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SPORTS

Cowboys win

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Callie at Cowboys

Callie Smartt continues to attract national attention after her removal from the AHS cheerleading squad became public. She spent Monday night on the sidelines of the Cowboys-Packers in Dallas game as the guest of the Cowboys. Callie has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair.

Reader response

Let's talk turkey. Better yet, let's talk about what you're especially thankful for this holiday season.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we'd like to know. And writers of the 10 responses deemed the best will receive free holiday turkeys in time for the Thanksgiving Day feast. Winning entries and a selection of others will be published that day, along with a photo of the writer of the top entry.

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Basin 4th in oilfield employment

New study finds Houston 'Hollywood of oil industry'

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Texas is king of the hill when it comes to the number of jobs in the domestic oil industry but a new study shows Oklahoma is faring well, too. "Houston is to the oil industry what Hollywood is to entertainment, what Detroit is to autos and what New York is to finance," says Arthur Smith, an analyst with John S. Herold Inc.

Houston provides the largest number of oil-related jobs with 57,628. Dallas is second with 17,171. Midland-Odessa has 9,456 oil-related jobs, ranking fourth, and Fort Worth offers 5,070 jobs, coming in at No. 10.

Despite the devastating impact of the 1980s oil bust on Oklahoma, though, Tulsa came in third place with 10,289 jobs.

Top cities in oil employment

1. Houston	57,628
2. Dallas	17,171
3. Tulsa	10,289
4. Midland-Odessa	9,456
5. New Orleans	8,817
6. Lafayette, La.	7,135
7. Oklahoma City	6,965
8. Los Angeles	6,369
9. Bakersfield, Calif.	5,518
10. Fort Worth	5,070

Source: John S. Herold Inc.

In fact, oil-related jobs in Tulsa increased 6 percent from 1987 to 1993, leading Smith to refer to Tulsa as "the Dallas of the Mid-Continent," said a story in Sunday's

editions of the Tulsa World.

The study was published in April by Robert Gilmer, listing the 29 largest metropolitan areas with significant petroleum industry employment.

Gilmer examined where the concentration of occupations were and how employment has changed.

He came up with a list of oil cities in which 80 percent of the largest oil and gas companies are based. He totaled the jobs in six categories: producers, drilling contractors, field services, other services, machinery and headquarters.

His study placed Tulsa as just one of two oil employers not located in Texas or Louisiana. The other city is Oklahoma City, which employs 6,965 and ranks seventh.

Please see BASIN/2A

CLEAN SWEEP



Alpine broom squire John Zukowski and his wife, Sue, are the nation's largest maker of handcrafted brooms.

Alpine couple stitch way to idyllic life

ALPINE — You might say that John and Sue Zukowski have stitched and swept their way to an idyllic life by a flick of the broom. Their craft is making handcrafted brooms from flexible but durable Mexican broomcorn and crooked Texas pecan branches, which become handles.

"It's functional art," observed Zukowski, who was raised on a Michigan horse farm at mid-century, indulged in the bustle and business of big-city life, and then pursued a return to country living.

While his and his wife Sue's broom-making niche represents a fraction of the broom industry's output, which

is geared for mass production, their Country Broom Works in Alpine is the nation leader in handcrafted brooms. Last year, they and their 18-year-old son, Geof, produced 7,000 brooms of seven styles: from the whisk brooms to the floor sweepers.

The stalks from broomcorn, which is a variety of sorghum, "maintains its flexibility and its rigidity throughout the years," said Zukowski, 48.

His wife's kitchen broom, which was a wedding gift 22 years ago, is still doing its chores. It was made by Kentucky broom squire, Henry Young, who taught the Zukowski couple the broom-making craft.

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STORY AND PHOTO BY ED TODD

Sheriff's Office investigates Oklahoma bounty hunters

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Further developments in the abduction of a Midland County man have led Sheriff's Office investigators to open a kidnapping investigation focused on two Oklahoma bounty hunters.

A kidnapping was originally reported about 1:23 p.m. Sunday at 7701 W. County Road 116 in Midland County, according to Sheriff's Office reports.

It was later determined that a man at that address, 22-year-old William Lord, had been picked up by two men working for a bail bonding service out of Oklahoma, according to Sheriff Gary Painter.

Investigators were looking into the incident to determine if state laws had been broken when evidence came to light which might implicate the two private investigators from Oklahoma City in a kidnapping scheme.

Investigators were told that the two

men had stopped in Snyder and called a relative of Lord asking for money for his release.

The two men, Michael Montgomery, 32, and James Petry, 37, were found in Snyder and arrested. They have been transported to the Midland Central Detention Center where they remained at the time of this report in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

They are currently charged only with impersonating a peace officer, since they reportedly identified themselves as such when they abducted Lord.

Further charges of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault could be charged in the future, according to Sheriff's Office investigators.

Lord remains in Snyder awaiting extradition to Fisher County, Okla., on felony charges of bail jumping, according to Scurry County Sheriff's Office officials.

ValuJet hearing



Maria Rivera of Miami, who lost her mother in the crash of ValuJet Flight 592 listens at a National Transportation Safety Board hearing Monday in Miami where tape recordings from the tragedy were played.
Story 8A

Midland hires El Paso chief as city's new top firefighter

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

The head of the El Paso Fire Department has accepted the position of Midland fire chief.

Andrew Mehl — who has been with the El Paso Fire Department for 26 years and the last eight as chief — was selected among 42 applicants. He was among three finalists announced last month that included Midland Fire Marshal Jerry Petree and Flower Mound Fire Department Chief Eric Metzger.

"We feel like his experience particularly made him stand out from the other candidates, that he has been a chief and a chief for an extended period of time for the same department," Assistant City Manager Glen Hacker said.

Mehl, 48, will replace Fire Chief James Roberts, 55, who will retire in mid-December after 36 years of service and about 14 years as chief.

The new chief will assume his duties Jan. 13. Midland's fire marshal will act as interim chief during the transition period.

Mehl said he and his wife, DiAnn, look forward to coming to Midland. "We're both really looking for a nice change," he said.

A resident of El Paso since a small child and now eligible to retire there, Mehl said he was ready to settle down in a community such as Midland. The size of Midland is just right, the city is attractive and the Fire Department has a good reputation, he said.

"I'm looking for a new challenge," he said of the new job.

In addition to recent visits to Midland, Mehl said, he came here regularly for swim meets when he was younger.

Now that a new fire chief has been secured, the city faces the task of hiring replacements for several other Fire Department employees planning to retire in December. That includes a battalion chief, an assistant chief and two captains.

Train-car collision kills one, injures another seriously

One man was killed and another seriously injured following an automobile-train collision west of Midland Monday.

Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies and Department of Public Safety Troopers responded to the scene about 8:20 p.m., along with emergency personnel from the Midland Fire Department, officials said.

The accident happened on Industrial Avenue (FM 662) about two miles west of the intersection of West Business Interstate 20 and Loop 250.

Rescuers found two elderly men in an older model Cadillac, with the front half of the vehicle smashed beneath a west-bound locomotive, according to witnesses at the scene.

One man, believed to be a passenger, was extricated from the vehicle and transported to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

The driver was found to be dead at the scene and rescuers worked to free his body from the wreckage after the ambulance had left. His name had not been released at the time of this report, pending notification of next of kin.

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WEATHER WATCH

Forecast calls for sunny, high in 80s

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high near 80 and south to southwest winds at 10-15 mph. Tonight should be clear with a low near 50, according to the National Weather Service in Midland. Wednesday should be sunny with a high near 80.

After an overnight low of 33, Monday's high reached 78, compared to the record high for that date of 84 set in 1981. The record low was 19 set in 1980.

STATE

Mild temperatures and sunny skies extended across most of Texas on Monday in the wake of a cold front's passage that dumped brief, heavy rains on northern and western sections of the state.

Late Monday afternoon, the weak cool front was stalled from Brownsville to Lake Charles, La., along the Gulf coast. Dense fog that formed over much of the Coastal Plains in the early morning burned off by afternoon.

Isolated rain and thunderstorms developed in deep South and far East Texas.

High temperatures ranged from the 60s to 70s and 80s along the middle and upper Gulf coast. Extremes were 84 degrees at McAllen, 83 degrees at Sanderson and 82 at Brownsville, along with 67 at Childress and Guadalupe Pass and 57 at Paris.

Winds were generally light and variable, with southerly to westerly breezes at 5 to 15 mph in the west.

The National Weather Service posted an advisory for dense fog and drizzle in eastern and southern sections of the state through Wednesday. But fog was expected to burn off by mid-morning.

Overnight lows should range from the 30s to 60s inland, with highs from the high 60s to the low 80s.

Fair conditions were expected to continue through Wednesday.

Afternoon winds should become southerly around 10 mph.

NATION

Wet, stormy weather soaked parts of the Pacific Northwest on Monday, with heavy snow on the inland mountains, and showers stretched from the Gulf of Mexico into New England.

Moist air from the tropical central Pacific was flowing into the Northwest, pouring heavy rain along the coasts of Oregon and northern California.

Creek flooding in southwestern Oregon closed the coastal U.S. 101 south of Bandon for several hours during the morning, state highway officials said.

Wind gusts to 54 mph were measured at Gold Beach, Ore., the National Weather Service said.

In California's central Sierra Nevada, the mountain community of Blue Canyon about 30 miles west of Lake Tahoe got 5.37 inches of rain in 24 hours.

The moisture-laden air also produced heavy snow at higher elevations of the Oregon Cascades and the northern Sierra Nevada.

Heavy snow in the Cascades temporarily blocked U.S. 20 between San Juan Junction and Sisters.

Farther north, snow fell at elevations as low as 3,000 feet from Washington through Idaho into western Montana.

More snow was likely at higher elevations of Utah and western Wyoming.

Wet weather also developed along a cold front that was pushing slowly across the eastern third of the nation.

Showers and a few thunderstorms extended from southeastern Louisiana across the Tennessee and Ohio valleys all the way into New England.

The strongest rain was in the lower Mississippi Valley, where 1.64 inches fell in 24 hours at Alexandria, La., and 1.53 inches fell at Jackson, Miss.

Heavy showers and thunderstorms also were scattered along the Atlantic Coast from the eastern Carolinas into northern sections of Georgia and Alabama.

A dense fog advisory was in effect overnight for northern West Virginia, western Maryland, east-central Ohio and western Pennsylvania, the weather service said.

In the middle of the country, snow showers were scattered over the Plains as a mass of cold air bulged southward.

Afternoon temperatures were only in the single digits and teens on the northern and western Plains, with wind chills below zero.

Morning lows around the northern Plains and western Great Lakes ranged from 10 above zero to slightly below zero. Temperatures hit the 20s as far south as northern Oklahoma.

Monday's temperatures around the Lower 48 states ranged from a morning low of 7 below zero at Fosston, Minn., to an early afternoon reading of 82 at Brownsville, Texas. The lowest wind chill was 40 below zero at Glasgow, Mont.

Texas House's Gonzales faces Democratic rivals

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a test of the old guard's staying power, 80-year-old Henry B. Gonzalez continued hold on the House Banking Committee's top Democratic seat is being challenged by two less senior members.

The maverick San Antonio lawmaker chaired the committee for six years until Republicans assumed control of the House in 1995, and since then has been ranking Democrat on the panel.

By tradition of seniority, Gonzalez should retain his status when House Democrats meet behind closed doors Wednesday to vote on committee ranking appointments. Ranking members control their committee's Democratic staff and coordinate their party's policy and agenda on issues before the panel.

But the 35-year incumbent's grip on the reins is being contested by two others: 11-term Rep. John LaFalce of New York, who is second in seniority among panel Democrats; and 10-term Rep. Bruce Vento of Minnesota, third in rank. Vento unsuccessfully challenged Gonzalez for the chairmanship in 1990.

Gonzalez, who is famously

independent-minded, is accused by some fellow Democrats of pursuing his own interests while paying little heed to committee business or the agenda the Democratic caucus wants to push.

"He's just checked out," Vento said last week. "He doesn't show up at the meetings. ... He isn't really there taking any lead."

Gonzalez hasn't responded to requests by The Associated Press for an interview.

But in a flurry of letters he and his allies have circulated on Capitol Hill, Gonzalez defended his leadership and promised that this is the last time he seeks the post — even if re-elected in 1998.

"During the past two years, Democrats on the Banking Committee successfully defended against Republican efforts to gut basic consumer protection and housing programs; seized the initiative on vital banking and budget issues; and proved that Republican 'attack' hearings were merely political sideshows unworthy of public attention or respect," Gonzalez wrote fellow Democrats two days after the election, as jockeying began for his position.

man's land — one that only Congress can effectively cross," Quella said in a statement.

ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox have promised they would uphold the ban. But more than 1,000 individual TV stations and cable channels have yet to decide whether they'll air such ads.

Pick 3 Texas

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

4-3-6

Chairman: Huang called Indonesian bank

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic fund-raiser at the center of a controversy over foreign-linked donations made some 70 phone calls from his government office to a California bank owned by his former Indonesian employer, a senior House Republican disclosed Monday.

John Huang, who was a high-ranking Commerce Department official at the time, also made "a pattern of calls" to Arkansas businessmen with financial interests in Asia, said Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., chairman of the House International Relations Committee.

The contacts in question are listed in Huang's records of outgoing long-distance calls, which were requested from the Commerce Department by investigators for Gilman's committee. The phone calls are "highly relevant to the allegations that surfaced late in the presidential campaign about questionable fund-raising practices involving John Huang," Gilman wrote Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor.

Republicans have questioned whether Huang may have maintained improper ties as a government official to his former employer, the Lippo banking and real estate conglomerate — whose Indonesian owners are longtime friends and financial supporters of President Clinton. With top secret clearance, Huang was privy to sensitive intelligence data on world and trade matters while he served at Commerce from July 1994 to December 1995.

The Commerce Department declined comment on Gilman's letter. Ty Cobb, an attorney for Huang, didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Last week the department's inspector general began investigating Huang's activities during the 18 months he worked as a deputy assistant secretary for international economic policy.

In his letter to Kantor, Gilman also questioned the timing of the Commerce Department's response to the investigators' Oct. 18 request for Huang's records, saying it "raises serious questions as to whether the department's actions may have been improperly influenced by political considerations."

Among other things, Gilman said, Huang's phone records, given to the committee on Nov. 13, contain a notation indicating they were printed on Oct. 25 — nearly three weeks before they were turned over. The presidential election was Nov. 5.

Details weren't immediately available on Huang's 70 calls to Lippo Bank of California, based in Los Angeles and owned by the billionaire Riady family. Before joining the government, Huang headed Lippo's U.S. affiliate and was a vice chairman of Lippo Bank.

Officials of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. have asked a high-level supervisor in Washington about a scheduled meeting last year between him and Huang, to determine whether any efforts were made to give Lippo Bank preferential treatment, FDIC spokesman Robert Garsson said Monday.

Twice within the past six years, the FDIC has issued sanctions against the bank for various problems. Sanctions were eventually lifted in both cases.

Commerce Department phone message slips show that the supervisor, Ken A. Quincy, twice called Huang in May 1995 and scheduled a meeting with him. Garsson said Quincy told FDIC officials he doesn't recall speaking to Huang, exchanging calls with him or

meeting with him.

As previously reported by The Associated Press, Huang's Commerce Department appointment calendars and incoming phone messages suggest he had contact with several Lippo-related people, including Julian Liu, a former executive of Lippo Bank of California.

Around the time of some of these calls, in mid-1994, the Commerce Department was preparing for a major U.S. trade mission to China, where Lippo has prominent dealings. Huang has said he was generally aware of the trade mission but was not directly involved in its planning.

Huang was recently fired from the Democratic National Committee as part of the normal post-election reduction in staff, a DNC spokeswoman said Sunday.

In a related development, former White House aide Mark Middleton solicited funds in Asia for a foundation that is refurbishing Clinton's childhood home and converting it into a tourist attraction, the Wall Street Journal reported Monday. The newspaper said Middleton collected around \$50,000 from Hong Kong billionaire Nina Wang.

Wang.

At least four drown in apparent border crossing

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A strong undertow in the Gulf of Mexico may be to blame for the drownings of at least four people in a group apparently swallowed up by a large wave while trying to cross the mouth of the Rio Grande from Mexico, officials said Monday.

Authorities searched for perhaps six more bodies along the beach between the river's mouth and Brazos Santiago, an inlet separating Padre Island from the Boca Chica peninsula.

Witnesses said they saw about 10 men, women and children at the river's mouth about 20 miles of Brownsville on Sunday, said Chief

Deputy Joe Elizardi of the Cameron County Sheriff's Department.

"They were walking on a sand bar on the Mexican side. When they got to the end of the sand bar, this large wave came in and swallowed them up," he said.

Authorities believed the group was trying to reach the U.S. side of the river, Elizardi said.

Three bodies were recovered shortly thereafter. Two have been identified as men, ages 49 and 19, believed to be from Lahore, Pakistan. Elizardi said. Both were carrying Pakistani passports and business cards suggesting that one was an engineer, the other a

printer, he said. Their full identities were being withheld pending notification of relatives, Elizardi said.

The third dead man was not carrying identification papers, although his features were similar to the other two, he said.

A fourth washed onto shore but was taken back out by the tide, the deputy said.

The victims may have been caught in a strong undertow caused by a rough surf, said Richard Hagan, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service forecast office in Brownsville.

"A single wave is not enough

normally to carry somebody off and drown them," Hagan said. "I think there was probably a rip current in that area."

Seas were up to 10 feet in the area, which could have created a powerful rip current flowing outward, he said.

Waves along Boca Chica Beach normally range between 3 and 4 feet, Elizardi said.

Two men put out in a boat from the Mexican shore in a rescue attempt Sunday, but the vessel capsized in the waves. Both men reached shore safely, Elizardi said.

BROOMS: Alpine couple weaves to idyllic life

(From 1A)

"I've got a little stove broom out in the shop that was probably made in the 1920s that we are still using."

It was back in the mid-1980s when the Zukowski couple decided to make mountainous Alpine, population about 5,600, their home and to escape the big-city life, from New York to Houston, which had entrapped them. Zukowski had been in sales.

"To live some place like this (Alpine), you have to lower your expectations, your demands," Zukowski figured. "You don't need to make a \$100,000 a year to live here. There's a real changeover in recent years of people who have had the opportunity to make a \$100,000 or \$200,000 (a year) and live in New York City, live in Los Angeles, whatever, but (they) decided that rather than do that, they had rather be happy. You don't need to drive a \$60,000 car. You don't need to dress up in three-piece suits five days a week."

Instead, he wears his well-worn blue jeans, flannel shirt, boots or tennis shoes, and an old black hat when he reports to work at home in Alpine.

An inventive sort, Zukowski makes his stitching needles from the heavy baling wire which bundles the broomcorn. And his pounder or broom hammer is fashioned after a sailor's 1600s rigging hammer, since out-of-work sailors in years gone by were among the early commercial broom-makers in New England, Zukowski said.

The broom, "as we know it," is an Afro-American development, he noted.

And the natural crooked broomstick, as opposed to the run-of-the-mill straight and uniform machined handles, turns out to be best suited for the human form, Zukowski said.

"Folks made jokes about the crooked handle, and then they tried sweeping with them. And they discovered that they are more comfortable than a straight-handle (broom)."

Zukowski recalled that a few years ago, a woman bought one of his brooms for decoration "because it was 'cute' and had a 'nice crooked handle. She liked it." The broom became part of her house's wall decor.

Then, one day at a dinner party, she dropped a potted plant, and dirt covered the floor.

"That broom happened to be

hanging right there, and she grabbed it immediately and started sweeping and realized her back didn't hurt when she swept with it," Zukowski said. "When she would sweep with a straight-handle broom, her back would hurt between her shoulders. This intrigued her because she was a physical therapist."

Zukowski explained that with a "straight-handle broom, to line your hands up, you have to pull your shoulders forward, and you sweep by rolling your shoulders. With a crooked-handle broom, she could hang onto it comfortably. And she dropped her shoulders, and she swept from her elbow to her fingertips and never moved her shoulders."

Zukowski gets the crooked pecan branches for handles from Fort Stockton.

And the broomcorn stock from Mexico was developed about 300 years ago in the Carolinas, he said. "Since then, it has moved west with westward expansion. It's a very labor-intensive crop."

There is a fanciful story of the broomcorn's development in America.

It seems that American scientist-printer-statesman Benjamin Franklin was "walking down the

street in Philadelphia," Zukowski said in relating an old story, "and a friend of his, a lady that he knew, showed him a little whisk broom, a little hand broom, that somebody had sent her from Africa. And on that broom, there was a single seed. And Ben Franklin, being an inquisitive mind, took that seed off and planted it and up sprang broomcorn."

There's another story that involves the slaves in the Carolinas. There, the slaves raised common sorghum as a syrup crop for the sugar in the stalk.

"The slaves started taking the seed heads off of the top of the plant, ... saved those seeds — the ones that produced the longest, straightest fiber. And they'd plant that separately, and they started calling it broom corn because it looked like corn growing."

In his business, Zukowski is sort of bucking the now well-established system of mass production.

"The basis of the industrious revolution was to make everything the same," Zukowski reflected. "You try to get away from that" as a broom squire who crafts by hand, mind, and heart. "You don't mass produce people all exactly the same. Everyone is different."

BASIN: Midland-Odessa 4th in oilfield jobs

(From 1A)

The other cities with significant oil employment were No. 5 New Orleans with 8,817 jobs; Lafayette, La., ranked sixth with 7,135 jobs; Los Angeles, ranked eighth with 6,369 positions and Bakersfield, Calif., ranked ninth with 5,518 jobs.

Gilmer's study indicated that Houston was able to emerge as the oil epicenter because:

■ there were information spillovers stemming from the close proximity of many petroleum executives;

■ a clustering of talented personnel, which allowed for the creation of a specialized labor force that can shift employment without relocation friction; and

■ oil service and capital providers flocked to be close to their customers.

The study didn't point out that Dallas and Houston dominate because of access to world-class airports, financing and communications.

"All are important things to the upstream end of the business," Smith said.

Companies such as CITGO

Petroleum, Sooner Pipe and Supply, Parker Drilling Co., Helmerich & Payne, OXY USA, Amoco Corp., and The Williams Cos., have generated most of the oil employment growth for Tulsa.

The city has benefited from diversification efforts by oil companies there, most notably by Williams, which has drifted toward cutting-edge technology jobs.

In the past six years, Williams has grown from being a \$3 billion company with 3,000 workers to a \$12 billion company with 12,000 employees. About 2,000 are based

in Tulsa.

But Gilmer concluded in his study that counting oil jobs is becoming less meaningful. Outsourcing and restructuring will make it "more difficult to know who does and does not work for the oil industry," he said.

While Tulsa has benefited from the recent consolidation in the industry, it will have to work harder to get more jobs in the area in the future, Gilmer said.

He said as the "economic pressure relaxes, I see Tulsa competing better."

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GISENYI, Rwanda, of food and out 700,000 Rwandan death in eastern Z said Monday. The Western powers plans to send soldiers to central Africa.

Ragged column returning home, hungry and with stretched 35 miles those still trapped were in even greater workers said. No military mission likely before Thursday.

Although the had eased since then than 5,000 people across the border officials said.

An estimated refugees have returned since Rwanda since the barefoot on the soil — after escaping militants who on world's largest refugee camps.

Aid workers say some 1,050 children, orphaned, their parents during the war.

"I was holding day, and then disappeared," said ramzimbira as year-old daughter U.N. tent, "I am with me."

Aid officials said al humanitarian focus on the refugees and forests south.

Italians enthusiastically receive Castro

ROME (AP) — the streets, declaring comandante," he said, shouting: "On Monday, government trekked one by one to the Inn to pay homage."

Fidel Castro — call "Maximum holding court."

Castro's revolution evokes respect and admiration from Italians have an enthusiastic reception arrived Saturday.

At the U.N. World delegates flocked in photographs and graphs. On Sunday, home of Gianni Agnelli, the Italian automotive mogul announced the nation's richest man.

The Holiday Inn of Rome has been leader's headquarters a blue suit and dotted tie, Castroers Monday in a room around a table with notepads, clipboards.

"He has such curiosity of all Europe and Italy," Bertinotti, head of communist party audience with Castro.

Workers insist international help needed in Zaire

GISENYI, Rwanda (AP) — Out of food and out of touch, up to 700,000 Rwandan refugees still face death in eastern Zaire, aid agencies said Monday. The agencies urged Western powers to stick to their plans to send soldiers quickly to central Africa.

Ragged columns of refugees returning home, many exhausted, hungry and with bleeding feet, stretched 35 miles into Rwanda. But those still trapped in eastern Zaire were in even greater danger, aid workers said. No decision on a military mission to help them is likely before Thursday.

Although the crush of refugees had eased since the weekend, more than 5,000 people an hour poured across the border Monday, U.N. officials said.

An estimated 500,000 Hutu refugees have walked home to Rwanda since Friday — many barefoot on the rough, volcanic soil — after escaping from Hutu militants who once dominated the world's largest refugee camp.

Aid workers were caring for some 1,050 children — either abandoned, orphaned or separated from their parents during the exodus.

"I was holding her hand yesterday, and then suddenly she disappeared," said Marceline Myirambimba as she found her 8-year-old daughter Vestine at one U.N. tent. "I am so happy she is with me."

Aid officials say an international humanitarian force must now focus on the refugees in Zaire's hills and forests south and west of Lake

Kivu, some 60 to 120 miles south of here.

"People are dying because they're out of touch, with no food or water," said Peter Kessler, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "We need the kind of protection that could be provided by an international force."

Military officials from nations offering to join the 10,000- to 12,000-strong multinational force are meeting Thursday in Stuttgart, Germany, to decide the fate of the mission.

Canada, which will command the operation, and the United States, which has offered up to 4,000 troops, agree that it is still needed, but officials in Rwanda think otherwise.

The U.S. commander in the region, Maj. Gen. Edwin Smith, met with Zairian officials Monday and later told reporters that no specific course of action had been determined.

