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Rescuers aid those injured in the bomb blast that rocked the British army's headquarters in Lisburn, Northern Ireland, Monday October 7, 1996. Two warning bombs rocked the base wounding up to 31 people, four are in serious condition.

Car bomb attack

LISBURN, Northern Ireland — Bombers struck at the center of Northern Ireland's security Monday, detonating two car bombs inside the British army's heavily defended headquarters and raising fears the province could again become a battleground between the IRA and pro-British paramilitaries. Thirty-one people were wounded. There was no claim of responsibility.

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TWA investigation

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. — The Navy is nearly ready to pack up its scuba gear and underwater robots, leaving the mystery of TWA Flight 800 to an investigative army hunting a solution with microscopes and computers. "It's definitely the beginning of a new phase once we get all the pieces up from the ocean," said FBI Assistant Director James Kallstrom, the agency's lead investigator. "But nothing much will change. There just won't be things coming in the front door anymore," he said.

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GOP official: Dole has 200 electoral votes 'in the bag'

■ Candidate's campaign chief lists states that are firmly in Dole's corner.

By Vic Ostrowdzki

Hearst News Service

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — The manager of Bob Dole's presidential campaign claimed Monday that the Republican presidential nominee has 200 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency "in the bag."

Campaign chief Scott Reed said Dole is targeting 29 states with about 320 electoral votes. Seventeen of them, he said, with the 200 votes, are "in the bag," he said.

Reed listed the states firmly in Dole's corner as Alabama, Arizona, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

He made the comments to reporters on a plane from

Hartford, Conn., where Dole debated President Clinton Sunday night, to a rally in this town 45 miles north of Atlantic City.

Reed also said GOP internal polls show Dole trailing the president by 11 to 12 points nationally, "with wild swings in the states" over the last 10 days. Some independent national polls put Dole's gap at about 20 points.

Of the next dozen states that Reed said Dole would focus on, the campaign manager listed only the battleground states of Florida, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois, which have 86 electoral votes among them.

Reed said Dole has to "fight for Florida," ordinarily a GOP state, because Clinton's TV ads on Medicare have been "very effective in painting us into a corner. But we're going to beat our way out of that corner."

Reed said Texas is not in play for Clinton. "They (the Democrats) are not running a campaign in Texas," he

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Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole waves to supporters as he boards his bus after a Dole Kemp rally at Toms River High School in Toms River, N.J., Monday.

Drinking water
the future

When the Washington D.C. area experienced a "boil water alert" in early July, people scurried into food stores to stock up on bottled water. Americans consumed 2.7 billion gallons of bottled water last year and for many, it has become a staple.

Wary of tap, consumers turn to bottle

By Michael Kashgarian

Staff Writer

Melinda Patino hasn't drunk tap water in 20 years. The lifelong resident of Midland — a city of nearly 100,000, midway between El Paso and Ft. Worth — and her husband, Reuben, rely on seven five-gallon bottles of water delivered to their home every two weeks. "We use it for everything — cooking, drinking and watering our plants," she said. The Patinos spend \$620 on bottled water annually, but said amount is "municipal water costs about \$2.50. An estimated 80,000 residents of Midland, renowned as an oil town, have bottled water or make use of a home filtration system, according to the city's utilities director.

The Patinos opt for bottled water for taste and health. Local water contains "too many chemicals," and while growing up, the tap water began turning her family's teeth brown, Mrs. Patino, now 30, said. The tap water — with calcium and sodium the major culprits — is a blend of lake and well waters. "The well water is hard and one of three lakes is in the area," she said.

Despite its taste, Midland water is rated extremely safe by the state's water agency.

In their preference for bottled water, the Patinos are not alone. More than twice as much bottled water was consumed last year as 10 years ago and nine times as much since the mid-1970s.

Bottled water — "once considered the refreshment of the affluent" as described in FDA Consumer magazine a few years ago — has become a staple for many Americans.

Last year, Americans consumed 2.7 billion gallons of bottled water or about 163 eight-ounce servings per person, according to a bottled water trade association. The record year for consumption and growing popularity are attributed to taste, safety and recognition of bottled water as a stand-alone beverage.

"People feel it's a very healthy alternative," Gary Hemphill, Beverage Marketing Corp. vice president, said.

Bottled water is merchandised in a variety of sizes from five-gallon, refillable water-cooler jugs down to hand-sized bottles outfitted with a squirt cap for those on the run.

Communities seek to combat water threats

By Wendy Kock
and Bill Dawson

Hearst News Services

Editor's Note: This is the last of a three-part series that examines America's tap water supply and why it faces a perilous future.

Wiggins, Colo., a small town northeast of Denver, is trying a novel approach to purify its tap water.

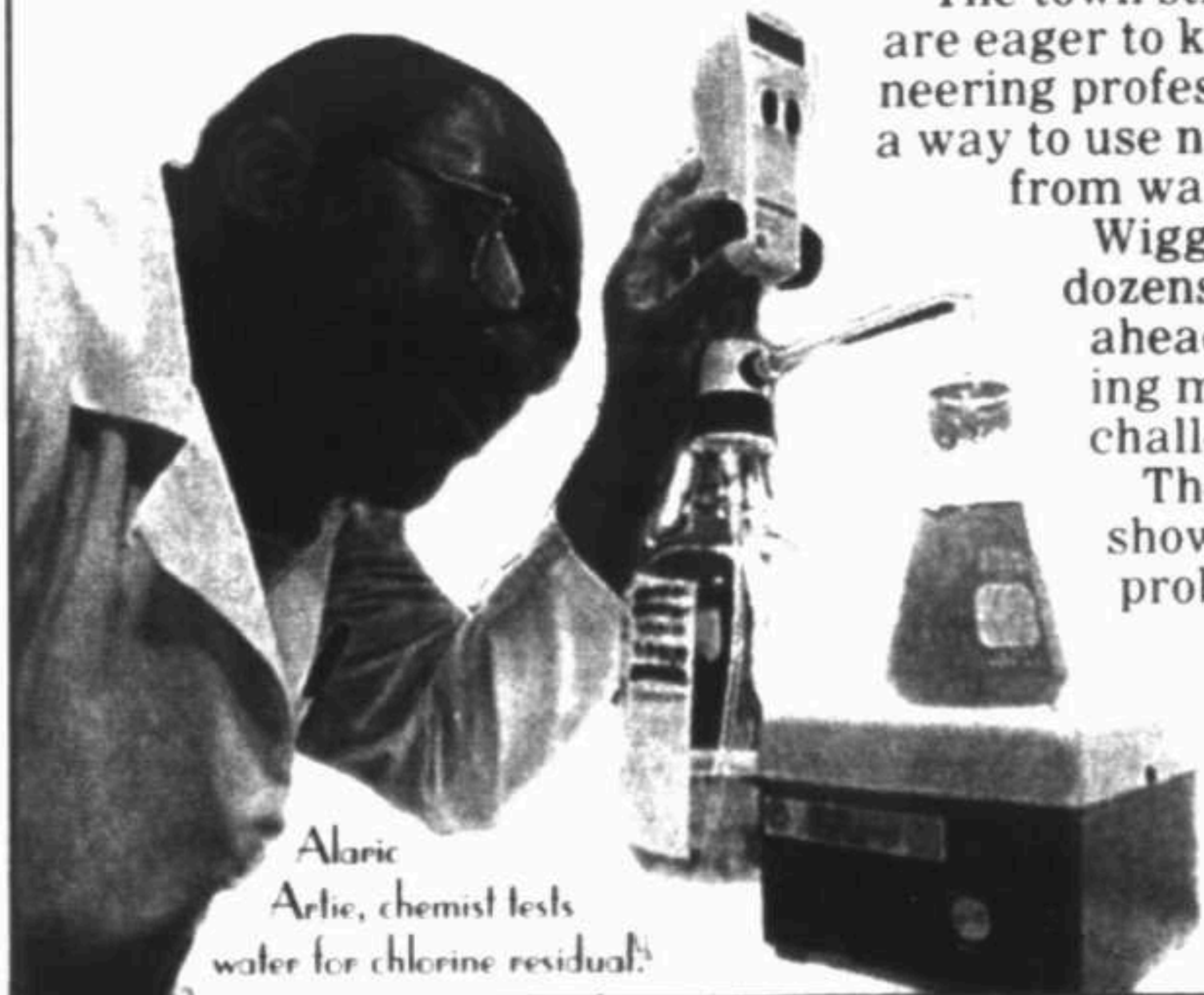
Its cleanup secret? Bacteria — contradictory as that may seem. Like many agricultural communities, its well water contains nitrates, chemicals that leak in from livestock wastes or fertilizers. At high levels, they can cause a potentially lethal lack of oxygen in babies.

The town still meets federal nitrate standards, and residents are eager to keep it that way, says JoAnn Silverstein, an engineering professor at the University of Colorado. So, she's found a way to use non-disease-causing bacteria to remove nitrates from water.

Wiggins is not alone. Throughout the United States, dozens of forward-looking communities are stepping ahead to make drinking water safer. They're investing money and political will to reduce the risks that challenge the nation's tap.

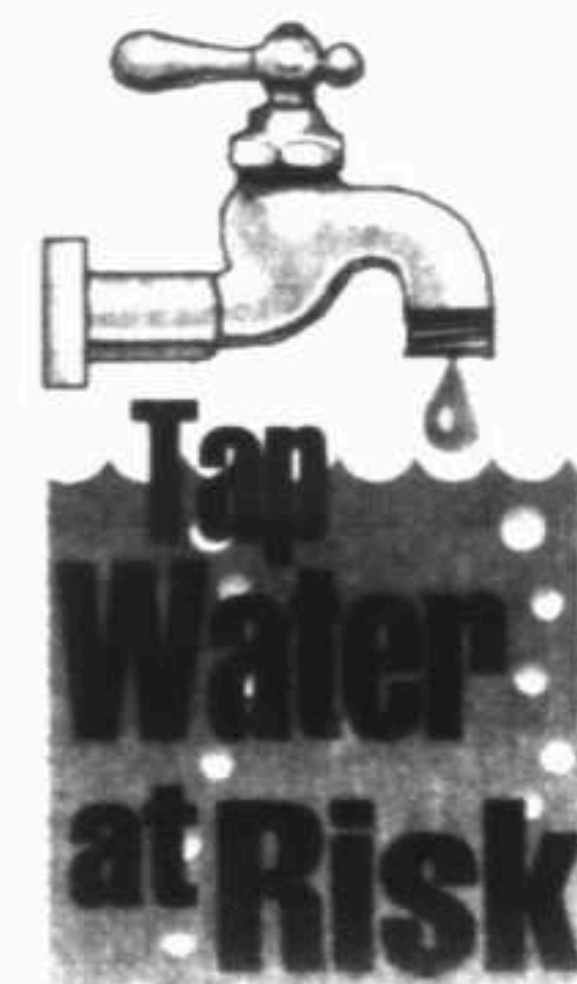
They provide a glimmer of hope for the future by showing others, many of whom refuse to confront the problem, what can be done.

Yet they're hardly revolutionaries. Most of the technology needed to clean drinking water has existed for decades, used especially in



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Archie, chemist tests
water for chlorine residuals.

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Gingrich to stump
for congressional
hopeful in MidlandBy Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Newt Gingrich, the powerful but sometimes controversial house speaker, will be in Midland Oct. 15 for a fund-raiser to benefit Republican congressional hopeful Rudy Izzard.

Izzard is running against veteran Democrat Charles Stenholm for the 17th District, which adjoins but does not currently include Midland.

Midland possibly could be included in

this district in the

future, with talk

of redistricting in

the air, according

to Midland's

Ernest Angelo,

who is helping to

coordinate the

speaker's visit.

"It's a

real honor

for Midland to

have

Newt Gingrich.

I don't

think we've ever had a speaker of the

house in Midland before," Angelo said.

Although Gingrich has taken a lower

profile in recent months, after Democrats

made him the target of numerous

negative, but often successful, campaign

ads nationwide, he remains very

popular in many Republican strong-

holds, including this part of West Texas.

Angelo said the Izzard campaign is

well financed and organized, and with the

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Coinless meters in some
downtown locations to be
ready for free use todayBy Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Coinless parking meters were installed on Colorado and Loraine streets Monday in conjunction with downtown revitalization efforts.

Drivers wanting to park along the two streets between Missouri and Ohio avenues won't have to fumble for meter change to avoid a \$5 ticket. A crank of the meter will allow an hour free parking near the Midland County Courthouse and two hours at outlying meters.

In the past, drivers were required to plug the one-hour meters with a quarter and the two-hour meters with either a quarter for each hour or two hours.

In the past, drivers also could feed the meter as many times as desired. With the coinless meters, motorists will be restricted to one twist of the meter. After that, Police Department employees who monitor parking downtown — through chalking tires or other means — are directed to issue tickets.

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Car bombs strike British army headquarters, wound 31; no claim of responsibility

LISBURN, Northern Ireland (AP) — Bombers struck at the center of Northern Ireland's security Monday, detonating two car bombs inside the British army's heavily defended headquarters and raising fears the province could again become a battleground between the IRA and pro-British paramilitaries. Thirty-one people were wounded.

There was no claim of responsibility. Whether the attack was carried out by the Irish Republican Army or by another anti-British group might determine whether the province's pro-British paramilitaries call off their own cease-fire — and send Northern Ireland back into retaliatory violence.

The first bomb went off without warning in a parking lot inside Thiepval Barracks, the main camp for the 18,000 army troops in the British-ruled province.

A second detonated 20 minutes later near the base's hospital, apparently to ambush passing soldiers, medical staff and people wounded by the first bomb.

As flames and black smoke billowed from the blast site, soldiers and paramedics hauled off the wounded on foam mattresses. Some of the people injured in the

second blast included medical staff attending to the victims of the first.

The army said 21 of the injured were soldiers and 10 were civilians — including the three most seriously hurt. One man was critically wounded and four received serious head, chest and leg wounds. The less seriously wounded included an 8-year-old girl and an 18-year-old woman who were treated for shock and released.

Army forensic scientists estimated that the two bombs contained a total of 500 to 1,000 pounds of homemade explosive.

The attack inside what, until now, had been Northern Ireland's most untouchable army installation deals an embarrassing blow to the British forces. Thiepval lies in Lisburn, a predominantly Protestant suburb southwest of Belfast, and is home to the army's senior commanders, key officers' families and its elite bomb squad.

Thiepval has a single entrance guarded by armed soldiers and security cameras, with every car requiring clearance — though most are not individually searched.

Among the army facilities damaged were offices, the base's trav-

el agency, the nursery and the chapel. The blasts smashed windows in surrounding civilian homes and at a hospital that is home to 40 senior citizens and multiple-sclerosis patients.

The Dublin office of Irish Prime Minister John Bruton said that "the barbaric bomb attacks" were "deliberately calculated to provoke further violence and bloodshed and (are) aimed at undermining the multiparty talks in Belfast."

In Washington, White House spokesman Mike McCurry called it "an outrageous act of violence."

The talks between parties in the

conflict started in June with the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party excluded because the IRA has not held to its cease-fire. The talks have made little progress.

Monday's blasts came as commanders of a pro-British paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force, were meeting at Northern Ireland's top-security Maze Prison — within earshot of the bombs.

The outlawed pro-British groups

stopped killing Catholics in October 1994, but recently have been talking about the possibility of striking back.

The Thiepval attack also comes after a series of IRA setbacks on its preferred battleground, England.

Scientists win Nobel Prize for immune system studies

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Two scientists who discovered how the immune system recognizes infected cells — a finding that could lead to new vaccines and therapies for cancer, diabetes and multiple sclerosis — won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday.

Australian Peter C. Doherty, who is now working in Memphis, Tenn., and Rolf M. Zinkernagel of Switzerland will share the \$1.12 million prize for their joint research in the early 1970s at the John Curtin School of Medical Research in Canberra, Australia.

The work "fundamentally changed our understanding of the development and normal function of the immune system," said the citation from Sweden's Karolinska Institute, whose Nobel Assembly decides the prize winners.

Doherty, 55, works at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Zinkernagel, 52, heads the Institute of Experimental Immunology in Zurich, Switzerland.

They discovered how the immune system recognizes cells that must be eliminated because they have been infected by a virus. In mice, they showed these cells were doomed because they displayed a combination of two things: a tiny piece of virus protein plus a chemical label that identified the cells as belonging to the mouse.

Immune cells called T cells are responsible for identifying these infected cells.

It has taken years to understand the biochemical details behind the process Doherty and Zinkernagel uncovered, and only recently have scientists been able to focus on practical payoffs, said Don C. Wiley of Harvard University and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

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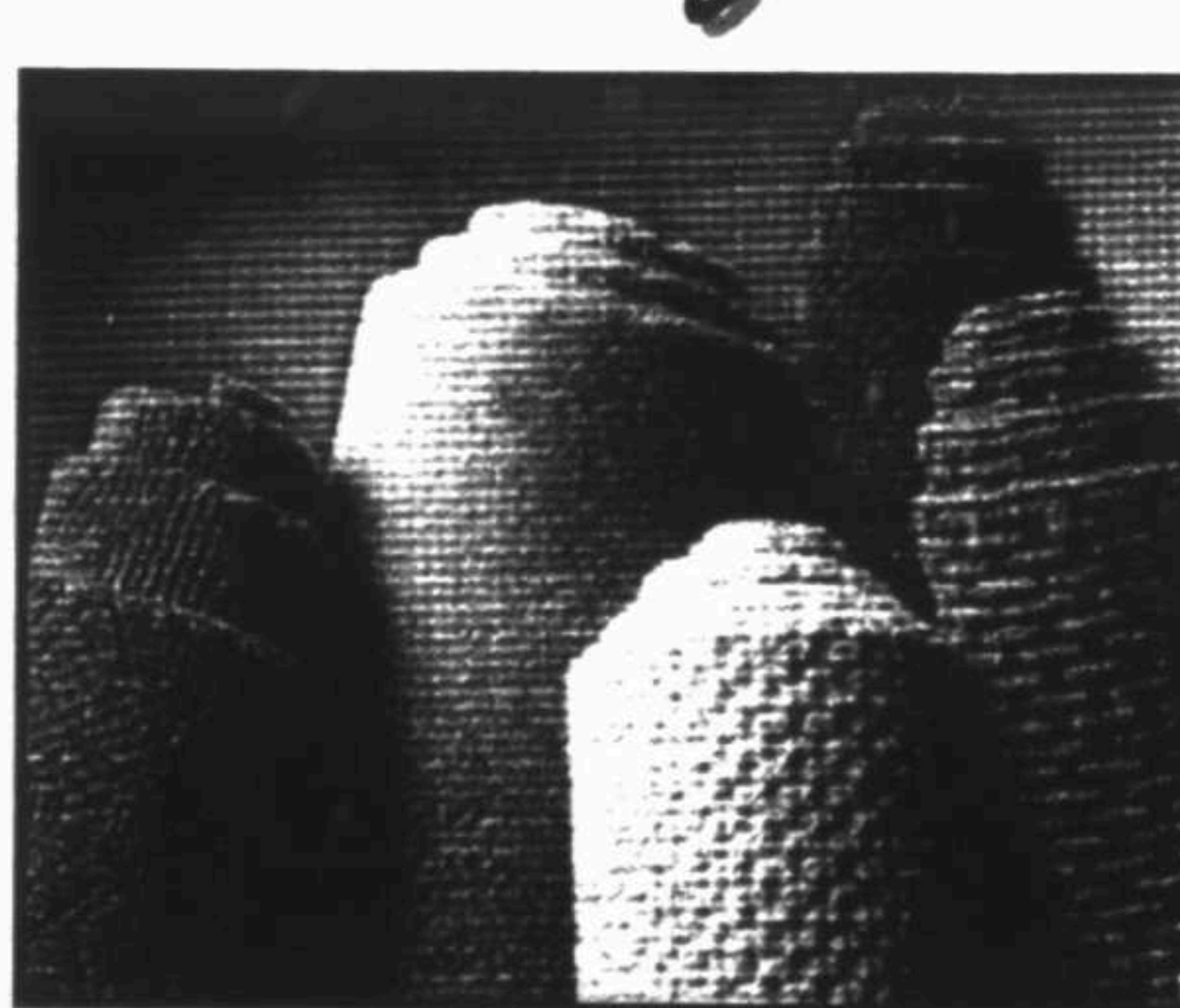
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Netanyahu pledges honor peace accords, doesn't budge on Hebron

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refused to budge Monday from his demand for improved security for Jewish settlers in Hebron before Israel will honor its agreement to withdraw forces from the city.

In a tough policy speech opening the winter session of parliament, Netanyahu accused the Palestinians of undermining the peace process by trying to pressure Israel with violence, a reference to the gun battles between Israeli and Palestinian forces that killed 78 people last month.

"If every crisis and every frustration is justification for violence, then the process is doomed," Netanyahu said. "If they are really committed to the peace option, they must completely forswear

the options of incitement and violence and war."

Shimon Peres, a key architect of the peace accord with the Palestinians, accused Netanyahu of playing for time and of being insincere about his commitment to peace.

"Either we have real peace — and real peace has a price — or we have empty declarations, an imaginary peace — and this has a heavier price," said Peres, who was prime minister in the previous Labor Party government and lost his re-election bid to Netanyahu.

As parliament debated Netanyahu's policies Monday, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met at the Erez checkpoint between Israel and the Gaza Strip for a second day of talks focused on

Hebron, the last West Bank city under occupation.

The city, where about 450 Jewish settlers live among 94,000 Palestinians, has become a focus of Palestinian frustration because of the Netanyahu government's failure to withdraw Israeli troops as specified in agreements signed in 1993 with Israel's previous government.

"We will not accept changing the agreement," the chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erakat, insisted after Monday's talks. "We are not asking Israel for handouts. What we want is the implementation of the agreement on the ground."

In his speech to parliament, Netanyahu repeated his earlier insistence that Israel would not remove its troops without securi-

ty guarantees for the settlers.

"We intend to implement the redeployment in Hebron. ... We are committed to the agreements signed by the previous government," Netanyahu said. "But a government is committed first to the safety of its citizens. Our challenge is to combine the two."

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross, who is sitting in on the latest talks, issued a statement saying Monday's meetings "were serious and businesslike." Israel TV said the talks adjourned with the Palestinians agreeing to discuss Israel's security demands.

An Israeli official said President Clinton had let both sides know at last week's summit in Washington that he expected results within 45 days.

Earlier Monday, visiting Secretary of State Warren Christopher met with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and said he was assured that Israel would not try to modify the peace agreements it has already signed.

But his comments did not address whether the security demands would require changes in the agreements — as the Palestinians insist — or simply "adjustments" in the way they are implemented, as Israel says.

Israel, meanwhile, eased its grip on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. On Sunday, it ended a 10-day curfew on Hebron, pulled its tanks back from some Palestinian areas and restored freedom of movement for Palestinians in Gaza and much of the West Bank.

On Monday, about 2,000 Palestinian workers were allowed to return to their jobs at an industrial park in the northern Gaza Strip, and 700 more were given permits to enter Israel to help with the olive harvest. In addition, Israel removed restrictions on travel within the West Bank for residents of Ramallah.

But virtually all two million Palestinians remain barred from entering Israel, as they have been since Feb. 25, when Islamic militants conducted the first in a series of four suicide bombings in Israel. Netanyahu said Monday that if security improved, he would gradually ease the restrictions, and let thousands of Palestinian workers return to jobs in Israel.

Saddam supporters upbeat, Iraqi people continue suffering

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Muslim clergyman spoke with confidence and defiance as he described Iraq's recent skirmish with the United States.

"God has made us victorious," he thundered in a speech broadcast over state-run radio. "You enemies of God and humanity, Iraq will remain united behind its leader — the victorious-by-God Saddam Hussein."

Among Iraq's elite, there is a consensus of victory — a point Bob Dole used in his debate with President Clinton Sunday night. "Saddam Hussein is probably better off than he was four years ago," the Republican candidate said.

While the vast majority of Iraq's 20 million people continue to suffer privations because of the country's withering economy, Iraqi elites feel they have scored several triumphs that could improve Iraqi fortunes after years of hardship.

They see Saddam as a clear winner in the latest confrontation with the United States — last month's drive to help an allied Kurdish faction force a rival group out of northern Iraq.

Saddam's backers believe the country is regaining its full sovereignty, and that soon there will be an easing of sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

"Iraq stood up to the United States for six years. The international (anti-Iraq) alliance has collapsed," declared Salah al-Mukhtar, editor in chief of the government daily al-Jumhuriya. "We stayed as one country and kept our political leadership unchanged."

Saddam's grip on power, strong even before the recent events, is even more so now that tensions are calming in the region and his losses were minimal.

For Saddam, one particularly rewarding result of last month's offensive was the demise of a CIA-backed opposition group in the north that had been working for his ouster.

In addition, the past month showed that the United States has little allied support for military action against Saddam as long as he acts within his borders.

But such victories have not produced any tangible benefits for the country. On the whole, they have actually hurt ordinary Iraqis who continue to face a grinding struggle to make ends meet.

Iraq and the United Nations accepted a deal in May that would allow Saddam to sell limited amounts of oil in order to buy badly needed food and medicine.

The Iraqi people had hoped the agreement would have been implemented by now. But last month's skirmishes prompted an indefinite delay and sent Iraq's currency crashing again, leaving most Iraqis even more hard-pressed.

Prices have rocketed well beyond the reach of most Iraqis. A government food rationing system, although regarded as efficient, is unable to meet even minimum nutritional requirements.

School-age children hawk goods or beg at traffic lights throughout Baghdad. The capital's hospitals are filled with severely malnourished children and lack the medicine to treat them.

In city street markets, Iraqis bring anything from pieces of furniture to old black-and-white television sets to sell for food money. In rural areas, especially the underdeveloped south, Iraqis are even worse off.

"We now have a booming black market and large-scale moral decay, especially among young people," Nasrah al-Saadoun, a noted Iraqi writer with pro-Saddam political convictions, said in an interview.

"Large numbers of children are dropping out of school. Others are suffering malnutrition, which will have long-term effects. A whole generation of Iraqis now is under serious threat."

As far as Saddam's many foreign opponents are concerned, Iraq's problems will not be resolved unless its leader is ousted.

International leaders have shown no inclination to lift the 6-year-old sanctions against Iraq. And Saddam's military maneuvers in the north only reinforced worries that he remains a threat.

U.N. weapons inspectors believe Iraq has not complied with resolutions that require it to destroy its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs.

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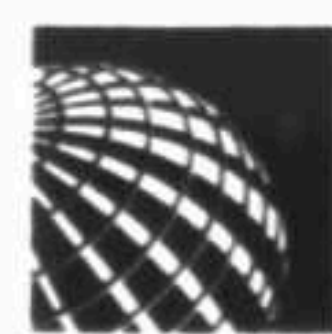
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WEATHER WATCH

Today to be cloudy, turning sunny

Staff Report

Today's forecast is mostly cloudy with patchy fog becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon with a high 75-80, and northeast winds 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

Tonight's forecast is fair with a low near 50.

