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Talkin' leftovers

After everyone has had the requisite sandwich, more turkey is met with groans. What to do? Disguise the turkey as best you can./1E



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Opening win

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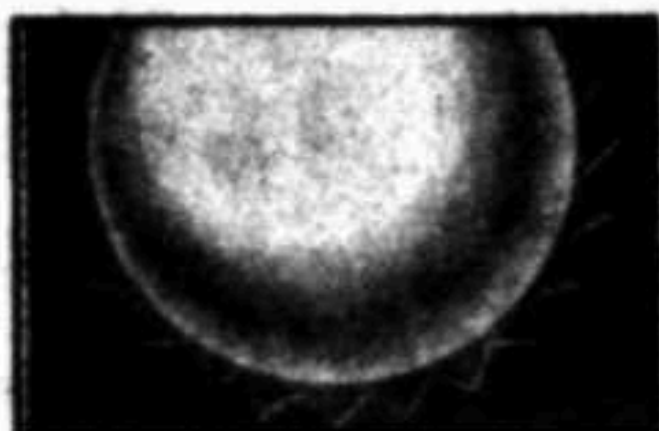
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TODAY

Sunny with a high in the lower 70s. Weather on 4A



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No investigation

Vice President Al Gore speaks at the Housing Department in Washington, Tuesday. Attorney General Janet Reno consulted with advisers for hours on Tuesday before concluding there is "clear and convincing evidence" Gore did not lie to campaign finance investigators and declined to order further investigation by an independent counsel.

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Drug mix-ups

WASHINGTON — More than 1,000 U.S. drugs have names that either look or sound so much alike that doctors, nurses and pharmacists can get them confused, dispensing the wrong one in errors that can injure or even kill patients. Now a Chicago scientist has developed a computer program that may prevent some errors — by predicting which drugs will be most confusing so manufacturers can change the name or pharmacists can take extra care.

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Sandy Wiegand:

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Split decision in Agreed Judgment

Judge dismisses oversight in 3 of 8 areas, denying MISD full unitary status

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

A federal district judge has granted part of Midland Independent School District's bid to be dismissed from federal oversight, but fell short of giving the district full unitary status.

In a decision Tuesday that was by turns scathingly critical and highly complimentary of MISD's efforts to comply with the Agreed Judgment, Judge Edward Prado granted dismissal of oversight in three of the eight areas the district requested: majority-to-minority student transfers, implementation of multicultural events at the Carver Cultural Center, and the district's bilingual and English as a Second Language programs.

However, the judge ruled the district failed to prove its case at this time for dismissing the five remaining areas of oversight. The federal government will continue to monitor for at least the next year MISD practices in:

- faculty and staff assignment and hiring;
- secondary course enrollment;
- co- and extra-curricular activities;
- elementary gifted and talented programs; and
- renovation and construction of facilities.

The eight points were part of an agreed judgment reached three years ago between the district, the Justice Department, and a group of intervenors from the Midland community. This group supported the Justice Department's position that MISD needed to do more to

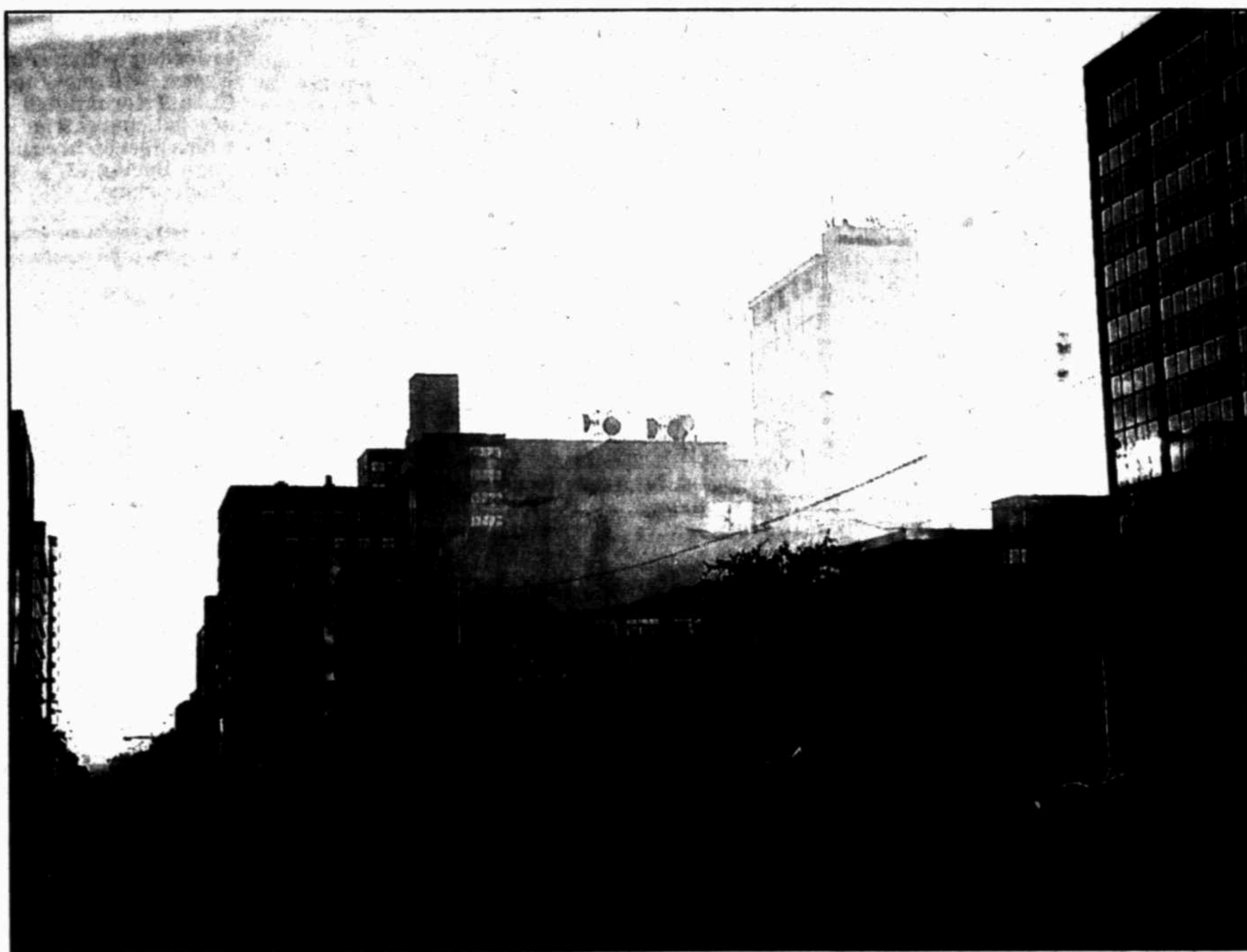
ensure integration in public schools. As part of the agreement, MISD could apply for unitary status — meaning it would be free from court oversight — at the end of the three years.

Prado wrote, "It is evident... that the District has been working diligently toward both implementing the Agreed Judgment and achieving results that reflect a school system that is as integrated as possible."

However, Prado wrote, "the district's efforts have been thwarted" by some of its own decisions and by its "tardiness in implementing its plan."

Of the board's decisions, Prado was most critical of the refusal by the board to move from a three-tiered to a two-tiered honors program, in spite of recommen-

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Tall City dawn

Early morning light streams across this downtown scene as Midlanders warm up after another chilly autumn night.

Local brokers: Market climb has a sound economic basis

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The Dow Jones industrial average took a breather Tuesday as investors took profits from Monday's record-setting 214-point surge.

The market closed 73 points lower on Tuesday at 9,301.

Local brokers and their clients have been watching what Ron Clifton of Ron

Clifton Investment Advisors Inc. in Odessa called an incredible run over the last six weeks.

After setting its last record in July, the market retreated to near 7,400, but Clifton said investors are getting both incentive and confidence back. He went on to predict that there is still more upside to this market.

"But we have to watch the world carefully," he said. "There could still be some surprises in Asia and surprises come out of Central and South America, and the situation with Iraq, all could impact the market."

Still, he said, the market's run-up is based on a good economic foundation, a theory with which Al Escamilla, a Midland representative with Edward Jones, agreed.

When the Dow reached 9,300 in July, Escamilla said, "Dow and big blue chip stocks were taking the market higher,

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OPEC may extend cut in oil production /1D

City considers steering money toward cooperative highway effort

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council discussed the possible shift of discretionary highway funds as part of a joint legislative push to gather state funding for a proposed \$70 million highway between Lubbock and Midland/Odessa.

Kyle Womack, representing the other partners in the MOTRAN Alliance, Inc., addressed the council regarding the possible future use of \$6 million of discretionary roadway construction money from the state to Midland County, city of Midland, Ector County and Odessa.

Council salutes Downtown Midland/1B

In the past, this money was divided between the four local governmental agencies through the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, said Rick Menchaca, deputy city manager.

This money is used for locally-directed street construction, but Womack discussed the possibility of keeping this money in a single fund to serve as local matching funds in an all-out bid for the expansion of Highway 349.

An unprecedented cooperative effort has been launched, with MOTRAN representing Permian Basin local government and joining with State Sen. Teel Bivins and city and state representatives from Lubbock and Amarillo to help pry funding from the state for this highway expansion project.

Bivins has expressed hope that at least planning funds for this program could be forthcoming in the next legislative session.

"We're in a unique situation, political-ly," Womack said.

The proposal is to expand 349 to four-lane, divided construction with a bypass

loop around Lamesa.

The larger highway, however, would divert just north of Midland and join an expanded FM 1788 linking the airport and the interstate with all points north.

Planning engineering studies for this highway are expected to cost \$6.2 million with construction cost for this road estimated at \$62 million.

Council members supported the proposal ideologically, but asked how Midland might recapture its portion of the discretionary funds if the state chooses not to send half of its annual new-highway dollars to the Permian Basin.

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Commissioners reject hiring freeze plan that would have offset sales tax losses

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

A decline in Midland County's sales-tax revenues prompted Midland County Commissioner Louisa Valencia to propose a hiring freeze on Tuesday in a special meeting of the Commissioners' Court because salaries are the county's biggest expenditures.

Her motion died for lack of a second.

"If we are going to meet... our bills," Mrs. Valencia said, "we are going to have to do something." Salaries and benefits for the county's 425 employees and elected officials account for about 69 percent of the county's \$21.9 million general fund budget.

After Commissioner Guy McCrary said that he didn't exactly "know what that (hiring freeze) means," Mrs. Valencia said that the court "should not replace that person (who resigns or retires)" until the revenue takes an upturn.

"I think we should be concerned about that (sales-tax slump)," Mrs. Valencia said.

Commissioner Henry Goulet told the court that he has "repeated many times that we could not rely on the sales-tax (revenue), but that's water under the bridge." A hiring freeze, he said, would place "hardships on departments."

Mrs. Valencia's concern was based on County Auditor Carole Wayland's Nov. 9 report that sales tax revenues are "way down" for the past three months, Mrs. Valencia said.

In her memorandum to the Commissioners' Court, Mrs. Wayland noted that "this downward trend represents an approximate 15 percent decline in revenue" over a comparable three-month period in 1997.

Should the trend continue, she noted, the county's sales-tax revenue could be as much as \$1 million to \$1.2 million less than last year's.

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Sheriff, commissioner resurrect long-time feud

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Vestiges of the 1991-92 feud between Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter and the old Commissioners' Court on the sheriff's jurisdiction outside Midland County came to the fore on Tuesday after Commissioner Louisa Valencia proposed eliminating a captain's position in the Sheriff's Department.

"If we have time to patrol the border, why do we need more people there in law

Border Patrol controversy/1B

enforcement?" Mrs. Valencia asked following a 10-minute court session. Her proposal to eliminate the Public Safety captain's position died for lack of support.

Mrs. Valencia had proposed that the captain's job, recently filled by former Lt. Ed Krevit, be eliminated.

Painter told Mrs. Valencia

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Iraq pours hundreds into streets, stands tough in U.N. standoff

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraqi government pledged not to relent in its standoff with the United Nations over documents on its weapons programs, pouring hundreds of people into the streets Tuesday to protest U.N. sanctions.

The government's tough words came a day after it acknowledged an assassination attempt on one of its most powerful officials. The assailant was reportedly shot to death in the attack on Izzat Ibrahim, a deputy with the influential Revolutionary Command Council.

Hundreds of Iraqis, many of them elderly women clad in black, arrived by bus for the government-orchestrated demonstration outside the U.N. headquarters to denounce their suffering under the sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Some women cried and others beat their chests in anguish. "There is no God but God, America is the enemy of God!" the crowd shouted. "Down USA!"

A convoy of cars drove along the street carrying wooden coffins meant to symbolize children who have died as a result of the sanctions.

At the heart of Iraq's dispute with the United Nations are the sanctions, which have wrecked an economy that was once one of the Arab world's most prosperous. Iraq claims 5,000 children die every month, and U.N. officials acknowledge one in three suffer from malnutrition.

The U.N. Security Council can-



An Iraqi woman directs a chorus of protesters against U.N. sanctions in Baghdad, Tuesday. About 1,000 Iraqis joined the demonstration in front of the U.N. headquarters over the plight of the Iraqi people under the sanctions imposed by the United Nations in 1990, after the country had invaded Kuwait.

not lift the sanctions until U.N. inspectors verify that Iraq has destroyed its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, long-range missiles and programs to build them.

Last week, the chief weapons

inspector, Richard Butler, asked for more documents — from personal diaries to a log of weapons used in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war — as part of that search. But Iraq insists the documents were either irrelevant, have already been

destroyed or were already turned over to inspectors.

Failing to cooperate could delay a U.N. review of progress on dismantling the weapons that Iraq hopes will ease the sanctions, and the United States has warned it is

still willing to attack if Iraq fails to do everything the U.N. inspectors ask.

"I don't believe Iraq should be in the position of declaring unilaterally that documents are irrelevant to the needs and requests of the (U.N.) inspectors," Defense Secretary William Cohen said Tuesday in Washington.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the Iraqis were clearly trying to "dodge their obligations" to provide the documents.

Late Tuesday, the Security Council said in a statement that it fully supported the inspectors, though it didn't address the documents controversy. Diplomats said that during the three-hour meeting, Russian and Chinese officials pressed Butler to explain how he knows the requested documents actually exist.

The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and five escort ships arrived Tuesday in the Persian Gulf, bringing the number of U.S. warships in the region to 19.

Despite the military buildup, however, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz declared the Iraqis would not submit to the demands, "regardless of the dangers."

Iraq averted what appeared to be an imminent U.S. and British attack by agreeing on Nov. 14 to allow U.N. inspectors to resume their work. Since then, inspectors have made daily visits to suspected weapons sites, and Iraqi officials have provided full cooperation.

Still, anger remains directed at Butler, who the Iraqi government views as instrumental in prolonging the sanctions. Al-Iraq, an official newspaper, called Butler a "cursed devil and mad bull" on Tuesday.

The assassination attempt on Izzat Ibrahim, Saddam Hussein's deputy on the council, startled Iraqis accustomed to the iron-fist security that reigns in the country.

Official media said an assailant threw two grenades at Ibrahim as he got out of his car Sunday in the Shiite Muslim holy city of Kerbala. He escaped injury but several bodyguards and bystanders were wounded.

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Opening at Gaza airport marks emotional day for Palestinians

DAHANIEH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Thousands of Palestinians watched with glee Tuesday as the first Palestine Airlines flight touched down at their new Gaza International Airport — a concrete sign for Palestinians that their homeland was one step closer to statehood.

As crew members waved the Palestinian flag from the pilot's window of the Fokker 50, the emotional crowd began a spontaneous celebration of dance and song set to last for days.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat smiled broadly and flashed a victory sign on the tarmac as he greeted each of the seven planes that landed Tuesday. "This is a preparation for the declaration of

the Palestinian state," he said.

Built with \$75 million in contributions mainly from Japan, Gaza International has one 2-mile-long runway — long enough to accommodate all but the biggest jumbo jets.

The one passenger terminal for arrivals and departures resembles an Arabian desert palace with arches and multi-colored Moroccan tiles and includes a VIP lounge.

In the first weeks, airport operations will have to rely on some improvisation. Major pieces of equipment, including those for the control tower, are still at the Israeli port of Ashdod. Tuesday's planes were guided in by a portable control panel installed in

a van.

Israel, which feared a solely Palestinian-run airport would mean enemies could land at its doorstep or smuggle weapons to the Palestinians, held up the opening for two years over security concerns.

Under the airport agreement negotiated during last month's U.S.-sponsored Middle East summit in Maryland, Israel will continue to control the airspace and can shut down the airport at any time.

With a full-time but discreet monitoring presence there, Israel will pre-approve all flight schedules and passenger lists, although no Israeli will sit in the control tower or operate any area of the air-

port.

On Tuesday, Israeli and Palestinian security agents greeted an Egypt Air flight and collected the passports of the passengers, including Egyptian Cabinet ministers.

As of Wednesday, Palestinian officials say no Israeli presence will be visible. Arriving passengers will be transferred by buses from the planes to a security check area in the airport where they will go through metal detectors. Palestinian agents will X-ray luggage and cargo while Israeli monitors observe the security checks from behind one-way mirrors, as they do now at two other crossings into autonomous Palestinian areas.

If Israel disputes an inspection,

the passenger and his luggage will be taken to a separate area where Israelis will carry out an additional check while Palestinian agents observe.

Palestine Airlines, which already runs a twice-weekly flight to Jordan from a small airstrip in Egypt, will now operate out of Gaza International. The brand-new national carrier is starting out with a fleet of three planes, including a Boeing 727 — a gift from a Saudi prince.

Rwandan court sentences ex-officer to death for 1994 genocide

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — A former Rwandan army officer was sentenced to death Tuesday for leading Hutu soldiers into massacres during the 1994 genocide, a local news agency reported.

Warrant Officer Anaclet Rwahama had been convicted of leading and participating in attacks by his mostly Hutu soldiers and militiamen in Kigali's Kicukiro sector that targeted minority Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus. He was also found guilty of rape, the Rwanda News Agency said.

More than 500,000 people were killed during Rwanda's 90-day Hutu government-organized slaughter, before Tutsi-led rebels won power and stopped the geno-

cide in July 1994.

Rwahama had pleaded guilty in hopes of avoiding the death penalty. But under Rwanda's genocide law, plea bargains are accepted only if the defendant has confessed to crimes before the case is in court.

Rwahama, who has 15 days to appeal the sentence, is the third former Rwandan army officer to face the death penalty accused of genocide.

So far, more than 350 people have been tried in connection with the genocide, and more than 120 have been sentenced to death. Firing squads executed the first 22 people in Rwanda in April. Authorities say more executions will fol-

low, but it isn't clear when.

Six others were sentenced to death Friday at a court in Gikongoro, about 60 miles south of the

capital, Kigali. They included three former city administrators — the highest ranking officials to be tried in the country so far.

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Russian lawmaker's slaying galvanizes reformers, deepens rifts

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — A lawmaker's killing has galvanized Russia's liberal reformers, deepened the fault lines between the left and right and prompted anguished calls to end the violence and lawlessness that has plagued post-Soviet society.

A gloomy, overflow crowd of thousands gathered Tuesday in a moving tribute to Galina Starovoitova, a vivacious woman who was buried as a national hero.

The burial was delayed several hours because the crowd, estimated at up to 10,000 people, lined up outside the hall where her open casket lay and demanded a chance to pay final respects.

Starovoitova, a member of parliament who planned to run for president in 2000, was shot to death last Friday evening as she walked up the stairs to her apartment with an aide, who was critically wounded.

Hundreds of people, including many of the country's most prominent political figures, packed the grand Marble Hall of St. Petersburg's Ethnography Museum for the service.

"To stop us, they want to scare us. They will never succeed," former Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly Chubais said at the memorial service. "We will fulfill the goals she sacrificed her life for."

An open casket, cloaked with



A man lights a candle placed near the portrait of slain liberal lawmaker Galina Starovoitova during a memorial rally in Moscow, Tuesday.

black ribbons, red-and-white wreaths and floral bouquets, stood at the head of the hall, flanked by a military honor guard.

"Forgive us, Galina Vasilyevna, that we who have the power entrusted to us, we who were your colleagues, could not protect and

defend you," said Deputy Prime Minister Valentina Matviyenko, the only woman in a top government post, her voice quavering.

Other speakers included former Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and Yuri Yarov, President Boris Yeltsin's first deputy chief of staff. Yeltsin, who has said he will personally oversee the investigation into Starovoitova's killing, was in a Moscow hospital recovering from pneumonia.

"The shooting in St. Petersburg is a grim lesson for the whole of Russia," Yarov said. "Irrespective of real motives for that murder, a crime of this magnitude is a political act, and society should know all the truth about it."

Yarov was among several speakers at the service to say that Starovoitova's death should serve as a catalyst for uniting democratic forces. Her political allies have blamed Communists for her death, although police have said they have no idea who killed her.

Political finger-pointing aside, her death has struck a deep chord among Russians, as demonstrated by the throngs who gathered outside the memorial service.

"Ordinary people should honor her memory, and make sure this never happens again," said Vadim Olshchinsky, manager of a construction company.

But, he added bitterly, "There's little hope of that in our country." People across Russia dimmed the lights in her memory for a few minutes Tuesday night, at the urg-

ing of her political party, Russia's Democratic Choice.

One national television channel turned over its daytime programming to funeral coverage and a memorial tribute. Newspapers carried page after page of coverage of her death.

After the memorial service, a private funeral was held in a church at the Alexander Nevsky Monastery in central St. Petersburg. Then, as the Russian national anthem was played, her coffin was lowered into its grave in the monastery's cemetery, one of Russia's most hallowed resting places.

Among others buried there are the composers Peter Tchaikovsky and Modest Mussorgsky and the author Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Igor Kozhevnikov, head of investigations for the Interior Ministry, insisted that the case would be solved. "It will take time," he said, according to Interfax, but added that investigators "have tips, they have something to work on."

The aide who was wounded in the attack, 27-year-old Ruslan Linkov, has spoken to investigators, although they have cautioned that he was unable to provide very much information.

Linkov, who has been heavily guarded to protect him from a further assassination attempt, was moved out of intensive care Tuesday, Interfax reported.

Plymouth, England hosts first Thanksgiving festival for homesick Americans

PLYMOUTH, England (AP) — Turkey and cranberry sauce. A Raiders game. The kickoff of Christmas shopping.

The city where the Pilgrims embarked for the New World in 1620 is celebrating Thanksgiving for the first time this year, and it is trying to add the right touches.

So what if the Raiders are a basketball team, and the shopping isn't all that frenzied? It's the thought that counts.

The Pilgrims founded Thanksgiving a year after they landed at Massachusetts' Plymouth Rock, after setting sail from this southwestern English city on the Mayflower.

Now, Plymouth's civic leaders plan to raise the Stars and Stripes as part of a three-day annual Thanksgiving festival aimed at establishing the city as the home away from home for expatriate Americans.

It's not quite like home — there's a bit of the Fourth of July thrown in, with a "Star-Spangled" fireworks display, and the Royal Shakespeare Company will stage "Twelfth Night" — but the basics are there.

Lots of feasting, with turkey, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie, and U.S.-style late-night Christmas shopping on the day after Thanksgiving.

"I know it's not going to be like it is at home, but I'm pretty excited about it," said Susan Schenk, a teacher from Philadelphia who is spending this Thanksgiving with her family in Plymouth. "It has made me feel wanted and considered as an American."

Plus, there's another bonus. "I haven't had to explain to anybody why I'm going there, because everyone knows the Pilgrims left from Plymouth," Mrs. Schenk said.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the city also is launching its Great American Heritage Trail, a three-mile path retracing five centuries of trans-Atlantic exploration, colonization, emigration and other links with the United States, which has 24 towns named Plymouth.

The trail starts at a place where some of 102 Puritans are believed to have been sheltered and fed before their departure on the

Mayflower.

The building, dating from 1431, is now England's oldest gin distillery and displays a plaque commemorating the names of all the Pilgrim Fathers who left in search of religious freedom.

The Pilgrim Mothers and children were not similarly honored until 10 years ago, when a plaque was placed outside another building where the Pilgrims reported-

ly ate before the trip.

At the port lies the Mayflower monument, a mini-replica of the memorial at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts, and more plaques

commemorating various American connections. The portal leads to the Mayflower Steps, winding down to the point where the ship set out.

Frigid European weather kills 85

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Frigid weather and snow storms sweeping through Europe claimed more lives Tuesday, bringing the death toll to at least 85 people since last week.

Fourteen more deaths were reported Tuesday. Worst hit by the cold snap has been Poland, with 41 weather-related deaths, and Romania, with 30.

France, Bulgaria and Italy also reported storm-related deaths.

Romania's cold snap began Friday, and authorities reported nine more deaths Tuesday. The latest deaths included three people who lost control of their cars in icy conditions, said Col. Ioan Palalau of the national traffic police.

One homeless man in a village near Romania's capital, Bucharest, died after he sought shelter in a garbage bin, and another froze to death in a streetcar. A man sweeping snow in the capital passed out and died, apparently because of the cold, and another

man was found frozen to death in a Bucharest factory where he had apparently sought shelter.

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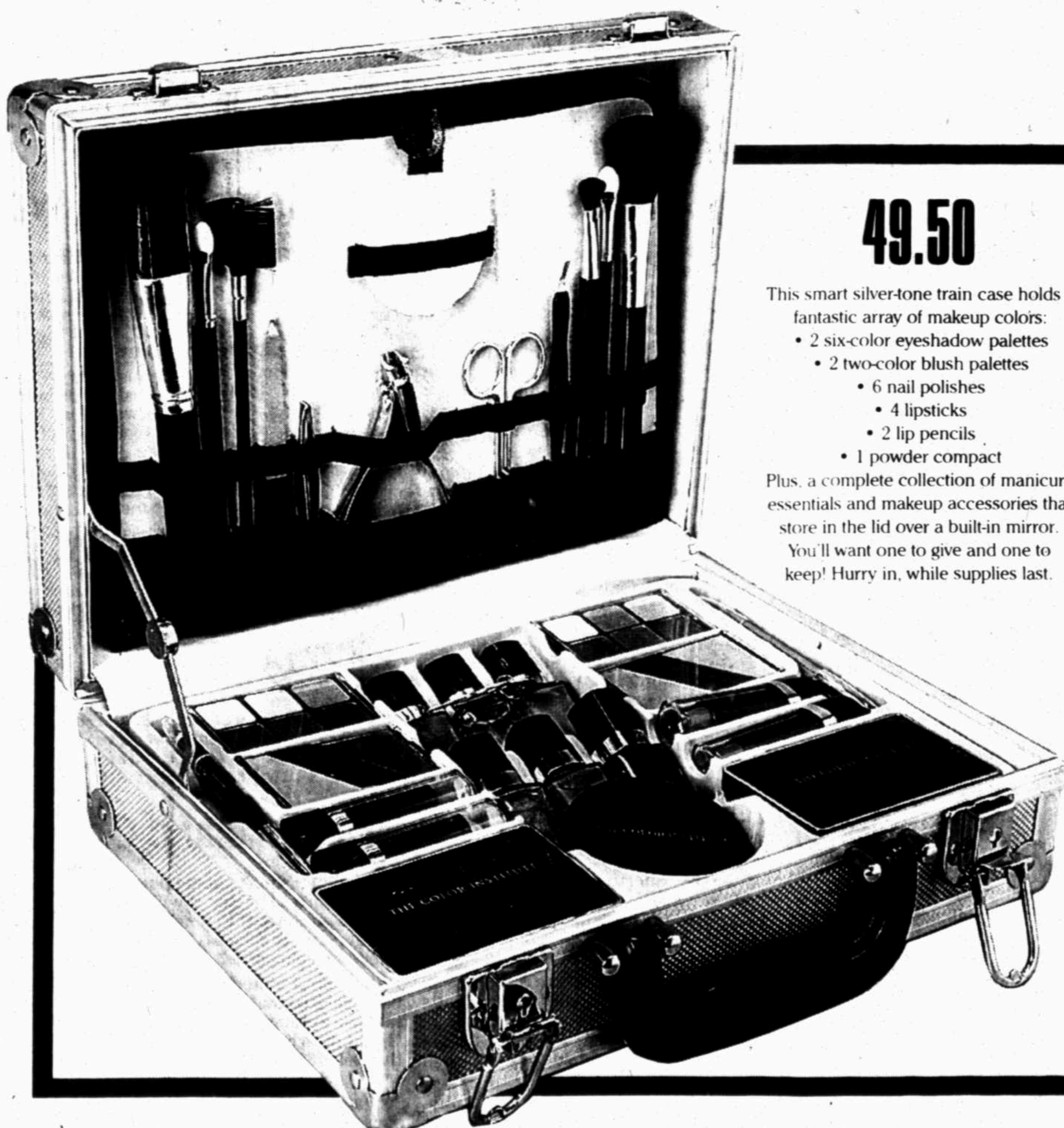
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Queen tells blue bloods it's over — but most of the show goes on

LONDON (AP) — Surrounded by pageantry, Queen Elizabeth II opened a new session of Parliament on Tuesday with a starkly untraditional announcement: The government plans to strip unelected aristocrats of their 600-year-old birthright to vote in the House of Lords.

Rows of lords in ermine-collared scarlet robes broke with another tradition after the announcement, when instead of listening to the monarch in silence they let out muted growls.

Elected lawmakers of the House of Commons who clustered behind the Lords chamber also violated the tradition with occasional cheers.

The move is part of a legislative

program for the coming year that the queen, reading out a speech written by Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labor government, described as focusing "upon the modernization of the country."

Well, a bit of modernization. With Her Majesty's assent, for example, the Lord Chancellor — the country's chief judicial officer — turned his back on the queen and walked away after handing her the government's speech, instead of shuffling backward. And a handful of quietly named officials, such as Silver Stick in Waiting and Maltravers Herald Extraordinary, were absent.

But much of the elaborate show was right on track.

The queen rode from Bucking-

'It is exceedingly easy to bung up the system.'

— The Earl of Onslow

ham Palace with her husband, Prince Philip, in a horse-drawn carriage escorted by a cavalry regiment in scarlet and gold tunics astride magnificent horses.

An official called Black Rod, in knee breeches and stockings, summoned the commoners to the chamber to hear the queen. And even though the Lord Chancellor thought it all right to turn his back, others inched backward ahead of the queen.

The legislative program she read out — the second since Labor swept the long-ruling Conservative

Party from office 19 months ago — also included a shakeup of welfare benefits designed to make things tougher for the work-shy, a reform of legal funding and greater protection for rape victims.

But one item promises to provoke the most debate.

"A bill will be introduced to remove the right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords," the queen intoned. "It will be the first stage of a process of reform to make the House of Lords more democratic and representative."

The House of Lords, which revises and examines government legislation, is composed of lords who inherited their titles, and life peers, who are awarded titles.

The elected House of Commons has the power to pass legislation even if the House of Lords rejects it, but the nobles can stretch out the process, stalling bills for months.

