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Economist sees 'solid' growth rate

Perryman says predicted growth shows comeback for basin

■ Officials attributes growth to successful diversification efforts in area and "good, healthy business climate."

By Mella McEwen

Staff Writer

The Midland-Odessa metropolitan area should see a growth rate of 2.7 percent annually over the next five years, according to economist Ray Perryman.

This corresponds with an earlier prediction from national economist Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp., who said the Midland-Odessa economy would show a 2.7 percent increase in 1996.

Employment in the two cities should grow at 1.8 percent annually through 2001, creating 10,000 net jobs, according to Perryman, founder and chief executive officer of The Perryman Group. This compares with national employment growth of 1.6 percent and 2.3 percent in Texas, he said.

Perryman said the best prospects for jobs in the next five years will be in the trade-related and services sector.

The growth in economic output compares with a projected national growth rate of 2.5 percent and a state growth rate of 2.3 percent, Perryman said.

He attributed the growth to successful diversification efforts in the area and "a good, healthy business climate."

While Perryman termed the rate moderate, he said that in comparison to recent years when the region suffered from a downturn in the energy industry, "these are solid numbers. It shows a nice comeback for this area."

"There is a fundamental capacity for long-term expansion in this economy,"

Perryman emphasized that the area must continue its efforts to diversify away from the oil and gas industry. "Oil alone won't sustain this economy."

He doesn't expect oil prices to change much from their present levels in 1997. "Long term, the price of oil has to be on an upward trend."

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Texas tops nation with incarceration rate, study shows

Report shows high rate has helped improve state's crime ranking, which declined from third-highest in 1989 to 15th in 1995.

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Stiffer sentencing guidelines for violent criminals and a tougher parole board have helped Texas maintain the highest incarceration rate in the country, according to a study released Wednesday.

A state's incarceration rate is based on the number of prisoners per 100,000 population.

Texas, which also led the country in 1994, was first in 1995 with 653; Louisiana second with 568; and Oklahoma third with 561. California was 12th with 416 and New York was 18th with 378, according to the report released by the Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council.

A revision of the state's criminal code in 1993 and a parole board less inclined to release prisoners are reasons for the state's high incarceration rate, said Tony Fabelo, executive director of the policy council.

"People are staying in prison longer and the parole board has gotten tougher," Fabelo said.

Under sentencing guidelines in place since 1993, violent offenders must serve half their sentence before becoming eligible for parole. Previously, they only had to serve 25 percent of their sentence before coming up for parole.

In 1990, 75 of every 100 prisoners being considered by the parole board were released, Fabelo said, adding that in 1995, only 18 of every 100 were released.

"Because of parole practices, violent offenders will serve at least 80 percent of their sentence," Fabelo said. "We've practically abolished parole for aggravated offenders."

Violent offenses include murder, rape, aggravated assault and any other offense in which a weapon is used.

The report shows that Texas' high incarceration rate has helped improve the state's crime ranking, which declined from third-highest in 1989 to 15th in 1995.

The ranking is based on the number of index crimes — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft — per 100,000 population.

"Even though our crime ranking has improved, we need to do more than just incarcerating more and more people," Fabelo said. "Other states have had better results in impacting crime without having to incarcerate as many people as we have here."

A.M. BRIEFING



Toy shortage

A Tickle Me Elmo doll is photographed Wednesday in New York. The maker of the doll is air-freighting shipments in from China, caught off guard by soaring demand. And not only is the holiday Barbie another sellout this year, but the bionic version on CD-ROM is selling out too. Barely one week into the traditional start of the holiday shopping season, the blood pressure is rising among moms and dads who waited too long before buying toys for Christmas.

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CPI changes

WASHINGTON — The government overstates inflation, an advisory panel concluded Wednesday, proposing changes that could shave billions from the deficit but raise taxes for millions of Americans and cost Social Security recipients a chunk of their annual increase. The panel said the Consumer Price Index exaggerates inflation by 1.1 percentage points annually and should be scrapped in favor of a true cost-of-living index.

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O.J. trial testimony

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A woman named Nicole called a battered women's shelter five days before Nicole Brown Simpson was slain, complaining that her famous ex-husband was stalking and threatening her, a shelter worker testified Wednesday. "She would go the market, he'd be there staring at her from the other aisle," said the witness, Nancy N. Ney. "She said that he had told her a few different times that if he ever caught her with another man he would kill her."

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MPD rolls out substation



MPD substation to take police services directly to Midlanders

By Joe Gaines

Staff Writer

The Midland Police Department on Wednesday rolled out its new substation, which is another way for the police to "take its services directly to the citizens of Midland," Tina Sanders, public information officer, said.

The 35-foot long, custom-made vehicle was approved by the City Council in June. Most of the nearly \$180,000 cost was funded by taxpayers (city budget), with \$40,000 coming from drug seizure money, Chief Richard Czech said.

Besides police, the substation can be used by other city departments and in emergency situations like disasters, John Urby, assistant chief, said.

The substation has been assigned four officers, who are funded by President Clinton's Cops Ahead Grant, officials said.

The substation will help "tremendously" in the department's problem-oriented policing philosophy and is a "valuable public relations tool," Urby said.

"We have been talking about officers getting out of their cars and talking to residents, but

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STORY BY JOE GAINES

PHOTOS BY CURT WILCOTT

Two-car collision kills Midland man

By Joe Gaines

Staff Writer

A Midland man died after being ejected from his vehicle during a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Loop 250 and Big Spring Street.

Joseph Darnell Bussey, 21, of Midland, was heading eastbound on Loop 250 when he was struck on the driver's side around 5 p.m. Wednesday. He was struck by a vehicle driven by Dr. John Straub, 40, of Midland, who was southbound on Big Spring Street, police said.

After being hit, Bussey's vehicle went sideways and hit an island where it began to spin. While the vehicle spun, Bussey was ejected, Officer Bobby Welborn said.

Bussey's older model vehicle didn't have seatbelts.

Bussey hit his head on the curb and was dragged under his vehicle by the back wheel, Welborn said.

At the scene, emergency crews worked to resuscitate Bussey and remove him from under the vehicle where he was pinned.

He died an hour later at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center of massive head injuries, police said.

Straub was uninjured, police said. No citations have been issued pending further investigation of the accident.

Straub told police that he had a green light. A witness at the scene said Bussey appeared to be speeding through the intersection.



Joseph D. Bussey, 21, of Midland, died of massive head injuries early Wednesday evening after a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Big Spring Street and Loop 250.

Brian Adamcik Reporting/Telegram

DECEMBER 5, 1996

South Africa approves new constitution ending democratization process

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — South Africa gave final approval to a new constitution Wednesday, marking the end of a democratization process that began as President Nelson Mandela languished in prison.

Nearly six years after Mandela's release and after tough negotiations and political violence, the Constitutional Court certified the document that will extinguish any legal legacy of apartheid.

"For me personally, it brings the satisfaction of witnessing the irony of the summation of a democratization process which commenced under the most restrictive conditions, in prison," Mandela said in a statement.

Considered one of the most liberal constitutions in the world, the 150-page document outlaws capital punishment, protects gay and lesbian rights and includes a Bill of Rights that guarantees equal rights for all. It took two years to negotiate.

The new document will gradually

replace an interim constitution, taking full effect in 1999.

The charter drafted by an elected Constitutional Assembly had been rejected by the nation's highest court earlier this year, forcing the assembly to rework some sections. But on Wednesday, the 11-judge panel certified it unanimously.

In rejecting the first version of the charter on Sept. 6, the Constitutional Court cited mostly minor, technical problems but also ruled that it failed to give sufficient power to provincial governments.

That issue had caused the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party to walk out of the Constitutional Assembly, composed of Parliament members elected in the nation's first all-race vote in 1994.

But Inkatha secretary-general Ziba Jiyane said Wednesday his party would abide by the new constitution.

Other parties, including the white-led National Party that ruled under

apartheid, said the only way an ethnically diverse country like South Africa could survive was by preventing too much central control and protecting minority rights.

National Party secretary-general Roelf Meyer said that although it was not a perfect document, provision was made for annual review by Parliament with a view to improvements.

Inkatha and Mandela's African National Congress have been fierce rivals for years, with thousands of their supporters dying in political violence in the traditional Zulu homeland of KwaZulu-Natal province.

Mandela is scheduled to sign the new constitution into law on Dec. 10, International Human Rights Day, in the black township of Sharpeville south of Johannesburg.

Mohamed Valli Moosa, Mandela's constitutional affairs minister, said Sharpeville was chosen because a 1960 police massacre of 69 black protesters there had "marked a new

era in the struggle for liberation." He also noted Sharpeville was part of the town of Vereeniging, where a peace treaty ending the Anglo-Boer war in 1902 set up the borders of present-day South Africa.

Key points of the new constitution that a South African court approved Wednesday:

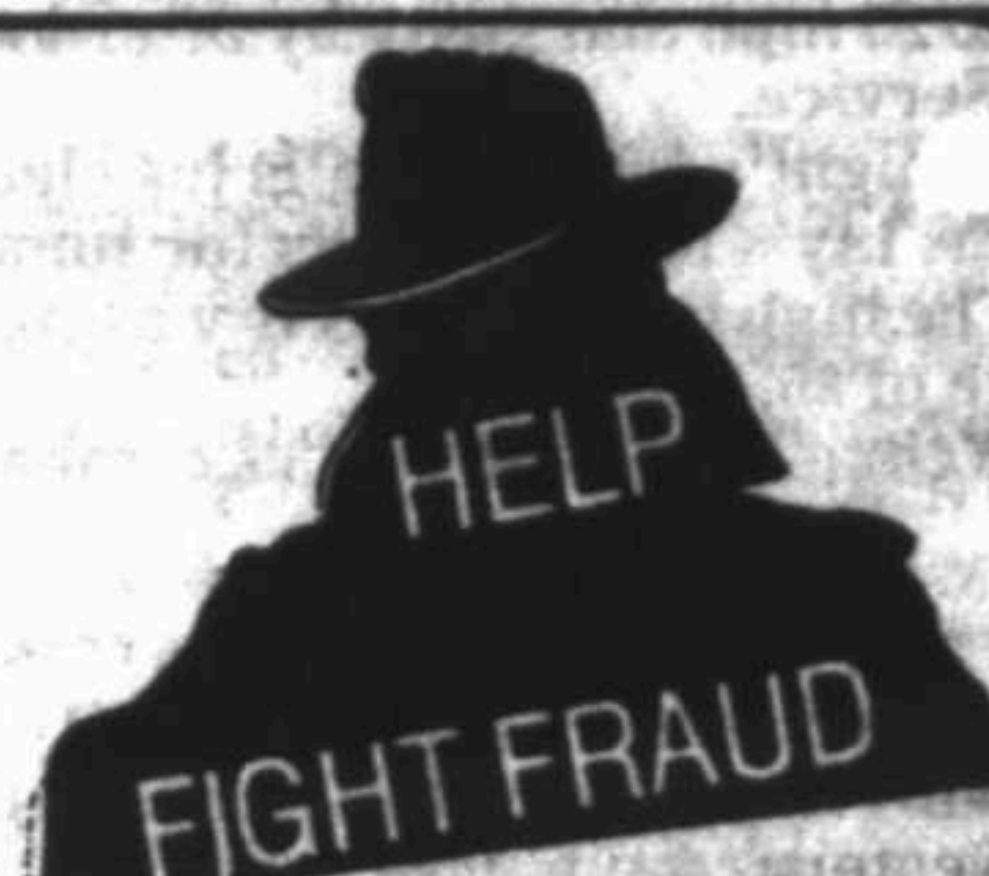
- Pledges to lay a foundation for a country committed to human dignity and equality for all, and to advance human rights.
- Bans discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, or sexual orientation.
- Includes a Bill of Rights that forbids discrimination due to pregnancy, disability or language, and allows for affirmative action for previously disadvantaged groups.
- Guarantees people the right to housing and health care.
- Outlaws capital punishment.
- Guarantees independence for the courts.
- Protects the right to free speech.
- Limits the president to two, five-

year terms.

■ Gives oversight of the defense force to Parliament, and requires security services to abide by the constitution.

■ Replaces the traditional second house in Parliament with a national council of provinces containing delegates from each of the nine provinces.

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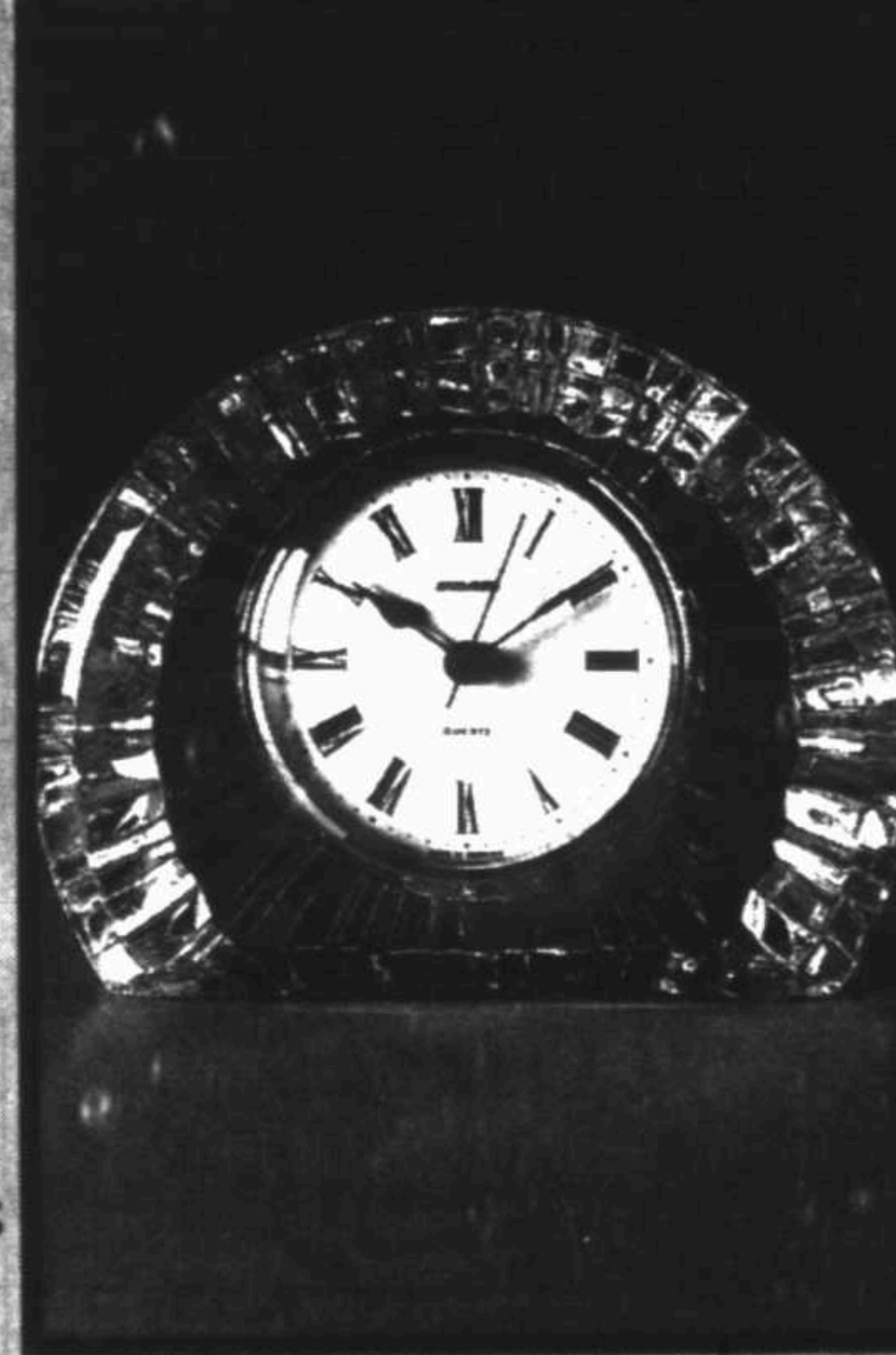
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WEATHER WATCH

Today to be mostly sunny, mid-60s

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and a high between 65 and 70. Winds will be from the west at 5 to 15 mph early, increasing to 15 to 25 mph and gusty by afternoon, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for clear skies and a low in the mid-30s.

Friday's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high around 70. The high for Wednesday was 66, compared to the record high for that date of 85, set in 1954.

Wednesday's low was 36, compared to the record low of 19, set in 1990.

STATE

A low-pressure area centered over the Panhandle made Wednesday a rainy day for much of Texas, and more of the same was expected for the coming days.

It was mostly cloudy over North Texas with rain and highs only around 50 in most places. Rain and isolated thunderstorms were expected through today with highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

South Texas also got some rain Wednesday as a sub-tropical jetstream continued to pump moisture into the area. Rainfall was relatively light with temperatures ranging from 49 at Burnet to 75 at Brownsville and Harlingen.

A cool front is expected to move into the area, but temperatures will continue to be warm with abundant sunshine today. Highs will be in the 60s and 70s with lows in the 40s and 50s.

A cold front located over the Texas Panhandle kept the area clear of rain Wednesday. However, a chance of rain and thunderstorms is expected today.

Wednesday's highs ranged from 41 at Dalhart to 72 at Wink. Today will bring cooler temperatures along with precipitation. Highs will be in the upper 60s with lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s.

NATION

The Pacific Northwest was battered by wind up to 70 mph and freezing rain Wednesday as a new storm moved in from the ocean, and light showers rolled into the southern Plains.

A low pressure system centered over the Gulf of Alaska spread the gusty cold air into western Oregon and Washington.

The strongest wind hit the Oregon coast during the morning, with gusts to 60 mph reported at Cannon Beach and 75 mph near Sea Lion Caves. Highway officials closed a bridge in Newport to trucks and motor homes because of the wind.

By afternoon, however, high wind warnings were canceled. Freezing rain spread inland along the Columbia River Gorge between Oregon and Washington, and Oregon state police urged travelers to avoid Interstate 84 along the river because of icy pavement.

By mid-morning, the National Weather Service at Portland International Airport had measured 51.60 inches of rain for the year to date, breaking the old record of 51.09 inches set in 1950.

Rain also fell across western Washington, and a high wind warning remained in effect along the state's northern coast. As much as 1 to 2 feet of snow was possible overnight at higher elevations of the Washington Cascades.

Rain and snow also were moving slowly into northern California. The weather service posted a winter storm watch for the state's northern mountains and northern Sierra Nevada into today. Rain also was possible in southern California today.

A weak cool front was organizing across Kansas and northwestern Oklahoma as moist air pushed northward.

Showers were scattered behind the front across central and south-eastern Texas, and wind gusts to more than 25 mph from Texas into Kansas.

Elsewhere, snow and rain showers moved across the Northeast during the morning and by afternoon were limited mostly to higher elevations as a low pressure system slid out of the region.

Light lake-effect snow fell along the eastern shore of Lake Erie in upstate New York.

Wednesday's temperatures around the Lower 48 states ranged from a morning low of 14 below zero at Big Piney, Wyo., to an early afternoon reading of 78 at Miami, Homestead and West Palm Beach, Fla. The lowest wind chill was 31 below zero at Rawlins, Wyo.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-4-7-11-14-28. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-9-7.

This year's hot toys in short supply

NEW YORK (AP) — Surprised by soaring demand, the maker of Tickle Me Elmo is flying in the dolls instead of waiting for a slow boat from China. You'll be hard-pressed to find the latest Nintendo, too. And Barbie on CD-ROM is gone as well.

Barely one week into the holiday shopping season, the blood pressure is rising among moms and dads competing for the hottest Christmas toys.

"Parents are breaking down doors for some of these toys," said Frank Reyess, editor of Playthings magazine. "There's not just one hit this year, but a couple that everyone wants."

As in the Cabbage Patch Kids craze of 1983 and the frenzy over Holiday Barbie last year, parents are using guerrilla-shopper tactics. They're lining up by the hundreds before dawn at stores rumored to have the toys. In a phenomenon satirized in the new Arnold Schwarzenegger movie "Jingle All the Way," they're tugging and brawling to get a toy after the doors open.

At a Target store in Davenport, Iowa, a clerk handing an Elmo doll to a customer saw it intercepted by another customer.

"Grown people are willing to go pretty far for one of these dolls," said Jen Smith, a mother who couldn't find an Elmo at New York's FAO Schwarz store. "It's pretty crazy."

Stores can't keep Tickle Me Elmo in stock. It is a plush doll based on the Sesame Street character that giggles when you press its tummy. It sells for under \$30.

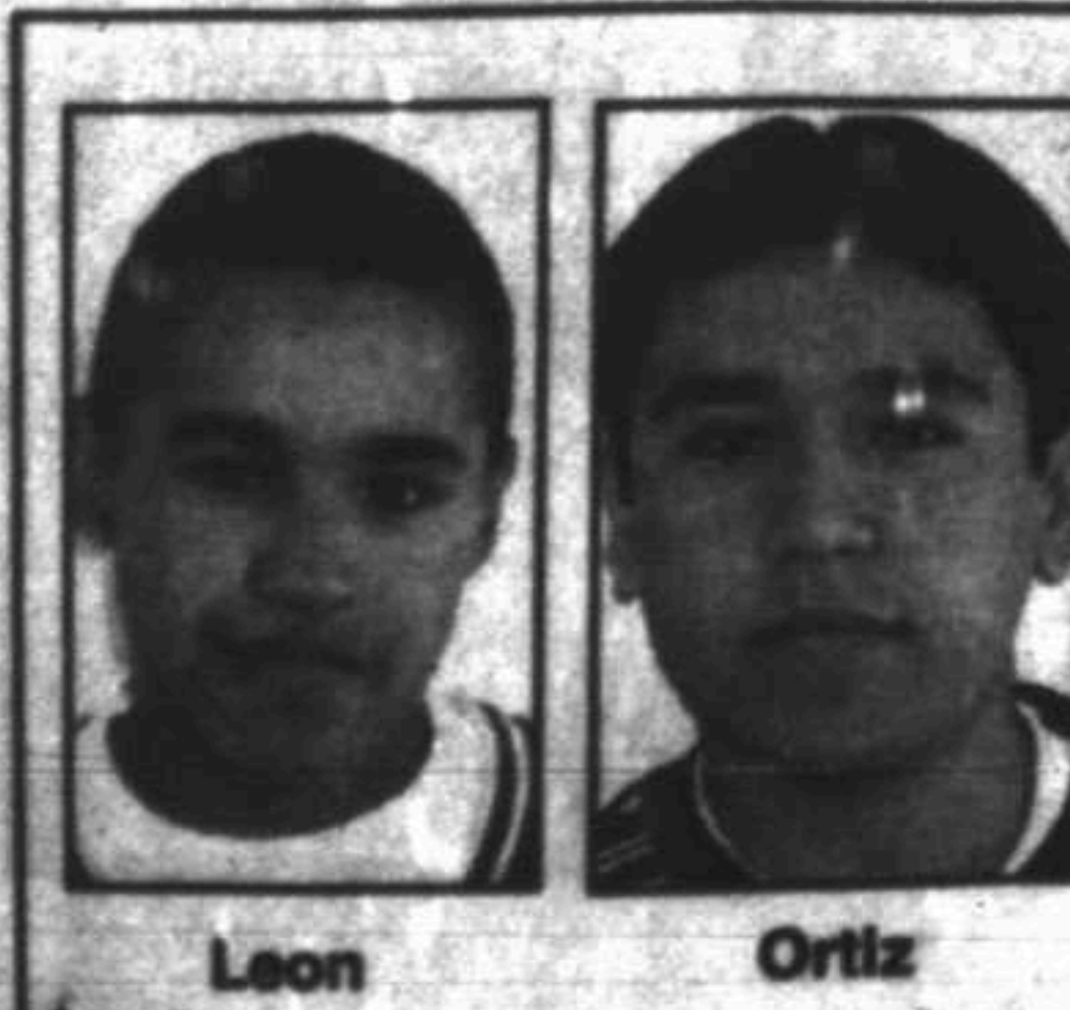
Tyco Toys Inc. is flying the dolls from factories in China to the United States to get them here

Correction

In the Sunday, Nov. 17, edition photographs accompanying two Midland Freshman High School "Top Dawgs" honorees were inadvertently transposed.

David Ortiz, son of Teresa Catano, was honored in geography. Albert Leon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juquin Leon, was honored in algebra.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the errors.



Leon

Ortiz

RATE: Economist predicts 2.7 percent growth

(From 1A)

He explained that the average American uses 33 barrels of oil annually as it is contained in plastics, pharmaceuticals and other materials, while a Third-World citizen uses one barrel of oil annually.

"In China, if you can increase that to five or six barrels per person, suddenly you've added billions in demand in just one country. Production has not increased that much," Perryman said. "I can see a situation where the supply and demand situation will begin to favor demand."

Texas has become a net importer of oil and the state's oil producers have produced all the oil that can be produced easily and

cheaply, he said.

Producers now will require strong prices in order for drilling activity to be feasible, Perryman said.

"I don't see any sharp spike in prices," he said.

Continued technological advancements in producing oil are the best bet for increasing the state's production, he said.

According to Perryman, state output should grow at an annual 3.3 percent through 2001 and employment should rise 2.4 percent each year.

"The main hurdles the state could face are any major jolts in the Mexican economy and possible school property tax reform," he said.