Wednesday's forecast is sunny with a high 80-85.

After an overnight low of 52, compared to the record low of 38, set in 1976, yesterday's high was 80, compared to the record high of 99, set in 1979.

STATE

A weak cold front moved through the Texas Panhandle on Monday, bringing cloudy skies and the threat of rain across wide sections of the state.

Fast-growing Tropical Storm Josephine in the Gulf of Mexico prompted a coastal flood warning for the upper Texas coast.

The National Weather Service said tides were running two to three feet above normal, causing some flooding of low lying areas.

High temperatures ranged from 59 degrees at Dalhart to 88 at Reese Air Force Base near Lubbock, warming from lows in the mid-50s to 60s.

Winds were mainly light and variable in central sections and northerly to southwesterly at 5 to 20 mph in the Coastal Plains and West Texas and stronger gusts in the Panhandle.

A chance of rain was forecast in North Texas through Wednesday.

Daytime highs should range from the 70s to 80s with overnight lows from the upper 40s to 50s in the Hill Country and 60s elsewhere.

Some morning low clouds and fog was expected through Wednesday in Northwest Texas while showers and a few thunderstorms were possible across the eastern Panhandle, South Plains and the Concho Valley.

NATION

A slow-moving tropical depression brought high winds, heavy rains and storm tides Sunday to the Gulf Coast, flooding about a third of Grand Isle, La., and stranding 200 to 300 residents.

Those residents who ignored an evacuation order found Highway 1, the sole route off Louisiana's only inhabited barrier island, impassable under a foot of water Sunday.

Although most island homes are elevated, houses on the ground had 1 to 2 feet of water in them, said Mayor Bob Rosiere. One subdivision reported 3 to 4 feet. Some businesses and marinas also were flooded, he said.

Coastal flooding was widespread outside hurricane protection levees in southwest Louisiana parishes, or counties, and higher winds and tides were expected if the depression strengthens into Tropical Storm Josephine.

The rainfall extended from the bayous of southwestern Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle and keys, reaching 80 miles inland over Mississippi and Alabama. At 8 a.m. Sunday, Key West, Fla., had logged 4.11 inches of rain in the preceding 24 hours.

Despite clear weather breaking across south Texas, many roads and streets remained under water in Brownsville, Los Fresnos, San Benito, Harlingen, and Raymondville.

A new Canadian cold front blew into north-central Wisconsin, with wind gusts near 30 mph pushing a band of light to moderate showers before it.

The West was calm and dry, except for a cluster of showers in north-eastern Washington.

In the nation's midday weather extremes Sunday, Palm Springs, Calif., had a high of 98 degrees; Clayton Lake, Maine, and Norwood, Mass., vied for low at 23 degrees. Galveston, Texas, reported a 31-mph gust, and Pensacola, Fla., reported 1.37 inches of rain.

Please see weather map on page 6B.

Josephine hits Florida's Gulf Coast with heavy rains, wind

ST. MARKS, Fla. (AP) — Tropical Storm Josephine began lashing Florida's Gulf Coast Monday night with 70-mph winds and high surf, spawning tornadoes and dumping up to 5 inches of rain across the state.

Pushing a storm surge of 6 to 9 feet at the peak of high tide over swampy, low-lying areas, the storm's center was expected to strike land at midnight near this remote fishing village about 30 miles south of Tallahassee.

Josephine failed to reach hurricane strength, but was packing considerable moisture. Forecasters said it would dump rain on southeastern Georgia and the Carolinas, then stay inland, bringing rain up the Atlantic Coast.

"The winds will go down very, very fast once it hits land," said Max Mayfield, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center. "The core already is weakening."

Still, residents on Monday scrambled to secure their homes and boats. Hundreds of people had already taken cover in local shelters. Evacuations were ordered for the beaches and barrier islands of nine coastal counties.

"I will probably stay as long as I can. If things get too rough, I'll be the first one out the door," said Rich Gray, maintenance chief at Shell Point Resort near St. Marks. At the Shell Point Marina, boaters struggled in gusts and driving rain to double up their mooring lines.

"This could be serious if the wind pushes the water in here," said Frank Hanna, who had secured his 36-foot sloop. "We might lose the floating docks and all the boats tied to it."

Bob Tweedie, 67, thought his 31-foot sailboat would be safe "unless the surge goes over 10 feet. Then we're all in trouble."

Although Josephine strengthened quickly after forming Sunday night, forecasters doubted the storm would build to hurricane-force winds of at least 74 mph.

READY: City installs coinless meters

(From 1A)

The time limit is designed to encourage turnover downtown and free parking to encourage visitors. In turn, officials hope, that will make for easier access to downtown businesses.

If the pilot program — which consists of converting 94 meters to coinless — fares well, the city will look into expanding it in other parts of downtown, officials said.

The coinless meters represent the first real change to downtown

in the effort toward revitalization.

The effort to bring life back downtown emerged about two years ago with the development of a revitalization committee.

In August, steps were taken to incorporate the committee and create the non-profit Downtown Midland Inc.

The area targeted for revitalization is bounded north-south by Cuthbert and Florida avenues and east-west by Lamesa Road and A Street.

The debate verdict: 30-27 Oiler win was more exciting

By Mike Feinhaber
Associated Press

News analysis

WASHINGTON — By now, the breakfast-table, coffee-break, water-cooler verdict is in. No matter how people make up their minds about these things, the consensus is solidifying: Both presidential debaters held their own.

It was play it safe vs. play it nice. No knockouts.

"No clever one-liners," said Michael Corgan, a Boston historian. "No memorable moments. No gaffes."

In Redlands, Cal., nine freshmen enrolled in a course called "Debating for the Presidency" watched in a classroom. They went in split: five supporting Bill Clinton, four supporting Bob Dole. They came out 5-4, too; same five, same four.

"The general reaction," said their professor, Bill Southworth, a debate coach, "was that it was pretty boring."

"Clinton was obviously playing it safe and did a pretty good job in that vein," Southworth said. "Dole was trying to create a friendlier image for himself, and with some people he probably did that."

Clinton won by not losing; Dole lost by not winning — that seems to be the emerging epitaph for the first presidential debate.

"One Yard and a Cloud of Dust," The Indianapolis News headlined Monday's editorial.

It said that Dole came across as "funny, human, capable and presidential."

But it said this too: "When moderator Jim Lehrer tossed Dole the ball and gave him plenty of running room by asking him to describe any personal differences between him and the president, Dole dropped the pass. ... He needs

to seize the momentum and put the ball in the air."

As to the debaters themselves, here's another clue on that won question.

The Clinton people were unanimous.

"It's up to the American people to decide," said Mike McCurry, Clinton's spinner.

"We won the debate!" shouted Dole at a post-debate rally.

Dole's people were calling it a new start. Dole had a new start when he quit the Senate, and when he picked Jack Kemp as his running mate and when he delivered a polished acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention.

"We don't pick up points in one night," said Charles Black, a Dole adviser. "You get the momentum in the race, you start the trend."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Dole had raised expectations for himself. "In a sense he's created a higher standard for the second debate," he said.

In polls taken for CBS, ABC, CNN and Newsweek immediately after the debate, Clinton was called the winner by about half the watchers and Dole by about three in 10. The rest of those polled were either uncertain or called it a tie.

CNN asked whether the candidates did a better or worse job than the viewer had expected, and here Dole shined: 74 percent said he did better than they thought he would, only 43 percent said that of Clinton.

But there were other numbers in play, too: Preliminary Nielsen figures from 33 cities — roughly half the U.S. population — suggested the audience for the debate



The first presidential debate

Highlights from Sunday's presidential debate between President Clinton and Bob Dole:

Bob Dole

Bill Clinton

Taxes

• Dole touted his plan to cut income taxes by 15 percent. He stated Clinton reneged on his promise to cut taxes and then backed the biggest tax increase in history.

• President Clinton said his targeted tax cuts were affordable and noted that a tax plan then-Sen. Dole supported in 1982 was actually the largest tax increase in history accounting for inflation.

Foreign policy

• Dole said Haitian democracy is not secure and Bosnia is still troubled. He also criticized Clinton's go-it-alone missile attack on Iraq, saying it left Saddam Hussein stronger.

• Clinton said his policies have helped bring peace to Haiti and Bosnia and made progress in Northern Ireland and the Middle East.

Education

• Dole attacked Clinton's opposition to aid for people who send their children to private schools and defended his position that the Education Department should be abolished saying the money could be used for scholarships.

• Clinton said he supports school choice within the public schools but said the federal government cannot take money away from the public schools. He said it is important to have someone representing kids in the Cabinet.

Drugs

• Dole blamed Clinton for increased teenage drug use during his term and called for a Dole administration to get tough on drug dealers. He stated that Clinton's drug policies were a failure and that he would support a 10-year prison term for drug dealing.

• Clinton accepted some of the blame for the nation's drug problems. He criticized Dole for voting against the 1993 crime bill that imposed the death penalty for drug kingpins.

as aired by ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox was down perhaps by 20 percent or more from the first presidential debate four years ago.

The day's other number, 30-27,

was the score as the Houston Oilers beat the Cincinnati Bengals in an overtime National Football League game on cable TV that nobody called boring.

Suicides outnumber other adult firearms deaths

DALLAS (AP) — Far more gun deaths among the middle-aged and elderly are suicides rather than accidents or homicides, especially among those over age 65, according to federal data revealed Monday by a group of handgun-control advocates.

The Center to Prevent Handgun Violence used the statistics as it launched a public-service advertising campaign urging all gun owners to keep their weapons unloaded and under lock and key.

The statistics were compiled from data released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Alicia Horton, the group's associate education director.

"The suicide risk is five times higher in homes with firearms," Ms. Horton said at a Monday news conference.

Suicides accounted for about 83 percent of the gun deaths among Texans over 65 during the period 1986-92, according to statistics provided Monday by the Washington, D.C.-based group.

The fraction dropped to 63 percent for Texans between ages 45 and 64, Ms. Horton said. Nationally, 68 percent of those over 65 who died of a gunshot wound were suicides. Of those killed by gunfire between ages 45 and 64, 69 per-

cent were suicides.

Earlier this year, the CDC said that 19 percent of the 384,262 U.S. suicides from 1980 to 1992 were committed by people age 65 or older. Guns were the most common method, used by 74 percent of men and 31 percent of women.

"The reason for their success (at suicide) is they have a greater motivation to do it," said Joan Gibala, a senior program specialist for the American Association of Retired Persons in Washington, D.C.

"The general causative factors are depression, alcoholism, general losses — such as loss of loved ones, financial losses, health losses, loss of independence — and general ageism," Ms. Gibala said.

Although suicides account for more gunshot fatalities as ages increase, they still account for almost one in five shooting deaths among Texans age 14 or younger, Ms. Horton said.

Seventeen percent of the under-18 gunshot deaths in Texas during the 7-year period were suicides, compared to 19 percent nationally, the group said.

The CDC has said that gunshots account for 66 percent of all suicides committed in 1992 by those age 19 and younger. By comparison, strangulation was the next-preferred method

at 20 percent.

However, of all the methods used in suicide attempts, firearms are the most certain of success, said Dr. Kathleen Seikel, pediatric emergency physician at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

Only 0.4 percent of adolescents who attempt suicide by drug overdose are successful, compared to almost 80 percent who intentionally shoot themselves, Dr. Seikel said.

"Suicide is often an impulsive act, and it's often the result of anger or frustration," she said. "It's often a cry for help. However, that cry probably won't be heard if a firearm is used."

And nationally, suicide is the third-leading cause of death among young people ages 15-24, trailing only accidents and homicide.

"Gun violence is not somebody else's problem," said Ms. Horton. "If you have a handgun, and it's unlocked and it's loaded, it could be your problem, too."

The Center to Prevent Handgun Violence is chaired by Sarah Brady, who also heads Handgun Control Inc. She is the wife of former White House press secretary Jim Brady, who was shot with a Saturday night special during a 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan.

SPEAK: Gingrich to stump for candidate in Midland

(From 1A)

speaker's help should have a good shot at unseating Stenholm.

The Democrat had a difficult time beating a Republican challenger in the last election, Angelo said.

The fund-raiser is scheduled for next Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Midland Center, beginning at 12:30 p.m. and continuing until 2.

Seating for the event is open to the public with tickets going for \$25

a person.

There will be an invitation-only VIP reception before the event.

For tickets or more information on the visit, call 684-4449.

Izzard is a former city councilman from San Angelo and now has a dental practice in Ballinger.

He was voted Best City Council Member by the readers of the San Angelo Standard Times and has served as chairman for the San Angelo Sports Committee and the American Heart Association Gala

'95 in that city.

He has served as director for the San Angelo YMCA and has served in the West Angelo Kiwanis, on the Tom Green County Community Action Committee and the Abilene, Ballinger and San Angelo chambers of commerce.

In addition to his dental practice, Izzard operates a 1,000-acre cattle ranch in Tom Green County and is a member of the Texas & Southwest Cattle Raisers' Association.

Now married with two children,

in the 1970s, Izzard was an all-district quarterback for San Angelo Central and was recruited by Darrell Royal and Spike Dykes with a scholarship to the University of Texas. He played on the Southwest Conference championship teams of 1975 and 1977.

Gingrich was recruited to help out in the Izzard campaign by the Republican Majority organization, according to Angelo.

BAG: Campaign chief says Dole has 200 votes

(From 1A)

said. "They are spending no money in Texas."

On Sept. 27, Clinton, campaigning in Texas, said he thought he has "an excellent chance to win" the state and added, "We plan a major effort here."

On Monday Reed disputed instant polls taken shortly after the Clinton-Dole debate that showed

the president's lead holding strong. "You don't get a substantial bounce in one night," Reed said. "You get a bounce as the week progresses. Anyone who did a poll after the debate that ended at 10:30 p.m. couldn't have been very scientific."

Reed said the Dole campaign was "amazed how much Clinton was on the defensive on a number

of issues, including taxes, education and foreign policy."

"Clinton decided he was not going to engage Dole last night and just let it roll," he said. "They are trying to run out the clock but they are not going to get away with it."

Reed said Dole's humorous remarks during the debate were important to show the candidate in a good light.

"The Democrats spent millions of dollars portraying Dole as someone who is mean and out of touch," Reed said. But during the debate, "he came across as someone who is witty, funny and in command. Dole showed he has a grasp of issues better than the president," Reed said.

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DRINKING WATER: The hazards

BOLD: Communities take steps to counter drinking water threats

(From 1A)

Europe. Steps to prevent its initial pollution have been around even longer. Some cities are working to protect their ground water and their watersheds, the areas surrounding rivers and reservoirs, from pollution.

Dayton, Ohio, protects its underground aquifer, the source of its water, by carefully zoning land use on about 6,000 acres above it and by routinely testing wells.

Others are looking at different ways to do a better job of cleaning water once they get it. They're trying granular activated carbon to remove chemicals and ozone gas to kill parasites.

Some are fixing old trouble spots, typically pipes. Butte, Mont., a gritty town humbled by its gold-mining past, is now spending millions to tear up streets and replace turn-of-the-century water distribution pipes. The work will take years.

Others are shuttering their water plants. Some small utilities that cannot afford good equipment and staff are buying their water wholesale from large systems. In a few cases, states are forcing the little guys to consolidate or merge with bigger ones.

Sometimes, one pressing problem prompts a city to adopt a technique with many benefits, like Dunedin, Fla., where people often got angry about rust in their water.

"They were up in arms," says Jerry Knippel, water director for the city of 35,000 near St. Petersburg. "It was not unusual for them to bring in their soiled laundry and throw it on our desks."

The city opted to build a new treatment plant that featured innovative membrane-filtration. The system handles not just rust but also the "emerging pathogens" that local officials knew were increasingly worrying health and environmental experts.

THE WAKE-UP CALL

Some efforts have been spurred by the waterborne outbreak that hit Milwaukee in 1993, when an estimated 403,000 people got sick and about 100 died from a parasite that seeped into the tap.

"It was the proverbial two-by-two between the eyes," says Rita Colwell, a microbiologist at the University of Maryland. She says the impact intensified after boil-water alerts soon followed in New York City and Washington, D.C.

MILWAUKEE'S DISASTER gave a needed boost to drinking water research at the Environmental Protection Agency. Funding for such research had almost petered out by the early 1990s.

"There was a strong tendency then at EPA to discount drinking water problems," says Robert Clark, an environmental engineer who heads its main water research unit.

The Milwaukee outbreak made EPA think again. The agency is now focusing on ways to detect infectious microbes, assess the risks of water contaminants and test cost-effective cleanup measures.

To help small utilities, for example, it's testing ready-made or "package" water plants that can be ordered from the factory.

It's developed a "black box" that, once installed at plants, can relay data to a remote location. If it works, an experienced operator could monitor several plants at once, thus consolidating labor costs.

The EPA has been testing this technique on a pilot plant in McDowell County, W.V., and so far, the results are promising. Clark expects it will take decades, though, for most small utilities to install plants that are good enough to meet EPA safety requirements.

"This is a very conservative industry — almost reactionary," he says.

Mark Wiesner, an engineering professor at Houston's Rice University, says water utilities — mostly publicly owned and cost conscious as a result — have little incentive to be on technology's leading edge.

"THEY WANT to be on the trailing edge and let somebody else do it first," he says. "They're very aware of new developments, but their hands are tied by the political process."

Yet parts of the industry, especially some of the large utilities, are dissatisfied with EPA's slow pace and are moving ahead on their own, spending millions to research microbial threats and cleanup technologies.

"No one wants a repeat of what happened in Milwaukee," says Paul Nannin, Milwaukee's health commissioner.

THE OZONE WAY

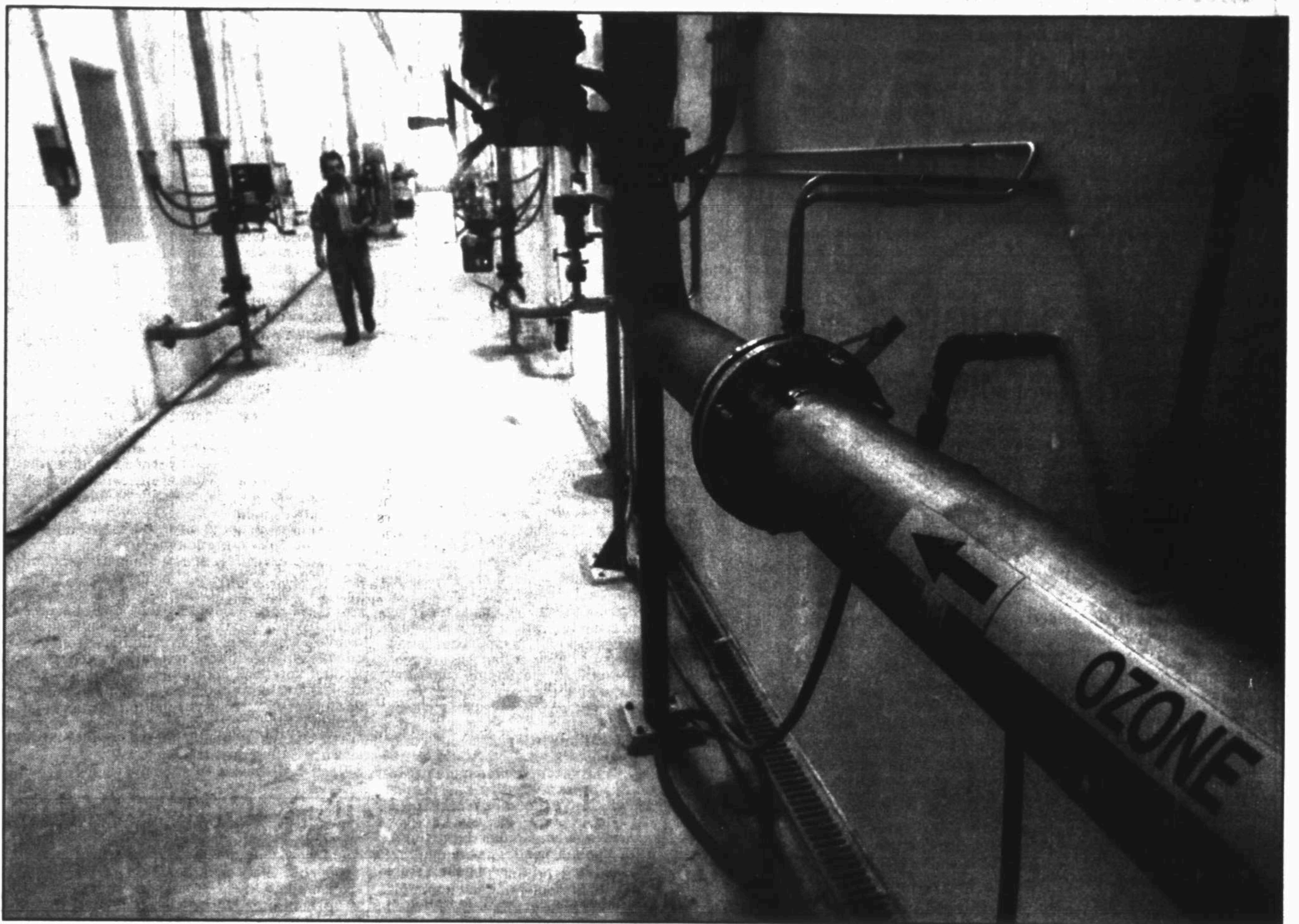
Least of all Milwaukee. Since its outbreak, the city has adopted an \$89 million package of water upgrades that will include ozonation. This treatment uses ozone gas, a powerful disinfectant created by sparking electricity through oxygen, to kill cryptosporidium and other parasites.

Nationwide, 80 to 100 other water utilities have turned to ozonation, estimates EPA researcher Richard Miltner.

The technology has several benefits. It's proven quite popular in France and Germany, which have about a thousand ozone plants, because many Europeans dislike the taste of chlorine. Ozonation allows water operators to reduce sharply the amount of chlorine used.

It also does a better job than chlorine, the main method for disinfecting water in the United States, of removing troublesome microbes from water.

When Dallas had to increase its water-treatment capacity a few years



ago, officials built an ozone plant that started operating in 1993.

The biggest concern there was removing bad tastes and odors in water, which resulted periodically from algae blooms in lakes, says Roger Proza, assistant operations director of the Dallas Water Utilities Department.

"IT WAS not as big an issue, but there was beginning talk about potential parasites in untreated water, like cryptosporidium, and we determined ozone was a more effective disinfectant," he says.

The city spent about \$20 million for the ozone plant — two to three times more than a chlorine plant would have cost, Proza says. Electricity to produce ozone adds extra costs of about \$1 million annually.

Ozone, despite its ability to remove microbes, has some of its own problems, says James Symons, a civil engineering professor at the University of Houston. Since it doesn't last very long, some chlorine still has to be added for residual purification until water reaches a user's tap.

As a result, more and more utilities are looking at another treatment method — one that forces water through tiny holes in sieve-like membranes under high pressure.

Membranes, made of various materials, are becoming particularly popular in Florida. Officials estimate about 120 water systems there have them, in large part because of the state's widespread problems with high mineral or salt content in well water.

This method can block microscopic protozoa and viruses and remove particles that cloud water. It also takes out organic materials that can react with chlorine to produce potentially cancer-causing by-products, including trihalomethanes.

It's still relatively expensive, though, and produces "reject water" laced with filtered contaminants.

MEMBRANE TECHNOLOGY was pioneered at the University of Florida in the 1950s, and research has accelerated in recent years, says Michael LeRoy, an engineer at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

"It's not that it's new," he says, "but researchers are finding new forms of membranes to lower the cost."

CINCINNATI CARBON Cincinnati, after decades of research and planning, has splurged on yet another approach.

It has spent \$60 million to build the world's largest water facility using granular activated carbon, or GAC, considered by EPA the "best available technology" for removing organic contaminants. The porous carbon removes the particles by attracting them to its surface.

The city knew it had to do something. The Ohio River provides a steady supply of water, but much of it is polluted by factories upstream.

"We don't know what we're going to get. That's one of the reasons we built the GAC," says David Rager, director of Cincinnati's Department of Water Works.

Rager says the city also realized watershed protection, which often involves buying land around a source of water to protect it from development, had limited possibility for the Ohio River.

"Last time I checked," he cracks, "Pittsburgh wasn't for sale."

So in 1992, it completed the GAC facility, which customers will pay for over the next two decades.

"CUSTOMERS ARE willing to pay more for higher quality," Rager says, citing repeated surveys. He says the utility exceeds EPA requirements, because customers say its rules aren't strict enough.

Typical drinking water treatment process

Raw water
Raw (untreated) water from surface and groundwater sources goes through several basic steps before it becomes drinking water.

Intake
Raw water is moved from its source to storage tanks. Sometimes copper sulfate is added to control algae growth.

Screening
Water is strained to remove debris.

Rapid mix process
Raw water is combined with a coagulant (such as alum) which binds with particles to create heavier clumps called "floc". Floc contains concentrated particles and microorganisms.

Flocculation
Water undergoes a slow mix process to increase the size and weight of the floc particles.

Sedimentation
Water flows into an open sedimentation basin, or clarifier, where floc settles to the bottom of the basin during a long detention time (average three days) which results in "lake-like" water quality.

Filtration
Water flows through a filter of charcoal, gravel, or sand, or all three, to remove remaining matter. Filtration further reduces turbidity and bacteria.

Clear holding tank
Water is pumped to water towers, which store it for public and private use.

Disinfection
Water is combined with chlorine gas (or another disinfectant) that destroys bacteria and other harmful microorganisms.

Finished drinking water

Besides spending \$12 million this year to replace one percent of its water distribution pipes, Cincinnati also is selling water wholesale to neighboring communities, most too small to afford GAC equipment.

MERGING FOR SUCCESS
So, too, are other major water utilities with good reputations.

The Denver Water Board is selling water to dozens of surrounding communities, and the Metropolitan Water District is serving 15 million customers in southern California.

Water wholesaling is the tip of what experts say is an emerging trend toward perhaps the most important reform in the drinking water business: consolidation.

The business has become increasingly diffuse in recent decades. It now includes 187,000 different utilities. More than 95 percent of them serve fewer than 3,300 people.

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CLEAN: Consumers turn to bottled water

(From 1A)

About two-thirds of the market is jug water, delivered to homes and businesses in five-gallon containers or purchased in gallon bottles at stores, Beverage Marketing Corp.'s Hemphill said.

The sale of bottled water increased nearly 8 percent last year from the year before, which gave the water industry 11.1 percent of the refreshment beverage market, according to the International Bottled Water Association.