Critics charge that Blair is wrong to remove the often independent-minded blue bloods before setting up a new arrangement. A commission is due to report within two years on a new version of the chamber.

"He wants to create a House of Cronies, beholden to him alone," Conservative Party leader William Hague jeered at Blair in the Commons later Tuesday.

Some blue bloods prepared for a filibuster in the chamber, which could delay the legislation for up to a year.

"It is exceedingly easy to bung up the system," said the Earl of Onslow, whose family motto is "Quick without Impetuosity."

"I am happy to go to this sort of extent and length to make sure that what comes after me is better and can act as a check," he said.

Indonesian students press their demands in the streets again

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Hundreds of student protesters occupied the attorney general's office for nearly 12 hours Tuesday to demand that Indonesia's former President Suharto be put on trial.

Meanwhile, about 2,000 other activists staged separate anti-government rallies, and the military said dozens of soldiers involved in deadly clashes with students earlier this month could face courts-martial.

More than 1,000 students entered the office compound of Attorney General Andi Muhammad Ghalib to demand Suharto be tried on charges of corruption and human rights abuses.

The 77-year-old former army general quit in May after riots and protests against his three-decades of authoritarian rule.

"Hang Suharto!" shouted the students, who occupied the office lobby while student representatives held talks with Ghalib.

Ghalib refused to accept their demands that Suharto be put on trial within one month. Many students left voluntarily, and a last group of 200 agreed to board military trucks that ferried them to their university campuses shortly before midnight.

Some students scuffled with officers, but the evacuation was largely peaceful.

President B.J. Habibie has ordered a new corruption inquiry aimed at Suharto after an earlier investigation by Ghalib turned up no evidence of wrongdoing and was labeled a whitewash by critics.

Habibie has partly dismantled the tightly controlled system crafted by his former mentor, Suharto, legalizing political parties and freeing some political prisoners.

He has scheduled general elections in May or June 1999, but students doubt he is sincere about

democratic change and suspect he wants to preserve the political privileges of his allies.

Armed forces chief Gen. Wiranto — who like many Indonesians uses only one name — said he expected student protesters to continue to push their demands, which include the ouster of Habibie and an end to the military's dominant role in politics.

"Some of the protesting students are now arranging a systematic plan for their movement," Wiranto told a parliamentary hearing on security and political affairs. "These actions will continue until the 1999 election."

He said some students aimed "to topple the constitutional government."

The military said 163 soldiers involved in deadly clashes with students had been confined to their barracks for three weeks.

Most of them allegedly fired at protesters without permission from their superiors and could face courts-martial pending the results of an investigation.

At least nine student protesters were killed in fighting with soldiers Nov. 13 during a government assembly on reforms of Indonesia's rigid political system.

Although Wiranto had ordered riot officers to carry only blanks and plastic bullets, hospital doctors said they found metal bullet fragments in some victims.

Wiranto was the target of 300 student protesters who marched near the presidential palace, urging that he take responsibility for the student killings that triggered rioting in Jakarta in which 16 died.

"Wiranto must step down!" chanted the students from the prestigious University of Indonesia.

Protesters rallied in several areas of Jakarta on Tuesday.

Security forces blocked 1,000 students who tried to walk along a toll road toward Parliament as well as 250 activists attempting to march on Suharto's heavily guarded home in an exclusive suburb.

Habibie said continuing turmoil has slowed efforts to revive Indonesia's sick economy even though the fragile currency, the rupiah, has recently climbed in value.

"Unfortunately, this progress has been countered by social and political unrest," Habibie said in a speech.

Violence also erupted in the Indonesian capital Sunday, when mobs of Muslim youths burned and ransacked Christian churches in ethnic and religious rioting. Fourteen people were killed.



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Reno concludes Gore didn't lie, rejects independent counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno concluded Tuesday there is "clear and convincing evidence" Vice President Al Gore did not lie to campaign finance investigators and she declined to order further investigation by an independent counsel.

The evidence fails to provide any reasonable basis for a conclusion that the Vice President may have lied, Reno advised a special court. "There are no reasonable grounds to believe that further investigation is warranted" into an allegation that Gore lied to Justice Department investigators last year about how a Democratic media fund was financed.

It was the second time in a year that Reno refused to have an outside prosecutor examine Gore over his telephone fund-raising or what he said about it. For Gore, it removed a potential obstacle to his

ambition to run for president in 2000.

Gore spokesman Christopher Lehane said, "The vice president is pleased."

Republicans were not. "Once again, the Attorney General has failed to follow the law," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind. "For the past two years, the attorney general has made it clear she is committed to protecting the president." Burton faulted her for rejecting the advice of FBI Director Louis J. Freeh to order an independent counsel, which Freeh has been advocating for more than a year.

Steve Forbes, a would-be Republican presidential candidate in 2000, said, "This raises the question of Ms. Reno's fitness to remain in office." Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., suggested asking a court to order Reno to turn the

case over to a counsel.

"We need to take these matters out of the hands of the attorney general, who appears to be acting politically and not in accordance with the act," agreed Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "Personally, I think it is going to take legislation."

Reno vowed her 120-member campaign finance task force would continue the investigation that has already charged 14 people, including prominent Democratic donors and fund raisers.

"Today's determination does not mean that our work has ended," Reno said in a statement. "We will continue to vigorously investigate all allegations of illegal activity."

Indeed, she is in the midst of 90-day preliminary inquiries about President Clinton and his former

deputy White House chief of staff, Harold Ickes. She must decide within two weeks whether independent counsels are needed to continue those probes. Officials say no counsel is likely to be named in the Clinton matter, which involves whether he and aides illegally financed issue advertisements during his 1996 reelection campaign.

This inquiry into Gore began in July when his counsel turned over handwritten notes by Gore's former deputy chief of staff, David Strauss, about a Nov. 21, 1995 meeting which Gore attended. The notation "65% soft/35% hard" called into question whether Gore knew that some of the money in a Democratic media fund for issue advertisements was coming from so-called hard money, which can be used to promote specific candidates but which cannot be raised

on federal property.

Gore had told investigators last year he believed his office telephone calls were soliciting only soft money, which can be used for issue ads or general political purposes.

The notes "are not sufficient alone to warrant a conclusion that the Vice President made a false statement" about his understanding of how money he raised from his office would be allocated, Reno wrote.

Interviews with other participants demonstrated Gore was present and at some point the Democratic media fund and the allocation of contributions between so-called soft and hard money accounts was discussed, Reno said.

But "no attendees recall any particular questions or comments by the Vice President," Reno

wrote. Only two recalled any mention of hard money, but "there is no evidence that he heard the statements or understood their implications."

Indeed, Reno wrote, others left the meeting with vague and incorrect understandings of the complicated money allocation. And there was discussion that the Democratic Party had enough hard money for the issue ads but needed more soft money. Still others reported that Gore did not concern himself with this level of detail.

Finally, she said, Gore "had little to gain and much to lose" by his statements a year ago, because, as his lawyers had told him, the statements not only would not clear him but caused the Justice Department to investigate further to see why he wasn't aware of details in some memos available to him.

Democrat to offer censure resolution as impeachment alternative

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic congressman said Tuesday he would offer a censure resolution that would criticize President Clinton but provide no other punishment, giving the House Judiciary Committee an alternative to impeachment.

The proposal by committee member William Delahunt of Massachusetts is unlikely to win approval in a panel controlled by Republican conservatives. But it could be a starting point for alternatives to impeachment in the full House.

At least four Republicans from outside the committee have said they would not support impeachment, and several of them have estimated that dozens of other GOP lawmakers hold the same view.

Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., said Delahunt's plan was one option, but he added that he wanted "to see what other members of the committee have to offer."

"We need a resolution that sends a strong message that the president's conduct was inappropriate," Quinn said in an interview. "It has to be bipartisan and I'm willing to explore any concepts. I want to keep our options open."

Delahunt said he had not been asked by White House officials or other Clinton supporters to make the proposal. The spokesman for the White House counsel's office, James Kennedy, said that apart from opposing impeachment, "we're not in a position to decide how Congress would achieve that result. A number of people have come forward with different ideas on how to bring this matter to clo-

sure. We haven't ruled anything in or out. We hope a bipartisan consensus emerges."

Committee chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., has tentatively set the week of Dec. 7 for debate on articles of impeachment and alternatives. The matter could reach the full House the following week.

Approval of any article by the House would send the matter to the Senate, but a trial would be unlikely because it is clear to all sides that the two-thirds needed for conviction would be difficult to achieve with a 55-45 GOP majority.

The next key step for the House committee is to receive Clinton's answers to 81 questions submitted by Hyde. White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said the answers should be finished by Friday.

Delahunt has been given a lead role among Democrats in the impeachment investigation, but also has been part of an informal, bipartisan group of committee members who have tried to tone down the committee's harsh political divisions.

A district attorney for 21 years before his election to the House, Delahunt, 57, said he's ready for criticism that his proposal does nothing more than express the sense of the House on Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

"What I think we have failed to recognize is the president of the United States is in legal jeopardy upon expiration of his term," Delahunt said in an interview. "There is a possibility that if Starr or any subsequent prosecutor has

a case that they feel is appropriate to charge a crime, whatever we do does not terminate that decision."

Delahunt said Congress "should not become involved in any plea bargain" or "try to play the role of the prosecutor."

Reacting to Delahunt's proposal, committee spokesman Paul McNulty said, "Most committee Republicans have publicly rejected the idea of censure because either it is not constitutionally prescribed or it would be a bad precedent given the seriousness of the allegations."

However, impeachment has been consistently opposed by the public. Last week, a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll asked: "Would

you want your member of the House of Representatives to vote in favor of impeachment and sending the case to the Senate for trial or vote against impeachment of Clinton?" The vote in favor of impeaching was 35 percent, the vote against impeaching was 62 percent. The poll of 652 people had an error margin of plus or minus 5 percentage points, and was taken Thursday night during Starr's appearance.

A committee Democrat, Jerrold Nadler of New York, said any censure solution must allow due process for the president, and shouldn't "condemn or censure the president for any acts which are not either admitted or proven."

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For farmers who depend on brussels sprouts, it's NAFTA that stinks

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — Pity the poor brussels sprout. The mini-cabbages smell bad, they're almost always overcooked and kids hate them. Grown-ups aren't crazy about them, either. Now, the little vegetable has emerged as one of the losers under NAFTA.

Along California's central coast, where 93 percent of the nation's brussels sprouts are grown, the North American Free Trade Agreement could spell the end of a tight-knit group of second- and third-generation brussels sprout farmers.

"It's simple math," said Steve Bontadelli, shaking a tender, marble-size vegetable in his hand as if he were rolling dice. "In Mexico, they pay workers \$6 a day. That's what we're paying per hour. We just can't keep up."

Five years ago, before NAFTA, most brussels sprouts served on American tables were grown in foggy, ocean-side fields in San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. Since the trade agreement between Canada, Mexico and the United States, an increasing number come from Mexico.

"If you look broadly at NAFTA, it's been good for farmers and ranchers in Mexico, Canada and the U.S.," said John Skorburg, a trade specialist at the American Farm Bureau Federation, the



Steve Bontadelli, a farmer in Davenport, Calif., shows his crop of brussels sprouts Friday, Nov. 13, which is in the process of being harvested. For U.S. farmers, the brussels sprout has emerged as one of the losers under NAFTA.

national's largest farm organization. "But if you look at specific commodities, there are winners

and losers."

Bontadelli made his index finger and thumb into the letter L and

planted it on his forehead. "That's me," he said. "Loser."

Bontadelli grows 400 of the

approximately 3,500 total acres of brussels sprouts fields in the United States. His 13-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter are the fourth generation in the business.

NAFTA built in some protections against this type of economic damage, but it takes influence to petition successfully for help. Brussels sprout growers just don't have the clout, Skorburg said.

After all, brussels sprouts are almost no one's favorite vegetable.

Americans eat about three a year, on average. Their annual market value is about \$27 million, a pittance compared with the \$1.2 billion lettuce industry. And when the nation's brussels sprout growers meet, they can fit into one small office.

So the growers are hoping to avoid NAFTA and the International Trade Commission, and instead are trying to persuade Mexican farmers to delay exporting to the United States each year until the U.S. harvest slows in late January.

Even without such an arrangement, Bontadelli said the growers'

troubles would be over if people in the United States would simply eat a few more brussels sprouts.

Today's brussels sprouts are milder, sweeter and much more appetizing, especially when they are just lightly steamed rather than cooked until mushy, Bontadelli said.

"People just need to give them a try," he said, tossing a sprout to his dog Parker, who gobbled it up.

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Confusing drug names can lead to medication errors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The patient needed an injection of Narcan but instead got the drug Norcuron and went into cardiac arrest.

More than 1,000 U.S. drugs have names that either look or sound so much alike that doctors, nurses and pharmacists can get them confused, dispensing the wrong one in errors that can injure or even kill patients.

Now a Chicago scientist has developed a computer program that may prevent some errors — by predicting which drugs will be most confusing so manufacturers can change the name or pharmacists can take extra care.

"If we can predict it, we should be able to prevent it," said Bruce Lambert of the University of Illinois-Chicago, whose computer program is under trial use by the Food and Drug Administration.

An estimated 1.3 million Americans are injured each year from medication errors, such as administering the wrong dose or the wrong drug.

Nobody knows how many of those injuries are caused when health care workers mix up similarly named drugs, although studies suggest name confusion causes 25 to 30 percent, said Michael Cohen of the nonprofit Institute for Safe Medical Practices.

"There's a finite number of let-

ters of the alphabet and an awful lot of drugs out there," explains FDA pharmacist Ralph Lillie, who heads a new office that investigates medication errors, including those caused by confusing drug names.

Take Narcan, which treats morphine overdoses, and Norcuron, which can paralyze people's breathing muscles. Four times this fall Cohen's institute recorded emergency rooms mixing up the two and then having to resuscitate some patients.

Was that scribbled prescription for Premarin, the menopause drug, or Primaxin, the antibiotic?

Don't confuse the new antidepressant Celexa with the antipsychotic Zyprexa.

Pharmacists have accidentally given depressed patients the ulcer drug Prilosec instead of the antidepressant Prozac.

And a man with an enlarged prostate took the osteoporosis drug Fosamax for three days before nurses noticed he should get the prostate drug Flomax.

When a drug name is similar, it's easy to mistake a doctor's scribble or blurry faxed prescription for the wrong drug. And a pharmacist operating in a noisy and hurried office can just forget and pick up the wrong bottle.

"The most effective way to deal with this issue is to cut it off at the pass — to get the right kinds of

names out there in the first place," Lillie stressed.

That's where Lambert comes in. Using software that created computer spellcheck programs, he invented a program that pinpoints drug names likely to be confused. Take nelfinavir and nevirapine, both AIDS drugs but with very different dosages and effects. They got a high confusion score because they both begin with "ne" and the letters "f" and "v" also sound alike.

Lambert tested how confusing 15 pharmacists actually found the drug names the computer deemed very similar. The pharmacists read four drug names. Then, they had to pick those drugs from another list that added four similarly named drugs.

They picked wrong up to 27 percent of the time, Lambert reported at this month's American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists meeting.

The FDA is using Lambert's computer to help decide what brand names to let manufacturers use for new drugs. Lambert also is negotiating with the agency that sets a drug's generic, or chemical, name.

But the bigger risk may come from older drugs that never got screened, Cohen said. Only rarely does the FDA ask a manufacturer to change a drug's name after it

hits the market.

Cohen, however, is lobbying Sanofi Inc. to actually stop making amrinone, which keeps getting mixed up with amiodorone.

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Furniture: 81 pieces, Victorian Burl Walnut Breakfront with marble top bevel mirror back (1860-1880), Large Teak Wardrobe with carved medallions and raised panels, Early Victorian Settee with tufted back and winged carvings circa (1890-1910), King size poster bed, Old Oriental Emperors Palace Chair circa 1901-1911, Large Breakfront with Chippendale Dining Room Table with claw feet and 2 leaves, set of 8 matching chairs, Early Victorian chest of drawers with marble insert circa 1885-1895, Magnificent Carved Swan Garden Bench, Large Mahogany Bird Cage copied after a Victorian home, Art Deco Table with Pie Crust top and four stretcher bottom circa 1915-1920, 14 foot Mahogany Conference Table with leather top and full carved lion's heads, Bronzes: Large Coming Through the Rye Bronze by F. Remington 30 inches high, Large oversize Buffalo Horse by Remington, many others, Lighting: Stain glass Dragonfly hanging fixture, Large Cut Crystal Banquet Lamp, Reverse Hand Painted Parlor Lamp, Large Bronze Dragonfly Lamp, unusual Cobalt Cut Glass Dome Lamp, Persian Carpets: Many to choose from, Working Slot Machines - Two, Collectibles: Collection of Hummel plates, Easter American Divided Dish, German 9 piece Udded Punch Service, Nica collection of sterling silver souvenir spoons, Nice collection of Nippon Bowls and talcum shakers, 2 Gilt Bronze Overlay Cabinet Porcelain mantle vases (very early), 20 x 14 True and Co. Victorian Print dated 1878, Large Henredon Mahogany frame bevel mirror, Large collection of Wedgwood, Art Deco Marble mantle clock with sconces (maker URCA), Collection of Murano Art Glass, 3 pieces of hand painted old custard glasses, Stag Handled carving set in presentation box, Collection of gold overlay Depression glass, Maxwell Parrish print, 4 foot Coca Cola Advertising Carousel Horse, Hump Back Stage Coach Trunk, Jewelry: Many pieces of outstanding jewelry, Collection of American Indian, Navajo and Zuni jewelry, China, Cut Glass: Large Collection of Fiesta Ware, Signed Hawks Cut Crystal Vase with large sterling base, Hand painted Limoges bowl, Large Rosenthal Bavarian Flora vase, C.T. Germany bowl, Hand painted Bavarian bowl, Royal Vienna Hand Painted bowl, Large Cut Crystal Umbrella Stand, Many pieces leaded cut crystal, R.S. Germany hand painted plate, Pre-Columbian Artifacts Collection: Jalisco Pre Classical vessel, Jalisco Bowl 900 years old, Jalisco Figurine 9th century, Jalisco Vessel 1200 years old, 3 Colima Figures 1000 years, Tottec bowls, Gun Collection: Model 1873 Winchester rifle, 1897 model Winchester shotguns, model 12 Winchester shotguns, per 64 model 94 carbines, Model 100 Winchester rifle, National Match M-1 Garand, 1898 Krag carbine, 30 carbine, Browning 20 GA Auto 5 vent rib new in box, 44 Russian Smith and Wesson, WWI Luger, Old Spurs and cowboy collectibles Coin Collection: 62 lots, V-nickels, Roman coins, US gold coins, Morgan silver dollars, silver walking half dollars.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Immigrant protest

LAREDO — Nine immigrants unhappy about not being returned to their hurricane-ravaged countries have been transferred from a detention center after a protest. The immigrants barricaded themselves inside their dormitories at a privately contracted INS facility. Six of the nine people identified as leaders were transferred to the Webb County Jail, INS spokesman Tomas Zuniga said. The other three, whose nationalities were not immediately known, were to be transferred to another facility, Zuniga said. The United States government has agreed to requests from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua to postpone deportations to those countries until Jan. 7 while they recover from damage done by Hurricane Mitch. Earlier this month, Central American detainees at the INS detention center in Bayview staged a hunger strike over their delayed deportations, but it was over within a week.

Plane crashes

SEGUIN — One person was injured when a small plane crashed and burned Tuesday afternoon in a field near here, the Department of Public Safety said.

KSAT-TV reported the fiery accident involved a single-engine aerobatic plane and the pilot managed to parachute out just before the crash. DPS and a dispatcher at the Guadalupe County sheriff's department, who declined to give his name, confirmed the accident but offered few details. The late-afternoon crash happened near Zuehl Airfield, according to KSAT. Brook Army Medical Center confirmed the pilot was airlifted to the San Antonio facility, which has a burn unit. The pilot's condition was not immediately released.

'New' treatment

DALLAS — A long-abandoned heart attack treatment that is so simple and cheap that even Third World hospitals can use it is showing new promise and could save the lives of up to 75,000 U.S. patients a year, researchers say.

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8-liner conviction

GEORGETOWN — The state has won its first case in the fight against eight-liners. Robert E. Sovil Jr. of Georgetown pleaded no contest Monday to misdemeanor charges of possession of a gambling device and gambling promotion.

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Paroled woman

SAN ANTONIO — A woman convicted of murder in Fort Stockton based partly on controversial evidence analyzed by the Bexar County medical examiners office has been paroled.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Midland Articulators Chapter of International Training in Communication, 4400 N. Big Spring St., 689-7875 or 682-8820.

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

Singles Group, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m., parlor.

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

Uptown Chapter of Business and Professional Women luncheon program, Petroleum Club, Lynn Clark, 682-0291.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3194 (Bob Clahessey).

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

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

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

Midland County Child Welfare Board, noon, Department of Human Services, 901 W. Wall St.

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

City Council salutes Downtown Midland efforts

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council halted a Tuesday meeting to pay homage to the Downtown Midland, Inc., and Texas Best organizations for bringing two statewide honors to the local downtown effort.

DMI's Star Spangled Salute was named best promotional event in the state, said Jack Swallow, vice-president elect for the nonprofit agency.

For the second award, Texas Best's Summer in the City, was recognized for the "themed" entertainment provided each Thursday downtown during the summer months, a Summer in the City spokesman said.

In this award, Summer in the City was given statewide recognition for its entertainment evenings, which included such themes as Country Night, Kid's Night, Gospel Night, Fiesta in the City and Senior Night.

The Summer in the City events are designed to be fun and free, providing a low-cost way for Midland families to enjoy themselves, a Summer in the City official

said.

"It's been so strong because there is a real commitment to keeping it moving," said Sue Buck, recently selected volunteer of the year for Summer in the City.

Linda Bond and Sonny Buck founded the Summer in the City concept in 1993. Jimmy Patterson is the program coordinator.

In winning awards for the Star Spangled Salute, the local downtown organization, in its first full year, was competing with Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Amarillo, Abilene and places with downtown organizations in place for a number of years," Swallow said.

"It shows what our community values are, to pull off an event this size in the first year," said Nancy Wantuck, DMI executive director.

The Star Spangled Salute included laser shows, pyrotechnics, singer B.J. Thomas and the Midland/Odessa Symphony and Chorale in the two-day celebration of Independence Day.

"It was a thrilling weekend to play a part

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Pyrotechnics thrill a crowd of several thousand Midlanders during the "Star Spangled Salute" Fourth of July event this past summer. The event won a state award for Downtown Midland, Inc.

Looking a lot like Christmas



City of Midland employee Mark Barnes strings holiday lights at the courthouse.

Railroad continues investigation of 4 derailed tank cars

By Rick López
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Union Pacific officials confirmed Tuesday that a train heading to a south Odessa refinery ran into idle boxcars before derailling four empty chemical tank cars.

However, railroad investigators were not certain that pile-up is what caused the tank cars to derail, Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said.

Repair workers should have the track fixed and in working condition by today, he said.

Three empty tank cars completely derailed beneath the Interstate 20 overpass on Industrial Road, which is about half a mile away from the Shell Oil Co. refinery on South Grandview Avenue.

Another was partially derailed and landed two feet into the southbound I-20 service road. All four were used to haul chemicals to and from the refinery, but were empty at the time of the accident.

No one was injured, police said. The railroad will have to repair 120 feet of rail damaged during the derailment, Davis said. Tank car damage was estimated at \$20,000, he said.

"When we have a crash, we pay for repairs," Davis said.

Workers were able to uncouple and remove the tank cars from the roadside Tuesday. After that was done, railroad officials began their investigation into what caused the derailment.

"We have to do metal testing and such. We look at everything locomotivewise," Davis said. "We also have to talk to the train crew and see what the event recorder

downloaded."

Each Union Pacific train has an "event recorder" that works similarly to the "black box" installed in commercial airplanes.

Though it's not as sophisticated, it can determine how fast the train was traveling, on what position the throttle was placed, which direction the train was heading and even when the last time the air brakes were applied before the wreck, Davis said.

Each tank car, train track and wheel will be scrutinized for clues that might reveal more information about the accident.

The entire probe is conducted not only to ensure the safety of the public and train operator, but to see if the factors are similar to any other derailment, he said.

"We're always interested in determining the cause, because if we sense a pattern in derailments in any location, we correct the problem immediately," Davis said.

He cited a finding that Union Pacific made in the mid-1970s, when the rail wheels in the main line of trains were overheating and breaking apart, causing a series of derailments.

Engineers solved the problem by reinventing the wheel — literally.

They found that the wheel could withstand more heat and pressure if it was manufactured in a concave shape, instead of its conventional shape that resembled a flat hockey puck.

"That's why we want to find out the cause. We want to make sure we haven't run into this problem before," Davis said.

The Odessa investigation could take anywhere from a couple of days to a couple of months to complete, Davis said.

'We also have to talk to the train crew and see what the event recorder downloaded.'

— Mark Davis,
Union Pacific spokesman

Second suspect named in defective lubricant case

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Federal authorities are preparing a criminal case against a former Midlander who allegedly defrauded Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. by selling defective drilling lubricant.

New developments in the case were mentioned Tuesday during a sentencing hearing for Bryan resident John Huelan Castleberry, 70, who pleaded guilty Sept. 17 to one count of conspiracy to commit fraud.

Castleberry admitted to bribing a Williams Energy employee into switching a name-brand drilling lubricant the company was using for its explorations to

an inexpensive, lower-quality product he was selling.

The defendant also admitted to giving the employee monetary kickbacks for each barrel he purchased for Williams Energy's operations.

However, Castleberry might not be the only person involved in the scheme, which deprived the company of more than \$422,000 over a 15-month period that ended in December, Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Mills said.

The newest suspect in the case had not been officially charged with an offense as of Tuesday, Mills said. However, he has retained an attorney and has been cooperative with authorities

probing the case, Mills said.

"I got a faxed copy of a plea agreement from him," Mills said of the new suspect. "He advised that he will enter a plea to this transaction and to other schemes he was involved in."

U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson postponed Castleberry's sentencing after hearing about the other suspect's alleged involvement in the case.

Furgeson said he wanted to find out the other suspect's degree of involvement before rendering Castleberry's sentence, which could range from 15 to 21 months in prison.

"I would like to see this case unfold a little more before I give

a sentence," Furgeson told the defendant. "I don't have a sense of the overall nature of this deal. These cases develop this way, and it seems like I'm hearing just a good part of it."

Mills called on FBI agent Hanz Martin to explain how the alleged scheme was carried out.

Martin said Castleberry, an independent salesman, approached the Williams Energy employee and talked him into buying a less-expensive drilling lubricant manufactured by a small Houston company.

Castleberry offered to pay the employee a \$150 kickback for

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'It appears that Clayton Williams was a guinea pig and didn't know it. All those (issues) indicate that the drilling fluid was inferior. It had a 15 percent value of what it was sold for. The company paid 85 percent too much.'

— U.S. District Judge
Royal Furgeson

SANDY WIEGAND

Healthy dose of denial helps get us through the night

When people ask me what I do for a living, and I answer "copy edit," they usually don't know what I mean. A common response, for example, is "Do you type in the stories?"

Well, no, that's not it exactly. Let me give the non-journalists (or, as they are more commonly known, "real human beings") out there a sort of metaphorical description of a newspaper copy editor's duties.

The main tool of the trade, at least for me, is denial.

Copy editing is kind of like driving a large vehicle. You can't be fully aware of what you are doing, and still do it well — without panicking.

I know this because, with both activities, it is sometimes difficult to maintain that constant coat of armor

that is denial, no matter how many Al-Anon pamphlets I read (trying, of course, to do the opposite of what they advise).

And so it is that sometimes, like say when I'm driving a 15-foot moving truck on an unlit two-lane highway in the middle of the night, during a snowstorm, it occurs to me what actually is happening. I'm encased in a four-ton metal cage traveling at 70 mph and I can't see 20 feet in front of me. If I make one wrong move, I could easily be smashed to a gruesome pulp, along with whichever loved ones are with me at the time.

My hands get sweaty, and I try to grip the wheel a little tighter. Then I try to shuffle these thoughts from my mind.

No big thing. I'm just driving. Everybody does this, all the time.

Similarly, laying out the front page of a newspaper can involve moments of clarity when it occurs to you that, between yourself and one or two others, you must

ferret out the mistakes that could occur in any of thousands of words on the page, before thousands of people take the opportunity to dissect your work, and, if at all possible, laugh at it.

But we can't possibly think this way, and function, night after night ... the same few people, doing the same, sometimes tedious job. So we lie to ourselves like mad.

We look at the trees in front of us — those little words — and ignore the towering redwood forest of potentially critical readers and infinite repetitions of the same, impossible task: to make sure there are no errors. To make certain our product appears to be perfect ...

Whoa ... sorry ... kind of lost it there for a minute. Let me just get my hands back on the wheel here. A lot of little words are piling up in front of me. But no big thing, they're just words, right?

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Tuesday

Criminal mischief: A window was broken at 400 W. Cowden Ave. It was reported at 6:27 p.m.

Criminal mischief: A vehicle was damaged at 516 N. Loop 250. It was reported at 11 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 510 S. "G" St. at 12:05 p.m.

Theft: Golf balls were reported taken at 500 W. Loop 250 at 4:10 p.m.

Burglary: A house was burglarized at 1308 S. Belmont. It was reported at 6 a.m.

Burglary: A house was burglarized at 1803 W. Dakota Ave. It was reported at 4 p.m.

Midland County
Sheriff's Office
Tuesday

Burglary: Tools and a compressor were taken at 2810 W. County Road 140. It was reported at 4:33 p.m.

Burglary: A stereo and CDs were taken from a vehicle at 2111 W. County Road 116. It was reported at 7:52 a.m.

Vandalism: A windshield was cracked at 2700 E. FM 307. It was reported at 8:28 a.m.

Theft: A laptop computer was taken from 2080 Commerce Dr. It was reported at 2:48 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

OBITUARIES



Paul Ramos

Paul R. Ramos Sr. died November 23, 1998 in a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be at 10

a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Survivors include his two sons, Paul Ramos, Jr. and Cipi Ramos of Midland; a daughter, Sophie Schlosser of Aurora, Colorado; a brother, Juan Ramos of Snyder; two sisters, Maria Ramos of Snyder, and Lorenza Ramos of Midland; and eight grandchildren.

Thomas Seay

WACO — Thomas Seay, 69, of Waco, died Monday, November 23, 1998 in a local hospital. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 24, at Wilkerson-Hatch-Bailey Chapel with Rev. Bill Agee officiating. Burial will follow at Waco Memorial Park.

