69	26	179	8.1
Jeremy Conway	22	72	28	174	7.9
Chris Packer	21	63	16	158	7.5
T.J. Glover	7	22	4	49	7.0
Brooks Stevens	6	7	9	27	4.5
Blake Hensley	17	32	4	83	4.9
T.J. Mosley	8	14	4	32	4.0
Kyle Shatzer	2	2	0	6	3.0
Cory Simmons	10	4	10	20	2.0
Ben Edelbrock	7	4	1	9	1.3
J.R. Norman	3	1	0	2	0.7
Derek Walker	3	1	0	2	0.7
Russell Burke	9	0	3	3	0.3
Billy Kane	1	0	0	0	0.0

Midland High

Opponent: Midland High travels to Odessa Permian.
Where: at the Permian Fieldhouse and the game can be heard on KCRS (550 AM) radio.
When: Game time is 7:30 p.m.
Records: Midland High is 19-3 for the season and a perfect 5-0 in District 4-5A play while Permian is 9-14 and 1-3.
4-5A Significance: Midland High can retain sole possession of first place with a victory while Permian needs a win to stay in the playoff hunt.
Notes: MHS is coming off a 90-79 win over Abilene High. The Bulldogs have won 34 4-5A games in a row on the court dating back to the 1996 campaign. MHS is also ranked No. 6 in the state by the TABC poll. MHS' Big Three of Charles Tatum (31), Jay Christian (22) and Blake Johnston (20) combined for 73 points in the win over AHS Friday. Starter Brent Winter also had 10 points against AHS. The MHS bench contributed only seven points against the Eagles. Permian has been a hard luck team so far in the 4-5A race. All three of the Panthers' losses (Lee, San Angelo Central and Permian) have been by one point.

lo and Cooper) have been by two points while the one win was also a two-point victory over Odessa High. Permian's Ryan Fortenberry had one of his best outings of the year against Central Friday with 22 points while super junior Roy Williams added 14. Permian owns a tournament loss to MHS already this year, but gave the Bulldogs a scare in a close four-point game. This will be the last game of the first half for the Bulldogs, who are looking to go 6-0 before starting the second half of play next Tuesday.
Next: MHS is open Friday and will begin the second half of District play next Tuesday against cross-town rival Midland Lee at 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

Midland High Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Charles Tatum	22	175	70	495	22.5
Jay Christian	22	198	79	483	22.0
Blake Johnston	22	100	62	283	12.9
Brent Winter	22	52	30	146	6.6
Jessie Nicholson	22	37	11	93	4.2
Randy Gardner	22	22	24	68	3.1
Ronnie Brewster	14	10	9	31	2.2
Weldon Cooks	18	11	8	30	1.7
Jason South	3	2	1	5	1.7
Chris Oldham	21	12	4	33	1.6
Steve Saron	20	7	3	19	1.0
Thomas Tennon	22	7	2	18	0.8
Justin Sharp	13	3	2	8	0.6
Taylor Moody	17	3	3	9	0.5
Tyler Shumskie	13	4	0	8	0.6
Jimmy Smith	2	0	1	1	0.5
Kalyn Poor	6	0	2	2	0.3
Lorenzo Williams	10	0	2	2	0.2
Jerome Lightfoot	10	0	1	1	0.1
Ryan Hightower	1	0	0	0	0.0
Scott Winter	2	0	0	0	0.0
Luke Conder	3	0	0	0	0.0

Girls

Midland Lee

Opponent: Odessa High.
Where: Chaparral Center.
When: 6 p.m.
Records: Lee is 11-9 overall and 3-3 in District 4-5A. Odessa High is 18-5 and 5-1 in district.
4-5A Significance: Both teams need to win to stay in the playoff race, especially Lee, which is now in a three-way tie for third. Odessa High is a bit safer, but a win and a Midland High loss to Odessa Permian would be the Lady Bronchos for the district lead.
Notes: quotes: There's little margin for error if Lee is to make the playoffs, and a win by the Lady Rebels tonight would certainly make a huge statement. They have to have payback on their minds after opening district with an 84-51 loss to Odessa High in December. In that game, a slow start doomed Lee. Odessa High's two big guns, Shelby Fitzgerald and Chanie Sutherland, had 27 and 22 points respectively. Lee narrowly lost to Abilene Cooper 54-50 Friday, a game which if the Lady Rebels would have won, would have placed them alone in third in the district. "We're not totally happy we're 3-3," said Lee coach Elise Kail. "We've got to pick up some wins we didn't have in the district." That would start tonight at the Chap Center. If you're looking for omens, the Lady Bronchos lost their only district game during their Chap Center appearance this year, falling 40-26 to Midland High.
Next: Lee will go on the road for a district game Friday at San Angelo Central at 6 p.m.

Area Basketball

Saturday's second game saw Denton Liberty outscore Midland Christian 25-11 in the fourth quarter to gain a 59-54 win.

"I thought we traveled well," MHS coach Byron Myers said.

"There was no lack of hustle. It was just offensively when we got a lead, we went away from doing the things it took to win and let them back in the game. It (the key) is finding bit of savvy to play four quarters and finish it."

Since District 1-4A will take four to the playoffs, there are still plenty of chances for the Mustangs.

"The opportunities are in front of us. We have to go play," Myers said.

Trinity (10-7, 1-1) also went a considerable distance to suffer its first District 1-3A setback. After winning in El Paso last weekend, Trinity traveled to Amarillo (250 miles) and blew a 14-point lead going into the fourth quarter as Amarillo San Jacinto went on a 26-10 run to win 68-66.

Greenwood takes a breather: Speaking of travel, the Greenwood boys (11-13, 2-1) have a long trip to look forward to. On Friday, the Rangers will play at Presidio after a four-hour, 250 mile bus ride.

It is for that reason, and for an equally important District 4-3A game against Kermit (2-0 in district) next Tuesday, that Greenwood coach Justin Morett is happy to have the open date.

"I think it is good for us," Morett said. "We have more time to get ready for a long trip. We will have fresher legs."

Don't Overlook Irion: The Garden City girls (16-2, 3-0) are starting at a mid-season district clash with neighbor Sterling City (9-8 and 2-0) on Friday. However, the Lady Bearcats will also have some unfinished business to care of. Tonight, they face Irion County, a team which is struggling at 14-8 and 1-2 but denied Garden City sole possession of the district title last year.

"There is not any doubt. We will be ready, excited and ready to take care of business. They are very serious about it," Garden City girls coach Keith Stone said. "We are still taking it one game at a time, but they beat us last year and we will not overlook them. It is a big week for us."

Friday Night Highlights: Andrews' Erin Graham 22; Big Spring's Michelle Forth 21; Greenwood's Derek Gasch 20; Midland Christian's Trey Bohannon 23; Rankin's Raul Sanchez 24.
Tuesday's Schedule (Games are boy-girl doubleheaders unless otherwise indicated): Big Spring vs. San Angelo Lake View; Andrews vs. Fort Stockton; Greenwood is off; Stanton vs. Seagraves; Rankin vs. Sterling City; Irion County at Garden City; Midland Christian at Lubbock Trinity; Trinity vs. Loop.

STEWART DOREEN

Winning district title means everything in 4-5A soccer season

One reason that some football coaches want to go to a single state champion at each classification is to give the district title more meaning.

Not to say they don't appreciate having that \$30 trophy. After all, it is symbolic of the blood, sweat and tears that goes into winning it all.

A gold ball, which most district title trophies are, is good and something to be proud of, but like some coaches are yelling, "what good does it do to win a district title?" Where's the advantage you are supposed to get?

They are right. Football isn't getting that advantage. They are not like basketball, baseball and softball. Champions in those sports get a bye when they win a district title. They get that little extra.

In soccer, it is the same story. The district champions get a bye, and that has always been the case. However this year, the girls' champion of District 4-5A gets something extra — it gets a region road that will not have big bad El Paso Franklin to deal with.

This season, the UIL created a classification for schools 4A and smaller. That means the schools of Midland, Odessa and Abilene along with San Angelo comprise District 4 not 7, like it has been the past two seasons.

In terms of the postseason, it means that the second seed, and not the district champ, will be on the same side of the bracket as the first seed from District 1, which will undoubtedly be Franklin.