Gov. George W. Bush has made

property tax reform a top priority and a number of top legislators such as State Rep. Tom Craddick, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and Speaker of the House Pete Laney have indicated a willingness to look at any reform plan.

"It's difficult to do a major tax restructuring," he said.

Any plan would have to replace \$11 billion in school funding received through local property taxes. Perryman said replacing even half that amount through expanded sales tax or a business activity tax or other method would be a major undertaking.

Texas property owners, he predicted, can expect to see moderate property tax relief under any plan.

"I don't think we'll see any rad-

ical restructuring from the Legislature," he said.

Of the proposals — a business activity, a gross receipts tax, an expanded sales tax, a hybrid tax or combination of all three or an income tax — Perryman said the best option in terms of economic impact would be a business activity tax.

He said his study showed that under a business activity tax, gross output would increase in retail, agriculture, utilities and eating and drinking establishments, while losses would be suffered by the oil and gas extraction, chemicals, new construction, finance and business services sectors.

"There's not one clear-cut best option," he said.

ROLL: Substation to allow police more time with citizens

Escorts to help shoppers feel more secure

By Joe Gaines

Staff Writer

With the holiday season comes crime, and Midland police are hoping to deter it with their new substation and Citizens Police Academy alumni program.

The new substation will be rotating between Midland Park Mall, Wal-Mart and Kmart beginning Dec. 15 and alumni will begin escorting mall customers to their cars on Dec. 10.

While parked at local retailers, the new substation will act as headquarters for police, both on bike and in their patrol cars, watching their parking lots.

"The substation will be our central location and is where we can respond to calls, do phone calls, reports and have access to our computer," said Sgt. B.J. Land, supervisor of the substation unit.

More visibility by police is always going to have a positive effect, Sylvia Hernandez, mall marketing director, said.

During the holiday season, would-be thieves are more apparent and bolder with the heavier traffic, Randy Fassino, Wal-Mart co-director said.

The substation not only will help merchants and customers control crime, but also will help reduce the call load for other police on patrol in the area, Ms. Land said.

At the mall, academy alumni will escort customers to their vehicles for the third year in a row. The escorts, who will be at most of the

"The last thing people are worried about while shopping at the mall is being the victim of a crime."

— Sgt. David Garcia

mall exits from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., will help shoppers feel more secure, Sgt. David Garcia said.

"The last thing people are worried about while shopping at the mall is being the victim of a crime," Garcia said. "We don't want anyone loaded down with gifts to go to their car, get knocked down and have their purse stolen."

"This is where all the hubbub is and this will have a positive impact on the community," Ms. Hernandez said.

The escorts and substation are a proactive approach to crime and have added benefits for the police, Garcia said.

"It's a great way for us (police) to promote goodwill through our alumni," Garcia said.

Besides escorting customers, alumni also will be monitoring handicap parking and ticketing violators, Garcia said.

that's difficult when they're having to run from call to call," Urby said. "This will allow us to move in to a neighborhood and focus on its problems."

Even though police will focus mostly on crime while using the substation, officers also will be able to teach residents on how to take back their neighborhood, Urby said.

"We can't stay 365 days a year, but we can check back with them and give them the tools to fight crime," Urby said.

The substation is also a way for the police to build rapport and relationships with neighborhoods, Urby said.

"We want to give the community the sense of belonging — that this is your Police Department and we do care," Urby said.

The substation won't start rolling into neighborhoods until next month.

Until then, the substation will be at various locations for public display and to help retailers deter holiday-season crime. The substation will be introduced to the public Saturday in the Children's Christmas Parade, Urby said.

The vehicle is divided into three sections — one for the driver and a passenger; a work area, with work stations, radios, telephone and a mobile data terminal; and a conference room in the back.

The vehicle has a small galley,

Substation schedule

Following is where the Police Department substation will be located between now and Christmas:

■ Saturday: Christmas Parade/Tree lighting at Centennial Plaza

■ Dec. 13: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave.

■ Dec. 14: 1-4 p.m., Lee Freshman High School, 1400 E. Oak Ave.

■ Dec. 15: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wal-Mart, 4517 N. Midland Drive

■ Dec. 16: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Midland Park Mall

■ Dec. 17: 1 p.m., City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine St.

■ Dec. 20: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wal-Mart

■ Dec. 21: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Midland Park Mall

■ Dec. 22: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Kmart, 340 N. Midland Drive

■ Dec. 23: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wal-Mart

■ Dec. 24: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Midland Park Mall

restroom, telescope lights, television, VCR, observation deck and room for storage. It can be powered by an on-board generator or by plugging a shore line into a meter base, officials said.

For uneven parking surface, it has hydraulics to assure that the cabin is level, Urby said.

"We wanted to make this a self-contained unit and be able to be left at a location for a long period of time if needed," Urby said.

HUD program for homeless rife with abuse

By Karen Guillo

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A government program to give the poor a roof over their heads is so riddled with problems that well-off people lived in houses meant for homeless families and low-income home buyers were bilked by government-approved middlemen, documents show.

Under the "Homes for Homeless" program, the Department of Housing and Urban Development leases houses whose owners have defaulted on federally guaranteed loans. The houses are made available for just \$1 a year to nonprofit organizations that work with the homeless.

The aim is to provide cheap, temporary housing for people trying to get back on their feet.

But some HUD offices have done such a poor job of monitoring the groups that many have abused the program, letting friends, relatives or others live in the houses, according to internal HUD investigative documents and audits obtained by The Associated Press.

"It's just too easy to cheat," said D. Michael Beard, inspector general for HUD's Southwestern district. "We believe the program should be eliminated."

The agency is not ready to scrap the program yet. But under pressure from Congress, it said last month that no new leases would be issued as of Jan. 1. HUD will decide next year whether to end

the program, said Jacquie Lawing, deputy assistant secretary.

More than 300 organizations — mainly privately funded homeless coalitions and community service groups — hold leases on 1,289 of the homes around the country.

HUD acquired the properties through foreclosures of government-guaranteed home loans. The program receives no direct funding, although the department absorbs the cost of leasing the homes, which would otherwise be sold.

In Baton Rouge, La., HUD auditors found only one homeless person among the 43 tenants it reviewed among 108 leases held by the nonprofit group Safety Net Inc.

Expensive cars were parked in front of houses that contained nice furniture and big screen televisions, documents show. Tenants were later found to be friends and business associates of the group's director. One tenant earned \$58,000 a year and paid no rent, according to Beard and local newspaper reports.

HUD knew as far back as 1990 that some of the Safety Net tenants were not homeless. It told the group to stop the practice, but continued leasing it more properties and failed to monitor the group to see if the problems had been corrected.

It finally terminated Safety Net's leases and kicked the group out of the program following local press reports earlier this year.

In Denver, a nonprofit group sold a fixer-upper house meant for a low-income buyer to a builder making \$30,000 a year, who paid cash for the property.

Ecumenical Refugee Services Inc. received \$46,000 for the house, \$10,000 more than the discounted price it paid. The group's director said the sale was the work of a single employee, who has been fired.

HUD kicked the group out of the program in September and made it pay back the profit it made on the house.

In St. Louis, HUD gave Allied Housing Group Inc. contracts to purchase a dozen houses and resell them to low-income buyers, even though it had had problems with the group in the past.

Allied collected thousands of dollars in deposits from several buyers and tried to buy additional houses with the money, according to HUD documents. The deals fell through.

"We scraped to get the money together," said Pamela Wyatt of Bridgeton, Mo., who lost \$7,900.

HUD terminated its dealings with Allied early this year. The state also sued the group to retrieve the funds, but the group's officials can't be located, according to state and HUD officials.

A man who answered the phone at the number listed for Allied said the group had moved.

HUD doesn't have enough staff to make sure that groups rent only to homeless people, officials say.

"We don't manage the nonprofits, we manage the properties," said Tony Hernandez, HUD's top official in Denver.

To get into the program, created in 1990, nonprofits need to show they have adequate funding to keep up the properties and provide support services to help families get on their feet.

The groups sign agreements to house only people who have been living in shelters, have very low incomes or face eviction.

HUD inspects the houses once a year for maintenance and damage and periodically checks the groups' tenant and financial records.

Pamela Martin, executive director of a Phoenix nonprofit that HUD accused of leasing to ineligible tenants, says renters who eventually find work often may earn more than the program allows.

"You don't kick them out right away," Martin said. "We look at their financial situation and give them 30 to 60 days."

Lawing said tighter rules are making it harder for cheaters. Groups now get two-year leases, down from five, and are examined before they get any new properties. The agency also put a cap on how many houses each HUD office could lease. The changes have led to fewer problems, she said.

The \$1 leasing program is a small part of HUD's \$1 billion effort to assist homeless families.

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Woman named Nicole called battered women's shelter, witness testifies

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A woman named Nicole called a battered women's shelter five days before Nicole Brown Simpson was slain, complaining that her famous ex-husband was stalking and threatening her, a shelter worker testified Wednesday.

"She would go to the market, he'd be there staring at her from the other aisle," said the witness, Nancy N. Ney. "She said that he had told her a few different times that if he ever caught her with another man he would kill her."

The testimony had been banned from O.J. Simpson's criminal trial as hearsay, but Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki stunned legal observers — and opened up a possible avenue for appeal — by allowing it.

His decision — one of the most damaging so far to Simpson in his wrongful death civil trial — appeared to surprise even plaintiff lawyers, who shook hands on the legal triumph.

The defense had vigorously objected to the testimony, saying it was inadmissible hearsay and not backed up by records.

Ney said she retrieved sketchy written records of the call and reconstructed other details from memory after Ms. Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slashed to death.

Ney testified that she took the call at Sojourn House on June 7, 1994, from a woman named Nicole who said she was divorced from a well-known man. Ney said she didn't ask for the woman's last name.

"She did said he was very high profile. She said if she told me his name, I would know who he was," Ney testified. "She said that she was very frightened. She sounded

very frightened."

Ney said she asked if her ex-husband had ever beaten her. "She said 'yes.'"

Ney said the call ended with the woman asking if she could call Ney back the following week — but the woman never called again.

Simpson was acquitted of the murders in October 1995. He was sued by families of the victims seeking a jury ruling that he's liable for the killings and should pay them damages.

Ney did not testify in the criminal trial. Sojourn House fought turning over records, and Superior Court Judge Lance Ito barred the testimony as hearsay, inadequately backed up by records.

Ney joined a parade of witnesses called by the plaintiffs to contradict Simpson's claim on the witness stand that he never hit his wife.

In an angry cross-examination, defense attorney Robert Baker suggested that Ney and Sojourn

House thrust themselves into the Simpson case to drum up donations. Ney denied that.

Baker pointed out that the original date on the call sheet — May 7 — had been scratched out and replaced with June 7. Ney acknowledged that work calendars showed she was not at the shelter on May 7, and said the date was a simple mistake.

Ney testified that the caller sounded much like Ms. Simpson on a 911 tape played on TV, and that the age and personal information given by the caller matched Ms. Simpson's: She was in her mid-30s, lived in west Los Angeles, had a boy and a girl under 10.

"After I heard about the murders, I thought the details sounded familiar," Ney said, "and I went back and found my (call) sheets."

Loyola Law School Dean Laurie Levenson said Fujisaki's ruling to allow Ney's testimony will certainly be an issue on appeal if

Simpson loses.

"It's definitely a surprise," Levenson said. "There were many hurdles to get over in admitting this evidence and hearsay was a huge hurdle."

"Some would say it's a gutsy ruling. Others would say it's a troublesome ruling," she said. "I would say it's an interesting ruling."

The judge suggested that Baker had invited the testimony in his opening statement by saying that the Simpsons had an amicable relationship after they parted,

and that Simpson himself had compounded the problem by testifying that his ex-wife didn't fear him.

Also Wednesday, jurors were shown brief excerpts of a videotaped deposition by Simpson's ex-girlfriend, Paula Barbieri, about a message she left on his phone-answering system on the morning of the killings breaking off their relationship.

"Between the work, kids, golf, my schedule, it was just too difficult to work things out," she said. Barbieri said that messages Simp-

son left for her later in the day led her to believe he had gotten her message.

Simpson has testified he never got the message. Plaintiffs contend that he did, and that it helped push him to murder.

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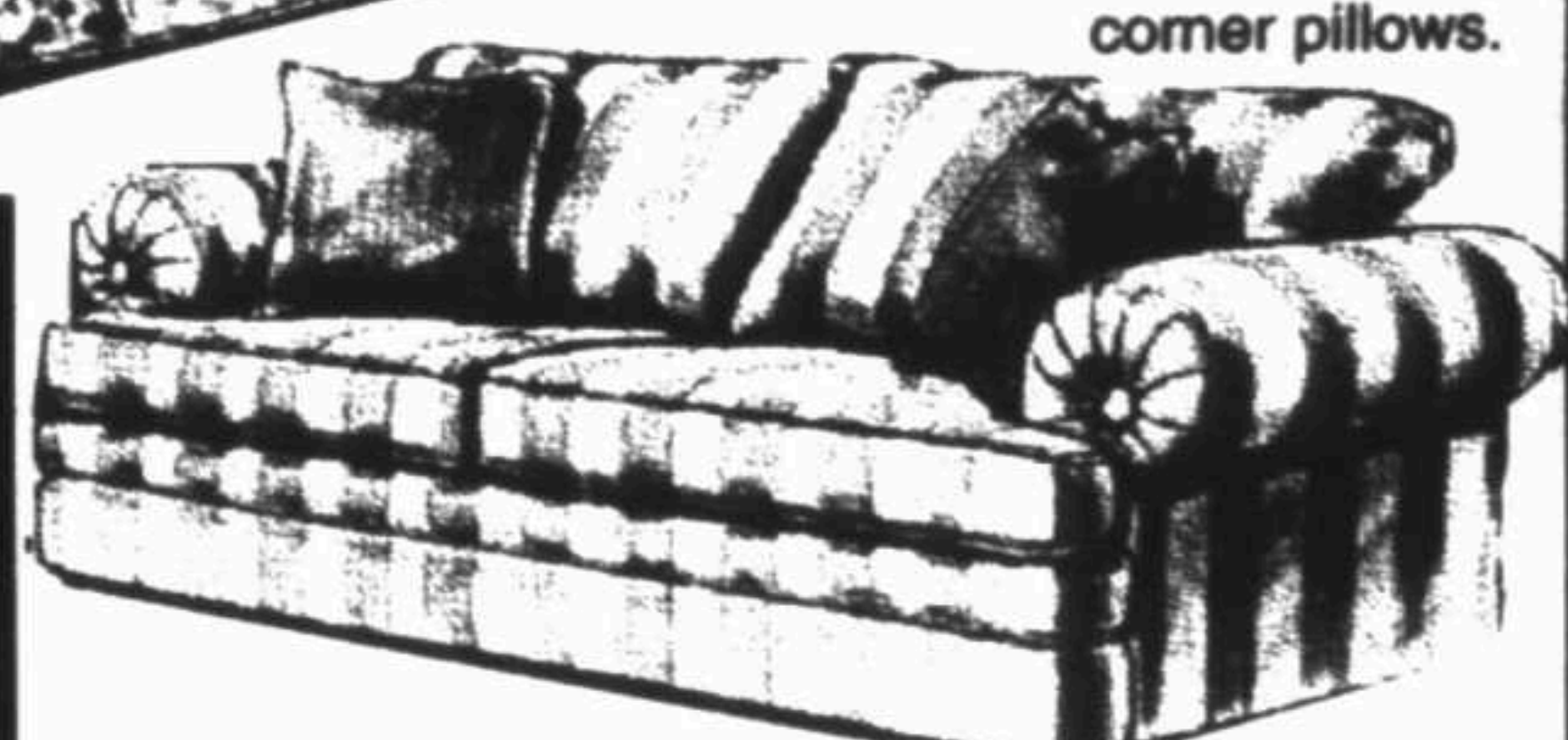
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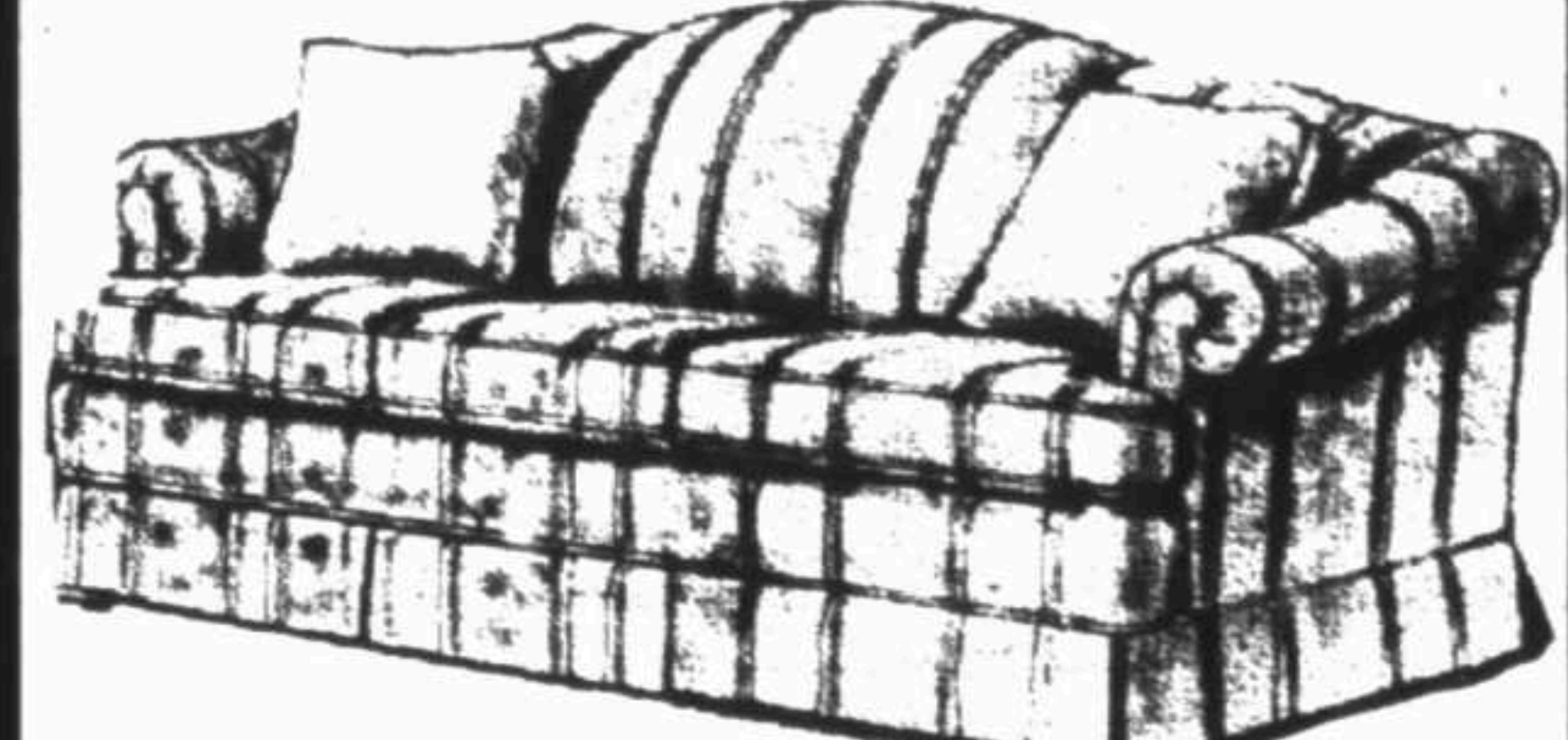
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Big mission for little cart: Six-wheeled rover speeding toward Mars

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

A six-wheeled buggy no bigger than a child's wagon sped toward Mars on Wednesday on a 310-million-mile odyssey to explore the planet's rocky, red surface.

The Mars Pathfinder, the spacecraft carrying the rover, is scheduled to drop down onto the planet's surface on July Fourth, its 30 mph landing cushioned by large air bags that will inflate at the last moment. Then the remote-control rover, named Sojourner, will amble out in search of rocks.

It is the first time a mobile craft has been sent to explore the surface of another planet.

NASA hopes that Pathfinder, the second of 10 spacecraft to be launched to Mars over the next decade, will live up to its name by paving the way for future robotic explorers and proving that cheap little spacecraft can work.

Pathfinder was built in three years for \$196 million, a bargain by NASA's drawn-out, budget-busting standards.

If you look at this, the cost of Pathfinder is the same as the cost of the movie 'Waterworld,' Donna Shirley, manager of the Mars exploration program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., said after the

"If you look at this, the cost of the Pathfinder is the same as the cost of the movie 'Waterworld.'"

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spacecraft's middle-of-the-night sendoff.

"Literally, we're making these things for pennies on the dollar compared to what we used to do these things for. It's something like 5 percent of the cost of Viking."

NASA's twin Viking landers were the last spacecraft to plop down on Mars, back in 1976. They used the traditional three-legged approach.

Pathfinder's designers opted for air bags for the first time ever to see how well spacecraft can land in rugged terrain. The probe is expected to bounce a dozen times, as high as 40 feet, before it comes to rest.

Tony Spear, project manager for Pathfinder, expects the descent through the Martian atmosphere and landing to be 100 times more nerve-racking than Wednesday's launch. That was nerve-racking enough.

With the loss just two weeks ear-

lier of a Russian Mars probe that never made it out of Earth's orbit, scientists were more worried than usual about Pathfinder.

As it turns out, nearly everything went well, even though the unmanned rocket was two days late taking off with Pathfinder because of bad weather and a computer failure.

The only snag was a sun sensor that was giving trouble. Spear said the sensor, a navigation device, might just need some adjustment and, in any event, would not jeop-

ardize the mission.

For interplanetary navigator Cheick Diarra, Pathfinder's departure was bittersweet.

"You have been seeing the Sojourner and the spacecraft for so many years, and now they are lonely in the depth of space," Diarra said. "It is like a friend going away. But it is a good feeling because that was the ultimate goal."

Pathfinder should pass the slower Mars Global Surveyor, launched Nov. 7 by NASA, in March. The Global Surveyor will reach the Red Planet in September 1997 and conduct a 687-day survey from orbit.

Pathfinder's destination: an ancient floodplain littered with rocks.

It's the rocky neighborhoods that interest scientists hoping to determine whether life ever existed on

Mars. The discovery of supposed ancient life in a Mars meteorite last summer reinforced their goals, especially their plan to send a robotic miner to the Red Planet sometime in the next decade to dig up Martian dirt and rocks and return them to Earth.

The 23-pound Sojourner lacks shovels and life-detecting instruments. Instead, it will inspect Martian rocks and beam back information about their composition along with color images.

NASA will transmit the views in almost real time on the Internet: just a 20- to 40-minute lag for the

time it takes the signals to reach Earth.

Sojourner will stray no farther than 60 feet or so from its landing site, circling the lander for at least one week, possibly months.

"We know there probably won't be any little green people," Shirley said, "but there might be some unexpected findings in terms of the mineralogy and the terrain. And the rover, we don't know if a small rover can actually work on Mars. That's why we're sending it. ... So if the rover works and the lander works, that's enough excitement for me."

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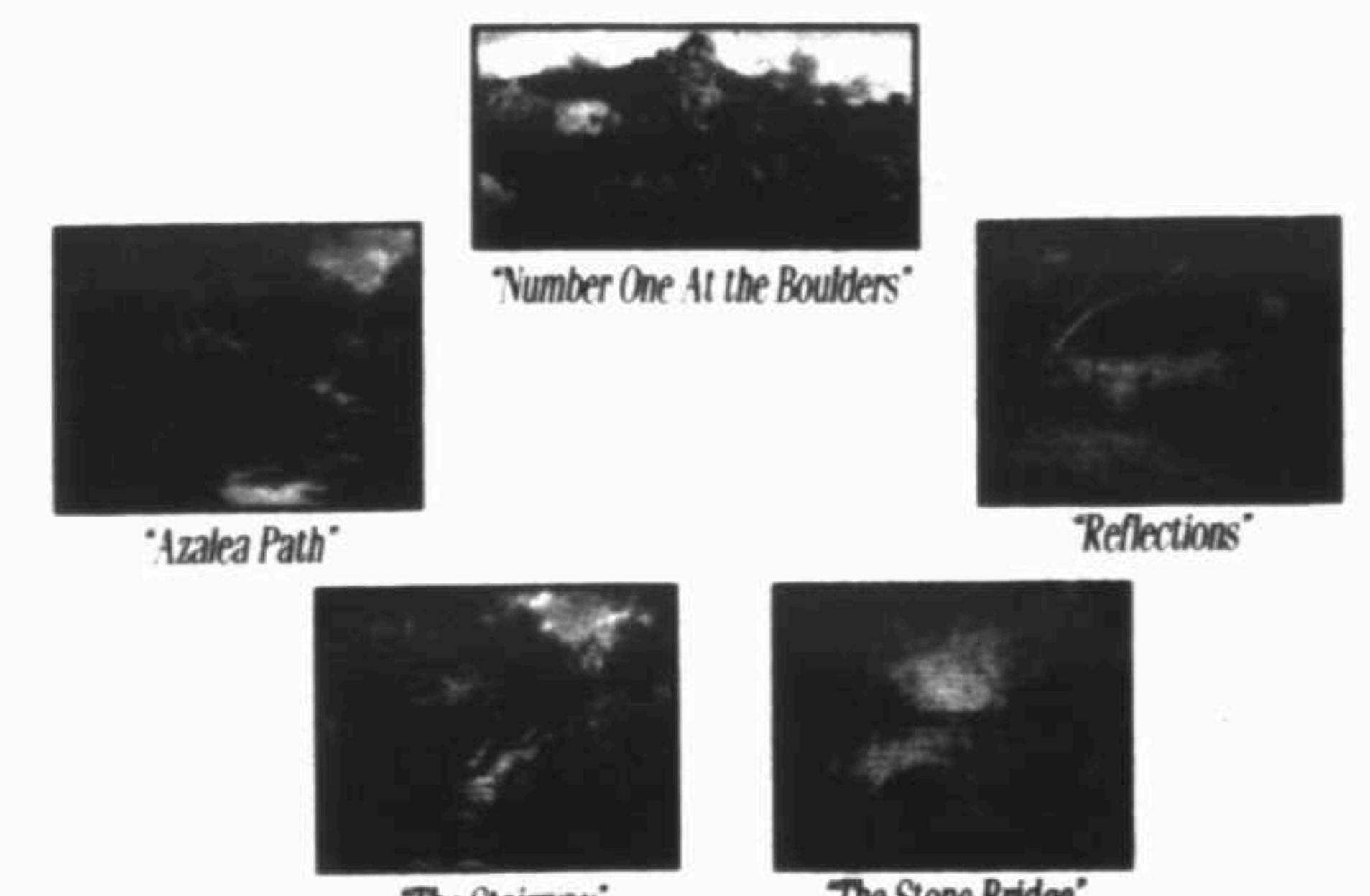
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Judge sentences Schmitz to 25 to 50 years for talk show killing

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A man who killed a gay admirer who had revealed his crush and begged him on the "Jenny Jones Show" was sentenced Wednesday to 25 to 50 years in prison.