The Hutu refugees still in Zaire fled camps around the cities of Bukavu and Uvira in October amid fighting between Zairian government troops and rebels supported by the Tutsi-led Rwandan army.

The refugees have been cut off from the outside world since the rebels drove out the Zairian army and closed border crossings from Bukavu into Rwanda and from Uvira into neighboring Burundi. Relief workers don't even know where to find most of the refugees.

Some of those refugees still may be under the control of the extrem-

ist Hutu militias who fled last week from advancing Zairian rebels.

In Goma, Zaire, just across the border from Gisenyi, the Hutu militias' power was broken by rebel shelling Thursday that cleared the way for the massive exodus. However, up to 150,000 refugees are believed to have fled west with the Hutu militias, U.N. spokesman Sylvana Foa said.

Documents left by the Hutu militants included plans to blow up key installations in Rwanda as well as reports on old attacks and the formation of Hutu guerrilla groups in refugee camps in Tanzania.

Also found were documents indicating that Rwanda's former Hutu government bought more than \$5.5 million worth of weapons in 1994 from a British-based company, Mil-Tec Corp., despite a U.N. embargo.

Now that so many refugees are back, Rwandan authorities see no point in sending in a foreign military force.

"Troops? To do what?" asked Capt. Jimmy Mwesigwa, a Rwandan military intelligence officer. "No international forces are needed now. The chain of militia in the camps is broken. We expect the other refugees to follow suit and return home."

The welcome home has not always gone smoothly. Rwandan authorities closed a Red Cross hospital near the border Monday, shipping 350 patients, including mothers and newborn babies 20 miles away to another transit camp.

Red Cross spokesman Andrew

Hall said Rwandan officials demanded the hospital be shut immediately because "they did not want camps close to the border."

Instead of having a military force distribute aid in Zaire, Rwanda says aid money should go to resettling returnees and rebuilding in Rwanda. The central African nation has been scarred in the last three years by a civil war, the massacre of some 500,000 Tutsis by Hutu extremists and the loss of many to the refugee exodus.

What the returning refugees need most are tools and seeds to reclaim neglected farmland, construction materials to rebuild homes, and transport to get goods around the country, said Ephraim Kabayija, an aide to President Pasteur Bizimungu.

By the end of the week, the World Food Program will have enough 1-month food packages of beans, corn meal and cooking oil for 1 million people in Rwanda, spokeswoman Michele Quintaglio said.

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Italians give enthusiastic reception for Castro's visit

ROME (AP) — Banners wave in the streets, declaring: "Welcome, comandante." Admirers follow him, shouting: "Viva Cuba." And on Monday, government leaders trekked one by one over to the Holiday Inn to pay homage.

Fidel Castro — the man Italians call "Maximum Leader" — is holding court.

Castro's revolutionary spirit still evokes respect and passion here, and Italians have been giving him an enthusiastic reception since he arrived Saturday.

At the U.N. World Food Summit, delegates flocked around him, taking photographs and begging autographs. On Sunday, he dined at the home of Gianni Agnelli, Fiat automotive mogul and one of the nation's richest men.

The Holiday Inn on the outskirts of Rome has become the Cuban leader's headquarters. Dressed in a blue suit and a red-and-yellow dotted tie, Castro received admirers Monday in a private conference room around a red table covered with notepads, water bottles and clipboards.

"He has such a great, huge curiosity of all that concerns Europe and Italy," gushed Fausto Bertinotti, head of Italy's hard-line communist party, as he left his audience with Castro.

Some said it was too bad that Castro's visit was so much celebration and not enough political reflection.

"Castro's arrival could have at least prompted political discussion or real nostalgia for utopias that never happened. No, he's just an icon, a relic ... and even now a business partner," said an editorial in Rome's daily La Repubblica.

Massimo D'Alema, leader of Italy's former communists, said he urged Castro to move toward democracy.

"It's not up to us to tell Castro how to bring about democratic reforms in Cuba," D'Alema said. "But I did tell him that democratic reform is necessary."

True, D'Alema's party — the Democratic Party of the Left — has broken from its communist roots. But the party symbol still includes a small hammer and sickle, just one indication of the level of communist nostalgia — and acceptance — still alive in Italy.

The country's Communist party was once the most influential in Western Europe until it splintered in the early 1990s into the hard-liners and D'Alema's party. Today, the former communists are the largest party in parliament, and the hard-line remnant provides the swing votes that give the center-left coalition a majority.

The Cuban leader even received kudos from Italy's foreign minister, a U.S.-educated economist who also served in the right-wing government of media mogul Silvio Berlusconi.

"I congratulated Castro for the breakthroughs he's achieved in the economic field — free market initiatives and joint ventures which have greatly contributed to the national wealth," said Dini as he left his meeting with the maximum leader.

Outside the heavily guarded hotel, dozens of Castro supporters waved Cuban flags as they waited for a glimpse of their hero. Members of the Italian-Cuban association were impatient while security guards searched them before they could join a reception for Castro.

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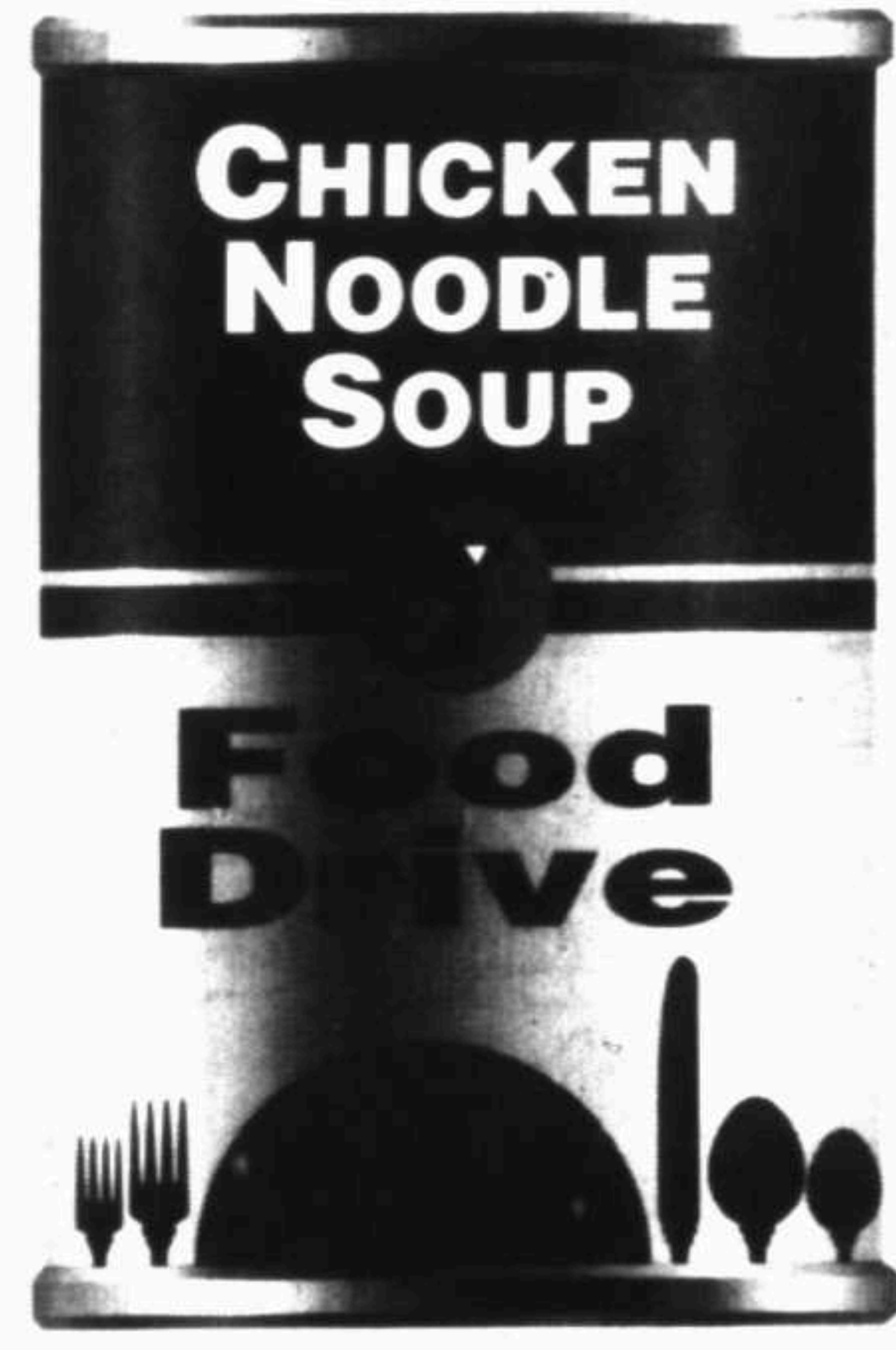
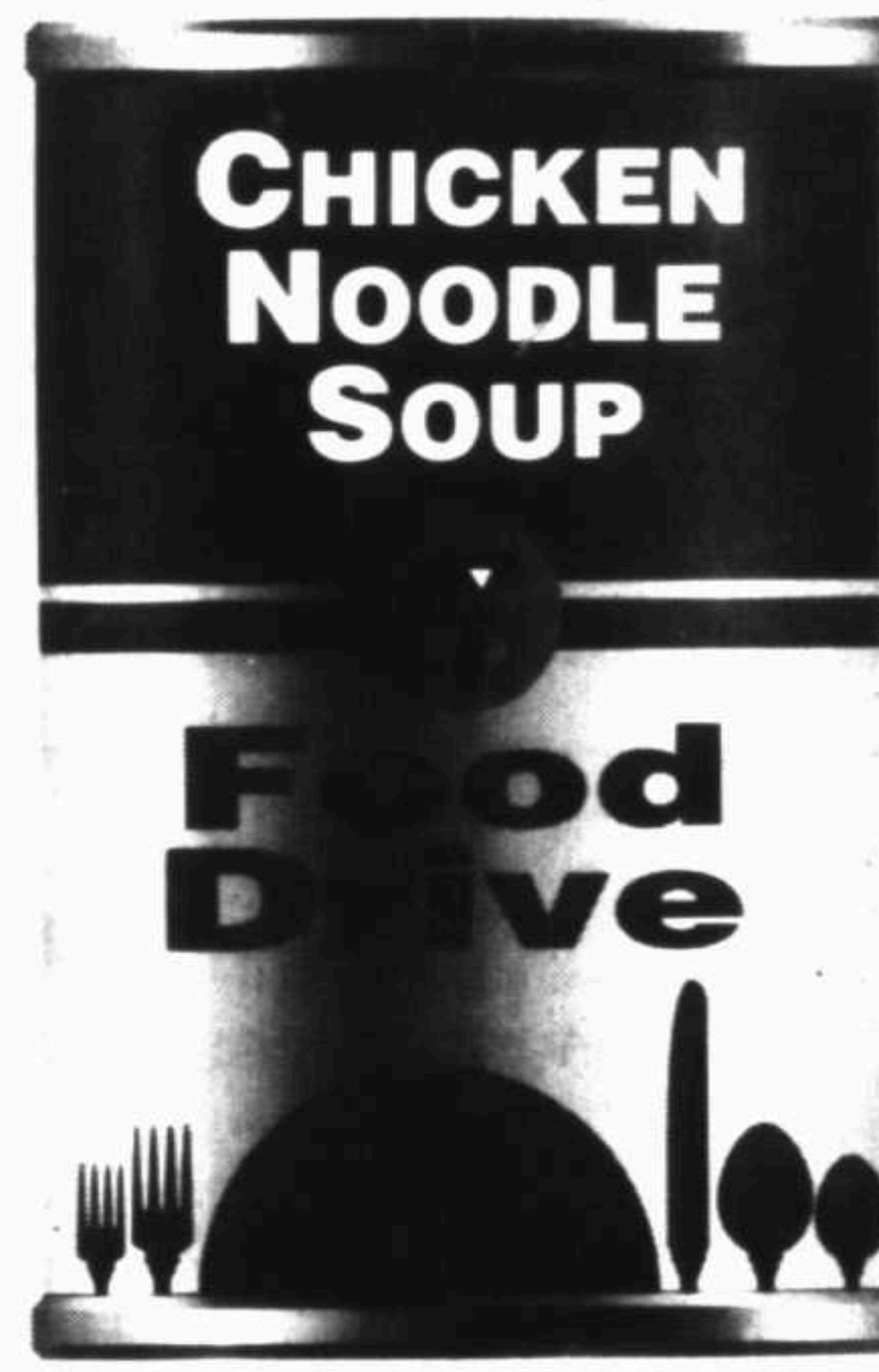
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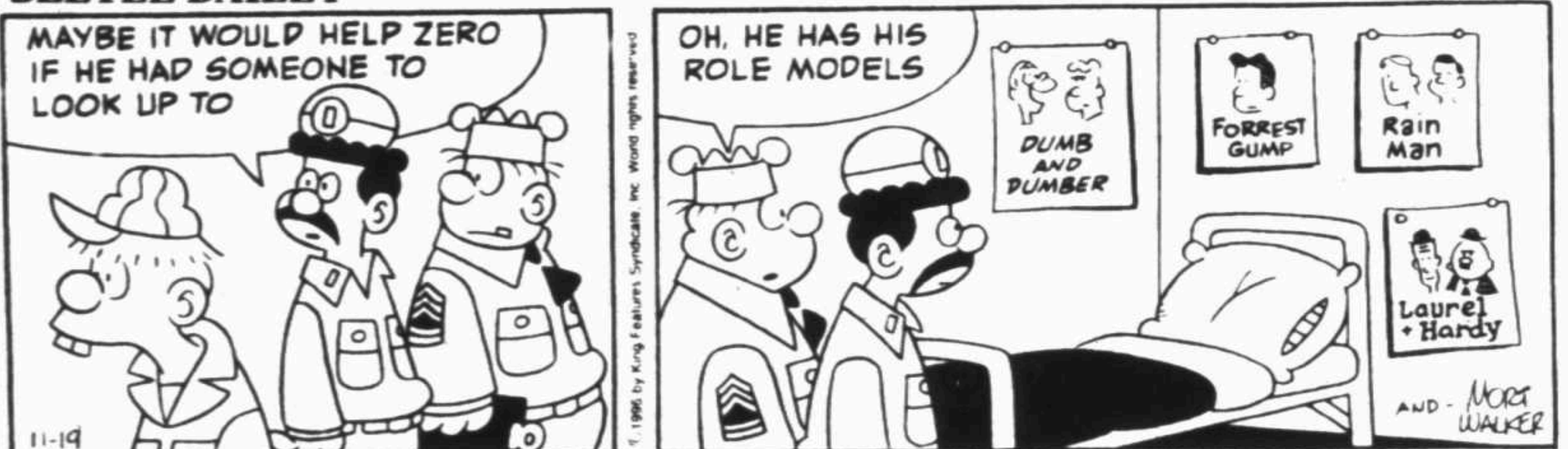
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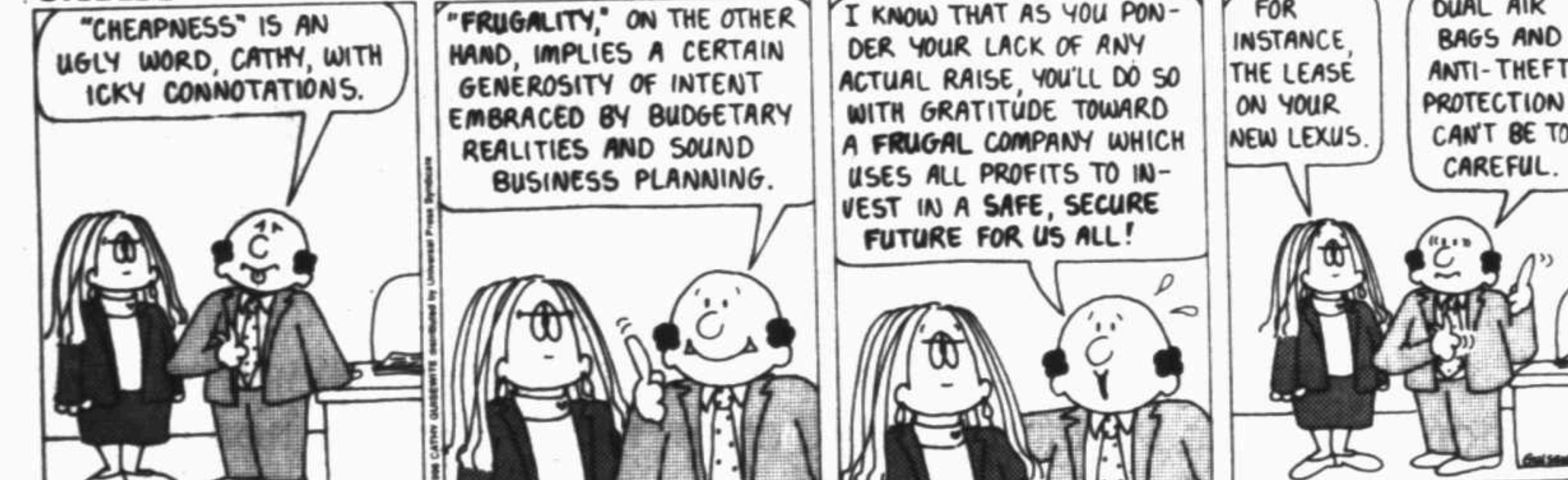
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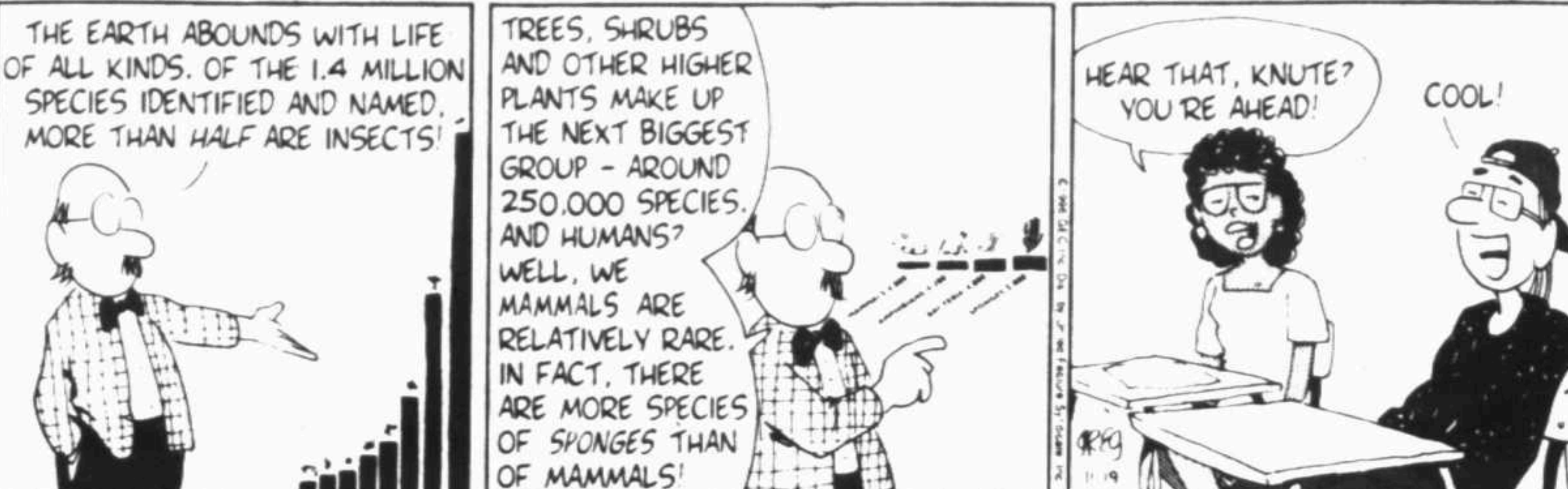
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Your Horoscope

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1996

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Keep up the good work. You are doing great! Home life will hold real charm next month. There is no place you would rather be for the holidays! A career decision you make in January will result in rewards and honors next fall. The future of a romantic alliance depends on your willingness to make a true commitment. Fame and fortune could follow the signing of a book or entertainment contract. Do not neglect tried-and-true friends.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: actress Jodie Foster, fashion designer Calvin Klein, sportscaster Ahmad Rashad, actress Meg Ryan.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): When someone behaves erratically, take the hint. Distance yourself until the cause is known. Solo projects enjoy highly beneficial influences.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional undercurrents are felt at work or home. Others may be reluctant to reveal their true feelings. Talking openly about your hopes and dreams with loved ones will encourage them to do the same.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make the most of every minute at work. You are on a roll! Do everything possible to further important goals. Your words and actions sway others. Use your influence wisely; be an advocate for harmony.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Business allies admire your drive. Ration your energy; tackle top priority projects first. Use shortcuts only if certain that you can get the same results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stick to the straight and narrow when around conservative people. Concentrate on work already in progress, postponing a pet project until a more appropriate time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rely on your instincts when dealing with new people. Efforts to obtain financial backing for a major venture are favored. One-on-one meetings prove most effective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rev yourself if you are not feeling at your best. Letting your co-workers take the lead in business meetings will give you an opportunity to learn from their mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Studying your finances will let you find ways to improve them. Professional advice pays off. A close relationship offers you lasting security. A dream can come true if you confide in a friend or relative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tempers flare over budget restrictions or a change in financial policy. Turn your creative or artistic ideas into a source of income. Nurture your friendships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Repaying a loan with interest will give you a feeling of accomplishment. Take advantage of a unique chance to travel. A fascinating new corner adds excitement to your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone who courts you is mainly interested in your assets. Come to terms with the truth and stop playing the fool. Home-study courses will increase your business skills.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be realistic. Others may be too busy to give you much assistance. Concentrate on projects you handle alone. Reserve judgment if confused by your partner's activities. Withhold a decision until more facts and figures are available.

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Arm-chair quarterbacks will be quick to point out that, with hearts 4-3, three no trump cannot be defeated. But four spades will make whenever trumps are 3-2 and, unless the defense is perfect, even on this distribution.

West could tell from the auction that the best chance for the defenders lay in getting tricks from hearts, hence the lead of a low heart. East made the discovery play of the queen and, when that held, continued with a low heart to partner's king. Back came a heart to the ace, and the outcome of the contract rested with East's next play.

The auction made it painfully obvious that there were no minor-suit tricks available to the defense — if necessary, any minor-suit finesse would succeed. So the only hope lay in the trump suit. If West held a trump honor, the contract was always going down, but East saw that even the eight of trumps would be enough.

East led the 13th heart, and declarer was a goner. West's eight of spades forced the jack, and East's trump holding was promoted to the setting trick.

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PEOPLE

Former Gov. George C. Wallace selling souvenirs historic career

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Former Gov. George C. Wallace is selling a little history to advance the study of history.

His nonprofit Wallace Foundation is selling signed campaign souvenirs left over from his four terms as governor and four presidential bids.

Proceeds will go toward building the Wallace Center for the Study of Southern Politics, a library and research center.

For \$100, there's an autographed copy of the "George and Lurleen Wallace Souvenir Album," a 1967 recording that includes speeches by Wallace and his wife, who also served as governor. The cover shows them in front of a Confederate flag.

LONDON (AP) — Did Michael Jackson do it or didn't he? His new father-in-law says the pop star's baby was conceived by artificial insemination, not the old-fashioned way.

Jackson got married last week to nurse Debbie Rowe, who is six months' pregnant with his child.

Gordon Rowe, 67, who lives in Cyprus, said he was shocked when his daughter called to say she was expecting Jackson's baby.

"I just couldn't help myself. I said, 'Isn't this the same man who was accused of child abuse?'" Rowe told the London tabloid News of the World.

He added that after a silence his daughter said: "Come on, it's not so bad. We had the child by artificial insemination."

"I said, 'Debbie, why artificial insemination? Isn't he capable of fathering a child like anyone else?'"

"She laughed and said, 'Michael doesn't do anything like anyone else.'"

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After shying away from the Oscars for two years, Billy Crystal is coming back for another turn as host.

"Once Barry Scheck turned it down, I had a feeling they'd come to me," Crystal said, referring to one of O.J. Simpson's lawyers. "Send any Oscar

jokes to my web site at www.whys-the-shows-olong.com."

The March 24 show will be Crystal's fifth stint as Oscars host. He won Emmys in 1991 and 1992 for his writing of the Oscar show, and he got Emmy nominations for his performances in 1991, 1992 and 1993.

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger played two roles on the set of "Batman and Robin" — he was in character as Mr. Freeze and also was bait in a trap set for paparazzi.

Warner Bros. executives were furious when unauthorized footage of George Clooney playing the Caped Crusader aired on TV's "Inside Edition."

Studio officials spotted a photographer in unedited footage from the set and again on Oct. 19. The photographer was arrested after he came back for more during Schwarzenegger's first day of shooting.

Security guards said they called police after watching the man snap photos with a tiny camera allegedly smuggled in inside his sock.

Michael Carri and two companions were arrested. They pleaded innocent to charges including trespassing, burglary and carrying false identification.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Oak Ridge Boys are becoming a class act. That's a college class, on how to manage a country act.

The instructor is Jim Halsey, former manager of the group best known for the 1981 hit "Elvira."

Halsey heads a department at Oklahoma City University that offers a bachelor's degree in the music and entertainment business. In January, he starts giving a full-credit course on musical management that will use the Oak Ridge Boys as a teaching tool, in the classroom and on the road.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Gov. Kirk Fordice was allowed to sit in a chair and eat on Monday for the first time since his near-fatal car wreck.

"We are very happy with how he's doing," said Dr. Keith Thomae, a surgeon at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where Fordice remained in intensive care.

The governor's Jeep veered off a highway on Nov. 5, rolled over and caught fire. Passersby pulled him from the wreckage.