It should be said that Franklin has been a thorn in the sides of the Midland soccer programs.

In the last two past seasons, Franklin has handed district champions Midland High (in 1997) and Midland Lee (in 1998) a ticket out of the playoffs. So there is no question this would be the easier road to make it to regional tournament, where no Midland girls team has been before.

This past weekend at the Lady Rebel Classic, Franklin again gave a reminder of who is the boss west of the Metroplex. Lee coach Mike Simpson certainly realizes which is the better road.

"Right now I like how the matchups look down the road," Simpson said. "If you can do your job in the district, the road into the regional tournament is better than in the past."

"There is more incentive to win the district title where it ought to be."

You can't blame any coach for peeking down the road. With a road block like the Lady Cougars, it is only natural.

Also, as we have seen with the state title runs of the Midland High basketball and Midland Lee football teams, sometimes it is not who you play but you don't play that makes the difference.

Why bring this up now?

Over the past two seasons, the team that wins the Midland High-Midland Lee girls season series, wins the district title. Depending how big of a factor San Angelo Central and Permian are, that could be the case again.

So as district plays begins today, it should be said. You are not only playing for a district title but so much more.

How the girls and boys District 4-5A soccer teams rank going into the start of district.

Girls
Midland Lee (8-2): The Lady Rebels are the defending champs and the team to beat. It didn't take a narrow loss to Franklin to see that. San Angelo Central (5-2): The road to the district title goes through Midland, and the Lady Bobcats were 1-3 against Midland teams last year. That has to improve.

Midland High (5-3-1): Midland High's character, not talent, may be its biggest question. A win over Lee could put both to rest.

Odessa Permian (4-4): The Lady Panthers have Kelly Wilson, who is the best player in the district. Do they have anyone else?

Abilene Cooper (3-2) and Abilene High (2-3): New coaches will take the sidelines here, but do they have enough talent to challenge for a playoff spot? Right now, the answer is no.

Odessa High (3-3): The Lady Bronchos could be the most improved team in the district, but the hole they have to climb out of could be too great.

Boys
San Angelo Central (5-0): The defending champs always seem to replace the talent they lose every year. The Bobcats won the ECISD title, like last year, and are still the team to knock off.

Odessa Permian (5-2-1): Lost to Central in the ECISD semifinals and after missing the playoffs last year, the Panthers are hungry to get back.

Abilene High (7-1): The Eagles have already won two tournaments this season. The one question is do they have enough offense?

Midland Lee (2-1): The Rebels could actually rank anywhere from 1-4, but they didn't play in a tournament last weekend. It is hard to gauge where they stand.

Midland High (4-2): There are still questions about the Bulldogs. However, if they beat Lee on Wednesday, a 3-0 start could follow.

Odessa High (3-6) and Abilene Cooper (3-5): The Bronchos rank sixth coming in, because they beat Cooper in the fifth place semis at the ECISD tourney.

Stewart Doreen is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

GIRLS: MHS, Lee will meet

(From 1C)

Keys To The Game: Midland High — The Lady Bulldogs have to have an offensive presence, and match Lee in the number of quality opportunities. The trio of Kim Elger, Jessica Rodriguez and Melinda Baca (who will be in the midfield instead of forward) have to play big.

Midland Lee — The Lady Rebels have more scoring punch than Midland High. Today, it will be a matter of breaking the MHS defense. Linsey Johnson has 13 goals while Renee Bonin and Rafi Belizaire have four each. If they can attack the MHS' defense and get a goal or two early, they will have a huge advantage.

For Both Teams: As usually is

Player	Midland Lee Goals	Assists	Points
Linsey Johnson	13	3	29
Renee Bonin	4	4	12
Rafi Belizaire	4	0	8
Barbara Woodruff	2	1	5
Kylie Yonta	1	1	3
Allison Herr	1	1	3
Emily Shryock	1	0	2
Amy Rankin	1	0	2
Debbie Early	0	1	1

Player	Midland High Goals	Assists	Points
Kim Elger	3	2	8
Tiffany Barden	2	2	4
Melinda Baca	3	0	6
Jessica Rodriguez	2	3	7
Jill Knoteck	1	1	2
Jessica Seligado	1	0	2
Sarah Tinslar	0	1	3
Jaccee Means	0	1	1

Player	Keepers	Goals	Saves
Tori Watson	5-2-1	6	24
Catherine Wade	2-1	3	10

In games in which more than one keeper played, both are given a win or loss.

Road was rough for area basketball teams

By Stewart Doreen

Assistant Sports Editor

In the end, they battled but were not true road warriors.

It wasn't a good weekend for three area boys' teams as Stanton, Midland Christian and Trinity hit Texas' highways but dropped key district contests.

Stanton hit the road for the first time in district play, but somewhere along the 100 mile trek, the Buffaloes lost their shooting touch.

Stanton (5-4 and 2-1) shot less than 30 percent en route to dropping its first District 3-2A game, a 60-44 loss to Tahoka on Friday. Stanton coach Doug Gordon says it is time to move on.

"It is a tough district, and this is not like football. There are not many teams which go undefeated. Look at all the top 10 teams in the state, they all have losses," Gordon said. "We have to rebound. We lost a tough road game, but that doesn't put you in a hole. When you lose at home, that puts you in a hole."

Stanton hosts Seagraves tonight.

Midland Christian traveled 320 miles to play two grueling games. The Mustangs (13-9, 3-3) lost two heartbreakers in Denton this weekend to Liberty Christian.

The first game went to the wire before Denton walked away with a controversial 55-54 win.

Ex-SFA star Price found dead; suicide likely

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — Katrina Price, a former basketball star at Stephen F. Austin whose professional career was set back when the ABL folded last month, apparently committed suicide Monday.

Police responding to a 911 call just before 7 a.m. found her dead of an apparent gunshot wound in the hallway of her sister Lucy's apartment. Police said the younger Price is not considered a suspect.

Police Sgt. Paul Peterson said that the case is being investigated as a homicide because there were no witnesses, but officers believe it will be ruled a suicide.

"There were no signs of a struggle and there appeared to be a shotgun lying under the body, which would tend to lead us toward that conclusion," Peterson said.

Price, 23, was a third-team All-American last season when she averaged 22.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. The 5-foot-10 guard was the Ladyjacks' all-time leading scorer with 2,278 points and she's among the SFA's top 10 in seven other categories.

The game Monday night

between Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston State in Huntsville was postponed because of Price's death. University counselors worked with the players and coaches Monday to help cope with the loss.

"We are all devastated," said SFA athletics director Steve McCarty. "Every member on that team either played with Katrina last season or knew of her. This is a very emotional time in their lives. The Ladyjacks are a family and that thread of faith and belief in one another is what bonds us and holds us together in tough times."

Price tried out for the WNBA but went undrafted. She was offered the chance to attend a free-agent camp but instead opted to join the American Basketball League.

The Long Beach StingRays made Price the seventh overall pick in the May draft, but the team disbanded before she ever played a game. She was placed on the Philadelphia Rage in August and was a reserve when the league filed for bankruptcy in December because it could no longer compete with the higher-profile WNBA.

"I don't know if that has any-

thing to do with (her apparent suicide) or not," Peterson said.

Nancy Lieberman-Cline, coach of the WNBA's Detroit Shock, has known Price since her SFA days. Lieberman-Cline was broadcasting a game when Price challenged her to a game of H-O-R-S-E — and won.

Lieberman-Cline said even though Price wasn't a star in the ABL, she might have had a future in the WNBA.

"She was so young. It was still possible," Lieberman-Cline said. "She's on our list of players who could've played in this league ... It's unbelievable. Nothing is that bad. Nothing."

Price, a Waco native, led La Vega High to the state finals her senior season and graduated second in her class. She received her bachelor's degree from SFA last May and was enrolled in graduate courses for the spring semester, which began last week.

"Katrina was the epitome of a student-athlete," said McCarty, the SFA AD. "She graduated from here with honors and she played with honor. She did everything to the utmost of her ability with class

and character."

Price was the Southland Conference's marquee player during her four years.