Jonathan Schmitz, 26, faced a life sentence for the murder of Scott Amedure in a case that focused attention on "ambush television" and the tactics TV producers use to bring guests onto daytime talk shows.

"I'd like to say the word sorry," Schmitz told Judge Francis X.

"I'd like to say the word sorry. The word 'sorry' is a very powerful word. It has a lot of meaning, and it is meant."

— Jonathan Schmitz, told Judge O'Brien before his sentence

O'Brien before his sentence. "The word 'sorry' is a very powerful word. It has a lot of meaning, and it is meant."

The judge said he took Schmitz' illnesses into account — his

defense lawyers said he had been fighting alcoholism, depression and a thyroid condition when the show's producers ambushed him and pushed him over the edge. However, "you still have to be

accountable to society," said O'Brien, who added two more years on a weapons charge. With time served, Schmitz will likely remain behind bars for at least 20 years.

Assistant Prosecutor Roman Kalytiak had asked for a life sentence, and the victim's family asked for the maximum as well.

But Schmitz' lawyer, James Burdick, said the sentence didn't reflect "at all on Jon's mental illness."

Schmitz' family blamed the

show in pleading for leniency.

"The show's gay secret admirer threw my son into pit of depression," his father, Allyn Schmitz, told the judge. "My son was a good boy. We raised Jonathan with honor and love."

Witnesses testified Schmitz believed he was going on the syndicated show in March 1995 to meet a female secret admirer, and was humiliated before the audience when the admirer turned out to be a man.

Amedure, 32, was shot three

days after he, Schmitz and a mutual friend attended the show's taping. The show never aired, but was played in court during the trial.

Schmitz bought a gun and drove to Amedure's home to confront him after finding a suggestive note outside his apartment the day of the slaying, witnesses testified.

The show's producers denied misleading Schmitz to get him on the show, which was titled "Same Sex Secret Crushes," unbeknownst to Schmitz.

Judge grants stay of same-sex marriage order in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — A day after ordering Hawaii to allow gay marriages, a judge put the ruling on hold Wednesday while the state appeals.

The stay will remain in effect until the state Supreme Court rules, meaning gay couples won't be able to marry in Hawaii for at least a year, if at all.

Circuit Judge Kevin Chang agreed there would be confusion if gay couples got married and then the high court overturned his ruling.

"We kind of expected it, but we're not happy with it," said Joseph Melillo, who sued along with his partner, Pat Lagon, and two other gay couples.

On Tuesday, Chang said Hawaii failed to show any compelling state interest in denying gay couples the right to marry. He ordered the state to begin issuing

them licenses. It was the such ruling by a judge in the United States.

The dispute prompted passage of a federal law signed by President Clinton that says the U.S. government will not recognize gay marriages and allows states to refuse to recognize such unions licensed in other states. In addition, 16 states have passed laws denying recognition of gay marriages.

Deputy Attorney General Rick Eichor sought the stay, arguing that allowing couples to marry immediately would undermine the state's case.

Following a 20-minute hearing Wednesday, Chang agreed with Eichor that the state would have a dilemma.

Eichor also argued that the three gay couples who sued for the right to marry would suffer no real harm if their right to marry were

delayed.

Dan Foley, a civil liberties attorney who represented the couples, said he found that argument incredulous. He said his clients already had suffered from delays in the case.

Eichor said he will file an appeal within 30 days. That will send the case back to the Supreme

Court, which in 1993 ruled that the state's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional unless the state can show a compelling interest in continuing it.

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New York Times Service

Save the how-to books for later. This is the time to give printed pleasures: The holidays are likely to evoke curiosity about historic events behind them, and "Bible Then & Now" (Macmillan, \$29.95 hardcover with spiral binding), by Jenny Roberts, provides a graphic look at biblical settings — Jerusalem, Babylon, Jericho and other sites. The book carries modern photographs of sites, with overlays showing how they looked in early times. One of them is an aerial view of Justinian's 6th century Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, now crowded in with modern parking lots and city buildings. The overlay visualizes the earlier setting of vineyards, olive trees and village buildings.

What are holidays without a bit of singing? "Sing Noel" (Boyd's Mill Press, \$17.95 hardcover), by Jane Yolen with illustrations by Nancy Sippel Carpenter and musical arrangements by Adam Stemple, showcases the favorites. Yolen supplies a bit of history for each of the 34 classic carols from Germany, England, Wales and France — all of which have been scored for piano with guitar chords.

Not all is sweetness and light. Genevieve Morgan and Tom Morgan consider "The Devil" (Chronicle Books, \$17.95 hardcover) in many of his fascinating guises — Lucifer, Satan, Beelzebub, and the Prince of Darkness among them. He's known around the world in the folklore of many cultures, and the Morgans recount the history of the concepts of evil and damnation, witches, heretics, bogies, gyes and devils. They also tell you what to look for in Hell and, not insignificantly, how to ward off the Devil.

The sea, a hard taskmaster for ancient ships, has been a beneficial conservator for treasure hunters and their erudite cousins, archaeologists. Marine archeologist Robert F. Marx and his wife, Jennifer, look at the allure of historic wrecks in "The Search for Sunken Treasure" (Key Porter Books, \$19.95 paperback). Famous wrecks such as the HMS Bounty, The Andrea Doria, King Henry VIII's Mary Rose, and those of the mighty Spanish Armada have yielded valuables and much more — a relatively untouched look at the past. The Marxes describe the adventures of treasure hunters and conservators alike.

An atlas is a most practical resource, dating at least to the 15th century, a likely companion to that age of exploration. "Images of the World: The Atlas Through History" (McGraw-Hill, \$69.95 hardcover), edited by John A. Wolter and Ronald E. Grim, traces the view of the world by scholars, mapmakers, and adventurers through the ages.

One of the country's beauty areas is captured on film in "Richard Brown's New England" (Firefly, \$40 hardcover). The photographer portrays the region not only in majestic landscapes but in the lives of ordinary New Englanders in their gardens, kitchens, and farms.

The country's treasures, its national parks, are portrayed in "Discover America: The Smithsonian Book of the National Parks" (Smithsonian Institution Press, \$34.95 hardcover), by Charles Little, with photographs by David Muench. It's an appreciation as well as a guide to the simple beauty of places like the Homestead National Monument near Beatrice, Neb., or the grandiosity of the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In "A is for Arctic: Natural Wonders of a Polar World" (Firefly, \$24.95 paperback), Dr. Wayne Lynch has photographed and written about the fascinations of the Polar Arctic and its flora and fauna. Among them is the brilliant yellow arctic poppy, one of the 76 kinds of flowers which bloom in the cold.

The North's awesome and beautiful king of beasts is profiled in "The World of the Polar Bear" (Firefly, \$40 hardcover), by Norbert Rosing. He chronicles the behavior and habitat of the white giants called Nanook by the indigenous people of the Arctic. The photographer-writer also looks at some of the bear's neighbors — eskimo dogs, white foxes, falcons, eagles, terns, and snow geese.

"Wild Bird Photography: National Audubon Society Guide" (Firefly, \$19.95 paperback), by Tim Fitzharris, will help you capture these elusive subjects on film. The authors give tips on equipment and on good locations to find the birds.

The high-relief, intricately detailed quilting produced for hundreds of years by needlewomen in Marseilles and other French provincial towns were practical items turned into works of art. Kathryn Berenson tells about them in "Quilts of Provence" (Henry Holt, \$45 hardcover). Older specimens are valuable collectors' items, but Berenson explains how to make your own heirloom pieces.

Another artisan skill that often reaches artistic levels is knitting. Most classics owe their origins to Scandinavia, Germany, and the British Isles, but Melanie D. Falick has concentrated on original designs by living knitters in the United States in "Knitting in America" (Artisan, \$35 hardcover).

Fine selections make this a Christmas to remember

By The Associated Press

Neckties and perfume are easy choices, if not particularly original. Other selections that will make you a well-remembered giver:

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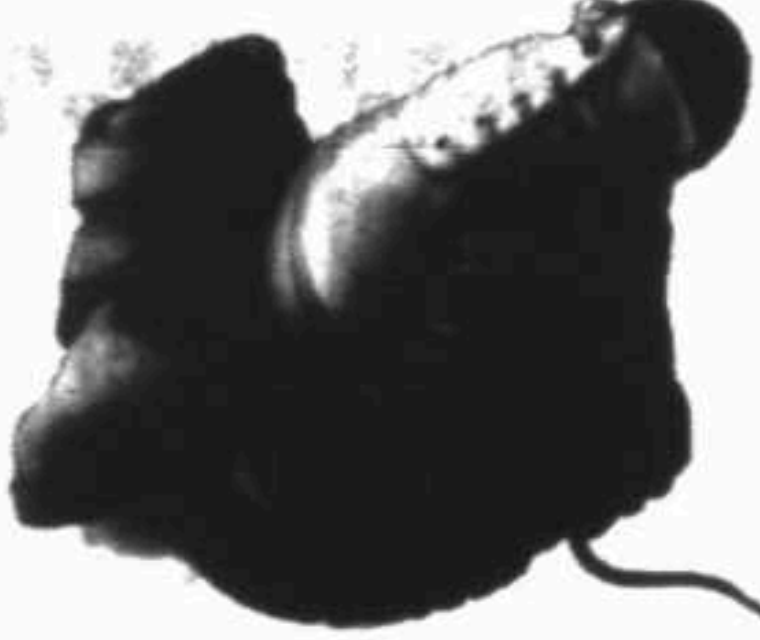
Some people refuse to leave their pets behind when they travel. The Sherpa Roll-up Pet Carrier (\$80 to \$100, depending on size) from Sherpa's Pet Trading Co. is a soft-sided pet tote that can be carried on for in-cabin use on air-

planes. It has a shoulder strap for carrying or can be attached to upright wheeled luggage; it also fits under an airline seat or can be secured with a seat belt in a car. To order, call 1 (800) 743-7723.

The Chewman by Willoughby's Finest is a soft fleece toy shaped like a gingerbread man that dogs seem to like. The female gorilla who rescued a tot after a fall into her enclosure in an Illinois zoo last summer got her mothering lessons by using this toy. For information, call (802) 253-4432. Life's Little Pleasures

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Hotlines help make holidays perfect

New York Times Service

Holiday help lines for cooks: The Butterball Turkey Talk-Line answers calls from Nov. 29-Dec. 23 between 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The phone number is (800) 323-4848 and help is available in English and Spanish. Hearing- and speech-impaired callers can phone (800) TDD-3848. Butterball can also be reached in cyberspace at www.butterball.com.

Honeysuckle White offers both a taped consumer line and a Web site for puzzled turkey roasters: (800) 810-MEAL or www.honeysucklewhite.com.

The Reynolds Turkey Tips Line is open through Dec. 31 around the clock. The line provides defrosting and roasting directions. Call (800) 745-4000 or tap into their Web site at www.rmc.com/wrap.

Betty Crocker is offering

cooking and baking help for home cooks. The new line, which will be staffed year-round, is open 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Dial (888) ASK-BETTY.

In its seventh year, Land O'Lakes offers a helping hand to bakers with the Holiday Bake-line. All callers will receive a free "75 Years of Memories" recipe leaflet. Hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. through Dec. 24. (800) 782-9606.

Campbell's Soups Holiday Leftover hot line is open through Dec. 1. On the day after Thanksgiving the line will be staffed with representatives from Campbell's who will answer questions and provide advice about cooking with leftovers. The other days consumers can listen to recorded recipes or use a special feature to receive a fax copy of a recipe. Phone (888) 4-LEFTOVER (which translates to (888) 453-3868).

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Christmas gifts of food, drink rarely go unused, usually in good taste

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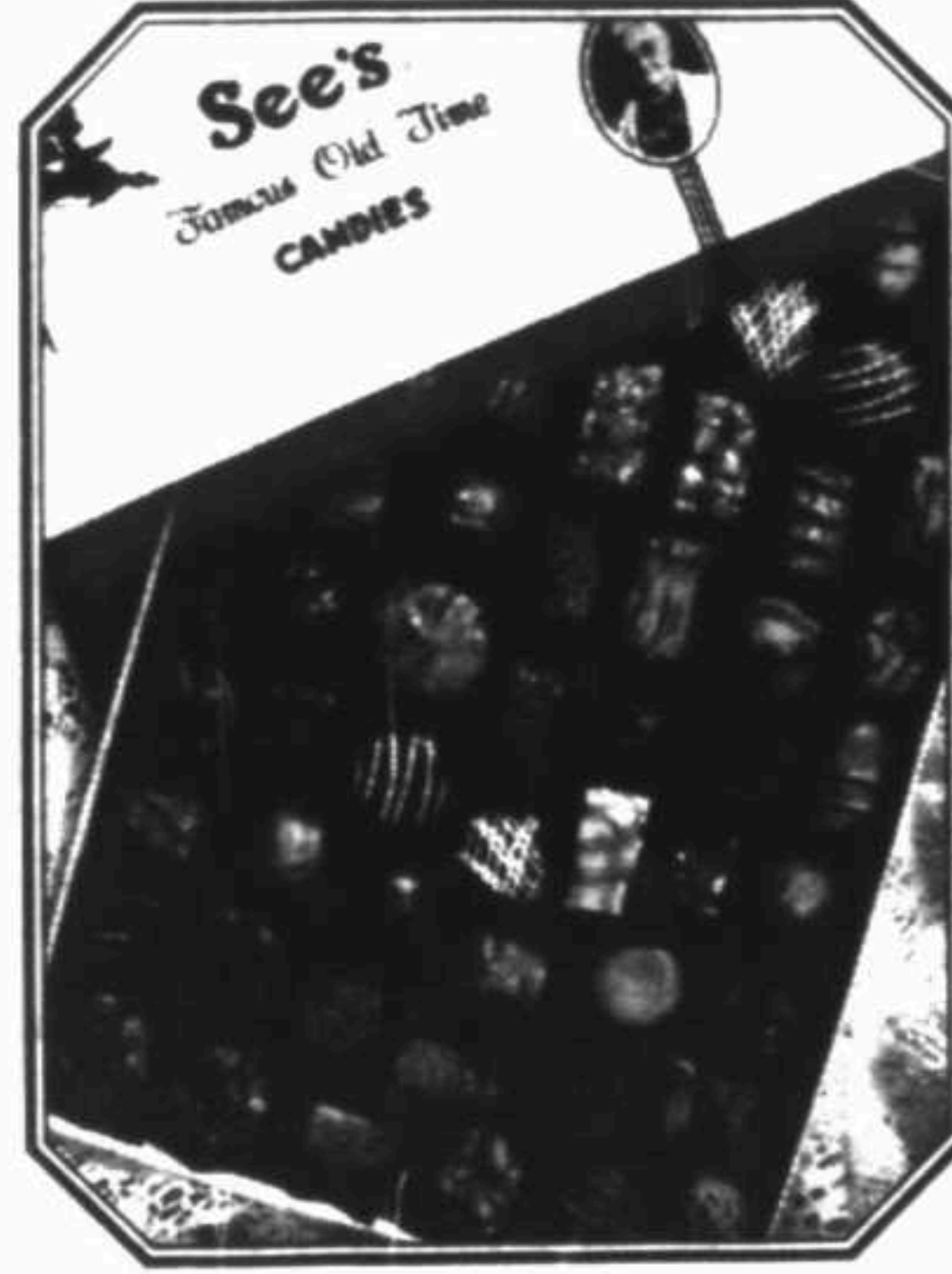
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Artists feel call to create spiritual art

DANBURY, Conn. (AP) — Worshipers at St. Ann's Melkite Catholic Church celebrate the birth of Christ this year with a depiction of Mary with Jesus in the womb, called the Platytera, adorning their new sanctuary.

Installed behind and above the altar, it glows with warm brown and blue-green tones lovingly applied by Seraphim Seskevich, a former friar and artist devoted to the ancient discipline of religious iconography, a ritualized and stylized art form dating back to the second century of the Christian era.

Not far away in the Benedictine Grange Worship Community of Redding, Conn., an icon created by Father John Guilianni hangs near the altar — an example of the art form which focuses not on literal pictures but on the representation and illustration of the transcendental — the inner life of those touched by God. A hundred or so people worship in the chestnut-beamed barn which serves as a sanctuary in this former rural monastic community.

The two artists have much in common: their religion, their art, the influence of American Indian culture, and their feeling of a personal call to create this spiritual art.

The 10-foot-square panel by Seskevich, completed this year, was the start of a labor of dedication to his congregational community — he is not being paid for his work — that will continue into the 21st century. The artist is now working on the second piece, a

dove protecting the gospel, which will cover the 12-foot-square domed ceiling area.

The project is something of a personal epiphany for Seskevich, who began painting icons as a young Franciscan monk of the Byzantine rite in the monastery of New Skete at Cambridge, N.Y. He was building and painting seraphim — faces with three pairs of wings — for decorating church altars. He also was producing monastic tables and constructing "banyas," domes constructed of wood, fiberglass, gesso and gold leaf.

It was there that the head of the order renamed him Seraphim "because they had run out of evangelists," as he puts it.

But Seskevich says he eventually lost his vocation, leaving the monastery for an early marriage and work as a decorator. Then his life underwent a radical change.

In 1975, when he was in his mid-30s, Seskevich suffered a stroke, then a brain aneurysm that nearly killed him. He lost most of his physical abilities, and his fluency in seven languages was wiped out.

"For seven weeks in the hospital I sat and cried," he recalls. But then he remembered his diabetic grandmother, who had fought back and rehabilitated herself after a double amputation.

With the help of teachers and his own tenacity, he retrained himself to sculpt and paint with his left arm. He also studied for a master's degree in counseling, received in 1982, and for the next decade he worked with the elderly and the

physically and cognitively disabled at the Interfaith Aids Ministry in Danbury.

At the same time, he continued his art, which began to include imagery drawn from his part-Cherokee heritage. But after he joined St. Ann's in the mid-1990s, the call of the Byzantine icon echoed for him again.

"The congregation had just moved into a brand new building," he says. "There were a few icons already there, mostly on the screens around the altar," he recalls. "But the empty walls and ceiling cried out for more."

"So I talked to Father James (Graham) about doing the work and began in 1995."

The call to Guilianni, a trained artist, to return to painting many years after his ordination also was sudden, he says.

The defining moment came in 1992, when he was considering art to coincide with the quincentennial of Columbus' landing. He knew that he wanted to produce icons, but not really in the style of the Eastern orthodox church. He wanted to "participate in the recognition and reparation of the profound spiritual presence of the Native American imagery" of the indigenous peoples already on the land when Columbus came.

"I spent a couple of semesters at the School of Sacred Art in the

(Greenwich) Village and really appreciated the discipline," says Guilianni of the classical technique he acquired in New York. "But (traditional iconography) is extremely conservative and static and doesn't integrate new directions."

But with the fundamentals mastered, he traveled to South Dakota, where he says he connected spiritually and creatively with the residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

"I translated the facial structure and specific tribal costume into the language of the traditional icon," he says.

He soon produced twenty highly intricate pieces.

"It was like a dam had burst. The work just poured out."

Not long after, his work was exhibited at the New Britain (Conn.) Museum of American Art. It's also currently being marketed through the Prairie Edge Gallery in Rapid City, S.D. His work also is in the Church of St. Isaac & Joque in Rapid City and at the Spiritual and Retreat Center on the Pine Ridge Lakota Reservation.

"I haven't had much time at all for the icons the last half year," Guilianni laments. "I'm really looking forward to winter. I'm going to close myself in out here and just paint."

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Give children gifts that teach them to be smart about spending money

By Christine Turner
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It's never too early to teach your kids about spending, giving or investing money. Most likely you watched how your parents dealt with money, saw what they spent money on, maybe observed if they invested their money and then followed in their financial management footsteps. Your kids will most likely learn in the same manner — picking up both good and bad habits along the way. Whether you are aware of it or not, your kids observe your spending and saving decisions and imitate how you and your spouse deal with finances. Kids begin picking up spending habits as early as age 3 — picking items off store shelves and saying the infamous words, "I want!" and "Gimme!" Children's spending power is startling, but a few simple steps while they're young will help them grow up to be financially responsible.

SPENDING POWER — THE REALITY

Do not doubt that your kids have tremendous spending power. A study by James McNeal, a marketing professor at Texas A&M University, found that by age 3, about 66 percent of children are already making verbal requests for products, and by age 4 1/2 some three-fourths of them are picking items off store shelves.

Another startling study was conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited, which monitors the \$90-plus billion spending group of 12- to 19-year-olds. They found that when it comes to spending, boys and girls are fairly equal in their habits; they spend \$62 a week on average. For every \$2 of their own money spent, they are matched with an additional \$1 from their family. The primary areas for the expenditures are clothes, movie tickets, snacks and equipment.

Add the 4- to 12-year-old market to that and an additional \$14 billion is spent, according to the same study. With this younger group, a greater percentage comes from their parents. Roughly 40 percent of this money, or about \$6 billion, is put toward savings and the remainder is spent. Spent means that \$2 billion goes to candy, sodas and snacks; \$2 billion is spent on toys and games; \$1 billion is spent on clothing; \$600-plus million goes to movies, sports and entertainment; \$500 million on video

arcade games and more than \$300 million on CDs and telephones.

There is no doubt that money gives your kids incredible power. From age 3 on, kids are viewed as a consumer force. Just look at the commercials that are on children's TV programming. Ultimately, what you don't teach your kids will be taught to them by their peers and the media. What can you as a parent do?

There are many steps you can take to help ensure that your kids will grow up financially savvy and learn to manage their money they receive or earn. The first of which has to do with allowance.

ALLOWANCE — THE FIRST STEP TOWARD MONEY MANAGEMENT

Contrary to the belief of many, an allowance doesn't make your kids spend money. Michael J. Searls, author of the book Kids & Money and creator of the World of Money product line, feels that giving your kids a regular allowance is, by far, the best tool for teaching them how to handle money. He feels that an allowance is money a child should receive on a regular basis as a payment for being a participating and working member of the family. One question parents struggle with is how much and how often.

In terms of the amount of allowance to give, one rule is to give your kids \$1 per week based on their age, so a 6-year-old would receive \$6 a week, said Searls. This will reduce the continual problem that may arise regarding a raise. It is also key that this allowance, whatever amount your family agrees upon, be paid at the same time every week. This will eliminate a certain amount of begging and it will teach them to manage their money for the week.

Searls notes that at some point kids will run out of money for the week and it is crucial for parents to not give in and hand out more money. Do not give them an advance on their allowance. This will not teach them how to manage their money in the long-run, said Searls.

Experts suggest that another important role for kids to take part in are chores around the house. The allowance given to your kids should not be tied to chores, but rather pay your kids because they are members of the family. However, one approach is to not pay your child their allowance unless the assigned chores are completed for the week. You may want to create a chore list and post it in a central location, such

as on the refrigerator, to help your kids keep track of their responsibilities.

SPEND/GIVE, SAVE AND INVEST — THE COMPONENTS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT

Now comes the crucial aspect of your kids handling their money: how should they manage the money received from their allowance or any other type of income?

First, help them set up a home bank. Then, teach your children to allocate their money received by way of allowances, gifts and income to spending, giving, saving and investing.

This is achieved by teaching them to divide their money into thirds and having them place one-third into a container marked spend/give, one-third into save and the last third into invest. Searls created a three-part bank called the Allowance Kit which makes it easy for kids to split their money into thirds; the Allowance Kit is designed exclusively for kids and comes with many hands-on activities like a handbook, chore lists, stickers, investment registers, money chart, cassette tape and more.

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Choosing wines for holiday meals

Associated Press

WACO — Used to be when serving red meat, red wine was the rule. There was also a rule with white meat: white wine only with chicken or fish.