Mr. Seay was born on January 24, 1929 in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was reared and educated in Wichita Falls and Fort Worth. He had been a resident of Waco since 1983. He married Jean Magee on

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

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

March 1, 1960. He was a veteran of World War II in the U.S. Army. Mr. Seay was retired as manager of Otis Engineering. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Seay of Waco; two daughters, Marsha Ball of Plano, and Debra Hoffman of Houston; a son, John Seay of Houston; a son-in-law, Roy Ball of Plano; a brother, John

R. Seay of Midland; three granddaughters, Jeanie Algam, Michele Lafferty, and Misty Ball, all of Plano; and three great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

Pallbearers include Randy Seay, John Seay, Stephen Seay, Bradley Fuentes, Jesse Gaston, and Earl Burt.

LUBRICANT: Judge postpones sentencing

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each barrel he purchased. The employee eventually purchased a total of 439 barrels for the company, according to court documents.

Though Castleberry was undercutting the cost of the previous product, the lubricant he sold was not well-liked by experienced drillers, Martin said.

Martin interviewed five drilling supervisors who conducted tests with both products. The lubricant that Castleberry was selling could only withstand two hours of intense drilling, while the name-brand lubricant could withstand five hours, they told Martin.

Each driller agreed the lubricant Castleberry was selling was an inferior product. In fact, the Houston company that made the lubricant was not selling it to anyone else but Williams Energy, Martin said.

David Rogers, who represented Castleberry, claimed the money his client was paying the company employee was not a kickback, but instead, an allowance the Houston manufacturer was paying drillers for participating in the testing of their product.

Rogers also explained that the defective lubricant was only sold to Williams Energy because it still needed to be tested before it was released commercially, Rogers said.

"They were trying to make a lubricant that worked," Rogers said. "It was still in testing, that's why it was not available to the public at large."

Rogers also claimed that the name-brand product Williams Energy was using caused damage to rubber parts of the drilling motors. Martin said the drillers he interviewed disagreed with that contention.

Regardless of what happened, it seems that Williams Energy was not aware that their original lubricant was switched for the one Castleberry was selling, Furgeson said.

"It appears that Clayton Williams was a guinea pig and didn't know it," Furgeson said. "All those (issues) indicate that the drilling fluid was inferior. It had a 15 percent value of what it was

sold for. The company paid 85 percent too much."

He estimated the company lost \$422,000 because the defective product they were using was costing them more money in the long run.

"I don't think the Williams Company would be willing to participate in a testing project that didn't work too well," Furgeson said.

"When you have a product that doesn't work substantially, you have a lot of frustration from workers who use it. I know men in the field like the best product they can get, and this is not what they (Williams Energy) got."

Furgeson asked the defendant why someone of his age — who has led a good life and doesn't have any other convictions — would participate in such a scheme. Furgeson received letters supporting Castleberry from his church and the chief deputy of the Brazos County Sheriff's Office, who identifies himself as the defendant's long-time friend.

"I didn't know it was illegal," the defendant said. "He (the other suspect) just asked me if I would share my commission with him."

Castleberry, who said he has worked in the industry since he was 14, said he had seen other companies take "gifts" from manufacturers who try to get them to use their products.

Furgeson told the defendant that it's unusual for him to extend a sentencing date, but felt it was necessary to hear the other side of the case before making such an important decision.

"I normally follow the sentencing guidelines, but I think I need to see the (other) case unfold before me," he said. "It doesn't mean this is over. It means you will have your hearing at another time."

The outcome of the other case could have an impact on Castleberry's sentence, Furgeson said.

A date for the next sentencing was not immediately set. Castleberry has been released from jail pending the outcome of his case.

HONORS: Downtown Midland, Texas Best earn recognition

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in Downtown Midland," Swallow said.

A total of 72 entries from around the state were judged at the 16th Annual Downtown Revitalization Conference in Abilene.

While City Council members congratulated those involved in the downtown events, Swallow and Ms. Wantuck praised the city's devotion to revitalization of the downtown area by supporting these kinds of events.

Escapee calls jail to say he's OK

SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) — It was considerate, if nothing else.

An escapee from the Hopkins County Jail took the time to call authorities to let them know he's OK.

Gary Davis, 36, slipped away Sunday night. He was part of a crew of inmates painting the inside of a jail extension and walked out a door that had been opened for ventilation, officials said.

The Tennessee man had been in the lockup since Sept. 21 on a felony burglary charge.

A search turned up nothing. Then Davis made a phone call to jailers Monday night, apparently to assure them he had no hard feelings.

"It was nothing we did, and nothing against us," chief deputy Rick-

ey Morgan told the Sulphur Springs News-Telegram. "He just felt like his attorney wasn't doing a good job. He said his attorney told him he was 'dumb as a box of rocks.'"

A telephone operator was unable to trace the call and authorities said they have no leads on his whereabouts.

"He could be all the way back to Tennessee by now," Morgan said. "But we'll keep looking for him until he gets found. He'll turn up somewhere."

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
if you are currently under investigation or have been investigated by CPS please call Parents' Place 620-8109. Your call will remain confidential.

DEATH NOTICES

Johnny Jones

KERMIT — Johnny Lawrence Jones, 80, of Kermit, died Monday, Nov. 23, at his residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Bismark Pentecostal Church of Bismark, Ark. with Maurice Burroughs and Bro. Van Glidewell officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Bower Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Chapel, Inc.

He was born Oct. 10, 1918, in Earle, Ark. He lived in Kermit for 20 years and was a gas plant operator for El Paso Natural Gas before retiring. He was a member of the

Caney Missionary Baptist Church in Bismark.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Jones of Kermit; three sons, David L. Jones of Kermit, Michael L. Jones of Midland, and Royce L. Jones of Arkadelphia, Ark.; a brother, Barney Jones of North Little Rock, Ark.; a sister, Jeanne Burroughs of North Little Rock, Ark.; and two grandchildren.

Susan Walker

BIG SPRING — Susan Schafer Walker, 67, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, in a local hospital.

Services will be at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Revs. Ben Neel and Eddie Tubbs officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 26, 1931, in Glasscock County. She worked for Gound's Pharmacy in Big Spring. She farmed and ranched in Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties. She was a member of Salem Baptist Church, taught Sunday School classes and worked with the church youth for 35 years.

She is survived by her husband, Ray; a son, Ryan Walker of Big

Spring; a daughter, Carla Harrold of Big Spring; two brothers, Marc Schafer of Garden City and Gene Schafer of Kerrville; a sister, Joyce Fuller of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Everardo Mora

BIG SPRING — Everardo L. Mora, 80, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, at his residence.

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

Mitch-blown moth gives butterfly watchers rare sight

By Gillian Swanson
The Monitor

SAN BENITO — They suspect it rode in on the wind.

A disoriented moth traveled thousands of miles from Central America on Hurricane Mitch's coattails, only to have its life cut short Nov. 1 when it was slammed by a South Texas truck.

Moments before the incident, San Benito resident Dr. Terry Fuller watched as the vivid flash of iridescent green skipping across a field to the side of Helen Moore Road.

"It was so dramatic ... so colorful, flying in the daytime. I never would have thought it was a moth," Fuller said.

A birder and butterfly enthusiast, Fuller reeled off lists of butterflies in his mind as he watched, trying to categorize the species from its glittering green color and swallowtail grooves.

He has counted and identified 235 birds and 56 species of butterflies flying through his own back yard on their way south or back north again, but the flashes of green stripes were unlike anything he had ever witnessed.

When the creature flew into the truck, then tumbled to the pavement, Fuller went to retrieve it. Gently picking it up off the road, he noticed a discrepancy in the antennae. Butterflies instead have club-like pairs. This one had antennae with tiny end points.

Fuller raced home to flip through photos in his butterfly book, but came up with nothing.

He later discovered his butterfly was actually a moth common in Central and South America. The species had no business being this far north, and therefore was not listed in North American and Mexican butterfly books.

"It's as out of place as a big giant mammal crossing the road," Fuller said. "Probably secondary to (Hurricane) Mitch, the moths were driven farther north. Normally, they don't come up here."

After posting its description on a web site for Texas bird and but-



AP Photo

A rare South American moth, formally known by its Latin name, *Urania fulgens*, rests in a home in south San Benito, Texas. The disoriented moth traveled thousands of miles from Central America on Hurricane Mitch's coattails and was found Nov. 1 by birder and butterfly enthusiast, Dr. Terry Fuller, of San Benito.

terfly aficionados, in less than 24 hours, a flood of responses came in from butterfly cyberspace as far away as Australia and Russia.

It is formally known for its Latin name, *Urania fulgens*. Enthusiasts refer to it as the "swallow-tailed moth," or also the "Mexican sunset moth," because it is diurnal, unlike most moths which fly at night.

What Fuller had found was rare indeed. So rare that in Texas, this was only the third official record of the moth being seen. Nationally, it may be either the third or fourth.

Mike Quinn, and entomologist

and vice president of the South Texas Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association, initially was stumped by the species.

"It's breathtaking, iridescent. ... It's a large showy thing," Quinn said. "You know you've got something when you see that thing."

"People need to know about these rare things," he said.

With new species of butterflies being identified and recorded in the Valley, Fuller said, he hopes his contribution will help mark South Texas as rare butterfly sighting hot spot, as well as a great birding area.

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Moses proposes toughening TAAS, adding accountability elements

■ Texas Education
Commissioner plans to
announce ideas at Dec. 4
news conference.

Cox News Service

AUSTIN — Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said Tuesday he wants to toughen up the TAAS by raising passing standards on the state's achievement test and adding new elements to the statewide accountability system used to grade schools.

Moses will announce his ideas at a news conference Dec. 4, but said they would include continuing to raise the TAAS passing rate for a campus to be considered acceptable and adding the Algebra I end-of-course exam into the accountability equation. "We're looking at additional changes to the assessment system and some tweaking of the accountability system," Moses said.

The Texas Assessment of Acad-

emic Skills lies at the heart of the accountability system that rates campuses according to how well their students perform on the test. Ratings are based on standards for all students at a school and for each student group — African-American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged. The standard for an acceptable rating has been increasing by 5 percent every year, with 40 percent as this year's acceptable standard. The increases were scheduled to end in 2000, but Moses said he favors a 70 percent acceptable standard by 2004.

"Schools have been by-and-large showing the growth to be able to meet that standard," he said. "When I became commissioner, 25 percent was considered acceptable. This next year it will be 45 percent. In 2000 it will be 50 percent. I'd like to see us continue to talk about raising the bar at five percent increments."

Some of Moses' ideas would require action by the Legislature,

but he has the authority to implement others on his own. A commissioner's advisory committee on accountability also will offer recommendations.

Also, Moses said adding the end-of-course Algebra I exam into calculations for a school's accountability rating might draw attention to the test in which only 39 percent of students received a passing grade of 70 this year.

"It seems when you put things in the accountability system schools pay more attention to it," Moses said.

In the three years the Algebra I exam has been given, the passing rate was 28 percent in 1996, 35 percent in 1997 and 39 percent this year. In comparison, the passing rate for the comparable Biology I end-of-course exam was 80 percent this year.

Bill Hopkins, who oversees math curriculum for the Texas Education Agency, said Algebra I exam scores have been especially poor

because it's up to schools to decide if they want to include those scores in a student's grade.

"There has been improvement in the scores, but they are still extremely low. Part of the thinking has been that there's no real motivation for students to pass the exam," he said. "The commissioner is thinking if they raised it to accountability status there would be more emphasis on encouraging students to pass the exam."

John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said "there's no doubt there's a need to be making the standards higher, but the algebra problem is a tough one" because of factors like a shortage of math teachers and promotion of students who are flunking. He's sure that factoring the math test into ratings calculations would cause school ratings to drop, but he said it would get districts to pay attention to the end-of-course test.

"The fact is that a fairly high

percentage of teachers assigned to supervise algebra classes are not qualified to be there. Parents and students are not told. Nobody knows that they're not qualified except the teacher and principal," Cole said.

Algebra I is one of three math classes required for graduation from Texas schools. Some students take the class in middle school, while others take it in high school. Schools must give the end-of-course exam during a two-week period at the end of the term. "Many kids in Algebra I classes never passed a math class in their life and have been promoted from grade to grade. They ended up in Algebra I because they have to take it," Cole said.

In the Austin school district, Bowie High School's math department chair Lloy Lizcano said the algebra exam counts 25 percent toward the final exam. She said difficulties in administering the test could account for lower passage rates. "We don't have enough

calculators nor the time or place to put 650 kids to take it all at the same time so we run it in shifts. It's a massive scheduling problem and some students are cut short, especially at end of the day," she said.

Lizcano said she would like some kind of accountability system for math before students get to high school.

"We have students who start ninth grade here who haven't passed a math class since third grade. You can fail a math class and be promoted, and fail TAAS and be promoted," Lizcano said.

With a nationwide shortage of teachers in certain subjects like math, science, bilingual and special education, a spokeswoman for the 62,000-member Texas State Teachers Association said teacher pay also figures into the problem.

Annette Cootes, the organization's spokeswoman, said there were 10,000 teaching vacancies in Texas last year that were never filled.

Officials suspect broken relationship was spark for double slaying, suicide

BACLIFF (AP) — Authorities believe a broken relationship could be the reason a man walked into a rural Galveston County eatery Tuesday and killed his ex-girlfriend and another man before turning the 12-gauge shotgun on himself.

Patrons at the Spillway Fishing Pier and Grill called police shortly after 7 a.m. after a gunman ordered them to leave, striking one as they rushed out the door. They reported that the gunman ordered Janet Ivey, 39, and William Baker, 67, into a storage closet.

The fatal shots were fired while authorities were en route, witnesses said.

A trail of blood led deputies to the closet minutes later. Inside were the bodies of Ms. Ivey, of San Leon; Baker, of Leakey, and the gunman, whose identity was withheld pending notification of relatives, officials said.

"Investigators believe the gunman entered the establishment with the intent to do harm to the clerk and the male victim," Sgt. Ray Tuttoilmondo of the

Galveston County sheriff's department said.

Tuttoilmondo also said it appeared someone had tried to break into an office area where "books, money and things of that nature are kept," but it wasn't clear late Tuesday if robbery was a partial motive.

Friends and relatives of both the assailant and Ms. Ivey said the man had been despondent since the couple split up earlier this year.

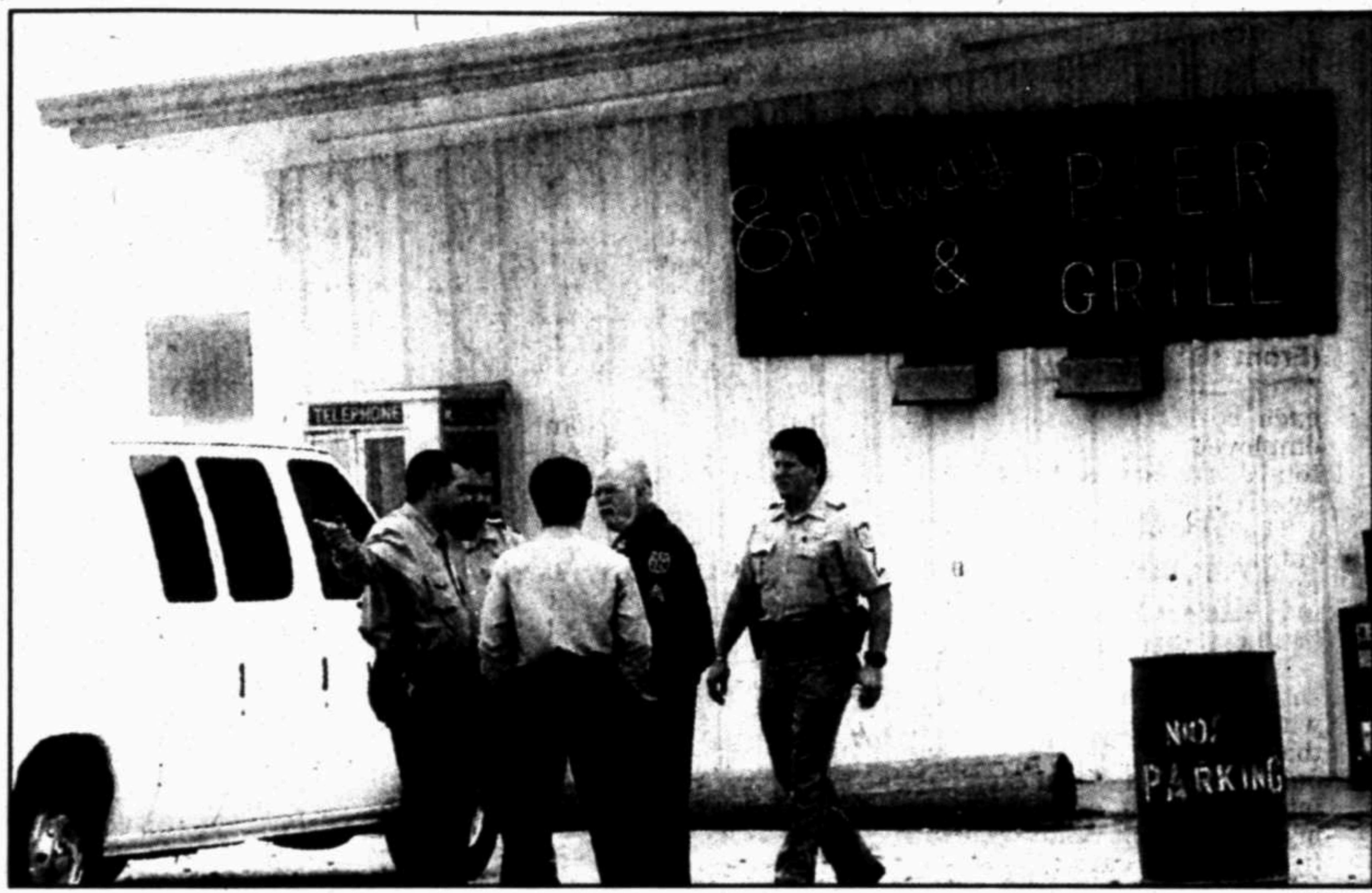
Authorities believe Baker, a former neighbor and landlord of Ms. Ivey, tried to protect the woman. Baker, a retiree, was in the process of moving to Leakey, in the Hill Country west of San Antonio.

The shootings began a deadly morning in this unincorporated bay-side patch of northern Galveston County. Less than 30 minutes after the shootings, a single-engine plane crashed three miles away along state Highway 146.

Two men died in that accident, which occurred when the plane clipped power lines during a foggy morning.

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— Sgt. Ray Tuttoilmondo, Galveston County sheriff's department



Officials stand outside the Spillway Fishing Pier and Grill while investigating the scene of a triple shooting Tuesday in Baciliff.

Discarded heart-attack treatment saves lives, researchers report

DALLAS (AP) — A long-abandoned heart attack treatment that is so simple and cheap that even Third World hospitals can use it is showing new promise and could save the lives of up to 75,000 U.S. patients a year, researchers say.

A study conducted at 29 hospitals in Latin America found that patients given the intravenous mixture of sugar, insulin and potassium within 24 hours of experiencing heart attack symptoms had half the death rate of those who didn't get the treatment.

"The decrease in the death rate is dramatic — the largest reduction of just about any intervention that's been tried," said Dr. Carl S. Apstein, professor of medicine at Boston University.

His editorial on the study appeared alongside the findings in Tuesday's issue of *Circulation*, a journal of the American Heart Association.

The so-called GIK treatment was first reported in 1962. But it was eventually discarded because of doubts about its effectiveness.

Apstein said the treatment has the potential to prevent 75,000 heart attack deaths per year in the United States. An estimated 1.1 million Americans have heart attacks each year and about a third of them

die.

As noteworthy as the treatment's apparent effectiveness are its low cost and ability to be administered without high-tech equipment.

"It is a relatively inexpensive treatment, and therefore is potentially useful for all types of medical environments, including Third World countries," said Dr. Timothy Gardner of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Newer heart attack treatments, such as clot-dissolving drugs, typically cost hundreds of dollars per patient, compared with less than \$50 for GIK. GIK stands for glucose, insulin and potassium, whose chemical symbol is K.

The study involved 407 heart attack patients, 268 of whom received GIK. Some of the GIK patients also received clot-busting drugs or artery-clearing angioplasty. Only 6.7 percent of those who got GIK died, compared with 11.5 percent of those who did not.

Among patients who received a clot-busting drug or underwent angioplasty, GIK reduced the death rate from 15.2 percent to 5.2 percent.

The treatment nourishes heart muscles deprived of oxygen by a heart attack, said the study's lead author, Dr. Rafael Diaz of Argentina's Cardiovascular Institute of Rosario.

Paroled woman wants to clear her name in murder case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman convicted of murder in Fort Stockton based partly on controversial evidence analyzed by the Bexar County medical examiner's office has been paroled.

Sonia Cacy, 51, was sentenced to 99 years in prison for the murder of her aging uncle, Bill Richardson, whom she was accused of dousing with gasoline and setting on fire. She was paroled Monday from a prison in Gatesville after serving six years.

Freedom is just the first step, Ms. Cacy said.

"I want my name cleared. I want to be found innocent," she told the San Antonio Express-News.

Ms. Cacy became eligible for parole so quickly by getting cred-

it for time served, good behavior and working a prison job, according to her lawyer, Eric Rabbani.

She will remain under state supervision the rest of her life unless her conviction is overturned, Rabbani said.

Her 1993 conviction and the disputed forensic evidence used in her trial have received national media attention focusing on the reliability and power of expert witnesses.

Crucial to the prosecution's case was a finding by the Bexar County medical examiner's office lab that traces of gasoline were detected on Richardson's charred clothing.

A second analysis also done for the trial, however, detected no gasoline.

Since the trial, outside experts have reviewed the same Bexar County lab analysis and have not found gasoline.

The defense claimed Richardson, a heavy smoker, probably died of a heart attack, and the fire likely was caused by a cigarette.

Ms. Cacy and her lawyers say they soon will ask the trial court in Pecos County to set aside her conviction. They will argue the Bexar County experts were wrong and that Cacy had a listless defense lawyer at the time who did not call any credible expert witnesses to rebut the prosecution's case.

"This case has gotten national attention because crime labs do crank out these expert results, and they often go unchallenged,"

said Gerry Morris, an Austin attorney preparing the legal papers the defense plans to file.

Neither the prosecutor nor the Bexar County crime lab admit to making a mistake.

"I have not seen any information to lead me to believe we convicted an innocent woman," said Pecos County District Attorney Albert Valadez.

Dr. Vincent DiMaio, the Bexar County medical examiner, said he stands behind his lab technicians.

"The cases have been reviewed internally, and everyone still says the gasoline is there. As to the person dying of a heart attack, that's absurd," DiMaio said.

Man pleads no contest to charges involving eight-liner machines

GEORGETOWN (AP) — The state has won its first case in the fight against eight-liners.

Robert E. Sovil Jr. of Georgetown pleaded no contest Monday to misdemeanor charges of possession of a gambling device and gambling promotion.

Sovil, who owned Eight Lines of Fun in Taylor, agreed to a plea bargain with the Williamson County Attorney's office in which he will spend a year on probation and pay \$251 in fines.

This case shows that Attorney General Dan Morales' opinion that the devices were illegal should be taken seriously, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange.

"We've felt all along it was gambling, and we look forward to continued success," Ms. Mange said. "We'll continue to get convictions, and we'll continue seizing the machines."

DPS troopers shut down Sovil on April 29,

when they confiscated 19 eight-liner machines and \$4,400 in cash.

Sovil, 40, also pleaded no contest to an unrelated DWI charge, for which he received 18 months probation. In return, prosecutors in County Attorney Gene Taylor's office dropped misdemeanor charges of keeping a gambling place and marijuana possession.

In another plea bargain with the Williamson County district attorney's office, Sovil was sentenced earlier this month to four years' probation for cocaine possession, a felony.

Neither Sovil nor his attorney, Ken Crain of Georgetown, would comment. A trade group representing eight-liner operators played down the case's significance.

The DWI and drug charges make Sovil's gambling conviction a poor barometer of how future eight-liner cases will be adjudicated, said Joe Cutbirth, spokesman for the Amusement and Music Operators of Texas.

"Some back-room deal struck between a defense attorney and a hard-nosed prosecutor has no effect on our industry," Cutbirth told the Austin American-Statesman. "It's clear that the circumstances of this case go way beyond Mr. Sovil's possession of eight-liner machines."

Morales issued a legal opinion last January declaring the casino-style machines unconstitutional. Since then, Sovil and 39 other eight-liner owners and patrons have been arrested in a series of DPS sting operations.

DPS troopers have seized 1,200 eight-liners and more than \$450,000 cash in truck stops, bars and Las Vegas-style businesses.

Until Monday, none of the eight-liner operators had been convicted on gambling charges, officials said.

Earlier this month, a Burnet County jury deliberated five minutes before acquitting Al Fenter, 55, of Granite Shoals of 32 misdemeanor charges stemming from a March raid on his establishment.

Illegal tactics were used in disbarment case, witness claims

HOUSTON (AP) — The former general counsel for the State Bar of Texas says the organization is using illegal tactics in its disbarment case against a Houston attorney accused of soliciting clients after a USAir crash.

Prominent Houston attorney John O'Quinn and three associates are accused of trying to drum up clients after the 1994 crash near Charlotte, N.C., that killed 37. State disbarment proceedings against the lawyers are scheduled to begin Dec. 7.

Last month, O'Quinn filed a federal lawsuit accusing the State Bar of violating his constitutional

rights by ignoring its due-process rules in pursuing the barratry charges. O'Quinn's associates did not join the suit.

A two-day hearing into the matter continued Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

On Monday, former State Bar General Counsel Steve Peterson, whom O'Quinn is paying to serve as an expert witness, testified the organization acted illegally in trying to disbar O'Quinn.

"The order does not comport with the rules. It ruins the integrity of the process," Peterson said, citing the conflicting testimony of attorney Scott Carpenter, chair-

man of the grievance committee that met to decide whether barratry charges should be filed.

Carpenter initially said the committee voted on several charges against O'Quinn and his associates but found no "just cause" to proceed on some of the charges. He later recanted, saying there was only one vote to decide whether there was evidence to press forward on all the charges.

"For findings of no just cause to end up in (the disbarment suit) is unconscionable," Peterson said.

O'Quinn's lawyers, David Berg and Mark Lanier, said the State Bar's chief investigator improv-

erly suggested to the grievance committee that only one vote be taken after it became clear there was no just cause on some individual counts.

O'Quinn, who amassed a fortune representing plaintiffs in breast-implant litigation and recently helped settle Texas' lawsuit against the tobacco industry, is accused of funneling more than \$100,000 to attorneys C. Benton Musslewhite and his son, Charles Musslewhite.

They are accused of working with O'Quinn associate Carl Shaw to hire people to solicit families of the USAir crash victims.

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Parents of girl killed by police officer sue Edcouch for \$20 million

■ Iris Hidalgo, 18, a McAllen High School honor student, was found floating face-down in a canal near the Edcouch water treatment plant on March 24, 1996. Her throat had been slit.

McALLEN (AP) — The parents of a teen-ager killed by an Edcouch police officer are battling the city of Edcouch in court for \$20 million.

Manuel and Guillermina Hidalgo filed the suit in federal court seeking \$20 million from the city for alleged wrongful death and civil rights violations. Katherine Julia, an attorney for the family,

said Tuesday.

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The suit was filed earlier this year and is expected to go to trial next year.

Defendants are the city of Edcouch; its police chief, Eloy Zarala; its city manager, Delmira Trevino; and Gilberto Chavero Jr., a former Edcouch policeman who was convicted in August of last year and sentenced to life in prison for raping and killing Miss Hidalgo.

The lawsuit alleges Chavero had a history of stopping young women for alleged traffic violations and

detaining them for up to forty minutes. Complaints about his traffic stops were made by other officers and citizens to city officials, the family alleges.

On March 23, 1996, Ms. Hidalgo was stopped by Chavero while she was driving in Edcouch. Chavero made her get out of her car, handcuffed her, raped her and killed her, according to the lawsuit.

The Hidalgos accuse the city of not doing a comprehensive background check on Chavero, whose criminal record as a juvenile reportedly included arrests for arson and burglary of a McAllen police car in 1988.

The lawsuit alleges he was also the subject of other criminal investigations as a juvenile.

The family also alleges a psy-

chological evaluation of Chavero determined he had an unstable work history, bad temper and learning and language disabilities.

"I think this is just a case where the city of Edcouch completely dropped the ball and did not conform with the standards

that should be expected of all police departments," Ms. Julia said.

The city argues that it is not liable for Chavero's crime. City administrators followed procedures and did a normal adult background check, said Charles V. Willette Jr., who represents

the city and the other defendants. Looking into juvenile records is not permitted, he said.

"We don't deny the events took place. Chavero was sentenced, but we are not representing Chavero," Willette said. "How would they ever know anything like this was going to happen?"

Summer's drought ushers in colorful autumn

AUSTIN (AP) — The summer drought that drained color from lawns and profits from farmers' pocketbooks is making some repayment this fall.

It's been a feast for Texans' eyes as many trees respond to the dry weather's stress with a colorful show of leaves.

"There's always a silver lining behind every cloud somewhere. You've got to look for it sometimes, but it's there," said forester Lanny Dreesen with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, part of the Texas A&M University System.

Dreesen — whose office is in Conroe, near Houston — said the drought prompted the trees to stop conducting photosynthesis, particularly in their bottom leaves.

"What they try to do is shut off the activity of the older and lower leaves in order to reduce transpiration," the giving off of moisture, he said. "They do this with the older leaves because they're the ones that are going to go first. They're less efficient, and the tree is trying to cut the water usage."

The result is a change in color from green to the

splashes of orange, yellow and red.

"We're rather blessed with some really nice fall color in places this year," Dreesen said. "I think it's a little more brilliant this year than in a lot of years."

John Dromgoole, owner of the Garden-Ville of Austin nursery, said the color show is "a little payment for that suffering this summer."

The lack of an early October freeze, which would have caused trees to lose leaves earlier, also has contributed to the spectacle, Dromgoole said. But the mild weather has meant there's not as much red from trees such as maples that have color changes that are prompted by cold, he said.

Recent wet and mild weather meant this wasn't a good year for maple color in Lost Maples, about 60 miles northwest of San Antonio.

"We just had no cool weather in October, which we definitely need, and we had 10 or 12 days of solid, overcast drizzle," said Mary Cantrell, a clerk at the Lost Maples State Natural Area. "The weather doesn't cooperate like it used to."

Dallas County woman receives death for slaying of 71-year-old

DALLAS (AP) — A 37-year-old woman was sentenced to death Tuesday for the July 1997 stabbing and bludgeoning death of her neighbor, becoming the second Dallas County woman this century to get the death penalty.

A Dallas County jury convicted Kimberly Lagaye McCarthy of Lancaster of capital murder last week in the death of Dorothy Booth, a 71-year-old retired college professor. Ms. McCarthy also is accused of murdering two other elderly women.

Ms. McCarthy could have gotten life in prison, with a minimum 40 years to serve before becoming eligible for parole. Jurors deliberated Monday and Tuesday before reaching their decision. The only other Dallas County woman sentenced to death this century is Darlie Routier, convicted last year of killing her 5-year-old son.