She played in all but one of the 123 games in her career, starting 120 of them. She was the first four-time member of the league's all-tournament team, she was a three-time all-conference player and a two-time winner of the SLC's player of the year award.

She was at her best in big games, especially the NCAA tournament. In seven tournament games, Price scored at least 20 points in each.

Price is survived by eight sisters: DeLores Turner, Glenda Shead, Margaret Banks, Carolyn Eagan, LaVell Price, DeShanda Price, Lesia Phillips and Lucretia (Lucy) Price.

The sisters released a statement through their aunt, Barbara Price, saying, "The family is saddened by the loss of our loved one."

"Katrina was a most generous and loving person. We were so proud of her. She always tried to set an example through basketball to the youth in the community."

entered the hospital Oct. 12 and had surgery two days later to remove a cancerous lung tumor. He had a series of setbacks after a serious infection set in.

On Dec. 10-11, DiMaggio was in a coma and near death, with Barron calling it a "very dire situation." DiMaggio's family came to his bedside, but the Hall of Famer

awakened.

"It's completely unexpected," Barron said at the time, attributing the turnaround to a decision to administer an antibiotic intravenously rather than orally.

After he came out of the coma, DiMaggio ordered doctors to stop giving public updates on his condition.

DiMaggio leaves hospital, might throw out first pitch for Yankees

By Mildred Cherlils

Associated Press Writer

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Next stop for Joe DiMaggio, Yankee Stadium.

Yes, that's correct. After 99 days in intensive care, after lung cancer surgery, pneumonia, and an infection that nearly killed him and left him in a coma, Joe DiMaggio went home Monday. Now he's getting ready for a return to the Bronx, where he hopes to throw out the ceremonial first pitch on opening day April 9.

The 84-year-old Yankee Clipper received last rites after he lapsed into a coma last month. But each time doctors said he probably wouldn't survive, DiMaggio proved them wrong.

"Mr. DiMaggio wishes to express his thanks to the doctors, ICU nurses and staff at Memorial Regional Hospital, for helping

him recover from infectious pneumonia, as well as to the 250 million people out there who are praying for him," his lawyer, Morris Engelberg, said in a statement.

"Mr. DiMaggio is looking forward to opening day in Yankee Stadium."

The notoriously private DiMaggio left the hospital with little fanfare at about 9:30 a.m. Some hospital workers said they didn't realize he had left.

Other details were not disclosed. A message left at Engelberg's office was not immediately returned, and Dr. Earl Barron's office said the doctor had no comment.

WTVJ Channel 6 in Miami reported that DiMaggio would continue his recovery at home.

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Dirty Birds embraced by Atlanta

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Start flapping those arms and jump on the bandwagon — the Atlanta Falcons are going to the Super Bowl.

The city awoke Monday with a giant "Dirty Bird" hangover, celebrating a gritty team that pulled off a stunning upset in the din of the Metrodome, conveniently forgetting all those years when the Falcons were treated like the crazy uncle that everyone in the family tries to ignore.

"Go Braves — and take the Falcons with you," was a popular bumper sticker in the 1980s when both teams were at the bottom of their respective sports. Well, the Braves have tomahawk-chopped their way to seven straight post-season appearances in the 1990s, but it took the NFL's winningest coach and a strutting group of has-beens and never-weres to take the Falcons to their first championship game after 33 years.

Atlanta, which defeated Minnesota 30-27 in overtime Sunday for the NFC title, will meet the Denver Broncos in the Jan. 31 Super Bowl in Miami.

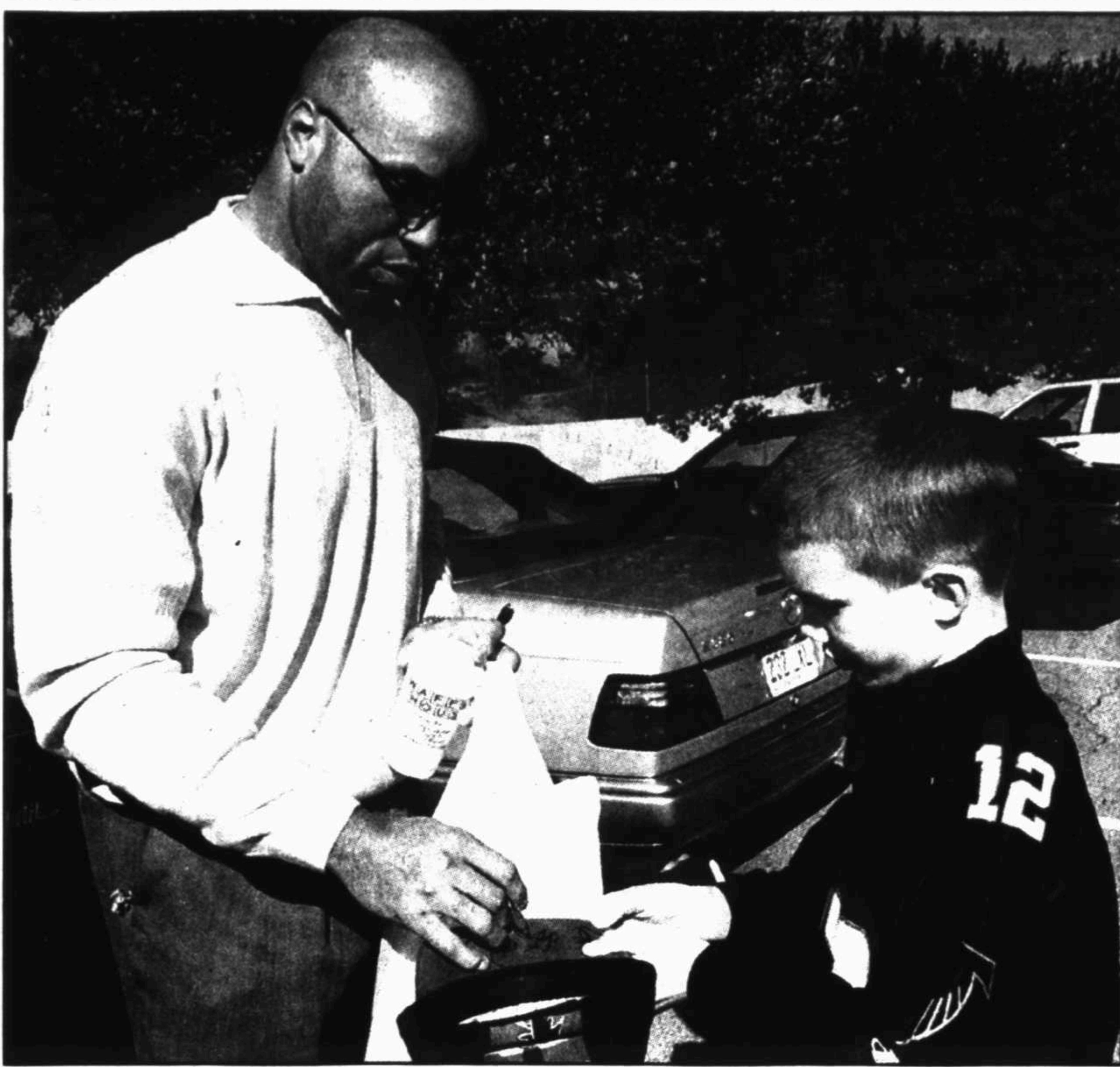
The team will begin its preparations on Wednesday, which left a couple of days to savor the moment. Actually, the party began Sunday night when the team arrived at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport and was greeted by more than 5,000 people. Nary a mention was made of those three years when the team failed to sell out a home game.

"You felt like you were in a dream world," said linebacker Jessie Tuggle, who has been with the Falcons for a dozen, mostly losing seasons. "You always talk about being in a Super Bowl and now we've done it. We earned the right to go to Miami. It means a lot when it all sinks in, the way everything felt together."

Another 4,000 or so revelers jammed the team's suburban training complex, creating a rush hour-like traffic jam in the middle of the night. The scene was surreal when the players appeared on a second-floor balcony, saluting the crowd that had spilled onto the practice field below.

"It was absolutely nuts," Tuggle said. "It was like a rock concert in Suwanee, Georgia."