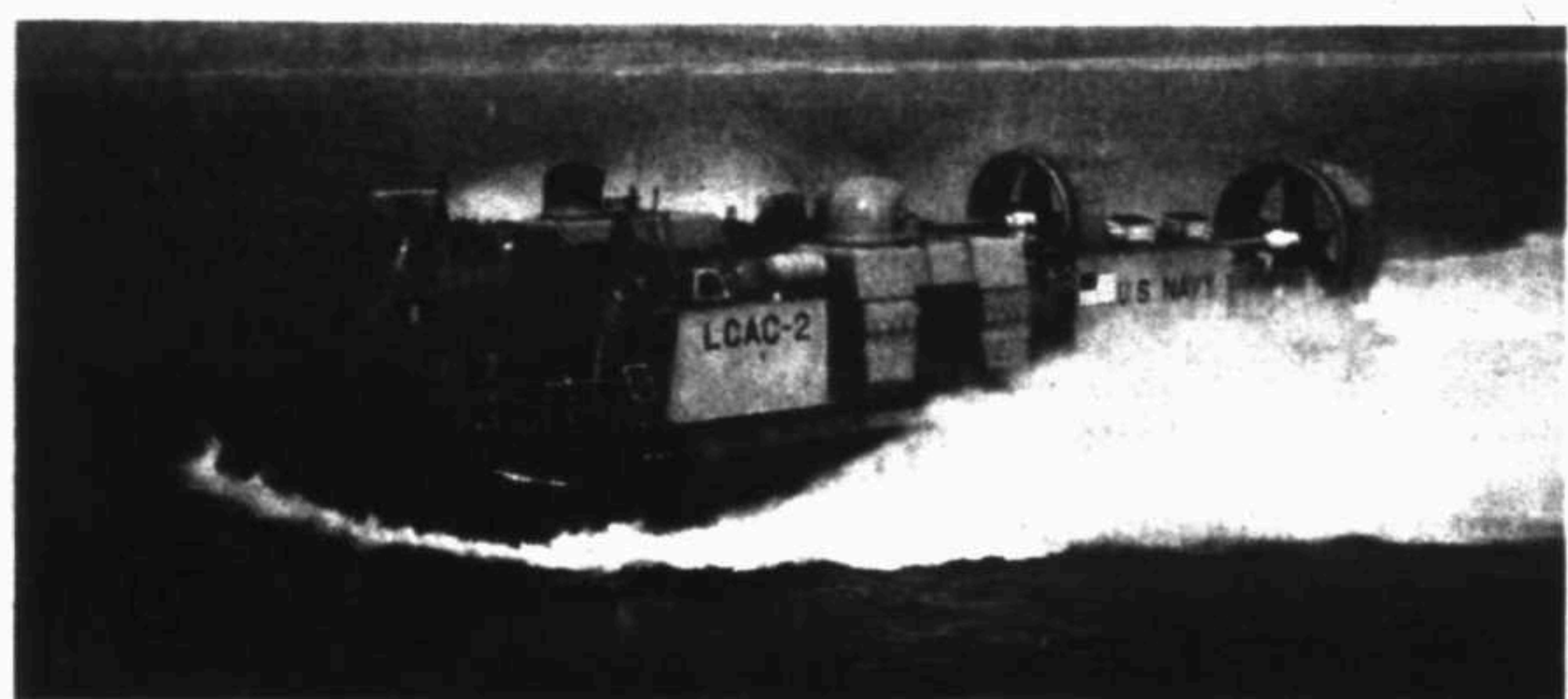
Fordice's progress appears to be fairly normal for "someone with the massive amount of injury that he has had. We are lucky he is alive," the doctor said at a news conference.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

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Supporters call for Aristide's return to presidency in 2000

JACMEL, Haiti (AP) — Each time Jean-Bertrand Aristide leaves home, he is besieged by hundreds of destitute Haitians, many thrusting hand-lettered envelopes at him in the belief that he alone can solve their problems.

Nine months out of the presidency, Aristide still commands an unmatched devotion among Haiti's poor. It is a following that many Haitians expect to sweep him back to power in the next elections in 2000.

"He's the only one," Benz Mondal, 28, said during a rally by Aristide's Lavalas Family political coalition in the south coast city of Jacmel. "Aristide is going to come back."

The current president, Rene Preval, is also a member of the coalition, but no matter.

"I am the one responsible for the family," Aristide said in a recent interview. But he remains typically evasive about plans to run again for office.

"We need to consult the millions of people," he said. "That's why I will not say it is my strategy to go back to the palace. It can be the Lavalas strategy. It can be the Lavalas choice."

Aristide suggested that Preval's administration has lost touch with ordinary Haitians in its zeal to please foreign aid donors. He does not endorse Preval's moves to lay off 7,000 government workers or to sell unprofitable state industries — both conditions for the release of millions in foreign aid.

"How can we govern without the people?" Aristide asked. "We need to hear their voice."

To that end, Aristide is organizing a series of Lavalas rallies to allow Haitians a chance to air their concerns. The Nov. 3 Jacmel rally was the first.

Aristide denied trying to undercut Preval, a friend who served as his prime minister before a bloody 1991 army coup sent them into exile. A U.S.-led military intervention restored Aristide to power in 1994.

Since leaving office Feb. 7, Aristide has spent most of his time inside his 14-acre compound in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Tabarre. U.N. peacekeepers patrol the grounds. Soldiers from the army Aristide demobilized in 1995 have been accused of firing warning shots near the compound.

He is hardly a prisoner, though, entertaining guests regularly and devoting his time to running a cooperative foundation that provides low-cost food and loans for

12,000 Haitians.

Security reasons as well as the demands of his devoted following have forced him to limit his public appearances in Haiti. He travels more freely abroad, however, and this week is in New York lecturing at a university.

Now married and the father of a baby girl, Aristide insists his ties to the poor haven't frayed.

"...I still have it in my blood, my heart and my mind, this necessity of following the people, of respecting people, of serving people," he said.

In the 1980s, as a Roman Catholic priest, Aristide won the hearts of Haitians with fiery sermons denouncing corrupt and repressive military rule and the evils of capitalism.

He survived several assassination attempts, including an army-backed attack on his St. Jean Bosco church in 1988. At least 12 parishioners were killed.

In 1990, he was overwhelmingly elected president. Barred by law from seeking a consecutive term, he reluctantly endorsed Preval last year.

Haitians ascribe the diminutive Aristide with mystic powers. But some of his partisans' fervor has worn off. The Jacmel rally attracted only 3,000 people — Aristide drew crowds at least three times a big while campaigning for president.

"People are losing interest in politics," said Emmanuel Charlemagne, the Port-au-Prince mayor and a Lavalas activist. "They really don't know what's happening. It's an illusion to them."

Many Haitians suspect that high-level officials in Aristide's administration used his term to enrich themselves. They cite the disappearance of a \$20 million Taiwanese grant for a highway as one example. The road was never built.

Aristide denied corruption charges, suggesting they were politically motivated. "The year 2001 is not too far from 1996," he said.

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Brazilian Air Force plane crashes; nine officers killed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — An Air Force plane carrying nine officers crashed in northeastern Brazil, killing all aboard, the Air Force Ministry said Monday.

The Brazilian-made Bandeirante crashed Sunday afternoon in a rural area near Caruaru, about 1,150 miles northeast of Rio de Janeiro, the ministry's press office said.

The plane crashed while flying in formation with three other Bandeirantes on a regional flight from Salvador to Natal.

Residents interviewed on local television said the plane was bumped and lost control. The Air Force said only that an investigation into the cause would be concluded within 60 days.

The Bandeirante is a 19-seat, twin-turboprop plane.

On Saturday, an Air Force T-27 Tucano trainer lost a wing and crashed into the sea near the southeastern port of Santos. The pilot ejected safely, but a batter reportedly was struck and killed by a piece of the plane.

Mexican party official slain; suspect related to losing candidate

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A local leader of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party has been shot dead in what party leaders say was a politically motivated killing.

Agustin Linares Castro, head of the party organization in Tenango del Aire, about 30 miles southeast of Mexico City, died Saturday night. The state attorney general's office identified the attacker as Arnulfo Garcia Gutierrez, nephew of a losing candidate in Nov. 10 local elections.

Gutierrez was said to be a member of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which dominates Mexican politics but lost in Tenango and several other parts of Mexico state.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, president of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, demanded Sunday that authorities clarify circumstances of the shooting.

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NTSB releases transcript of ValuJet crash

MIAMI (AP) — Passengers screamed "Fire! Fire! Fire!" and a flight attendant warned, "We can't get oxygen back there" during the final terrifying moments before ValuJet Flight 592 plunged into the Everglades, killing all 110 people aboard.

The chilling eight-minute tape from the cockpit voice recorder ends with the cockpit and cabin falling silent, leaving the sound of rushing air, perhaps from a cockpit window that had been opened to let the smoke out.

A transcript of the recording was released Monday as a hearing opened on the mistakes that led to the May 11 crash. Federal investigators believe that 144 oxygen-generating canisters carried in the DC-9's cargo hold either ignited or fueled a fire.

Six minutes after takeoff from Miami International Airport, the pilot can be heard telling the copilot: "We got some electrical problems. ... We're losing everything."

A few seconds later, the voice recorder picked up screams of passengers in the cabin, including several women shouting, "Fire! Fire! Fire! Fire!"

Over the next 51 seconds, shouts were heard from the cabin twice more and a flight attendant said only, "Completely on fire" before the cabin fell silent. The last recorded voice from the plane was that of a crew member telling the tower, "We need the, uh, closest airport available."

The plane crashed 2 minutes, 22 seconds later.

While the flight attendant warned that passengers could not get oxygen, National Transportation Safety Board investigator Greg Feith said there was not enough information to say what may have happened to the oxygen masks that drop down in front of passengers during an emergency.

Relatives of the victims hope the hearing will tell them why their loved ones died.

"I dreaded coming here, but this is something that I have to do in order to have closure," said Gwendolyn Marks, a nurse whose 23-year-old son died in the crash. "It may be painful, but it was my child and I want to hear what was going through his mind, what was going on in those last minutes."

Investigators did not release the recording itself out of concern for the feelings of family members. That decision upset Richard Kessler, an Atlanta lawyer whose wife, Kathleen, was killed.

"I'm going to Washington after this to try to get them to change the law," Kessler said. He said he wanted to know if one of the voices repeatedly shouting, "Fire" was his wife's.

By the time passenger screams were heard inside the aircraft, the decision had been made to try to return to Miami.

The tower controller, who was listening on a separate circuit and could not hear the commotion in the plane, asked what the problem was and was told, "Smoke in the cockpit ... smoke in the cabin." The pilot decided to turn back, and the tower gave directions to return.

At the hearing, testimony and court documents focused on alleged blunders by a ValuJet subcontractor, SabreTech Corp., in the handling of the oxygen canisters, which were being flown as cargo. In many planes, the canisters are installed over the seats and supply oxygen to the emergency masks.

A stock clerk didn't know what oxygen generators were but weighed five boxes of them and labeled them for shipment to ValuJet's headquarters in Atlanta, the

documents said.

Shipping caps are supposed to be installed on the canisters to prevent them from activating by accident, but none were requested by SabreTech mechanics, the documents showed.

SabreTech President Steven Townes defended his company's work, saying mechanics believed they had disabled the triggering mechanisms of the canisters before they were packed.

But Townes acknowledged that federal investigators uncovered many flaws in how SabreTech handled the canisters. The probe found sloppy paperwork and employees who failed to follow federal procedures for handling the devices.

The Federal Aviation Administration last week accepted a recommendation for fire detectors and

extinguishers in cargo compartments of 2,800 older aircraft. The FAA rejected a similar plan in 1993, primarily because of the estimated \$350 million cost.

This week's hearing also will examine the handling of hazardous cargo, aircraft maintenance by outsiders and the supervision of start-up airlines, like ValuJet.

Maria Rivera said accounts of her mother's final moments aboard the plane were painful. Holding a picture of her mother, Cecelia Cabrera, she referred to the passengers' screams.

"I imagined it was my mother," she said. "I didn't think of anything else. I just cried and cried and cried."

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Art sale set

The art students of Midland College are sponsoring their fourth annual Student Art Sale, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, which is being held in conjunction with MC's Merry Christmas celebration. The special sale will continue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, and from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8. The sale will include paintings, ceramics, pots, sculpture, drawings and photographs. Many items will be priced at less than \$50. The event will take place in the hallway of the art department in the Allison Fine Arts Building and a percentage of the sales will benefit the art student scholarship fund. For additional information, contact Warren Taylor or Carol Bailey at 685-4651.

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

Dialogue Breast Cancer support programs, 7 p.m., Allison Cancer Center, 2200 W. Illinois Ave., 685-1562.

Batterers Anonymous Support Group, 6:30 p.m., 689-8428.

Permian Basin Road Runners, 6:30 p.m., 687-2961.

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

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

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrow's Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

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

55-Plus Dance Club, 8-10:30 p.m., Eagles Club, 697-3131.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

Norman Reed Chapter No. 1010, Order Eastern Star, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple.

American Legion Auxiliary, Woods W. Lynch Post No. 19, 8 p.m., American Legion Hall.

Permian Basin Solar Society, 7:30 p.m., Plaza Cafe, Odessa.

Midland Road Runners Club, 7 p.m., Student Center, Midland College.

Tall City Chapter, Young Homemakers of Texas, 7 p.m., Room 116, Midland High School, 682-7367.

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Church votes to keep preacher

■ St. James Missionary Baptist Church members vote 152-86 to retain services of the Rev. R.T. McNeil.

Associated Press

ODESSA — The people have spoken — the preacher stays. The congregation at St. James Missionary Baptist Church has voted to retain the Rev. R.T. McNeil as its pastor. The vote, conducted as ordered by a Texas Court of Appeals judge, ended

three months of bickering, scuffling and court action at the southern Odessa church.

A little more than half of 432-member church participated, with McNeil's supporters winning 152-86.

"They've won it and we'll go along with the decision made by the majority," said St. James deacon and founding member Ben Huckaby, a McNeil opponent. "We have no problem with that because it was done fairly. We're satisfied that the majority of people want to retain (McNeil) as pastor."

Church members, including Huckaby,

have declined to explain the rift. McNeil did not immediately return a message left Monday by The Associated Press.

The turmoil began in September when parishioners voted to fire McNeil, alleging that he was unable to perform as spiritual adviser or church leader.

A temporary restraining order barred McNeil from preaching, though his opponents filed motions last month claiming that McNeil had ministered in contempt of court.

As things came to a head, both sides tapped an arbitrator to resolve their differences.

"We worked our rear ends off to get most of the matters resolved, and the election will hopefully take care of any of the other problems that exist," said arbitrator Denn Whalen, an Odessa attorney. "There were four to five issues I had to resolve that the parties couldn't agree on, but there were a half dozen others they agreed upon among themselves."

Both sides had already agreed to Saturday's vote, conducted at a nearby elementary school. Cries of "Praise the Lord!" and "Thank you, Jesus!" rang out among a small group gathered outside the polling place upon announcement of the results.



It may just be the middle of November, but visitors to downtown Midland can now get into the Christmas spirit as decorations began going up Monday. Scott Pyle totes an ornament while another awaits its turn to be placed high on a light pole.

Photos by Curt Wilcott

It's never too early to decorate



Higher learning conference set for Thursday

From Staff Reports

Got a child who is getting ready to enter college?

Help is on the way.

In one evening, parents and students will be able to get general information about college curriculum, costs and campus life from more than 70 colleges and universities across the United States.

Midland's annual college forum is set for 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Midland College's Scharbauer Student Center.

The forum is sponsored by Midland College and the Midland High/Lee High Parent Teacher Student Association.

Most Texas colleges and universities will be represented, including the University of Texas at Austin, Texas Tech University, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, University of North Texas and Southwestern University. In addition, representatives from Yale, Vanderbilt and Vassar will also be present.

The college forum is a way to get a quick look at a particular school as well as getting the flavor of a school, Midland College officials said.

"All students, especially younger ones, will find this event helpful since this may be their first exposure to the colleges they may want to attend," said Vickie Bucy, chairperson for the forum.

For students who want more information about Midland College, MC Student Services personnel will have information about enrolling at Midland College as well as information about specific programs.

Financial Aid Director Bob Haines will have information about Abell-Hanger scholarships, other scholarships available to MC students and general information about how to apply for financial aid.

The event is free and open to the public. It is open to seniors and their parents from 7-8 p.m. and to all other interested students and parents from 8-9 p.m.

For additional information, call the MC public relations office at 685-4553.

A Day in the Life of Duane McBride

Duane McBride, senior field representative of the Midland/Odessa cluster for the American Cancer Society, is organizing his volunteers to help with Thursday's 20th annual Great American Smokeout campaign.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram



Man helps coordinate, support efforts to prevent cancer cases

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

For 20 years, the week before Thanksgiving has been a busy one for volunteers of the American Cancer Society. Since 1976, the organization has observed the "Great American Smokeout" the Thursday before Thanksgiving and this year's event, the 20th annual, falls on Nov. 21.

Duane McBride has served as senior field representative of the society's Midland/Odessa cluster for two-and-a-half years and this week he will send his volunteers out to spread the anti-smoking message in Midland schools.

Since its beginning, the "Smokeout" has targeted the nation's youth in an effort to

keep them from taking up smoking in the first place.

"In the past we've handed out lots of brochures and relied on the kids to read them," said McBride. "Now we want to spark their intellect. And our activities will be age-appropriate."

McBride's office sent out order packets to the city's teachers so they could order teaching materials from the state headquarters.

In elementary schools, teachers can use the materials to teach that smoking is unhealthy.

In the junior high schools, where most children take up smoking, the ACS has begun the "Great American Scream-Out"

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GARY OTT

It's invigorating to step out into a crisp, cold morning

More rambling thoughts...
— Nothing is more invigorating than taking that first step from a warm apartment into a cool crisp morning.

— What does the phrase, "paying through the nose," really mean?

— I can remember most phone numbers, addresses, my Social Security number, locker combinations and even my old college ID number, but for some reason it is virtually impossible for me to recall what my license plate says.

— The only thing better than feeling sorry for yourself is possessing a keen sense of righteous indignation.

— Other than a sex offense of some type, the one crime that would be most embarrassing to have your name associated with — in my opinion at least — is shoplifting.

— Overheard: "Everyone has at least one sermon in him."

— Here's hoping "The Jenny Jones Show" eventually gets taken to the cleaners for its role in the "I'm gay and I have a crush on you" murder.

— Great song title: "Don't Cry For Me Argentina."

— Can there be a stranger job than being the host of a TV infomercial? Are they really THAT amazed at what the product will do?

— And while we're on the subject, just how boring is a person's life who would actually agree to sit in the audience of one of those things?

— It was John Calhoun who first uttered the wise words: "It is harder to preserve than to obtain liberty."

— I'll never get used to the idea that people with Caller ID know it is me on the phone before they pick up the receiver.

— Just a thought: "What's Judge Ito doing these days?"

— Another thought: "Does anyone care?"

— A third thought: "If so, why?"

— Being involved in a traffic accident will turn an otherwise carefree individual into a very paranoid driver.

— As one who used to schedule his entire weekend

around the original "Saturday Night Live" episodes, it is terribly sad to see how the show has deteriorated over the past few seasons.

— I'm always impressed when I watch people, usually women, wrap Christmas gifts without having to start all over three or four times.

— I have to keep reminding myself that Russia is no longer our enemy.

— Sometimes being stuck in a large crowd is very exciting. Other times it is one giant hassle.

— I've never sued anyone.

— Those parents who lectured their children about the evils of credit cards had better hope those kids never grow up to be adults who need to rent a car.

— And today's final quote comes from Harold Laski, who once said, "We live under a system by which the many are exploited by the few, and war is the ultimate sanction of that exploitation."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

POLICE REPORTS

Accidental shooting

What initially appeared to be an attempted murder was soon determined to be an accidental shooting as Midland Police Department investigators questioned a young Midland woman shot in the chest.

About 9:10 p.m. Sunday, a call summoned officers to Westwood Hospital where 18-year-old Elizabeth Marmella was being treated for a small-caliber gunshot wound to her chest.

The woman's boyfriend, 20-year-old Michael Williams, originally told police that they had been walking down Midland Dr., when a shot was fired from a passing car, striking the woman, according to police reports.

After questioning the man further, investigators learned that his story was not true and the couple later admitted that Williams had been playing with the gun at his sister's apartment at Junction Apartments when it discharged, police said.

A .25-caliber pistol was later recovered at the apartment. The woman was treated and released from the hospital and Williams was arrested for filing a false report — a Class B misdemeanor.

demeanor.

Police Department
Monday

Vandalism: a window was broken at 901 W. Wall, reported at 7:54 a.m. at the Department of Human Services building.

Vandalism: a car window was damaged at 101 E. Dengar Ave., reported at 11:56 a.m. by Gerry Guevarra.

Theft: a theft by check was reported at 3303 W. Illinois by Pat Fisher.

Burglary of a vehicle: a purse was reported stolen at 9:02 a.m. by Janie Thompson.

Sheriff's Office
Monday

Theft: two industrial valves were stolen from 13405 W. SH191, reported at 7:26 a.m. at South Tex Treasures.

Theft: a list of items were stolen at 2801 S. CR1180, reported at 11:28 a.m. at Susies South Forty Confections.

DEATHS

Vera Frazier

Services for Vera (Richman) Frazier are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Robert Kepple officiating.

Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She died Sunday, Nov. 17, at a local hospital.

She was born on Dec. 15, 1930, in Midland to Carl Richman and Dora King.

She was educated in Midland, but the family moved to Bronte, while she was in high school. In 1947, she married Roscoe Frazier in Ballinger.

She worked for Parkview Hospital and Midland Memorial Hospital as a PBX operator for 30 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of Cotton Flat Baptist Church, WMU of Cotton Flat Baptist Church, Hospital Auxiliary, and the Post Office Letter Carrier Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Roscoe Frazier of Midland; her daughters, Debra Long and Paula Telford, both of Midland; her brothers, Renfro Richman and Durwood Richman, both of Midland; and Troy Richman of Denver City; her sisters, Mae Lyon of Seguin, Suzie Westerman of Midland and Carlene Smith of Blackwell; 5 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Cotton Flat Baptist Church.



Frazier

Mexico, on Dec. 5, 1943, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Armando Arellano of Big Lake; four daughters, Araceli Hernandez, Rosa Arellano, Mirian Reyes and Paula Salgado, all of Big Lake; two brothers, Mando Gomez and Francisco Gomez, both of Big Lake; four sisters, Maria Eugenia Gomez, Migdalia Mireles, Delores Rivera and Bertha Rosa Medina, all of Big Lake.

Deborah Lindsey

Services for Deborah Dora Lindsey, 87, were Sunday, Nov. 17, at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel in Dallas with Rev. F.E. Baughman and Charles Osborne officiating.

She died Friday, Nov. 15.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Lindsey, in 1994.

Survivors include her sons, James, Roy, Ray, Lee, Gene and Jim Lindsey (Ray and Jim Lindsey are of Midland); a daughter, Cheri Jones; sisters, Nellie Lindsey, Faye Fudge and Ruby Lee; 17 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She died Friday, Nov. 15, at a Lubbock hospital after living only a few days. She was born Tuesday, Nov. 12.

She is survived by her mother, Tina Ross of Hobbs; her father, Clifton Hall of Denver City; and her grandparents, Emma Hall of Midland, Patsy Ross of Hobbs and Ernest Thomas of Hobbs.

Services for Immunique DeShay Ross of Hobbs, N.M., will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Prairie Haven Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home Inc.

She died Friday, Nov. 15, at a Lubbock hospital after living only a few days. She was born Tuesday, Nov. 12.

She is survived by her mother, Tina Ross of Hobbs; her father, Clifton Hall of Denver City; and her grandparents, Emma Hall of Midland, Patsy Ross of Hobbs and Ernest Thomas of Hobbs.

Services for John L. Oliver have been set for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tommy Potter of First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

He died Saturday in a Midland hospital.

He was born Sept. 12, 1926, to William and Marie Oliver in Ovid, Colo. He was reared in Latham, Kan. He graduated from Tulsa University in 1952 with a bachelor's

degree in petroleum engineering. He retired in 1995 as a consulting engineer. He served in the 11th Regiment, 5th Infantry during World War II with the rank of staff sergeant, serving in the European Theater.

He married Dolores Bonnel in 1949 in Winfield, Kan. They moved to Midland in 1955.

He was awarded the Point of Light award from President George Bush in 1990 for his volunteer work with the Texas Youth Commission in Pyote.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores "Lorie" Oliver of Midland; and by his son, Leon Oliver of Monterey, Calif.

The family requests that memorials be directed to The American Heart Association in Midland.

Alma Smith

Services for Alma Lucille Smith, 89, of Odessa, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Resthaven Memorial Park with Rev. Bill Clark officiating and under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

She died Sunday Nov. 17, at a local nursing home.

She was born June 27, 1907, in Big Spring and had lived in Odessa since 1965. She worked as a sales clerk at Berryhills Clothing Store and was a member of the Methodist church.

She is survived by a brother, Doyle Jones of Beaverton, Ore.; and one grandchild.

Jesse Fleming Jr.

Services for Jesse S. Fleming Jr., of Midland, are pending with Ellis Funeral Home. He died Monday at a local hospital.

Johnnie Newton

Services for Johnnie Mae Newton, 94, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hall Funeral Home in Marlin.

She died Wednesday, Nov. 13, in Los Angeles, Calif.

She was born June 15, 1902, in Marlin.

She is survived by a sister, Lula Mae Carter of Midland; a brother, Ruben Horton of Kosse; a stepbrother, O.C. Graves of Midland; a step-sister, Syble Miles of Marlin; a daughter, Ethel Mae Bradley of Midland; a daughter, Lorraine Robertson of Los Angeles, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 16

great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Timothy Presley

Services for Timothy John Presley, 27, formerly of Midland, will be 1 p.m. today, Nov. 19, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery.

He died Friday following a traffic accident in Grapevine.

Pallbearers will include Brandon Presley, Roy Blansett, Howard Varley, Chris Holmes, Krystal Holmes and Kayle Holmes.

Edward McCarty

Services for Edward J. McCarty, 84, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Midland under the direction of Bill Thomas Funeral Home.