Authorities believe Ms. McCarthy was allowed into Ms. Booth's home on the pretense of borrowing sugar and almost immediately began attacking her neighbor with a butcher knife. Police said Ms. McCarthy also robbed Ms. Booth and smashed her face with a candelabra.

Investigators found a knife with Ms. Booth's blood on it in Ms. McCarthy's home. A DNA expert

testified that Ms. McCarthy's blood was found in the homes of both the suspect and victim.

Prosecutors said Ms. McCarthy's motive was to feed a crack cocaine habit.

During the sentencing phase, prosecutors also introduced evidence accusing Ms. McCarthy of killing two other women — Maggie

Harding, 81, and Jettie Lucas, 85 — a decade earlier with similar brutality.

Investigators said Ms. Harding was attacked with a meat tenderizer and knives, and Ms. Lucas was beaten with a claw hammer and stabbed with knives.

Authorities said Ms. McCarthy knew the two women through family contacts.

Ms. McCarthy is the wife of Aaron Michaels, the founder of the New Black Panther Party, which he describes as a self-help group for African-Americans and poor people. They were married in 1993 and have a 5-year-old son. Michaels, whose legal name is McCarthy, filed for divorce in 1996 and the couple separated before Ms. Booth's slaying.

Michaels testified during the sentencing phase of her trial that his wife had problems with crack cocaine but has been clean since their son was born.

Former Houston City Councilman takes stand in his bribery trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Houston City Councilman Ben Reyes told jurors at his federal bribery retrial that an undercover FBI informant selectively taped conversations in which they allegedly discussed a plot to trade votes for cash.

The defense argued Monday that informant Julio Molineiro failed to tape statements favorable to Reyes' case and arbitrarily turned a concealed recorder on and off.

Defense attorney Michael Ramsey pointed to what prosecutors say was the first meeting between Reyes and Molineiro on Aug. 1, 1995.

On tape, Reyes greets the informant — who was calling himself Carlos Montero — by saying, "Hi, Carlos. How are you doing? Do you want to get some soup?"

Reyes testified that, as a veteran politician, he would never greet someone so informally on their first encounter.

"I'd introduce myself and get some information about you," he said.

Reyes, who was expected to remain on the stand for several days, said the transcript indicates he must have met with Molineiro earlier, even though he has no memory of it.

Also on Monday, former Port Commissioner Betti Maldonado rested her case after former Mayor Bob Lanier testified on her behalf.

Reyes and Maldonado are accused of bribing council members to ensure that Molineiro's fictitious company was included in developer Wayne Duddleston's proposal to build a convention center hotel.

They were tried last spring along with City Councilmen Michael Yarbrough and John Castillo and former Councilman John Peavy Jr. That trial ended in a hung jury after 9 1/2 weeks of testimony, with jurors saying they questioned the reliability of Molineiro, the prosecution's star witness.

A retrial for Yarbrough, Castillo and Peavy is set for Jan. 19.

On Monday, Lanier described Reyes as a "very experienced" councilman who played hardball politics when necessary.

"Did he know how the rodeo worked?" Ramsey asked, referring to City Hall politics.

"You felt like sometimes he built it. Ben was very skilled," Lanier said.

The former mayor said it was no secret that Reyes favored the Duddleston proposal.

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United States playing a waiting game with Saddam Hussein

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration now seems willing to play a waiting game with Iraq.

Even as the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and five escort ships joined the U.S. naval fleet in Persian Gulf waters, President Clinton and his senior advisers were not even threatening Saddam Hussein with the kind of blistering rhetoric that led up to Clinton's decision nearly two weeks ago to launch airstrikes.

He called off the attack at the last minute after the Iraqi leader promised U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan he would permit unfettered searches. Saddam had prohibited field searches on Aug. 5 and halted all monitoring on Oct. 31.

Clinton set five tough criteria for judging Iraq's promise to comply and indicated defiance of any of them could prompt a U.S. attack. One was that Iraq must turn over to the U.N. Special Commission, or UNSCOM, all documents bearing on the production of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and missiles that could be used to deliver

them.

But Clinton has now taken a cautious approach, waiting for more "facts" and saying the United States should not "over-react," while Defense Secretary William Cohen was sounding only mildly hawkish.

"I don't believe Iraq should be in the position of declaring unilaterally that documents are irrelevant to the needs and requests of the UNSCOM inspectors," he said at a joint news conference with German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping.

"So we will continue to follow it, but much depends upon the level and degree of cooperation on the part of the Iraqis," Cohen said.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said it was clear that the Iraqis wanted "to dodge their obligations" to provide the documents. But, he said, documents were only part of "a broad spectrum of activities" on which Iraq must cooperate.

"It includes allowing the inspectors to go where they need to go," Rubin said, adding U.N. inspectors had been allowed

to go about their work for a seventh straight day without any problems.

At the White House, spokesman Joe Lockhart said: "There is a broad test that's ongoing to see if the Iraqis can demonstrate the ability to let UNSCOM work effectively."

Whether Clinton reverts to force could depend on whether Iraq throws roadblocks in the path of U.N. inspectors in a way that is so outrageous that France and Russia would support the United States.

That kind of comprehensive test could take weeks to develop as Richard Butler, head of the U.N. weapons commission, and his fellow inspectors go about their searches in a deliberate way.

"We're waiting, we are expecting the Iraqis to cooperate," Peter Burleigh, the acting U.S. representative to the United Nations, said Monday. "They have said they are going to."

While Burleigh said Iraq's response to letters from Butler insisting on documents was inadequate, he also said "there are some activities going on on the ground

in Iraq where Iraqi authorities have been cooperating. We'll see."

The clear implication was that the United States would not attack Iraq over the documents alone and that Saddam Hussein had reverted to tactics he has used for seven years: cooperating just enough with U.N. weapons inspectors to split the United States and Britain on one side from Russia, France and China on the other.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said, meanwhile, it was very important that Iraq cooperate with the U.N. commission "and provide documentation that is necessary."

But Albright stopped short of declaring a deadline. "It's not a matter of really coming forward with what is necessary to show that they are cooperating," she said.

According to James Phillips, a Middle East analyst at the Heritage Foundation, the administration has lost its opportunity to launch a decisive attack, "and now we are in another prewar buildup stage."

"Saddam has jerked us around repeatedly on this, and it really wears thin, not only with our relations with our allies but with other Security Council members," Phillips said in an interview.

"The Gulf Arabs are tired of being asked to bear the political costs of supporting a strike and then have the United States back off at the last minute," Phillips said. "Each time it gets harder and harder to mobilize this coalition."

With U.N. monitors back on the job, the problem is less acute, said Laurie Mylroie, publisher of Iraq News, a Washington-based newsletter. "But there is a basic problem of Iraq retaining proscribed weapons, proscribed capability, and that is very dangerous."

"The administration hasn't come up with an answer to that problem," she said in an interview. "You have to get rid of him."

Meanwhile, the carrier Enterprise is getting set to relieve the carrier USS Eisenhower, which arrived in the Persian Gulf a month ago.

FDA issues new warnings about Viagra

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration issued new warnings about the popular impotence drug Viagra on Tuesday, saying that doctors should be cautious about prescribing it to whole groups of men, including those who recently had heart attacks or have very high blood pressure.

Some 130 Americans who took Viagra have died since the drug hit the market last spring, the majority from heart attacks, the FDA said.

There's no proof Viagra caused the deaths, the FDA stressed. Heart disease kills hundreds of Americans daily, and manufacturer Pfizer Inc. estimates that 6 million prescriptions have been filled since April and that 3 million Americans use it.

Still, the FDA notified doctors Tuesday that Pfizer was changing the drug's label to add more explicit warnings.

"We want to make sure people are aware there are some men (for whom) it's not advisable," said the FDA's Dr. Lisa Rarick. But if used by the right men, she said, "we still believe it's safe and effective."

Viagra's label already stressed that anyone who takes nitrate-containing medicines, such as the

heart drug nitroglycerin, should never take Viagra. The mix can cause a deadly drop in blood pressure. It also can cause vision problems.

But added to Viagra's label were warnings that:

- The FDA has received reports of heart attacks, sudden cardiac deaths and hypertension among Viagra users.
- Doctors should be cautious about prescribing Viagra to men who had a heart attack, stroke or life-threatening arrhythmia in the last six months, or who have significantly low blood pressure, significantly high blood pressure — greater than 170/110, a history of cardiac failure or unstable angina or the eye disease retinitis pigmentosa. Viagra has never been studied in men with these conditions, so no one knows its safety.
- Sexual activity itself is risky for certain men with cardiovascular disease, and for those men, Viagra obviously "is inadvisable."
- Doctors should consider whether temporary drops in blood pressure caused by Viagra, especially during sexual activity, would harm a heart patient before prescribing him the drug.
- The FDA has received reports of men suffering painful, prolonged erections after taking Via-

gra. An erection that lasts longer than four hours requires prompt medical attention.

Impotence often is a symptom of underlying heart disease or high blood pressure, or even a side effect from drugs used to treat those conditions. Thus, Pfizer stressed Tuesday that men seeking Viagra first need a full medical exam.

But a consumer advocate long critical of Viagra called the warnings inadequate, saying Britain two months ago barred men who had had heart attacks or strokes from using Viagra while the FDA just urges cautious consideration of those men.

"FDA's dangerous collaboration with Pfizer, resulting in inadequate warnings, will help maintain sales of Viagra while jeopardizing the health of American men," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe of Public Citizen, who said there is no way to know how many men may have suffered side effects. "This is a drug that affects blood vessels all over the body."

The FDA has reports of 242 possible deaths among Viagra users, but only could verify that 130 occurred among Americans. The rest were foreign reports or hearsay, Rarick said.

Ex-nurse indicted in three patient deaths, other attempts at Veterans Affairs hospital

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A former nurse at a veterans hospital was charged with murdering three patients with drug injections and trying to kill two others.

Prosecutors said Kristen Gilbert of Setauket, N.Y., used epinephrine — also called adrenaline — injections on all five patients at the hospital in Northampton. They also are investigating other patient deaths.

Gilbert, 31, could face the death penalty if convicted. She was charged with three counts of murder in a federal grand jury indictment unsealed Tuesday. She also was charged with attempted murder, retaliating against a federal witness and obstructing justice.

The sister of one of the victims, Henry Hudon, said her brother had begged not to be left in the ward the night he died. She said Hudon, a 35-year-old schizophrenic Air Force veteran who had been admitted to the ward just hours earlier with the flu, feared that patients were being killed.

"We thought it was just ranting," Christine Duquette said. An autopsy later showed her brother died of poisoning from epinephrine, a drug that can overstimulate the heart.

Authorities did not offer a motive, but Gilbert admitted to "erratic" conduct when she was convicted in January of making a bomb threat to the hospital. Prosecutors described her then as a perennial deceiver who faked attempting suicide.

Her attorney in the bomb case, Harry Miles, did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment Tuesday.

In April, Gilbert was sentenced to 15 months in prison for phoning in the bomb threat to the veterans hospital in Sept. 1996, while she was under investigation for the deaths. She is in federal prison.

Court testimony in the earlier case indicated that Gilbert had been hospitalized several times for intentional drug overdoses.

Investigators said they found books on assisted suicide in her home during a search. U.S. Attorney Donald Stern said the injected patients had not asked to die.

Prosecutors said in court papers that Gilbert asked a hospital supervisor on Feb. 2, 1996 if she could leave work early if one very ill patient were to die. That patient, whom she is accused of killing, suffered a heart attack and died 40 minutes later.

Bodies have been exhumed in the investigation, and investigators said they are checking on other mysterious deaths at the hospital. They refused to say how many.

Gilbert worked at the hospital from March 1989 to February 1996 as a part-time registered nurse. She was present for about half of all medical emergencies on her

acute care ward and for 37 deaths in her last 14 months on the job.

Both are unusually high numbers, prosecutors said.

Three nurses who worked on the ward first identified the suspicious pattern of patient deaths in February 1996. They also reported that 85 doses of epinephrine were missing.

Michael Costello, an assistant inspector general at Veterans Affairs, called the case "an aberration" that the department itself had uncovered. He said the hospital had tightened its handling of epinephrine and recommended that other veterans hospitals consider such changes.

ecutors described her then as a perennial deceiver who faked attempting suicide.

Her attorney in the bomb case, Harry Miles, did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment Tuesday.

In April, Gilbert was sentenced to 15 months in prison for phoning in the bomb threat to the veterans hospital in Sept. 1996, while she was under investigation for the deaths. She is in federal prison.

Court testimony in the earlier case indicated that Gilbert had been hospitalized several times for intentional drug overdoses.

Investigators said they found books on assisted suicide in her home during a search. U.S. Attorney Donald Stern said the injected patients had not asked to die.

Prosecutors said in court papers that Gilbert asked a hospital supervisor on Feb. 2, 1996 if she could leave work early if one very ill patient were to die. That patient, whom she is accused of killing, suffered a heart attack and died 40 minutes later.

Bodies have been exhumed in the investigation, and investigators said they are checking on other mysterious deaths at the hospital. They refused to say how many.

Gilbert worked at the hospital from March 1989 to February 1996 as a part-time registered nurse. She was present for about half of all medical emergencies on her

Oprah and partners to create new cable channel for women

NEW YORK (AP) — Oprah Winfrey and two more of the most successful women in TV are teaming up to create Oxygen, a new cable channel aimed at women.

Former Nickelodeon boss Geraldine Laybourne said Tuesday that she has enlisted Ms. Winfrey and "Roseanne" producer Marcy Carney in the effort to provide entertainment, news and sports for women.

The only cable channel to cater to women is Lifetime. Seen in 72 million homes, it has relied mainly on movies and reruns but recently added women's basketball and original programs.

"Lifetime is very entertainment-based and it does have an older skew. We're interested in women who want to create and recreate their lives," Ms. Laybourne said.

Oxygen is expected to debut in 2000. It has already signed a deal with cable giant Tele-Communications Inc. to deliver Oxygen to 7 million homes.

Ms. Laybourne ran Nickelodeon for more than a decade, building the children's network into one of the most successful channels on cable. She served as president of

Walt Disney Co.'s cable channels until May, leaving to form Oxygen Media, a cable and online company geared toward women and children.

Under the deal, Ms. Winfrey's production company Harpo Entertainment Group and Carney-Werner-Mandabach Co. will own part of Oxygen Media. America Online Inc. and Disney's ABC network are also investing in the project. Disney also owns half of Lifetime.

Carney-Werner-Mandabach, the production company behind hit shows like "Third Rock From the Sun" and "The Cosby Show," will be Oxygen's chief programmer. Winfrey will contribute programming through Harpo.

Oxygen's programming will be a mix of original shows and parts of Carney-Werner-Mandabach's library of hits.

A morning block, called The Hive, will be talk-oriented; the midday block, called Working Lunch, will deal with issues facing working women, and the afternoon block will focus on teen-age girls. A nighttime comedy block could feature shows like "Roseanne," "Cybill" or "Grace Under Fire."

Furrs Helps Out At Thanksgiving In Sixth Annual "Food From Friends" Program

Thanks to a giant joint effort among Furr's Supermarkets, local media and the Salvation Army, 250 Midland families can look forward to a Thanksgiving table laden with traditional holiday foods again this year.

Furr's Supermarkets have donated Thanksgiving turkeys and 14 other items for Thanksgiving dinners, with enough extras for meals in the week ahead as well, to families identified by the Salvation Army as needing help.

Last Monday, the Salvation Army trucks picked up the bulging sacks with all the fixings and took them to their distribution point where needy families received them. In addition to the coupons for 12-14 pound turkeys, milk and pumpkin pie, there were sacks of flour and sugar, fresh fruit, canned vegetables, and the must-have accoutrements to the turkey dinner, cranberry sauce and yams. And just in case the family has no cooking pan large enough to accommodate so large a bird, the packages included E-Z Foil roasting pans. Bruce Monroe, manager of the Furr's Illinois Avenue store, said the thrill of working with the community to provide these dinners never gets old. "I don't think I'll ever get tired of doing this," he said. "We're a daily donor to the Permian Basin Food Bank, and that's a big satisfaction to me, but to work with the community to put the Food From Friends Program is really a great

feeling."

As a part of its commitment to the betterment of all its communities, Furr's maintains an ongoing education partnership called "Apples for Students," whereby shoppers using their Furr's Frequent Shopper cards may accumulate points toward the purchase of computer equipment, furniture, sports equipment, musical instruments and other items free of charge.

Furr's is also one of the major sponsors for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and their district contributed approximately \$20,000 to the foundation last year. Rick Garner, Furr's District Manager, is on the JDF board.

"We do want to make a difference in our communities," Garner explained. "We're committed, year-round. Whether it's the JDF, Apples for Students, the Food Bank or Food From Friends, this is just one of the ways we like to say we're glad to be a part of the community."



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UEFA Champions League, Manchester at Barcelona (same-day tape), 3:40 p.m., ESPN2.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Preseason NIT, semifinal No. 1, St. John's vs. Stanford, 5 p.m., ESPN.
Preseason NIT, semifinal No. 2, Purdue vs. North Carolina, 7 p.m., ESPN.
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NHL — New Jersey Devils at Dallas Stars, 7:30 p.m., FSN.
Colorado Avalanche at Edmonton Oilers, 8 p.m., ESPN2.

Texas Scores

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, UTEP 84, Jackson State 63. Southwest Texas 70, Baylor 62. Women, No. 11 Rutgers 66, Texas 59.
No. 14 Arkansas 75, Baylor 64.
PREP BASKETBALL — Boys, Midland High 98, Levelland 58. Midland Lee 64, Lubbock Monterey 52.
Girls, Lubbock Monterey 58, Midland Lee 57, overtime. Midland High 56, Levelland 41.

Sports Today

WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at San Angelo Outlaws, 7 p.m., RADIO: KMCM (96.9 FM).

Lee Playoff Tickets

Tickets for the Class 5A Region Small School playoff game between Midland Lee (11-1) and Copperas Cove (10-2) will be sold from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.
No tickets will be sold on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Tickets for the game that will be played in San Angelo Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Friday cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. All tickets at the gate Friday in San Angelo will be \$6.

MHS 16th in nation

USA Today's Super 25 National High School Boys Basketball Rankings, which were released Tuesday:
1. Demathis, Hyattsville, Md.
2. Oak Hill, Mouth of Wilson, Va.
3. Martin Luther King, Chicago
4. Dominguez, Compton, Calif.
5. Artesia, Lakewood, Calif.
6. Christ the King, Queens, N.Y.
7. Lower Richmond, Hopkins, S.C.
8. Simon Gratz, Philadelphia
9. Good Counsel, Wheaton, Md.
10. St. Patrick, Elizabeth, N.J.
11. New Castle, Pa.
12. Mount Zion, Durham, N.C.
13. South Bloomington, Ind.
14. Rice, Manhattan, N.Y.
15. Scott County, Georgetown, Ky.
16. Midland High, Midland, Texas
17. Central Little Rock
18. Minnesota, Minn.
19. Mountain View, Mesa, Ariz.
20. Seton Hall, West Orange, N.J.
21. Province, Jackson, Miss.
22. Withrow, Cincinnati
23. White County, Sparta, Tenn.
24. Vincent, Mississippi
25. West Charlotte, Charlotte, N.C.
Regional Rankings — South: 1. Oak Hill, Mouth of Wilson, Va.; 2. Lower Richmond, Hopkins, S.C.; 3. Mount Zion, Durham, N.C.; 4. Scott County, Georgetown, Ky.; 5. Midland High, Midland, Texas.

McNown's Golden

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — UCLA senior quarterback Cade McNown will receive the 1998 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award.
McNown has completed 162 of 268 passes for 2,617 yards and 18 touchdowns to lead third-ranked UCLA (10-0). In his four-year career, he has thrown for a school-record 9,855 yards and 61 touchdowns, starting 41 consecutive games.
"When a big play needs to be made, Cade McNown makes it," UCLA coach Bob Toledo said after the announcement Tuesday. "We've won 20 straight games and he's a big reason for that success."
The award is given annually to the nation's top senior college quarterback by the Frank Camp Chapter of the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation. Unitas, an 18-year veteran of the NFL, will present the award Dec. 11 in Louisville.

Padres coach

SAN DIEGO — Former All-Star Dave Smith has been selected as the next pitching coach of the San Diego Padres, filling the job Dave Stewart held for one season.
The Padres were finalizing the hire on Tuesday and called a news conference for Wednesday to make the announcement.
Smith spent 1998 as pitching coach at Triple-A Las Vegas, his fifth season in the Padres' organization.
Smith, 43, ended his playing career in 1993 after 13 seasons in the big leagues. The two-time All-Star was 53-53 with a 2.67 ERA and 216 saves with the Houston Astros (1981-91) and Chicago Cubs (1992-93).



New Season, Old Result

Defending state champs blast Levelland

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It was Midland High's party at the Chap Center Tuesday night, and it seemed all Levelland could do was watch. In their first home game since winning the Texas Class 5A basketball championship last March, the Bulldogs, ranked No. 16 nationally in a poll released Tuesday by USA Today, wasted no time in showing why. The MHS boys jumped on Levelland from the start and never let up in cruising to a 98-56 victory to improve their mark to 3-0 on the season.

While the Midland High boys were merely cementing their reputation as a juggernaut, the MHS girls made a big statement of their own in the evening's first game. The

Midland High's Charles Tatum, left, leaps high over Levelland's Steven Lynn as Ricky Ochoa watches. The defending state champion Bulldogs blew out the Lobos, 98-56, Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lady Dawgs played what might have been their most inspired game of the season to date, beating Levelland 56-41 to stay unbeaten at 6-0.

With all due respect to the Lady Dawgs, it was the nightcap which was intended to grab everyone's attention.

If there was a question over whether there would be a fall-off after last year's state title, the answer was no. The Bulldogs satisfied everyone, save for a few lonely fans making the trip from Levelland, by putting on a solid show for the crowd.

"What we tried to do was exactly that," said Midland High boys coach Jack Stephenson of pleasing the crowd and his own team. "We got 12 guys in the scoring column and everybody played. I think our rebounding was especially good."

Predictably, Levelland didn't have the athletes to hang with MHS. The Bulldogs, it seemed, were able to take their turns scoring on the Lobos at the outset, with relatively unheralded Brent Winter scoring eight points in the first

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STANTON BUFFALOES

Breaking the Mold

Stanton's Herm proves QBs don't have to be giants

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Stanton's Kyle Herm is not your prototypical quarterback.

He doesn't stand 6-foot-4 or weigh 230 pounds. He doesn't remind you of Troy Aikman, Drew Bledsoe or Peyton Manning. He's more like Doug Flutie.

"Flutie is probably the idol for every short quarterback," said the 5-foot-10, 170-pound Herm. "I'd like to be like him." It's like Stanton coach Mark Cotton says, "People better not sell him short as a quarterback."

Herm has proven that a quarterback doesn't have to stand over six-feet tall and play for a pass-oriented offensive football team to put up the astonishing numbers he has over the past three years. His 78 touchdowns and more than 5,000 yards passing are proof of that. Even despite the accolades and despite the numbers, there are still opponents who underestimate him.

"It's like when we played Farwell. They were asking 'Is that him? Is that Herm?'" Herm said. "And coach (Doug) Gordon said, 'Yeah, that's him.' People can look at the stature and judge a lot from that."

Eldorado also found out about Herm as his two touchdown passes in a 58-0 win set the Class 2A record as the all-time career TD tosser.

"It's a sense of accomplishment," said Herm, who gets a chance to add to the record when his team meets Albany at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Sweetwater in the regional round. "I never really thought about it. I always said if it happens, it happens."

Going into last Friday's area round game against Eldorado, Herm was tied with 76 on the all-time list with Toby Howell of New Deal. It only took Herm until midway through the first quarter to break the tie when he found a diving Austin Kelly for a 30-yard scoring strike. His first thought wasn't even



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm broke the Class 2A record for touchdown passes in a career last week against Eldorado. He now stands five behind Mission's Lupe Rodriguez, the all-time leader for all classes.

about the record.

"I just thought, 'what a great catch,'" Herm said. "I really didn't think about it much. I was just happy that I broke it. I didn't really start to think about it until halftime."

Cotton also knows how much Herm

has meant to the Buffs, not only with his talent, but with his leadership on the field. Cotton calls Herm, "a coach on the field."

"Every year I've gotten more confi-

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'Boys can expect to see lots of Moss

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Get ready for a double dose of rookie sensation Randy Moss.

The Dallas Cowboys secondary got the news Tuesday that Minnesota wide receiver Jake Reed won't play against them Thanksgiving Day. That means more work for the game-breaking Moss.

"It doesn't matter who is in there," said Dallas defensive back Kenny Wheaton. "The Vikings don't run routes. They just throw the ball downfield. In some cases, they are just playing jump ball."

Wheaton said Moss, who had a career-high eight catches for 153 yards and scored a touchdown in Sunday's 28-14 victory over Green Bay, is a defensive back's worst nightmare.

"He has the attitude that if a ball is in the air, it's his," Wheaton said. "You think you have a guy covered and they throw it anyway."

Vikings coach Dennis Green said Reed's lower back injury will require surgery and he won't play against the Cowboys.

"This means Randy will start and get more plays than the 25 or so he has been averaging per game," Green said. "It usually takes rookies a year or so to get into the groove, but Randy has already done that. He's faster than most people realize and has exceptional hands."

Safety Darren Woodson said Moss gives the Vikings a dimension of danger they've never had before.

"We've played Minnesota before minus Moss and we know what we have to do," Woodson said. "If Deion (Sanders) is back it will make it easier for us. Without him it will be tough. Their offense is very explosive."

Sanders has been hobbling around Valley Ranch with a sprained big toe. He had to leave in the first half of the Cow-

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Rebels face usual third-round hurdle

The third round. Oh, that third round. This is Midland Lee's cross to bear in football.

Midland Lee's walk to glory always seems to turn sour when someone says the words, third round — Sweet 16 — no more El Paso.

It's just a fact. Lee hasn't handled the third round well. In the Rebels' playoff history, Lee is 3-6-1 in the third round. But they won the third round game the first two times they got to the playoffs, so that means Lee is 1-6-1 over the last eight trips to the third round.

And this is where Lee and Odessa Permian part company over the years. Lee has learned to turn in emotional performances against old Mojo. In fact, Lee has beaten the Panthers four years in a row under coach John Parchman. Lee likes the matchup with Permian and the results prove it.

But when you get to the third round of the playoffs, it must be a total switch in mentality. For instance, while Lee carries that 3-6-1 cross around the neck as its worldly burden, Permian is 18-1 in the third round, losing only to Euleless Trinity by an 8-7 margin in 1982. Permian actually has more losses in bi-district play than it does in third round games. When Permian gets on a roll, the steam gathers.

This Lee team, however, seems to have a hunger that hasn't been displayed since maybe the 1994 team that went to the fourth round before falling, a team that advanced on two ties in the playoffs that year. It may not

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Williamson

CLASS 5A & 2A PLAYOFFS





Texas' Ricky Williams (34) heads up field between Texas Tech defenders Oscar Solis (28) and Taurus Rucker (89) Nov. 14 in Lubbock. Williams can become Division I's all-time leading rusher Friday against Texas A&M.

Aggies' Wrecking Crew gets last shot at stopping Texas' Williams

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Texas running back Ricky Williams is poised to become big-time college football's leading career rusher, but he's also pulled off another amazing feat.

Even arch-rival Texas A&M is rooting for him. "He's like the Michael Jordan of college football," said Aggies running back Dante Hall. "He can run around you, he can run over you, he can catch, kind of like Michael Jordan can shoot, dunk on you, anything."

Williams needs 63 yards Friday against the six-ranked Aggies to break the NCAA record of 6,082 yards by Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett from 1973-76. The Aggies expect him to get it.

"He has everything," Hall said. "Most running backs don't have all of the components, but he does so he'll get it."

"Even if I didn't want him to get it, he will, but he deserves it. He deserves to win the Heisman. No one deserves it more than him."

It doesn't bother Hall to praise Williams. He's just glad he doesn't have to tackle him.

The Aggies' Wrecking Crew defense ranks No. 2 nationally against the run, but they haven't been too successful against Williams.

In three previous outings against A&M, Williams has averaged 163.7 yards per game and 7.1 yards per carry.

"A lot of good running backs have gotten 60 yards against us, and he's a great running back," safety Rich Coady said. "It's not like he got all 6,000 yards against us."

"It won't hurt our feelings if he gets the record. He's

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done so much for that program."

The Aggies are almost conceding the record. "To me, it's like the baseball home run record, you'd like to see him get it, you just hope it's not against you," quarterback Randy McCown said. "I think he's worked extremely hard and he's very deserving of the record. I wouldn't mind if he got it as long as we win the game."

How do the Aggies tackle Williams?

"Very carefully," Coady said. "You have to get a chest on him and then grab for something, a piece of clothing, a shoe and then hope the rest of the team can get there."

As a freshman, Williams gained 163 yards on 14 carries and scored twice as the Longhorns beat the Aggies 16-6 in 1995. Williams got 145 yards on 22 carries in Texas' 51-15 victory in 1996, and had his best effort — 183 yards on 33 carries — in a 27-16 loss last year.

"I'm going to predict that Ricky Williams will get his 63 yards," said inside linebacker coach Alan Wedell. "It's an honor to be on the football field with a great player like Ricky. I'm sure it's an honor for him to be on the field with a great defense like ours."

Now, the Aggies have one last shot at Williams, averaging 183.5 yards and 16.2 p.p.r.

"A lot of people say one person can't tackle him," linebacker Roylin Bradley said. "You can't stop him, just contain him and keep him from running 300 yards and keep him out of the end zone."

Williams has rushed for 1,865 yards this season and scored 26 touchdowns. He was held to a season-low 43 yards by Kansas State.

No one-year wonder

Fifth-year head coach Welch builds winning tradition at Copperas Cove

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

Copperas Cove is in the playoffs for the first time since 1960, and with two victories the Bulldogs already have advanced farther than any team in school history.

The next challenge for Copperas Cove (10-2) is Midland Lee (11-1) on Friday night in San Angelo. A victory would put the Bulldogs in the Class 5A Division II quarterfinals against the winner of Saturday's game between Amarillo (9-3) and South Grand Prairie (8-4).

Although Copperas Cove's woe-filled history indicates the team is a one-year wonder, that's hardly the case. Coach Jack Welch has spent five years getting his program to this point and, by the looks of things, the Bulldogs likely will be playing past Thanksgiving for many years to come.

When Welch arrived before the 1994 season, his first task was to establish a football pipeline that stretched practically from diapers to diplomas.

Elementary school students were asked to run onto the field in front of the varsity team before home games. The pack was dubbed the "bleacher creatures."

For fourth through sixth graders, tackle football was started in Pee Wee leagues that previously had only played flag football. In middle school, more teams were added.