Coach Dan Reeves, who underwent heart bypass surgery just five weeks ago, endured a whirlwind schedule Monday. After getting only 4 1/2 hours of sleep, he appeared on ABC's "Good Morn-



Atlanta Falcons linebacker Cornelius Bennett, left, autographs a hat for Falcons fan Parker Brunelle, 9, at the Falcons training facility in Suwanee Ga., Monday one day after Atlanta won the NFC championship. The Falcons will play the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami on Sunday, Jan. 31.

ing America," stopped by Piedmont Hospital for a routine check-up, and held his usual post-game news conference in Suwanee.

Of course, there was nothing routine or usual about this day. The Falcons have never played at this time of year, suffering through 25 losing seasons in their first 32 years.

After Reeves was hired as coach, the Falcons lost seven of their first eight games in 1997. Since then, they have won 22 of 26 — doubling the franchise's playoff victories from two to four in the span of eight days.

"It's incredible when you think about it," Reeves said, "coming from 1-7 halfway through your first year to be in the Super Bowl in the second year. I can't say enough about our players."

But much of the focus will be on Reeves at this Super Bowl. He'll be facing the team he coached for 12 years and took to three title games. He'll also be facing the coach he fired for alleged subordination and the quarterback who said playing for Reeves was "hell."

Reeves, who was fired by the Broncos after the 1992 season, insisted Monday that he has buried any hard feelings for Mike Shanahan and John Elway.

"I don't live in the past," the Falcons coach said. "If you're going to be a football coach and you preach and teach to the players that they should look to the next play and not think about the last one, I think you have to go through life the same way."

"I'm not one of those people who goes through life being mad at people. I can be upset for a while, but I want to be friends after that."

It would be a stretch to say Reeves has a close relationship with his two ex-cohorts from Denver, but they did have a reconciliation of sorts when all three wound up playing golf on the same day at Augusta National last summer. Reeves walked over to a group from Denver, congratulating Shanahan and Elway on winning the Super Bowl last year.

"The focus should be on the football game," Reeves said. "What's done in the past is done. I can look myself in the mirror and

say I did what was best for my football team at the time. You have to make some tough decisions. I can't change them."

Besides, there are new debts to pay.

Reeves said he fulfilled his promise to perform the "Dirty Bird" dance in downtown Atlanta, stopping his car on Peachtree Street in the pre-dawn hours and flapping his arms with no one around. His players said that's not good enough.

Reeves also chuckled at the NFL, which clearly expected Minnesota to make the Super Bowl.

On Sunday, while meeting with two league officials about the schedule of events in Miami, Reeves noticed the itinerary was sprinkled with references to the Vikings. Then, on Monday, the NFL faxed him a memo that included another faux pas.

"You could tell they weren't expecting us because it said, 'Atlanta Falcons, head coach Denny Green,'" Reeves said, grinning with satisfaction. "They had changed the team from Minnesota Vikings, but they forgot to change the head coach."

If it's the end, Elway left Mile High in style

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

DENVER — It was a scene befitting a conquering hero. There were cheers, tears and the spoils of victory.

After 16 years, it really was the only way John Elway could leave Mile High Stadium — saluting the fans as they sauntered back. Holding the AFC Championship trophy high, a wide smile on his face as 75,000 supplicants paid tribute to the greatest athlete Denver has known.

"I don't think there's ever been a guy in the NFL who symbolized his town like John Elway," Shannon Sharpe said. "If you think of Denver, you don't think of skiing. You think of John Elway. It's always been John, and even if he retires, it will still always be John."

So when Elway took the microphone and shouted to the fans, "I love you," he already knew how they felt about him.

Still, the tour around the field more than 20 minutes after the conclusion of the victory over the New York Jets was somewhat unexpected. Elway usually is more reserved than, say, Brett Favre. Although he shows his emotions on the field more than, say, Joe Montana ever did, Elway's personality never seemed to fit being the focal point of a coronation.

But that's what Sunday's celebrations felt like.

"I didn't feel comfortable, taking that lap," said Elway, expected to announce his retirement after a little more business, the Super Bowl vs. Atlanta on Jan. 31 in Miami. "But I'm glad I did it. I had a chance to see the fans and look into their eyes, to really concentrate on them. They were so happy."

"That's one of the nicest things about playing. You win a football game, and the fans are that happy. I'm glad to see that."

While Broncos fans can't be looking forward to their team without No. 7 at quarterback, they



Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway rolls out against the New York Jets during the AFC Championship Sunday at Mile High Stadium in Denver. It is generally believed that the game was the last Elway would play in Denver.

understand that, at 38, Elway is a bit old and worn for a young man's game. Sure, it's been a wonderful season for veteran quarterbacks,

from Elway to Steve Young to Chris Chandler to Vinny Testaverde to Randall Cunningham to Doug Flutie. And Elway probably still has the drive to stick around.

"You never lose the fact you want to play mentally," he said. "But physically, it might not be there."

The post-game commemoration should remain more memorable than Elway's performance itself, which was ragged. He was only 13-for-34 for 173 yards, and many of his passes were far off-target.

But in the most dire of times, with the Broncos floundering early in the third quarter, down 10-0 and looking like misfits in the AFC Championship game, Elway provided the big play. His 47-yard completion to Ed McCaffrey sparked the Broncos, who scored 23 straight points to win their fifth conference crown with Elway at quarterback.

At the end, with blow-up Elway dolls and life-size posters and banners proclaiming "Thanks For The Memories, John," and "From Denver With Love," sprinkled through the stands, Elway made his little tour, the Lamar Hunt Trophy held high, flocks of cameramen following, their flashbulbs illuminating the Mile High night.

"That made me feel great," said Broncos fan Ron Dubosar. "I love the guy. Everybody loves the guy. Everybody would love to have him back. But if he's got to go, he's got to go."

Most of the Broncos believe it was Elway's final home game. If they didn't before the post-game partying, they almost certainly do now. And they are proud that the 16 years of heroics ended the way it did.

"If this is his last game, how do you send John Elway out a loser?" asked Sharpe. "We knew it couldn't end that way."

"He came back this season for another shot at the Super Bowl, and that's where he's going. That should be the ending."

Kubiak won't accept top post at Colorado

By John Mossman
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — After a few sleepless nights, Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak rejected an offer Monday to become coach at Colorado.

Saying he was "not good at doing two things," Kubiak said the past five days — during which he was preparing the Broncos for the AFC championship game against the New York Jets while at the same time being courted for the Colorado job — were unbearable.

On Sunday, after Denver's 23-10 victory, Kubiak said he planned to decide "within 24 to 48 hours" whether to accept the Colorado job, but that regardless he would

remain with the Broncos through the Super Bowl Jan. 31.

About 12 hours later, he rejected the Colorado offer.

"I'm here today not to give the answer everybody thought I was going to give, but I'm here to give the answer from my heart," an emotional Kubiak said Monday. "I've thought extremely hard about everything. I'm positive I'm doing the right thing, for me and for the University of Colorado."

"I realized I couldn't do this for another two weeks. Those kids at Colorado need somebody with a 100 percent commitment to getting going."

"I couldn't go through another day thinking about the next game plan and wondering what I'm

going to be doing two weeks from now. I've got to think about one job."

Kubiak also insisted his answer would have been the same had the Broncos lost to the Jets.

Kubiak spoke with Colorado athletic director Dick Tharp last Wednesday night, and spoke again with him after Sunday's game. He gave his decision to Tharp, who asked Kubiak to sleep on it.

They talked again Monday, and Kubiak remained firm. Shortly after the press conference, Tharp issued a statement expressing his disappointment.

"I had every reason to believe that Colorado would have a new football coach by today or tomorrow," Tharp said.

Kubiak said he discussed the possible move with Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, owner Pat Bowlen, quarterback John Elway, his wife Rhonda and others.

"It was a big-time struggle, but everything kept coming up the same," he said.

Kubiak, who also has interviewed with the Cleveland Browns for the coaching job, said he would not be a candidate for any coaching position this year.

He insisted there were no negatives about the Colorado job and that Tharp "bent over backwards to make this work. They were willing to wait for me."

Rick Neuheisel resigned as Colorado's coach Jan. 9 to become coach at Washington.