He died Monday, Nov. 18, at a Midland residence.

He was born Sept. 3, 1912, in Laurel, Miss., and joined the Navy in 1931. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and was in the battles of Midway and Coral Sea. He retired as a chief petty officer in 1957 after 30 years of service.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and a twin brother.

He is survived by a son, John E. McCarty of Midland; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland.

Alma Burnett

Graveside services for Mrs. Alma Batie Burnett, 94, of Midland are set for 11 a.m. today, Nov. 21, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. William Palmer officiating. The Jackie Warren Funeral Home Medessa Morticians will handle arrangements.

Mrs. Burnett died Sunday, Nov. 17, in a Midland hospital.

She was born July 23, 1902, in Milford to the late H.W. and Mary Batie.

Survivors include one daughter, Emma Very Jackson of Midland; a brother, Yancy Batie of Midland; seven grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

Priscilla Barrett

Priscilla Boyd Barrett, sister of Midlander Patsy Welmaker, died Saturday, Nov. 16, in Huntsville, Ala.

Paula Arellano

Services for Paula Arellano will be 1 p.m. today, Nov. 19, at Iglesia Roca Eterna in Big Lake with Rev. Ricardo Aguilar officiating. Burial will follow at Glenrest Cemetery in Big Lake under the direction of Bill Thomas Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Nov. 17, at a Midland hospital.

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At a Glance:
Duane McBride

Place of birth: Alexandria, La.

Favorite food: Mexican

Favorite entertainer: "That's a good question... Drew Carey"

Favorite movie: Braveheart

Favorite vacation spot: The mountains

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do? "Take care of all my family."

Arizona's first woman prison warden uses humor to cope with grim job

PHOENIX (AP) — It's nowhere on her resume, but Meg Savage considers one asset vital for serving as the first female warden in Arizona's oldest prison: a sense of humor.

"Absolutely mandatory," said Savage, hired last January to oversee nearly 3,200 inmates at the Arizona State Prison in Florence.

"Sometimes we wind up being involved in situations and tasks that are so grim that you have to have a sense of humor just to get through it. It's like a release valve."

As warden of the 300-acre complex 50 miles southeast of Phoenix, Savage is responsible for the management of seven prison units — including one for maximum security — and special housing for death row and detention inmates.

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executions, and will likely see many more since the 84-year-old prison still houses 110 death-row inmates.

"It's part of the job, one of the responsibilities I took when I got hired," said Savage, whose duties include supervising the restraint team and reading the warrant of execution. "My role is to take care of the details and make sure everything is all right. It's a big relief when it's over."

Otherwise, Savage's 10-hour workdays are spent tackling administrative paperwork, inspecting the complex and discussing ways to overcome problems like prison overcrowding and staff shortages.

Whatever the task, Corrections Department officials say she does it with a cheery disposition consid-

ered rare in this line of work.

"To me, it's an exciting job," said Savage, 42. "It's like being in charge of a small city. There's all kinds of things to worry about like food service, transportation, plumbing, electricity. Everything's involved."

With the number and type of inmates we have, you have to deal with all sorts of situations every day — from chain gangs to death row. It's a pretty fast pace, but it's something I find attractive."

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critics since she took over Jan. 1 for Charles Ryan, who was named deputy director of the Corrections Department.

One of the loudest dissenters is Donna Leone Hamm, director of the prisoner rights group Middle Ground.

"I was hoping that having a woman in the warden's position would be beneficial... bring an air of civility to the proceedings in areas like visitation and rehabilitation," Hamm said.

"I wouldn't say she's worse than

Ryan, but I really see no improvement in inmate matters. They're still anti-family. I would say she's fitting very well into the good-old-boy network and that's not a compliment."

Hamm said she also has a problem with Savage being married to a top administrator at the prison's central unit, calling it "institutional incest."

That brings a hearty laugh from Savage, who got married shortly after moving to Arizona in 1992 and notes that she and her husband don't "talk shop" at home.

Asked about Hamm's other charges, Savage sighed.

"I've been in this profession for some 20 years and I've learned one thing — you can either be the saint or the villain."

Dole talks about media bias

AUSTIN (AP) — Failed presidential candidate Bob Dole has accused the "liberal media" of tilting in President Clinton's favor. Clinton has seen policy proposals eclipsed by stories involving his personal life.

If everyone is dissatisfied, does that mean the press is doing its job? Not necessarily, says media critic James Fallows, editor of U.S. News & World Report magazine.

"For example, if you're a schoolteacher, and the students hate you and the parents hate you and your colleagues hate you and the administration hates you, maybe that's not proof you're doing the best possible job," he told a University of Texas audience Monday.

While Clinton, Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich "all feel burned by the press coverage they've gotten as personalities," the concern isn't just coming from candidates, Fallows said.

He said an opinion poll last year showed journalists as a group have slipped below lawyers in public regard.

But criticism from members of the public that the media is politically liberal — while supported by surveys showing members of the national press predominantly voting Democratic, misses the point — Fallows said. "There is an ideological bias which is evident in the daily press, but it's not party bias of Democrats versus Republicans," he said. "He (Clinton) has had no free ride from the press."

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STATE IN BRIEF

■ Republicans demand review of INS pogrom

WASHINGTON — A House Republican is demanding that the Immigration and Naturalization Service conduct a complete review of a naturalization program that critics say opened the door for thousands of criminals to become citizens.

Rep. Bill Zeff, R-N.H., chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight subcommittee on criminal justice, in a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno also asked the Justice Department's Inspector General office to cooperate in investigating the "Citizenship USA" program. The letter was released Monday.

House Republicans have already asked Reno to appoint an independent counsel to look into the program, which was aimed at expediting applications for citizenship. Under the program, some 1.3 million people were naturalized in the year ended Sept. 30, more than double the usual rate.

Republicans say it was intended to make more would-be Democrats eligible to vote before the election and contend that in the rush to approve applicants the INS failed to properly check criminal records.

In his letter, Zeff repeated GOP charges that the INS didn't wait for FBI reports on immigrants with criminal records. He said the INS has refused to cooperate.

■ 10-year-old accidentally shoots older brother

AUSTIN — A 12-year-old boy was hospitalized in fair condition Monday after being accidentally shot by his 10-year-old brother. The Sunday afternoon shooting occurred while the children were alone at home, authorities said.

Sgt. Mike Childers of the Travis County sheriff's department told the Austin American-Statesman that the boys' father owned the .22-caliber pistol that fired the shot.

The younger child had picked the gun up from a shelf in his father's bedroom and was bending over in the doorway to look for something when the gun discharged, Childers said.

Childers said the father, who was out with his girlfriend when the accident occurred, would be charged with making a gun accessible to a minor. The violation is a Class A misdemeanor when an injury occurs, punishable by a fine of up to \$3,000 and up to a year in jail.

Eight other unsecured guns in the father's bedroom were taken by authorities, Childers said.

Texas law allowing police to charge gun owners when their unsecured weapons fall into the hands of anyone under age 17 took effect Sept. 1, 1995.

■ Missing woman's husband continues search

IRVING — Seven months after Reena Varghese's disappearance, her husband still spends his free moments searching apartment complex parking lots for clues in the strange vanishing of his 25-year-old wife.

Without any solid leads Roji Varghese turns to statistics for comfort in the disappearance of his wife as she returned home from work last April.

Almost 35,000 adults were reported missing from 1990 to 1995 in Texas, and just over 500 of those cases remain unsolved, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Mrs. Varghese disappeared April 4, after walking with co-workers to the parking lot of Methodist Medical Center in Dallas.

The nurse updated her cohorts about her then 3-month-old daughter, Sarah, before entering her car, apparently headed home.

Mrs. Varghese hasn't been seen since.

"Nothing has panned out as to what happened to her next," Dallas police detective Mary Stout said.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Some Sierra Blanca residents' fears come true with new deal

SIERRA BLANCA (AP) — The small community that is already home to Texas' largest sewage sludge disposal project may be in line to receive even more waste in years to come, the El Paso Times reported Monday.

Provided Texas approves, New York City plans to continue sending its sewage sludge for another 15 years to Sierra Blanca, a rural community about 90 miles southeast of El Paso, the Times said.

Residents in the town of 600, even some who embraced the first disposal project because it brought much-needed jobs to Hudspeth County, are not pleased.

"Our greatest fears are coming

true," said local merchant Bill Addington, who has opposed sludge dumping. "West Texas already is being dumped on by several entities and will continue to be until the people and politicians say no."

New York began shipping its sludge to a 128,000-acre Sierra Blanca ranch in 1992 under a six-year contract with MERCO Joint Venture, an Oklahoma-based disposal company.

The contract called for MERCO to spread 100 tons of sludge in West Texas each day. Sludge is a soil-like byproduct of wastewater treatment that can be used as fertilizer.

Family's cane syrup mill pushes on another year

PINE GROVE (AP) — The bees know a good thing when they see it. The sweet scent of sugar cane draws them to Willie Don Hawthorne's syrup mill, where they hover above oversize gears that crush the cane and steal its juice.

Nearby, a farm tractor turns a power take-off that spins a universal joint that runs the gears. Here, the scent of syrup being cooked just a few yards away is masked by the heavy aroma of burning cane stalks that have yielded their treasure.

Ben Hawthorne feeds the stalks into the mill by the handful, just as his father did before him, and his father's father before that.

The production of the syrup mill has been measured out in four generations of November, when the cane is harvested before winter blows in. A frost sweetens the juice of the cane; the first freeze ruins it.

No one remembers what year J.C. Hawthorne, Sr. started turning cane into syrup in the small East Texas community of Zeirath. His son, Robert, continued the tradition in Pine Grove during the early 1900s, using a horse-drawn mill to process his family's cane.

Robert ran the mill until his grandson, Willie Don, took over three years ago, skipping Ben's generation. Even then, Robert continued to handle the cooking of the cane as long as he was able. He died two years ago.

The mill has been in its current location since 1946. It's hard to find if you don't know where you're going. Highway 87 is two-and-a-half miles one way; Roganville is 6 miles of convoluted drive the other.

A small sign marks the turnoff to Roganville on U.S. 96 with an arrow pointing to FM 2245. A few miles down the road, the pavement

abruptly ends and two red clay roads branch right and left. From there, a succession of hand-lettered signs along county road 454 direct the way. If you get lost, look for the smoke or roll down the window and sniff the air.

Willie Don, better known as Donnie, doesn't know if his daughters will continue the Hawthorne syrup mill tradition. Each year, he thinks long and hard about continuing it himself.

"It's a part of the past that I'm trying to keep alive. It's something different, something you don't see every day. But I don't know how long I'll be able to do it. It's a headache, really," Donnie says.

The mill runs for only two or three weeks each year. Donnie takes two weeks vacation — the only vacation he gets from his job with Louisiana-Pacific in Bon Hies — to run the mill.

It's hot work if a cold front isn't coming through. Donnie must stand over an open, 10-foot galvanized metal evaporator pan stirring the boiling juice and skimming off foam. A hot fire fueled by lighter pine keeps the juice bubbling.

The fire is contained in a brick-lined pit. A heavy layer of red clay tops that. On cool days, the family sets a pot of stew or gumbo on the clay to keep warm for lunch.

In the past, selling syrup helped supplement the family income during hard times. A log that Robert and Rosie Hawthorne kept showed 1585 visitors in 1975, from 105 towns in 14 states.

They still come today, alerted by word of mouth, but not in the droves that once were. Teachers bring school children to show them a dying art. Family and friends come to dip Ben Hawthorne's homemade biscuits and sausage

in the sweet syrup and reminisce about days long gone, days when the whistle of the 11:30 "Doodle-Bug" train alerted them it was time to stop the mules, put down the plow reins and eat lunch. When it whistled again at noon on its way back through Roganville, they went back to work.

The 300 metal, half-gallon syrup cans cost \$1.70 each this year. Add the cost of paying someone to help draw up the syrup and glue labels on the cans — jobs family members used to do — and the \$5.00 a can begins to look like a bargain.

That's not even considering the cost of lighter pine, which is getting harder and harder to find. For now, loggers keep Donnie in the rich, hot-burning fuel, but he wonders how long the source will last.

Ben is a diabetic. He no longer can have the syrup he loves. His wife, Beatrice, never has cared much for it. She prefers maple. About the only time she uses it is when she makes gingerbread or Grandma Rosie's syrup cookies, recipes she hands out with each syrup sale.

Even the kids don't have much of a taste for Hawthorne Cane Syrup. Only Donnie's daughter, Kristen, can't get enough, eating it straight from a saucer.

Donnie already has processed the one acre of cane the family planted this year and is moving on to that of customers who bring their own. He will be cooking the cane juice for at least another week.

And maybe, if the pull of family history is strong enough, he'll take it up again next November.

And again, and again, a year at a time.

American Airlines to install defibrillators in jets

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines will become the first U.S. carrier to equip its planes with defibrillators, the electric shock paddles that can revive a heart that has stopped beating.

American plans to buy portable defibrillators from Heartstream Inc., a Seattle-based company that this year introduced a 4-pound version of the device that is the size of a hardcover book and can be used by anyone with proper training.

The Fort Worth-based airline will announce its plans Tuesday with the American Heart Association, people familiar with the situation said Monday.

The heart association is pushing to have defibrillators placed on all passenger aircraft, in government buildings and sports arenas. The Heartstream models cost about \$3,000 to \$4,000.

The defibrillator is frequently seen in television shows when paddles are placed on a victim's chest and an electric shock is delivered to the heart. They can restart a heart that has stopped or correct abnormal heart rhythms that prevent proper blood flow to the rest of the body. Rhythm abnormalities and cardiac arrest are a major cause of death in the United States.

"This shock stops the abnormal rhythm and allows a coordinated rhythm and normal pumping action to resume," according to heart association literature.

According to Cathy Yarbrough with the heart association, defibrillators are relatively easy to use once the operator is trained.

Heartstream's defibrillator was OK'd in November by the Food and Drug Administration to be marketed for use on U.S. owned and operated aircraft. It had earlier won approval for more conventional uses.

The first machines will be delivered to American in January and the remainder by next summer.

The Federal Aviation Administration said in November it was reviewing whether defibrillators should become part of the required airline medical kit. The FAA is also considering whether drugs that have proven successful with defibrillation should be included in the kit.

Under federal rules, airline medical kits now contain devices

to measure blood pressure, a stethoscope and several medications for chest pain, circulatory collapse, allergic reactions and diabetes.

Australian carrier Qantas, London-based Virgin Atlantic and Air Zimbabwe already carry defibrillators, while several U.S. airlines are reviewing whether to add them.

American plans to first install the defibrillators on jets used for international flights and train

crew members to use them.

Currently American's procedures for aiding a passenger with a medical emergency include having the plane's captain consider an unscheduled landing, to arrange for medical personnel to meet the aircraft. The captains also make an announcement asking if there is a medical doctor on board who could help the passenger.

The airline made 285 emergency medical landings during 1994 and 1995.



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FBI charges CIA official with selling Russia secrets, agent ID's

WASHINGTON (AP) — A one-time CIA station chief was charged Monday with selling top secrets to the Russians for more than \$120,000. The FBI suspects that the highest-ranking CIA officer ever charged with espionage sold the identities of all new CIA agent trainees in the past two years.

The 16-year CIA veteran, Harold J. Nicholson, 46, of Burke, Va., "betrayed his country for money. He was not motivated by ideology but by greed," said U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey. "He had access to a great deal of very damaging information."

An FBI affidavit said that Nicholson had access to the biographies and assignments of every new CIA agent trained from July 1994 to July 1996, when he was taught at the CIA's secret Virginia training site, and that evidence strongly indicated Nicholson sold the material to the Russians.

"As a result of this disclosure, it will be difficult, if not impossible, for the CIA to place some of these newly trained case officers into certain sensitive foreign postings for the rest of their careers," said FBI Agent Michael Loneragan's affidavit.

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Nicholson was arrested by FBI agents at Dulles International Airport in suburban Virginia Saturday afternoon as he was about to leave for Switzerland, where Fahey said he intended to meet his Russian handlers.

In a rare news conference with FBI Director Louis Freeh, CIA Director John Deutch said, "Thus far, we have no information that any CIA or FBI assets were killed as a result of Nicholson's spying." No U.S. agents or sources abroad appear to have been arrested either, officials said.

Until a damage estimate is completed, there is no way to determine how many operations he may have compromised, but it seems unlikely that the damage he caused by any approaches that done by (Aldrich) Ames," Deutch said.

The worst turncoat in CIA history, counterintelligence officer Aldrich Ames pleaded guilty in 1994 to selling Russia information over eight years for more than \$2.5 million. U.S. officials attributed the death of 10 Western agents and the compromise of dozens of operations to Ames.

Fahey said there was no evidence of a connection between Nicholson and Ames and no indication that other U.S. citizens worked with Nicholson.

Freeh and Deutch said he was arrested much earlier in his alleged double-agent career than Ames because of reforms and new FBI-CIA cooperation undertaken after the Ames case. The Ames case revealed that CIA officials had paid inadequate attention to Ames' unexplained cash, frequent foreign trips and failure of poly-

graph tests.

"There has been an exchange of high-level personnel between the agencies," Freeh said. "Their analytical efforts led to today's arrest."

Agents looked at polygraph tests, travel patterns, financial transactions and Nicholson's requests for secret data, Freeh said. They secretly followed and eavesdropped on him and searched his car, home, portable computer and work station.

Wearing white slacks and a turquoise shirt, the bearded suspect quietly made two brief appearances Monday in federal court in suburban Alexandria, Va. He was held without bond for a hearing Nov. 25.

Nicholson could face life in prison without parole. Fahey said prosecutors were not now planning to seek the death penalty.

Nicholson served in Manila from 1982 to 1985 and later in Bangkok and Tokyo. He was chief of station in Bucharest from 1990 to 1992, then went to Kuala Lumpur.

Last June 27 in Singapore, the FBI observed Nicholson put a camera bag into the trunk and get into a car with diplomatic license plates registered to the Russian

Embassy there, according to Loneragan. Within a month of his return, he made \$20,000 in deposits, payments and purchases and gave \$12,000 to his son to buy a new car, the affidavit said.

The FBI said Nicholson earlier made a series of bank deposits and bill payments following trips to Asia, where he had met Russian agents during his CIA career. This money could not be explained by his ordinary income and was not recorded on financial disclosure forms he was required to file after the Ames case, FBI officials said.

Deutch and Assistant FBI Director Bob Bryant refused to say exactly what first alerted them to Nicholson, but Nicholson's foreign trips, beginning in December 1994, were reported to the CIA as required. Russian spies have traditionally insisted that their U.S. sources meet them abroad, in part to increase their hold on them by implicating them in suspicious travel.

CIA Deputy Director George Tenet said officials were fairly confident Nicholson's spying began in mid-1994 because "that's when the first money shows up."

Bryant said agents didn't find the June 1994 wire transfer of

\$12,000 from Kuala Lumpur to a savings account in Eugene, Ore., until earlier this year. The transfer came shortly after Nicholson, as deputy chief of station, had authorized meetings with a Russian intelligence officer there before leaving for a U.S. post.

On Oct. 16, 1995, Nicholson first showed deception on a CIA polygraph test when asked about unauthorized contact with foreign spies, Loneragan wrote. Two subsequent tests, Oct. 20 and Dec. 4, also showed deception.

Bryant said "it's a possibility" that Nicholson delivered some CIA agent identities to the Russians after failing the polygraph test and while he was under suspicion but before he was arrested.

Searching Nicholson's portable computer last August, the FBI found data on the assignment of a newly trained officer headed to Moscow and on the assignments of other new agents trained between 1994 and 1996. Because the documents on Nicholson's computer were dated before the Singapore trip and had been deleted from the computer's directories, the FBI concluded "they have already been copied onto a (portable) disk and transmitted to Russian intelligence."

Judge bars Fuhrman testimony in major blow to defense

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Former Detective Mark Fuhrman's testimony from O.J. Simpson's murder trial cannot be played for jurors in Simpson's wrongful death trial, the judge ruled Monday, severely restricting defense plans to repeat the police frame-up theory.

The law forbids calling a witness just to discredit him, and all the details Fuhrman's criminal trial testimony could have addressed have already been provided by other witnesses, Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki said.

"Defendant is not offering Fuhrman's testimony for any evidentiary purpose other than to discredit him as a witness," Fujisaki said, adding that the plaintiffs can support their case without using the witness.

The ruling is a major setback for the defense, which had subpoenaed Fuhrman and planned to use his no contest plea to perjury to suggest, as Simpson's criminal lawyers did so successfully, that Fuhrman was a racist and liar who could have framed Simpson for murder.

"They've already had some of the other parts of their case out. Now they've lost the ability to play the race card. Mark Fuhrman is the picture on the race card," said Laurie Levenson, dean of Loyola Law School.

The ruling leaves the defense with almost no chance to play for jurors the inflammatory audio tape in which Fuhrman repeatedly uses a racial slur against blacks. Chances that Fuhrman will respond to the subpoena are remote since he lives out of state and can't be forced to return to California.

The Fuhrman issue has proven to

be a factor in the case anyway. During jury selection, many panelists said they knew about Fuhrman's alleged racism and his no contest plea.

The judge also ruled against the plaintiffs, saying they can't use a psychiatrist and a psychologist who would testify that Simpson fits the profile of a spousal killer.

"The jurors are clearly qualified to evaluate the evidence without an expert to guide their conclusions," Fujisaki said.

Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were found slashed to death June 12, 1994. Simpson was acquitted of murder, but victims' families are suing for his money to hold him responsible.

The judge issued his rulings as plaintiffs began to present evidence of domestic violence in the Simpson marriage. The first such testimony came from John Edwards, a policeman who answered a call for help from Ms. Simpson early on New Year's Day, 1989.

"He's going to kill me! He's going to kill me!" John Edwards called the hysterical woman crying out as she ran half-clothed from the bushes outside her home.

"I said, 'Who's going to kill you?' and she said, 'O.J.' I said, 'You mean O.J. Simpson, the football player?' and she said, 'Yes.'"

"She was cold, wet and shivering," Edwards said.

Edwards already told the story to a grand jury, at a preliminary hearing and during Simpson's criminal trial. But on Monday, he added one new detail about Simpson's response that night.

"He told me: 'What makes you so special? Why do you want to make

a big deal of this?'"

Edwards also said Simpson changed into a dark colored jogging suit. Plaintiffs and criminal prosecutors before them have suggested that blue-black cotton fibers found at the scene of two murders could have come from such a suit, but Simpson has said he never owned such garb.

Jurors appeared rapt as Edwards showed them three Polaroid photos he took at the police station showing Ms. Simpson with bruises to her forehead, swollen eyes, scratches near her mouth and mud on her sweat pants.

Simpson pleaded no contest to

spousal battery but has insisted in recent years that the incident was overblown and resulted from "rassling" that began when Ms. Simpson attacked him.

The jury also heard Los Angeles police criminalist Collin Yamauchi deny defense claims that he spilled blood from a vial containing a reference sample of Simpson's blood and contaminated other evidence with it.

Jurors appeared to notice a new face in the courtroom. Attorney Robert Shapiro occupied a front row seat preparing for his new role as a TV commentator at the civil trial.



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Gift of literacy can begin with holiday books, instead of toys, for children

DEAR ABBY: During the holidays, many communities sponsor programs in which people buy new toys or clothes for needy children. Many of these children come from homes where there are no books.

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Abby, please help these children learn to love books and reading. If your readers are buying toys

or clothes for needy children, please ask them to consider tucking in one or two children's books. — D.W. IN RENO, NEV.

DEAR D.W.: I'm sure many readers will agree it's a great idea. Books make excellent gifts.

DEAR ABBY: Whoever gave you the misinformation regarding dinner table protocol that you passed on to "Serious in Boston" needs retraining themselves.

I'm a former embassy butler, and please know that the signal conveyed to a trained server, as you described the positioning of cutlery and plate (knife and fork together diagonally across the upper right rim of the plate), would be that the diner would appreciate being offered another helping.

To indicate that you are finished and wish the plate removed, the cutlery should be placed straight upon the plate, perpendicular to

the diner, as clock hands at half past six, with the knife upon the right with the blade edge toward the diner.

If you are being attended by properly trained staff, it can avoid embarrassment to know what signals you are sending to the server.

Most sincerely at your service... RUGGLES OF RED GAP

DEAR RUGGLES: Thank you for speaking up. Concerned that I had misled my readers, I consulted several more etiquette books. "The New Emily Post's Etiquette," by Elizabeth L. Post, states: "When you have finished the main course, the knife and fork are placed beside each other on the dinner plate DIAGONALLY FROM UPPER LEFT TO LOWER RIGHT. (Emphasis mine.) The handles extend slightly over the edge of the plate."

The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette Entirely Rewrit-

ten and Updated," by Nancy Tuckerman and Nancy Dunnan, says, "Put your fork and knife across the center of the plate ON A DIAGONAL SLANT when you have finished eating."

Letitia Baldrige, whom I telephoned, told me that the flatware should be placed on the right rim of the plate, straight up and down — not diagonally.

I can only conclude that the best way to signal that you have finished eating is to speak up and tell the server that you would like your plate removed.

Read on for a thought-provoking letter from a reader, who offers a different perspective.

DEAR ABBY: While I have never written to you before, the letter from "Serious in Boston" — whose English-born and reared ladyfriend criticized him for pushing his plate to the center of the table when he had finished eating

— really got under my skin. In view of what is going on in this world today, just how important is it to place the knife and fork in a certain way in order to signal the server to remove your plate? Give me a break! I say, "Tell the lady to go back to England and eat with the Queen!"

I get a lot more upset about how few people have food to put on their plates, plates to put on their tables and roofs over their heads. — MARY A. SLOAN, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

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Adult abstinence, prom breath-alcohol tests aimed at stopping problems

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Tuxedoed and sequined students arriving at Arlington high school proms this spring will have to pass breath-alcohol tests to get into the ballroom.