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"The first question I ask when they come in my store is what kind of wine they like," said Frank Dicorte, owner of Dicorte's Spirits, Wine and Beer Emporium in Lacy-Lakeview. And he recommends asking that of dinner guests, as well.

"There's nothing worse than serving a wine they don't like with a nice meal," he said, noting guests' preferences should take precedence over tradition.

That old rule is still a general, very general, guideline, said April Allison of The Wine Rack in Waco. "But you don't have to adhere to it at the expense of enjoying the wine."

"If you like white zinfandel," a simple, fruity, somewhat sweet wine, "that's fine," Allison said. "Some people like red wine chilled, and some like it with ice in it, and that's how I'm going to serve it to them" at her establishment in the Market Place on Bosque Boulevard.

Allison compares wine drinking to ascending a ladder: start with the simple wines, such as white zinfandel, then move up to a chenin blanc, which is a little less sweet. Then it's on to a sauvignon blanc, and on up to a chardonnay, "with lots of oak (flavoring) and depth and character," she said.

"If you want to move up the ladder and try different things, that's great," Allison said. "If not, that's great, too. You just don't have to adhere to those snobby rules."

For those holiday meals created around the traditional turkey, both Dicorte and Allison recommend a chenin blanc or other soft white

wine. If drier wine is desired, a chardonnay would fit the bill, Dicorte added.

Dicorte said even a red wine, such as a beaujolais, would be acceptable with turkey.

"It's a nice, soft, fruity French wine," he said.

However, with the delicate taste of most turkey, "avoid a heavy red," Dicorte warned.

And if you're trying to please a houseful of guests, Dicorte said you're probably safe with a white zinfandel.

If smoked turkey is on the menu for the holidays, Allison said a pinot noir, with its smoky characteristics and slight cherry flavor, would compliment the bird and accompanying cranberry dishes.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Christmas play

"Christmas with a Capital X," an original play in two acts, by local playwright, Lori Toomeau, will be performed by the Christian Life Players, 2901 W. Kansas Ave., 7 p.m. today through Saturday. Admission is free and a nursery is available. The public is invited to attend.

Art show

A Christmas Miniature Art Show and Sale is set for 6 p.m. today at the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Twenty of the best artists in the Southwest will be participating in the show. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Haley Library. Each artist has been asked to submit up to five pieces of art, each no larger than 12-by-12-by-12 inches. The exhibit will be on display and available for purchase through Dec. 20.

MC art sale

The art students of Midland College are sponsoring their fourth annual Student Art Sale at Allison Fine Arts Center beginning 6:30 p.m. today in conjunction with the Midland College Merry Christmas celebration. This special sale will continue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The sale will include paintings, ceramic pots, sculpture, drawings and photographs. Many items will be priced at less than \$50. A percentage of the sales will benefit the art student scholarship fund. For more information call Warren Taylor or Carol Bailey, 685-4651.

Christmas Bazaar

MCCAMEY — The McCamey Rebekah Lodge is sponsoring the Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at 212 W. Seventh.

Weapon drop

Midland and Odessa residents are being asked to turn in their weapons on Saturday. The "weapon drop" — being sponsored by the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Midland and Odessa police departments and Parents Taking Control — is scheduled for both cities. In Midland, it is scheduled for 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Albertson's, Midland Drive & Wadley Avenue and Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida St. In Odessa, the weapon drop is slated for 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at two Albertson's: on 8th Street and 42nd Street at John Ben Sheppard Parkway. Officials will not ask questions of those who surrender their weapons. Persons who turn in weapons will receive gift certificates and T-shirts in exchange. For additional information, contact Rachel Stone at the Midland Hispanic Chamber, 682-2980; or Lydia Pena of Parents Taking Control at 530-3328.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m., 687-7286.

LOOPS, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 550-LOOP.

Hearts Alive, 7 p.m., medical staff room at Memorial Hospital, 684-7445.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6:30-9:00 p.m., 689-8428 or 520-0277.

Toastmasters, Permian Club, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Novice duplicate bridge, Allison Bridge Center, 7 p.m., 682-4461.

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KLM teams up with Continental for flights to Europe

■ International carrier to offer one-ticket service from Midland to connect with European flights.
By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The international airline KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has joined with Continental Airlines to provide one-ticket flying between Midland and Europe. Midland overseas travelers are familiar with the need to purchase a separate ticket between Midland and Dallas, or Midland to Houston to connect with flights to Europe.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines have incor-

porated this preliminary jaunt into their marketing strategy, selling round-trip tickets from Midland to Houston, to the KLM hub city of Amsterdam and from there to London, Vienna, Rome, Paris, Athens and Istanbul.

"Before, you had to buy a separate ticket... Midland is now part of our itinerary — part of our published fare," according to Linda Moore, spokeswoman for KLM.

In this way, Midland fliers, like those in Houston or Dallas, "can still get the benefit of the lowest fares," Ms. Moore said.

Continental Airlines, through their agreement with KLM, will provide the flight from Midland to Houston, where

travelers from here will board a KLM Royal Dutch Airlines plane for the transatlantic flight, she said.

With this new fare schedule, KLM is offering fares from Midland to Europe at considerable savings over previous multi-ticket round trips.

Midlanders can currently fly to London as low as \$486, which is comparable to the same fare from Dallas at \$450. "The fares are just excellent right now," Ms. Moore said.

Because Houston is a KLM hub city, the London flight from there is just over \$400, so on a rare occasion, if cheap intrastate flights are available, savings could still be made with multi-ticket trips, she

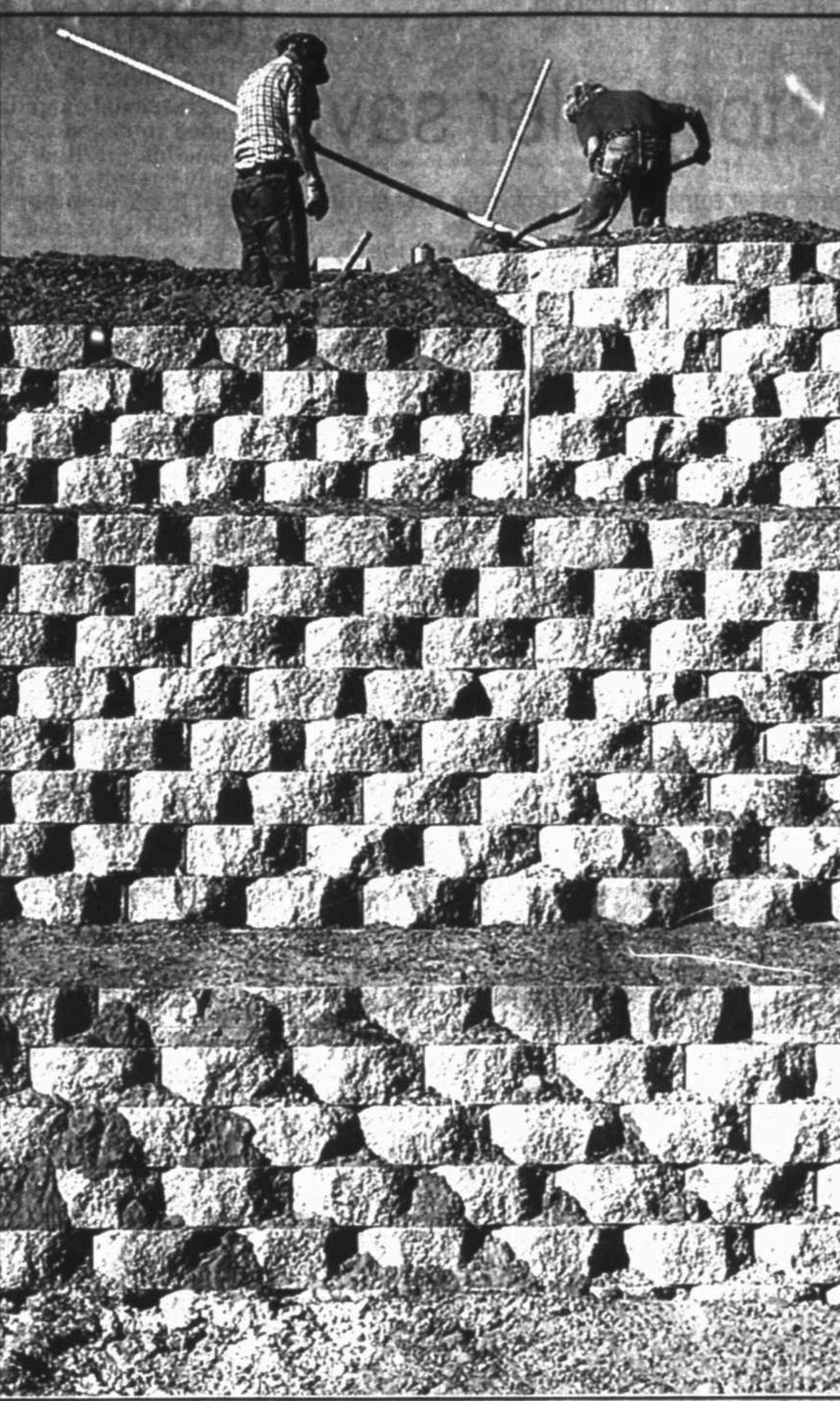
said. "A discounted fare could lower the travel cost — you should check with your travel agent," she said.

Most of the time, however, West Texans traveling to Europe will have a difficult time beating the KLM fares, which offer one-ticket flights from Midland to Rome at \$606, she said. Fares differ significantly between the various KLM-served cities.

The new plan is currently in effect and mailers have been sent to all local travel agents, Ms. Moore said.

Anyone seeking additional information on reservation deadlines or other restrictions on Midland to Europe fare schedules can call 1 (800) 374-7747.

ROAD WORK



Construction workers recently smoothed out the dirt at the top of the support embankment of Loop 250 and A Street.

Housing group cuts ribbon for new endeavor

■ New program seeks to keep costs down for low-income families by eliminating down payment and closing costs. Families earning below local median income can save \$15,000 to \$20,000 on purchase of their first home.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

A ribbon-cutting for an affordable housing program was held Wednesday at the future site of at least 18 new homes in south Midland.

"This is a real opportunity for us to make housing affordable in this part of town," said Gene Watkins, president of Austin-based Gene Watkins Development Corp.

Watkins put together the financial package that guides the non-profit housing program, the Midland Legend Neighborhood Development Corp. The Legend program — by subsidizing the down payment and closing costs using state and city-designated federal dollars — allows working families with low incomes the opportunity to purchase a home.

At least 18 homes — at a cost of about \$50,000 each after the subsidy — will be constructed in the 700 block of South Marshall Street. The energy efficient homes will be 1,300 square feet each with three bedrooms and two full bathrooms.

Those eligible must be first-time home buyers making 80 percent or less of the median income locally. For example, a family of two cannot make more than \$22,800 annually and a family of four, no more than \$28,500 annually.

Applications are being accepted from potential homeowners and a model home — which eventually will be among those sold — is about two weeks away from completion. The houses are being con-

structed by Midland-based Gary Wilson Architects and Builders.

Once a family qualifies for the program, they can expect to move into a new house in about two months time, Wilson said. Each house is built after a buyer is found.

Wilson said he expects the project to be completed — buyers found for all the available homes — in about six months.

The houses, which will average about \$68,000 each, will be financed through conventional mortgages with monthly payments of no more than \$400.

The cost of each house will be slashed from between \$15,000 to \$20,000 by eliminating the closing costs and down payment.

The subsidy is based on a forgivable loan stretched out over 20 years. If the house is sold before the 20 years has passed, each year remaining on that portion of the loan must be paid back.

The funding for the subsidies comes from \$322,000 allocated by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and \$100,000 from city-designated federal Community Development Block Grants.

Among those on hand for the ribbon cutting were representatives of the Legends program, lending institutions, the city of Midland and the Midland Chamber of Commerce's M-Squad.

Those interested in applying for the program can call 1-800-928-2317 for more information.

Storytellers bring lessons to local children

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

"Stories are living spirits. You breathe life back into them."
— Gayle Ross, Muskogee Daily Phoenix

"Rabbit is a trickster. He tries to steal Otter's fur coat to take his place as dance leader," Gayle Ross said. "Rabbit thinks if he filches Otter's coat he will fool everybody. But all he does is get Bear so angry that Bear snatches off Rabbit's tail, which is why rabbits just have that little bitty puff of white fur for a tail today."

Rabbit's misadventure is a tale with a simple plot, but one that teaches children a lesson about the

consequences of their actions. It is one of dozens of tales that thousands of Midland public school children will hear over the course of the week from eight nationally known professional storytellers.

The storytellers are in town weaving character education through tales describing different peoples and cultures in MISC's "Celebrations of Light IV: Building Character Through Story." The district's annual storytelling festival will culminate with a daylong workshop Saturday, and an evening public performance 6:30-10:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Ms. Ross, a descendant of John Ross, principal chief of the Chero-

kee Nation during the infamous "Trail of Tears," carries on the tradition of telling tales she heard from her grandmother.

"Storytelling is a natural form of teaching in a tribal culture," Ms. Ross said. "Tribes relied on everything being taught orally through story form. We didn't have reading and writing."

Because the stories teach everything from character, good judgment, kindness and creation myths, "a story is never 'just a story' in a tribal culture," Ms. Ross said.

"Like the parables that Jesus told, every culture uses storytelling

Please see STORIES/2B



Storyteller Gayle Ross tells a traditional Native American story to Bonham Elementary School students Wednesday.

ED TODD

Trophy buck turns to stump, but doesn't go to waste

If there ever was a true hunting story, here's one about a fellow who can't tell a tree, albeit a stump, from a buck deer.

On a clear day last weekend, old Boyd Reece and Earl Selman, who are both serious about having fun and adventure, climbed into Reece's open-air Jeep and headed south on a bring-home-the-venison mission.

Playing the role of hunters on the prowl, they meandered around the old Hamp Carter Ranch, which is leased to West Texas rancher Tommy Owens, past the cemetery down in Rankin.

About an hour from sundown, Reece — who grew up squirrel-hunting in mesquite-free East Texas black land country back when the Model T Ford was still the rage — starting imagining that which he sought: the biggest buck deer in history.

Plainly, or so he surmised, he could see the critter, antlers and all, at rest — reclining — and probably reflecting on the day's events and the good forage.

The target was identified and marked. From afar, about 100 yards out, Reece got Selman to stop the Jeep. And Reece, steady on the gun-rest and squinting his blue eyes, aimed, squeezed the trigger and fired.

"He thought it (the deer) was lying down," Selman said.

It didn't budge. Reece again sighted the target through the telescopic gun sight, and fired another .30-caliber rifle round.

"I'm going to shoot it again to make sure it doesn't run off," Reece had told his hunting partner. "It's a big one!"

And so it was. Proud of his first kill of the season, Reece, an agile almost-69, hastened forth on foot to claim his prize — the big, old black-tailed deer.

The closer he got, the slower his legs churned until they stopped. Something was awry.

Those antlers didn't seem so clearly defined.

"When he got up to it, it was a big stump," Selman said with the delightful laughter of a prankster.

Well, there's more to the story.

Reece, who has been known to 'fess up when caught red-faced, admitted to being embarrassed. Still, he claimed to score a couple of direct hits on the stump.

"I confess to everything," Reece admitted. "I hit the stump. I hit it dead center. In my mind's-eye, I can see that buck."

That's what he said. And that tale comes from a fellow who, when taking aim at another deer at another time along the Pecos River, hit a cactus.

That's why insiders call Reece "Cactus Jack." Selman's wife, Barbara, calls the twosome "two old codgers who can't see and can't hear. They can't tell a deer from a stump."

After all, Selman, who is as close to 60 as Reece is to 70, didn't tell Cactus Jack not to shoot at the game — deer or stump.

Selman figured that Cactus Jack missed the deadwood mesquite stump by a country mile.

By his account, the two hunters latched onto the 200-pound stump and tied it onto the hood of the Jeep and headed north to Midland.

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DEATHS

Della Tate

Services for Della Hagler Tate are to be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Golf Course Road Church of Christ with Randy Fenter and Tim Walker officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ms. Tate died Tuesday, Dec. 3, at a local hospital. She was born June 21, 1913, in Muskogee, Okla. She married Fred Hagler on Sept. 15, 1931, and Roy Tate on Nov. 30, 1949.

She moved to Midland in 1991. She was a member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, a brother, Earl Corley and a son, Leo Hagler in March 1996.

Survivors include a sister, Ella Smith of Ardmore, Okla.; a brother, Dock C. Young of Norman, Okla.; two stepsons, Leroy Tate of Odessa and Wayne Tate of Ratliff City, Okla.; two grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and many

nieces and nephews. Memorials can be made to the Hospice of Midland.

Mary Wilson

ANDREWS — Services for Mary Lucille Wilson, 85, are to be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at Andrews Church of Christ with Claudio Chisholm officiating. Burial will follow at Andrews Old Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Ms. Wilson died Saturday, Nov. 30, in Bartlesville, Okla. She was born May 5, 1911, in Bonham.

She married Cullen E. Wilson on Jan. 24, 1930, in Colorado City. She owned a custom draperies business. She was retired.

She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1983.

Survivors include a son, James C. Wilson of Bartlesville, Okla.; a brother, Roy Baasham of Midland; two sisters, Lula M. Sale of Stanton and Helen Simpson of Lubbock; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Prison Ministry, Adams Boulevard Church of Christ.

Grady Turner

SEAGRAVES — Services for Grady Turner of Seagraves, brother of Midlander Joan Clepper, are to be at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 5, at First Baptist Church of Seagraves with the Rev. Floyd Haddock officiating. Burial will follow at Seagraves Cemetery under the direction of Connally Funeral Home in Seagraves.

Turner died Tuesday, Dec. 3, in Lubbock. He was born Feb. 25, 1918, in Paris.

He was a veteran of World War II. He married Sara Lou McKnight on Jan. 8, 1944, in El Paso.

He was a retired farmer and rancher. He served on the school board in Flower Mound.

He was preceded in death by a brother, J.C. Turner, and a sister, Irene Jones.

Other survivors include his wife of Seagraves; a daughter, Hilda Nichols of Seagraves; two other sisters, Virginia Latham of Lamesa and Iva Qualls of Alabama; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are to be Garrison Yocum, Kent Davis, Mike Foster, Jim Hamilton, Robert Hernandez and Ricky Coon. Honorary pallbearers are to be

W.R. Nelson, Jim Draper, Garland Brown, Kenneth Schooler, Nelson Coon, Tommy Lacy and Troy Martin.

Guy Bradley

Services for Midlander Guy H. Bradley were Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Warren Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services were Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Warren Funeral Home.

Bradley died Monday, Nov. 25, at his home. He was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Cameron. He was raised and educated in Decatur.

He served in the U.S. Army 118th Division during World War II.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Chambers of Salt Lake City, Utah; two grandsons; two granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas, 79705.

Joseph Bussey

Services for Joseph D. Bussey, 21, are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Bussey died Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Midland.

POLICE REPORTS

Attempted robbery

Sheriff's deputies are searching for a woman who attempted to rob B&A Country Store, 3100 S. County Road 1210 Tuesday night.

A woman entered the store armed with a handgun and attempted to rob the clerk around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, deputies reported.

A customer entered the store and was confronted by the woman with the gun. The customer fled, chased by the armed woman, deputies said, and was able to hide. The woman did not return to the store, deputies reported.

Deputies describe the woman as a black female, 5 feet 2 inches tall, 115 pounds, 30-35 years old with short black hair and possibly with a scar on her cheek. She was armed with a small nickel-plated automatic handgun, deputies said.

Midland Police Department

Tuesday
Burglary of a vehicle: Cash and checks were taken at 706 N. Big Spring St., reported Bill Baugas at 5:55 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Tuesday
Theft: Items were taken from a backpack at 3309 W. County Road 115, reported Neason McLain at 3:08 p.m.

Wednesday
Theft: Christmas lights were taken at 1310 E. County Road 145, reported Adam L. Cralle at 8:57 a.m.

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

Former candidate gives up legal battle over election

HOUSTON (AP) — A former congressional candidate who contended voter confusion in the Nov. 5 election merited scrapping the election results says she'll drop her legal battle now that a state judge has ruled against her.

Beverly Clark said she was disappointed by the decision Wednesday of visiting state District Judge James Clawson of Belton but accepted it.

"The system has spoken, as far as I'm concerned," she said. "We're just going to re-group, and we're going to get ready to run in '98."

Ms. Clark, a Democrat, was 200 votes short of qualifying for the Dec. 10 runoff for Democratic U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen Jr.'s seat.

She argued she would have won a spot in the runoff if thousands of votes had not been disqualified

because of double voting for the two Democrats on the ballot: herself and Bentsen.

Instead, Republican Dolly Madison McKenna will face Bentsen in next week's election.

Clawson Wednesday granted a motion by Bentsen and Ms. McKenna to dismiss Ms. Clark's lawsuit, which sought to void the Nov. 5 balloting.

"There is no mistake of any magnitude that would justify setting aside the election," Clawson said.

Bentsen's attorney, Keith Ellison, said he had mixed feelings about the outcome. He blamed any voter confusion on the federal court-order congressional redistricting, which opened up some Nov. 5 races to multiple candidates.

STORIES: Each tale is alive, storyteller says

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as a form of teaching," she said.

A resident of Fredericksburg, Ms. Ross was raised in Oklahoma and continues a storytelling tradition that spans generations.

"After I met other storytellers 18 years ago they convinced me there weren't any Indian people out there and encouraged me to do it," she said. "Storytelling started as a hobby that got out of hand."

After telling tales for several elementary school audiences on Wednesday, Ms. Ross said she realized that the Native American population in Midland is small, and children know little of the Indian culture.

"One student asked if I danced around a fire and lived in a teepee," she said. "I do still participate in a stomp dance and at inter-tribal dances at pow-wows,

but I live in a house."

She said Native Americans dance at specific ceremonies and feast days.

"I like telling people about our history. It helps them replace the stereotypes in their heads," Ms. Ross said. "There seems to be more stereotypes about Native Americans than about any other ethnic group."

While many view storytelling as entertainment for children, Ms. Ross said the art is more ingrained in Native American culture. "And storytelling is not just something for kids. It's multi-generational."

She said the rabbit stories "have special meaning to youngsters," and other stories may have different meanings to adults.

Accustomed to telling tales to tiny tots on up to grandparents, Ms. Ross said the joy is in the telling.

"I am having a whole lot of fun in the Midland schools," she said.

"People here may not realize that they have the opportunity of seeing a fine lineup of some of the best storytellers in America. Any national storytelling festival would be proud to have Donald Davis or Rex Ellis, or any of the storytellers featured. I'm delighted to see the support Midland school district puts behind storytelling."

Ms. Ross is the author of five books, including "How Rabbit Tricked Otter," and co-author of "The Girl Who Married the Moon," an inter-tribal collection of women's rite of passage stories. Her stories have appeared in numerous publications and anthologies.

Her audio collection of "How Rabbit Tricked Otter" won the Ben Franklin Award for Best Audio Cassette of the Year from the Pub-

lishers Marketing Association.

She was featured in the Discovery Channel's documentary "How the West Was Lost."

Saturday's "Celebrations of Light IV" storytelling workshop is set for 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church's Activities Building, 300 N. Main St. The workshop is for adults only. Cost is \$10.

Saturday's storytelling concert will also be in the church from 6:30-10 p.m. Cost is \$5 for students (age 5-20) and \$10 for adults. For reservations call 689-1010, 689-1017 or 689-1993.

The events' other seven storytellers are Davis, Ellis, Charlotte Byrn, Bobby Norfolk, Laura Pershin, Martin Rivera and Jay Stalley.

John Ross and the Trail of Tears

During the winter of 1838-39, U.S. troops forced from 13,000 to 17,000 Cherokee to move to the Indian Territory, in what is now Oklahoma. Thousands of Cherokees died on the forced march which became known as the Trail of Tears.

John Ross, the son of a Scottish father and a Scottish and Cherokee mother, led the Cherokee through the tribes most difficult period.

TODD: Hunter's imagination tricks him into bringing home trophy tree stump

(From 1B)

"We've got plenty of firewood," Selman said.

The stump won't go to waste.

"Cactus Jack" Reece likes to barbecue, especially his home-grown pecans when venison is scarce, with dry mesquite wood

right out of deer — stump — country.

"I don't know how he gets himself into this situations," said his wife, Norma. "I can't figure it out. He's a mess."

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Mona Palmer woman for the Maintenance Association, said organizations should be held accountable — bad treatment made.

"There are a lot of law where you can plan," she said. "I recommend that they are very bright in the details."

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Plan would hold health groups responsible for bad treatment

AUSTIN (AP) — Managed health care organizations should be legally responsible for patients' injuries that could have been prevented if needed treatments hadn't been denied, according to a proposal going before the 1997 Legislature.

Managed-care plans, such as HMOs, generally limit patients' choices of doctors and may determine, before treatments are given, whether they will be paid by the plan.

In return, patients generally pay lower out-of-pocket costs than under traditional health insurance plans.

But Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, said Wednesday that managed care organizations currently can't be sued for malpractice when they refuse to pay for treatments because administrators believe the treatments aren't necessary.

Mona Palmer Taylor, spokeswoman for the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Association, said managed care organizations should be — and are — held accountable when bad treatment decisions are made.