Super Bowl might not be a Florida bonanza

By John Pacenti
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — The Super Bowl may prove to be a super bust for south Florida, a new study suggests, contradicting the notion that the NFL's premier event generates hundreds of millions of dollars for the host city.

A look at six Super Bowls dating to 1979 — three in Miami, two in Tampa, one in Phoenix — found no increase in sales revenue from previous years without the big game, said Philip Porter, author of the study. One reason may be that the estimated 140,000 fans who attend Super Bowl events in tourist-oriented Florida, Arizona or California displace the usual visitors from colder regions, he said.

"There ought to be a spike that sticks up like a sore thumb," said Porter, an economics professor at the University of South Florida at Tampa. "It doesn't exist. There is no blip. You don't find anything."

Another researcher, Mark Rosentraub, professor of public affairs at Indiana University in Indianapolis, said Porter's findings appear to hold true for Super Bowls held in warm-weather cities. But he said the big game has been a big success for cities that would not otherwise draw tourists during the winter, such as Pontiac, Mich., in 1982 and Minneapolis in 1992.

The NFL, its host committee and tourism officials contend the economic benefits will be huge — as much as \$365 million by NFL projections — when the Super Bowl makes its eighth trip to South Florida next week. The calculations include direct and indirect effects on transportation, meals, lodging, entertainment and other retail services.

A study paid for by the NFL and conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP found San Diego County garnered \$295 million from last year's Super Bowl.

What they don't talk about is the publicity value, the fact that name is in the media," said Jim Steeg, NFL vice president of special events. "For a week, ESPN will show Biscayne Bay in the background about 36 times."

But Porter said whatever direct Super Bowl profits are made go to large-scale businesses — airlines, hotels and such retailers as Foot Locker. "The honest local guy who works as the waiter isn't getting much richer or even the restaurant owner," he said.

Two businesses that will busy during Super Bowl week seem to corroborate the study's findings.

David Fine, vice president of sales for the Doral Golf Resort and Spa, said Fox Broadcasting has booked the hotel for the Super Bowl. Not that the hotel would have had trouble filling those \$360-a-night rooms.

"Typically, we do well in late January anyway," Fine said. "This is normally our busiest time of the season."

Nicki Grossman, president of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the Super Bowl brings in corporate executives scouting for places to hold conventions and stockholder meetings. These big spenders can't help but inject dollars into the local economy, she said.

"We know the kind of spenders that are in town during Super Bowl," Grossman said. "I am not at the least uncomfortable with the estimate of a total economic impact of \$380 million on South Florida."

The NFL uses its Super Bowl economic impact studies to encourage cities to build taxpayer-funded stadiums.

Vikes' QB Johnson may request a trade

By Ron Lesko
AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — One day after a disappointing end to his own disappointing season, Brad Johnson said he hopes the Minnesota Vikings trade him if he won't be their starting quarterback in 1999.

"If there's something available and it's a good situation for the Vikings first — because that's the way it'll be decided, the Vikings first and me second — then I'm open to that," Johnson said Monday. "If it's a situation where I can hopefully have that chance as a starter, then I'm all for it."

Johnson, a career backup who earned the starting job late in the 1996 season, began this season as Minnesota's starter. He had come back from a neck injury that cost him the last five games of the 1997 season, but he broke a bone in his leg in the second game.

Randall Cunningham replaced him and flourished, earning Pro Bowl and All-Pro recognition.

Johnson returned Nov. 8 when Cunningham injured his knee against New Orleans, but Johnson broke the thumb on his throwing hand in the second half that day. Even though he finished the game he also was finished playing for six more weeks.

Then the Vikings gave Cunningham a \$28 million contract extension late in the regular season, and Johnson's future became uncertain. He discussed it for the first time following Sunday's painful 30-27 overtime loss to Atlanta in the NFC championship game.

"We're going to take a look at the whole situation, and our intent is to try to keep them both," Diamond said. "Brad is a class guy, a terrific guy. We'd like to see him stay."

Johnson made it clear that would be his preference, but only as a starter. He paused when asked if he would consider staying if coach Dennis Green guaranteed him a chance to compete with Cunningham in training camp.

"I want to play, but whatever they decide, I trust Denny," Johnson said. "Randall had a great year this year. Whatever they decide to do, that's what we go with regardless."

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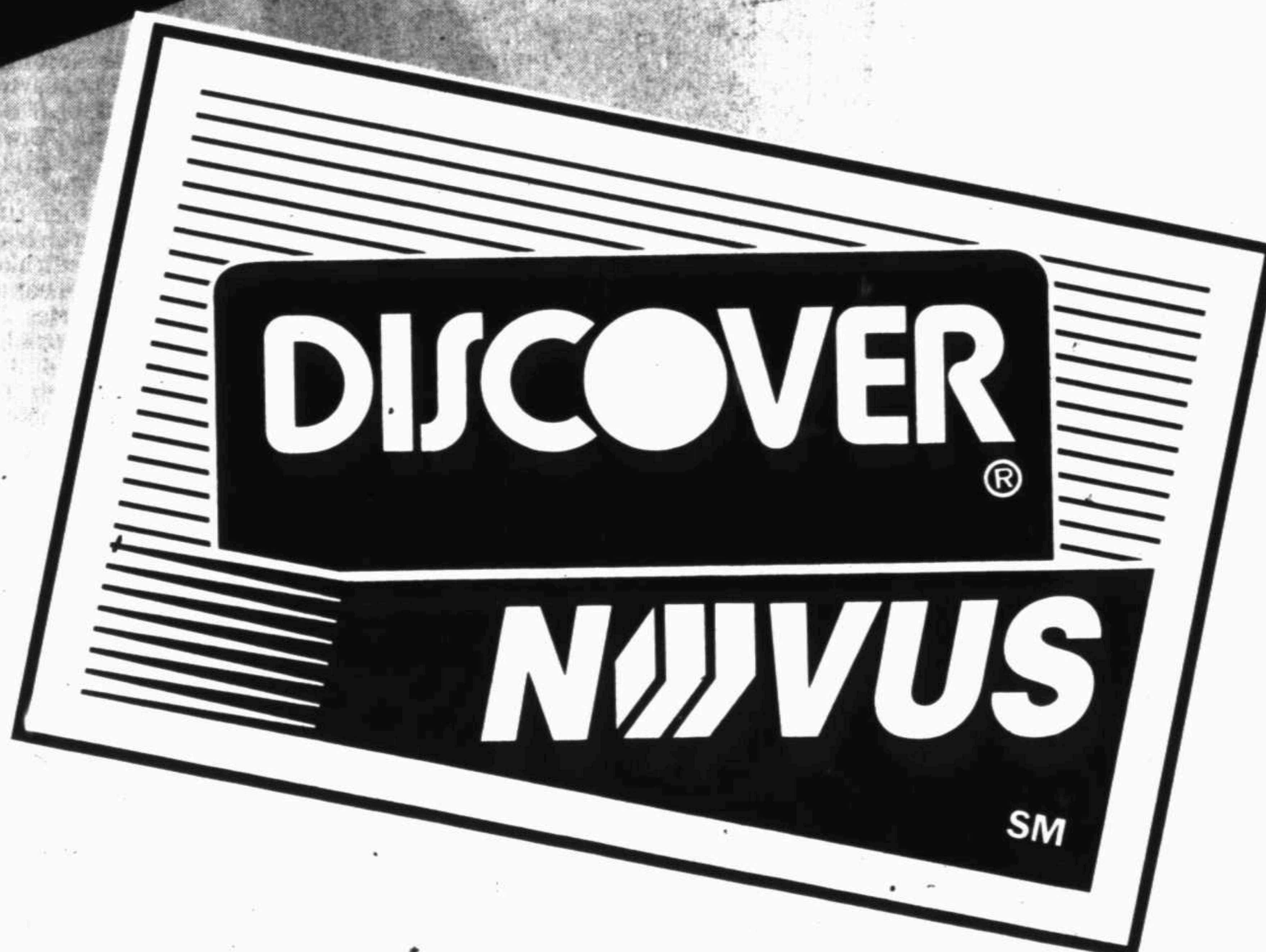
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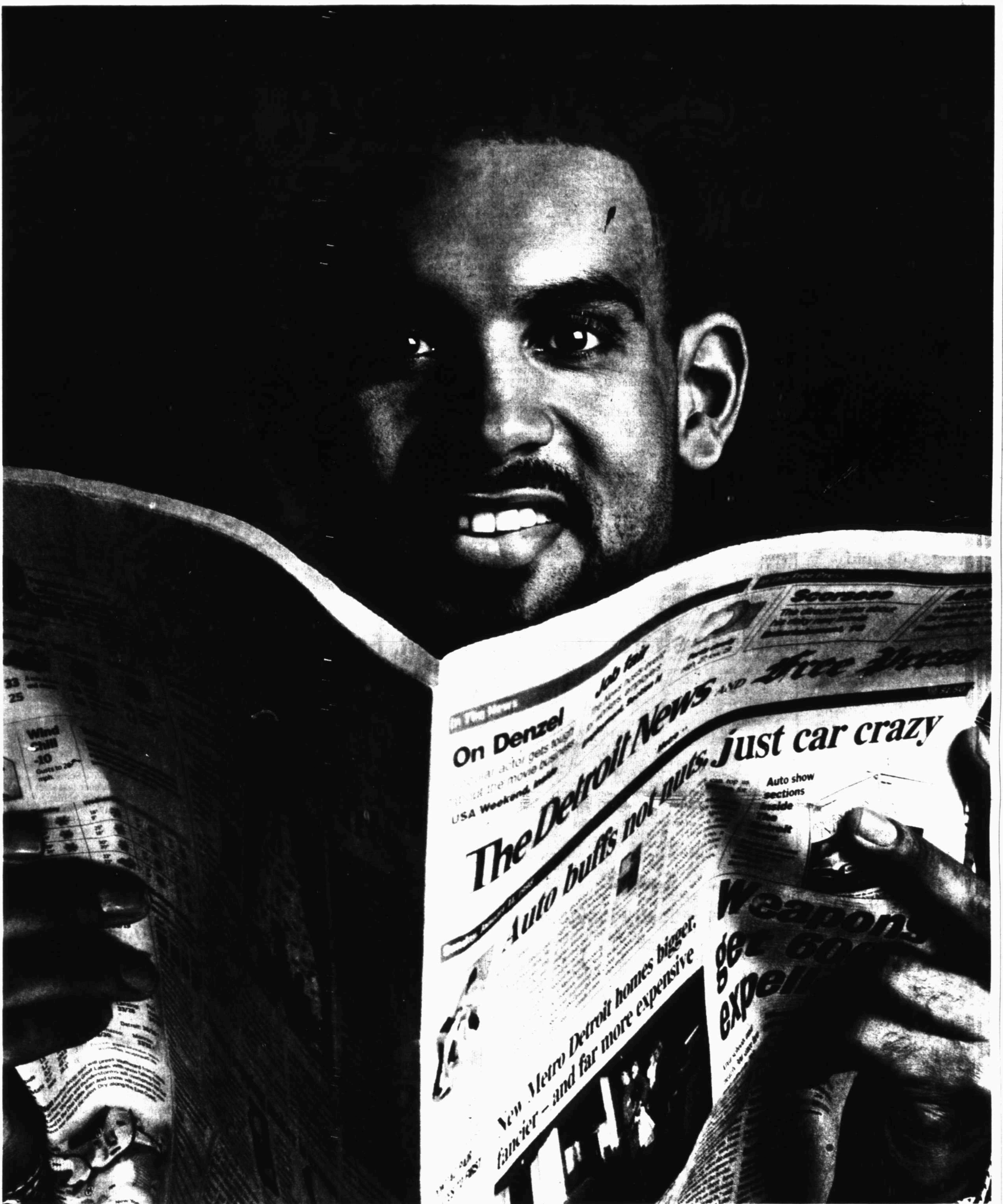
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Waste site sold