The middle school coaches worked with the high school coaches and Welch even kept tabs on the Pee Wee games. A coaching clinic is held each year for the volunteer coaches and Welch's staff offers tips during the season.

"We all work together," said Welch, who also began offseason

weight training and conditioning to run track and play basketball.

With all levels using the same styles (a pro-style offense and a 4-3 defense), the players don't have to learn the basics each year. Instead, they get better at the things they were already doing.

The scheme is working. The current group of juniors went undefeated in 7th, 8th and 9th grades, then were 9-1 as the junior varsity last year even after 13 players moved up to varsity.

This year's junior varsity went 9-0-1 and won district. The freshman A team went 9-1 and won district and the freshman B team was a district tri-champion.

"So, we feel like we're making some progress," said Welch, who was recommended for the job by former Cove coach Hal Mumme, the current University of Kentucky coach. The two had worked together at West Texas State in the 1980s.

Welch actually made progress his first year in town. The 1994 Bulldogs went 5-4-1 for the first winning season since 1976, when they went 8-2 but missed the playoffs on a coin toss.

"People said then that we turned things around and I said not yet," Welch said. "Wins and loss ultimately show where a program is going, but first you need a solid foundation. We had to take care of the little things for the big things to take care of themselves."

Reality hit the next year when they went 2-8. But Welch's promise of building something slowly seemed evident as they won four games in '96 and five games in '97.

"Some people go into a school and have success like you've never seen for three or four years, but that's because of the classes they

have," Welch said. "If you're not cultivating the young kids and not getting an entire program flowing, sooner or later it's going to catch up to you."

Welch's hard work has caught up this year.

The Bulldogs began the year 6-0 before getting stomped 43-17 by Killeen Ellison, then falling 12-7 to Waco the following week. They rebounded with a 45-7 trouncing of Temple and closed the regular season by beating Killeen 58-0.

Welch said his team was intimidated by Ellison, the state's pre-season No. 1, and was still seeking to regain lost confidence the next week.

"That's when I started talking about breaking the chains of tradition," said Welch, who now often reminds his team to ignore what others think and concentrate on simply doing their best.

"I preach this all the time: winning a football game on the scoreboard doesn't make you a winner. You win by the effort you put out, by the execution. If you give everything you have, then we're victorious."

Cove opened the playoffs against another preseason favorite, Arlington Lamar, and won 27-24. The Bulldogs drilled Irving Nimitz 38-7 last weekend.

The star of the team has been running back Vontez Duff, but Welch insists the team has many other weapons.

They'll have plenty more next year, too, as the squad will lose fewer than a dozen seniors. Welch expects next year's team to have more than 30 fourth-year players, all of whom will have grown up playing in his system.

"Our best years," he said, "are coming."

WILLIAMSON: Rebels have trouble winning in third round of UIL playoffs

(From 1C)

have been Lee's best team ever, but they got the most out of it.

Lee seems to have the same look in the eye this year, but this team is also better than the 1994 Rebels. They still seem to be enjoying the playoff run, and it can become a tiresome job. In fact, state championships are won not only with great talent, but by teams that can stay focused on the goal for 16 games. That's a long season for a high school football team.

The danger for Lee is to come up with an empty effort. This week against Copperas Cove, you know the Bulldogs won't come up short on emotion. In fact, everything The Cove does this year is a new and bright experience, much like Lee experienced in 1983 on the way to the school's only state final.

The Bulldogs haven't been to the state playoffs since 1960, losing to Albany, 47-0, in the first round. That is the only state playoff berth ever posted by The Cove and it was a Class A school at the time.

Copperas Cove has had only four winning seasons since 1976 when they moved to Texas' top classifi-

cation. So, this year, the Bulldogs have won their first playoff game, eliminating No. 4 state-ranked Arlington Lamar, won a second playoff game and are making their first third-round appearance. You can't blame them for being excited.

That also means that the Bulldogs will come hard at Lee Friday night in San Angelo. And Lee better pull out its old Mojo mentality for this one. This is a big game for the Rebels.

It's interesting to note that Lee is the only team that wasn't a third place finisher in its district that is left alive in the Small School Region I field. In the entire Small School bracket of 16 teams left, six are third place teams and only three undisputed district champions remain in Katy, Pasadena, Dobie and Austin Westlake.

In Permian's Big School bracket, only Converse Juddon remains as an undisputed district champion. Yes, Lee and Permian could be considered district champs, but they did share that title three ways in District 4-5A.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Kimbrough, Morgan take WAC honors

All-WAC Team/3C

DENVER (AP) — Senior running back Jaime Kimbrough of Fresno State and quarterback Blaine Morgan were named Western Athletic Conference offensive players of the year in the league's Pacific and Mountain divisions Tuesday.

Defensive players of the year are Brigham Young junior linebacker Rob Morris in the Pacific Division and Air Force senior defensive tackle Bryce Fisher.

Freshman of the year awards

went to San Diego State defensive tackle Jerome Haywood in the Pacific Division and UNLV linebacker James Sunia in the Mountain Division.

San Diego State's Ted Tollner was named Pacific Division coach of the year while Air Force's Fisher DeBerry was named Mountain Division coach of the year in the

voting of the WAC's coaches.

It marked DeBerry's third such award. He also was honored in 1985 and 1995 before the WAC expanded to 16 teams and created two divisions.

Colorado State led the WAC with seven players on the Mountain Division first team, including offensive lineman Anthony Cesario who repeated from last year. San Diego State and Utah each have five players on the Pacific Division first team.

HERM: Quarterback wants another title

(From 1C)

dence to give him the ability to change plays and change calls on the field," Cotton said. "I know what he's going to call is something I would've called or something I would've been happy with. Last Friday night against Eldorado, I would say 85 percent of our plays were either called at the line or changed at the line, which is pretty incredible."

What Herm continues to accomplish every year never stops amazing even a veteran coach like Cotton.

"You have to look at the stats. His completion ratio and his interceptions compared to touchdowns is incredible," Cotton said. "He's thrown 78 touchdowns and thrown less than 500 times. He's having a touchdown once every seven throws. You not only have to credit him but also his receivers and linemen."

Herm has had a lot of individual accomplishments during his time at Stanton, but the senior will always credit his teammates and the talent surrounding him.

"I know that the record will go down as an individual thing in the record books, but it will always have Stanton beside it," Herm said. "I couldn't have done it without linemen blocking and great receivers."

"For the line, this is the first time they've been together. And now that they've come together, they are starting to play real well. As far as the receivers go, Maurice (Martinez) and Austin (Kelly) have stepped up a lot, and there's Chad (Smith) in the middle, and he's caught the ball real well, too. Then we've got the three-headed monster at tailback with James (Jenkins), Jeremy (Hull) and Adrian (Hernandez). People also have to worry about our running game."

It's that balanced attack which has not only made Herm, but Stanton, very successful over the past two years.

"I think that (balanced attack) is a big reason that I've thrown the touchdowns," Herm said. "When people start keying on the run that's when you hit the long ball. Teams that throw all the time, other teams can just key on stopping the pass."

After this, his senior year at Stanton, football should still be a part of Herm's life. He's had consideration from Rice, Texas Tech, Baylor and SMU. But of all the schools that have come beckoning his way, Rice appears to be the

Keeping up with Kyle

Season and career (1995-98) totals for Stanton QB Kyle Herm:

Season Rushing Carries: 77
Yards: 507
TDs: Nine

Career Rushing Carries: 281
Yards: 1,921
TDs: 33

Season Passing Totals: 81-of-131 for 1,471 yards, 20 touchdowns, four interceptions.

Career Passing Totals: 267-of-452 for 5,009 yards, 78 touchdowns, 13 interceptions.

Texas career touchdown passers

83 — Lupo Rodriguez, Mission (SA), 1986-87.
82 — Koy Delmer, Mission (SA), 1989-91.
82 — Kirk Saul, Turkey Valley (A), 1984-86.
78 — Kyle Herm, Stanton (2A), 1995-98.
76 — Toby Howell, New Deal (2A), 1985-87.

front runner, thanks to the Owls being the only ones to promise him a legitimate shot at playing quarterback. Rice, playing the wishbone, would give Herm a chance to run and throw the football.

"(Quarterback) is something I'd like to try in college but if it doesn't work out, it wouldn't kill me to get moved to a different position," Herm said. "Some people are looking at me at defensive back, but I would like to try to play receiver. I would like to be at the other end. Instead of throwing the football, I'd like to catch it."

And for a school like Rice to be interested in Herm, then he must also be a standout in the classroom.

"I have a four-point grade point average. One thing I look for in college is academics," Herm said. "Once football is over you've got to have a life. My parents push me to keep my grades up. I pretty much have to do what they tell me."

But of all the accolades and records, the one thing left for Herm to do is finish off his high school football career with another state championship.

"That's what we set out to do in the first place," Herm said. "Now, it's

just taking it one game at a time."

So far, it's been a cakewalk through the post-season with romps over Farwell (52-16) and Eldorado (58-0). The Buffs and Herm have gotten pretty much used to that over the past two years with many games being over by halftime. One has to wonder, what would Herm's numbers have been like if he hadn't sat out the fourth quarter in many of those games with his team in control?

"I look at it this way. When other teams are beating each other up in the fourth quarter, I'm sitting out the fourth quarter," Herm said. "It's only going to keep us more healthy than being in a fourth quarter war."

But it hasn't always been that easy. On Oct. 16 Seagraves handed the Buffs a 33-21 loss and ended a 22-game winning streak for Stanton. "Being in this district, it's a big challenge every week. You have to be prepared for every team," said Herm about District 3-2A. "The loss to Seagraves hurt but I think it also helped us. If we meet them again, the loss will definitely be in the back of our mind. Right now, our main concern is Albany."

Herm along with the rest of the seniors don't want this great run to end just yet.

"We don't want it to be over since this is our last year. Basketball can wait a little longer," said Herm, who's also the starting point guard for the Buffs' second-ranked basketball team.

If the Buffs do go all the way to the state title game, they will use their strong unity to get them there.

"We've got a lot of great players. Chad (Smith), Jody (Louder), and Jeremy (Smith), all four of us hang around together," Herm said. "That's another reason we don't want it to come to an end. We're all pretty close and it will hurt when it does end."

"Winning a championship takes the talent but also takes unity. If your team can't bond together and help each other, there's no way you're going to win a state championship."

If the state championship run does end Friday then Herm considers himself lucky for what he's experienced.

"There's not many people who can say they've won a state championship and make the playoffs all four years they've been in high school. Plus, all the individual accomplishments," Herm said. "I've been blessed and I'm thankful for it."

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New Jersey 11
Pittsburgh 9
Philadelphia 8
N.Y. Islanders 8
N.Y. Rangers 5

CENTRAL DIVISION

Toronto 11
Ottawa 11
Boston 8
Buffalo 8
Montreal 7

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Carolina 11
Florida 10
Washington 6
Tampa Bay 6

PACIFIC DIVISION

St. Louis 11
Detroit 10
Nashville 7
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WESTERN DIVISION

Edmonton 10
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Colorado 7
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PACIFIC DIVISION

Phoenix 12
Dallas 11
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Vikings lose Reed after back surgery

By Ron Lesko
AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings have lost receiver Jake Reed for at least a month and possibly the season after back surgery Tuesday to repair a herniated disk.

Dr. Gaylan Rockswold removed several disk fragments that collectively measured about the size of a pinky and had been putting pressure on a disk in Reed's lower back.

The condition caused sudden and significant weakness in Reed's left calf during Sunday's victory over Green Bay. It was evident in the slip that led to a third-quarter Packers interception, and Reed sat out the entire fourth quarter.

The soonest Reed is likely to return is the first playoff game, which probably will be the second weekend in January for the Vikings (10-1), who have the NFC's best record.

Rockswold and team physician David Fischer said they were "cautiously optimistic" Reed might return at some point, but they also cautioned he might not play again until next season.

"The calf weakness has to come back," Fischer said. "If it comes back quickly, he'll be ready. If it doesn't, he won't be."

The injury breaks up one of the NFL's most feared receiving units. Reed and Cris Carter entered this season as the only tandem in league history to go over 1,000 yards in four straight seasons, and the addition of dynamic rookie Randy Moss gave Minnesota a passing game that has been virtually unstoppable.

Reed, whose role as the deep threat in Minnesota's offense has been diminished by Moss' presence, is third on the team behind

Carter and Moss with 34 catches for 474 yards and four TDs. He led the team in receiving yardage the last two years and has averaged 74 catches, 1,200 yards and seven TDs over the last four years.

"That's one weapon that we won't be able to use," said running back Leroy Hoard. "They talk about Randy and Cris, but Jake makes as many big catches."

Moss will move from his role as the third receiver into a starting spot with Carter in Minnesota's base offense. Special teams star Chris Walsh and promising second-year receiver Matthew Hatchette, who has been inactive all season because of the Vikings' depth at the position, will share most of the work in three-receiver sets.

Coach Dennis Green sounded optimistic that Reed would be back this season. Reed originally wanted to avoid surgery, but Rockswold said that could have led to further deterioration and possibly permanent damage.

"I think that's one of the reasons why they feel they had to do it now," Green said. "He was continuing to lose strength in it, so it was something that had to take place."

The injury is eerily familiar for the Vikings, both in its timing and its nature.

Quarterback Brad Johnson was lost for the season in early December last year when a herniated disk in his neck surfaced during the home game against Green Bay. Rockswold, who also did Johnson's surgery, said the injuries were similar.

Johnson's injury caused a major loss of strength in his throwing hand. He didn't recover enough to adequately direct Minnesota's offense until the middle of the preseason, a rehabilitation period of about eight months.

'BOYS: Williams gets ready

(From 1C)

boys' 30-22 victory over Seattle last Sunday and was replaced by Charlie Williams.

Randall Cunningham comes into the game with the highest passer rating in the NFL. Minnesota has the third-highest rated offense in the league and has averaged 32 points per game.

The Dallas defense ranks 23rd against the pass in the NFL. Williams, who has played sparingly at cornerback, could have a big target on his chest.

"I know they're coming my way," Williams said. "There is no sense running from it. They have

big receivers and it's hard to make a play on them. I'm rooting for Deion to get healthy."

Secondary coach Mike Zimmer said the Cowboys might as well get their air raid helmets on.

"We're going to be seeing a lot of Moss," he said. "We're just glad some of our young guys got to play last week."

The Cowboys were one of 20 NFL teams who passed on Moss in the draft. Because of Moss' off-field problems, the Cowboys, already hurting in public relations, couldn't take a chance on him.

"Our hands were pretty much tied," said owner Jerry Jones.

National Football League

Thanksgiving Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report for Thanksgiving Day games as provided by the league (the remaining injury report will move on Wednesday):

Team	Player	Injury	Status
PITTSBURGH	WR Chris Warren	(groin)	Y
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Fantasy Football STANDINGS

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Grand Total Weekly Total

1. Max Connell	659	57
2. Louis Sanchez	653	60
3. David Hight	649	56
4. Greg Steer	622	60
5. Mark Hinjosa	613	55
6. D. Briggs Donaldson	612	42
7. Ray Pierson	609	50
8. Matt Cockerell	595	38
8. Mike Ledbetter	595	56
10. Judy Dunham	594	49
11. Jim Britton	593	64
12. Johannes Zacherry	589	57
13. Frank Dobler	586	52
14. Donnie Johnson	582	55
14. Casey Green	582	48
16. Darren Webb	581	59
17. Dan Pemberton	578	39
18. Michael Miller	575	56
19. Chris Maddy	574	53
19. Brenda Scoggins	574	46

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NHL Results

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	Score	Opponent
New Jersey	6-1	St. Louis
Pittsburgh	9-5	St. Louis
Philadelphia	2-1	St. Louis
N.Y. Islanders	9-11	St. Louis
N.Y. Rangers	5-6	St. Louis

By The Associated Press
WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	Score	Opponent
Edmonton	10-8	St. Louis
Vancouver	9-10	St. Louis
Phoenix	8-12	St. Louis
Calgary	7-11	St. Louis
Los Angeles	8-7	St. Louis
Anaheim	8-7	St. Louis
San Jose	4-9	St. Louis

College Basketball

By The Associated Press
SOUTHWEST

Team	Score	Opponent
Lamar	81-74	Arkansas
S. Arkansas	81-74	Arkansas
Arkansas	81-74	Arkansas
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By The Associated Press
EAST

Team	Score	Opponent
Alabama	81-74	Arkansas
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SOUTH

Team	Score	Opponent
Alabama	81-74	Arkansas
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By The Associated Press
MIDWEST

Team	Score	Opponent
Alabama	81-74	Arkansas
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NORTH

Team	Score	Opponent
Alabama	81-74	Arkansas
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Sampras starts quest to break No. 1 record

By Nesha Starcevic
Associated Press Writer

HANOVER, Germany — Pete Sampras got a perfect start Tuesday at the ATP World Championships and, unfortunately for Marcelo Rios, so did Tim Henman.

Sampras and Rios, the top players in the world, are battling for the No. 1 ranking at the end of the year.

While Sampras beat Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4 in his opening match, Rios was upset 7-5, 6-1 by the big-serving Henman.

Sampras leads Rios by only 33 points in the computer rankings and he is seeking to become the first man to finish at No. 1 for six years in a row. He shares the record of five with Jimmy Connors.

Rios needs to win at least two matches in the round-robin portion of the elite event to have a shot at dethroning Sampras in the final rankings for the year.

Sampras showed how badly he wants the record by thrashing Kafelnikov.

Rios, meanwhile, faded after falling behind a break in the second set against Henman and never rallied.

"I don't want to say it was a

statement, but I was very focused," Sampras said. "This is an important week and it showed."

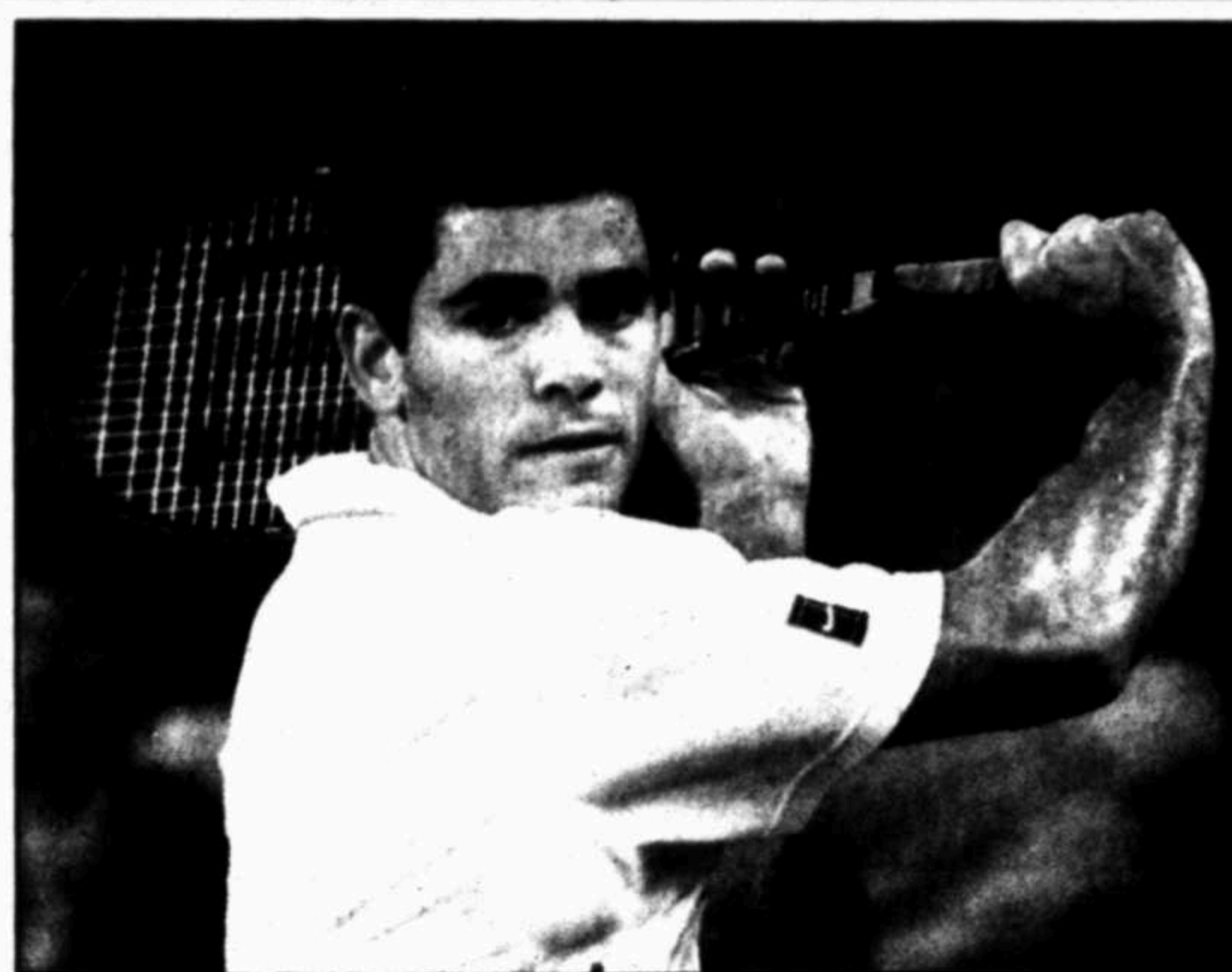
"I hope I can maintain this level throughout the week, which is not going to be easy. But today was a good start."

Sampras was impressive in the first set with his crisp serve-and-volley game. Kafelnikov gave him a better battle in the second set, but Sampras still dominated the player he beat in last year's final, when he won the title for the fourth time.

"I had a lot of work to do in the second set," Sampras said. "I didn't want to do what I did last year when I lost my first match and played a little flat. I didn't want to dig myself into a hole, having to win my next two matches."

Sampras had problems closing the match, needing six match points. He won it when Kafelnikov made two straight backhand errors.

Kafelnikov was the last player to earn a place in the \$3.5 million tournament that brings together the eight players with the best results of the year. The round-robin portion consists of two four-man groups, with two players from each advancing to the



Pete Sampras hits a backhand during his match Tuesday with Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov, which opened the ATP tennis world championships in Hanover, Germany. Sampras won 6-2, 6-4.

semifinals.

Rios, who leads the tour with seven titles this year, dropped his serve in losing the first set.

He wasted a break point in the third game of the second and lost his serve again in the fourth, beginning a series of errors that drew boos from the spectators. The match ended when Rios hit a careless backhand long.

In another match, Carlos Moya rallied to beat Karol Kucera 6-7

(5-7), 7-5, 6-3.

Moya, the French Open champion, won for the first time indoors this year in six matches.

The Spaniard turned the match in the second set, when Kucera first double-faulted, giving Moya a set point, then hit a simple forehand into the net. Moya broke serve for a decisive break in the third set.

The next opponent for Sampras on Wednesday is Moya, who beat the No. 1 player in the opening match last year. In other matches Wednesday, Kucera plays Kafelnikov and Andre Agassi faces Alex Corretja.

New snag in labor talks threatens next meeting

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Jimmy Stewart has his toughest role this Christmas — playing the part of Michael Jordan.

The NBA informed NBC on Tuesday that the network's Christmas Day doubleheader, featuring the Chicago Bulls and possibly Jordan, is the latest casualty of the nearly five-month-long NBA lockout.

Making matters worse, the bargaining process hit a major snag when the sides found themselves in disagreement over exactly what they agreed to last week.

The latest argument threatened to cancel Saturday's scheduled resumption of talks.

"The central part of the deal is no longer on the table, which means we didn't make any progress at all Friday," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "The owners feel there's no point in having any more meetings right now."

The union responded by saying the owners were "posturing" and "grandstanding."

NBC, in place of the New York Knicks at the Chicago Bulls and the Los Angeles Lakers at the Phoenix Suns doubleheader, will show Frank Capra's Christmas movie "It's A Wonderful Life" starring Stewart.

Unless a deal is reached soon, more of NBC's schedule will be put in jeopardy. The network is scheduled to begin its weekly telecasts Jan. 16 with regional coverage of three games.

The new dispute centers on the details of a previously undisclosed "backup tax" that might have been charged to the highest-spending owners in the final three or four years of a six- or seven-year agreement.

Official World Ranking becomes more important in world of golf

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

Every Monday morning, Tony Greer arrives at his London office and spends the next two hours crunching numbers for a ranking system that can be even more baffling than the Bowl Championship Series.

Not everyone agrees with the Official World Golf Ranking. A safe bet is that even fewer understand it.

"It is complicated," Greer said Tuesday. "But it really isn't, once you know how it works."

It may be time for players to take a crash course.

Because as golf becomes more global, and as more major tournaments start relying on the rankings to issue invitations or exemptions, the OWGR will become as meaningful to them as the BCS has become to Kansas State.

For the first time this year, the U.S. Golf Association created a new exemption for the U.S. Open by taking the top 20 in the world rankings. That's how Tom Watson made it back to The Olympic Club, even if he didn't make it to the weekend.

On Monday, Augusta National gave the rankings even more credibility when it announced the top 50 in the world at the end of the year would be invited to the Masters.

"Excellent idea," said Greer. Greg Norman (No. 15) couldn't agree more.

The Masters was the final piece to Greer's own Grand Slam. The British Open has exempted the top 50 in the rankings for years, and Greer suspects the PGA Championship has been using the rankings to invite international players for the past five years.

"It's amazing how many use them at the moment," Greer said. It probably is no coincidence.

either, considering that representatives of all major championships and the five PGA tours endorsed the Official World Golf Ranking at a meeting in Turnberry, Scotland in the summer of 1997.

When the World Golf Championships start next year, the ranking will largely determine which players get a crack at the \$1 million winner's check in the three world events.

That series starts in February with the Andersen Consulting Match Play Championship at La Costa Resort in Carlsbad, Calif., where the field of 64 will be based solely on the world ranking.

"I'm already having queries from players who are around the 64 mark, wanting to know what they've got to do," Greer said.

One call came from Andrew Coltart of Scotland, who wanted to take the winter off because he's getting married. Because he's No. 63 by the slimmest of margins, a less elaborate honeymoon may be in order if he wants to be at La Costa.

Twice this year, Greer has explained to Nick Faldo's manager exactly what the three-time Masters and British Open champion has to do to get back into the top 64. Faldo is currently No. 66, although he can improve by the end of the year even without playing another event.

Greer is the manager of the Official World Golf Ranking for International Management Group, which developed the formula in

1968, went public in 1986 with Sony as the sponsor, then sold the golfing powers on it during the Turnberry meeting.

It has been tweaked over the years — the biggest change was rating performance over two years instead of three — but is no less complicated.

Leave the calculations to Greer. He can explain why Jumbo Ozaki (No. 13), who rarely plays outside of Japan, is still ranked higher than Justin Leonard (No. 16), and why Norman is still in the top 15 without having played golf for seven months.

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Indians reunite Alomar brothers

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Roberto Alomar was just seven when his brother, Sandy, grabbed his hand and walked him on to a ballfield to meet their first baseball coach.

"Who's the little kid?" Roberto remembered Sandy being asked.

"That's my little brother," said Sandy.

More than 20 years later, Sandy Alomar got to introduce his baby brother again, this time as his newest teammate with the Cleveland Indians.

Roberto Alomar, one of this winter's most prized free agents, was officially welcomed on Tuesday by the Indians, who gave the nine-time All-Star second baseman a \$32 million, four-year contract with the hope he can finally fill their most problematic position.

But for the Alomar family, Roberto's arrival in Cleveland represents much more.

"This has always been a dream for us, and to me, now this dream has finally come true. It's a special moment for us," said Roberto Alomar, joined at the Jacobs Field news conference by his fiancée, tennis star Mary Pierce, and his father, Sandy Sr.

"I think baseball is real important, but family is more important."

Roberto and Sandy played on several teams together while growing up in Puerto Rico, and actually were teammates for six games during the 1989 season with San Diego. But the Padres soon traded Sandy to Cleveland.

"I was sad but happy then," Roberto said. "I was sad that we weren't going to play together, but happy that he was finally going to get a chance to play all the time."

"That is why this is so special, it's hard to play against your brother and not with him. Now we are part of another family."



Roberto Alomar, right, poses with his brother, Sandy Jr., left, and father Sandy Sr. after it was announced Tuesday in Cleveland that the Indians had signed Roberto, a free-agent second baseman.

Cleveland, which has won four straight AL Central titles, had used 15 players at second base since trading away Carlos Baerga in 1996.

"One of the pieces that has been missing for our ballclub has been a second baseman," Indians general manager John Hart said. "In the case of Roberto, we are bringing in a potentially future Hall of Famer."

Roberto Alomar, coming off an \$18 million, three-year contract with Baltimore, gets a \$1 million signing bonus, \$6.5 million next season, \$7 million in 2000, \$7.5 million in 2001 and \$8 million in 2002. Cleveland has an \$8 million option for 2003 with a \$2 million buyout.

Sandy gets \$2.65 million this season and the Indians have a \$2.7 million option for next year.

The Alomars are the seventh set of brothers to play for the Indians, and the first since Gaylor and Jim Perry (1974-75).

"We're getting Robbie in his prime," Hart said. "And we want this obviously to be Robbie's last stop."

Whether Hart has stopped making moves this winter remains to be seen. Alomar's signing may have pushed Cleveland's payroll too high to pursue free agent starters Randy Johnson or Kevin Brown, but Hart said he is still willing to make a trade.

Hart already has bolstered the club's bullpen, acquiring relievers Jerry Spradlin and Ricardo Rincon in separate trades earlier this month.

Roberto Alomar, a career .302 hitter and seven-time Gold Glove,

gives the Indians a current or former All-Star at every starting position and a middle defense second to none in baseball.

Alomar, 30, will now play alongside smooth and steady shortstop Omar Vizquel, a six-time Gold Glove, who last year alone was paired with seven different second basemen.

The two could make pregame infield practice a must-see event for Indians fans.

"I've played with some great shortstops," said Roberto, who named Garry Templeton, Tony Fernandez, Alfredo Griffin and former Orioles teammate Cal Ripken. "But to be with Omar, sometimes he makes plays that are just incredible. It will be more fun to watch him beside him than to be in the opposite dugout."

The idea of another Alomar on his lineup card thrills Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove, who said he's leaning toward having the switch-hitting Roberto hit No. 2 in the batting order behind Kenny Lofton and ahead of Jim Thome, with Manny Ramirez in the cleanup slot.

In addition to playing alongside his brother, Roberto Alomar was lured to Cleveland by a desire to win a third World Series championship ring. He won two with Toronto, but would love nothing more than getting another in Cleveland with Sandy.

"He took me to my first ballgame," he said. "And if I could come here and win a World Series with him, it could be the final chapter of the book."