"There are a lot of avenues of law where you can sue a health plan," she said. "The way the recommendations are written, they are very broad. The devil is in the details. The issue will

be what is truly needed for consumers and what will be the costs to the industry."

Sibley said patients may sue health maintenance organizations but not for malpractice.

"A patients must sue the physician for malpractice and sue the managed care organization for corporate negligence," Sibley said. "However, if the doctor acted appropriately, the patient often can't recover from either party."

Other recommendations going from an interim Senate committee headed by Sibley to the Legislature, which opens Jan. 14, would:

— Impose an anti-gag rule to permit physicians to tell patients about all treatment options, even if managed care organizations refuse payment for some or all of those treatments or disagree about the need for any treatment.

— Require a fast-track treatment-payment complaint and appeals process within managed care organizations for patients who have life-threatening conditions.

— Allow for limits on the time it takes to get a scheduled appointment with physicians and limits on the distance patients must travel to see physicians covered by the organizations.

Property owners fight to stop Ozarka pumping

Residents of the Eustace area unsuccessfully take the bottled-water giant to court after their wells dry up.

ATHENS, Texas (AP) — The battle over historic Rohr Spring moved to a Northeast Texas court on Wednesday as residents with dry wells tried unsuccessfully to block Ozarka Natural Spring Water Co. from pumping.

Attorneys for three Eustace-area residents sought an injunction against Ozarka. But a state district judge granted a motion from the Fort Worth-based company that prevented their testimony.

"The company has always been in compliance with Texas law, including the right to capture percolating ground water. You can do with ground water what you want, regardless of your neighbors," said Lauren Cargill, an Ozarka spokeswoman.

Dick Swift, an attorney for residents, contended harm to neighbors' water supplies was an exception to the absolute ownership rule. But visiting State District Judge John McCraw rejected his argument.

"The job of the courts is to rule on the law, not change the law," he said. "I don't understand the common sense of it, but it is not my job to rule on what the law should be, but what the law is."

Arguments on another complaint by residents that around-the-

clock pumping posed a nuisance were delayed. The hearing was expected to last through Thursday.

"These are regular, hard-working family folks who cannot get their day in court — cannot get justice or any information," said Dale Groom, president of Rohr Springs Citizens Inc. "Current law says Ozarka can take all the water it wants to. That may be another example why the people of Texas and their legislators need to wake up and take charge of their own destiny instead of being victims of outside influences."

The citizens' committee, which has opposed pumping plans since last year, contends at least one other East Texas spring dwindled after Ozarka began withdrawals and contaminants seeped into the water.

Before pumping began in March, Ozarka told residents no wells near the spring along the Henderson-Van Zandt County line would be harmed.

"Unfortunately, we never really got a chance to present evidence that further supports the conclusion the judge made, with which the Texas Water Development Board concurs," said Steve Bendix, an Ozarka spokesman.

"There's no way we could have dried up that well, with all of the monitoring equipment we've installed," he said. "We are not creating adverse effects. That is clearly not the case."

Bart Sipriano contends his 110-year-old well dried up four days after Ozarka began pulling water from wells drilled near the spring, which powered mills for corn and other agricultural production in the 1800s.

"I used to even water my stock out of there," said Sipriano, who says he must now haul drinking water to his house and has been forced to pump from a pond to wash clothes. "I didn't have no problem until Ozarka showed up."

I am angry."

He said the sound of Ozarka trucks hauling water at all hours from twin 20,000-gallon tanks near the wells has kept him awake, forcing him to move farther away from the road on his acreage.

Harold Fain, who lives near Sipriano, said the water level in his well has dropped more than a dozen feet since pumping began.

"I started taking readings and the first week that they pumped, my well dropped 5 feet," said Fain, who lives about a mile from the Ozarka operation.

"When people's wells are going dry, you know there's something wrong," said Liz Pyron, a spokeswoman for attorneys Swift and Pam Rea, representing the residents.

Greenwich, Conn.-based Perrier Group of America Inc. owns Ozarka.

Eustace is about 70 miles south-east of Dallas.

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Report: Linares goes on offensive

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The executive director of the Texas Lottery, Nora Linares, is going on the attack against questions of influence-peddling, the San Antonio Express-News reported Wednesday.

The newspaper reported that Ms. Linares has hired an investigator and a noted trial lawyer as part of her legal team.

Her lead attorney said Ms. Linares is a victim in the ongoing inquiry surrounding how a close friend of hers received a contract from the company that operates the lottery. Her attorney said she has no plans to resign.

"She's going to start defending herself. ... And I'm not kidding," lawyer Charles Soechting of San Marcos said. "She is going to stay on the job."

Ms. Linares hired Soechting shortly after she first was questioned about the contract friend Mike Moeller had with lottery contractor GTECH Corp.

Moeller, a former state agricul-

ture department official, is in federal prison on an unrelated charge. He was awarded a \$30,000 five-month contract by GTECH in 1992 for work in New Mexico. The company has said it isn't certain what he did for that money.

Ms. Linares has said she didn't know anything about the contract until last month, an account Moeller has confirmed from prison through his attorney.

Texas Lottery Commission members said they are awaiting answers from GTECH before taking action on the matter. They also want information on any lottery-related contracts involving GTECH.

With the additions to her legal team, Linares appears to be going on the offensive, the Express-News reported.

Among other things, Soechting said, Ms. Linares wants to know who has given information to reporters about the Moeller contract.

Soechting also said attorney

Gary Richardson, a South Texas native living in Tulsa, Okla., has been hired as co-counsel. Richardson represented former McClenahan County District Attorney Vic Feazell of Waco in a libel lawsuit against WFAA-TV of Dallas.

"One of our specialties is defamation lawsuits. We do quite a bit of that," Richardson, who grew up in Rio Hondo, said by phone Tuesday evening. He said it is too soon to say if he will file a lawsuit on Ms. Linares' behalf.

Soechting said Ms. Linares also hired Joe Murphy, former commander with the Texas Department of Public Safety's criminal intelligence service, as an investigator.

"He's our investigator, and we're going to get to the bottom of where these ill-founded rumors are coming from," Soechting said.

"We're going to defend Nora. I think she's been the victim. ... I think it's related to the fierce competition of the gaming industry," he said.

Former officer charged in bank robbery

SEVEN POINTS, Texas (AP) — A former Dallas Police officer was arrested Wednesday on charges of robbing the First National Bank in this rural East Texas town.

Navarro County sheriff's deputies arrested 29-year-old Troy Simpson near Corsicana, about 22 miles southwest of the bank, shortly after the early morning robbery.

The deputies pulled Simpson over because his car matched the description of one that fled the bank.

Simpson, who left the Dallas police force last summer after five years, had cash stuffed into his pants when he was apprehended, authorities said.

The suspect also claimed to be a Dallas police officer, said Navarro County sheriff's Sgt. Johnny Lake.



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Men, Texas Tech at Mexico 68.

No. 18 Texas Tech at Houston 79, UTEP 79, No. 1 Women, SMU at Houston 68.

HOCKEY

PREP BASKETBALL — Midland Lee at Levelland 5 p.m., Levelland.

WJCAC

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Tech

LUBBOCK — 25 points and lead unbeaten 68 victory Wednesday. No. 11 New Mexico State Raiders' second over a ranked

Tech (5-0) cushion for midweek through when the Lobos' nine-point run lead to 60-58.

The Red Raiders' momentum maintained despite the Lobos' play game before a crowd of 8,174 straight home.

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The Red Raiders' ranked Georgia Tech.

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Texas Scores

BASKETBALL — Miami Heat 101, Dallas Mavericks 79.
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San Antonio Spurs 113, Philadelphia 76ers 103.
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PREP BASKETBALL — Girls, Midland Lee girls vs. Levelland Red, 5 p.m., Levelland Tournament.

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Wednesday's Games

Midland College 62, South Plains College 59.

Tech wins again

LUBBOCK — Cory Carr scored 25 points and had seven assists to lead unbeaten Texas Tech to a 77-68 victory Wednesday night over No. 11 New Mexico, the Red Raiders' second win in five days over a ranked team.

Tech (5-0) maintained a tenuous cushion for most of the game until midway through the second half, when the Lobos (5-1) went on a nine-point run that cut the Raiders' lead to 60-58 with 10:09 left.

The Red Raiders regrouped, consistently making their shots and maintaining defensive pressure on the Lobos, playing their first road game before a raucous sellout crowd of 8,174 that saw Tech's 33rd straight home win.

The Lobos owned the early momentum until Tech inserted freshman Rayford Young. The Raiders suddenly came to life with his presence, scoring 13 straight and 20 of the next 25 points, capitalized by an alley-oop dunk by Tech center Tony Battle from Stan Bonowitz.

The Red Raiders beat then-25th ranked George Washington on Saturday.

Hockey contest

For the next two weeks, the public has an opportunity to leave its stamp on the expansion franchise coming to Odessa as part of the Western Professional Hockey League.

The Midland Angels, who own the franchise, are sponsoring a "Name the Team" contest where citizens of the Permian Basin can have their say in naming the new hockey team. The winner will receive a prize package of about \$1,000.

Entries are due by Dec. 18 and should be sent to: Odessa Professional Hockey, Name the Team Contest, P.O. Box 51187, Midland, Tx., 79710.

The winner, which will be announced Jan. 10, 1997, will receive two season tickets for the 1997-98 season, team merchandise, admission to a hockey camp and a night as an honorary Zamboni driver at the Ector County Coliseum.

PGA Qualifying tie

LOMPOC, Calif. — Phil Tataurangi of McLean, Va., shot a 5-under-par 67 Wednesday to tie three other golfers for the lead at the PGA Tour qualifying tournament.

Brent Geiberger of Palm Desert, Calif., Dan Bateman of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Anthony Rodriguez of San Antonio also shot 67s on Sandpiper Golf Course.

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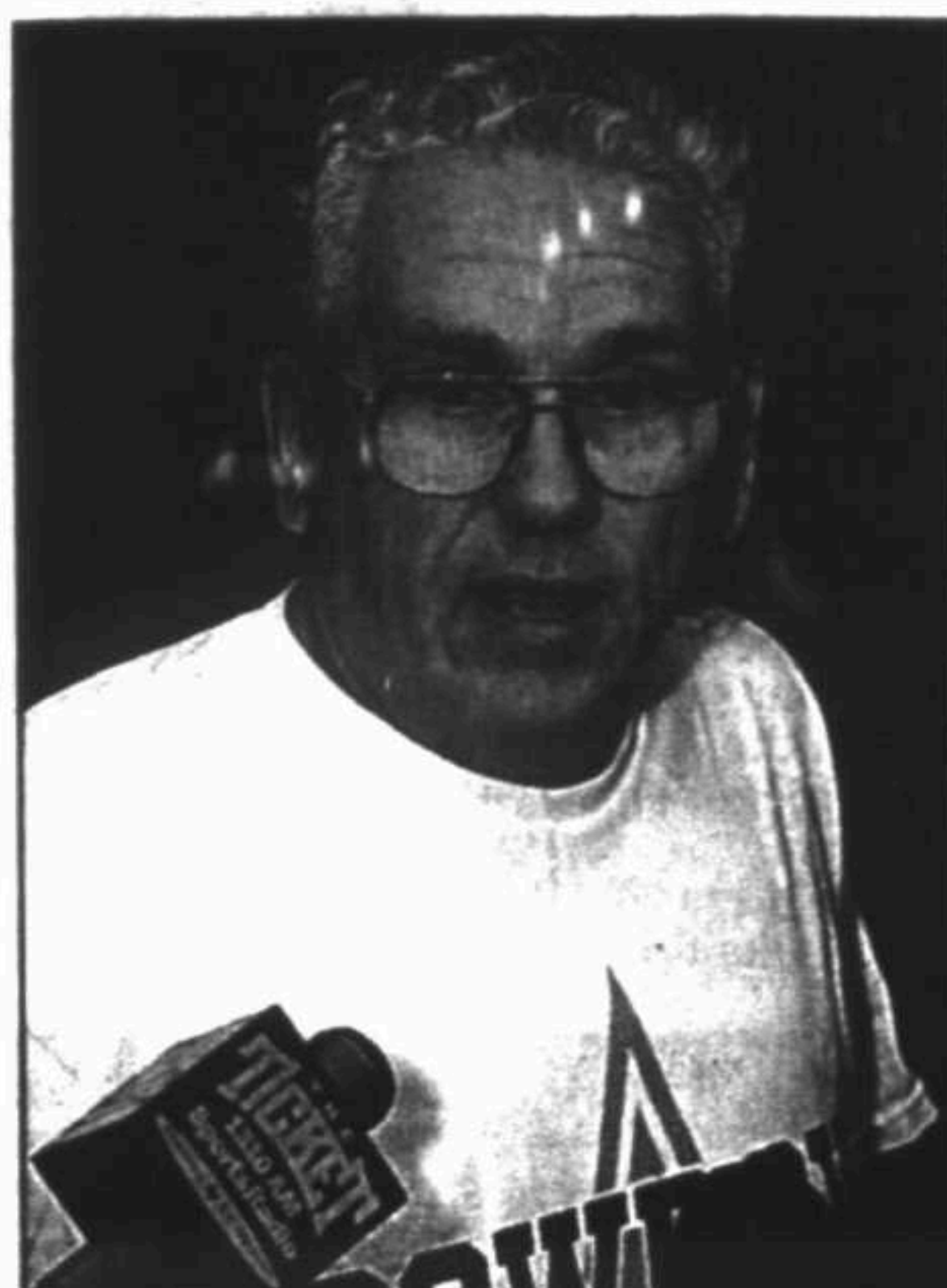
Jones: Lett suspension is surprising

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer



IRVING — Another day, another circus at Valley Ranch, world headquarters of the sinful but successful Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys.
They've won three Super Bowls in the last four years but also lead the NFL in another category, most players suspended (six) in the last 13 drug suspensions.

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Dave Campo, defensive coordinator of the Cowboys, answers questions about the one-year suspension of lineman Leon Lett.

Lett's see how good the Cowboys really are

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys survived without Michael Irvin. They think they can get back to the Super Bowl without their best defensive player, Leon Lett.

Childress signing/4C

Tony Casillas on Wednesday was plugged into the suspended Lett's right tackle position, with Hurvin McCormack a backup.
"Obviously we'd love to have Leon but we feel confident we can do the job despite the changes," defensive

'We may have to do a few things differently but we'll do all right.'

— Dave Campo, Cowboys' defensive coordinator

coordinator Dave Campo said. "We have a tremendous amount of pride in our defensive unit. Tony Casillas is a good player. He's been around awhile. We may have to do a few things differently but we'll be all right."

The Cowboys, with Lett, have the No. 1 defense in the NFL, first

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BATTLE FOR WJCAC WOMEN'S SUPREMACY

Just Plain Better

Lady Chaps escape with narrow win over SPC



Midland College's Mandi White (33) forces her way past South Plains College's Kim Thomas (21) en route to Wednesday night.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

MIDLAND COLLEGE

What's another 45 minutes?

That's how long the South Plains Lady Texans and the Midland College Lady Chaparrals had to wait to start their anticipated match-up at Chaparral Center Wednesday night.

That only built up an even greater game as tough defense late in the contest led to the Lady Chaps taking a 62-59 nail-biter and taking sole command of the conference echelon heading into the Christmas break.

No. 2 ranked Midland College improved to 11-1 overall and 5-0 in conference while SPC fell to 10-1 overall and 3-1 in conference.

The game was delayed because a mixup at the conference office led to having no game officials scheduled to work that night. Luckily for both teams, some officials were meeting on the campus of Midland College. South Plains coach Lyndon Hardin might be wishing they hadn't found officials with three of his player fouling out, including leading scorer and Texas Tech signee Angie Brazier who was held to just six points.

"She played a lot of minutes on Monday (a 79-56 win over Howard College) and tonight she couldn't stay on the floor," Hardin said about the former Odessa Permian standout.

MC coach Ron Jones said his team was in the same situation but the fouls didn't cost his team as much as they did the Lady Texans.

"I doubt we played our post players more than 20 minutes because they had to sit down with foul trouble. It's just that they had one more foul than we

did," Jones said.

The Lady Chaps got out to a fast start thanks to turnovers by the Lady Texans. Two free throws by Candy Mitchell gave MC a 7-0 lead. The biggest boost for the Lady Chaps came shortly after that as Brazier received her third foul and had to sit out the rest of the half.

That didn't matter to the rest of the Lady Texans as Kim Thomas, Shea Bennett and Mischere Kyles stepped it up. SPC would take a 30-29 lead on a Bennett trey as time expired. The Lady Texans were also helped in the first half as the big three for MC of Ndiase Ndiaye, Fatou Cisse and Mandi White were held for a combined two points.

South Plains would then slowly start to take control midway through the second half as the Lady Texans built an 41-33 lead on a Tanya Ray layup. The Lady Chaps would respond with an 11-2 lead behind the play of Valeria Santos and Mamie Ndoeye.

Hardin said he saw the Lady Chaps' surge coming.

"We didn't let anything slip away," he said after the game. "I think Ron's players worked hard and earned it. I knew we couldn't keep them down, they're too good for that."

With 45 seconds left in the game, Santos gave the Lady Chaps the lead for good with a layup for a 60-58 advantage. Santos would come up big for the Lady Chaps as she finished with a game-high 18 points. After two free throws by Ndiaye with 34 seconds left, Santos would again come up big with a block of a Bennett shot with 20 ticks on the clock.

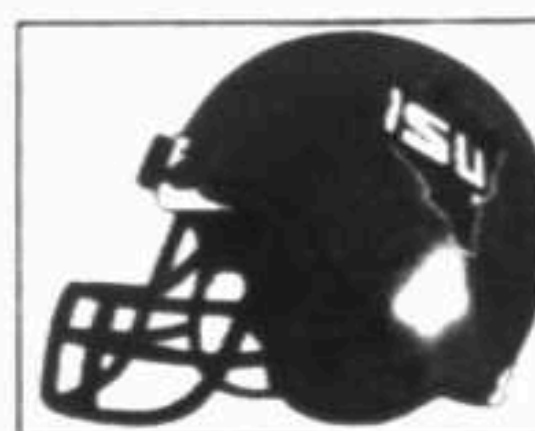
A great ending to an otherwise strange night at Chap Center.

Lady Chap freshmen guard Candy Mitchell, who finished with 10 points and three steals, was just elated to get the

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Iowa St. back feels Heisman is his

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer



AMES, Iowa — Last year, Troy Davis became the first 2,000-yard rusher not to win the Heisman Trophy. Now that he has put up another 2,000-yard year, will the Iowa State junior be denied again?

Probably. Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel remains the favorite for the award given to the player voted the best in college football. He plays the glamour position for one of the sport's glamour programs.

Davis plays for a team that was 2-9 and has no tradition of success. That's the biggest factor work

ing against Davis, and he thinks it's unfair.

"I feel I should win it," Davis said Wednesday. "Because I'm doing something that nobody ever did in college football. They should look at it as that, not as a team not winning. If they go for individual stats, I should win it."

Davis is the first major-college player to rush for 2,000 yards twice. He became the fifth player in the 2,000-yard club when he ran for 2,010 a year ago to lead the nation. The others, Barry Sanders, Marcus Allen, Mike Rozier and Rashaan Salaam, all won the Heisman. Davis finished fifth in the voting that gave the award to Ohio State running back Eddie George.

This year, Davis ran for 2,185 yards to lead the

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Iowa State's Troy Davis became the first 2,000-yard rusher not to win the Heisman Trophy in 1995.

Longhorn defense hopes Husker I-Backs don't cause nightmares

By Chip Brown
Associated Press Writer



AUSTIN — Texas cornerback Bryant Westbrook says he's seeing Nebraska players running the option in his sleep.

"They're like little sheep jumping over the fence, except that in my dreams the sheep are wearing red jerseys with an N on their helmets, and their names are Scott Frost, Ahman Green and DeAngelo Evans," Westbrook said.

The Texas (7-4, 6-2 Big 12) defense knows its toughest challenge of the season will come Saturday in the Big 12 championship game against third-ranked Nebraska (10-1, 8-0).

The Huskers' rushing offense, an option attack averaging 296.4 yards per game, is fifth in the nation. Texas' defense, ranked 64th in the nation, has

been erratic against the run, yielding nearly 200 yards per game. But the Longhorns, riding a four-game win streak, are coming off their best game.

In a 51-15 victory against Texas A&M last week, Texas gave up just 227 yards, marking the Aggies' lowest offensive output in five years.

Texas cornerbacks Westbrook and Taje Allen say they expect to be providing a flood of run support on Saturday.

And that's OK with Westbrook, the hardest hitter on Texas' team, and one of its biggest trash talkers.

"They're the champions of the north, and we're the champions of the south. It's going to be like that Civil War, baby," Westbrook said. "I hope they're ready because we're gonna be ready."

Allen says Saturday's game is a chance for the Texas defense and the team to prove the Longhorns' program has regained the national prominence it enjoyed in the 1960s, 70s and early 80s.

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Promoter says Whitaker-De La Hoya fight is set

NEW YORK (AP) — Pernel Whitaker, long one of the world's top fighters, is headed for a showdown with rising star Oscar De La Hoya.

Dino Duva, Whitaker's promoter, said the fight will be held in May at Caesars in Las Vegas.

"But they have to win their fights in January, and those opponents aren't easy," Duva said Wednesday in a conference call.

De La Hoya, promoted by Bob Arum, will defend the WBC super

lightweight title against Miguel Angel Gonzalez of Mexico Jan. 28 at Las Vegas. Whitaker will defend the WBC welterweight title against Diobelis Hurtado, a Cuban living in Miami, Jan. 18 at Atlantic City, N.J.

Whitaker said a fight against De La Hoya "doesn't mean anything to me if I don't get the job done in January. I just have to go about my business. But the motivation is to through this guy and get to the next obstacle."

PGA Qualifying

Wednesday's results after the first round of the \$150,000 1996 PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament, played on 7,105-yard, par 36-36-72 Sandpiper GC in Goleta, Calif. Note: Tournament is in rounds and top 40 and ties earn a 1997 PGA Tour card.

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NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Miami	W	L	Pct
New York	10	6	.625
Orlando	8	8	.500
Washington	10	6	.619
Philadelphia	7	9	.438
Boston	4	12	.250
New Jersey	2	20	.091
Central Division			
Chicago	16	1	.941
Detroit	13	3	.813
Cleveland	11	5	.688
Atlanta	10	6	.619
Charlotte	8	8	.500
Minnesota	5	11	.313
Indiana	7	9	.438
Toronto	5	11	.313
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
Houston	W	L	Pct
Portland	14	2	.875
Minnesota	7	9	.438
Dallas	5	11	.313
San Antonio	3	13	.188
Vancouver	2	16	.111
Pacific Division			
Seattle	14	2	.875
L.A. Lakers	13	3	.806
Portland	10	6	.619
Oakland	10	6	.619
Golden State	6	12	.333
Sacramento	6	12	.333
Phoenix	5	13	.278

Wednesday's Games

New York 109, New Jersey 102

Portland 141, Vancouver 113

San Antonio 113, Philadelphia 103

Phoenix 118, Golden State 87

Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Seattle, 8 p.m.

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Free Agents

NEW YORK (AP) — The 17 free agents who have signed with teams since the start of the season are listed below. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, the contract is for one year, with the option to sign a major league contract in the future.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANALYSTS (1) — Signed Dave Holman, 3B, to a \$3.8 million, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (1) — Signed Albert Belle, OF, to a \$3.5 million, one-year contract.

NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed Jose Girard, SS, to a \$3.5 million, one-year contract.

SEATTLE (1) — Re-signed Jamie Moyer, P, to a \$3.7 million, one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA (2) — Re-signed John Smoltz, RHP, to a \$3.1 million, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (2) — Re-signed Ryan Sandberg, 2B, to a \$3.5 million, one-year contract; signed Shawn Dunston, SS, to a \$2 million, one-year contract.

FLORIDA (3) — Signed Bobby Bonilla, OF, to a \$2.3 million, one-year contract; signed John Canino, OF, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; signed John Canino, OF, to a \$2 million, one-year contract.

HOUSTON (2) — Signed Sid Fernandez, RHP, to a \$3.7 million, one-year contract; signed Sid Fernandez, RHP, to a \$3.7 million, one-year contract.

ST. LOUIS (2) — Signed Raul Mondesi, OF, to a \$2.6 million, one-year contract; signed Raul Mondesi, OF, to a \$2.6 million, one-year contract.

TEXAS (2) — Signed Delino DeShazo, 2B, to a \$2.6 million, one-year contract; signed Delino DeShazo, 2B, to a \$2.6 million, one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO (1) — Signed Rene Garza, SS, to a \$2 million, one-year contract.

NEW YORK (1) — Signed Rene Garza, SS, to a \$2 million, one-year contract.

Grand Slam Cup

HANOVER, Germany (AP) — Results Wednesday of the \$6 million Grand Slam Cup.

Singles

First Round

Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, def. Mark Woodforde, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.