TEXAS CITY, Texas — The contaminated site of a hazardous waste disposal facility forced to close because of environmental violations may be sold under the condition that the new operator clean up the land, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Letitia Clark has conditionally approved the sale of land formerly occupied by Malone Service Co. to Eagle Environmental Technologies Ltd., state environmental officials said Monday.

Under the terms of the \$5.2 million sale, Eagle would be responsible for cleaning up a 5-acre pit that is contaminated with hazardous waste.

The Malone operation was forced to close in May 1997 when the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission revoked its environmental permits because of an ongoing history of contamination.

The company was the first in Texas to have its environmental permits revoked.

In 1989, the state attorney general's office won a \$3 million judgment against Malone after jurors found the company had illegally disposed of waste more than 400 times and contaminated groundwater nearly 3,500 times.

Dollar Rises

NEW YORK — The dollar posted slight gains against the yen and was mixed against European currencies Monday as traders continued to take their cues from developments in Brazil.

On a day of slender market activity due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, the dollar rose to 114.35 yen in late New York trading, up from 114.13 late Friday. The euro was quoted at \$1.1601, up from \$1.1588 late Friday.

Brazil's Central Bank Monday confirmed its plan to allow the nation's currency, the real, to float freely against the dollar. But the bank reserved the right to intervene in markets from time to time in order to prevent extreme fluctuations of the real's value. The dollar strengthened against the real Monday.

Lingering caution prevented any major gains, as currency traders have already begun anticipating Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's testimony before Congress Wednesday. If Greenspan appears nervous about Brazil's impact on the U.S. economy, U.S. stocks and the dollar are both likely to falter.

Vodafone shares up

LONDON — Vodafone Group Plc's shares soared as much as 17 percent after the U.K.'s largest mobile phone company agreed to buy AirTouch Communications Inc. for \$62 billion, creating the world's biggest wireless phone company.

Shares of Vodafone, which beat Bell Atlantic Corp. Friday to buy San Francisco-based AirTouch, rose as much as 193.5 pence to a record 1,262p. More than 65 million shares changed hands, about six times the average daily volume of 10 million shares.

Vodafone's purchase of AirTouch gives the Newbury, England-based company a European network stretching from Sweden to Greece, a U.S. foothold and a larger presence in Asia. For investors, the potential for revenue growth and cost savings is likely to outweigh losses Vodafone expects to incur for the next two to three years after charges because of the purchase.

The new company, to be called Vodafone AirTouch Plc, will become the U.K.'s third-largest publicly traded company by market capitalization behind BP Amoco Plc and Glaxo Wellcome Plc. The combined company will have a market capitalization of \$110 billion and annual sales of nearly \$10 billion.

Automakers to suffer from Brazil woes

Seth Sutel
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brazil's stumbling currency is likely to mean trouble for U.S. automakers whose operations there are already suffering from a deep recession. For other American companies, though, the effect of the crisis is likely to be mixed.

Latin America largest economy, Brazil is in the midst of economic stagnation and high unemployment stemming partly from the government's policy of keeping interest rates a sky-high 30 percent to attract foreign investors.

To help keep those investments stable, the country has spent millions in dollar reserves to prop up the value of its currency, the real. But lately, investors have been exiting the nation in droves, causing the real to plummet. On Friday, the government temporarily abandoned its unsuccessful support of the real, allowing it to fall even further.

A devaluated real means many U.S. companies will have a harder time exporting their goods to Brazil.

Already, Brazil's recession and high interest rates have clobbered sales of big-ticket items, which many Brazilians buy on credit. Sales of autos and household appliances — U.S. industries that have significant operations in the country — both declined roughly 25 percent last year.

"Ford had hoped to make money in Brazil this year, but now they may lose between \$100 and \$200 million. Likewise for GM," said Maryann Keller, an auto analyst with ING Baring.

Ford Motor Co. recently laid off 2,800 workers at one Brazilian plant, although many of those workers have returned to the factory staging protests and demanding their jobs back. Local media reported Sunday that Ford plans to shut down its plant until Feb. 1 because of the disruptions.

Despite the problems, Ford spokeswoman Caroline Burke says the company remains optimistic and is proceeding with plans for a new \$700 million vehicle plant, the company's fourth in Brazil.

Other U.S. businesses are sure to be hurt because of the spending cuts expected to be made by large companies and the government. That could hit makers of office equipment like Xerox Corp. as well as makers of computers and other high-tech equipment.