There was an estimated \$3.75 billion in wholesale dollar sales of bottled water last year with the top 10 producers accounting for nearly \$1.9 billion of that, according to the Beverage Marketing Corp. The leading company was the Perrier Group with \$851 million in sales of bottled waters under about 10 names; the top seller was Arrowhead with \$234.3 million in sales last year.

Of the more than 2.88 billion gallons of bottled water distributed nationwide, Californians consumed the greatest amount — 30 percent. Consumption was followed by Florida, New York and Texas, each with less than 7 percent of the market.

IN THEORY — based on state and federal standards and in most cases stricter industry criteria — drinking bottled water should be safer than downing a soft drink or a glass of tap water.

"The only thing more regulated than bottled water is infant formula," said Jennifer Levine, communications director for the International Bottled Water Association.

That's because bottled water goes beyond required federal "good manufacturing practices" for all foods and must meet regulations specific to the industry, she said.

While bottled water isn't magically exempt from contamination, the Centers for Disease Control has not received any reports of sickness associated with the beverage.

Because two or more instances of disease linked to a water source prompt CDC notification, isolated cases may exist.

The presence of higher-than-acceptable levels of benzene in Perrier six years ago led to a worldwide recall. Tests indicated the contamination had existed several months.

THAT RECALL was not an isolated incident among bottled waters but perhaps the most publicized. The same year, a bottled water was voluntarily recalled in San Antonio, and one-gallon jugs were recalled in six northeast states because of a never-identified petroleum-like odor.

Also the same year, the Suffolk County (New York) Department of Health Services analyzed 79 bottled waters and found seven didn't meet that state's standards for volatile organic com-

pounds. Stricter standards implemented the prior year were determined to be the prime reason.

The standards for bottled water follow those set by the Food and Drug Administration which are styled after minimum contaminant levels set for public drinking water by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. EPA standards are periodically updated and consequently, so are FDA standards.

Since May, the FDA has required labels to accurately reflect the type of water bottled. In addition, the FDA has established or revised — effective in September — allowable levels for 17 synthetic organic chemicals and five inorganic chemicals.

The FDA inspects bottled water plants about every four years on average and only monitors manufacturers involved in interstate commerce.

All bottled water distributors — including those intrastate and not subject to FDA scrutiny — also must meet state regulations that mirror or exceed federal standards.

IN ADDITION, producers of more than 85 percent of bottled water belong to the International Bottled Water Association and therefore are subject to further standards. No members have ever failed because of problems with quality, an association spokeswoman said.

In cities that don't supply hard, salty water like Midland, the flavor of chlorine is usually the offensive quality that causes people to seek an alternative.

What generally makes bottled waters taste better than tap water is processing methods such as reverse osmosis (in which the water is forced through a semi-permeable membrane), distillation, filtration and/or ozonation (application of ozone) to remove chemical and microbiological contaminants, and the use of ultraviolet light rather than chlorine to disinfect.

Under recently enacted FDA labeling requirements, bottle water labels must identify the type of water as defined by the federal government. For example, "sterile" water marketed for infants must meet federal requirements for commercial sterility, and water from a municipal source must be so identified.

Truth in labeling and taste aside, many operators of municipal water supplies would argue — and often justifiably based on the water source and government standards — that tap water is as safe as bottled water. "The water (in Midland) is good for you — unless you have a heart condition — and probably better than bottled water because it has the minerals in it," Midland's utility director Ken Jones.

IT SHOULD be noted that all tap water is not created equal either. Source water from a river — because of contamination upstream — is generally more likely to present a hazard than well water. And as pointed out, some bottled water is merely processed tap water. 14

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Debate depicted stark differences

President Clinton and Republican challenger Bob Dole squared off Sunday night in a debate that should help voters make up their minds about who to cast their ballot for in a month.

The debate progressed as might have been expected — with Clinton taking credit for 10 million new jobs, a ban on certain assault weapons and making it harder for cigarette companies to target children, while Dole blasted Clinton for raising taxes too high, for the failed 1994 health-care initiative and for making Americans work harder and pay higher taxes.

Dole characterized Clinton by relating, "I trust the people, the president trusts the government."

Meanwhile, however, Clinton asserted that Dole is bent on cutting or gutting vital government programs such as Head

Start and student loans. Dole also used the debate to once again tout his proposal for a \$548 billion tax cut, contending it will put more money back in the pockets of everyday working Americans. "I want the government to pinch pennies for a change instead of the American families."

However, Clinton contends that the Dole plan is a "\$550 billion tax scheme" that will either make the deficit explode or necessitate unacceptable cuts in Medicare and education.

All in all, the debate emphasized the starkly different programs and approaches to government advocated by Clinton and Dole — and determining who actually "won" the debate probably depends more on personal judgement about which approach to the government is more palatable to voters.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

More on hacks and wafflebottoms TK

Readers of this column who have been through the work of glossaries, defining words not in most readers' vocabularies or available in standard dictionaries.

"Hackspeak": A Glossary is right up front in the novel "Hacks" by Christopher S. Wren (Simon & Schuster, \$23), a member of the foreign staff of The New York Times who uses his middle initial to avoid confusion with the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral. He refers to the argot of the hack, the foreign correspondent, which is Wren's occupation when filing dispatches for The New York Times in the daytime. It is a refinement of hack writer, or "literary drudge," derived from hackney horses, the worn-out equines that drew carriages along the cobblestone streets of London.

The hack that led to "journeyman writer" and now to "itinerant journalist" is not the same as hacker; that modern word for "cyber-robber" comes from the verb to hack, meaning "to chop or cut crudely," which led to the sense of "to do a successful job," as in "That fellow can really hack it." Computer hackers are good at what they do until they get caught, while foreign correspondent hacks are ejected from totalitarian states when they are doing a good job.

A ceasefire, according to Wren, is an "agreement among reporters on a story not to file competitively," similar to, though more nefarious than, a lid, a press secretary's assurance that no news will be forthcoming for a specified time.

Fuzz and wuzz is "urban police reporting," with fuzz from "police" and wuzz, a spelling variant of the past tense of the verb for a state of being, referring to corpses; this usage was popularized among reporters by Dan Rather of CBS.

Another rhyme is run and gun, which Wren defines as "news coverage of homicides, fires, car crashes, and other daily mayhem," recalling the TV assignment editors' credo, "If it bleeds, it leads." To run in has had a meaning of "to arrest" since World War I, and gun as a verb has a meaning of "to shoot." The combination of run-and-gun, hyphenated, may have begun in basketball, where it means to play aggressively, to run at the basket and shoot.

Not in the glossary, but recognizable to members of the trade, is the novelistic hero's name, T.K. Farrow. The initials TK, as the copy editor of this column knows all too well, are used without periods for "to come," with the "come" laid down in a way — "kum" — to meet the approval of a spelling reformist who never puts the story in the lede. Whenever I have a hot hand — that is, writing with easy

passion and at high speed — I hate to stop and look up a fact, preferring to put in TK, thereby promising the editor to supply the missing item later. (Sometimes I forget, and the researcher and copy editor don't catch it, and we all look like jerks.)

A mushroom journalist is defined as a "reporter assigned to hard, thankless stories." This delicately put definition is rooted in British stock-market lingo for a trader who appears spasmodically on the floor and is liable to make mistakes. Paul Beale, in his Concise Dictionary of Slang, published in 1989, noted the U.S. T-shirt usage in the 1970s: "I feel like a mushroom: everybody keeps me in the dark and is always feeding me (barnyard epithet)."

A rocket is the bane of a foreign correspondent's existence: "a message from editors alerting a reporter to a competitor's story." Whether this is caused by the other guy's enterprise or by his dirty betrayal of a ceasefire, the rocket from home necessitates what journalists call a catchup or matcher or follow, usually spelled "felo."

A laptop is denoted as a "portable computer." That's obvious enough, but I note it here to illustrate a difference between makers and users. Five years ago, a 12-pound computer was called a laptop, to differentiate it from a desktop. (Both are adjectives that have become nouns.) When the six-pounders were introduced to save a whole generation of humans from lopsidedness, the manufacturers called their product notebook computers, with their even smaller and lighter cousins, subnotebooks. But persnickety journalists tend to resist official nomenclature, and today's six-pounders are called laptops as in olden days, and the little ones are called the little ones.

Wren defines suit as a "senior news execu-

tive, especially one without field experience." I don't want to be a lexicographical bigfoot (that's a media biggie who treads on the toes of local correspondents), but the gentle definition leaves out some of the scorn felt by reporters for the consultants and top brass who think journalism not merely a noble calling but a business that should turn a profit.

This is a natural segue (a noun based on a verb in music for "to follow immediately," but in the news business, especially in radio, "to use a word or related theme as a smooth transition to another topic") to a novel by William Hood, a veteran operative for the CIA and its predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services, titled "The Sunday Spy" (Norton, \$25). The author includes espionage argot that cries out for a glossary.

A suit, in spies' lingo, is a P.C. — not "politically correct," but a military intelligence officer in "Plain Clothes," not in uniform. I would speculate that the underworld use of suits to sneer at plainclothes detectives is the basis of the pejorative connotation of the term.

A treff is a "contact," its derivation unexplained in the text. A call to Hood, who is no longer under cover, reveals that the slang noun's origin is in the German verb treffen, "to meet."

A wafflebottom is defined in Hood's novel as OSS slang for a communications engineer, and the term gradually broadened to any intelligence officer involved in technical work; the CIA usage now includes "specially cleared personnel who deal with codes and ciphers." It is rooted in the imprinting of a chair on the seat of its occupant, and was first recorded in espionage use in TK.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Dole should respond to attacks on prosecutor

With his re-election seemingly assured, President Clinton is mounting a counterattack against the Whitewater special prosecutor.

In a recent TV interview, he portrayed the Whitewater investigation as a politically driven vendetta. Asked if Whitewater special prosecutor Kenneth Starr was out to get him and the first lady, he responded, twice, "Isn't it obvious?"

The president stopped just short of accusing Starr of prosecutorial misconduct. Of charges made by his onetime business partner, Susan McDougal, and

her lawyers that Starr was trying to strong-arm her into testifying falsely against him, he said, "I think there's a lot of evidence to support that."

There is little shock value in the fact that President Clinton has tipped his hand about the development that may lie ahead. It is somewhat surprising, however, that Bob Dole seems willing to let the corruption of the current administration pass without any forceful expression of outrage.

—The Daily News, Jacksonville, N.C.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 8, the 282nd day of 1996. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 8, 1871, deadly fires broke out in Chicago and Peshtigo, Wis. The Chicago fire claimed more than 200 lives and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings. The Peshtigo blaze claimed an estimated 1,500 lives and scorched 1.28

million acres of timberland.

On this date:

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted for murder in the death of the infant son of Charles A. Lindbergh.

In 1944, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" made its debut on CBS Radio, on Ozzie and Harriet Nelson's ninth wedding anniversary.

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CHARLEY REESE

Toss global economy baloney into trash

If you are a social naturalist you might be interested in a peculiar quirk that infects those of us who labor in the journalism trade.

We have a habit of picking up a sentence or a phrase, usually originated by some political or corporate flack, repeating it until it becomes a cliché and then elevating it to the status of a mantra with the power to paralyze a journalist's brain.

Here's an example: "We must prepare our children to compete in the global economy."

How many times have you heard or read that? The trouble is, it's nonsense.

One, it implies that the global economy is something new that Americans have never had to cope with. That's just ignorance. Americans have been participating in a global economy since the days they called themselves loyal subjects of his majesty, King George.

Two, so far as their work is concerned, the overwhelming majority of Americans will not compete in the global economy. The bulk of the American economy is domestic.



Reese

Three, individuals rarely compete in the global economy. Offhand, the only people I can think of would be entertainers, lawyers and mercenaries. Mostly, it's a few American corporations that compete in foreign markets, and many of them compete by building plants overseas staffed by nationals of the country where the plant is located. In 1991, U.S. direct investment abroad was \$450 billion.

In 1994, American exports accounted for \$513 billion. That year, like most years, we imported more than we exported, so the net effect of foreign trade was a minus \$151 billion.

Thus, unless your child plans to operate in the overseas sales and marketing division of a large corporation, the global economy, as far as his education is concerned, is just another example of globaloney.

You will notice that people who say we must prepare American children to compete in the global economy never get around to saying just how they propose to do that. How do you prepare a carpenter, plumber, bricklayer, machinist, librarian or truckdriver to compete in the global economy?

Suppose you are a machinist who works for Boeing, which competes in the global economy. It makes no difference. The machinist's skills are the same whether the plane he's working on is going to be sold domestically or overseas.

Actually, all the globaloney is just propaganda to mask some bad trade policies and

some unconscionable practices of American corporations that prefer cheap foreign labor to American workers.

The more important point is that the people laboring in schools to convert little savages into competent human beings have enough problems without being showered by political and journalistic fertilizer.

American children need to learn today what they have always needed to learn: how to read, write and speak their own language; how to use math; the history and philosophy of their own country and its institutions; geography; something about the basic sciences; literature; art; music; and a skill that will be marketable in the great American domestic economy.

If we fund the schools, reduce class sizes, cut the crap out of the curricula added by politicians and bureaucrats and enforce iron discipline, our education system's problems will vanish.

Let us prepare American children to be strong Americans, and they will handle any competition that comes along.

Toss the globaloney into the trash, where it belongs.

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ART BUCHWALD

Tunnel parable reminds us to watch for trains

I found Abou Ben Adam digging under the Earth & Light Star Temple, the sacred site of the Aquarians.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

"I have to locate the tunnel so that my people can see the light at the end of it."

"But the Aquarians will say that you have no right to open up the tunnel because you could start a war."

"No one's going to start a war over a tunnel. I didn't build it—it's been here for thousands of years. I'm just opening it. If they challenge this tunnel, I will build a tower and illuminate it to remind them that there is a tunnel below. It will also stop planes flying into it."



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"That sounds provocative to me."

"Not as provocative as when I construct housing around the tower and settle the place with people who have tunnel vision. I will declare the place holy so that people will come from all over the world to see the light at the end of the tunnel, or something like it."

"Do you think that this action will cost you peace with the Aquarians?"

"If they want to fight about a light at the end of a tunnel, then they can't be serious about peace. This tunnel was originally built so that people wouldn't get wet when it rained. If I don't open it now, there will be a call for new elections, and I can't afford to lose this job because of dirt and stone."

Abou Ben Adam kept digging.

"Suppose the whole world asks you to close the tunnel?"

"It's not their tunnel—it's my tunnel. This tunnel symbolizes everything we stand for. If we close it, that will be a sign of weakness, and

the Aquarians will make fun of me and say that I have no guts, and that I never really intended to put a light at the end of it."

"Well, you seem to have your mind made up."

"A tunnel is nothing but a piece of real estate. It brings all people together, except those you can't trust. I don't care if I get a bad press. My job is to ensure that it has an entrance and an exit. When I do this, I make the world a better place for all mankind."

"I respect you for how you feel, but I don't want to die for a tunnel."

"Don't worry, nobody is going to die for a tunnel."

"Why not?"

"I'm going to start building a subway in it next month."

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Monday \$25.24
Previous Close \$24.73
Year Ago N/A

POSTED
Today \$23.75
Previous Close \$23.25
Year Ago N/A

Prices climb

Heating oil futures rose sharply Monday, boosting other energy futures, after a tropical storm forced several refineries in the Southeast to shut down at a time when world supplies remain critically tight and cold weather is blanketing heating areas. November crude oil rose 51 cents to \$25.24 a barrel, a contract high. November natural gas fell 2.7 cents to \$2.369 per 1,000 cubic feet. Tropical storm Josephine was disrupting production in the Gulf of Mexico amid already strong concern that U.S. factories will not be able to produce enough heating oil to meet winter demand in the Northeast, where 75 percent of supply is consumed. The American Petroleum Institute said last week that distillate stocks, which include heating oil and diesel fuel, were 18.7 million barrels, or 14 percent, below levels a year ago. Many refineries already had shut down for seasonal maintenance; new outages were sure to heighten the supply troubles. Mobil announced it had evacuated its Green Canyon offshore Louisiana platform that produces 20,000 barrels a day of crude oil. Texaco also announced several offshore platforms had been evacuated over the weekend. Adding to the concerns, British Petroleum shut down a 94,900 barrel-a-day gas-making Belle Chase, La., facility because of mechanical trouble. And below-normal temperatures were expected to draw on heating oil supplies in the Northeast throughout the week. Heating oil for November delivery rose 2.06 cents to 76.49 a gallon, the highest price since the Jan. 16, 1991, start of the Gulf War.

Smith Barney seminar

Smith Barney will host a seminar, "The Coming Boom: Why Asset Allocation" on October 10 at the Odessa Country Club beginning at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be James Groce and Kenneth Smith, financial consultants with Smith Barney. The seminar is free but reservations are required and can be made by calling 685-1234.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK — The dollar finished mostly lower Monday, dropping sharply against the yen after a top Japanese political aide forecast a rise in domestic interest rates following elections in less than two weeks. In late New York trading the dollar cost 111.12 yen, down from 111.80 yen Friday. The dollar cost 1.5312 marks, down from 1.5321 Friday. The British pound cost \$1.5635, down from \$1.5640. Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.2543 Swiss francs, down from 1.2576; 5.1728 French francs, down from 5.1843; 1,514.60 Italian lire, down from 1,521; 1.3531 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3543.

GM strike

DETROIT — General Motors laid off at least 1,850 employees Monday as a Canadian Auto Workers strike began to have an effect on the automaker's U.S. production. The U.S. workers were sent home because the parts they make for Canadian plants aren't needed; 1,050 of the layoffs were at a GM Powertrain plant in Tonawanda, N.Y., near Buffalo, said GM spokeswoman Darla Park. A transmission plant in Ypsilanti, west of Detroit, had 800 layoffs, she said. The Tonawanda plant employs 4,000 and Willow Run plant in Ypsilanti has 5,500, she said.

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Shell, Texaco, Saudis may merge refining units

■ Move does not include plans to close Shell's Odessa Refinery.

N.Y. Time News Service

Houston — Shell Oil Co., Texaco Inc. and Star Enterprise are considering merging their U.S. refining and fuel marketing businesses, a move that would create the nation's biggest motor fuel marketer, with \$10 billion in assets. The move is the latest by big oil refiners to stem an erosion of profits caused by thin margins, a continued supply glut and too-slow growth in demand. "Refining and marketing margins, which are volatile and highly unpredictable, continue to disappoint even most pessimists," said Fadel Gheit, a Fahnestock & Co. analyst.

Shell Oil, the U.S. unit of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, said the companies "are reviewing a range of options concerning the businesses that might be included" in a joint venture. No decisions have been made, Shell Oil said.

Shell Odessa Refining Company President and Chief Executive Officer R.T. Blaney denied an earlier news report that the Odessa refinery would be shut down as part of the arrangement.

"We have no plans to close the Odessa refinery," he said. "In fact, our employees are actively implementing activities aimed at strengthening profitability through yield, throughput growth and cost reduction."

He continued, "Any suggestion that our refinery's closure is imminent, or tied to a potential deal, is incorrect and harmful to Odessa Refinery employees, business associates and community."

"The goal of these discussions is to create a more efficient and competitive operation which maximizes the strengths of both companies, including their brands."

in the United States," said Texaco, based in White Plains, New York. A combined company would control about 15 percent of the U.S. petroleum products market. Anglo-Dutch Shell now holds 7.5 percent of the market, while Texaco, including Star products, controls about 7 percent. Star Enterprise is a 50-50 joint venture of Texaco and Saudi Aramco, the Saudi Arabia's government-owned oil company.

Talks among the companies about a possible joint venture began in early 1996. "No agreement has (yet) been reached or signed," said Joby Humphrey, spokeswoman at Star's Houston headquarters.

"We believe we will be able to come to an agreement," said a person familiar with the negotiations.

Should an agreement be reached, fuel and other petroleum products still would be marketed under the Shell and Texaco brand names, which are well known to U.S. consumers.

Refiners haven't been able to raise prices for their products to compensate for higher crude oil and operating costs and spending to meet air and water quality regulations.

Refining margins have fallen to 33 cents a barrel last year from 92 cents in 1986, and 33 major domestic refineries have been shut down since 1985.

Refineries that have been sold since 1985 have attracted an average price of about 10 cents on the dollar.

Stock market flirts with 6,000 level

■ Dow bobs above 6,000 twice before retreating 13 points.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average's first-ever move above 6,000 was fleeting, but other stock measures edged to new highs Monday as investors braced for a blizzard of third-quarter earnings reports.

The Nasdaq market returned to record territory for the first time in four months, having taken nearly a month longer than the broad market to rebound from the July's steep selloff.

The Dow bobbed above 6,000 twice in the first half hour, but then spent the remainder of Monday's session with a small deficit from Friday's record close, falling 13.05 to 5,979.81 by the closing bell.

Still, the move past 6,000 punctuated a dramatic 800-point rebound from the market's summertime blues, and comes less than a year after the Dow broke the 5,000-mark, which was just before last Thanksgiving.

The stock and bond markets were pressured throughout Monday's session by profit taking on Friday's big rally. The Dow soared 60 points on Friday after the government reported that unemployment unexpectedly edged higher in September from a seven-year low in August.

The data eased worries about potential inflation from rising production costs, and helped validate the Federal Reserve's decision two weeks ago not to slow the economy, and perhaps company profits, by raising the central bank's key lending rates.

But with the market facing a barrage of earnings reports for the July-September quarter, investors were hesitant about launching another buying spree.

"The market really got in front of itself (on Friday) and over-celebrated the fact that maybe we can get through the year without the Fed raising interest rates," said Robert Froehlich, chief

investment strategist at Van Kampen American Capital in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

If the market is to extend its record-setting advance, "it's going to be determined by what the earnings show for the third quarter, and everybody's refocusing on that now. The one-day celebration is over," Froehlich said.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 3.31 to 1,250.87, beating June 5's record close of 1,249.15 and completing its recovery from a 20 percent slide in the summer.

Analysts said it was noteworthy that the Nasdaq's advance was led again by blue-chip issues such as Intel and Microsoft, which — like the 30 Dow industrials — have benefited from a more cautious attitude among investors following July's selloff.

The majority of Nasdaq issues are smaller, more speculative companies that have failed to recover as fully as the larger companies populating the Standard & Poor's 500 or the New York Stock Exchange.

Similarly, the American Stock Exchange market value index, which rose 2.33 to 582.22 on Monday, is also dominated by speculative shares and remains more than 30 points shy of its all-time high.

Declining issues outnumbered advanced by a slim margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 380.82 million shares, down considerably from Friday's busy pace.

The S&P 500 list and the NYSE composite index padded Friday's record highs. The S&P 500 rose 1.88 to 703.34, and the NYSE composite rose 0.58 to 374.74, its seventh record close in eight sessions.

There was no major economic data to steer Monday's session, which was highlighted by news of a big software acquisition and a potential merger to form the nation's largest seller of petroleum products.

Snapple giveaway blitz falls short

CHICAGO (AP) — They came, they drank, they didn't buy.

Quaker Oats Co. spent \$20 million this summer giving away millions of bottles of its ailing Snapple fruit-juice and iced-tea line in hopes consumers would then turn around and buy millions more in the stores.

It didn't work. The Chicago-based food-and-beverage maker now has some tough choices to make as it tries to stem an increasing tide of shareholder discontent, analysts said.

"To state the very obvious, Snapple has been an abject failure," Michael Mouboussin at CS First Boston said Monday. "It boils down to two things for Quaker to do now: Sell the business out-

right or attempt to run it next year with a vastly altered strategy."

Quaker Chairman William D. Smithburg has been struggling to turn Snapple's fortunes around despite a series of executive departures, flopped advertising campaigns and poor sales. In July, he announced the giveaway campaign to learn where the so-called new age beverage is liked best and to entice consumers into buying.

But instead of gaining share, Snapple lost it during the important summer selling months, according to data from A.C. Nielsen Marketing Research.

Snapple liquid tea sales fell a sharp 14 percent, with market share falling 2.5 percentage points to 21.4 percent.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Selling time share at a loss does not bring tax break

By Eric Tyson

Q: I purchased a time-share property several years ago. I intend to sell it at a loss. How much of a loss may I take for tax purposes?

A: If you unload the property for \$1, would I be entitled to take the entire difference as a loss? Is there a minimum acceptable sale price the IRS will accept?

A: I'm sorry that like millions of other unsuspecting people, you got suckered into buying a time share. I've never heard of anyone investing in a new time share and then making a profit on it.

What you're basically getting when you buy a typical time share is the right to use a condominium unit for a week or two each year.

The effective price of a time share is high if you figure what it would cost to buy the entire unit — that is, the whole year's worth of use. The reason is that it costs the time-sharing company a lot to carve up the ownership among many units and then to sell those units.

Unless you bought and operated your

unit as an investment property — that is, you rented it out and reported the unit as investment property for annual income tax purposes — you won't be able to deduct any loss on your income tax return.

Under current tax laws, you cannot take a tax-deductible loss when selling your home or second-home-type properties.

If you did operate and report the condominium unit as investment property, it's in your interests to sell it for as much as possible. There are organizations that match up sellers of time shares with interested buyers.

For those who want to buy a time share, buying through the secondary market is a less expensive way to go.

Q: I have saved up money for a down payment on a house, but I don't want to pay right now. I am in a two-year post-doctoral training position, and it is very likely I will be moving from the area in two years. So I want to invest this money for a few years until my employment arrangements become more permanent.

What kind of investment would you recommend?

A: Your reasoning is right on. Buying a home doesn't make much financial sense if you're going to be moving within a few years. Because of all the



Traders conduct business on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday shortly after the Dow Jones Industrial Average gave up earlier gains that had sent it above the 6,000 mark to 6,002.17.

August consumer debt grows slowly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer debt grew at the slowest rate in more than three years in August, rising at an annual rate of just 3.5 percent.

The Federal Reserve reported Monday that the August increase followed a July gain of 7.6 percent at an annual rate.

In dollar terms, consumer debt rose by \$3.3 billion in August after increasing \$7.3 billion in July.

According to analysts, the slowdown occurred when consumers burdened by record-high debt cut down on borrowing. Many banks have been tightening credit standards in the face of rising delinquencies and personal bankruptcies in recent months.

"The runup in consumer debt was reaching unsustainable proportions," said Chris Varvares of Macroeconomic Advisers in St. Louis.

The slowdown in borrowing was expected to slow the growth of consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the total economic activity.

Varvares said he believed the gross domestic product, which raced ahead at an annual rate of 4.7 percent in the second quarter, grew by a much slower 2 percent in the third quarter.

fluctuate, as it could in a short-term bond fund when interest rates change.

Consider an investment mix made up of a money fund and a good short-term bond fund or two.

Short-term bond funds with good investment track records and low fees include Vanguard Short-Term Corporate Portfolio and Pimco Low Duration, which can be bought through discount brokerage firms such as Jack White.

You also might look at bank certificates of deposit, but bear in mind that you would be penalized if you made any withdrawals before a certain date.