Andre Agassi, Las Vegas, 6-3, 6-2.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia, def. Alex Corretja, Spain, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

College Basketball Results

Scores

Men

SOUTHWEST

Houston 79, Texas Tech 77, 2OT

Oklahoma 83, Delaware St. 56

Oklahoma St. 77, Miss. Valley St. 74

TEXAS TECH 77, New Mexico 68

TEXAS 68, New Mexico St. 61

EAST

Boston College 73, Rutgers 64

Harvard 77, Army 64

Baylor 53, Mississippi State 49

Rhode Island 86, Brown 49

Villanova 75, Providence 64

West Virginia 101, Syracuse 79

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State Playoffs

Class 5A

Division I

Semifinal

Lewisville (13-0) vs. Killeen Elgin (11-2), 4 p.m., Saturday, Texas State Stadium

Division II

Semifinal

Converse (12-1) vs. Gatesville (11-2), 4 p.m., Saturday, Texas State Stadium

Division III

Semifinal

Abilene Cooper (10-3) vs. Flowerdew (11-2), 4 p.m., Saturday, Texas State Stadium

Division IV

Semifinal

Tyler (12-1) vs. Houston (11-2), 4 p.m., Saturday, Texas State Stadium

Division V

Semifinal

Austin (12-1) vs. Houston (11-2), 4 p.m., Saturday, Texas State Stadium

Division VI

Semifinal

San Antonio (11-2) vs. Cameron (12-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Kyle Field, College Station

Division VII

Semifinal

George West (10-2) vs. Seely (12-1), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Beaville

Division VIII

Semifinal

Irish (13-0) vs. Stamford (10-3), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Stamford

Division IX

Semifinal

Holmes (12-1) vs. Mart (12-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Kyle Field, College Station

Division X

Semifinal

Gravett (14-0) vs. Ap (11-2), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches

Division XI

Semifinal

Refugio (12-1) vs. Caldwell (13-0), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Memorial Stadium, Victoria

Division XII

Semifinal

Pampa (10-2) vs. Grapevine (13-0), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Memorial Stadium, Victoria

Division XIII

Semifinal

Texas Tech (12-1) vs. Hays Consolidated (12-1), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Kyle Field

Division XIV

Semifinal

Baseball players put off ratification vote

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Baseball players put off a ratification vote on their new labor agreement until Thursday or Friday.

While lawyers for both sides on Wednesday worked on drafting the new collective bargaining agreement, players delayed by at least a day their vote in Dorado, Puerto Rico.

Fourteen players, including Alex Fernandez, Moises Alou, Jimmy Key and Mel Rojas, will gain free agency rights after the deal is ratified, and the sides have to work out special details that will apply to this group.

For other free agents, teams must decide by Saturday whether to offer salary arbitration to their former players or lose negotiating rights until May 1.

It is likely teams will be given additional time

to make decisions regarding players in the new group. Those players can't start discussing contracts with new teams until after they formally file.

Players voted in September to give their executive board authority to ratify the agreement rather than conduct a vote among all the players. In addition, all players will vote by mail on whether to approve interleague play.

Approval of the deal and interleague play are considered virtual certainties.

Meanwhile, two free agents signed Tuesday. Outfielder Jim Eisenreich, who spent the past four seasons with Philadelphia, agreed to a \$3 million, two-year contract with the Florida Marlins. Catcher Joe Girardi decided to stay with the New York Yankees, agreeing to a \$5.5 million, two-year deal.

Eisenreich, 37, hit a career-high .361 in 338 at-bats last season, with three homers and

41 RBIs.

Girardi, 32, hit .294 in his first season with the Yankees with two homers and 45 RBIs and 13 steals, the most by a catcher in the major leagues last season.

In another ramification of the deal, the Fox network met with baseball officials Monday night and decided its first interleague telecast will be Baltimore's game against Atlanta on June 14. Owners could not go ahead with interleague play until the labor deal was approved.

During the meeting, Fox officials asked to be included in the schedule process for future years before league officials complete it.

"The question was at what point in the process going forward do they intervene to participate in the formulation of the schedule," said Greg Murphy, baseball's marketing head.

"I think we have a better understanding of what they are looking for."

More Sports/8C

Butler agrees to one-year deal with Dodgers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Outfielder Brett Butler, whose comeback from cancer last September was cut short by a broken left hand, agreed Wednesday to a one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Butler, 39, played in 34 games for the Dodgers last season, hitting .267 with eight RBIs and eight stolen bases.

It was discovered in early May that Butler had cancer of the tonsils, and he underwent surgery to remove a tumor. He rejoined the team Aug. 26 in Montreal, and was activated Sept. 6.

Butler played in just five games before being hit on the hand by a pitch from Cincinnati right-hander Giovanni Carrara. Butler had squared around to bunt, and the pitch hit his hand while it was on the bat.

Butler missed the rest of the season. Shortly after he was injured, Butler expressed the hope that he'd be able to play in the postseason, but eventually realized that wouldn't be possible.

"Brett has been a great contributor to the Dodger team and organization, and we believe he can make a major contribution to the team next season," Dodgers general manager Fred Claire said.

Butler has a career batting average of .291 with 2,278 hits and 544 stolen bases. He is one of only 26 major leaguers to collect 2,000 hits and 500 stolen bases.

When Butler led the National League in singles from 1990-93, he became the first player in big league history to lead a league in singles for four straight years.

Meanwhile, it appears Todd Zeile will fill the Dodgers' third-base vacancy, perhaps signing with the team as soon as Sunday.

Zeile, 31, and the Dodgers have reportedly agreed to a three-year deal worth \$10 million-to-\$11 million.

Orioles Offer Arbitration to Wells
BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday offered

Baseball Notes

arbitration to left-handed pitcher David Wells, who won 11 games last season before starting in the playoffs.

Wells, 33, has until Dec. 19 to accept or reject the Orioles' offer. Because Baltimore beat the Saturday deadline, the team can negotiate with the pitcher through Jan. 8 if he rejects their arbitration offer.

Wells was 11-14 with a 5.14 ERA in 34 games with Baltimore last season. He pitched well in two starts against Cleveland in the opening round of the playoffs, then registered the Orioles' only win in their loss to the New York Yankees in the AL championship series.

Cardinals re-sign McGee
ST. LOUIS — Willie McGee will be staying with the St. Louis Cardinals, agreeing Wednesday to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

McGee, 38, is a fan favorite in St. Louis, where he helped lead the Cardinals to three NL pennants and a World Series championship in the 1980s. After several years with other teams, he returned to the Cardinals last season and hit .307 in 123 games, including 63 starts.

McGee hit .432 in September as the Cardinals rallied to overtake Houston and win the Central Division title.

Houston Astros Sign Outfielder
HOUSTON — Outfielder Thomas Howard, released last week by the Cincinnati Reds, agreed Wednesday to a \$750,000, one-year contract with the Houston Astros.

"Thomas has emerged as a valuable outfielder who can play all three positions," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "In addition, he adds a much-needed left-handed bat to our club."

Howard, coming off a \$1.35 million, two-year contract, hit .272 last season with six homers and 42 RBIs.

BOYS: Casillas moved into Lett's defensive slot

(From 1C)

against the pass and fourth against the rush.

Casillas, an 11-year veteran, has only 15 tackles and no sacks in limited playing time. McCormack has 18 tackles and has been credited with 1 1/2 sacks.

"I'm frustrated for Leon and I feel badly for him because he is a good person," Campo said. "But we've played well without Charles Haley (back operation) and we can do the same without Leon. We're paid to do a job and we'll do it."

The Cowboys, tied with Washington and Philadelphia in the NFC East, have three games left — Arizona (road), New England (home) and Washington (road).

Lett was suspended for a year Tuesday for a second violation of the NFL's drug policy. He is banned from coming to the team's headquarters and his gear was still in his locker as he ducked all interview requests.

Casillas, an excellent run-stopper in his prime, was obtained from the free agent ranks in the off-season as injury insurance in

the defensive line.

"It's hard to believe what happened to Leon," Casillas said. "I feel I can still play although I came in to be a role player figuring I would get 25 or so snaps per game. I just have to look at it like somebody got injured. It's not it's like the first time I ever played."

Casillas said he figured the Arizona game plan will include running plays right at him.

"That will be fine if they come my way," Casillas said. "I'd love that."

Casillas said being a starter will automatically make him a better player.

"You get a better feel of the game when you start, it will be to my benefit," Casillas said. "It's definitely a challenge for me to get back in there starting the first time. But I think I can help this team get right back into the Super Bowl."

The Cowboys won't depend on just Casillas and McCormack. The team on Wednesday signed five-time Pro Bowl tackle Ray Childress to a free-agent deal.

Childress, a 12-year veteran,



A television photographer captures the contents of the locker of Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman Leon Lett at the team facilities in Irving.

has not played since the Houston Oilers cut him and his \$2.3 million salary in February to clear room under the NFL salary cap. The terms of his deal with the Cowboys weren't released.

Dallas had some salary cap money freed because the checks have stopped on Lett's \$150,000 per game payoff. Lett's suspension will cost him about \$2 million.

JONES: Owner says team will improve image

(From 1C)

Owner Jerry Jones broke his silence Wednesday to put his spin on the latest scandal to tarnish the Cowboys' star, Leon Lett's one-year suspension for a second violation of the NFL's drug policy.

Jones said he heard speculation two weeks ago but had no idea what was happening.

"My first knowledge of it was a minute before it went out over the AP wire," Jones said. "I was disappointed and was concerned for Leon. It was a surprise."

"Leon had been in a most comprehensive program with the best doctors. Over the last 13 or 14 months he had been exemplary. I was dismayed at all the speculation. Now, I know."

Jones said he was "most concerned" about yet another scandal

to hit the club. Michael Irvin missed the first five games of the season because of a drug bust at motel room that caught the wide receiver.

"This is a reflection (on the team) because one incident is one too many," Jones said. "We can do better and we want to do better and we'll stop at nothing to get better."

"There is not a sense that this is a team-wide thing. It's still up to individual choices, and adults can make mistakes."

Jones said the Cowboys would welcome Lett back once he gets straightened out.

"I want to do anything I can to be supportive and make sure Leon can play again for the Cowboys," Jones said. "As an individual, I think the world of him."

Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman said the team's image has a black eye.

"We don't have a good image, we have taken some hits in the public relations department," he said. "In 1994, offensive lineman Erik Williams was in a one-car wreck and received two years' probation on a misdemeanor drunken driving offense."

Later that year, a 17-year-old topless dancer accused Williams of sexually assaulting her at his North Dallas home. A grand jury no-billed Williams two months later, after the teen-ager refuses to cooperate with prosecutors following an out-of-court settlement with the football star.

In 1995, reserve cornerback Clayton Holmes was suspended for a year following a positive drug test, reportedly for cocaine, the drug that caused Lett's fall down.

"The star has been diminished by all this and that's unfortunate," said safety Bill Bates, who has been on the team 14 years.

"Leon let the team down," said running backs coach Joe Brodsky. "There was a time here when we worked more together. Now, everyone has their own agenda."

Former Cowboy Preston Pearson, one of the best third-down receivers in club history, said the Dallas prestige has taken another big hit despite the team leading NFL Properties in sales.

"I don't feel sorry for Leon. He got what he deserved," Pearson said. "It's just a shame the way this reflects back on the Cowboys."

Plano school trustees approve varsity eligibility for 'talented' sophomore athletes

PLANO (AP) — One of the state's strongest high school athletic programs just got stronger.

Plano school trustees on Tuesday night unanimously approved a proposal that will allow so-called "impact" sophomores to play varsity sports at Plano and Plano East high schools under certain conditions.

Currently, only juniors and seniors attend Plano Senior or Plano East high schools. Each senior high school is fed by three high schools whose students are freshmen and sophomores.

The change was adopted because of a lawsuit filed in October by a sophomore, his father and six other parents to allow sophomores the opportunity to try out for varsity sports teams at Plano and Plano East.

"It's great," said Michael Roe, a sophomore wrestler and football player at Vines High School. "All we wanted was a chance."

Not all sophomores will be allowed to try out for the Plano or Plano East varsities, under guidelines approved Tuesday night.

They must be "talented" and receive approval from the athletic director, plus coaches and admin-

istrators at both the feeder school and senior high school.

The new guidelines will be implemented at the next shift in sports seasons, officials said.

Earlier this year, the University Interscholastic League, which governs academic and athletic competition among Texas' public schools, modified a rule that blocked athletic participation by freshmen and sophomores at the varsity level if the schools were operated on separate campuses by different principals.

Freshmen are not covered by the proposal approved Tuesday night.

Under the new policy, sophomores at feeder schools will be allowed to participate in varsity programs at the senior high school if the sport is unavailable at their school.

Students can be moved to the varsity level only. A sophomore cannot be placed on a subvarsity team at the senior high school level, unless no team exists on the sophomore campus.

Also, students may not be moved up to fill out a roster or to be used as a backup player.

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Year Ago N/A

NATURAL GAS PRICES

Wednesday \$3.505

Natural gas soars

Natural gas futures prices rose sharply Wednesday amid forecasts calling for sharply colder weather in the Midwest and winter storms along the Atlantic Coast. Crude and other energy futures retreated.

January crude fell 13 cents to \$24.80 a barrel.

Natural gas for January delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 14.1 cents to \$3.505 for each 1,000 cubic feet.

Natural gas futures had been on the retreat following near-normal temperatures across the country's major heating regions, but prices now are surging amid the expected return this weekend of sharply colder weather, said analyst John Saucer at Smith Barney Inc. in Houston.

Natural gas supplies in storage fell to 77 percent from 80 percent last week, the American Gas Association reported after trading had ended. With inventory now 8.3 percent below year-ago levels, suppliers are hesitant to withdraw from storage so early in the heating season, Saucer said.

Crude and its products finished lower after a volatile session dominated by conflicting information.

Inventory data released by the American Petroleum Institute signaled persistent supply tightness is easing. Heating oil and other distillate stocks rose an unexpected 1.849 million barrels last week to 120.06 million barrels, while gasoline stocks rose 1.930 million barrels to 188.6 million barrels, the API reported late Tuesday.

Futures prices later recovered amid rumors French oil workers would expand a limited strike nationwide next week. But later reports said a possible resolution to the conflict is imminent, and profit-taking resulted.

Dollar higher

NEW YORK — The dollar ended slightly higher against the mark Wednesday on a rumor that Germany's central bank might cut interest rates, but the U.S. currency ended mixed in other foreign-exchange dealings.

The dollar cost 1.5601 marks, up from 1.5568 on Tuesday. The dollar cost 113.07 yen, down from 113.29. The British pound, which lost more than 2 percent against the dollar Tuesday, cost \$1.6434, down from \$1.6445.

Other dollar rates in New York compared with late Tuesday: 1.3205 Swiss francs, up from 1.3203; 5.2690 French francs, down from 5.2876; 1.3543 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3497; 1,533.60 Italian lire, down from 1,538.50.

Stocks retreat

NEW YORK — Another round of profit-taking sent stocks on a second straight drop Wednesday, but leading market averages cut their losses over the last hour as the slide proved too enticing for bargain hunters.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 19.75 to 6,422.94 after rebounding from a 75-point deficit over the last hour.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by more than a 4-to-3 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 493.70 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 3.18 to 745.10, and the NYSE's composite index fell 1.62 to 393.23.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 3.35 to 1,297.02, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index fell 3.19 to 588.99.

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Delta, Continental discussing merger

■ Merger of two airlines would create nation's largest.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Delta Air Lines and Continental Airlines are discussing a merger that would create the world's largest airline, a source close to the negotiations said.

The talks have reached the formal stage, although no deal is imminent, the source told The Associated Press on

condition of anonymity.

Continental, the nation's fifth largest airline, initiated the talks with Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier. To date, Delta is the only airline with which it has held discussions, the source said Tuesday.

Houston-based Continental and Atlanta-based Delta would not comment.

The airline industry was beset with a flurry of mergers nearly a decade ago but has been relatively stable recently.

This year, many airlines enjoyed

record profits, and some industry analysts expressed concern over the prospect of a new wave of mergers. Delta bought Pan Am's European operations in 1991, a deal that worsened Delta's losses at the time by hundreds of millions of dollars.

"If Delta's management remembers what happened when they bought Pan Am, they should not even contemplate another acquisition," Samuel Buttrick, an airline analyst at Paine Webber, told

The New York Times.

Analysts also said that the prospect of a Delta-Continental combination might send other airlines scrambling for merger partners just to keep up.

A merger would allow Delta, which has trimmed flights in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, to maintain its dominance in the South.

Delta has more routes to Europe than Continental, which is stronger in South and Central America.

Panel suggests restructuring inflation index

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government overstates inflation, an advisory panel concluded Wednesday, proposing changes that could shave billions from the deficit but raise taxes for millions of Americans and cost Social Security recipients a chunk of their annual increase.

The panel said the Consumer Price Index exaggerates inflation by 1.1 percentage points annually and should be scrapped in favor of a true cost-of-living index, producing \$691 billion in deficit savings over a decade.

The savings would come from trimming the cost-of-living adjustments made to Social Security and other government pensions received by 60 million Americans and from raising tax payments by making smaller inflation adjustments each year to tax brackets.

"It's a terrible idea," said Social Security recipient Marvin Windhaus, 66, a retired Jacksonville, Fla., police officer. "The price of gasoline is going up, food is going up and we're standing still."

But Elaine Petch, who lives with her husband in a retirement home in a Cincinnati suburb, said, "I really don't think \$96 a year would make much difference to us. I don't feel too upset if they want to make a change and if they explain it to the public."

The proposal would lower the annual adjustment for Social Security by \$8 a month in the first year it went into effect, or \$96 annually, according to projections made by the Social Security Administration.

The projections show that by the tenth year, the monthly Social Security benefit would be \$108 lower than it would have been otherwise, resulting in a cumulative loss of \$6,504 for the average retiree during that period.

The increased tax bite would come from the fact that the standard deduction and income tax brackets, which are adjusted annually to take into account the effects of inflation, would be adjusted by smaller amounts.

By one estimate, a family of four using the standard deduction with \$60,000 in taxable income would see its taxes go up by roughly \$150 in the first year from a 1.1 percentage point trim in the CPI.

The panel was led by Michael Boskin, a Stanford University economist and former Bush administration adviser. He said the panel's report was based on solid evidence that the current methods used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to calculate the Consumer Price Index were significantly overstating inflation by about one-third annually by failing to take into account the substitution of cheaper goods and by mistakenly counting quality improvements as inflation.

The report put the range of the inflation overstatement between 0.8 percentage points and 1.6 percentage points annually and chose 1.1 points as its best estimate. The CPI for the past four years has been rising at rates below 3 percent annually.

While the CPI is based on consumer buying patterns from 1982 to 1984 and will not be updated until 1998, the Boskin commission recommended creation of an index that would be updated annually to reflect real-world buying patterns.



Magic career no illusion for Midland woman

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Choosing a career can be a tricky choice, but Midlander Emily Edwards is sure her choice is no illusion.

The Lee High School graduate is determined to be a professional magician and since she began practicing magic five years ago, has performed at several local businesses.

She recently performed her 35-minute act at the Permian Basin Oil Show, the grand opening of Barnes & Nobles Booksellers, at schools, restaurants and at numerous private parties. She's already booked for company parties in Midland and Odessa later this month.

A number of her bookings have been for children's parties. She said the children like her card tricks and her "floating dollar" trick, where she makes a dollar bill float.

"I like reaching out to kids and I like cheering people up," she said.

Not only does she perform magic, she builds and sells magic tricks and props for beginners.

Ms. Edwards said she became interested in magic at age 13 after seeing magicians such as David Copperfield perform.

"I liked seeing an illusion and thinking 'that cannot be.' I would wonder what it would be like to be a magician," she said.

A year later she invested in some magic props and began learning the art. Starting with a 10-minute act, she has developed the show into a 35-minute show that includes illusions, music, comedy and audience participation.

"I do magic and comedy. If you don't find it funny, it's magic," she said. "At the end of my show I encourage the audience to live life to its fullest and always reach for their hopes and dreams."

She credits Houston magician Brad Williams with teaching her some tricks. "I learned the rest by watching other magicians" such as Copperfield, Michael Skinner, Michael Ammar and



Emily Edwards shows off some of her collection of magic tricks, top and above.

Jeff McBride, she said.

When not working as a saleswoman at Bag & Baggage in Midland Park Mall, she spends her free time practicing magic tricks and developing her skills. She also finds time to be with

friends, go shopping, see movies, read and play pool.

She is determined to make performing magic a full-time career.

"Trickery is my business and illusion my way of life," she said.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Computer-based trading cheaper, more accurate

By Eric Tyson

Q: What do you think of investing through your computer? I am seeing increasing numbers of advertisements from firms saying that I can save lots of money by trading on-line. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using such brokers?

A: Because computer-based trading is so much cheaper and more accurate than paper-based trading, brokerage firms have utilized it for many years. Now those commission savings are beginning to trickle down to the retail front, thanks to the growth of the Internet and heightened competition among discount securities brokers.

As with shopping for other products and services, your challenge is to select among the many options out there. Once you know what kind of investor you are, the types of investments you're interested in and the strengths and weaknesses of the major players, choosing isn't difficult.



Tyson

Don't worry about the security of placing trades on-line. It's just as safe and accurate, if not more so, than speaking with a person on the telephone.

Trading through your computer is benefiting stock pickers more than anyone else. If you prefer researching and investing in individual stocks on your own, electronic brokerages can save you significant brokerage commissions.

Ask yourself, though, if you honestly think that you can do better than the best mutual fund managers, who work at their craft full time and can trade at commission rates even lower than electronic brokers offer you.

And before you start picking stocks, be sure that you are taking full advantage of the tax benefits that come from contributing to your employer's retirement savings plan.

For cut-rate stock trading on the World Wide Web, check out ETrade (<http://www.etrade.com/>) and eBroker (<http://www.ebroker.com/>).

Those two no-frills electronic brokers offer you the lowest transaction fees around. ETrade charges \$14.95 for trades of 5,000 or fewer shares of listed issues. EBroker comes in even lower — at \$12 per stock trade, no matter how

many shares; however, its minimum opening deposit of \$10,000 makes it inaccessible to many investors.

Before opening an account with an electronic broker, be aware that the broker's low fees are made possible by sacrificing customer service. Horror stories abound of being put on hold eternally on customer-service phone lines, some of which aren't even toll-free.

Also, bargain-basement on-line brokers generally don't give you a great rate on your account cash balances awaiting investment. Some discount firms, for example, are paying less than 4 percent interest on cash balances; the best money market funds today are paying in excess of 5 percent. So be sure to keep as little cash as possible in your electronic brokerage account.

Also beware of so-called "other fees," such as account-maintenance or inactivity fees.

If you are like most investors I know, you're probably more interested in mutual funds than in individual securities. Cut-rate electronic brokers generally don't offer no-load funds. If you're interested in investing in funds through your computer, you'll have to step up to a "fuller-service" discount broker

that gives you more investment options but also charges a little more per transaction.

If you are still feeling jittery about the plunge into electronic trading, you can ease into it through one of the leading discount brokers such as Fidelity, Charles Schwab or Jack White. Such brokers still offer you low-cost, non-computer trading options.

Through those firms, you can still place trades with a live broker over the phone, or if you enter in the trade with the buttons of your touch-tone phone, you can get a 10 percent discount off traditional commission schedules.

Trading through a live broker at some of the deeper-discount brokers such as Jack White actually is cheaper than some of the electronic brokerage firms, such as PC Financial Network. So it pays to shop around.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)			
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	Last	Chg
Microsoft	69,647	36 1/4	+1	Intel	12,627	29 1/4	+3/4	Microsoft	69,647	36 1/4	+1
IBM	50,532	29 1/4	+1/4	SPDR	22,527	29 1/4	+1/4	IBM	50,532	29 1/4	+1/4
Apple	44,011	40 1/4	+2 1/4	Oracle	18,739	40 1/4	+1/4	Apple	44,011	40 1/4	+2 1/4
Oracle	15,636	30 1/4	+2 1/4	AT&T	17,844	29 1/4	+1/4	Oracle	15,636	30 1/4	+2 1/4
PepsiCo	4,688	30	+1/4	Novartis	17,844	29 1/4	+1/4	PepsiCo	4,688	30	+1/4

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				GAINERS (\$2 on stock)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Amgen	5 1/4	+1/4	+8.33	Equifax	7 1/4	+1/4	+6.25	Amgen	5 1/4	+1/4	+8.33
Chubb	5 1/4	+1/4	+8.33	Pratt	3 1/4	+1/4	+14.29	Chubb	5 1/4	+1/4	+8.33
Veritac	3 1/4	+1/4	+12.50	Novartis	2 1/4	+1/4	+20.00	Veritac	3 1/4	+1/4	+12.50
Hill	1 1/4	+1/4	+25.00	Novartis	2 1/4	+1/4	+20.00	Hill	1 1/4	+1/4	+25.00
Veritac	3 1/4	+1/4	+12.50	Novartis	2 1/4	+1/4	+20.00	Veritac	3 1/4	+1/4	+12.50

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)				LOSERS (\$2 on stock)				LOSERS (\$2 on stock)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Amgen	5 1/4	-1/4	-7.69	Equifax	7 1/4	-1/4	-5.56	Amgen	5 1/4	-1/4	-7.69
Chubb	5 1/4	-1/4	-8.33	Pratt	3 1/4	-1/4	-14.29	Chubb	5 1/4	-1/4	-8.33
Veritac	3 1/4	-1/4	-12.50	Novartis	2 1/4	-1/4	-20.00	Veritac	3 1/4	-1/4	-12.50
Hill	1 1/4	-1/4	-25.00	Novartis	2 1/4	-1/4	-20.00	Hill	1 1/4	-1/4	-25.00
Veritac	3 1/4	-1/4	-12.50	Novartis	2 1/4	-1/4	-20.00	Veritac	3 1/4	-1/4	-12.50

DIARY				DIARY				DIARY			
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	Last	Chg
Amgen	1,079	5 1/4	+1/4	Equifax	245	7 1/4	+1/4	Amgen	1,079	5 1/4	+1/4
Chubb	1,458	5 1/4	+1/4	Pratt	299	3 1/4	+1/4	Chubb	1,458	5 1/4	+1/4
Veritac	778	3 1/4	+1/4	Novartis	299	2 1/4	+1/4	Veritac	778	3 1/4	+1/4
Hill	3,313	1 1/4	+1/4	Novartis	752	2 1/4	+1/4	Hill	3,313	1 1/4	+1/4
Veritac	28	3 1/4	+1/4	Novartis	5,752	2 1/4	+1/4	Veritac	28	3 1/4	+1/4
Amgen	594,779,750	5 1/4	+1/4	Equifax	138	7 1/4	+1/4	Amgen	594,779,750	5 1/4	+1/4
Chubb	33,048,290	5 1/4	+1/4	Pratt	138	3 1/4	+1/4	Chubb	33,048,290	5 1/4	+1/4
Veritac	626,420,200	5 1/4	+1/4	Novartis	138	2 1/4	+1/4	Veritac	626,420,200	5 1/4	+1/4

How To Read The Market In Review

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the American Stock Exchange, and 25 most active on the NASDAQ. Stocks in bold are up at least \$5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and change, and one to two additional figures rotated through the week, as follows:

Names: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter.