The new rule is one of many ways officials hope to combat underage drinking in this 53,000-student school district, where a 16-year-old girl allegedly was sexually assaulted in September at a drinking party.

Ten suspects have been charged with misdemeanor assault.

"It's a problem that's getting progressively worse," Arlington schools superintendent Lynn Hale said Monday after a forum sponsored by the district for about 100 lawmakers, local officials, police and students.

Proposals for preventing and stopping drinking by students under the legal age of 21 ranged from the practical to the improbable.

"You pledge for a year not to drink alcohol," challenged Joseph Jennings, a motivational speaker who suggested it was unfair for adult imbibers to demand that students not drink.

When Jennings asked the group how many would consider giving up drinking for the calendar year of

1997, most people in the room raised their hands.

Seventeen-year-old Tamara Cauble, a senior, said her parents' example is indeed a powerful motivator.

"They don't drink at all — there's never beer in the refrigerator," she said after the meeting. "I think it's a real influence, what your parents do. That's probably the main reason I don't drink."

Arlington Police Chief David Kunkle also cited parental attitudes as key to solving a problem that is not new but receiving a new wave of attention.

"How can I say this discreetly? There are a group of parents who

never believe their children are responsible for their own behavior," Kunkle said, sparking applause. "If their child is found holding something, they weren't drinking, it was someone else's."

Other ideas included closing junior-high school campuses once students arrive in the morning, mailing letters home to parents rather than relying on students to hand-carry them and barring stu-

dents from participating in extracurricular activities if they are caught drinking.

State Rep. Kim Brimer suggested re-submitting a bill that flopped in the last legislative session to suspend underage drinkers' drivers' licenses until they turn 21.

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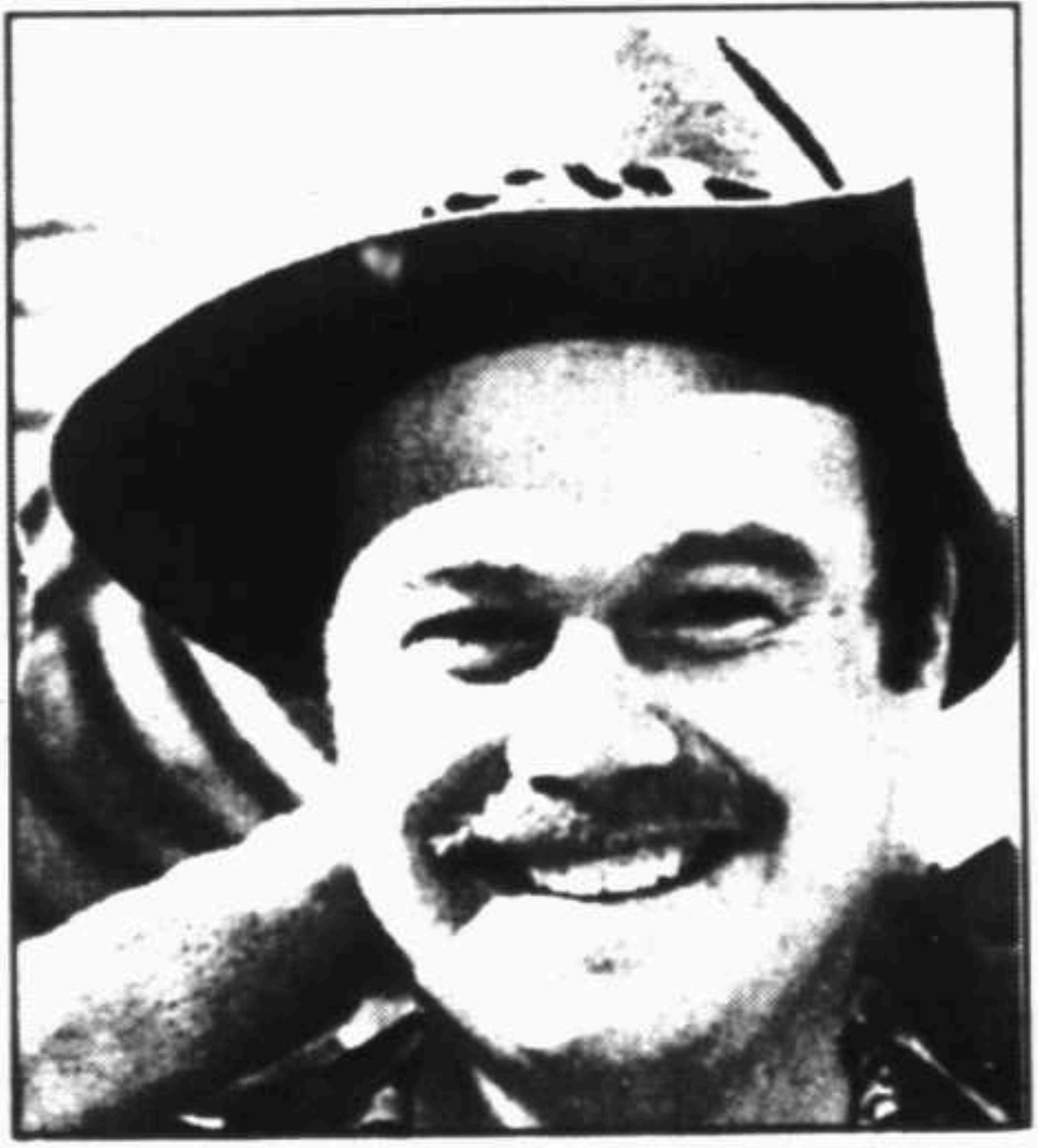
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Midland Reporter-Telegram Area Weather

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
High: 80 Low: 51	High: 80 Low: 45	High: 73 Low: 52

Texas Yesterday

City	H/L/Pcp
Abilene	76/40/0.00
Amarillo	73/36/0.00
Dallas/Ft. Worth	65/42/0.00
El Paso	75/37/0.00
Lubbock	80/36/0.00
San Angelo	78/44/0.00
San Antonio	73/55/0.00

YESTERDAY'S PRECIPITATION

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
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Total for the year	7.49 in.
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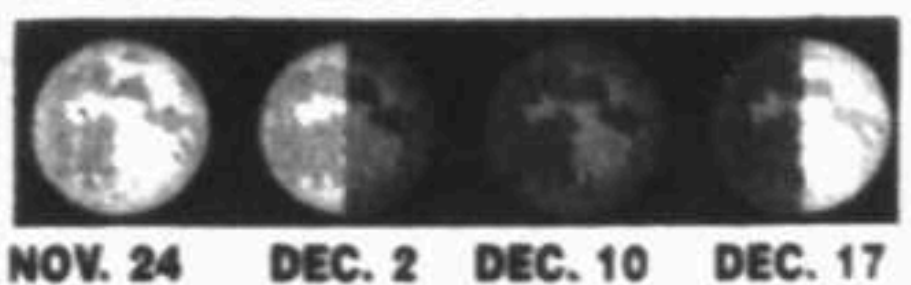
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High	78
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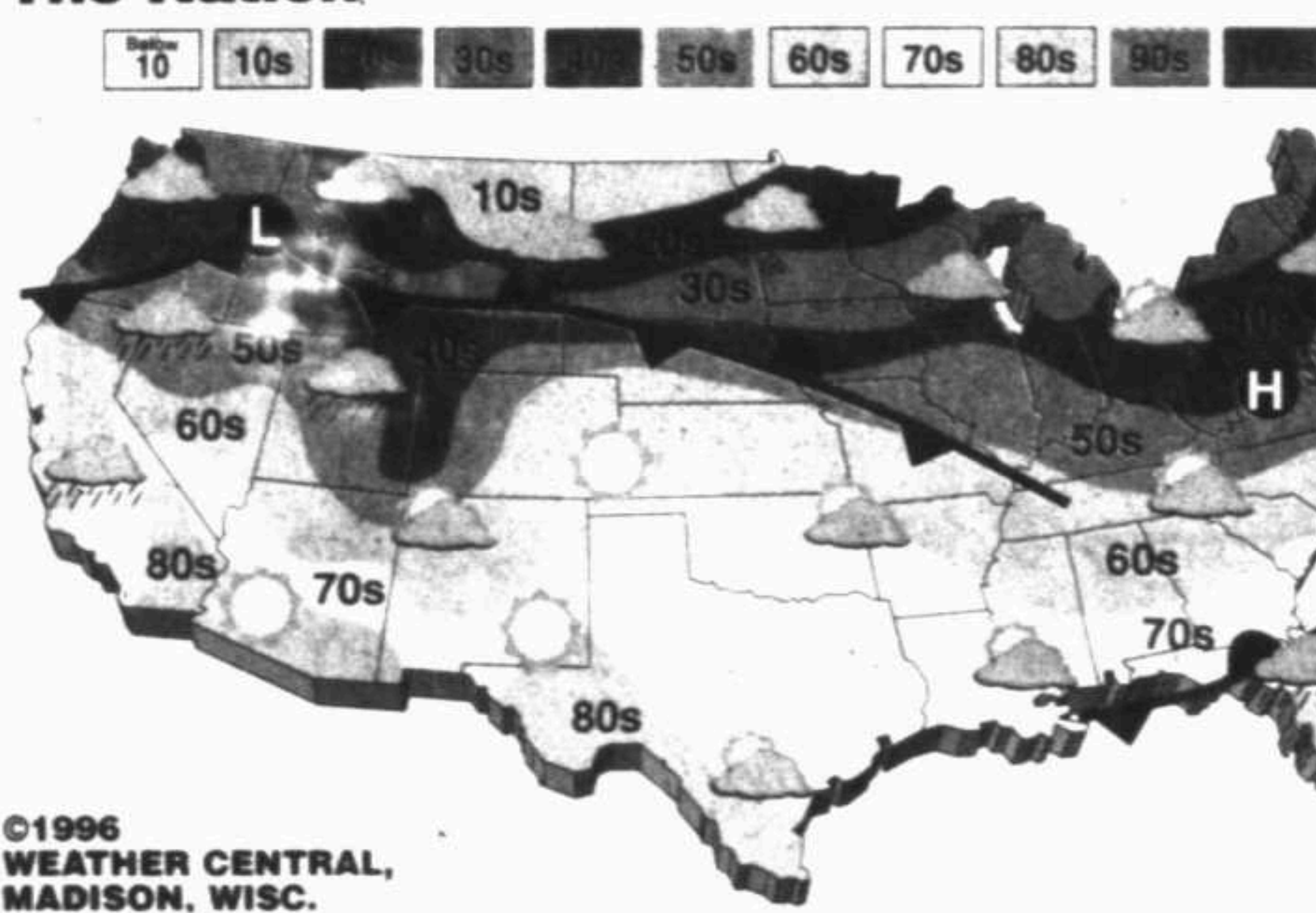
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Sunrise today	7:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:47 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	7:22 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday	5:47 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:24 p.m.
Moonset today	1:40 a.m.

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Albany	40	30	pc
Albuquerque	66	37	s
Anchorage	25	13	s
Aspen	40	22	pc
Austin	66	49	pc
Baltimore	78	60	pc
Birmingham	48	35	pc
Bismarck	67	50	pc
Boise	24	13	sn
Boston	58	45	sh
Buffalo	44	34	sh
Charlotte	41	31	pc
Cheyanne	64	43	pc
Chicago	56	36	pc
Cincinnati	41	33	i
Cleveland	48	35	c
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Columbia, SC	68	44	pc
Columbus, OH	44	34	c
Dayton	45	35	c
Denver	66	34	s
Des Moines	46	32	c
Detroit	41	31	pc
Duluth	23	17	sn
Evansville	54	43	sn
Grand Rapids	37	31	i
Great Falls	16	10	sn
Helena	25	17	sn
Honolulu	83	70	s
Houston	79	59	pc
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Indianapolis	48	38	c
Jackson, MS	72	54	pc
Jacksonville	73	55	sh
Juneau	26	15	s
Kansas City	63	39	pc
Las Vegas	72	51	s
Little Rock	70	51	pc
Los Angeles	73	58	s
Louisville	54	41	c
Memphis	65	52	pc
Miami Beach	79	69	pc
Mobile, AL	40	35	i
Minneapolis	30	25	sn
San Diego	73	54	pc
Seattle	42	34	sh
Sioux Falls	26	16	c
Spokane	38	30	sh
Tampa	80	59	pc
Topeka	62	37	pc
Washington	49	35	pc
Wichita	64	43	pc

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City	H	L	W
Acapulco	90	71	pc
Bermuda	67	60	sh
Cabo San Lucas	86	64	s
Chihuahua	74	45	pc
Guadalajara	78	45	pc
Havana	82	63	pc
Kingston	83	75	c
Mazatlan	88	64	s
Merida	88	68	t
Mexico City	77	48	pc
Nassau	78	68	pc
San Jose	78	66	r
San Juan, PR	86	75	sh
Torreon	82	51	pc
Trinidad	88	74	t
Vera Cruz	86	68	pc
Bangkok	92	74	t
Beijing	41	28	s
Bogota	70	52	r
Johannesburg	79	54	pc
London	45	37	c
Montreal	37	32	sn
Moscow	38	30	pc
Nairobi	73	55	c
New Delhi	84	51	pc
Paris	43	36	r
Rio de Janeiro	86	70	sh
Riyadh	75	61	s
Rome	65	50	pc
Stockholm	53	33	c
Sydney	70	59	pc
Tokyo	64	43	c
Toronto	39	31	pc



Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high near 80 and south to southwest winds at 10-15 mph. Tonight should be clear with a low near 50, according to the National Weather Service in Midland. Wednesday should be sunny with a high near 80. After an overnight low of 33, Monday's high reached 78, compared to the record high for that date of 84 set in 1981. The record low was 19 set in 1980.



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Researchers link chemicals to suicide

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abnormal levels of a key brain chemical may predispose depressed people to commit suicide, and measuring levels of this chemical may enable doctors to identify those most likely to take their lives, researchers say.

Dr. J. John Mann of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center said Monday that studies by a number of researchers have shown that levels of serotonin, an important neurotransmitter protein in the brain, are 20 to 25 percent lower in patients who are at high risk of suicide.

Serotonin is particularly active in a part of the brain that controls inhibition, and a lack of the neurotransmitter, or its related chemicals, lowers the amount of control a person has over actions.

"This predisposes a person to act on suicide thoughts," Mann said in an interview. "Serotonin is important for restraint. If serotonin is reduced, a person is more apt to act on powerful feelings."

By identifying those most likely to kill themselves, such patients then could receive more aggressive care to help them control suicidal impulses through a variety of medications now available.

Mann delivered a lecture on the neurobiology of suicide on Monday at a national meeting of the Society for Neuroscience.

Identifying people who are seriously planning suicide has long been one of the most difficult challenges for doctors who work with depressed patients. People who have a dedicated plan to commit suicide often are able to disguise and hide their intentions.

Also, doctors often fail to accurately gauge how serious a patient's suicide intentions are. For instance, studies in Finland and England show that about half of all people who commit suicide see a physician in the 90 days before they kill themselves, but only about 25 percent of them receive adequate care.

Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death in the United States.

Dr. Lorna G. Cheifetz, a clinical psychologist in Phoenix, Ariz., said that precisely assessing the

likelihood of a depressed person committing suicide "is a very big problem."

Finding a way to measure suicidal tendency, she said, "is a good piece of research," but she said it is not clear how it would be applied.

"I can see a practical benefit if it is generally available," said Cheifetz, but its eventual value would depend upon the kind of care available to people identified as lethally intent on suicide.

Monitoring levels of serotonin may be an important tool in identifying people most likely to act on suicidal impulses, Mann said.

"Three studies now have shown that a future suicide attempt can be predicted by examining the serotonin levels," he said. "People with low serotonin have a four- to six-fold greater chance of suicide than other depressed people."

Mann said a brain imaging technique called positron emission tomography, or PET, may provide a powerful diagnostic tool for suicide.

PET is able to detect the reaction in the brain to a drug, fenfluramine, that prompts the release of serotonin. Depression tends to reduce the action of this drug.

Mann and his colleagues plan to conduct PET examinations of depressed patients to determine if the imaging system can identify those most likely to kill themselves.

The tendency toward suicide may be aggravated by childhood experiences that can affect serotonin levels in the brain for a lifetime, said Mann.

"People who make suicide attempts have a high rate of child abuse histories," said Mann.

"We know from laboratory studies that parental deprivation at critical points in childhood can diminish serotonin in an enduring way."

If genetic inheritance already has reduced the level of serotonin in a person's brain, he said, the condition can be further aggravated by childhood abuse or neglect, increasing the odds of suicide later in life.

Panel: Little progress attained in goals of Education 2000 project

WASHINGTON (AP) — America as a whole has made little headway in reaching eight national education goals for the year 2000, although some states have made significant progress, a panel monitoring the project reports.

"At our present rate of progress, we're not going to make it," said Ken Nelson, executive director of the National Education Goals Panel. "We have to escalate our commitment to it, and it's best done at the state and local level."

The bipartisan panel was set up to track progress in meeting the "Goals 2000" developed after President Bush and the governors held an education summit in 1989 in Charlottesville, Va.

The goals say that by 2000: —All U.S. children will start school ready to learn.

—The high school graduation rate will be 90 percent or higher.

—Students will leave grades 4, 8 and 12 having shown competency over challenging subject matter.

—U.S. students will be the first in the world in math and science.

—Every American adult will be literate.

—Schools will be free of drugs, guns and violence.

—Schools will promote partnerships with parents.

—Teachers will be able to access professional development.

The panel's report, being released Tuesday, said that since 1990, the nation has scored higher marks on five of more than 20 indicators set up to measure performance toward "Goals 2000."

Fourth- and eighth-graders are doing better in math, students are experiencing fewer threats and injuries at school, family reading is more prevalent, national per-

formance has improved in infant health and more students are earning math and science degrees.

National performance declined, however, on eight of the indicators and remained unchanged in many areas, the report said. For instance, performance has declined in reading achievement at grade 12, teacher preparation and participation in adult education.

Meanwhile, drug activity and classroom disruptions are on the rise, the report said.

While about a third of the states have made "significant improvements in at least five areas," the report said, "overall national performance is virtually static."

Members of the panel, however, were encouraged by improvements in the states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The report says:

—Nearly three-fourths of the states have reduced the percentage of infants born with one or more health risks.

—About 90 percent of the states report a higher percentage of students getting math or science degrees, and many show gains in the number awarded to female and minority students.

—Nine states have increased the percentage of eighth-graders who demonstrate proficient or advanced performance in math.

—Nine states report more students enrolling in post secondary education.

—Five states report higher percentages of young adults with high school credentials.

"A number of states are demonstrating significant, measurable progress and many other states are steadily making improvements," said Michigan Gov. John

Engler, chairman of the goals panel. "Our national goals are very ambitious, and that is why it is particularly heartening to see progress."

The states have made the most progress in the goal that calls for a 90 percent high school completion rate by the year 2000.

"Even though the national high school graduation rate is still hovering around 85 percent or 86 percent, we find that in 20 states, the percentage of young adults who are high school graduates is already at or above 90 percent," the report says.

The report also focuses on state efforts to set academic standards and develop assessments to find out if students have mastered the material written in the new standards. More than 45 states have, or are developing scholastic benchmarks.

"There is absolutely no way we can be assured of annual progress toward reaching the goals until states and communities develop and use rigorous standards and design new forms of assessments," said Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, a Democrat who is the panel's chairman for 1997.

Midland College is one of the schools participating in the project.

Local Sports: Belle gets into Oilers trouble.

Scoreboard: West Texas, Notre Dame, Tennis Round.

Kings: VANCOUVER, Anthony mis Monday night Kings to beat 83.

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Magistrate rejects bid regarding surrender of Unabomber notes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A federal magistrate on Monday refused to force agents to surrender handwritten notes and logs made while they searched the cabin of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski.

U.S. Magistrate Gregory Hollows said his "tentative view" is that the documents, which include day-by-day records of the hunt for evidence, did not appear critical to Kaczynski's defense.

Hollows said he would issue a written ruling later in the week. Prosecutors believe Kaczynski,

a former Berkeley math professor turned hermit, is the shadowy "Unabomber," whose blasts killed three people and injured 23 from 1978 to 1995.

Kaczynski, 54, was arrested April 3 at his rural Montana cabin. Indicted in the three fatal bombings and two others, he faces the death penalty if convicted.

His lawyers, Quin Denvir and Judy Clarke, said the agents' notes and administrative logs would bolster their effort to suppress evidence seized from the handmade, one-room cabin.

FBI says streak appears to be meteorite

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — "Conventional wisdom" dictates that a meteorite, not a missile, streaked across the path of a Pakistani jet in the skies above the TWA Flight 800 crash site this weekend, a top FBI official said Monday.

Nevertheless, FBI assistant director James Kallstrom said the report by the pilot is being "taken seriously and will be thoroughly investigated," including examining radar and other sensors that would indicate whether there was any object in the area.

"We don't really know what it was," said Kallstrom, head of the investigation into the TWA crash. "The conventional wisdom is that it was a

meteorite shower."

The pilot of a Pakistan International Airline jet reported seeing a streak of light around 10:30 p.m. Saturday shortly after departing from Kennedy Airport for Frankfurt, Germany. FBI agents interviewed the crew on Sunday.

The pilot, Wahid Shah, said his co-pilot saw an orange light "coming from the left hand side to the right hand side in front of the aircraft." He said it was three to four miles in front of the aircraft and above it.

The National Weather Service said a meteor shower was under way in the area at the time.

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

TENNIS — ATP World Championship, early round coverage, at Hanover, Germany (same-day tape), noon, ESPN.

HOCKEY — St. Louis Blues at Pittsburgh Penguins, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

BASKETBALL — NBA Basketball, New York Knicks at Orlando Magic, 7 p.m., TNT.
Dallas Mavericks at Milwaukee Bucks, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

Texas Scores

FOOTBALL — Dallas Cowboys 21, Green Bay Packers 6.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — WJAC Women, Midland College 54, Western Texas College 30.

Sports Today

PREP BASKETBALL — Andrews vs. Midland High, 7:30 p.m., MHS Gym.
San Angelo Lake View at Midland Lee Girls, 7:30 p.m., Lee Gym.

Lee playoff tickets

Tickets for Midland Lee's playoff game versus El Paso Socorro Friday in El Paso will go on sale to season ticket holders today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Memorial Stadium ticket office.

Prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Tickets may also be purchased at the Booster Club meeting tonight.

The general public can buy tickets Wednesday at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets can also be bought Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Iraan ticket info

Midland Memorial Stadium will host the Class 2A area playoff game between Iraan and Roscoe Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the game will go on sale Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Stadium ticket office.

No more Wiz kicking

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Wiz are now the Wizards.

Kansas City's Major League Soccer franchise is changing its name after an East Coast electronics retailer, Nobody Beats the Wiz, raised questions about trademark rights to the name "Wiz" and its promotional use, general manager Tim Latta said.

Potential trademark infringement is the sole reason for the change, Latta said.

"Some of the response early on to Wiz was, 'Gee, if it only would have been Wizards; that would have been a great nickname,'" Latta said. "We listened to that."

Latta said the team originally had intended to use the name Wizards, but the Delaware Wizards of the United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues — which serves as a developmental league for the MLS — held rights to the name.

But the Delaware team contacted the Kansas City Wiz and supported the name change, Latta said.

WJAC Women

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Midland College	1	0.1000	7
Howard College	1	0.1000	8
Frank Phillips	0	0.0000	1
Western Texas	0	1.0000	1
New Mexico JC	0	1.0000	1
Odessa College	0	1.0000	0

Monday's Games
Midland College 50, Western Texas 34, South Plains 83, Odessa College 57, Howard College 78, New Mexico 87, Clarendon College 74, Frank Phillips College 69.

Thursday's Games
Howard College at Midland College, Western Texas at Odessa College, Frank Phillips College at New Mexico Junior College, South Plains is open.

Inside Sports

Local Basketball Caps	2C
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Scoreboard	3C
West Texas Sports	5C
Notre Dame Coaching	6C
Tennis Roundup	6C

Kings wins

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Greg Anthony missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer Monday night, allowing the Sacramento Kings to beat the Vancouver Grizzlies 84-83.

Billy Owens led the Kings with 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Olden Polynice added 15 points and 11 rebounds for Sacramento.

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Notre Dame football sources: Holtz will announce resignation

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer



SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The Lou Holtz era is over at Notre Dame. The coach will announce at his weekly news conference Tuesday that he's resigning after 11 seasons. Details were completed at a meeting Monday with athletic director Mike Wadsworth and the Rev. William Beauchamp, the university's executive vice president.

"He met with the administration and told them he's leaving," one of two university sources, who spoke on the condition they not be identified, told The Associated Press.

School spokesman John Heisler declined to confirm Holtz's resignation, saying only he had met with Wadsworth and Beauchamp. Wadsworth declined comment, and Beauchamp was not immediately available.

"They have reached a decision and it will be announced at 1 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday)," Heisler said.

Why Holtz, 59, is resigning is not clear, but one possibility is that he wants another shot at the NFL, where he led the New York Jets to a 3-10 record in 1976 before resigning with one game left. One scenario has him coaching the Minnesota Vikings if current coach Dennis Green is fired.