Treasury bonds, which can be bought direct from a local Federal Reserve Bank office, are another option. If you want or need to sell a Treasury bond prior to its maturity, you can transfer the bond to a discount broker and then sell it.

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Scientists discover rare, hard-to-diagnose AIDS strains in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists are discovering the AIDS epidemic is far more diverse in America than previously thought, and they are scouring the globe for AIDS strains to ensure that U.S. tests for the disease are able to detect every type.

Doctors here weren't too worried in 1994 when France first sounded the alarm that an exotic, hard-to-diagnose strain of AIDS was spreading. Then doctors found the first U.S. case in July.

Then last month, scientists uncovered a second U.S. resident infected with this rare type of HIV, named Group O. Meantime, in interviews last week, researchers said they also are investigating a small cluster of New Yorkers with signs of still different AIDS strains never before seen in this country.

"We will now treat these problems as a global village: A case anywhere is a case here, and we will move more quickly" to battle them, said Dr. Jay Epstein, the Food and Drug Administration's blood chief.

AIDS symptoms appear similar worldwide even though the HIV virus is genetically different from country to country. Tests to detect HIV are designed to recognize a

region's most common strains. The concern is whether they'll also catch any rare foreign strains.

Take the HIV type named Group O, thought to lurk only in West Africa until a woman in France was diagnosed in 1994. Doctors didn't find the first U.S. case until July, a Los Angeles woman. Her infection had gone undiagnosed by routine AIDS tests, which miss Group O once in every five cases.

Late last month, Abbott Laboratories filed an FDA application to sell the nation's first upgraded AIDS test designed to better catch Group O infections — just as federal health officials discovered a second Group O case, this one in Maryland.

Both Group O patients found in the United States apparently were infected in their native West Africa, said Dr. Patrick Sullivan of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He is testing dozens of high-risk patients to determine how prevalent the strain is.

More disturbing, the CDC is investigating whether patients in the Bronx borough of New York City caught other foreign strains of HIV while in this country — not before immigrating here or while

traveling abroad.

The CDC genetically tested 43 newly diagnosed AIDS patients from Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center last spring. Eight patients, an unexpectedly high 19 percent of those tested, had strains different from the subtype B that is responsible for North America's AIDS epidemic.

Preliminary test results indicate six patients have HIV subtypes A or C normally found in Africa, said CDC epidemiologist Dr. Kathleen Irwin. One has a Thailand version of subtype B never before found in a U.S. resident, and the eighth patient has a strain so unique the CDC's tests haven't yet recognized it, said Irwin, who is finishing more sophisticated research to confirm the results.

At least one of the patients, who was born in the United States and has never traveled abroad, had to have caught the foreign strain here, Irwin said. The CDC is trying to trace the infection through the sexual partners.

"The two A's at least had been recently practicing unprotected sex, so there is the possibility of transmission" of foreign strains to other Americans, Irwin said.

Can the AIDS tests used to

ensure a safe blood supply keep pace with such diversity?

Standard AIDS tests did diagnose all the Bronx patients, and the FDA hopes to have a better Group O test approved within a year — even though doctors emphasize that Group O is very rare and the

people at highest risk are immigrants whose blood donations are already restricted.

Still, the Group O scare persuaded government scientists to search out samples of the world's known HIV strains to create what CDC epidemiologist Dr. Dale Hu

calls a "revolving library" that he will use to check the effectiveness of every U.S. AIDS test.

And the CDC is tracking down AIDS patients known to have immigrated from developing countries to see whether other unknown strains are here.

Navy gears up to leave TWA investigation

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — The Navy is nearly ready to pack up its scuba gear and underwater robots, leaving the mystery of TWA Flight 800 to an investigative army hunting a solution with microscopes and computers.

"It's definitely the beginning of a new phase once we get all the pieces up from the ocean," said FBI Assistant Director James Kallstrom, the agency's lead investigator.

"But nothing much will change. There just won't be things coming in the front door anymore," he said. "We will be concentrating on what is already there in the hangar."

On Monday, the aircraft hangar in Calverton contained more than 90 percent of the pieces of the Boeing 747, which exploded July 17, killing all 230 aboard. Authorities still don't know whether a bomb, missile or mechanical malfunction caused the explosion that spread wreckage like confetti across five square miles of the Atlantic Ocean bottom.

Two Navy boats, with 100 divers and 450 crew members conducting the salvage operation, are expected to leave within two weeks, said Rear Admiral Edward Kristensen.

Some Navy personnel will remain to supervise the vacuuming or dredging of the ocean floor, which will be contracted out to private companies.

"We want to make sure we haven't left anything behind, but I don't think there is very much buried in the sand," Kristensen said.

If a cause still hasn't been determined by the time the boats leave, thousands of pieces of debris must undergo a closer inspection and be added to the three-dimensional mockup of the plane being assembled in the hangar.

Investigators are still missing key pieces.

The FBI is seeking any metal that would have surrounded a hole created by a bomb or missile. And the National Transportation Safety Board is eager to find a missing fuel pump and six missing fuel probes, which could, theoretically, have sparked the explosion in the center fuel tank. The NTSB also wants more of the center fuel tank, about two-thirds of which has been found.

As metal and aluminum fragments arrive at the hangar, they are immediately viewed by FBI forensic experts for unusual pitting or scarring. Then they are placed under high-powered microscopes to determine if they have come in contact with an explosive.

Bomb-sniffing dogs regularly check the debris. Softer materials such as seating and insulation are vacuumed with special sweepers that contain filters to catch the smallest materials, then tested for traces of specific explosives.

The divers have been searching for a telltale piece of wreckage that could be as small as a fingernail — the size of the piece that showed Pan Am Flight 103 was felled by a bomb over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988.

Kallstrom said the piece that might explain the disaster could already be in the hangar, so investigators are re-inspecting pieces there.

Meanwhile, investigators are feeding the latest data from wreckage and other aspects of the investigation into computers.

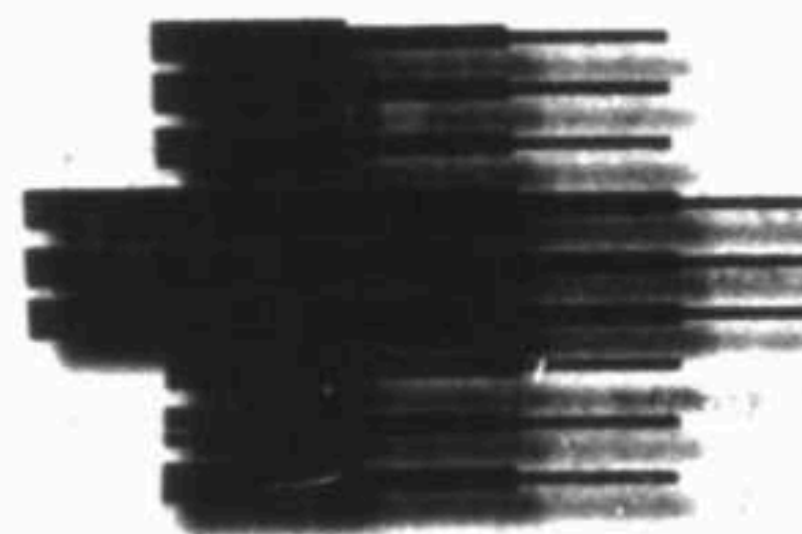


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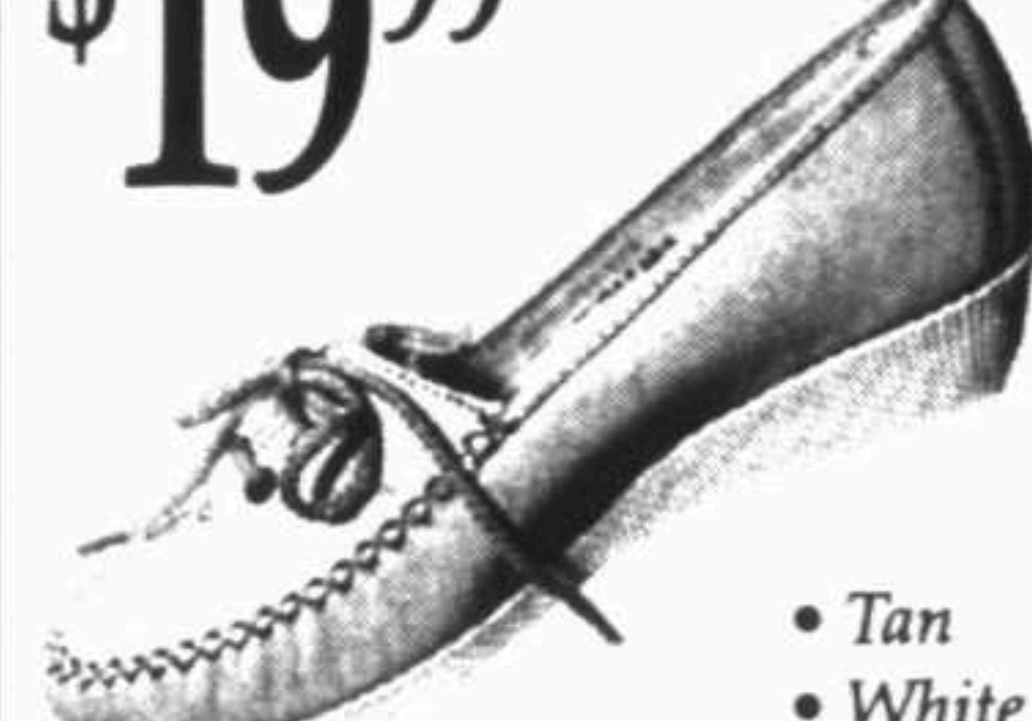
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Dallas

The Midland Police will host a basketball game on Tuesday, Oct. 17, against the Legends at the Legends at Chaparral Center. The Legends are a team of former Dallas Cowboys players, including Tony Dorsett, Tony Jones, Tony Stewart, and Tony Stewart. Free autographs and opportunities for photos. Ticket prices: adults \$12, ages 3-12, \$5. Under 3, free. Should call the Legends: 955-9734, Ext. 100.

GOP w

Midland County Women will host a Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. The speaker is Tom Craddock.

Casa d

Casa de Amigos is a volunteer organization that provides immigration assistance. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Must be bilingual. Translation services available. Anyone interested in one-on-one or group sessions should call 970-1.

TAAS

Students in the 5th or 6th grade (and their parents) are invited to the TAAS Night at the De Zavala Elementary School, N. Lee St. Teachers will be conducting TAAS tests. The event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the event. The event will be held at the De Zavala Elementary School, N. Lee St. For more information, call 686-9251.

Math N

The Parent Math Night will be held at Jones High School, 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The event will be held at Jones High School, 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The event will be held at Jones High School, 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Specia

Midland Independent School District's special education department is offering a training session for students with disabilities. The session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. at the Midland Independent School District. The session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. at the Midland Independent School District.

TODAY

For information on today's events, call 686-9251. The event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. at the Midland Independent School District.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Dallas Cowboys

The Midland Fraternal Order of Police will host an all-star celebrity basketball game at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 against the "Dallas Cowboy Legends" at Midland College's Chaparral Center. The Cowboy Legends team will be comprised of former Dallas greats such as Tony Dorsett, Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Tony Hill and many others. Free autographs and photo opportunities will be available at halftime. Ticket prices will be as follows: adults, \$15; children, ages 3-12, \$10; and children under 3, free. Interested persons should call the Dallas Cowboy Legends' ticket hotline at 1-800-995-9734, Ext. 23.

GOP women

Midland County Republican Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Midland Hilton. The speaker will be State Rep. Tom Craddick.

Casa de Amigos

Casa de Amigos is seeking volunteers to assist in filling out citizenship applications during an immigration processing clinic 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. Volunteers must be bilingual and have good translation skills. Training in filling out applications will be provided. Anyone interested in volunteering for one- or two-hour shifts are encouraged to call Xochitl Meraz, director of social services, 682-9701.

TAAS Night

Students who are in their junior or senior years of high school (and their parents) are invited to TAAS Night 7:30 p.m. tonight at DeZavala Elementary School, 705 N. Lee St. The session will be conducted in the school cafeteria. Teachers will present study tips for preparing for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. Folders of information about how parents can help their children prepare for the exit-level test will be available. Students must pass the exit-level test to graduate. Spanish interpreters will be available. For more information call 689-1629.

Math Night

The Parent Teacher Association at Jones Elementary School will host "Family Math Night" from 7-8:30 p.m. tonight at the school, 4919 Shady Lane Dr. The event will open with the PTA meeting at 7 p.m. Then parents, family members and friends of Jones students will visit classrooms to learn math concepts from the students. The event will emphasize reinforcing abstract concepts through games.

Special education

Midland Independent School District's department of special education will host a series of parent training workshops dealing with student behavior. The focus will be on students with severe disabilities such as autism, Asperger's syndrome or other pervasive developmental disabilities, including mental retardation. The workshop topics will include how to perform a functional analysis of a child's behavior, development of a home behavior management plan and techniques to improve or modify a child's behavior. Six workshops will be conducted from 7-8:45 p.m. each Thursday night beginning this Thursday. The classes are offered free of charge. They will be conducted in the MISD downtown administration building, 615 W. Missouri Ave. For more information call 689-1021.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.



For Local, National and World Updates, call CITYLINE, and enter category 1200 for the main news menu.

Cookbook to benefit children's clinic

Group of physicians' spouses publishes book of nutritious recipes

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

A locally produced cookbook of healthy choices is now available at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, with proceeds from sales going to the Community Children's Clinic.

The cookbook, titled "Collage of Friends," contains recipes provided by local physicians and their spouses. The project was undertaken by the Midland Medical Alliance, which is a civic organization of physicians' spouses dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of Midland families, according to

Alliance member Gire Dragun.

To promote sales of the book, the Medical Alliance is hosting a luncheon to benefit the Children's Clinic.

The luncheon will be Oct. 16 at the Plaza Club, beginning at noon. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and a copy of the cookbook. Entertainment for the luncheon will consist of informal table modeling and musical accompaniment by local pianist Marty Banner.

The benefit luncheon is open to the public, but seating is limited so those interested should reserve seats by calling 682-5882.

The Community Children's Clinic is a

non-profit, urgent-care clinic serving the healthcare needs of indigent children in Midland County. The private organization is funded by grants and private donations, providing care for urgent pediatric needs such as asthma attacks and non-life-threatening injuries and illness. The clinic also provides prescriptions for many local children.

Children's Clinic workers are expecting to receive about \$5,000 in donations from sales of the new book.

The cookbook is a compilation of nutritious, tasty and east-to-prepare recipes, Ms. Dragun said.

The cookbook started as a reference

just for Alliance members, but continued to grow over a two-year period, she said. Finally, the collection became a handy reference that could help anyone interested in tasty-yet-healthy recipes.

Westwood Medical Center covered all the costs of printing the work, so that all proceeds could go directly to the Children's Clinic, she said.

"This cookbook evolved into something that got published and professionally done," Ms. Dragun said.

Selections range from main entrees and appetizers to salads, desserts and drinks.

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Sally Mogford confronts Mike Harrell, above, during a scene from "Another Day at the Bus Stop," a performance at a recent Community of Joy gathering in Midland. Members of Joyful Noise, the Community of Joy band, perform, at top.

Alternative church service offers contemporary choice

EDITOR'S NOTE: Two years ago First United Methodist Church launched a contemporary church service aimed at people who don't normally attend church. The service features contemporary music, dramas and a weekly message to help people answer questions in their lives.

By Jim Bilschke

It doesn't look like church. On the stage of Cole Theater 1, in front of the set for a Midland Community Theatre musical, are music stands, drums and a keyboard. To one side stands a couple of chairs and a table set for breakfast. A casually dressed group assembles behind the music stands. The drummer opens with a loud bass beat ... and is joined by vocalists, guitars and keyboard in a bouncy contemporary tune.

At the breakfast table, a woman tries to impress on her ambitious husband the fact that she — they — are going to have a baby. He ignores her excitement and rushes off to a day of meetings.

The couple is followed on stage by a casually dressed man who talks about priorities in our lives ... and asks what is important in your life: God? Other people? Or money and soccer practice?

To many people, it doesn't sound much like church either ... at least

Please see CHURCH/2B

Texas women's commission calls for nominations to hall of fame

■ Governor's Commission on Women honors women who have contributed to lives of Texans.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Nominations for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame — presented by the Governor's Commission for Women — are being accepted statewide through Oct. 11.

"It's a very high honor. Governor Bush has chosen to honor the different women that have achieved in different areas," said Midlander Jan O'Neill, a member of the Governor's Commission for Women.

There will be seven winners, one each from seven categories: arts, civic-volunteer-family leadership, government, education, business-professional leadership, health-environment and physical fitness-recreation.

Anyone can submit a nomination to the commission. Nominees must be native or current Texas residents and the service or achievement must have been performed in the state and within the past five years.

The awards will be given to "those women who have attained outstanding levels of achievement and whose contributions have made a significant impact upon the lives of our citizens." Gov. Bush stated in a letter announcing the Texas Women's Hall of Fame for 1996-97.

The winners will be chosen by a blue ribbon panel made up of six to eight members. Panel members — yet to be selected — will include individuals knowledgeable in each award category.

Winners will be announced in the first week of December and honored at an awards ceremony Jan. 30 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin following a private reception at the governor's man-

Please see WOMEN/2B

A Day in the Life of school volunteer Charlsye Dodson



School makes volunteer's day

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

When Charlsye Dodson, a Midland grandmother, walked into Bush Elementary School 8 years ago she had no idea her name would one day become synonymous with volunteerism at the campus.

But soon enough, her dedication to the students and the staff earned her recognition on "Charlsye Dodson Day."

Students wore ribbons proclaiming "I Love Charlsye Dodson," and one mother painted children cavorting on a playground to be framed

as a gift for Ms. Dodson. The painting hangs in the entryway of Bush.

"I love Bush Elementary School. This school has been really good to me," Ms. Dodson said.

She began her career as a school volunteer after her son came into her life. She had children and grandchildren and began raising another child late in life. "When he was ready to go to kindergarten, I wasn't ready for him to go, so I went with him to make sure everything was all right," she said. Little did she know that her visit to the classroom would become an 8-year commitment.

Her commitment included chaperoning Bush youngsters to the 1994 Republican convention to see the president that was their school's namesake. "Some of those kids had never been

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GARY OTT

Whether watching debates or baseball, life can be puzzling

More rambling thoughts ...

— Watching a presidential debate is a little bit like attending the Indianapolis 500. You try to act interested in the final result, but you're really waiting to see if one of the participants is going to crash and burn.

And in a morbid sort of way, you're almost disappointed when they don't.

— Just a guess: If you were for Clinton before the debate began, you're still for him. The same goes for Dole supporters.

— It would make me terribly nervous if one of my "handlers" told me on the eve of the debate that it was crucial that I come across as — and I quote — "very presidential." Fine, I'd be tempted to reply, "give me a powdered wig and I'll do my best George Washington imitation."

— I, for one, am glad Ross Perot was denied a spot on stage. Frankly, I don't like the guy.

— It is nice, when you stop and think about it, that we no longer refer to certain people as "the village idiot."

— Whether we're willing to admit it or not, most of us experience a genuine swelling of the head when someone guesses our age to be a lot less than it really is, especially if it comes from a person of the opposite sex.

— It was Benedict Spinoza, way back in the 17th century, who first noted, "Man is a social animal." Some things, it turns out, never change.

— Frustrating moment: Having the traffic light turn yellow on a heavily

traveled city street and suddenly noticing out of the corner of your eye that there is a cop on your right and a fast-moving car approaching from the rear. Do you slam on your brakes and risk getting rear-ended or do you zip on through and possibly receive a ticket?

— It is a small thing, of course, but men really should remove their hats and/or baseball caps when indoors.

— It is a lot easier to "say" you are going to get up real early in the morning and accomplish some important tasks than it is to actually rise at 5 a.m. and "do" those things.

— "Long time no see" is one of life's most overused cliches.

— I know baseball, like all sports, can be very emotional, especially as the playoffs approach, but it is really necessary for a grown man to spit — yes, SPIT — on an umpire in order to register his displeasure with a particular call?

— I mean, didn't most of us outgrow spitting on others at the age of, oh, let's say three.

— After years of quoting the title, I'm finally getting around to reading Thomas Wolfe's masterpiece novel, "You Can't Go Home Again."

— "Neon," it seems, has replaced "honky-tonk" as the favorite word of country-western songwriters.

— It still makes me a bit queasy to order a sandwich in a restaurant and see fingertip impressions in the bread. Where, I keep wondering, have those grubby little fingers been?

— You're right. I really don't want to know.

— And today's final quote comes from Josh Billings, who once said, "It is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

DEATHS

Grady Harmon

Services for Grady S. Harmon have been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, in Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Bill Palmer of Mt. Rose Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Bill Thomas Funeral Home.



Harmon

Harmon died Saturday, Oct. 5, in a local care center following a lengthy illness.

He was born May 30, 1919, in Paris, Texas. He had lived in Midland for 47 years and was a retired landscaper. He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Walters Harmon of Midland; three sons, Sterling E. Harmon and Raymond E. Harmon, both of Sacramento, Calif.; and Xavier Harmon of Midland; two daughters, Sheryl H. Kelly of Midland and Doris Harmon Datcher of Long Beach, Calif.; three sisters, May D. Courts of Denison, Verlin H. Black of Denton, and Lena M. Cressell of Texarkana.

J.E. Wallace

Services for J.E. "Jack" Wallace of Midland have been set for 11 a.m. today, Oct. 8, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the

Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Funeral services will be Kevin Jezik, Scott Welch, Bob Brown, Mike Watlington, Randy Richard and Brent Gilley.

Allen Nichols

Services for Allen Nichols, 43, of Midland are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Nichols died Sunday, Oct. 6, in a local hospital.

Mattie Selph

Graveside services for former Midlander Mattie Lee Casbeer Selph, 68, of Llano will be at 3 p.m.

today, Oct. 8, at Fairview Cemetery in Midland with Brother Eddie Rippley of San Antonio officiating. Pipkin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Selph died Sunday, Oct. 6, in a Llano hospital.

She was born April 28, 1928, in Millerton, Okla. She was a homemaker. She lived in Midland and California before moving to Llano in 1980. She was a Jehovah's Wit-



Selph

ness.

Survivors include two sons, Rodney Casbeer of Midland and Larry Casbeer of Fredericksburg; three brothers, Charlie Odell and Larry Odell, both of Oklahoma, and Lafate Odell of California; three sisters, Birdie Lee Campbell, Sandra Odell and Deloris Odell, all of California; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Wanda Taylor

Services for Wanda Faye Taylor, 66, of Lamesa have been set for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Northside Baptist Church. The Rev. Ronnie Marly of Duncanville will officiate. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Taylor died Monday, Oct. 7, in Lubbock.

She was born Nov. 9, 1929 in Woodson. She moved to Lamesa from Haskell in 1950. She married W.C. "Rabbit" Taylor March 3, 1951 in Lamesa. She was chairperson of the hospitality committee at Northside Baptist Church. She was a member of the church for 45 years and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband of Lamesa; her son, Wayne Taylor of Brownfield; his daughter, Christy Paulk of Greenwood; his five sisters, Louise Stenson of Fort Worth, Oweida Weaver of Stamford, Billie Freeman of Aspermont, Joyce Chilton of Stamford, and Jackie Riley of Fort Sumner, New Mexico; four grandchildren and one

great grandchild.

Mums Graham

Graveside services for Mums C. Graham of Midland are set 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Larry Ashlock of Crestview Baptist Church officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Graham died late Sunday in a Midland nursing center.

He was born Nov. 12, 1908, in Gause.

He worked for Shell Oil Company for 37 years, retiring in 1969. He had worked in 40 states, and had been in Midland since 1964 where he was operational manager for geophysical.

He married Lillian Maidell Smith on May 18, 1937.

Survivors include his wife, of Midland; two sons, Richard Mums Graham of Midland and Dana M. Graham of Buchanan Dam; one sister, Rebecca Humphrey of Harker Heights; one grandchild; three great-grandchildren; 11 nieces and 8 nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, Permian Basin Chapter, P.O. Box 3339, Midland, Texas, 79702, or the Baptist Crisis Center, 806 S. Baird St., Midland, Texas, 79701.



Graham

POLICE REPORTS

Sunday

Police Department

Vandalism to a vehicle: It was reported at 2:16 p.m. a tail light had been damaged on a vehicle at Windtree Apartments, 3600 W. Loop 250.

Vandalism to a vehicle: Barbara Morton reported at 4:14 p.m. a vehicle had been damaged at 3101 N. Midland Dr.

Burglary of a vehicle: Allen Wemple reported at 5:57 p.m. various items had been taken from a vehicle at 1208 W. Kansas.

Burglary of a residence: Angelica Flores reported at 8:43 p.m. an attempted burglary occurred at 208 S. Madison.

Robbery: Kevin Fields reported at 10:03 p.m. a robbery where a juvenile pulled a gun at 4520 Comanche and took \$700.

Sheriff's Department

Burglary of a residence: Helen Trevino reported at 6:25 p.m. a residence at 10108 W. County Road 56 had been burglarized.

Monday

Police Department

Burglary of a vehicle: Junction Westwood Security reported at 3:44 a.m. a man possibly breaking into a white Chevrolet pickup at the Junction Apartments, 1902 N. Midland Dr. The vehicle was broken into, but the suspects were gone when police arrived.

Burglary of a business: Bobby Doggett reported at 6:07 a.m. someone had attempted to pry open a safe at Schlitzsky's,

1109 Andrews Hwy. Nothing was taken. The back door of the business had been pried open.

Burglary of a business: Susan Henry reported at 6:55 a.m. \$200 in damage had been done to a steel door and \$1 in pennies had been taken from Dairy Queen, 802 S. Big Spring.

Burglary of a business: Eldon Niblett reported at 8:27 a.m. that about \$6 had been taken from Western Sizzlin', 515 Andrews Hwy. Entry was gained through prying open the back door.

Burglary of a business: Arvil Mitchell reported at 9:13 a.m. that five storage units had been broken into at Warehouse Storage, 1003 South "L". Two black ceiling fans were taken.

Graffiti: Linda Contreras reported at 11:13 a.m. criminal mischief at 301 W. Cowden.

Burglary of a business: Rudy Munoz reported at 1:09 p.m. a burglary at Tacos Al Pastor, 200 E. Florida St.

Theft/Burglary of a business: It was reported at 1:43 p.m. items were taken from A to Z Mini-Storage, 200 Norman. A 36-foot chain link fence was taken from the side of the building. Three storage units were broken into. It was unknown what had been taken.

Theft: Someone at Hensley Chevron, 3109 Garden City Highway, reported at 10:48 a.m. \$13.38 in gasoline was taken.

Theft: Michael Shapiro reported at 2:13 p.m. items taken from a welding yard.