Some U.S. companies may find themselves on the flipside of the crisis. Whirlpool Corp., for example, has seen sales of refrigerators, clothes washers and air conditioners slump badly in Brazil, but may actually benefit from the currency devaluation.

A weaker currency makes exporters based there able to sell their goods more cheaply overseas. That could help Whirlpool's Brazil-based maker of refrigerator compressors, which is one of the largest in the world.

It's still not clear what the combined impact of Brazil's troubles will be on Whirlpool, chief financial officer Ralph Hake says. "I think we're going to have to let this thing evolve."

Some U.S. banks appear to be well prepared for the trouble. Ever since suffering losses in Asia and Russia last year, these banks have been reducing their risk in volatile developing markets such as Brazil.

For instance, Citigroup has cut its total exposure in Brazil, including loans, investments and other assets, to \$3.9 billion as of September 1998 — compared to \$4.4 billion at the end of 1997. Banks have also been taking steps to reduce their risk from currency fluctuations.

"This is something they haven't just woken up to," said Diana Yates, a banking analyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons. "They were properly positioned for this."

Analysts expect consumer products

Nissan shares rise on Renault, Ford, Daimler-Chrysler reports

Tokyo, Jan. 18 (Bloomberg) — Nissan Motor Co.'s shares rose as much as 5 percent on separate press reports that Renault SA, Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG may have bid for a stake in Japan's second-largest automaker.

Shares in Japan's second-largest automaker rose as much as 31 yen to 428 yen in morning trading of 7.29 million shares, more than double the three-month average of 3.54 million for a full day. Shares recently traded at 417 yen.

Nissan spokesman Kefichi Tsuboi denied Saturday's reports in the Nihon Keizai newspaper that Renault bid for a 20 percent stake and in Der Spiegel that DaimlerChrysler bid for up to 10 percent. Nissan President Yoshikazu Hanawa said Friday it will consider bids from any manufacturer.

"It'll give them cash and that's a good thing," said Kenji Tanaka, an auto analyst at Okasan Securities Co., who has a

"below average" rating on the stock. "Also, it'll give Nissan a chance to sell its direct-injection engine, continuously variable transmissions and some of its other competitive technologies."

Nissan's Tsuboi said the maker of midsize Maxima sedans hasn't received an offer from Renault, but would "seriously consider" an offer from France's second biggest automaker. The Nihon Keizai newspaper didn't cite sources in its report.

Tokyo-based Nissan is headed for its sixth group net loss in seven years and is struggling under an industry-high 4.3 trillion (\$37.67 billion) yen of loans, bonds and other interest-bearing debt.

The value of the automaker's stock investments have plunged, while its sales declined in Asia because of recession and in the U.S. because of an unpopular lineup of sedans. Still, Nissan is an attractive partner, analysts said.

Propane industry looks to urban markets

DALLAS (AP) — The propane industry, which has in the past sold its product primarily to rural homeowners, is now working to create new markets with city dwellers.

The propane industry always has worked hand in glove with the natural gas industry. In remote areas, where it was costly to lay natural gas pipelines, homeowners would use propane, which is a byproduct of natural gas processing with a slightly different chemical composition.

That composition allows propane to be stored as a liquid in tanks, making the fuel more portable. "That's why it's been used in remote locations. You don't have to have long distribution lines," said Roy Willis, president of the Propane Education & Research Council in Washington, D.C.

Today, propane proponents are working to open up markets in urban areas.

"What is happening is a phenomenon with gas fireplaces. Baby boomers as they grow older enjoy less the task of chopping wood and cleaning up the fireplaces," Willis said from a builders convention in Dallas. "Those are going in all

over the country particularly in all-electric developments created in the 1970s. All of a sudden this whole new market is opening to propane dealers."

Howard Bonham, a researcher who publishes the Oil and Gas Stock Yearbook, said attempts at creating a new market are likely to work well in smaller towns or medium-sized cities.

"In the established cities I would think it's a limited market," said Bonham.

A secondary market is using propane as an alternative fuel to gasoline and diesel. For instance, Ford Motor Co. has added several light trucks to its line of vehicles that can run on alternative fuels, including propane.

"The movement for alternative fuels is expected to increase as local and state governments have to make changes in their transportation law," said Willis.

New markets are important for the propane industry as America becomes increasingly urban. Propane makes up only about 5 percent of all energy fuels in the U.S. and prices this year have been in the basement similar to prices for crude oil and natural gas.

The Brazil effect

Economic problems in Brazil are having a negative effect on some U.S. companies while leaving others unscathed:



General Motors Corp.
● 3 percent of total sales come from Brazil
● Likely to take a hit from lower car sales, which have been depressed by high interest rates



Citigroup Inc.
● 6 percent of global exposure is in Brazil
● Has been trimming back its risk in emerging markets like Brazil.



Whirlpool Corp.
● 20 percent of total sales come from Brazil
● Sells many household appliances under its Multibras subsidiary. High interest rates have also hurt sales of such big-ticket items.



Avon Products Inc.
● 10 percent of total sales come from Brazil
● Beauty products maker does not expect heavy toll from Brazilian troubles. Company recruited an additional 100,000 sales representatives in 1998.

Source: Companies

AP/C. Tovar

makers like Colgate-Palmolive Co. and Gillette Co. to pull through. Sales of daily necessities like soap and toothpaste usually do steady business even in economic downturns.

And, for a few companies, Brazil's problems may lead to a boom in activity. Avon Products Inc., which counts

Brazil as its second-largest market outside of the United States, says its operations there are "very robust."

Avon added 100,000 new representatives last year in Brazil as people tried to supplement their eroding income. It now has a sales force of 500,000 there.

Common currency for NAFTA unlikely soon

TORONTO (AP) — The launch of a common currency in 11 European nations is fueling debate in Canada and Mexico over whether North America's three trading partners should adopt a comparable monetary union. But don't expect a NAFTA-style euro any time soon.

Opinion among experts is sharply divided, and Canadian and Mexican leaders don't appear eager for swift action on what would be a politically contentious project.

Even if they were eager, Washington might not be. U.S. Commerce Secretary William Daley said Thursday a North American monetary union is a "very long-term" prospect — one that might warrant serious discussion "a hundred years from now."

"We expect the euro to be a success," Daley said of the European Union's new currency. "That will not drive us to some other integration, currency-wise, with the countries that are our neighbors."

But Canada's ambassador to Washington, Raymond Chretien, echoed the views of many Canadian econo-

mists when he said the possibility of a single currency "would have to be looked at" if the euro proves a long-term success.

A common currency could provide welcome stability for Canadian and Mexican businesses, which have been buffeted by sharp plunges in the values of their national currencies against the U.S. dollar.

But monetary union also would mean at least partial surrender of control over budget policies, with decision-making almost certainly dominated by the United States.

The prospect of Washington dictating Canadian fiscal policy appalls Maude Barlow, chairwoman of the Council of Canadians, a nationalist group that lobbied vainly against the North American Free Trade Agreement.

She said monetary union would make it difficult for Canada to maintain its social and cultural identity and would give American corporations pervasive influence over Canadians' lives.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Dealing with an inheritance without adding all the stress

By Eric Tyson

Q: I recently inherited what to me is a large sum of money. I've been surprised by several things. First, I feel stressed out about it. Second, I've become paranoid that everyone I know who is short of cash will hit me up for a loan. Lastly, I feel frozen with inaction. I don't know what to do with the money.



Tyson

Maybe it would ease the stress to take a minivacation to clear my mind. But, then I think I should give it all to a money manager and let him worry about it or put it into some sort of tax-free shelter.

What should I do?

A: Money carries a lot of meaning and symbolism for most of us. Take the time to consider what emotions are attached to your money.

People who inherit money might feel guilty or might notice an extra burden of responsibility since the money came to them "without working for it." While technically that is true, remember that the person who had the money chose you to receive it.

Stress accompanies coming into a lot of money quickly also because it's a big change. If you've never had to deal with a large sum of money, you likely will be dealing with some financial questions and issues for the first time.