Astros end Unit pursuit

By Carlton Thompson
Houston Chronicle

A courtship that seemed one-sided from its inception ended rather predictably Tuesday morning. To the surprise of almost no one, Randy Johnson will wed himself to a team other than the Astros. Barry Meister, one of Johnson's agents, informed Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker that it would take a four-year contract to sign the Big Unit, and that was one more year than the Astros were willing to offer. The Astros officially withdrew their three-year, \$33 million offer to Johnson and likely are done with any major dealings this offseason.

"I have to admit that early on I was less than optimistic," Hunsicker said. "For a guy who spent a couple of months here, I would like to have heard a more definitive endorsement that we were among the top teams vying for his services, and we really never heard that."

Johnson, who was 10-1 with a 1.28 ERA after joining the Astros in a July 31 trade with Seattle, is expected to decide on a new team by the end of the week. Arizona, Anaheim, Los Angeles and Texas appear to be on his final list of competitors.

"Randy really enjoyed Houston," Meister said. "He had a wonderful time there. All things being relatively equal, Houston was clearly a part of our plans. It was a mutual parting of the ways. We agreed to disagree. This wasn't just about money; it was mostly about the term of the contract."

"Randy would like to play at least four more years, and he's hoping to sign where he would finish his career. We've spoken to a number of clubs that feel like four years is the right term for this contract. There's a pretty good chance that Randy will make a decision in the next few days."

Drawing on his past experiences with Doug Drabek and Greg Swindell, Astros owner Drayton McLane

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Jr. didn't feel it was in his team's best interest to offer a four-year contract to Johnson, who will celebrate his 36th birthday next season.

"If for some reason Randy was not able to pitch at a high level in the third and fourth year, it just paralyzes the entire team because you have so much money wrapped up in one player who is not producing at an extremely high level," McLane said. "We just were not ready to take that risk. We're disappointed that it didn't work, but we just had to be truthful and honest with them."

The Astros also were truthful with themselves, realizing the longer the Johnson saga played out, the more their chances of re-signing the coveted free agent eroded.

"My gut feeling was that once we got past the exclusive period and into the open market, we're always going to be the underdog when it comes to an open competition financially, and ultimately that's what happened," Hunsicker said. "We made a very aggressive offer right out of the box, and it really didn't go from there. As the stakes got higher, we were not prepared to continue."

Re-signing Johnson would have put the Astros over the \$50 million mark in terms of payroll already committed to players in 1999, and that doesn't include the eight arbitration-eligible players on the roster. Signing Johnson almost certainly would have meant unloading key members of last season's team, which won a franchise-record 102 games.

"A few years ago, the whole payroll wasn't \$11 million," McLane said. "I was very optimistic about it in the beginning, but as time lingered and no decision was made, we felt it slipping away. We're not sure, if Randy had agreed to the \$11 million a year, just how the team would have shaped up next year."

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DiMaggio marks 84th birthday in hospital while rumors swirl

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Joe DiMaggio marks his 84th birthday Wednesday in a Florida hospital where he reportedly is battling lung cancer and had a heart attack last week.

DiMaggio's lawyer denied reports by two television stations that the Hall of Famer had a heart attack or is gravely ill.

"This is totally false," Morris Engelberg said Tuesday after TV stations in New York and Miami reported that DiMaggio's condition had worsened. "Mr. DiMaggio and his family heard this information on the television and were very upset."

Engelberg said Tuesday night that what some had thought was a heart attack was an alarming drop in blood pressure. The lawyer said he became so concerned that he summoned a priest to give last rites.

Engelberg said DiMaggio was put on a ventilator to help him breathe but his condition improved to the point he was taken off the life-support system.

The lawyer made his comments to WPIX of New York, which televised New York Yankees games for 48 years before losing the broadcast contract after last season.

WCBS television in New York reported Tuesday night DiMaggio learned in September that he had lung cancer. The station said he has been "in and out" of a coma and he recently did not recognize his grandchildren.

On Monday night, WPIX reported DiMaggio had lung cancer and had suffered a heart attack, citing three sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The station added that DiMaggio had a tumor removed from his lung last month.

On Tuesday, WTVJ-TV in Miami, also citing unidentified sources close to DiMaggio, broadcast the same report. The NBC affiliate said it confirmed that DiMaggio had a heart attack and lung cancer and said he was on a ventilator.

Engelberg, a longtime friend who has communicated DiMaggio's condition to the media since the baseball great was hospitalized on Oct. 12, responded to the reports angrily.

"Mr. DiMaggio never had a heart attack," Engelberg said in statement transmitted to news media. "This is totally false and he is not in 'grave condition.'"

Jordan inks with Braves

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

Brian Jordan went home to Atlanta for a \$40 million, five-year contract, Robert Alomar joined his brother in Cleveland and Kenny Rogers decided he will stay with Oakland, after all.

Meanwhile, Bernie Williams met with the Boston Red Sox, Randy Johnson visited the Texas Rangers, B.J. Surhoff visited the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Mets made an offer to third baseman Robin Ventura.

And the Detroit Tigers went to Japan to get a pitcher, agreeing to a \$3 million, two-year contract with 30-year-old right-hander Masao Kida.

Jordan, courted by the New York Yankees, Mets and the Baltimore Orioles last week, fills a hole in the Atlanta outfield that opened earlier this month when the Braves sent pitcher Denny Neagle, right fielder Michael Tucker and a minor leaguer to Cincinnati for All-Star second baseman Bret Boone and pitcher Mike Remlinger.

When the Braves met his asking price, Jordan couldn't resist the chance to play in his adopted home. Jordan was with the NFL's Atlanta Falcons from 1989-91 and still lives in suburban Stone Mountain.

"That was the deciding factor," he said at Turner Field, where he was flanked by wife, Pam, and their children, daughter Brianna, 7, and son, Bryson, 4. "I wanted to be here with my kids. They're at an age where daddy needs to be home with them."

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Prices retreat

NEW YORK — Crude oil fell more than 2 percent, and gasoline plummeted to a 12-year low, on expectations that OPEC will leave production levels in place rather than make more cuts at its meeting in Vienna this week.

Though prices are down 39 percent from a year ago, Saudi Arabia and other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are afraid of losing customers to non-OPEC producers should they make cuts beyond the 2.6 million barrels a day they've removed from the market this year, traders said.

January crude oil fell 33 cents, or 2.7 percent, to \$12.12 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Gasoline also fell on expectations that a report after trading from the American Petroleum Institute would show a fourth straight weekly rise in inventories, as refineries came back to full production after annual maintenance work.

December gasoline fell 1.49 cents, or 4 percent, to 35.29 cents a gallon on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest closing price since August 1986. Prices are down 38 percent over the past 12 months. After the market closed, the API said gasoline inventories fell 346,000 barrels last week.

December heating oil fell 1.0 cent, or 2.9 percent, to 33.29 cents a gallon on the NYMEX.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against most major currencies Tuesday as confidence in the U.S. economy continued even as Wall Street retreated from a new peak.

The dollar wavered throughout the session in listless trading ahead of Thursday's Thanksgiving holiday. Many traders were hesitant to make heavy bets going into the holiday.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 121.18 yen, up from 120.99 late Monday. The U.S. currency also was changing hands at 1.7053 marks, up from 1.7031.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday: 1.4077 Swiss francs, up from 1.4035; 5.7195 French francs, up from 5.7103; 1,688.40 Italian lire, up from 1,686.75; and 1.5502 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5494.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.6595, up from \$1.6554.

Stocks pull back

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Tuesday after two sessions of big gains, but the profit-taking was too mild to suggest that Wall Street's autumn rally had climaxed with Monday's return to record levels.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 73.12 to 9,301.15, barely putting a dent in the 318 points gained on Friday and Monday or the nearly 2,000 points gained since the market began rebounding in early October. Broader stock indicators also succumbed to another bout of modest profit-taking from the latest leg of the market's surprisingly resilient recovery.

Financial stocks led Tuesday's retreat after leading Monday's rally. American Express fell 4 9/16 to 104 3/8 and J.P. Morgan fell 4 5/8 to 111 1/4 as the two weakest Dow components.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 5.22 from Monday's record to 1,182.99. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 11.53 to 1,965.89.

Declining issues outnumbered advancing ones by an 8-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, while Nasdaq losers led by a 7-to-5 ratio. Volume of all NYSE-listed issues totaled 943.79 million.

The NYSE composite index fell 2.56 to 579.69, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 5.17 to 666.83.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.54 to 396.61.

OPEC expected to extend oil cutbacks

N.Y. Times News Service

VIENNA — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries probably will keep its oil output unchanged through 1999 rather than cut supply to stem a drop in prices, a Persian Gulf official familiar with Saudi Arabia oil policy said.

The producer group, facing prices that are the lowest in a decade, will meet today to review the failure of their earlier cuts to reduce excess global supply. Cuts were to remain in place until June. Now the group is leaning toward extending them until the end of 1999, the official said.

Even with a persistent oil glut, Saudi Arabia, the world's largest producer, and other OPEC member nations are wary of making deeper cuts, analysts said. They're afraid of losing revenue and customers to each other or to non-OPEC producers.

"Clearly some countries are ready to

cut further, but those alone don't make a difference — without Saudi Arabia, forget it," said Nordin Ait-Laoussine, Algeria's former oil minister who founded Nalcosa, a Geneva-based energy consultancy.

Still, there's about a 10 percent to 15 percent chance that OPEC will surprise traders and analysts with a new round of production cuts, Ait-Laoussine said.

Three of the 11-member group's smaller members, Algeria, Libya and Kuwait, have said supplies need to be cut. "I am in favor of more cuts," Libyan oil minister Abdalla Salem El-Badri said. "The situation is very dangerous." So far, traders are betting on a prolonged oil glut, as demand from Asia weakens and inventories in the U.S. and Europe remain higher than a year ago.

"They need to do something more than roll over the existing cuts," said Jim Short, a broker with PVM Oil Futures Ltd. in London. "The market is telling

them that they need to make more cuts."

Ten of OPEC's 11 members agreed to cut output in March and then deepened those cutbacks in June, pledging to slash their production by 2.6 million barrels a day, or 9.6 percent, for one year. The cuts have failed to reduce a glut of oil or lift prices, which have fallen 15 percent since the June cutbacks were announced. Crude oil in New York could fall below \$10 a barrel in the days ahead if OPEC does not cut production at this meeting, said Tom Blakeslee, a trader at Eildon Marketing LLC in White Marsh, Maryland.

Kuwaiti oil minister Sheikh Saud Nasser Al-Sabah said there is "still too much oil" being produced and "we have to do something about it." Algeria is pressing for a gathering of OPEC heads of state to discuss the matter, an unusual gathering which analysts said is unlikely to occur.

Another Persian Gulf official familiar

with Saudi policy dismissed the idea of deeper cuts until adherence to the current cuts is 100 percent. As it is, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Venezuela, the three largest producers within OPEC, have already signaled they're unlikely to support deeper cuts.

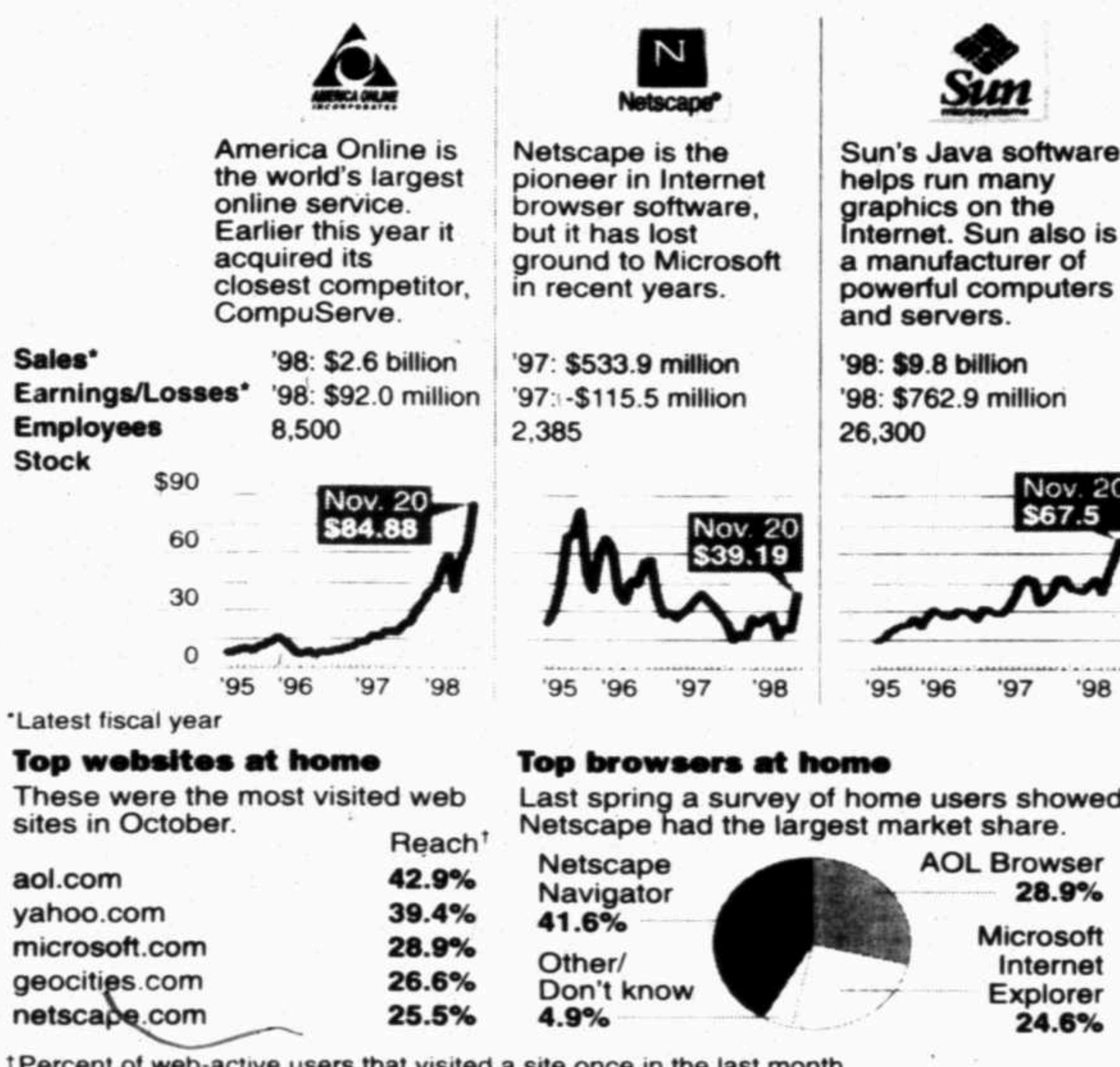
With the exclusion of Nigeria, where civil unrest disrupted production, OPEC members in October cut just 83 percent on average of what they promised, according to estimates by the Middle East Economic Survey.

The thorny issue of compliance with production targets was discussed Tuesday by an OPEC subcommittee comprising Iran, Kuwait, Nigeria and the OPEC secretary-general Rilwanu Lukman.

Lukman told reporters that "figures we have show at least over 90 percent compliance" to the June agreement to cut 2.6 million barrels a day from the oil market.

Dividing an Internet giant

Netscape Communications Inc. would be divided between America Online Inc. and Sun Microsystems Inc. under a deal the three companies are currently negotiating. A look at the companies:



America Online-Netscape make formidable alliance

■ Merged entity could take on Microsoft, alter balance of power on the Internet.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — America Online Inc., the computer online service that naysayers once said would surely be crushed by Microsoft or the Internet, emerged as a newly formidable competitor Tuesday with its deal to buy Netscape Communications Corp.

The \$4.21 billion merger could fundamentally alter the balance of power on the Internet.

While AOL is already the world's largest Internet access and online service provider, the deal gives the company important advantages in its battle with Microsoft Corp. to dominate the main Internet sites where people get information and buy goods and services.

Together, Netscape's and AOL's sites reach a staggering 70 percent of all people who access the Internet, according to NetRatings, a research firm.

The deal also underscores the popularity of Netscape's Navigator software for browsing the Internet, despite the meteoric rise of Microsoft's rival Internet Explorer — a crucial concern in the U.S. government's antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft and its chairman, Bill Gates.

Microsoft lawyers argued Tuesday that the AOL-Netscape deal backed up

their claim that Microsoft is simply a player in an extremely competitive software market and not, as the government claims, a monopolist trying to crush its rivals.

The merger also is a vindication for Steve Case, 40, the boyish-looking chairman of AOL.

Just a few years ago, AOL was ridiculed for supplying its own proprietary online entertainment and information to subscribers at a time when people could get a far wider choice on the Internet. Last year, a surge in usage across AOL's network triggered massive bottlenecks.

Despite the problems, Case stuck to AOL's strategy of mass-mailing start-up diskettes and luring tens of millions of Americans to "channels" of neatly organized subject categories.

Case said there won't be a big change for consumers right away. But he said eventually he plans to give AOL's 14 million subscribers easy links to Netscape's popular NetCenter Web site, a portal to services and information geared toward business.

AOL is expected to offer advertisers a single rate to reach users of its proprietary online service and visitors to the NetCenter site as well as to its existing AOL.com Internet site.

A second plan is to use Netscape's software to eventually create a new AOL browser that makes it easier for people to view and retrieve Web information. For now, however, AOL will continue to use Microsoft's browser.

Corporate profits record worst drop in nine years

■ Still, stock market hovers near record highs, consumer confidence shows recovery.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government reported the worst drop in corporate profits in nearly nine years on Tuesday, even as stock prices hovered near record highs.

Economists predict earnings could fall again next year and say they fear the market is vulnerable to another downturn, perhaps worse than the Dow's 19 percent plummet between July 17 and Aug. 31.

So why did the Dow Jones industrial average begin the week by shooting to a record high?

Many attribute the market's startlingly swift recovery since early October to a shortsighted focus on recent interest-rate cuts and on a spate of corporate mergers, including Tuesday's announcement that America Online will buy Netscape for \$4.2 billion.

"Investors have overdone it. They were overly pessimistic a few weeks ago and they're overly optimistic today," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

"There's no reason to believe investor psychology won't switch back the other way at some point next year," Zandi said.

Companies' after-tax profits fell 1.8 percent from July to September in the third quarterly decline of the past year, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. They're down 6.2 percent from a

year earlier, the worst drop since 1989.

A third of the world's economies, including most of Asia, remains mired in recession. As a result, the U.S. trade deficit is likely to set a record this year and another in 1999 and growth should slow appreciably.

However, other analysts believe investors are well aware of the risks and diminished prospects for next year, and instead are looking at the longer term.

"I don't think investors see a slowdown in 1999 as extending for a long time," said economist Norman Robertson of Smithfield Trust Co. in Pittsburgh. "There is now on the part of many investors a willingness to look beyond the next few months. That may be especially true among a large number of investors who are entering the market at a very early age."

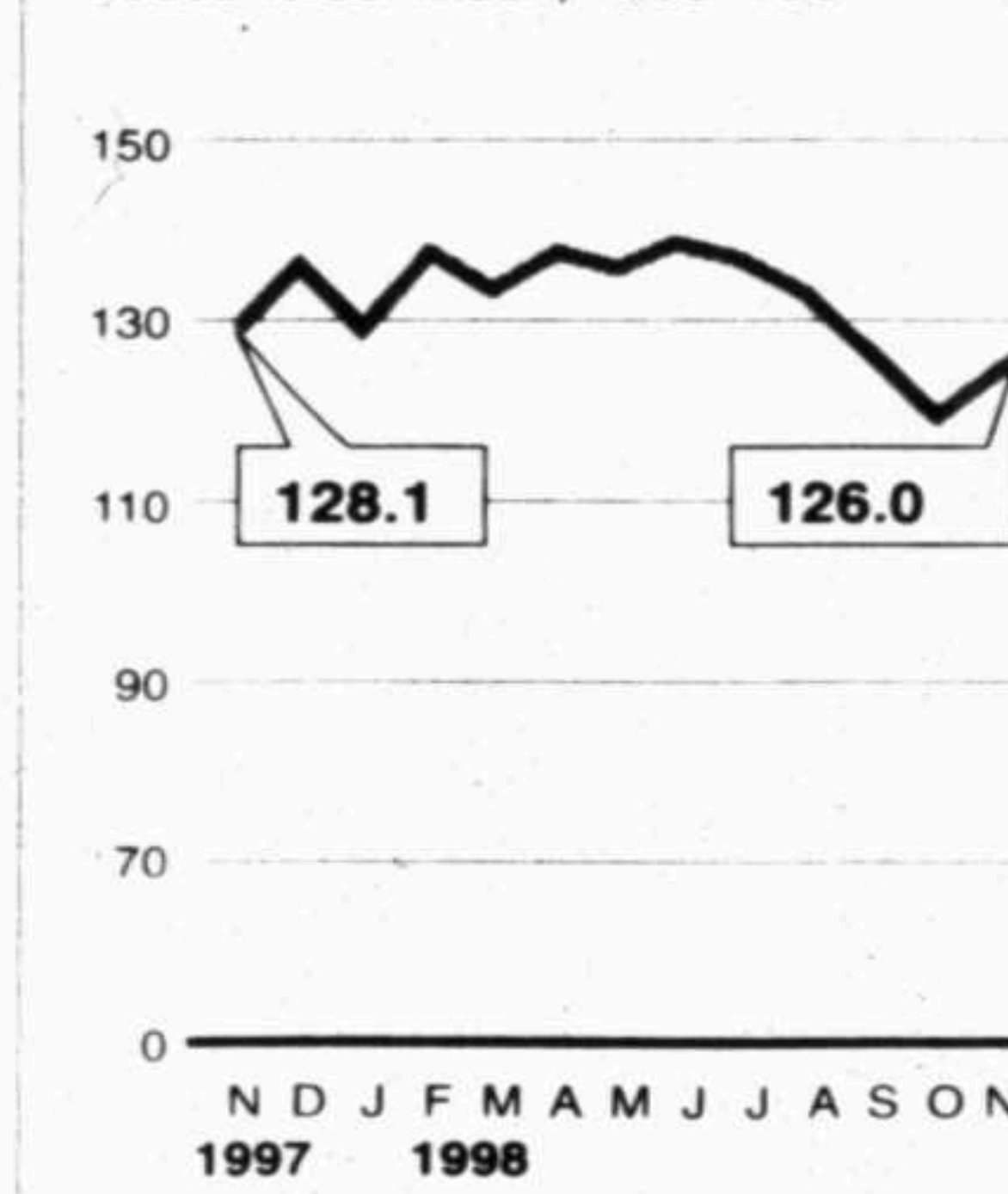
The market recovery is helping to restore battered consumer confidence just in time for holiday shopping. The Conference Board, a private research group in New York, said its index of consumer confidence rose in November after four consecutive declines that brought it to a two-year low in October.

Analysts expect healthy Christmas sales but forecast a slowdown in U.S. growth to about a 2 percent rate next year.

The Commerce Department's latest update showed the gross domestic product, the sum of all goods and services produced within U.S. borders, grew at a robust 3.9 percent annual rate during the July-September quarter.

Consumer confidence

From a monthly survey of 5,000 U.S. households. Index, 1985=100

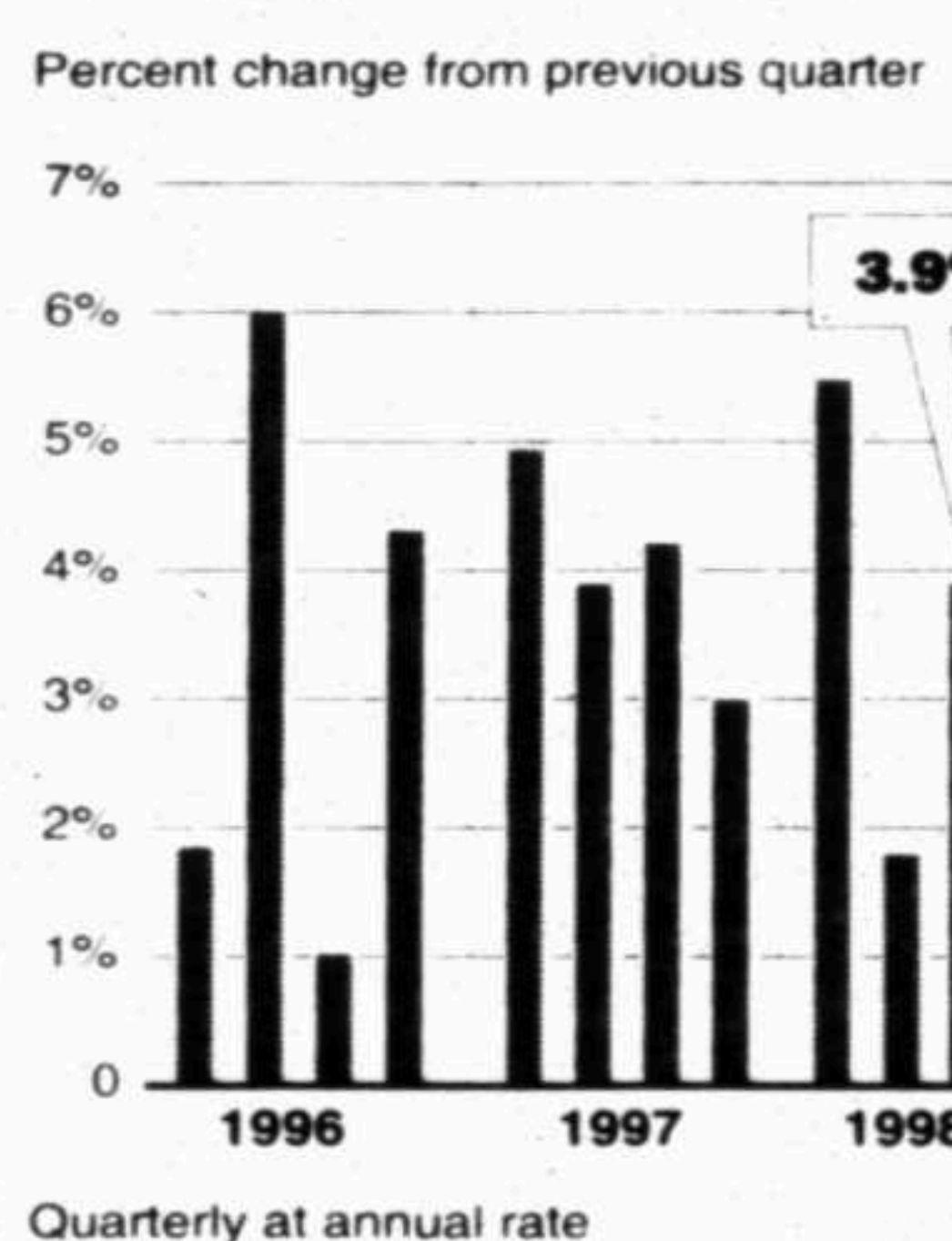


That marked an improvement from an initial estimate of 3.3 percent. Nevertheless, U.S. export sales declined for a third consecutive quarter for the first time in 40 years. And business investment in new plant and equipment declined for the first time since 1991.

In another sign of distress, the department said orders to factories for big-ticket durable goods, items expected to last

Gross domestic product

The GDP measures all the goods and services produced by workers and capital located in the United States, regardless of ownership.



three or more years, fell for the first time in five months, by 1.7 percent in October.

Economist Sung Won Sohn of Wells Fargo & Co. said profits declined during a quarter of strong growth because companies must pay higher wages to attract and retain qualified workers, but can't raise prices because of overseas competition.

BUSINESS SCENE

Kids Only toy store now open in larger new location

By Mella McEwen

Now open in a larger location is **KIDS ONLY TOY STORE**, which has moved a few doors down from its previous site in Midland Plaza, 3001 W. Loop 250.

The new location offers twice as much display space for its inventory. The store carries the full line of Madame Alexander dolls, collectible Breyer horses from England, wooden rocking horses, play pianos, puppets, puzzles, chess sets, arts and crafts sets, weaving looms, Gund stuffed animals, Thomas the Tank Train sets, developmental learning toys and children's dress-up clothes.

The store is owned by Kathy Wurster, who opened it in 1981.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Beginning this Sunday, the store will open from 1 to 5 p.m.

on Sundays during the Christmas season.

Under new ownership is **GILI'S RESTAURANTE Y CANTINA** in Lone Star Plaza, 4411 W. Illinois.

Tony Maldonado purchased the restaurant from Tony Cardenas and said he has done some remodeling and brought back the original menu. He had been involved with the restaurant since it opened in 1986, he explained, and was a partner with original owner Gili Lopez until he sold out in 1994.

Not only has he done some remodeling and changed the menu, he said he is concentrating on improving the drive-through and delivery services as well as the food and service quality inside the restaurant. Next year, Maldonado said, he will concentrate on the restaurant's bar area. At the present, the bar has been divided into a smaller bar and banquet/party room.

Gili's is the third restaurant to be owned by Maldonado, who has been in the industry 15 years and managed

several other local restaurants.

"It's a fun business, it's very interesting," he said.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

MIDLAND PARK MALL continues to prepare for Christmas, with new Christmas retailers opening up and charity events under way.

The Gift Giving Tree is now located near the customer service booth in center court. Customers can choose a name, purchase the requested gift and drop it off, unwrapped, at the customer service desk at Dillard's.

The Centers for Children and Families have playhouses on display at various locations throughout the mall. As in the past, tickets for the playhouses will be sold and a drawing held before Christmas.

THERMACARE has opened a break area in front of Victoria's Secret. **SNELL'S JEWELRY** is open in front of Finish Line and **ARIZONA WHOLE-**

SALE WATCHES is located in front of Radio Shack.

Youngsters can visit with Santa in the Sears Court.

The Northside Lions club will operate the train Friday through Sunday.

MIDLAND TRAVEL in Courtyard Shopping Center, 4410 N. Midkiff, has been named to the President's Club with Adventure Tours U.S.A., given to the top 50 travel agencies worldwide.

Adventure Tours is partnered with United Travel Inc., a network of 10 travel agency locations in Texas and Kansas that includes Midland Travel.

BEDAZZLE BOUTIQUE in the Imperial Shopping Center, 3211 W. Wadley, will host P.S. Chandler Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. She will exhibit her art of image transfers with mixed media.

Mella McEwen is a business writer for the Reporter-Telegram. She can be reached by e-mail at casell@basinlink.com.

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321 Business Opportunities

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325 Misc. Sales

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326 Business Opportunities

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327 Business Opportunities

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CONSUMING INTERESTS



Linda Anderson

Whipper Snapples snapped up in a jiffy

By Linda Anderson

Well, I had to buy one or two—the bottle was so cute! My kids have always liked Snapple in some of its flavors, so when I discovered that the company has introduced something called Whipper Snapple (cute name too), I had to get a couple of flavors—Pineapple Orange and Citrus—for them to sample.

Whipper Snapple in the Pineapple Orange flavor is described on its label as being "A Unique Fruit Smoothie Blended with Juices and Purees."

And in keeping with the cute name and cute bottle, the label claims were cute too: "Your Snapple is 'Made from the best stuff on Earth.' Since only all natural ingredients are used, taste, color and body may vary."