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Each week Joyful Noise, the Community of Joy band, performs lively music. The audience is invited to join in singing ... but it's OK if someone chooses not to sing.

There is also live theater produced by members of the Rio Wadley Players. More often than not the short play is a comedy. But funny or serious, the script is always written to make a point with the audience. It may raise a question: what would you do if this situation happened to you? Other times it resolves — perhaps not wisely — problems that many people face: money, time pressures, children or marriage.

THE REV. JOHN RECH'S weekly message begins where the drama ends and the audience realizes that music, drama and message are three parts of a total experience: that God, Jesus and the Bible are relevant to the needs of people living on the fast track, to single parents, to others who are seeking meaningful ways to fill the empty spaces in their lives.

The service is aimed at "people who are looking for answers but don't know where to go," said Mark Alexander, Community of Joy's first pastor.

Now studying in a doctoral program, Alexander described this target audience as "a seeker" who may have attended church as a child, fallen away as a teen-ager and then returned as an adult only

to find a place devoid of answers to their problems, where they are expected to meet dress or wealth standards to belong.

"The idea of a 'seeker service' is to present people with something that is entertaining, somewhat unusual and offers a message that applies to their life, something they can get a handle on," Alexander said.

Recently, looking back on the two years of Community of Joy, he described it as "a medium that allows people to invite friends who need God into a safe environment to hear a dangerous message. It is the stories of people who were sidelined by an unaccepting church for 20 years being baptized as brand new Christians."

First Methodist patterned the Community of Joy service after those at Willow Creek Community Church, an independent congregation in the Chicago suburbs that in only 21 years has grown to well over 5,000 actively participating members using a formula of drama, contemporary music and message to present the Gospel in 20th century terms.

Jerry Watson, a speech and drama instructor at Midland College, heads the drama team and directs the weekly plays. "We don't do Bible plays," he said.

"Most of the plays are comedies, because people like to laugh. But the audience quickly realizes that there is a serious, provocative message behind the humor, often with a touch of sadness within the laughs. But many of our scripts are dead serious, like the one about a couple whose long-anticipated adoption falls through at the last minute, or the alcoholic who seeks and finds forgiveness.

"These are real events in the lives of real people. They happen right here in West Texas. They have been part of the lives of men and women who come here on Sunday Comings."

The weekly dramas often present unusual challenges.

"We use the stage as we find it. Sometimes it's bare, with black

backdrops. More often there is a set — ranging from a 19th Century London street scene to a bachelor's apartment in New York — or a set under construction. One week our play was about two people who had died and were hoping to enter Heaven. Behind them was a huge fireplace with a fake fire. At least there was a door to another room."

Watson sees another upside to the dramas and the Rio Wadley Players.

"I have been an actor, director and drama instructor all my adult life. But there was no place I could use that talent and experience in the church, until Community of Joy." The Players, now numbering more than 80, are Watson's personal ministry to men and women who want to act ... or help find and move furniture and other props.

Guitarist Mike Herndon and house manager Deborah Ward are two others who are finding life at Community of Joy. Herndon had never performed until he joined the band. Now he is a regular guitarist ... and occasionally moves across the stage to act, as do vocalists Charles Thomas and Timipat Rankins.

Ms. Ward, office manager for a local radio station, had not been in a church for more than 20 years. She tried, then joined, Community of Joy and now uses her organization skills to keep everyone on schedule, recruit greeters, and to be sure the lights are off and all the props cleared from the stage before locking the doors at the end of the morning.

Mary Beck directs the Joyful Noise band, sings and plays keyboard. But her biggest job is choosing the music. "At Joy, music is not 'just there.' It's a part of the total service. I welcome people, and then we open with a couple of lively choruses to get the blood moving ... get folks excited about the morning program. I say a few words about the morning's theme to form a bridge to a couple of serious numbers. After the drama we perform a serious piece that reflects the drama and leads to the

sermon.

Rech, as Alexander before him, keeps his messages pointed toward the needs of West Texans who are seeking new directions, who are learning that money, parties and the other material trappings of modern life are no longer enough. "Maybe someone has lost a job; a marriage or other relationship is strained or broken; there are problems with the kids," he said. "God offers insight and answers to these problems, but people are often afraid to try the church. We're offering them a way back, a place where they won't feel threatened by others, yet can feel the presence of God's love in their lives."

ATTENDANCE HAS GROWN STEADILY. After the initial rush of the first four weeks, 1994 audiences averaged about 64 per week. In 1995, weekly attendance grew to nearly 69; this year it is over 85. Attendees come from Midland, Big Spring, Stanton, Lamesa, Odessa and other Permian Basin communities.

Looking ahead, Rech noted, "There are thousands of people out there who feel alienated from churches and worship forums that don't make meaningful connections with their experiences. We're offering them a way back, one that makes the Gospel relevant to their lives in 20th Century West Texas. Our goals, now that we have established Joy as a factor in Midland's religious community, is to keep attracting newcomers and to bring them farther into the fold, through the use of fellowship, small groups and other ministries."

Community of Joy meets at 10:30 every Sunday morning at the Cole Theatre, home of the Midland Community Theatre. The Theater is at 2000 West Wadley, just east of Garfield. For more information, call First United Methodist Church at 915-682-3701.

'Mystery witness' sheds little light

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Police have located and interviewed a woman who had been thought to be a potential "mystery witness" to the abduction of a 9-year-old girl last January.

However, detectives now believe that the woman, identified publicly only as "Anna," did not see the abduction of Amber Hagerman, police spokesman Dee Anderson said Monday.

The girl was dragged screaming from her bicycle while riding in an

abandoned parking lot last Jan. 13. Her body was found days later in a creek bed, her throat slashed.

Police had hoped "Anna" or people she knows might have information about the abduction. Officers appealed to the Hispanic community to help locate the woman and urge her to come forward.

But detectives now believe the woman arrived at the kidnapping site less than one hour after the crime, Anderson said.



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WOMEN: State commission calls for nominations

(From 1B)

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The award has been around since Bill Clements served his first term as governor in the early 1980s. The Governor's Commission for Women was created in 1967 under Gov. John Connally.

The Women's Commission is currently composed of 24 members appointed by the governor and selected based on leadership qualities and community involvement. Ms. O'Neill of Midland has served on the commission since January 1995.

The commission has two primary missions. One is to promote breast cancer awareness and the other is to honor women statewide

COOKBOOK: Project to benefit Children's Clinic

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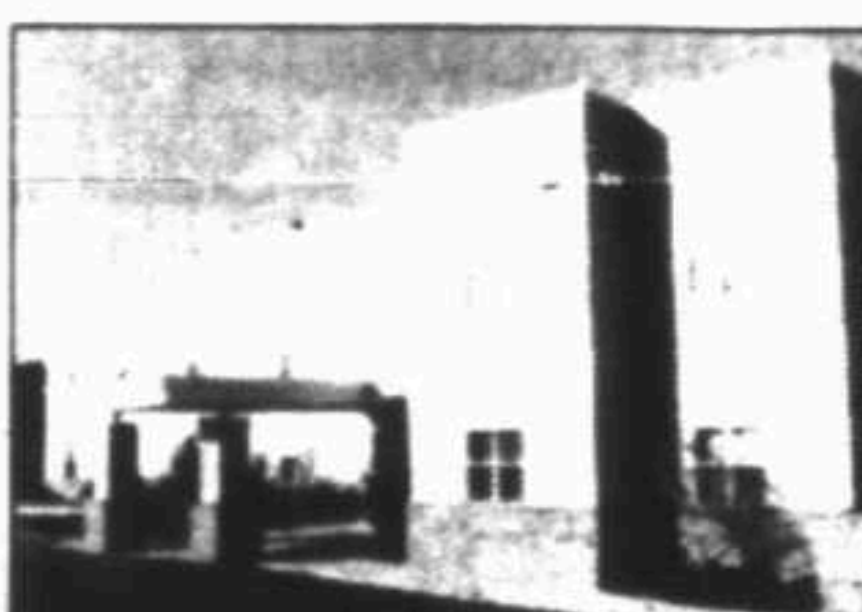
The book is easy to spot, with the cover art composed of a collage of children and grandchildren of Medical Alliance members.

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DAY IN THE LIFE: School makes volunteer's day

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away from home, and others had never been on an airplane." Her commitment involved everything from making crafts for fall festivals, to decorating a school library like a rainforest, taking home stranded children after school, riding in a limousine with youngsters to McDonald's, serving as campus Parent Teacher Association presidents to currently serving as president of the City Council PTA. Her volunteerism has also expanded to other campuses, including Rusk Elementary School, and Abell Junior High School.

"My favorite annual event is Bush's Cultural Arts Festival. We bring in 35 musicians and artists. The kids get to see everything from wood carvers to rap singers," Ms. Dodson said, noting she was "talked into" helping organize the first festival. "I've learned that it's best not to go to all the PTA meetings, because if you're there, people will ask you to do stuff, and it's hard to say 'no,' in person," she said, laughing.

Ms. Dodson said it's even harder to risk disappointing a child by declining to help. She once took a child home after school. "She

looked lost, so I gave her a ride." The girl's mother was angry that her daughter got in the car with someone she didn't know. "Oh, no, mom," the little girl said. "It's O.K. I know her. This is the school decorator."

"She said her son, who now attends Abell, isn't embarrassed to have his mother hanging around.

selling Girl Scout cookies.

"My mom was a factory worker. My father was a city employee and I attended 13 schools," Ms. Dodson said. "I've had three generations of children (age 35, 25 and 13) go through the schools in Midland and have seen a lot of changes."

She said students are smarter and more technology wise. They also face greater problems with drugs, alcohol, eating disorders, and violence.

She is an advocate of the school's cluster system of desegregation. "It benefited my children. They saw neighborhoods and communities they probably would not have if it weren't for the cluster system," the school volunteer

ference. One man did that and the kids just couldn't wait for him to come."

An artist by talent, the school volunteer said she now "works for smiles."

Ms. Dodson admits she is "hooked on kids." Although she has considered rejoining the workforce, the full-time volunteer said, "I put in 8 to 10 hours a day for the schools. There is no time to work."

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— Charlsye Dodson, volunteer at Bush Elementary School

"He walks off the football field to give me a hug," she said. "I can't walk through a mall, go to a parade, or go grocery shopping without kids stopping me. It takes a lot longer to get anything done, but not once has it bothered my son. He mows yards and helps with Meals on Wheels. It's not that it's expected of him. It's just a part of life at my house."

Ms. Dodson said she has a daughter in Houston continuing the Charlsye Dodson tradition by helping out with a school carnival and

said.

She said she enjoys working with special needs children. "A lot of them just need attention," she said, noting she told one frustrated child who has Attention Deficit Disorder: "You have a gift. God just didn't give you the patience to know that gift. That's what you are working on."

"So, many kids are frightened. So few have men in their lives," she said. "If fathers took one hour a week to come read to students at lunch, it would make such a dif-

At a Glance: Charlsye Dodson

Born in: a hospital in Garman, although my parents lived in Cross Plains. There was no hospital in Cross Plains.

Hobbies, interests: working in school classrooms, making arts and crafts. (I used to sell them. Now, I make them for classrooms.) Making school decorations and props (such as creating a rain forest in a school library). Using my imagination to wake up kids' imaginations.

Favorite Food: Mexican food, any of it

Favorite Vacation Spot: Big Bend

Favorite Entertainer: Roy Clark, not singing, but playing the guitar

Favorite movie: E.T. the Extraterrestrial

If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to: Australia

If I won the Lotto the first thing I would do is: put together a fund

for my grandchildren to go to college, pay off the debt of our church, and take a long tour of the United States.

If I could change anything about myself, I would: be skinny.



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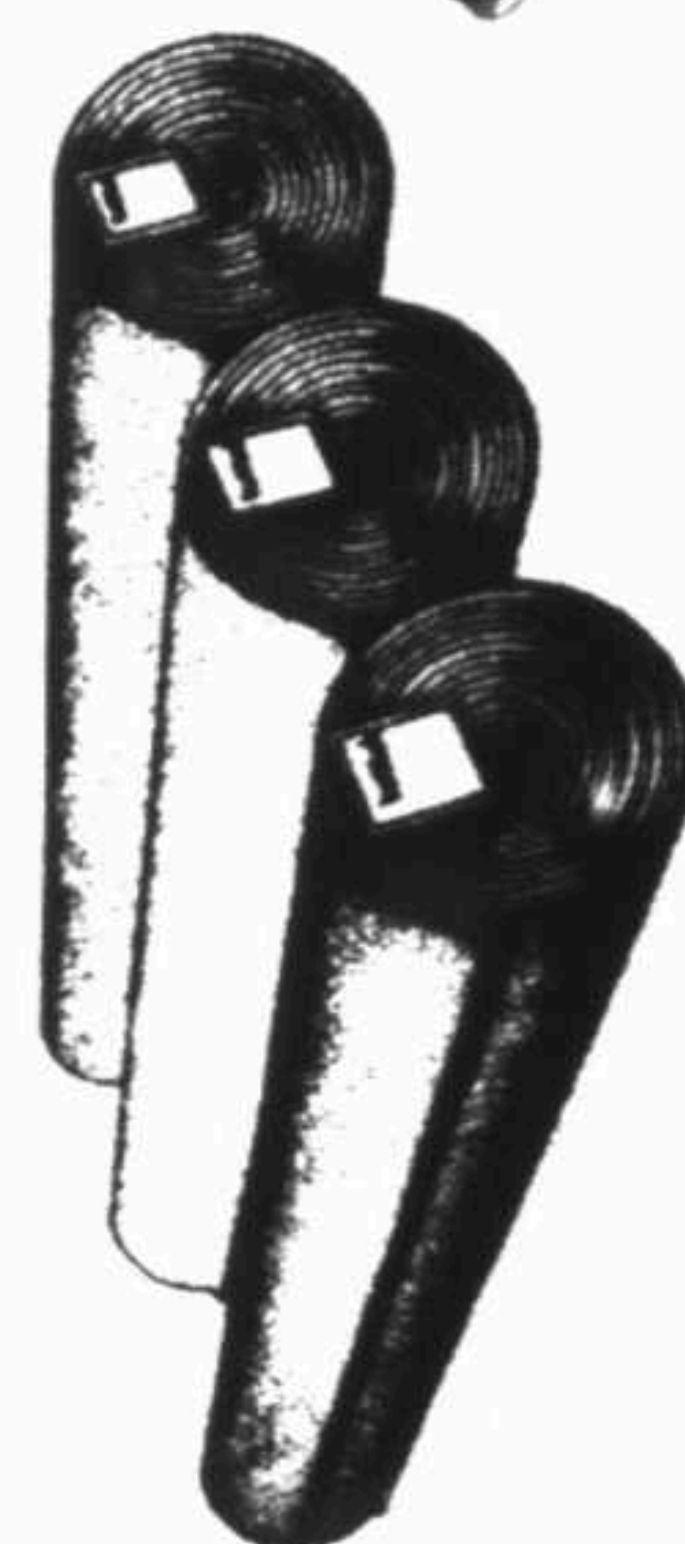
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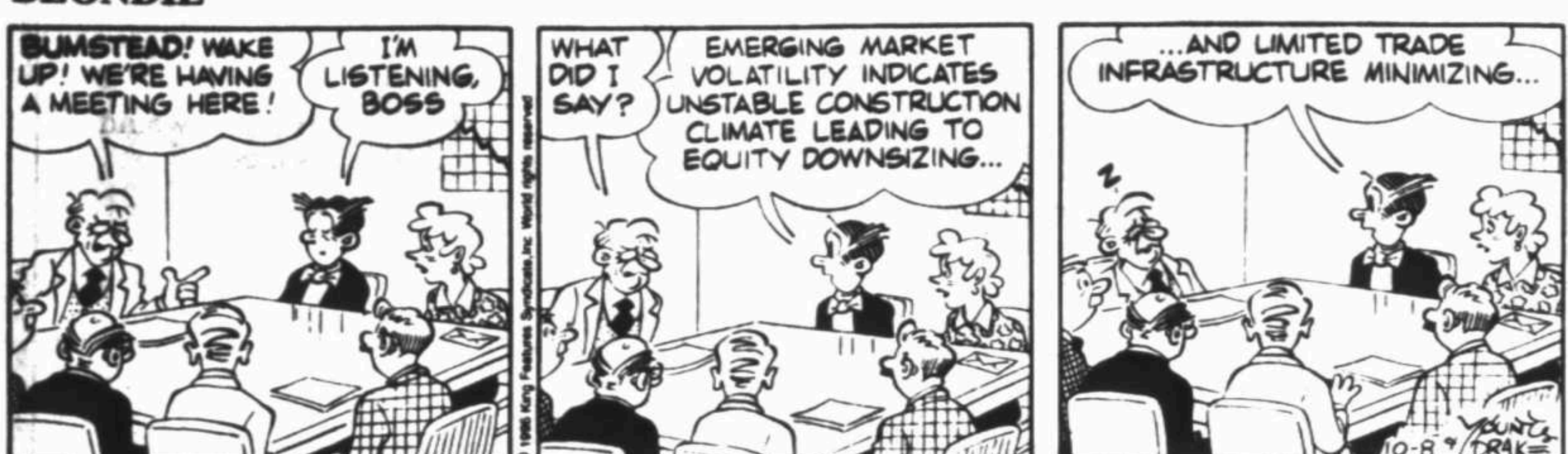
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: actress Sigourney Weaver, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, entertainment reporter Rona Barrett, actor David Carradine.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do not be afraid to promote yourself. You are your own best representative! Contact a sibling and catch up on family news. An annoying incident could lead to a disagreement with a neighbor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An excellent day to try something totally different! Change your routine and do some shopping. Getting together with loving friends will make the evening hours special.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lighten up! Taking yourself too

seriously will prevent others from knowing the real you. If you need a loan, approach a friend or family member first.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You need to develop greater ease in dealing with strangers or authority figures. Be generous to those who have been less fortunate than you. Romance is more rewarding than in the recent past. Enjoy!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Practical jokes have a way of backfiring. Keep your humor gentle. Playing the field in romance may suit you better than settling down. Be honest; otherwise, someone who feels used by you could turn bitter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stick to the tried and true at work. Acting out of character could shock those who rely on you. Entertain neighbors in your home. Your artistic endeavors attract favorable notice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your good humor is contagious now. Look for ways to boost your productivity at place of employment. Deal tactfully with tired or overworked colleagues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Others find you hard to resist today.

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Avoid confiding everything you know; an air of mystery makes you more interesting! Delegate routine responsibilities to subordinates.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your social circle widens. Becoming business partners with a friend or relative holds new appeal. Be sure to get everything in writing. A sudden infatuation could end quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Invite a friend over for a chat if hoping to catch up on the latest news. You may have trouble choosing between two admirers. Take your time. Disregard family members' advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are at your wittiest today. Jot down your wry observations for future use. Intellectual pursuits bring great satisfaction while increased physical activity boosts your energy level.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You have more authority than in the past. Stop making unrealistic demands in your relationships. New ways can be found to boost your income. Guard your resources. Consult experts before making any new investments.

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NORTH
 ♠ 72
 ♥ A J 9 6 5
 ♦ A K
 ♣ 8 7 6 3

EAST
 ♠ J 3
 ♥ K 8 4 3
 ♦ Q 5 4 2
 ♣ Q J 9

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 9 8 6 5
 ♥ 7
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ A 4 2

The bidding:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

Had this hand been played in a rubber-bridge game, declarer would have simply relied on a 3-2 trump break and scored a 10th trick with a diamond ruff. A dummy. But it was duplicate pairs, and overtricks were vitally important. South, Dr. George Rosenkranz of Mexico City, manufactured one out of nowhere.

Since South's two-spade rebid did not guarantee any more than a five-card suit, Rosenkranz rebid three spades to show extra length. With almost all North's strength in prime cards, the suit contract looked more inviting than no trump.

West led the ten of diamonds, taken perforce in dummy. Now declarer found a wonderfully deceptive play that could not cost — a low heart from the table!

Afraid that declarer might have a doubleton queen, East rose with the king and, when that won, shifted to the queen of clubs. Declarer shot up with the ace, crossed to the ace of diamonds to cash the ace of hearts for a club discard, then ruffed a heart.

The purpose of declarer's play at the second trick became obvious when West's queen of hearts appeared on this trick. Now declarer was able to draw one round of trumps, ruff a diamond on the board, then discard a club on the jack of hearts as West ruffed. Declarer ruffed West's diamond return and cashed the king of spades and, when both defenders followed, the overtrick rolled in.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram Area Weather

TODAY
Partly cloudy and pleasant
High: 81
Low: 51

WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny and mild
High: 83
Low: 52

THURSDAY
Mostly sunny and mild
High: 84
Low: 53

Texas Yesterday

City	H / L / Pop
Abilene	81/55/0.00
Amarillo	81/53/0.00
Dallas/Ft. Worth	81/59/0.00
El Paso	86/56/0.00
Lubbock	85/51/0.00
San Angelo	82/54/0.00
San Antonio	84/61/0.00

YESTERDAY'S PRECIPITATION

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	0.00 in.
Total for the year	7.21 in.
Normal for the month	0.52 in.
Normal for the year	12.49 in.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

High	83
Low	52
Norm. High	80
Norm. Low	54

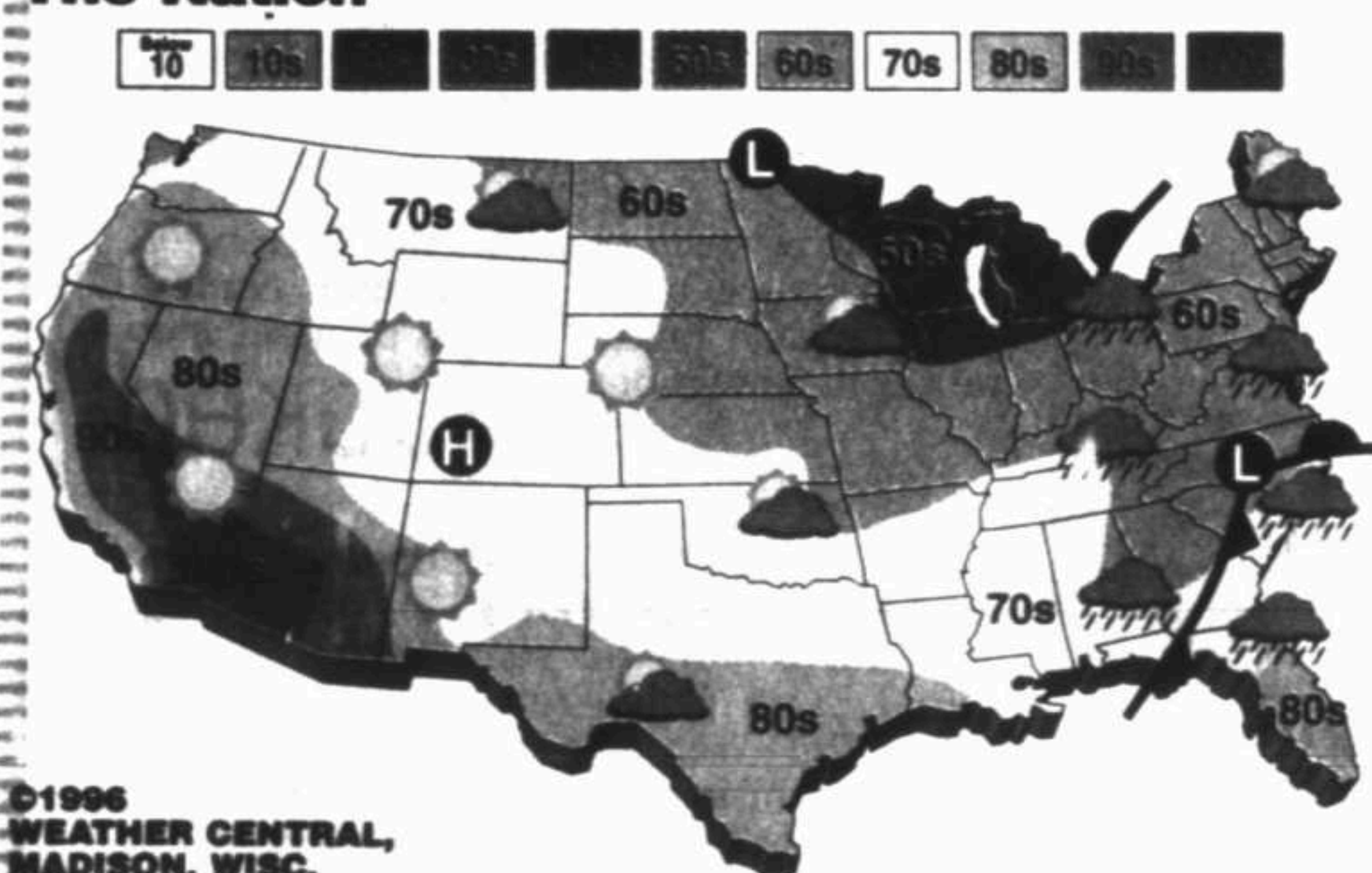
AVIATION
VFR conditions are expected all day. Northeast wind at 6 to 12 knots.

MOON PHASES

SUNRISE & SUNSET

Sunrise today	7:48 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:24 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	7:48 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday	7:23 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:12 a.m.
Moonset today	5:15 p.m.

The Nation



United States

City	H	L	W
Albany	64	51	pc
Albuquerque	79	49	pc
Anchorage	43	28	s
Aspen	65	29	s
Atlanta	65	51	r
Austin	80	53	pc
Baltimore	63	53	r
Birmingham	70	52	r
Bismarck	68	38	pc
Boise	86	55	s
Boston	65	54	pc
Buffalo	62	50	sh
Charlotte	65	58	r
Cheyenne	70	46	pc
Chicago	58	42	pc
Cincinnati	64	47	sh
Cleveland	62	49	c
Colorado Spgs.	75	44	s
Columbia, SC	73	58	t
Columbus, OH	65	49	sh
Dayton	61	47	c
Denver	74	44	pc
Des Moines	63	42	s
Detroit	56	46	sh
Duluth	55	38	pc
Evansville	66	48	c
Grand Rapids	53	42	c
Great Falls	73	48	pc
Helena	77	42	pc
Honolulu	89	73	s
Houston	83	54	pc
Indianapolis	63	46	c
Jackson, MS	79	50	pc
Jacksonville	78	63	t
Juneau	49	42	sh
Kansas City	64	43	s
Las Vegas	96	64	s
Little Rock	72	50	pc
Los Angeles	89	63	s
Louisville	68	50	c
Memphis	74	52	pc
Miami Beach	86	73	c
Milwaukee	55	42	pc
Minneapolis	61	42	pc
Mobile, AL	71	55	pc
Nashville	71	50	c
New Orleans	78	60	pc
New York	64	57	c
Omaha	67	41	s
Orlando	83	67	t
Philadelphia	66	59	r
Phoenix	104	75	s
Pittsburgh	64	49	r
Portland, OR	83	53	s
Raleigh	65	57	t
Reno	89	42	s
Richmond	65	55	r
St. Louis	62	47	pc
Salt Lake City	82	50	s
San Diego	72	63	s
San Francisco	76	55	s
Seattle	75	52	pc
Sioux Falls	66	43	pc
Spokane	76	48	pc
Tampa	80	68	t
Topeka	68	43	s
Washington	65	55	r
Wichita	70	50	s

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Midland Reporter-Telegram

STORM TRACKER FACTS

The calendar says October, but the weather feels more like September. Temperatures have been moderating over the past week as most of the cold air seems to be moving to our north and that trend will continue. A weak cold front moved through Monday night and that will give us a mild day but it may be the coolest of the week.