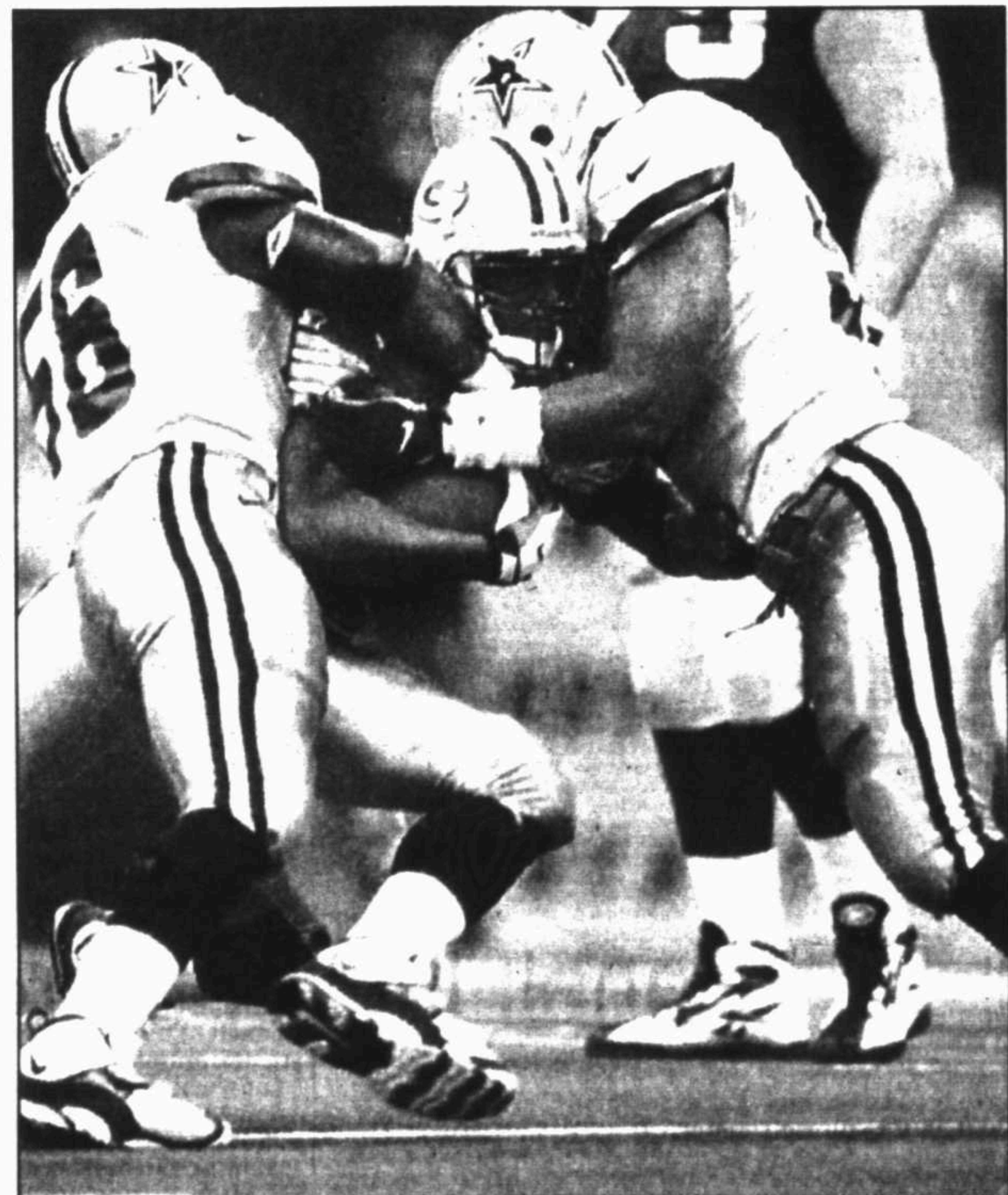
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Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz smiles, reacting to a question by a reporter. Holtz neither denied or confirmed reports that he will resign from Notre Dame at that end of this season.

COWBOYS VS. PACKERS

Good try, Green Bay... Good try



Green Bay Packers runner Edgar Bennett, center, is stopped by Dallas Cowboys defenders Randall Godfrey (56) and Darrin Smith, right, in the first quarter Monday night. Dallas won the game, 21-6.

■ Dallas gets seven field goals from Chris Boniol and a dominating defensive effort to defeat the Green Bay, 21-6.

By Timothy W. Smith
New York Times News Service



IRVING — Stop taking measurements for new a crown. The King is not dead yet.

The Packers had been anointed as the heirs to the throne before the season started and everyone in Green Bay had circled Monday's date as the beginning of the coronation.

But the defending Super Bowl champion Cowboys showed the Packers that they have a few more steps to take to attain greatness by beating them, 21-6, on Monday night. It was the Cowboys' seventh victory in a row against the Packers, all of them coming at Texas Stadium.

This one did not come as expected. The Cowboys built an 18-0 lead on six field goals by kicker Chris Boniol and held the explosive Packer offense out of the end zone until the final two minutes. Boniol kicked a record-tying seventh field goal in the closing seconds. The only other players to kick seven field goals in a game are Jim Bakken of the St. Louis Cardinals (1967) and Rich Karlis of the Minnesota Vikings (1989).

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Look who's back in the hunt



Conference Standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.
Green Bay	8	3	0	0.727
San Francisco	8	3	0	0.727
Washington	8	3	0	0.727
Dallas	7	4	0	0.636
Carolina	7	4	0	0.636
Philadelphia	7	4	0	0.636

NFC East Standings

East	W	L	T	Pct.
Washington	8	3	0	0.727
Dallas	7	4	0	0.636
Philadelphia	7	4	0	0.636
Arizona	5	6	0	0.455
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	0.364

Monday's Results
Dallas Cowboys 21, Green Bay Packers 6

Midland College women capture WJAC opener

Staff Report

SNYDER — The Midland College and Western Texas College women kept waiting for a basketball game to break out here Monday night in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener for both teams, but it never happened.

The good news is that the Lady Chaparrals notched a road win, 54-30, over the Lady Westerners at the Scurry County Coliseum, but it was a very "uninspired win" according to MC coach Ron Jones.

"We knew this was going to be difficult for us going in since we were coming off a tough road trip (three games in three days in Georgetown's JUCO Roundup)," Jones said. "The game was very difficult for us and our play was very uninspired. They slowed the ball down, and we had been preaching to be patient on defense, but we didn't make anything happen. We struggled with everything we did, and I'm just glad to get it over with."

MC held a meager 20-14 lead after 20 minutes of play and had only one player in double figures as Ndiase Ndiaye did get 12 points. Ten Lady Chaps scored in the game. None of the Lady Westerners scored in double figures. Still, the game counts as a win as the 7-1 Lady Chaps

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Lady Chaps Soar



Ndiaye **Santos**

Score: Midland College 54, Western Texas College 30.

Record: Midland College 7-1, 1-0. Western Texas 1-4, 0-1.

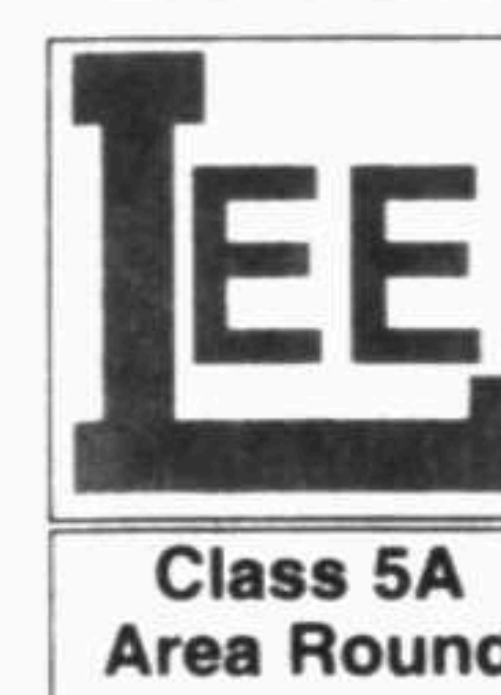
Next Game: Midland College hosts Howard College (8-1, 1-0), Thursday, 8 p.m., Chapparral Center.

Monday Recap: The Lady Chaps held WTC to just 30 points.

Ndiase Ndiaye led all Lady Chaps with 12 points while Valeria Santos scored eight and Mamie Ndiaye threw in seven.

Old Socorro face awaits Midland Lee

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor



Class 5A Area Round

ing his chops for this game after what he experienced a year ago in Socorro's 28-26 loss to Lee at this same step of the playoff ladder.

Lee almost seemed to be in a class of its own in stopping the Bulldog passing game a year ago as Alvarez went to the air 32 times. Alvarez can still throw the ball, but fortunately for Lee, Socorro receiver Larry Aguirre isn't back. He caught five passes for 103 yards.

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UIL Pairings/3C

Diamond Darlings

Lee's Nobles, Hale sign Division I pacts

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Two more Midland Lee diamond standouts have made commitments for their near future Monday, which will most likely help them concentrate on their present.

Baseball pitcher Mike Hale signed a national letter of intent to play for the University of Arkansas while softball catcher Adrian Nobles made the same commitment to New Mexico State. Both signed two days before the early signing period deadline, after which high school athletes couldn't commit until next spring.

That's good news for both Rebel teams, who will need top performances from both seniors if they are to duplicate their postseason success of last year. For Nobles, an all-state selection last season, the pressure of deciding on a college has been removed and the upcoming softball season should come as a relief.

"I'm just looking forward to it and hop-

ing to improve," Nobles said. "We all want to go to state."

Nobles is at the receiving end of a strong battery which includes Chrystal Smith, who last week signed a letter of intent to pitch for Southwest Texas State. Nobles led the Lady Rebels in every offensive category, batting .540 with 61 hits, seven home runs, 34 RBIs and an .885 slugging percentage.

Those numbers attracted attention from several schools, but the only campus Nobles visited was New Mexico State and Texas Tech. For Nobles, there was mystery over the choice.

"(New Mexico State) had what I wanted to go into academically, but they also have a real good softball program," said Nobles, who is planning on a career in fashion merchandising. "I've thought about it for a long time, and when I went up there, I knew that's where I wanted to go."

Nobles said she felt more comfortable



Midland Lee's Mike Hale, left and Adrian Nobles, right, sign their letter of intents at a press conference in the Midland Lee library. Hale will play baseball at the University of Arkansas while Nobles will play softball at the New Mexico State University.

at the Las Cruces campus than she did visiting Tech, which she felt was a little too big for her tastes. She also might have seen some similarities between New Mexico State's softball program and Lee's.

As a sophomore, Nobles played for the Lady Rebels in their first season of UIL-

sanctioned softball, which has enjoyed instant success with a state semifinal appearance. New Mexico State, playing in the Big West Conference, is in only its third year of NCAA softball, meaning that Nobles has gotten in on the ground floor of two emerging programs.

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WJCAC: No WTC players hit double figures

(From 1C)

climbed to a 1-0 start to open the conference season. WTC fell to 1-4, 0-1.

Midland College can let this one go quickly since they turn back to Chaparral Center Thursday for an 8 p.m. conference game with Howard College's Lady Hawks, a 78-67 winner over New Mexico Junior College. It will be an early test for teams hopeful of making a WJCAC title run this year.

"Howard has changed their style of play the last year or two and are much more up-tempo now," Jones said. "Actually, I think that will help us get into our game Thursday because it fits our style more."

Howard ripped New Mexico JC with a two-pronged scoring attack. LaTonya Kingle ripped the nets for

21 points while Shawnta Johnson had 20. Kyna Cosby had 11 points.

In other WJCAC opening night play Monday, South Plains defeated Odessa College 84-57 as Aleah Johnson led the Lady Texans with 19 points while Shea Bennett had 16 points. Former Odessa Permian star Angie Brazier had 14 points. OC got a game high 20 points from Rinnette Mason and 19 from Pashon Murray.

Midland College 54, Western Texas 30. Midland College (7-1, 1-0): Kellie Bradshaw 1-2-2, Amy Allen 0-0-0, Jody Finley 1-0-0-2, Jannell Bennett 1-0-0-3, Fatou Cisse 1-2-3-4, Mame Ndiaye 3-1-2, Jil Davis 0-2-2, Candy Mitchell 1-0-1-2, Mand White 1-0-0-3, Holly Turnbough 1-0-0-2, Valeria Santos 2-4-5, Ndiaye Ndiaye 6-0-1-2, Lisa Ray 2-0-0-4. Totals 20-11-16-54.

Western Texas College (1-4, 0-1): Brehrens 2-0-0, 5 Peters 2-0-4, Brooks 3-0-0, Russell 0-1-2-1, Gathright 1-1-3-3, McKnight 1-0-0-2, Northcott 0-0-0-0, Oltro, 2-1-2-5, Wilson 1-0-0-2. Totals 12-3-7-30.

Hafttime: MC 20, WTC 14. Three-Point Field Goals: MC (3): Bradshaw 1, Bennett 1, White 1, WTC (3): Brehrens 1, Brooks 2, Russell 1. Fouled Out: WTC: Oltro.

SIGN: Third Lee signing in five days

(From 1C)

"If I get to play my freshman year, great, if not I can live with it," said Nobles, who might be used as a utility player in college. "I'm just glad to be part of a beginning and help get something started."

Unlike Nobles, Hale was more of an unknown quantity entering last year, but proved his worth late in his junior year by winning two playoff games in which he struck out 16. The right-hander is one of the few returning Rebels with any mound experience and his vision is set for Lee in 1997.

"(Signing early) definitely helps and hopefully we're on our way to a state championship," Hale said.

It was during the summer that Hale was more or less "discovered" by the Arkansas coaching staff. Razorback head coach Norm DeBrynn and pitching coach Jay Eddings were at a tournament in Woodward, Okla. when they witnessed Hale throwing for a Connie Mack team based out of Burk Burnett, where Hale spent last summer.

As it turned out, Hale was just as impressed with DeBrynn and Eddings as they were with him.

"Both were very positive, upbeat people and I wanted to go into a place with a strong academic and athletic combination," said Hale, who is planning on a career in sports medicine.

There was little doubt that Hale

was going to end up at Arkansas since it was the only school he visited. He said that he is being offered a 62 percent ride, which could improve depending on his performance as a freshman.

Hale figures to have a shot to pitch in his first season in Fayetteville since the Razorbacks have lost several pitchers from last year's team which reached the NCAA Regionals hosted by Texas Tech. He also wants to go the distance as often as possible.

"Starting's what I love to do," said Hale in his hopes for a permanent role. "I love to go in and throw all seven innings — or nine innings."

If Hale, who finished 6-3 last season and has a 90 mph fastball, has an impressive enough senior year at Lee, he might be looking past Arkansas and to a future paycheck. A major league organization could choose to select him, and Hale will be forced to weigh his options.

"If I get drafted anywhere above the 10th round I could be persuaded to go pro," Hale said.

Hale's high school coach, Jesse Benividez, thinks Hale has what it takes to succeed regardless of where he goes after high school.

"If you've got a good fastball, curve and mix it up with a change-up, major colleges are going to be interested," Benividez said. "Mike can throw all those pitches."

LEE: Rebs won area game 28-26 in 1995

(From 1C)

The Bulldogs took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter against the Rebels, turning a blocked punt into a touchdown. That's another memory that Lee should dwell on this week since Lubbock Monterey returned two blocked Brian Evans punts for touchdowns last week with faulty blocking up front.

Which was about the only mistakes the Rebels made against the Plainsmen in a 36-21 bi-district victory.

Lee outscored the Bulldogs 14-6 in the second quarter to lead 14-12 at the half. That proved to be the difference in the game as the two teams traded third and fourth quarter touchdowns.

The major problem Lee will have with Socorro is the confidence factor, not Lee confidence, but Socorro confidence. The Bulldogs went away from Memorial Stadium last year feeling like they could have easily won the game.

The Bulldogs felt like they lost because of three major mistakes during the course of the game. Lee scored a second period touchdown when quarterback John Thurman hit Tim Lirley with a 63-yard touchdown pass when a Socorro defender fell down.

In the same quarter, Lee got a huge break when Shae Jones blocked a punt and John Norman picked it up and scored from seven yards out. And another big mistake came in the kicking game in the third quarter when the snap

went over the head of Bulldog punter Jesse Martinez and Jones recovered at the three-yard line from where John Norman scored two plays later for a 21-12 lead. Socorro could never erase that lead.

Socorro ended the game with 304 total yards of offense while Lee had 288. Socorro also had 20 first downs to Lee's 15.

It was a great game to watch — and it better be one the Lee defense watches before 2 p.m. (MST) Saturday.

REBEL CRIES: Lee is carrying an extra 45 players on its playoff roster, forcing duplicate numbers. At Jones Stadium last Friday, the announcer was often calling the wrong names. When Lee took to the field with its over-90 armada, one press box wag said, "Lee has more players than Monterey has fans." The roster looks like a phone book. What coach John Parchman has done is give the option to certain JV and sophomore players to either stay out and practice or go to the training room early. What few people realize is that playoff teams have a huge advantage over teams that don't make the playoffs in more ways than winning playoff games. They also get to keep players out where they can see what it takes at this level to win and they also get to continue practice. If a team makes it to the state finals in the Small School division, that's six weeks of extra practice, in fact two spring trainings...

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NHL Results

NHL Standings
By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Team	W	L	Pct
Florida	11	3	.778
New Jersey	10	6	.611
Philadelphia	10	10	.500
Washington	10	10	.500
N.Y. Rangers	7	11	.389
Tampa Bay	6	9	.400
N.Y. Islanders	4	6	.400

NORTHWEST DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pct
Colorado	13	4	.762
Los Angeles	9	7	.563
Calgary	9	9	.500
Vancouver	9	9	.500
Edmonton	9	11	.455
San Jose	7	10	.412
Anaheim	4	13	.235

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Team	W	L	Pct
Dallas	13	5	.729
Chicago	11	9	.556
St. Louis	11	9	.556
Toronto	8	11	.421
Phoenix	8	11	.421
San Jose	8	11	.421
Los Angeles	8	11	.421

PACIFIC DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pct
Colorado	13	4	.762
Los Angeles	9	7	.563
Calgary	9	9	.500
Vancouver	9	9	.500
Edmonton	9	11	.455
San Jose	7	10	.412
Anaheim	4	13	.235

LATE GAMES NOT INCLUDED			
Team	W	L	Pct
Washington	4	1	.800
Florida	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	1.000
Calgary	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
New Jersey	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	0	1.000
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000

TUESDAY'S GAMES			
Team	W	L	Pct
Washington	4	1	.800
Florida	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	1.000
Calgary	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
New Jersey	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	0	1.000
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES			
Team	W	L	Pct
Washington	4	1	.800
Florida	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	1.000
Calgary	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
New Jersey	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	0	1.000
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000

THURSDAY'S GAMES			
Team	W	L	Pct
Washington	4	1	.800
Florida	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	1.000
Calgary	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
New Jersey	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	0	1.000
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000

FRIDAY'S GAMES			
Team	W	L	Pct
Washington	4	1	.800
Florida	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	1.000
Calgary	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
New Jersey	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	0	1.000
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SATURDAY'S GAMES			
Team	W	L	Pct
Washington	4	1	.800
Florida	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	1.000
Calgary	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
New Jersey	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	0	1.000
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000

SUNDAY'S GAMES			
Team	W	L	Pct
Washington	4	1	.800
Florida	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	1.000
Calgary	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
New Jersey	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	0	1.000
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MONDAY'S GAMES			
Team	W	L	Pct
Washington	4	1	.800
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Detroit	2	0	1.000
Calgary	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
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Calgary	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
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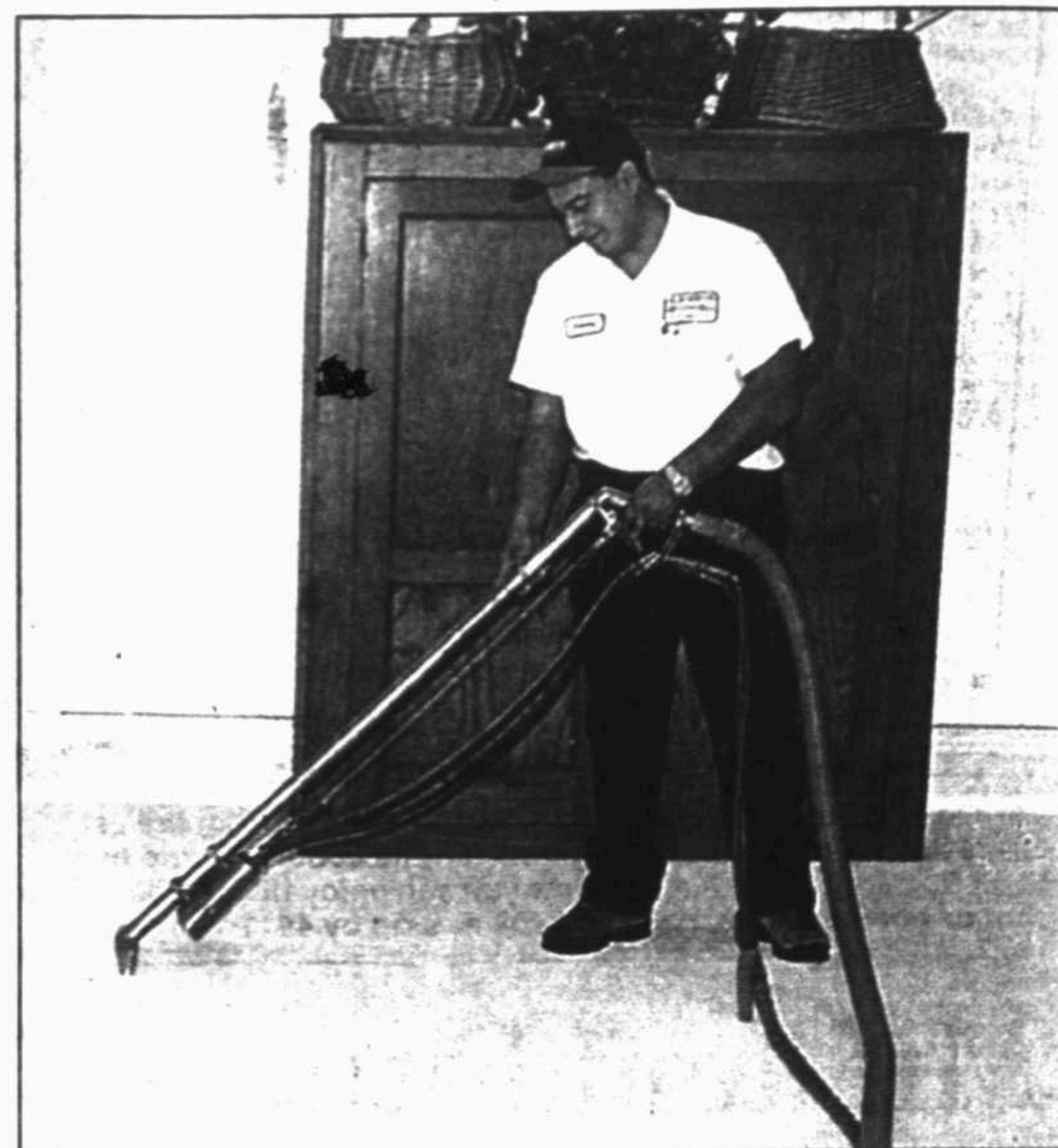
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West Texans: Be patient through stock market cycles

By Van Percy

Warren Buffett, renowned for his investing acumen, says that the first rule of successful investing is not to lose money. "The second rule," he says, "is not to forget the first rule."

How successful are West Texas investors in following this rule? The Investment Company Institute (ICI), the voice of the mutual-fund industry, recently released a study that might answer this question. The study analyzed how mutual fund shareholders have behaved during market downturns in the past. Specifically, the ICI wanted to know if investors sell shares when the market goes down—violating Buffett's first rule.

The ICI studied mutual fund shareholder activity during U. S. stock market cycles from 1944 to 1995. A "cycle" is measured by peaks and troughs in the monthly average of the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 index of stocks. Since World War II, the stock market has experienced 14 major cycles. Each cycle began with a market peak, followed by a decline and a "trough," a period in which the market stayed low before climbing to a new peak and beginning a new cycle.

In the period studied, the 14 cycles lasted anywhere from four months to 37 months. The average downturn lasted 14 months. The largest drop in the S&P 500 Index was 43.4 percent in the 1973-74 cycle. The smallest decreases were about 10 percent (1959-60), 1971 and 1983-84). The average decrease during the period studied was 19.5 percent.

The ICI found that no particular event triggers a cycle. Only eight market cycles were associated with cycles in general business conditions. The other six, however, occurred in advance of economic slowdowns. Evidently, a cycle doesn't have any significant characteristics to alert investors of a forthcoming market decline.

How did mutual fund investors behave during these cycles? The ICI found that most investors stayed the course. "In none of the stock market breaks and sharp declines in equity prices have stock fund owners liquidated shares en masse," the ICI concluded. This included the huge one-day stock market decline on October 19, 1987, when only about 4.5 percent of stock fund assets were redeemed in the last half of October.

The study did find, however, that shareholders do pay attention to stock price movements. They put more new money into stock funds when the market was rising than when it was declining. (However, I would hope that more West Texas investors would invest in a declining market. After all, whether you're buying socks or stocks, the best time to buy is when they go on sale.)

Perhaps the most significant conclusion of the ICI study is that

stock fund shareholders appear to be experienced investors. They seem to have long-term investment objectives and a basic understanding of investment risk.

Warren Buffett's first rule of investing—not to lose money—may be easier said than done. However, it's encouraging to see that stock market declines have not been disastrous to investors. Evidently, being patient and staying the course will help you follow Buffett's No. 1 rule.

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Cougars add Liberty Bowl trip to Conference USA title

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Conference-USA co-champion University of Houston accepted an invitation Monday to play in the Dec. 27 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn., against a Big East Conference opponent.

Houston made a huge turnaround in Kim Helton's fourth season as head coach. The Cougars improved from 2-9 last season to 7-4 this year, including a victory over co-champion Southern Mississippi.

"We're kind of unhappy that we're not in the top 25 and now we've got one more chance at it so we're going to Memphis to win," Helton told a cheering crowd.

Houston won only four games over the previous three seasons but completed an exciting 1996 season by winning four games in their final possession, including two in overtime.

The Cougars will take a potent offense that led C-USA into their first bowl game since 1988 when the Cougars lost to Washington State 24-22 in the Aloha Bowl.

The Cougars not only want to play well but also bring a big cheering section.



Houston coach Kim Helton, left, shakes hands with David Leake, president of the Liberty Bowl. Houston at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis.

Athletic Director Bill Carr said the school would try to get 10,000 fans to make the trip.

The Cougars averaged only 17,651 fans at six home games this season, raising concerns about whether the bowl could generate a large crowd.