Then, there's the invitation for customers to comment: "Hey, let us know what you think about Snapple! Send any question or comments, along with the code from the cap or bottle to: Snapple Beverage Corp, 333 W. Merrick Road, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580." Isn't that cute?

(I'm assuming the labels on the other Whipper Snapple bottles say pretty much the same thing, but the kids snagged the citrus-flavored one out of the refrigerator and made off with it before I could find out.)

Back to that "all natural ingredients" thing: The ingredients label lists, in order, water, sugar, white grape juice from concentrate, skim milk, pineapple juice from concentrate, mango puree, orange juice from concentrate, pectin, natural flavors (what does that mean and if they are natural, why can't they be listed?), citric acid, cream, lactic acid, rosemary extract and salt. OK, I don't see anything with a long chemical name listed, but these things have been heavily processed to become "from concentrate" and "puree." And if this is pineapple-orange flavor, why are those two ingredients so far down on the label?

A one-serving, 10-fluid ounce bottle of Whipper Snapple, which cost 99 cents, contained 160 calories and no fat, according to its nutrition label. It also contained only 20 percent juice (any time the ingredients label starts with water, followed by sugar, don't expect much real juice) with "no preservatives." But isn't salt a preservative?

Although Whipper Snapple is advertised as being "A Unique Fruit Smoothie," it was more like a fruit drink than the yogurt-and-fruit, milkshake-like smoothies we are used to getting at a local restaurant.

But as far as the young testers were concerned, the taste-test was a success. The two who sampled the citrus-flavored Whipper Snapple said it was good. The four or five testers who tried the pineapple-orange flavor evidently liked it too, because it too disappeared quickly.

Funny thing, though, they haven't asked me to buy any more.

Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram staff writer.



Photos courtesy of National Turkey Federation

No one would dare exclaim "Not turkey again!" when sumptuous and cheesy turkey enchiladas, left, are served. For a quick afternoon snack, the Turkey Club Wrap, above, combines the great taste of a BLT with fresh vegetables (just don't tell anyone they are leftovers). Combine turkey, bacon, cheese, Dijon mustard, avocado, corn and alfalfa sprouts in a flour tortilla.

Talkin' Turkey Leftovers



Staff Reports

After Dad has gotten his second helping of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and sweet potatoes—and even after everyone has had his or her requisite turkey sandwich, there may still be slabs of the big bird left wrapped in foil. By this point, every time you bring out turkey meat there will be groans. What to do? Disguise the turkey as best as you can. Make a meal that doesn't announce "Turkey Again!"

Midland cooks constantly demand new and better ways to turn the poultry into something new and different. Here are some new recipes from the National Turkey Federation this year:

TURKEY AND AVOCADO IN ORANGE SAUCE

Serves 4

- 1 pound turkey cutlets, cut into 1/2-inch strips
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon margarine
- 3 ounces frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken bouillon
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 1-1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 avocado, peeled and cubed
- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges
- 8 ounces linguine, cooked
- 4 tablespoons almonds, toasted (optional)

In large skillet over medium heat, saute turkey and garlic in margarine 2 to 3 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink.

Stir in orange juice concentrate, bouillon, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce and brown sugar; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 4 to 5 minutes.

In small bowl, combine cornstarch and water; stir into turkey mixture. Cook and stir mixture until slightly thickened. Gently fold in avocado and oranges. Heat 1 minute.

To serve, spoon turkey mixture over linguine. If desired, top with almonds.

APPROXIMATE NUTRITION: 566 calories, 36 gm protein; 13 gm fat, 75 gm carbohydrate, 292 mg sodium; 70 mg cholesterol.



For a real taste-bud tantalizer, left, turkey is mixed with avocado in an orange sauce and served over linguine. The holidays are also a perfect time to serve a little comfort food, especially turkey pot pie, below left. It's especially easy on the cook if prepared pie shells are used.

Photos courtesy of National Turkey Federation

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TURKEY POT PIE

Makes 5 servings

- 1 package (1 pound) frozen vegetables for stew, cooked according to package directions
- 1 cup frozen peas, cooked according to package directions
- 2 cups cooked turkey from a turkey roast, cut into 1/2-inch cubes (cook roast according to package directions or use leftover cooked turkey)
- 1 jar (12 ounces) non-fat turkey gravy
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 refrigerated pie crust, brought to room temperature

Drain any cooking liquid from stew vegetables and peas. Add turkey cubes,



Photo courtesy of Pillsbury

A small pillar candle, unscented so as not to conflict with food aromas on the table, gives a soft glow to this Spinach Dip Crescent Wreath. Canned crescent rolls are shaped into the wreath. It is spread with a spinach sour cream dip and topped with bell peppers cut into the shape of holly leaves and cherry tomato "berries."

Please see TURKEY/2E

AROUND TOWN

Nine nationally known storytellers will perform Dec. 5 in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St.

Activities include a children's concert from 10 to 11:45 a.m., a character education workshop from 1:15 to 4 p.m. and a family concert from 7 to 10 p.m.

The events are part of the "Celebrations of Light VI," Building Character Through Story, presented by the Midland Independent School District's social studies and language arts departments.

Storytellers include Charlotte Blake Alston, Terri Agra Bendiburg, Donald Davis, Doug Elliott, Rex Ellis, Angela Lloyd, Barbara McBride-Smith, Randel McGee & Groark and Laura Pershian.

For reservations call 689-1010, or 689-1017...

...**WORLD AIDS DAY** will be honored with a remembrance service 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 700 W. Texas.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. Richard Braun and Judy Warren, executive director of Midland Area AIDS Association. Guest speaker is Mayor Bobby Burns and family members of people who have died of AIDS.

Participants will be encouraged to light a candle in honor of a loved one or friend lost to AIDS.

Special music will also be featured at the event. This year's theme is "Be a Force for Change."

...**COMMUNITY AND** Senior Services is sponsoring its annual holiday food drive to benefit homebound elderly and disabled.

Individuals and organizations are invited to participate. Suggested donations include soup, crackers, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, peanut butter, stew, canned meat, pudding cups and canned juice as well as paper goods, soap and lotion. Donations will be accepted 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays Dec. 1-17 at 3301 Sinclair.

For more information or to arrange pick up of large donations, call 689-6693...

...**WEST TEXAS** Writers will meet 2 p.m. Dec. 5 in the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri.

Ava Mills of San Angelo will speak on "Writing Tips that Really Work." Ms. Mills is the author of "West Texans Remember the Home Front" and "A Legacy of Words: Texas Women's Stories 1850-1920."

All interested people are invited to attend. For more information call 550-7401 or e-mail melrose@iglobal.net...

...**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2975...

...**MANOR PARK**, continuing care retirement community, will serve gingerbread and wassail to guests 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays from Dec. 1-22 in the entrance area of the Barney Greathouse Building. The public is invited...

...**AMERICAN LUNG** Association's Better Breathing Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Dec. 1 at Westwood Medical Center. For more information call 522-2273...

...**UNITED OSTOMY** Association, Midland-Odessa chapter #590, will meet for Christmas party 1-4 p.m. Dec. 6 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall...

...**SPIRIT OF Christmas** program, which provides holiday gifts for children who might not otherwise receive them, began Nov. 12 and runs through Dec. 12. Sponsored by FAO Schwarz and KMID-TV, the program is supervised by Child Protective Services.

Participants can select one or more Wish Cards at any Bank One location and provide the wished-for gift for that child. Gifts are returned to Bank One for delivery in time for Christmas morning. Company sponsors are needed to help supply gifts, cash donations or volunteer time on behalf of their organizations. Donations help defray costs for wishes that may be unfulfilled at the program's end.

For more information, contact Bank One...

Holiday loaf made in bread machine

Staff Reports

Hoping for something sweet for the holidays? Hope is also something memorable? Dress up any buffet with Panettone, an Italian holiday bread topped with a glaze and bits of candied pineapple.

If citron-flavored bread is not your idea of a good dessert, consider buttery Pecan Crescents or apple cobbler topped with a big scoop of vanilla ice cream. The holidays only come once a year, so indulge.

PANTTONE

(For 1-1/2 pound loaf)

1 cup milk
1 large egg
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, cut up
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup coarsely chopped dried or candied pineapple
1/3 cup chopped candied citron
3/4 teaspoon ground anise seed
2 teaspoons yeast
Glaze (recipe follows)

Add the ingredients to the bread machine in the order suggested by manufacturer, adding the pineapple and citron with the flour. Dress up the baked loaf with glaze and additional chopped candied citron.

Recommended cycle: Basic/white bread cycle, light or medium normal color setting.

GLAZE: Combine 1/2 cup sifted icing sugar, 1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract, and enough milk (2 to 3 tablespoons) to make glaze of drizzling consistency.

PECAN CRESCENTS

1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
Pinch salt
2 cups cake flour
1-1/2 cups finely ground pecan pieces
Powdered sugar for rolling

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper or foil.

In a mixer bowl, beat butter, granulated sugar, vanilla and salt together until well blended. Beat in flour and then nuts, scraping down sides of bowl to incorporate. Chill dough if too sticky.

Roll about 1 teaspoon of dough between floured palms into a 2-



With an electric bread machine, this version of an Italian holiday bread can easily become a tradition.

Photo courtesy of Fleischmann's Yeast

inch rope. Place on prepared baking sheet and curve to form a crescent.

Bake in preheated 325-degree oven 20 to 25 minutes.

Let crescents cool on baking sheets. Be sure they are completely cool before you try to pick them up. Sift powdered sugar onto a sheet of wax paper and roll crescents in it.

Store crescents in a sturdy airtight food container between layers of wax paper. Cookies may be frozen 3 months. Makes 60 cookies.

NOTE: When you make cookies ahead and freeze them, let them thaw in a closed food tin. Then give them a quick sifting of powdered sugar and serve.

AMERICAN BOUNTY

APPLE COBBLER
6 cups apples, peeled, cored and sliced
1 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
TOPPING:
3 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 cups sugar
5 eggs

TURKEY: Hidden in cheesy enchiladas

(From 1E)

gravy, parsley, salt and pepper to vegetables in oven-safe, 2-quart cooking dish. Unfold pie crust and place on top of dish, trimming edges to about 1 inch, and securing edges to dish. Make several 1-inch slits on crust to allow steam to escape. Bake in preheated 400-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until crust is brown and mixture is hot and bubbly.

Approximate Nutrition: 340 calories; 12 gm protein; 15 gm fat; 37 gm carbohydrate; 1,161 mg sodium; 36 mg cholesterol.

EASY CHEESY

TURKEY ENCHILADAS

(Serves 5)

1 cup light sour cream
1 cup light ranch dressing
1 package (16 ounces) sliced turkey, cubed
10 flour tortillas, 8-inches in diameter
8 ounces Monterey pepper-jack cheese, shredded
1 pint refrigerated salsa
2 ripe tomatoes, seeded and diced
1 small bunch red-leaf lettuce, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In small bowl, mix sour cream and ranch dressing. In medium bowl, stir half sour cream mixture with turkey. Spread 1 tablespoon sour cream mixture on each tortilla. Top with 1/3 cup turkey mixture, 2 tablespoons cheese and 2 tablespoons salsa. Roll up and place seam-side down in greased 13x9-inch metal baking pan. Bake, covered, 25 to 30 minutes.

To serve, top with diced tomatoes, shredded lettuce and any remaining salsa and sour cream mixture.

Approximate Nutrition: 806 calories; 37 gm protein; 46 gm fat; 60 gm carbohydrate; 3,236 mg sodium; 115 mg cholesterol.

TURKEY CLUB WRAP

Makes 1 wrap

1 tablespoon low-fat mayonnaise
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons shredded Colby cheese
2 tablespoons shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 piece aluminum foil, 12 inches
1 flour tortilla, 10-inches in diameter
1 cup shredded lettuce
2 tomato slices
3 ounces thinly sliced deli turkey breast
1 slice turkey bacon, cooked

according to package directions 2 slices avocado

In small dish, combine mayonnaise and mustard. In another small dish, combine cheeses. Place flour tortilla on piece of foil; spread mayonnaise mixture over tortilla.

Scatter lettuce over mixture and top with tomato slices. Top with turkey slices, turkey bacon and avocado, then with grated cheeses and alfalfa sprouts. Using foil to help, roll up tortilla, wrapping completely in foil. Refrigerate if desired. Unpeel foil as you eat wrap.

APPROXIMATE NUTRITION: 573 calories; 32 gm protein; 29 gm fat; 45 gm carbohydrate; 2,178 mg sodium; 82 mg cholesterol.

SPINACH DIP

CRESCENT WREATH

Wreath: 2 (8-ounce) crescent dinner rolls in a can

TOPPING: 1-1/2 cups frozen cut leaf spinach
3/4 cup light sour cream
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons skim milk
1 tablespoon chopped green onions
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed

GARNISHES:
1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
2 tablespoons chopped green onions
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
Green bell pepper cut into holly leaves
Small cherry tomatoes

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Invert 10-ounce custard cup on center of ungreased large cookie sheet.

Remove dough from one can, keeping dough in one piece. Do not unroll. (Keep remaining can of dough in refrigerator.) With hands, roll dough into a 12-inch log. Cut log into 20 slices. Arrange 16 of the 20 slices, slightly overlapping, around the custard cup.

Repeat with second can of dough, cutting log into remaining 20 slices. Arrange slices from second can and remaining four slices from first can (total 24 slices) slightly overlapping each other, next to but not overlapping first ring. Remove custard cup from center.

Bake at 375 degrees for 13-16 minutes or until light golden brown. Gently loosen wreath from cookie sheet and carefully slide

onto wire rack. Cool 30 minutes or until completely cooled.

Meanwhile, cook spinach as directed on package.

Place cooked spinach in strainer or colander; rinse with cold water to cool. Squeeze to drain completely.

In medium bowl, combine sour cream, mayonnaise and milk; blend well. Add spinach and all remaining topping ingredients; mix well. Cover, refrigerate until serving time.

Place cooled wreath on serving tray. Spread wreath with spinach topping. Sprinkle with red bell pepper, 2 tablespoons of onions and parsley. Decorate with bell pepper "holly leaves" and cherry tomato "berries."

Serve immediately. Slice into servings.

INGREDIENT SUBSTITUTION: Purchased spinach dip can be substituted for the spinach topping. About 1-1/2 cups will be needed.

The wreath may be used as a centerpiece for up to two hours. Place a small to medium pillar candle in the center. Choose an unscented candle to avoid a candle scent from conflicting with food aromas.

Recipe from Pillsbury.



Photo courtesy of Quaker Oats

Baby Bear Breads with honey butter are as fun to make as they are to eat. They are great to have on hand to give as last minute gifts when unexpected visitors arrive during the holidays.

Bake up bears to eat, give

Staff Reports

Few things express the spirit of the holiday season better than homemade Baby Bear Bread with Honey Butter. For an extra touch, put the honey butter in crocks and tie ribbons on the bears. Wrap each bear in clear cellophane or plastic wrap.

BABY BEAR BREAD WITH HONEY BUTTER

3 teaspoons quick-rising yeast
2 cups bread flour
1-1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1 cup oats (either quick cooking or old fashioned)

1/3 cup sunflower seed kernels (optional)

1/3 cup brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon salt

1-1/2 cups low-fat milk

1 egg, lightly beaten

5 tablespoons stick butter or margarine, melted

Assorted raisins and other chopped or dried fruits

Honey butter (recipe follows)

Bring all ingredients to room temperature by letting them stand on the counter about 30 minutes.

Place yeast in bread machine. In medium bowl, combine both flours, oats, sunflower seeds, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt.

In separate bowl, combine milk, egg and butter.

Place dry and liquid ingredients in bread machine according to manual. Use machine's dough setting to mix and knead. (Bread will not bake in machine.)

Lightly grease two cookie sheets. Turn dough out of bread machine onto lightly floured surface. Knead 6-8 times. To make bears, roll pieces of dough into four 2-1/2-inch balls for bodies, four 1-1/2-inch balls for heads, 16 1-inch balls for hands and feet and eight 3/4 inch balls for ears. On cookie sheets, gently place balls together to form two bears on each sheet. Use raisins to make eyes, nose and other decorations. Cover, let rise in warm place 15-20 minutes or until nearly double in size.

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Bake bear breads 12-15 minutes or until light golden brown. Carefully remove and place on wire racks.

Cool completely.

CONVENTIONAL DIRECTIONS: In large bowl combine 1-1/2 cups bread flour, whole wheat flour, oats, sunflower seeds, brown sugar, yeast, cinnamon and salt. Heat milk and butter until very warm (120-130 degrees). Add to flour mixture with egg and blend on low speed of electric mixture until moistened. Beat 3 minutes at medium speed. Stir in enough additional bread flour (about 1/2 to 1 cup) until a soft dough is formed and dough begins to clear the sides of the bowl. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead 5-8 minutes or until smooth and elastic. Shape into ball, place into greased bowl, turning once. Cover, let rise in warm place 30 minutes or until doubled in size. Punch dough down. Cover, let rest 10 minutes. Shape into bears and bake as directed.

HONEY BUTTER

In small bowl, combine 8 tablespoons (1 stick) softened butter or margarine and 3 tablespoons honey. Mix until smooth. Store tightly covered in refrigerator.

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By Jude Associated

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By Karen Har Hearst News S

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For holiday desserts, pies are the prize

By Jude Mahoney
Associated Press

Market studies show most Americans are willing to bake a cake, but won't make pies because they think it's too hard to make a pie crust.

It is more than a one-step process, but several new books make the job a lot simpler. All offer fresh takes on mouthwatering pies you'll really want to make.

Carol Walter's 25 years as a baking teacher are evident in her no-nonsense book, "Great Pies and Tarts." The cover flap says she "takes the guesswork out of pastry" and at 500 pages there's not much this book doesn't cover — she explains, for example, why the right flour can make the difference between a sticky crust and a tender, flaky one.

The "primer" section includes techniques that can take you from amateur fumbler to cool crust expert in a New York minute. The step-by-step instructions are accompanied by full-page diagrams devoted to things like lining a pie plate with pastry, "fanning" fruit on a tart, and "shaping free-form puff pastry."

Walter even shows you how to hold and roll the rolling pin to get the results you want.

She moves on to 300 lavishly illustrated pages of recipes that range from easy to almost unimaginably exotic. But she walks you through the hard ones so carefully that good results are almost guaranteed.

For pie bakers who don't need to scale the Everest of gustatory achievement, Pat Willard's "Pie Every Day" is a great solution, a paperback of less than 300 pages. She doesn't approach crust making with Walter's missionary zeal, but she feels your pain, and offers a whole page of tips for turning out a flawless product.

Willard's book has no illustrations, but it offers 118 delightful-



Symbolizing dessert perfection is the Simple Pear Tart, from "Great Pies and Tarts" by Carol Walter. The book guides readers through the mysteries of making perfect pastry, then offers a bounty of pie recipes that range from simple to exotic.

ly varied filling recipes ranging from mincemeat to lemon, coconut to chicken. There are also 30 recipes for crusts made of everything from flour, graham crackers, mashed potatoes and breakfast cereals.

But it's food writer Marian Burros who takes the cake for solving the crust crisis. Her "New Elegant But Easy Cookbook,"

written with co-author Lois Levine, includes a butter crust recipe you just mix together and press into the pie plate. No rolling, no flouring, no peeling. Just smush together the ingredients, place the ball of dough in the pie plate, and press it into place.

MARIAN BURROS'
SIMPLE BUTTER CRUST
1-1/2 cups unbleached flour

1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 pound unsalted butter (1 stick)
1 egg
2 tablespoons ice water

The crust can be made a day or two ahead and refrigerated, or it can be frozen and defrosted before use.

Blend the flour, salt and butter into a crumbly mixture. Whisk the egg and ice water together and add to the flour mixture, blending until the pastry is smooth and holds together in a ball.

Pull pieces of dough from the ball and press them evenly over the sides and bottom of a 10-inch pie pan, using the heel of your hand to flatten.

Be sure the dough is not too thick around the bottom edge. Don't worry about the patching, none of it will show when baked.

Here are a few crust-making tips from Walter and Willard:

■ Chill everything, flour, bowl, rolling pin, shortening, rolling board and so on, for at least 30 minutes before you use it. You want the dough to be cool to the touch when you roll it out. Not cold and stiff, but cool.

■ Keep the rolling surface free of dough particles. Scrape and flour again as needed.

■ Always relax the rolling pressure as you reach the edge of the dough, or the edge will be too thin. Don't continue rolling the dough if it won't spread.

■ If the crust cracks as you're rolling it out, add more liquid. If it is cool but still sticky, it's too moist. Add flour, knead and try again.

■ If the crust shrinks during baking, you've stretched it too thinly. Always drape the walls of the pan generously with dough, even if it wrinkles a bit, and don't pull up the slack to flute the edges.

■ Use pans with dull surfaces like Silverstone, glass or ceramic so heat isn't reflected away from the pie as it bakes.

Cranberry dessert at Thanksgiving is just the icing on the cake

By John Owen
Hearst News Service

It is not necessary to serve dessert after a Thanksgiving dinner. Write that down and pass it around the table when the holiday feast nears its conclusion.

"It says right here I don't have to feed you any dessert. It was in the newspaper, so it must be true."

Of course, I know as well as you do that if you do save the clipping, you are going to toss it in the trash bin on or about Nov. 25. And you are going to bake two pies and buy a gallon of pumpkin ice cream that nobody wants or needs.

Every year newspaper editorialists feel compelled to remind us of the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

I'll tell you what it is: It is America's annual guilt trip.

Are you going to cook the feast or will somebody else? If it's a potluck, who gets lucky and who will be assigned the pot?

Can you put oysters in the stuffing even though you know Aunt Audrey will turn green, clutch her throat and fall heavily to the floor? Who is going to be assigned the task of holding Uncle Ned's head out of the mashed potatoes and gravy after he has killed off that jug of Gallo blush?

Don't even think about eating in a restaurant on Thanksgiving, or buying an entire cooked meal from the supermarket. The women in the party may manage to choke down the food. But they are pretty sure they are going to be struck with a thunderbolt of hellfire about the time the check hits the table.

Eating out on Thanksgiving is like cheating — big time — on your income tax. Sooner or later the IRS, or the ghost of John Alden, is going to catch up with transgressors.

And they will spend eternity chopping turkey gizzards, breaking up day-old bread and boiling cranberries until they pop.

The modern woman may have been born to be a cop, an astronaut or a nuclear scientist.

But deep down she knows what she is really supposed to do is cook a big Thanksgiving dinner for all the relatives. And to complete the meal with two pies and a quart of pumpkin ice cream.

Well, since I know you are going to ignore my good advice, you might as well prepare a cinch-o dessert for Thanksgiving. And you won't have to make any cranberry sauce. The berries are in the:

THANKSGIVING CAKE

2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sifted flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
2 cups raw cranberries

Cream the butter with the sugar in an electric mixer. Beat in the vanilla.

In another bowl sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. With the mixer running, alternately add flour mixture and milk to the sugar mixture and beat until smooth. Turn off the infernal machine and stir in the cranberries.

Pour this mess into a greased 8x8-inch baking pan.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes in a preheated, 400-degree oven.

Serve warm with either of the following sauces:

BRANDY SAUCE

1 cup sugar
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup cream or low-fat evaporated milk
1/3 cup brandy
1 tablespoon butter

Dissolve the sugar in the water, without stirring. Cook over low heat until the sugar is dissolved, then simmer this mixture until it begins to turn brown. Resist the impulse to stir. If you do, the sugar will crystallize.

Carefully add the cream, removing from heat if mixture foams up. Add the brandy (now you can stir). Remove pan from stove and beat in the butter. Spoon over hunks of cranberry cake.

BUTTER SAUCE

1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup half-and-half

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Blend in the sugar. Stir in cream and simmer three to four minutes, stirring once or twice.

This will serve eight. If you are expecting 16, double the recipe, or take a midnight flight to Maui.

John Owen writes "The Intermediate Eater" weekly for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Side dishes can make meal special

By Karen Haram
Hearst News Service

SAN ANTONIO — They may be called side dishes, but there's nothing second-class about the role they play on the holiday table.

While the turkey is usually the center of the Thanksgiving feast, don't forget the side dishes. As Dorothy Masters of San Antonio puts it, "To me, the Thanksgiving turkey is just an excuse to fill the table with great side dishes."

Masters isn't alone. When we put out the call to readers to send us their favorite Thanksgiving side dishes, we were rewarded with recipes for all kinds of dishes, from apples to zucchini, olives to okra.

Here are some favorites, with tester's notes:

FANTASTIC CORN

Erin Jarzombek of Clemens 4-H Club submitted a fabulous recipe for Fantastic Corn. "I like this dish because it is quick to make and tastes delicious. The green pepper and pimento add color. I love cheese so I put a lot on top. I found this recipe in one of my mother's cookbooks. My sister even made the dish for a 4-H Food Show and won a first-place ribbon."

TESTER'S NOTE: Our tasters loved the texture of this dish. It goes together quickly and easily. The dish holds well, so it's OK to remove it from the oven 20-30 minutes before serving if oven space gets tight.

1/4 cup chopped onion
1 small green bell pepper, chopped
1/4 cup margarine
2 teaspoons sugar
1 (2-ounce) jar chopped pimento, undrained
3 tablespoons water
1 (16-ounce) can cream-style corn
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup uncooked minute rice
1/2 cup shredded marble Cheddar cheese

Sauté onion and bell pepper in margarine in skillet; remove from heat. Add sugar, pimento, water, corn and egg and mix well. Stir in rice. Spoon into greased casserole. Bake uncovered, at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Sprinkle cheese on top. Let stand until cheese melts or return to oven for a few minutes to melt cheese.

LEMON GARLIC OLIVES

Freddie Johnson sent us her recipe for Lemon Garlic Olives.

Her source for the recipe is Craig Gardiner. She says, "Made these for Thanksgiving, about 10 days prior to. They were wonderful and were a huge hit."

TESTER'S NOTE: Not only are these a great addition to the holiday table, they would be an appreciated food gift packaged in an attractive jar. Make sure you attach a note telling the recipient to keep the olives refrigerated.

1 (10-ounce) jar large green, pimento-stuffed Spanish olives
4 fresh oregano sprigs
4 large garlic cloves, crushed
1/2 lemon, cut into wedges
8 whole black peppercorns
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Drain the jar of olives, reserving the brine. Place the olives in a colander and rinse thoroughly with cold water, then let drain thoroughly. Layer olives, oregano, garlic cloves, lemon wedges and peppercorns in the olive jar. (Reserve the olives that do not fit back into the jar for something else.) Add the lemon juice and top off with the reserved brine. Shake well and let them marinate in the refrigerator for at least 1 week.

AVOCADO-GRAPEFRUIT SALAD

Julie Mosty Leonard of Oklahoma City, who reads the San Antonio Express-News when she visits her childhood home in Center Point, says Avocado-Grapefruit Salad is one of her family's favorite holiday dishes. It is one her mother, Julia Westervelt Mosty, served.

"She claimed that it was a recipe from her home-economics class at Thomas Jefferson High School (class of '36). It is so simple and delicious," she notes. The salad can be kept for a day or a little longer, as long as you make sure the dressing is covering all of the avocado slices.

TESTER'S NOTE: Be sure to section the grapefruit carefully so that there is no white pith on it. The pith is what gives grapefruit its bitter taste.

1 small bottle Italian dressing or bottle of Italian dressing mix
5 or 6 large, ripe avocados, sliced 1/2-inch thick
7 or 8 large grapefruit, peeled into sections, leaving no white pulp
Iceberg or romaine leaves to line serving plate

Pour dressing over avocado and grapefruit slices; mix gently to keep grapefruit intact. Arrange slices over lettuce-lined plate for serving. This can be served immediately, but flavor is better if made several hours ahead and chilled.

CRANBERRY PINEAPPLE SALAD

Lemma Nite of San Marcos got her recipe for Cranberry Pineapple Salad from one of the Reiman publications either Taste of Home or Country Woman magazine. "It is a very refreshing salad or side dish and is especially good with poultry main dishes. It goes with any kind of turkey or chicken dishes," she says.

TESTER'S NOTE: We tested this recipe with freshly squeezed orange juice and found it refreshingly different from the normal cranberry salad. A dollop of mayonnaise on top of each serving dresses up the salad and also lends an interesting, contrasting flavor.

1 (6-ounce) package raspberry-flavored gelatin
1-3/4 cups boiling water
1 (16-ounce) can jellied cranberry sauce
1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, undrained
3/4 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup chopped pecans
Lettuce leaves
Mayonnaise or salad dressing

In a bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Break up and stir in cranberry sauce. Add pineapple, orange juice and lemon juice. Chill until partially set. Stir in nuts. Pour into an 11x7-inch dish. Chill until firm. Cut into squares; serve each portion on a lettuce leaf and top with a dollop of mayonnaise.