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Pan American World

City	H	L	W
Acapulco	91	75	t
Bangkok	92	76	t
Beijing	67	40	pc
Bogota	71	43	t
Johannesburg	83	52	pc
London	62	45	pc
Montreal	60	47	r
Moscow	61	37	pc
Nairobi	74	56	c
New Delhi	85	66	pc
Paris	60	42	s
Rio de Janeiro	78	62	t
Riyadh	100	64	pc
Rome	63	57	r
Stockholm	57	41	c
Sydney	67	54	pc
Tokyo	78	63	pc
Toronto	61	46	pc
Acapulco	91	75	t
Bermuda	76	67	sh
Cabo San Lucas	93	72	pc
Chihuahua	74	55	pc
Guadalajara	79	62	t
Havana	84	74	s
Kingston	89	80	c
Mazatlan	90	75	pc
Merida	92	74	t
Mexico City	68	54	pc
Nassau	86	74	pc
St. Thomas	90	77	sh
San Jose	83	65	c
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New book: Simpson friend Kardashian began to doubt O.J.'s innocence

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson's close friend and attorney Robert Kardashian was among several defense team members who began to doubt Simpson's innocence by the end of his murder trial, according to a new book.

The book also claims defense attorneys "redecorated" Simpson's mansion, replacing pictures of Simpson's white friends with black acquaintances just before a tour by the jury, which at the time had nine black members. A nude photo of then-girlfriend Paula Barbieri, who is white, was removed from Simpson's bedroom and a framed photo of his mother was placed next to his bed, according to "American Tragedy: The Uncensored Story of the Simpson Defense," by Lawrence Schiller and James Willwerth.

Attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. also took a poster from his office

— a reproduction of a Norman Rockwell portrait of a small black girl being escorted to school by federal marshals — to Simpson's home.

"They hang the framed poster at the top of the stairs, where the jury can't miss it as they go up to Simpson's bedroom," the book says.

"Everyone is pleased. This has little to do with a search for the truth. This is stagecraft."

The picture-switching followed criticism that Simpson had ignored the black community dur-

ing his successful years as a football player and television commentator. As the trial went on, he

made efforts to mend the rift and the ties grew stronger and stronger.

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BASEBALL — American League Championship Series, Game 1: Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees, 7 p.m., NBC.

BOXING — Heavyweights Jimmy Thunder (30-6-0) vs. Quinn Navarre (18-4-1); heavyweights, Chris Byrd (18-0-0) vs. Levi Billups (19-11-0); women's bout, Tracy Byrd (1-0-0) vs. Kathleen Riddle (0-1-0), 8 p.m., USA.

Sports Today

PREP VOLLEYBALL — Midland Lee at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.

Tech kicker awarded

Texas Tech punter Jeremy Hernandez is this week's recipient of the AT&T Long Distance weekly punting award.

The former all-district punter for Ronnie Reeger at Midland High had a 53.3 yard average on four punts for the Red Raiders in the 45-24 win over Baylor. Hernandez' season average of 46.2 is the eighth best in the nation and the second best in the Big 12 conference.

He becomes the third kicker from Tech to win the award. Tony Rogers and Jaret Greaser won in Week 1 for having the longest field goals.

Prep football poll

DALLAS — The Associated Press high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses. Total points are based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote, and previous week's ranking. Voting is by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters.

	Record	Pts	Pvs
Class 5A			
1. North Mesquite (19)	5-0-0	199	1
2. Converse Judson (1)	5-0-0	157	2
3. Tyler John Tyler	5-0-0	152	3
4. Aldine	5-0-0	132	5
5. Houston Yates	5-0-0	129	4
6. Marshall	5-0-0	106	6
7. Odessa Permian	4-1-0	85	7
8. Austin Westlake	5-0-0	54	8
9. Midland Lee	5-0-0	44	9
10. Galena Park N. Shore	5-0-0	22	10
Also receiving votes: Duncanville 9, Richardson Lake Highlands 9, Lewisville 7, Beaumont West Brook 3, Edinburg North 3, Copperton Cove 2, Lufkin 2, Arlington Lamar 1, Garland 1, Hainingen 1, SA MacArthur 1, SA Madison 1.			

	Record	Pts	Pvs
Class 4A			
1. Grapevine (12)	5-0-0	188	1
2. Waxahachie (2)	5-0-0	185	2
3. CC Calallen (3)	5-0-0	160	3
4. La Marque (3)	4-1-0	140	4
5. Sweetwater	5-0-0	122	5
6. Waco University	5-0-0	78	6
7. Henderson	5-0-0	54	7
8. Clear Brook	4-1-0	48	8
9. Jasper	4-1-0	39	9
10. Alice	4-0-1	28	10
Also receiving votes: Terrell 19, Navasota 18, Texas City 12, Denison 7, Brownwood 4, Saginaw Boswell 4, Azle 3, Brazosport 3, West Mesquite 3, Friendswood 2, Carthage 1, Hays Consolidated 1, Highland Park 1, Kilgore 1, Los Fresnos 1, Port Neches-Groves 1, Sherman 1.			

	Record	Pts	Pvs
Class 3A			
1. Vernon (16)	5-0-0	196	1
2. Columbus (1)	3-0-1	135	5
3. Sealy	4-1-0	116	6
4. Mexia (1)	5-0-0	109	7
5. Coldspring	3-1-0	102	2
6. Rusk	4-1-0	84	8
7. Daingerfield (1)	4-0-1	69	10
8. Crockett	4-1-0	65	3
9. Atlanta	3-2-0	63	4
10. Teague	5-0-0	39	x
Also receiving votes: Elgin 16, Medina Valley (1) 16, Kennedale 14, Monahans 14, Ballinger 13, Hitchcock 9, La Grange 6, Ingleside 5, Jourdan 4, Liberty 4, Abilene Wylie 3, Breckenridge 3, Bridgeport 3, Colorado City 3, Pittsburg 3, Hooks 2, La Vega 2, Newton 1, Robinson 1.			

	Record	Pts	Pvs
Class 2A			
1. Alto (19)	5-0-0	199	1
2. Celina (1)	5-0-0	167	2
3. Groveton	5-0-0	154	3
4. Schulenburg	5-0-0	131	4
5. Italy	5-0-0	124	5
6. Irsan	5-0-0	108	6
7. Rosebud-Lott	5-0-0	77	7
8. Refugio	4-1-0	62	8
9. Mart	4-1-0	27	10
10. East Bernard	5-0-0	13	x
Also receiving votes: East Chambers 7, Kerens 6, Spearman 4, Ganado 3, Whitewright 3, Bangs 2, Charlotte 2, Hico 2, Roscoe 2, DeLeon 1, Grand Saline 1, Industrial 1, New Diana 1, Parhandle 1, Tidehaven 1, Weimar 1.			

	Record	Pts	Pvs
Class A			
1. Windthorst (13)	5-0-0	189	1
2. Springlake-Earth (5)	5-0-0	176	2
3. Celeste (1)	5-0-0	157	3
4. Munday (1)	5-0-0	142	4
5. Burkville	4-1-0	82	7
6. Runge	5-0-0	76	8
7. Kress	5-0-0	68	10
8. Bartlett	4-0-1	65	6
9. Bremond	3-2-0	57	9
10. Wortham	5-0-0	27	x
Also receiving votes: Granger 25, Bryson 6, Tenaha 6, Muenster 5, Cross Plains 3, Meridian 3, Nueces Canyon 3, Wink 3, Overton 2, Sudan 2, Agua Dulce 1, Alvord 1, Bronte 1.			

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O's get second shot at Yankees



New York's Cecil Fielder prepares to take batting practice Monday at Yankee Stadium as the Yankees get ready to take on Baltimore today in the American League Championship Series.

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — In wild-card baseball, if you can't beat 'em during the regular season, try again in the postseason.

For the first time, two teams from the same division are playing for the pennant. The Yankees' four-game lead is gone and forgotten.

"I was an advocate for the wild card, anyway," Cal Ripken said Monday as the Baltimore Orioles prepared for Tuesday night's start of the AL championship series against New York. "There were times under the old system when teams won over 100 games and one could not go to the playoffs."

New York, starting Andy Pettitte over David Cone in the opener against Scott Erickson, went 10-3 against the Orioles during the regular season and held off the September challenge to its AL East lead.

But Baltimore became the first wild-card team to advance in the playoffs when it clipped Cleveland, so the Yankees and Orioles are back at it, this time in a best-of-7 series with a World Series berth at stake.

"Whatever happened is in the past. Now everybody is at the same level," said Baltimore's Roberto Alomar, who's likely to be booed loudly at Yankee Stadium for spitting at an umpire on Sept. 27.



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Lemke not overlooked by Atlanta teammates

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — While the media hovered around players like Tom Glavine and Chipper Jones, Mark Lemke crouched in his locker Monday, all alone, content in his anonymity. The words on his T-shirt did his talking.

"Shut Up and Play!" it said.

Through all the division titles, all the National League pennants, all the World Series since 1991, there has been only one constant in the Atlanta Braves lineup: No. 20, Mark Lemke, second base.

"There's no question he's overlooked," Glavine said. "He's probably one of the most under-appreciated guys on this ballclub. I guess it's because he doesn't do anything flashy."

No, Lemke could hardly be described as flashy, on or off the field. Dependable. Solid. Steady. Those are the words that sum up his contribution to the defending World Series cham-

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Steelers surprise KC

■ Tomczak throws for 338 yards in Pittsburgh's fourth straight win.

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If Neil O'Donnell got \$25 million, what's Mike Tomczak worth?

The 33-year-old career back-up who replaced O'Donnell, who led the Steelers to the Super Bowl last year then took the New York Jets' money, threw for 338 yards Monday night to lead the Steelers to a 17-7 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

It was Pittsburgh's fourth straight win since an opening-day loss in Jacksonville and the first loss for the Chiefs in their last 12 regular-season games at Arrowhead Stadium dating to Dec. 4, 1994. It was also their second straight loss after starting the season with four wins and left them a game behind Denver in the AFC West.

So while O'Donnell sits with a separated right shoulder for the 0-6 Jets, Tomczak, who was 20-of-30 Monday night, excels after 11 years in and out of line-ups in Chicago, Green Bay, Cleveland and now Pittsburgh. He had lots of help Monday night.

Jerome Bettis, gained 103 yards on 27 carries, his fourth straight 100-yard game. It included Pittsburgh's only touchdown, a 6-yard run with 2:41 left in the third quarter.

Charles Johnson caught six passes for 125 yards and the Pittsburgh defense limited Kansas City to only one trip inside its 20 — the second-quarter drive on which Marcus Allen's 6-yard TD run gave the Chiefs a 7-0 lead.

It was the 107th rushing TD of Allen's career, putting him one ahead of Jim Brown and three behind Walter Payton on the career list. Allen also passed Tony Dorsett for second place behind Payton on the all-pur-

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Kansas City quarterback Steve Bono hands off to Marcus Allen in the first quarter Monday in Kansas City.

Big 12 honor goes to Hanspard again

DALLAS — Texas Tech running back Byron Hanspard's school-record 287-yard rushing performance against Baylor was more than enough to make him this week's Big 12 offensive player of the week.

The junior from DeSoto, Texas, scored two touchdowns as the Red Raiders downed the previously unbeaten Bears 45-24 in Tech's homecoming game. He has six 200-yards-plus rushing performances in his last seven games.

Hanspard also won the award after his Sept. 7 performance against Oklahoma State. In that 31-3 Red Raider win at Texas Stadium, the junior rushed for 272 yards and one touchdown. Saturday's total was the highest ever against Baylor. Hanspard has now rushed for over 200 yards for four games in a row.

On the other side of the line, Nebraska linebacker Terrell Farley won the laurels as Big 12 defensive player of the week as he spearheaded a Cornhuskers defense that helped shut down host Kansas State 39-3.

The Columbus, Ga., senior logged five tackles as Nebraska held the 12th-ranked Wildcats to 25 net yards rushing.

STEWART DOREEN

Rangers reward fans, but need to take next step

It was a great ride watching the Texas Rangers involvement in the 1996 postseason, even if it was for just four days.

After all, the 1996 season was a marvel for Rangers fans, who have made a practice of trying to hang on to the life line that was a successful Ranger season.

Every year, fans tightened their grip on the rope as the hot summer went on. They were always left title-less. The faith would always be strong because they hoped that particular season would be the one where the demons would go away and the name-calling and choke-labeling would come to an end.

But it never did. No, fans were drowning in the sea of false hopes of players like Toby Harrah, Pete O'Brien, Buddy Bell, Jeff Burroughs and Jim Sundberg with nothing but a thread left in their clinched fist.

I don't know how the Rangers did it. Maybe it was the manager Johnny Oates or players like Juan Gonzalez and Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, who matured with age and exploded onto baseball's scene not only as league stars but MVP candidates.

It might have been a pitching staff which had five hurlers win 10 or more games. It could have been the fielding that looked nothing like the old cast of char-



Doreen

acters like Nelson Norman, Bump Wills or any of the '76 clan, which displayed their talents in a not-so graceful or accurate manner at the old Arlington Stadium.

No, this year's club was the best in the American League with the glove, even record-setting with 15 straight errorless games. The starting pitching staff was also solid.

The Rangers were in first place for all but four days. And even a late down spell in Seattle could not stop the end results.

It seemed the gods that still reign over the sport had finally forgiven the team for what it had done to David Clyde (one of the most promising prospects in Ranger history who the team started right out of all high school). Those deities finally gave us some redemption for all the bad trades that sent all-star after all-star to other clubs for players past their prime.

Now that the Ballpark in Arlington has its title to raise, the goal is simple. Make the team a pennant winner and World Series contender. It is time to look at the bullpen and get rid of the tired arms. The bullpen dropped three leads in the last three games of the postseason. It is brutal to think that they should have all been wins.

It is also time to shop Will Clark and get what ever the Rangers can for him. He is a great leader, but a left-handed pull hitter to drive the ball to the short porch in the Ballpark is needed for the Rangers to

take that last step.

This season the team went out and got Hamilton, Burkett and Elster. Next season, the crop of available free agents are headlined by Tim Lincecum, John Franco and Brady Anderson. There are options. Now it is a matter of whether the Texas Rangers can finish what they started.

What happens when a team faces Midland Lee and Odessa Permian in successive 4-5A football weeks? The next 4-5A game becomes a big one.

Midland High will travel to Shotwell Stadium (site of their lone 4-5A win in '95) to face Abilene High (the opponent in the 28-21 win).

This time, however, the opponent appears to be stronger and the Bulldogs have lost their first two 4-5A games 107-7. In short, the only difference in the record of the '95 and '96 MHS teams is that Craig Noland got clipped on the back of the foot by a Frenship defender with nothing but daylight ahead of him in the 6-0 loss to Wolforth Frenship to open the '95 season.

It took five contests to find it, but now Coach David Browning might be approaching his most meaningful game in his time at MHS. It is not only about winning but showing what a team in the Browning era can do after back-to-back blowouts and with its back against the wall.

Stewart Doreen is a sportswriter for the Reporter-Telegram.

Jets, Bengals, Cox provide predictability

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

In the NFL, "on any given Sunday" means the unpredictable can happen any week-end.

Last Sunday, however, was strictly predictable: the Jets and Bengals lost and Bryan Cox mouthed off.

For the Jets, it was another example of how when bad things

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start, they snowball.

Not only did they lose 34-13 to Oakland, their sixth straight loss this season and the 19th in 22 games since Rich Kotite took over as head coach last season, but they lost their \$25 million quarterback, Neil O'Donnell with a separated shoulder.

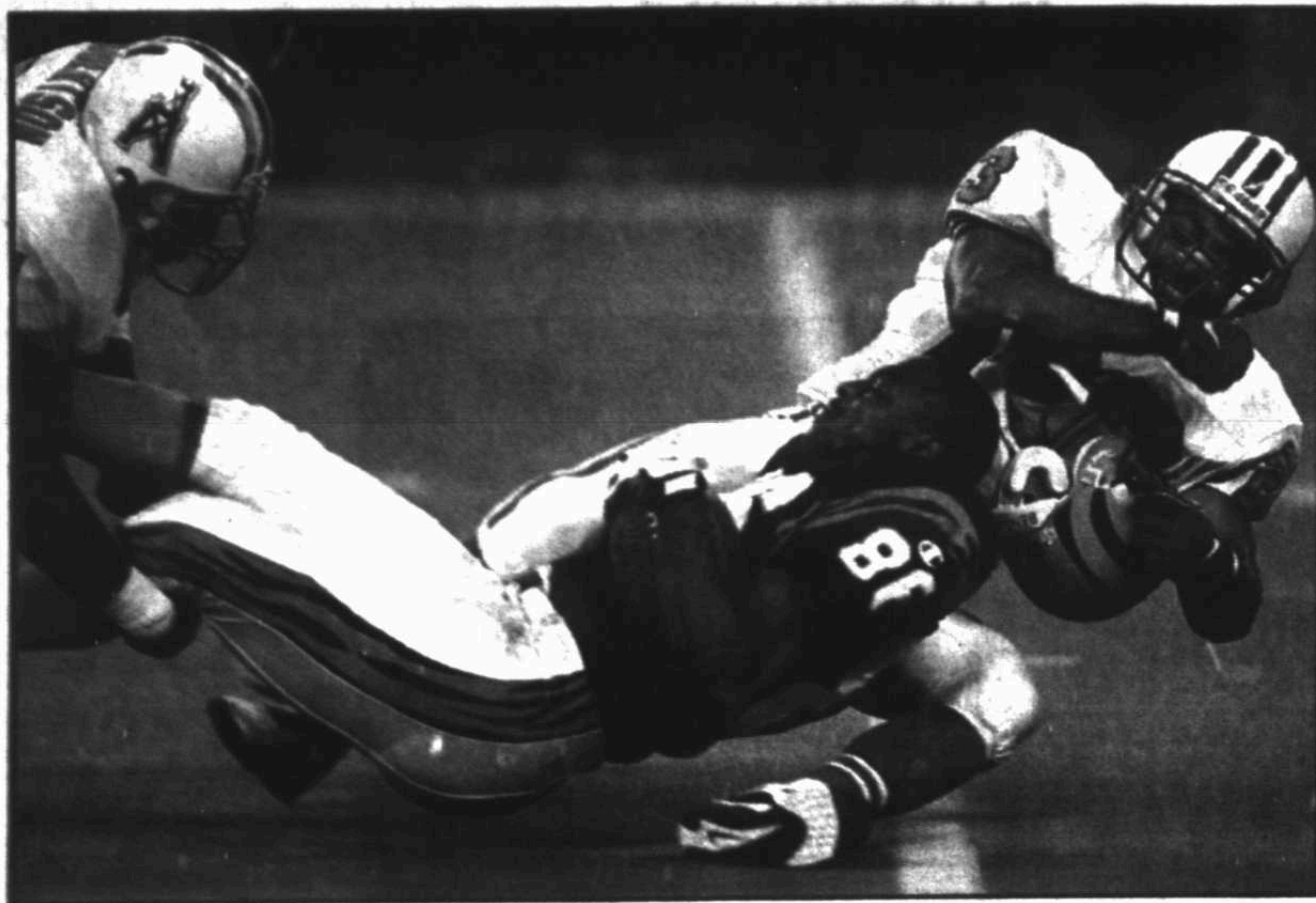
They already were without Keyshawn Johnson, and lost Webster Slaughter during the game, leaving Wayne Chrebet as the only experienced wide receiver (Jeff Graham played, but was hurt). They also were without middle linebacker Marvin Jones, who's rarely been healthy since he was picked fourth overall in the 1993 draft, and Hugh Douglas, last year's defensive rookie of the year.

What does this mean for Kotite, who is now 3-26 in his last 29 games (he lost his last seven as coach of the Eagles in 1994)? Probably nothing for this year — the injuries give him a convenient excuse for the losses.

But it's interesting to note that Pete Carroll, fired after going 6-10 in his only season, 1994, is now the defensive coordinator of the 49ers and one of the hot head coaching prospects again.

And Bruce Coslet, who preceded Carroll, could pop up again in Cincinnati, where he's the offensive coordinator.

As for the other predictables: — Cincinnati also demonstrated that losers are losers as losers as Dave Shula lost his 50th game before his 20th win (he has



Cincinnati receiver Darney Scott lost his helmet on this play and the Bengals lost the game to the Oilers Sunday night. The Bengals' normally-reliable Doug Pelfrey missed a potential game-winning field goal.

19). But Shula can hardly be blamed for what happened Sunday night, a good effort by the Bengals that was blown away by fates right out of the Bruce Smith-Dennis Hopper commercial ("Bad thiiiiings, man").

Doug Pelfrey, their 81 percent field goal kicker, missed a 41-yarder that would have given Cincinnati a win in regulation, then Al Del Greco hit a 49-yarder to give Houston a 30-27 win in overtime.

— Cox, a ticking time bomb after every game in Miami, had his first Chicago explosion during the Bears' 37-6 blow-out by the Packers.

First he berated an official after Brett Favre and Antonio Freeman connected on a prayer for a touchdown to end the first half. And he stood on the field

without his helmet while Chris Jacke was missing the extra-point attempt.

After the game, he exploded verbally.

"We need to look ourselves in the mirror because some of us need to go see the wizard. We don't have a lot of heart," he said.

Asked what he meant, Cox began screaming: "Get some damn heart, like the lion in the Wizard of Oz! Heart! Heart! Heart! Heart! See the wizard, get some heart!"

— The Lions were their schizophrenic selves, jumping off to a 28-0 lead of winless Atlanta, then hanging on for a 28-24 victory.

"You start thinking you're good and you're going to be a great team that can walk all over somebody," Herman Moore said. "I think it opened our eyes a lot, the players and the coach-

es." Until next week.

STREAK ... San Francisco's ho-hum 28-11 win in St. Louis was its 13th straight win over the Rams, second longest by one team against another in NFL history — the longest is Washington's 17-game streak over Detroit, which dates back to 1965.

The 49ers' string goes back to 1990 in Anaheim, San Francisco and St. Louis. In those 13 games, the 49ers have outscored the Rams 427-171 or an average of 33-13.

Elvis Grbac, the interim (sort of) quarterback, acknowledged that the Niners were looking ahead a bit to Green Bay next Monday night. "We wanted to get out quickly and get this over with," Grbac said.

Cardinals hope to steal Irvin's spotlight when receiver returns

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Many opponents would bemoan having to face Michael Irvin in his return to the Dallas Cowboys, but the Arizona Cardinals look at it as a chance to put the spotlight on themselves.

"A lot of national attention will be on this game because of Michael," Cardinals safety Matt Darby said Monday. "And we're viewing this as an opportunity to show the country that we are for real."

Irvin returns this week from a five-game,

drug-related NFL suspension, instantly strengthening a Dallas passing game hurt by the lack of experienced wideouts.

The Cowboys rank near the bottom of the NFC in passing, averaging just 177.2 yards per outing. Deion Sanders, playing both offense and defense, has emerged as Dallas' leading receiver with 18 catches.

"I wouldn't be shocked if they went to (Irvin) on the first play," linebacker Eric Hill said.

Despite wins over New Orleans and St. Louis in its previous two games, Arizona (2-3) hardly can be considered a legitimate playoff contender. But while Irvin works to get his timing down once again with quarterback Troy Aikman, the Cardinals are quietly talking upset.

"We need to beat a good team like Dallas to get some respect, and there's no better time to do that than now with Michael coming back," Darby said.

START: July series appeared to end race

(From 1C)

Though Alomar apologized, and the umpire, John Hirschbeck, said he was willing to put the episode behind him, the fans aren't likely to let go so soon.

Both teams competed for free agents last fall, with New York's re-signing of Cone and Baltimore's deal with Alomar the main moves. When one signed a pitcher, the other signed one, too. And the competition carried over to the season. "I think it was fated. I think this was meant to be," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said. "There's always been a great rivalry between the Yankees and Orioles."

With a four-game sweep at Camden Yards following the All-Star break, New York appeared to put

the Orioles away. The Yankees opened a 12-game lead on July 29, but Baltimore cut it to 2 1/2 games on Sept. 15. Only when New York won two of three from the Orioles in mid-month did the lead seem safe.

"The way they played the second half of the year, I sort of expected this to happen," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Both teams have players limping into the series. If B.J. Surhoff isn't ready because of a sore left hamstring and right knee, Mike Devereaux or Pete Incaviglia will start in left field for the Orioles.

New York expects Paul O'Neill to start despite his sore right hamstring, but if it hampers him too much, Darryl Strawberry could get a start.

"At this stage of the year, it does-

n't matter what the matchups are," New York's Cecil Fielder said.

Pettitte, 3-0 against the Orioles this season and 5-0 over two years, got the Game 1 nod over Cone for two reasons:

— Baltimore was 24-25 against left-handed starters.

— It will be easier for him to come back on three days' rest than Cone, who was limited to just 11 regular-season starts because of the surgery to repair an aneurysm near his pitching shoulder.

"I thought for sure Cone was going in Game 1 and I was going in Game 2," said Pettitte, who pitched the second game of the Texas series.

Torre made the decision Sunday on the team plane as the Yankees came home from Arlington.

LEMKE: Lemke lone starter since '91

(From 1C)

pions, who open the NL championship series Wednesday night against St. Louis.

Let Glavine and Greg Maddux and John Smoltz win the Cy Young awards. Let Fred McGriff and Jones and Ryan Klesko hit the long home runs. Lemke thrives in the hidden part of the game — turning the double play, bunting, hitting behind the runner.

"He's not the most overwhelming of presences," Glavine said, looking at Lemke sitting at his locker in an out-of-the-way corner of the clubhouse. "There's a lot more high-profile guys in here that people tend to gravitate to."

"But he's the type of guy you need on a team like this: day in, day out, doing the little things you need to win. Often, that gets overlooked. But there ain't a pitcher in this clubhouse that doesn't appreciate what he does for us."

Lemke was taken aback when told about his unique role with the Braves. While there's been at least two starters at every other position, his is the only name that's been written on the lineup card every October since the Braves began their decade of domination in 1991.