"I'd like for us to wash away all that negative stuff about attendance," Helton told the victory celebration.

Chuck Clements ranked No. 29 nationally in passing efficiency, while Antwan Smith and freshman Ketric Sanford were among the top all-purpose runners in the nation.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in conference room A. The public is welcome to attend.

The Midland Lee Softball Booster Club will meet Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the teacher's lounge.

The Midland Lee Football Boosters meet each Tuesday night of the season at 7 p.m. at the Lee Youth Center. Meetings will continue each Tuesday night until the season is over.

Coaches Luncheons for the Chap Athletic Club will take place on Dec. 4, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26. The Luncheons will allow coaches to interact with club members and will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at Golden Corral Steakhouse.

Gymnastics...

Odessa College offers several gymnastics clinics for children ages 2 and up. Call 335-6348 for more information.

Basketball...

The Midland YMCA is now taking registrations for youth basketball. The program is for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through sixth. Deadline to register is Nov. 30. Cost per player is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. Interested players can sign up at any Midland YMCA. Call 682-2551 for more information.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Midland will have their first 3-on-3 basketball league for boys and girls 13-18 years old. Fee is \$8 for members, membership is \$3. For more information call Sherman Petterson at 683-5297 or 567-6373 on weekends.

Workouts and tryouts for girls 12 and under AAU Basketball are scheduled for Wednesday nights at 6:30 at Abell Junior High. Girls who turn 13 after Jan. 1, 1997 are eligible. For more information call Mike at 697-3018.

The Permian Basin Basketball Officials Association is seeking applicants to officiate junior high and high school games in this area. Call Mike Lowrance at 682-1726 or 520-9602 or Jeff Ryan at 699-5001 or 688-0700 if you are interested.

The Midland YMCA is taking registration for girls junior high basketball, grades 7-9. Fee is \$35. Registration is available at any Midland YMCA. For more information, call 682-2551.

Alamo Junior High girls basketball tryouts are the week of Dec. 6 while eighth grade girls tryouts are the week of Dec. 9. Girls must have physicals before tryouts.

Skiing...

The Flatlanders Ski Club has current plans for trips to Keystone, Colo. (Nov. 27-Dec. 1), Snowmass, Colo. (Jan. 4-11, 1997), Val Di Fasse, Italy (Jan. 17-25, 1997), Purgatory, Colo. (Feb. 8-15, 1997) and Sugarloaf, Maine (March 8-15, 1997). Other club activities include rafting and golfing events. For more information, call Donna at 550-5665 or Sam at 580-7600.

Tennis...

Toby Curtis, a new tennis coach in Midland, is offering individual and group tennis lessons at Lee High School and San Jacinto Junior High. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Call Toby at 697-3266 for more information.

Results Sports and Fitness is currently holding several tennis clinics for children. Call 682-0813 for more information.

The Tennis Association of Midland is now accepting registration for Youth Fall League. Players will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Age groups are from elementary and older. Registration forms are available at Midland area Tennis center or by mail on request. Please call Chrys Beal at 699-7458 or TAM at 685-0044 for more information.

The Pacesetters Junior Tennis Progression Program for Pre-K (age 4) to 8th grade (age 13) will have its final fall session Dec. 2-Jan. 31 at Midland College. Call Luis Valdez at 687-4046 or 683-5360 for information.

The Midland College Tennis Center will conduct the Midland College Fall Open at the Armstrong Racquet Shop. The tournament will have five levels (M&W singles and doubles L.3.0-L.4.5 and MX 25 D singles and doubles). The cost is \$16 for singles and \$32 per doubles team. Call (915) 687-4046 for more information.

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The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Coors Hospitality room. For more information, please call 694-0640 or Peyton Bike Store at 699-1718.

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In-Line Hockey Leagues are now forming at the Sticks and Kicks Indoor Sports Center. Register as a team or individually for 8-under, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17 junior divisions. A Senior Divisions (18-over) will also be formed. The fee is \$50 for the fall season and \$25 for insurance. To register come by 3918 W. Wall or call 520-6633.

Swimming...

The City of Midland Swim and Diving teams are currently conducting tryouts. Swimmers must be able to complete one length of freestyle and backstroke. Tryouts are Monday through Thursday after school or by appointment. Call 684-7755 for more information.

Mabee Aquatic Center is registering fall classes for Learn to Swim, Learn to Dive, Pre-School Tumbling, Gym Swim, Dive Safe and Beginning Diving. Call 684-7755 for information.

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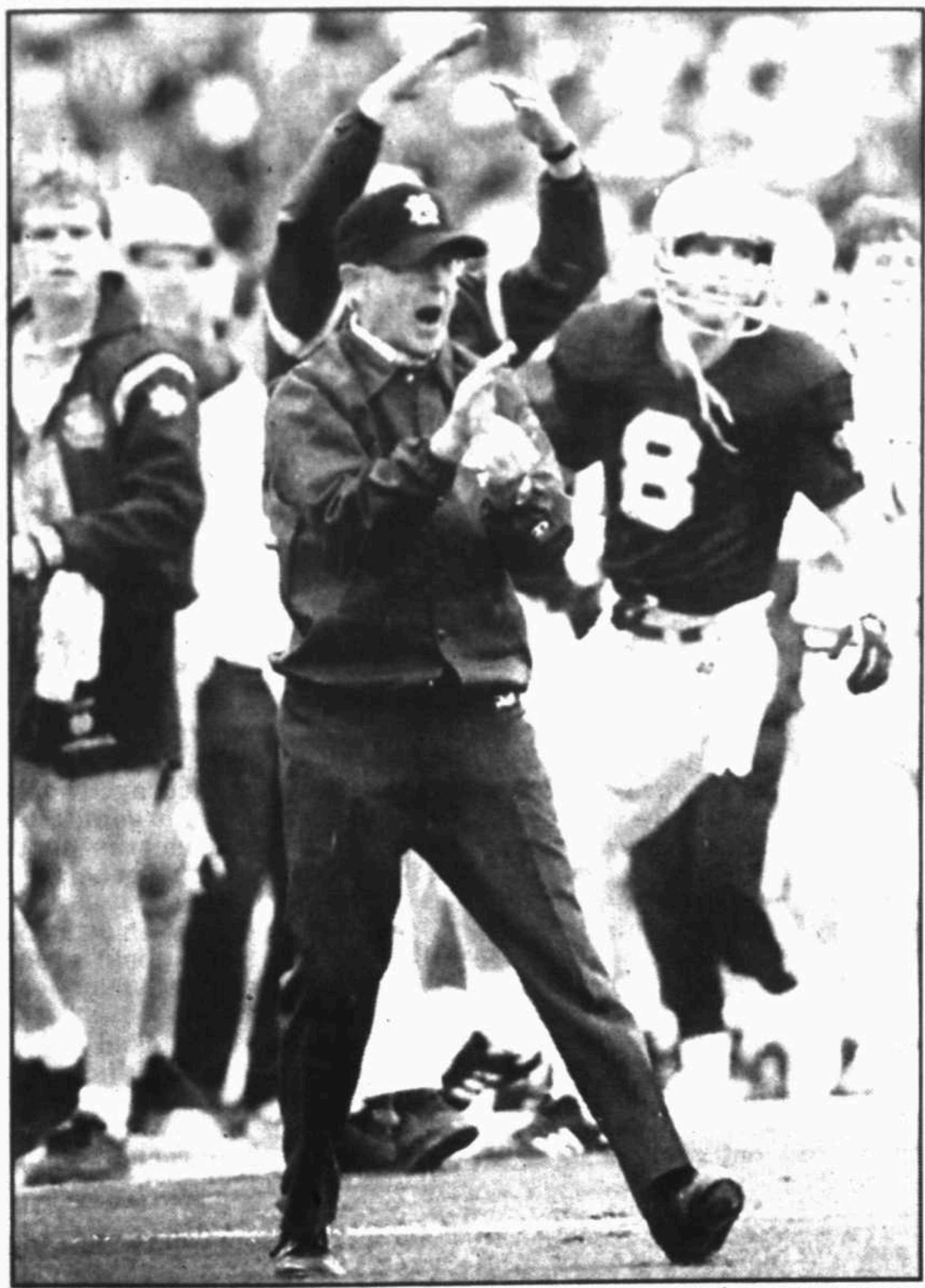
Tryouts for 10-under girls fastpitch ASA traveling team will be Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at M.U.G.S. Field No. 3. Call Jesse Moreno at 699-6316 for more information.

The Heatwave 18 and under girls softball team is holding tryouts at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at the MUGS fields at Ulmer Park. For more information, call Sandy Faulkner at 570-4243.

Volleyball...

The Midland Volleyball Program is accepting applications for its Commitment II teams through Dec. 1. All applications must be mailed to MVP at P.O. Box 50382, Midland, Tx. 79710. For more information, call 682-5899 or 570-6700.

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Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz cheers on his team against West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. in this Jan. 2, 1989 photo. Holtz is out as coach at Notre Dame and the announcement will come Tuesday Nov. 19, 1996 at his weekly news conference.

Holtz leaves Notre Dame a 'better person'

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — There was no job Lou Holtz wanted more than to be coach of the Fighting Irish. Eleven years later, he's leaving that job "a much better person for having been at Notre Dame."

He arrived with a reputation for reviving failing college programs, and after two losing seasons in five years, the Irish needed his help. The thin, frail-looking man with a lisp didn't have the physical stature of Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy or Ara Parseghian, but he knew how to win.

Three years after he arrived, Holtz led the Irish to the national championship, his first and their first since 1977.

"I've got to be honest with you, I like being No. 1," Holtz once said. "I like being up there. I like being in the spotlight. But you aren't going to be there every time."

He came close twice more with the Irish, finishing second in 1989 and 1993. While he didn't meet his goal of winning three titles, Holtz did coach more games at Notre Dame than anyone else.

He also leaves as the second-winningest Irish coach behind Rockne, a man revered by the Notre Dame faithful. Holtz himself had said many times he didn't want to be the one who broke Rockne's record, that he didn't think anyone should.

"What he did for football for the country in general, for Notre Dame in particular, is unbelievable," he said. "I would feel

Holtz Highlights				
By The Associated Press				
The college coaching record of Lou Holtz, resigning Tuesday as Notre Dame football coach, effective at the end of the season.				
National titles:	1			
Career record:	215-94-7			
Notre Dame record:	99-29-2			
Year	School	W	L	T
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1970	William & Mary	5	7	0
1971	William & Mary	5	8	1
1972	North Carolina St.	9	3	1
1973	North Carolina St.	9	3	0
1974	North Carolina St.	9	2	1
1975	North Carolina St.	7	4	1
1976	Arkansas	11	1	0
1977	Arkansas	9	2	1
1978	Arkansas	10	2	0
1979	Arkansas	7	5	0
1980	Arkansas	8	4	0
1981	Arkansas	8	4	1
1982	Arkansas	6	5	0
1983	Arkansas	6	5	0
1984	Minnesota	4	7	0
1985	Minnesota	5	5	0
1986	Notre Dame	5	6	0
1987	Notre Dame	8	4	0
1988	Notre Dame	12	0	0
1989	Notre Dame	12	1	0
1990	Notre Dame	9	3	0
1991	Notre Dame	10	3	0
1992	Notre Dame	10	1	1
1993	Notre Dame	11	1	0
1994	Notre Dame	6	5	1
1995	Notre Dame	9	3	0
1996	Notre Dame	7	2	0
Career Totals		215	94	7
*did not coach team in Independence Bowl; won national championship.				

remorse if I were to break it."

While he's no Rockne, Holtz has left his mark. He is adored by students and fans, and is a popular figure in South Bend. He needs only to step into a room to draw applause, and gets a thousand letters a week from fans during the

football season.

Students salute him at the start of each fourth quarter at Notre Dame Stadium, making Ls with their index fingers and thumbs. As the band plays the "1812 Overture," they bring their arms from above their heads to their shoulders, chanting, "Lou, Lou."

Despite the constant scrutiny that comes with being the coach at Notre Dame, it was the one job that Holtz always wanted.

"It seemed like every time the job opened at Notre Dame, I was always wishing inside they would call me," he has said. "It's the only place in America I ever felt that way about."

He likes to portray himself as a man with little talent who just happened to fall into the job. He poked fun at his own intelligence, and tried to make people believe he was the most underconfident person in the world.

No matter who the Irish were playing, Holtz could make them sound as if they were Super Bowl contenders. It wore thin with his detractors, but fans bought every word.

But his "Golly gee whizz," demeanor disappeared once he took the field, and the intense coach took over. He raced around the practice field in a golf cart, stopping on a dime when he saw something he didn't like.

Despite being a good foot short and more than 100 pounds lighter than most of his players, he would stand toe-to-toe with them, screaming at them while they drew back. Other times he would

pace the sidelines with his head bowed, pipe in his mouth.

He stalked the sidelines constantly during games, occasionally squatting down to pick at the grass or even turf if that was all that was handy. He charged after players who made mistakes, often grabbing at their jerseys to pull them closer while he yelled.

His intensity and demands got results — he is one of only 15 coaches ever to win 200 or more games — and most current and former players spoke highly of him even if they didn't always agree with his methods.

But not everyone had such a high opinion of Holtz. His tenure at Minnesota from 1984-85 was investigated in two NCAA inquiries that resulted in five years probation and other penalties for the Golden Gophers.

Holtz admitted giving money to two athletes while he was at Minnesota, and said the payments were "errors of judgment." He said he lent the money for humanitarian reasons, not to gain a competitive edge.

A 1993 book, "Under the Tarnished Dome: How Notre Dame Betrayed its Ideals for Football Glory," also accused Holtz of encouraging steroid use at Notre Dame, abusing players and forcing them to play hurt.

Notre Dame officials discounted the book, but Holtz refused to address the allegations directly. He has said several times that he will write a book when he retires and respond to everything that's ever been said about him.

Barnett vague about Notre Dame coaching inquiries

By Rick Gano
AP Sports Writer

EVANSTON, Ill. — Gary Barnett had faced this type of audience before: TV lights glaring in his eyes and questions about his future as Northwestern's football coach coming at him from every angle.

Was he staying to honor a 12-year contract he signed in May or bolting for the more prestigious, tradition-rich program at Notre Dame now that Lou Holtz is ready to leave?

Holtz is scheduled to resign Tuesday, and reports say Barnett has already been contacted about the job.

"I have too much respect for coach Holtz and Notre Dame to offer anything toward that speculation," Barnett said Monday.

"I am not going to confirm or deny anything at this point in time."

A year ago, as he led Northwestern to the Rose Bowl, Barnett was wooed by UCLA and Georgia. He sidestepped the distractions until the team returned from Pasadena, decided to stay and then four months later finally signed a 12-year deal for a reported \$5 million.

Now that he's taken Northwestern to another stellar season — 9-2 and 7-1 in the Big Ten with a bowl bid forthcoming — Barnett is being courted again.

"I don't think you ever say 'ever' or 'always.' I don't know at this point in time," he said when asked if he would still be coaching Northwestern next season.

"I would hope that Northwestern wants me here. We'll just have to see how that plays out. ... But you never know."

There is a buyout clause in his contract. How much would it cost Notre Dame to get Barnett?

"Lots," Northwestern athletic director Rick Taylor said Monday without giving specifics.

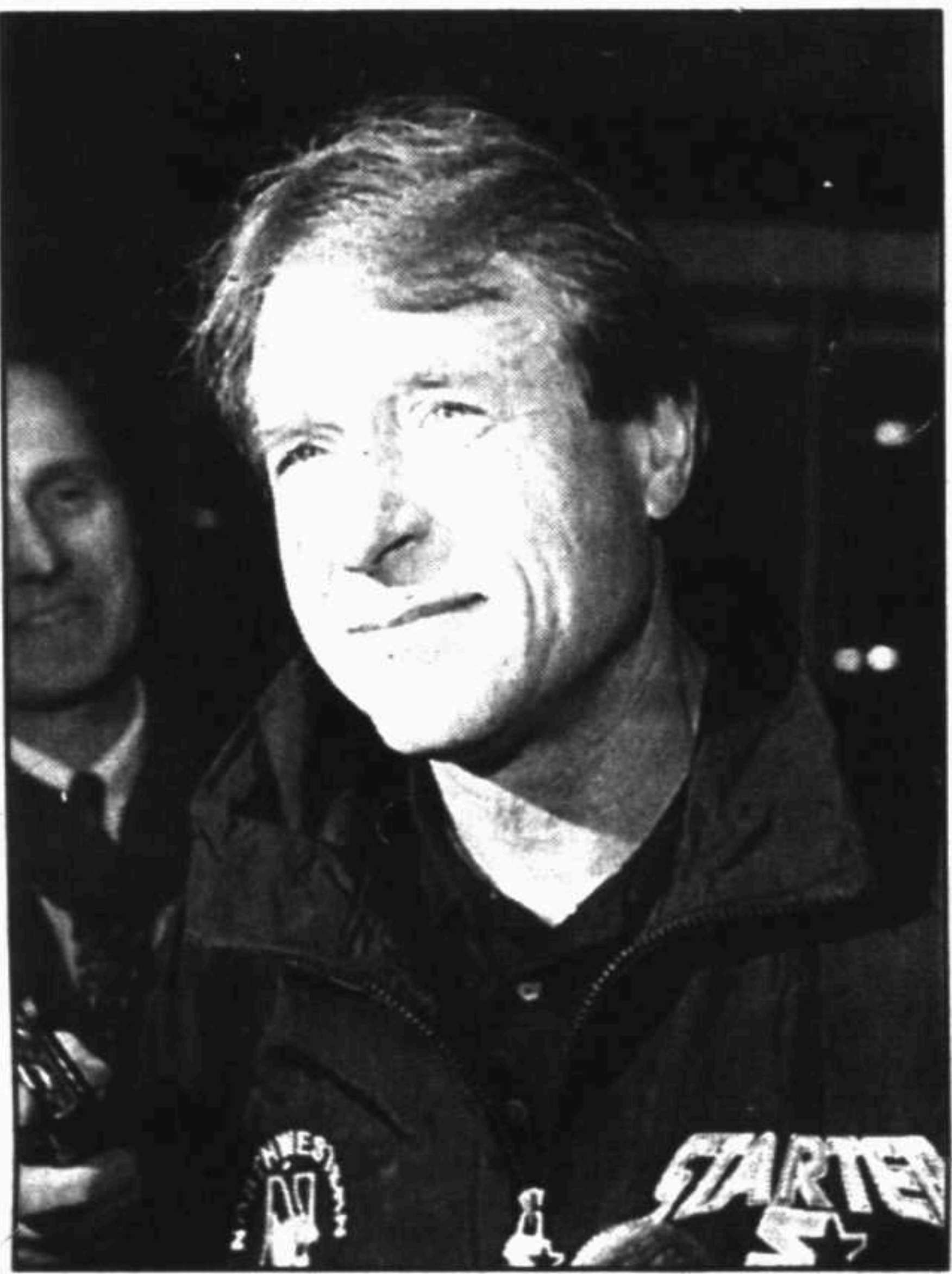
"I am not looking to leave Northwestern so I didn't put any school in there to leave for," Barnett said of the buyout. "At this point in time there are no options available other than staying at Northwestern. I love Northwestern."

"I will guarantee I will make in my mind a right decision — if a decision is called for. At this point in time there is no decision to make and I am going to get our team ready for a bowl game. That's where all my efforts and thoughts are."

Barnett has said previously that exploring options is the responsible thing to do. "It's America," he said.

There are ties to South Bend. Notre Dame board member Arnold Weber is the former president of both Colorado and Northwestern, and helped lure Barnett to Evanston; and Notre Dame board chairman Andrew J. McKenna is a close acquaintance of Barnett's.

"I did not grow up wanting to coach at Notre Dame," Barnett said. "That is not an issue. Notre Dame has represented a degree of excellence in this



Northwestern University football coach Gary Barnett, seen here speaking to the media, is facing questions about his future as Northwestern's football coach.

particular business that may be unmatched. It is the pinnacle for a lot of people in this profession, but not everybody."

Later Barnett added: "I always believe the best job is the one you have. To me this is the pinnacle."

He said, just as he did last season, that any decision he makes will be based on the best interests of his family.

Taylor said early Monday afternoon that he had not been contacted by Notre Dame about talking to Barnett. That is not required but is usually a courtesy between schools.

Asked if Northwestern greatly wanted to Barnett to stay, Taylor said:

"Absolutely. I don't think Northwestern's desire should be questioned whatever. There is a 12-year contract, an indoor facility and improvements starting on the stadium. If they don't articulate what we want and how badly we would like to keep Barnett here, I'm not able to articulate it."

Barnett addressed his team Sunday night. "He just said, 'Don't believe the rumors,'" said senior tackle Brian Kardos. "I've got every bit of confidence he'll be back next year. He's not going to leave. He's going to stay."

Linebacker Pat Fitzgerald added: "I think he will finish what he started. Of course, it's all up to him and his family."

"He's a guy who sticks to his word. If he says he's staying, I believe him. If he says, 'No comment' he means it and back off."

HOLTZ: Coaching reign ends after 11 years

(From 1C)

nis Green leaves.

It was business as usual at Notre Dame's practice Monday, with Holtz pacing the field and occasionally yelling at players when they did something he didn't like. He refused afterward to confirm his resignation, but he did say the situation is starting to take its toll.

"I will talk about that at the appropriate time and now is not the appropriate time," he said.

His players and assistants were equally tight-lipped, though it was apparent he told his players before practice.

Holtz's resignation ends nearly a week of speculation that he was leaving. He did nothing to deny it, saying at one point: "We can talk about this forever, but there isn't much I'm going to say. But there's a time and a place for everything."

Though there was some speculation Holtz might make his announcement earlier, Tuesday's news conference is the logical place. Local media are there, and national media participate via conference call.

With Holtz gone, speculation now turns to who will replace him. It was not immediately known if his successor would be announced Tuesday. Among the top contenders to take over college football's glamour job are Northwestern's Gary Barnett and Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie.

The Chicago Sun-Times, citing unidentified sources, reported Monday that Notre Dame wants Barnett to succeed Holtz and has agreed to talk with him. But Barnett said such talk was premature.

Others mentioned include LSU's Gerry DiNardo, former UCLA coach Terry Donahue and Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez.

Despite speculation about Holtz and the Vikings,

team president Roger Headrick said Sunday that his team has had no official contact with Holtz.

But Headrick told the Star Tribune of Minneapolis and the Saint Paul Pioneer Press that he could not rule out that at least two board members might have discussed the former University of Minnesota coach's availability.

The 10th-ranked Irish (7-2) have two games remaining — at home against Rutgers and at Southern California. A bowl bid, probably the Orange or Fiesta, would close out Holtz's career at Notre Dame.

He is 99-29-2 at Notre Dame — six wins shy of tying Knute Rockne's Irish all-time victory record — and 215-94-7 overall. But he encountered rough times recently. Notre Dame lost 10 games in the last three seasons — more than his 1988-1993 squads lost combined.

His problems this year were due, in part, to his attempts to modernize his offense and make better use of Ron Powlus' throwing abilities. He abandoned his beloved running game for a spread offense, but his players never adjusted to it.

By the time he switched back midway through the season, the Irish had lost one game and their intensity. A loss to Air Force, which hadn't beaten Notre Dame since 1985, threatened hopes for a 10th-straight bowl bid and further frustrated Holtz.

Some have questioned if health played a role in Holtz's decision. A frail-looking man, he's had a series of health problems. He underwent emergency surgery last fall to relieve pressure on his spinal cord, a condition that could have caused paralysis if left untreated.

Holtz came to Notre Dame with a reputation for reviving failing programs, and he endeared himself to the Irish faithful by rescuing Notre Dame. When he arrived in November 1985, Notre Dame had lost its place among the college elite after five mediocre seasons under Gerry Faust.

Notre Dame Coaching				
Notre Dame coaches and records (No coach for the 1927-1928, 1932 and 1933 seasons)				
Year	Coach	W	L	T
1929	Knute Rockne	3	1	0
1930	H.G. Hadden	3	1	0
1931	James McWaters	12	6	1
1932	James McWaters	8	3	1
1933	Patrick O'Dea	14	4	2
1934	James Fargher	14	2	2
1935	Louis Salmon	5	3	0
1936	Henry J. McElwain	5	4	0
1937	Thomas Barry	12	1	1
1938	Victor M. Place	8	1	0
1939	Frank C. Longmire	11	2	2
1940	John L. Marks	13	0	2
1941	James C. Harper	34	5	1
1942	Knute Rockne	105	12	5
1943	Hunt Anderson	16	9	2
1944	Elmer Layden	47	13	3
1945	Ed McKeever	87	11	9
1946	Ed McKeever	2	2	0
1947	Hugh Devore	9	9	1
1948	Terry Brennan	32	18	0
1949	Joe Kuharich	17	23	0
1950	Art Pasqualetti	8	17	4
1951	Dan Devine	53	16	1
1952	Gerry Faust	30	29	1
1953	Lou Holtz	99	29	2

MRI confirms Manning's slight knee tear, coach thinks he'll be ready

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Peyton Manning's right knee may be sore but the Tennessee quarterback should be ready to play Saturday. Volunteers coach Phillip Fulmer said after an MRI exam Monday.

"Peyton's MRI came back with a slight tear of the MCL (medial collateral ligament) — the same thing they thought," Fulmer said after practice.