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From D. E. Drake at Canyon Lake comes a recipe for Corn

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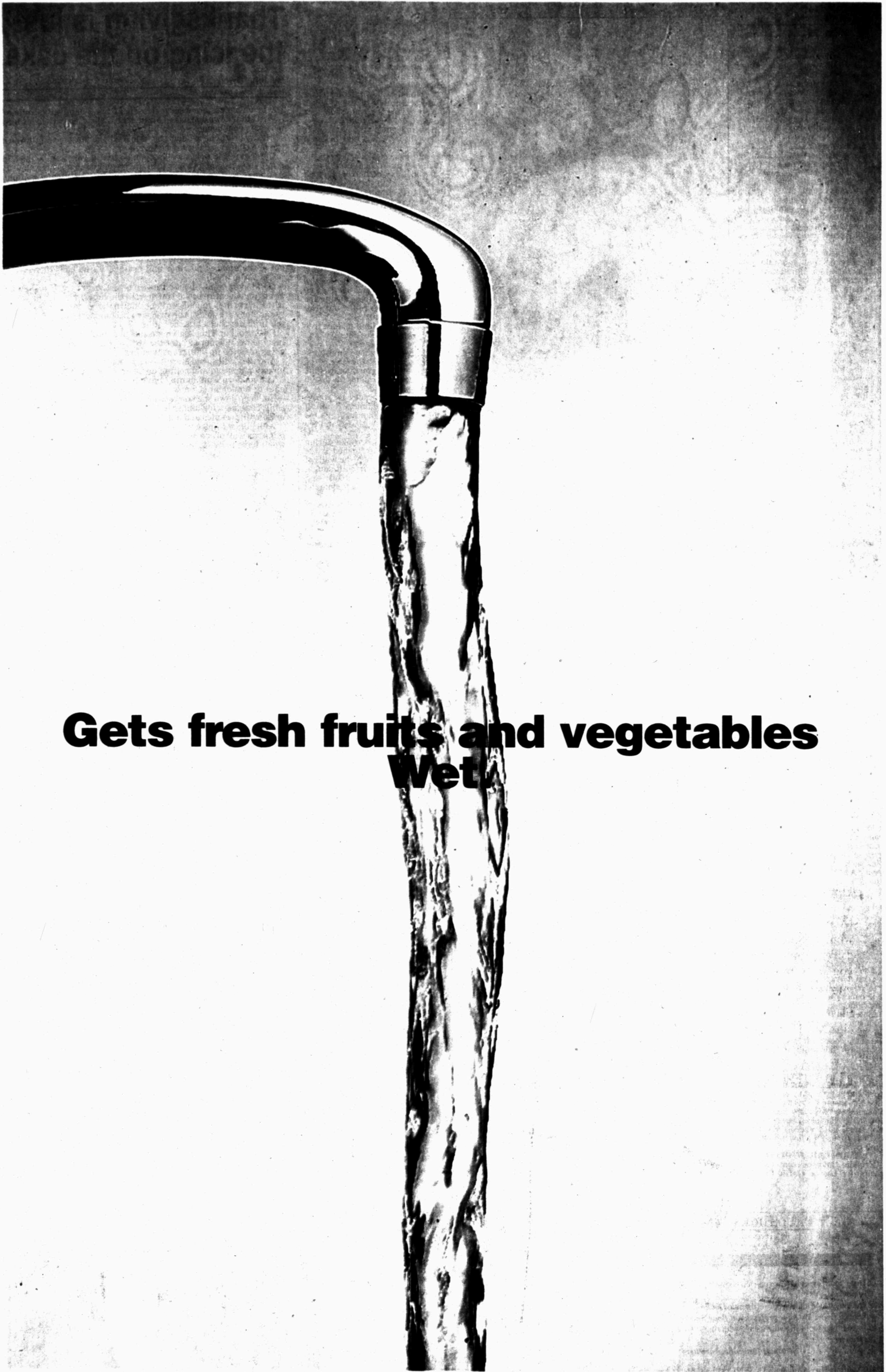
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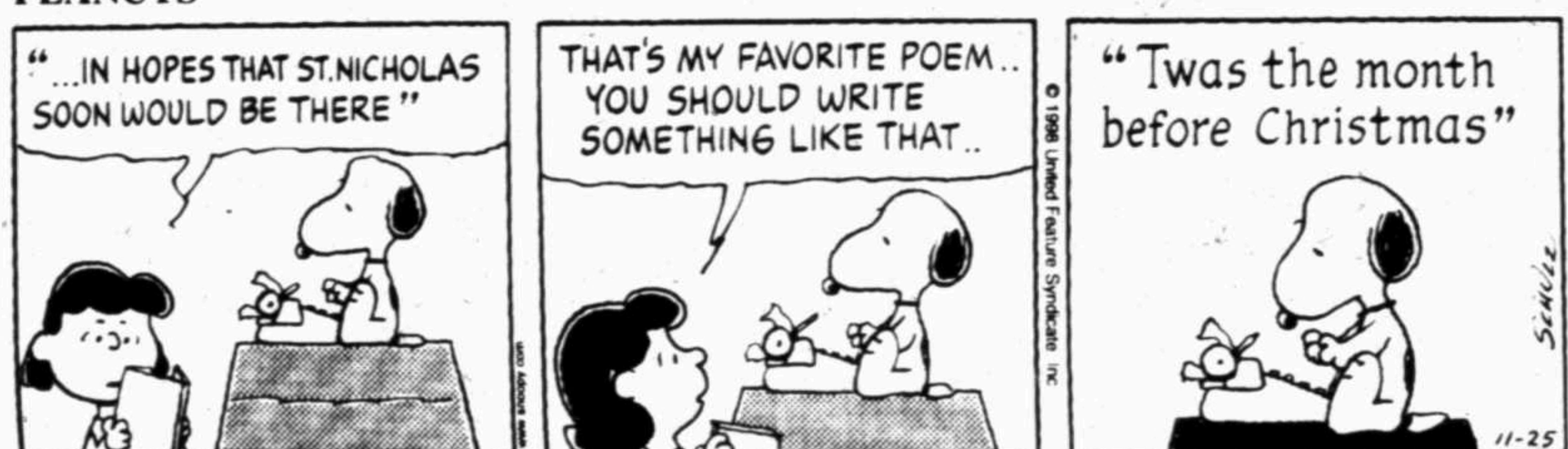
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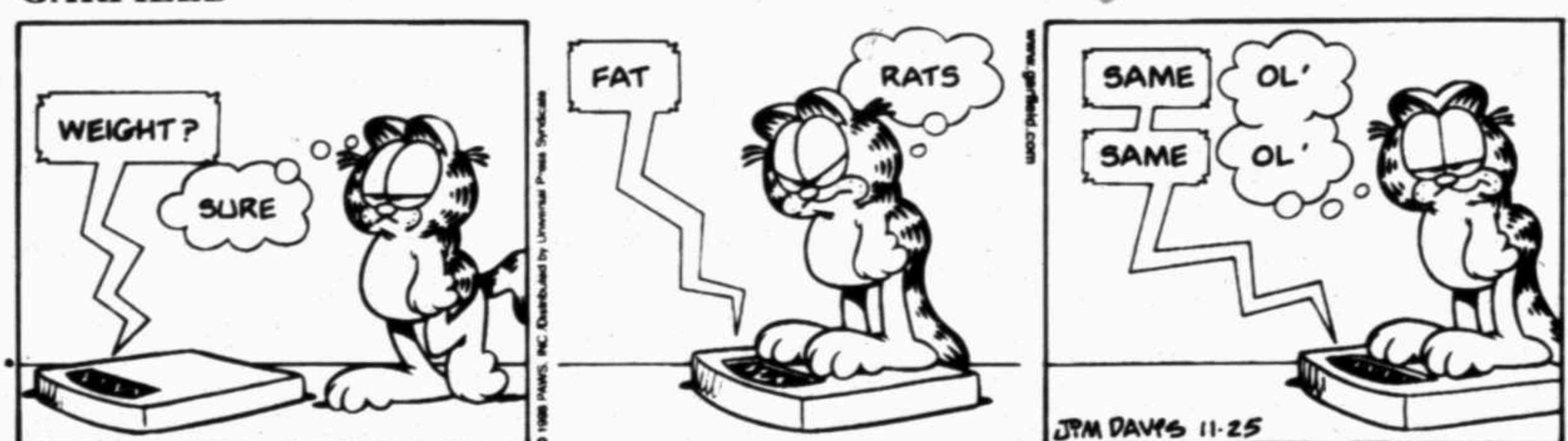
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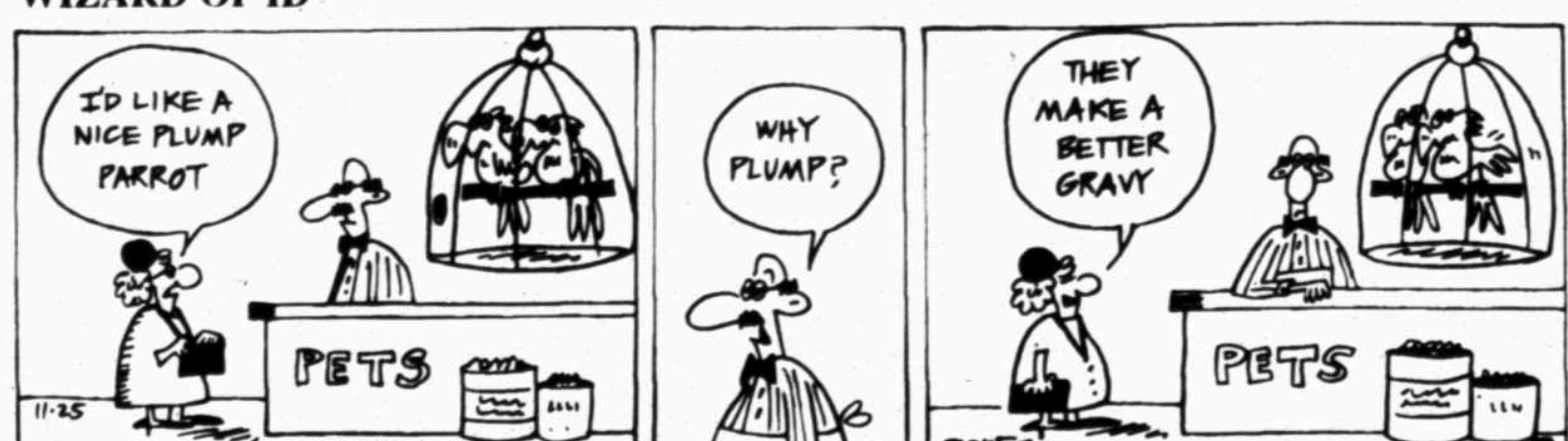
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** You recharge in your sleep and wake up with usable ideas. Start keeping a dream diary. Charge into work ready to exchange concepts, advance a project and get the day going. Schedule meetings, and talk to co-workers. Others care about your opinions. Tonight: A social night. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ***** Maintain a high profile. A partner whispers good news in your ear. Work with this person; he supports you professionally and financially. Brainstorm, to come up with new plans. You will succeed with others if you keep conversations one-to-one. Tonight: Work late. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ***** Read between the lines, and understand what is going on with others. Listen carefully; there is more here than you think. Seek experts. Others take your questions

as an expression of interest. Seek answers, but don't get caught up in small details. Tonight: Happy holiday wishes. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ***** Sound ideas come from experience. Co-workers are full of suggestions; why not listen? There are certainly grains of truth here. Don't lose your financial perspective when running Thanksgiving errands. Your fussing over tomorrow makes others feel good. Tonight: Get ready for the turkey. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You bring a spirit of celebration into everyday events, but today everyone else decides to join you. Take advantage of any opportunity that will spread Thanksgiving spirit. Make time for other people by putting as much work on the back burner as possible. Tonight: Head out and about. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Pace yourself; you have a lot to do. Work is demanding. Others seem to be gone (mentally at least), and you have your share of holiday errands. Listen to feedback from family members; they want to pitch in and help. Others share in the fun. Tonight: Prepare things in advance. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Your sense of fun peaks with the hurried pace as you run around. Stop what you are doing, and visit loved ones and friends. They want to share holiday cheer. A child wants you to focus on him. If single, romance could be blooming from a flirtation. Tonight: Be a love. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Make family the highest priority. You go overboard with spend-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ing. Someone appreciates your attention, but you don't have to spend as much to impress this person. Your presence truly is enough; don't underestimate it. A talk about feelings opens up both of you. Tonight: Home. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Unexpected developments keep you busy. Not that you cannot make adjustments, but they certainly keep life popping. Ask for help when you need it. Trust yourself. Screen calls, or you might not get anything done. Others turn to you for help. Tonight: Shoot the breeze. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your mind races while you try to deal with financial matters. When you least expect it, you are called in to handle an emergency. Work and home life are demanding. Ultimately you do a juggling act. Establish limits on how much you can accomplish. Tonight: Spend money. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You are personality-plus. Friends seek you out, which pleases you. Make time to get together with others, exchange holiday cheer and catch up on news. You hear an interesting tidbit of information. Think about it; there are many implications. Tonight: Be with friends. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Take control at work. A boss appreciates a job well done. Important information could affect you professionally. Stay on top of a problem; work might be demanding. A parent needs your attention. Tonight: A force to be dealt with. **BORN TODAY** Actress Kathryn Crosby (1933), football player Bernie Kosar (1963), actor John Larroquette (1947)

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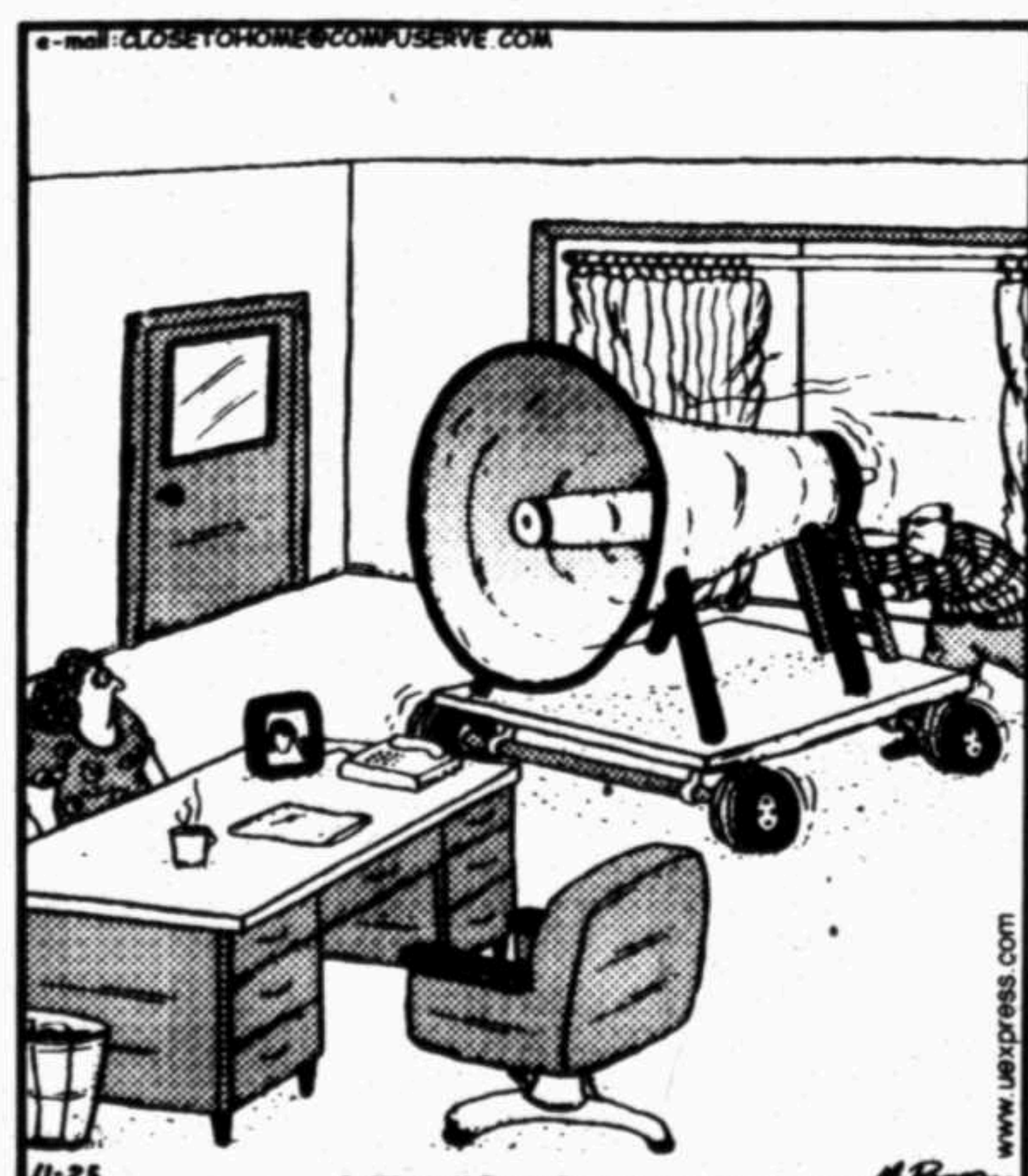
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PEOPLE TODAY

Woman sues Vila over kicking incident

EUGENE, Ore. — A woman who claims Bob Vila kicked and punched the back of her airplane seat last November has sued the home-repair king for nearly \$127,000.

Carol Berger accuses the "Home Again" host of injuring her back and causing her lasting psychological trauma on a Nov. 16 flight from Denver to Eugene. Her lawsuit seeks damages for pain, suffering and mental anguish, medical care and lost earnings.

Vila didn't immediately return a call Thursday.

Berger had the first-class seat in front of Vila on the United Airlines flight. When she reclined her seat, the Circuit Court lawsuit says, Vila "intentionally or negligently kicked and/or punched the back of (Berger's) seat," and that he continued to kick or punch even after she complained to flight attendants.

The lawsuit also accuses the airline of negligence for failing to do anything about it. United wouldn't comment.

WASHINGTON — During a sendoff celebration for a departing staffer, Sen. Sam Brownback bathed the employee's feet in a ritual meant to demonstrate respect, a Kansas political newsletter reported.

"It wasn't weird. It wasn't unnatural at all. It was just a show of respect for a valued staffer who meant a lot to Sam," Brownback spokesman Erik Hotmire was quoted as saying in the Hawver's Capitol Report published Tuesday.

Hotmire wouldn't comment Wednesday to The Associated Press. The office of the Kansas Republican also wouldn't identify the staffer, although Hotmire said it wasn't former legislative director Paul Ryan. Ryan was elected Nov. 3 to a House seat from Wisconsin.

In some Christian denominations, foot-washing derives from the biblical story of the Last Supper, after which Jesus bathed his disciples' feet. It's increasingly practiced in Brownback's own Methodist denomination.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Paul Simon has agreed to testify in the embezzlement trial of prominent anti-apartheid activist Allan Boesak as long as he can do it via telephone or video from New York City.

The singer, who donated about \$180,000 to Boesak's Foundation for Peace and Justice Charity, was responding to a request from the prosecutor's office, SABC-TV said Thursday.

Simon cited his heavy work schedule as preventing him from traveling to South Africa in person.

Earlier this week, a major witness recanted allegations of financial wrongdoing against Boesak, delivering a serious blow to the prosecution's case. Freddie Steenkamp, a bookkeeper for the defunct charity, told the court he lied under oath about Boesak stealing \$300,000.

Steenkamp pleaded guilty to fraud and theft and was sentenced last year to six years in prison.

RENO, Nev. — It's a go from the Reno Planning Commission for a Beverly Hillbillies hotel-casino.

Commissioners on Wednesday approved master plan and zoning changes and a special use permit for the \$130 million project proposed by Max Baer Jr., who played the dimwitted Jethro Bodine on the TV show from the '60s and '70s.

"I'm pleasantly surprised and I'm happy about it," Baer said after a public hearing on the project proposed for Park Lane Mall south of downtown Reno.

The commissioners also endorsed a 240-foot marquee oil derrick topped by a 70-foot flame. City officials had recommended the structure be limited to 80 feet, flame included.

Baer said Jethro's Beverly Hillbillies Mansion & Casino will rejuvenate Reno's sluggish gambling and tourism industry and pump new life into the struggling mall.

The project must be approved by the Reno City Council and the Regional Planning Commission.

LONDON — Opera star Jessye Norman can't sue a magazine for libel over a remark about her size that she called "vulgar and undignified," an appeals court ruled Thursday. In a flattering 1994 profile, Classic CD magazine said that when Miss Norman became trapped in some swinging doors on the way to a concert and was advised to turn sideways to free herself, she replied: "Honey, I ain't got no sideways."

Miss Norman contended she never uttered the remark, which she said held her up to ridicule, mockery and contempt because it conformed to a "degrading racist stereotype of a person of African-American heritage."

But Lord Justice Peter Gibson ruled the remark could never convey the defamatory meanings she suggested.

"I could have wished that Miss Norman had told the hoary old joke contained in the anecdote — the subject of this libel action — as it would have shown that, in addition to possessing the remarkable vocal and dramatic talents which have made her world-famous as a distinguished opera singer, she had an engaging sense of humour," he said.

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DEAR ABBY

Give thanks for stepfathers' love too

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: While I was growing up, my mother was married several times. Unfortunately, over the years I lost contact with my stepfathers. Every year around the holidays, I think back with fondness on these men who shaped my life. I wish I could tell each of them that their presence, however brief, had a lasting effect on me.

To the bank manager I would ascribe my own successful career in banking. The one who insisted that I eat my vegetables would be amazed to learn that I've become a vegetarian.

I would say to the hard worker who juggled two jobs to support us, that by his example, he instilled a strong work ethic in me.

My biological dad would be thanked for many things, not the least being his faithfulness. He sent the child support checks for 15 years without fail for a child across the country he was barely allowed to know. I always knew he cared.

I feel lucky to have learned so many things from such fine men. — GRATEFUL TO ALL MY DADS

DEAR GRATEFUL: If childhood is a learning experience, yours was not wasted. I'm printing your letter of gratitude as a reminder for fathers, both absent and present, that children are taught by the examples the adults in their lives have set for them.

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, my sister "Emmy," who has two children, married "Brad," a man with three kids of his own. The children were close in age — 7 to 10. Now they're almost all teen-agers.

Emmy recently separated from Brad and is considering divorce. The main reason seems to be that Brad's children are disrespectful and disobedient, and are getting into trouble at

school. Emmy says she's tired of being "the wicked stepmother" trying to discipline them without any help from him. Brad is very easy-going, and his children do have some behavioral and emotional problems.

I don't want my sister to be unhappy. She should do whatever she thinks is right for herself, her son and daughter. Frankly, if she can't deal with her stepchildren, perhaps they're better off without her as well.

My problem is, I like Brad and I'm fond of his kids. For five years I've considered them part of our family. I feel very uncomfortable suddenly having to treat them like outcasts. Emmy feels that if I continue to see them, I'm taking his side and not supporting her.

Personally, I'm happily married, with a new baby who is very popular with his "step" cousins. I'd appreciate hearing what you think. — BETWIXT AND BETWEEN

DEAR BETWIXT: The root of your sister's unhappiness is her husband's unwillingness to accept his responsibility as a parent, and it has sabotaged the marriage. Small wonder the children have problems! It's interesting that you are not more sympathetic to the battle she has been through during the last five years, nor more protective of her feelings.

What you decide to do in the long run is up to you. However, until your sister decides whether to continue or end the marriage, in the interest of family loyalty, I think you should back her up.

DEAR ABBY: I am in love with my ex's co-worker (I'll call him Jim). This is dangerous as I live with my ex in the same house, although not in the same quarters. We have both had some trouble distancing ourselves from each other since we decided to break up nearly a year ago.

Jim and I have talked on the phone and communicated by e-mail on a regular basis, and I feel I connect well with him. When we have met in person, my ex has always been there — and I know that's why Jim isn't taking things further. My ex and Jim have been pals as well as colleagues for many years, and I think Jim

fears my ex's annoyance. (Whether he'd be unhappy or not is questionable.)

I have put myself slightly out on a limb in terms of expressing my feelings to Jim, but each time our conversation becomes flirtatious, he cuts it short.

This is very frustrating. I have become so fascinated by him that if we don't go beyond flirting soon, I can see myself making as much of a fool of myself at 25 as I did when I was 15, by doing something stupid or too forward and ruining my chances of a relationship with him. Please help. — JENNIFER IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

DEAR JENNIFER: As long as you're living under the same roof as your ex, your romance with his co-worker has gone as far as it's going to go. I salute his good sense. In the interests of all concerned, you must make a clean break with your ex before proceeding seriously with anyone else. One of you should move.

DEAR ABBY: My sister is getting married for the third time to a man who also has been married twice before. What kind of gift should I get, or can I just settle for sending my good wishes? I want to do the right thing, but I'm getting weary of "getting hit" for gifts every time she goes to the altar. — MAGGIE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR MAGGIE: You do not have to give your sister as expensive a present as you perhaps gave at her first wedding, but you should give the happy couple a modest gift, especially if you attend the wedding. A suggestion: momogrammed towels so the new husband will not be reminded of his predecessors. Better yet, ask them what they could use.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Hotlines let cooks talk turkey

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Toll-free hot lines are sizzling with questions about how to roast, when to baste and what to bake.

The U.S. Agriculture Department, (800) 535-4555, has recorded messages around the clock, with operators on hand weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; its Web site is at www.foodsafety.org.

The Butterball Turkey Talk-Line, (800) 323-4848, which has operators on hand and also promotes some brand-name products, is available 9 a.m.-9 p.m. through Dec. 23, and on Thanksgiving Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; its Web site is at www.butterball.com.

The Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline, (800) 782-9606, has operators on hand from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Dec. 24; its Web address is www.landolakes.com.

And the Campbell's Soup Holiday Leftover Hotline will be at its best 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Nov. 27, when there will be operators, not just recordings (as there are through Dec. 31): (888) 453-3868 and www.campbellsoup.com.



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Fresh or frozen turkey is cooks' annual dilemma

By Ruth Fantasia
Hearst News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — This is the BIG one — Thanksgiving — the most anticipated and scrutinized home-cooked meal of the year. It even has rules:

1. You must serve turkey. It must be cooked until white instead of pink and moist but not dry.

2. The turkey is to be served with stuffing, which can be made with anything from apples to oysters as long as it, too, is moist and not dry.

3. You have to have mashed potatoes and gravy, with lumps in the potatoes but not in the gravy.

But back to the turkey: the BIG bird. For best results, use the finest ingredients, advise chefs. But which is best, fresh turkey or frozen turkey? It all depends on whom you ask.

"You have to go with the fresh," said Bob Briggs, associate dean of advanced cooking at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. "Freezing breaks down cells and when you thaw (the turkey) out, all that water that comes out of the package is moisture that was in the bird."

"Not to mention all the hassles of thawing: the water collecting in the bottom of the refrigerator, trying to pry out the frozen neck," Briggs said. "You go to cook it and you find it isn't thawed completely and you just about have to stand on the thing to get the bags out of the middle."

But not all chefs agree. Food safety is the issue that makes Michael St. John go with the frozen birds. St. John is the executive chef at The Desmond in Colonie, N.Y., where the kitchen staff will cook 25 turkeys for the holiday. "When a frozen bird is processed, it is killed, cleaned and flash frozen within minutes. With a fresh turkey, you have raw meat going from the farm to the warehouse, from the warehouse to the store and from the store to your home, where it will sit a day or two before you cook it."

"I've had fresh turkey at home a couple of times and I have to say, I have my concerns about fresh turkeys."

Others are more concerned with the additives in frozen turkeys than with the food safety issue. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, MSG, salt and sodium erythorbate (a synthetic agent used in processed meats to preserve color) cannot be used on birds labeled "fresh" or "minimally processed."

Frozen birds, however, can be processed with these additives but the ingredients must be listed on the label. In addition, many frozen turkeys are "basted" or "self-basted," meaning the turkey has been injected with a solution containing some or all of the following: edible animal fat, broth, stock, water, spices and flavor-enhancers. Again, the label must identify the common name of all the ingredients and the amount of the solution used.

For assurance that the turkey they're serving wasn't being fed antibiotics or grain treated with pesticides, some people are turning to organically or naturally raised turkeys.

"Although those practices have been approved for use by the USDA, there is some controversy about whether or not those are really good things to put in your

body," said Eric Paul, meat manager at the Honest Weight Co-op in Albany. Honest Weight will sell between 60 and 80 organically raised birds from the Misty Knoll farm in Vermont for the holiday, Paul said.

Perhaps the biggest reason for the popularity of frozen turkeys is price. They are generally less expensive than fresh.

While you may think you're buying a fresh turkey if it has a label that says "never been frozen," that may not be the case.

According to the USDA, the term "fresh" may only be used on raw poultry products that have never been stored below 26 degrees F. Poultry stored at 0 degrees F., or below, must be labeled "frozen." But there are no rules for labeling fowl stored between 0 and 26 F. To ensure you get what you want, look for "fresh" or "frozen" on the label.

So, which is better? We might as well try to answer the proverbial "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" Instead we'll quote the USDA: "There is no appreciable difference between a fresh or frozen bird. It is just a matter of preference."

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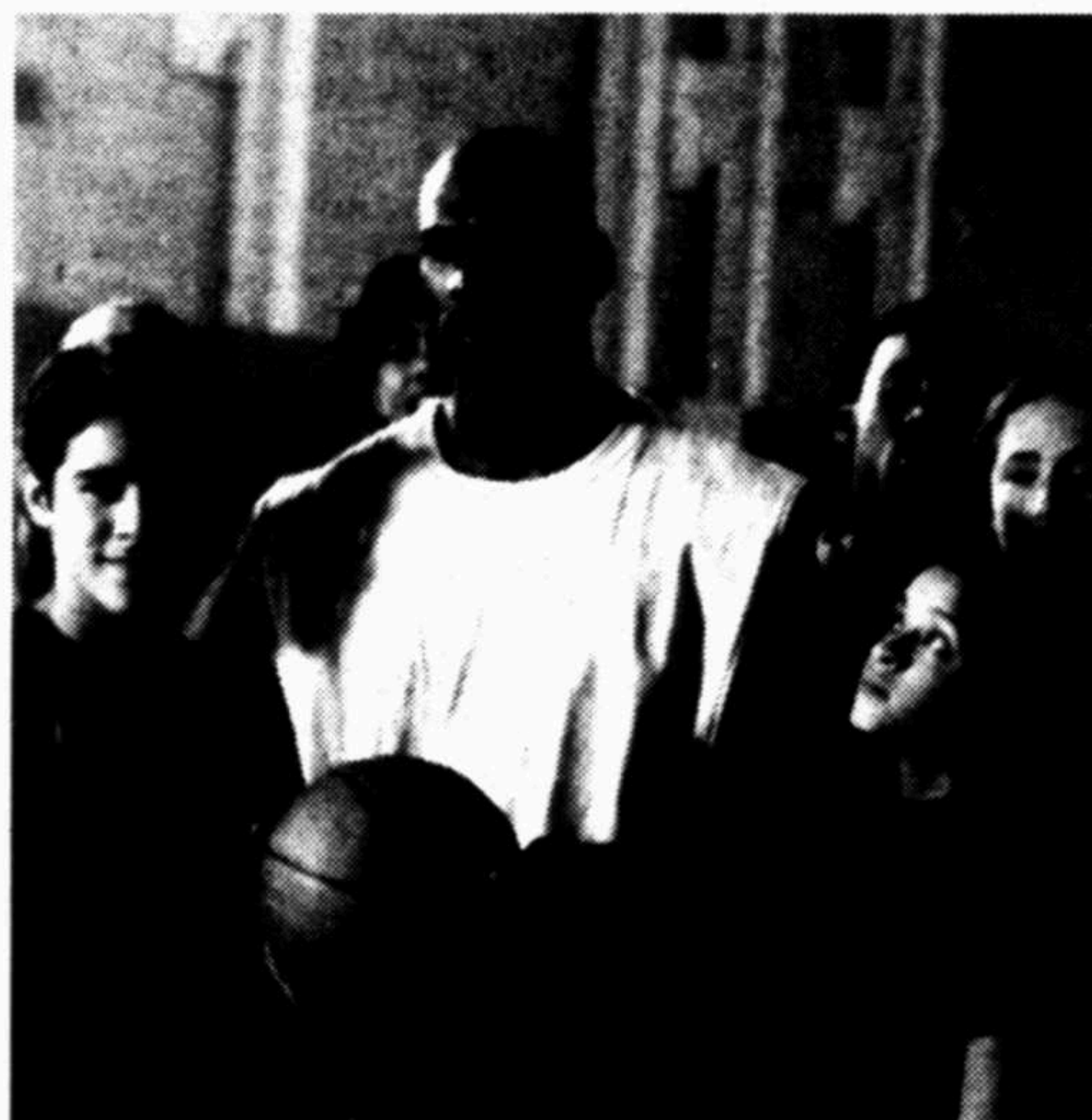
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