"Really, until it was brought up, I've never really thought about it," he said. "I just keep moving on, keep going from year to year, just try to hang on as long as I can."

While other players come and go, the victims of salary purges, age or free agency, Lemke has found a comfortable niche with the Braves. He is 32, in his seventh season with Atlanta, yet he has never commanded the really big dollars that would cause the team to reassess whether it can afford to pay him.

"I guess I've been in a good position either years-wise or salary-wise where I've never had to be a

big expenditure to the club," he said. "I've been lucky to get through that."

Lemke is usually noticed for his defense. The Braves insist he is one of the best second basemen in the league, even though he's never won a Gold Glove. Others might have better range, but no one is more adept at turning the double play.

"He is much better than (Ryne) Sandberg ever thought of being all those years when Sandberg was voted the Gold Glove," manager Bobby Cox said. "It's not even close to me."

At the plate, Lemke has never been a big-time hitter, but he's no Mario Mendoza, either. His career average is .248, and he stayed on course this year by hitting .255, with five homers and 37 RBIs. But he also was the fifth-hardest player to strike out in the NL, which has earned him the No. 2 spot in the batting order.

Only nine districts not using new UIL football tiebreaker rule

AUSTIN (AP) — All but nine of 160 football districts statewide are using the new University Interscholastic League tiebreaker rules, according to UIL officials.

Class 5A has the most districts not using the new tiebreaker with six, while Class 1A and Six-Man each have a perfect mark with all 16 districts using the new overtime period, UIL officials announced Monday.

Class 4A, 3A, and 2A each have one district not using the new procedure, officials said.

The first-year NCAA rule allows games in district and post-district play to settle ties with an overtime period. UIL football schools play under NCAA rules.

In overtime, each team alternates possessions

starting at the opponent's 25-yard line. The possession continues until a team scores or loses possession by a turnover or on downs.

If the teams remained tied at the end of the first alternating possession, another overtime ensues, and the process is repeated until there is a winner.

Non-district games still end in a tie. In district play, schools as a group have the option of using the new rule or some other method that the districts agree on.

In the playoffs, all games will be played with the new NCAA rule.

In Class 5A, districts 3, 8, 14, 20, 21 and 25 are not using the tiebreaker rules.

Florida remains hotbed of today's college game

Associated Press

Try to figure out the last time a team from the state of Florida wasn't in the running for the national championship.

Florida, Florida State, and Miami, usually ranked No. 1 at some point during the last 14 seasons, are at it again. The Gators are No. 1, the Seminoles No. 3 and the Hurricanes No. 6.

The trio have been involved in seven of the past 10 games that decided the national championship, setting a standard for excellence unmatched by any other state.

It used to be the Midwest, storied teams like Notre Dame and Michigan and Minnesota. Then came the superpowers at Oklahoma, Texas, Alabama, Nebraska and Southern California.

That's not the case anymore.

Since 1983, Miami has four national titles and Florida State one, while Florida lost its chance in last year's Fiesta Bowl. Miami and Florida State each have two No. 2 finishes in that span.

"The college elite are in Florida," said Jacksonville Jaguars tackle Leon Searcy, who passed up Notre Dame and Michigan for Miami and left with two titles. "Just look at the polls — Florida schools have got three in the top 10. That speaks for itself."

Searcy is just one of many rea-

sons the three Florida schools have reached a level of success unmatched by any other state. Top prep players like Searcy used to leave home for places like South Bend, Norman, Okla., and Tuscaloosa, Ala. Now, many of those players are staying home, knowing a national title could be just around the corner.

The state produces prep players like Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin and Deion Sanders, kids who go in search of a winner and don't have to look very far to find college football at its finest.

That's why the toughest games for Miami are not always the ones for a national title, why the Gators can win the tough Southeastern Conference every year and still be second-best in their own state.

That's why Bobby Bowden doesn't measure success at Florida State by how high it finishes in the polls or its record 11 straight bowl victories.

"If you want to know how you did, see how you come out in the state of Florida," Bowden said. "That's usually what determines whether you meet your goal."

It all starts again Saturday in Miami when No. 3 Florida State plays the sixth-ranked Hurricanes. And if the Seminoles can make it out of Miami, their regular season end Nov. 30 against No.

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Florida's force

1996 NCAA team stats

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Scoring defense	5	71	14.2	16	4	13	3.3	1	4	27	6.8	3
	Yds.	Yds.	Pg	Rank	Yds.	Yds.	Pg	Rank	Yds.	Yds.	Pg	Rank
Total offense	2464	492.8	7		1875	468.7	11		1414	353.5	60	
Total defense	1458	291.6	22		695	173.8	1		710	177.5	3	
	Yds.	Yds.	Pg	Rank	Yds.	Yds.	Pg	Rank	Yds.	Yds.	Pg	Rank
Rushing offense	519	103.8	28		408	102.0	25		178	44.5	2	
Rushing defense	785	157.0	64		825	206.3	23		583	145.8	65	
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AP/Ed De Gasero

Rangers get Sporting News awards

ARLINGTON (AP) —

The postseason awards are already rolling in for the Texas Rangers.

General manager Doug Melvin, the architect behind the first division title in franchise history, was named major league executive of the year by The Sporting News on Monday.

Johnny Oates was the publication's pick for AL manager of the year and shortstop Kevin Elster was chosen the league's comeback player of the year. Each winner was picked by his peers.

The Rangers went 90-72 and led the AL West for all but four days this season. They beat New York in the opener of the playoff series, then were eliminated Saturday after blowing leads in three straight games.

"When we hired Doug Melvin and Johnny Oates, we felt we made a commitment to winning," team president Tom Schieffer said. "What a difference they've made."

The team's accomplishments during the regular season are likely to be recognized several times over.

The next big round of accolades could come in the two weeks following the World Series when the Baseball Writers Association of America announces its picks for AL manager of the year and most valuable player.

Melvin became a GM for the first time in October 1994, taking over a Rangers team that led the AL West when the strike hit but had been only 52-62. His first move was to fire manager Kevin Kennedy and replace him with Oates, himself recently dumped by the Orioles.

Melvin immediately made good on his promise to break away from the franchise's slugging-conquers-all mentality by trading Jose Canseco. The team he saved was put to good use in bringing in several other players.

The new-look Rangers were set back in 1995 by the labor problems that delayed the season. Still,



Texas Ranger manager Johnny Oates speaks at a news conference Monday in Arlington after being named American League manager of the year.

there were reasons to be optimistic.

Melvin got Texas over the hump this season by signing pitcher Ken Hill immediately after negotiations fell apart with Kenny Rogers, plus successfully gambling on one-year deals with Darryl Hamilton and Elster.

"I still believe we had the best team," said Melvin, who also celebrated his 18th wedding anniversary Monday. "With a few breaks here and there, we could've gone on and won the World Series."

Oates called this season the most special in his 30 years of professional baseball. He also chooses to see the ending as motivation for next season and has invited back his entire coaching staff for the effort.

"A friend said maybe it was best that we didn't win it all this year," said Oates, who also won the TSN award in 1993. "Now we have a lot to look forward to next year."

Elster hopes to continue resurrecting his once-promising career. He set career highs in 1996 for home runs (24) and RBIs (99) after playing only 49 major-league games the last three seasons.

"I didn't really do much. I just went out and had fun this year," said Elster, whose 92 RBIs as the No. 9 hitter set a major-league record for production from that spot.

Elster is one of the Rangers' 12 free agents. Melvin said he hopes to bring him back, but he can't yet be sure.

"We're going to try to keep the nucleus of this ballclub together," said Melvin, who will have to give big raises to several players as he tries to fill holes in the bullpen.

"We're going to take the next few days to take a deep breath and enjoy what we've done. Probably right after the World Series we'll look into the real grunt work that needs to be done to bring a championship to Arlington."

Falcon's George could be near trade to Seahawks

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons said Monday they would trade suspended quarterback Jeff George to Seattle for Rick Mirer — if George agrees to a long-term contract with the Seahawks.

"It's out of my control, really," Ken Herock, the Falcons vice president of player personnel, said Monday evening. "It's now in Jeff's hands to make a decision and it's in Seattle's hands to go along with that decision."

A Falcons spokesman said Monday afternoon that the only holdp-

to a straight quarterback-for-quarterback trade was George, who has not decided whether to accept a reported six-year, \$30 million contract offer from Seattle.

Herock, however, hinted that a trade with Seattle might include other considerations beyond the two quarterbacks.

"I can't say we've agreed," he said. "We've got parameters that each of us are discussing, and we still have to iron those out."

George was suspended by the Falcons after a sideline con-

frontation with coach June Jones in a Sept. 22 loss to Philadelphia. He has sat at home the past two weekends while the team tried to work out a trade.

With Bobby Hebert at quarterback, the Falcons have fallen to 0-5, making them one of only three winless teams in the NFL.

Seattle and Oakland have discussed a trade for the strong-armed but temperamental George, who set an Atlanta record with 4,143 yards passing last year's season.

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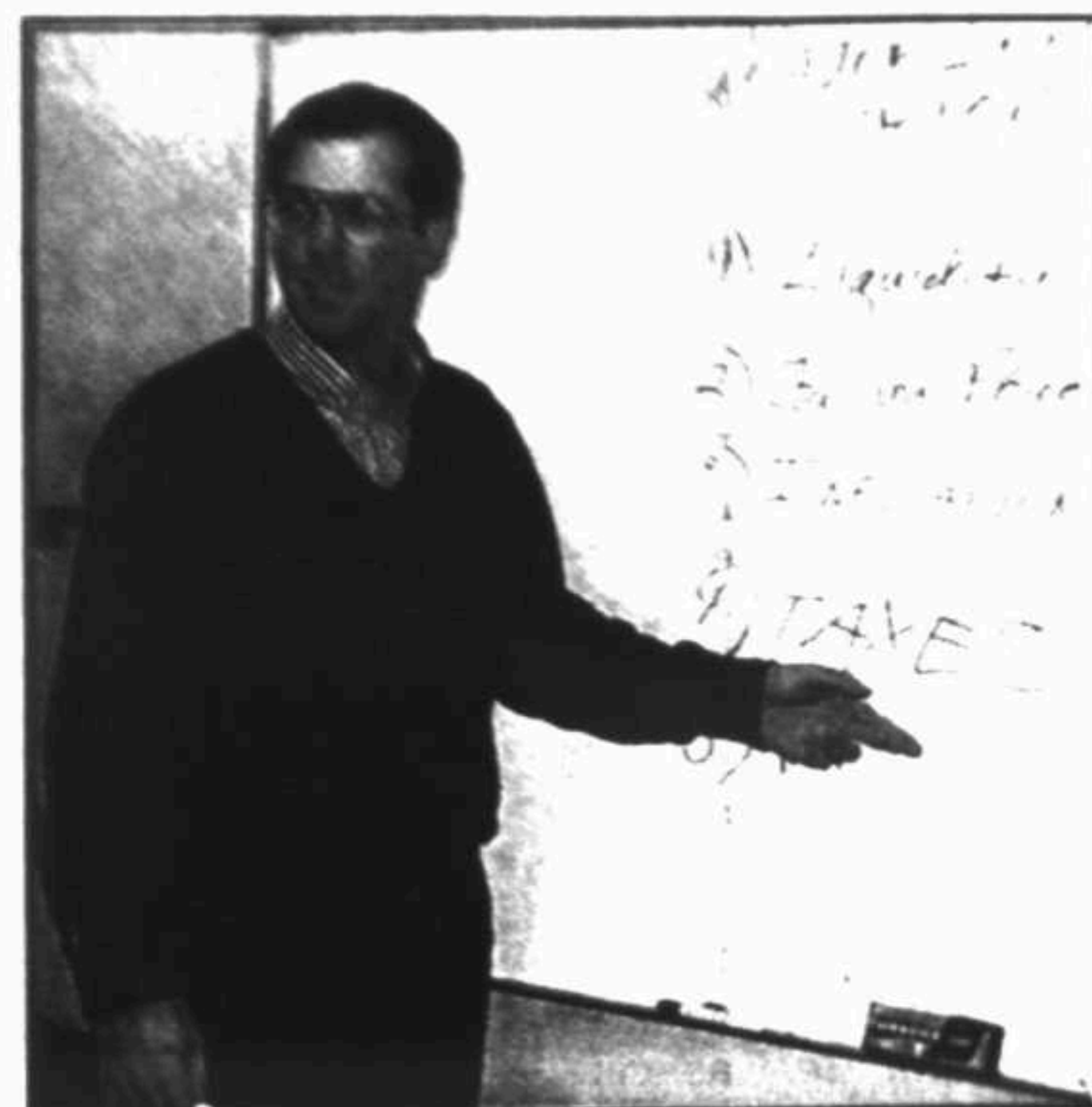
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Energi Personnel: Matchmaker for the job market

"Successful employee placement is not as simple as matching up job skills," says Energi Personnel owner Judi Hansler. "We work hard at matching personalities as well."

To be the job market's "matchmaker," Hansler and staff take time to learn not only the job duties a client needs filled, but also the company's work environment; is it very strictly structured, or are employees allowed leeway as long as the job gets done?

"Even job names vary in meaning from firm to firm," says Hansler. "The skills required for a secretary at ABC company may be very different from those needed at XYZ," she says. "That's why we learn all we can about every client."

This close understanding allows Energi to be proactive in assessing personnel needs. For example, they can help a client company plan ahead to beef up staffing during the busy season, or assist with training on a soon-to-be-added computer system. "We see ourselves as being in partnership with Midland and Odessa business," says Hansler. "We currently help firms of all sizes operate at peak efficiency as much as possible."

On the employee end, it's the same. "We personally assess job skills and work habits. Does this person work well unsupervised, or do they excel in a tighter environment? We never rely on a computer screen or just a piece of paper to evaluate someone, and we don't think of placement as 'plugging them in,'" Hansler says.

Energi has recently made their own "match made in heaven," adding Susan Sexton as manager for the Odessa branch. Sexton, a 21-year West Texan, brings years of experi-



Energi Personnel Owner Judi Hansler (left) has thoroughly trained new Odessa branch manager Susan Sexton in how to match the right employee with the right job. Energi goes the extra mile to be a true "matchmaker" for the job market.

ence in management and marketing to the job.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to connect good people with good jobs," Sexton says. "I'm also anxious to help Energi implement some new ways to serve our clients."

"Staffing services have already changed greatly since the days of the 'secretarial pool,'" Hansler agrees, "and Susan will help us grow our service even more."

"In the future, we would like to provide high level problem solvers for specific short-term tasks such as troubleshooting computer networks or setting up or evaluating accounting sys-

tems," Sexton explains. "This would move us even further along toward being a one-call staffing provider."

As for right now, "There are 5,000 businesses in Odessa, most of them under 200 employees," she adds. "I want to show them how much a staffing service like ours can help."

Energi can provide employees for anything from clerical to light industrial jobs. They offer payroll services, and can even act as a complete human resources office for a small business, handling hiring, firing,

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What makes the Party Station so popular is its large indoor and outdoor facility with the flexibility it provides. Indoor banquet seating can accommodate up to 300, with plenty of tables and chairs. There is a stage at the front of the facility for making any end-of-year presentations or awards. It can also be used by a band.

The Party Station has a full-service kitchen and bar with ice machine available, or you can use the caterer of your choice. In addition to the commercial stove with two large ovens, the kitchen includes some cookware such as coffee makers. Sandy recom-

mends anyone planning to use the kitchen bring whatever cookware they expect to need.

Out on the large covered patio, they have barbecue grills, fish fryers, shrimp boilers and a large smoker. Oak and mesquite wood are available at no extra charge.

Speaking of what's outdoors, December weather in West Texas is such that it just might be warm enough to enjoy some of the outdoor facilities. The Party Station has lighted volleyball and basketball areas, along with horseshoes and washers on their spacious and well-manicured grounds.

Of course, it's not necessary to wait until Christmas to enjoy the Party Station; it's available for a wide variety of parties this fall, as well (see list).

The Party Station is located at 6009 Empress, off West Loop 250 between Business 20 and Interstate 20, near the Fina truck stop and the DPS office. Call Sandy Lundberg for detailed directions; she'll be glad to give you a tour of the facilities and help you pick a day for your party, banquet or other gathering.

The Party Station offers facilities for banquets, parties or other gatherings, with an indoor seating capacity of approximately 300.

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The Party Station's spacious indoor and outdoor facilities make it a popular place for gatherings of all types and sizes.

STATE: Florida teams still riding high in polls

(From 2C)

1 Florida. All three schools — the only Division I teams in the state until Central Florida moved up this season — have finished in the top 20 every year since 1990.

Miami stumbled through probation and a bevy of off-field problems last year. The Hurricanes still won their last seven games and ended the year No. 20, their worst showing in the final poll since 1982.

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Florida, which had its first shot at a national championship last year, only to be blown out by Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl, has finished no lower than 13th this decade. That was in 1990, Steve Spurrier's first year as head coach.

And Florida State, which won its first national championship in 1993, has finished no lower than No. 4 since 1987.

This year is no exception. "I don't know what it takes to get somebody outside the state of Florida to be No. 1," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said.

It is a trend that doesn't figure to end soon. As long as the teams keep winning, they will continue to get the best prep players from the fertile state of Florida. And as long as they keep getting those players, they likely will continue to win.

"I had a kid two years ago who wound up at Notre Dame. He could have gone anywhere he wanted, but there was some family ties up there," said Corky Rogers, a high school coach in Jacksonville the past 25 years.

"But you take that same kind of a kid who had no other ties, and it would shock me if he didn't choose a state school."

The list of Sunshine State players who starred at Florida schools is long — Irvin, Bennie and Brian Blades, Russell Maryland and the late Jerome Brown at Miami; Sanders, Derrick Brooks, Marvin Jones, LeRoy Butler and Edgar Bennett at Florida State; Smith, Wilbur Marshall, Louis Oliver, Neal Anderson and Kevin Carter at Florida.

"It just goes to show the caliber of athletes in the state of Florida," Searcy said. "That's why you see so many other schools outside the state try to come in and steal the great athletes away from Florida. And the leftovers — if you can call them that — are pretty damn good themselves."

Iowa State found one at Southridge High School in Miami — Troy Davis is now on pace to become the first running back to rush for over 2,000 yards in two straight seasons.

Still, all three Florida schools do a remarkably good job of keeping the local talent. And there obviously is enough to go around.

On Miami's roster, 65 percent of the players are from Florida. Seventy percent of the players on Florida State's roster are in-state, while the Gators have 77 percent of their players from Florida.

That's true with most college teams. But not every state produces players like Florida, one of only 11 states that allows high school spring practice and one of only three that allows contact in the spring.

"People come from all over the country to recruit the state of Florida," said Jimmy Ray Stephens, who spent 13 years as a high school coach and is now the Gators' offensive line coach.

"We feel like now with Florida State and Miami being successful, and the success we've been having in the '90s ... hey, these are the top schools in the country. Why should a kid be looking anywhere else?"

A dozen or so years ago, the Gators had first dibs on most of the state's best players. But they were hammered by an NCAA probation that restricted recruiting in 1984 and 1985, then suffered through four years of mediocrity.

That was about the time Florida State began its rise and Miami began winning national championships.

For a six-year stretch starting in 1987, Florida State and Miami were ranked in the top four at the end of each season. Those teams had great defenses, pro-style offenses and great coaches — Bowden at Florida State; Howard Schnellenberger, Jimmy Johnson and Dennis Erickson at Miami.

"We had to respect their success," said Jeremy Foley, the athletic director at Florida. "I think it challenged us. There was no reason we could not have that type of success here."

The success began when Spurrier arrived. The Gators had never won a Southeastern Conference championship; this year, they are in good position to win their fourth in a row and fifth in Spurrier's seven years.

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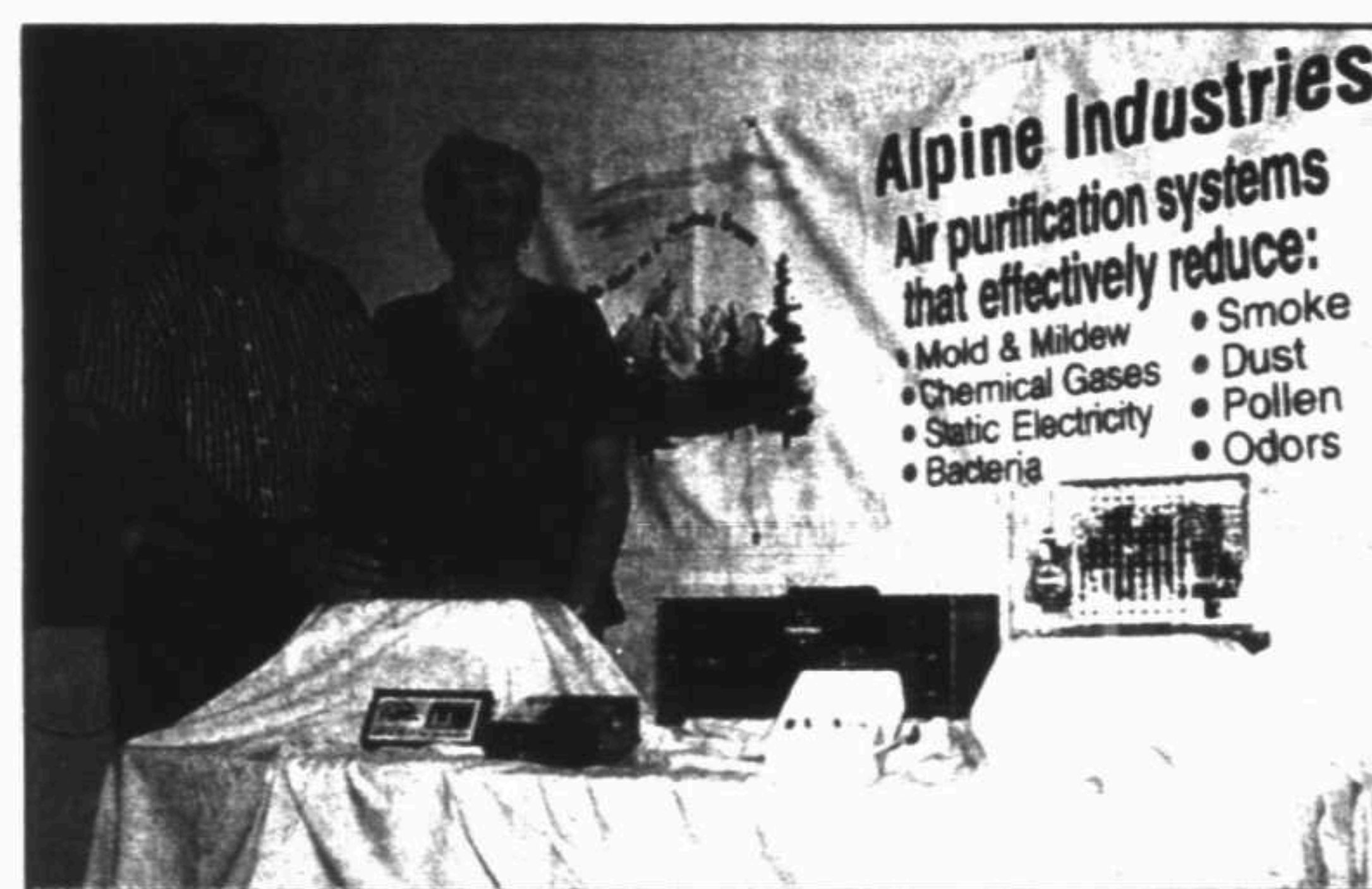
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Woods shows Nicklaus-like fire in Vegas win

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tiger Woods and Davis Love III were playing a nine-hole practice round in Georgia a few weeks ago when the subject first came up.

Barely a month into his pro career, Woods was already trying to figure out a way to play in the Ryder Cup.

"He said to me, 'Do you think if I won two or three times before the Ryder Cup team is picked that I would make it?'" Love recalled. "I told him if somebody could not pick you after you won two or three times, it would be amazing."

The way Woods won his first pro tournament Sunday, it might be amazing if he doesn't win several more in the next year before the Ryder Cup team is selected.

Playing with the poise of someone whose game is far past his years, the 20-year-old Woods stormed from four shots off the lead to beat Love in sudden death and win the Las Vegas Invitational.

Not since a 22-year-old named Jack Nicklaus beat Arnold Palmer

in a playoff to win the 1962 U.S. Open has a golfer burst on the scene with the game and the confidence Woods has shown in only five tournaments as a pro.

"All he thinks about is winning," Love said. "I don't think Jack Nicklaus ever went into a major trying to make the top 10. Obviously, someone taught him that from a young age. He understands it quite well."

Woods is not the youngest golfer to win on the PGA Tour. But he served notice that he has something far more important than the length he uses to overpower the golf course: the winning fire Nicklaus used to win 70 tournaments, including 18 majors.

He's already fielding questions on his place in the game, and on how good he thinks he might be over the years. His answers are short and to the point.

"I really don't know," Woods said.

His fellow players do, though.

"He's obviously the next great player and we're going to have to

work to beat him," Love said.

"He's got tremendous length and he's got all the shots," said Keith Fergus, Woods' playing partner on Sunday.

What may have been even more impressive than the win was the way Woods did it, in front of thousands screaming "Tiger, Tiger," and "Bring it home, Mr. Woods."

The throng of fans, estimated at 25,000, were testament to the impact Woods has had on the game. Tournament officials estimated there were some 10,000 more people at the tournament Sunday than a year ago.

Woods blew past a leaderboard that included names like Love and Fred Couples, then calmly laced a 9-iron within 20 feet of the cup on the first playoff hole to seal the victory.

"Knowing that I hit the shots when I had to down the stretch and coming from behind to win is very satisfying," Woods said. "What really makes it great is how many players were between me and the lead at the start of the day. I knew

I had to put a low score and I did."

The win not only earned Woods \$297,000, but it also gave him a two-year tour exemption and a spot in next year's Masters.

The only surprise to Woods, though, was that he thought this should have been his second win, not his first.

"It should of come at Quad City," Woods said of the tournament he led last month only to falter in the final round. "I learned a lot from that blunder. Coming down the stretch, I applied it here. I stayed very focused."

Woods, who was carrying his own bag and living in a dorm only a few months ago, seemed more impressed by the size of the winner's check than he did by his accomplishment.

"I like that figure," he said, pointing to the \$297,000 first prize.

The first prize check brought Woods' earnings to \$437,194 and gave him an added incentive to enter the last two tournaments of the regular season despite being in pain from a groin pull that he reinjured in the third round.

Tiger's tale

Tiger Woods earned a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour by virtue of his victory in the Las Vegas Invitational.