Price: Stock price shown at the close of trading on the day.

Change: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by -.

How to use: The ticker symbol can help you get information about a company. Two important uses: Most services that provide stock quotes over the phone require the ticker symbol. Second, stock brokers and analysts can recognize stocks more easily with a ticker symbol.

Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some are not. For example, BUSHCO and FOM for FOMCO are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

The names you see in this paper are abbreviations of the company name as provided by The Associated Press. Companies can help determine what their abbreviation will be. Overall, AP tries to use an abbreviation that will most closely match the full company name.

Stock Footnotes: a - PE greater than 99; b - Loss in last 12 months; c - New 52-week low during trading day; d - Dividend in December; e - Stock price in U.S. \$; f - New 52-week high during trading day; g - Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks; h - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual dividends based on last declaration. yf - Preferred; yd - Yield on dividend; ym - Yield on market; yw - Yield on 10-year Treasury note; yb - Yield on 30-year Treasury note; yf - Preferred; yd - Yield on dividend; ym - Yield on market; yw - Yield on 10-year Treasury note; yb - Yield on 30-year Treasury note.

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STOCKQUOTE HOTLINE

Stockquote Hotline is a free service that provides stock prices from the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, and NASDAQ. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information, call 1-800-368-3683.

How to use STOCKQUOTE HOTLINE: 1. Call 1-800-368-3683. 2. Enter the stock symbol. 3. Press the number 1 for the current price, 2 for the daily change, 3 for the 52-week high and low, 4 for the dividend rate, 5 for the yield, 6 for the volume, 7 for the market cap, 8 for the P/E ratio, 9 for the beta, 0 for the closing price. 4. Press the number 1 for the current price, 2 for the daily change, 3 for the 52-week high and low, 4 for the dividend rate, 5 for the yield, 6 for the volume, 7 for the market cap, 8 for the P/E ratio, 9 for the beta, 0 for the closing price.

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Daily market roundup

December 4, 1996

High 6,422.94 Low 6,339.46 Highest close November 25, 1996 6,547.79

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INDEXES

52-Week Low Name Last Net Chg % YTD 52-Week High

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2,317.93 1,871.40 Dow Jones Transportation 2,308.38 +8.32 -36 +18.53 +10.83

236.96 203.32 Dow Jones Utilities 233.51 +2.62 +12 +6.30 +5.80

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FASHION & CLASSIFIED

Comics/2D
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Isaac Mizrahi sees velvet for the holiday season as a black double-breasted blazer, about \$1,200 in cotton with a touch of silk, and boot-cut pants, about \$615.

Designers have a CRUSH ON VELVET

By Francine Parnes
Associated Press

Now for a fashion moment with a velvet touch. Kyra Sedgwick, in a navy velvet tux and red velvet scarf by Gucci, made the cover of *Mirabella* magazine. Claudia Schiffer, in a deep purple velvet pantsuit, won the crowd at Ralph Lauren's fall runway show. Velvet can be crushed, crinkled, flocked, stretchy or smooth in a full complement of styles suitable for night or day. Todd Oldham loves the way it drapes, and he says it's so sensual that he likes to put the plush side in. "We cut it inside out," he says. "The back of velvet tends to look like a shiny gabardine of sorts. It was my natural inclination to get the softest part against your skin." An unlined wrap coat in rayon velvet is inside out. It's about \$250 in a hand-dyed palette of moss green and chartreuse, or berry, pink and red. "I saw Ali McGraw wearing it a few months ago with a beautiful white gabardine pantsuit, and it was so pretty, so unexpected," Oldham says. From his lower-priced Times Seven line comes a cotton velvet group — right side out — in tonal plaids of red or green. Slim, boot-cut pants that ride the hip are about \$160, a hip-length jacket about \$250. Velvet traditionally is a holiday fashion favorite with Moms and kids — jackets, jumpers and high-waisted dresses in black, berry and forest green. But it can move beyond traditional to sexy — as in velvet leggings — and to hot-ticket items such as this season's little stretch pullover. "It's such a great feel-good fabric classic," Oldham says. "There are only a handful of those around, so when you can include it, you've always got a winner." Kim Cihlar, publicity director at Ralph Lauren in New York, says the purple velvet pantsuit was the most popular velvet look in the fall collection. "The rich color and sumptuousness of the fabric updates the pantsuit for today's modern woman," she says. The snug, single-breasted cotton velvet jacket with wide lapels retails for \$895; boot-cut jeans are \$250. A knee-length velvet coat in blueberry or ruby is \$995. Isaac Mizrahi says velvet is a perennial favorite with him. "It seems every fall when I do a collection, I'm seized by a velvet moment. I'm thinking, 'Oh, my God, velvet. It's going to make such a comeback.' And that's every season." "It's the richest, richest fabric. The minute you make something out of it, it's like working with butter or cream." A black double-breasted blazer in cotton velvet with a touch of silk is about \$1,200. Boot-cut pants are \$615. Richard Tyler likes velvet for men, too. He says classic five-pocket jeans in velveteen can't be beat. But they aren't sexy unless they have a well-worn look. "I don't like it when it looks fresh and new. That's something quite off-putting on men," he says. "They have to be tight in the thigh, and you wear them with one of your black blazers." Tyler's jeans in champagne or olive are about \$400. Cotton velveteen can take more of a beating than velvet in rayon or silk. "It's so fragile, so easily damaged," Cynthia Rowley says. "You touch it wrong, and it gets all matted down. You can't press it. And forget about one little hanger mark — the garment is ruined." But she soldiers on. This season, boot-cut pants are about \$177; a V-neck jacket, about \$263; and sleeveless shell, about \$100. All in rayon with a touch of Lycra, in black, amethyst or chocolate. "Every time I do velvet, I say I'm never going to do it again," she laments. "And then you can't help yourself because it's so beautiful. You think of Henry VIII, Louis XIV. I wonder if they all said they'd never wear it again."



A model wears a red and black sleeveless floral dress as tap dancers perform in the background at the Cynthia Rowley Spring 1997 fashion show.

By Francine Parnes

NEW YORK (AP) — Ralph Lauren brought the beat of Kenya's plains to his Madison Avenue showroom Wednesday, previewing updated safari suits and batik prints we might see natives of the urban jungle wearing next year. Elsewhere on the runways, as spring Fashion Week forged ahead, Cynthia Rowley served up a tongue-in-cheek collection inspired by suburban home furnishings. Michael Kors' show ranged from easy, trend-free cashmere separates

to trendy, stretchy tube dresses that would be, well, a stretch for the average woman to wear. Lauren's clothes seem to transport his customer all around the world and through time without ever leaving home. In seasons past, the designer has outfitted people in the fashionable trappings of a Paris Bohemian, turn-of-the-century Russian intellectual, moneyed polo player or Hollywood starlet. For spring, Lauren revisits safari, this time updated with a nod to the season's trends.

He is not the only designer presenting long skirts with thigh-high slits, sheer sheaths, or sleek stretch knit dresses. But his impeccably tailored creations are striking, with Masai-red coloring and tribal patterns. Hip-slung, hand-beaded belts, faux-tortoise neck shields and brass arm cuffs accentuate the out-of-Africa attitude, as do tobacco-colored handwoven bags and huarache-style wedge sandals.

"Safari has always been a mystery," says Lauren. "The key was not to look like you just went there and bought the same thing. You have the inspiration, but you have to take it into today."

TODD OLDHAM likewise set his sights on far-away places. The innovative designer recently headed to San Francisco, where the odd color combinations of architecture design team Charles and Ray Eames captured his imagination.

That theme of quirky juxtapositions traveled with Oldham back to New York, where he reinvented it Tuesday night with an assortment of stylish oddments.

First out on the runway was Naomi Campbell, wearing a knee-grazing pencil-slim skirt in a hue Oldham calls "banker's gray," paired with a dicky-like bra top fashioned after a tuxedo bib.

"There are a lot of conservative things in my collection," says Oldham, "but they still don't end up looking conservative."

The designer also took a cue from hippies, in the guise of hipster jeans, and gypsies, with ankle-length full skirts in floral embroidery.

And such eccentric touches as pants, skirts, gowns and swimsuits with cut-outs at the waist, either sideways or in front, reminded the audience Oldham has not abandoned funky fashions either.

Rowley excels at treating her young, fashion-conscious customer to clothes that are fun to show off yet also wearable. This time her collection carries the influence of interior design, thanks to her new home, situated near the Hudson River, north of Manhattan.

The designer, who married in May and has been busy setting up house, offers easy separates with a bit of whimsy.

Take, for example, her group that replicates the webbed seats of aluminum lawn chairs. A floaty, white long sheer dress showcased an aluminum-colored bandeau and brief underneath. And even tote bags got the lawn chair treatment.

Rowley also took her cue from modern art, translated into chemises and sweaters with a harlequin print à la Picasso; shifts with Mondrian's color blocking; and inventive separates in heavy, burlap-hued linen that resembled a painter's canvas.

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Models wear nude mesh shifts at the Michael Kors Spring 1997 fashion show in New York.



A model wears a black python coat with a black stretch unitard at the Michael Kors Spring 1997 fashion show in New York.



A model wears a white suit with a black shirt and scarf at the Michael Kors Spring 1997 fashion show in New York.



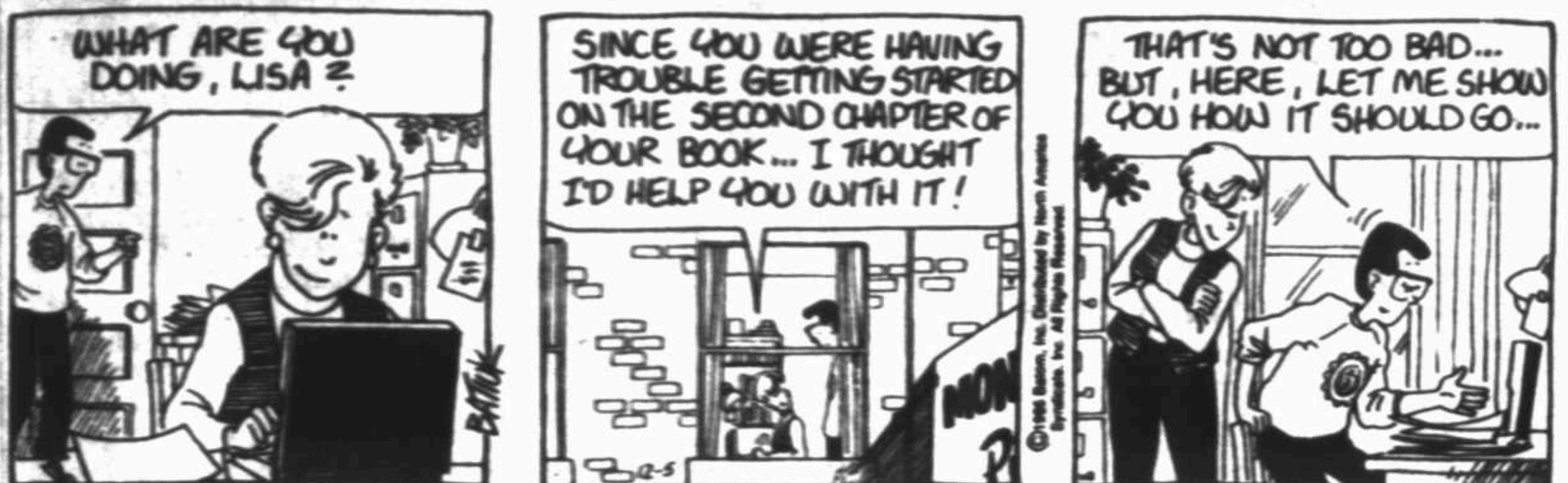
Two models present dresses from the Ralph Lauren collection for Spring 1997 at a show in New York.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: journalist Joan Didion, rock 'n' roll legend Little Richard, swimmer Pablo Morales, gymnast Christina Bontas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A friend offers to help with a difficult problem. There could be strings attached. Honest communication will put a relationship on healthier footing. Streamline work procedures.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Friends may challenge you to an athletic contest. Savor a victory without gloating! Shopping in boutiques could turn up interesting trinkets that will please your one-and-only.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Investigate job opportunities in your

field. Circulate your resume and keep in touch with former co-workers. Making confidential inquiries will protect your current position.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A job that seems like drudgery is not for you. Be choosy. Look for a position that will excite and challenge your imagination. Attending political and professional meetings will help you make new contacts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Networking leads to new clients or a job offer. Avoid announcing your plans until you have received a substantial offer. Join a co-worker at an interesting cultural event.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Weigh your professional goals carefully. Discard those that have become obsolete. Higher-ups show new confidence in you. Live up to their expectations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Helping to organize a church or charity event is an ideal way to meet new people. Join a health club if you want to get more exercise. A former employer contacts you with an intriguing offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A new hobby becomes a passion. Avoid investing heavily until you

know that your interest will prove long-lasting. A talkative friend wants you to join a worthy cause.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pace yourself when things get really hectic. Taking an occasional exercise break will help clear your mind. A former lover haunts your thoughts. Think about getting in touch if there are still unresolved issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your nose to the grindstone; progress is certain! Behind-the-scenes meetings will be productive. A new partnership or alliance results. Your romantic partner is planning a surprise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Thoughts of the upcoming holiday or a desire to entertain, inspire you to give your home a facelift. Seek outside cleaning help if your schedule is crowded. Your romantic partner may want a stronger commitment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make sense of your dreams. Your subconscious is alerting you to something you have long denied. Friends could make an important introduction this evening. Put your best foot forward. Keep the conversation light and lively.

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SOUTH
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The bidding:
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
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Opening lead: King of ♥

For an endplay to succeed, you must first strip your opponent of all safe exit cards. South demonstrated admirable technique on this hand from a rubber-bridge game.

West's four-heart preempt made life difficult for North, who would have liked a fourth spade for the takeout double. When South responded with a jump in spades, North knew it had to be based on a long, good suit and raised to slam on the strength of the prime controls.

West led the king of hearts, taken in dummy. Declarer ruffed a heart in hand, then drew three rounds of trumps, ending in the closed hand. Next came the king and ace of clubs, followed by a club ruff. Now South led a low diamond.

Had West followed, declarer would have finessed the queen and,

if that won, a low diamond back to the jack would have assured the slam even if West held four diamonds headed by K 10. After East showed out and West captured the knave with the king and returned a heart, declarer would have ruffed and then taken the marked finesse of the nine of diamonds.

When West failed to follow, declarer had a sure-trick line. The board's ace of diamonds was taken and the queen was led. Down to nothing but diamonds, East could do no better than to win the trick with the king and return a diamond away from the ten into declarer's combined J 9 tenace.

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PEOPLE

Donald Trump claims he won \$20 million bet on Holyfield-Tyson fight

NEW YORK — The Donald claims he won \$20 million when Evander Holyfield knocked out Mike Tyson, but even the gamblers are betting it's a tall tale.

"I made the million-dollar bet even though I thought Holyfield would actually lose," Trump told the Daily News. "You don't put 20-1 odds against a champion. I have to admit that I was surprised when Holyfield won. I bet the odds."

Bookmakers doubt the claim and Las Vegas gamblers said they hadn't heard about the bet, which the real estate tycoon said he placed in Las Vegas, the News reported Wednesday.

"As time goes by, there are more and more legendary stories of that night," said Vinny Magliulo of Caesars Palace.

Holyfield got \$11 million for winning Tyson's World Boxing Association heavyweight title with an 11th-round technical knockout in the Nov. 9 fight. Tyson got \$30 million.

Murray was arguing over payment for his performance at The Sting in 1995 when things got out of hand, a prosecutor said.

"The Rhyme" is a top-selling single from Murray's "Enigma" album released last week. His 1994 debut album, "The Most Beautiful Thing In This World," went gold.

SAN FRANCISCO — Robert Redford wants one of his heroes — Pulitzer Prize-winning author Wallace Stegner — to become a household name.

Redford narrates a documentary about the historian of the American West that premiered Tuesday at the San Francisco Public Library's Wallace Stegner Environmental Center. Stegner died in 1993 at age 84.

"If there's anything that I can do that helps to bring this man's voice to a wide audience, then it's worth it," the 59-year-old actor said.

Stegner "was wonderful at maintaining and preserving the beauty of the West while dispelling the myth," said Redford, who thinks Americans are too uninformed about their environmental rights and legacy.

Stegner won a 1971 Pulitzer for his novel "Angel of Repose." In his writings on the American West, he revealed that cowboys made meager salaries and were regularly exploited by cattle barons.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The city where Alex Haley left his mark is honoring him with a 13-foot, 6,500-pound bronze statue, and much more.

The City Council on Tuesday approved a \$168,700 payment to California sculptor Tina Allen for her statue of Haley, who died in 1992.

It also voted to accept a \$200,000 state grant to build Haley Heritage Square at Morningside Park, which could eventually include a 300-seat amphitheater and a genealogical research center.

Haley's family history provided the framework for "Roots: The Saga of an American Family," which won Haley a Pulitzer Prize in 1977. He also co-wrote "The Autobiography of Malcolm X."

Haley's hometown was in Henning in west Tennessee, but he owned a farm in Norris, just north of here, and donated much of his work to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. — It was rapper Keith Murray's post-performance at a nightclub that got him into trouble.

The 24-year-old Atlanta rapper was convicted Monday of assault for hitting the teen-age brother of a promoter over the head with a bar stool. He faces up to five years in prison at sentencing in January.

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — Country singer Con Hunley is not at all happy about living up to his name.

Hunley, 51, whose biggest hit came in 1980 with "What's New With You," was convicted of drunken-driving Tuesday. The offense, his first, requires a mandatory 48-hour jail sentence.

Hunley, whose given name is Conrad, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.11 percent, just above the legal limit of 0.10. His lawyer said he would appeal on the grounds that the test results were on the "borderline."

Police stopped Hunley last March 31 for driving erratically and running a stop sign after a benefit concert in Pigeon Forge, some 45 miles south of Knoxville.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

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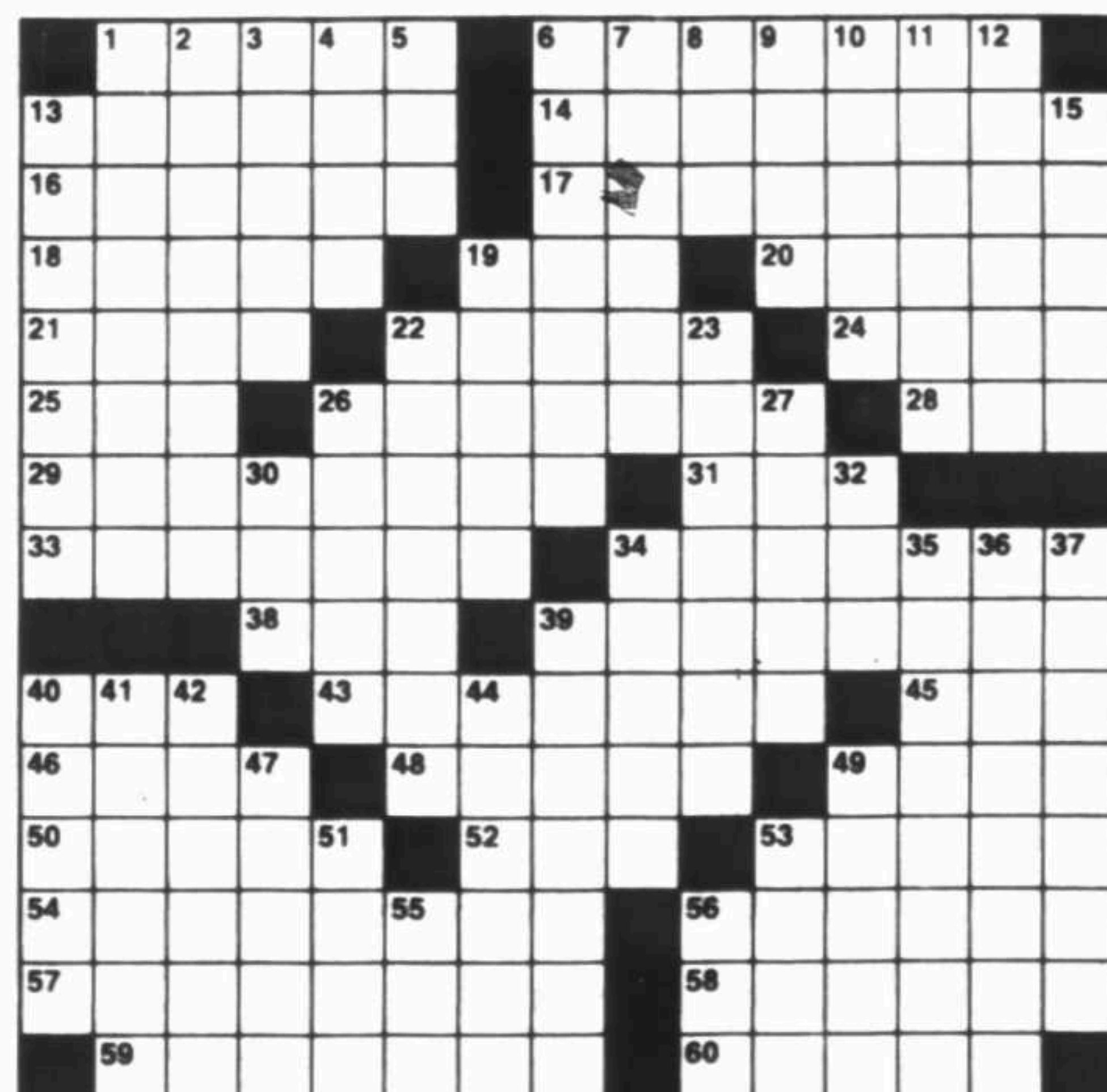


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DEAR ABBY

Neighborhood street used as lover's lane is upsetting to couple

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: For some time now, an adult neighbor I'll call "Greta" has been meeting her lovers on our street. She lives a couple of blocks over, but she apparently doesn't want her teen-agers to see her meeting these men. She and her dates arrive separately, then join each other in one car and don't drive away until some deep kissing and partial disrobing have gone on. I thought Greta was a prostitute until I found out where she lives.

It is embarrassing to walk out in our front yard and come upon this scene. I have been tempted to call the police several times, but my wife keeps telling me to mind my own business. She says you never can tell what Greta's story might be, so I haven't called.

Recently I heard that she had divorced her husband, and the episodes seemed to stop. It hasn't been long, though, and the car-hopping has started again. Greta may be protecting her own teen-agers by meeting her boyfriends on our street, but she sure gives the young children and teens on my block a great show. I am fed up, and even my wife now says to go ahead and do what I want.

I think Greta needs help. I'm hoping you'll print my letter so she will recognize herself and stop this before I call the police. — CONCERNED IN OCEANSIDE, N.Y.

DEAR CONCERNED: A more straightforward way to handle the problem would be to write your neighbor a letter warning her that if she continues necking with her boyfriends on your street, the residents will have no choice but to report her to the police.

She and her partners are at the very least guilty of poor judgment, and an arrest for lewd conduct would be embarrassing for all parties concerned.

Let's hope she wakes up before someone files a formal police report.

DEAR ABBY: You asked your readers to add to your collection of random acts of kindness. Perhaps you will be interested in mine: I have multiple sclerosis and am unable to feed myself. I have an aide on weekdays, and on the weekends the wonderful women from my swim group come to assist me.

I have never talked about my illness or my limitations, although they are progressively more apparent in the swimming pool, shower room and dressing room. One day, a member of my swimming group approached me and asked if I could use any help. When I answered yes, she organized other willing helpers from the group who have consistently signed their names to a schedule and show up to help.