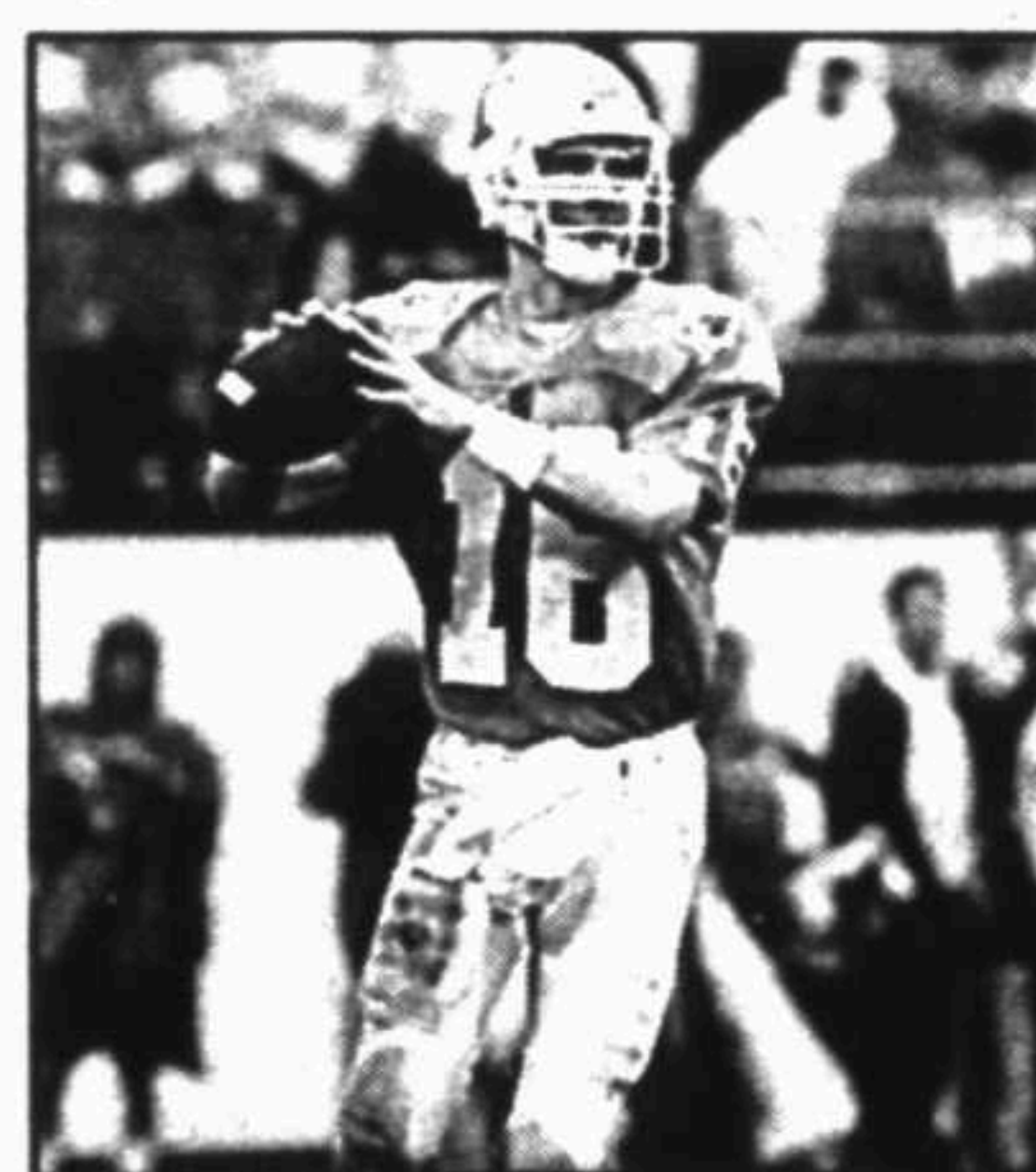
But the coach added, "He'll be able to play."

Manning was injured when he

was sacked in the first quarter of Tennessee's 55-14 win over Arkansas on Saturday. After being fitted with a brace, a gimpy Manning returned to the game and threw three touchdown passes.

The ninth-ranked Vols meet Kentucky in Neyland Stadium. Manning didn't participate in Monday's practice.

"I think he will be able to get out in practice before the week is over," Fulmer said. "It is just a matter of when and how much. He's anxious to get out here."



Peyton Manning should be ready to play Saturday despite knee tear.

Becker much at home for ATP Championships

By Nesha Starcevic
Associated Press Writer

HANOVER, Germany (AP) — The carpet will be fast and the home crowd will be loud. And that's just fine with Boris Becker.

"I like the speed of the surface, I like the speed of the balls," he said. "It's going to be faster than the earlier tournaments we've played indoors this year."

The season-ending ATP Championship begins Tuesday, an event featuring eight top-ranked men's players. Becker has won the tournament twice, including last year in Frankfurt.

The event, after six years in Germany's financial capital, was moved to this northern city, which will stage the 2000 World Exhibition.

Becker began practicing on the indoor carpet Saturday and proclaimed himself ready for the \$3.3 million event.

Michael Chang will open the tournament Tuesday against Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek. Becker will then face French Open champ Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Goran Ivanisevic plays Thomas Muster.

Despite a tough draw with early matches against Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi, Becker has good reasons to be optimistic. He is the only player apart from top-ranked Sampras to have won the event twice since it took on its current format in 1990.

Becker is one of the game's strongest indoor players. Of those active on the tour, he is the leader with 29 indoor titles. And before a roaring home crowd he is even tougher.

Sampras found out just how hard when he was beaten last month by Becker in the final of the Eurocard Open in Stuttgart, a tournament that drew all the top players.

"It's always a challenge to play Becker in Germany," Sampras said.

Becker's Stuttgart victory came after a win in Vienna, strong steps in his comeback from Wimbledon when he was forced to drop out with a wrist injury.

A victory would be a fitting end to a year that began with Becker's victory at the Australian Open in January.

Sampras, who will finish as No.



Germany's Boris Becker, right, talks with Pete Sampras during a training session in Hannover, Germany. The ATP World Championships begins Tuesday in Hannover. Becker is defending the title he won last year.

1 for the fourth straight year, comes into the event with a tour-high seven titles, including the U.S. Open.

The eight players are split into two round-robin groups, with the top two advancing to the semifinals.

Sampras and Chang, as the two top-ranked players, are in separate groups.

Hingis, Davenport win, Huber ousted at Chase

By Bob Greene
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Martina Hingis wasted no time in making a statement.

The 16-year-old from Switzerland stamped herself as a contender for the \$2 million Chase Championships by easily winning her first-round match Monday night. She zipped through Irina Spirlea of Romania 6-1, 6-2 in only 40 minutes to grab a spot in the quarterfinals of the season-ending tournament.

"I like how I played today," Hingis said. "I almost didn't make mistakes today."

Olympic gold medalist Lindsay Davenport also won her first-round match in the unique 16-player tournament, defeating Barbara Paulus of Austria 6-3, 6-2.

But sixth-seeded Anke Huber of Germany was surprised by Croatia's Iva Majoli 7-5, 6-3 in the opening match at Madison Square Garden.

The top two seeds — Steffi Graf and Monica Seles — play their opening matches on Tuesday.

Graf, whose bad back forced her to quit midway through Sunday's final in Philadelphia, practiced

earlier Monday at the Garden without a problem.

A two-time former champion, Gabriela Sabatini, was honored after the Davenport match. Sabatini, who won this tournament in 1988 and 1994, announced her retirement from the sport last month. She had failed to qualify for this year's event.

Among the other gifts received by Sabatini were a box of her favorite chocolates, and a painting of her done by Leroy Neimann.

With victories over Graf and Seles this year — and with the top two players nursing injuries — the seventh-seeded Hingis is considered as having a strong chance at capturing this title, which ranks just below the four Grand Slam events. In this, her second full year on the WTA Tour, Hingis has beaten almost all of the top players, won two tournaments and zoomed up the rankings to No. 5 in the world.

For an encore, she could walk away with the \$500,000 awarded the winner of Sunday's best-of-5-sets title match.

Hingis provided all of the excitement against Spirlea, the world's 11th-ranked player.

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Gas prices rise

Natural gas futures prices rose to their highest level in 11 months Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange amid fears inventories will not be adequate to meet demand during a harsh winter.

December crude fell 29 cents to \$23.88 a barrel. Local crude purchasers lowered their posted price 25 cents to \$22.25 a barrel.

Natural gas for December delivery rose as high as \$3.03 per 1,000 cubic feet before settling up 7 cents to \$2.978 per 1,000 cubic feet, the highest since Dec. 21, 1995.

Natural gas inventories are about 6 percent below levels of a year ago, according to the American Gas Association. The current storage deficit and weather outlook is causing increased anxiety.

Temperatures in the Midwest, where most natural gas is consumed, this week are expected to run as much as 10 degrees below normal and will remain below normal through the end of the month, the National Weather Service said Monday.

SIPES meeting

H.J. "Hank" Gruy will be the guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting of the Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists. The meeting will be at the Midland Country Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Gruy will speak on "Natural Gas Hydrates and the Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle."

He is chairman and chief executive officer of H.J. Gruy and Associates Inc., a Dallas geological and engineering consulting firm.

Dollar weaker

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the yen but ended mostly lower Monday, weakening after a top Bundesbank official surprised the market by saying he didn't think the U.S. currency could gain against the mark.

In New York the dollar cost 1.5015 marks, down from 1.5103. The dollar cost 111.48 yen, up from its seven-week low of 110.88 on Friday. The British pound continued to trade at four-year highs against the dollar, up to \$1.6662 from \$1.6635.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.2679 Swiss francs, down from 1.2785; 1.3423 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3385; 5.0765 French francs, down from 5.0987; 1,511.50 Italian lire, down from 1,518.00.

Dow slips

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average fell just shy of its ninth straight record high as an afternoon rebound faltered Monday in uninspired trading.

The Dow fell 1.12 to 6,346.91, also ending a string of 10 straight winning sessions.

Broader measures also finished lower as investors, expecting few market surprises from this week's light schedule of events, secured some profits on a stunning post-election rally.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 388.05 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 0.60 to 737.02, and the NYSE's composite index fell 0.12 to 389.90.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 7.23 to 1,254.57, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index fell 1.23 to 584.18.

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Lockheed Martin to close eight plants

■ Defense contractor to cut 1,600 jobs, but says growth will create that many jobs in next two years.

Associated Press Writer

Lockheed Martin Corp., the nation's largest defense contractor, will close eight plants and eliminate 1,600 jobs despite its recent selection as one of two companies competing for the Pentagon's biggest-ever contract, the company announced Monday.

The Bethesda, Md.-based company expects growth in the next two years will allow it to add at least that many jobs, although it is not promising to re-hire all the workers losing their jobs in the plant closings.

Lockheed, with 190,000 workers worldwide and annual sales of about \$30 billion, said it had to consolidate because of

shrinking defense spending and the need to integrate defense electronic businesses acquired in its merger with Loral Corp. this year.

"We are confident this consolidation will meet our goals to increase competitiveness, reduce costs to customers, expand opportunities for our employees and enhance shareholder value," said Norman Augustine, Lockheed's vice chairman and chief executive officer.

Lockheed plans to shut down facilities in California, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and South Carolina by 1998.

Lockheed will relocate its Systems Integration Sector headquarters in New York to Bethesda, and close its Tactical Defense System facilities in Great Neck, N.Y., and Bloomfield, Conn.

In California, a Glendale Librascope unit performing weapon and combat control systems work will be closed along with Lockheed Martin Aeronu-

tronic in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Also to be closed: an Electronic Defense Systems plant in Bronx, N.Y., an air traffic control unit in Paoli, Pa., and an aircraft components production plant in Charleston, S.C.

Work at each facility will be moved to plants elsewhere.

The consolidation "makes sense" given redundancies created by the acquisition of Loral, which itself earned about \$2 billion in defense awards last year before the purchase by Lockheed, according to industry analyst Matt Baughman.

"They are working through, deciding what is essential," said Baughman, a senior analyst with DFI International, a defense industry consulting firm in Washington. "They (Lockheed) still run the show. They are by far the major defense contractor."

In 1995, Lockheed ranked solidly first in defense revenue, with those contracts accounting for more than \$14 billion

worth of its business.

The company was recently awarded a \$1.1 billion contract to develop a prototype for a joint strike fighter. Lockheed is competing with Boeing for the \$219 billion deal.

A spokesman for Lockheed, Charles Manor, said that \$1.1 billion contract, along with several others in recent months, will help the company offset the jobs lost through the consolidation.

Lockheed says it will help laid-off employees find new jobs, including, in some cases, positions inside the company.

Lockheed has won a number of major contracts recently.

This month, it won a \$1.8 billion defense contract to provide five satellites used to warn the nation of missile attacks. The Pentagon could purchase up to an additional 15 satellites, pushing the deal's worth up to as much as \$22 billion.

Hand-held computers reintroduced

■ Manufacturers tie product to Microsoft, unveil at COMDEX.

N.Y. Times News Service

Ever since John Sculley, Apple Computer Inc.'s former chairman, coined the term personal digital assistant to describe a new breed of hand-held computers that he promised would revolutionize modern society, the computer industry has been struggling to live up to Sculley's vision.

Yet despite expensive failures like the original Apple Newton, the Sony Magiclink and the AT&T EO, several computer and electronics manufacturers are once again betting that they will be able to break Sculley's spell. This time the strategy is to lower expectations and to place themselves in the embrace of the software industry's 10,000-pound gorilla: Microsoft Corp.

Kicking off the giant annual Comdex computer industry trade show in Las Vegas on Sunday night, seven companies, including Casio, Compaq, Hewlett-Packard and Philips, introduced paperback-sized computers that run on Microsoft's new Windows CE operating system software.

The new computers are being billed as mobile extensions of the personal computer. Powered by two AA batteries and weighing slightly less than a pound, these new devices are designed to make it easy to carry electronic calendars, contact lists and select files while away from the PC. Additions and revisions made on the hand-held computer can then be passed back to the main PC, which must be running Microsoft's Windows 95 operating system.

All the machines, which cost between \$500 and \$750, come equipped with a built-in modem or a slot for the same modem cards used with many notebook PCs. Users can send and receive E-mail and faxes and browse the Internet, though the World Wide Web is not at its best on a small black-and-white screen.

The screen is pressure sensitive so that programs can be started simply by tapping an icon with a stylus or a finger. But information is entered into the machines by punching a small keyboard.

The manufacturers are working hard not to overpromise. "People who buy this technology as a replacement for a desktop or portable computer will be very disappointed," said Mark N. Vena, marketing manager for Compaq Computer Corp.'s offering.



Scenes from Comdex

The world's largest computer trade show got underway Monday in Las Vegas. In the photo above, crowds of people gather around the LG Electronics Inc. hand-held PCs exhibit, which is using new Microsoft Windows CE software, Monday, Nov. 18, 1996. Over 210,000 people are expected to attend the five day event. Comdex will bring 210,000 people through its doors this week, making it the largest trade show in North America. In the photo at left, Ed Oikola, vice president of communications products at Compaq Computer Corp. in Houston, shows off the new Compaq Companion, a hand-held computer introduced at Comdex Monday. The Companion operates on the Windows CE system and allows users to access, exchange and organize information with Windows-based desktop and portable computers.

AP Laserphotos

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Few multilevel marketing companies are successful

By Eric Tyson

Q: I have just learned of a multilevel long-distance telephone company. It sounds like a marvelous idea. This company is thinking of supplying electricity service as well. Would you advise investing in this stock?

A: Many companies market themselves through multilevel marketing, known as "MLM." Representatives who work as independent contractors solicit customers as well as recruit new representatives. Customers directly recruited as well as those signed on through representatives you recruit are known in the industry as your "down line," and you earn a commission on their sales.

While some MLMs, such as Mary Kay, are quite successful, most aren't. In fact, some are nothing more than the business equivalent of a pyramid scheme — businesses that exist to sign up other people.

Any MLM examination should start

with the product or service offered. In the case of the long-distance phone company you cite, its service is hardly unique: Hundreds of companies offer telephone service. Your company, however, claims to be up to 75 percent cheaper than AT&T, Sprint and MCI as well as local toll-call providers.

The reality is that the MLM's rates are not much different from those charged by AT&T. If you make more than \$10 in long distance calls per month, AT&T charges about 13 cents per minute for a call across the United States during weekday evenings; for a similar call, the MLM company charges 12 cents per minute. If a person places more than \$50 per month in calls, AT&T rates drop to the same level as the MLM's.

Many potential contractors and investors get sucked into some MLMs by the lure of supposedly high sales success — claims of earning tens of thousands of dollars per month.

Being a skeptic, I asked for proof, and the MLM phone company didn't deliver any — not a good sign.

While not shy about boasting how much money its more successful salespeople are making, Mary Kay doesn't hype the potential. Mary Kay's sales directors typically earn \$50,000 to

\$100,000 per year, but that's after years of hard work.

The bottom line on any network marketing employment and investing opportunities is this: Don't forget that it is a job and just another of millions of investment opportunities. No company pays contractors tons of money for little work. And all companies have competitors and pricing pressures.

Do your homework, and remember that due diligence requires digging for facts and talking to people who don't have a bias or something to sell you.

I would pass on the long-distance MLM company.

Q: I am a small-business owner, having recently opened a day-care school. I want to purchase stocks that allow reinvestment of dividends without paying a commission. It seems to me that I should invest in companies like PepsiCo, GTE and other companies with good growth and profitability. Is such investing sound?

A: Given all the time and energy required to start and run a business successfully, I have to ask you why you would want to burden yourself further by managing an individual stock portfolio.

The ability to reinvest dividends

without paying a commission is a minor benefit. However, if you hold such stocks in a non-retirement account, the dividends would increase your tax burden.

As a small-business owner, your best investments are in your business and in your retirement savings plan, such as a simplified employee pension plan or Keogh plan, which allows you to shelter a portion of your earnings from income tax. Within that retirement account, you could invest in professionally managed no-load mutual funds.

If you really do want to hold a portfolio of individual stocks and have the dividends be reinvested without commissions being charged, increasing numbers of discount brokers, such as Charles Schwab, Jack White, Vanguard, T. Rowe Price and Fidelity, are offering or plan to offer such a service.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least \$5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields related through the week, as follows:

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on last quarterly or semiannual dividend, unless otherwise footnoted.
Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE ratio between 99 and 100; d - Loss in last 12 mos; d - New 52-week low during trading day; g - Dividend in Canadian \$; Stock price in U.S. \$; n - New issue in past 52 weeks; q - Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated; s - Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 12 weeks; Dividend with date of split or stock dividend; u - New 52-week high during trading day; v - Trading halted on primary market; Unless noted, dividend rates are annual adjustments based on last declaration; pl - Preferred; not - Holder owns installment(s) of purchase price; it - Rights; un - Units; wd - When distributed; wt - When issued; w - Warrants; ww - With warrants; w - Without warrants.
Dividend Footnotes: a - Also extra or extra b - Annual price plus stock dividend; c - Liquidating dividend; d - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos; f - Annual rate, increased on last declaration; n - Declared or paid after stock dividend or split; j - Paid in full; k - Dividend or stock dividend; l - Paid in full; m - Annual rate, reduced on last declaration; p - Initial dividend, annual rate unknown; r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend; t - Paid in full in last 12 mos; estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date; x - Ex-dividend or ex-rights; y - Ex-dividend and sales in full; z - Sales in full; in - In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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DeuTel	15182	21 1/2	+1/4	SPDR	15182	74 1/4	+1/4	Intel	122776	115 1/4	-1/2
Brnt	100787	13 1/2	+1/4	Amgen	10571	32 1/2	+1/4	Danaher	83036	4 1/4	-2 1/4
IBM	80789	11 1/4	+1/4	Amgen	9776	12 1/4	+1/4	Microsoft	61816	150 1/4	+1 1/4
YooTel	57771	146 1/4	+1/4	Amgen	9776	12 1/4	+1/4	Cisco	59183	83 1/4	+1 1/4
AT&T	43948	37 1/4	-1/4	Amgen	8714	18 1/4	-1/4	Intel	50866	78 1/4	-1 1/4

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YooTel	11 1/2	+1/2	+4.3	OmniMult	2 1/4	+1/2	+20.0	Contra	5 1/2	+1/2	+9.1
YooTel	10 1/2	+1/2	+4.0	Mandit	5 1/4	+1/2	+10.0	Contra	5 1/2	+1/2	+9.1
Tosco	79 1/2	+1 1/2	+2.0	Mandit	5 1/4	+1/2	+10.0	Contra	5 1/2	+1/2	+9.1
JLG	12 1/4	+1/2	+4.0	Mandit	5 1/4	+1/2	+10.0	Contra	5 1/2	+1/2	+9.1
Imol	3 1/2	+1/2	+12.0	Mandit	5 1/4	+1/2	+10.0	Contra	5 1/2	+1/2	+9.1

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Marvel	3 1/4	-1/4	-11.1	Pratt	3 1/4	-1/4	-10.0	Contra	5 1/2	-1/2	-9.1
Chryon	18	-2	-10.0	Pratt	3 1/4	-1/4	-10.0	Contra	5 1/2	-1/2	-9.1
Aphra	3 1/2	-1/2	-10.0	Pratt	3 1/4	-1/4	-10.0	Contra	5 1/2	-1/2	-9.1
HospEst	2 1/4	-1/4	-9.1	Pratt	3 1/4	-1/4	-10.0	Contra	5 1/2	-1/2	-9.1
AmEnt	2 1/4	-1/4	-9.1	Pratt	3 1/4	-1/4	-10.0	Contra	5 1/2	-1/2	-9.1

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Advanced	1 1/4	+1/4	+20.0	Advanced	249	+1/4	+20.0	Advanced	1 1/4	+1/4	+20.0
Unchanged	919	0	0.0	Unchanged	267	0	0.0	Unchanged	919	0	0.0
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Marvel	3 1/4	-1/4	-11.1	Pratt	3 1/4	-1/4	-10.0	Contra	5 1/2	-1/2	-9.1
Chryon	18	-2	-10.0	Pratt	3 1/4	-1/4	-10.0	Contra	5 1/2	-1/2	-9.1
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Advanced	1 1/4	+1/4	+20.0	Advanced	249	+1/4	+20.0	Advanced	1 1/4	+1/4	+20.0
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New Highs	175			New Highs	33			New Highs	175		
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MUTUAL FUNDS

HOW TO READ THE MUTUAL FUND TABLES

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Tues: 4-wk total return (%)

Weds: 12-m total return (%)

Thurs: 4-wk total return (%)

Fri: 3-wk cumulative total return (%)

Fri: 5-wk cumulative total return (%)

Name: Name of mutual fund and family

NAV: Net asset value

Chg: Net change in price / NAV

Total return: Percentage change in NAV for the time period shown, with dividends reinvested. If period longer than 1 year, return is cumulative

Footnotes:
Ex-capt: Ex-capital gains distribution
f = Previous day's quote
NL = No up-front sales charge
p = Fund assets used to pay distribution costs
r = Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply
s = Stock dividend split 1 to 1
B and p = Ex-dividend
NA = No information available
NE = Data in question
NN = Fund does not wish to be tracked
NS = Fund did not exist at start date

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205 Classic Cars

BUICK 1940 61 Series 4 door, dual side mounts, good running condition, needs restoration \$5,000. Call 915-683-7336.

BUICK 1987 Grand National, 73,000 miles, \$11,500. Call 682-4647 or 699-0173, ask for Ronnie.

CADILLAC 1975 Calais Coupe, 1 owner, 112K. \$8,700. 1709 Harvard Ave.

CHEVROLET 1967 Sports Sedan, 2nd owner, original 122K, power pack, power glide, power steering. Duckpear white top. \$6,500. Call 366-2400.

CHEVROLET 1967 Camaro, 468 BB/glide/transbrake/line/lock/caged/fiberglass front end/spool/488 gears. \$10,000 or will separate. New Dove tail trailer with electric winch and brakes. \$3,500. 685-1076 or 689-9427.

CHEVROLET 1969 Camaro. Put a bow around this! Lavender, 396, pos-track rear end, Cragier wheel, cowl induction hood, flow masters, all electric, too much to list. 3601 Godfrey Ct. 697-8337.

CHEVROLET 1975 Corvette Red Convertible. Will trade for pickup of equal value or \$10,000. Look and make offer. 699-0226.

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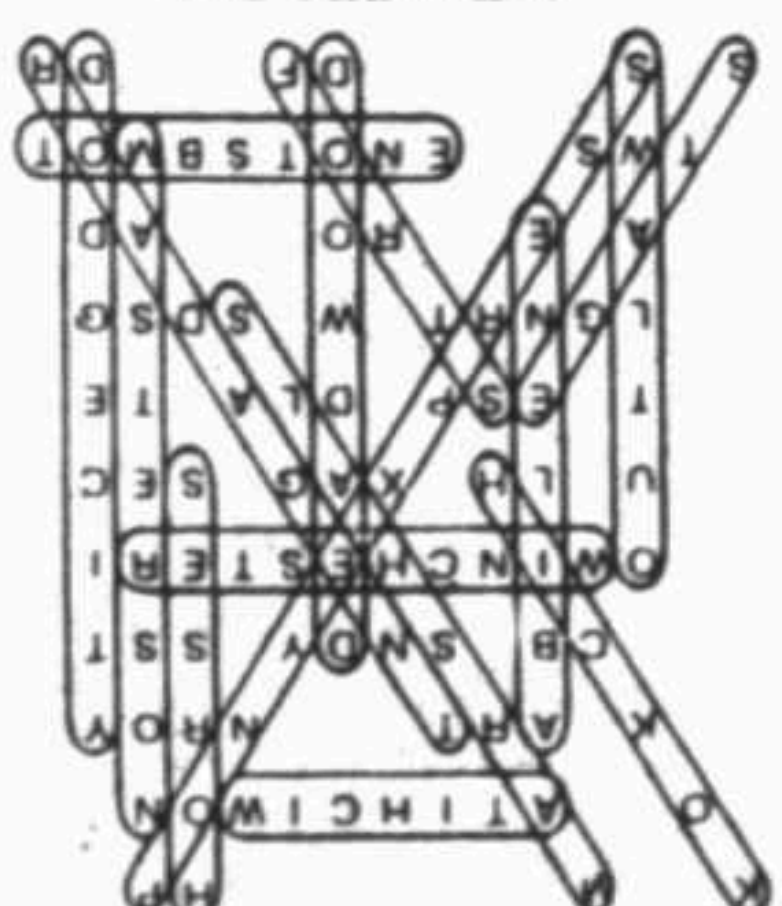
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