His earnings:

Tournament	Place	Winnings	Total	Rank
Minors Open	T90	\$2,544	\$2,544	1398
Canadian Open	11	\$37,500	\$40,044	204
Quail Creek Classic	T5	\$45,100	\$85,144	166
B.C. Open	T3	\$58,000	\$143,144	128
Quail Challenge	DNP	—	\$143,144	131
Las Vegas Invitational	1	\$297,000	\$437,194	40

Upcoming tournaments:

LaCarte Texas Open	Oct. 10-13
Disney/Oldemobile Classic	Oct. 17-20

Note: DNP—did not play



AP/Ed De Gasero

Woods is now 40th on the money winning list, and, with winnings of another \$170,000 or so in the final two tournaments, could jump into the top 30 and qualify for the season-ending Tour Championship.

"What you've seen here is just the tip of the iceberg," said Butch Harmon, Woods' coach. "This is the first time in his life he's been allowed only to play golf. He's had

to go to school and try and make his grades and not practice in good conditions and had to do all the things that a youngster does."

Now, with his concentration totally on his game, Woods can post what sounds like an ominous warning to his fellow pros.

"I go to every tournament trying to win," he said. "Otherwise you shouldn't even show up."

Dykes praises Red Raiders' consistency

LUBBOCK (AP) — Selected comments from Big 12 coaches Monday:

TEXAS TECH (3-2, 2-1)
Next game: Saturday, at Kansas

Coach Spike Dykes called last Saturday's 45-24 victory against Baylor a "nice win against a traditional rival," in which the Red Raiders showed more offensive consistency than in their prior games.

"We have really improved a lot as far as productivity is concerned. I thought Byron Hanesford (287 yards rushing) ran extremely well, and Sammy Morris is a freshman fullback who's really given us a shot in the arm."

Morris had two touchdowns and nearly broke the 100-yard rushing barrier as Tech defeated Baylor on a homecoming night in front of the first 50,000-plus crowd ever to see a Bears-Raiders game in Lubbock.

"It was an important win for us. The setting was such that it was really a good win."

The Red Raiders have to practice their tackling to contend with Kansas' bruising tailback June Henley, said Dykes, who compared the Jayhawk star to his own Doak Walker award-winner, Bam Morris.

TEXAS (3-2, 2-0)
Next game: Saturday, Oklahoma (at Dallas)

Coach John Mackovic said he didn't anticipate the Longhorns' game against Oklahoma State getting out of hand on the scoreboard, going as far as to say that "I hate it when scores get that high."

He did say that it was important for Texas to return to its Big 12 schedule with a bang.

"It was an important game for us in which to play well. We need to play like that from here on out. Every team knows that beating us will be important to winning the South Division."

Calling the Texas-OU clash "one of the great rivalries in college football," Mackovic stressed that it doesn't matter that the 25th ranked Longhorns are heavily favored over the winless Sooners.

"The thing about this game is both sides can point to big victories over the years when they were big underdogs. In 1992, we weren't ranked and they were highly ranked, and we won."

TEXAS A&M (2-3, 0-1)
Next game: Saturday, at Iowa State

Coach R.C. Slocum said focus has returned to an Aggie team that had struggled early this season until a 63-13 blowout of Louisiana Tech last Saturday.

"I think that's what we needed at this point in the season prior to us getting into the Big 12 this week."

Iowa State, A&M's opponent this Saturday, features the nation's top rusher in Troy Davis, and Slocum said he's seen plenty of the Cyclone star on tape since Sunday morning.

"In terms of really big-time players, the kid at Iowa State is fun to watch, except when you know you have to play him this week."

Though the Aggies are yielding 60.4 yards per game, third best in the nation, Slocum says he pays no attention to the ranking.

"That stat is unreasonable. We have not played a team that takes the philosophy Iowa State has."

BAYLOR (3-1, 0-1)
Next game: Saturday, at Nebraska

Coach Chuck Reedy said his Bears, who must travel to Nebraska a week after the Tech blowout, have gone "from the frying pan right into the fire."

"We knew going out there it was going to be a tremendous challenge for us (against Tech). We felt like we had pretty good preparation and were ready to play."

Baylor's 3-0 start against lightly regarded non-conference foes wasn't a telling record for the Bears, Reedy said.



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Terry Brinlee (front) Casey's being mugged the Cause for Paw...

SPCA

By Elizabeth Edwards
Lifestyle Editor

The giraffes of the um seemed to offer a glance as they looked on the crowd of about 100 who attended the 1996 for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' benefit "1996" Saturday evening.

The \$35 "paw print" Cabernet — a wine-themed fundraiser — has been sponsored by the local SPCA. It is used for the mail SPCA, as well as nary care and other animals which are in need.

"I believe we did year," said Karen treasurer. "We \$15,000," net. "I think every time. Next year, I even better as much about it and how she added."

The clear plan the ceiling of the atrium to be the sun's glow as the p.m. Tables dotted with numerous wine food and silent auction various sponsors.

As the music Jazz Band filled the room with friends of mingled, tasted and the food a silent auction item.

Variety was the evening. Several wines from seven samples of the patrons to taste. sent were Berry Chateau Souverain C&B Vintage Ridge, Meridian Vifia Tarapaca.

wines, soft drinks were available. With handy equipped with a hold a wine glass to sample the wine of the numerous ranging from peaches to chicken Pan. Fare also included waffles, a variety of cheeses with mushrooms, dip, make-your-own pizza. As trays were replaced.

DEAR ABBY: Batter

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I devoted so many of my life to violence, I thought I should know about the Address Confidentiality Program in Washington state.

Established by the Legislature in 1991, this innovative assistance program is administered by the office of the secretary of state. The goal is to assist domestic violence victims recently relocated, intimidation by the locations confidential.

Clients are referred by police or community-based programs, and State Coalition on Violence. Most are fleeing for their



Terry Brinlee (front left) and Phil Warlick look at fashions from Robbie Casey's being modeled by Leslie Garrison and Angela Mitchell during the Cause for Paws 1996 benefit for the SPCA.



Linda and Stan Fox taste one of the wines during the Cause for Paws SPCA benefit themed Canines, Felines and Cabernet Saturday evening at the ClayDesta Atrium.

SPCA benefit is a 'Cause for Paws'

By Elizabeth Edwin
Lifestyle Editor

The giraffes of ClayDesta Atrium seemed to offer an approving glance as they looked down over the crowd of about 175 supporters who attended the Midland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' benefit "Cause for Paws 1996" Saturday evening.

The \$35 "paw person" event — themed Canines, Felines and Cabernet — marked the second year the wine tasting party has been sponsored to raise funds for the local SPCA. Proceeds will be used for the maintenance of the SPCA, as well as upkeep, veterinary care and other items for the animals which are not donated.

"I believe we did pretty well this year," said Karen Linebarger, treasurer. "We made about \$15,000," net.

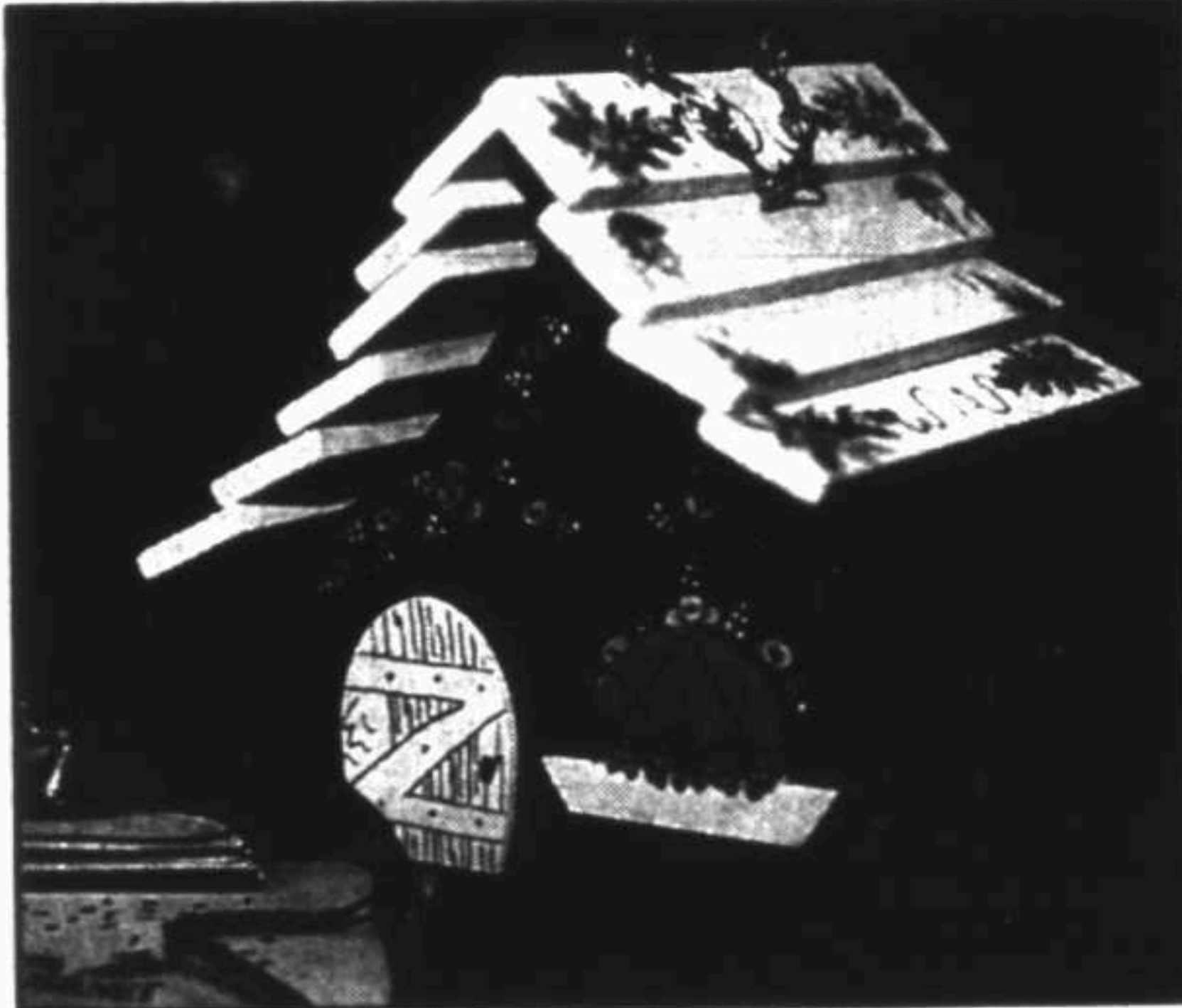
"I think everyone had a good time. Next year, I believe it will be even better as more people hear about it and how much fun it is," she added.

The clear panes that compose the ceiling of ClayDesta allowed the atrium to be blanketed with the sun's glow as the event began at 6 p.m. Tables dotted the area sporting numerous wines, an array of food and silent auction items from various sponsors.

As the music of Mainstream Jazz Band filled the atrium, providing the perfect sound for talking with friends or dancing, guests mingled, tasted the wines, sampled the food and perused the silent auction items.

Variety was the order of the evening. Several stations featured wines from seven wineries offering samples of their products for patrons to taste. Wineries represented were Beringer Vineyards, Chateau Souverain, Maison Deutz, C&B Vintage Cellars, Napa Ridge, Meridian Vineyards and Viña Tarapacá. In addition to the wines, soft drinks, coffee and water were available.

With handy buffet plates equipped with a notched portion to hold a wine glass, guests were able to sample the wines while partaking of the numerous hors d'oeuvres ranging from peel-and-eat shrimp to chicken Parmesan poppers. Fare also included deli sandwiches, a variety of fruits and cheeses with crackers, sautéed mushrooms, dips with chips, and make-your-own brisket sandwiches. As trays were emptied, full ones replaced them throughout



This hand-painted, wooden bird house (above) and the wooden rocking dog from Kids Only Toy Store (right) were two of the many items available in the silent auction at Cause for Paws Saturday evening at ClayDesta Atrium. Numerous local merchants and individuals donated on items that guests placed written bids for. The wine tasting event also featured music, informal modeling of fashions from Robbie Casey's, drawings for prizes and food from several local caterers and restaurants. Proceeds from the benefit will go toward maintenance and upkeep of the Midland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

the evening.

Silent auction items filled several tables, with many of the items sporting animal motif, in keeping with the purpose of the evening. Some of the "animal" items included a wooden rocking dog from Kids Only Toy Store, a Baccarat dachshund from Sam L. Majors, a pottery cat from Linda and Roy Clegg (UK), a framed watercolor of a basset hound by Paul Wecker from Watercolors and a zebra print mat from "Art Underfoot."

Several local veterinarians donated services such as annual check ups, annual shots and spaying or neutering for the silent auction. Veterinarians participating included A. David Scheele D.V.M., Jeff Blair D.V.M., Craig Brown D.V.M., Robert L. Cobb D.V.M. and Chaparral Veterinary Clinic.

Other silent auction donors included Bagwell's Home Furnishings, Swartz Clothing & Gifts, Robbie Casey's, Russell L. Freeman & Association, Jade Krug, "One Of A Kind by Drago," artist Sharon Jackson, Mary Geehan RMT, Chateau Souverain Winery, Beringer Vineyards, Meridian Vineyards, Hairscapes, "Baubles" and author Carole Nelson Douglas.

Throughout the evening, models from Robbie Casey's strolled through the crowd donning the latest in fall fashion with styles ranging from casual to business. Many of the ensembles sported animal prints — a hot fashion statement for fall. The models ended the evening with a showing of evening wear including ball gowns, evening pants and cocktail dresses complete with evening accessories.

Tickets for prize drawings were sold and winners were announced by mistress of ceremonies Tina Sanders. Numerous prizes were given out with the grand prize for the drawing being a bottle of Dom Perignon.

As the silent auction closed around 9 p.m., guests began to gather to see if they had won the last bid for their choice items. Special acknowledgements were given to Anita Springer of Panache, Critter Nanny, Galzer's Wholesale Co., Pinkie's Liquor Stores, Robbie Casey's and the models, and Ted Ferguson.

Caterers and restaurants that participated included Celebrations, Amy's Cooking Company, Parties Etc., Liz Chancellor, Classic Catering, On the Border Cafe,

Albertson's Food and Drug Store, Ninfa's, The Olive Garden, Black-Eyed Pea, Outback Steakhouse, LaBodega, The Ranch House and Red Lobster.

Others providing food included Subway, Wall Street Bar & Grill, Taste of China, Michael's Charcoal Grill, Furr's Supermarkets, Dos Compadres, Harrigan's Restaurant, Bennigan's, H.E.B. Food Stores, Jazz, The Bar, Portofino Restaurant, Scoops, Zucchini's and Luigi's Italian Restaurant.

Sponsors were Lily Marie Carter, Ms. Linebarger, Bill & Jeanette Proband, George Glass, PETsMart and Carolyn Roden. Co-sponsors were Fred and Janet Allison, Carol Winkel, Marisa Gibson and Virginia Selby.

Friends were Nancy & Buddy Anguish, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Craig Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ingram, Will and Marianne Green, William Aycock, Walter Krug, Eric Tabb and Frances Metcalfe.

Chairman for the event was Mrs. Proband. Other committee heads included Mrs. Allison, silent auction; Pat Henderson, decorations; Linda Webb, food; Diane Carlton, publicity; and Ms. Linebarger, treasurer.

Van Buren



DEAR ABBY

Battered spouses live without fear in Washington

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Because you have devoted so many columns to domestic violence, I thought you might like to know about the Address Confidentiality Program in Washington state.

Established by the Legislature in 1991, this innovative "victims' assistance" program is administered by the office of the secretary of state. The goal is to assist domestic violence victims who have permanently relocated to avoid further victimization by keeping their actual locations confidential.

Clients are referred to the program by police departments, community-based victims' assistance programs, and the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Most of these victims are fleeing for their lives; if found,

they may be killed. The program helps victims re-establish their lives by providing a substitute address that is accepted by state and local agencies. Participants use the substitute addresses for driver's licenses, marriage licenses and voter registration forms. There is a mail-forwarding service that enables them to keep their actual addresses confidential.

The Address Confidentiality Program is now in its fifth year of operation. Help is offered to men, women and children — but women involved in the program far outnumber men. Of the 1,061 participants enrolled, 469 are women, 9 are men and the remainder are children. Of the nine men enrolled in the program, eight reside with women who are victims of domestic violence. — RALPH MUNRO, SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEAR MR. MUNRO: Thank you not only for sharing the news that such a compassionate program is available to the citizens of

Washington state, but also for providing some figures on the ratio of women to men who are victims of domestic violence. Other states could learn from your farsighted legislators.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Van," and I run a business with responsibilities that take him out of his office and leave me working in our home office. My problem: A few times each year, Van calls me from his car to tell me about some poor hitchhiker he has just picked up. Today it was a 19-year-old temporary laborer wearing a hard hat, on his way home to a nearby city.

Although I realize Van is proud of his ability to help someone, it never fails to terrify me. Unfortunately, my husband thinks my reaction indicates a distrust in his ability to judge a person's character. He insists that he can spot a phony a mile away and he won't budge on this issue.

Abby, my husband has a cellular phone in his car in case he has an emergency or needs to report an

accident. But I maintain that Van has a greater responsibility to preserve his safety for his family's sake — and he shouldn't pick up strangers. We read your column daily. Please help me convince my Good Samaritan he is playing Russian roulette. — WORRIED

DEAR WORRIED: Your husband may be well-intentioned, but he shouldn't bet his life and the welfare of his family on his ability to judge the intentions of a hitchhiker at 65 miles an hour. Granted, many may be on the up-and-up, but that one in a thousand could be a killer.

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PICKUP CAMPER. Self contained.

Shower, restroom, stove, air
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Palomino, 10' box, propane
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Experienced

Drillers \$14.75
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Motormen \$11.85
Floorhands \$11.70
Truck Drivers \$11.30

Incentives include: gloves, quarterly cash drawings, up to
\$40.00 per day safety incentive for drillers, \$6.00 per day
for hands. Benefits: Insurance, vacations, 401k, EOE

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TOM BROWN, INC.

ROYALTY AND TAX ACCOUNTANT

Fast growing, independent oil and gas company seeking
accountant with at least 3 years experience in severance tax
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Service. Individual must be proficient in Lotus for Windows or
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Box 2608, Midland, TX 79702 ATTN: Anne Hill

310 General Help Wanted

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CLEANING TECHNICIANS, 21

or older, with valid drivers license
and good driving record, needed
immediately. Apply at Express
Personnel Services, 111 S. "B",
Midland, 570-8666. Never a fee.

RELIEF CLERK wanted 3 days:

2 pm - 10 pm; 2 days: 10 pm - 6
pm. Apply in person, E-Z Mart, 2210 N.
Big Spring.

COLLECTION CLERK- full time

position open at Western National
Bank. Successful candidate must
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experience. Submit resume/
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Odessa, TX 79760 or fax to 915-
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Truck Drivers needed for oil field
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Financial assistance available for
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310 General Help Wanted

ACCOUNTS MANAGER/

Collector, Counter Help and
Delivery needed. Excellent benefits.
Drug screen and physical will be
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Rentals & Sales, 2305 N. Big
Spring.

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Experienced Pump Truck
Operators and Transport
Drivers. Must have Class A
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Weekly hours guaranteed,
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8 AM and 5 PM

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Southwestern Bell Telecom has an opening in the Midland
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If you possess these skills and are interested in securing
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Southwestern Bell Telecom

Attn: Human Resources-Midland Tech
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Richardson, TX 75080

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Call 697-3636.

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SERVICE AGENT needed. Must

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dependable. Apply in person at
Budget Rent A Car, Midland
International Airport. No phone
calls.

TELEMARKETER- Salary plus

bonus. Full-time. Water
background helpful. Start
immediately. 520-0909 ask for
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TRACTOR/ TRUCK Drivers. Must

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be able to pass DOT physical
& drug screen. Contact Ralph
Price at 915-267-1601 at Big
Spring, TX. E. O. E.

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WAIT PERSON needed. Apply at

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relocate to Big Spring.

311 Medical Help Wanted

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CERTIFIED NURSING Assistant,

1 shift 2 to 10 & 1: 10 to 6
Excellent staff. \$5.20 per hour.
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CERTIFIED NURSING Assistants for

2: 10 pm, 6 am- 2 pm. Make
application or send resume to
Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W.,
Midland, Texas 79707. EOE,
M/F.

EMT's, EMT-1's and EMT-P's

needed to work West Texas area.
Call Texas West Ambulance, 570-
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telling clerk. Experienced in Medical
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61750, Midland, Texas 79711.

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opening for medical office manager
with extensive experience in
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environment. Send resume with
salary history in care of: Griffin &
Howell, 4526 E. University, Odessa,
TX 79762.

MEDICAL Transcriptionist/

Secretary needed for busy
physicians office. Telephone skills
& people friendly a must.
Dependability & promptness
required. Send resume to: Box
C-5, c/o Midland Reporter-
Telegram, Midland, TX 79702.

MEDICAL- Experienced Dental

Assistant. 4 1/2 day work week.
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freeze, Baldwin Fun Machine & lots of
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For all school! We also have costumes for
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Call 682-6222 Today!

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ROCKER/RECLINER. Sea foam
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TOTAL SACRIFICE- barely worn
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Organically grown, you pick.
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Industrial stove, Paid \$3,800.
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BREAKFAST table and 4 padded
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Collection, complete matching
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WURLITZER Piano. Good
condition. \$255. Call 694-7919
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AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A los votantes registrados del Condado de Midland, Texas:

Notifiquese por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00
a.m. las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de Noviembre de 1996, para votar en la Elección General para elegir elecciones
presidenciales, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado,
distrito, condado y del precinto.

Direcciones de las casillas electorales

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| 101, 101A, 101B | Airline Mobile Home Park | 7100 Airline Dr. |
| 102 | Alamo Jr. High | 3800 W. Storey |
| 103 | Bonham Elementary | 909 Bonham |
| 104, 104A | Midland Christian Fellowship | 200 Baldwin |
| 105, 105A | Burnet Elementary | 900 Raymond Rd. |
| 106, 106A | Henderson Elementary | 4800 Graceland |
| 107 | Manor Park Greathouse Act Bldg. | 5212 Sinclair |
| 108 | DL Engineering Building | 8180 Lakewood Ct. |
| 201, 201A | Cotton Flat Baptist Church | 6409 S. Hwy. 349 |
| 202, 202A | Greenwood Administration Bldg. | 2700 FM 1379 |
| 203, 203A | Fire Training Center | 3215 FM 307 |
| 204, 204A | Polo Park Retirement Center | 2100 Castleford |
| 205 | San Jacinto Jr. High | 1400 North N |
| 206 | Midland College | 3600 N. Garfield |
| 207, 207A, 207B | Girl Scout Program Center | 901 W. Dengar |
| 208 | Trinity Towers | 2800 W. Illinois |
| 210, 210A | Goddard Jr. High | 2500 Haynes |
| 211, 211A | Fire Station #4 | 404 E. Solomon Lane |
| 212, 212A | James Bowie Elementary | 805 W. Elk |
| 301 | Parker & Parsley Production Co. | 2445 E. Hwy. 80 |
| 302, 302A | Ranchland Heights Baptist Church | 3203 S. County Rd. 1211 |
| 303 | Rocky Ford Moving Vans | 3811 W. Industrial |
| 304, 304A | Asbury United Methodist Church | 106 W. Dakota |
| 305 | Carver Cultural Center | 1300 E. Wall |
| 306 | DeZavala Elementary | 906 W. Illinois |
| 307, 307A | Midland High School | 1400 N. Lee |
| 308 | Lee Freshman | 2445 E. Hwy. 80 |
| 309, 309A | Boys & Girls Club of Midland | 3500 Neely |
| 310, 310A | County Extension Building | 3800 Norwood |
| 401 | High Sky Children's Ranch | 3813 N. Midland Dr. |
| 402 | Memorial Christian Church | 5306 Whitman |
| 403 | Lee High School | 3901 Mockingbird Ln. |
| 404 | Parker Elementary | |
| 405 | Rusk Elementary | |
| 406, 406A | Fairmont Park Church of Christ | |
| 407 | Santa Rita Elementary | |
| 408, 408A | Northwestern Baptist Church | |
| 409 | | |

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo en los siguientes lugares, fechas y tiempos
notados abajo:

1. Election Administrator's Office
709 W. Washington
2. Kingsway City Health Dept. - Space 22
3303 W. Illinois
3. Midland Park Mall
4511 Midkiff
4. Midland Association of Retarded Citizens (MARC) - Opportunity Center
2701 North A
5. Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church - Parish Hall
1405 Garden Lane

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:

Pat Eastup
P.O. Box 3434
Midland, TX 79702-3434

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin
de las horas de negocio el 29 de Octubre de 1996.

Emitted este dia 17 de Septiembre, 1996. Jeff Norwood, Juez del Condado

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of the County of Midland, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00
p.m., November 5, 1996 for voting in a general election to elect Presidential Electors, Members
of Congress, Members of the Legislatures, and state, district, county and precinct officers.

Locations of polling places:

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 101, 101A, 101B | Airline Mobile Home Park | 7100 Airline Dr. |
| 102 | Alamo Jr. High | 3800 W. Storey |
| 103 | Bonham Elementary | 909 Bonham |
| 104, 104A | Midland Christian Fellowship | 200 Baldwin |
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| 301 | Parker & Parsley Production Co. | 2445 E. Hwy. 80 |
| 302, 302A | Ranchland Heights Baptist Church | 3203 S. County Rd. 1211 |
| 303 | Rocky Ford Moving Vans | 3811 W. Industrial |
| 304, 304A | Asbury United Methodist Church | 106 W. Dakota |
| 305 | Carver Cultural Center | 1300 E. Wall |
| 306 | DeZavala Elementary | 906 W. Illinois |
| 307, 307A | Midland High School | 1400 N. Lee |
| 308 | Lee Freshman | 2445 E. Hwy. 80 |
| 309, 309A | Boys & Girls Club of Midland | 3500 Neely |
| 310, 310A | County Extension Building | 3800 Norwood |
| 401 | High Sky Children's Ranch | 2601 Wedgewood |
| 402 | Memorial Christian Church | 3813 N. Midland Dr. |
| 403 | Lee High School | 5306 Whitman |
| 404 | Parker Elementary | 3901 Mockingbird Ln. |
| 405 | Rusk Elementary | |
| 406, 406A | Fairmont Park Church of Christ | |
| 407 | Santa Rita Elementary | |
| 408, 408A | Northwestern Baptist Church | |
| 409 | | |

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2. Kingsway City Health Dept. - Space 22
3303 W. Illinois
3. Midland Park Mall
4511 Midkiff
4. Midland Association of Retarded Citizens (MARC) - Opportunity Center
2701 North A
5. Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church - Parish Hall
1405 Garden Lane

October 16 - October 18
October 21 - October 25
October 26 (Saturday)
October 27 (Sunday)
October 28 - November 1

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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P.O. Box 3434
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Issued this 17th day of September, 1996. Jeff Norwood, County Judge

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