As for your concern about people wanting to borrow from you, show discretion in who you tell about your inheritance. Of those who do know of your inheritance and who ask for a loan, one simple solution is to say that you value your relationship too much to jeopardize it by entering into such a financial transaction.

For now, put the money in a good money market fund, and take time to educate yourself.

Often, people with a chunk of money feel as though they are missing out by not quickly selecting investments. Rushing

into some investment you don't understand or that a salesperson is pitching is likely to lead to future regret.

So take your time. Remember that earning 5 percent in a money fund is better than throwing money into something that will go down the tubes.

Even if you're going to hire someone to help you, you need to know the jargon and concepts. Otherwise, how will you know if you're getting bad advice?

Also, step back and reflect on your goals. A chunk of money can help you accomplish what you might not otherwise have been able to do for some time — such as buying a home or cutting back on work to spend more time with your family.

Once you get a clearer picture of your goals, then and only then should you consider what investments could help you achieve them.

For example, if you earmark the bulk of the inheritance for your retirement, then you should invest more aggressively than if you plan to use the money for a home down payment in a couple of

years.

Q: I recently read your "Mutual Funds for Dummies," book, the second edition, in which you suggest no-load mutual funds. Do you suggest mutual funds from load companies? My broker has made suggestions about setting up a Roth IRA and a Simple IRA. I don't know about these sorts of things so I see some value in advice don't you?

A: I don't recommend investing in load mutual funds unless an investor tells me he is set on working with a commission-based broker.

If you need advice about mutual funds, you are better off paying an hourly fee to a counselor and then buying no-load fund shares.

I do possibly see value in your broker's recommendations, but if you are not educated about money, how can you possibly know if you are making sound decisions?

If you want advice, it is less costly and more objective to get it from a counselor who charges an hourly fee. An even better course would be to educate yourself.

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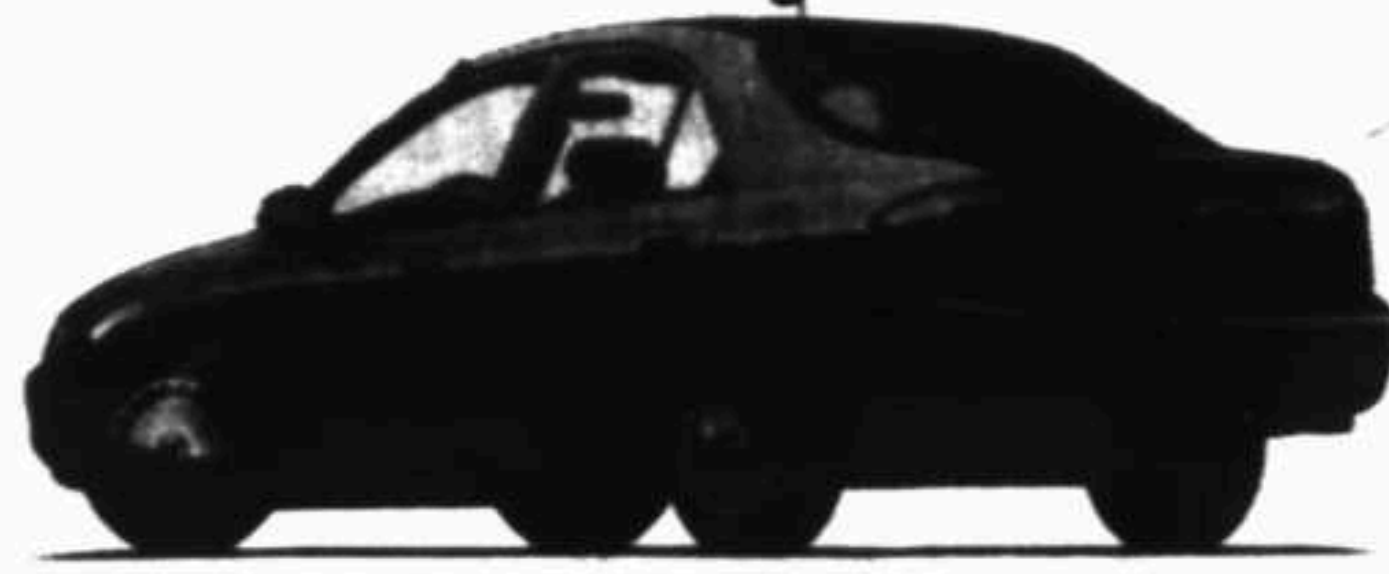
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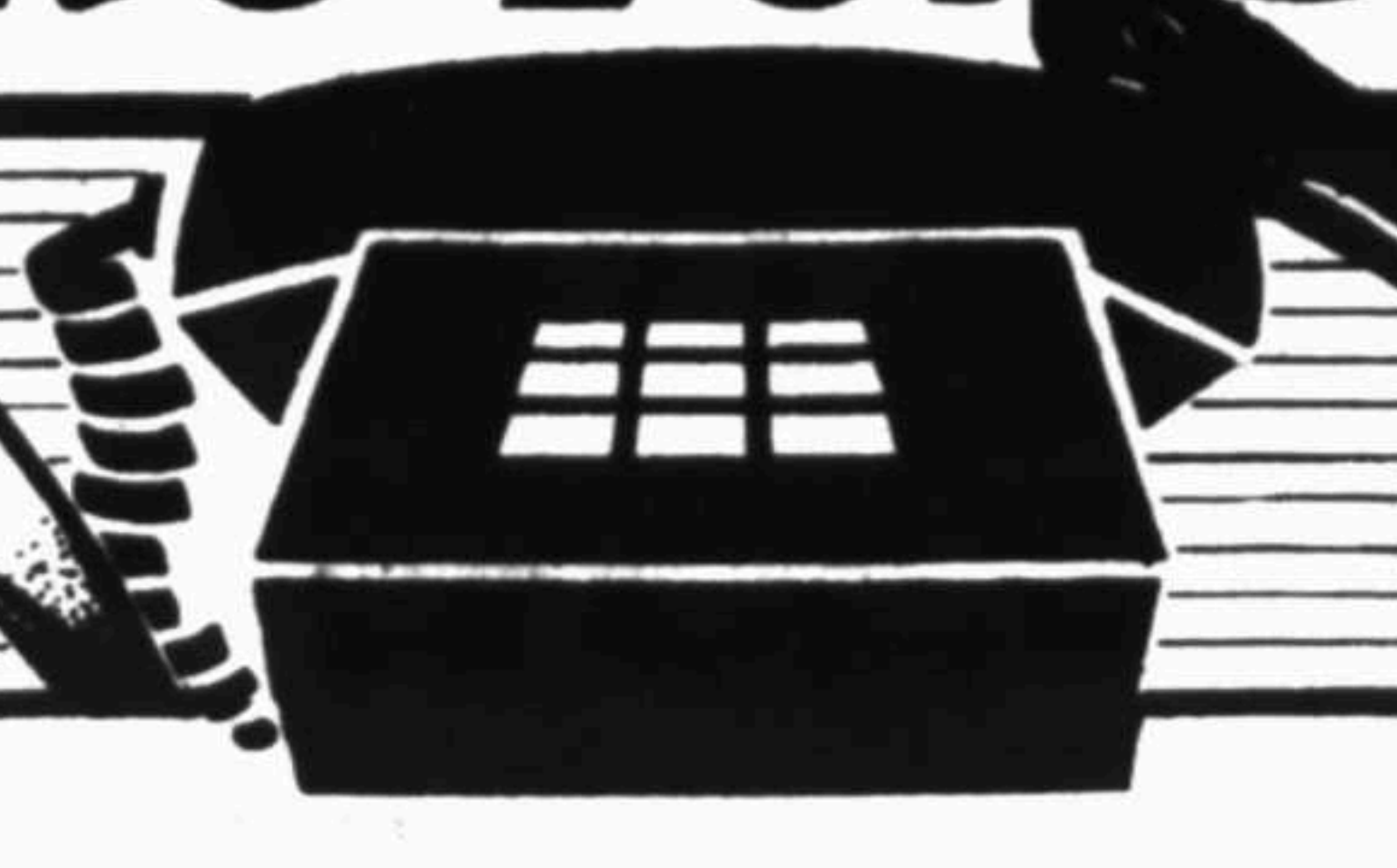
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