Such generosity is not what one would expect from the many reports of violence, rudeness and disrespect that fill the media. When I thank these generous people, they thank me for "allowing" them to help me. I consider myself fortunate to have experienced so much that is wonderful about the human race. — SUSAN CLAUER, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

DEAR SUSAN: The most precious gift we can give to others is the gift of ourselves. Your swimming group should call themselves the "floating angels."

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Van Buren

Give a gift that will stay with her all day

Cases to help organize a hand bag make perfect Christmas presents

By Karol Stonger

NEW YORK (AP) — Beauty is only skin deep, it is said. And what's said of the soul seems to apply to the handbag, as well. For no matter whether it is Prada or Chanel, Nine West or Le Sac, it's what's inside that counts.

Ask them what's most important, and women will most likely say it's their wallet.

"Because you don't go anywhere in New York without money," Shari James, vice president for product development at Baccarat Inc., said.

Perhaps that's why so many wallets are received as gifts during the holidays. But the perfect wallet is a very personal choice because there are so many sizes, styles and functions. Not to mention color, fabrication and loyalty to a label.

So, go creative and find a gift to help her organize her handbag or to make her feel special every time she reaches into it.

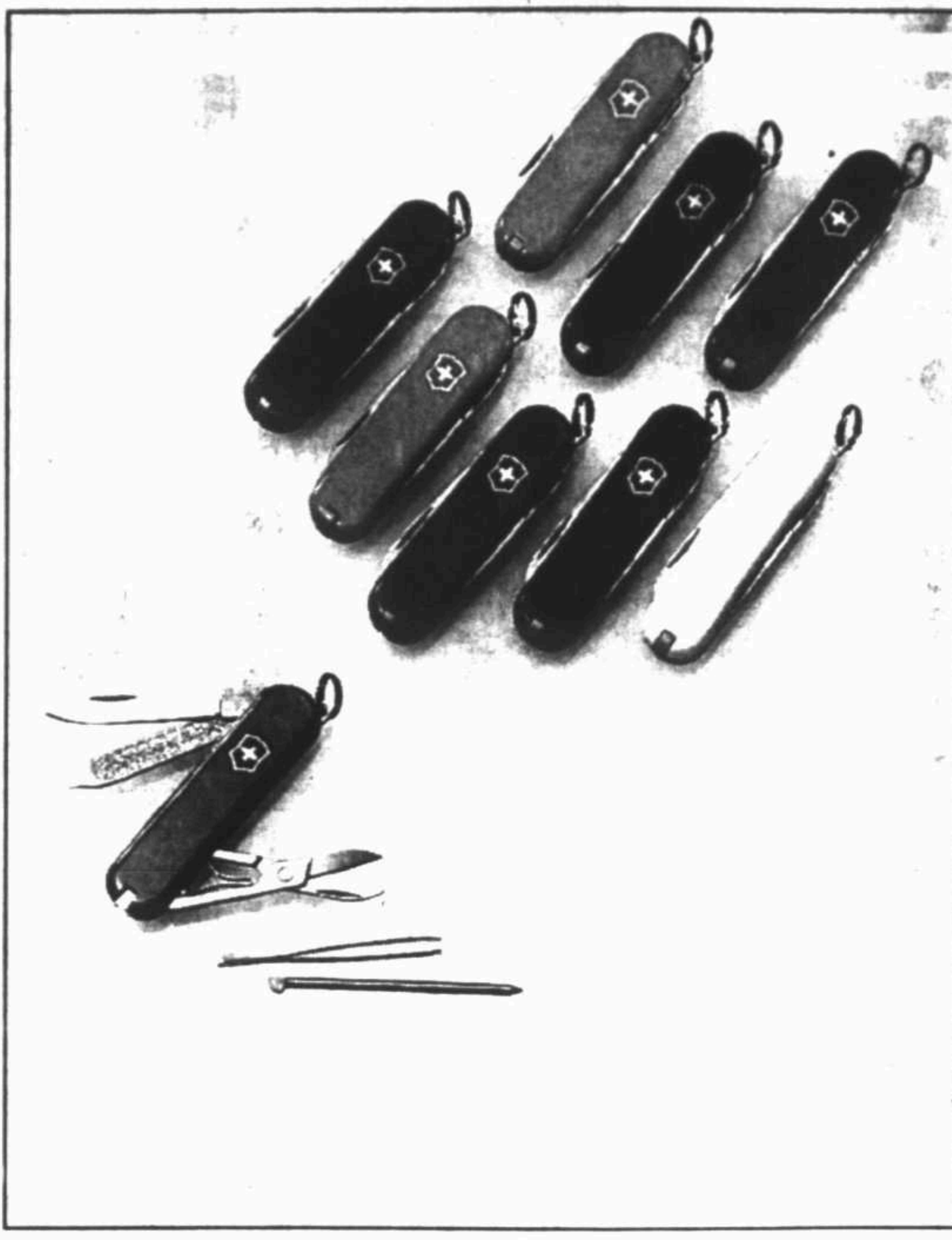
Karen Sheer, a marketing consultant in New York, initially said her wallet was most important to her. Then she had second thoughts. "I think my glasses are," she finally said.

CONSIDER, THEN an eyewear case with a little more class — and color — than the optician's standard issue. Private Eyes makes a hard case in shiny orange faux leather, about \$18 at Lord & Taylor.

Sheer's colleague, Pat Pons, initially said her bank card and credit cards were No. 1 in her purse.

"No, my apartment keys are," she amended. "I can solve most any other problem if I have my keys."

Some women like key rings, others prefer caddies. The key ring can be a no-brainer like the one



The Swiss Army knife, often associated with derring-do, also has a feminine edge. These are 2-1/4 inches long, and come in colors such as peacock blue and hot pink. At \$22, it's good for small emergencies.

from the car dealer. But it's better if it is a memento of an event or a trip. Or it can combine service and cachet such as Tiffany & Co.'s sterling silver valet key ring. It's \$95 and separates into two parts so the

parking attendant doesn't end up with your house keys, too.

KEY CADDIES come in a variety of leathers — to match a wallet and other small leather goods

or to stand alone. Particularly appealing now into spring are pastels in faux reptile. But if she's the conservative type, make it a coin purse with key ring in more traditional colors. The keys can be tucked inside, along with parking meter feed and driver's license. In luggage tan, it's \$44 from Coach. In black or red, it's \$125 from Louis Vuitton.

Mesh bags can tidy up the mess created by cosmetics that wind up at the bottom of most handbags. Mesh is lightweight, it's easy to see what's inside and it doesn't have to be expensive.

COSMETICS PLUS, with 17 stores in New York City and others ready to open in Worcester, Mass., and Beverly Hills, Calif., has colorful little zipper bags called Stuff, \$5 each in fuchsia, blue, lime, orange and lemon. Larger bags in black mesh, ideal for makeup and a brush or comb, start at about \$7.

The retailer also has lipstick-size atomizers for her to fill with a favorite fragrance. A black Chanel wannabe is \$7. Compare that with Chanel's Coco to go, a quarter-ounce spray perfume, \$85, or a compact of solid perfume from Estee Lauder. Her fragrance, Beautiful, for example, is \$60 packaged in an itty bitty pink pig.

Personal organizers abound, but none has the prestige of Filofax, about \$135 and up in all of the dignified tones as well as brights. Bloomingdale's has them in pastel leathers.

As for a status pen, it's a great idea. But it is better to enjoy it in the confines of home or office than to risk losing it in the course of a dash-about day.

If she must smoke, Cartier has a collection of tony cigarette lighters, some with the trademark rolling rings motif.

Color adds nice break to monochromatic season

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — With all the monochromatic fall and winter clothes, there's something refreshing about wearing color on the weekend, specifically color blocking on oversize sweaters and knitted tunics. The knits offer a choice of bright or muted tones or three shades of one color.

Henri Bendel has a heavy ribbed wool turtleneck by Martine Sitbon in brown with a green collar and deep cuffs (\$322) and a long mohair turtleneck by Jean-Paul Gaultier in vertical bands of turquoise, purple and lime.

A long chenille turtleneck by Cousin Johnny with blocks of red, yellow, green and purple on black also is a nice choice.

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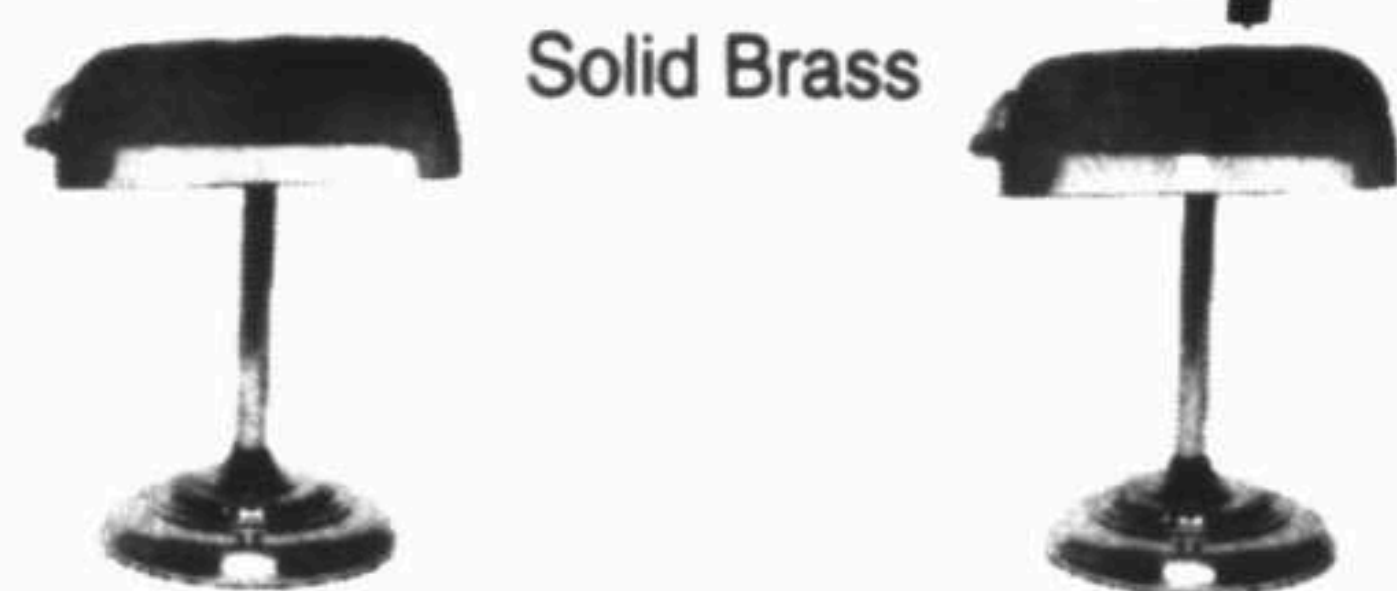


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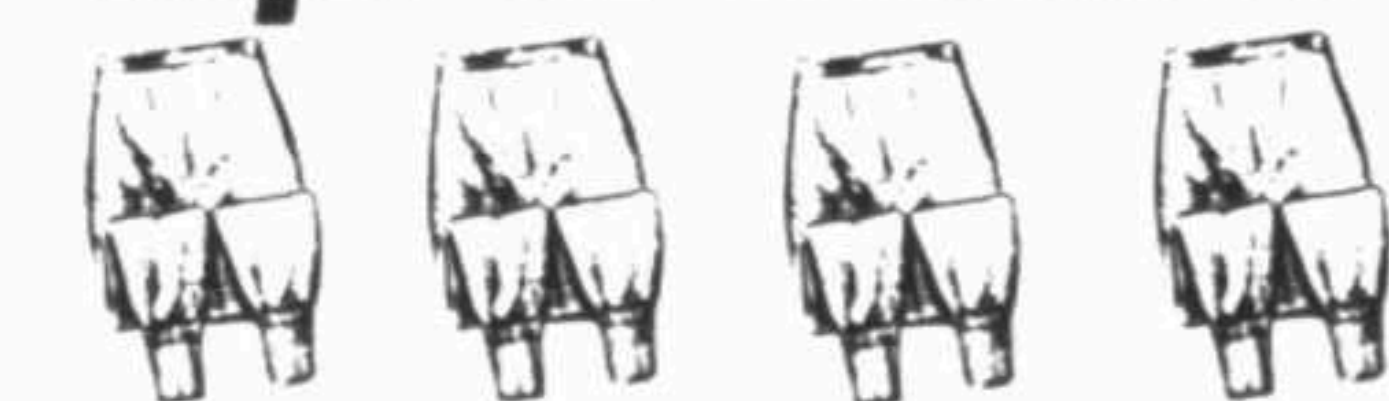
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Classified Ads 682-6222

Notices 100

- 075 Legals
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- 120 Public Notices
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- 140 Card of Thanks
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Transportation 200

- 200 Autos Domestic
- 205 Classic Cars
- 210 Autos Foreign
- 215 Autos For Lease
- 220 Trucks and Vans
- 230 Commercial Vehicles
- 240 Motorcycles
- 245 Trailers
- 250 Rec. Vehicles
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- 270 Airplanes
- 280 Auto Services
- 290 Parts/Access.

Employment 300

- 305 Job Services
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- 480 Camera/Supplies
- 485 Electronics
- 490 Computer/Access.
- 495 FOR FREE
- 500 Pets and Supplies
- 505 Livestock/Poultry
- 510 Office Supplies
- 520 Store/Cafe Equip.
- 525 Bus. Shop Equip.
- 530 A/C - Heating
- 540 Bldg. Materials
- 550 Portable Bldgs.
- 560 Machinery/Tools
- 570 Oilfield Supplies
- 580 Farm Equipment

Rentals 600

- 600 Rooms For Rent
- 601 Hotel Rms - Rent
- 603 Rm. mate Wanted
- 604 Wanted To Rent
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OIL FIELD Service Company seeking individual for Lab Tech position in Core Analysis Department. Entry level position requires Science degree. Must be able to lift 100 lbs. Drug testing required. EOE. Send resume to: PO Box 4337, Midland, TX 79704.

PART-TIME/ Full-Time. Need

caring persons to work in group home, sitting with persons with developmental disabilities and mental retardation. Applications at 2215 N. Big Springs, Midland, Monday thru Friday, 8 am-5 pm.

PHONE-A-FRIEND, a

reassurance line for children in the after-school hours. We are looking for a friendly voice. Must be interested in children, able to establish rapport over the telephone, and willing to assist children with homework. Hours 2:30-5:30, Monday through Friday. Bilingual preferred. Apply in person: Camp Fire Boys & Girls, 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112, E.O.E.

CERTIFIED NURSING Assistant-

Must be certified in the state of Texas. Good benefits. Make application to Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX 79707. Attention: Donna Parker. EOE M/F.

CHIROPRACTIC Assistant

needed. Must have chiropractic background, energetic personality and computer knowledge. Phone for appointment Mansfield Chiropractic Center, 915-682-2527.

CNA for home health care.

part time for evenings shifts or weekends. Must have good references and good driving record. Non-smoking environment. Call 684-6249.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST/

Manager. 2+ years experience with scheduling, management software, and computer. Send resume to: Box A-18, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

KENT KWIK- AVIS LUBE

24 Hour * Job Hotline 520-4053 ext. 371

RELIEF COOK needed to be able

to read recipes and cook for fairly large group. Experience preferred. either cooking for nursing home, school, or hospital. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main, Midland. 686-1898.

WE NEED MORE HANDS ON DECK

We're creating a whole new Red Lobster, and could use some help. That's why we're looking for people who share our enthusiasm for the improvement we're making, and who can help us continue to offer a great dining experience for all our customers. We are currently accepting applications for:

Servers

Full-Time Bartenders

You'll not only work in a fun and exciting environment, but also enjoy flexible scheduling, one of the industry's best pay and benefits packages, and great growth potential. To apply, stop by Monday-Thursday from 2 pm-4 pm and fill out application. We are an equal opportunity employer.

RED LOBSTER

2319 West Loop 250 N. Midland

RESTAURANT help needed.

Cheerful servers. Must have 2 yrs. exp. JoJo's Eater, 214 W. Texas. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT Looking for part

time evening counter help cashier. Must be self-motivated and hard working. Apply at Michael's Charcoal Grill, 723 W. Wadley, Midland.

RESTAURANT- Part time

Person 11 am-2 pm. Must be hardworking and neat in appearance. Apply at Michael's Charcoal Grill, 723 W. Wadley, Midland.

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RESUMES FOR results!

Professional style. Competitive rates. Call for appointment, 520-4066.

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Work at home

Earn up to \$500 weekly selling a long distance service, over the phone. Paid training. Call 800-842-1409

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Representatives

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201 E. Illinois

310 General Help Wanted

UPHOLSTERY TRAINEE- will train. Must be able to lift heavy furniture, work Monday- Friday, 8:30-5:30. Call for appointment, 683-2935.

WAITSTAFF wanted for downtown area. Apply in person: The Bar, 608 W. Missouri. Monday-Thursday, 2-4 pm. Best tips in town!

311 Medical Help Wanted

CERTIFIED NURSES Aide needed for 2 pm-10 pm shift and 10 pm-2 am shift. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main, Midland. 686-1898.

312 Professional Help Wanted

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PTA- Full-Time & part-time

opening: neuro & ortho pt. load, private practice. Benefits including paid APTA dues, license fees, CEUs, holidays, vacation, medical & dental insurance & more. Sign on bonus. Send resume to: Box F-16, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Registered Nurse

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Terrace West Nursing Center has Nurse to work week-end. We offer a very competitive salary/benefits. Apply in person

Terrace West Nursing Center 2800 N. Midland Dr. Midland, TX 79707

RESPIRATORY- SMALL RURAL

Hospital needs Respiratory, 3-11 shift, full-time position. Certified or graduate. Must have Texas License. Experience necessary in critical care. Call Michele 1-800-344-3415, 9-5, Monday thru Friday. Can commute.

PART TIME Secretary/ Receptionist

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REVENUE CLERK- Data entry

and revenue distribution. Requirements: Revenue experience, problem solver, enjoys work, non-smoking environment. Send resume and salary requirements to: Andy C. Stephens, Attn: Cheryl Ward, 110 N. Main Street, Suite 200, Midland, TX 79701.

LICENSED COUNSELOR. Home

6:30 am-10:30 pm Monday through Friday, 7 am-8 am Saturday. Fax resume to: 682-8081.

310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT-DINOS PIZZERIA & RESTAURANT is now hiring. Apply in person, 4322 Andrews Hwy., Midland.

GENERAL: Putt Putt Golf & Games is hiring for the following positions: Part time Video Tech & Part Time Go-Kart Mechanic. Both positions require own tools and experience. Please, no phone calls. Apply at 3415 N. Loop 250 W.

RESTAURANT:

Are You Tired of Working for Low Pay?

We are now hiring: Kitchen Staff to join our friendly, fun loving team. We offer:

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CAB DRIVER for nights. Courteous, Dependable, Good Driving Record. Referrals & others welcome. 685-7070.

CASHIER-Relief cashier wanted. Apply at 2210 N. Big Springs, Midland, Texas.

CHRISTMAS Bell Ringers.

Full-time and weekend positions available for smiling faces. Apply at Salvation Army, 300 S. Baird.

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Excellent 1st job! No experience necessary! Transportation furnished! Must be over 18. START NOW! Call 8 am to 7 pm

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REPRESENTATIVES Needed-

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DELIVERY DRIVER- Must have

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DELIVERY DRIVERS needed

Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm. Must have dependable transportation, valid drivers license, and insurance. Apply in person, Hughes Springs & Sales, 2305 N. Big Springs, Midland.

DELIVERY Help needed full time.

Heavy lifting required. Good driving record. Random drug screening. Carter's Furniture, 501 E. Illinois, between 2 & 6 PM.

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Truck Drivers needed for oil field work. Must be able to travel. No need to relocate. Must have Class A CDL, clear driving record and 2 years truck driving experience. Call 1-800-588-2699, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm.

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30-40% off everything!
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79703

BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics Sale. 20% Off entire line. Thursday & Friday, 10 am-9 pm. Saturday, 10 am-6 pm. Jean Mize, 3302 Hill, 694-4297.

2 FAMILY SALE! Friday-Saturday, 8-5. Table lamps, hide a bed-like new, cedar chest, end tables, couch table with beveled glass top, dishwasher, stereo and speakers, speaker stands, 4 rock maple dining chairs, desk, hall rack, chest of drawers, antiques, sporting equipment & lots of miscellaneous! 5111 Belaire Drive. No early birds.

BABY CLOTHING. Bassinet, women's clothing sizes 9-11. Lots of good stuff! 4723 Bedford Ave. Friday-Saturday, 9-5.

MOVING SALE. 3 Households. Appliances, 78 Chevy Nova, exercise equipment, furniture, and more! Saturday, 9-5. 3320 Baumann.

10 FAMILY SALE! Thursday-Saturday, 9-7. 1402 W. Kentucky. Toys, furniture, hand made jewelry, dishwasher, gun cabinet, TV, winter clothes, blankets.

79705

***** FANTASTIC MOVING SALE. 2100 North L Street. Thursday-Saturday, 8:30-5:30. Sunday 1-5. Furniture, several chest of drawers, refrigerator, microwave, dishwashers, stove top, oven, vent-a-hood, washer, dryer, freezer, nice baby bed/accosories, wicker pieces, book case, tables, lamps, chairs, couch, bride maids dresses and slips, 100's of nice stuffed toys, Christmas decorations, linens, tables of fabrics, decorator items, toys, playhouse, ladies designer clothes, Cashmere sweaters, size 4 to large, shoes, double bed complete, baby swings, carseats, trunks, 2 rooms of dishes and kitchen appliances, commercial mixer, canner, flower pots. Can't List All. Must See To Appreciate. Sale Handled by Floy Maberry.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE. Thursday, 8-2. Friday, 8-noon. Corner of Fannin & Garfield. Precious Moments collection, furniture, toys, clothing, household items.

THURSDAY 8 am-12 pm. 3214 Frontier. Christmas trees, decorations, children's clothes, coats, toys, printer, copier, typewriter, exercise bicycle, craft supplies, electric heaters and LOTS more!

HUGE MOVING SALE! Everything must go! 4904 Castleford. Backyard. Saddle Club South. 8-7. Today! Sewing machine, double bed, love seat, dishes, estate items, kitchen appliances, ceiling fan, knick knacks, clothes, crochets, antiques, chimney cover, juicers, dinette, vacuum.

GARAGE SALE! Friday-Saturday, 8-12. 3109 MaMar. Baby clothes, crib and other baby things, lots of toys, clothing, some furniture, antique Chamber stove, too many items to list- must see!

79705

HUGE GARAGE SALE. Bedroom/Kitchen furniture, flower arrangement, clothes, toys, Christmas, lots more! 1808 Devonshire Court (Polo Park). Friday & Saturday 8-1.

CLOCKS FOR CHRISTMAS. Grandfather, mantle and wall clocks, old oak roll top desk, claw foot piano stool, school bell, other items for sale. 8-5, Saturday Only, 715 W. Dornard.

79706

BIG TOOL SALE Today! Hand tools & shop equipment. 18 ft camping trailer, Duncans Phyllis table and 4 chairs, household items, cookware, computers. Call for directions and details 570-5477.

79707

GREENTREE. 4807 Teakwood. Lots for Christmas! Gerbil, toys, fireplace screen, lots to choose from! Thursday-Friday, 9-2.

ESTATE SALE

2811 Durant
Thursday-Saturday, 8-6

Bedroom furniture, dining room table with 6 chairs and hutch, kitchen table with 6 chairs, sewing machine, clothes, medical supplies, tools, refrigerator, lamps, stereo, Christmas decorations, kitchenware, much, much more- Too much to mention! No checks.

DECEMBER 7 & 8TH, 7 AM TIL 1 PM. Stairclimber, dryer, CD Walkman, Neon signs, cellular phone, clothes, dishes and lots more. 4729 Dengar.

CHRISTMAS SALE!! Tools, exercise equipment, Christmas decorations, children's adult clothes, toys, lots of misc. Friday 8 am-5 pm, Saturday 8-7 3300 Northfield.

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The deadline
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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix
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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ \$3 Off Classified Coupon
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Call 682-6222 Today!

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Legal Notices**NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO FLOODPLAIN MAPS**

The City of Midland hereby notifies residents of Midland and Midland County that a request for revisions to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Midland County, Texas and the City of Midland has been made to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This revision would affect all floodplain areas in the City of Midland, and portions of the City of Midland and an unincorporated area in Midland County. The changes are the result of an improved study of flood hazards for Midland, and would affect both floodplains and floodways.

Most floodplain areas within the City limits are proposed to be revised. Generally, the extent of mapped floodplains would be reduced or kept the same, although some areas would increase. In addition, several ponding areas not currently shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps would be added. Outside the City limits, flood elevation estimates are higher than the previous study showed to the south and southeast of Midland. On the east side of the City limits, revised flood elevations would be lower than the current estimates. A few ponding areas near the City limits would be added to the floodplain maps.

The engineering study which resulted in these proposed new floodplain maps is under review by FEMA. If accepted, another legal notice will be published to announce ninety-day appeal period. Copies of the proposed map revisions are available for review in the office of Engineering and Development of the City of Midland, 300 N. Lorraine. Call 685-7415 for further information.

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BEAUTIFUL HOMES. New listing. 4823 Illinois, 1700 sq. ft. \$600. 3617 Roosevelt, vacant, \$550. 699-4461.

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